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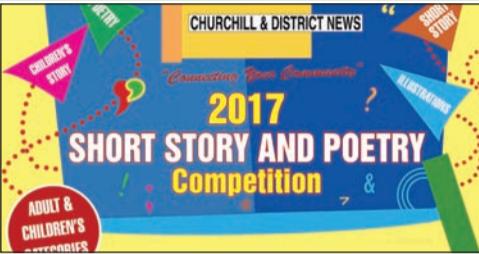
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Churchill remembers the ANZAC legend



ANZAC Day remembrance services

Despite inclement weather, ANZAC Day services went ahead in showers and drizzle across our area, with outstanding attendances.

Churchill

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood and District along with Morwell RSL and help from various others, arranged the Churchill service. Don George, Vietnam veteran and Morwell RSL vice president, was MC.

At the end of the First World War there were very few families that were not affected

by the great War. Almost every family in Australia had lost a family member. Just over 8,700 Australians died on Gallipoli or elsewhere from their wounds received at Gallipoli. At the end of WW1 a total of 324,000 Australians had served overseas, 61,829 were dead and a further 157,156 wounded, gassed, or taken prisoner. We are here today to honour those that paid the supreme sacrifice in all wars, those that have served and those that are still serving.

We are honoured to have with us a

representative of the Australian Light Horse, Maddy and her horse Sheyne. 136,000 whaler horses were sent overseas for service during WW1 and only one horse came home. As the Centenary of WW1 progresses we look towards the anniversaries of 1917 during which we saw the Australian Light Horse in Palestine carry out many great feats. But it was on October 31 at a place called Beersheba that the Australian Light Horse rode into the history books, Beersheba needed to be captured before dark with its' fresh water wells intact.

The battle of Beersheba took place as part of the wider British offensive. The final phase of this all day battle was the famous mounted charge of the 4th Light Horse Brigade. Commencing at dusk, members of the brigade stormed through the Turkish defences and seized the strategic town of Beersheba with the wells intact. It was the last successful horse charge against machine guns and modern artillery. It was a proud day . . . continued page 10 . . .

Help is out there

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By Linda Reid

As reported in February the Churchill District Community Association engaged a consultant, Celeste Jennings, to look at our operations and assist in planning for our ongoing viability into the future.

Celeste has been very busy talking to residents and various groups in Churchill and district.

We will be reviewing our objectives and welcome your feedback on them. You can do this by leaving your views

on our website <http://cdca.org.au>.

CDCA will promote at local, regional, state, national and international levels the interests of the people of Churchill and its district.

Our current objectives are:

To actively promote the area as a great place to live and raise a family.

To act as a voice on issues of strategic significance to the whole area.

To advocate for open, transparent, inclusive and responsive processes to be

adopted in planning and decision making for Churchill and district.

To establish and encourage forums for discussion on issues specific to Churchill and district.

To assist organisations based in Churchill and district to further their interests by encouraging interaction between groups and stakeholders.

To act as a voice for groups and individuals to present specific issues to Council, State and Commonwealth

Agencies and/or other relevant organisations.

To act as an impartial body with membership drawn from the community and relevant interest groups in Churchill and district.

We will be meeting on May 23 at Gippsland Business Centre for a strategic planning session.

We will be revisiting our purpose and objectives, as well as looking at how we are viewed in the community and where to from there. We will keep you updated.

Latrobe Dairy

Farmers Information and Wellbeing Day

This is a free event on Wednesday May 24, from 9am - 2.00- pm at Yinnar Memorial Hall, 14 Main Street, Yinnar.

Dairy farmers and their families are invited to drop in at any time to meet and chat with other dairy farmers and families in Latrobe, access information about supports and grants available, chat with financial counsellors and other service providers, relax and enjoy a coffee, food and music, be spoilt with a fifteen minute massage or have a free health check.

Informal children's activities also provided throughout the day.

This event has been funded by the Victorian Government.

More information about the day will be shared on Latrobe City Council's website and Facebook Page closer to the event.

For more information contact Abby Clavarino, Community Development Officer, Latrobe City Council Phone: 5128 5658 Email: Abby.Clavarino@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Al-Anon

The message of Al-Anon family groups, Al-Anon and Alateen is one of HOPE. It is a story.

My focus on Me!

Since coming into the program, I have been on a personal journey to discover who I am. Al-Anon has taught me to stop being ashamed of who I am and to begin learning how to take care of myself.

The old me thought no one would understand what it was like to live with an alcoholic.

Certainly I was the only one in the world existing in a kind of chaos. Wow! What a powerful step in my recovery to realise that many others had lived my life.

For the first time ever, my focus is on me! It's

scary because it has always been easier to focus on everyone else.

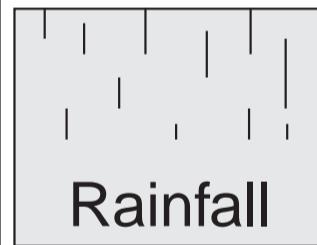
It is difficult for me to really examine myself. What am I afraid of?

Perhaps discovering that I do have some good qualities, even though other people told me just the opposite. Suddenly I actually want to like myself. I want to get to know myself and take care of myself. I'm trying to work on myself. It takes time.

Meetings:

Traralgon Monday 10am Kath Teychenne Centre 11-13 Breed Street, Traralgon.

Newborough Tuesday 8pm or Wednesday 1pm at the Uniting Church or phone Al-Anon 03 9620 2166.



Rainfall

The rainfall in Churchill during the month was rather sparse but a total of 47.5 mil was finally recorded. That makes our yearly total so far 147.5 mil. Since 1992, the most rain to fall in April is 119 mil in 2001, whilst Churchill's lowest rainfall for April is 13.5 mil recorded in 1997.



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Mathison Park in dire circumstances



Mathison Park is a huge area and we have fantastic help from the Council team for mowing on the western side and from the Community Corrections teams on the east side, and from two folks who do weed spraying and mowing on the eastern side. Thanks heaps Jim and Tim.

At the last working bee some of these tasks were carried out in the time available by five adults and two hard working grandchildren. A lot of the work was able to be carried out because Ray was able to come for a couple of hours and do some chainsawing. Thanks Ray. That said we won't have Ray each time, so a trained chainsaw operator is still required.

Being a member of the volunteers of Mathison Park gives you opportunities to further your skills and knowledge. Latrobe City provides training in areas such as First Aid, OH&S etc along with annual Volunteer Social Events such as Movie and Munchie days, Christmas parties etc.

Thank you to the Council crew in Churchill

This is a good opportunity to thank the Churchill Latrobe Council crew for all



the splendid work they do in Mathison Park keeping the grass down and cutting carefully around our new trees on the Tramway Road side. In Churchill we also have many other parks and reserves which are kept in good order due to the crew. It is a huge task and hard work. A few words of encouragement to them would be most gratefully accepted.

A special thank you

A special thank you is extended to Dave, who with his trusty ute, has attended working bees for many years and helped to clean up and transport our rubbish, plants trees, weed and mulch and all the other things we have to do. Dave has moved away. We will miss his cheerful smile and greeting along with his super effort. Thank you Dave. Best wishes for the future from us all.

We need more helpers at working bees. We need more people on the committee to help plan the ongoing development of the park.

It is such a wonderful asset for Churchill and the surrounding areas, it would be tragic to see it go to rack and ruin after so much excellent work has been done.

So many people enjoy walking through the park. Lots comment to us at working bees about how nice the park is looking and what a good job we have done, but are not prepared to offer some help. They say they have plenty to do at home. Those attending the working bees also have lots to do at home, but they can see that a few hours once a month will help maintain this special place in Churchill.

Please consider offering to help. We need people with a trailer and 4WD vehicle which can go through the grassed areas to take away cut up and fallen branches. We need people trained in chainsaw use to cut up the longer branches for transport. We need people willing to help load the trailers and unload them at our piles. We need people to help plant and mulch our beds. We need people to weed and whipper snip around our hundreds of new plants. We need people who are good at writing grant applications for funding of



Old Time Family Dance

Jeeralang North Hall

Jeeralang North Road
Friday, May 26

Dancing from
8.00 pm to 11.30 pm
Music: Ken and Alice

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For more details please ring Judy 0402 923 897, Heather 5166 1494



Latrobe Leisure Churchill

The Leisure Centre in Churchill was opened forty years ago, extended in 1993 and refurbished in 2011.

Known as Latrobe Leisure Churchill, the centre is a community owned facility which services over 100,000 visits a year – all community members can feel a sense of ownership and staff members are always keen to see new faces.

You will be amazed at the diversity of activities which you can enjoy in the fully equipped gym, which offers 25 exercise classes. Or you could go for a swim in the six-lane indoor 25-metre heated pool which is the

deepest indoor pool in the Latrobe area, at 2.6m. This pool services community swimmers, the Traralgon and Churchill Swim Clubs and the Learn to Swim program - which has been designed by qualified and experienced AUSTSWIM instructors to teach the youngest of our community to enjoy the water safely. Latrobe Leisure Churchill has been responsible for teaching more than 2000 children to swim. But if swimming isn't for you, why not kick back and relax in the heated sauna?

Latrobe Leisure Churchill also offers two squash courts, aerobics and boxing



rooms, two international standard multi-use netball and basketball courts and a function room. You can come to play or you can join one of the sporting teams who call the Centre home, including basketball, volleyball and indoor netball clubs.

Latrobe Leisure Churchill is open from 6 am to 9 pm daily and the Leisure Centre can offer you a range of member and casual visit options to suit any budget.

Elise's Junior Kitchen

Easy egg and bacon pies

Ingredients:

- 8 eggs whisked
- 6 short cut bacon rashers chopped
- ½ Cup grated cheese
- 2 puff pastry sheets cut into 6 squares each

Canola oil spray

Method:

1. Use the Canola oil spray to grease a muffin tray and carefully place in each of the holes of the tray one of the squares of pastry you've cut to make the bottom of the pie. The oil will stop it from sticking when it cooks!

2. Now very slowly, so it doesn't spill, pour in some of the whisked egg into each of the pastry cups you've made! We need to fill them half way so there is room for the other ingredients, otherwise it makes a mess when it's cooking...trust me.

3. Put some of the bacon and cheese into each of the cups.

Make sure you have enough for each of the cups but it doesn't have to be



perfect in each one, you can add as much as you like! Mum says I need to add bacon not double cheese in mine.

4. Now they're ready to be cooked! Pop them into the oven at 180 degrees for

20mins, or until golden on top! Remember to ask an adult to help with the oven, they will be very hot!

These are a great snack hot or cold, so remember these for school too! Yum!



Darren Chester

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Russell Northe

April 25 is an important day on the Australian calendar and I was pleased to attend a number of ANZAC day services across the Morwell electorate, including the Churchill service.

All ANZAC Day services across the Latrobe Valley were a fitting tribute to those who have served our country and provided an opportunity for community members to demonstrate their gratitude and respect to our courageous service men and women. We must also pay due regard to our local RSLs and community groups who do a marvellous job in hosting and

organising various ANZAC day services across the region.

There is speculation on the future of Hazelwood Pondage.

Hazelwood Pondage is not only used widely by the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club and Sailability but was also a popular tourism destination for people across the state.

The Latrobe Valley Yacht Club has existed for more than 50 years, whilst Sailability is a vitally important program that assists people of all abilities to participate in sailing activities.

But with the closure of Hazelwood Power Station, the

future of the Pondage remains unclear as does the future of the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club and the Sailability program.

The Yacht club and local community deserve answers about the future of the Pondage and its availability to the community for recreational use.

There is speculation that the Pondage will become an environmental wetland or even be returned to farm land into the future; however that is of no assistance to the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club who deserve to know now what the future holds for them.

I am once again

participating in the Nappy Collective Giving Project and encouraging local parents with leftover unused nappies to donate them.

The Nappy Collective Project aims to collect hundreds of thousands of leftover nappies from 390 official drop points in 44 towns and cities across Australia.

The unused nappies collected through my office will be distributed to local organisations that support victims of domestic violence and young mothers in need.

My office is a registered collection point (12-14

George Street, Morwell) for unused nappy donations with donations being accepted from Friday May 5 until Friday May 19 (inclusive).

For more information about the Nappy Collective you can visit www.thenappycollective.com/

A reminder the Churchill & District News short story and poetry competition is on again. There are five open categories and nine local categories. The closing date for entries is Thursday July 13, 2017. If you require further information, conditions of entry or entry forms please email cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au



com.au or phone 5122 1961. Entry forms and conditions are also available online at cdnews.com.au

Darrell White

Latrobe City Dairy Farmers Information and Wellbeing Day

In support of our Latrobe City based dairy farmers and their families, an invitation is extended to drop in at any time to:

Meet and chat with other dairy farmers and families.

Access information about support and grants available.

Chat with financial counsellors and other service providers.

Relax and enjoy a coffee, food and music.

Be spoiled with a 15

minute massage.

Have a free health check.

Informal children's activities will also be provided throughout the day.

Where: Yinnar Memorial Hall,

When: Wednesday May 24

Time: 9am to 2pm

This event has been funded by the Victorian Government.

For more information, phone Abby Clavarino, Latrobe City Community Development Officer, on 5128 5658 or email Abby.Clavarino@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Latrobe City Community Groups "Information and Training Workshop" on how our local Media (Newspapers, Radio and Television) works – FREE:

This interactive Workshop will help our community groups understand how the media works and the most effective ways to get stories and messages published or broadcast for free!

Topics to be covered include:

Why connecting with the media is important for your group.

How journalists and traditional local media work.

What the media is looking for.

The do's and don'ts of engaging the media.

Basics of media release writing.

Interview preparation and techniques.

Representatives from local media channels will provide an overview of their specific requirements, including tips and deadlines for submitting content.

Where: Traralgon Golf Club, Princes

Highway, Traralgon

When: Wednesday

May 31, 2017

Time: 5.30pm for a 6pm start till 9pm

The Workshop will be delivered by Leah Mether from Methmac Communications, with participation from local media channels. Light refreshments served on arrival. Places are limited.

