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Special Visitor to Mathison Park



Minister for Police and Minister for Corrections, the Honourable Wade Noonan, MP, paid a visit to Mathison Park.

He had been invited by the Morwell Office of the Department of Justice to see the work done by the community service orders recipients.

There were representatives of the Department of Justice, Community Works Program Latrobe City Council and members of the Mathison Park Advisory Committee present to welcome and show

off the work done by these teams.

The Minister asked the committee members to explain what had been done.

They enthusiastically outlined the work achieved saying how grateful they were that this work had been carried out in partnership with the Department of Justice.

Mr Noonan showed a great deal of interest, asking many questions to obtain more details.

He decided to take a closer look by doing a circuit of the lake to see first-hand

the transformation of a cow paddock into a park-like area.

Mr. Noonan expressed his praise for the work carried out by the teams and also the Mathison Park volunteers in achieving such a noticeable change after viewing and comparing some 'before' photos which were on display.

The Mathison Park volunteers are very appreciative of the partnership which has seen large leaps forward in the progress of the park's development.



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Upcoming Events for Churchill's 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Gum Leaf Quilters Quilt and Craft Exhibition

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What next for CDCA?



By Margaret Guthrie
 Our Annual General Meeting was held this week. The usual business of an AGM includes the presentation of the Annual Report and the election of Committee of Management for the year ahead.

Some of the highlights of CDCA's 2014/15 year were:

Competition to design a 50th Anniversary logo for 2015 event advertising.

Design and placement of 50th Anniversary commemorative plaque.

Conduct of 50th Anniversary community celebrations on Sunday March 15.

Unveiling of Churchill's Service Memorial.

Organisation of Churchill's inaugural ANZAC Day service.

Churchill - themed displays in the former 'Aussie Disposals' store in Commercial Road Morwell.

Painting of mural at Churchill pedestrian underpass.

Expansion of CDCA's partnership with local primary schools to showcase student art works.

Continuing partnerships with local organisations (e.g. Churchill & District News, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre) to deliver Churchill events.

Continuing partnerships with local stakeholders (e.g. Police, Council, Federation University) to address local issues and concerns, including safety matters (via the Churchill Town Safety Group).

CDCA has been a hard-working organisation in our local community, but like many volunteer organisations,

suffers from a lack of active members. We have functioned without a Secretary for a couple of years.

Prior to our AGM, our current long-standing office bearers indicated that they would not be seeking re-election to their positions. An organisation requires at least a couple of executive officers to conduct business and many organisations face challenging times when long-standing office bearers retire.

CDCA's rules make provision for this scenario - a Special General Meeting may be called to consider going into recess or winding up.

Of course, at the time of writing (prior to our AGM), the outcome of Committee elections is unknown, but it seems likely that our

September meeting will indeed be a Special General Meeting.

The September CDCA meeting will be held on Tuesday September 15, in the Board Room at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre in Mc Donald Way, starting at 5.30pm (time to be confirmed). Check CDCA's website for further details: <http://cdca.org.au/> - information about our next meeting is available on the home page.

All Churchill and district residents are welcome to contact CDCA to raise matters of local concern. Visit our website at <http://cdca.org.au/> for meeting minutes and agendas, further information about CDCA and Churchill issues or to contact us. We can also be contacted by writing to CDCA at PO Box 191, Churchill, emailing info@cdca.org.au or phoning 0407 876 443.

Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish
 Species: Correa 'Candy Pink' (Correa alba var. alba x Correa pulchella)

Family: Rutaceae
 Derivation:

Correa: Named after Jose Francisco Correa de Serra (1751-1823), permanent secretary, Royal Academy of Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal.

alba: From the Latin albus, meaning pale or dull white.

pulchella: From the Latin pulchellus, (a diminutive of pulcher, beautiful) meaning beautiful and small.

Common Name: Candy

Pink.
 Distribution: This is a cultivar that is thought to have originated in the Canberra garden of Jim Hartshorne in the early 1970s so it does not have a natural distribution.

Description: A dense, rounded shrub to 1m x 1m with leaves that appear smooth, but actually have a sparse covering of short, stellate hairs.

The undersides are densely hairy. Flowers are tubular and evenly pink externally, with deep splits exposing a pale pink internal surface.

This cultivar was registered with ACRA by Peter Ollerenshaw in 1988 and has been marketed widely since then, sometimes appearing with the alternative names of Pink Pixie, Mallee Pink or Powder Bells.

Opinion: As the plant originated in Canberra it is highly probable that this cultivar is frost hardy, and will tolerate the little Boolarra frosts.

The horticultural notes say that the plant is also drought hardy (but hopefully that our weather extremes will not put our plant to the test). It has

been planted on the western side of the house, where it gets some good light as the sun moves into the afternoon, but it will also get some shade from the trees planted on the western fence line.

Hopefully it will get enough light and water to promote good flowering, and enough protection from the hot summer sun to extend its flowering time.

So far my plant has only had a scattered flower here and there, so I'm looking forward to a better show later this year.

Rainfall for July 2015

In July, 67 mm was recorded in Churchill. This brings our total for the year to 408.5 mm

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Federation University Australia Gippsland Campus Update



Fed Uni Open Day - Sunday August 30

Federation University Australia's Gippsland campus will be running their annual Open Day event on Sunday August 30, from 10am to 3pm.

This is a hugely popular community event, welcoming people of all ages from across Gippsland and beyond. It's a terrific opportunity to explore the campus and the outstanding facilities available. A huge range of interactive activities and information sessions will take place on the day, where you can get all the answers you need about studying at Fed Uni in 2016.

Open Day is also an opportunity to learn about some exciting study options at the Gippsland Campus, including:

- Education
- Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary Teaching
- Graphic Design and Visual Arts
- Civil Engineering and Mechatronics Engineering
- Information Technology
- Veterinary and Wildlife Bioscience, Biomedical Science, Food and Nutritional Science and other specialisations
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Business, Accounting, Marketing, HR, Finance
- Criminal Justice
- Social Welfare and Counselling
- ...and much more

Visit federation.edu.au/openday for your Open Day program.

Secondary School visits to Churchill

A number of secondary schools have visited the Gippsland campus in recent

weeks, with Fed Uni hosting a series of tours, presentations and workshops with students. These schools have included Mirboo North, Sale, Lowanna College, Traralgon Secondary, South Gippsland, Drouin and Marist Sion Warragul.

On the road

Campus staff have also taken part in various school expos, information sessions and community careers expos during July, the biggest of which was the annual Job Skills Expo which took place on Tuesday July 28 at Lardner Park Warragul. The event attracted over 2,500 secondary school students from across the Latrobe City and Baw Baw Council regions.

The campus has also attended events at Warragul Regional College, Traralgon College, Sale College, Neerim District, Yarram, Cranbourne, Maffra, Leongatha and

Pakenham.

You can learn more about Federation University Australia by visiting federation.edu.au or calling 1800 333 864.

And now for something completely different.....

I will get back to a local singer, player, band at some time in future editions, but for now I want to share a more spiritual experience with you.

The source of the inspiration is Christian but the beauty of the sound transverses all beliefs.

Vox Clamantis – voice in the wilderness

That's the name of the group. The CD title is Filia Sion (Daughter of Zion) and it's a collection of Chant brought to a slightly less meditative state by this dedicated group from Estonia.

Much Plainsong and Chant has been recorded and it's a challenge to discern worthwhile differences in the productions.

Vox Clamantis is an Estonian ensemble that was formed in 1996. The motivation for bringing together this group of singers, composers, instrumentalists and choirmasters was the shared interest in Gregorian chant.

The group comprises twelve singers as chorus with five soloists, led by the Artistic Director Jaan-Eik

music of the month

Tulve.

I first heard this CD on ABC Classic FM and was immediately taken by the purity of the sound and lack of instrumental interference. For a while now, Gregorian Chant has been sold to the public for relaxation and/or meditation purposes but it has often included noisy backing and added rhythms.

Plainsong, in its original form contained no rhythmic sections. It wasn't even written down in a form that would be recognised by a music reader today. It was a series of marks, like little blocks, on a page and merely represented the sounds that the singer was already familiar with and going to sing next.

Thankfully Vox Clamantis adhere closely to the original idea of chant which was to communicate with and pay homage to various significant figures of the Christian faith.

"The texts of Gregorian chants use only Biblical texts. In short compositions

just a few verses are chosen, often boldly selected or rearranged in such a way as to provide short summaries, interpretations of the passage being contemplated. The fact that the music extends the duration of the words means that they are genuine meditations, a sort of musical *lectio divina* (holy reading)". (taken from the CD sleeve notes).

While I find the entire CD wholly enjoyable, the last track *Ma navu* is truly beautiful and soul-pleasing to listen to. It meditates on two joyous verses in the prophesy of Isaiah and the utter simplicity of this setting of Biblical words is quite glorious to hear.

Vox Clamantis has issued other recordings not associated with chant and they have worked with international artists of renown.

They also perform contemporary music and their CDs are available through reputable music outlets.

'Filia Sion' was recorded in 2010 in the Dome Church of St Nicholas, Haapsalu, Estonia and is an ECM production.



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I was pleased to visit Churchill last month and attend a number of events including the Gippsland Trade Printers Open Day in line with Churchill's 50th Anniversary. The Open Day gave the opportunity for members of the public to see behind the scenes how printing is done, the processes of printing and the type of work that is sent to the manufacturing facility in Churchill. Well done to the team at Gippsland Trade Printers for a successful day. On the same day, I also had the opportunity to call past the Churchill Community Market. Well done to Bob Lowick and the Churchill Lions Club for instigating the Community

Market for Churchill and district residents. The market showcases the great things that Churchill and our local areas have to offer, and is a great way to shop local for fresh fruit and vegetables, organic breads and locally made jams. The Churchill Lions Club does a wonderful job in supporting the local community and all proceeds from the market go back into the community through Lions Club community projects.

On the evening of Tuesday July 21, I had the privilege of attending Latrobe City Business and Tourism Association's People's Choice Awards 2015.

I'd like to take this

Russell Northe MP

opportunity to recognise the worthy winners that were selected by the people of my community, and have been recognised for demonstrating an exceptional commitment to excellence in customer service. Well done to Kelli and James Love, owners of Vintage C'hill and their staff for winning Excellence in Customer Service in the 'Cafe and Bakery Industry'. Congratulations must also go to Vintage C'hill for recently winning silver at the Australian National Pie Competition for their Churchill pie named the 'Jeeralang'.

Victoria's Small Business

Festival runs from August 1 to 31 this year. The festival is a collection of events and workshops aimed at encouraging and inspiring business capability, leadership and collaboration. The festival is accessible to anyone wanting to start or grow their own business with hundreds of events offered free or at low cost.

