

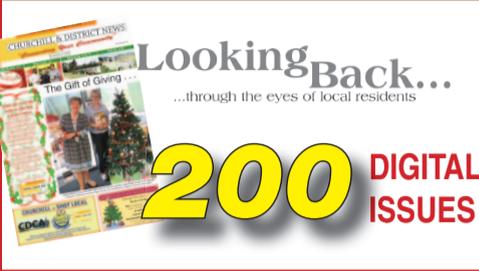
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Mask making mayhem

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We have been busy at the Neighbourhood Centre making masks for you! Even though we are not required to wear masks, we are being encouraged to do so to protect ourselves and those around us.

Some of us have had difficulty getting hold of one ... so the Patchwork classes at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre have put aside the making of their large creative quilts for much smaller articles – face masks for our community.

“Everyone was keen to help out.

However, although we love to sew, it wasn't that easy to start with,” said Anne Crawford, the tutor who runs the day time Patchwork group, “but we got better as we went along!

Jean Baudendistel and her Wednesday evening Patchwork group cut lots of masks out, so the following day we could get a production line going early.

We learned a lot along the way about how masks fit different face shapes – and that the shape of the nose is an important factor.

But don't you worry, our masks will fit all noses! We have chosen lovely fabric, different inside and out to identify the side that is being worn against the face, and although we know they are not worn as a fashion accessory, we think they look stylish.”

Members of the community who would like to purchase a mask can buy one for \$5 from the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre in the Community Hub or from the Churchill Newsagency in Hazelwood Village.

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Scams target all sections of Australian society including CALD and Indigenous communities



Data from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's annual Targeting Scams report, released recently, indicates scammers don't discriminate and are targeting a range of different communities in Australia.

In 2019, people who reported speaking English as a second language lost \$13.7 million, an increase of 90 per cent on the previous year, despite the number of reports remaining steady.

This increase was mainly from investment scams, which accounted for over \$5.3 million in losses in this group.

Investment scams often begin with cold calls promising low risk investments with high returns and can go on for months, resulting in high individual losses," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Don't let anyone pressure you and make sure you take the time to research the investment opportunity and get financial advice before agreeing to anything."

Dating and romance scams had the next highest losses in this group at \$2.7 million, followed by scams using threats to life or arrest at \$1.7 million.

Chinese authority scams continue to target the Mandarin-speaking community by accusing victims of perpetrating a crime, and threatening arrest or deportation if they do not provide money, or information such as their bank account balances and identity details," Ms Rickard said.

Losses to Chinese authority scams in 2019 increased by 40 per cent on 2018 figures, up to \$2 million.

Last year, 4.6 per cent of reports to Scamwatch

came from people who speak English as a second language and 1.6 per cent came from people who identified as Indigenous."

We want to encourage all community groups to report to Scamwatch and not feel embarrassed or ashamed if they have been a victim of a scam," Ms Rickard said.

In 2019 there were 2,767 scam reports from Indigenous consumers, a 14 per cent increase from 2018, but the \$2.1 million lost was 30 per cent lower.

Again, the most financially harmful scams in this group were investment scams, with over \$1.1 million lost.

This was followed by dating and romance scams with nearly half a million in losses."

If you have provided your account details to a scammer, contact your bank immediately and if you have any concerns about your safety, contact the police," Ms Rickard said.

The ACCC has translated our Little Black Book of Scams into ten different languages to assist the wider community to learn about scams and how to avoid them.

We are also continuing our Indigenous outreach programs and sharing scam warnings on the Your Rights Mob Facebook page," Ms Rickard said.

For more information about scams visit www.scamwatch.gov.au and follow @scamwatch_gov on Twitter.

Local Rainfall

Churchill Rainfall

Rainfall in April was above average – 138.5mm, May had 75mm, June was below average with 48.5mm.

The Churchill rainfall for July was below average with only 50.5 mm falling.

During the month 14 days recorded a rainfall.

The total rainfall for 2020 is now 538 mm.

Hazelwood South Rainfall

Rainfall in April was above average with 155mm. May was also above average with 98mm, June below average with 67mm.

The two impressive east coast lows, saturating NSW and East Gippsland, did little

at Hazelwood South.

Some rain from the east and south east on top of the usual west and south west, resulted in rainfall just below average with 77mm and 97% of the average for July.

The average for the first seven months of the year is now 143%.

The sun is now noticeably higher above the horizon, with plants responding with new growth, bulbs flowering and weeds waking for spring.

The lawnmowers are about again and the chainsaws are busy keeping the trees under control.

Personal Journey

An Al-Anon member shares her journey with Al-Anon

I have been a very happy member of Al-Anon for over six years and to say thank you for what our program has done for me seems very inadequate.

Since becoming a member, I have received many gifts.

The one I cherish most is the ability to show my love to my family and other people.

I can also show tenderness to animals.

I feel needed, trusted and am able to do unto others as I would want then to do to me.

I am learning to "smell the roses" and strengthening my belief in a Higher Power whom I call God.

Some of the things I love very much are anniversaries where I get to meet lots of new members, the workshops where I learn more about how meetings are run, and about service.

My favourite annual Al-Anon weekend is held at Glenmaggie where the love, laughter, sharing, hugs and fellowship are unreal.

The Mini Service Seminar, held at Mt Martha was also special.

I thank you and love you all.

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Churchill CHATTER

Gippsland Interchange teams



Members of Gippsland Interchange have been co-opted to work in Mathison Park.

The teams consist of people 18-65 years of age who have a disability.

There is no cost to Mathison Park committee.

There are jobs the teams can do which will help us maintain the park and while they do them the participants are learning new skills which will help them to obtain work.

If you are a group which could do with some help you may like to contact Gippsland Interchange on 5133 0700.1 photo Is left to right George, Andrew and Corey].

Nappy Collection.

We decided not to do the nappy collection with the Neighbourhood Centre closed and COVID-19.

However since the Centre opened some nappies have been left in the box.

These have been given to Kathy at Anglicare to distribute to those in need in our area.

Vinnies Soup Van

The soup van continues to be unable to operate in the community due to social distancing and COVID-19 restrictions.

New Estate under way

The new development along Philip Parade is under way and each day you can

observe more changes on the ground work.

A new sign for Churchill

As you enter Churchill, and other towns of Latrobe City, you will notice the new red



and white signs.

There have been various opinions expressed about them but we will leave you to make up your own mind.

The trees are down

It has been with interest that Churchill folks on their way into Morwell have observed the tree-felling along Monash Way.

It seemed no time at all until every tree



was felled.

Those who had the time to stop and observe would have seen the marvelous machine which cut, trimmed and barked the truck before laying it in a pile.

It was then loaded onto a truck by another machine with great big jaws which opened and grabbed the logs to load.

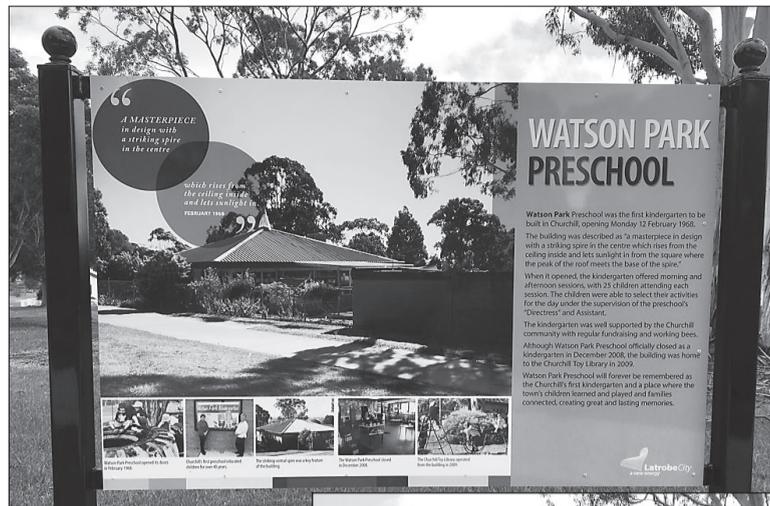
Watson Park Kindergarten memorial Garden and Plaque.

To commemorate Churchill's first kindergarten, a memorial garden and plaque have been established in Watson Park on the site of the old kindergarten.

The plaque gives information about the history of the kindergarten and has photos to illustrate the special building design which helped kinder kids for forty years.

Stay tuned for further information.

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After a three month disruption owing to Covid 19 virus Memories countdown is back, heading towards the publishing of our digital edition number 200 of Churchill & District News.

In Issue 60, April 2008, front page news was the Churchill Festival where crowds enjoyed visiting Snappy a real live crocodile, music, dancing, jumping castle and more.

This year the 'Lions Ride for Sight' a four day bike ride began in Churchill with overnight stops at Rosedale, Yarram and Mirboo North.

Local sculptor Paul Jesse, was commissioned to commence work on the Churchill War Memorial, to be placed in the Churchill Civic Gardens.

Front page news in June displayed both names and some impressive winning



Looking Back... 200 DIGITAL ISSUES



photos from our Churchill News photographic competition. Forest rangers were

shocked and appalled to find large quantities of rubbish dumped in the State forest near Boolarra.

Two local Vietnam veterans Ian Place and Bob Lowick attended a Vietnam War Commemoration service in Canberra.

Issue 64 in August 2008, the front page showed changes to the Churchill shopping



centre with photos of new shops and closing of others in West Place.

Latrobe City Council was very appreciative of the efforts put in by members of this community at the National Tree Day event held at Eel Hole Creek reserve.

Monash University Gippsland celebrated its 80th anniversary. In 1928, Sir John Monash established the Yallourn Technical School which evolved into the Gippsland Campus.

The inaugural Boolarra Open Gardens Bonanza had a diverse range of town and district gardens open to the general public. Sharing the front page of issue 66 was Gippsland's Medical school which had a very successful first year.

An indigenous garden



was being constructed at Glendonald Park and designed in the shape of a Koorie shield.

Page 22 told an amusing story at the opening of the Boolarra Bowls Club. Two well known Boolarra Bowls identities, Tom Gilpin and Jack Richards were presented with their OBE medals (Over Bl...dy Eighty) not to be confused with the Queens version.

The front page of issue 68, showed a Churchill Advent pageant held at Walker Parade Reserve complete with lots of photos.

Churchill and District Lioness Club were busy as ever with their usual fund raising activities this year.

Our Looking Back series this month featured a story of Barbara and Ray

Beebe, local Churchill residents. We can now congratulate Ray being awarded an OAM (Order of Australia) medal in Queen's



Birthday 2020 honours list.

A colourful New Year calendar was also included for your use at home.

Edition 69 featured the sad news of Saturday February 7, as 173 people died that day in bush fires throughout Victoria. During that afternoon plumes of smoke could be seen over Churchill. The fire threatened communities in Hazelwood South, the Jeeralangs, Callignee, and many more.

In Edition 70 a steering Committee had been



www.cdnews.com.au set up for the purpose of establishing a Men's Shed project on the lower floor of the newly renovated Churchill Town Hall.

Ken Harris wrote a very interesting story of the visiting bird life in and around Lake Hyland.

Imagine Churchill 43 years ago. Read more of the history of Watson Park Kindergarten in Issue 73.

The Churchill Town Centre Plan's East West Link road



proposal was abandoned, leaving the way open for the development of the Walker Parade Reserve as a park.

Our Lifeline Churchill Shop turned 21 this month. To celebrate CDNews printed a story of the shop and many people who have been involved over the years.

October 2009 front page showed that works have commenced on a \$4.8 million refurbishment of Latrobe Leisure Centre



at Churchill.

Before we leave your Memories for another month, Issue 81 was full of interest as usual. Read about local schools, toy library, local rain reports, a coming festival, garden tips, photography competition, Children's Corner and much more.

Remember you can access digital copies of Churchill & District News from our website to read at any time. This is good pastime on these cold rainy afternoons and evenings when you are snug and warm inside.

ANZAC Day 2020



No formal services could be held this year for ANZAC Day. At 9am on ANZAC Day with permission, a private ceremony took place at our Churchill Memorial.

Don George who usually conducts our service said the Ode to the Fallen.

Then the national anthems of New Zealand and Australia were played. Don

laid a wreath on behalf of the Churchill veterans.

A couple of other people called by to also lay wreaths but did not stay.

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Hazelwood landmark gone

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In October 1959 the Victorian Parliament approved the construction of the Hazelwood Power Station in the Latrobe Valley.

For more than 50 years it operated as a leading energy generator. Built between 1964 and 1971 the 1,600 megawatt capacity power station was made up of eight 200MW units.

The eight chimneys built were each 137 metres tall.

The first power generator unit began operations in February 1964 while the other seven came into operation over the next seven years.

In March 1971 the power station was officially opened by Sir Henry Bolte.

It was originally scheduled to be retired in 2005.

The power station was fed by the adjacent open cut brown coal mine.

Operating at full capacity the power station consumed

55,000 tonnes of coal each 24 hours or 18 million tonnes a year to produce up to one quarter of Victoria's electricity.

International Power purchased Hazelwood Power Station and the adjoining mine from the Victorian Government in 1996 with an expected 40 year life span.

The power station was not without difficulties during its lifetime. Members of Greenpeace and other environmental groups protested at the site numerous times from 2005, wanting the power station closed because of greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere.

Unfortunately asbestos had been used in areas of construction and became a health hazard.

A bushfire entered the mine and raged for 45 days in 2014 covering surrounding towns in smoke and ash.

Major repairs at the top

of the chimneys were carried out in 2015.

In December 2016 it was revealed that Hazelwood was the subject of numerous Worksafe notices requiring extensive work to make the site safe.

ENGIE estimated the cost of complying with these would be \$400 million. Heritage Victoria found the power station did not meet the criteria for cultural Heritage recognition in 2018.

Hazelwood produced more greenhouse gas emissions per unit of electricity than any other power station in Australia and was the biggest source of toxic fine particulate matter.

It used 27 billion litres of water a year - as much as Melbourne uses.

The perimeter of the mine site is 18 kms with 110 kms of roads formed within.

The mine has an 11,000 hectares site, much of which

has been leased to farmers for grazing of cattle.

While the power station was state of the art when opened in 1964 it had reached the end of its productive life.

It lasted far longer than anyone anticipated when its life began.

Employees past and present, contractors, local suppliers and businesses and the broader Latrobe Valley community have all played a part in ensuring that Hazelwood has been a key player in the nation's electricity system during that time.

Hazelwood was jointly owned by ENGIE (formerly GDF Suez) with a 72% share and Mitsui & Co with a 28% share.

ENGIE widely helped many local sports, festivals, social and other district organizations with donations and grants.

In 2014, Hazelwood employed 495 staff directly and on average 300 contractors.

On November 3, 2016 ENGIE announced that the entire Hazelwood plant would be closed at the end of March 2017, giving only five months notice of the closure.

The power station closed in March 2017 and it took another twelve months for the plant to be decommissioned.

The eight chimneys at the power station were demolished on May 25, 2020 each chimney falling within 4.2 seconds of each other from timed depth charges.

They fell on top of each other to minimize the dust cloud that drifted as they hit the ground.

The chimney demolition is one of the major

Hazelwood
By Harry McDonnell

I am an old power station and look so grey.
On my death certificate it says I smoked too much and made the sky grey.

Is that such a crime after 60 odd years?
I employed so many people and paid top wage.
I was owned by the state of Victoria and I thought they would keep me forever, but the mighty big dollar got in my way.

I was sold to a French man who gave me no care, I had to work twenty four hours night and day, with very little attention and little repair.
That is the real season I passed away.

milestones in the removal and rehabilitation of the former power station and mine.

The historic demolition was felt at least 200 kms away at Geelong and Bacchus Marsh.

The falling of the eight tall chimneys has changed our landscape forever.