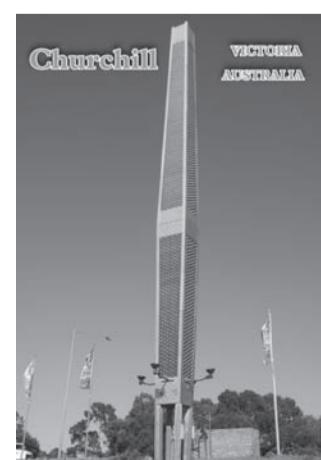
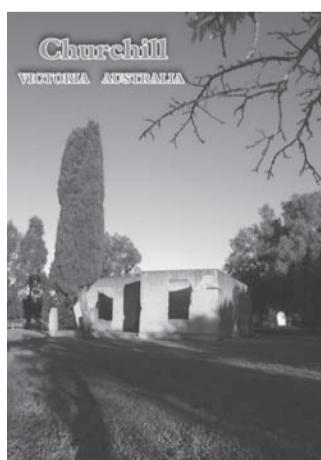
To RSVP, or for more information about this event, please visit: <https://mediaforgroups.eventbrite.com.au> or phone



Abby Clavarino, Latrobe City Community Development Officer, on 5128 5658 by Wednesday May 24, 2017.

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Cooking with Noelene



Too busy to cook?

Too busy to cook, but we need to eat, so what is the answer?

1. Be prepared, plan ahead.

2. Buy good quality prepared ingredients, for example: pre-packaged fresh salad mixes, marinated meats.

3. Think about buying enough ingredients for two meals.

4. Keep a selection of rice, pasta, jars of sauces and marinades in your pantry cupboard.

By following these four basic rules you can make meal times less frantic plus you will always have the basic ingredients for a quick, enjoyable meal.

We can always put off the housework, but we can't go without food or feeding the family.

Super slice (V)

This is super easy.

Preheat your oven to 150deg C.

Grease and line a slice tray (18 x 26 cm) with baking paper allowing a 5cm lip above the pan.

Combine in a large bowl: 4 cups (450gm) of rolled oats

1 cup (220gm) of soft brown sugar

1/4 cup (40 gm) of currants

1/4 cup (45 gm) of black chia seeds

1/2 cup (75gm) of coconut flour or almond flour

1/4 cup (45gm) of flax seeds

Melt in a saucepan over a low heat 250gm of butter / marg with 1/2 cup of golden syrup, stir through 1 tsp of grated lemon zest.

Pour this over the flour mix, stirring until well combined.

Spoon into the prepared pan, pressing down evenly to smooth the top.

Bake on the lower shelf of your preheated oven for 40 minutes or until browned and set.

Remove from oven and cool completely in the pan before slicing.

Baked cheddar mushrooms

You will need 2 Portobello mushrooms per serve, (the recipe serves 2)

Portobello mushrooms are the large cultivated (available in the fresh vegetable section in the supermarket) or field gathered mushrooms.

Remove stems from 4 mushrooms.

Place the mushrooms into

a pan with 120gm of bacon pieces over a low heat till bacon is cooked.

Remove mushrooms and place on a baking tray lined with baking paper.

Add chopped spring onion, (green stems only) to the bacon. Remove from heat and set aside.

In a separate bowl:

Beat together 250 gm of cream cheese with 4 tbs of sour cream and 6 tbs of grated tasty cheese.

Season with cracked black pepper and 1/4 tsp of sumac.

Stir in the cooled bacon and spring onions.

Spread evenly over the inside of the mushrooms.

Bake in a preheated oven on 160 deg C for 20 minutes or until the cheese tops are golden in colour.

Garnish with a few thinly sliced capsicum strips and parsley.

Serve immediately.

Omit the bacon for a delicious vegetarian meal (V).



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Regional Training Hub For Gippsland's Medical Students



Local medical students will have greater opportunities to live, study and work closer to home with one of 26 new Regional Training Hubs to be established in Gippsland.

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester has welcomed today's announcement that the Regional Training Hub would be operated through Monash University.

"This hub will work with local health services to help move medical students through the rural training pipeline, enabling students to continue their studies through university into postgraduate medical training, and then work in regional and rural Australia," Mr Chester said.

"This training hub will help us to boost the number of medical and health professionals in Gippsland.

Our primary focus is

recruiting and retaining doctors and allied health professionals to regions like Gippsland. Training local people who will go on to work in our local area is one way to do this."

Federal Assistant Minister for Health Dr David Gillespie today announced 26 regions across Australia would benefit from the Federal Government's \$28.5 million investment in Regional Training Hubs over 2016-17 to 2018-19.

The hubs are an essential component of the Integrated Rural Training Pipeline for Medicine, which helps to get more doctors and health professionals into regional Australia. Three new university departments of rural health will also be established.

"Our government's initiatives to support high quality rural placements for health students

from across Australia, help ensure regional and rural communities have access to doctors, nurses, midwives and allied health professionals in the future," Minister Gillespie said.

"Supporting high quality regional and rural health training is an important way to address rural health workforce shortages. Better coordination of medical training through the Regional Training Hubs will help us build the regional health workforce of the future.

I'd particularly like to acknowledge the work and strong advocacy Darren Chester has played in arguing the case for a Regional Training Hub for Gippsland.

These initiatives will help the Government deliver on its commitment to provide first rate health and medical services to all Australians – regardless of where they live."

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Prayers for Hazelwood



Bishop Kay Goldsworthy and Bishop Pat O'Regan at Immigration Park, Morwell.

Bishop Kay Goldsworthy of the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland and Bishop Pat O'Regan of the Catholic Church, came together at Immigration Park in Morwell with priests, parishioners, Council representatives and the general public from far and wide in Gippsland, to acknowledge and pray for those affected by Hazelwood closure.

They came together in solidarity and union to let the workers know that Christians

in Gippsland are thinking of them.

There was recognition that decisions were having to be made about homes, work and what to do in these uncertain times ahead; that people were hurting and damaged as they had lost the power to support themselves and their families.

Prayers called on God to teach us how to look after His world, and to guide those in authority to know how best to deliver power generation in the future, and to have the

courage to tackle pollution and climate change.

The uncertainty and grief is also extended to those working at the ASH Plant in Heyfield.

God was also asked to fire those present with a spirit of hope, and to help those making the decisions to have grace and mercy.

Prayers were offered for the positive outcome for the future of the area with provision of new ventures and new initiatives in industry.

Student Connect

It's often said that Church attendance is declining rapidly, with mainly Easter and Christmas the traditionally highest for attendance.

This 'high' has not been the case in some areas this past Easter. There is an increasing apathy, in places, about Christian things!

With declining attendance for instance, the number of regular Church-goers in Scotland has more than halved in the last 30 years, according to a recent report;

with the fall in numbers since 2002 being the equivalent of losing ten Churches a month.

But another report (given at the same time and also from Scotland) stated that there were concerns that religious education teachers were not addressing difficult topics in the classroom, especially at Easter, like Christ's crucifixion.

In that second report, a professor of education commented that this is contributing to a generation of what he called 'snowflake'

children, unable to cope with the harsh realities of life. He commented that we are largely committed to a pleasure principle, and that this is now removing from our culture everything that might offend people's sensitivities. In doing so, he pointed out, we are sanitising everything.

Does that explain the decline in attendance for some Churches?

Does that lead to there being no perceived need to think about eternity?

Worth thinking about!

Church Times

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

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Father Francis/Father Antony

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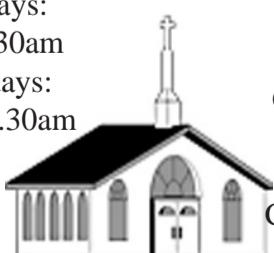
Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

1st and 3rd Sundays:

Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am

2nd and 4th Sundays:

Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am



Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill

Sunday: 10.00am

Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Sunday Service: 9.00am

Rev. Brenda Burney

Williams Avenue,
Churchill.

Tel: 5122 1480

Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish

1st and 2nd Sundays

11.00am

Christ Church Boolarra

3rd and 4th Sundays

11.00am

Yinnar

5th Sundays

11.00am

Yinnar South

Co-Op Church Snippets

Bishop Kay Goldsworthy attended our church on April 2 to preach and preside at our 9am service in Churchill and Boolarra at 11am.

Reverend Brenda held a Thanksgiving Service to acknowledge the closure of Hazelwood Power Station. We prayed for those who will experience grief and hardship that comes with that closure, and we prayed for positive solutions to be found for everyone.

A full report of the service is found elsewhere in the paper.

The Church's Junior and Senior Youth Group had a wonderful couple of sessions recently. There was lots of fun and laughter as together they enjoyed a hike (a great climb) to Billys Creek.

Our AGM was held at the end of March. The annual reports were presented and it was good to celebrate all the achievements completed in the previous year. The results

for the council elections were announced.

Easter observances began with Palm Sunday as an all age worship service. The church was decked with palm branches. The children, with help from some adults, re-enacted the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on the donkey.

The service of shadows known as Tenebrae was held on the Tuesday of Holy Week. This is a service we alternate with Lumen Christi, this year being held at the Co-Operating Church.

It is a quiet reflective service bringing out the emotions of Jesus' passion; praying for strength, his betrayal and loneliness as his disciples desert him after his arrest.

Good Friday saw the church decorated with many of the symbols of Easter to set the scene – a rooster, a cup, water, rocks, purple cloth, a candle and of course a

wooden cross. We welcomed members of the Lumen Christi congregation to share worship with us.

The service told of Jesus betrayal, arrest, trial and Crucifixion through Bible readings and prayers, in which people added to the setting.

The witness walk followed leaving the church to visit Lumen Christi, the post office, newsagency, the pedestrian crossing with the cross carried out front and finally back at the church corner to plant the cross. At each 'station' the story of Easter was retold event by event with prayers and singing and acknowledgment of our duty to share the love which Jesus showed by the terrible death of Crucifixion which closed the gap between our wrong-doing and God.

Easter Sunday was a joyful service celebrating the risen Christ and our gift of grace through that of eternal life.



Above: The cross decorated for Easter by the congregation

Below: A candle with cloth



Bible Study Group

A new Bible Study group is meeting on Tuesday evenings at the Churchill Christian Fellowship in Maple Crescent. Steve McNeilly,

who was pastor of the church between 1991 and 2002, is leading the new meeting.

He and Sandie spent 11 years pastoring in

Warrnambool before moving to Moe in 2013. If you might be interested in attending, please call or text Steve on 0409 173747.

Guidelines for running successful events

This is a summary of the Community Groups Training Workshop that was run on March 30 at Latrobe City Headquarters, Morwell by Abby Clavarino, Steve Tong, Wendy Hrynszyn, Jo De Jong and Kellie Panayiotou.

Introduction

Latrobe City Council requires notification "of all events to be held on Council owned land or of a private event in the Municipality that is in a Council managed Open space, Public Space or Roadway and other associated activities".

If the event is on private property, at a school or on state or federal owned land, the Council may not need to issue an event permit. However, this is dependent on the type of activity".

It is preferable to give the Council between 30 and 120 days notice. This allows time to notify the various Council departments, organise insurance, apply for an Occupation Health and Safety audit and notify the emergency services.

Application Process

Note that "a place of Public Entertainment (POPE) Permit may need to be sought for events on private property as the Council's Environment Health Unit will need to be notified about events with catering or food vendors".

An event permit

application form needs to be completed by two signatories. One is to be the Event Organiser and the other needs to be the Secretary, Treasurer, or President or nominated person.

All event organisers will need to:

1. Apply for and be granted an event permit

2. Comply with the Event Permit Terms and Conditions.

3. Produce their event in a safe and structured manner in accordance with industry best practise and current legislation".

Apply to the Council for the Permit forms or go on line to events@latrobe.vic.gov.au

These permits may be submitted on line to the above address or alternately use latrobe@latrobe.vic.gov.au. If posting use: - Latrobe City Headquarters, 141 Commercial Road, Morwell 3840.

The charge will be \$55 for any event held on Public land, but the permit is usually free for Community events.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome within 10 working days.

Approved applications will then be issued with a permit for the event.

Permit Categories

Major events
Events - Community/
Cultural/Sporting/
Commemorative.



Occasional events in Council Parks/Gardens/Reserves

Street Party, Street Festival, Street Market, Special event or Processions

Circuses/Carnivals

Community Markets

Fireworks

Bootcamps/Park Runs.

"The event permit is issued by the Council that gives permission for an Event Organiser to hold a public or private event in the Municipality; in a Council managed Open Space, Public Space or Roadway and other associated Activities".

Event permit requirements

Permits are issued according to the risk level and the type of activity.

The events team (Steve Tong, Wendy Hrynszyn, Jo De Jong, or Kellie Panayiotou) at the Council will help evaluate the type of Permit that is needed.

Venue Booking

"Ensure that the appropriate Council department has confirmed

the booking. If using private land, then a signed letter of confirmation by the land owner may need to be obtained".

Catering

Those selling goods at the event must be registered with StreaTrader which is the online system for businesses and community groups to register and notify their temporary and mobile food premises with our Council.

However it is your responsibility to check their Statement of Trade to confirm their registration with StreaTrader. Also, the Council's Health Services Team needs to be given a list of food vendors, seven to ten days prior to your event via HealthServicesAdminSM@latrobe.vic.gov.au

The Council's Events Team will also help you organise the appropriate number of toilets, rubbish bins, evacuation plan, heat procedure/policy and emergency services notifications.

Don't forget to register your event on the Council's website - What's on.

Go to www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Risk then open the Events page to list your activity.

Note The Council logo needs to be displayed if your event has Council sponsorship.

Insurance

Everyone needs insurance. No insurance - No Event!

1. \$10M - Low Risk Event

2. \$20M - High Risk Event

Check your Insurance. Send them an email and ensure they confirm that your Event is covered. Do you have Public Liability Insurance?

A bit of housekeeping

Rubbish bins - it is cheaper for private companies to remove your rubbish than pay the Council's \$12.85 per

bin charge.

Clean Up- There is a charge if this is not done.

Toilets - Do not assume they have been primed and pumped in time for your Event. Ask the Council what are their responsibilities and what are yours.

Wish to have a guest Speaker from the Council?

Protocol should be adhered to. The Mayor decides if he/she or another Councillor is represented at the invited Event.

Note

To run an Event in the Latrobe City, Steve Tong and the team have most of the Permits and expertise needed to help you complete the forms.

Applying for the permits early is wise.

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Categories

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1. Open - Primary age children 7-10 story or poem.
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3. Open - Secondary age children 14-17 story or poem
4. Open - Adults 18+ short story
5. Open - Adults 18+ poem

Local **

1. Local - Children's 7 and Under Short story/poem or picture story
2. Local - Children's 8 - 10 yrs Short Story/Poetry (illustrations welcome)
3. Local - Children's 11 - 13 yrs Short Story (illustrations welcome)

4. Local - Children's 11 - 13 yrs Poetry (illustrations welcome).
5. Local - 14 - 17 yrs Short Story
6. Local - 14 - 17 yrs Poetry
7. Local - Adult Short Story
8. Local - Adult Poetry
9. Local - A Children's Story: A story written for children

NOTE: Categories 1 - 4 Local ** will include prizes for best illustration and best presentation.