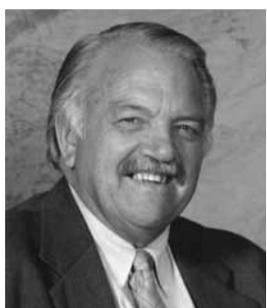
I encourage all small business owners and people thinking of either starting a business or growing their business in the Morwell electorate to get the festival event guide, find out what is on offer and be involved in this celebration of business excellence.

Small Business Festival events in the Morwell electorate:

Managing your team
When: Monday August 24, 2015
Cost: \$50 - \$80
Location: Premiere Function Centre, 29 Grey Street, Traralgon
Small Business Bus
When: Tuesday August 25, 2015
Time: 10.00am to 3.45pm
Location: Outside Panthers Mensland, Franklin Street, Traralgon
Amplify Your Success: Dinner with Naomi Simon, Founding Director of RedBalloon and a Shark on Network TEN's Shark Tank.



When: Wednesday August 26, 2015
Time: 6.00pm - 8.30pm
Location: Premier Function Centre, 29 Grey Street, Traralgon
Cost: \$45 Early Bird, \$60 full price (includes two course dinner)
For more information you can visit www.business.vic.gov.au/festival or call 13 22 15.



Latrobe City Council Community grants Program

Latrobe City Council's 2015/16 Community Grants Program is currently open for applications which preferably should be made on-line. These grants are able to be applied for by local not-for-profit groups and organisations for

projects undertaken in the 2015/16 financial year.

Grants are available across four categories: minor capital works, community development, events, and venue hire. To apply for a community grant, visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/grants to complete and submit your online application.

For those in the community that don't have access to the internet or would prefer a hard copy application, please contact Caroline Bolding on 5128 5664 to discuss your options.

The closing date for receiving applications is 5pm

on Friday August 28, 2015.

Northern Car Park

The reconstruction of the privately-owned sections of the northern car park at Churchill town centre is progressing, following the completion of the Latrobe City Council works some months ago.

In the section of the car park between Georgina Place and West Place shopping centre, the construction of the final median has been completed by the owners, and street trees have been planted. A new public light is expected to be installed within this median in the near future. The

owners anticipate that final line marking within this area will be carried out as soon as weather conditions permit.

Concrete works in the Owners Corporation section of the car park between Georgina Place and Hazelwood Village is expected to be completed when there is a break in the weather. Asphaltting will be carried out after then.

Eel Hole Creek - Tree Planting Day

Eel Hole Creek is an important but under-used feature near the Churchill town centre. Enhancing the environment of the waterway was identified as a central

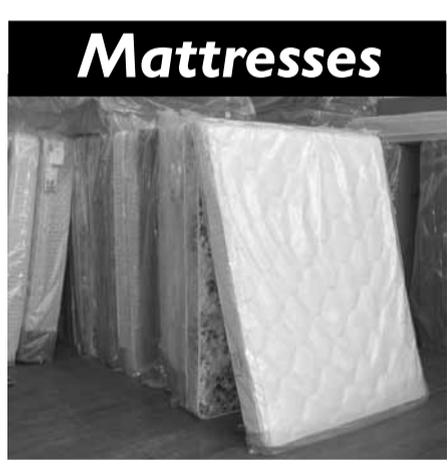
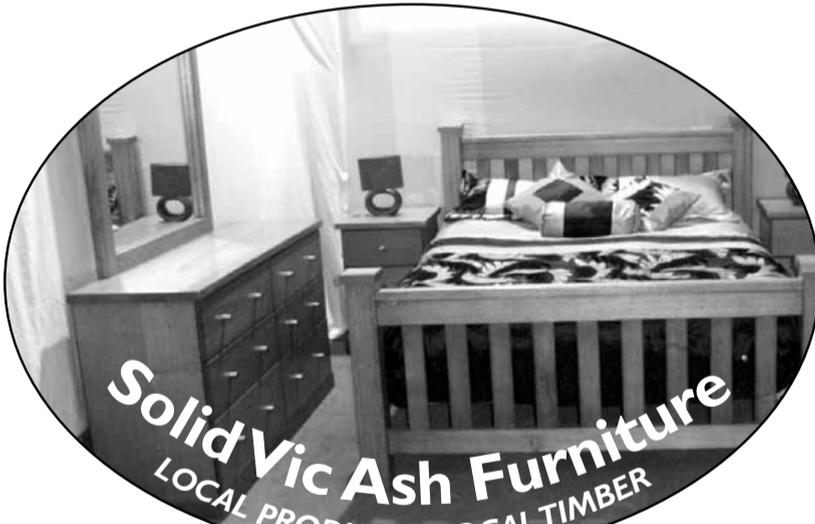
feature of the 2007 Churchill Town Centre Plan, and subsequently of the 2013 Churchill East West Link Master Plan.

As part of the background work on planning the next steps for the Eel Hole Creek precinct near the town centre, a geomorphology study has been completed to ensure that all plans are consistent with the environmental and waterway functions of the creek. The study can be viewed on the Latrobe City Council website, under "Building and Planning", "Major Projects", "Churchill Town Centre", then "Churchill Town Centre

Planning".

Latrobe City Council's "Staff Tree Planting Day" has as its focus Eel Hole Creek in Churchill, south of the culvert and crossing between the Churchill and District Community Hub and the Federation University accommodation units. The plantings complement the landscaped gardens on the eastern or Federation University campus side of Eel Hole Creek, and a "revegetation area" each side of the creek. Around 4,500 trees, shrubs and grasses are to be planted across the area.

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Hazelwood House



Volunteer Rose Garden 'Lionesses' at Hazelwood House.

The Lionesses have played an active role in volunteering for the community over the past 24 years.

Over 18 of these years,

they have devoted countless hours of hard work into creating and maintaining the spectacular rose garden located at the back of the building for all to enjoy.

The Lioness Club, while in its infancy, enjoyed the

voluntary participation of many. However as time has passed this number has dwindled.

Despite the end of the Lioness Club in June 2015, these wonderful women have decided to continue their

work on our beautiful garden as a Lions Club project. The gratitude felt towards these volunteers by residents and staff members is ongoing, as we all actively enjoy the gardens daily at Hazelwood House.



Tree Planting

The Hazelwood House tree planting activity took place on July 23. The sun was streaming down on residents as they watched the volunteers and Paul (from maintenance)

put three native bottle brush trees in the ground in the entrance to the facility.

The trees were given a bed of homemade compost with quality soil on top to give them the best start.

We would like to thank the Council for donating the healthy plants.

Thanks also to George and Sheryl who are volunteer gardeners at Hazelwood House.

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Mathison Park

A small band of willing helpers turned up to the working bee on the second Saturday of July. Amazingly it was a lovely sunny, but cool morning. Working to spread dirt made by the stump grinding machine, re-locating a pile of debris to a more satisfactory site and checking all the stakes and tree guards of the eastern side plantings kept everyone warm. It felt good to be out and doing something worthwhile, sharing conversation with the others and achieving what was on the list to do.

Thanks to Max for bringing the cuppa things. It was most appreciated having a hot drink.

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The Australian 17th National Census is likely to go ahead in 2016.

Census figures can be revealing on the subject of religion.

In the 1901 Census, 92% said they were Christian. In the latest Census it was only 62%.

It has been said that in the 100 years to 2011 the number of atheists/agnostics had gone from 1 in 250 to 1 in 5. This has led some to suggest that, given time, a response of 100% 'none' would be given in a Census for this question on religion...perhaps not in

Chaplain's Comment

next year's Census though.

The 'religious affiliation' section on the Census is optional. One option is to list 'no religion'.

But, is Christianity (as some bloggers suggest) heading for extinction?

The projection for Christianity to be extinct in the UK is between 2050 and 2067.

In recent times, though, we have seen Churches attended en masse during memorial type events and at times of disasters.

Does this suggest extinction?

Plus, the statistics in the Census address religion as a whole, not only Christianity, yet all the rhetoric around the figures nearly only focus on the demise of Christianity.

Statistics like these are dependent on predictions. Predictions of population age; fertility rates; mortality rates; migration; etc.

Yet it's fair to say that Church attendance has declined.

Therefore, what does the future hold?

Consider 'Cultural Christianity', where people list 'Christian' in the Census

because they are not of any other religion, or because they consider that their family have always been Christian. If this is what is heading for extinction, then we may have the point that people are becoming more spiritual than religious.

If so, that's not as bad as the statistics indicating the total demise of Christianity.

Nevertheless, complacency is not healthy, and Christians still need to stand up and be counted!

Worth thinking about.

Church Times

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Williams Avenue, Churchill
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Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am
2nd and 4th Sundays:
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During the school holidays a Music Playgroup was again held at the church in Churchill.

On the two Tuesdays of the holidays a Holiday Program was held to which a happy group of children came to participate in the games, Bible story and activities.

The church has been very happy to be part of the Lions Club Market each month. We have had plants and cakes to sell as well as a trailer load of wood to raffle. This will

continue to happen.

Reverend Brenda conducted a 5pm Healing Service which was very encouraging and useful to those present. God's grace is amazing.

Coffee Connections folks enjoyed a time of fellowship as well as participating in a quiz.

A Candlelight Dinner at the Ireland's was enjoyed by ten lucky people. Thankyou Don and Marion for your kind, warm and generous

hospitality.

Junior Youth Group had a craft night which everyone enjoyed. They made larva lamps with oil, water and Alka-Seltzer, pipe cleaner Ninjas, card making and marshmallow poppers with cups, balloons and marshmallows. Then they tried to pop the marshmallow into another person's mouth which proved to be very difficult but lots of fun. For tea they ate chicken wraps with jelly and cream for dessert.

Lions Club Market

Photos courtesy Nola Hateley



The Churchill Lions Community Market was held in the Churchill Hotel Carpark on Saturday July 18, 2015.

Despite a cold and wet night before the market, it turned into a very nice day which resulted in excess of 40 stall holders attending.

It was obvious that the local community of Churchill and its surrounds are supporting the market, as the numbers have increased which delighted stall holders who were extremely busy selling their array of produce.

This included fresh local fruit and vegetables, cakes and biscuits, jams and preservatives, fresh assorted nuts, assorted breads,

Continental meats, local arts and crafts, second hand goods, hand – made childrens' clothes, hats, plants and trees.

The Lions Club operated the BBQ which provided assorted hamburgers, egg and bacon sandwiches, snags, drinks and the like, which ensured that no one went hungry. The local entertainment in the form of live music ensured that the market catered for the entire family.

The next Market will be held on September 19, 2015 and will continue on the third Saturday of each month at the Churchill Hotel Carpark.

It would be remiss of the Churchill Lions Club, if we

did not thank the Churchill Hotel and its staff who have permitted us to utilize their car park and other facilities for the market.

With their ongoing support the Lions Club is able to provide support to the local community and its surrounds as may be required.

We are looking for ways to improve the market and look forward to seeing everyone there to make our market the best in the district, and our efforts have seen a strong increase in additional stall holders attending the market.