It leaves only photos and memories of a power station that had provided so many apprentices and workers a lifetime of knowledge and employment.

The area now known as Churchill was originally named Hazelwood after a pastoral run established in 1844, but was renamed after Sir Winston Churchill's death in 1965.

The change of name has not been without its critics, and residents who pushed hard to restore the Hazelwood name were finally heard in 1989, when the town was asked to vote on whether the town would be renamed

to Hazelwood or stay as Churchill.

The name Churchill won by a narrow vote.

Construction of Churchill began in 1965 as a service centre for the new Hazelwood Power Station as the State Electricity Commission of Victoria expanded its coal mining operations.

Churchill is only five kms distant from Hazelwood Power Station.

Our local Churchill & District Community News began in 1966 and has been in print ever since, apart from two short breaks.

Our "Looking Back" series of local history has included three very interesting stories of early history and worker memories of Hazelwood Power Station written on the 50th Anniversary of Hazelwood.

See these stories on our web site in issue numbers 134A, 135 and 136.

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Churchill / Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

Looking after your Neighbours

This month we are looking at "Looking after your Neighbours". In these difficult times,

things have been a bit tough in life with the Covid-19 issues that have troubled the world, and, while some people have noticed no change in the way they live, there are some people out there in the community that are suffering more than others.

It is a good idea to keep an eye out for these people (Particularly the elderly and

other disadvantaged people).

They may be vulnerable to health issues, and can't get out to the shops etc.

Make an offer to go and get some much needed groceries for them.

Even just a call over the fence to see if all is well.

It doesn't take much, but can make a big difference in the community and remember, a friendly neighbourhood is a good neighbourhood.

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Co-Op Church Snippets

Our church doors have been closed during the COVID-19 restrictions but that has not stopped us from attending services online.

As we are a church of three denominations we had lots to choose from including pre-recorded services on YouTube, Zoom services from Trafalgar Parish and word documents of services, reflections and sermons on computers from the Anglicans through Reverend Bruce Charles, live-streaming from the Uniting Church and our own Cathie Halliwell as well as Ian Combridge.

We had the choice of several services a day if we wished.

Some valuable learning

has come from this time and we have gained an appreciation of the value of putting services on line for those who do not come to church, or who for some reason wish to choose the time they participate or, it may be that they are unwell or not early risers.

We have also upped our use of our Facebook page

During this time we have had the funeral of Eric Rowley who died only a few weeks before turning 106.

Eric and his wife Dot have been staunch and faithful members of our church for many years and it was only a couple of years ago that they went into care at Heritage Manor.

Of course it had to

be a private funeral of 50 participants due to the restrictions.

Imagine how many would have attended had it been normal times!

The congregation remember with great fondness the many ways Eric and Dot contributed to the parish.

Eric's obituary is elsewhere in the paper.

Parish Council has met using Zoom and our chairperson Ian Combridge has instigated a chat time twice a month on Zoom, also as a way to keep in touch with each other and see each other even if only on a device screen.

It has been good to share what we are doing.

Lumen Christi News

New Bishop appointed to Diocese of Sale

A new Bishop has been appointed to the Diocese of Sale following the departure and recent installation of former Sale Bishop Patrick O'Regan as the Archbishop of Adelaide.

The new Bishop will be Monsignor Greg Bennett, currently parish priest of St Joseph's, West Brunswick in Melbourne

The fifty seven year old Bishop elect was born and raised in Melbourne and following his secondary education, worked in banking before entering Corpus Christi College to study for the priesthood.

He was ordained a priest in 1992. Monsignor Bennet undertook further studies in both the US and Rome. He has held several leadership positions with the Archdiocese of Melbourne including as Director of the Ministry of Priests and later as inaugural Director of the Office of Evangelisation. He also served as Vicar general from 2012 to 2019.

The new Bishop will be installed as the tenth Bishop of Sale at a solemn ceremony at St Mary's Cathedral in Sale on Tuesday 20 October, 2020.

Long Time resident Parishioner leaves

welcoming all members of society have been prominent in these discussions.

Lumen Christi parishioners participated in training sessions to lead group discussions, Diocesan on the subject and took part in more than 30 small group discussion groups.

These groups continued until the end of March when all ideas put forward were summarised and a number of the most prominent themes taken forward to the Plenary Council.

A second session of the Plenary will be held in Sydney in 2021 to action the recommendations of the Plenary 2020.



Monsignor Greg Bennett

Churchill

One of Churchill's long time residents and loyal Lumen Christi parishioner, Frances Smart, has left Churchill and settled in care in Wheelers Hill. Fran and her late husband, Gerald, raised their family of 5 boys and two girls in the town and were very active, not only in the parish but also in the local community. Fran was a dedicated parishioner, right up to the time she left and her presence around the church and the community will be missed.

Ceremonies Continue on Zoom

Lumen Christi Parish has been able to continue

bringing its people together through the technology of Zoom with regular Sunday liturgies conducted on this medium and well supported by parishioners. After the easing of the restrictions after the first lockdown, masses were held on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings for up to twenty people but with the most recent requirements these have been replaced by liturgies led by Fr James through zoom. Parishioner, Michael Dyson has arranged the meetings which have also been used for regular rosary sessions on Saturday mornings to pray for the end of Covid 19 and for those suffering because of it.

Lumen Christi prepares for Plenary 2020

Members of Lumen Christi Catholic parish are undertaking a process, which will extend over three years, and culminate in a historic Plenary Council Session of Bishops, clergy and lay people to be held in Adelaide in October 2020.

The idea of a Plenary Council which has not been mooted by the Bishops in August 2017 and the process, involving the laity, began early in 2018.

The process comprises widespread consultation among lay people, both within and outside the church to review and reform the church in Australia.

Plenary Councils are rare in the Catholic Church and, unlike previous such events

which have been limited to Bishops and clergy, Plenary 2020 will include a significant number of lay people drawn from all over Australia, gathering together for a week in Adelaide to develop ideas

In the past few years, Catholic lay people all over the country have been gathering regularly to listen to one another, share their feelings and ideas and discern the most important issues to take forward to the Plenary Council.

Issues such as greater participation of the laity in the governance of the church and a return to basic Christian values of

Postponed to 2021

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Sunday: Mass: 9.00am
1st and 3rd Sundays:
Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am
2nd and 4th Sundays:
Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

Chaplain



I recently shared elsewhere that I have read several novels over the past few weeks.

This is only surprising because it's something that I don't do very often. In these times of so-called 'isolation', much has changed...and more for some than others. Change can be threatening, so

it's often not welcomed. The whole ethos of the Christian faith though, is about the possibility of change, and not just in circumstances.

Once the Psalmist David stopped and thought about his life, he recognised the difference between remorse and repentance. He didn't

stop at the desire for forgiveness, he was also troubled and concerned about the root cause, wanting to put things right.

He saw that he needed to change, so he asked God to forgive him, to cleanse him, and to renew him inwardly.

Worth thinking about

Plants in my Garden



By Mike Beamish
Species: Solanum aviculare.
Family: Solanaceae.

Derivation:
Solanum: A Latin word used by Pliny to name Nightshade, Solanum nigrum. My guess would be that it is derived from Sol, our sun and means 'opposite of sunlight', thus nightshade.

aviculare: From the Latin avicula, meaning 'small bird', in reference to many small birds' fondness for the fruit and seeds.

Name: Kangaroo Apple.

Distribution: Most common in the forests of eastern Victoria, but also found on the ranges and plains west of Melbourne, in Tasmania, NSW, Queensland, Lord Howe Island, Norfolk Island and New Zealand.

Description: An erect shrub or small tree to 4m tall and broad, with variably lobed or entire, deep green leaves up to 30cm long and 15cm across. It is the shape of some leaves, similar to the footprint of a kangaroo, that leads to the common name. Cymes of 2-10 flowers arise from stem forks and leaf axils, mainly

in spring and summer, but sporadically at other times. The flowers are about 4cm across and have five pointed corolla lobes that are blueish-violet in colour, with deeper violet starry markings. Fruits are egg-shaped berries up to 2cm long and 1.5cm wide, initially green but ripening to bright orange, red or scarlet. They are a favoured food for humans only when they are fully ripe.

Opinion: I wouldn't be eating them! Keep in mind that they are part of the most poisonous plant family on the planet and even though they have relatives (tomatoes, potatoes, the Aboriginal bush-tomatoes of central Australia, etc) that have been proven safe in recent times, I believe the vote is still out on these. Besides, we have better things to eat, leave these for the critters that can eat them safely.

I have never deliberately planted this species in the garden, but it comes up regularly nevertheless, no doubt delivered in the droppings of those self-same critters. It is the epitome of

pioneer plants and loves open disturbed areas, such as graded roadsides and burnt bushland, to germinate in. They are easy to recognise and remove if they come up in an unsuitable location. They grow really quickly, from a seedling to a full-sized 4m adult in one season, and they senesce just as quickly, becoming woody, leggy and brittle in the next season.

Apparently they can be pruned when young to keep them dense, lush and green for longer, but I reckon it's probably better to treat them as an annual, or biennial at most, and remove them once they have done their thing, to wait for the next batch to appear.

My current specimens (there are about a dozen individuals) have self-seeded into a gap outside my dining room window, on the northern side of the house.

They germinated in late summer in 2018, were a metre tall by April, were 2m tall and flowering by October and were covered in ripe fruit by February. I haven't seen any birds eating the fruits or seeds, but my garden might be too isolated from suitable habitat for the finches and silvereyes to risk it.

I expect the plants to begin failing over autumn, so I'll probably remove them and make room for the offspring.

Sources: Sharr – WA Plant Names and their Meanings.

Elliot & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 8.

Corrick & Fuhrer – Wildflowers of Victoria.

Costermans – Native Trees and Shrubs of South-eastern Australia.

A new chapter in CFA's history

On July 1, 2020, one chapter in the 75 year history of CFA ended, and a new era began. On July 1, Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) came into being, with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and CFA's career staff coming together to become FRV.

CFA now becomes a volunteer only service.

Here in the Latrobe Valley, staff firefighters at Traralgon become FRV Station 77, at Morwell become FRV Station 78 and at Latrobe West in Moe become FRV Station 79. The volunteer CFA brigades at Traralgon, Morwell and Moe are still active and are very proudly continuing to provide service to their communities and surrounding areas.

Will we see any difference with this change you may ask? The answer is no, because when you call 000 no matter where you are, you are still going to get a fire truck or two full of firefighters who will be there to deal with the emergency. Some may have a CFA badge, or some may have an FRV badge, but no matter which badge, we will all be there to support our community in their time of need.

Churchill CFA

The Churchill Fire Brigade has been active during this COVID-19 period but under strict guidelines which has prevented most face-to-face gatherings and training. Brigade response to incidents and fires during the COVID-19 period has not been affected.

Meetings and catch ups have been held via Zoom on line meetings, which has been a new experience for many but has enabled many to stay in touch and carry on business.

In May, the Churchill Brigade held its Annual General Meeting. Captain Shane Renwick has been Captain for twelve months now and was pleased to deliver his first report as Captain.

He thanked the brigade members for their dedication

Electrical Fires are a common type of fire in the home



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Ensure electrical appliances such as hair dryers, hair straighteners and laptop computers are not left on surfaces that can burn.



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over the last twelve months and commented on what an interesting year this last one has been with fires and now COVID-19.

He thanked those who had gone on strike teams to East Gippsland and the New South Wales fires, saying they had stood up well and there was never a time when members were not available to go.

Shane thanked all those who clean the station and keep equipment at the ready, who do the Fire Equipment Maintenance, a main source of income for the brigade, and the schools program.

He also praised the brigade members for being available to turn out for every occasion. There have been many more call outs this year so far than in 2019. Shane also asked members to thank their families for the support and encouragement they give the members to be part of this wonderful organisation. Don't power a house fire. This winter weather is well and truly here, and with COVID-19 restrictions, it means more time spent indoors and Churchill Fire Brigade wants to make sure you don't power a house fire.

There have been many instances that our favourite appliances cause house fires due to overheating or being damaged. Churchill Brigade Captain Shane Renwick said using damaged electrical equipment and appliances could result in fires so we urge people to ensure their appliances are in good working condition before plugging them in.

"People need to remember that when electrical appliances are left on for an extended period of time they could overheat and have disastrous effects," he said. "Make sure you turn off and unplug your electrical appliances before going to bed and when leaving your home unattended. Only use power boards (instead of double adapters) according to manufacturers' instructions, never overload and check regularly for damage. Our firefighters don't want anyone to come home to their house on fire, so spending the time to check your appliances' condition and ensuring you turn them off properly is essential."

Electrical Appliances safety tips:

- Always follow the manufacturers' instructions when using any electrical appliance.
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A great little community hotel

by Bronte Hillis Harland



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The Boolarra Community Hotel is situated in the picturesque town of Boolarra, priding itself on being a family friendly and welcoming focal point of the community.

It is a true example of the strength of the people of Boolarra and is an excellent example of how businesses in Gippsland can excel.

The hotel serves as an important hub for the community, uniting residents and bringing some excitement to the beauty which is Boolarra.

The hotel has been revamped and redesigned having been acquired by the community, with over 140 people chipping in to purchase units and shares to take ownership of the Hotel.

The hotel is run by a board made up of Harry Price, Sue Clutterbuck, Roger Pither, Pete Devonshire and Janet Teague, who along with passionate volunteers have worked copious amounts of hours at their own expense to keep the Hotel on its feet.

The Community Hotel is run with the full support of the Boolarra community, with board members Sue Clutterbuck and Lyrinda Carter hosting a working bee on March 21.

The turnout to the working bee showed the strength and dedication of

the Boolarra community where various volunteers worked at jobs ranging from cleaning, bar work and ground maintenance to support the hotel, with a sausage sizzle at the end for volunteers as a thank you for their hard work.

"A beautiful area, the best in Gippsland. And people need to visit.

Camping – love it.

The centre of the Latrobe Valley is the Boolarra Hotel. Don't miss it," said Sergebraun, one of the volunteers who has donated his time supporting the Boolarra Community Hotel.

The hotel also gives back to the community by hiring local trade and contractors whenever possible.

The Boolarra Community Hotel coordinates with events planning groups to host various events for the Boolarra Community, and has earned a reputation for excellent event hosting, having won the Australia Day Event of the Year.

This award was granted to the Boolarra Community Hotel in partnership with the Boolarra Community Development Group for hosting the Tom Curtain "Speak Up" tour, an event which was created to raise awareness of bullying.

Another notable event hosted by the Boolarra Community Hotel was the

Confusion Rally which included live band, food catered by the hotel and alcohol available at the bar.

The hotel also has a small stage at the back for bands such as the Strzelecki String Busters and other local bands to perform.

It hosts an open mic night once a month, where everyone is welcome to come down and participate.

Situated on 6 ½ acres of land the Boolarra Community Hotel is ideal for functions, receptions and outside dining.

There is clean and presentable free camping available with camp trailers and showers for campers, which brings new people to the region and which is open to use by the public, the atmosphere is warm, friendly and inviting.

The Boolarra Community hotel has a new chef running the bistro providing healthy and delicious meals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from 5:30 to 7:30 and the bottle shop is open from 3pm to 7pm Monday to Sunday.

The hotel is offering take away and delivery services in wake of the pandemic so you can enjoy the delicious food Boolarra has to offer from the comfort of your own home. Call the hotel on 5169 6420.

The Rajah Quilt



One of the world's most significant textiles, the Rajah Quilt has connections with families here in Gippsland - the Wright, Power and Pearce families.

It is featured in the National Gallery of Australia's textiles collection.

It is the work of the hands of many women working together in the most awful conditions.

The Rajah Quilt is 325cm h x 337.2cm w, a large quilt that was created by the women convicts who were transported to Australia in 1841 from Woolwich England to Hobart on the ship Rajah.