Conditions of Entry

1. All stories must have a separate completed entry form attached to the manuscript with a paper clip (no pins or staples). Please clearly include your name, address and a contact phone number or email address. People must clearly indicate whether they are in the Open or Local categories.

For age groups 14 years and over please also email a copy of your manuscript to cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au

2. The author's name must only be on the entry form and not on the manuscript

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9. All pages should be numbered.

10. People entering in the Open category must give their address.

11. Length of stories is to be:

Adult: 1000 - 2500 words

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Children: up to 500 words

Poetry, free or rhyming verse to be:
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Children: up to 20 lines.

12. Entries will not be returned and participants should keep a copy of their work.

13. The Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into

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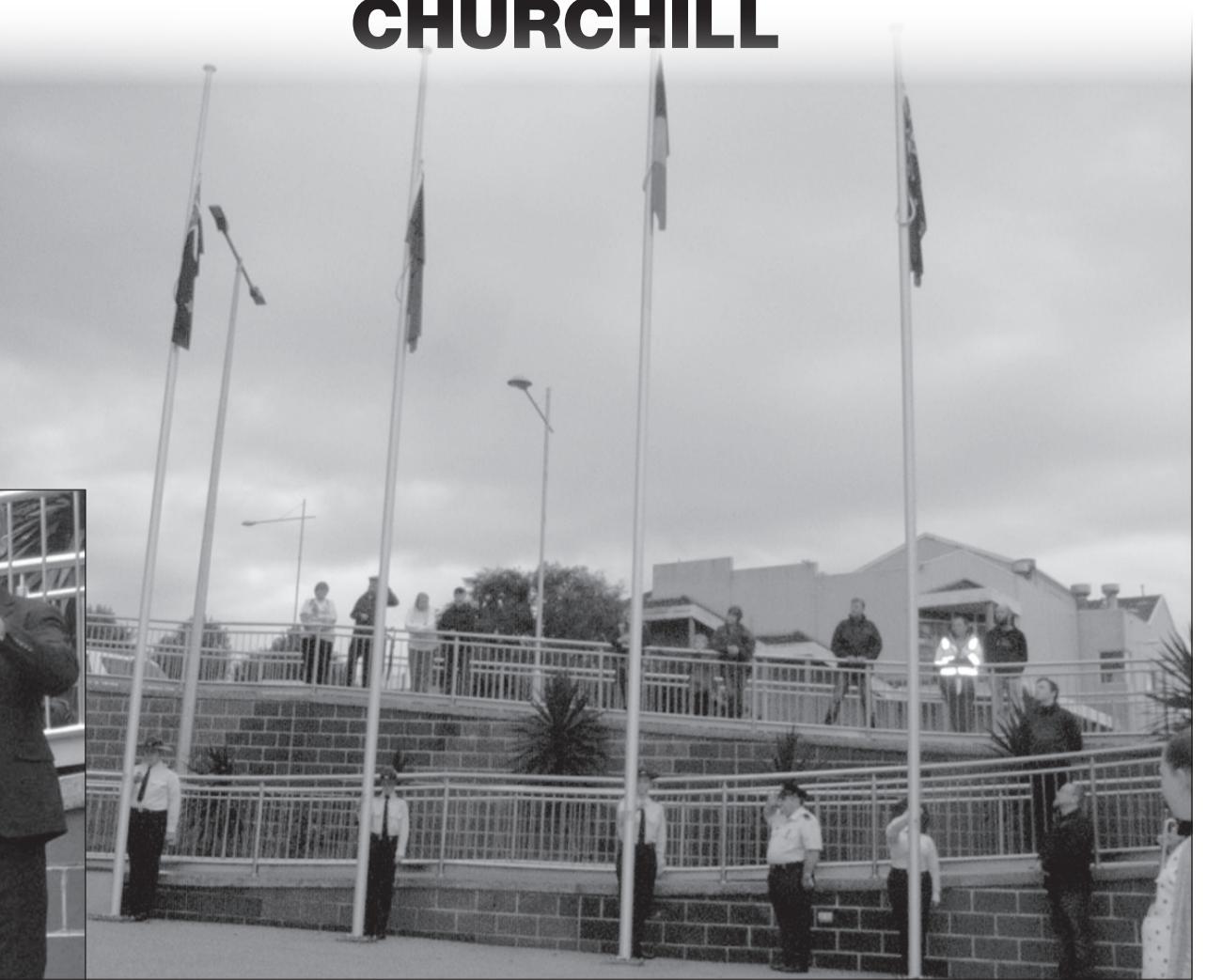
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for the Australian light horsemen. One of the youngest light horseman to die of wounds at Beersheba was Trooper Harold Wickham, claiming to be 21 years old but was actually only 16.

We must also remember those men and women who served and who are still serving our nation in conflicts to this present day.

The wreath laying followed and representatives of many groups in Churchill laid a wreath in respect for the fallen.

Indigenous guests Doris Paton and Christine Johnson spoke about their Aboriginal forebears and their part in the war with the following words:

"On ANZAC Day, we remember and honour the Aboriginal and Torres Strait

the 102nd Anniversary of that day, April 25, 1915, and the 102nd Anniversary of the major battles of the Western Front.

Islanders who served in all major conflicts from the Boer War to Afghanistan.

Over 1000 men served in World War 1, and hundreds served in the 2nd AIF; many were wounded; some died in action and some were buried with their mates. Others made it home.

Like many young men at the time, they enlisted out of a sense of duty.

In the trenches mateship knew no colour divide. It didn't matter what colour you were. A bullet was a bullet, a mate was a mate and an enemy an enemy. What was important was the courage and loyalty of the diggers by your side.

In wartime service they

received equal treatment and pay.

They enlisted at a time in Australia when they weren't allowed to vote, or weren't counted in the census. When they returned to civilian life, they assumed their sacrifice would end the discrimination that was entrenched in a segregated Australia before the war - it didn't.

There are many untold stories about individuals and their contributions.

This year Australia will commemorate the 100th year of those who served at Beersheba where our great grandfather, Private David Mullett served in The Lighthorse Brigade in the 2nd Remount Unit. Many men enlisted from Lake Tyers Aboriginal Mission in Gippsland. One of them Harry Thorpe was decorated with a Distinguished Conduct Medal; his medal citation reads; "During the attack south of Villiers-Bretonneux on the night of 17/18 July 1918, this soldier displayed great coolness and exceptional bravery under very heavy artillery. In company with Private Homan, he succeeded in carrying messages back under intense artillery and machine gun fire in the face of what seemed certain death. By his actions, much needed assistance was secured, and the position held."

We will remember them. Lest we forget."

Russell Northe MP and Darrell White, Latrobe City Councillor, were invited to introduce the student leaders who spoke with thoughtfulness and respect about what ANZAC meant to them.

Cain Orangi and Ally McGowan spoke for Kurnai Junior Campus.

Cain began: "ANZAC stands for Australian and

New Zealand Army Corps. On April 25, 1915, Australia and New Zealand became allies and joined forces in the First World War.

This became the name ANZAC and they took great pride in the name and that still continues to this day.

Australian and New Zealand men made so many sacrifices and they are the reason we are at peace today and can look forward into the future. Without these sacrifices, who knows what the outcomes could have been. I am extremely thankful that these men sacrificed their lives for us.

The red poppy that I am wearing is a symbol of war remembrance following the war.

They are worn to remember those who died in the war.

When we stand for

one minute of silence, and everyone bows their heads, I close my eyes and picture the war; how men were scared, nervous and how they don't want to die. When I see that in my head I just wonder what I would do if I was in their shoes; how I would cope going to war. That is when I realise how lucky I am and how precious life is, because you never know what tomorrow holds. At the age of eight, I didn't have a clue what ANZAC Day was, and now I have a better understanding what it is, due to learning. I for one would just like to say thank you to those men who fought in the war."

Ally began: "Today, April 25, represents the landing at ANZAC Cove in 1915 and the sacrifice of all who have come after the ANZACS to protect Australia and its values.

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The landing at ANZAC Cove saw many casualties; young men killed and wounded; families left without husbands, fathers, sons and brothers. Families just like yours and mine, left to pick up the pieces. Many men were also wounded and scarred for the entirety of their lives.

As a young Australian, and many like me, we see death in many forms: TV, video games, newspapers, movies. For us we see it as a distant truth, in some country millions of miles away. It is foreign to us and it is hard to realise the reality of the conflict our ANZACS faced.

For me, today serves as a reminder that what we have today should not be taken for granted. It pains me to think that young Australians, the same age as me, had to put everything on hold, families, schooling, friends, and their own lives, to fight for the values and beliefs that we hold close to our hearts today.

In war, these young Australians would have experienced constant anxiety, fear, and hope for a better day than the last. They were in foreign countries with different languages and people. For a belief, a value, that keeps us Australians. I could not relate to that at all, the fear and agony they must have gone through to protect our future Australians from the horror they faced.

As a young Australian, most of my life is simple, go to school, go home, eat, sleep, while an Australian at ANZAC Cove would have been deprived of most of these things.

Today as we are reminded of the sacrifice that was made,

I hope we all can reflect what it means to be Australian - mateship, and a never give up attitude that has seen Australia unite time and time again when faced with adversity, the belief of Australia, for Aussie spirit and the things that make us Australian, our freedom, anthem, our flag; everything we have.

So I ask all of you that the next time you watch our country on TV or when you buy Vegemite, walk in your local park or go to the movies, vote, protest an issue that is important to you or simply speak your mind, that it is not only on this day, but all days we remember the ANZACS.

For if the ANZACS had never put their lives on the line, gone to a foreign country and fought for Australia, our right, our freedom our values, Australia would not be the country it is today."

Churchill North Primary School student leaders Joel, William Tyler and Lizzy shared their thoughts:

"We would like to remember all the strong-willed, selfless soldiers who fought for us. If it wasn't for our soldiers we may have not been here or even had a country as free as ours. These soldiers were very courageous and very brave. Our soldiers not only gave their lives for us but fought for our neighbour New Zealand. Through all this blood, sweat and tears from our soldiers, they never gave up."

To me ANZAC Day reminds me about my family members who still serve with the ANZACS today. ANZAC Day also reminds me about all the soldiers who fought for our country all around the world. It is an honour that the

soldiers fought for us. May we all remember them. We wish to acknowledge your courage and bravery that you have brought to our country.

We are thankful for not just the soldiers on the field but we are thankful for the medics who helped the wounded. But mostly we would like to pay respects to all the men and women for their courage.

ANZAC Day means to honour the soldiers who fought for Australia to give us peace and freedom. If they didn't fight for us we would be going to prison for speaking our minds. The soldiers didn't fight for themselves but for our future.

Lest we forget."

Churchill Primary School student leaders Blake Billing and Savannah Lehrner delivered these words:

"ANZAC Day is recognised as one of the most important days of the year.

ANZAC Day is not only a time to remember those who landed on the beaches at Gallipoli at dawn on April 25, 1915, but it is a time to reflect on all those affected by war and conflict over the years.

The initials stand for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps and in 1915, those men, together with British, Indian and French soldiers were sent to fight in that part of Turkey known as Gallipoli. The initials became the word ANZAC - which today is respected in both Australia and New Zealand.

It is important to understand the amazing courage our Australian soldiers showed. They helped their allies and sacrificed their safe life in Australia for all of us.

ANZAC Day is a day to

remember all men and women of the Australian Defence Force, regardless of the time they served.

ANZAC Day is a day to stop and reflect on why we continue to have freedom, which no one should be able to take away from us. Without the support of every single Australian soldier, this great freedom would not be ours.

It is important that our generation and many to follow realise the impact of ANZAC Day and see that the ANZAC spirit lives on.

We are responsible for carrying on this tradition. We owe it to the ANZACS. We will remember them."

Lumen Christi Primary School student Leader Charlotte, concluded the speeches with these words:

"Today is a special day. It is the day that the ANZACS risked their lives for Australia.

On this day over 100 years ago, the ANZACS landed at ANZAC Cove. When they saw their opponents on the cliffs they knew that their rivals had the upper hand, but they didn't give up and to me that represents Australia; to never give up.

60,000 Australian soldiers died during those four years of World War 1 with many more wounded. Some of the people who volunteered to be in the army weren't even the right age. Some men who fought were sixteen and they volunteered to fight. Those men were courageous and brave.

The soldiers, the nurses, messengers and all the people who went out into the battlefields, all knew what they were in for but they still went out and fought. For the soldiers who survived, just

because they lived doesn't mean they were all right and there was nothing wrong with them. Some of them were paralysed and would carry memories of the war for the rest of their lives. To me that means that all people that went out to fight were strong and didn't give up.

Lest we forget."

Prayers led by Reverend Brenda Burney were said next, followed by the Ode to the Fallen, Last Post, Silent Tribute and Reveille, with finally the singing of the National Anthems of New Zealand and Australia.

Thanks were given to Peter Gray of AMPWORKS for the public address system, St John's Ambulance for first

aid coverage, the Australian Airforce Cadets 424 Squadron for the flag party and the Latrobe Valley Aero Club for the flyover; also members of the Hazelwood Rotary, Churchill school students and guest speakers for their speeches and Joseph Bonnici for playing the bugle. Don made special mention of the generosity of the folks of Churchill who supported the ANZAC Day badge sales, saying \$7000 had been raised for the RSL's welfare program.

In conclusion Don thanked those people who provided the morning tea, inviting those present to partake in the lower section of the Town Hall.

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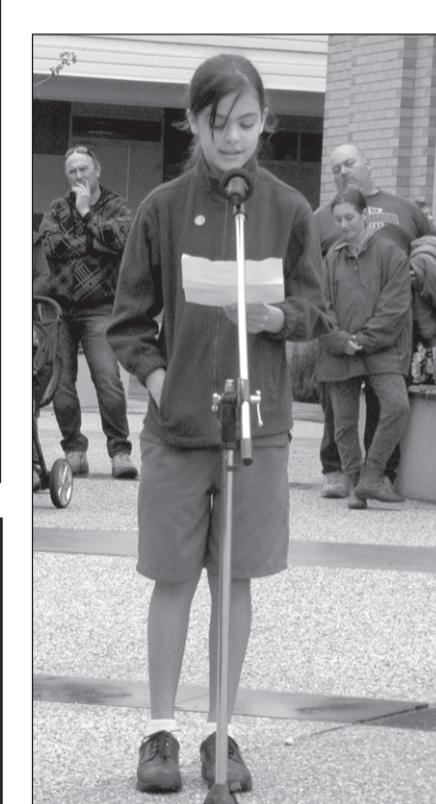
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"Hazelwood Rotary organised and co-ordinated the 2017 Mother's Day gift wrapping at Mid Valley - this was the 15th year of the club's involvement."