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Thirty years of business in Churchill



Peter and Chris McLean have run their successful Hot Bread family business in Churchill for thirty years.

The shop started as part of Potter's Newsagency in West Place in September 1985. They moved to what was then the new Hazelwood shopping village in 1995.

Peter's Dad had the supermarket in West Place. They knew there would be an empty shop coming up, and wanted to have a business to put into it. Peter had a friend who had a hot bread bakery in Traralgon and so Peter

worked there for a period learning the ropes, before setting up in Churchill.

Highlights of the thirty years include the move to Hazelwood Village, the car park being redesigned, (Peter likes the new set up saying it allows the traffic to flow better and sales reps can pull up outside the shop easily. The new hub set up has made things better all round) but he would love to see it finished.

Another plus is FedUni being open for more of the year. The longer hours has meant a boost to the town's

economy. A special memory is when Peter played in a cricket grand final against one of his apprentices.

The bakery produces a range of breads, cakes and pastries all made from scratch on the premises. It is made by local people, fresh each day.

The baker's day starts at 3.30am seven days a week. Peter used to do the seven days at that early start but now does two, leaving the other days to his other two bakers.

Peter says he describes a baker's job as a good job with bad hours.

Peter however has nothing to complain about as he has found being a baker, making things, an enjoyable way to earn a living.

During the last thirty years Peter has trained five tradesmen in the business with all qualifying.

Peter and Chris employ twelve locals on a part and full time basis, with five on at any given time with both baking and serving. Chris helps out with serving in the shop, as well as many other tasks associated with running a business.

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Looking Back . . . Looking Back through the eyes of local residents

25th Anniversary edition and memories of local residents Neighbourhood House

Churchill Neighbourhood House started in 1981 from an idea by Ros Smith to form a Women's Discussion Group. Lynley Watkins (Martin) had visited Warragul Neighbourhood House and felt that this was the way to go.

The group began meeting at the Churchill Football Club rooms in Gaskin Park, then moved to the Cooperating Church Hall, meeting monthly.

The aims of the group were to provide low cost activities for women, to share skills and knowledge and also to invite speakers from the community to learn more about their own community. Monthly meetings quickly increased to weekly.

1982 - Ministry of Housing house was obtained with a Family and Community Services grant. First house located at 37 Amaroo Drive.

1983 - More development of programmes.

1984 - Technical and Further Education as well as FACS gave funds to the House and this enabled the committee to employ two part time co-ordinators.

The focus of the House at that time was personal developments and team work.

Initial employment by the Committee caused some problems and the positions were re-advertised after an initial probationary period. At Easter Janet Farnaby and Fran Smart were appointed. The House was in a general state of disarray and a lot of work was needed to rebuild.

Because of that particular state of affairs TAFE funding was lost. Janet Farnaby left at the end of 1984 to have a baby and her place was taken by Marion Harrison, who had been associated with the House for some time.

1985 - successful submission for new Ministry of Housing house, which was built at 42 Churinga Drive to suit the M/H requirements.

After much work and many submissions, Category C funding was regained and a stable committee of House members really helped the House to progress. House members influenced programmes as well as helping in the House.

1987 - Marion Harrison's position was taken by Joy

Reisenberg and Fran Smart's position by Andrea Strack.

1990 - The House has grown a great deal since its beginnings as a Women's Discussion Group.

Over the years many different programmes have been offered and enjoyed by a wide diversity of people from the Churchill and district community.

At present, programmes offered include Art, Microwave Cooking, Basic Home Maintenance, Adult Literacy, Return to Studies, Gardening, Craft, Sewing, Clerical Studies, Aerobics, Bush Walking, Women's Health and Maths.

Child care is available for all sessions and anyone is welcome.

- Committee for 1990-91:
President - Errol Buntman
Vice-President - Sue Saliba
Secretary - Julie McIntosh
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Lioness Club folds



The Churchill and District Lioness Club was chartered in September 1991 with a membership of 21.

We were Churchill's first service club with a membership of women only. We work independently but under the umbrella of Lions Club International.

Over the 24 year service

to the community which we celebrate in September, we have had many exceptional women come into and out of our club. We remain a base group of five Charter members with four other long standing members.

We have over the years carried out many thousands upon thousands of service

hours and donated many thousands of dollars to various worthy causes.

Service club work is not for everyone and we have for a number of years found it difficult to attract new members with the time to devote to the community.

We are an aging group and at this time we have decided

to take a break from official service club work.

As we hand our Charter back to our sponsoring Churchill Lions Club, we wish to thank them for their many years of support, we have enjoyed working alongside them for the benefit of our community.

50th Anniversary Quilt and Craft Exhibition

To Celebrate Churchill's 50th Anniversary, the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and the Gumleaf Quilters are holding a special Quilt and Craft Exhibition.

We wish to encourage everyone to come along and celebrate the art of patchwork, quilting and numerous other crafts presented by our local and nearby crafts people.

"Old Waggas" and a quilt

dating back to the 1850's will be a special feature.

We invite anyone from our community and surrounds who have craft items e.g. quilts, knitting, crochet, painting etc. and would like to share their skills and talent with interested visitors, to contact the Neighbourhood Centre. There is no cost to display items.

Rose Lewis, a passionate

award winning quilter will be demonstrating her appliqué, trapunto and quilting techniques throughout the event. Other demonstrations will be china painting, card making/scrapbooking and wool spinning and weaving.

A wide variety of trade stalls will be in attendance along with the Churchill Community Garden group.

Light luncheon and

homemade Devonshire teas will be available.

Venue: Federation Uni. Auditorium Churchill
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Looking Back...

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A brief history of Mathison Park

When Churchill was originally envisaged, land was compulsorily acquired from the pioneering families of this area - Medew, Silcock, Northways etc.

The plans were to create neighbourhood units which would include large areas of parkland such as Watson, Walkley and Gaskin parks.

Mathison Park was designated a botanical park. It was originally the farm of the Hare family, with the farm lastly being run by the Dobbin family at the time of the Ministry of Housing taking it over. After acquisition it was farmed, leased out and eventually it fell into disrepair, with the farmhouse being decimated by tenants and later vandalised before being deserted.

This was a great shame as the pictures of the farm when the Dobbins ran it showed a cared for and productive property.

Gradually it became apparent that Churchill would not grow to the expected 40,000 population, so unused land was sold off.

There was a proposal to subdivide Mathison Park for housing. The then Morwell Shire Council was obliged to buy Mathison Park after much lobbying by the Save Mathison Park Committee in the mid 1980s, using rate payers' money to do so.

The Council took

ownership, of and responsibility for, the development. The Mathison Park Development Committee was formed.

The Churchill and District Apex Club along with the Australian Paper Mill employees, planted blue gums along the Tramway Road section as well as a deciduous group of trees. They also provided wooden play equipment, a rotunda and a BBQ shelter and look out platform.

Loy Yang provided trees for planting down the southern edge. Working bees organised by the small but effective committee organised various planting days.

The Eel Hole Creek pathway of the western side of Lake Hyland opened up the park for walkers. It was paid for by a State Government grant called 'Pride of Place'.

More plantings occurred along that pathway. Blackberries and other rubbish were cleared. The old farmhouse was tidied.

A consultant firm was employed to devise a planned development program for the park.

A concrete pathway was built from the pedestrian crossing on Monash Way to Kurnai College for the students.

The arboretum of Gippsland trees was established with a grant.

Signage shelters were built and further signage has been added.

A toilet block was built. A second arboretum of Australian and New Zealand conifers was also established.

With the advent of the Premier Lakes of Victoria initiative by the Department of Environment - Fisheries, the park saw the building of the fishing platforms and a picnic shelter.

The Commonwealth Games fund provided the fitness stations. The committee worked hard to write grants for the various pieces of play equipment which now provide a well equipped play area. More seating and tables were added.

The eastern side was opened up with the installation of a new pathway which linked to the western pathway via a boardwalk.

Many of the blue gums reached their use by date and have been successively replaced.

In 2014, plans began to re-vegetate the eastern side of the lake area.

A grant for 550 trees has seen further trees planted along Tramway Road section, on the eastern side and south by the Kurnai College boundary. In 2015, a further 1100 trees have been planted.

An advisory committee still looks after the park under a Latrobe City Council



Officer.

The members, plus another small group of 'friends', do a lot of the work, although some mowing/weed control contracts are let. The community correction teams are now working in the park and have been a great asset in turning our eastern side cow paddock into a park

Mathison Park today provides a wonderful variety of plant and bird life as well as a lake, walking paths, recreation facilities, fishing opportunities and a peaceful environment to visit.

It is used by groups for fishing competitions, run-a-thons, school activities, socialising and time out.



Churchill & District News Congratulates The L.V. Express

At a gathering upstairs in the Latrobe Regional Gallery a large crowd assembled to acknowledge and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the L.V. Express regional newspaper.

Local identities and advertisers were among the crowd as well as representatives of other newspapers in the greater Gippsland area including Churchill and District News.

Churchill News originated as a single page run off on a Gestetner when the town of

Churchill began.

During 1969-1971, the Churchill News was typed up in columns, laid out on the special sheets provided, and the hard copy sent to the Express for printing. This happened fortnightly.

At this time the printed copies were delivered to Churchill where a dedicated group of people would sort the papers into piles for the wonderful news boys and girls to deliver.

The Express donated

some money to Churchill News so the deliverers could have green and yellow caps which identified them.

This way of delivering the papers lasted until 1986/87 when the Churchill News became a supplement of the Express.

The Express has continued to print the updated and computer produced Churchill and District News, and distributing each monthly issue as a supplement. The paper is transmitted by email

to the printery.

The Churchill and District News has, as you can see, had a long association with the L.V. Express and has received a lot of support and help over the years, including help with better methods of production.

We, the team members of Churchill and District News, express our gratitude and thanks for this long and appreciated association and wish the Express well for its next fifty years.



Latrobe Chorale Rossini concerts successful



Following the success of the Latrobe Chorale's performances of Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle* in Sale and Morwell; the group is having a short break.

The concerts attracted a capacity crowd in Morwell. The smaller audience in Sale enjoyed the chance to appreciate the work with the piano part performed on a grand piano.

Choir members were thrilled to have the chance to perform this challenging and enjoyable work which isn't well known to Australian audiences.

They had their after party in Morwell on August 18, and then rehearsals will start on Tuesday, September 1, at 7.30 p.m. also in Morwell, to prepare for concerts to be held on the weekend of November 28 and 29.

For this Celebration of Song program, the Chorale will learn and practise a number

of shorter pieces both familiar and unfamiliar from operas, oratorios and other interesting, sacred and secular music.

Musical Director, Mary Mirtschin, plans to include the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah* in this program, as a prelude to performing *Messiah* in its entirety next year as part of the group's thirtieth anniversary celebrations.

New singers are welcome. Rehearsals are held in the hall of St Andrews Church, 50 Church Street, Morwell. Car Park entry is from James Street.