They used materials organised by Lydia Irving who was a member of the British Ladies Society for promoting the reformation of female prisoner convict ship subcommittee under Elizabeth Fry.

Elizabeth Fry was concerned for the plight of the women prisoners in London's Newgate Prison and during their transportation to Australia.

She formed the Quaker group, the British Ladies Society for the Reformation of Female Prisoners.

One of the aims of the Society was to provide useful items for the women to occupy themselves in prison and on the long voyage.

They received sewing supplies including tape, 10 yards of fabric, four balls of

white cotton thread and one each of black, red and blue, black wool, 24 hanks of coloured thread, a thimble, 100 needles, thread, pins, scissors and two pounds of patchwork pieces which was equivalent to almost 10 metres of fabric.

These were carried by the 180 women prisoners on board the Rajah.

During the voyage it is thought that free passenger Kezia Hayter would have supervised the making of the quilt.

On arrival in Van Dieman's Land the ladies presented the quilt to the Lieutenant-Governor's wife Lady Jane Franklin, as an example of the skills that were developed through directed, cooperative work.

The quilt is a work of amazing artistry and refinement - an important example of women's art of the nineteenth century.

It is an unlined patchwork coverlet using plain and printed cottons, featuring a central panel of white cotton appliqued with sprigs of flowers and smaller birds, encircled by four large printed cotton birds.

The panel is contained within several narrow borders of printed dress cottons pieced in geometric designs - mostly squares and triangles rising materials with dots, stripes and small flowers.

The outer border has a

design of appliqued cottons and an inscription finely worked in silk yarn.

The stitched inscription reads: To the ladies of the convict ship committee.

This quilt worked by the Convicts of the Ship Rajah during their voyage to Van Dieman's Land is presented as a testimony of the gratitude with which they remember their exertions for their welfare while in England and during their passage and also as a proof that they have not neglected the Ladies' kind admonitions of being industrious. June 1841.

This testimony was unusual as most items made enroute were kept or sold. It was possibly hoped that this presentation would give future benefits to the women in the colony life.

The quilt was sent back to Britain for Elizabeth Fry.

Its history from then is unclear until it was rediscovered in an attic in Scotland.

It was returned to Australia in 1989 and now resides under special circumstances in the National Gallery of Australia.

So how does this relate to our Wright, Power and Pearce Families? Well, Jane and Caroline Burt, sisters (great grandmother and great aunt respectively) were transported to Tasmania for the crime of stealing a linen cloth from a hedge.

They were only nine years - Jane, and 15 years - Caroline. Members of the Pearce family, descendants of James and Betsy Pearce, hold a reunion every year, at the Gormandale Hall, last Sunday in February.

The Rajah Quilt is not on general display, due to its fragile state.

You have to contact the National Gallery Australia, in Canberra to make an appointment to view it.

You will need to prove you have a family connection to any of the convicts who were on the Rajah and may have taken part in the making of the Quilt during the voyage to Tasmania.

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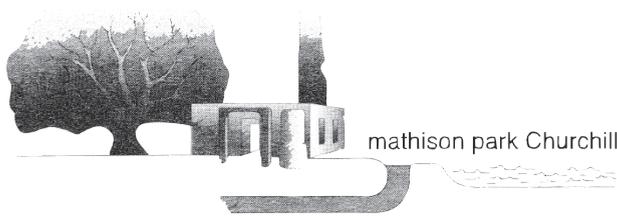
As a result of COVID-19, so many more people now appreciate the beautiful Mathison Park and walking paths around the lake and elsewhere.

The numbers of walkers, cyclists, pram pushers and runners has increased many fold as our counter attests with 58,000 visitors counted since late last year but with so many more of recent months.

The committee and friends group has not been able to operate.

The corrections teams have not been able to operate and so the work has piled up.

Our first working bee later in June achieved some drainage work, taking the old bollards to the tip, burning of a few piles of branches, felling a dangerous tree, collecting fallen branches around the



park and adding them to the burn piles, spreading mulch, painting of the gazebo near the play equipment and cleaning signage.

We welcomed eleven volunteers with a special welcome for Reg on his first working bee after many years. It was a satisfying working

bee with much accomplished. Social distancing was maintained and folks provided their own morning tea and used their own tools. Only one person signed in for all.

During early to mid July, the Council Churchill team and tree crew were able to spend time in the park lifting (i.e. cutting off lower branches for greater access) the deciduous trees, and

pruning the eucalypts as well as removing dead trees.

We thank them for that huge effort doing a job which has been waiting for some time.

For our July working bee, we worked to put in some drainage along paths.

We welcomed Jim along and another person offered to help in future. It was a good morning's effort.



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“Where the Crawdads Sing”

by Delia Owen

Delia Owen holds a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from the University of California and is a wildlife scientist.

She has written several best-selling non-fiction books including “Cry of the Kalahari” as well as having been awarded the John Burroughs Award for Nature Writing.

She has also been published in “Nature” and “African Journal of Ecology”.

She currently lives in Idaho and “Where the Crawdads Sing” is her first novel, written in 2018.

The story is set in the marshlands of North Carolina in 1969.

It opens with the discovery of a dead body at the bottom of the fire tower, that of local football hero Chase Andrews.

The local sheriff finds no clues and he is unsure if this is an accident or a murder.

We then step back to the early 1950's when we are introduced to Kya, the youngest child in a dysfunctional family.

The parents have fallen on hard times and now live in a shack on the marsh which was built by an ancestor many years ago.

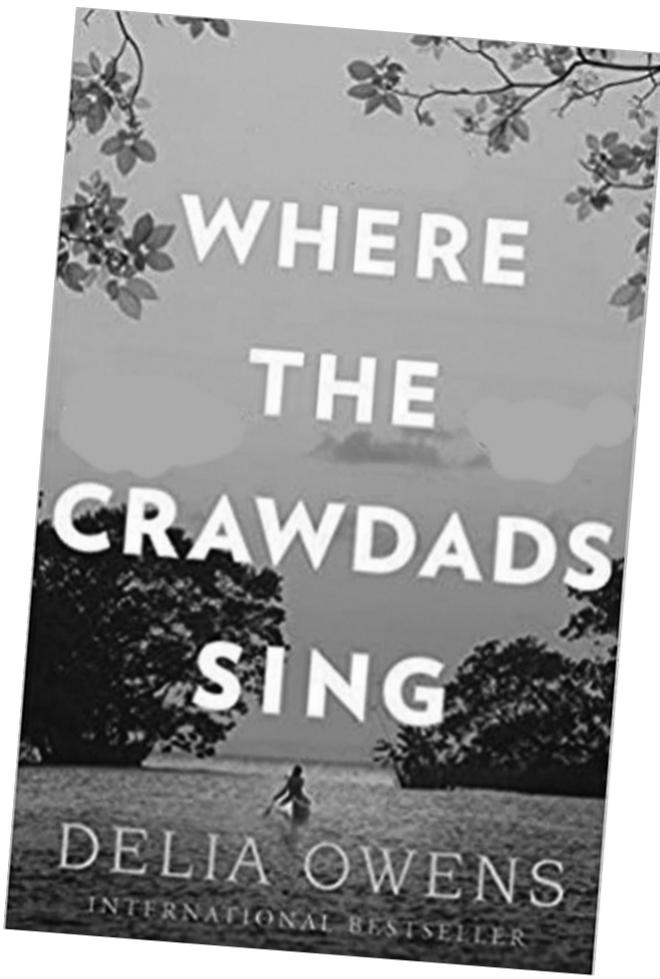
The father is an abusive drunkard and Kya watches as her mother walks away, never to be seen again.

Soon the remaining siblings leave and she is left alone with her father.

She survives as best she can and is almost enticed to attend school with the promise of a hot lunch each day, but she is an outsider in the town, referred to as Marsh Girl, so she declines.

For a time her father lives a fairly stable life and teaches her to use the boat, introducing her to Jumpin, an African American, who runs the petrol station and general store on the outskirts of the town.

One day a letter arrives and when her father reads it he leaves in a rage, also



never to be seen again.

Kya has been befriended by Tate, the son of a local fisherman and he shares her love of the marsh, teaching her to read and bringing her books about the creatures inhabiting the marsh.

This enables her to label all of her amazing collection of specimens.

Kya falls in love with Tate but he goes to university to study for a science degree, saying he will return, but does not.

She then meets Chase Andrews who she falls in love with and who promises to marry her.

When she reads in the local paper that he is to marry a local girl she is devastated.

Kya and Tate renew their friendship and he encourages her to write a book, which she does with great success.

One day Chase returns and attempts to rape her.

She escapes but is very battered and bruised so lays low until the injuries heal.

Tate and Jumpin both notice the bruises and guess what has happened.

In the meantime the sheriff has decided that Chase Andrews was murdered and Kya is accused.

She must endure the ordeal of a trial in the town where she has never been accepted.

To tell the outcome would spoil the story.

This is the best book I have read this year.

It is beautifully written and the author's background in zoology and natural science is evident in the sensitive way she describes and appreciates the natural world.

The book speaks of loss and abandonment, courage and determination in the face of prejudice, the need for human contact and true love.

The poetry is succinct and integral to the story, and you may be surprised by the ending.

Russell Northe MP

Evolving COVID-19



As restrictions around the COVID-19 pandemic continue, for many people it may have indeed taught us to have a greater appreciation of the simpler things in life, such as spending more time with our families, catching up with a friend for a cuppa, going to the park with children or being able to attend a local sporting event.

The Latrobe Valley has been extraordinary in supporting each other and adhering to the social distancing rules.

It's important this continues, and the expert health advice followed. Please also continue to call up or check in on family, friends and neighbours and make sure they are okay.

Churchill Baseball Grant

Congratulations to the Churchill Baseball Club for recently being the recipient of a popular VicHealth Active Club Grant.

The Club's introduction of a t-ball program to help build the confidence and fundamental skills of baseball in junior participants, I am sure, will be well received within the club and the broader community.

Having the opportunity to

be part of a sporting team lays the foundation for a healthy lifestyle into the future.

I'm sure this grant could not have come at a more opportune time and hopefully it will be a nice boost to the morale of all club members and volunteers.

So many sport and recreation pursuits have had their seasons disrupted and it really has been a trying time for organisers, administrators and players.

I commend all the Churchill Baseball Club for its advocacy in obtaining this funding and know it will be put to great use.

Mention must be made of the “support crew” – the coaches, committee, volunteers and members.

They are an integral part of any club and I commend all for their contribution towards building and maintaining a positive, progressive culture at the Churchill Baseball Club.

Shop Local

Gippsland has suffered substantial economic hardship as a result of drought, fire and now COVID-19.

Subsequently many businesses have been feeling

the pain, and now more than ever we need to stay local and shop local where we can!

Supporting local business owners, who overall have done a magnificent job in adjusting to the new restrictions imposed upon them whilst keeping as many local people employed as possible is vitally important.

The small business sector is one of the largest employers in regional areas like Gippsland.

This sector relies on owners having confidence to continue investing in our region.

The best present you can give a local person is the chance to get a job in our region by shopping locally and hiring local tradies whenever possible.

Churchill and district has some fantastic businesses which have been very innovative in responding to the COVID-19 situation, however they need our support during these difficult times.

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Friends of Morwell National Park



At June's activity we had Ken, Beryl, Mike, Cathy, Graeme, Matt, Rose and Darren. Tamara was an apology.

This was our first activity for three months, since we have been unable to meet over the previous months because Corona Virus social restrictions have not made it possible to undertake activities.

With there being a recent increase in Victorian cases, social restrictions are being tightened again and future activities are at risk.

We will need to wait and see what the social rules are closer to our next activity. We were welcomed with a range of paperwork to be completed and notes to be read before the activity could begin.

Along with registering on ParksConnect, we each needed to physically sign in with contact details and emergency contacts.

We had the JSA (Job Safety Analysis) to read along with instructions from Parks about how to operate during a pandemic and a 14 page document about the cleaning of Parks equipment.

We met in the Kerry Road car park and at socially

appropriate distances, caught up on what has happened over the past three months.

Matt reported that fox baiting has been occurring in the Park and as part of this a bandicoot paw print has been found in the Grand Strzelecki Track section of the park.

We currently have no recorded sightings of bandicoots in the Park.

Matt and Tamara have placed our motion detection cameras in the area in the hope to collect camera footage of the bandicoot.

For the days' activity we went to Foster's Gully to widen the track.

The group worked along Foster's Gully removing branches and foliage that had grown into and around the track. At the sitting area, a few trees and branches have come down across the seats.

The chainsaw was used to remove the larger branches while loppers removed the smaller branches.

The group moved back to the picnic area to have lunch.

It was great to catch up with everyone after the extended break.

After lunch we each were able to return home.

The day was not a difficult

day but it was good to make improvements to Foster's Gully Track.

July Activity Report

At this month's activity we had Ken, Beryl, Mike, Cathy, Graeme, Matt, Joelle, Tamara, Wayne, Gordon and Darren.

The group met in the car park and went through the JSA for the day's activity.

The Covid 19 directions from Parks was also gone through. Over the last few weeks the Strzelecki Bush Walking Club have been into the Park to complete two different walks.

Matt had put the motion detection cameras in an area where we hoped to find a bandicoot.

Possible bandicoot tracks were found but sadly no bandicoots were sighted on the cameras. So we still remain with no positive sightings of bandicoots in the park.

Hopefully this will change. The day's activity was to complete the winter nesting box survey.

The group decided to deal with the boxes in the reverse order to what we normally do.

This meant that we could walk to the end and work back

towards the car park where there is a seat and table to have lunch.

Ken and Matt drove their vehicles in via the Braniff's Road entrance while the rest got to warm up with a morning walk.

Just inside the first gate there was a hole in the track in the middle of the first culvert.

Graeme returned home to get some tools, metal and crushed rock to repair this hole.

He worked throughout the morning to repair this dangerous hole.

It is a temporary fix, now secured but the whole culvert will need to be replaced.

At the nesting boxes we got to use the new camera.

We had the additional challenge of having to use older copies of the location maps.

Some of the recently added boxes and replacement boxes were not recorded on this map.

This highlighted that we will need to update our nesting box maps and use the GPS to reconfirm each box's location.

Some boxes have been lost.

In the middle of the

session we had problems with the camera and putting new AA batteries did not solve the problem.

Matt later found that the camera has an internal battery to operate the camera and the additional AA batteries are only for the light.

The internal battery should last for up to five hours if charged before an activity.

Something to remember for next time it is used.

Matt also found that the sound was not on (making it difficult to match recordings to boxes), so this will also need to be checked for next time.

Over the day it was found that a number of boxes need to be reattached to trees while

some others need repairs.

Hand sanitizer and wipes were used when the equipment was transferred to a new person.

Over the day 38 sugar gliders and one ringtail possum were found in the boxes.

Graeme since he was working at the main gate, was able to see a number of family groups out enjoying the sunny winter day.

Two groups as they exited commented that the park looks great and you're doing a great job keeping it tidy.

The group all moved back to the car park for a late lunch.

After lunch we were able to go home, before the storms came through that night.



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What's happening at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre 2020

A big hello to our community and welcome to the second edition of 'What's Going On at CNC'.

Under the circumstances that we are experiencing with the Covid-19 virus I would like to express to our extended CNC family how important it has been for us at the Centre to continue

on with our programs and support as much as possible.

This is done through our remote learning of programs and continuing to keep our communication going. The staff at the CNC have been incredibly flexible and dedicated to work through each day to allow the Centre to work as smoothly as possible with addressing

tradespeople, deliveries and answering enquiries.

Here at the CNC it is a bit quieter than usual and staff miss the chatter and face to face contact with their team and friends, but look forward to seeing everyone in the near future and will endeavour to maintain a productive workforce which will benefit our community.