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YINNAR



ANZAC Day in Yinnar

Despite the persistent rainfall, approximately 100 people attended the Dawn service at 6am in Yinnar. The Yinnar and District Lions club provided egg and bacon sandwiches and hot beverages to help stave off the autumn chill. The service was conducted by Lyndon Giles representing the Morwell RSL.

The rain eased at the opportune time to allow the parade to proceed along the main street of the town, led by the Morwell Caledonian Pipe band. The local schools were well represented as were many of the town's community groups, including the scouts and cubs.

Once the parade reached the cenotaph, the cubs laid the crosses to mark all the

conflicts that Australia has been involved in throughout the years. This was followed by the laying of the wreaths by the schools and other community groups.

World War 11 veteran Reg Selwyn attended both services. He was accompanied by 19 members of his immediate family. The town's other World War 11 veteran, Bill Welsh, was unable to be present due to illness but was ably represented by his wife Jean.

The main service was conducted in the Memorial Hall where the audience of over one hundred was addressed by Blake Woodman and Sophia Patikisa, school Captains at the University Campus of Kurnai College.

Sophia spoke about the importance of recognising the sacrifice many had made for their country. Blake acknowledged that this day marks the 100th anniversary of the battle for Beersheba, where many soldiers and their faithful horses lost their lives. It was extremely gratifying to see members of the younger generation carrying on the ANZAC tradition.

As is traditional, the Salvation Army band played the Last Post and Reveille and then concluded the service with the New Zealand and Australian national anthems.



Churchill Town Safety Group



Vacant houses and properties

This month, we are looking at vacant houses and vacant properties. Do you have a vacant house near you or in your street? It pays to keep an eye on that place in case a squatter moves in or unwanted people frequent the house for illegal purposes.

You can call Latrobe city and enquire as to the ownership of that property and then call the people who own or manage that property.

If you notice strange behaviour at a property, you can call the police on 000 if you require them right away, or drop by your local station and advise them of the "goings on" and seek their further advice.

Do your best to keep your neighbourhood and town safe. It makes for a better life style.

Any other issues, you can email them to the Churchill Safe Town Group:- ctsgrp@gmail.com



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Quadrifida: From the Latin word meaning split into four parts.

Common Name: Prickly Currant Bush.

Distribution: Eastwards from the Glenelg River (SA-Victoria border region) along the Great Dividing Range and coast, to northern NSW and in Tasmania, typically in moist, sheltered positions.

Description: A medium, erect shrub to 4m tall, with spiny branchlets and opposite, lanceolate leaves to 15mm long and 5mm broad, that are dark green above, paler beneath, thin and flat with raised veins on both surfaces. Small, inconspicuous greenish

flowers occur in late spring and form bright red, edible drupes to 8mm diameter over the summer months.

Opinion: I have not deliberately planted any of this species in the garden, but that has not stopped them from being brought in by the birds! In the past they have appeared in various beds, in the vegetable garden and even in the pots and tubs that are scattered around the place. Most of them I have removed because they have placed themselves in inconvenient positions, but I left one beneath the silky oak on the western fenceline to fill in the gap and soften the look of the trunk of the tree. It now has a couple more cousins that have appeared next to it. Birds obviously like perching in the silky oak and depositing their goods into the mulch below!

The photo was taken in late February, when most of the fruits were already gone, presumably foraged by the

small birds that regularly visit. My plants only seem to produce small, sparse fruits and I guess this might be because of the warm, dry and fairly exposed position at this time of year. Plants that we found on the banks of the Barkly River, north of Licola, in early February, had many more and larger fruits, and it was quite easy to obtain a handful for a decent taste. When we were in Colac over the Easter weekend, plants in the Botanic Garden there still had a small amount of fruit on them. There are many examples of this species in Morwell National Park, along Billys Creek, and in the Foster's Gully section, mature prickly currant bush acts as one of the hosts for the epiphytic Butterfly Orchids.

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

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Jeeralang North Old Time Dance



Jeeralang North Old Time Dance held its Easter dance on the fourth Friday of March. People were invited to come in an Easter bonnet/hat. Several did and a parade was held after a delicious generous supper to judge them. Two prizes were awarded.

May is Bowelscan month

Hazelwood Rotary has been a long standing, staunch supporter and advocate for the nationwide Bowelscan program. **SAVE YOUR LIFE** is the message for Rotary's May 2017 Bowelscan month. The Bowelscan bowel cancer awareness program is conducted each year, always with significant success. Kits will be available for purchase at local pharmacies engaged by a Rotary District / Club Committee and will continue to sell at the very reasonable price of \$15. This includes the costs of testing and confidential follow up advice to your own GP.

Have a check-up at minimal costs to be sure! Don't be lured into a sense of false security.

The Hazelwood Rotary Club has teamed up with the Churchill Pharmacy and Davies and Moller Pharmacy in Morwell.

These two participating pharmacies sell the kits which are then returned there for collection by courier. Envelopes are sealed for confidentiality. The pharmacies are participating as a pro bono partner in this community service, for which Hazelwood Rotary is very grateful.

Medical experts endorsing the Bowelscan program emphasize that everybody over 40 should have a test every year and therefore people should act now before it's too late.

In Australia one person dies every five hours from road accidents, one dies every four hours from breast cancer and one person will die every two hours from bowel cancer.

Not all bowel cancers show symptoms and experiencing symptoms does not necessarily mean you have bowel cancer.

However, people should make an appointment to see a doctor if experiencing:

bleeding from the back passage, black stools or any sign of blood after a bowel motion,

a change in usual bowel habit, such as straining (constipation) to go to the toilet or loose motions (diarrhea),

abdominal pain or bloating,

weight loss for no obvious reason, or loss of appetite, symptoms of anaemia – including unexplained tiredness, weakness or breathlessness.

Recently, highly respected Australian social demographer Bernard Salt wrote "that by 2026, 4.6 million baby boomers and four million Gen Xers will be subject to a bowel cancer lottery because of their age". Another recent

Australian commissioned report highlighted the following comments: "More than eight million Australians will be at risk of developing bowel cancer in just ten years."

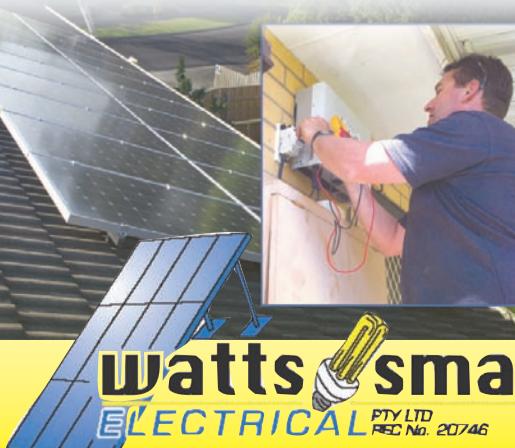
"Bowel cancer attacks the middle aged with progressive lethality, with rates leaping tenfold between the ages of 50 and 70". "Bowel cancer strikes hardest amongst rural communities where the 50 to 79 age group comprises at least a third and up to half the local population". Various reports now criticise the slow roll-out of the Commonwealth free testing program and also the limited appropriate medical resources available in many country areas. Australia-wide media coverage now makes constant reference to the importance of screening programs and the fact that through screening, bowel cancer can virtually "be detected before it starts". Whilst bowel cancer is more common in people aged 50+, bowel cancer increasingly affects all age groups. If you have higher-risk symptoms, do not accept 'you're too young to have bowel cancer' as an explanation for your symptoms.

Use Bowelscan or ask your doctor to be referred for further investigations.

On-line sales of the Rotary Bowelscan Test Kits commenced on May 1, 2017 and finish on June 15, 2017.

Please note that Hazelwood Rotary has always supported and promoted Bowelscan as a Community Service Project without financial gain.

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The first bridges no longer exist as they were trees which fell across an obstacle or were placed across a gap by early man. Trees do not survive the test of time, but stone does and in some places large, flat stepping stones were placed strategically so people could walk across in safety.

The art of bridge-building improved gradually over time as man's engineering skills developed. Probably the easiest to build was the pontoon bridge, a series of logs or boats lashed together that floated on the surface of the water.

The development of the arch allowed the building of stone bridges, with a single arch crossing a narrow stream

or a series of arches crossing a number of wider channels, utilising shallow sections of water to anchor the middle spans. It also allowed the crossing of valleys from ridge-top to ridge-top.

The Romans were adept at crossing wide, swift-flowing streams with timber bridges by using sharpened logs driven deep into the river bottom and planking to form the framework and deck. They also bridged valleys with aqueducts to bring water from mountains to their towns and cities.

The next big development was the use of iron, then steel and concrete. Their added strength and flexibility allowed bigger and better bridges to be built. They allowed railways and even canals to be built economically to carry goods swiftly to market from their place of manufacture, as well as moving people from place to place. Today there are many iconic bridges around the world.

Because of their importance, these bridges feature on the stamps of their home countries. Australia has issued a set showing the

Sydney Harbour Bridge to commemorate its opening in 1932 and another set of three in 2016 showing other city bridges.

The U.S.A. features the Golden Gate Bridge, Brooklyn Bridge and the Verrazano Narrows Bridge on stamps. Hungary has pictured the Iron Bridge which joins the two parts of Budapest, and Japan has featured many of its modern bridges on stamps. The list goes on.

The set featured this month comes from the United Kingdom and it shows the development of bridges there over the centuries.

Stamping news.

We have new proprietors in Churchill Post Office and very helpful they are too. Although they have to learn the language of stamp collectors, they are willing to take your orders and fill them. They also have a range of stock books and other goods for the collector. Drop by to say hello next time you are passing.

The next meeting of Latrobe Valley Philatelic Society is on May 31.

Hazelwood Rotary Club



By Leo Billington

Over the past months, Hazelwood Rotary has conducted various sausage sizzles throughout the local area.

Customer feedback always shows strong support for our famous sausages skilfully cooked by experienced cooks. Hazelwood Rotary has also hosted interesting guest speakers.

One notable speaker was Richard Copeland, who is fully licensed to remove vermin such as snakes and rabbits. While his work extends beyond these two species, it was removal of rabbits upon which he

excellent barbecue meal.

Hazelwood Rotary has taken a lead role in co-ordinating the 2017 ANZAC Day service for Churchill.

Our first time in this role was April 25, 2016 which provided excellent grounding for this year's ceremony.

Participation at the recent Churchill Festival gave an ideal opportunity for people to taste our wonderful sausages – which they did and for which Hazelwood Rotary was most grateful.

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Hazelwood Cemetery



By Leo Billington
Attacking the rabbit infestation at Hazelwood Cemetery

Hazelwood Cemetery has been selected as a desired site for the release of the K5 calicivirus, otherwise known in scientific circles as RHDV1 K5.

During the Expression of Interest process, over 700 EOIs were received, encompassing over 900 release sites across Australia. It was a fantastic response from the community and due to the overwhelming response, an increased number of free vials were available. After site selection, which was undertaken by each state authority for their state, almost 700 sites were eventually selected.

Three sites were selected in the Latrobe City municipality, the cemetery being one of these.

Infestation of rabbits

has provided significant challenges for the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust. Extensive damage has occurred to young trees, unsightly burrows under and around graves as well as divots which prove a community safety risk.

RHDV1 K5 is not a new virus; it is a Korean variant of RHDV1 and specific to the European rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*). The RHD Boost project also found that RHDV1 K5 is likely to work better than RHDV v351 in cool-wet regions of Australia. Similar to RHDV v351, RHDV1 K5 is a lyophilised formulation that must be reconstituted in distilled water prior to use, and it will be used to either inject live rabbits, or be prepared as carrot or oat bait and fed to live rabbits. Infected rabbits will spread RHDV1 K5 to other rabbits by direct contact or indirectly through faeces and vectors such as insects, specifically

bushflies and blowflies.

Sites were selected strategically in consultation with rabbit experts from each state. Priority was given to sites that were known to be rabbit prone and were geographically placed to ensure maximum coverage of areas where rabbits are distributed.

The Trust has contracted an authorised user who holds a Commercial Operators Licence with vermin destroyer's endorsement and a Pest Control Licence authorising the use of pesticides formulated for the control of pest animals.

There are two key take-home messages from this current work at Hazelwood. Firstly, rabbits are estimated to cost over \$200 million in lost agricultural production every year. They compete with grazing stock for food, contribute to soil erosion and destabilise the structural integrity of the land.

Secondly, RHDV1 K5 is spread by insect vectors, such as bushflies and blowflies. Direct contact between a rabbit and a rabbit carcass with RHDV1 K5 is also an avenue of spread.

Meanwhile the Trust continues to coax young autumn trees which, this year, have rewarded the area with a magnificent showing of colours. Plantings of bulbs in flower beds will enhance the environs in spring.

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Calling for donations for plant sale

Lifeline Gippsland is calling on the Gippsland Community for donations for their upcoming Plant Sale to be held on Friday May 26 at the Morwell Shop and Warehouse, 2 Fleming Street Morwell, commencing at 8.30am.

Lifeline Gippsland acting CEO, David Rohde said "Once again we are seeking support from the wonderful community throughout Gippsland to assist us to make this Plant Sale a huge success".

"We are needing plants of all varieties - roses, orchids, shrubs, grasses, bulbs, pots, gardening tools, furniture, ornaments - anything really of a gardening nature - would be put to very good use."

I am sure there are hundreds of plants, pots and gardening items out there just waiting for a chance to go to a new home", said Mr Rohde.

"We only receive 12% state government funding so the plant sale is a vital fund-raising activity to help us raise much-needed funds to support

our 24-hour Telephone Crisis Support Service 13 11 14, and to assist with running other important programs that help our Gippsland community each year", concluded Mr Rohde.

Donated items for the plant sale can be dropped off at the following Lifeline shops: Churchill, Moe, Morwell, Sale, Traralgon and Wonthaggi.

For larger donations, a pick up can be arranged by calling the office on 5136 3500.