The first rehearsal on Tuesday September 1 will include an opportunity to socialise and to listen to some of the pieces that will be being performed. Interested people are invited to contact Mary Mirtschin on 5174 6659 for more information.

Gippsland Carers Association

The next meeting of the Gippsland Carers Association Carers Support Group will take place on Wednesday September 2, at 10am at Gippsland Disability Advocacy, 8 Hopetoun Avenue, Morwell.

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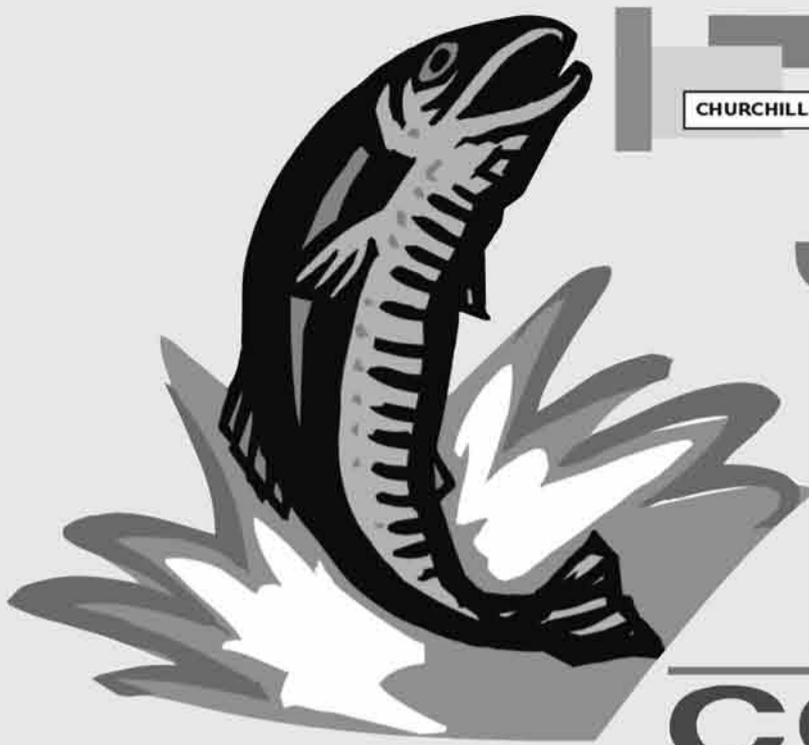
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Gippsland Trade Printers Open Day a great success



Gippsland Trade Printers opened their Webster Street Churchill doors on July 18, as part of Churchill's 50th anniversary and to show to the public its capabilities and equipment. The factory, as with the industrial area of Churchill, tends to be a hidden entity although an area of strong commerce and employment.

A steady flow of people came to visit for their Open Day via a flag and balloon marked pathway, and were then ushered into the factory tea room where they could receive a passport.

This entitled them to visit stations to have a family portrait taken by Tammy Lee Photography (results seen showed the quality of these photographs) book in to have their own business cards prepared, (they looked very snazzy) receive a wanted poster which they could take and have their name (or someone else's name) printed on it, see how the Platen Letterpress machine worked to produce some coasters to take home, see how note books are produced and wire bound and finally receive a free BBQ and drink.

This business began around 120 years ago and was what eventually became the Morwell Advertiser. [This is now the four page supplement of the Latrobe Valley Express,

produced by the paper which arrives in our Express on a Monday].

In the 1960s the business split into two sections - the Commercial Offset separated to become Gippsland Trade Printers while the newspaper section was purchased and became part of the L.V. Express.

The trade printing section was located in Driffield Road Morwell for 30 years before it re-located to the old Exacto Factory in Webster's Road Churchill, where it has been now for eighteen years.

At its present site it employs 25 staff. Most of that number have trade qualifications in Print Production, Post - Print Production and Pre - Press Production. They also have a number with TAFE qualifications e.g. in Graphic Design.

Gippsland Trade Printers reputation is such that it is an accredited supplier for Print Management companies who handle brands such as McDonald's, ANZ, NAB, Ford, Telecom, APM, REIV, Optus, Victoria and New South Wales Police, NSW Transport, Victorian Government and Federal Government plus many more.

Some may remember the old style Canaries placed on unroadworthy cars were printed here at

Churchill, many of your lease agreements, property rental forms and sales documents when you transact a business or residential property are printed here in Churchill, as have been the Victorian Fishing Licences.

Peter Ceeny and Troy Judkins are the company directors of the business. They see developing a culture of an enjoyable environment as massively important, even though some of the tasks to be done are monotonous in manufacturing.

They both see involvement with the community through sponsorship and memberships as essential, and so they participate in Relay for Life with their team MisPrints, and sponsor the leaflet drop for Churchill and District News Junior Fishing Competition for example.

The business won Supplier of the Year for Stream Solutions in 2011 and the Gippsland Business Awards in Manufacturing in 2012.

The day was supported by Tammy Lee Photography, media super fund, Pazzazz Printing, Hip Pocket Latrobe, LVE (Latrobe Valley Enterprises), Churchill and District News, Just Copiers, L.V. Express and B J Ball Group.

People who attended were amazed at the generosity of

the business in supplying all those activities. There was a warm welcome and the happy staff who gave up their time for the open day were only too pleased to explain the various machines and their functions. Participants said how interesting the visit had been - a real eye-opener.

Peter and Troy were pleased also.

They had concerns prior to the day about how many people might come, but they were very happy with the response and the enjoyment they had given in supplying a free day for families.

Victorian Alps wild horse management plan



Duncan Malcolm AM, the chairperson of Victorian Alps Wild Horse Management Plan Roundtable Group will speak to the LVFNC meeting on Friday, September 18.

The community based group represents organisations covering brumby and horse interest groups, tourism, RSPCA, Mountain Cattlemen and Victorian National Parks Association.

The group has formed a draft plan for Parks Victoria and the DELWP to collaboratively manage the population of about 10,000 wild horses in the Victorian Alps.

He will talk about this

process, the community consultation and the current status of the plan.

The meeting from 7.30pm is at the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Old Sale Road and Chamberlain Road, Newborough.

The next day the Club excursion is to the Mullundung State Forest north of Woodside.

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Hazelwood Rotary Club



By Leo Billington

Hazelwood Rotary Club has a new President for the forthcoming year. Former Churchill resident and now living in Morwell, Reg Kemp joined the club over 10 years ago. Reg's long involvement in community volunteer work includes leadership roles in the Churchill Scout Group, Strzelecki Scout District Showtime and St John's Ambulance.

The club welcomes Reg to his new role and wishes him every success.

For many in our community, Rotary is synonymous with weekend sausage sizzles, mainly at Bunnings. It's a familiar sight throughout Australia to see a group of Rotarians wearing their well-known blue shirts cooking under the shelter of a red and green Bunnings supplied awning. They're not tucked away out of sight but right near a main entrance, where an aroma of barbecued sausages becomes entangled with that magical smell of caramelised onions – and one's sense of smell is immediately heightened.

Bunnings Hardware is a huge supporter of community groups and the sausage sizzle tends to be a prime fundraiser for Rotary clubs. Someone recently commented on a Facebook page, in response to a new planned hardware megastore, wondering

whether there would be a sausage mega sizzle because "Bunnings are really winning on the sausage sizzle front." This concerned consumer received a reply shortly afterwards; "the rumour is that Masters are going to have chefs out the front cooking pasta, being promoted as Master-Chefs".

The Facebook page lit up as another respondent wrote "I don't think people think of buying a sausage because of charity, they buy it because they want a sausage."

This is a topic of national significance. Forget everything else. A Victorian government website actually defines a sausage sizzle as "sausages that are cooked and served immediately, with or without onions cooked at the same time, and bread and sauce."

This also covers things like canned soft drinks and wrapped chocolates."

Forget the wrapped chocolates. A crazy bureaucrat probably forgot what a

sausage looked like! The erstwhile academic reference, Wikipedia notes that "sausage sizzles are a common Australian and New Zealand charity fundraising and community event, consisting of a gathering where a barbecued sausage is served on a slice of white bread or on a bread roll, and may be accompanied by tomato sauce, mustard, and sometimes barbecued onions. All ingredients are usually purchased as cheaply as possible (or donated), so as to maximise fundraising. In Australia, fundraising sausage sizzles are a common tradition at Federal and State elections." Maybe that's the insight to wrapped chocolates – politicians like them.

A favourite marketing strategy for all businesses is to make an emotional connection to all customers and communicate the brand identity. That is, sell the sizzle and not the sausage.

In the Gungahlin District, north of Canberra, population of about 6000, the Rotary sausage sizzle receives widespread acclaim – so accurately captured by a local Rotarian, Emma Hales:

"Getting out of my car at the hardware store this morning, the smell of the sausages and onions cooking on the barbecue



Ray Beebe with new President Reg Kemp

beckoned. My mouth was watering as I fumbled around for my \$2.50 and bought my sausage sandwich. I ate it quickly and loved every bite – there's just nothing like a Rotarian-cooked sausage on a cool Sunday morning. I really wanted a second one, but it was time for me to start my shift and relieve some of the others who had been there all morning. I tied on my apron, pulled on some gloves, and started serving sandwiches to hungry customers. There's so much more to Rotary than amazing sausages, but let me tell you why our sausage sizzles are important.

The money raised goes toward worthwhile causes such as community projects and sponsoring youth programs. It gives us a public place to tell people about Rotary and invite them to consider coming along to a meeting or an event and it's a low-pressure way to interact with members of

the community and brighten their day (and more often than not, they brighten ours too). And, importantly, a sausage sizzle prevents people from doing hardware shopping on an empty stomach – a dangerous activity that should be avoided!

While we want people to know all the wonderful things that Rotary does in the world, I think it's important to know that a lot of that work starts with a weekend barbecue at your local hardware store or supermarket. Next time the tempting aroma of sausages and onions beckons you from the car park, go and grab a sausage or a drink, have a chat with the friendly Rotarians, and know that you've just played a part in making a positive difference in the world."

The Hazelwood Rotary Club therefore invites everyone to our next sausage sizzle on Saturday, September 19 when funds raised will go to the Very Special Kids program which cares for children with life-threatening

conditions by providing a children's hospice and professional family support services.

To learn more details about Rotary, please contact our new incoming President, Reg Kemp on 0427 353 887

Also, please visit our Facebook site to see and learn more about the wide variety of activities involving Hazelwood Rotary.



Churchill & District Lions Club



Meet
1st and 3rd Wednesday
of each Month

Contact
Bob Lowick

Phone:
0408 377 781

Old Time Family Dance Jeeralang North Hall Jeeralang North Road Friday, August 22

Dancing from
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Admission: \$8.00
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Churchill and District News

Hazelwood Cemetery Trust

By Leo Billington



Community consultation brings ideas for Yinnar Community Centre

A series of community consultations around Yinnar and District has provided Latrobe City Council with ideas for a potential redevelopment of the Yinnar and District Memorial Hall and neighbouring preschool.

