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Giving koalas a new home

Yinnar/Yinnar South Landcare

By Jay Duncan

Koala food trees need support staff, especially if they are old or infirm.

Our group has seen a lot of interest recently in planting koala food trees. To be pleasing to the koalas, and to keep the trees flourishing, new habitat areas need to include understorey and to be mindful of the health and support needs of the eucalypt trees.

In many areas of Australia there has been a major loss of eucalypt trees that has happened suddenly, frequently in the local dominant species. Koalas only eat eucalypt leaves.

Concerned Landcare Groups, farmers and

conservationists have sometimes been able to slow or prevent further decline of some eucalypt species.

They do this by excluding stock and planting a lot of other species around any remaining old, unwell or isolated eucalypt trees. Some people are bringing in some of their seed from the warmest part of the species' range to try and protect against a warming local climate.

By increasing local biodiversity these actions can have many other benefits for surrounding areas in addition to saving eucalypt trees.

Some things that are needed to help the remaining eucalypts to survive are:

From the bottom up:

Soil fungi for the trees to be able to take up nutrients. Vast subterranean networks of fungi feed the trees which can't take up nutrients directly. Urine from stock sheltering under the few remaining trees in their paddocks will eventually kill the fungi and then the tree.

Excluding stock and allowing some fallen timber and leaf litter to remain on the ground will allow any remaining soil fungi the best chance to flourish.

Slicing through the roots and/or continually driving under trees is harmful. Pipes can and should be bored under the centre of valuable

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Koalas and their trees cling to life and could need our help



Spotted Pardalote In wattle heading for creek bank nest



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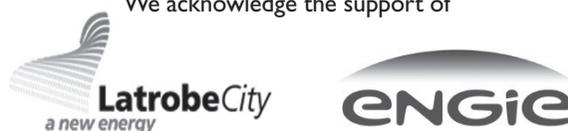
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Yes – things for us are looking up again – we say with fingers crossed!

Once again we are back doing our Bunnings BBQ's which have been fantastic. It is hard to explain sometimes just how much fun we have serving our fabulous sausages with big smiles and fun banter with the public, especially on the Friday AFL Grand Final Eve. The weather was unfriendly with rain and howling winds but we still sold out!

We met a lovely lady who has moved to the area and has been in Lions for years and would love to come to our next Meeting, maybe to join Churchill Lions Club. We always welcome new Members who have the interest in Lions and their Community.

Some really, really exciting news for us with the new huge project coming up in Mathison Park. Eight slabs of concrete are to be laid on which tables and chairs will be installed, placed securely on each of the concrete slabs. Our Churchill Lions Club is thrilled to be able to help out by paying the full price for all eight concrete slabs! No one more thrilled and excited than our own President Reg Grisotto, who spends a lot of time working around the park and the lake.

On a different note, we are eagerly waiting to see if the Traralgon Racing Club's Derby Day goes ahead as we have been asked to help out with our awesome catering and manning the gates – exciting plus.

Sadly due to all the restrictions and rules with COVID it became an impossible situation for us, so we have had to totally cancel the Family Fun Fishing Day. We know how much this will be missed again this year so let's hope things are back to normal again by next year.

Lions Peter and Kay McShane are on the move to a nice new house in Traralgon, I am sure they will be missed as neighbours but Peter will still be staying with our Club.

A special birthday wish to our Ross Norman for October 6. He didn't mention a number but he did do a number on the chocolate cake I made for him.

I guess that's about all for this edition, things are a bit

quiet at present.

Always remember – if anyone is interested in joining a fabulous community minded Club here we are – just ask. Our contact phone numbers are 0411 842 912 and 5182 6995, just phone Secretary Carol and have a chat.

Don't forget to keep checking our Facebook pages as well.

Or if you prefer email : churchill.lionsclub@gmail.com

Further funding for drought resilience

Applications for the second round of the Networks to Build Drought Resilience program have now opened. Local MP Darren Chester said the program was a part of the Federal Government's Future Drought Fund to help communities prepare for drought. "This program

is designed to support community organisations, networks and infrastructure which help people and communities prepare for drought," Mr Chester said. "Ensuring our communities and agricultural sectors are prepared for drought, helps to lessen the impact on our farmers and the wider

community."

Mr Chester said this was part of the Federal Government's investment in drought impacted communities. "The program will fund events, activities, training and small-scale infrastructure that assists communities in building their drought resilience capacity," Mr Chester said. "This is part of a total investment of \$19.2 million to 2023-24 in leadership, mentoring, community capacity building and small community infrastructure to help build drought

resilience, supporting farmers and their communities. I encourage all eligible organisations with projects in Gippsland to apply and help boost the region's drought resilience."

The Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience program is administered by the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal. For further information or to apply visit: Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience | FRRR Applications close November 15, 2021.

Rainfall

Churchill

We experienced a very wet month with 12 days of rain culminating in a rainfall total for the month of 120.5 mm; the second wettest month for 2021. We have now received a total of 646.5 mm for 2021. Finally I would like to acknowledge William Bonnici for coordinating and reporting rainfall details while we were caravanning in Northern Australia

Rain at Hazelwood South

Another wet, wet one. The last day of September had the monthly average in one day. For the month: 186mm and over double

the average, with 101% above the monthly average. Hazelwood South was 52% wetter than the Latrobe Valley weather station. For the year: 6 out of 9 months are above average and now 47% wetter than average.

We are on track to have 2021 the wettest year for the 35 years of records.

Trees such as messmates (E.abliqua and Melaleuca Armaralaries) are falling over due to the ground being over saturated, Water is gushing out of the agi drains, helping to keeping the driveway passable. A great opportunity to study any drainage problems.



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Cooking with Noelene



Moroccan meatballs

I have made this dish many times and it has always been well received. My son Dale enjoyed it made with kangaroo mince.

Recently I made it for a friend and gifted it from the Manor kitchen.

In a large bowl mix together 500gm of lamb mince, 1/2 tsp of cinnamon powder, 1/2 tsp of ground cumin, 1/4 tsp of cayenne pepper, 1 tbs of minced garlic, 1dsp lemon rind grated, 3 tbs of chopped parsley, seasoned with salt and coarse pepper.

Roll the mixture into meatballs to your desired size.

Melt 3 tbs of ghee or oil in a large pan over

medium heat and add 1 peeled and thinly sliced onion, 1 tsp of dried chilli flakes or 3 chilli peppers, 1 dsp of minced garlic and 1 tsp of ground turmeric. Cook stirring occasionally until the onion is tender.

Add 1/4 cup (10 gm) of chopped coriander / mixed herbs, 1/4 cup of lemon juice and 1/4 cup of water, stir to combine.

Bring the sauce to a simmer, add the meatballs and 1 sliced yellow capsicum and cover the pot and simmer on a low heat for 20 minutes.

Remove the lid and cook for a further 15 minutes so the sauce thickens and meatballs are cooked through.

Serve with a grain of your choice.

Poppy seed roll

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C.



Grind 90 gm of poppy seeds in a spice grinder.

Transfer the grinds to a medium sized bowl and add 1/3rd cup (80 ml) of boiling water, 1/4 cup (30 gm) of almond meal, 1/2 cup (110gm) of castor sugar, 1/2 tsp of vanilla extract, the grated grind of 1 lemon.

Stir and set aside.

Place in the bowl of your electric mixer 250 gm (2 cups) of plain flour, 1 dsp of dry yeast, 1/4 cup (55gm) of castor sugar and 1/2 tsp of salt, pour in 2/3 cup (160 ml) of warm milk, 2 tbs of rice bran oil and 1 lightly beaten egg.

Now beat until a dough forms.

Cover the dough with plastic wrap and let sit in a warm place for 25 minutes.

Line a baking tray with baking paper.

Roll the dough out into

a rectangular shape.

Spread the poppy filling to almost the edges and roll from the long end.

Seal edges and tuck ends under.

Place the roll on the lined baking tray and leave to rise for about an hour or until doubled in size.

Brush the roll with an egg wash (1 beaten egg) and sprinkle with poppy seeds.

Bake in the preheated oven for 35 minutes or until golden brown.



Italian style cheesecake

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C.

Soak 4 tbs of sultanas in 4 tbs of cream apera.

Grease an ovenproof tray and set aside.

Place 350 gm of ricotta cheese in the bowl of your

mixer along with 3 lightly beaten egg yolks, the grated rind of 1 small lemon and 100gm of castor sugar.

Now beat until blended and the sugar dissolves.

Add 55gms of ground almonds and stir through the cream apera and sultanas until the batter is well mixed and smooth.

Pour the batter into the prepared tray and smooth the surface.

Bake in the preheated oven for 1 and 1/4 hours or until the cheesecake is set and pulling away from the sides of the tray.

Turn off the oven and leave the cheesecake inside for 3 hours with the door ajar.

When the cake is cool carefully remove it from the pan to a serving plate.

Dust with icing sugar to serve.

Curry roasted cauliflower

Preheat your oven to



200 deg C.

Line a baking tray with baking paper.

Heat a frypan over a medium heat and add 2 tbs of ghee and stir through 2 tbs of minced garlic and 1 dsp of minced ginger.

Now add a sprinkle of 1 dsp of curry powder and season with salt and coarse pepper.

Add 1 small cauliflower cut and trimmed into florets, mix well to coat the cauliflower florets.

Transfer the mix to the baking tray in a single layer.

Roast in the preheated oven for 20 minutes or until the cauliflower is tender.

Serve garnished with chopped mixed herbs.

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Chaplain



In Scotland, a field was planted with at least 100,000 sunflowers. A reaction might be...so what? But it's the shape of the planting that matters.

Arranged as a maze (with 500 people walking through it the first day it opened, raising money for local charities) was planted to read the word 'Hope'. This was a deliberate act to bring some joy in the pandemic.

They literally sowed a bit of hope, to brighten up the day for people.

The sunflowers, once passed their best, provide the local birds with food.

It was pointed out that during dark times sunflowers turn inwards towards each other but when the sun shines again, they face

outwards and upwards.

What a thought!

We can easily identify, I'm sure, with the idea of turning inwards at dark times (the pandemic being one such time for many), and at any dark time. But we also need hope!

With that, we can perhaps hold on to the idea of facing outwards and upwards, looking for the sun to metaphorically shine once more in those dark times.

Of course, it's also easy to then link that to looking upwards to the Son...God the Son, Jesus Christ...in faith. This is the hope that not only lifts our heads but also our hearts and brightens up our lives.

Worth thinking about!

For the last few weeks at church we have been focusing on the book of James in the New Testament.

James is short, only five chapters, you could easily miss it but there is an awful lot of good stuff in those few pages.

On Sunday we spent some time looking at the last seven verses (James 5:13-20).

It is all about the importance of prayer. In the good times and the challenging.

I have been studying and sharing Reverend Cheryl Wilson's reflections on James recently.

All this article has been inspired, adapted and paraphrased from her.

Following Jesus takes courage and commitment to a life of prayer as we seek God's intention for our life.

The scripture reading encourages us to have courage in our living, to face the things which impede our life of faith, and to bring all things to God in prayer.

We each experience good times and challenges in our lives, and our faith enables us to face all of these knowing the presence of a loving and gracious God. In the good times and the bad God is right there with us.

How would you describe prayer to someone who has never prayed?

When and how often do you pray?

How do you expect your prayers to be answered?

Think of a time when you felt your prayers were answered.

Were they answered in the way you expected, or in a different way?

Cathie Halliwell

As children, many of us learned to bow our heads, close our eyes and fold our hands.

This pose at least stops the external distractions, if not the internal ones!

You might pray before you get out of bed, or as you lie down to sleep.

Many of us say grace before a meal or pray at certain times throughout the day.

I heard of someone who prays each time she stops at a red traffic light – it saves her feeling frustrated when waiting!

Prayer is conversation with God.

It can be out loud or silent.

It may not use words at all, some people pray in images or colours.

You may colour in, or write, or dance, or sing, as a prayer.

You might whisper it under your pillow or shout it from the mountain top.