Church News

Saturday Breakfast Report for April 2017



By Keith Enders

The April Breakfast was well attended with 18 people coming along to hear the guest speaker Celine Foenander, Manager, Community Engagement at the Latrobe Regional Hospital.

Celine outlined the background on the formation of LRH and how it became Gippsland's specialist referral centre, providing care to a population of more than 260,000 people. This resulted from the merger of hospitals at Traralgon and Moe and a nursing home in Morwell.

LRH has 289 beds and treatment chairs and is a teaching hospital affiliated with Monash's School of Rural Health and

Federation University. The hospital includes emergency care, elective surgery, rehabilitation, maternity, cancer care, pharmacy, mental health and aged care. It also has community mental sites across Gippsland.

With a workforce of about 1,900 people it is one of the largest employers in Gippsland. In 2015-2016 the hospital treated 134,414 people, of those 33,820 attended the emergency department. There were 9,841 surgical procedures and 848 babies delivered and staff employed across ten locations.

Celine then went on to outline details of the construction and extensions

currently occurring at the hospital under Cockram Construction Ltd, the major contractor. More than \$8 million has so far been awarded to local tradespeople and suppliers.

When completed this year, the expansion at the rear of the hospital will include an emergency department three times the size of the existing one and also a children's emergency area. The extension will include a cardiac catheterisation laboratory, two suites for endoscopy procedures, two new wards and a new main entrance to the hospital. The extension will also allow for expansion in some areas of the existing part of the hospital.

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Hazelwood Power Station close acknowledged and mourned

The Reverend Brenda Burney organised a service at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill to acknowledge the closing of Hazelwood Power Station, to appreciate the part it has played in our lives personally and as part of the community infrastructure and capacity of our area, for production of electricity, the provision of jobs, training and sponsorship of many organisations.

Reverend Brenda chose the readings to acknowledge that there are many different facets of life – the good times and the hard times, but also to acknowledge that these things shape who we are.

The readings remind us, too, that God is there with us through these changes and that what God ultimately wants for us is to be happy.

That's not easy when we are going through hard times and when we can't see the way ahead to a bright future.

This time will pass.

We can't fully understand everything God has done and we do question things in the past and what is to come in the future.

We need to do that. It's how we start to make sense of things.

However we are not to dwell on the difficulties and uncertainties of life because God wants us to be happy.

The last two verses say:

"I know the best thing we can do is to always enjoy life, because God's gift to us is the happiness we get from our food and drink and from the work we do."

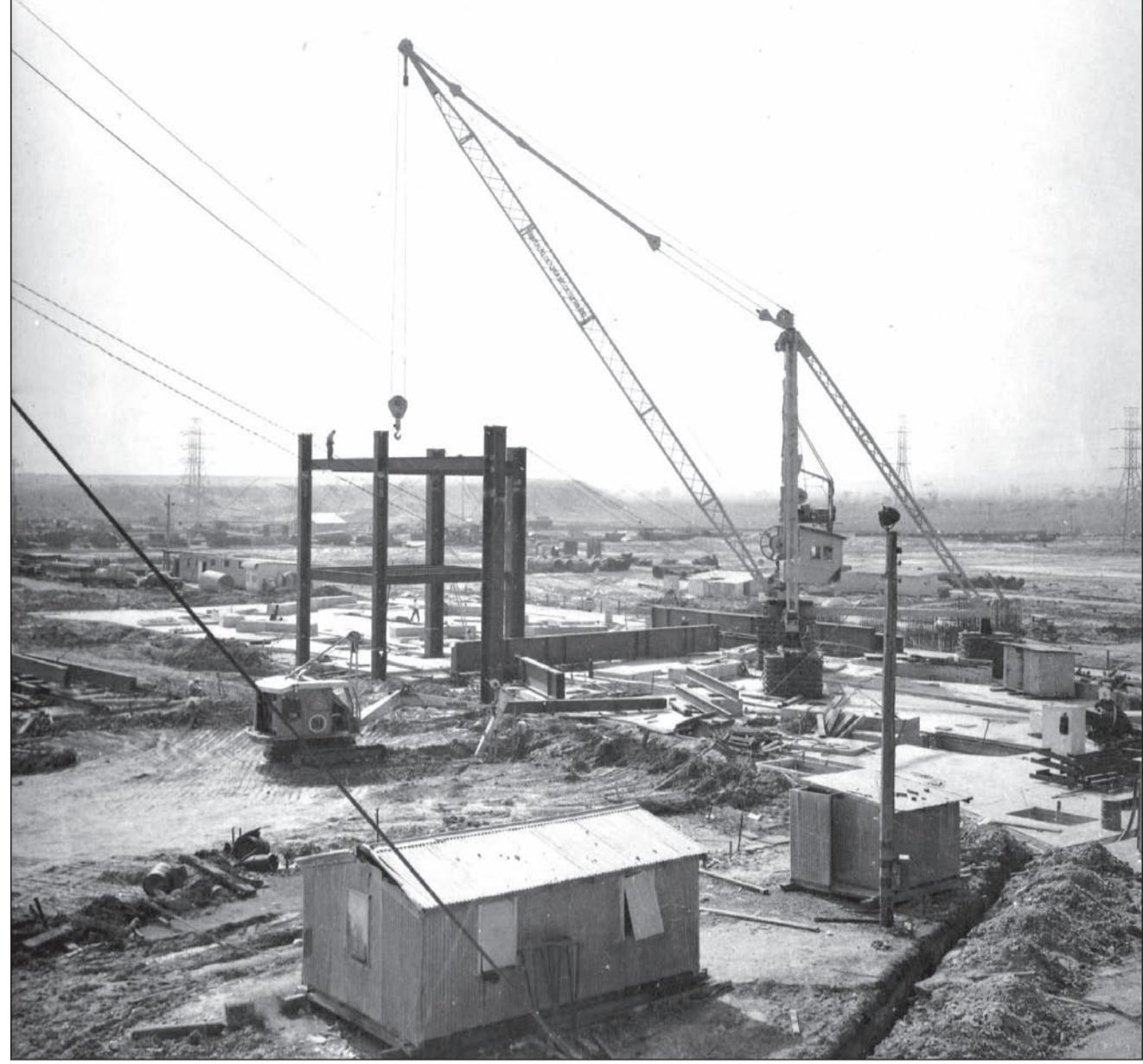
Happiness is hard to find when you are worried about how to put food and drink on the table, pay off your house and clothe your family.

God puts hope in our hearts for the future – hope that one day things will change for the better - to how it is meant to be.

In the meantime, we need to stand by each other, support each other and pray for each other. Joy can still be found when we do this.

It's easy to say to someone

– "don't fret or worry" when



they have no job and bills to pay.

We do fret and worry when things are not going the way they should, but we are reminded to give these things to God in prayer – call on God to help us through those times.

A time of prayer was preceded with these words:

"Occupy your mind with positive thoughts and actions, find positive energy out of all circumstances and try to hang around positive people."

Try to keep negativity out of your mind and it will cultivate a positive attitude.

Remember this when you

feel one of those life storms coming on. Your mind will direct your life, it does so according to what you tell it, or think about, or what you watch or listen to.

Change can mean growth. Change does also mean stress. Focus on learning the lessons from each situation, not the stress it causes.

Find positive people to help you grow and learn and recognise stress early and be open to talk to someone about small problems before they grow.

Share the experience and stay positive about the next stage of life.

Trust in God and believe it will be all right".

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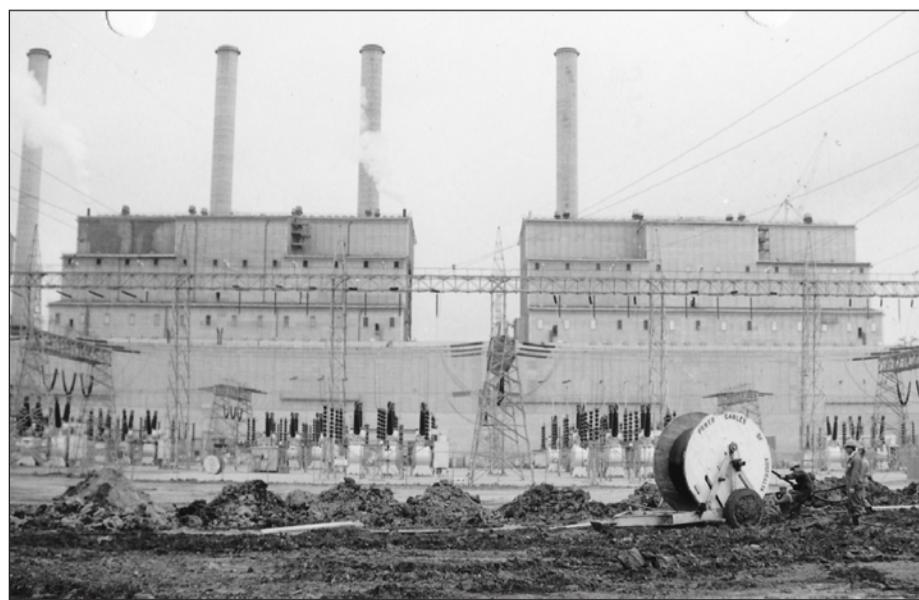
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Friends of Morwell National Park



John's Jottings

This snippet on the activities of the Friends of Morwell National Park was sourced and edited from early Newsletter files. I apologise for its length, but it is worth the space.

"1st August, 1988.

LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

The friends of Morwell National Park (FOMNP) Inc. are currently holding a competition to design a suitable Logo to represent the Friends in an official capacity on letter-heads, windcheaters, badges etc. We would like to draw your attention to the details of the competition to encourage your participation in the competition, and also to pass the details on to others who you know would be interested in participating.

The specifications for the FOMNP Inc Logo are:

- Entries should be submitted on white card/paper approx A4. (297mm x 210mm).
- Minimum size - 57mm (2 1/4") suitable for a metal badge Maximum size - 200mm (8") suitable for a

windcheater.

3. The design should include the *Sarcocilus australis* (Butterfly or Gunn's) orchid.

4. Any other details are at the liberty of the entrants. Further competition details are as follows:

Competition is open to any person to enter, except for members of FOMNP Inc. and their immediate family.

Competition closes with the last mail on Friday 2nd September, 1988.

All entries should be sent to the Secretary/Public Officer of the FOMNP Inc at the address above, together with Name, Address and Phone Number of the designer of the logo enclosed.

Logo designs will be judged on their suitability by the specifications given above, as well as by their artistic presentation of a logo suitable for a conservation-minded group such as the Friends. The Executive Committee of the FOMNP Inc. will initially decide the best six entries, which will then be passed to a panel of local artists to select the two winning designs.

First Prize is \$70, with second prize of \$30.

Winners will be notified personally and then in the local press on or before Friday 7th October, 1988.

FOMNP Inc. reserve the right to modify the winning entry if necessary to ensure suitability for graphic reproduction in various forms.

The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

We look forward to receiving your entry in this important competition, and would encourage your support in further advertising it to other interested persons."

Signed by Peter Bryant
April Activity Report

At this activity we had Matt, Grant, Wayne, Beryl, Tamara, Graeme, and Darren. We had apologies from Peter, Wendy and John. The group met in the Junction Road car park to decide upon the day activities. As we met a few different groups of walkers came through to enjoy the lovely Easter morning.

We discussed the flying foxes which have recently come into the park. With

the muttonwoods in rare fruit, the flying foxes have come into the area to feast on the fruit. Wayne showed us photos and footage of the grey headed flying foxes.

There are biodiversity grants currently available and Matt will follow up with Shane about the possibility of a grant for weed removal. The group decided to complete some

track clearing with a few trees down across the Billys Creek track. Matt and Tamara collected the chainsaw from the shed while the JSA paperwork was completed. While the chainsaw was being collected, Grant and Wayne removed three different trees from across Billys Creek track.

Matt, Tamara, Grant and Wayne took the vehicles and equipment down towards the Billys weir to remove any other track obstructions while Beryl, Graeme and Darren walked the Billys Creek track removing smaller debris. On our walk in we sadly saw three foxes. When the groups met up, we all returned back to the car park.

The group travelled to Kerry Road to find many family groups enjoying picnics. Around the picnic area a range of Easter Egg trees were in fruit! Other eggs were found on the lawns. Graeme had brought a few old photos which had come via the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists.

After an investigation it was determined that these 1968 photos (taken from slides) were from the official opening of the Park. The photo taken in the Kerry Road picnic area shows a snowy day with many dignitaries.

After lunch we joined a group of walkers going around Foster's Gully. They were searching for wildlife, especially koalas, while we cleared a few small obstacles from the track. No koalas were seen on the track, but directly above the picnic area was a koala in the tree tops. This surprised the many picnic goers who had not noticed it.

Our last few activities have been focused upon maintenance, rather than park improvement. We need to think about some projects for the coming months that will improve the park. Some suggestions were repairing the gate at Brewster Road or the new numbered posts for the Foster's Gully walk.

May Activity

Sunday May 21, 10.00am
We will meet in the Junction Road carpark to decide upon either the track maintenance and/or weeding we will need to undertake.

You will need to bring your lunch and clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

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Federal focus on decentralisation welcomed



With decentralisation a key ask in Latrobe City's transition advocacy campaign, Council welcomed and congratulated the Australian Government on firm action, announced recently, to progress action in relocating departments, or parts thereof, to regional settings.

Senator Fiona Nash, Minister for Regional Australia, addressed the National Press Club in Canberra saying,

"By midyear I will, in consultation with others, create criteria for government ministers to assess which departments, functions, and entities in their portfolio are suited to decentralisation.

Portfolio ministers will be required to report back to Cabinet by August on which of their departments, functions, or entities are suitable.

Departments will need to actively justify, if they don't want to move, why all or part of their operations are unsuitable for decentralisation.

The Minister for Finance will, in consultation with others, develop a template for business cases for decentralisation to ensure a consistent approach across government.

Relevant ministers will be required to report to Cabinet with those robust business cases for decentralisation by December."

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan, said Council had long advocated for a government department to be relocated to Latrobe City.

"Latrobe

City Council's submission to the Senate Inquiry into the operation, effectiveness and consequences of the Corporate Commonwealth Entities Order, recommended the relocation of a government department and the establishment of a hub for Commonwealth employees to be located in the city.

Senator Nash spoke at

length about the economic and social benefits of moving government functions to regions. She cited many examples of successful decentralisation models, including ASIC in Traralgon.

Raising awareness in the media about the advantages of having government agencies or functions embedded in smaller regional towns is key to shifting the sometimes negative image of regional Australia that is portrayed.