Latrobe City Ward Councillor, Darrell White, said that the community was coming together to prioritise the opportunities that could be delivered by a potential redevelopment.

“With funding from Regional Development Victoria, this project follows on from the Yinnar and District Community Association’s previous community planning exercise where a redevelopment of the hall was identified as a priority.

We know there are issues with the inadequate heating, kitchen facilities and limited storage which make it difficult to use the venue, but the

community also identified a lack of suitable spaces within the town for small meetings or visiting business and health services as a key issue.

We want this project to encompass more than just the building. We want to know what kind of services and activities the community would like to see operating from a potential Community Centre. Ideas we have received so far include health and fitness classes, computer classes, a book exchange and internet access,” Councillor White said.

Latrobe City Council’s Mayor, Councillor Dale Harriman, said that once the results of the consultation had been fully collated they would be presented to the steering committee.

“The committee is made up of representatives from the YDCA, Hall Committee, Latrobe City Council, community groups

and community members. We will then work with an architect to produce a concept design of what a redeveloped Community Centre might look like,” Councillor Harriman said.

“People who may have missed the initial consultations can have the opportunity to have a further say when the draft concept designs are put on public display later in the year. The final concept design will include an indicative costing for the project and will be used to seek funding for a redevelopment.

This is an exciting project for the Yinnar community. Council’s partnership with the YDCA, Yinnar and District Memorial Hall Committee and Regional Development Victoria is a testament to how working together can bring the best results,” Councillor Harriman concluded.



The Hazelwood Cemetery Trust is keen to establish a support group, Friends of the Hazelwood Cemetery. While not formally a member of the Trust, keen volunteers could provide support by way of joining with occasional working bees which would include minor gardening tasks, compilations of history using Trust records and seeking out information regarding unmarked graves.

The Trust estimates there are more than 150 unmarked graves in the cemetery. Faint rectangular indentations

tend to show unmarked graves which should not be automatically seen as a sign of poverty. A multitude of reasons will be associated with an unmarked grave being left alone.

Or as someone once quipped, “how terrible it will be for you! You are like unmarked graves—people walk on them without realising it”. Perhaps there’s a message hidden there somewhere.

Occasionally, the Trust receives enquiries from those researching family histories

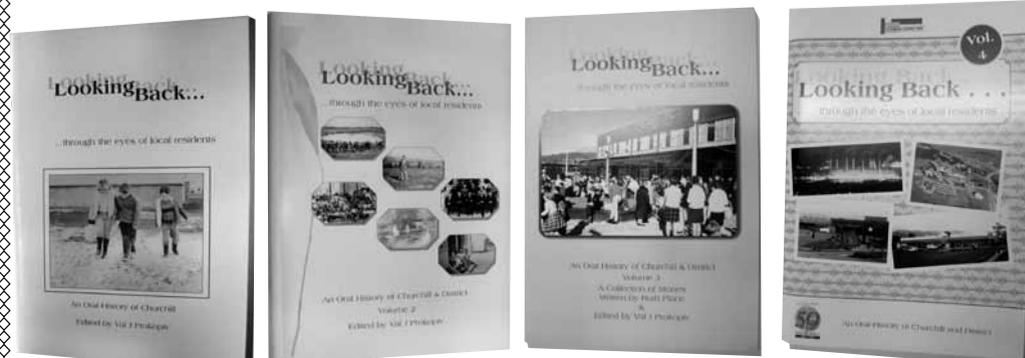
thinking there will be a headstone or plaque in place. More general enquiries such as during the recent ANZAC 100th celebrations will generate interest in knowing more about those “faint rectangular indentations”.

The accompanying photographs show some of the areas in which unmarked graves are located at Hazelwood.

For further information to join a Friends of Hazelwood Cemetery group, please phone Trust Secretary, Gayle on the office number, 5133 9183.

Looking Back... Looking Back...

...through the eyes of locals residents



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Congratulations Vintage C'hill

What plants to prune now



Congratulations to Vintage C'hill, Kelli, James and staff, winners of the Latrobe City Business Tourism Association Peoples Choice Awards 2015 Excellence in Customer Service Café/Bakery Section.

It is a well-deserved win too. It is great that a "new" business in Churchill has been so successful in its first year of operation.

For Kelli and James and the staff of Vintage C'hill it has been a year of very

hard work but has now reaped significant rewards. The people of the Latrobe Valley have demonstrated their support by attending the business and voting for it unreservedly.

Long may it continue.

By Sheina Renton
Secretary – Churchill Community Garden.

If you haven't pruned your bush and standard roses by now do it before spring.

Cut out suckers below the graft and remove old branches to open the centre.

Prune out dead, weak and twiggy material and branches growing towards the centre.

Cut back remaining branches by one third but leave water shoots. These are long, soft, green almost leafless stems.

Standard roses are bush roses on long trunks. Prune these the same way.

Climbing roses should be pruned now if they flower on new (current season's) growth, but if the climbing variety flowers on second year growth don't prune it until after it has flowered.

Weeping standards – Roses and blossom trees should be pruned by cutting out the oldest branches.

Cut out growth below the graft as close to the trunk as possible.

Remove one quarter of the stems each year leaving remaining stems evenly spaced around the bush. Shorten any tips touching the ground.

Perennial plants and shrubs – Plants and shrubs that flower in summer or autumn on new growth can be

pruned now.

Plants like buddlejas, rudbeckias, asters, some of the salvias (like Mexican Sage) and ornamental grasses should be cut to a low framework. Spring flowering plants should be pruned after flowering. How hard spring flowering plants need to be cut back depends on the variety.

Climbers – Repeat flowering roses and summer flowering climbers such as potato vine and bougainvillea can be pruned now. If flowers occur on new growth, cut back one quarter of the stems (choose the oldest).

Prune off all side shoots on remaining stems to leave two or three buds.

If flowers occur on previous season's growth cut back after the vine has flowered using the same technique (eg. wisterias). The native climber Hardenbergia (Happy Wanderer) can be trimmed after it finishes flowering but do not cut into the old wood. Don't prune spring flowering climbers until after they flower.

Information sourced from Gardening Australia Magazine July 2012 Pg34-35.

If you are interested in the Churchill Community Garden Group please come and meet us at 10am every Monday at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre 9-11 Phillip Parade Churchill or visit our facebook page.

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New hours at the Hub

A six month trial to see the viability of the extended hours for the Churchill Hub Service Centre and library is under way.

This would see more

flexibility in the hub's availability, meaning greater access for the community. No other services would be affected.

The new hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.30am- 4.30pm and Tuesday and Thursday 10am- 6pm

Owners of buildings in disrepair to be held accountable

Dilapidated buildings across Latrobe City that have previously posed safety concerns will be addressed as part of a new amendment to Latrobe City Council's Local Law No. 2.

The recent amendment means Council now has the ability to hold the owners of dilapidated buildings to account for the nature of their properties and can request works to secure the building, remove graffiti, make repairs and prevent it from becoming a magnet for anti-social or criminal behavior.

The Local Law defines a dilapidated building as an unoccupied building in a state of disrepair or ruin.

According to Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Dale Harriman, the purpose of the amendment is to require property owners to appropriately maintain their buildings, thereby addressing the negative impact of derelict and unoccupied buildings on private land.

"In the past it has been very frustrating for Council to listen to community concerns about buildings that

are unsightly and in disrepair and not be able to do anything about it," Councillor Harriman said. "Now, with this new provision, if the building poses amenity or safety concerns for neighbouring residents or the wider community, Council has the power to act."

Councillor Harriman said traditionally, unoccupied buildings had a tendency to attract anti-social behavior and targeted criminal damage resulting in the gradual or rapid destruction of the property.

Previously, Council could only take action if a building was deemed dangerous through the provisions of the Building Act 1993.

"While Council now has the ability to take action on derelict and unsafe buildings, an education campaign around the new amendment will help property owners become compliant first, to help avoid them receiving an infringement notice."

Councillor Harriman said he understood that sometimes buildings fell into disrepair unintentionally, perhaps while completing statutory

planning and development requirements or when a developer has purchased speculative property.

"While we understand and welcome economic development and investment, we also need to preserve and balance this with the visual amenity of our neighbourhoods.

Run-down, badly maintained or neglected structures reduce neighbouring property values as well as community perceptions of amenity and safety.

Where building ownership impacts other residents, Council will require action to maintain buildings and structures to avoid these problems."

Councillor Harriman said a three month community information program would outline the new provisions to property owners and encourage them to meet the new requirements.

However, he said where there was a continued failure to comply with the new Local Law provisions, infringement notices would be issued and court action may be initiated to address the matter.

Family FUN Day

The Co-operating Churches
1 Williams Ave Churchill
Saturday 31st October 2015
9.00am - 2.00pm

Sausage Sizzle* *Cake Stall
Devonshire Tea* *Plants
Heaps of Garage Sale items

Play Big Games
Connect 4
Snakes & Ladders

Jumping Castle

"Beans" the Clown

Contact: Glenda 51661819

Gippsland Muslim Community



Left: Muslims are not the only people who attend functions. Pictured is UMSLV president Khatija Halabi with non-Muslims attending the Friday Iftar.

Right: Lining up to eat at the community Iftar.

Above: GAMCI president Mr Tanveer Hasan with children from the community and the goods donated to ASRC foodbank.




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Ruth Courtis on 0470 090 512 or ruthcourtis@gmail.com

Ruth Place - 5122 1961 or

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Churchill is the Hub for the Gippsland Muslim Community

The township of Churchill is the main focus for many of the activities of the Gippsland Muslim community. This is historically because of the large number of students and staff based at the University.

Formed over 15 years ago, as the Monash University Islamic Society, MUIS represents and continues to support the needs of Muslim students on the Gippsland campus. The newly created Federation University continues to be very supportive of the Muslim community and provides a spiritual centre where other members of the community are invited to regular Friday prayers. Friday prayers can involve up to 60 Muslims from the community attending. It is during the holiest month of Ramadan when the University attracts most Muslims. In Ramadan Muslims throughout the world engage in prayer, fasting, charity giving and self-accountability. During the fasting period, Muslims believe that their desires are curbed and that they can gain an understanding of how those who are less privileged than them feel.

Daylight hours are spent fasting from food and drink and this fast is broken at sunset. The month is also a time of community and it is customary for Muslims to

invite neighbours and friends to break the fast together with an evening meal. This breaking of the fast is called Iftar. During Ramadan the Muslim community of Gippsland comes together every Friday to break their fast in congregation at the University. These community Iftars are organised by the MUIS, and supported by two other Muslim organisations in Gippsland, being GAMCI (Gippsland Australian Muslim Community Incorporated) and UMSLV (United Muslim Sisters of the Latrobe Valley). The community Iftars are always held at Federation University's Student Lounge. It is usual for Muslims to bring a plate of food to share at these events.

