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Walk, Jog, Run, Latrobe

WJR group stays active

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many community groups and limited their activities. However for WJR Latrobe it has continued to be active within the limit of the restrictions, and flourished.

During the first round of restrictions members were supported through a number of individual challenges and training programs on offer.

As restrictions eased groups of five were able to train led by qualified coaches. Various options were available to members three evenings a week, using local recreational areas.

Mathison Park and Eel Hole Creek Churchill have been favoured training venues, including along the parkrun course. Lake Kernot in Morwell has also proved popular due to lighting along the paths during dark winter evenings.

The WJR group has been among the many who have enjoyed the new paths and development works at Mathison Park. The facilities have been well used and appreciated with a staggered, timed running and walking event held before the return to level three restrictions.

This enabled members to compare their performances before COVID-19 with their times a few months later and refine their training. It also aimed to help people set goals and stay motivated to continue to exercise, which is even harder in the recent cold wet conditions.

Staying active during COVID-19 is a challenge for everyone, but being part of a supportive group can help.

Head coach and club Chair Ben Bailey, said that members who were able to stay active and keep in contact with other members online or through training sessions were faring well, despite the difficulties.

“It’s been pleasing to see the number of people who have maintained a high



Walk, Jog, Run group participating in the DFB Recruitment Fun Run held on March 15, 2020,

level of activity and fitness and managed to reset their goals as running events have all been cancelled” said Ben. “Some of the new individual and team challenges have involved a range of physical activities, not just running and doing fun research on

other sports, simply aimed at having fun.

If it’s not enjoyable then staying motivated is even harder” said Ben. More recently the group has undertaken step challenges and continued to make sure there are activities for people of all ages

and abilities, whether they walk, jog or run.

“The Facebook page has been an opportunity for members to inspire and keep in touch with one another, which is often as important as the physical
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Editorial

So nice to hear that our return to printing of Churchill & District News is so well received.

Considering it is three issues, and nearly four months since COVID-19 took us by surprise and kept us from delivering our community news.

It has taken some people by surprise to have it back in their Express (and we offer our thanks to LV Express for their support and encouragement to get up and keep going again.)

We even had

comments from a reader who wrote the original "Churchill Chatter".

Thanks for your comments and we hope we do it justice.

During the break of four months we have had to find another way to get our production of the paper done, and thankfully with the input of our editorial, advertising, and production teams, we found a way.

Maybe not as good as our production office, but, it works. There were problems along

the way but, nothing that the team could not overcome (many emails because we're working from home).

Not bad for a volunteer group.

Our advertisers have supported us from the beginning of the year and through this COVID-19 crisis. Ever willing to come on board and restart the paper.

To them our expressed gratitude. Give them your patronage wherever you can.

To you our readers, for your comments given



to us after we restarted publishing, we thank you for your encouragement.

We know we have your support, it puts a spring in our step, and we will endeavor to continue along the path of . . .

"Connecting Your Community"

Lifeline 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 received more calls in March and again in April 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 at the Churchill, Moe and Sale shops, and these are temporarily closed. 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;

Morwell: Mon, Wed, Fri 10:00am – 3:00pm
Traralgon: Wed, Thur, Fri 10:00am – 3:00 and Sat 10:00am – 2:00pm

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.

Local Rainfall

Churchill Rainfall for August 2020

The Churchill Rainfall for August produced a very wet month with 19 days recording some rainfall. However the total for the month in Churchill was just 75 mm; giving us a total of 613 mm for the year so far.

Rain at Hazelwood South

August had 21 days with wet stuff in the rain gauge, and a total of 105mm for the month, which is 127% of the

average for August. Lots of variety, with a little wet snow, hailstones, miserable days and sunshine. Most days with mild temperatures. The wettest day had 19 mm. For the year, five out of eight months had above average rain and averaged 141% for the year. Disappointedly the ground water has not fully saturated. Trees are making new growth and the grass is still slow. It is a good time to start weed control.

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Latrobe City Council releases draft Investment Roadmap for comment

At the recent August Ordinary Meeting of Council, consideration was given to a report relating to a draft Latrobe City Investment Roadmap, a document that is intended to promote long-term sustainable economic growth opportunities within Latrobe City.

Council resolved that this draft document be released to the public for comment and feedback.

Together with Council's Latrobe City branding focus, Latrobe Regional Airport development, and tourism and events strategies, this draft Investment Roadmap aims to demonstrate Council's passion to grow Latrobe City, not only as the Regional City of Gippsland, but also as a diverse powerhouse provider of workers, ideas and innovation for manufacturing, health and other emerging industries.

This draft Investment Roadmap identifies key investment priorities.

It also lets governments know that Council is equipped and ready to move on large-scale projects and plans for a positive, more sustainable future that capitalises on opportunities.

It also allows Council to seek funding opportunities when they present themselves. Raising Council's profile in this way is aimed at attracting the right investors to Latrobe City.

Council's aim is that, by 2030, Latrobe City will be the centre of innovation in regional Victoria, adopting a circular economy approach to business and becoming a hub for advanced manufacturing, health and industry-tailored workforce.

In addition, it is also noted that Latrobe City has a significant pool of redeployable skills and an education and training sector aligned to industry needs.

Significant engagement has been undertaken to date with key stakeholders to drive this Investment Roadmap to the current draft stage. Council is now looking for community feedback to ensure there is good understanding and ownership by our community.

Let's hear what you, the residents, the business and industry leaders, have to say.

Your opinion is vital. Providing your ideas will further develop this document into a solid foundation from which to grow our Latrobe City into the future.

You can read the draft Investment Roadmap document online, or pick up a copy at any Council Service Centre. Submissions can be made online.

Submissions close Friday September 18, 5pm.

For more information, phone Gregory Lawrence, Manager Economic Investment

and Transition 1300 367 700, or email Gregory.Lawrence@latrobe.vic.gov.au.

Latrobe City Libraries access for older residents

Latrobe City Libraries are continuing to operate despite being closed to the public.

In recent times, there has been a substantial increase in online memberships, digital borrowing and utilisation of Council's home library delivery service by members aged 65 and over.

Of the 1500 library items loaned since March of this year, more than half were to people aged 70 and over, and almost 10 per cent were to those aged 90 years and over.

Knowing that the Library service is keeping older readers happy within our community through this service is a bright spot in this uncertain time.

Their feedback has consistently been around the fact that the service offers them some stability in their

lives, because being able to read or listen to books is a welcome distraction from the COVID-19 isolation requirements.

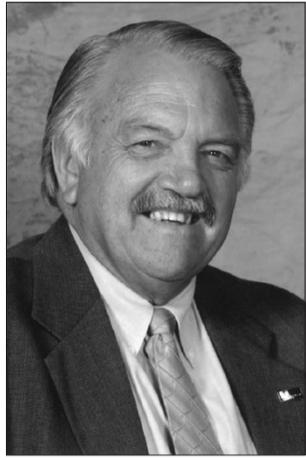
Latrobe City Libraries have extended the criteria for the home library delivery service to ensure older members have access to items during the COVID-19 isolation restrictions.

Library team members have been phoning members aged 65 or over, who were recently active borrowers to see if they would like items delivered.

This personal contact has been well received.

Despite not being able to attend a physical branch, Latrobe City Libraries have welcomed many new members and it has been notable that there has been an increase in access to the Library's digital catalogue of materials.

To ensure new users of this kind of technology can get the most out of their new



digital access, the Library team is also offering a tech call back service so that members get the most out of the vast array of digital resources that Library membership provides.

For more information, visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library to join online, or call 1300 367 700.

A Latrobe City Library Membership Card will be issued to new members when the branches eventually reopen.

Book Review

Invented Lives

By Andrea Goldsmith

Andrea Goldsmith, who lives in Melbourne, was a speech pathologist, pioneering the development of communication aids which assisted people who were unable to speak. Her first novel, "Gracious Living" was written in 1989. She has also written "Modern Interiors", "Facing the Music", "Under the Knife" and "The Prosperous Thief" which was shortlisted for the 2003 Miles Franklin Award. In 2009 she wrote "Reunion" and in 2015 "The Memory Trap" which was awarded the Melbourne Prize. She has contributed essays to Meanjin, Australian Book Review, Best Australian Essays and a number of anthologies. "Invented Lives" was written in 2019.

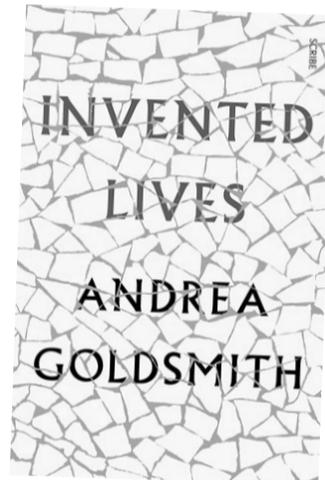
The story opens in Leningrad in 1985. Galena Kogan's mother Lydia has just passed away and she is completing all the necessary documentation before her mother is to be buried. She and her mother had been planning to emigrate to Israel or Australia as they are Soviet Jews and life is difficult for

them in Russia. She must now face the future alone. On her way home from the hospital she has a fall and is helped to her feet by Australian man Andrew Morrow. He is an extremely shy and over protected only child who, as a mosaic artist, is visiting Leningrad to study the beautiful mosaics in buildings there. He gives Galena his card but she hears no more from him as he returns home. However he continues to think of her.

Galena decides to emigrate to Australia and reflects on the hardships and deprivations of life in Russia. She goes back to the oppressive times of her maternal grandparents in the time of Stalin, when her mother saw her parents arrested, her father being murdered and her mother sent to a labour camp in Siberia. Her mother Lydia was raised by an aunt but Lydia's brother sided with the communists and they never saw each other again, Galena then remembers the promises made in the time of Krushchev

and later Gorbachev, who was popular in the west, but none of the promises ever materialised and life continued to be a struggle.

On reaching Australia as well as grieving for her mother, she is faced with the same problems that many migrants from non-English speaking backgrounds and vastly different cultures are faced with. This is also a time of change in Australia with stereotypes being challenged by the Feminist movement and the AIDS crisis. Galena forges on ahead but on the spur of the moment decides to contact Andrew Morrow and a friendship with he and his family develops. Andrew's parents mistakenly think that Galena has come from Russia to be with Andrew and welcome her with open arms, whilst Andrew does nothing to enlighten them otherwise - he would like a serious relationship with Galena. As the story unfolds there are a few surprises with the arrival of Lydia's estranged brother and some issues facing Andrew's father.



The title is very apt as each of the main characters in the story invents another life. Andrew's is an imaginary life with Galena, Andrew's mother takes courage from Galena's bravery and takes a step she would never previously have thought possible. Andrew's father has a secret life and Galena has created a new life for herself in Australia. Members of our group enjoyed this book. It was easy to read, the characters were well drawn and it gave particularly interesting background insights into life in Russia at the time. It also made us aware of the difficulties new migrants sometimes face and the resilience and courage they display.



What are Neighbourhood Houses worth?

We think quite a lot, but of course we would! Recently the 20 houses and centres in the Gippsland Neighbourhood Houses Network asked just that question of globally renowned Deloitte Access Economics.

The expert auditors and statisticians crunched our information and figures, and estimated the dollar value of what we did between April 2019 and March 2020.

The final report suggests that for every dollar invested into the Neighbourhood Houses and Centres of Gippsland, \$2.78 is returned in economic and social benefit.

Amazing statistics pepper the report: for example, 12,848 people joined in physical activity. A formula estimated the saving on Healthcare due to these activities at \$1,222,987 per

year. Activities not usually put in financial terms were also converted. For example, the value of activities to reduce loneliness across the 20 sites was estimated at \$6.98 million. The report's final tally was: the cost of delivering services at the 20 sites: \$5.63million.

The total benefits of activities in houses and centres in the Gippsland Neighbourhood Houses Network: \$15.63 million.

So why do we need to know this information? It helps us to discuss the value of our work with others who don't know what we do, and to help our case when we apply for funding opportunities.

If you would like a copy of the report - you can see how these figures were calculated - please contact Churchill Neighbourhood Centre at info@churchill.org.au.



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Hazelwood Cemetery and Hazelwood Rotary Club



By Leo Billington Hazelwood Rotary Club and the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust have joined together with Yinnar Primary School, participating in the 2020 Rotary Junior Community Awards, a non-competitive award for Year 6 students that get them involved in the community.

The students work through a list of activities which are designed to increase their knowledge about community values and give satisfaction in volunteering.

As the sponsoring Rotary Club, Hazelwood,

together with Yinnar Primary School, co-ordinate activities and assist the students.

As the third partner, and following a direct request from an energetic, enthusiastic Yinnar Primary School Year 6 student, Hazelwood Cemetery Trust is providing an opportunity for that student to clean headstones.

Selecting older headstones, those with aging moss covering names and dates have been vigorously cleaned to disclose information.

To date, headstones cleaned belong to several

generations back, many of whom do not have direct descendants living locally.

Cleaning headstones was chosen as "engaging in and volunteering for a community service", one of nine tasks encapsulated in completing these Junior Community Awards.

For both Hazelwood Rotary and the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust, students completing the award program are dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship.

Sporting Club Grants now open

Member for Morwell Russell Northe is pleased to advise local sporting clubs that the latest round of the Victorian Governments 2020/2021 Sporting Club Grants is now open for application.

"The grants provide an opportunity for clubs to apply for \$1,000 for the purposes of new club uniforms and equipment; up to \$5,000 for the training of coaches, officials and volunteers; and up to \$5,000 to improve club operational effectiveness"

Mr Northe said. "2020 has been an incredibly challenging year for local sporting and recreation clubs and leagues and hopefully these grants will provide a boost to many

local sporting organisations" added Mr Northe.