We know we have a lot to offer in terms of affordability and lifestyle opportunities, but it's vital that metropolitan Australia understands this too. Appealing to the city consciousness will reinforce the message that movement to the regions is a positive concept capable of delivering vibrant living and significant lifestyle benefits," Councillor O'Callaghan said.

"The Prime Minister has tasked Senator Nash with introducing and delivering the decentralisation policy.

We are fully supportive of this policy and look forward to discussions to lay the groundwork for the relocation of an agency.

Obviously we would be open to discussing the relocation of any government entity and in our previous representations we proposed the establishment of a Centre of Excellence in Brown Coal Innovation in Latrobe City.

Clearly a good fit for our region, with its industrial heritage, it would also strengthen the government's commitment towards the use of our abundant natural resource here.

With ASIC proving the value of decentralisation in Latrobe City, our desire to see a further Commonwealth agency established here remains firm.

Senator Nash's address reinforces the message to our community that our voices are being heard," Councillor O'Callaghan concluded.

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Glucose Monitoring technology free for the young

The Member for Gippsland Darren Chester says effective lobbying by local health professionals and patients has led to a breakthrough in the treatment of juvenile diabetes.

People aged under 21 with Type 1 Diabetes can now access continuous glucose monitoring devices (CGM) for free, reducing the need for regular finger prick blood tests.

The Federal Government is funding the cost of the device for eligible patients – saving families around \$4000 a year.

Mr Chester said provision of CGM devices was a huge win for young people with Type 1 Diabetes and their families.

"This \$54 million initiative will help children and young people – together with their families - to better manage their diabetes. It will reduce the stress, anxiety and upset of the finger prick tests, which some patients need to do up to ten times a day," Mr Chester said.

"The monitoring device alerts users or their parents if glucose levels are getting too low, so there's no need to interrupt sleep, school classes or any other activity to do a

finger prick test to check their glucose.

The technology really is life-changing for thousands of young people, children and their families."

Mr Chester said he had been lobbying colleagues from both sides of Parliament for several years about the benefits of such technologies to support young people with diabetes, and had been working with former local paediatrician Dr Peter Goss to make the government aware of the life-changing benefits.

"I am pleased that by working with Dr Goss and local patients we have been able to see governments adopt this policy to support the cost of glucose monitoring devices," Mr Chester said.

"This is the first step forward and I will continue to lobby on behalf of local families in regards to the significant cost of purchasing and maintaining insulin pumps."

Type 1 Diabetes is an autoimmune disease that attacks a person's ability to produce insulin. Patients need to carefully manage their blood glucose levels and look out for signs of hypoglycaemia, which, if not treated, can result in a loss of



Darren Chester MP

consciousness and seizures. In Australia, 15,000 people aged under 21 suffer from Type 1 Diabetes.

Mr Chester said an expert panel had determined young patients had the highest need for the technology.

A CGM is a small wearable device that measures glucose levels throughout the day and night. Some work with an insulin pump, while others send information to a receiver or smart phone.

Young Australians can get a free device through the National Diabetes Services Scheme after their eligibility has been assessed by authorised medical professionals.

Eligibility assessment forms are available at www.ndss.com.au.



Tea Tree Fingers by Tom May

interest in the conservation of biodiversity, particularly the macrofungi and mosses.

She has been involved with the Fungimap project for many years, and is currently working on the conservation of a very rare Gippsland species called Tea-tree Fingers.

She will discuss the roles of fungi in our bushlands, the aims of the Fungimap Project and how we can help to save Tea-tree Fingers.

The following day's excursion is to the Nyora/Lang Lang area where Tea-tree Fingers was first found in 1992.



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Future Morwell community consultation opens

Latrobe City Council is looking for community feedback on the draft Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan. The draft plan will be open for community consultation for ten weeks until June 6, 2017.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan, said receiving the thoughts and opinions of local residents was paramount to being able to ensure the future direction of the town is what the community wants.

"We know this draft plan will generate lots of discussion and debate. We want to be able to engage with the community around what they actually want to see in their town. We would encourage all those with an

interest in Morwell and the way it can be revitalised to have their say by using a short feedback survey," Councillor O'Callaghan said.

"Over the coming weeks the community will have targeted opportunities to provide feedback on components of the Revitalisation Plan, starting with broad and immediate thoughts and reflections on the Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan. Details of these will be published on our Facebook page and on our website," Councillor O'Callaghan concluded.

The draft plan documents are available for viewing on Latrobe City Council's website at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/futuremorwell or visit the Pop up Shop at 170 Commercial Road, Morwell, next to Subway, to look at a hard copy.

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The Pop Up Shop will be open until June 6, for people to call in for more information. Visitors to the space will be able to talk to officers, complete online surveys and review the draft plans.

The Pop up Shop is located at 170 Commercial Road, Morwell and is open weekdays from 9am to 5pm until June 6, or by appointment.

For all enquiries, phone the Community Resilience Team on 1300 367 700.

Victorian Senior of the Year Awards

Victorian Senior of the Year Awards

Member for Morwell Russell Northe is urging local people to think about nominating someone they know for the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.

"There are many inspirational seniors in the Morwell electorate who are making an enormous contribution and achieving great things in our community," Mr Northe said.

"They may be community leaders or behind the scene workers, for a friend, neighbour, family member or

just someone that you know who is doing great work around your community.

These awards provide a fabulous opportunity to recognise these people for the valuable contribution that they make," he said.

Anyone can nominate a senior that they admire, with entries open until Friday June 23, 2017 across five Award categories:

Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year
Promotion of Multiculturalism Award
Healthy and Active Living Award

Veteran Community Award Council on the Ageing (COTA) Victoria Senior Achiever Awards Age-Friendly Victoria Award

Winners, including the Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year, will be announced at a ceremony at Government House in October.

More information and nomination forms can be found at www.senioronline.vic.gov.au or by phoning 1300 135 090.

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Practising the Principles

Having sobriety in our home for a number of years now, it is easy to forget just how devastating living with an active alcoholic can be. This however, doesn't mean that I stop working my program. As Step Twelve suggests – I need to practise the principles of this program in all my affairs.

In the past, I recall going to an extra meeting one night where I lashed out unkindly at one of the members and was left feeling isolated from everyone.

Then as the Opening was read, I heard the words "We become irritable and unreasonable without knowing it". I just burst into tears, recognising full well that I had taken out my frustration on someone who did not deserve it. After the meeting the person I had been so irritable with came up to me and gave me a hug. She had recognised my pain and had not allowed my unkind

words to hurt her, but loved me enough to help me love myself. I have never forgotten this. The way she worked her program was where I wanted to be.

Today, I can honestly and humbly say, that I think I am able to be that way myself. A recent situation in my family found me on the receiving end of some very unacceptable behaviour. Deep down I wanted to react and lash out, having little or no compassion for the fact that the offending person was in a very painful place with no program to work.

Over the next few days I needed to really work hard on my program; calling my Sponsor several times to help me to get a more balanced view of the situation. It was back to the Steps to work through my feelings of resentment toward someone who was just as powerless as I was in the situation we have

all been faced with.

As I reached Step Six, I prayed for the willingness to let go of the bitter feeling of resentment. Then Step Seven, I asked God to do for me that which I was not able to do for myself. Slowly, I found myself feeling compassionate toward this hurting person; I put us both on the top of my Step Eight list and was able to give back by a forgiving member of Al-Anon.

Alcoholics of any age can be helped when they have the desire to stop drinking. As parents of alcoholics we can learn much from others in Al-Anon who are gaining strength and understanding through the Al-Anon program of recovery. We urge you not to put off the bright day when you can again build for yourself a life of purpose and achievement. Without help, alcoholism in the family is too much for most of us to bear alone.

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School News

Churchill Primary

Easter excitement

During the last week of Term 1 our Foundation to Grade 2 students enjoyed a fun filled afternoon along with their special guests. Together the students and guests participated in some wonderful craft and hands on activities and the Easter Bunny even made an appearance at the end of the day!

GRIP leadership day

On April 19, nineteen Churchill Primary School student leaders travelled to Sale to attend the GRIP (Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, People) leadership conference. They participated in workshops on identifying their strengths and weaknesses as leaders, and were taught to plan for successful events.

Oriana (School Captain) -

We got on the bus at 7.45am and travelled an hour to Sale. We got off and sat down in the hall.

We had to fill out our books throughout the day with information about leadership and our own ideas. We learnt about what to do when you see someone doing the wrong thing and at the end, we got to do a dance. We also learnt about the strengths and

weaknesses of ourselves and others as leaders. I enjoyed the dancing at the end.

Alex (House Captain) - It was lots of fun and it really makes me want to learn more about leadership. I'm pretty happy to be House Captain. It was really inspiring and I can't wait to do lots of things to help out on our sports days and cheer for my team and help out others.

Excavation

Recently our Grade 3/4s had an Excavation Day as part of an Earth and Space Science learning unit. Students learnt the basics about archaeology and participated in some mini digs of their own. This was a fun learning activity that the students all enjoyed immensely.

Dogs make good listeners

Matilda the Golden

Retriever came to visit the school and listen to students read. She was a very receptive audience member and thoroughly enjoyed the stories that our students read to her throughout the day, as well as playing with the students during recess and lunchtime. Matilda belongs to Mrs Gilmore and the students loved having her visit.



Churchill Primary School leaders – STANDING: Hayley W, Bailey C, Kayla S, Callum M, Ella J, Oriana D, Lila K, Nick M, Hudson B, Mitchell J, Bellarose D, Mitchell B and Alex N. SITTING: Ryder L, Blake B, Will T, Savannah L, Stella V and Hayley K.



Yeonoo K, his Mum and little sister enjoy the Easter activities.



Students Kayla S, Ella J, Lila K and Bailey C are encouraged to use their newly learnt Leadership Skills at the conference.



Tahli S reads a story to fellow class mates Chloe G, Jaykob S, Jaydan R and special guest "Matilda".



Easter Bunny shares a cuddle and some chocolate eggs with Shannyn L.

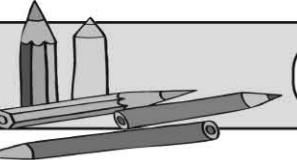


Hayley W, Mitchell B and Lila K enjoy learning new leadership skills.

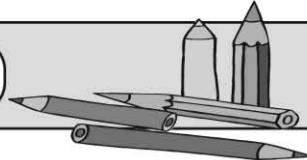


Savannah L and Bellarose D at the Leadership conference in Sale.

School News



Boolarra Primary



Some of the special events that happened last term were:

1/ The Boolarra Folk Festival - our students performed a drumming routine to open the music program. We also ran an art and craft stall featuring items made in art classes by all our students.

2/ Our school athletic sports involving all students from Prep to Grade 6 - Irving were the overall winners and Strzelecki received the "House Spirit" trophy.

3/ The Yinnar and District sports - congratulations to Hazelwood North Primary School on winning the day, with Yinnar coming in second and us third. We are very grateful to Mr Patrick Kilday who ran these sports and to everyone who helped make it

a fabulous event.

4/ A visiting show to mark Harmony Day - the following report is by Indily of Grade 5:

On March 21, Kelana, an Indonesian musician came to Boolarra. It was an amazing experience and the whole school enjoyed it. Kelana started by asking if there were any questions. The 5/6s were particularly interested in 'how he got so good at guitar'. The first song was called 'Mata Hari' or 'The Son' in English. This was lots of people's favourite song. As Kelana answered more questions, we found out he could play the harmonica as well! He went on to teach us the basics of writing a song. Soon everyone was writing his or her own songs. Kelana picked one song out of the hat and played

it. Kelana was a great visiting show; we learnt a lot and enjoyed his company.

5/ Our Equestrian team competed in the Inter-school event - this report was also written by Indily: on March 29, Aleeah, Meila and I travelled to Bairnsdale for the interschool event. We had to get up at 4:15am to be able to arrive in time to compete! Meila and I stayed at Sandra's (my horse riding teacher) so we could get there early enough and help with the horses.

When we arrived at 7am we unloaded the horses from the float. We walked them around for a bit then we saddled them up. Storm and Marley are cousins so they kept on calling to each other because they were tied to



Some younger students hard at work

different sides of the float. We had some breakfast, which was delicious! We put on their pretty brow bands and bridles and got on them and warmed them up.

First up, it was Aleeah's turn to do her mount class so Meila and I came and watched. The judge did not turn up for one hour so Aleeah nearly missed her rider class! Eventually she turned up and Aleeah was given a course. She had to trot around, jump a small jump and pick up a bottle from a barrel. She got second!

After Aleeah's class was finished, Meila and I lined up for the games. There was the sack race, which is where you have to pick up a sack from a barrel, ride around another barrel and place the sack back on the barrel. All this is done as fast as you and your horse can go. There was the golf ball race, which you have to pick up a golf ball from a barrel and place it in a bucket and race back as fast as you can. Then there was the bending where we had to

bend in and out of some poles nine metres apart then we had to bend back. In addition, you have to do this as fast as you can. I only did bending and Meila did all three of them.

Next, I rode to my rider class. I walked in and trotted around. Then we cantered. I was picked first to do a workout. We had to walk up the centre line, trot left, canter right then do a sitting trot back. I made sure to use all my space. I watched everyone and I was still at the front of the line. When she gave out the ribbons, I came first! I was so surprised. Then it was Meila's turn. She came fourth.

I walked to the mount class that was running two hours late! I came second in that. Next, I did jumping. In the first round, Marley jumped the worst he had ever jumped! I was one refusal away from being eliminated. I did a couple of practice jumps and I really had to kick him. I did another round of jumping and this time Marley cantered over each jump.

We stayed for the awards.

I came first in the jumping that he did so well! I also got third in the bending race. Aleeah got third in jumping and first in the golf ball. Meila got fifth in bending, fourth in sack race, second in golf ball and sixth in the activity course. Our school came eighth out of about 32 schools! At the end, we gave the horses a drink and something to eat then loaded them on the float and packed everything up. I would love to go again next year. It was great fun and very exciting.

6/ The term concluded with our traditional Easter Egg Roll down the big hill in our playground before our well-earned break!

Term 2 is already proving to be equally busy. Extracurricula activities we have already participated in are:

1/ Our school cross country

2/ The ANZAC Day ceremony at Yinnar

3/ The Yinnar and District Soccer tournament. Somehow, we still manage to find time to do lots of in-class learning too!