Prayer can express our deepest emotions, our hopes and dreams, our fears and frustrations.

Like any conversation, prayer involves listening, as much as it does talking or thinking.

Prayer is about being in right relationship with God.

Prayer brings us closer to God and allows us to hear and commit to God's ways.

Prayer changes us. It has been said, prayer is not about changing God's mind but rather changing our lives.

The author of James tells us to pray in times of hardship, and to sing praises when we are happy.

Are you more likely to pray when you are struggling with difficulties, or when things are going well?

Why?

The author of James emphasises the importance of prayer, in all aspects of our lives.



It can take courage to pray, and then stop and listen to God's response.

Sometimes when we pray, we ask God for what we think we want.

We just want God to give us what we ask for, and we want his answer to be easy, comfortable and safe.

Just change my circumstances.

Just fix my problems like anger, pride, anxiety, stress, and selfishness.

Just let me wake up in the morning and be different.

Just give me the solution, please.

God doesn't just give us what we want when we want it.

God calls us into relationship, and that involves an ongoing process of change, of growth, of transformation and renewal.

What a joy it was to see some of our church family and worship with them.

Cathie did a special service to involve the children with two talks and the children helping to read the prayers.

The next two Sundays Cathie again provided very meaningful services with a UCA holy communion and a relaxed style of worship.

For those who were unable to attend due to numbers or a decision to allow others to attend, the service was posted out by email and put on the church Facebook page.

Many of the things we are on hold to see what the further easing of restrictions may allow.

If we ask for patience, then get ready to face circumstances that will test your patience.

Ask for courage, and then get ready to face circumstances beyond your capabilities that may bring fear, anxiety and worry.

Ask for love, and then get ready to express love in challenging times.

As the saying goes, be careful what you ask for: you just might get it!

When we pray, we can expect a response.

However, it might not always be the response we expect.

Prayer, deep, earnest, honest prayer takes courage, and faith.

We never know what to expect, and it might just change us.

It may change our lives forever.

Co-Operating Snippets

Another month of lockdowns and limited restrictions due to COVID for September.

There was no service in church on the first Sunday, but following the easing of restrictions we were allowed twenty people plus those required to run the service.

A booking system was used to keep the numbers capped.

Dear God, we celebrate spring's returning and the rejuvenation of the natural world.

Let us be moved by this vast and gentle insistence that goodness shall return, that warmth and life shall succeed, and help us to understand our place within that miracle.

Let us see that as a bird now builds its nest, bravely, with bits and pieces, so we

must build human faith.

It is our simple duty; it is the highest art; it is our natural and vital role within the miracle of spring: the creation of faith.

Amen.

A Common Prayer (Melbourne: Collins Dove, 1990)

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Churchill CFA – BBQ Safety, Burning off



Barbecue Safety

Now that the spring weather is coming upon us and we start to consider outdoor entertaining, firefighters are calling for everyone to check their barbecue before firing it up. CFA's Churchill Captain Shane Renwick said "We can't have visitors in our homes yet, but I know many Victorian families and house mates will be keen to fire up their barbecues for the first time of the season. Before tackling your sausages, it's really important to do a few safety checks." Captain Renwick said checking the connection on a gas barbecue is simple. Just spray the hose and regulator connections with soapy water before

firing up the barbecue. "Soap bubbles will appear if gas is escaping," he said. "If this occurs, turn off the gas and correct or replace the connections. Contact a licensed gasfitter if you need assistance or have any doubts about the connections." Shane also said people should leak-test the gas cylinder every time they connect it. "Spending a few minutes inspecting the connection before you turn on the gas will keep you and your loved ones safe," he said. Cooking should never be left unattended as many fires start in this way. With most regional Victorians able to go camping or visit national parks, Forest Fire Management Victoria Chief

Fire Officer Chris Hardman has urged caution around campfires. "With many regional Victorians planning to enjoy the great outdoors during the remainder of the school holidays and as we head into summer, it's critically important campfire safety remains a priority," he said. "It's crucial the community works with us to prevent bushfires from starting and pays attention to campfire safety – unattended campfires can spread quickly and have devastating impacts on communities and the environment."

Unattended campfires should be reported to 136 186, bushfires should be reported to 000.

To make sure your barbecue is safe:

If a fire occurs, don't try to extinguish the flames if it is not safe to do so. Call Triple Zero (000) and turn off the gas at the meter or cylinder, but only if you can do so safely.

Check the LP gas cylinder on your barbecue before you turn it on. A cylinder must not be refilled if it hasn't been tested for more than 10 years or if the cylinder has been damaged. Have your gas cylinder tested and ensure you use a licensed gasfitter. You can exchange LP gas cylinders at a reputable supplier.

Check the hose to make sure it has not deteriorated. Check the connections to make sure they are tight and that the O rings are in good condition and have not cracked or split.

Use your barbecue in a clear space. Never use it indoors or in a confined area and ensure there is adequate clearance from walls, fences, and other property.

Cook with barbecue utensils and wear an apron to protect yourself from hot fat. Remove excess fat from the barbecue after each use to prevent fires.

Do not use barbecues in windy conditions as the burners may blow out, risking a gas leak.

To make sure your campfire is safe:

Never light a campfire on a Total Fire Ban Day.

In state forests, use a purpose-built fireplace if provided, otherwise use a trench greater than 30 cm deep.

The campfire must not exceed one square metre, while three metres in the air and on the ground around your fire must be clear of flammable material. Branches and logs on your campfire must not exceed one metre in length.

Never leave a campfire unattended – stay within 50m and in sight.

Campfires must be extinguished with water,

not soil, as fires can still smoulder under soil. If a fire is cool to touch, it is safe to leave.

On the spot fines of \$545 apply to those breaching campfire rules or a maximum penalty of up to \$18,174 if the matter is prosecuted in court. Visit the fire agencies' respective websites at cfa.vic.gov.au and ffm.vic.gov.au for more fire safety information. Keep up to date with the latest advice and restrictions on gatherings at coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

Burning Off

As we start to prepare for the summer months and clean up around our properties, if you are burning off any of the waste material please be extremely careful, and NEVER leave a burnoff unattended.

Just a little puff of wind is sometimes all that it takes for the fire to escape and burn through surrounding grass and climb into trees.

Churchill, Yinnar South and Boolarra brigades have

recently attended a number of burnoffs that have escaped when the property owner has not been watching, and aside from the embarrassment, serious damage to neighbouring properties can occur.

It is so easy for a fire to climb up the bark into the treetops when not being watched, and this can make the fire very difficult to put out.

Sometimes, the only answer is to have the tree felled so it can be extinguished properly.

You should always ensure that when you are burning off, you have advised your neighbours, have prepared around the burn to minimise the risk of escape, and have some water on hand to assist with managing any escapes.



Firefighters extinguishing up a very tall tree.

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“Nostalgia as they say, just ain’t what it used to be.”

by Leo Billington

Several years back, while researching the meaning and impact of nostalgia, Dr Erica Hepper, a psychology lecturer at the University of Surrey, said that nostalgia is a key component in our futures, often acting as a ‘psychological boost’ to make us more motivated.

Let’s go back in years, but not all that long ago.

In 1970 the Victorian state government became the first in the western world to introduce legislation for compulsory wearing of seat belts.

Within 14 months the other Australian states followed.

Anti-sentiment was immediately aroused - they’re not very comfortable and sometimes you can’t manoeuvre the way you want to, with most of the traffic on local streets being bumper-to-bumper.

Others opined - seat belts represent one of two things -- either a dangerous intrusion by government into private habits or a sensible way of getting people to take a precaution they might not take voluntarily.

“This is not supposed to be Russia where the government tells you what to do and when to do it.”

Non-users complained that seat belts are uncomfortable or could trap them inside the car if an accident occurred.

Another excuse from sometime-users was that they saw no need to wear the belt when driving on short excursions in their neighbourhoods.

Seat belts had been



around, if infrequently used, since the 19th century.

Many American cars had lap belts in the 1930’s, but few people used them.

These early lap belt models kept passengers from flying out of the car but did nothing to protect their heads or torsos.

Let’s go back further.

In 1956, the introduction of polio vaccine was the beginning of the end of an epidemic in Australia.

From 1944 to 1954 polio was responsible for more than 1000 deaths in Australia.

In America in the 1950s, polio killed or paralysed tens of thousands of people.

Polio was known in Australia by the late 1800’s.

Then smallpox arrived.

Reputable research established that known since ancient times, smallpox is thought to have killed about 300 million people in the 20th century alone.

By the early 19th century smallpox vaccination was being undertaken in some Australian populations.

Victoria introduced a Compulsory Vaccination Act in 1854, with free vaccination available to children born from 1850 onwards.

Smallpox still broke out in limited clusters, including Melbourne in 1857 (16 cases), Victoria in 1868-69 (43 cases) and Melbourne again in 1881-85 (56 cases), but Victoria’s approach to vaccination saw the threat of smallpox largely

mitigated.

Note the words - a Compulsory Vaccination Act. Lives were saved.

On October 19, 2010, The Sydney Morning Herald reported that 21,171 Australians have HIV, with 1,050 new cases diagnosed in 2009.

Subsequently, the Grim Reaper AIDS advertisement from years back in 1987 only ran for 12 days on national television, but it remains the standard by which other health messages are judged.

It is still mentioned as the standard in mass healthcare messaging.

Recall the false claims perpetrated by some about Gardasil.

There are over 800 new cases of cervical cancer and

around 250 deaths every year in Australia.

Cervical cancer is caused by HPV, and Gardasil @ 9 has been shown to prevent infection with the two strains of HPV associated with 70% of cervical cancers

Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) a viral respiratory disease caused by a SARS-associated coronavirus, was first identified at the end of February 2003 during an outbreak that emerged in China and spread to four other countries.

The World Health Organisation co-ordinated the international investigation with the assistance of the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) and

worked closely with health authorities in affected countries to provide epidemiological, clinical and logistical support to bring the outbreak under control.

The Morwell Advertiser (June 26, 1952), made it known that the Morwell Shire Council will advise the Commercial Road State School Mothers’ Club that the campaign for immunising school children against diphtheria “is in hand.”

In the same year, the Medical Officer of Health “has a plan for a two-day campaign of vaccination against small-pox.”

In February 1953, a report submitted to a meeting of the Shire Council by the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. A. A. Crook, pointed out:

“The response to diphtheria and whooping cough inoculations was gratifying, according to the report, and with the vigorous advocacy of these inoculations over the past few years by local practitioners, there is reason to believe that the children of Morwell are in a large percentage immunised.”

Consider an idea that Mothers’ Clubs - or Parents and Friends Clubs - play a leading role in managing and co-ordinating delivery (by healthcare experts) of COVID vaccinations to a younger generation.

Late in 1918, May Gibbs, best known for her book ‘Snugglepot and Cuddlepie’ informed readers how important it was to wear face masks during the Spanish Flu epidemic.

Plenty To Talk About

COVID restrictions have certainly impacted on the activities in which a community group may engage! But this hasn’t stopped discussions and conversations between members, stakeholders and the wider community.

CDCA is often contacted by stakeholders to engage in consultation. Latrobe Health Advocate, Jane Anderson, contacted CDCA to invite older persons (people over 60) to meet in a small group and discuss the issues affecting them. (At the time, small face-to-face meetings were permissible under COVID restrictions). Those attending have subsequently been consulted (via email) to provide feedback on a draft

report that is being prepared.

Similarly, CDCA often contacts stakeholders. Recently, CDCA wrote to Federation University to express concern about reports of redundancies that would affect the Campus here. This resulted in a meeting at a local café between two CDCA representatives and the Head of Campus, Leigh Kennedy. We were advised of a number of changes that lie ahead which will affect the Campus - growth in some faculties (such as Health courses) and a decline in others (e.g., Arts).

Sometimes CDCA is approached out-of-the-blue with a matter to discuss. This happened recently when a tertiary student in Melbourne



studying public art made contact with CDCA to ask about facilitating an art event here in Churchill at a future date. While any details have yet to be determined, it is pleasing to be at least talking about an exciting new venture in Churchill.