The program consists of three funding categories:

Category 1:

Uniforms or Equipment Grants up to \$1,000 to purchase uniforms or other equipment that is essential for participation, safety, or first aid equipment for immediate attention to injury that may occur participating in sport or active recreation.

Category 2:

Skill Development Grants to improve the skills of organisation members by providing training for coaches, officials, administration staff and management committees.

- Up to \$2,000 for individual organisations
- Up to \$5,000 for

leagues, associations or an organisation that collaborates with multiple organisations to deliver training for a broad range of participants.

Category 3:

Organisation Operational Capacity Grants of up to \$5,000 to improve the operational effectiveness and efficiency of organisations through strategic planning or to increase community participation through accessible sport and active recreation opportunities such as alternative, modified or pilot programs.

<https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/sporting-club-grants-program>

Applications close September 29, 2020.



Step up to the challenge this October

Registrations for the annual Latrobe 10,000 Steps Challenge are now open.

Workplaces from across the Latrobe Valley are encouraged to sign up and get their workforce walking at least 10,000 steps a day.

"COVID-19 has forced many of us to work in different ways, but unfortunately social connection is often lacking," LCHS Health Promotion Officer Rob Preston said.

"It can be very easy to sit at your home desk all day long, and only get up to go to the bathroom or get a bite to eat," he said.

"By running this challenge, we hope more people will start to think about how they can sit less and move more, even while working from home.

Better yet, we hope to see colleagues sharing tips and a bit of friendly banter, encouraging each other to get their steps up."

All workplaces have to do is register for the challenge and encourage their workforce to sign up in teams of six - ten people.

The team with the highest stepping count will be awarded the prestigious 'golden sneaker' trophy and have bragging rights well into next year.

"Wherever you're working from this October, we challenge you to get your steps up," Mr Preston said.

"Set your alarm half an hour early and take the dog or the kids (or both) for a walk. Make it a habit to walk off your lunch and finish the day with a walk, run or

workout. Walking is free, everyone knows how to do it, and the only equipment you need is a good pair of shoes."

The 2020 Latrobe 10,000 Steps Challenge is free to join and runs from October 5 until November 1.

For more information and to register your workplace, email health.promotion@lchs.com.au or visit www.lchs.com.au/ten-thousand-steps

If you're anxious or stressed, professional counsellors are available.

Latrobe Community Health Service is urging anyone who may be feeling anxious, stressed or overwhelmed by the coronavirus crisis to seek professional support.

We have free counselling appointments available now, either over the phone or via video link.

"You may be out of work, or working fewer hours, or you might be feeling stressed trying to juggle working from home while the kids are also home more often,"

Behavioural Health Programs Manager Paula Gibb said.

"The ever-changing situation is impacting all of us, especially our mental health.

It's important not to ignore how you're feeling - a professional counsellor can help."

Generalist counsellors at Latrobe Community Health Service provide confidential support to help treat and manage your stress, grief, anxiety and depression.

Seeing a counsellor can help you enhance your self-esteem, communicate more effectively, relieve stress, and recognise

and change unwanted behaviours such as addiction.

"If you live or work in the Latrobe Valley and need counselling support, call us today," Ms Gibb said. "We can provide six to ten counselling sessions for free, and you don't need a mental health care plan."

Phone 1800 242 696 for more information or to book an appointment.

While pokies venues across the region remain closed, the local Gambler's Help team at Latrobe Community Health Service is urging Gippslanders to consider quitting the pokies for good.

"With the closure of pokies venues, we have seen a welcome respite from pokies-related harm," LCHS Prevention and Partnerships Manager Michelle Ravesi said.

"One person told us they finally have enough money to buy real meat, while another has been able to buy a treat for the kids," she said.

"If you've had similar experiences while the venues have been closed, please know you've already made great progress in breaking the gambling cycle. You don't have to go back to playing the pokies when the venues reopen."

If you or someone you know needs support to stop playing the pokies, call Gambler's Help Gippsland today. Gambler's Help provides free, confidential advice and support to anyone affected by gambling. Phone 1800 242 696 or find the Latrobe Community Health Service office closest to you at www.lchs.com.au

Churchill / Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

CCTV footage

This month we are looking at CCTV footage and how it can help police in solving crime in the neighbourhood.

Often, police who are investigating crime in various neighbourhoods, notice houses that have CCTV cameras installed.

They may come and ask if you have any footage from a particular time frame. It is a good idea to keep a check on your system and make sure that the inbuilt clock is up to date.

This makes it easy to lock down some footage in a time zone that the police may suggest. Keep a blank memory stick handy, so that you can export the footage from the CCTV unit, to give to the police.

They will then transfer the footage into their computer and give you back the memory stick for further use.

Often, outside cameras may have spiders living nearby, and that will use up excessive memory space (Recording when there is no human action happening).

A bit of regular maintenance goes a long way, like cleaning the lenses of cameras for a better vision, and regular monitoring to see that all cameras are actually working. Some systems have a built in alarm that alerts you when something unusual is happening.

As per usual, keep an eye out to keep your neighbourhood safe.

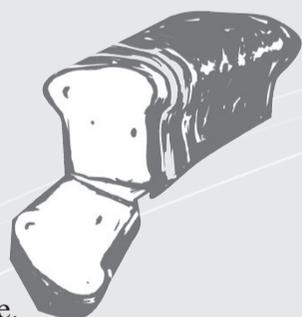


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Memories

Here we have more local memories from past electronic editions of Churchill & District News for you to ponder over as you enjoy a cuppa and remember times gone by. The front page of Issue

launched. The book is a comprehensive list of street and place names of Churchill. Hazelwood Rotarians were delighted to learn that the

Small business in Latrobe City in 2010. Cutting Corner had been a part of the Churchill shopping centre for many years.

park by the community. A feature story in issue 87 told of an historic bell that was returned to Yinnar and now stands in a prominent place as a reminder of the town's heritage.

Very successful fishing competition photos dominated the front page of issue 89. Everyone had a great day. Ken Sellick explained that Monash School of Nursing and Midwifery had requests from overseas students to come to Australia to gain an international experience.

Issue No 91 gave us a local crime report. Police advised local businesses to be on the lookout for counterfeit \$50 notes, local vehicle theft, property damage, and burglary.

The Saturday Breakfast Club was visited by Rob de Souza-Daw, who gave a talk on three nursing sisters from Hazelwood, Sister Agnes Nadenbousch, Sister Bessie Waldon and Sister Annie Thompson who all served in World War I.

In June 2011 front page news showed that Churchill United and Fortuna played out a thrilling 3-3 draw that went right down to the final few minutes.

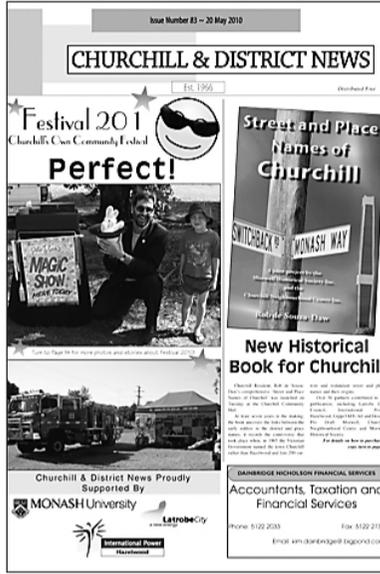
Parks Victoria was delighted to announce the Friends of Morwell National Park group had accomplished twenty five

years of service to the local community and celebrated this

involved in many and varied local organisations. Read more of his story in issue 96.

Page 7 After a multi million dollar upgrade, students from Monash and local communities now have access to a world class leisure centre at Churchill.

A surprise celebration for Zelma and Bob Mildenhall's 50th wedding anniversary occurred at the Hazelwood North Dance hall as the Black



Patients of Dr Vera Nikolic were saddened by her relocation after many years of medical service to the community in Churchill and district.

The vacant land in Walker Parade had remained undeveloped



special birthday with a party.

Issue 96 In accepting the honour of the Order of Australia medal, Colin Brick humbly responded by saying "I am



82 showed a great photo of Churchill's Stephen Maselli as he made his first run on appearance in the Italian Youth League.

A fence, maybe a park and more local works, but still no lawn bowls were the headlines from the report of Churchill & District Community Association.

Issue 83 was full of news, the front page showed many happy photos of residents enjoying the 2010 Town Festival.

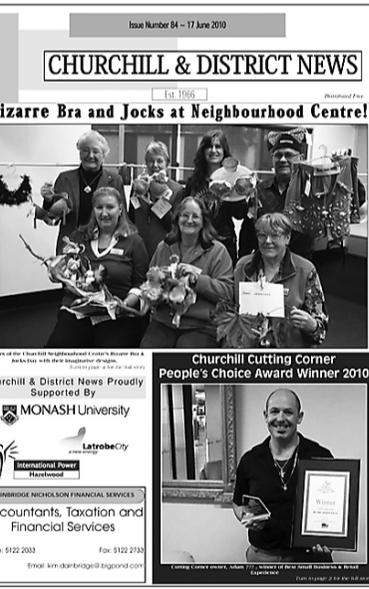
A new historical book written by Churchill resident, Rob de Souza-Daw was

million to Gippsland Rotary Centenary House.

Plan our Park Action Committee's Bruce Stephenson put forward a new proposal to the Department of Human Services for the future of the park in Walker Parade.

Issue 84 has a great photo on the front page of winners in the Bizarre Bra & Jocks Day with their imaginative designs. Read page 4 for the full story. Did you have an entry in the competition?

Adam Mihaly was delighted to win People's Choice Award for Best



for 40 years and had long been considered a



very proud to achieve this award. I am also conscious that it reflects on Boolarra as a community." Colin was

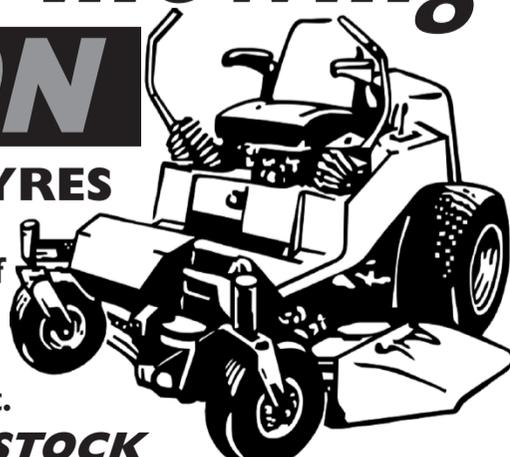
Saturday fires had burnt the Jeeralang North Hall.

The Princes Highway at Morwell was soon to be reopened to traffic. It had been closed since February, when heavy rain led to the creation of sinkholes in the area. Traffic would no longer be diverted through Morwell.

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World War 2 Veterans to receive 75th Anniversary Medallion

Reg Selwyn was an 18-year-old living at Cowwarr when he joined the Australian Army in 1942. Reg did his training in Queensland before he was stationed at Buna in Papua New Guinea as a driver-mechanic during World War 2, and was responsible for carting freight from the wharf across the country.



and women but, to mark their service, the Federal Government has produced this Commemorative Medallion and Certificate of Commemoration for our remaining living Second World War veterans. "This is a way we can say 'thank you for your service'.

times," Mr Chester said. "As we approach this special anniversary of the war's end, we recognise that it will be one of the last opportunities we have as a nation to publicly acknowledge the remaining veterans of the Second World War, of which there are around 12,000 still with us today.

It's a gesture of appreciation from a grateful nation to those who, like Reg, were part of the war effort and worked to protect our way of life."

"These brave Australians served our nation in the far corners of the world, fighting in theatres of war from Europe to North Africa, the Mediterranean and the Middle East, to Asia and the Pacific, as well as the Australian mainland.

Second World War veterans can now apply online to receive the Commemorative Medallion and Certificate at dva.gov.au/medallion.

"As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt we owe these amazing men

Those without internet access can call 02 6191 8217 during business hours.

Families may also apply on behalf of a living veteran. The medallions and certificates were distributed during August.

Latrobe Health Advocate

It's a pleasure to provide this update to the Churchill and district community via your newspaper. I have recently released my quarterly report, so it is timely that I share some highlights of the last quarter's work with you in this way. For some time now I have been hearing from communities about their experiences during the COVID19 response.



Latrobe Health Advocate

This work began in March and although my office in Morwell has been closed, my team and I have been working from home and have found new ways to connect with Latrobe communities. We have ZOOMed, TEAMed, SKYPed and Facetimed our way through meetings and catch ups, exercise classes and workshops and all the time in awe of the flexibility and agility of people to adapt and change as needed.

general communities, and the danger that people would not seek out medical help for fear they would "overload" the system.

For much of this quarter I was reporting weekly to Victoria's Minister for Health and the Chief Health Officer on the impacts of COVID-19 on Latrobe communities.

As the months passed, significant announcements were made by governments and services to support mental health and financial stress in particular.

It was evident early on that like many communities across Victoria people in Latrobe were concerned about a number of issues and were seeking reassurance that their needs would be met.

Services were resourced and supported out in the community. Latrobe City Council set up a helpline to assist people to access the services that were available and local providers changed the way they delivered services to ensure that people could still access the supports they needed.

Among those concerns were the impact on peoples' mental health, the likely increase in health inequities, the economic impact and increased financial stress within the business and

I am conscious that as we are now in Stage 3 and there has been an increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases in Latrobe, there is more worry from the community and desire for information.