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Growing Gippsland's future health workforce

Gippsland's health workforce will be supported to grow through funding from the Victorian Government for Federation University to undertake a feasibility study for a Community Health Hub and Clinic at the Gippsland campus in Churchill.

Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing recently announced \$200,000 for the study to explore health program development, industry and education partnerships, health services student placements, and infrastructure requirements.

It will provide recommendations on how to further develop the region's future health workforce by identifying educational opportunities, pathways and professional development for local students in areas like allied health, mental health, sports science, nursing and community service.

The Community Health Hub and Clinic feasibility study is expected to be completed by March 2021.

Funding for the feasibility study forms part of the Latrobe Valley Authority's \$266 million transition package and follows the launch of the 'Gippsland's Future Health and Community Services Workforce' report in December last year.

The report was developed in partnership with more than 40 local health and community service organisations and education providers.

It highlights key trends in the growth of this sector across Gippsland, including in-demand occupational roles and the education, training and workforce development requirements.

The report is available to download at lva.vic.gov.au

Member for Eastern Victoria, Harriet Shing



Harriet Shing

MP said "The Victorian Government is pleased to support Federation University to develop Gippsland's health and community services workforce and ensure the right courses and facilities are available locally.

This is just one way the Government is helping to get people into local, sustainable jobs, with health and community services identified as the largest employer in Gippsland."

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

DTL: D. Byers 34, D. Cook 33, C. Gosling 32, A. Quinn 31, P. Jordan 31, R. Dent 30, K. Hogan 30, A. Abel 30, M. Soppe 29, R. Zomer 29, R. Welsh 29, B. Kilday 29 T. Collins 28 C/B.

Birdies: 5th C. Gosling.

Tuesday 2/6/20

Stableford Scratch:

S. Caldwell (20) 101.

Medal Winner:

L. Brent (26) 77.

DTL: R. Sands (32) 77, S. Caldwell (20) 81.

Saturday 6/6/20

Stableford:

A Grade: Manun (10) 35 Pts.

B Grade: A. Auld (20) 34 Pts.

C Grade: J. Hills (45) 33pts.

Tuesday 9/6/20

Stableford:

A Grade: D. Caldwell (18) 33 Pts.

B & C Grade: R. Sands (32) 35 Pts.

DTL: M. Mc Conville 31, S. Turner 28, P. Bolding 28.

Saturday 13/6/20

Stableford:

A Grade: D. Ellwood (13) 36.

B Grade: C. Gosling (19) 35.

C Grade: P. Jordan (28) 35.

D Grade: P. Bolding (32) 38.

DTL: R. Zomer 37, J. Motta 34, A. Auld 34, G. Beyer 34, A. Quinn 32, P. Coffey 31, Mamun 31, R. Madigan 31, D. Cook 31, M. Soppe 30 C/B, R. King 30 C/B, B. Kilday 30 C/B, R. Davie 30 C/B.

Tuesday 16/6/20

Stableford:

B/C Grade: R. Sands (33) 31 Pts.

C/D Grade: J. Beck (38) 30 Pts.

DTL: C. Barnes 29, L. Brent 29, V. Reid 28, M. Dear 27.

Saturday 11/7/20

Stableford:

A Grade: T. Makepeace (15) 71.

B Grade: J. Barnes (18) 71.

C Grade: P. Jordan (28) 75.

Scratch: R. Scurlock 80.
DTL: R. Scurlock 72, P. Smart 72, J. Langstaff 75, S. Sanders 74, A. Quinn 74, M. Brereton 74.

NTP: 3rd J. Langstaff, 5th A. Quinn, 12th K. Hills, 14th J. Langstaff.

Birdie: 3rd B. Barnes.

Saturday 18/7/20

Stableford:

A Grade: B. Barnes (16) 40.

B Grade: S. Sanders (21) 34.

C Grade: B. Rowley (34) 33.

DTL: A. Quinn 34,



R. Scurlock 32, R. Welsh 32, D. Caldwell 31, R. King 31, M. Hutchinson 30.

NTP: 3rd G. Sanders, 12th A. Quinn, 14th A. Quinn.

Birdies: D. Caldwell 3rd.

Saturday 25/7/20

Monthly Medal :

A Grade: M. Brereton (11) 81 770 and Medal Winner.

B Grade: D. Byers (17) 88 71.

C Grade: M. Fazioli (34) 108 74.

DTL: G. Sanders 71, D. Ellwood 72, T. O'Rielly 73, Mamun 73, A. Quinn 74, D. Caldwell 74 C/B. B. Barnes 74 C/B.

NTP: 3rd R. Scurlock, 5th C. Gilfilan, 12th D. Nichols, 14th J. Backman.

Putts: M. Brereton 28.

Birdies: 3rd R. Scurlock, 12th M. Dear, 12th C. Hogbin.



Take care during these challenging times

The renewed intensity of COVID-19 infections, and the reintroduction of restrictions in Melbourne and Mitchell Shire, is testing for everyone.

Even though the number of cases remains low in regional Victoria, many of us are unable to see loved ones who live closer to the city and some of us are afraid of similar restrictions returning to our town.

We can all play our part in stopping the spread to our regional community. Know that you are doing all that is within your control by following these four simple steps:

Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly.

Do not touch your face, and wash your hands if you do. Cough or sneeze into your elbow.

Where possible, maintain at least 1.5 metres of distance from other people with whom you don't live.

Wear a face mask if you cannot maintain a safe physical distance from others.

As your community health service and a community leader, we feel it is vital to set the highest

standards in our response to COVID-19. You may notice our staff are now wearing face masks when delivering your care. We have also installed physical barriers and an extra screen in our reception areas.

This is to provide additional protection for everyone, including our staff and anyone who comes into one of our health centres.

Rest assured we remain committed to delivering safe and high-quality healthcare to the Churchill community.

Many of our services are available via phone or video link.

Phone us on 1800 242 696 to find out about a particular service or to book an appointment.

If you are anxious or stressed, professional counsellors are available

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

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

"You may be out of

work, or working fewer hours, or you might be feeling stressed trying to juggle working from home while the kids are also home more often," Behavioural Health Programs Manager Paula Gibb said.

"The ever-changing situation is impacting all of us, especially our mental health. It's important not to ignore how you're feeling – a professional counsellor can help."

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

Seeing a counsellor can help you enhance your self-esteem, communicate more effectively, relieve stress, and recognise and change unwanted behaviours such as addiction.

"If you live or work in the Latrobe Valley and need counselling support, call us today," Ms Gibb said.

"We can provide six to ten counselling sessions for free, and you don't need a mental health care plan."

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



It is more important than ever that we support our local retailers at this time!

During this pandemic, local businesses have had to close temporarily, reduce operations, re-think their service delivery and try to create new ways of generating sales.

It has been a tough time for small business and challenging for customers too, with reduced numbers allowed in-store, social

distancing requirements and other measures designed to reduce the risk of being infected with the corona virus.

We want to thank all local businesses and their staff for their efforts to comply with restrictions and keep customers safe.

It is wonderful that most local retailers have survived thus far, but they need our support to ensure that they can continue to provide us with the goods and services

we want provided here in Churchill and district.

It's too soon to be planning outdoor markets and events at the Churchill shopping centre, but we hope to re-introduce some "Churchill - Shop Local" activities later in the year.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please message us via our Facebook page; it's easy to find – just type 'Churchill shop local'.

Harriet Shing



Harriet Shing

This year has been a tough one for all of us. The Coronavirus pandemic has had profound effects on life not only in Churchill, but all throughout Victoria and Australia.

While the pandemic is still continuing, it is important that we all look after our health and look out for each other.

It is also important that we continue to observe social distancing and maintain good hygiene.

The Victorian Government has introduced a range of measures to assist individuals and businesses which have been affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. These include:

\$1500 payments to those who cannot attend work due to self-isolation and cannot rely on sick leave.

\$534 million business support package, including a

new \$5,000 grant to support businesses through the renewed restrictions.

The newly announced \$40 million Regional Tourism Support Program to help regional tourism businesses to cover the costs of refunds.

Emergency relief packages for people in self-isolation with no access to food or essential supplies and no network of family or friends to support them.

Immediate cash and payroll tax relief for small and medium businesses.

\$10,000 grants to help small businesses survive the impact of COVID-19

\$6 million to fast-track the rollout of Orygen's Moderated Online Social Therapy program to assist young people struggling with their mental health.

I would also like to pay tribute to all of our essential

workers who have excelled during this pandemic, including our emergency service workers and those who work in retail.

Their efforts in undertaking these stressful, yet important jobs should be applauded.

If we continue to take care of ourselves and each other, we will see this difficult time through.



Government impersonation scams on the rise

Australians are being urged to watch out for government impersonation scams with over \$1.26 million lost from more than 7100 reports made to Scamwatch so far this year and in reality, losses are likely to be far greater.

There has been an increase in scams reported during tax time such as text messages claiming to be from myGov or from agencies claiming to help victims gain early access to their superannuation.

"Scammers are increasingly taking advantage of the financial difficulties and uncertainty generated from the COVID-19 pandemic to trick unsuspecting Australians," Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"We are seeing two main types of scams impersonating government departments; fake government threats and phishing scams.

Both of these scams can be quite convincing and can lead to significant financial losses or even identity theft."

In a fake government threat scam, victims receive a robocall pretending to be from a government department, such as the ATO (Australian Taxation Office) or Department of Home Affairs.

The scammer will claim something illegal, such as tax fraud or money laundering, has been committed in the

victim's name and they should dial 1 to speak to an operator.

The scammer then tries to scare people into handing over money and may threaten that they would be arrested if they refuse.

"Don't be pressured by a threatening caller and take your time to consider who you might be dealing with," Ms Rickard said.

"Government departments will never threaten you with immediate arrest or ask for payment by unusual methods such as gift cards, iTunes vouchers or bank transfers."

In a phishing scam, victims will receive an email or text message claiming to be from a government department, such as Services Australia, requesting personal details to confirm their eligibility for a government payment or because the person may have been exposed to COVID-19.

The emails and texts will include a link and request personal details such as a tax file number, superannuation details or copies of identity documents.

"Don't click on any hyperlinks in texts or emails to reach a government website, always type the address into the browser yourself," Ms Rickard said.

"Do not respond to texts or emails as the scammer will escalate their attempts to get your money.

If you're not sure whether a call is legitimate, hang

up and call the relevant organisation directly by finding the details through an independent search," Ms Rickard said.

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

The ACCC also recommends that you report the scam to the government department that was impersonated.

Background

So far in 2020 (January 1- July 5) Scamwatch has received:

- * 67 reports of scams involving impersonation of the Department of Health, or state Department of Health and Human Services, with losses over \$8700

- * 443 reports of scams involving Australian Federal Police impersonations with losses over \$176,000

- * 1,070 reports of scams involving Services Australia impersonations with losses over \$94,000

- * 1,638 reports of scams involving myGov impersonations with losses over \$105,000

- * 2,016 reports of scams involving Department of Home Affairs impersonations with losses over \$99,000

- * 2,389 reports of scams involving ATO impersonations with losses over \$905,000.

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Yinnar - Yinnar South Landcare

Middle Creek Planting Days coming up

As many of you know, there was a bushfire along the upper Middle Creek Valley in autumn last year.

Our group has some project funding from the Commonwealth Government's Communities Environment Program to try and re-establish native vegetation in the area; and we've collected seed and grown tubestock in our greenhouse. Mirboo North High School has also been growing plants for us to use on this site.

Middle Creek used to be a very good stream for trout. Currently, without trees or shrubs to provide shade, the water gets too hot, and it also doesn't grow much fish food.

We're hoping that local community members and anglers will help us begin to restore the creek banks to the cool and green place they once were.

As for fish food, one East Gippsland study found only 20 species of invertebrates living under willows compared to, for example, 1,402 species under Sweet Bursaria 263 under Silver Wattles, or 463 under Snowy Daisy Bush. (Bill Peel: A Rainforest Restoration Manual for South Eastern Australia)

As long as regulations don't change, we will

be holding a couple of planting days in August and September.

There will be a community planting day on Sunday August 30 and we're inviting local fishers to help us with another planting day on Sunday, September 13.

This site will be a bit more challenging to get to.

People who plan to come along will need to let us know.

We will need to limit numbers to ten people at a time; and on each day there will be a morning session from 10a.m to 12 noon.

Afternoon sessions will be held from 1.00p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

We'll put more details on our website (search for Yinnar Landcare) and we'll put some flyers around closer to the dates.

Koala Corridor direct seeding project

During May we worked with local contractors to direct seed to another site funded by the Communities Environment Program.

This is a steep slope that would be very difficult to plant with tubes.

Direct seeding involved clearing 1m square areas of all vegetation, broadcasting seed on to the bare soil and then treading it in.

We didn't get quite as



much rain as we'd expected immediately following the seed spreading, but we're hopeful that we'll see some good signs of growth there as the soil warms up in spring.

Seed of about 25 local species went into the mix.

Billys Creek

We're also planting a forest in the Billys Creek Valley upstream from Morwell National Park, and we welcome anyone who'd like to help.

Our current task is walking in to the site and broadcasting seed and / or planting trays of plants into dead blackberries.

This task is for those who

like to be in the bush and who can put in a day (and walk up and down and through the creek a few times). It's beautiful country and well worth the effort.

Because this is very much a fair weather project, the best thing to do, is to let us know if you are interested and we will work out what we can do and when we can do it.

We've picked the week of Monday August 17 to Sunday August 23 to find some people to go with us and some OK weather to operate in.

The other opportunity will be between Thursday September 3 and Sunday

September 6.

2020 AGM

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we're going to hold our 2020 Annual General Meeting on the phone.

Anyone who'd like to attend should let us know.

Only current financial members will be able to vote in the election of office bearers.

Our group as had a pretty successful year.

We're on target with our two big funded projects and have also had the opportunity to learn a lot and get better at what we do.

Until COVID 19

restrictions, we were seeing more of other group members and enjoying doing our greenhouse activities together as a group.

Since the virus came along, its been harder, but we've still been able to get out and do much of our volunteer work.

We've had new members join and are looking forward to seeing each other more regularly before too long.

Jay Duncan

Secretary

Phone 5163 1393

<https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/westgippsland/yinnar-south/>



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Working for Victoria



While walking in the park two orange vested people were seen with a spray bottle and cloths.

When asked if they were from Council the answer was to turn around and show the writing on their vests - Working for Victoria.

They are local people who had lost their jobs but had gained employment taking on the cleaning of anything people might put their hands on.

They cheerfully explained their role and the enjoyment they had

obtained from the work.... and walking- up to fifteen kilometres a day.

Yes they said we are losing weight and gaining fitness.

Thank you to these happy willing people keeping us safe in COVID-19 times.



2020 Fed Uni exhibition showcases the teaching skills of the future

Federation University Australia students recently conducted a virtual exhibition to showcase projects they have developed in collaboration with community groups in Ballarat, Berwick and Gippsland.

The projects were part of the Team Enterprise subject for fourth year Bachelor of Education students and required them to create projects to support local organisations of their choice. Students worked on projects in the areas of:

- * Education
 - * Sporting organisations
 - * Youth and arts programs/organisations
 - * Health and wellbeing
 - * Environment and sustainability
 - * Community health and other services
 - * Childcare/disability care services
 - * Waste and resource recovery
 - * Community business.
- The exhibition traditionally involves face-

to-face presentations, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was held online until June 12.

The online delivery was not the only time students were required to change their approach as a result of the introduced pandemic restrictions.

Many projects were affected, requiring students to develop strong lateral thinking, contingency planning and resilience skills in order to adapt to new conditions.

These skills will be beneficial to students when they enter the workforce in 2021 as graduate teachers.