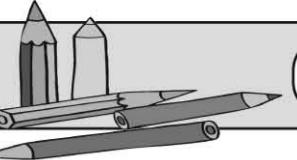
Above: 2017 Victorious House Captains, Indily and Jordan with the Athletics Cup that was first presented in 1958

Below: Our School Cross Country along the Rail Trail

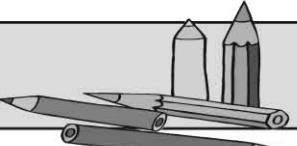


School Captains, Meila and Samantha laying our wreath

School News



Churchill North Primary



Churchill North Primary School Sports Day

On Monday March 27, Churchill North Primary School participated in their school house sports day.

Junior grades took part in kanga jump, long jump, distance throw, sack race and a sprint.

The senior grades took part in the distance throw, triple jump, shot put, long jump, hurdles and running events.

Age group champions were awarded for excellent achievement on the day.

One of the many highlights of the day was a race where the students raced the teachers in a relay.

The day was a huge success with Blue house

winning, Green house coming second, Red house third and Yellow house fourth.

A special thanks to all of the parent and community helpers on the day, as well as a huge thank you to Alison Wells for her arrangement and coordination of the day.

We can't wait until the next one.

The day my teacher fell off his motorbike.

On Saturday at 9:00am Mr Clarke, Evan and Luke rode their motorbikes to explore Dingo Hill, Butcher country and Cal river area.

Mr Clarke fell down a rut in the road at 3:00 pm.

Luke dragged him out of the rut. He dislocated his shoulder. At 12:00am he was at the hospital. On Sunday

at 4:30am he got out of the hospital with a very sore shoulder.

By Tristan B, 3/4 C
Community helpers visits

The junior grades at Churchill North Primary School were spoilt with community helper visits for part of their inquiry unit of work on people who help us.

The visits started with a nurse, Michelle, who taught the children many of the different roles and ways that a nurse helps within the community.

The children were able to take part in dressing up, putting on bandages and other activities during the visit. Another part of the community visit was a visit by a truck driver.

The children were able to learn about truck safety and the ways truck drivers help the community.

The final visit from the people who help us was a visit from Steve a local volunteer firefighter from the CFA.

The children learnt about fire safety and the ways a fireman helps in the community.

The junior grades had a fantastic time learning about the way different people help us. With special thanks to Miss Koene who made arrangements for the visits.

Crazy Hair Day at Churchill North Primary School

On Friday March 24, the children from Churchill North Primary school came to

school with amazingly crazy hair dos.

The Crazy Hair Day took place to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Children could be seen with an adornment of all sorts in their hair, from pipe cleaners to crazy hair spray to fascinating hair sculptures.

The day was a huge success, the Junior School Council which organised the day was pleased with the support shown by the children and the creativity in their hair designs.

Learning Club

Learning Club is an after school program that is run on Tuesdays at Churchill North Primary School by the Smith Family and Federation University volunteers.

It is a great opportunity for children to participate in activities that develop their academic and social skills.

Learning Club also aims to increase student engagement with learning by increasing students' self-confidence and confidence in their school work.

Sofia thinks Learning Club is fun and cool.

She loves learning about new things like aeroplanes.

She enjoys filling her tummy with the healthy fruit supplied by the Smith Family.

Ebony has enjoyed drawing and writing about volcanoes.

She is very proud of her writing practice.



Above: Sack race for house sports

Below: Sprinting at the sports



Above: Justin and Ebony working together at Learning Club

Right: Sofia enjoying the fruit supplied by The Smith Family



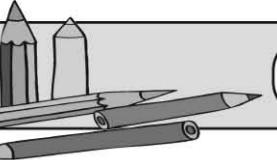
Below Right: Local volunteer firefighter Steve

Below: Isabel and Miss Chapman ready for surgery

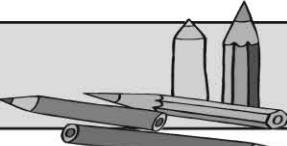


Marley, Izabelle and Tyson's Crazy Hair

School News



Hazelwood North Primary



Melbourne Camp

During Melbourne Camp we stayed at Sovereign Hill for one night and two days.

On the first day we arrived at the camp on a bus.

When we got off the bus we walked around the place until we had a clue where we had to stay.

After we settled in our rooms we went for a stroll around Sovereign Hill.

For the first activity we went to the Chinese Classroom. When we got to the classroom there was a kind, gentleman wearing a nice black suit with a top hat.

We walked into the classroom and took a seat and learnt about the way the British disrespected the Chinese during the Gold Rush.

After the Chinese lesson we went to a Chinese light and video show.

It was about the Chinese religion and how they pray to their God.

After that we walked to the section showing how people lived during the Gold Rush.

We saw where they slept, cooked and where their market places were. We learnt that they slept in hard beds with rough pillows that didn't even look like our pillows.

Later on we walked to a factory where they melted and shaped the gold. First, the blacksmith smelted the gold in an extremely hot forge. Next, he opened the forge and got out a cup of molten gold. Then the man poured the red hot gold into an ingot cast.

After a few seconds he put on heavy duty gloves and carefully removed the ingot from its casting, and quickly placed it in the water. In a short time the ingot cooled to a low temperature.

When that finished we got into small groups and got to wander around for roughly an hour.

There were places like lolly shops, gift stores, candle making, even a bowling alley and if you were feeling lucky you could go gold panning.

That night we went to the New York Bakery and had a lovely meal.

Later that night we went to an action packed gun ranging show called 'Blood on the Southern Cross', it was worth the wait - we really recommend it.

The next day we woke up, got ready and walked to one of the cafés in Sovereign Hill where breakfast was delicious.

After breakfast we walked to a mine tour. We were split into two groups and were sent down the deep, dark cold mine shaft.

It was an amazing experience.

When we got back to the hotel we packed and caught a train to Melbourne where we

stayed for the next three days.

It was truly an amazing experience that we had at Sovereign Hill.

By Alex, Corey and Jackson

5/6 Camp

At 8:00 in the morning, 5/6's from Mr S and Mrs D's grades met at Morwell train station.

We all departed at 8:18, the trip was two long hours. We stopped at Southern Cross Station (Melbourne) and got on to another train.

At 10:00, we arrived at King's Cross Station (Ballarat).

After a little walk, we all got on a bus to our accommodation.

The rooms were able to fit ten people, all the girls could fit into one room with one spare bed.

The Shops

At Ballarat there were lots of old fashioned shops.

We all had a chance to explore Ballarat in groups of four.

There were many different shops such as: Hope bakery, New York bakery, soaps and candles, lollies galore, confectionary, bowling, Chinese temple, gold shop, etc.

Activities:

All of our days were interesting and packed full of fun.

Our group's favourite activity was the Mine Tour.

That night we all went to a show called 'Blood on the Southern Cross'.

The show started in a movie theatre with a short introduction, after that we all went outside to watch the campsites and listen to the sounds and voices. Next we got onto a bus with no sides (only bars) and we travelled to a building. Inside, there were seats, we all sat on them and slowly the wall in front of us started to fold back. Once the wall had gone there was a campsite, a hotel, a church, a shop and a big hill.

The show was loud with gunfire at times, real flames could be seen.

The show was about the digger's rights, how the hotel burnt down and the war between the diggers and the government.

Next day we all had breakfast at the café. After that we had free time and we went on a Mine Tour, for lunch we had pies, lemon and lime bitters and biscuits.

At 12:00 we were at Kings Cross Station and took a train to Melbourne. We all got our bags and walked forever to our accommodation called Urban Central.

I shared a room with two other people, our room Number was 515.

In the room we had one bunk bed, two single beds and in the bathroom we had a shower and bath and a large

sink and mirror.

That day we had dinner at Toto's Pizza, after that we all went back to the hotel and into bed. We stayed in Melbourne for another two days site seeing.

I noticed the shops and buildings were nothing like Ballarat. The best thing about Melbourne was the Melbourne Star. The views were amazing and it felt like you could see for miles. At first it was very scary but once you got on it, it was very much fun. At 2:30 we got onto a train to Morwell. At 4:30 we were all back home with our families.

By Evie

Boys soccer team

On the second week of term most of the 4/5/6 boys

went to the Traralgon soccer field to represent Hazelwood North to play soccer.

Our first match we went against Churchill and we won 3-0. We found Churchill had vastly improved.

The second game we battled Yinnar and won 2-0. Yinnar was a little bit easier because they lost their good players, however they still played well.

Our third game we were challenged by Boolarra and won 3-1. Boolarra was our biggest threat because they have greatly improved and they were the only team that scored against us.

Our fourth game was against Lumen Christi and we won 2-0. Christi had good attackers but they couldn't get past our defence and goalie.

We now progress to the next division played in Traralgon on May 31.

We would like to thank the student referees from Kurnai College and all the school teams which participated and showed great enthusiasm and

sportsmanship.

By Cooper and Isaiah

Students have been writing thank you letters to those they would like to thank. Olivia independently chose to thank all of our farmers.

Farmers and Food

Dear farmers,

Thank you for keeping the big community alive. If there was no yummy food we would die. Thanks for not making us starve. If we didn't eat for three weeks we would die. You make food every day for everyone in the world.

You help the huge environment, make food every day and don't stop working until you die. You make food every day so you and I don't starve.

Making more food will give the animals food so they can grow and also help the environment.

Yours truly,

Olivia

Hazelwood North Girls Soccer

From 9:30 to 12:45 on April 27, the girls' soccer team of HNPS went to Traralgon to play soccer. We went in four rounds and were up against four teams. We wanted to win!

We walked to the first game with a smile on our face and we were ready! The first team we played was Churchill Primary, we were all pumped up and ready to go. At the end of the game the score was 3-0 - we didn't win. It was tough!!

The second team we played was Yinnar Primary. We were confident that we would win.....but unfortunately we lost 1-0. We tried our hardest but we were just unlucky. It was very close though.

Third, we were up against Boolarra, victory was in the air, but victory went to Boolarra. We tried really hard but we failed. We prayed to

win the last round. The score 3-0. We were devastated and wanting to win so badly!

The fourth and last round unfortunately went to Lumen Christi. The score was 2-0. The praying didn't turn out well. The team felt sad for our loss. We had lost all our rounds. But we were happy because we had put some effort in.

We came last in the girls' division, but we are happy that we had a shot. We had improved so much and we are looking forward to next year. At the end of the day we were proud and a much better soccer team.

By Melina and Jada of 4/5/6D

Anzac Day at Hazelwood North Primary School

In Grade 2/3KA we learned about the importance of ANZAC Day, and the different symbols that are associated with this commemoration.

The students wrote a short piece about the things that stood out to them about the symbols of ANZAC Day -

ANZAC Day is a day to remember the people that fought in the wars. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

We should care for the soldiers who were trying their hardest to keep our country safe. The poppies are for remembrance. The wreath is to remember the people who died in the war.

By Eliza

ANZAC Day is special because soldiers were fighting in wars for our country.

Some people died in the war and that is why we put a wreath down, because in funerals we put down wreaths to remember people.

There is also a flower called the poppy. It is a red flower with black in the

middle. To remember the soldiers, we also put up the Australian flag.

By Elsa

We use rosemary on ANZAC Day to remember the soldiers. Rosemary grows where they fought in the war.

By Mackenzie

Rosemary is a symbol of remembering. In the ancient times in Greece they put rosemary in their hair to remember.

By Lloyd

The poppy represents blood and it grew where the army had been fighting. One of the men with his donkey saved over 100 wounded people.

By Connor

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. At school, when we play the trumpets it is to remember the people who fought for Australia. People in the war didn't just die from guns, they also died from diseases.

By Claire

Simpson and his donkey saved hundreds of wounded people. ANZAC Day is for remembering people that died in the world wars.

By Jake

The soldiers wore a folded hat called a slouch hat.

By Max

ANZAC Day:

Wreaths are for remembering the Army. Poppies grew on the battlefields. Rosemary is for remembering the people who fought for us. Simpson helped the wounded men.

By Jack

I learned that Simpson and his donkey saved hundreds of people.

By Sam

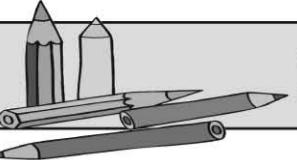
ANZAC Day is a special day for those who went in the wars.

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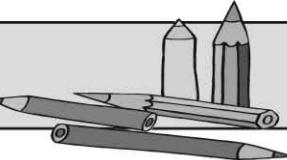


Laying the wreaths for our ANZAC parade

School News



Hazelwood North Primary



Everyone that went in the war got badly hurt. The wreath is to remember the war. ANZAC Day is on April 25.

By Lexi

ANZAC Day is a day to remember. ANZAC night there is a special thing.

By Elijah

The ANZAC people had a hard helmet so that the gun can't kill them. In the African War there were not enough helmets, so they wore slouch hats.

Chelsea.

The people in the wars were fighting for years. There were helmets to keep your head safe. The exciting thing is that poppies popped up in the spring time.

By Sienna.

When the army man blows the trumpet, it makes everyone think about the army.

By Murray

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. Simpson died on May 19, 1915. Simpson was only at Gallipoli for 19 days. Simpson and his donkey (Duffy) saved hundreds of people in the war until Simpson died at the age

of 22.

By Tasman

The students in some grades cooked ANZAC biscuits, and in the afternoon we all participated in an ANZAC Ceremony with some members of the Morwell RSL. At the conclusion of the ceremony, some students were presented with special Civics and Citizenship or Achievement Awards.

Hazelwood North Playgroup

On a recent Monday morning our School Library was host to some special

visitors.

Hazelwood North Playgroup shared the picture book, "The very noisy bear!" followed by lots of fun making noises with different musical instruments, and colouring a bear picture of course! After the activities our visitors enjoyed sharing a library book with their friends and carers.

Hazelwood North Playgroup meets every Monday morning, during the school terms, at the Hazelwood North Hall on Church Road from 9.30am-



Pirate activities

11.00am. For further information please contact Louise Miller on 0438 1400 88.

Our recent "Pirate day" was filled with lots of colourful costumes, excitement, and adventure.

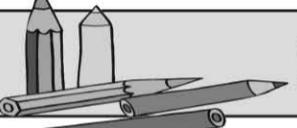
The day was a celebration of our Book Fair theme and the Book Fair assistants Alyce, Olivia, Ashton, Archer, Tahlia, Isaiah and Matthew kept students entertained at recess and lunchtime saving the captain, walking the plank, trying not to get eaten by the sharks, or balancing on the deck in a terrible storm.