Another recent approach has been made to CDCA from within our district. We’ve been advised that Latrobe City Council has approved the establishment of a South Ward Community Disaster Recovery Committee (an extension of the Bushfire Recovery Committee) and CDCA

has been asked to support publicity and encourage participation when this group is established in the near future.

CDCA liaises quite frequently with partner organisations like the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and the Churchill & District News. Our joint Recycling at the Hub initiative is an example of the work we do together. Thank goodness for emails and phone-calls in this time of limited opportunities for face-to-face meetings!

We are starting to plan the next “Churchill - Shop

Local” event. It is to be a Christmas Market on Saturday December 4 at the Churchill Shopping Centre. Hopefully this event will not be prohibited by COVID restrictions - it seems highly likely that an outdoor event like this can proceed in December, as more and more people get vaccinated and Victoria is opened up again.

At the time of writing this column, we are hoping that our October CDCA meeting may be held in person on October 7, rather than on Zoom or rescheduled to a later date. There’s plenty on our meeting agenda to talk about and even the possibility of a guest speaker, if restrictions permit.

CDCA meetings are held on the first Thursday

of every second month. Our last meeting for 2021 will be held on Thursday December 2. We start at 7pm and make every effort to finish by 9pm. Two hours is long enough!

We will meet in Studio 1, downstairs at the Churchill Town Hall (enter from Philip Parade) unless COVID restrictions prevent us meeting in person. Meeting details can be confirmed by checking the Home Page of our website: cdca.org.au

We are 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 P.O. Box 191, Churchill.

For more information about CDCA, visit our website at <http://cdca.org.au/>



Latrobe Community Health Service

Crocheting helps Cherie Dawes cut back on cigarettes. The 95 hours Cherie Dawes spent crocheting a beautiful quilt were 95 hours she didn't spend smoking.

Working with Latrobe Community Health Service, Cherie has cut back on her smoking habits by more than half, and she's feeling fantastic.

"This is the best I have felt in a long time," Cherie said.

Cherie was smoking about 40 cigarettes a day and "not in a million years" did she think she could cut that figure down.

It was a trip to the dental team at Latrobe Community Health Service that changed her mindset.

"I was having trouble with my teeth and I had a dental appointment. They decided to do a breathing test on me," she said.

"My lung function came back at 38 percent. They told me the respiratory educator could help me. I was very hesitant at first, but I'm really glad went along."

Latrobe Community Health Service employs oral health educators who help people change their lifestyle to improve their health and wellbeing.

The dental team works collaboratively with other programs across Latrobe Community Health Service, including the respiratory educator.

"We have offered smoking cessation for well over a decade now," Latrobe Community Health Service Respiratory Educator Karyn Thomas said.

"The first questions we ask clients are about motivation, confidence to quit or reduce and the reasons why they want to undertake this journey,"



Cherie Dawes with the quilt that represents 95 hours of not smoking. She gifted this quilt to Karyn Thomas, Respiratory Educator at Latrobe Community Health Service.

Karyn said.

"Cherie wasn't confident she could stop altogether, but wanted to reduce the number she was having, to improve her health and general wellbeing."

Karyn first asked Cherie to write down whenever she had a cigarette, and why. She then asked Cherie what else she could do with her hands.

"When you start writing down when you're having a cigarette, it gives you an eye opener of what your triggers are, and you learn a new coping mechanism," Cherie said.

"I learnt I can extend that smoke for another hour and (do something else). Karyn asked if I did craft, and I said I love crocheting. I have been putting off having a cigarette by sitting down, crocheting and relaxing. It does take your mind off the craving."

Cherie says the dental team "saved my life in a way". She's not out of

breath, she's walking around a lot easier, full of energy.

"I'd still be smoking in the house, 40 cigarettes a day.

I'm forever grateful for that nurse (oral health educator) giving me that breathing test and making me realise if I continued I wouldn't be around that much longer," Cherie said.

"I'm just on this cloud nine being able to share my story. I hope it inspires others."

If you want to cut back or quit smoking, Latrobe Community Health Service can help.

The respiratory educator can help you cut back or quit smoking.

Latrobe Community Health Service also provides free nicotine replacement therapy and counselling through the Latrobe Smoking Support Service.

Phone 1800 242 696 today.

Churchill CHATTER

House badly damaged

Last month Emergency Services were called to an incident on Switchback Road Churchill following reports of a single car colliding with a house. The house received extensive structural damage but was fortunately vacant at the time of the incident.

Rustic Crescent

A concrete turn around is to be located at the end of Rustic Crescent. Works should be completed by the time you read this copy of Churchill News.

Drainage and road repairs

Council contractors will do significant drainage and road repairs to Switchback Road in late September and into October. These works will include the replacement and upgrade of road drainage infrastructure following damage from the June flood and storm event.

Email workshops

Workshops will be held in early November for beginners wanting to learn the basics of sending and receiving an email at local libraries. Other tips and tricks for cyber security, attaching files and photos will be included. Contact any local library for more information.

Garden Snails

Watch out for an invasion of springtime snails in your garden. Snails really enjoy nibbling on your new plant growth at this time of the year. They also just love our warm and damp weather at the moment.

Philip Parade New House

Construction of the new housing estate has been progressing for quite some time in Philip Parade.

The steel frame of the first house has now been erected with many more to follow.

Churchill is expanding and new residents will enjoy

a country lifestyle.

Thought for the month

No one has ever climbed the ladder of success with their hands in their pockets.

Next edition

The next edition of Churchill News will be available on November 22.

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Next CDCA meeting scheduled for 7pm, Thursday 2nd December.

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Giving koalas a new home continued. . . .

From Page 1 . . .
trees rather than put in trenches sliced through the root system.

Things that live in leaf litter and fallen logs such as lizards will help to manage the balance of insects and stop the trees getting suddenly attacked by unnaturally large numbers of beetles or caterpillars. (Gum trees can survive most insect infestations. Please do not use insecticides.)

Still on insect patrol, understorey vegetation will provide food for invertebrates and shelter and nesting sites for insectivorous birds which help with insect control.

Getting bigger

If isolated trees or vegetation patches can be linked with other native vegetation, the night patrol can move in as the understorey trees get bigger. Possums, gliders, micro bats and flying foxes provide services to trees that include pest control and pollination.

Eating their natural foods apparently delivers a contraceptive effect for possums – so your garden might also benefit.

More pollinators

Australia has many more species of flowering trees than virtually any other part of the world, and we have a whole lot of honeyeaters that have evolved to pollinate these plants – and often to fight with each other for the territory. They feed in the trees but nest much closer to the ground. Help them by keeping cats indoors, planting prickly shrubs and trying to control foxes. They also need insects to feed their broods and spiders' webs to line their nests – so, once again, please tolerate a few bugs and lay off the pesticides.

The smallest and cutest of all birds, in my opinion, are pardelotes. They are classified as flowerpeckers and live in the outer canopy of trees. These and other birds feed

on lerps which are another tree parasite that can get out of control and kill weak or isolated trees.

They do, however come down to ground level to breed and are especially vulnerable at this time. Spotted pardelotes nest in burrows in creek banks or drains.

Koalas also need to move into understorey trees for shade and shelter when the weather in the canopy doesn't suit them.

Next month: Some local acacias (wattles) to plant in your understorey.

Mark Adams at Swinburne University of Technology has measured the amount of wood laid down by various species and the amount of water required by them to do so. A champion genus is acacia. It produces far more wood for a given amount of water than other plant, and acacia species are quick growing. (The Science Show, Radio National)

Our Landcare Group can take orders now to grow: blackwood, silver wattle, black wattle, hop wattle, narrow-leafed wattle, varnish wattle and prickly Moses as well as most local eucalypt species and other understorey plants. Secretary, Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group 5163 1393

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Folk Dancing

Folk dancing is part of every culture in the world. When a group of people celebrate, dancing often becomes part of the pleasurable and nonthreatening shared experience. It provides a means of social interaction between members of the group and allows individuals a means of displaying prowess in the social skills desirable within the community.

Being a good dancer is an advantage but even a clumsy person can develop the skills necessary to become proficient to a point where he or she is comfortable and confident enough to display in public, and the whole group is usually appreciative of the effort put in by the individual.

By and large it is a tool to use in pairing off into couples, a necessary part of the continuation of the whole community.

Dancing uses walking, running and skipping steps but needs rhythm to make these work and we can see the development of music as an adjunct to dance.

Early man would use clapping by onlookers or by the dancers to set up the rhythm and as individuals showed special skills in setting rhythms we see in the development of musical instruments.

The clicking sticks, boomerangs and didgeridoos of the aborigines, the drums of native tribes, the development of

stringed instruments and the use of reed pipes all contributed to the dance.

Indeed, there are many strange implements used to set up rhythms.

For instance the people of the lower Danube used large fish scales, the Australian aborigines used gum leaves and a whole lot of cultures use a variation of bagpipes.

Composers of classical music also used folk dance tunes in their music. The dances themselves show a variety of themes.

The simple ones are for general use, the simple act of moving together enjoying each other's company being the sole aim of the dance.

As time passed, innovators developed new dances which mimicked activities which were part of the life of the community.

A popular English dance is called Reaping the Flax and combines all the actions needed to harvest the flax crop and process it.

In Holland they have a windmill dance where the dancers copy the movement of the windmill sails.

Other dances are an educational tool like the Aboriginal hunting dances.

Over time the folk dance, once the dance of the ordinary people, was adapted by the upper classes of society and so we see more stately dances being created.

Of course, these were copied by those who had aspirations of moving up in society and so the formal dances and grand balls became part of the way of life.

The gyrations performed by modern dancers are no more than the next stage in the evolution of folk dance.

Some countries have used folk dances as a subject for a set of stamps because although they are not as popular as they once were, they are still regarded highly as part of the framework of the culture of the community.

Reverse with Caution

Many accidents or near misses have been happening in Churchill and other towns recently.

Drivers are reversing out of their driveways without realising that there might be an accident waiting to happen.

At any given time of the day, there are young children playing or riding bikes, Mums pushing prams or pushers, senior citizens either

walking or in wheelchairs, regular delivery people all going about their business who do not want to be impacted by a car or 4WD vehicle.

So please drivers, be mindful when you are reversing out of your driveway, especially if you have restricted vision to the footpath by shrubbery or are on an incline.

If you have a high fence that tapers down towards the street, please take extra care, as those on the footpath will definitely not be able to see where you are.

Sound your horn, so those on the footpath or in the road know there could be imminent danger.

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Salamagundi Night

The Churchill Women's Community Group are holding a Salamagundi Night in February at 8.00pm. Admission will be 20c and a small plate.

If you don't know what a Salamagundi night is come along and find out. If you do know, come along and do your own thing at the Community Centre, 14 McDonald Way. Signed K.A. Sunderland

Local fatal accident

Accidents in this area are too common. There was one in the fog the other morning. Remember in the fog put those headlights on, and travel more slowly. We cannot be too careful.

Remember drink is the cause of some accidents but bad temper, or hate or irritableness has caused other road deaths.

Guides and Brownies

Cents for service – Over 34,000 Brownie Guides, Guides and Ranger Guides will take part in the 17th Annual "Cents for Service" Drive of the Girl Guides Association in April.

There will be 80 Brownie Guides and Guides from Churchill and Hazelwood Packs and Companies taking part. Last year they raised \$126.74 by running a 2 cent night and a combined fete and fun day.

1st Churchill Pack celebrated Thinking Day by learning some aspects of the countries of Italy, Germany, Holland and New Zealand.

To Editor Churchill News

Dear Sir, I was under the impression that the trailer

left for garden refuse in the Churchill streets, was for the use of residents in the immediate area.

Today it was in our area and several months ago it was here too.

The same car, a white 1800, has stopped and deposited rubbish in the trailer, on both occasions.

Is it fair that the trailer be full before residents have a chance to deposit their rubbish? Hoping White 1800 driver reads this.

The same green Holden has deposited rubbish twice on the two days it has been here. Signed A. Ratepayer.