Federation University School of Education Senior Lecturer and Team Enterprise Course Coordinator, Dr Monica Green said "These projects aim to equip our graduating teachers with future oriented skills including creativity, collaboration, financial literacy and critical thinking, which they will take into their classrooms next year.

Throughout the project they have not worked for, but with, organisations to gain an understanding of what they need and how they can support the work those organisations are doing in the community."

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STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



Once upon a time..... How many times have you heard that story opening? Ever since man has been able to communicate, stories have been part of every culture. There are the true stories and there are made-up stories which are lessons to the young or for pure entertainment. They were passed down from generation to generation and the entertainment ones were not forgotten. A good story is always worth telling. It may change over time, but the bones are still there.

With many cultures having no written language or a largely illiterate population, the stories survived by being told over and over by parents to children for generations. It was not until the early 1800s that these stories were collected and put into print by various authors such as the brothers Grimm, Hans Christian Andersen and the anonymous Mother Goose.

They were quickly translated into multiple languages throughout Europe and were widely read by the fast-growing numbers of literate people. Children had ready



access to their familiar stories and a whole host of new ones from different cultures. Many were blood-thirsty and what we would call politically incorrect, and these were changed to mirror the moral thinking of the times. Cinderella's ugly sisters no

longer lost their feet and the Swiss tale of the children-eating ogre, portrayed in a statue in Berne, has been relegated to the 'too much detail' pile.

There have been additions to the fairy stories and folk tales over the years as well. New stories from native cultures are still being discovered such as the 1001 Nights stories and some authors have created new ones. We have the Uncle Remus stories from the U.S.A. which were penned in the late 1800s. No doubt the best stories from today and tomorrow will find their way into the group over time.

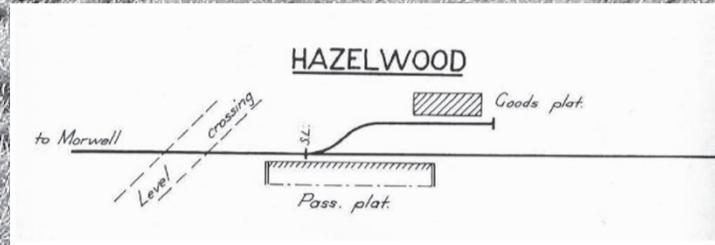
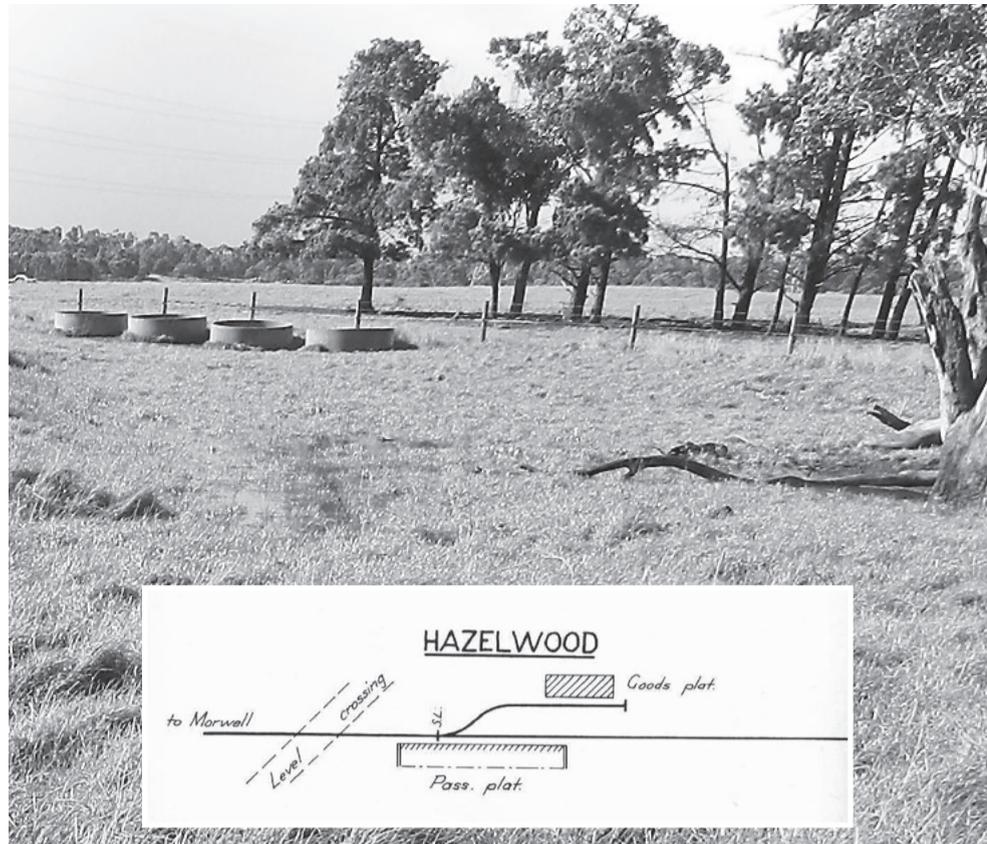
We also have the new medium of films, particularly animated ones, that have made many of the fairy stories popular across the whole world. I can remember still falling in love instantly with the good fairy in 'Pinocchio' back in 1943 and being enchanted by the story of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves' as told by Walt Disney.

Fairy stories and folk tales have featured widely on stamps of many countries, either as single stamps or as sets which tell the story by portraying the highlights in sequence from beginning to end. The most prolific countries in this field were West and East Germany which issued sets as separate stamps or as a sheetlet. West Germany has concentrated largely on Germanic stories such as 'Red Riding Hood' and 'Hansel and Gretel' but East Germany has cast a wider net. As well as German stories such as 'The Bremen Town Musicians', they feature stories from other countries such as Hans Christian Andersen's 'Queen' and Tolstol's 'Twitter to Chirp'.

These colourful stamps could lead to many hours of enjoyment for children if they follow the trail to the stories on show.

Hazelwood Railway Station

By Leo Billington



American writer and humourist, Mark Twain, during his 1895 tour of Australia, visited Victoria and Maryborough's railway station in central Victoria. Amazed by its size, he remarked that the railway station had a town attached.

There was once a railway station at Hazelwood. While not as elaborate as the Maryborough one, it's fair to say the Hazelwood Railway Station had a rich dairy farming area attached.

Opened for business on February 1, 1888, the Hazelwood siding (its official title) resulted from three year's persistent petitioning by local residents.

As a siding, rather than a station, there was an office building, perhaps more accurately described as a wooden building constructed upon a passenger platform.

R. K. Whitehead in his 1974 publication, 'The Morwell and Mirboo Railway' explains there was a "combined waiting room and ticket office".

There was also a gatekeeper's cottage provided opposite, north-side of a level crossing. That level crossing was at Homestead Road, immediately adjacent to the intersection with Applegates Road.

Records describe this intersection as "busy and strategic for an expanding farming community" combined with it adjoining the Morwell to Mirboo North railway line.

All the buildings were constructed by Messrs Sutcliffe and Hartley during late 1887, ready in time for a grand opening.

An early sketch, perhaps with an error, shows there were two platforms – passenger and goods. Standing on the site, one is able to pick out a section of high ground for these two sites.

Nowadays, a lush pasture

(and some recalcitrant weeds) cover these sites although Homestead Road remains quite visible.

Sometime before 1940, the office building was removed and replaced with a small waiting shed. The area was totally destroyed in the February 1944 fires with only a station name board re-instated but without a replacement passenger platform.

The goods siding was abolished in August 1953 and the station was closed to all railway traffic on September 22, 1953.

I wonder where the station name board ultimately went!

In December 1903, a small group of Victorian Railway Commissioners travelled from Morwell to Mirboo North. They were from Melbourne and perhaps unaccustomed to what country life was really like.

As reported in the Morwell Advertiser, December 11, 1903,

"A little further on we passed the Hazelwood railway station, if one's imagination can be stretched sufficiently far to call it such. Of course, there were no locomotives about, although the glaring signboard, "To beware of trains; look both ways before crossing," etc., might lead a stranger to suppose that business was brisk.

This naturally led to the discussion of the

merits and demerits of the Commissioners and railway matters in general, the majority being quite confident that on £3,500 a year they could manage the railway department with far greater satisfaction to the public than is at present given."

The Morwell and Yinnar Gazette, in October 1914 reported that:

"Morwell-Mirboo Railway.

The Annual Report of the Railways Commissioners just to hand, shows that the revenue on the Morwell-Mirboo line has considerably increased during the past 12 months. The following is the revenue taken for the past 4 years:—

Hazelwood	£74	£58	£78
Yinnar	£1746	£1781	£1825
Boolarra	£3003	£3274	£3340
Darlimurla	£260	£346	£391
Mirboo N.	£4888	£5586	£5026
	£5810.		

By late 1877, trains were running between Melbourne and Sale.

The Hazelwood Cemetery was officially established in April 1879. Hazelwood's railway station was opened in 1888. A creamery was functioning at Hazelwood North by 1896.

In general, Hazelwood was a fulcrum in developing our immediate district. Hazelwood was a lever playing a significant role in its rapid development.

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Hazelwood Cemetery News

By Leo Billington



Maintenance and on-going improvements within the Hazelwood Cemetery have not been hindered by the pandemic, and personal care and attention to social distancing have not been ignored.

The University of Sydney, on the occasion of reminding us about the Centenary of Spanish flu pandemic in Australia – January 21, 2019, explained that after the disease came ashore in January 1919, about a third of all Australians were infected and the flu left nearly 15,000 dead in under a year. Those figures match the average annual death rate for the Australian Imperial Force throughout 1914–18.

Our local community did not escape the ramifications of this pandemic.

When the influenza epidemic broke out the Morwell Shire took over the Commercial Road State School across the road from the bowling greens, to treat

victims. Next door, the local Church of England in Chapel Street was used for nurses' quarters.

An initial search of cemetery records shows there are three persons interned at the Hazelwood Cemetery who passed away due to the pandemic.

Violet Inez Winifred Ronald (nee Anderson) died during the night of May 19, 1919. Otherwise known throughout Hazelwood and Morwell as Mrs Ben Ronald, prior to her marriage she was in charge of the Hazelwood State School. Her obituary recorded this death as:

“She was at most highly esteemed and respected by a large circle of friends, and very deep sympathy is felt for the bereaved husband. A fine little baby boy, a few days old, is also left. The remains of deceased, who was 36 years of age, were interned in the Hazelwood Cemetery.”

Morwell resident, Mr R. L. Tulloch, passed away on Saturday July 26, 1919. His obituary recalled him as:

“Deceased, who was a tall, strong, robust looking man, was only 28 years of age. He had been in the hospital about a week, but had apparently been suffering for some time prior to giving in, and when admitted to the hospital his case was regarded as very serious. Everything possible was done for him, but all efforts proved of no avail, and he gradually sank and passed peacefully away, as stated. Deceased, who was a son of Mr and Mrs J. L. Tulloch, of Dandenong, had been a resident of Morwell for some years. He was fireman on Morwell-Mirboo train and was well and favourably known throughout the district. (Morwell Advertiser, August 1, 1919)

Mr John William Pettit lost his battle on Friday evening May 9, 1919. He “succumbed to an attack of influenza, apparently

“Deceased, who was a single man, 43 years of age, was a resident of the district for many years. He managed his mother’s farm near Brown Coal Mine, and was very highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. He was a strong, healthy man and scarcely knew what a day’s illness was. About three weeks prior to his death he went to Melbourne, where he remained for about a week. Shortly after his return symptoms of influenza became manifest, and pneumonia quickly developed. (Morwell Advertiser, May 16, 1919)

In its May 16, 1919 edition, the Morwell Advertiser announced that:

“The influenza epidemic appears we are glad to say, on the wane as far as this district is concerned. All the patients in local hospital are out of danger and doing well, and there have been no fresh cases during the last day or two.”

Darrell White

Latrobe City Council - Community Grants and Sponsorship Program 2020/21

Latrobe City Council has opened this year’s community grants and sponsorship programs.

Following an in-depth review by Council, changes have been made to expand some categories as well as offering new funding categories, with another new feature also being a second round for funding applications later in the current financial year.

Council continues to clearly value and appreciate the voluntary efforts by our community, and these grants and sponsorship programs aim to support our volunteers who contribute so much to important social, health, wellbeing, cultural, economic and community pride outcomes within our municipality.

These Grant and Sponsorship Programs are available to not-for-profit community groups, businesses and individuals operating or residing in Latrobe City.

Further information on each of the programs, including application forms can be obtained for each grant round and are available under the Program Summary for each Grant and Sponsorship Program.

Limited funds are available through a competitive assessment process, with successful applications determined according to funding criteria and merit.

Applicants must use the correct form and follow the grant guidelines. The categories include:

- Minor Capital Works Grant
- Minor Equipment Grant
- Community Wellbeing Grant
- Community Events – Minor
- Community Events – Significant
- Community Sponsorship – Minor

Community Sponsorship

– Major

DREAM Individual Support Grant

Participation Sponsorship Grant

Biodiversity on Rural Land Grant

Over the years, community groups, social and recreational clubs, sporting teams and community event organisers have received Council funding, adding value, to make infrastructure improvements to club rooms, change facilities and kitchens, buy much-needed equipment, develop newsletters, and access promotional and marketing opportunities for their events and activities.

The outcomes delivered by this program are fundamentally about community, connectedness, accessibility and strengthening the fabric of Latrobe City – our people.

There are also community and individual sponsorships available. A new opportunity, the Community Sponsorship grant, is aimed at helping community groups deliver significant programs or events in Latrobe City.

For children or individuals, there are a range of sponsorships designed to encourage recipients to realise their goals of participating in their chosen field.

How to Apply:

All grant applications must be completed online.

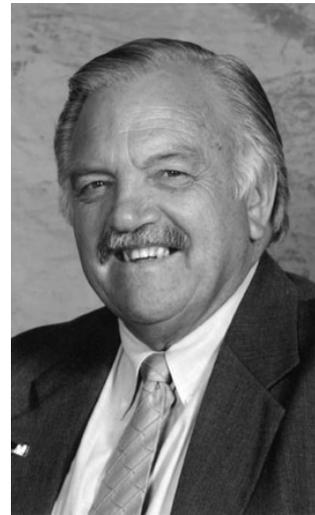
Council is keen to encourage the submission of a broad range of applications from our community for consideration.

For more information about the community grants program, or to apply, visit: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/communitygrants

To speak to Council’s Grant Officer contact 1300 367 700.

If you have applied for a community grant online in the past, you are able to access your account by following this link <https://latrobe.smartygrants.com.au/applicant/login>.

Latrobe City Council - Australia Day Awards 2021



Nominations:

Latrobe City Council is calling for our community to nominate citizens, events and services for its 2021 Australia Day Awards. Nominations across all categories close on September 9, 2020.

There are a number of categories:

Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Community Service of the Year. Council is keen to recognise the individuals – of any age – and the groups of people who work together on activities and events or deliver valuable services in our community.

Forms are available online at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/australiaday or hard copies can be requested at our Service Centres and libraries.

For further information call 1300 367 700.