I have been encouraged by the recent localised approach to managing the emergency and am involved

in the efforts to ensure Latrobe communities are kept informed and have their needs met as we work our way through this together.

I welcome hearing from you if you wish to raise concerns with me. I also had the opportunity to release a progress update for the Minister and Latrobe communities about the improvements and systems changes that have occurred in response to my recommendations about end of life palliative care services in Latrobe.

Work also continues on improving access to services in Latrobe and an Action Plan developed with key stakeholders, aimed at addressing the underlying issues impacting availability of doctors in Latrobe, was released late in August.

For more information on what I am hearing from communities I encourage you to go to my website www.lhadvocate.vic.gov.au where you will find reports and publications that may be of interest to you.

I also encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Twitter @LHADvocate where we share our information but also updates and resources from a range of services and organisations across Latrobe.

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Family Fishing and Fun Day



Subject to COVID -19 restrictions the Churchill Lions Club will be holding its Family Fishing and Fun Day on Saturday November 28, from 9.30am- 2.30pm at Lake Hyland in Mathison Park, Churchill.



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Covid-19 Restrictions affect us all

What a challenging year 2020 is proving to be! Like community groups all around Victoria, CDCA has been affected by the restrictions put in place to combat the Covid-19 pandemic.

Usually, at this time of year, CDCA is planning our Annual General Meeting and issuing invitations but we have decided to postpone our AGM until later this year when, hopefully, Stage 3 restrictions are eased.

We are expecting, however, that living with the corona virus will mean that some necessary restrictions will remain in place. Hand sanitising on entry to facilities will remain the norm and it's quite likely that wearing face masks in many public settings will continue to be required for some time yet.

Social distancing will also be a requirement at public gatherings. This will limit attendance at face-to-face meetings when they resume. If CDCA is able to hold our AGM later this year in a community setting, numbers may be limited to a maximum

of 20 or even less!

It has been very reassuring to see Churchill and district residents wearing face masks when out and about. Preventing the transmission of the Covid-19 virus is critical to keeping our community safe.

A number of retailers have provided hand sanitiser for use at store entry or at the service counter and many businesses have posted guidelines on social distancing requirements pertaining to their shop size. Most people readily comply with these measures, making the Churchill shopping centre a safe place to shop. The more we comply with these guidelines, the more likely we are to keep Churchill and district Covid-19 free.

Most of us have had to find new ways to go about our business, whether it involves working from home, wearing face-masks, phoning friends instead of visiting, purchasing take-away instead of dining out, using contactless payment rather than cash and so on.

For many, the internet has been a blessing. Many groups

and organisations, including CDCA, have resorted to meeting via Zoom, attending training and/or seminars via Webinars and keeping in touch via Skype or social media platforms.

While we are all hoping for a safe and effective Covid-19 vaccine to be developed and available sometime soon (along with a life-saving reliable treatment), we cannot afford to forget that, until such a vaccine is widely available, the risk of contracting the virus remains.

The restrictions we face, whilst often viewed as a disruptive nuisance, will be with us for a while yet and are there to protect us and keep us all safe.

You can find more information about CDCA on our website: www.cdca.org.au including notice of any forthcoming meetings we have planned.

We're also on Facebook – search for Churchill District Community Association – leave a message if you wish to contact CDCA or you can write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

Al-Anon

I have seen firsthand in my own family and friends the destruction and tragedy that alcohol abuse and dependence leaves in its wake.

I understand that this is an illness that affects not just the person with alcohol dependence, but also those close to them.

There is nothing more bewildering for the friend or family member of someone who is wrestling with this addiction, than the unpredictability and

consequent anxiety that goes along with the problem. The person affected needs some assurance that they are not to blame, that they are not in some way responsible, but that with persistence and support they can overcome the huge threat to their survival and well-being.

Al-Anon provides sanctuary and respite for family members and friends, and hope through a fellowship of people with a common experience. This coming together of people

who share the common bond of understanding, of having lived, loved or cared for someone in the grip of alcoholism is a potent force and can dissolve negative emotions of shame, anger and hopelessness. Al-Anon asks nothing more of its members than to remember that its primary purpose is to help family and friends of people with alcoholism to deal with the assault of problem drinking and hope for a better future.

Professor Patrick McGorry

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH



THOSE ON THE SAME MISSION AS YOU

Another month where we could be sitting around twiddling our thumbs – but that is not the Lions' way – even though we have to isolate, safe distance and wear masks – we can still get things done.

One by one and a bit at a time, the Lions have been having a good clean

out and clean up of our Den, getting things sorted and better organised.

The excitement though is that we have had our big catering van upgraded and updated, now all beautiful stainless steel complete with solar panels and hot water!

All we need now is

to be let out and about to do some catering events, which we can't wait to do and to see everyone.

For the moment our message is stay safe, be kind to each other and above all look after and look out for each other, do not be afraid to ask someone 'Are you okay?'

RUSSELL NORTHE MLA

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A message about Recycling at the Churchill Hub



Recycle these items at the Hub:

- Bread tags
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- Old bras
- P5 plastics
- Printer cartridges
- Household batteries
- Mobile phones & chargers
- All small e-waste items

Collection of plastic milk & juice bottle tops suspended until further notice – please continue to save these plastic bottle tops at home until we source an alternative recycling facility to send them to.

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We've been tested in record numbers, and we've sacrificed special occasions and important milestones to safeguard others. So many Victorians have lost so much; and they will need our ongoing care, recognition and support.

And so as restrictions change, it's so important that we continue to take care of ourselves, and each other. That we practice physical distancing and good hygiene, wear a face covering when we're out and we can't keep our distance, and don't take chances with our health or the health of others.

It's a long road ahead, but we can recover, and we will recover.

www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

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Church News



Chaplain



I've had days in recent months where it's been difficult to 'muddle through' the day.

I know that others have too, and far worse than my experience.

One of the things that has often encouraged me is seeing the accounts of so many generous people helping others.

We've had donations of food supplies etc, from within the community, to people not known to the donors based merely on a request for help.

This has not only been at the University.

I also had an offer from a Church in WA to make face-masks for a local congregation; as well as other Churches 'digging deep' to help in various ways.

We can, too often, focus on the not-so-good news rather than on the good news.

So one Church has been looking at the subject of hope, with the attention on the confident hope, the expectant hope, that God's Word speaks of, not the 'hope-so' view.

Not the negative view of hope that says it's "a pathological belief in the occurrence of the impossible", which is a comment I recently saw expressed.

The thing about bad news is that we could easily lose hope.

We need to see some 'light at the end of the tunnel', and in a real sense, that is what the word hope in God's Word is all about, not some empty, too good to be true, pie in the sky, hope.

That's my experience.

Churchill Christian Fellowship

Church Service Times
 Sunday Service 2pm at the Churchill Public Hall
 Tuesday Home Fellowship 7.30pm
 Phone 0409 173 747 or 0400 690 972

Churchill Christian Fellowship has undergone some major changes in 2020.

In February we returned to having Sunday services here in Churchill. This was a much-celebrated event.

Then the lockdown happened, and we had to make further changes to keep in touch with our members and the community.

Throughout the lockdowns we have put all

our Sunday services online. Once the lockdown was lifted, we resumed services in the Churchill Public Hall, but again had to go to online services when the new restrictions were brought in.

We look forward to restarting these services when the lockdown is once again lifted.

In these uncertain times maintaining contact is so important.

Whilst we are not able to meet in person, we are broadcasting our services on ChurchOnline (churchillchristianfellowship.online.church) at our normal service time of 2pm Sundays.

Once we are able to return to live meetings, we will run the ChurchOnline service as an "encore" service at 7.30pm each Sunday.

Our services can also be accessed on our Facebook page facebook.com/hurchillChristianFellowship YouTube channel (search for Churchill Christian Fellowship), and on our web page churchillchristianfellowship.com.

While restrictions are in place we also have a Zoom prayer meeting/Bible study on Tuesday nights at 7.30. If you would like to join us for this, please contact us.

Lumen Christi News



Retirement of Lumen Christi Parish Council Chair

After 20 magnificent years of spiritual and very active work for our Lumen Christi Parish, our Chair for 16 consecutive years, Mike Answerth, has announced his retirement. Mike, a foundation member of the Parish, has provided dynamic, enthusiastic and Christian leadership to Lumen Christi parishioners and to our six Parish Priests over this long period of time.

Mike's contribution has been nothing short of excellent, and his clarity of thought, commitment and wise counsel will be sadly missed by us all.

Mike has been totally supported by his charming and hard working wife Marion.

We wish them both well in their retirement, although knowing that both will continue to be actively involved in our Parish.

God bless and sincere thanks to you both.

Keeping in contact

While our parish churches are closed we are finding ways to remain in contact with our fellow parishioners.

A parish-wide phone tree, developed by the Parish Pastoral council, attempts to contact all known parishioners on a regular basis to check on their wellbeing.

Social media platforms are also being used to gather the community together for prayers.

These have been working well.

A Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
 At this time we are praying for all who have been and continue to be impacted by the uncertainty of this COVID-19 pandemic.

We pray for kindness, love, restraint and sharing.

We pour out our hearts and souls to you as we pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, for those who fear for their safety and those suffering from isolation and anxiety.

We praise and thank you for all our health care workers who have selflessly worked

so hard to support those who are ill and dying.

We thank you for all those working in jobs which keep us going; those in supermarkets, truck drivers, cleaners, pharmacists, phone counsellors, personal carers and those preparing meals for emergency food relief.

We pray for our chief health officers, health ministers and politicians, working non stop as they navigate through this extraordinary time.

We remember our school teachers, students and parents

as schools have been so disrupted this year.

May those following protocols and working so hard on refining a vaccine be successful, so this virus can be brought under control.

We pray for those working to develop medications which will help the recovery of those affected that their efforts will be successful.

Help us all to stay the journey with respect and hope.

In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN

Co-Op Church Snippets

Birthdays.

We have had some birthdays over the past month which we have celebrated at a distance with notices in our weekly newsletter.

Some people have been writing in a telling us what they have done to celebrate under, and abiding by, COVID restrictions, which included a walk and sit in the park,

Zoom virtual parties with the various households having party food in their own home to enjoy while the

Zoom party was in progress.

We live in a different world.

Phone calls, texts and emails have allowed the congregation to keep in touch with each other.

We all look forward to being able to return to worship at churches, but know how important it is that we do so cautiously.

One member of our congregation has been sending us some inspirational sayings each week to put in our newsletter.

Here are some, they are very appropriate to our present circumstances.

It never matters how far apart we are- what matters is how close we stay.

Courage is the anchor that holds one steady, and enables one to climb on and on.

God does not want us to do extraordinary things. He wants us to do ordinary things extraordinarily well.

Don't let your fears about the next hundred years discourage you from smiling now - occasionally anyhow.

Church Times

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Churchill Fire Brigade



You may wonder how our service provision has been impacted during this unprecedented time with the COVID-19 virus.

In short, it hasn't, and the volunteers at Churchill and all of our neighbouring brigades are responding to emergency calls as normal.

However, to keep us all safe from transmission of the corona virus, we too are taking extra precautions.

Like the rest of our community, we are required to wear a mask at all times when responding and we must always be considering our own personal hygiene by washing hands frequently, using hand sanitiser and maintaining appropriate separation distance from others.

Once on scene, we are also mindful of minimising unnecessary exposures, so you may see some of our crews remaining in appliances while our Officer in Charge investigates and makes an assessment of what actions are required to take to resolve the emergency.

But it doesn't end there.

On return to the fire station, we have to also sanitise the appliance and all of the equipment used so that it is prepared and ready for our next response.

Staying in touch

One of the difficult things to deal with while we are in lockdown and the requirement to stay at home

is still in place, can be the loneliness and isolation that some can feel when they aren't catching up with mates and acquaintances regularly.

As a brigade, we are also maintaining regular contact through online meetings and catch ups so that we can stay in touch and check on how our members are going in this isolation world, and help each other out through regular conversations.

An important part of us maintaining our capability to respond when our community calls us for help.

Spring will soon be here

As we head out of winter and into spring, now is the time to start planning for cleaning up your rural properties in preparation for the coming fire season.

Although we are quite wet on the ground at present, we shouldn't become complacent, so start planning and preparing now.

While it is still so damp on the ground, it is a good time to burn off grass, stubble, weeds, undergrowth or other vegetation, which is generally permitted outside the Fire Danger Period for those out of the township.

Latrobe City has Local laws on burn-offs which apply year-round.

Fires are not allowed in the township area at all, but are allowed on rural properties or farms.

Before burning off:

- Check and follow local

laws and regulations set down by Latrobe City

- Check the weather forecast for the day of the burn and a few days afterwards

- Check the fuel moisture conditions

- Establish a fire break of no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material

- Notify neighbours at least two hours before starting the burn

- Notify the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) on 1800 668 511

- Make sure there are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.

Register your burn-off

All burn-offs should be registered with ESTA on 1800 668 511. Please provide the following information about your burn-off when registering:

- Location
- Date and expected start and finish times
- Estimated size
- What you intend to burn

Unregistered burn-offs can cause brigades to be called out unnecessarily. Some information that you provide may be displayed on the Vic Emergency website. This may include the street name and area where the planned burn you are registering will take place.

This information may be shared on the Vic Emergency website at the time of ignition, as well as the VicEmergency app.

Darren Chester MP

In a significant step towards promoting better outcomes for veterans' families, Ms Gwen Cherne has been appointed as the first ever Veteran Family Advocate, representing their perspectives in ongoing policy and decision making across Government.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester congratulated Ms Cherne on her appointment and said that her passion and experience in supporting the ex-service community would ensure the Government continues to put veterans and their families first.