Public Notice

Horses, bicycles and Mini bikes

Please note that the riding of horses, bicycles and mini bikes on the grass banks surrounding the shopping centre and car parks and the nature strips of the town is forbidden.

The Shire bylaws officer has indicated his intention of dealing with offenders and has requested that this be made known in order that all persons may be forewarned.

Loss of mail

There are reports of children destroying mail left in letter boxes, particularly in Daly Court.

Parents might perhaps talk to their children on this subject.

What's happening?

Mr Jacobs has opened a Women's Clothing Factory. We hope that he and his factory will have a longer association with Churchill than his predecessor.

This factory is in the space above the shops in West Place, where the

women undergarments factory used to be.

Four Square self service

Our shop, one of the original shops to open in Churchill has expanded across West Place into the meat business, and employed a local citizen, one of the first 30 residents, Mr Bert Harvey to manage it for him.

Billy Cart Derby help!

We have some wheels, which is a very small start. Some willing fathers would be most welcome on Thursday nights to help the Cubs. They hope to have a billy cart finished soon, so how about it Dad.

Back to Churchill

"There is no place like Churchill." The Bradley family having left here for England two years ago, returned to Australia, tried N.S.W. but eventually decided to return home to Churchill and have a house just round the corner from their old one.

Churchill has changed

And now comes the time I have been dreading. My last Churchill News. The first one just happened. Seven years ago I had no thought of producing a paper. It started – it grew.

Seven Christmases ago I walked round McInnes Crescent and Howard Avenue in my shortie pyjamas, at 9.00pm.

I dare not do that now. It has changed in many other ways, and will continue to change.

Farewell and Thank you, you have taught me so much, I shall watch you prosper and still share your sorrows. Signed Peter Arch

Book Review

"One Life"

My Mother's Story 2015

By Kate Grenville

Kate Grenville was born in Sydney in 1950. She has published fifteen books including fiction, non-fiction, biography and four books on the process of writing.

One of her most notable books was "The Secret River" which won the Commonwealth Writer's Prize in 2006 and was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize and The Miles Franklin Award.

In 2001 she won The Orange Prize for "The Idea of Perfection". "One Life" is the story of Kate's mother Nance Russell.

After her mother's death Kate went through her papers and found stories about her forbears, her childhood and her adult life up to her forties.

What unfolds is the story of an irrepressible woman.

Nance was the daughter of Dolly and Albert Russell, rural working class people who became pub keepers.

It was a time when education beyond primary school was unattainable, especially for girls. The story begins in Gunnedah where Dolly and Albert worked as share croppers.

After years of failed crops the final straw came when the only decent crop they had was ruined by a hail storm.

After hearing shouting and arguing the family moved in the night to Sydney.

This became the pattern of the family's life, moving from one place to another and her mother's constant disapproval.

Nance felt unloved by her mother and at various times she was sent to live with relatives and others, and then to boarding school.

The enrolment at a prestigious boarding school coincided with a period of

prosperity for the family. This was a revelation to Nance because here she met women who were educated and independent. She was a good scholar, even though she moved schools frequently, and did her Leaving Certificate at Tamworth High School with one other girl and ten boys.

She was interested in a teaching career but her mother forbade it, and although her results were sufficient to go to university she knew that was not possible.

A pharmacist who stayed at the hotel where her parents worked persuaded her to do pharmacy as she could gain an apprenticeship of three years and do further study at university at the same time.

She got an apprenticeship at Enmore and by 1930 she was rooming with a friend.

The work was exhausting and study on top made life difficult but she decided it was better than going home.

She completed her final year and came second in the state, but she was now unemployed.

On arrival at her family's hotel she was greeted by the news they were bankrupt and moving to Mittagong – there was no interest in her stunning result.

As they were travelling they were stopped by a policeman who had a message from the pharmacy owner that the manager was leaving and would she come and manage the pharmacy.

A romantic relationship developed between Nance and the owner but when he went to Edinburgh to study further she did not go with him.

She became part of a social group who were interested in politics and through that group she met her future husband.

He came from a wealthy

family but never really fitted in with them and it seemed he was always trying to find his place. He was proud of Nance and was happy for her to follow her interests, but he never really gave her any practical help. When she opened her own pharmacy she not only encountered the difficulties of managing child care, housework, washing, ironing cleaning and shopping, but she faced the discrimination facing women who wanted to start their own business.

When she ordered supplies for the pharmacy she had to pay cash up front before she was able to take any supplies. She was frustrated at trying to manage everything and eventually sold the pharmacy.

After buying a parcel of land the family decided to build a new home, but the cost was more than they had planned for so they decided to build it themselves.

Nance featured in the local paper laying bricks for the home – a woman who cared not about convention.

This story was engaging and well written and everyone in the group enjoyed it.

'After an awful childhood in which she felt unloved her resilience and determination enabled her to realise her ambition.

Despite the slave like working conditions during her apprenticeship she saw her obligations through.

She then experienced the frustration of trying to manage working as a mother, torn between her family and career with few options for support.

The book is really a snapshot of the times, with attitudes to religion, education and women, the effects of the Depression, poverty and the Second World War.

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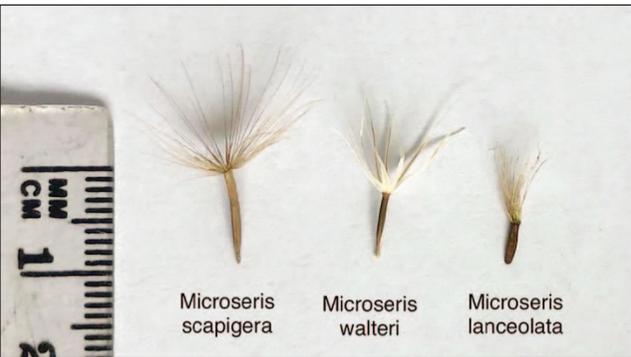
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Yinnar Community Garden - Indigenous Bush Garden



By Catheryn Thompson, Facilitator, Yinnar Community Garden.

When the Yinnar Community Garden (YCG) was established in 2011 a title search revealed that the co-joining land at the rear of the YCG was Native Title and in respect of this we began a process of contact with GlaWAC, the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation, who represent the Traditional Owners of this land.

All praise to the Gunaikurnai people who fought long and hard for native title determination in Victoria.

Over the last ten years the YCG has worked steadily to manifest the community

vision of a bio-diverse sustainable edible garden and all along we've mowed and maintained the native title area with its over arching old growth Eucalyptus Strzeleckii that now sports a small patch of seeded trees along the channel.

A few years ago we approached GlaWAC again with a proposal for a partnership to establish a bush garden and permission was granted to extend the community garden onto the native title land guided by our mentor, Gunaikurnai elder Aunty Doris Paton.

Some time before the Morwell-Yinnar-Mirboo North rail closed, this native title site was used as a siding yard for the railway and

much basalt was laid. I was told the channel was dug some time in the 70's, but not sure why, if anyone does know, please let us know.

Signage acknowledging cultural significance of the Gunaikurnai plantings is planned, and any stories of Aboriginal association with the area would be valuable. Because of the impact on the site we'll be initially having a holistic garden with a blend of indigenous and endemic native plants.

This year, with the assistance of a grant from Osmi we've been able to purchase native soil and begin to build what Aunty Doris calls a Reflective Space where

information about Indigenous food, fibre and medicine plants will be shared. The Bush Garden will also feature a Meeting Place and we hope to include an arts project with Indigenous Youth working with an Aboriginal artist mentor.

We see a natural flow between the Yinnar Community Garden, the Reflective Space, and the establishment of indigenous plants that celebrate Aboriginal cultural heritage, food and healing.

At the YCG we are nurturing a patch of murnong (yam daisy). The three pics attached show how to differentiate between the species.

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Mathison Park



Further rain downpours again eroded some of our paths which our ready volunteers have mended yet again.

The best ever working bee with nineteen attending was held on September 11.

The main task was planting some deciduous trees throughout the park.

This was continued through the following week, with extra help from the Gippsland Interchange crew who were very proud to help.

One team member brought his excavator and dug drainage along the side of the new pathway on the western side.

Another used his chainsaw and cleaned up some fallen branches before

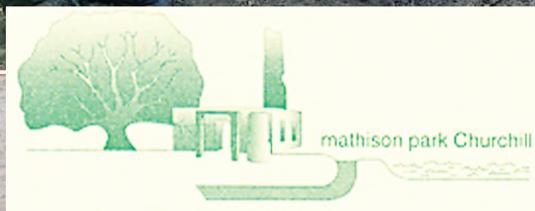
doing some pruning of our grown oaks.

Early in the day some piles of accumulated branches and bark, the result of clearing up after the severe weather event, were burnt.

Continuous work, except for a brief stop for a well-deserved cuppa and cake, which began at 9am was completed by 1pm when the day was drawn to a close. We were blessed by fine weather, but suffered strong wind.

An iron seat near the Kurnai end of the park was pushed over and plastered with mud. This has since been re-located on a concrete slab.

The seat along the long boardwalk has been removed as it had become unsteady.



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Melina Bath - Forests Legislation Bill

The Forests Legislation (Compliance and Enforcement) Bill 2019 was set to become law in state parliament recently, but the final vote was adjourned.

The controversial Bill has been heavily criticised for introducing oppressive legal implications for timber harvesters, contractors and the state-owned enterprise, VicForests.

Speaking on behalf the Opposition I led the defence of the timber industry in state parliament, outlining why this is a bad bill.

Timber is a major industry and employer in Latrobe Valley and Gippsland. The industry is sustainable and well managed. Whenever our community is faced with a crisis, using their expertise and machinery, timber workers have come out in force to protect people and property.

In the June storms that swept through the Latrobe Valley, timber workers volunteered their time and equipment to clean up the roads and help stranded families access much needed help. They did the same during the East Gippsland bushfires.

It's my position this bill is a complete overreach of government powers and it must be withdrawn.

If the Bill becomes law, it removes timber harvesters' and VicForests' right to the

presumption of innocence in any legal proceeding brought against them with its new strict liability clause.

Timber workers will start from a position of guilt and the onus will be on them to prove a state of innocence.

This is unfair, particularly as third-party claims of illegal harvesting have, in the past been found to be unsubstantiated by the regulatory body, the Office of the Conservation Regulator.

COVID Vaccines

Getting your COVID vaccine has become more accessible with the introduction of the Moderna vaccine in late September. Moderna is being rolled out through local pharmacies, who are also offering AstraZenica. You can make a pharmacy booking through online at <https://www.findapharmacy.com.au/>

Other options to get vaccinated include your local GP, Gippsland PHN Respiratory Clinics or state hubs. A comprehensive list of available vaccine booking options and contacts is available on my website under COVID-19 <https://www.melinabath.com.au/covid-19/>

Small business support

Many local small businesses have been expressing their frustration that they are no longer able to access state government small business support.

In state parliament I

called on the state government to review and change the ANZSIC code system it is using to exclude small businesses from its support programs.

Businesses affected in this grant vacuum are generally takeaway businesses, food courts, bakeries etc. These businesses have the same ANZSIC code as large multinational businesses, but their operating models and profitability are completely different.

During lockdowns takeaway food outlets and bakeries can technically open, however there are not many people moving about, no local sport, no school canteens. This has resulted in many small businesses losing over 70% of their revenue. In 2020 these businesses were eligible for support based on lost revenue, but in 2021 they are not. I have asked the State Government to assess business support allocations on turnover and not a code used for taxation purposes.

It is really important to support our local small businesses, these are the very people who donate to our schools, kindergartens, sporting clubs and community groups and they also employ locals. It's important they survive the pandemic.

If you can support your favourite local take away establishment, I urge you to do so.

Hazelwood Cemetery Snippets of interest



By Leo Billington

In the Latrobe City Heritage Study (March 6, 2005), the following description was written.

'The Hazelwood Cemetery covers several acres, perched on the ridge of a small hill north of Yinnar (now called Anzac Hill), with views to the surrounding country to the West and Hazelwood to the South-East. Its boundaries are marked by a chain-wire fence and regularly spaced Italian Cypress (Cypripinus sempervivens) at approximately 7m intervals. The plantings vary in age.