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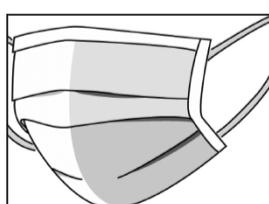
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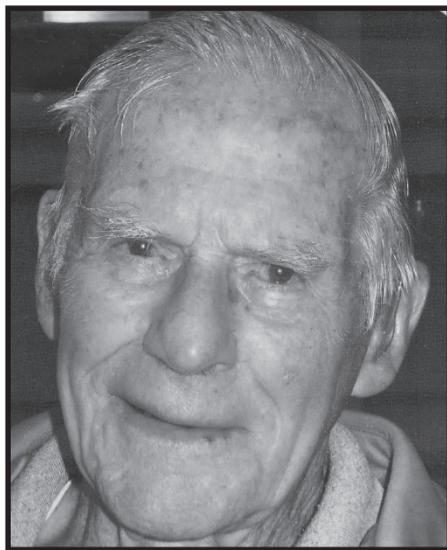


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The life of Eric Rowley

August 9, 1914 to June 1, 2020



Known as Pa to his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Great grandson of John Rowley who was a convict transported from England to Tasmania for 14 years. On freedom he arrived in the Hart at Sale. Freedom was a little later than expected for him due to a couple of misdemeanours. Pa was born at Maffra and the family lived at Riverslea near Sale until 1918, share farming. He had three older brothers and one younger sister. His mother died when he was three in 1917, and the children went to live with different relatives for six years and when reunited, lived in Rosedale where Pa went to school. 1924-1928 moved to Cowwarr where the weir is now. Walked four miles to and from school after he and a brother milked 18 cows by hand. Often got the cane for being late. 1928 Pop Rowley purchased a property at Hazelwood South where Haverbrack Estate is now, just off Glendonald Road, and all the family moved there. Pop remarried to Janet Woodhouse and she was known to the family and grandchildren as Ma. Ma had seven children of her own. Pa completed Year 8 schooling, then known as the merit certificate. Over the next few years Pa worked at various jobs -

Worked a chaff cutter with three others (brother Len, Cyril Hare and Bert Northway) from Driffield right through to Flynn and Glengarry. This was for six months each year and they camped out under the stars.

Widened the Jeeralang West Road by horse.

Worked in a stone quarry in the Bena/Loch area.

1930, at the age of 16 began playing football with the Morwell Football Club. Driven by Pop and a lot of the time walked in. Played there until 1946. During this time he was asked to try out with Carlton and South Melbourne football clubs and as work was scarce at the time he let the opportunity pass. 1934-37 share farmed on a property now known as Glendonald Estate. 1937-40 worked on a farm for Alan McFarlane. Wage was five pounds a week plus keep. 1940 moved onto the farm with Pop and Ma. 1941 enlisted in the army as a trooper in the 13th Light Horse Regiment. He did not see active service overseas as the Government of the day decided that he and his brother Len were needed on the farm, and he was discharged 10 months later. Pa was very dirty on this and blamed his

father for orchestrating it. 1946 at the age of 32 met Dorothy Fox who lived on a farm nearby and married her on May 24, 1947, 73 years ago. Known as Nanna to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. They had three children, Barry, Bill and the pet, Margaret.

They bought the farm off Pop and life was hard as they cleared land with a six foot crosscut saw. 1946 he was asked to be the inaugural Captain/Coach of the regenerated Hazelwood South Football Club. He accepted on the proviso that there would be no imports and only local lads were to be played. He was Captain/Coach for two years. His final playing game at the age of forty was in the grand final against Yinnar in 1954 which they lost. Until then they had enjoyed a 54 game winning streak. Member of the Morwell Freemasons for over 75 years, his 70th and 75th year marked with a presentation. Pop was a member there too. Social activities included monthly dances, (Pa could not dance but Nanna changed that.) Fortnightly euchre games, 500 and cribbage, (which he and Nanna played with Delma and Ray Hodges right up to going into care). Other activities were rifle range shooting, quoits club, tennis, cricket, football club and being

on the committees of these organisations, including the primary school at Hazelwood South and Captain of the fire brigade, as well as watching and supporting his three children in their sporting activities. 1967 Pa, amongst others, was a very strong advocate for not changing the name of the new satellite town from Hazelwood to Churchill, and despite numerous meetings with Lindsay Thompson the Minister of Housing the Churchill name prevailed. In those days protests were very civilised and orderly. Pa and Nanna retired from the farm in 1975 to live in Churchill where they became active in the Wattle Club and Church and gardening. He was very upset the day (at about 80 years of age) he was told he was no longer allowed to do volunteer work with the Wattle Club because of some Shire regulation. His garden and lawn were spotless, no weed was game to poke its head up and heaven help any grandchildren parking their car on his lawn. 2005. Pa and Nanna received Citizens of the Year award from the Churchill Lions Club. Pa and Nanna lived in their home in Churchill until 2018 when at his age of 103 they moved into aged care in Morwell.
RIP Pa

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CDCA will hold its Annual General Meeting at the Churchill Hub on Tuesday, September 8 at 7pm. Due to the current safe restrictions apply - please see our Notice of AGM in this issue of the News.

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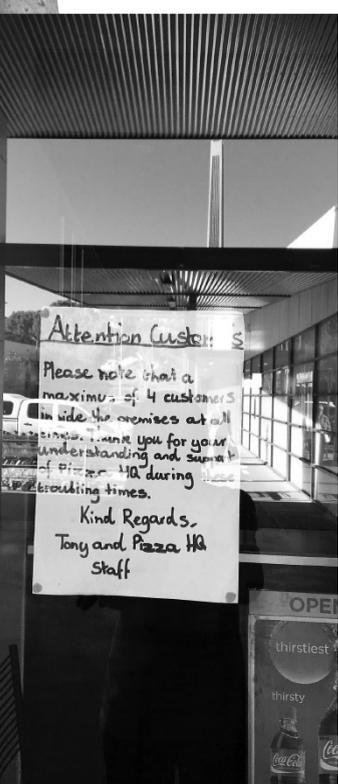
The Signs of COVID . . .



COVID-19 - what it meant for us.
This series of photos tells the story of how we had to be managed during our lockdown restrictions.

It has become the new normal. Some restrictions stay even though some have been eased. Many people have continued self-imposed restrictions, unsure, with the second wave hitting

Melbourne suburbs and other pockets of the state.



CDCA

Churchill & District Community Association Inc.

Annual General Meeting

7.00 pm, Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Board Room, Gippsland Enterprise Centre, Green Inc, McDonald Way, Churchill

Guest Speaker: Mr. Hugh Kennedy, Churchill Campus, Charles Sturt University
Topic: Campus Master-Plan, Local Community Engagement

Agenda items include:
Presentation of Annual Report
Annual Financial Statement
Committee Elections

- COVID-19 Safe Restrictions apply:**
- Maximum attendance - 15 persons (a couple more may be seated in foyer area)
 - Sanitise hands at dispenser upon entry
 - Maintain social distancing (chairs will be spaced well apart)
 - Mask wearing is MANDATORY - BYO
 - Contact details of attendees required

All members and local residents are welcome to attend, up to the restricted number due to room size.

Please rsvp to mgcdca@hotmail.com, or text/phone 0407 876 443

CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

Choir unites Gippsland community in song

Gippsland residents are invited to join Federation University Australia students and staff in a new choir that aims to bring the community together.

Federation University and AGL Loy Yang have partnered to establish the Word of Mouth Chorus in Gippsland.

Rehearsals for the choir will be held online via Zoom, with physical rehearsals to be introduced when COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.

The choir will perform at community events throughout the year when restrictions are eased. An online element will remain to ensure the choir is accessible to community members or others interested in participating. Musical

Director Dave Barclay will lead the choir, which will sing arrangements of existing songs and new material. Rehearsals will be held weekly. Participate via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/events/3069740786435792/>) or Zoom (<https://federationedu-au.zoom.us/j/95305667322>).

All ages and skill levels are welcome and there is no audition process.

Word of Mouth Chorus coordinator, Federation University Associate Professor Rick Chew said "I believe a community that sings together, stays together. The Word of Mouth Chorus is a way for people to stay

connected and creative during times of physical distancing. You don't have to read music or necessarily think of yourself as a singer, the choir is open to everyone."

AGL Loy Yang General Manager Nigel Browne said "From all of us at AGL Loy Yang, we are proud to support the Word of Mouth Chorus, especially during these challenging times. This choir provides an ideal opportunity to not only celebrate the power of voice but connect with each other, which is more important now than ever. We can't wait to see the Word of Mouth Chorus in action."

Fed Uni and Gippsland community support students in need

Federation University Australia has joined forces with local churches, welfare agencies and neighbourhood and multicultural groups to support students in need with the Community Pantry initiative. A Community Pantry has been established at Federation University's Gippsland Campus in Churchill and Mid Valley Shopping Centre in Morwell to provide food and toiletries to students experiencing difficulty due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Students have been particularly hard hit by COVID-19 due to the loss of casual and part time jobs. International students face the additional challenge of living far from their home support networks. The Community Pantry will provide practical assistance with groceries, along

with access to Federation University support services. The Gippsland initiatives are supported by Foodbank Victoria, Enjoy Church, Mid Valley Shopping Centre, Sikh community members (Siri Guru Nanak Darbar, Officer) and Churchill Neighbourhood House, in consultation with a range of community partners. The Community Pantry at Mid Valley Shopping Centre is open for domestic and international students every Thursday and the Churchill Campus pantry is open on Tuesdays. Information on opening times is available at the Community Pantry website. Donations of groceries, blankets, beans, gloves and toiletries from members of the Gippsland community are appreciated. A Community Pantry also operates at Federation University's campuses

in Ballarat and Berwick. Federation University Federation Head, Gippsland Campus, Leigh Kennedy said "The Community Pantry is a very practical way of supporting students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For all the hardship of recent months, it is heartening to see the generosity and compassion the Gippsland community has shown in helping us support domestic and international students through the Community Pantry initiative."

Mid Valley Shopping Centre Manager Sjaala Harbridge said "Mid Valley Shopping Centre is proud to support Federation University's food pantry initiative providing local students with much needed food supplies during this very challenging period."

Thorpdale Potato Festival

COVID-19 has rained on our parade. It is with disappointment we announce that the rejuvenated, re-invigorated and completely refreshed Thorpdale Potato Festival, which was to be held in March 2021, will be cancelled due to considerations of health and welfare, sponsors, community and hardship which has been caused by

the COVID-19 virus. The Committee came to this decision after considerable debate and all aspects were discussed at depth. It was not an easy decision. However, we are sure that the Thorpdale Potato Festival will bounce back on the Sunday of the Labour Day weekend in March 2022, with much more to tempt people from far and wide. More information on

the next Thorpdale Potato Festival will be provided when possible. For more information, contact: Barbara Butterworth

Marketing and Public Relations Officer
Thorpdale Potato Festival Committee

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Churchill
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Food on the Table



We are delighted to say that Churchill now has a foodbank in the town centre, providing emergency food relief to local community members.

The service is supported by Food Bank Victoria, Churchill Hot Bread, RACV, and generous community donations.

Although the Food Bank is based at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre in the Community Hub in Philip Parade, it is a collaboration between a number of community organisations and volunteers.

"A number of organisations and community members had been discussing how to implement this, but

then COVID - 19 hit and we just went for it. Food Bank Victoria, providers of most of our food for no or low cost, were prepared to fast track our registration so we got up and running fast. Churchill Hot Bread got on board immediately donating bread, and RACV has joined the team with serves of wonderful vegetarian meals delivered to us weekly in re-purposed RACV yellow vans!" explained Abigail Brown from Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

Because of current restrictions, it is not a walk in, self-serve service yet, although it will be. "We plan to build cupboards so that

once restrictions are eased, community members can choose the food they need. However just for the moment we are offering ready packed hampers," said Abigail.

Community members can ring us on 5120 3850 and we will arrange for them to pick up a hamper, or we can drop it off if they are self-isolating. We will ask how many people are in the family and whether there are pets in the family, too. We will also ask if other help is needed, as we can refer them on to other services.

Anyone can contact us for support on 5120 3850.

Please leave a message if we are not there, and we will call you back as soon as we can.



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Churchill Lions quiet but still keeping busy

Bushfires and now COVID-19, this has been a time of fear and uncertainty, where things have changed dramatically, however one thing never changes, the Churchill Lions are always keeping busy and helping out when and where they are needed.

Once it was safe and we were allowed into the bushfire areas, Lions members made many trips to East Gippsland towns working in conjunction with the Blaze Aid members.

The devastation had to be seen to be believed and our members were shocked and saddened, especially seeing the small towns, some we have never even heard of, totally wiped out – however there was work to be done.

Together with Blaze Aid, Lions did the rounds and ascertained what was needed, making long lists which our members headed home to Churchill with. They set to work shopping and a well worn path was soon made to and fro, delivering much needed items from as little as a packet of nappies to building materials, as well as helping out manually where they could.

Then COVID-19 hit and we were put into lockdown and meetings were cancelled until further notice, but Lions still did what they could when they could, while observing all the restrictions.

Finally things were looking up and we managed to hold our Changover meeting which is normally a Gala event with partners and guests, but this year it was Members only as outgoing President Geoff Brick handed the gong over to incoming President Reg Grisotto for the 2020/2021 year.

Before we knew it wave two of the virus hit and we were back in lockdown – cancelling everything again but we noticed a new kind of ‘pest’, those who had been having a clean out, dumping all their unwanted goods outside the Lifeline Shop! Four Lions members



Incoming President Lion Reg Grisotto accepting the gong from outgoing President Lion Geoff Brick.



Blaze Aid 2 is Churchill Member Allen Kelly handing over some of the items we purchased to Blaze Aid Member Julie.

immediately went down there, loaded up all the rubbish and took it to the tip, thus enabling Lifeline to continue on with their valuable work.

During all of this the members were still very active purchasing and delivering needed items to the small amount of Blaze Aid members

who were allowed to remain in the bushfire areas, and we continue this day after day.

Photo Captions / Blaze Aid 1 is some of the meals we provided.

3/ 3 Lions Members with the last ute load of rubbish from the Lifeline Shop cleanup.

Latrobe Streetgames



Latrobe Streetgames has been in a Virtual program rhythm for about three months now during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Everyone is welcome to join in on some wonderful and varied, online challenges, Fitness Programs, Meditation and Virtual chats to keep the mind and body healthy while having a lot of fun at the same time.

All sessions are hosted on Facebook and shared to and from other social platforms by the fun and vibrant crew.

Sessions include:

- Mindful Mondays: Meditation, breathing, stretching, yoga
- Tik Tok Tuesdays: Tik Tok challenges
- Winners are Grinners Wednesdays: Minute to Win it games
- Tips & Tricks Thursdays: Variety of different content from fun games to sport segments to general health and

wellbeing tips

- Fitness Fridays: workout sessions
- Sunday sessions: wrap up of the week, fun games like trivia

Another GippSport program is Make Your Move Latrobe, which is running a Local Leaders campaign featuring a variety of local sport leaders and clubs who have contributed tips, insights and inspiration for us all to stay healthy and active during these challenging times.

Check out the Latrobe Streetgames segment where Head Coach Jay shares his passion for scootering:

<https://www.facebook.com/mymlatrobe/videos/2784524995009468/>

Virtual programming has been a lot of fun and the Crew has certainly stepped up to the challenge and have achieved fabulous engagement and outcomes.

However nothing beats

face to face delivery so they are pleased to announce that they are currently planning a return to program for a fabulous come back!

Once restrictions have eased, you will certainly see Latrobe Streetgames back in action, doing what they do best, facilitating many opportunities for social sports and games out in your local community to help to increase physical activity and social connectedness.

You can stay updated on Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok, Youtube and website Socials platforms @latrobastreetgames Website: www.latrobastreetgames.com.au

What day, time, place and style of program would you like to see in your town?

Send through feedback via email: hello@latrobastreetgames.com.au or message via Facebook and Instagram.

A message about Recycling at the Churchill Hub



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Memorial Seat Project

Many folk will remember Rob Whelan, who worked at, and managed, the Churchill Shopping Centre.

Rob was also a long term committee member of CDCA and represented CDCA in many forums and on numerous projects.

A Civil Engineer by trade, Rob worked for Morwell Shire in his younger years and later was engaged to work on a variety of planning and infrastructure developments for Latrobe City Council, other developers and local stakeholders.