These regular Friday Iftars during Ramadan can attract over 100 men, women and children to the Churchill Campus. Gippsland Muslims are spread over the wider Gippsland areas including West Gippsland, the Latrobe Valley, Sale, Leongatha, and Bairnsdale, with all coming to Churchill. The communal Iftars held are not just a wonderful way of bringing the community together in the spirit of Ramadan, but it has also been integral in the settlement of new families or migrants. The community is thankful to Federation University, the chaplaincy, MUGSU and MUIS for allowing them the use of

the University facility for this purpose and for their continued support throughout the year. On Friday July 3, the food for the Iftar was hosted by UMSLV, with again over 100 people in attendance. To reinforce the spirit of charity during this holy month, those who attended were asked to bring non-perishable items to donate to the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre (ASRC) foodbank. ASRC have made essential items accessible to about 200 asylum seeker families. The evening was an overwhelming success in that so many boxes of food and other useful items were donated to this worthy cause. A large sum of money was also raised from the Muslims in attendance. Lisa Sinha from Gippsland Multicultural Services made arrangements for the transportation of the goods to ASRC.

The holy month of Ramadan ended with the sighting of the new moon on Friday July 17. The end of Ramadan was another time for joyful celebration for Muslims, and Federation University and the township of Churchill again was the focus for celebrations amongst the Muslim community. Over 100 men, women and children were present for morning prayers at 8:30 on Friday morning, and an equal number of people met for the traditional Eid dinner on the Friday night.

Small Business bus visit to Churchill



The State Government provides a Small Business Bus to visit centres around Victoria to encourage, and support small business owners or prospective owners, in ways to grow their business or to know what is required to begin a small business and how to implement those requirements. The service provides mentors who work

with those interested to achieve their goals in efficient ways.

Churchill received its first visit on Tuesday July 14. The timetable was full and several other people were walk-ups.

Both the staff on call said they had had a successful day.

People can use the www.business.vic.gov.au web site to search for times and venues

the bus is available in their area and book an appointment to meet with a mentor who will help you explore your concerns or requirements. Otherwise you can just turn up on the day between the allotted hours and walk up and ask questions and receive information.

Two people are available to cover both those options.

People may also ring Business Victoria on 132215 or contact Russell Northe's office on 5133 9088 and talk to one of the helpful staff there to receive more information or options.

The Small Business Mentoring Service can be contacted on 9879 4476 and ask to speak with Helena.

Writing the War

Letters from World War I One come to Latrobe City Libraries

To commemorate the centenary of World War I, Latrobe City Libraries are presenting a touring exhibition from the State Library Victoria, exploring the personal stories of ordinary Australians told through their own photographs, letters, diaries and writings. Latrobe City is one of only twelve regional libraries and galleries across Victoria to host the exhibition.

Latrobe City Council's mayor, Councillor Dale Harriman, said that Writing the War: Personal stories from WWI tells the story of Australia's involvement in WWI through ordinary eyes.

"We see the conflict from

the perspective of seven ordinary Australians from very different backgrounds – a teacher, a nurse, a bank clerk, a farmer, a journalist, an artist and an activist.

Their experiences are conveyed through personal and published writings, photos, drawings and multimedia which take us from Gallipoli to Egypt, Gaza and the Western Front, and capture a diverse range of perspectives.

Some of these writings helped shape public opinion about the war effort, such as Sir Keith Murdoch's Gallipoli letter or the writing of pacifist Vida Goldstein.

Some were never intended to be read in public, like the diaries of George Auchterlonie which remained

in his family's possession for more than 70 years," Councillor Harriman said.

"These diaries and letters of both prominent and ordinary Australians, give us an insight into the Great War that is both immediate and intimate because it is told in their own words," says Latrobe City Council Mayor Dale Harriman.

"The exhibition opened at Morwell Library on August 7, 2015 and will also feature supporting displays of local materials from the collection of Morwell Historical Society and a mural created by students from Tyers Primary School.

We would encourage visitors to come to Morwell to look at this thought-provoking exhibition but

there are supporting displays at both the Moe and Traralgon Libraries that feature materials from the collections of Old Gippsland and Moe and Traralgon Historical Societies," Councillor Harriman said.

Writing the War: Personal stories from WWI is a free exhibition at Morwell Library from August 7, 2015 to September 27, 2015.

For further information about other events supporting the exhibition visit: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library

Explore more WWI resources at slv.vic.gov.au/writing-the-war

The Writing the War exhibition tour is supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria.

Gallery Exhibition

Gallery exhibition highlights shifting attitudes in local land use

A thought provoking project at the Latrobe Regional Gallery, curated by Emily Cormack from Gertrude Contemporary (Melbourne), sees artworks demonstrating the shifting attitudes towards land use in our region.

Latrobe City Council's arts director, Dr Mark Themann, said that artists Geoff Robinson, Lauren Berkowitz and the collaborative artist group Open Spatial Workshop (Terri Bird, Bianca Hester, Scott Mitchell) researched Latrobe Regional Gallery's art collection and its context, to open up a discussion about the realities of land use.

"We know that the

Latrobe Valley has been the centre of both food and fuel production for Melbourne's growing population since colonial settlement.

This is ever present in the Latrobe Regional Gallery collection.

The exhibition partially engages this thought.

Each artist has spent the last year undertaking research in the area and the Gallery's art collection," Dr Themann said.

"Open Spatial Workshop will display a large fossilised Kauri log, on loan from Museum Victoria.

It is around 23 million years old, and was dug up from the Loy Yang open cut

mine, one of three major coal mines in the Latrobe Valley. Alongside the fossil they are also showing a selection of artworks from the gallery collection.

For Lauren Berkowitz's sculptural installation Energy Fields, the artist has collected indigenous eucalyptus species which she has used to create an installation in the rear of the gallery.

Geoff Robinson's new project responds to Colin Suggett's art work in the gallery collection, titled "Greetings from Electric Valley... turn right at the palm trees".

Robinson will work with local brass players to create

soundscapes at each power station and at the site of the iconic twin palms in Morwell. These soundscapes will then be played in the gallery, as new audio works," Dr Themann concluded.

The collection will be on display until September 20.

From the collection is supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria.

This project has also been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body.

This project also received development funding from the National Exhibitions Touring Service (NETS) Victoria.

Friends of Morwell National Park



John's Jottings

This month I am providing ongoing snippets lifted from the Morwell National Park Management Plan (1998) which I'm sure will make interesting reading for you too.

Management Plan continued from last month....

"3.5 Cultural heritage Morwell National Park and the surrounding area is of significance to the Woollum Woollum Clan, one of the Kurnai group of Gippsland. Archaeological work at Buchan indicates that

Aborigines were in Gippsland 18,000 years ago. Occupation of the south and east Gippsland area by the Kurnai began at least 6000 years ago. Woollum Woollum people are said to have frequently visited the area seeking possums, for food and especially for their skins.

Large numbers of artefacts have been found in surrounding areas such as Jumbuk and Driffield. An archaeological survey of the Park has not yet been undertaken.

All Aboriginal sites and relics are protected under the Archaeological and Aboriginal Relics Preservation Act 1972 (Vic.) and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (Cwlth). The Central Gippsland Aboriginal Health and Housing Co-operative Ltd is the relevant authority for cultural heritage in the Park. An application for a native title determination was lodged with the Native Title Tribunal in 1997 covering, among other areas, Morwell National Park.

Strzelecki Ranges was one of the most inhospitable areas in southern Australia. The area of land which now forms Morwell National Park was first settled by Europeans in the 1840s following the explorations of Paul Edward de Strzelecki in 1830.

Much of the Park was formerly privately owned and has been exploited at some stage since European settlement. Within the area of the original Park, there is some evidence of prior land use, e.g. a 1930s timber sawmill, a gravel pit (1929) and a mine shaft (1946). The majority of the Billys Creek Valley was cleared grazing land.

These sites are often not

obvious to visitors although some are identified as points of interest along walking tracks (e.g. Lyndons Clearing and the old gravel pit site along Fosters Gully Nature Walk).

The weir at Billys Creek, in the eastern section of the Park, is a significant historic site for the Latrobe Valley."

To be continued next month

June Activity Report

At this activity we had Ken, Matt, John, Peter, Mike, Cathy, Darren and Beryl. The day of the activity was very cold but dry.

During the activity the group completed the nesting box survey of all of the boxes, both old and new. The count started slowly with very few sugar gliders seen in the earliest boxes. In most boxes the leaves were organised into a round cocoon ready for an animal or group of animals to be nestling into. Some were so well organised that a possum could be hiding at the bottom of the nest of leaves and we could not see them. A closer investigation of the videos may locate a few more hidden gliders.

On the cold day the sugar gliders were tightly wrapped up or snuggled together. One box had at least six sugar gliders huddled together. It was difficult to clearly see where one animal started and the next began. A closer look at the videos will confirm the total number of animals observed.

Over the day the only animals seen in the boxes were sugar gliders. We found a similar number of sugar gliders to the previous summer and winter surveys. No ringtail possums or agile antechinus were seen.

One box was difficult to locate since a tree had fallen across the box, knocking it off its tree. This box was repositioned back onto its original tree.

The new boxes were also surveyed and not surprisingly these boxes were empty. These will need to weather more before the animals will seek them out. Box numbers were added to the six boxes mounted last January.

Matt positioned the two motion activated cameras to observe which animals will be seen in this part of the park. We may collect some footage of the deer that we sometimes see the tracks of.

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Kurnai College University Campus



Coffee Machine

Students in the VCAL Catering Class have, with school funds and fund-raising, been able to purchase a coffee making machine. They are at present learning how to use it so that they may provide coffee for the students before school and at recess. They plan to do this on a roster system. Part of the extended vision is to also provide food - sandwiches, snacks and meals like lasagna, pasta and beef stroganoff at lunchtime at less expensive prices than otherwise available, which will help students to have a nutritious lunch at an affordable price. The money raised is to go to some charities yet to be decided.

The benefits of this project will be to give the students an experience of running a small business. Their teacher is very supportive and encouraging of the project. They have set themselves a goal of a trial period of four months. A small budget is available to

start this venture.

Other VCAL classes have helped to set up the coffee machine with the Metal Class making the trolley and the Art Class designing and painting the outside of the trolley.

In preparation for this the students have been learning about safe methods of food handling and achieving food handling certificates.

Bijanka and Jeclat, the students who explained the plan, both expressed excitement at the prospect but also some apprehension when they realised that they would miss their recesses at times. However they were happily resigned to that with the knowledge that they would be working for a good cause.

VCAL Sleep out

Forty-six students and six teachers participated in a sleep out in the outdoor area of the University Campus on a cold July 27 night.