"Ms Cherne has an impressive resume in roles relating to defence personnel and veterans' families at both a national and international level, but she also brings with her a range of lived experience — as a defence spouse, a war widow, and the mother of a current serving Australian Defence Force member," Mr Chester said.

"By directly engaging with the families of veterans of all generations, Ms Cherne will draw on their advice to help shape the design of programs, policy and services, with a focus on building on our understanding of the factors that can enhance or detract from the mental health of veterans and their families, particularly during transition from service."

Ms Cherne said as a single mother with two young children at home, and having lost her husband to suicide, she was acutely aware of some of the challenges that Defence families face.

"I am proud to be appointed the Veteran Family Advocate and am looking forward to building on the important work that has been done to better support veterans' families in the last few years," Ms Cherne said.

"The department has made some significant and positive changes for veterans and their families, and I

am very cognisant of the responsibility I have to ensure that work continues and that the voices of veterans' families are heard."

Ms Cherne's background includes service to the veteran community as a board member on the NSW War Widow's Guild, as an Ambassador for the Commando Welfare Trust and working with DVA on issues facing widows and families through her appointment to the Council for Women and Families United by Defence Service. In recent years, she has also served on the Council of the Australian War Memorial and as an ambassador for the



2018 Invictus Games.

A merit selection process to appoint the Veteran Family Advocate was undertaken in accordance with the APS Merit and Transparency Policy.

Ms Cherne started in the role on Monday August 24, 2020.

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Illegal firewood collection on the rise

More than 60 people have been caught illegally collecting firewood and felling trees on public land as part of a joint operation between the Conservation Regulator and Parks Victoria.

Since Operation Hollows began in March, forest and wildlife officers have been patrolling forests, parks and reserves across the state and have reported a major increase in illegal firewood activity.

The operation is targeting the unlawful removal of commercial quantities of firewood from public land, and suppliers of illegal firewood to reduce the loss of important habitat such as hollow logs and dead trees. Habitat loss has a serious impact on iconic native species that rely on our forests to survive, such as the South-eastern red-tailed black cockatoo, greater glider, pygmy possum, bat and owl species. Anyone caught illegally removing firewood can face a fine of

up to \$8,261, and vehicles and equipment may also be seized. Commercial firewood suppliers need to have the appropriate licences and permits to collect and sell firewood in Victoria.

To report suspected illegal collection or selling of firewood call the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning (DELWP) on 136 186.

The Conservation Regulator and Parks Victoria recognise that many people are facing significant hardship, having been impacted by drought, bushfires and now the coronavirus (COVID-19) and may be relying on firewood from state forests for their heating needs.

Domestic firewood collection is only allowed in designated areas during the firewood collection season. For further information on firewood collection rules please visit: www.ffm.vic.gov.au.

Cooking with Noelene



Pumpkin soup

My favourite recipes
Version 1 (vegetarian)
 1/2 Kent pumpkin (large 1/2), peeled and quartered, placed in a steamer, steam till the pumpkin is falling apart. Pour the pulp into a large saucepan and add 1 can of coconut milk (400ml) and 1 tbs of minced ginger.

Slowly bring to simmering, reduce heat to low. Use your stick blender to process to a smooth soup, season with cracked pepper and salt.

Version 2 1/2 large Kent pumpkin, peeled and quartered, place in a large saucepan with 1 litre of chicken stock. Simmer till the pumpkin is falling apart. Add 1 tbs of minced ginger and 300ml of sour cream. Season with sumac and cracked pepper.

Use your stick blender and process to smooth. Serve both versions in warmed bowls.



The flavour is up to you, I have made this cake with strawberry milk, chocolate milk, mocha milk and salted caramel milk.

Cover and leave the fruit to soak in the milk for at least eight hours in the refrigerator.

When you are ready to bake, remove the bowl from the refrigerator and let it stand and reach room temperature.

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C Using a wooden spoon mix through 2 cups of self raising flour into the fruit mixture.

Pour the cake batter into a prepared sprayed and lined 22cm cake pan. I prefer to use a Bundt pan.

Place in a well heated oven and bake for 90 minutes or until a skewer inserted comes out clean.

Fruit and ricotta galette

Preheat your oven to 200deg C. Mix together 800gm of cling peaches, drained, with 375 gm of smooth ricotta - set aside. Liberally spray six sheets of filo pastry with



cooking oil, layering them on top of each other with a sprinkle of raw castor sugar.

Place the layered sheets onto a lined baking tray. Spoon the mixture into the centre of the filo sheets and fold the sides of the pastry back onto the filling, creating a border.

I finished off the filling with a scattering of blueberries over the top. Bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes or until the pastry is crisp and golden.

Quick cheese and onion cob

You will need a day old cob loaf for this recipe, a fresh cob loaf is often difficult to slice.

Preheat your oven to 200 deg C. Cut off enough foil wrap to wrap the cob loaf in.

Place 100gm of marg / butter in a bowl and soften. Peel 1 onion and chop finely. Mix together the chopped onion with 2 tbs of minced garlic, 1 cup of grated mozzarella cheese, 1/4 cup of commercial mayonnaise and 1/2 tsp of chilli powder. Now cut the cob loaf into quarters and cut each quarter into slices.

Spread the slices with the flavoured butter and reassemble the cob. Wrap the cob in foil and bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes at 200 deg C until the butter mix has melted. This is the comfort food I need right now ...Mmmm.



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The ACCC has launched a podcast series for this year's National Scams Awareness Week to provide Australians with tips on how to protect their personal and financial details from scammers.

The five-episode podcast series, This is Not Your Life, is produced by Julian Morrow, the creator of ABC TV's consumer series The Checkout.

The podcast, which is a parody on the popular TV show This Is Your Life, contains advice on how to

avoid a scammer stealing your identity and features cameos from ACCC Chair Rod Sims, eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant and IDCARE's founder David Lacey.

Scamwatch has received a staggering 24,000 reports of stolen personal information this year alone, an increase of 55 per cent compared with the same time last year.

Australians reported losing more than \$22 million to scammers who also stole their personal information, and people aged 25-34 reported losing personal information more than any other age group.

Scammers are targeting personal information more than ever which has contributed to an increase in financial losses across all scams, up to \$91 million so far this year.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, with more people working and socialising online, we have unfortunately seen a sharp increase in scammers seeking personal information," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"Personal information, such as bank and superannuation details or passwords, are extremely valuable and scammers will

try to steal them for their own financial gain. Our increased use of technology has created more opportunities for them to do so.

Scammers will also try and steal a range of other documents, or the numbers associated with them, including passports, driver licences, credit cards, tax statements, utility bills or Medicare cards, so that they can impersonate you," Ms Rickard said.

Phishing scams, the most common form of scam, are up by 44 per cent compared with the same time last year. Scammers pretend to be from government departments and businesses, like the ATO, myGov, Telstra or the NBN, to gain bank account details and other information about a person that can be used to impersonate them.

Once a scammer has that information, they can then use it to access individuals' bank accounts or superannuation, take out loans under their names and impersonate them on social media to try to get money from family and friends.

"Scam victims who have lost personal information are vulnerable to further scams, fraud or identity

theft," Ms Rickard said. "If you do have your identity stolen, it can take years to recover and people can end up losing more than money.

Not only time in trying to undo the damage done financially, but it can also impact greatly on your mental health.

Never give your personal or financial information to anyone you don't know or trust via email, text, social media or over the phone," Ms Rickard said.

Background

If you suspect you are a victim of identity theft, contact IDCARE on 1300 432 273.

IDCARE is a free government-funded service which will work with you to develop a specific response plan to your situation and support you throughout the process.

If you have been the victim of a scam, contact your bank as soon as possible and contact the platform on which you were scammed to inform them of the circumstances.

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

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STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE

Waterbirds

Spring is upon us once again and this brings an added problem to driving on the country roads around my five acres of paradise in the Valley – dodging the wild ducks and ducklings and the families of waterhens and plovers that are part of our rich wildlife tapestry.

Australia at large abounds in a large variety of waterbirds, both local and migratory, which is surprising given the barren and water-poor expanses of our continent.

Many of these birds have appeared on stamps issued by Australia Post over the years but this month we will look at one particular issue featuring waterbirds issued in 1991.

The first 43c stamp featured the black-necked stork or jabiru.

This large bird standing up to 120cm tall, inhabits tidal flats, swamps and river pools along the coast from Steep Point in W.A. to the south coast of N.S.W.

They build a large nest in trees, shrubs or dry ground surrounded by water and lay two - four eggs a year. Couples pair for life.

The young are a mid-brown but adults are black and white.

They eat frogs, lizards, small mammals and large bivalve shellfish.

The second 43c stamp features the black swan. Western Australia's state bird, its plumage is black with white-tipped wing feathers and they have a red bill marked with yellow and black legs and feet.

They are found Australia-wide and live in large areas of salt or fresh water with aquatic vegetation.

They will also feed on pasture, crops and mud-flats. The cygnets are a fluffy grey.

The third bird featured on the 85c stamp is the Cape Barren goose.

It lives along the southern coast of Australia and breeds amongst the grassy tussocks and scrub on off-shore islands, particularly in the Bass Strait.

They have greeny-grey plumage with black spotted highlights on feather-tips above and black undersides.

Their legs are pink to red with black feet and their short triangular bills are black-tipped with a lime-green



upper bill which carries back over the head.

The fourth bird featured is the chestnut teal on the \$1 stamp. The male has a dark iridescent green head, a brown back, a chestnut brown underside with a white patch on the flank.

The female has brown plumage.

They nest in brackish to fresh coastal swamps and disperse to feed in areas of fresh water, tidal mudflats and coastal inlets on vegetation.

They grow to about 50cm in length.

The issue was notable because of the art-work which showed the habitat of each bird in some detail, a rare occurrence on bird stamps.

Annual Stamp and Coin Fair

It was with a great deal of regret that we have had to cancel the Fair this year but there were many reasons for doing so, all of them relating to the COVID19 pandemic.

Many of us had prepared our sections of the display but they can be used for the next one which hopefully we can safely organise next year.

Russell Northe MP



COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to be with us and its impacts are being felt right across the community.

Unfortunately the Latrobe Valley has experienced a number of COVID cases and our thoughts are with those individuals and families who are contending with such circumstances.

Whilst I understand there are varying views and opinions on the restrictions imposed in response to COVID-19, I must say that in my observations the Latrobe Valley community has done a fantastic job in their compliance of the rules, such as the wearing of face coverings and social distancing rules.

Whether we like the rules or not it is important that we continue to heed the health advice being provided and adhere to the restrictions in place.

Despite such challenging times, it has been terrific to witness the generosity and community spirit of so many people who are going over and beyond the call of duty in a number of ways.

Whether it is our healthcare workers working an enormous amount of hours in caring for those in need, or people volunteering their time to make masks, there are examples replete of local people looking out for other local people.

This also extends to the local business community whose generosity in the challenging economic climate has shone through on a regular basis.

The reality is many businesses are doing it damn tough at the moment

and the support of the local community is needed now more than ever.

As I have stated many times small businesses are often the backbone of many regional communities.

They employ local people; they use local services and suppliers, and they support our local schools, community groups and sporting and recreation clubs.

Whilst it might be convenient to shop on line and purchase goods and services from afar, I urge everyone to think of the benefits that shopping locally brings to our community and our local economy.

Local Activities

Keeping active and exercising during the COVID-19 pandemic is really important for one's health and mental health.

Whether it be taking the dog for a walk; or going for a jog around Lake Hyland and Mathison Park; or playing a round of golf at Churchill & Monash Golf Club, there are opportunities within the COVID restrictions to keep healthy and active whilst visiting some great local sites in and around the Churchill community.

As restrictions have evolved and changed, it is imperative to keep a close eye on the Coronavirus website for regular updates.

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

VP Day and Vietnam Veterans Day

In August, two significant dates on our calendar were commemorated. First, August 15 marked the 75th anniversary of the end of

World War II.

The day is commonly known as Victory in the Pacific or VP Day. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 normal commemoration services were unable to be held; however I was pleased to watch a live stream of an online service as hosted by RSL Victoria.

The sacrifices and hardships made at the time are difficult to comprehend and fathom.

Consequently, we should remember and be grateful each and every single day for those same sacrifices.

To mark this event, it is also worth noting that the Department of Veterans' Affairs is making a Commemorative Medallion and Certificate of Commemoration available to every living Second World War veteran.

This is one small token of appreciation for the courage and sacrifices made by our veterans.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.dva.gov.au/recognition/commemorating-all-who-served/75th-anniversary-end-second-world-war/commemorative>

Second, August 18 marked Vietnam Veterans Day. Since 1987, when then Prime Minister Bob Hawke declared August 18 "Vietnam Veterans Day", the anniversary provides an opportunity for the community to pay their respects to those courageous Australians who were involved in this conflict.

Many locals from the Latrobe Valley region were active in the Vietnam War and unfortunately a number made the ultimate sacrifice.

Our thoughts are with the brave souls and their families who were involved in either of these two significant conflicts and whereby death and injury was just horrendous.

Lest we Forget

Record number of students enrol in Fed Uni Gippsland MBA

More than 70 Gippslanders have seized the opportunity to up-skill or re-skill through a Federation University scholarship designed to support the recovery of the Gippsland business community.

The new subsidised, Gippsland-based Master of Business Administration (MBA) commences this month with the largest student cohort of an MBA across the University in corporate memory.