The paths run at right angles forming a cross through the cemetery and the graves are predominantly East and West facing. The older graves are mostly within the Northern part of the cemetery with clear groupings distinguishing the denominations reflected in the local community (e.g. Catholic section at top of hill). It now includes a lawn cemetery.

The memorial gates at the entrance to the cemetery comprise four square profile granite pillars (two smaller outer pillars and two larger inner pillars) with pyramidal caps separated by wrought iron gates.

The large inner pillar to the right contains lead lettering with the words 'Bush Fire 14th February 1944' with the names of those lost in the fires and 'Erected by District Residents'.

How is it significant?

Hazelwood Cemetery is of local historic, social

and aesthetic significance to Latrobe City.

Why is it significant?

Historically and socially, it is significant as the first cemetery established in the Morwell and Hazelwood districts and is a representative example of an early rural cemetery in the area. As many of the settlements surrounding the cemetery have been lost to the Morwell open cut, the cemetery now provides an important tangible record of the early settlement of this area.

The cemetery is also significant for the memorial gates - while a number of major bushfires have devastated the Gippsland area in post-contact times this is one of the few permanent memorials to the impacts of the fires upon communities.

Aesthetically, it is significant as a most picturesque example of a small rural cemetery, which is enhanced by its plantings of Italian Cypress and elevated setting overlooking the surrounding countryside.

According to the heritage study, these trees are to be protected to "conserve their heritage significance." It's believed the trees were planted in the late 1940s.

The accompanying aerial photograph was taken in January 2021, showing how the trees were placed along internal roads.

Recently, it was reported the Top three Landmarks in Morwell were Kernot Hall, Latrobe City Library and the Hazelwood Cemetery. Apparently, these landmarks

actually faced a rigorous 50-point inspection, which included everything from checking reviews, ratings, reputation, history, complaints, satisfaction, trust and cost to their general excellence.

Other revealing snippets referring to Hazelwood Cemetery includes:

Land adjoining the cemetery was proposed for sale in March 1913. The matter was discussed by Morwell Shire Councillors. Councillors Dunbar and Edney supported a sale to the cemetery. Councillor Buckley, known for his strident views on what he thought was good and proper for Morwell said "The Trust won't apply for it. They have enough ground to last for fifty years." Late in the 1990's, the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust was keen to obtain more land.

In a letter to the editor



(Morwell Advertiser) on October 3, 1935, a local resident suggested "that the cemetery trustees appoint a sexton at a small retaining fee." His duties would include grave digging and general garden maintenance.

Learning

I learned how to listen with my feelings not just with my ears. I learned to be loveable instead of trying so hard to be loved. I learned not to judge and not to criticise. I learned who I wanted to become instead of who I thought I should be. Then, slowly, oh so

slowly, like peeling the skin off an onion, spiritual things began to happen down inside of me. At first it frightened me. Then, as I went with it, really big spiritual things deep inside were taking root. I liked what was happening and wanted to hold onto it. I realised the

Steps of Al-Anon, and the Traditions of Al-Anon that I had truly been working on were becoming a new way of life. I had honestly turned my life over to the care of God and I have decided He can have it always. Thank you Al-Anon for giving me, me.

Churchill / Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

Those dreaded phone scams

This month, we are once again, looking at Phone scams.

There seems to be more and more people getting "Scammed" on their phones. Mobile phones nowadays have methods of blocking scam callers, but the scammers continue to come up with new ideas to get money out of unsuspecting people. Here are a few tips in dealing with scammers.

- Don't answer if you don't know who it is. Let the call go to voicemail first. If the caller leaves a number, check that it matches the one on their website.
- Don't reply or click on any links in text messages.
- Don't ever send money.
- Don't ever tell anyone your personal details - passwords or other sensitive information.
- Don't ever let someone take control of your computer.

Block callers - your phone company can tell you how. On a mobile phone, there may be a setting to block specific numbers.

You can also use an app (but watch out for charges).

On your home phone, you can get a handset that lets you block calls, or you can get a device for your existing phone that can block callers. Use a password on your mobile.

Check text messages carefully. Look for things that don't look right—bad spelling, strange sender name or number. Put a lock on your home mailbox—this way, people can't steal items that may give information about your identity. Check if an unknown number is from an official source by checking online. Typing the number into a search engine like Google might come up with details about the owner of the phone number. Carefully choose who you share personal details with.



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Friends of Morwell National Park

In news related to Morwell National Park, parts of the park have reopened to the public. The Fosters Gully and part of the Billys Creek tracks have been opened.

In June, a massive storm caused great flood damage along Billys Creek and many fallen trees and branches across the rest of the park resulted in the Park being closed.

For over three months the park has been closed. The removal of dangerous hanging trees and branches

over the Fosters Gully and the beginning of the Billys Creek tracks, have meant that these tracks can now be opened.

Similar works still need to be completed around the rest of the tracks. We await these works before the other tracks can be opened.

Even though the park has been closed many people have been out walking in the park.

The storm has washed out three of the four bridges across Billys Creek and Gabrielle reports that it is

planned to replace them through insurance. It is planned to have these and other repairs (like the barbeque and picnic tables in the Kerry Road picnic area) made via insurance.

September Activity Report

For our September activity we held the delayed AGM. The AGM had to be delayed because the combination of the Park being closed and health restrictions had made it impossible to have this meeting until now.

Fortunately some parts of

the Park were opened for the weekend of the AGM so a meeting could occur.

For the AGM we had Beryl, Matt, Ken, Wayne, Gordon, Rose, Tamara and Darren. We had apologies from Graeme, Mike and Cathy.

Matt reported that Stringybark track still has a lot of work that needs to be done to make it a safe walking track.

There is a lot of damage on the western leg of the track that needs repair.

At the conclusion of the

AGM, Matt, Ken and Tamara went to Silvertop Hill to investigate the daisy plant found earlier in the year. It was hoped that the plant may be in flower making it easier to identify.

With the park reopening I have had the opportunity to investigate these parts of the park. With the large numbers of trees that came down in the storm it is not surprising that a number of the nesting boxes have been damaged or come down. Repairs to the nesting boxes will need to be made in

future activities.

The creek has many fallen trees across it and the flood waters have realigned the creek in many sections.

The bridge across to Stringybark track has been cleared of many fallen trees, but sadly the bridge has been damaged and will need massive repairs or replacement.

October Activity

If we were permitted to have an activity it was held on Sunday October 17, details next month.

Churchill Tennis Club



The Churchill Tennis Club is now recruiting players for the upcoming LVTA season. Players of all standards welcome. The LVTA Senior Tennis Competition consists of two sections.

Section 1 requires club teams of three people who compete in three sets of singles and doubles. Section 2 is for club teams of four people who compete in three sets of doubles/mixed doubles. LVTA competition

is played on a Saturday starting at 1pm. Play usually wraps up around 4pm followed by afternoon tea and social drinks.

The LVTA Junior Tennis competition is also played on Saturdays starting at 8:30am and usually finishing at 10:30am. The LVTA junior competition consists of sections 1 to 9.

Following the state government COVID-19 roadmap the season will start on Saturday November 6 and

finish on Saturday March 26, with no matches held during the January summer/school holidays.

We are hoping to put together a couple of teams in each section so as many people as possible can enjoy a summer of tennis and fun club atmosphere!

If you are interested please contact Tammy de Souza- Daw (0434 978 930) or email churchilltennis@outlook.com.



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- All small e-waste items

“Don't forget you can recycle your “scrunchable plastics”, too – put them in the bin provided by Red-cycle outside Woolworths (near bottleshop entrance).”



SCAMWATCH

Scamwatch is urging people to be extra vigilant about scams after Australians reported a record \$211 million in losses to scams so far this year, an 89 per cent increase compared to the same period last year, according to new data from Scamwatch.

The losses, reported between January 1 and September 19, have already surpassed the \$175.6 million reported to Scamwatch across all of last year.

"It is very concerning to see these scams evolving and becoming more sophisticated to steal even more money from unsuspecting people," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"While the proportion of reports involving a financial loss has dropped this year, the people who do lose money are losing bigger amounts. The average loss so far this year is about \$11,000 compared to \$7,000 for the same period in 2020."

Many of these losses are from phone based scams, which accounted for over \$63.6 million (31 per cent) of the losses. Additionally, of the 213,000 reports that Scamwatch received so far this year, 113,000 were about phone scams.

Scammers call or text people and claim to be from well-known businesses or government to steal people's personal information.

"Scammers are pretending to be from companies such as Amazon or eBay and claiming large purchases have been made on the victim's credit card.

When they pretend to help you process a refund, they actually gain remote access to your computer and steal

your personal and banking details," Ms Rickard said.

"In August, the new Flubot malware scams masquerading as fake voicemail and parcel delivery scams exploded, which have resulted in more than 13,000 reports in just eight weeks.

These scams are particularly concerning in our current climate, as many people are turning to online shopping because of the COVID-19 lockdowns," Ms Rickard said.

Scamwatch has noticed a significant increase in losses to phishing scams (261 per cent), remote access scams (144 per cent) and identity theft (234 per cent). Losses to investment scams have also risen dramatically (172 per cent) in 2021.

"The rise in identity theft related scams is particularly concerning as scammers can use the personal information they obtain for use in other crimes," Ms Rickard said.

"If you see a scam, please report it to Scamwatch, even if you haven't lost any money. These reports are extremely important to us as they provide key information about any emerging scams or trends."

Information from these reports allows Scamwatch to work with a number of private and public organisations including government agencies and law enforcement to help disrupt scams and provide the best possible advice about how people can protect themselves.

For example, the ACCC has been sharing alleged scammer phone numbers with telecommunications providers for investigation

and potential blocking, and has been working with the banks to raise awareness with their customers who may have been compromised by Flubot.

"Scammers are conning people out of more and more money, so it's really important that everyone knows what to look out for and how to protect themselves," Ms Rickard said.

"Remember, you never know who you are dealing with online. Scammers often pretend to be from a well-known organisation, such as a bank or the government, and they will pretend to offer you something such as money or a benefit, or claim that you are in trouble.

Do not click on any links in messages that come to you out of the blue, and never provide any of your personal or banking details to someone you don't personally know and trust," Ms Rickard said.

"If you think something might be legitimate, call the organisation or government agency back using details you find in an independent search, rather than the details provided." Anyone who has provided their banking details to a scammer should contact their bank or financial institution as soon as possible.

People who suspect they may be a victim of identity theft should contact IDCARE on 1800 595 160 or via www.idcare.org. IDCARE is a free government-funded service that works with individuals to develop a specific response plan to their situation and support them throughout the process.

St Matts op shop



This year Australians are being warned to get their Christmas shopping done early, as there are worldwide shipping delays due to COVID19 and a huge backlog of orders.

Rather than risking delivery hassles, why not shop local and check out St Matt's Op Shop first.

Many items are priced at just \$1.

For Dad, we have sports biographies, cook books and

mysteries, or 1000 piece jigsaws which are carefully completed by our volunteers to ensure that all pieces are there. For Mum, browse our jewellery range including watches, brooches, earrings, necklaces and bracelets. We also have children's toys, books, and dress-up costumes.

St Matt's is also a great place for children to do their gift shopping at pocket-money prices. Perhaps the

children could find you a present while you visit nearby Cafe 3869.

For the latest opening hours, advance notice of our popular "Fill a bag for \$5" sales and photos of some of our merchandise, visit the St Matt's Op Shop Facebook Page or email stmattsyinnar@gmail.com.

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Team effort

Team effort enhances Morwell Centenary Rose Garden

The iconic Morwell Centenary Rose Garden is now looking even better, thanks to a united effort from the community and Latrobe City Council. The Friends of the Garden received a \$7,000 Community Minor Capital Works Grant from Council to complete the installation

of permanent brick edging around garden beds.

Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Sharon Gibson said the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden was an icon of Latrobe City, and had made Morwell recognised across Australia and the world. "The rose garden creates such pride in our community and the International Rose Garden Festival Morwell is one of Latrobe City's most popular events," she said. "When the roses bloom every spring, it brings such joy to all who see them. Council was only too pleased to be able to support the dedicated Friends group with this grant that has made the rose garden look even better."

Council's grant was complemented by a grant of \$1250 from Advance Morwell, bringing the total

project cost to \$8250. The works were undertaken by a contractor, Standrite. "The Friends of the Garden appreciate the support of Council and Advance Morwell in funding the construction of this edging, which offers the benefits of saving work and improving the safety of Council's gardening staff and volunteers while working at the garden," said Friends of the Garden's Vice President Bev Maguire.

"The edging also lifts the appearance of that section of the garden to the high standard elsewhere in the garden." The garden features more than 3500 roses, is the site of the annual International Rose Garden Festival Morwell and is visited by rose enthusiasts from around the world each year

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Hazelwood Rotary

Rotary News



THE Rotary Club of Hazelwood recently allocated its remaining funds for the 2003/04 year with monies being allocated to both local community organizations and Rotary International projects.

Over the past year, more than \$20,000 has been raised and distributed by the Club to a range of community organizations and Rotary projects.

Among the more unusual projects supported by the Rotary Club of Hazelwood was the purchase of a Rotary Shelter Box for use at disasters anywhere in the world.

This project, developed by two Rotary clubs in Devon and Cornwall in the United Kingdom, provides ready packaged plastic boxes, which provide shelter, light, warmth and sleeping facilities for ten people.

The boxes are pre-packed and stored in a warehouse and can be

shipped to the site of a disaster at very short notice.

Each box, which costs \$1,100, contains a large high quality tent, 10 sleeping bags, a torch, a water container, a spade, a rope and other ancillary equipment.

The Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills has adopted the project in District 9820 and has encouraged other Clubs in the district to buy a box, which then bears the name of the club and can be delivered to a disaster scene such as an earthquake, flood, and explosion in Africa, the Middle East or Asia.

Boxes purchased by Australian Rotary Clubs have already been used to provide emergency shelter for victims of an earthquake in Iraq and civil war in Liberia.

Representatives of the Endeavour Hills Club recently attended a Hazelwood meeting to

thank the club for its support in purchasing a shelter box and to demonstrate it first hand.

Retiring Club President Mark Nestor was delighted to be advised recently that the Club had received a Rotary International President's Citation for overall performance in all areas of Rotary service.

This is only the second time in the Club's 26-year history that a RI Presidents Citation has been received and reflects well on the level of activity by the Club members.

The Club's Handover Dinner will be held on Monday 5 July when new President, Ross Ollquist will be inducted for the 2004/05 year.

The night will also be the occasion for a farewell to Indian Exchange student Rohan Bapat who will be returning to India after 12 months with the Club.

By Leo Billington

Hazelwood Rotary remains very active after 43 years

Rotary for All

Until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only.

In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, invited three women to become members. Rotary International withdrew the Club's Charter. The Club's appeal to the United States Supreme Court was upheld and women were accepted as members. The necessary change to the Rotary

International Constitution was made in 1989.

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood Incorporated was chartered on Saturday, November 18, 1978, 43 years ago. The club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Morwell, with many of their members joining the new club. The first President was Rotarian Arthur Davis.

Soon after, being one of the first Rotary clubs in this area to accept women as members, Hazelwood Rotary's membership now comprises 64% women.

In that year, 1978, 'The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith' became a

popular Australian film of the same name directed by Fred Schepisi. Australian comedy show, 'The Daryl and Ossie Show' aired on Network 10 in 1978. On November 7, 1978, the 0-10 television network televised the Melbourne Cup to a national audience for the first time.

The telecast was then regarded as one of the largest national sports telecasts undertaken to date. Brett Whiteley won the prestigious Archibald Prize.

The accompanying press release is from the Churchill & District News, Issue number 19, July 8, 2004.

Russell Northe MP



The past month has bought with it many challenges as COVID restrictions still play a significant role in the lives of many. The Victorian Government has announced its COVID Roadmap whereby it states that when certain vaccination targets are met, then restrictions will be modestly eased. The various stages and targets of the Roadmap include 70% first vaccination for persons 16 years and older; 80% first vaccination for persons 16 years and older; 70% second vaccination for persons 16 years and older and 80% second vaccination for persons 16 years and older. Whilst the first two of those targets are likely to be reached by the time of this publication it is anticipated that the 80% second vaccination target will be achieved on or about November 5, 2021. It should be noted that even at this point there will still be a number of restrictions in place and this is likely to be the case for the ensuing months. As I have stated many times, the economic, health, mental health and well-being of people must be considered in decision-making processes by Governments and health authorities. It is imperative we have our children safely return to school and their sporting and recreation activities. It is important businesses are able to trade

at a meaningful capacity and be adequately supported by Governments if they are impacted by COVID restrictions. I certainly encourage everyone to support our local businesses as best we can in these challenging times. To view detail of the Regional Roadmap please visit the following website: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorias-roadmap>

There has also been much debate and discussion around COVID vaccinations with the Government now making directives that require certain sectors and industries such as health, education and construction and their workers to be vaccinated. Whilst I am fully vaccinated and I certainly encourage people to get vaccinated if they can, I do worry about what liberties and freedoms will be afforded to people who are not able to receive a vaccine. It has been noted that Latrobe City has fewer people vaccinated than other parts of the Gippsland region and I believe one of the challenges we are experiencing is availability to actually obtain a vaccination. I have received much feedback from people who have noted that they can only obtain an appointment many weeks down the track or to travel outside of the local area. I have certainly raised this issue with the Government and hope that

vaccination availability is not a hindrance for local people to receive a vaccine. For further information on the vaccination rollout or to book an appointment please visit: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment>

I am also seeking the support of the Churchill community in calling upon the State Government to consider repurposing the former Hazelwood House aged care facility into a dedicated palliative care hospice which many local families have been advocating for over a period of time. As you may be aware I have created an e-petition in Parliament seeking Government assistance in this regard. We have already obtained over 300 signatures but it would be wonderful to receive many more signatures for this much needed initiative. If you would like to sign the petition or share amongst your networks details can be found at the following link:

<https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/assembly/petitions/e-petitions/view-sign-e-petitions/details/55/93>

Where we live



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Lifeline

Lifeline Pre-Christmas Toy Sale!

Lifeline Gippsland will be holding a massive toy sale in the old video shop located in the Hazelwood Village shopping centre in Churchill.

This exciting sale will be held over three days, Wednesday October 27, Thursday October 28, and Friday October 29 from 9.30am until 3.30pm each day. This is a great opportunity to purchase toys in as-new condition for Christmas presents, at greatly reduced prices.

The Lifeline Gippsland shop in Churchill, located next door to the Hazelwood Health Centre, will be open as usual on those days so you will be able to come

and browse an array of high-quality goods that they have in the shop and meet some of our wonderful volunteers.

With Lifeline receiving more calls to its 13 11 14 national crisis line than ever before in its 58-year

history, and our capacity to fundraise and raise vital funds to continue our service impacted by COVID lockdowns of our shops, it's never been more important to get behind this important organisation.



Morwell & District Red Cross Branch

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

DETAILS OF PERSON/PERSONS/GROUP BEING NOMINATED

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

Contact name (if nominating organization/event): _____

Residential address: _____ Town: _____

Postal address: _____

Suburb: _____ Post Code: _____

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

Email: _____

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

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Reason for Nomination:

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

Other significant contributions and achievements:

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

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

Background information about your nominee:

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

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

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Position/Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

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

Email: _____

Nominator (To be completed by person submitting)

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

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Position/Organisation: _____

Address: _____

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

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nominations can be lodged at any time; however nominations for the Lions Club of Churchill & District Australia Day 2022 awards close on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 5.00 pm.

Nominations should be addressed to:

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SCHOOL NEWS



We are currently taking enrolments for the 2022 year. We are a small school that prides itself on our strong pastoral care program where we aim to nurture the interests and unique talents of all students.

We provide a range of opportunities to enhance the learning experiences of our students. In 2020 one of our teachers completed Music in Schools training. This has enabled us to run weekly music sessions. Music in Schools has been shown to contribute to students' rational thinking – reasoning, critical thinking, logistical thinking and interpretive skills.

We believe that all children should have the chance to thrive in the learning environment and the opportunity to showcase their individual skills and abilities. Our classroom programs are highly differentiated and individualised to accelerate the learning of each child. Our senior teacher has received training to develop high

ability students and to enter students into the Victorian High Ability Program. Our junior school is leading the whole school roll-out of the Sounds Write Program, a linguistic phonics program that uses an evidence-based and highly effective approach to teach reading and spelling.

We are hoping to provide after school childcare in 2022. We have submitted an application for an establishment grant and are anxiously awaiting the outcome. We are expecting to know early in Term 4.

Collaborative Learning

Engagement of students is critical in online learning as is providing students with meaningful opportunities to connect with each other. Our 5/6 class recently participated in a collaborative story where each student added a part to the story. Our story starter was inspired by our newly erected shade sails. We hope you enjoy the beginning of our story and encourage you to create a sizzling ending.

World's Apart by 5/6C

Millie knew the area was out of bounds but something was drawing her towards the platform that the workmen had built for the new shade sails. She hesitated, glancing nervously around to see if anyone was watching. (Mrs C)

Millie looked behind once more, nobody was nearby so she went to investigate by herself (Brock)

Slowly, and cautiously she slipped under the fence, making her way around the work site. Suddenly Millie heard voices, and she bolted back to the fence. Millie found the hole she had once crawled through, but as she wiggled into the hole in the wire, looking back anxiously, her jumper caught on a loose piece of wire. Just as the voices of the workmen were getting closer. (Asha)

Millie tugged and tugged but she couldn't get her mustard coloured jumper free. The builders

were getting closer and her favourite jumper was getting ripped apart. She could now hear them about five metres away. She pulled it with all her might and broke free. A huge amount of stress and relief lifted off her shoulders. But something was wrong and Millie wanted to find out. (Kal)

Millie looked back to see if the workers had seen her but she saw nothing. She swore she heard them talking behind her. She looked down at her jumper which now had a big hole in it. "Oh gods" she muttered to herself, "Mums gonna kill me."

She looked back at the work site and saw three men who had suddenly appeared, so she ran and ducked behind some wood and started to listen in. (Matilda)

Millie overheard the men saying something about visiting the future. Millie wondered how that could be possible. (Cooper)

They started talking in a more hushed tone, so she

sneakily crawled behind a large pile of dirt and rocks so she could hear better. One of the workers pulled out an old rusty looking stopwatch from his torn pockets. The men huddled up and all placed their muddy hands over the watch, and suddenly they all disappeared. (Laura)

Millie felt a strange sensation all over her body, colours rushing past her face. She held her breath and scrunched her eyes shut, hoping it was a mistake. When the strange feeling stopped, Millie slowly opened her eyes. Before she could stop herself, she let out a gasp as she realised the world around her had changed. (Mrs C)

Suddenly noises came from up above where she was hiding. Millie was kind of scared and before she realised, she got taken by the workers. They asked what she was doing there but she said nothing and was silent. (Katlyn)

Quickly, the workmen tied her up to an old and rusty

chair and then grabbed the chair and started dragging her back to the village. Millie said, "Ok I was just trying to explore the other worlds." The men let her go. (Ryder M.)

When the workers let her go, she asked curiously, "How did we get here?" But they didn't answer (Declan)

Millie walked through a crowded nearby village. Small stone buildings with thatched roofs lined the streets. Small children zipped past Millie as if she wasn't there and families sat around a giant bonfire singing and dancing to music. Suddenly everyone froze as a terrified scream filled the air. (by Seb)

People started running all over the village. Millie was shaking, feeling uneasy and terrified. Millie looked to the right and sprinted over to where the scream was coming from. (by Georgia)

BOOLARRA PRIMARY



SCHOOL NEWS



The last few weeks of Term 3 at Churchill North Primary School were very busy indeed. As the junior students returned to onsite learning, the school recognised and engaged in the R U Ok Day. Students and teachers alike dressed in yellow and helped to remind each other to check in with friends and family in a meaningful way at this time. As a school we focused on the things we can do to help ourselves when we are feeling a little overwhelmed, like mindfulness colouring, relaxation with a good book, or craft and stem activities to busy our hands.