To participate, the students needed to contribute a \$10 donation and take a minimal

amount of possessions - a sleeping bag, pillow, and blanket - for the occasion. The students also were provided with large cardboard boxes which they could use as they wished to try to insulate themselves from the cold.

The students had worked together to arrange enough cardboard boxes for each person's use. The teachers agreed to pick them up.

On arrival they worked to use their box the best way to keep out the cold. Some of the students were very creative in the way they used their box, from creating small houses to using the box under the sleeping bag. Despite this effort, not much sleep was had as it was so very cold.

\$460 was raised as was the appreciation of the students of what homelessness and sleeping rough entails. Bijanka said she feels sorry for the homeless as it is so cold and they lack even the resources the students had. It makes me sad she said.

Jeclat said it was a good experience. It made him aware that on your own it must be really tough. When they did it they had all the other students and teachers with whom to share company. Both students said they were happy they did it and would do it again.

Students at Work Program at AGL Loy Yang Power Station.

Six students from Kurnai and Lowanna Colleges were chosen to trade a week of school to gain meaningful real life work experience with Transfield Worley Services.

Gemma and Jake represented Kurnai and explained the time they spent in the program.

To be chosen the students needed to apply, submit a resume with a covering letter and then attend an interview, before being accepted. They then received an information pack about the work, what to wear, the induction process etc.

For the first two days the six students were required to work together as a team on their project. To begin they had to record their perceptions of the power station, the program and their chosen field of work and what it would be like.

Both thought the power station would be noisy, dirty, big and worth a lot of money. They were fairly close with only the dirty adjective incorrect.

Gemma chose fitter and turner as her field. Jake chose electrical.

The last three days were spent in the power station, Jake working on general maintenance of electrical components, Gemma on maintenance of precepts.

The experience showed them how much work is



involved, the types of jobs range needed, describing it as a little city.

At the end the students were required to do a presentation which was about their perceptions of the working environment.

Both Gemma and Jake rated the activity as a good and worthwhile experience, showing the different opportunities available, and for Jake consolidating his chosen career path.

They both expressed their thanks to the companies for their assistance and providing such an initiative for the students.

Motivational Speaker - Joe Vatu

Joe Vatu was invited by the school to speak to the students to offer some words of wisdom and motivation.

School Captains

Riley Hogarth and Chloe Robertson, summed up his visit. "Joe interacts with the audience and captures your attention from the beginning, by sharing aspects of his life and explaining how he has benefitted from these experiences.

He gave us some inspirational quotes to remember and use in our own situations.

1. Aim for the moon and if you don't get there, you're still among the stars.

2. Don't waste time.

Joe also encouraged the students to 'zone out' in a good way. In the end said Joe, it comes down to what your attitude is and who we surround ourselves with, that will determine where we go in life."

The students found the talk inspiring.



Top Left: Coffee machine operators Bijanka and Jeclat

Top Right: Jake and Emma giving their presentations at Loy Lang

Bottom middle left and right: VCAL Sleep Out

Bottom left: Jake and Emma with Principal Geoff Block and VCAL Co-ordinator Nicole Carder

Bottom Right: Joe Vatu inspirational speaker



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Boolarra Primary School

Multi-age Rotation Day

At the start of each term, to allow the teachers to plan together, Ms Karen Twomey and replacement teachers work with our students in P-6 groups on a range of enrichment activities. Our students really revel in this opportunity to work with students from all grade levels.



Term 3 Planning Day

Suessical the Musical

Work is underway on this whole school production. The Grade 5/6 students will play the main characters. We were astounded by the talent uncovered during the audition process. Every grade in the school will take responsibility for singing one song as well as the whole school introduction

and finale. We intend staging a matinee performance at 1:15 pm and an evening performance at 7:30 pm at the Boolarra Memorial Hall on Thursday September 17. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$7 concession and are available from the school office. No tickets will be sold at the door at either

performance.

Breakfast at School

Our R.E. Coordinator, Mrs Elizabeth Black, her friend Jo and our Junior School Councillors do a wonderful job catering our Breakfast at School program. Not only is this a lovely, social way to start the day but it also gives the school an inviting, warm

toast aroma.

Multi-Cultural Day

As a follow-up to NAIDOC week, which fell during the most recent school holidays, we staged a Multi-Cultural Day. The students dressed in costumes representing a range of different cultures and we enjoyed guessing which country they might be from. The Boolarra preschoolers joined us for some very special Koorie Cultural activities organised by prep student Aleeah's Mum, Anne-Maree Stever and her associates. Everyone enjoyed them immensely and we all learnt a great deal.



Multicultural Day - Aboriginal Artefacts



Multicultural Day - Koorie Dance Demonstration



Multicultural Day - Ronan sampling emu meat

Kurnai College Junior Campus

Hair Day Fundraiser

The Student Representative Council (SRC) organised for the Campus to hold a 'Hair Day'. The event was for students and staff to volunteer to have their hair removed in order to raise money for the Cancer Council.

The idea was initiated by Bronwyn Eden, who volunteered to have her waist length hair shortened, with her hair donated for making wigs for cancer patients. SRC representatives asked for other volunteers but few would gladly have their hair removed, however, numerous students paid to have their hair temporarily coloured to assist in raising money for the Cancer Council.

One staff member volunteer was a new teacher to Churchill Campus, Sen Maharaj. He had all of his hair removed.

Mrs Tessa Libreri, was on hand to offer her hair dressing skills for the event. There was a sizeable crowd from the students and staff to witness the event held in the Campus gymnasium.

The students raised over \$380 from the day.

The students involved are keen to hold another similar day later in the year. They are hoping that with the warmer weather they will get more volunteers.

Portrait Art

The Year 10 students in Natasha O'Neil's art class are working on portraits in acrylic. There have been some great efforts that will be worthy of framing and exhibiting.

Jobskills Expo

The Year 9 students went along to Lardner Park in Warragul to attend the Jobskills Expo.

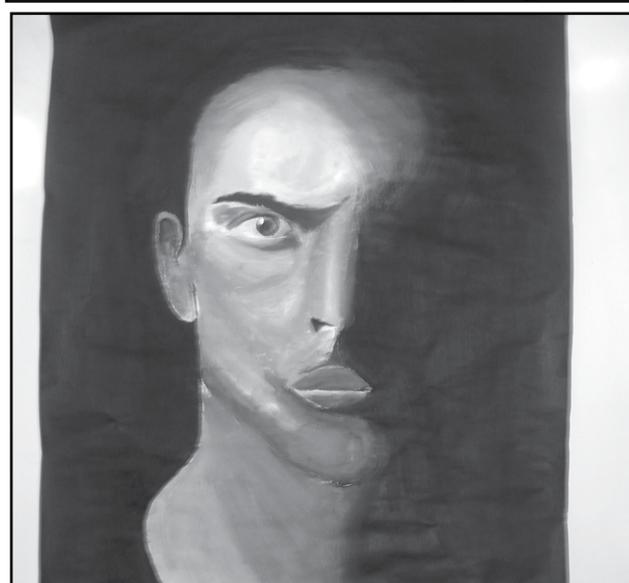
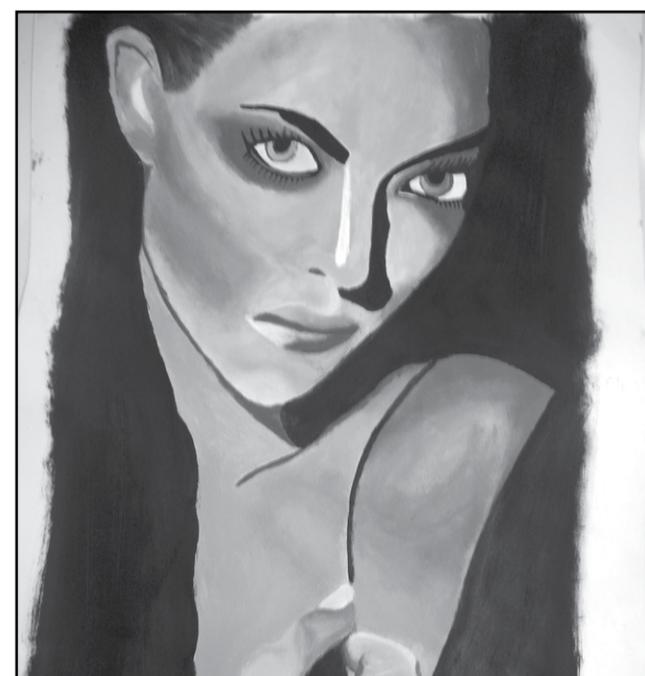
There was a large display put on for the students to look at the jobs and occupations in society, and how to achieve in order to follow a pathway to particular jobs.

There were also seminars where students could listen about specific areas of work, such as Health, Science and Nursing, Engineering, Apprenticeships and Traineeships, and several others.

Students already with a keen interest in a vocation, in which they wanted to work, could ask questions so that they could make informed decisions about their future education and work life.

It was a very successful day for the students who attended.

On the right are some samples of the students' art work



Churchill Primary School



We had a flying start to third term. In the first week, we had an incursion and the Grade 5/6s went on camp to Melbourne. We have had a tree planting day with the 4/5 and 5/6 and their special guests, parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents. Our party loving Preps have celebrated 100 days at school.

The Stone Lion came to life to get the children out of the cold. The book itself came to life through the actors and clever puppetry. Chris and Ashlea also used songs to tell the story. There was something in the production for students of all ages. Some of the students were invited to participate in the performance and ask the actors questions at the end.

Star. They were able to step on the hallowed turf of the MCG and do a tour of the change rooms, members' rooms and the Olympic Museum. The students went to many of Melbourne's famous landmarks and were exhausted from the walking and the jam packed itinerary. As usual with Grade 5/6 camps, highlights also included the places they ate. Thanks to Miss Woodman, Mr Churchill, Jo Whitelaw and Mrs Reidy who were willing to accompany the lucky campers.

Hisense Arena. The show takes place in September. The students were very excited about what is ahead, and they got the feel of how huge this state wide production is. They are now fully committed to the hours of practice it takes to make it a success.

Charlotte Baker in Grade 3 interviewed some of the Preps about their 100 days of school.

and he likes colouring. Sara and other students mentioned that they have learned not only academic skills but an important social skill – to be aware of other people's "bubbles" (personal space). Alana has learned to read and has learned the difference between what we "need" and what we "want." Jenny, Brooke and Shantelle mentioned finding out about needs and wants, reading and playing with friends. Jaye, Charlie, Shaki, Ava all enjoy playing with friends and learning in their classrooms. Kayla summed up school days saying she likes having fun at school, being able to play with worms and she likes her big buddy, Brianna.