Federation's new Vice Chancellor and President Professor Duncan Bentley said the MBA would give small business owners, entrepreneurs and leaders, the tools to tackle real-world challenges within their own organisations

"I am delighted that we are demonstrating our rock-solid commitment to driving growth, jobs and deep engagement with our Gippsland partners and communities.

"Together we could ensure that recovery brings skills, jobs and a vibrant Gippsland economy that provides a bright future for all," Professor Bentley said.

The MBA will offer a dynamic blend of theory and practice in support of the Gippsland community as it recovers from the impact of bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students will bring experience from a

range of industries including agriculture, small business, forestry, mining, manufacturing, government, teaching and community services.

The course is co-designed with entrepreneurial hub Runway which will lead Gippsland classes on innovation, network-building and start-up-thinking.

The 18-month program will include guest speakers from industry, culminating in an experiential learning project where students tackle real-time problems facing their business or organisation.

In order to support the re-skilling and up-skilling of the local workforce in these challenging times, Federation University partnered with the Gippsland Regional Partnership and the Victorian Government, to subsidise MBA course fees and significantly reduce the cost to students by 80 per cent.

The strong interest in the program comes as Federation University was recently rated the number one university in Australia for Postgraduate Teaching Quality in the Good Universities Guide 2021.

The program will initially be delivered online and potentially move to a blended learning experience as social distancing restrictions are eased. Applications for the program have now closed.

Federation University Gippsland Head of Campus, Ms Leigh Kennedy said:

"As Gippslanders recover from bushfires and navigate their way through these challenging times, it's important they have access to opportunities to re-skill and up-skill.

We've been overwhelmed by the positive response to the MBA and we've taken steps to ensure additional eligible applicants are able to benefit from this program."

Federation Business School Dean, Professor Christina Lee said:

"We are delighted to welcome students from such a broad range of industries who will be able to draw on their direct experiences as part of their studies in the new Gippsland MBA.

They will have the opportunity to work on real issues in collaboration with lecturers and industry guest speakers."



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Plants in my Garden



Description:
An aromatic, perennial herb with sprawling or erect stems to 80cm tall. Mid to deep green lanceolate leaves up to 5cm long and 1.5cm across, with entire or faintly toothed margins and a pointed apex, are arranged oppositely up the stems.

The small, white to lilac flowers grow on very short stalks, in clusters of 3-16 in whorls in the upper leaf axils and are sweetly scented.

Opinion: My specimen is planted in the middle tier, or creek section, of my frog pond. It is not so much of a waterway anymore, more of a bog garden with the

accumulation of leaf litter over the years.

In any event, the mint seems to like it there, in full shade underneath the Omeo Gum.

It is a straggly plant, with stems heading out of the bog, across the surrounding garden border, to lie on the adjacent footpath.

It seems likely that the shade contributes to the plant's straggleness, a bit more sun might be beneficial for denser growth. I haven't tried cooking with this plant yet, the most I've done is break a leaf off for the scent

or for a breath-freshening chew. I don't think this species is as strong in flavour or aroma as the introduced peppermints that most people have in their herb gardens, but you certainly can't mistake that it's a mint.

Mints have a reputation for being very vigorous and taking over a garden if allowed, but I don't think the River Mint is in quite the same category as the introduced peppermints.

Still, it should be easy enough to propagate from pieces of roots and stems and I'd guess that seeds would

germinate readily in damp areas.

Sources: Sharr - WA Plant Names and their Meanings.

Elliot & Jones - Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 6.

Online - Flora of Victoria.

The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group usually meets on the second Thursday each month at 7.30pm, however the current pandemic restrictions prevent us from gathering at the moment. If you would like more information, please call Mike on 0447 452 755.

By Mike Beamish
Species: *Mentha australis*.
Family: Lamiaceae.
Derivation:
Mentha: A Latin word meaning 'mint', derived from the name of a nymph, Minthe, who was turned into mint by Proserpine, the jealous wife of the god Pluto.
australis: A Latin word

meaning 'southern', hence Australian.
Name: River Mint.
Distribution: V e r y common and widespread in all States, inhabiting permanently damp sites and areas subject to flooding, particularly along watercourses and the margins of waterbodies and swamps.

Mathison Park



Thank you

A big thank you to Bruce for offering to mend a broken board on one of the small bridges on the east side.

However, when he arrived to do it he found there had been another good Samaritan who had already done the job.

So a big thank you to Bruce and the mystery person.

The walkers, riders, pram pushers and dogs continue to frequent the park which is great to observe.

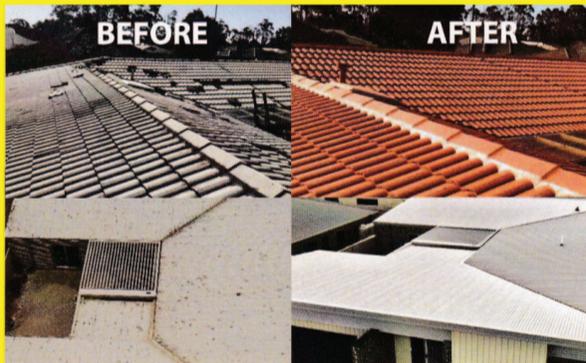
Thank you to those who pick up after their dogs.

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appreciated by all. Please be responsible.

The fogs have been quite thick at times. The photo was

caught on a morning when the fog blanketed the lake giving an ethereal mystery to the scene.



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- Where do Odd Socks go?

However, illustrating stories is not all Sunshine does. She runs workshops at schools which engross children.

She talks about being an illustrator, how to be an illustrator, how to design your character and bring it to life.

Children are able to design a piece of text and then illustrate it ready to take home.

Sunshine uses mostly watercolours but also includes oil

paint, pastels and oil pastels.

At present of course with coronavirus, school visits cannot happen in the flesh, but Sunshine is able to come to you virtually on Youtube.

Sunshine can be found on her Instagram page - stuffbysunshine for free, or on Youtube stuffbysunshine showing the basics of art, author interviews, blogs and how to paint is for free.

If you wish to join for a workshop tutorial there is a charge and this can be

arranged by visiting her web site www.stuffbysunshine.com.au

It is fascinating watching Sunshine create and colour her characters on her Youtube site.

This could be a great opportunity for parents wishing to occupy their children in a positive way if they have finished their remote schooling tasks.

Teachers, this may be an opportunity you could tuck away in your mind for when school days return to normal.

Meet Sunshine. She is a children's book illustrator and fine artist. Some of you may already know her.

She has relatives in Churchill and has done a workshop at Lumen Christi.

Sunshine is an enthusiastic and sunshiny person who is

passionate about her work as an illustrator and artist.

At University she studied Graphic Design, but upon working in this field she found it not to her liking.

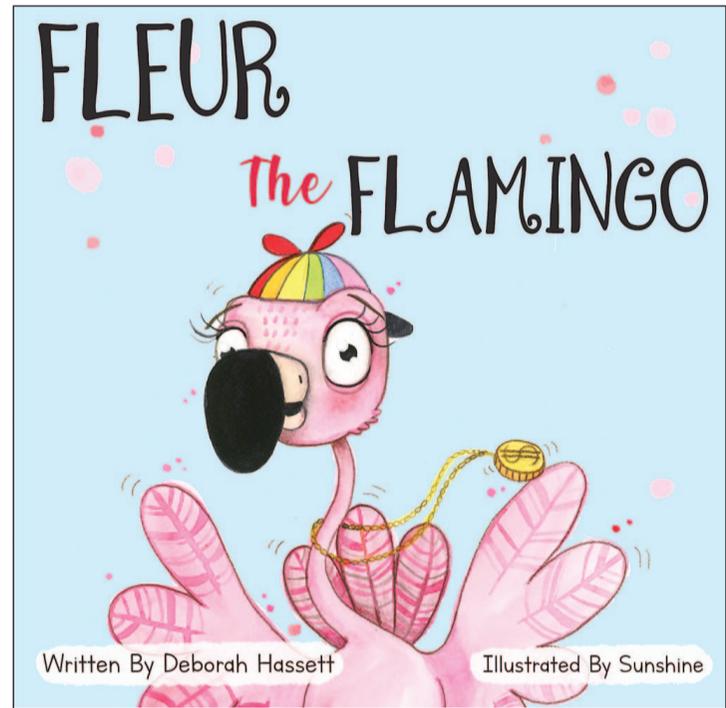
But what to do?

A friend of a friend asked her to illustrate a children's

story she had written and that experience opened up a new horizon for Sunshine and she has never looked back.

There are fourteen stories which bear her name as illustrator.

You may have read one to your children or they may



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To learn more of Sarah's story go to vic.gov.au/CORONAVIRUS



Hazelwood Morass

By Leo Billington

A morass is defined as being marshy ground, or a swamp. Perhaps also as a tract of low, soft, wet ground. A bog maybe.

There are well known morasses in Gippsland - Macleod Morass at Bairnsdale, the Sale Common; the Heart Morass Wetlands is a large wetland wedged between two Ramsar sites, at the confluence of the Thomson and Latrobe rivers near Sale.

Dowd Morass, Ewings Morass, Clydebank Morass, Heart Morass and Lake Coleman State Game Reserve are open for hog deer hunting during the hog deer season.

Hazelwood once had its own morass.

Sometimes known as Hazelwood Morass, or Hazelwood North Morass or simply, THE Morass, as early as 1880, or even earlier, it seemed to be a nuisance.

Somewhat referred to with disdain, in 1881, for instance, The Gippsland Times, March 1881, published details of a contract awarded to Mr J Mooney to construct "three culverts and approaches at the Hazelwood Morass and Bennett's Creek."

Over ensuing years, requests to local council seemingly came thick and fast to improve drainage either at, or through the morass.

At the time, it was The Gippsland Times reporting on progress, or lack thereof.

Even The Armidale Express and New England General Advertiser, Friday December 9, 1892, became interested.

The issue being debated within "a scene of great disorder" in the Morwell Council Chambers, was when a deputation of ratepayers tried to ask "that the now notorious Hazelwood morass should be allowed to remain in its present state, as otherwise water would be cut off from several of the selectors."

The President maintained that the morass was a public nuisance, and a repository for dead and diseased cattle."

The Council President was Councillor Donald Shaw, a Hazelwood North farmer not necessarily liked by his

neighbours.

The deputation was organised by Councillor Edmund Kelleher and included such well-known locals as William Northway and others.

An argument in chambers erupted; William Northway requested he read a letter "from several ratepayers."

He was denied this request by Councillor Shaw. William persisted, read aloud the letter, and "great uproar ensued."

As reported "The uproar continued until the council adjourned at 1 o'clock for dinner.

On resuming, on the motion of Councillor John English, it was decided to advise the Government to sell to Mr. Northway about two or three acres of the morass, so that he might continue to get access to the water, and then proclaim the rest of the morass a recreation reserve, with certain water right reservations."

Nonetheless, prior to this piece of theatre, requests from locals to have the morass area drained, perimeter roads, Tramway Road in particular, repaired and maintained were a constant feature of correspondence to Council Chambers.

Often there were suggestions to call for tenders, unfortunately so often postponed "until the next meeting".

In February 1893, with Councillor Shaw still quite vocal, after tenders were called for clearing the morass drains, and that all future culverts be made from sawn timber - either iron bark, red-gum or box. Mr S Thompson was awarded the contract a month later.

Even then, local gossip chorused this contract was "another unnecessary item to be defrayed by the general ratepayer, and in another year, it will be trodden down again, and the ratepayers will be again called upon."

It's important to recall, that at this time, a creamery was being established close by, and small family dairy farms traversed the area now bounded by Monash Way, Porters Road, Tramway Road, Boldings Road and

Church Road.

Councillor Michael Mulcare showed true, committed leadership during 1894, taking up the cudgels to sort out all relevant issues for this expanding, rich dairying area.

In its May 11, 1894 edition, the Morwell Advertiser believed Councillor Mulcare "deserves the thanks of the ratepayers of this district, in wanting to know the why and the wherefore of things pertaining to the waterway at the Hazelwood morass."

As time went on, intriguing ideas to develop the morass were heard to totally clear the morass, that it be "permanently reserved for a water reserve", a suggestion from the Lands Department that "the morass should be cut up into ten acre blocks for village settlement purposes", and for the morass to be gazetted as a recreational reserve.

At a July 9, 1897 meeting in Council Chambers, an application from Mr Jas. Huey to establish a market garden, at or near the morass, was refused. Again, it was Councillor Shaw intervening with a claim the water would be polluted and that the area would be better fenced and "let for grazing purposes".

Incidentally, a suggestion received by Council in October 1894 to divide the morass for a village settlement, was hounded down.

As the Morwell Advertiser reported in October 1894, all the councillors present strongly opposed the proposition, and the following motion was carried: —

"That the secretary be instructed to inform the Lands Department that this Council most emphatically protests against the Hazelwood morass being cut up

for village settlement, being undesirable in the interests of the residents, and in the opinion of the Council quite unfit for the purpose, being liable always in winter to inundation."

Issues continued to envelope the Hazelwood Morass. There was divided

opinion as to whether Eel Hole Creek or Bennetts Creek would be best suited to take water from man-made drains.

In September 1903, Councillor Thomas Watson claimed that drainage had been so successful that "Hazelwood Morass had increased its value from about three pounds to twenty pounds per acre."

Ironically, Councillor Watson's farm, after being selected by Mr Chas. Watson, was later purchased by Mr Bill Medew from Mr Simmons.

In a large piece of editorial printed in November 1936, the Morwell Advertiser announced Mr Bill Medew had a "model farm, about three miles from Morwell."

As reported, "At that time the place was more or less morass as Bennett's Creek terminated on the property and it was covered with tall swamp reeds.