As remote learning drew on for the seniors, this became

even more important, and so the staff at CNPS created a special surprise for the students. Care Packs for kids were lovingly created to offer a message of support and provide a timely reminder that we were still in this together. While students working onsite enjoyed an afternoon of fun with craft and stem activities, so too did the seniors at home with these Care Packs for kids. These packs were a surprise to brighten the day to celebrate the end of the school term.

The final week of Term 3 was a bitter sweet week as CNPS said farewell to our Principal Mrs. Bostedt who has retired after 14 years of

service to the Churchill North Primary School community. Mrs. Bostedt has been an outstanding Principal at CNPS and given so much to our students, families and staff. With her commitment to improving the educational outcomes and wellbeing of each and every student, Mrs. Bostedt will be remembered for having the student's best interests at the heart of every decision made. Her caring, compassionate and strong sense of 'community' will be greatly missed by all. We thank you Mrs. Bostedt for your dedication to the CNPS school community and wish you a very Happy Retirement.

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY



Yinnar and District summer sports – basketball

Just before the latest lockdown, two Hazelwood North teams competed in the Yinnar and District Basketball competition. These teams won nearly every game they played, with our boys' team qualifying to represent our district at the division level, if it goes ahead.

Everyone demonstrated all of our school values. We were particularly proud of the sportsmanship displayed by our students. When they were leading by a huge margin the teams allowed their younger opponents to have shots at the basket uncontested. A big thank you to parents Jason and Amanda Sutherland for their coaching and transporting students, to Nicole McKenzie for giving students a lift and the other parents who came to the stadium to support our teams.

Well done everyone!

Jump Rope for Heart

Many students across the school participated in Jump Rope for Heart this year, raising vital funds for the Heart Foundation. Our school's fundraising goal was \$5,000, and we achieved this and more, with a final total raised being \$6,602.

Top fundraisers across the school were: Chase \$1159.71 with 6hrs 25mins skipped, James \$780.63, and Chevy \$551.54 with 2hrs 9mins skipped.

Congratulations to all our skippers who showed great resilience and skill development as they continued to skip, both at school and at home.

Webinar with Olympic Long Jumper Brooke Stratton

Hazelwood North Primary School students were privileged to participate in a webinar with two-time Olympian and Commonwealth Games medallist Brooke Stratton recently. Brooke spoke about her journey to becoming an elite athlete, the challenges she has faced, and the highlights of her career so far.

Students had prepared some interesting questions for Brooke, which she answered in great detail. She also showed us the silver medal that she won at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

In the lead-up to the talk, students were challenged to measure their own long jumps and compare them to Brooke's Australian record breaking 7.05m, allowing them to gain an appreciation for just how far this is!

The students really appreciated the time that Mrs Hughes put in to setting up the talk and were certainly inspired and encouraged by Brooke's words. We are extremely grateful to Brooke for taking the time to speak to us. She has inspired many

students to pursue their passions and reach for their dreams.

Be your greatest - Paralympian webinar

Following the Paralympics, our students were also given the opportunity to tune in to a presentation by several members of our Paralympic team. Amber Merritt (wheelchair basketball) and Jaryd Clifford (athletics) gave some great insights into what it was like to live with a disability and also to perform at the elite level in their chosen sports. One highlight was the opportunity to see the silver and bronze medals that Jaryd won at the Tokyo Paralympic Games.

Wear it Purple for Inclusion Day

It was a sea of purple at our assembly on Friday August 27 as students and staff got into the spirit of Wear It Purple Day. There were purple clothes, purple backgrounds and purple hair on show to demonstrate our support for inclusion at our school.

Team colours day

We got into the Grand Final spirit on the last day of term by dressing in our favourite team colours. Unfortunately, the senior students were still learning from home but many still dressed up while attending their online meetings and our final assembly of Term 3. Hopefully, when we all return to on-site learning our House Captains will be able to run our planned sporting rotation. Students on-site looked great in their sporting regalia, from red and blue, red, white and blue to green and gold.

Grade 5/6 Persuasive Writing

During remote learning, the Grade 5/6 students applied what they had learned during our FEAST Cooking Program to create advertising posters and videos related to reducing food waste or healthy eating. These awesome productions will be presented to the wider school community when we all return to school. Students also chose a topic of interest about which to write an extended persuasive text.

Following are some examples of the excellent writing produced:

Learning to type is more important than improving handwriting

This is my proposal for boycotting handwriting to help the world and everyone in it. I have prepared multiple reasons, facts and evidence to support my claims.

Firstly, the world is changing so we should too. Why are we still doing something from 5000 years ago? We do not just have computers that help us type faster and correct us, we have devices that write for us with our voice, and even drawing is

starting to go virtual and that has been around even longer. We need to change and keep up with the times.

Secondly, there has been a dramatic decrease in handwriting and cursive is almost dead. So why don't we get rid of it? Handwriting also causes lots of pain like a writer's cramp which is a focal dystonia also known as Yips a neurological disorder. It also slows down your motor functions a critical part of the body and all that pain can be stopped.

Lastly, handwriting is one of the hardest things to learn and we need to learn it at such an early age. It can cause lots of issues like depression, anxiety and many more mental disorders along with the physical ones I have already listed. We also need to remember that some kids already have problems learning, so we do not need to humiliate them with a skill that is barely used nowadays. Why don't we stop this unfair and cruel skill?

In conclusion, why would we do something that is thousands of years old, slowly becoming irrelevant and causes terrible pain to anyone who tries to use it? You can stop the pain and move ahead with the times. You can make a difference.

Jackson

School uniforms are essential

I am of the firm belief that school uniforms should be worn by students at all schools. It makes all students feel equal and not stand out because their clothes are not as good as some other students. Would you want kids to be bullied by students because of their clothes? A uniform also makes a school look more professional and makes it easy to recognise kids in and out of school.

Firstly, wearing a school uniform makes all students appear equal. It is important that students feel like they are part of a group and not standing out by wearing clothes that they could get bullied for. Not all families can afford to buy expensive

brand name clothing, so if there was no uniform some students would dress very differently and feel left out. A study has shown that school intervention programs (which includes school uniforms) are reported to reduce bullying by 30-50%. Students at school should only have to worry about learning and not what they are wearing.

Secondly, schools where students are all in uniform make the school look more neat and organised. It's good for schools to look more professional and it also gets kids ready for the future. They could have to wear uniforms for their jobs so a school uniform gets them ready for that. When students go on out of school excursions they can easily be recognised by teachers and the public. That makes a uniform good for safety so students do not get lost. A uniform looks professional to visitors to the school also.

Lastly, a uniform creates less stress. Parents don't need to stress about having the money to buy new clothes all the time. If there was no uniform, kids would want to wear new clothing every day and always want brands that they saw other kids wear or saw on the internet. They could have less of these types of clothing and wear them on the weekends only. There would also be less stress in the morning too. Students already know what they are wearing so don't waste time rushing to pick an outfit or try different things on. Seventy percent of families in Australia have both parents working. If parents and kids are rushing to get ready for work and school in the morning, then only having to dress in a school uniform would make one less thing to stress about.

In conclusion, it is clear to see that there are many benefits to wearing a school uniform. It is better for the school, students and also for families. A uniform saves time and money as well as making a school look better. Students need to worry about

learning and not what they are going to wear every day.

Eli

Lockdowns no longer work

Lockdowns no longer work. I'm sure you are thinking 'oh here we go again, another anti-lockdown protestor', but no I'm not. There are countless reasons that lockdowns don't work, like the flu death rate vs the COVID death rate, mental health and small businesses dying.

Firstly, there have been lots more suicides related to COVID. Depression and anxiety rates are through the roof due to not being able to see friends and family. It is terrible that they would risk millions of people's well-being and health for a handful of people to not get flu-like symptoms. Nobody enjoys being in lockdown due to a couple of cases hundreds of kilometres away. For example, in Victoria a couple of weeks ago, there were a few cases in Shepparton but the whole state had to be locked down!! So if you were in Mallacoota (583 kms away) or Mildura (449 kms away) you are in lockdown

Next, the lockdown has hit small businesses very badly. Due to lack of money and customers, many small businesses have had to close. It is not fair that six million people have to stop what they are doing just for 30 or 40 people. The unemployment rate skyrocketed in 2020 and 2021 because of all the businesses closing down. You don't want all of your hard work on your business to go to waste do you???

Finally, I will be talking about the deaths: it is so rare for you to die of COVID, and some people wouldn't even know that they had COVID if they didn't get tested. 290,000 to 650,000 people die of the flu worldwide. Why aren't we talking about that? Why aren't we in lockdown over the flu?

We should be lifted from lockdown now!!! Our state deserves better!!

Mitch

Kids should work for money.

Firstly, your kids will slack off way too much. Constantly giving money to your child will give them nothing to work for. When they have nothing to work for they can start to get lazy, then they may start developing health problems like gaining more weight.

Help drive your child away from the disasters and make them work a bit more if you are going to give them money.

Secondly, your child can get greedy. If you are a parent who loves giving your child money no matter what, well this can be a problem and will have to change.

Giving your child money without anything in return can also mean wasting money for no reason. Once they have figured out they get paid for nothing they could start asking for money. After this has started it might not just be at home they bring their greediness right out the door with them.

This may lead to a cause where other people might not want them over due to their behaviour at someone else's house. Do you really want to be that family that no one wants to come or invite over?

Finally, what's the point of paying your child money? That's right - you're paying them for nothing! Parents work day and night for you kids; looking after you feeding and keeping a roof above your head!

Paying them for nothing is not right. Your parents work so hard to get very little back and still have to pay them for nothing! That does not sound very fair now does it?

In conclusion, it is now clear and obvious that kids get paid too much and work too little.

Change this bad habit and make them have a bit more respect for you and others.

Maddison



SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

Hurry up! Start eating healthy food now before it's too late!

You need to start eating healthy foods, your body needs it now, it makes your body stronger and will make you live longer. Eating unhealthy foods for a long time can give you so many illnesses. Eating healthy foods like brilliant broccoli will keep you healthy and active.

Eating unhealthy foods can cause your heart to clog up with fat tissue and a build-up of fat around your body. It will make you obese. Fat deposits build up in your arteries and over time clog up the path for your blood to flow. Your organs such as your liver can get sick by getting fat built up around it.

Therefore, eating

unhealthy foods will cause heart attacks, high blood pressure, diabetes, tooth decay and make you very tired. You will spend lots of money on doctors, dentists and special doctors. You may even need surgery! You will be away from family and friends during this time. You wouldn't want to be sick and feel terrible so eat healthy.

You will feel so much better and you will be able to work harder and exercise easier. Your body will look good inside and outside. Your body will thank you. Do your body a favour and start eating the right balance of healthy foods in your diet. All you need to eat is, two pieces of fruit and three different types of vegetables every

day. Limit your sugar and junk foods to the lowest amount, such as once a week.

Michael

Why littering in the ocean should stop

Hello there, today I am going to be talking to you about why you should stop littering in the ocean. Hopefully all the reasons I will show you will change your mind about every time you are going to put a cardboard box in the ocean and put it in the recycle bin instead and help save the animals that live there.

Firstly, how would you feel if people were constantly littering in your home for you to eat and choke on? Exactly you wouldn't, so a good strategy to help this is

find a recycle or garbage bin (depending what you need to put in the bin) and never dump it in the ocean.

Secondly, there is actually more rubbish in the ocean than fish! Imagine how many fish lost their lives because of so much rubbish everywhere? You know that bins are made for a reason, right? To stop people from dumping in the ocean and the people who aren't using those, are littering!