Whether it's the Franklin Street Bridge in Traralgon, the redevelopment of the Boolarra Hotel, public toilet facilities in some of our towns, the wetlands on Eel Hole Creek between McDonald Way and Northways Rd and numerous other bridges, roads and buildings, most readers will be unknowingly familiar with his work.

To honour Rob's multiple contributions to Latrobe City living, CDCA is undertaking a memorial project, for which we received funding from Latrobe City Council.

A solidly built seat has been crafted by Theo Tewerik from Churchill Men's Shed. Constructed of ironbark timber, this seat will be located adjacent to

the path that runs along the wetlands which Rob designed, linking the Eel Hole Creek pathway to the southern pathway entrance to Mathison Park.

The land is owned by Federation University and CDCA thanks the University for granting permission to locate the seat there.

Many local residents utilise this path and, as there is no seat currently in the vicinity, we hope it will be well used by residents to pause, relax and perhaps watch the bird-life that is attracted to the wetland area.

Rob was passionate about the environment and also loved the arts; he was keen to see public artwork become another feature of Churchill's recreational pathways and walking tracks.

CDCA has engaged Gunnai man, Ronald Edwards Pepper, to paint the



memorial seat so that it is both a public artwork and a practical construct.

Ronald is a well known local artist whose public and

private artworks have attracted colours attention for their bright and incorporation of

traditional Gunnai and Kurnai symbols.

We think Rob would have been delighted with this project and we look forward to seeing it on-site in the near future.

With all the limitations imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, CDCA has been, like most volunteer organisations, fairly inactive.

Although we are not currently having face-to-face meetings or social activities, we are able to conduct some of our regular business via email, such as arranging for the purchase of more Christmas pole decorations for the Churchill Town Centre.

Disappointing to note that Hazelwood House remains vacant, while much of the inside contents, primarily the bedroom furnishings, have been donated to a charity for shipping overseas to facilities in need.

You can find more information about CDCA on our website: www.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 PO Box 191, Churchill.

Ray Beebe OAM

Ray Beebe received the OAM in the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours. Ray has been involved in a range of community activities, particularly in Scouting. Over 58 years, as a Leader of Youth, he ran Scout Troops in Caulfield, Yallourn, Morwell and Churchill. In Leader of Adults roles, he was an Assistant Leader Trainer, and later the Churchill Group Leader in the 1980s. At Strzelecki District level, he ran Scout Badge Courses and camps, and in 1969, notably started Strzelecki Showtime, the annual stage show that has given hundreds of young people valuable stage

experience. The show is now written entirely by our local people. For many years, Ray produced the Strzelecki 'Scouting around' newsletter. This proved to be particularly valuable when in 1995 he was asked to become District Commissioner to merge the then -Traralgon District with Strzelecki. He served as Treasurer of Showtime and also the District for some years up to 2019. His other community involvements have included Engineers Australia Gippsland, the Maintenance Engineering Society, and currently the Coal Valley Male Chorus, Hazelwood Rotary Club and



the Probus Club of Maryvale.

Ray says that the OAM was a wonderful surprise, and he accepts it on behalf of those many other people involved, especially his wife, Barbara. He is humbled by the many messages he has received. Some have been from past Scouts, including from his Caulfield days.

New flagpoles for Yinnar South Primary School

Yinnar South Primary School is among the groups from across Australia to share more than \$2.2 million through the Saluting Their Service commemorative grants program.

Federal Member for Gippsland and Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester, recently announced Yinnar South Primary School would receive \$2000 to install two flagpoles in its school yard.

"The new flagpoles will provide a fitting focal point for students, teachers and the school community during commemorative events held

through the year," Mr Chester said.

"Events like these encourage us to pause and remember the Australian service men and women who've played a role in shaping our nation over more than a century."

Mr Chester said projects like these helped to preserve Australia's wartime heritage and stories and supported commemorations of our military history.

"This year we have the unique opportunity to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and honour around one

million Australians who served and some 39,000 who died," Mr Chester said.

"Remarkably some 12,000 of those veterans are still alive today.

It has been fantastic to see the creative ways that community groups are commemorating Second World War veterans in their home towns to ensure the memory of our service men and women lives on."

For more information on the Saluting Their Service grants program, visit the Community Grants Hub (www.communitygrants.gov.au)

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In recent months we have supported each other in many important and positive ways, and shared care, resources, friendship, food, and help. We've been tested in record numbers, and we've sacrificed special occasions and important milestones to safeguard others. So many Victorians have lost so much; and they will need our ongoing care, recognition and support.

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

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

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THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS & LET'S STAY SAFE, TOGETHER.

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SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

As Anzac Day fell on a Saturday, and during isolation, Lumen Christi Primary School decided to ask the children to create an Anzac Day tribute at home, as part of their visual arts program.

The children were given the option to create something that they could use on Anzac Day, to pay tribute to those who have served our country. Some students made posters, cards, pictures, but brothers Nate and Max decided to take it to the next level and make a cross. Mum Tania assisted the boys. They made a cross with scraps of wood around the house.

They then made poppies and put them in the front garden, ready for Anzac Day 6am tribute to our Anzacs. Max from Year 3 said, "It was so much fun making the cross with mum and my brother". Nate from Year Prep said, "I will be up at 6am to remember our war heroes". Brothers, Billy and Blake made wreaths at home with their mum Janelle and little brother Tom.

They used egg cartons for the poppies. Blake said "It was fun painting them red".

They then got some rosemary from the garden and put it around the wreath. "That was my favourite part", said Billy from Year 1.

The boys have placed their wreaths at their front door ready to pay their respects to our Anzacs on Anzac Day.

Alice and Pippa, Year 2 and Prep students from Lumen Christi Primary School in Churchill, coloured poppies to make a cross using pencils, texas and watercolour paint.

They then stuck them up in a cross formation on their window at home that faces the road, for all the local people in the community to see.

The girls also made four police remembrance ribbons for the four police officers who were tragically killed in Melbourne recently.

The girls also sat their Nanny's army nurse and sailor teddies underneath their tribute display.

The teddies remind them of how their Nanny met their Poppy in the Army. Anzac Day is a very special day for the girls as many other family members, such as an uncle, also served in the Army.

Remote Learning made it hard for the children to hide their cards from their mums but they did it!

Marvelous creations took place and creativity was in overdrive! At Lumen Christi, the children recently learnt about the Kente cloth, made in Kenya by the Ashanti people and the weaving process involved to make them. Legend had it that they got inspiration from a spiders web!

The children made their own Kente Clothes last term and used the skills learnt to then use this technique to make hearts and placemats for their Mum's or special people in their lives this Mother's Day, remote style.

Shine the Light at Lumen Christi!

Smiling faces were the order of the day recently, when Lumen Christi saw all their wonderful junior students return to school. Both parents and students had enormous smiles on their faces from ear to ear on the return to on site learning at their school in Churchill.

The children were

greeted by staff and quickly settled into their daily school routine. Teachers had a party atmosphere on arrival with music, chocolates, bubble containers and crowns saying: "We shine at Lumen Christi", which quite appropriately, translates the school name; which means 'light'.

The song, 'We Shine', composed by Butterfly music, played accordingly in the background as the children rejoiced at seeing their school, teachers and friends once more.

Staff representative from Lumen Christi said, "It is wonderful to have our juniors back at school but we will celebrate again once our seniors are back too and we are safe together back as one big Lumen Christi family".

Kingston from Year 2 said; 'I love being back and seeing all my friends'; and Sophia from Year 2 agreed; 'I'm so happy to see my friends again. I missed them and my teachers too'.

The school will ensure all children are safe during these uncertain times and strict hygiene protocols will be in

place. Prospective parents for 2021 can contact the school for enrolment information on 5122 2231.

St Vincent De Paul Society's Winter Appeal; bring a can if you can!

Thinking of others and giving to the vulnerable, was the key message at Lumen Christi Catholic Primary school recently.

As part of their Catholic Social Justice and Teaching Mission, the children wanted to contribute to locals in need, particularly during Covid 19, when those who are more vulnerable often feel more isolated.

The school link being, spreading love and continuing the mission of Jesus by giving to the poor and spreading love into their local community, just as Saint Vincent and Saint Louise De Marillac did, patron Saints of The St Vincent De Paul Society.

So once back at school, and with many pantries overstocked in anticipation of what was to come in regards to Covid 19, the school urged families to clean out their cupboards and donate extra

cans of food to our local St Vincent De Paul Society.

This proved the perfect time to clean out the pantry, as over 300 cans were donated.

To add to the spirit of donating, the whole school community jumped on board to support the charity and wore a beanie to school on the day. The new school beanies being a standout!

Mrs Catherine Campbell, from the local St Vincent De Paul Society of Churchill was very impressed by the efforts of the school.

She said, "Every year Lumen Christi students donate so many cans and they really do help families in our community.

This year has been just as important as any other as many people just don't want to leave their home. So we make up food hampers and drop them off to their doorstep and they are so appreciative and happy".

Hannah from Year 4 / 5 said, "I love wearing my beanie to school and I donated a can for someone who needs it more than me".



Nate, Milla and Arya from Prep wearing their crowns with pride! 'We Shine at Lumen Christi' is written on the crowns.



Minara spoilt her Mum and made her Mum a place-mat and a card this Mother's Day



Principal, David Cooper and Father Solomon with their beanies



Ryder, Cooper, Lily, Ryley and Tye with their donations



Sophia, Mathew, Kingston and Izzy happy to be back at school

SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY

The 2020 school year has been vastly different from anything that we could have predicted. We welcomed approximately 30 new Prep students, new staff (Taylor Kerr and Amy Dyke), and embarked on what we thought was a very settled beginning to Term 1. Little did we know what was to eventuate. By the end of term our House and School Athletics Carnivals had been cancelled, the term ended a week early and staff

very quickly had to learn and implement an alternative learning environment. Staff, students and families coped amazingly well with the unprecedented Remote Learning that began in Term 2.

We had some 20 students attending onsite during the seven weeks that Remote Learning was in place. It was certainly very different to being in a school with 217 students. It was very similar

to a small rural school with all grades in the one building working together. However, social distancing and hand sanitizer was certainly something that we have not encountered before.

Students at home were in regular contact with their teachers via phone calls, emails and messages on our learning platform. Meetings on ICT platforms certainly took some time to get used to.

While most students were

at home grounds works were undertaken in one of the most favourite areas of the school – Gumnut Village. The trees and shrubs were certainly past their best so the entire area was cleaned out and has undergone a makeover. New garden edging/seating has been installed and planting has begun on part of the garden area.

The students onsite were also busy planting bulbs along the front of the school that are

now just starting to bloom. They also gave our friendship seat a lick of paint and the fairy garden received a much needed makeover.

Nearing the end of Term 2 saw our junior school Prep - 2 return to school followed a couple of weeks later by the 3-6 students. It was great to see so many smiling faces as the students came through the gates.

At the end of term we farewelled a staff member,

Ally McGrath who has taken up a position at Yarragon, and welcomed Kate Try to the school.

Term 3 has commenced with many of our normal school activities including interschool sports, excursions and camps on hold as we continue to monitor the changing environment.

Tree planting, bird nesting boxes and a frog bog are all to be undertaken on site during the term.



SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR SOUTH PRIMARY

Term 2 has presented many challenges for staff, students and families but ultimately it taught us more than we could have dreamed.

During remote learning Yinnar South kids showed us what they were made of, persevering when it got tough, when there were no answers; they found new ways to learn and express themselves and respond.

The highlight of our time apart from each other was actually the daily video chats. We were able to see the kids every day in webex chats.

The kids learned their way around their devices and the online learning platform, Google Classrooms, so well and were engaging with tasks every day.

We were able to deliver

lessons via video and stick to our regular program including phonics and read alouds, we covered area and measurement, skip counting and number patterns in math, the students even carried on with learning music through online learning.

We offered 'Website Wednesdays' where students would simply login to their Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Minecraft Education, Read Theory, EpicBooks and Incredibox rather than doing formal video lessons and tasks. We were especially proud of how the students tackled their STEAM projects. From home the students used what they had to create stop motion videos.

All students and families tackled online learning so

well. Everything was new for us all but now that we are back at school, doing face to face learning, we are able to confidently use technology in the classroom every day to do all sorts of new things we had never thought to do before. It is a relief to be back at school and to see the students in person again. Since returning we have been able to celebrate school by having a teddy bear picnic, a hat parade, origami projects and a strategy game day. The students came back to school to a big new peg board in the yard to help build arm strength and fine motor skills.

We also upgraded a shed and had a few dangerous trees removed. Our little school is looking wonderful and feeling great. Please

see our Facebook page and website for a range of virtual school tours and updates of our recent activities. <https://www.facebook.com/YInnarSouthPS>

[https://www.yinnarsthps.vic.edu.au/Meet the Staff](https://www.yinnarsthps.vic.edu.au/Meet%20the%20Staff)

Eloise O'Brien has been teaching at Yinnar South for two years.

'I love teaching the seniors – we have been doing some amazing things together – learning lots of new things inside and outside the classroom and learning from home. I have been a teacher for about ten years, working in secondary and primary settings. I love Yinnar South Primary School because we are a small school doing big things.'

Hi! My name is Sarah Quilty and I love teaching in the junior class in 2020! I love being a teacher and can't wait to have fun and do lots of teaching and learning with a super class. This year will be my third year of teaching and I love that I can continue to grow in such a wonderful environment for students, staff and families to bloom.

Nikki Davies is the Principal at Yinnar South Primary School.

'I am extremely excited to be working here. I have been teaching for quite some time in many of the different schools across Gippsland. I love YSPS because we are able to really get to know the students and can tailor the classroom activities to each student.'

Julie Reggardo has lived in Yinnar South for 32 years and has been involved with the school since 1989!

'I really enjoy being part of the school community and being involved with the children here. Seeing them develop and grow from Foundation through to Year 6 is rewarding. I particularly like seeing their cooking skills develop.'

Kylie Ainsworth is the Business Manager and Education Support here at Yinnar South Primary School.

'I have been at this school for the past 11 years and I love working and building relationships with all the students. I look forward to seeing some new faces around the school as we continue to grow.'



Back at school for music lessons - Caleb and Indi



Daniel, Charlie and Max



Left - Dylan having a bash at the big new peg board.

Right - Mapping and Location Mathsterious Island



SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI COLLEGE UNI CAMPUS

Remote Teaching and Learning.

University Campus students and staff have performed brilliantly under the changed circumstances that COVID-19 created.

With very little notice the school community adjusted to the altered school week and in the process we all increased our technology skills.

Students, support staff and teachers were able to successfully engage with new technology platforms, supported by the hardworking IIT team.

Many students, teachers and support staff faced the challenge of working in homes with multiple people. Students were often working in an environment where other siblings and adults were also working.

Some teachers were juggling their own teaching load while trying to guide their own children with school

work. The mute button and headphones became valuable tools for blocking out the noise of the home in order to keep the on line classroom a reasonably peaceful learning forum.

Sometimes home life and school life became very difficult to merge, or issues with internet connectivity occurred and during these times the school community have demonstrated patience and resilience.

One of the highlights of the remote learning experience were the briefing videos produced by school Captains Riley Day and Chloe Mifsud.

The clips were informative but most of all a fabulous comedic few minutes in the middle of a busy working week. It was also fantastic to see Riley's beaming face on the front of an ABC News article which illustrated the challenges of remote learning.

Staff also still completed the daily lunchtime quiz together in an online forum and had fun with a trivia night organised by teacher Matthew Woodhouse.

Reflecting on our time of remote learning one of the common themes that has been talked about was missing the face to face learning environment. Many teachers said that they missed the in person interaction that makes teaching such an interesting and dynamic occupation. Many students expressed the fact that they were missing seeing their friends and the food at the Kurnai Kafé. However some students found that for many varied reasons that they actually preferred remote learning, such as sleeping in and not needing to leave the house.