It, however, was drained and became one of the best little farms in the district.

The late Mr Tom Watson sold the property to Mr Simmons, but 12 years ago it was bought by Mr Medew, who by degrees ploughed up the whole place and sowed it down with rye grass and clover.

He top dresses heavily every year and by up to date methods has converted the place into a model farm that stands as an example of what can be accomplished.

It is well worthy of inspection by farmers and others, and we feel sure would prove an education to them."

A well weathered Cyprus tree hedge remains visible, alongside an old cowshed. Back in the day, Bill Medew was ably assisted by his two sons, Albert and Norman.

They harvested silage, grew vegetables, raised pigs, milked cows, paddocks were rotated; in fact, it was a "model farm".

Today, hundreds of vehicles pass through the morass area, totally unaware of its former prominence in the early lives of local farmers.

It's only from an aerial photograph that one can see a faint outlining of one main

drain. Those who speed along Tramway Road perhaps fail to notice a worn channel wall.

Cattle have trodden the earth wall.

It is quite visible during summer when its grass cover disappears.

One day, perhaps soon, a proposed solar farm will decorate the former morass.

Once, many years ago, a

group seemingly representing investors for a magnesium smelter, scoured the area - luckily their rhetoric was just that; cheap rhetoric.

Hopefully, the above words record an interesting, energetic, and sometimes emotionally charged era, in which local government learned to deal with local ratepayers.



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LV Field Nats Adapting to Change



Photograph: Superb Fairy-wren (by an LVFNC member)

The Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club have not been having their usual meetings and outings. However individual members have been wandering around their local streets and parks looking at birds and plants. This provides gentle exercise, fresh air and the enjoyment of observing our natural environment. On returning home, many people email or telephone

other members to see how they are and to exchange highlights of what they have been doing. **Interested in nature?** You might like to look at the website of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club at www.lvfieldnats.org. The site explains about the Club and the things that we usually do. The part on "Publications" gives access to our newsletter "Latrobe Valley Naturalist"

that has articles and photos about our activities and aspects of the natural world. You will also find our contact email info@lvfieldnats.org that you could use to ask questions and make comments about things in which you are interested. Our team can handle questions about local birds, plants, insects, reptiles and all sorts of other things that you find in our natural environment.

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New Federation University Vice Chancellor

Federation University's new Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Duncan Bentley says regional Victoria has the knowledge and resources to build a bright future on the other side of the coronavirus pandemic. Starting his new role, Professor Bentley said he was optimistic about the prosperity of regional Australia, and Federation University's 150-year connection to its local communities meant it was uniquely positioned to support regional economic growth. Throughout his career Professor Bentley has supported universities to grow through design thinking, digital innovation, deep community engagement and long-term global partnerships.

He comes to Federation from a distinguished academic career at Swinburne University as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) where he led the academic, international, online and Indigenous portfolios, as well as serving on the Board of Swinburne (Sarawak). He was previously Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Victoria University with oversight of Vocational Education, External Engagement, and International.

Professor Bentley believes a dual-sector regional university such as Federation, sits at the heart of its communities and plays a core role in their prosperity and growth. Growing up on coffee plantations and game reserves in Africa, Professor Bentley has considerable experience in championing the adoption

of technologies to support sustainability. His qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws from the University of Cape Town, Master of Laws from the University of London, Master of Laws (Corporate and Commercial) and PhD from Bond University, Australia. He also has an international research record in tax policy, with a current focus on the ethics, skills and capabilities required to deliver digital government and digital tax. Professor Bentley replaces Professor Helen Bartlett who served as Vice-Chancellor for three years. Professor Duncan Bentley said "I am delighted to join the community of staff, students, alumni and partners

at Federation University and look forward to listening to all of the rich experience across the regions to learn how the institution can help to drive economic growth on the other side of the pandemic. Through this incredibly challenging time for all Australians, I am energised to see the resilience of regional communities. Federation University is uniquely positioned to provide re-skilling, up-skilling and lifelong learning for regional Victoria and to work with our communities to deliver on a sustainable and enriching future unique to each one. We innovate, we create, we reimagine the future so that in 2030 we'll be in the place we dreamed about."

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Churchill CHATTER

The old servo

The new servo - has had a facelift



The old servo is gone but the area is still a mess. Stay tuned for some news about it next month.



Churchill Roundabout

Hazelwood House



Work is being carried out on the grounds surrounding the roundabout. By the time the paper is published we should see what is to be the outcome.



The place looks cared for. The flag is flying but no-one is home!

New housing estate



Further earth work is being done. The rain must be helping to make it difficult to continue working.

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Hazelwood Rotary Club

Contact: Ray Beebe, Secretary 0408 178 201

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Police Report

Phil den Houting
Sergeant 22664
Station Commander -
Churchill Police



Wear a Mask – Stay Safe

For July, there were thirty-one events for the Churchill Police Response zone. (This covers Churchill, Jeeralang Junction, Jumbuck and Hazelwood South areas)

Of these, fifteen were family violence related matters, three reported burglaries, (two of which are family violence related), and two reported thefts of number plates from motor vehicles.

One of these thefts occurred in Morwell, but was reported here.

The other eleven incidents are proactive incidents where persons have been charged with offences, including two of evading police in motor vehicles.

For August, we have had forty-eight events.

These included fourteen family violence related events, three damages to property, two thefts of motor vehicles (offenders processed for one and investigations ongoing with the second).

We had one burglary reported, which ended up being no offence.

There were eleven infringements issued under the COVID rules for persons not wearing masks and for breaching restrictions.

Of concern were two offences of counterfeit \$50 notes being presented at Woolworths.

One offender has been identified and interviewed, and the other is still being investigated.

The remainder were again proactive incidents.

As you can see, the majority of our work at the moment is taken up responding to family violence and the investigation of offences as a result.

There has been an increase in family violence reported matters since the introduction of COVID restrictions.

In general, everyone is

doing the right thing in regard to compliance with masks and restrictions, but we do have an element that feels that they do not have to comply.

I am aware that there is considerable ‘hooning’ occurring in the area, and some persons have been identified and we are actively looking at them.

Hopefully I will be able to report that we have impounded some of the vehicles by next issue.

Four of the tickets issued for breaches of restrictions were issued to the drivers of vehicles who had gathered to ‘hoon’ and were caught prior to doing so and sent on their way.

None of these people were Churchill area residents.

We are doing our best to be as highly visible in the local community as we can be.

A bright future for Morwell

The series of Victorian and Federal Government-funded projects known as Future Morwell are complete after the final brick was placed in a major streetscape redevelopment of Morwell CBD.

Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing welcomed completion of the Morwell CBD Revitalisation project – creating a brighter future for the Morwell community and positioning it as the Town of Gardens.

The set of four projects started in 2014 with funding from the Bushfire Economic Recovery Fund. They have been an opportunity to reshape the town’s identity by investing in infrastructure, outdoor spaces and natural assets and events.

In addition to the Urban

Design and Beautification Project, initiatives that received Victorian Government support through Future Morwell, include a campaign to promote the town as a destination for tourism and investment, along with an events project to reposition Morwell as the Town of Gardens, and a Morwell City Entrance Project.

The combined results are expected to have a significant positive impact on the town’s economy once coronavirus travel restrictions are eased, strengthening visitation for events like the Morwell International Rose Garden Festival, which brings thousands of visitors to the town each year.

Another outcome of the Urban Design project will be the integration of smart

city technologies, including smart street lighting, wireless phone charging, free public Wi-Fi and a people - counting sensor to monitor activation in the street.

Future Morwell has been funded in part from the Victorian Government through Regional Development Victoria and the Latrobe Valley Authority and has been delivered by the Latrobe City Council in partnership with the Future Morwell Committee.

The completion of the Future Morwell project is one of several Victorian Government investments to revitalise the town and wider Latrobe Valley region. Other major projects include the Hi Tech Precinct – Innovation Centre and the TAFE

Federation University Australia recently launched a new degree in physiotherapy to be delivered at its Gippsland campus to help address the region’s workforce needs.

The four-year bachelor degree will commence in 2021 and include more than 1,000 hours of clinical placements.

Physiotherapists are allied health professionals who are skilled in the assessment, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of acute and chronic musculoskeletal, neurological and cardiovascular disorders across the lifespan.

The number of physiotherapists in Gippsland is projected to grow from 167 in 2016 to 237 by 2036, according to the 2019 Gippsland’s Future Health and Community Services Workforce report commissioned by the Latrobe Valley Authority.

As part of the degree, some subjects will be delivered with other allied health students to facilitate interprofessional learning and collaboration.

High-achieving students wanting to pursue research will have the opportunity to

Fed Uni launches new Physio Degree



transfer to the Honours program at the end of the second year.

The physiotherapy degree follows the introduction of the Occupational Therapy program at Gippsland in 2020, after a Victorian Government boost to allied health education with a \$500,000 grant to Federation University from the Regional Skills Fund.

To support the delivery of the allied health programs, Federation University will develop specialist laboratories and teaching spaces at its Gippsland campus. Construction of the \$5 million facility will begin soon and works are expected to be completed by January 2021.

Local Gippsland subcontractors have been engaged for the build.

Applications to the Physiotherapy program can be

made through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) for Year 12 applicants.

Non-Year 12 and mature age students can apply directly to Federation University.

For more information, visit the Physio course page on the Federation University website.

Federation University Acting Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Andy Smith said: “With the majority of our graduates going on to live and work locally, we’re working with government and industry to make sure the courses we offer will lead to meaningful jobs that are in desperate demand in our region.

We are delighted to offer this new Physiotherapy degree to help boost the allied health workforce in Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley.”

Churchill Tennis Club

Tennis Players wanted for the LVTA Summer Competition

Churchill Tennis Club is now recruiting junior and senior players for the upcoming Latrobe Valley Tennis Association 2020-2021 Summer Competition. Despite the current COVID-19 Stage 3 restrictions the Club is hoping that tennis will still be able to start in October.

Planning for the coming season is proceeding on the basis that the COVID

restrictions will allow junior and senior Saturday competition to commence on time. Churchill Tennis Club is able to offer players of every standard, age and ability a place in a team where they will feel welcome and competitive.

Juniors wanting to join a team should call Churchill Tennis Club Coach Sally Kristine on 0403 282 630 while seniors can call Club President Tammy de Souza-Daw on 0434 978 930.



Morwell & District Red Cross Branch

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Walk, Jog, Run continued



The group participating in the DFB Recruitment Fun Run held on 15 March 2020, the last event before COVID restrictions came into force.

from Page 1 . . . activity” said Ben. According to Ben, the success of the group has been evident in their ability to maintain its membership base as last year through adapting quickly to the .changing world. Annual membership fees have been kept low at \$50 for people working and \$30 for health

care card holders and students, with low family rates also available.

The group’s activities are also ideal for people who have a mix of goals and want to stay fit for when they can return to other team sports such as football, netball or the like. “Despite the restrictions and

the obvious need for people to stay safe we have been able to adjust. Finding enjoyment in our natural environment and making the most of the many local recreational parks and facilities also helps”.

For further details email WJR Latrobe at wjrlatrobe@outlook.com or phone Ben on 0411 400 919.



Steve Shankland (in front) and Tony Whelan in time trials around Mathison Park.



Working for Victoria.

Working for Victoria is an initiative of the Victorian Government, to help those impacted by COVID 19 outcomes.

This means people who are out of jobs, have had their businesses close or have been part of a downsizing of a business, were eligible to apply.

The reason this

program has been put in place was to gainfully employ affected folks with the aim of adding value to the community, helping wellbeing and mental health as well as helping our wonderful environment.

This initiative has been given to councils to arrange. Thus a team leader has been chosen and the people have been selected.

Part of their tasks has been to work in the Council parks and reserves.

Mathison Park has been fortunate to have a very enthusiastic team of ten folks

come and use their skills of whippersnipping, chainsaw use, environmental clean up and generally sprucing up our great park here in Churchill.

This is a six month program. Speaking to those involved and thanking them for their work and enthusiasm, it was evident they were enjoying the opportunity to make a significant and useful contribution.

The Mathison Park Committee is thrilled at this initiative and even more over the moon with what has and will be achieved through this program.





COVID-19

To keep yourself, your friends and your family safe there are four key actions that Victorians are being asked to continue:

- Stay at home and get tested if you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild.
- Practise good hygiene – wash your hands and cough and sneeze into a tissue or your elbow.
- Keep your distance – stay 1.5 metres away from anyone you don't live with.
- Wear a face covering when you leave home.

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group

The current COVID 19 lockdown has put a stop to any plans we had for community planting days, but our group's volunteer efforts have continued, albeit with quite a few restrictions. Our current executive was re-elected at our Annual General Meeting which we held over the phone and video link in August.

A small group of us has been into our Billys Creek re-forestation project for one seeding and planting trip and we plan to go once or twice more before the Spring equinox.

By that time our contractor and the WGCMA should have also finished this year's planting along Middle Creek. We've already started some plants for the greenhouse that will add to this project next winter.

It has been a good time for looking at some older resources that our group members have kept from years gone by. The What to Look for in September chart from the Department of Education might keep a few people, large and small, busy during isolation times.

We have also now had a member's old State Electricity Commission charts of the Eucalypts of Gippsland scanned.