Thirdly, there are over three trillion pieces of rubbish in the ocean! Oil spills are also a big part of this as well. Lots of the ocean is covered in oil and petrol from people spilling it into the ocean. Basically, for a better understanding, just say the animals in the ocean



were spilling oil into our air and we couldn't breathe?! Basically, how it is, we are spilling oil into the ocean's air, the animals' air and we are killing them and we are 100%

responsible for it! In conclusion, most people would agree to stop dumping rubbish and chemicals into their ocean! It's not fair!
Declan

SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

Celebrations for the Prep to Year 2 children from Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School as they headed back to school recently. What better way to acknowledge being back to school but by organising a Teddy Bear's Picnic outdoors! The children were asked to bring their favourite teddy and have it by their side as they eased back to learning on site at school. The children enjoyed a welcome back pack which had a bubble wand, glow stick, party hat and some pencils. The only downfall is, the children will miss their fellow friends from Years 3 to 6 who will have to continue learning remotely until further announcements are made by the State Government.

This won't stop them from gathering as a whole school via Google as they have done for Book Week, Father's Day Liturgy, Wellness Day and their school assemblies.

Wellness Day tied in perfectly with R You Ok? Day and National Child Safety Week, and allowed the children to get off technology for the day and do other things like gardening, cooking or any family activity like board games. Fingers crossed next term, they will all be on site together as they all prefer. "I love being back at school", said Tom from Prep, "but I miss my big brother being here".

"As much as I had fun dressing up during Bookweek and reading a story to my class via a Google Meet, I certainly prefer being back at school with the children in person," said junior staff member, Elly Smith.

Footy Fever Fun at Lumen Christi Primary at school and home!

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

Due to the COVID 19 restrictions, some children joined in the fun from home and some on site at school.

The Prep to Year 2 came to school dressed in their favourite team colours, whilst their fellow Year 3 - 6 did the same at home. This certainly didn't stop the excitement of the day with the teachers presenting a fun video at their whole school Footy Day assembly via Google. Classes logged onto Google Classroom and watched their teachers kick and handball, followed by a Bloopers edition, which certainly brought laughter to all. "We wanted to end the term on a positive note. The children have worked so hard this term both at home and school and this certainly is what everyone needed. A boost for staff morale and laughter for the children", a school spokesperson said.

The AFL final not being



in Victoria didn't stop the excitement of the day with School Captain Cooper hoping his team, Melbourne, got a win in Perth, but Learning Support Officer, Catherine Campbell, was also praying that her beloved Bulldogs brought home the

cup. Both have now found out who won the 2021 AFL final, played over the Victorian school holidays. "Melbourne needs this as they haven't won since 1964", "Cooper from Year 6 noted. "I hope they can win", said Harrison from Prep who is also a big Melbourne

fan. Lumen Christi Primary School is currently taking Prep enrolments for 2022. If you are interested please contact the school on 5122 2231.

SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR SOUTH PRIMARY

End of term 3, 2021

Jimmy Moooves on

Jimmy has been at our school for all of Term 3. We have been so lucky to have him stay so long. The 'legendary' local farmer, Nadine Gleeson has been so lovely entrusting us with Jimmy.

Jimmy is a great little bull and has bonded with the kids at every feed. However he has grown so much he needs to mooove on to stretch his long legs and look for greener pastures back in Boolarra.

Willow, Reeves and Annabelle have been a great team working together to feed and look after Jimmy. Willow has helped rear cows with us at school for three years. She has particularly loved the experience of learning their different natures and has done a wonderful job teaching Reeves and the other junior students how to care for

calves.

Thank you to Derek Wright, our Chaplain for his knowledge and expertise with our calves.

Pirates! Aaaargh!

September 14 was our Talk Like a Pirate day.

We had a great time at school dressing up and role playing. The literacy and numeracy for the day was based around pirates. The kids created their own pirate captains and workshopped pirate based narratives. They enjoyed designing ships and plotting courses over land and sea to get to their 'X marks the spot' hidden treasure.

We try to capture the children's imagination wherever we can. Pirates are a great muse for kids and teachers as they hold mystique, promise adventure and a hint of anarchy. What fun!

Ordinarily

National Talk like a Pirate Day is a fundraiser for Childhood Cancer Support. Due to lockdowns we were not able to arrange for the fundraising element in time. www.talklikeapirateday.com.au

Lifestyles Program

We are so lucky at Yinnar South Primary School to have a great vegie garden, a greenhouse and a huge kitchen to cook dishes that showcase what we grow.

When we can have parents back onsite, we would love some parent volunteers to assist in the kitchen on a Wednesday from 11.30am to 1.30pm. It is a great opportunity to see how far their skills have come using a knife, practising a range of measurements and following stepped instructions. Also you get a feed out of it!

Alternatively, there's always a patch needing weeding if you're better in the quiet of the garden.

Whole School Maths

In Whole School Maths recently we learned a new game from Ghana called Achi. It is similar to Tac-Tac-Toe or Naughts-and-Crosses. In Achi, if there is no three-in-a row then you have opportunities to continue until there is a winner. The kids have to adjust their ideas to think defensively while plotting their own game. If you do get a chance to get out for a special meal these holidays it is a great game for the kids while they are waiting for their meals to come out to the table.

Gold Mining

In Design Technology this term the juniors and seniors worked together to design and build their own goldmining

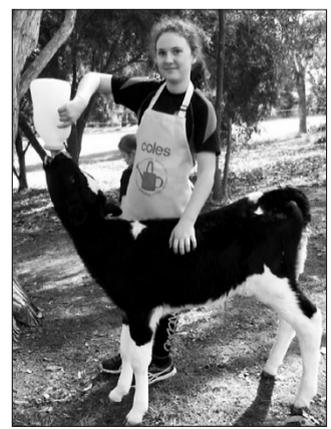
tools, either a sluice box or rocker box to mine for gold. One group started building a rocker box while the other group worked on a series of trickle down sluice boxes. Unfortunately, we were locked down, twice. It is difficult to keep kids engaged in stop-start projects but they had worked hard on their well-researched designs and had a clear idea of the final product.

In a last dash effort they finished by joining their creations - one group joined their rocker box to the other group's sluice box and it all came together! They were able to assemble their constructions in our mud pit and begin dumping mud and rock in the top with wash it through to the fine material at the end. An excellent collaboration.

Derek, our Chaplain has been a great asset to the kids.

They can bounce ideas off him and get advice about the correct use of the tools. The kids gained confidence with problem solving and collaboration. They learned new skills with hammers, nails, drills and saws.

Our new big cubby is now finished. The juniors have watched eagerly as Derek did the finishing touches.



Churchill's 'quake

Around 9.15am on September 22 our area was part of a large area of southern Australia to experience a 5.9 magnitude earthquake which shook houses and had them swaying and rattling.

The epicentre was ten kilometres below the earth's surface near Mansfield and was felt across Victoria, into Tasmania, as far as Newcastle in New South Wales and Adelaide in South Australia.

Earthquakes form when there is an accumulation of pressure in the ground. Victoria has many fractures or faults in the ground which formed millions of years ago.

The earth's crust is made up of tectonic plates. Where boundaries of these plates occur, more severe earthquakes occur as in New Zealand and Japan and the west coast of the United States.

Australia is not on a tectonic boundary but from time to time movement from outside Australia exerts pressure as the tectonic boundary of the Pacific is pushing towards Australia. Even though it is far away it can still exert some pressure on our east coast as with the Newcastle earthquake in 1989.

This pressure needs to be released from time to time and in fact Victoria experiences many earthquakes per year, most of which are not felt. Every five to twenty years there will be a bigger earthquake.

Because we were a significant distance from the epicentre we did not feel the full strength of force.

The increase of one in



magnitude of an earthquake will produce thirty times the strength of the earthquake.

The amount of movement caused by an earthquake depends on three factors, the magnitude of the earthquake, the closeness to the epicentre and the type of ground where you are. Clay based ground as in Churchill, is more prone to movement.

The Earthquake gave cause for Churchill Lions to help out yet again at Licola as they are heavily involved there and have their own House No 3.

Licola was the closest to the epicentre and took quite a hard hit.

The Manager Trevor Carstein asked Churchill member Lion Peter Savage (who is also a Licola Board Member) for some of the other members to come along up to Licola to help with the cleanup, but then



with the threat of aftershocks and a great crack in the road, the idea was abandoned until further notice.

Lots of small aftershocks are constant but nothing too much to worry about.

Plants in my Garden



By Mike Beamish

Species: Pandorea

jasminoides.

Family: Bignoniaceae.

Derivation:

Pandorea: Named after Pandora, the first woman in classical mythology, who was blamed for the release of all evil into the world (i.e. Pandora's box). This might be a reference to the release of many seeds from the seedpods of species in this Genus, or it might allude to the original species in the Genus being connected to a plague of insects on Norfolk Island.

jasminoides: Derived from Jasminum (Arabic yasamin), the name of the Jasmine genus, with the suffix -oides, meaning like, a plant like a Jasmine.

Common Name: Bower Climber.

Distribution: Rainforests and wet sclerophyll forests of north-eastern NSW and south-eastern Queensland.

Description: A vigorous twining plant which can grow into the canopy of forests. Leaves are pinnate, with 5 to 7 lanceolate leaflets, each up to 70mm long. Flowers occur over a long period from spring to autumn and are tubular to

50mm long, ending in five spreading lobes, usually pale pink with a deep pink throat. Large elliptical fruits follow, which split when ripe to release multitudes of elongated, papery, winged seeds.

Opinion: I hope it's not as vigorous as its cousin P. pandorana, the Wonga Vine, as I've seen some of these in the Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve (Sunshine Coast hinterland) that disappear into the rainforest canopy with trunks nearly a metre in diameter. I've had some Wonga Vines at home that have stripped branches out of trees due to their weight! Annoying to clean up!

My specimen lives in the back yard where it has taken over a 10m stretch of the southern boundary fence and is probably holding the fence up.

It is also showing a tendency to climb into the nearby taller shrubs, some of which I have removed and most of which I should remove, to prevent any future dramas along the lines of the Wonga Vines.

But given the age of the plant, more than two decades, and the area that it has covered in that time, I

don't think it will be as much of a problem as its cousin. It flowers well over the warmer months and can be hidden by blooms in a good year, but I think our cold winters, in comparison with its natural habitat, keep it in check.

It is supposed to be susceptible to heavy frosts, but I haven't noticed any significant damage, though it is rare for us to get below -2. I haven't made any attempts at propagation to date, but I did collect a seed pod last season, which was full of tightly packed papery seeds. The Wonga Vine self-seeds all over the place, but I haven't noticed any Bower Climber seedlings anywhere around the garden. According to the literature, cuttings will strike well too. The spacing of the nodes can be quite long in this species, so it is handy that cuttings don't need a basal node for roots to form and they can be cut shorter than usual.

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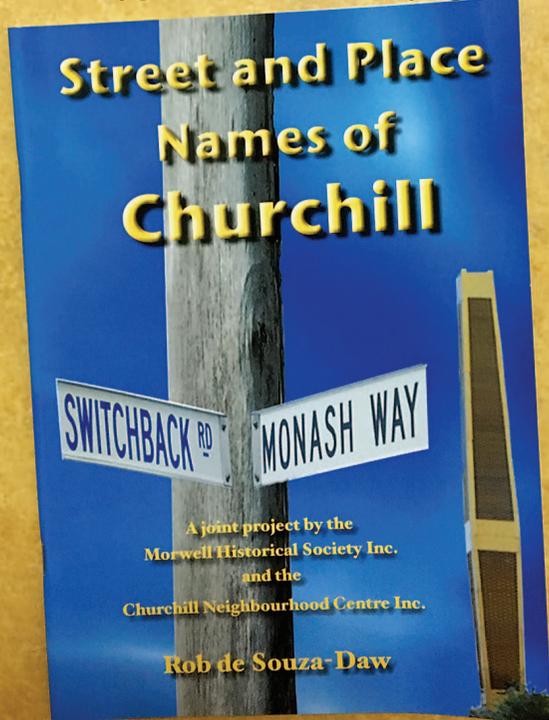
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