As we return to school there are mixed emotions. Many are feeling excited at being back in the classroom,

some are feeling nervous at how the new socially distanced school will run. I think that everyone can agree that this experience has given people the opportunity to reflect on what a privilege we have to be able to attend such a well-resourced and comfortable school. Remote learning overall worked very well for our campus however it is no replacement for on-campus life.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a dramatic impact on the delivery of VCE and VCAL programs at the University Campus of Kurnai College. While the Department of Education has said that in most cases students should be studying from home in Term 2, it has been left up to individual schools to decide how this should be done.

At University Campus teachers thought it was important that students

continue their studies with minimal disruption to their normal routine. To do this it was decided that classes would occur, as far as possible, face to face online in real time using the current timetable. This also meant there would be frequent checks to see how students were coping in this time of lockdown.

The last few weeks of Term 1 and the start of Term 2 the tech staff at the campus made sure that students had access to a suitable device and the internet.

Teachers also used this time to identify the software that would be used to allow face to face contact. It has been a pretty steep learning curve for everyone but most classes are now running on Microsoft Teams.

Fingers crossed but so far this has been working without major problems. While both teachers and students agree that this requires them to

work harder, so far student attendance has been consistent with what we would expect under normal circumstances.

Of course there are some parts of our program that have to be put on hold. VCAL work placement has been stopped and subjects that have a strong practical element have been restructured to remove or limit this until school returns to normal. The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority has said that Year 12 VCE and VCAL programs will finish much later this year so many of these subjects will run very differently this year.

Thanks to all the staff for the exceptional work they have done and are doing to ensure that students are getting the best possible teaching experience in these very difficult times. Thanks too to our students, their families and our wider community for their willingness to engage and support the school.

SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

Term 3 has officially finished its first week and the students at Churchill North Primary School have had a blast! There has been so much learning going on and the students have been so positive and accepting of all of the new changes to support social distancing and good hygiene.

The students are all looking forward to their new learning this term and we

asked some students from the 1/2/3 grades about what they are looking forward to!

Bella and Thane said that they are both excited to learn about science in inquiry!

Brody said that he is super excited to work on his maths and to learn.

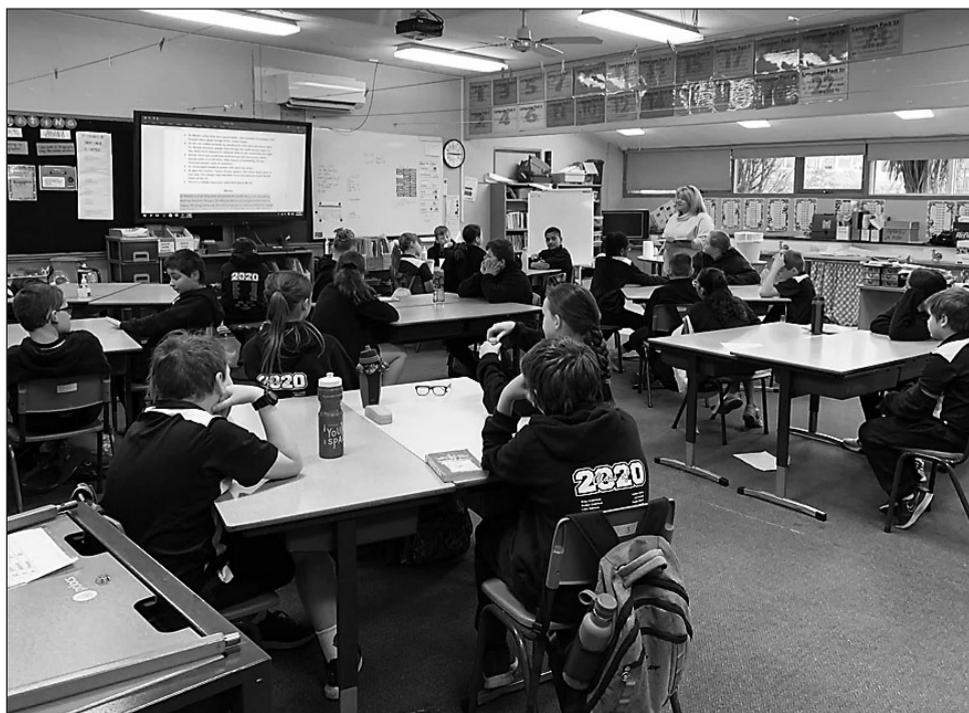
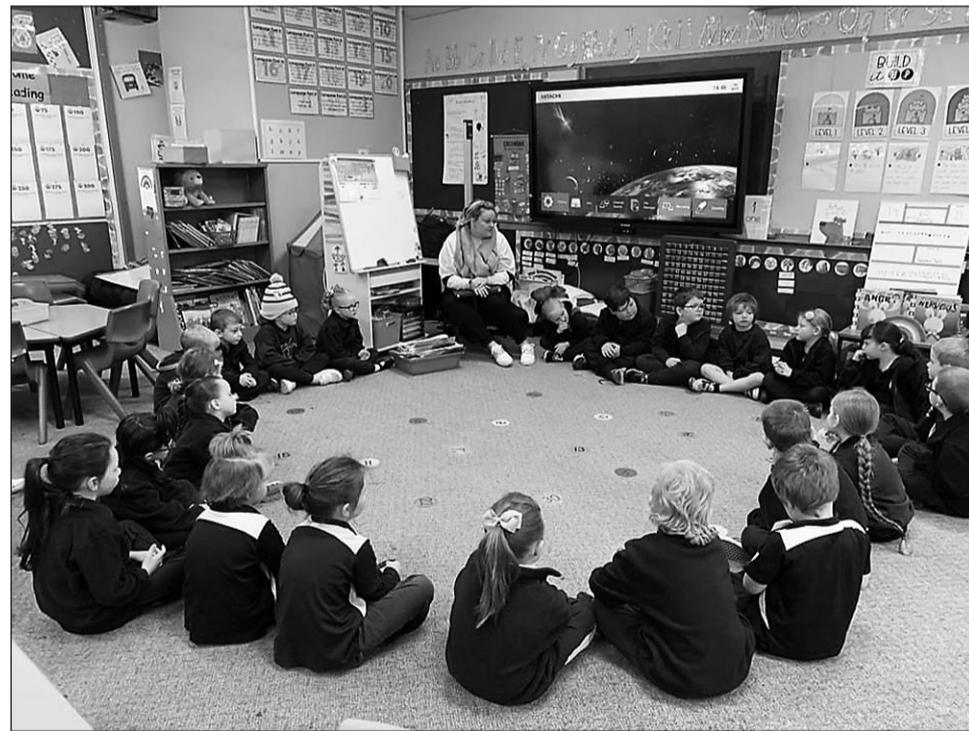
Nevaeh said that she is super excited to do writing.

Aleria and Lilly are both excited about inquiry and

learning about the changes that we see in everyday life! Lilly and Noah are excited about art and experimenting with different materials to create art works!

Nate is excited to learn all about technology with our new ICT teacher Mrs H!

We can't wait for an amazing Term 3 here at Churchill North Primary School. Bring it on!



SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

Lunchtime activities at Hazelwood North Primary School

Games Club
Over the past few weeks Indi, Lucy, Iylee, Brooke, Layla, Millie, Abbie and I have been running a games club for the Foundation and Grade 1 students on Wednesday at lunch times. We run fun games like Farmer Sam and Chinese

to participate. We also like to take suggestions of what games they like to play with their friends.

Each Wednesday lunch time five minutes before the bell goes we go over to the Foundation/Grade 1s to remind them to go to the basketball court and tell them what game we will be playing. Each week we play two games one warm up game

being leaders.

By Elsa
Basketball Clinic

Tasman, Eliza and Claire have been running a five week Basketball Program for the 2/3s at Hazelwood North Primary School.

It includes passing, dribbling, shooting, and

basketball skills.

It's so far been a wonderful experience for us and the 2/3s.
Basketball Clinic

At the basketball clinic we learnt how to dribble and do a bounce pass. It was very hard for most people because they were new to basketball. We also played this new game



Walls on the basketball court and lots of the students like

and then the main game. We have lots of fun and enjoy



defending plus, for the final week we will be doing a full court game.

We are doing this to improve our leadership skills and give the 2/3s an opportunity to improve their

called dribble ball.

Jaxon

Ninja Warrior

For the past week Michael, Ethan, Max and Kydan have been working on

a ninja warrior course.

Why did we want to do it? So kids could have some fun and so we could do something with younger kids in the school. We also wanted to do it because it was a chance to take some leadership in the school.

What we do:

We run a course at lunches on Mondays and

We have Foundation to Grade 3 kids doing it and hope to maybe even get the Grade 4s involved. And that is what you call Ninja Warrior! Hope to see you out there NINJAS!

Ninja Warrior

On Monday the Grade 1, 2 and 3 did a Ninja Warrior course at Hazelwood North Primary School. It makes you feel fit and healthy. It



recess on Fridays. The course has a variety of our school values like collaboration, resilience and challenge. In about one session we have around 30 kids.

was fun as you got to climb on the monkey bars and get a basketball and throw it into the basket. It was fun.

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SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY

During our time of Remote Learning a whole school themed Rainbow Day was held. The purpose was to provide engaging activities that allowed everyone to take some time for personal wellbeing. The students engaged in a wide range of activities including art, cooking and science. The students and families embraced the day with enthusiasm.

The Foundation /One / Two students have been exploring water colours since returning from Remote Learning. The students have thoroughly enjoyed creating art and have produced some imaginative pieces. They painted a watercolour background and then added monochrome drawn family

portraits. The finished art works look fantastic!

Numeracy is a key focus at Boolarra Primary School. Each day all students are engaged in mathematics that is targeted at their point of learning. Using hands on material is a key component to assisting our students becoming mathematicians! The Foundation / One and Two students are busy at work on learning about length and addition.

We are very excited at Boolarra Primary about our new instrument purchases and the start of a new music program. 'The Song Room' is an Australian organisation whose vision is that all Australian children have the opportunity to participate in music and the arts to enhance

their education. In partnership with the Department of Education they created the DUET program which joins up teachers with 'music artist mentors' and provides funding for musical instruments and resources. Here at Boolarra Primary we are thrilled to be part of this program. Our students will be learning about all of the elements of music and will play various instruments such as ukuleles, xylophones, drums and percussion instruments, and of course the tuned, colour coded plastic tubes known as 'Boomwhackers'!

Boolarra Primary School is a great place for children to

begin their education journey. We pride ourselves on being a small rural school where every student is known by our caring teaching staff and student body. Our current enrolment is 55 students. We operate three classes, however staff work together to plan learning sequences

across all year levels. One of our biggest features, apart from the personalized learning programs, is our spacious grounds. We have an oval, sandpits, extensive playground, a rebound wall and cricket nets.

During recess and lunch our students have a range of activities to choose from such as cubby building and sports. We also have structured sessions within our library learning space which are run by staff as well as some of our senior students.

We encourage and support student voice and agency both within and outside of the classroom. Our student

Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics), Performing/Visual Arts and in 2020 we have introduced a music program.

We run Mandarin language classes on a weekly basis. Enrolments are open for our 2021 Prep students. Please see our website for more information about our wonderful school. Go to the About Us Tab and then the Parent Handbook Tab. Here you will find a significant amount of information about

our school. If you have further questions, please contact Mrs Susan Duncan.

Connected to Community Dedicated to Learning Boolarra Primary School finished Term 2 of with a "Dotty Day". Students and staff embraced the theme by dressing in dots both large and small!

Students worked in multi-age groups and rotated throughout the day engaging in science, maths and art activities.



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leaders organise whole school activity days once per term, meet regularly with staff to offer suggestions for forward planning, run morning assemblies and fundraise.

We offer a range of specialist subjects which include Physical Education, STEAM (Science,



SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL PRIMARY



Grade F1 Reidy were all excited to return to school after Remote Learning for the start of Term 2

Anabell R, Jeremy M and Eize K all had fun during the Grade 2/3 paper plane challenge!

It's been different!

It's certainly been a different year so far in terms of schooling for all students across Victoria, and students from Churchill Primary School have all adapted extremely well to the curve balls we've been thrown. The challenges with Remote Learning during Term 2 were met head on by both our staff and our students, and it was wonderful to receive all the positive feedback and support from families and the community.

It was great to be able to return to face to face learning towards the end of Term 2 and we finished off with a couple of fun days including PJ Day and class parties on the last day. PJ Day saw students and staff come to school in their pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers and enjoy a cosy and relaxing winter day.

Our final day for the

term consisted of all grades having a special morning to celebrate their challenges and achievements throughout Term 2. Each student received individual snack packs on the day and each class created their own fun and amusements. Our Grade 2 and Grade 3 students held a Paper Plane competition with different prizes being awarded for the best plane designs and the planes that flew the furthest.

Whilst school does look a little different these days, Term 3 is off to a good start with everyone adhering to the new rules and regulations put in place due to Covid-19.

We have sanitizer stations at all entry points to the buildings and each classroom, as well as extra cleaning of high touch surfaces, toilets etc. happening throughout the day. We are grateful that we are still able to deliver

face to face teaching, and are not in lockdown again like the Melbourne suburbs, and therefore doing our best and taking precautions wherever possible to minimise any potential exposure. Thank you to our students, staff and school community for working together so that we can continue to deliver a fantastic education program at CPS where everyone belongs, thrives and achieves!

New Building

During the last state election the Victorian Government promised that, if re-elected, Churchill Primary School would benefit from a state of the art building upgrade.

This means that our main administration and learning block A is soon to be replaced with a brand new \$2.6 million building which will be operational at the start of 2021. Our Principal, along

with our Business Manager and a special project manager hired by the department, have been consulting and adapting plans to suit the school since the start of this year. We were a little apprehensive and worried that the current Covid-19 situation might delay the building and push back the timeline but we have been assured that the building will be completed by the end of this year.

Our senior grades have now all vacated their previous classrooms and moved into new spaces in Block B where they will remain until the end of the year.

The old building will be demolished during the September school holidays, which is later than originally planned, but will not disrupt the build timeline. The new building will be mostly built and prepared offsite before being transported and then

erected and fitted out at the school.

Our administration and office areas in the current building will continue to be used during Term 3 until closer to the demolition date. For the remainder of Term 3 and 4 the administration team will utilise the area at the far end of the BER building and temporary access to the school and office will be via the main gate entrance on Howard Avenue.

Our new building will include four new classrooms, administration office area, staffroom, sick bay and new student toilets. The plans are being finalised and we will share these with the school community as soon as they are ready.

Awesome effort Isla!

During the school holidays Grade 2 student Isla G cut off a lot of her hair so that wigs can be made for

people who have lost theirs from cancer treatment. She had been growing her hair for over 12 months in preparation for the donation and was very excited to be able to cut it off!

Isla specifically wanted to support kids who have had cancer because she wants them to feel loved while they are getting better and not be sad or teased for not having any hair.

As well as donating her hair she has started a fundraising profile to raise money for the Kids with Cancer Foundation so that she can help pay for some cool stuff that will help the kids feel better.

Isla has so far raised over \$1300.... What an awesome effort! If you'd like to contribute to this very worthy cause go to <https://fundraisekwcf.everydayhero.com.au/isla-is-donating-her-hair-for-kids-with-cancer>



Grade 5/6 Blucher enjoyed coming to school in their PJs!



Isla G donated her hair for a worthy cause.



It's important to get tested for coronavirus at the first sign of any symptom and stay home until you get your result. Getting tested means you keep yourself, your friends, family, workplace and your community safe.

It's not over yet.



**Find out where to get tested visit
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