There were also writing competitions, about pirates of course, and a "count the coins in the pirate chest" for our Foundation students.

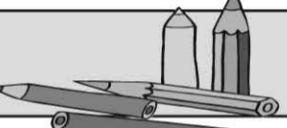


Our Bookfair assistants

School News



Yinnar Primary



First term wound up with our traditional Easter Fair. The Junior School Council works hard to come up with fun ways to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal each year. Our school has been supporting the Royal Children's Hospital for over 30 years. It's surprising just how many of our past and present students and their families have been connected with the hospital as a patient.

As has become the tradition, the Easter fair started with the 'Egg Launch'. A rigorous design brief had to be met and many students were up for the challenge.

There were many weird and wonderful machines developed to ensure that the egg on board made it safely from the roof to the ground.

The launch was enjoyed by young and old with many parents, past students and families coming to watch the machines float, drop and fly to the ground.

There were many activities on offer for everyone to partake in from sack races, egg and spoon, egg bowling to sticks in the sand, name the bunny and count the eggs in a jar.

There were more than a dozen activities with something for everyone. A special activity this year came about as Mr Walsh's little girl had spent some time in the Royal Children's Hospital. The student leaders planned

to collect coins to match her current weight. There was a progress weigh - in every week with the final weight announced at the fair. The school collected 15kg of coins, more than double her weight.

At the final count, more than \$1600 was raised to support the great work of the Royal Children's Hospital.

Student leadership is high on the school's priority list.

Each year students are given the opportunity to take on leadership roles and responsibilities as School Captains, Junior School Councillors, House Captains and the GRACE team.

A leadership day is arranged where the students take part in activities which include training in diamond nine qualities, planning, public speaking and visiting speakers.

More than 30 Year 5 and 6 students took part this year under the guidance of the school's Student Leadership teachers.

The House Cross Country was completed on a cold, wet day. This did not dampen the spirits of some very competitive students from Years 3-6. A run down to the Recreation Reserve and a couple of laps around the oval was just the way to start the day.

There was plenty of colour as each of the houses – Red, Blue, Green and Yellow

- took on the adverse weather and completed the course in good time. Competition was tight but eventually Red house ran out winners on the day.

In 2016 the school was approached by the Environmental Education Officer of Latrobe City to install a worm bin. The system is far different from the conventional method of worm farming due to the volume of waste available daily from classrooms. The Council provided five large compost bins and all the necessary materials to get them up and running. Four of

our senior students – Tamsyn, Annie, Lance and Charlotte took on the challenge to implement a system within the school to ensure that the worm farm became a reality.

On a subsequent visit the Environment Officer was so impressed with the system that they had devised, that he asked for our school to be involved in making a DVD clip (with scripts, lighting, voice over, drone and cameraman). During the recent Easter break those same students met at the school and completed a full day of filming and recording. When the clip is edited and

released it will be launched at a Sustainability Expo for schools and also as a YouTube clip.

ANZAC Day is a very important day in the school's calendar. The significance of ANZAC Day was discussed in classes with stories, video clips and discussions, and student leaders conducted a special ANZAC Day commemoration at the school with all classes making and laying a wreath. At the ANZAC Day March in Yinnar students represented the school to pay their respects and the School Captains laid a

wreath on behalf of the school community.

The first of our district team sports competition was soccer with both a boys and a girls team competing. As with all sports competitions our students give their all and displayed some very good soccer skills as well as great sportsmanship. Up against teams from Boolarra, Churchill, Lumen Christie and Hazelwood North, the boys were runners up losing only to Hazelwood North. Yinnar's girls' team was undefeated and progressed to the next round.



School News

Kurnai College Junior Campus

Year 7 Camp Coolamatong

A large number of the Year 7 cohort of Churchill Campus went on their camp to Coolamatong during the first week back from the April holidays.

Camp Coolamatong is located on the Banksia Peninsula on the Gippsland Lakes, between Bairnsdale and Paynesville.

The camp has a wide range of activities for the students to participate in and all the students have a fantastic time doing these activities.

One of the main objectives of the camp is for the students to work as a team – there is no 'I' in team! It was great seeing the development of the activity groups as they started to work as a team, taking everyone's ideas into consideration and not being dominated by one or two participants.

During the activities and the non-activity periods, the Year 10 Peer Support students that went along to this camp, did a wonderful job of getting teams to bond and work

together.

The Peer Support students also organized and participated in activities in the Year 7 students' spare time.

The fox hole activity on the ninety-mile beach is always a load of fun, particularly as the weather was so great.

The Year 7's enjoyed the boat trip across to the beach as well as the return trip. This year there were not as many sleeping students on the return trip.

Everyone enjoyed the

relaxing sailing on Duck Arm of Lake Victoria.

The students gain a quick guide to how to work the yacht and then enjoy the tacking down and back along the waterway. This year there was the sight of hundreds of jellyfish in the water.

The sailing activity partnered up with the archery. This is an activity that very few students get to participate in, and it is amazing to see how quickly most get to start

shooting accurately. It is a good activity to encourage the students to concentrate on tasks and ensure that instructions are followed.

The puzzle solving/logical thinking activity of survivor was a great activity to get the students working as a team.

As it is a competition between two teams, the group that works best together always wins.

Other activities included

bicycle orienteering, regaining, rock wall climbing and abseiling, bush-cooking, night walk, trivia-night and Cluedo night.

Both staff and students had a great time on camp and the weather was a bonus.

All the students thanked the Coolamatong staff and the Churchill campus teachers and a big thank you to Mr. White who works every year to ensure the camp goes ahead and is a success.



Above: Ben Bremner, Kayley Answorth, Matilda Wakefield, Monai Porykali, Lilly-Rose Wakefield, Louis Malady
Below: Louis Malady, Kayley Answorth, Lilly-Rose Williamson, Blake Gittos, Monai Porykali



Kayley Answorth, Matilda Wakefield, Louis Malady



Kayley Answorth, Matilda Wakefield, Blake Gittos, Stephen Dubber

SPORT

Welcome Back to Churchill reunion



Hazelwood and Churchill past players and officials association (HCPPOA)

All past players and officials of Hazelwood, Hazelwood Churchill and Churchill Football and Netball Club are invited to attend the Welcome Back to Churchill Reunion.

This reunion is open to all past players and officials, current players and officials, and their partners.

The reunion will be held

at the Churchill Football Netball Club rooms, Manning Drive, Churchill, on May 27, 2017, with a 7.00 pm start.

For those wishing to watch the game on the day, the past players will meet at the booth at 1.30 pm and move en masse to the change rooms to give support to the current day players.

The game will be against Yarram, which will be a great contest.

We encourage everybody

to bring their era jumpers, blazers, bomber jackets, skirts, polo shirts. If we get enough people we will take a team photo on the night.

If you have any other photos or memorabilia, please bring it on the night. We will have a scanner and computer available to copy the photos which will be put in the club archives.

The cost for the night is \$15 and \$15 for HCPPOA membership. Finger food will

be supplied and drinks will be available at bar prices.

If you know of another past player or official who hasn't been to a reunion or

isn't registered on the web site, please bring them along, or their details so we can register them and keep them up to date. A great night is

guaranteed, if you make the effort to come along. For further information contact Jim on 0404 716 855.

See you on the night!

Churchill & Monash Golf Club results

Saturday 1/4/17

Stableford – 0-17 L. Stein
(15) 38, 18-23 B. Baldock
(20) 37, 24-36 B. Barnes (30)
35 C/B. Ladies - M. Dear (14)
33 – DTL G. Spowart 36, T.
Collins 35, A. Sharrock 35,
J. Barnes (34), P. Smart 33,
J. Thornby 33. NTP - 3rd H.
Martin 12th V. Monument
14th J. Thornby. Pro Pin
H. Martin. Target Hole D.
Ellwood. Birdies 14th J.
Thornby 3rd H. Martin.
Scratch Smart 80. Putts T.
Sterrick 21.

Tuesday 4/4/17 - Ladies
Monthly Medal
Scratch Winner M. Dear (14)
91, Monthly Medal Winner
D. Judkins (26) 69. DTL V.
Rowley (38) 76 C/B and C
Barnes (35) 76 C/B. NTP - 3rd
J. Beck 5th M. Dear 14th
J. Beck. Putts V. Verheyen 28.

Saturday 8/4/17
Par - 0-18 H. Martin (18)
Stroke – 0-17 L. Stein (14)

69, 18-23 T. Gabbet (19)
68, 24-36 D. Radnell (30)
68. Ladies - M. Dear (15)
72. Scratch Winner L. Stein
(14) 83. DTL C. Hogbin 70,
Mamun 71, P. Walsh 72, T.
Sterrick 73, B. Baldock 73,
J. Sterrick 73, H. Martin 74,
P. Coad 75 C/B. NTP 3rd
C. Thomas, 5th Mamun,
14th B. Kilday. Pro Pin - L.
Stein 12th, Target Hole - C.
Thomas. Birdies: C. Thomas
– D. Ellwood – L. Stein.

Tuesday 11/4/17 - Ladies
1st Round Foursomes

Championships – Winners
D. Judkins (25) and S. Turner
(23) (24) 105 G 81 Net. DTL
M. Dear (15) and C Barnes
(34) (24.5) 107 G 82.5
Nett C/B. Mens Winners - P.
Williams (20) and J. Dear
(36) (28) 114 G 86 Nett.

Saturday 15/4/17
Par - 0-18 H. Martin (18)
Stroke – 0-17 L. Stein (14)

+4, 25-36 G. Harvey (25)
+1,

Ladies

S. Turner -5. DTL - P.
Walsh +4 – G. Blizzard
+1 – B. Barnes Square – C.
Doyle Square – M. Berereton
Square – C. Doyle Square – P.
Williams Square – T. Webb
-1C/B.

NTP - 3rd P. Williams, 5th
J. Barnes, 14th K. Hins. Pro
Pin - P. Williams. Target Hole
– P. Walsh.

Tuesday 18/4/17.
Ladies
2nd Round Foursomes
Championships.

Day Winners - S. Turner
(24) and D. Judkins (25) 72.5.
C/Ship Winners - D. Judkins
(25) and S. Turner (23) 73.

Net. Runners Up - M. Dear
(15) and C Barnes (34). Mens
Winners - T. Sterrick (19) and
R. Zomer (35) 71 Nett.

Mid Gippsland Darts Association

Summer Competition 2017

DARTS ASSOCIATION LADDER after Round 10



Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	%	Pts
BULLSHOT	13	11	2	77	40	855.6	22
JOKERS	13	8	5	61	56	677.8	16
YINNAR TIGERS	13	7	6	66	51	733.3	14
COYOTEZ	13	7	6	61	56	677.8	14
MUSTANGS	13	4	9	50	66	555.6	8
REAPERS	13	2	11	36	81	400.0	4

Round 11: Yinnar Tigers came out firing in this round defeating Reapers 7-2. Reno Borg (YT) with two 140s and the most tons on the night with 9. Peter Campbell also chimed in with his own 140 score.

Round 12: From ice creams one week to boiled lollies the

next. Yinnar Tigers saw this round pass them by losing to Jokers 5-4.

Peter Campbell again had a high score of 140 along with Mark Taylor who had an unusually lean night.

Round 13: Yinnar Tigers again mystified the punters coming back to form with a fine win

over Mustangs 6-3. The ever reliable Reno Borg again with a high score of 140. Sharon Taylor picked up the pace with a highest ladies score on the night with 91. With the finals drawing closer Yinnar Tigers will have to find some steady form to contest with the in form teams.

Churchill Hockey Club

The season has started but we still have room for anyone that would like to join us no matter their age.

We have teams entered in U7, U10, U13, U17, men and women so there is room for you all. It doesn't matter if you are a player getting back

into playing or wanting to learn. We are happy to teach and mentor you.

The U17s play on Friday nights from 6pm and other junior age groups on Saturday mornings. Open men and women on Saturday afternoons. All games

are played in Churchill at Federation University.

Training is on Thursday nights - 4.30 for juniors and from 6.30 for seniors. If you are interested or are looking for a team, please come on down or ring Debbie Wells 5133 7750.

Tour for a Cure

Geoff Coombes is passionate about raising awareness of cancer, preventative measures and raising funds to find a cure.

Geoff was raised in a family culture of giving back.

He also loves adventure and after a cycling ride across the United States of America he decided that would be the way to achieve a good outcome.

So in 2007, he gathered together some good people who became as passionate as himself in the desire to achieve his goals. Each year

since then this group of people has taken an annual bike ride to raise the funds and spread the word across Victorian regions.

So it was that the riders with their amazing support crew arrived at Lumen Christi Primary School on March 27 at 9am on their way to Inverloch.

They had progressed from Mt. Hotham and were going to Tasmania, a nine day ride over 1300kms.

Geoff addressed the school assembled in the Eco Centre.

There he asked if anyone knew about cancer. Many hands were raised. He then explained that cancer is inside our bodies as sick cells which can multiply, which is bad. He reassured the children that you cannot catch cancer. The good news is that one in three cancers can be prevented if we stay healthy, fit and happy.

Geoff introduced Superhero Flipman who encouraged us to be fit and exercise, be healthy and eat healthy foods especially fruit and vegetables, and be happy by being with friends,

laughing at jokes listening, doing homework etc.

Geoff asked the children if they knew someone with cancer.

He encouraged them to write a letter, say hello, give them some flowers and show that you care and know they are having a hard time.

The next character introduced was Pitman, an unhealthy looking person. He is the little voice inside us telling us to make the wrong choices. We need to learn to ignore him and stay healthy, fit and happy.

Each child received a pencil case with some goodies inside. A bicycle was also donated to the school to use for a fund-raiser prize.

Each participant is required to raise a minimum of \$12,000 over a four month intensive period. They must exhibit training and commitment.

Most take time off work to complete the tour.

The support crew of 40-50 consists of doctors, masseurs, mechanics, cooks, laundry duty, hydrating the riders, driving the truck and so on.

Over the years since 2007, \$30 million has been raised and many children and adults have been given the message that the Lumen Christi children received so well.



While we're upgrading our facilities, we're still here for you.

Some services are still available while works are underway at our community health centre at 20-24 Philip Parade, Churchill.

You can still see a doctor, a psychologist, be assessed for services or apply for emergency relief.

When our centre is completed in late 2017, it will feature a dental prosthetics laboratory, student learning centre, and more health services.

Thank you for your patience.

For more information about services at Latrobe Community Health Service, visit www.lchs.com.au or phone 1800 242 696.