WINDBREAKS AND SHADE TREES

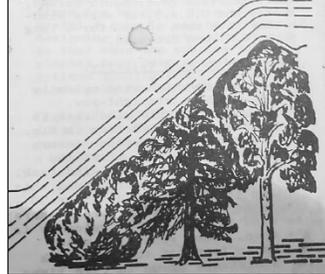
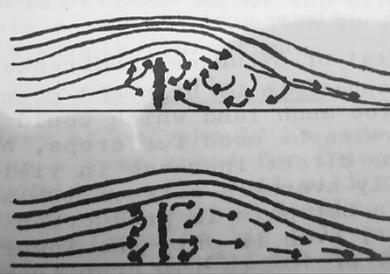


Fig. 2. Comparative wind turbulence with, above, a dense, and below, a permeable windbreak.



These charts are quite beautiful as artefacts and also give us useful information about where each species has been found to grow locally, and in what sort of conditions and soil.

These drawings are of buds and capsules for a few of the listed species.

If anyone fancies the volunteer task of typing and tabulating the charts from the hand-written information, we would love to hear from you.

We're also eagerly awaiting Jenny Wolswinkel's revised and reprinted guide to our local eucalypt species.

Top to bottom the buds and capsules shown here are:

- Eucalyptus camalduensis
- River Red Gum
- Eucalyptus ovata
- Swamp Gum

- Eucalyptus bridgesiana
- But But
- E.manifera
- Brittle Gum, Red spotted Gum (listed as Multi-Flowered Manna Gum in SEC chart)
- Eucalyptus rubida
- Candlebark
- Eucalyptus globulus subsp bicostata
- Eurabbie
- Eucalyptus cytellocarpa
- Mountain Grey-gum
- Eucalyptus viminalis subsp. viminalis
- Manna Gum

Some of these trees could be usefully chosen by people planning to plant windbreaks next year.

The How to pamphlet on those would have to be from the early 1980's. The information is still useful

and scientifically sound, and windbreaks planted with local species are valuable corridors for wildlife.

That is in addition to their usefulness in improving the productivity of farms and the liveability of our dwellings. There is a more modern version of similar information at this link: <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/soil/erosion/effective-shelterbelt-design>

The trees planted when the booklet was young are still growing and doing their job as both windbreaks and landslip arresters.

J. Duncan, Secretary, Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/westgippsland/yinnar-south/>

	RIVER BANKS & ALLUVIAL FLATS. WIDELY DISTRIBUTED THRO. VICTORIA.	LA TROBE RIVER FLATS, TRARALGON. A VALUABLE TIMBER TREE.
	MAINLY ON SANDY FLATS WITH CLAY SUB SOIL & IN SWAMPY LAND UP TO 3000 FT.	ALONG LA TROBE RIVER & GULLIES. ALONG ROAD TO YALLOURN NORTH; VICINITY OF RIFLE RANGE DAM & ALONG THE HIGHWAY NEAR MORWELL BRIDGE.
	MAINLY ON ALLUVIAL FLATS.	MORWELL RIVER FLATS, ABATTOIR'S AREA, PUMPING STATION, MOONDARRA.
	ALLUVIAL FLATS.	VICINITY OF THE BUFF BRIDGE, TRARALGON. WALTHALLA.
	ALLUVIAL FLATS & GRANITIC SOILS.	MORWELL. PRINCES, HIGHWAY 96 MILE PEG. DISTINGUISH FROM E.VIMINALIS BY JUVENILE FOLIAGE.
	IN MOIST GULLIES OF GOOD SOIL WITH MOUNTAIN PROTECTION.	BILLY'S CREEK, YINNAR, THORPDAL, ALSO PLANTED IN RESERVOIR GULLY & HALLS FLAT. BUDS & FRUITS WARTY & GLAUCOUS. A VALUABLE TIMBER TREE.
	PREFERS MODERATELY POOR DEEP SANDY SOILS, BUT GROWS WELL IN DEEP SANDY GULLIES. EXTENDS FROM COAST UP TO 3000 FT. ELEVATION HAS WIDE RANGE IN GIPPSLAND.	MANUELL'S QUARRY, HAUNTED HILLS, GOULD, YINNAR, MT. CARMEL. TIMBER USED FOR RAILWAYS. SLEEPERS.
	WIDE RANGE. BEST DEVELOPMENT IN ELEVATED VALLEYS UP TO 3000 FT.	ALONG LA TROBE RIVER & ADJOINING GULLIES. A WIDELY VARYING SPECIES.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN SEPTEMBER

WATTLES IN BLOOM

Can you name the wattles of your district? What is the earliest date you find each in flower?

ROBINS

Which robins have you seen this year? Are they seasonal visitors, or do they nest in your district? Can you distinguish between— (a) the different "red-breasts", (b) the male and female birds?

INSECT LARVAE ON EUCALYPTS

Follow the life-cycle of each insect. Identify other insect larvae you find feeding on the eucalypts.

TIME AND PLACE OF SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Can you point to the positions of sunrise and sunset during this month? Does the sun rise and set earlier or later than last month?

PLANTS THAT CLIMB

How many different climbing plants can you find? How does each climb? Why do they climb?

GREENHOOD ORCHIDS

Look for these and other orchids that bloom now.

CUCKOOS

How many different kinds of cuckoo are in your garden? Can you recognize each one by its call? Filled cuckoo favour open nests, often those of honey-eaters.

HOW ANIMALS HIDE THEMSELVES (CAMOUFLAGE)

Find examples of each of these methods of camouflage.

Stroke Foundation

The FAST test is an easy way to recognise the signs of stroke

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ARMS: Can they lift both arms?

SPEECH: Is their speech slurred?

Do they understand you?

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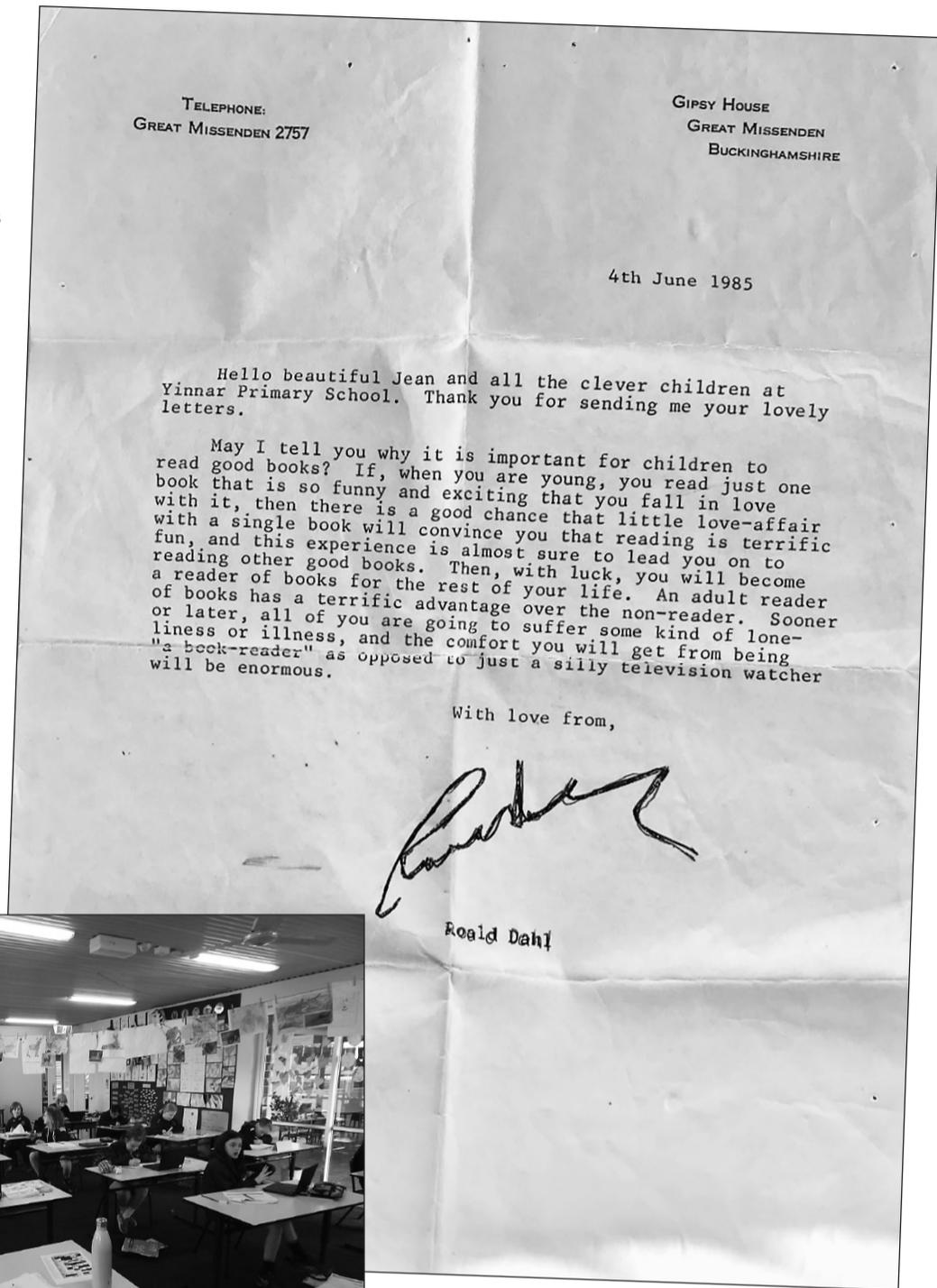
YINNAR PRIMARY

After a very brief return to school our students are once again 'remote and flexible learning'. Our students and families have transitioned back into this form of learning and are making use of various forms of online communication. Students were excited to have face-to-face meetings with their teachers and classmates.

Our school was contacted recently by a past student who is also a teacher. During a conversation with one of their students they recalled their grade being asked by

the teacher, Mrs Wilbraham to all write letters to noted author, Roald Dahl when in Grade 3 in 1985 at Yinnar, and that amazingly he had replied.

After some digging around in a box of precious mementos that letter from Roald Dahl has been unearthed and was forwarded to our school. It has certainly created some chatter amongst our students and families. Some parents were part of that grade back in 1985, and recall the excitement that such a letter made.



SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

Wes's Post

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Remote Learning update
Churchill North Primary School has been working really hard throughout Remote Learning! We have been using a new way of communicating with students and families with an online app called SeeSaw. This has been a great way to receive work from the students and they are all really enjoying being able to send work directly to their teachers! Many students agree that they love being able to get feedback from their teacher straight away and love being able to send voice messages and receiving them back.

We have been participating in well-being Wednesday where students are allowed to take some time for activities that are not based around technology. Some of these activities include participating in a hobby, gardening, taking time for a mental health check, yoga and dancing! This has had a positive impact on students as time away from the screen is important for everyone!

Tayden's Post

es addition and subtraction
Fact Family Worksheets Printable

Write four different facts.

12		14	
8	4	9	5
4 + 8 = 12	9 + 5 = 14		
8 + 4 = 12	5 + 9 = 14		
12 - 8 = 4	14 - 9 = 5		
12 - 4 = 8	14 - 5 = 9		

Thane's Post

ference

Inference

Use your background knowledge and clues from the text/image to help you infer what is going on

What I see		What I know (background knowledge/schemas)
I see a cute puppy dog. He is curious.		the puppy is so cute. the puppy is brownish white. He has ripped all the pillows apart.
What I infer	he is curious and confused because he is being grumpy at his punishment is likely to be sent to his bed.	

Zach's Post

Number 6:
wildest, weirdest, spookiest and wackiest places around the world.
I found out that there is a 30 foot tall eye ball, that there is a troll that lives under a bridge not a real one, one that someone has carved and made but the country it is in does celebrate the troll being under the bridge every year. I also found out that in Paris in the 1700's the cemeteries started to over flow so they made the " The Catacomb of Paris" with over 6 million skulls and body parts. The french and German spy's in WWII used it. There is over 200 mile of twisted tunnels.

SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY

National Science Week

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. This event happens each year in the month of August. Deep Blue: Innovations for the future of our oceans was the theme for our educational whole school day. Below are the thoughts of some of our students.

On Wednesday August 19, Mrs Duncan conducted a science experiment using an egg and tried to bounce it. Unfortunately the egg broke and went everywhere. The outside felt rubbery. Later in the day, we wanted to see how many rubber bands it would take for a watermelon to explode! The watermelon exploded after having 466 rubber bands of pressure. It took us about an hour to finish this experiment. I really liked having a day where I could work with all the other students.

Matilda

Boolarra Primary School conducted an experiment to find out how many rubber bands it would take to explode a watermelon. We also had a scavenger hunt! For the scavenger hunt, we had to find things at home that related to the description. Families raced each other and the fastest family got a box of chocolates.

Ruby

What is science? Science is when you make predictions and conduct experiments. I liked our science day because we were able to make predictions about our experiments, and we saw a watermelon explode!

Daisy

On Wednesday August 19, Boolarra Primary School had a Science day. We did lots of fun activities like a timed scavenger hunt and a short film called 'Wild Ocean'. The film taught me lots of things about the ocean. We used egg cartons to make sea creatures, I

made a seaweed fish. Then we made a watermelon explode, which was my favourite part of the day. It took 61 minutes and 466 rubber bands, the watermelon weighed 7.1 kg. Before the watermelon exploded, it split at the top! Some of the rubber bands went flying then pop! The watermelon went everywhere, most people screamed and all the rubber bands turned into a bouncy ball.

Jackson

Spider Web Climbing Frame

This year, Boolarra Primary School have been lucky enough to receive a new piece of playground equipment. Early this year, our students thought long and hard about what new piece of equipment they wanted to use. After spending time investigating different types of playground equipment, students and staff decided to get a spider web climbing frame. Some of our students made a comment.

At the start of Term 3, we got a spider web climbing frame in our playground. The new piece of equipment is really good for chasey. You can move in between the gaps to try and escape the people trying to get you. I really like climbing up to the top and see all the other kids playing.

Logan

The new spider web climbing frame is really good for our games. We can play all sorts of games, such as tag and battle royal. In battle royal, you need to try to avoid being tagged by another player. If you get tagged, you are out. The best thing about the spider web is being able to relax and talk to your friends.

Alex

Multiplying Muffins for Maths

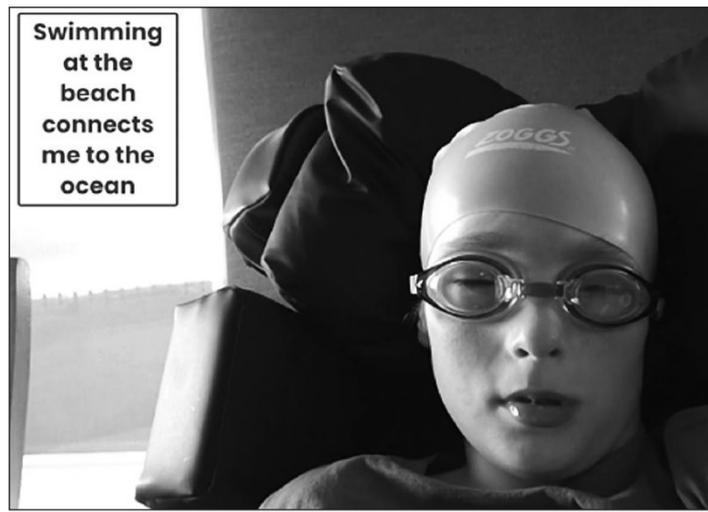
At Boolarra Primary School, we wanted to incorporate maths in our student's everyday lives. Both the 3/4

and 5/6 classes decided to have students bake something with their parents or carers, and write a math story. Here is what a student had to say -

On Thursday August 13, the 5/6s students baked cookies for math. We baked 16 cookies and had four left over. They were small cookies with some M&M's and they were very good. Everyone liked the cookies because they were yummy. We had to write one division sums as a story. My story was; there are 14 kids and 16 cookies in total. How many cookies did each person get? $16 \div 14 = 1$ remainder 2.

Brendan

Swimming at the beach connects me to the ocean



SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

Mary MacKillop Liturgy at Lumen Christi

The staff, students and families of Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School, didn't let a Global Pandemic get in the way of celebrating the life of our first Saint, Mary MacKillop.

For the first time ever, the students of Lumen Christi held a virtual Mary MacKillop Liturgy for her Feast Day. Better known as Mary of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Saint Mary was Australia's first (and is our only) Saint.

As the founder of Australia's Josephite Sisters, her religious order, Saint Mary had a passion for education and especially for those in isolated rural areas.

She assisted those in poverty and families who struggled to access even the most basic form of education.

You could say tongue in cheek that she pioneered Remote Learning!

At Lumen Christi Primary School, the whole school would usually gather to celebrate the life of Saint Mary MacKillop, but instead of going to the Parish Church on site at their school as they normally would,

the children and their families joined in via a group Google Meet (video conference).

It was certainly a very exciting occasion where the children prayed and sang together as they watched and saw their friends on their computers from home.

As always they were

blessed to have the support from their local Parish priest, Father Solomon, who of course tuned remotely and led the Liturgy.

Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School has a rich link to the sisters of Saint Joseph, as they were the first staff of the school back in 1977 under the leadership of Sister Maureen Kelly, thus befitting that they celebrate our first Australian Saint and her order annually.

August 8 also commemorated Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop's ten years anniversary since she was canonised as a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome, Italy in 2010. Principal, David Cooper said, "It is in the spirit of our true Catholic Identity that

we acknowledge Saint Mary MacKillop and that our children understand the link to our school story and the rich tradition of how our school started'.

A Year one student read from his home in Churchill and afterwards said, 'that was fun seeing my face on the screen'.

'Let's hope and pray that next year we can celebrate our first Saint back in the Church', said another spokesperson.

The school is very excited to have locked in another group Google Meet with Father James for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary and then they hope to have a Father's Day Liturgy as a group Google Meet too.



Father Solomon leading the students in prayer via computer as the whole school celebrated the life of Saint Mary MacKillop.



Staff and students from Lumen Christi Primary School sing and pray together to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Mary MacKillop.

SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR SOUTH PRIMARY

We have slipped back into remote and flexible learning this term and have been successful in kicking some amazing goals. We had a dress up day to celebrate Book Week with all students choosing from a variety of book related activities to engage in at home. Including exploring fictional worlds on Minecraft, listening to the teachers read aloud from beloved books, and also having a costume parade. Students were very excited for the opportunity to show off their favourite books and to use their creativity in creating the costumes.

During remote learning we have been developing our understanding of the world around us. We have been exploring the Latrobe Valley region through the creation of some wonderful collages that utilised the information pamphlets donated from the Information site in Traralgon. We have also conducted research on the different states and territories in Australia, and students have completed some own choice activities to showcase their understanding. The senior class has been doing an intensive study of rainforests and the important role they play in our environment. Some examples of their work can be found below.

Enrolments:

We are aware that it is difficult for parents to make decisions about the best school for their child in 2021. But here at Yinnar South Primary School we are passionate about education and what we can offer your child. We are a picturesque school that is highly resourced with a comprehensive library, dedicated art space, musical instruments, cooking program and a high teacher to student ratio.

We have small class sizes allowing

students to have significant access to assistance, with almost a 3 to 1 ratio.

We have an onsite playgroup that runs every Wednesday.

All students from Foundation to Year 6 participate in a weekly cooking program where all students each lunch together each week.

We are one to one technology with students learning technology skills that are appropriate to their skill level.

We have a comprehensive phonics program – utilising research to embed reading skills in the most effective way

We have a strong family community with welcoming parents and regular access to your child's teachers.

We have a comprehensive curriculum that will instil your child with a love of learning and will last a lifetime.

Yinnar South Primary School will give your child the skills required to be successful in life. Please contact the principal Nikki Davies on 0418 804 599 or 5169 1540 to discuss what we can offer for your child. We are a great school and we hope you consider us for your child.

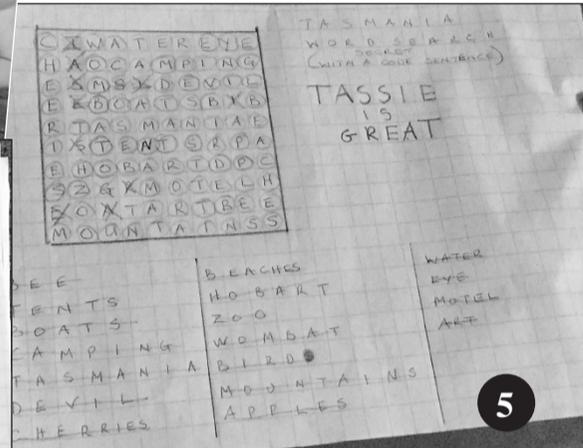
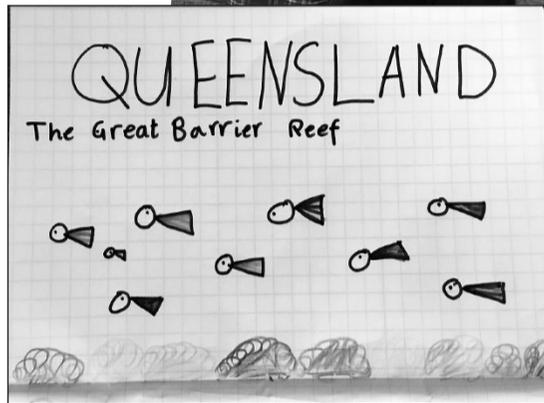
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1 Willow and Lottie dressed up for book week

2 Dylan dressed up as Feathers for Phoebe for book week

3 Taylor dressed as Harry Potter

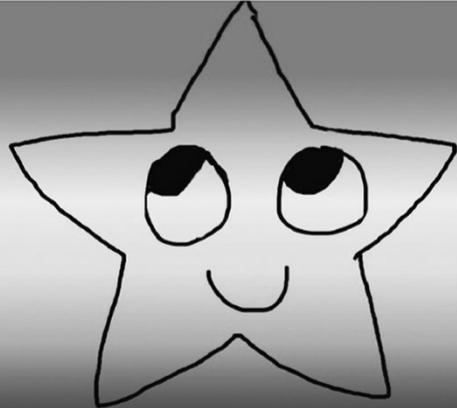
4, 5 Work completed as part of the study of the different states and territories



SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

Coraline



I love remote learning because I can still learn at home and talk with my teacher if I need help.

Taj

I do not get to see my friends.



Emersyn

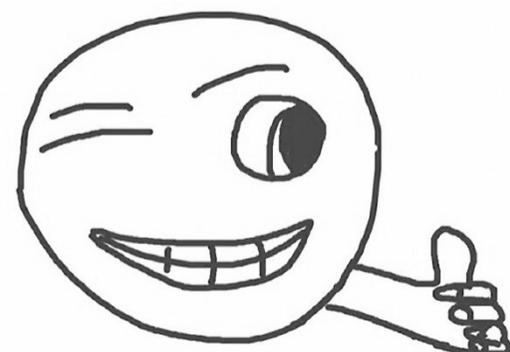


This is my emoji with a happy face and thumbs up because Remote Learning has been good because I am like the new program

I feel sad because I don't get to see my teachers and friends.

Charlotte

Christian



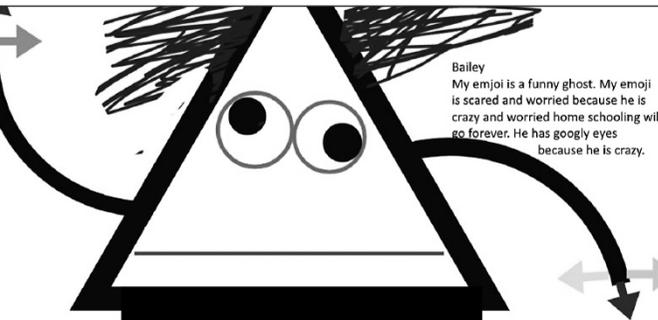
This is my emoji, it is called The Winking Emoji. It is putting its thumbs up to wish you good luck on your learning.

Remote Learning 2.0

As you all know, we have returned to Remote Learning for a second time.

It has not been easy and we have certainly had many challenges along the way.

The 2/3 grades at HNPS have been using emojis to show exactly how we are feeling the second time around!



Bailey My emoji is a funny ghost. My emoji is scared and worried because he is crazy and worried home schooling will go forever. He has googly eyes because he is crazy.

Destiny Band Oz

Local husband and wife duo, Thomas and Tessa Libreri known as Destiny Band Oz, have won the International Entertainer of the Year 2020, at the International Singer-Songwriters Association Awards held on August 15 in Atlanta Georgia USA, making back-to-back wins for Destiny Band Oz after they also won the ISSA International Band of the Year in 2019!

Thomas and Tessa are absolutely thrilled and thankful for this accolade as they love to entertain!

The substantial crystal obelisk trophy will make a total of 18 Australian and International awards since their first single release in only 2017.

The ISSA competition is open to singer-songwriters from all around the world and is decided by initial fan-voted nominations to obtain finalists in each category, (Destiny Band Oz received eight nominations) then a panel of industry judges decided the overall winners.

Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, the awards ceremony was held online this year and Thomas and Tessa have been asked to be judges at next year's awards.

Since their first release,

Destiny Band Oz have had three number 1 songs on the Australian Country Songs chart since 2018, plus an International number 1, seconds, thirds, top 5s and 10s on the Joyce Ramgatie Mainstream Top 40 Country chart and 11 number 1s on the Official Tasmanian Top 40 Country chart!

Other awards include:

*Independent Country Music Awards of Australia Most Popular Country Duo 2019 (Tamworth 2020)

*Traditional Country Music Awards of Australia Top 10 Album 2019 (for their album 'Changes') at Tamworth 2020

*Gold Medallion Media Award for Collaboration of the Year 2019 (Tessa Libreri and Gary Ellis) -Tamworth 2020

*International Singer-Songwriter Association International Band of the Year 2019,

*Tasmanian Independent Country Music Awards National Country Artist of the Year 2019 (and National Country Band 2018),

*GMMA Duo or Group of the Year 2018,

Overall number 1 song for 2017 on the Official Tasmanian chart and

*Five International and

Australian Songwriter Association song awards.

This year's touring plans for Destiny Band Oz also had to be put on hold due to the restrictions.

They had to shelve their planned concert tours to Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania and Sri Lanka as they are unable to perform at the moment, so they are now back in the studio to record a new album of original songs.

Destiny Band Oz's latest original single is called 'Slice of Heaven' written by Thomas Libreri after coming to Yinnar from Kinglake.

Sung by Tessa Libreri it is a country swing style song which has been likened to Patsy Cline and is about moving forward through adversity.

Destiny Band Oz have so far recorded three albums and two EPs with more new music on the way!

- * 'Changes'
- * 'Makin Music'
- * 'Take Me Back in Time'



EPs
 * 'From the Heart'
 * 'Special Songs'
 Destiny Band Oz's music is available for digital download or streaming

from all major online stores (iTunes, Spotify, Google Play etc.) Just search 'Destiny Band Oz' and your preferred online retailer. Hard copies are available via mail order by

emailing: destinyband96@gmail.com with your order. (Paypal accepted). Check out Destiny Band Oz's website: www.destinybandoz.com.au



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How much money have you saved since Coronavirus closed pokies venues?

Life feels better when you are in charge. Keep saving. Build on the head start you have achieved, and call Latrobe Community Health Service.

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