The Stone Lion
Our teachers and students were treated to a performance acting out the book "The Stone Lion". This book has been nominated for the Australian Picture Story Book of the Year. This is a sad story about a homeless child and her baby brother, both of whom are eventually taken in by a kindly librarian and his wife. During the story,

Melbourne Camp
Grade 5/6 camp went off really well. The students took off in the train on Wednesday morning and came back by train on Friday late afternoon. During their time away, they had some very exciting activities, such as taking a night ride on the Melbourne

State School Spectacular in Melbourne
Twenty-two Grade 3-6 students went on their first day trip to rehearse for this year's State School Spectacular at

100 days at School
The Preps celebrated completing 100 days of school this month. They reported that on the celebration day we counted and sang to 100, we read stories about 100 wishes and wrote about what we would wish for. We made fairy bread with 100s and 1000s and made "100 day smarter" crowns. We all shared a class party. Some are pictured here enjoying their day.

Hamish said he likes school, especially art, and he can now cut with scissors. Evie likes playing with her friends on the slide and she likes it when the teachers are nice. She has learned about upper case and lower case letters. Jessica, Abby and Mia have also learned about letters and enjoy playing with friends. Lucas reports he has learned to write and loves playing games and going outside to play with his friends, as do Jay and Lauchlan. Milla likes doing school work and now she can spell words and write. Kieran likes sports days, he has learned to write

Top: Melbourne Camp- exploring the environment
Bottom Left: Melbourne Camp- Eureka Sky Deck
Centre top and bottom and centre right and bottom
The Preps celebrated 100 days at school making party hats for their party and doing lots of activities around the number 100



Churchill North Primary School



Forest Lodge Camp

On July 14, students from grades three to six had the opportunity to attend Forest Lodge camp near Yarram. Students battled the cold weather for four days but did not let it get in their way of a good time. Students enjoyed a range of activities such as the flying fox, the big swing, canoeing, archery, bush cooking, ponding and much more. It was great to see so many smiles and to watch students challenge themselves with things they would not ordinarily do. Well done campers!

One hundred days of Prep

On Monday July 27, P/1D celebrated 'One Hundred Days of School' for the prep students. The day began with a story '100 Days of Cool'. The students learnt the names for 100 years, 100 centimetres etc. They wrote one hundred words, made a quilt counting by 5's to one hundred, wrote the numbers to one hundred, made a special crown, made a necklace using 100 pieces of cereal and finished the day with a party and a special 100 cake made by their teacher.

Individual Learning Conferences

Teachers met with parents early this term to talk through

student targets and strategies that will allow students to close any learning gaps and show growth in their academic performance. We hope families now know exactly what their child should work on to be able to improve. Thank you to the parents who attended.

a half hour lesson and have the opportunity to play for half an hour. The students have shown huge improvements in their confidence and mobility in the water.

'The Wizard of Churchill' is coming to Churchill North Primary School

This year Churchill North

School!! The children have undertaken some really exciting new projects within their community.

Grade 2/3K and 3/4C have both formed a fun new friendship with pre-service teachers studying their second year of primary education. The students from Federation University visited our school.

Our children gave the university students the grand tour of Churchill North Primary School. It was lovely to see the pride the children took in presenting their school to our guests. They then spent time creating portraits of each other. By the end of the session, the children were referring to pre-service teachers as

the opportunity to create a mural revolving around our theme for this term 'Art in our Community' That has been displayed at West Place Shopping Centre in Churchill. The students embraced the importance of producing something that will hopefully be enjoyed by the wider community.

I encourage the school community and wider community of Churchill to go and check out the amazing work our students created. I am monumentally proud of them all for working so hard on this painting.

Academic Growth Award

Churchill North is pleased to announce their new Academic Growth Award.

The Academic Growth Award recognises students who have demonstrated the greatest growth within the learning area of Literacy and Numeracy.

Churchill North would like to congratulate Ruby L, Connor T, Anthony R, Stephen B, Hayden E, Nephi D, Mollie J, Robert S, Reon L and Ebony W for receiving the Numeracy Academic Growth Award.

We would also like to congratulate Paul B, Corey S, Ryley T, Ashton C, Alex T, Max F, Hayleigh C, Hayden E, Jesse S, Kye E, Brandon R, and James S for receiving the Literacy Academic Growth Award.



P/1D Swimming

On July 16, the children in P/1D began their swimming lessons. All children eagerly entered the pool and began learning Water Safety as well as Water Confidence. Over the six lessons the children are learning survival skills, mobility and how to enter the water safely. All children have

Primary School will be given the opportunity to perform 'The Wizard of Churchill', an original production written and directed by Darren McCubbin from Wishbone Theatre Company.

The concert will take place on:

Wednesday September 2, from 2pm-3pm,

Wednesday September 2, from 7pm-8pm

Thursday September 3, from 7pm-8pm.

Tickets will cost \$5 per person and will be on sale at the office from Monday August 10. Make sure you purchase your tickets quickly in order to secure your seat to see these wonderful, young performers shine!

Churchill North Artists

This semester has been very busy in Art Classes at Churchill North Primary



their 'Big Buddies'. The drawings that students of C.N.P.S created of their 'Big Buddies' have been displayed in the faculty of education at Federation University in Churchill. Students will have an opportunity to see how wonderful their work looks on display when we visit the University, and continue working with our 'Big Buddies' in term 3.

Grade 2/3K also had



Hazelwood North Primary School

Chinese Exchange Students

At Hazelwood North Primary School we were lucky to have Chinese visitors come to stay at four different people's homes. They stayed at the Chisholms, Kuijpers, Richards and Sanders. The Chisholms and Kuijpers had two students each. The Richards had one and the Sanders had three students. As you know the Sanders had the most. There were eight Chinese students in all.

We did some great activities such as ten pin bowling and jump and climb. At ten pin bowling we played one game. At jump and climb, we only did the jumping,

running into the key.

We all believe we did the best we could and believe Yinnar deserved to win because it looked like they had been practising quite a lot, so good job to all teams!

By Sam and Dylan

Girl's Soccer

On Thursday July 23, the girls' soccer team from Hazelwood North went to Sale for the Regional Competition. The teams are New Haven, Araluen and Bairnsdale. We all tried very hard.

Our first game was with New Haven and we won 1-0. Our second game was against Araluen and we fought back to win 2-1. We thought



This was a really amazing experience for everyone because they got to learn about Australia and we got to learn about China.

We would recommend other schools and students to jump at the opportunity to be hosts. It was an awesome experience being able to share cultures.

Basketball

The competition kicked off with H.N.P.S going up against Yinnar Primary School. It was close at the start with a couple of stumbles from our team. Unfortunately, we ended up losing by a fair margin. Our whole team believed that Ethan and Benjamin really played a wonderful game.

Secondly we came up against Lumen Christi which we knew would be a challenging match. It was a tough game with some of their players even getting knocked over. Our two players Sam and Mitchell were on fire making shots and layups from out of nowhere.

Later we come up against Boolarra Primary School. We really believed we had a chance to come out of this game as winners. This ended up being true with us coming out with a comfortable victory. Dylan and Kade played an amazing game, scoring a couple of points between them.

Lastly, we came up against Churchill, which ended up with us being the winners by quite a margin. Boyd and Alex really played a

that they would beat us so everyone tried even harder so that we could win. Our strategy was to pass the ball to each other so that we could win and maybe come second. Our third game was against Bairnsdale and we lost 2-1.

The funniest thing was when one of our players headed the ball with her face. That would've hurt! Their first goal came off one of our defenders and their other goal was when the sun came out! We were blinded by the light. Our goals were facing the sun, luckily we swapped ends at half time.

We really enjoyed our day and are really proud of ourselves for making Regions.

Araluen came 1st

Bairnsdale came 2nd

Hazelwood North came 3rd

New Haven came 4th

We felt disappointed that we lost and won't go to Melbourne, but at the end of the day everyone tried their best and we are pleased that we got to that level.

The End

By Kayla and Charlotte

Our visitors

On Monday two police officers came to visit our school. I liked it when we coloured in the pictures. I coloured in a police car and a badge. I saw their real police badge! They were very good and played outside with us in the playground. It was fantastic! The police were so cool!

By Mackenzie, Murray, Max and Graciemay



Yinnar South Primary School

As Yinnar South Primary grows we are excited that our new buildings project has started. We will be receiving a brand new flexible learning double classroom, an admin block, new toilets including a disabled toilet, and a storeroom facility. The students have been using the building works to discuss engineering, and the younger students are keeping a diary of our progress as part of the Literacy program.

We believe that learning can be found in every life experience. Our school grounds include an outdoor classroom and we embed outdoor experiences into our explicit learning. The students are using measuring skills (maths) to map out the vegetable patch and graph out future plantings.

The younger students are practising their counting and colour sorting while preparing bottle tops for a

mosaic activity.

Some students are working collaboratively using fine motor skills and problem solving to weave a support for the pumpkin patch.

Our Stephanie Alexander Program supports our students to learn valuable life skills like Healthy Eating. The program also supports the development of social skills such as sharing conversation and table etiquette.

Recently a Weather Balloon landed in our playground during recess. What an amazing teachable moment. The joy of a small school environment is that teaching staff were able to harness the student's enthusiasm to investigate this great Science opportunity. Students are hoping to find out where the balloon has travelled from and what it might have experienced along the way. We value the

development of curiosity in our students.

Recently our students worked with Latrobe City, Yinnar and Yinnar South Landcare volunteers, parents and staff to plant 274 plants at Martin Walker Reserve. Students were very proud to plant the first of the seedlings we had grown from seed as part of this planting. What an achievement! Many of our science outcomes are integrated in this program.

Thanks to the Latrobe City and the wonderful volunteers who made this day a true community event.

Yinnar South has strong enrolments for Prep in 2016. We are certainly a school that is growing rapidly. Why not visit and see how we can bring 'Learning to Life' for your child? School tours can be arranged by calling Principal Katy Grandin on 5169 1540.



Churchill Preschools

Hub Preschool

At Churchill preschool we have been visited by two Guinea pigs - George and Peppa. We discussed how to hold them, what it means to be gentle when holding animals,

and what food the guinea pigs like to eat.

We have also had Henny Penny chickens come to visit. We have waited and watched the fertile eggs hatch in the incubator, then had to care for

the chickens. Over two weeks we have watched the chickens grow before they were adopted out by preschool families.

Glendonald Preschool

These photos show how children can enjoy playing

alone, with a partner or in a larger group.



Lumen Christi Primary School



Lumen Christi has started Term 3 with a blast – a blast of cold weather that is!

This term we have already had some significant events and are in the planning to have some more. We started the term celebrating NAIDOC Week with a key celebration at our weekly assembly where every class gave a presentation.

The theme of the 2015 NAIDOC Week was 'we all stand on sacred ground' and at Lumen Christi we acknowledge the traditional owners of the beautiful land around our school and community.

A highlight for the school this term is the preparation of our Year 4 students to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist.

This will be the first time the students receive communion at Church. The students and families have been attending workshops and Masses in the build up to the big day on Sunday August 30.

To strengthen our Catholic faith, and just to have a bit of fun, the school invited international musician Michael Mangan to present

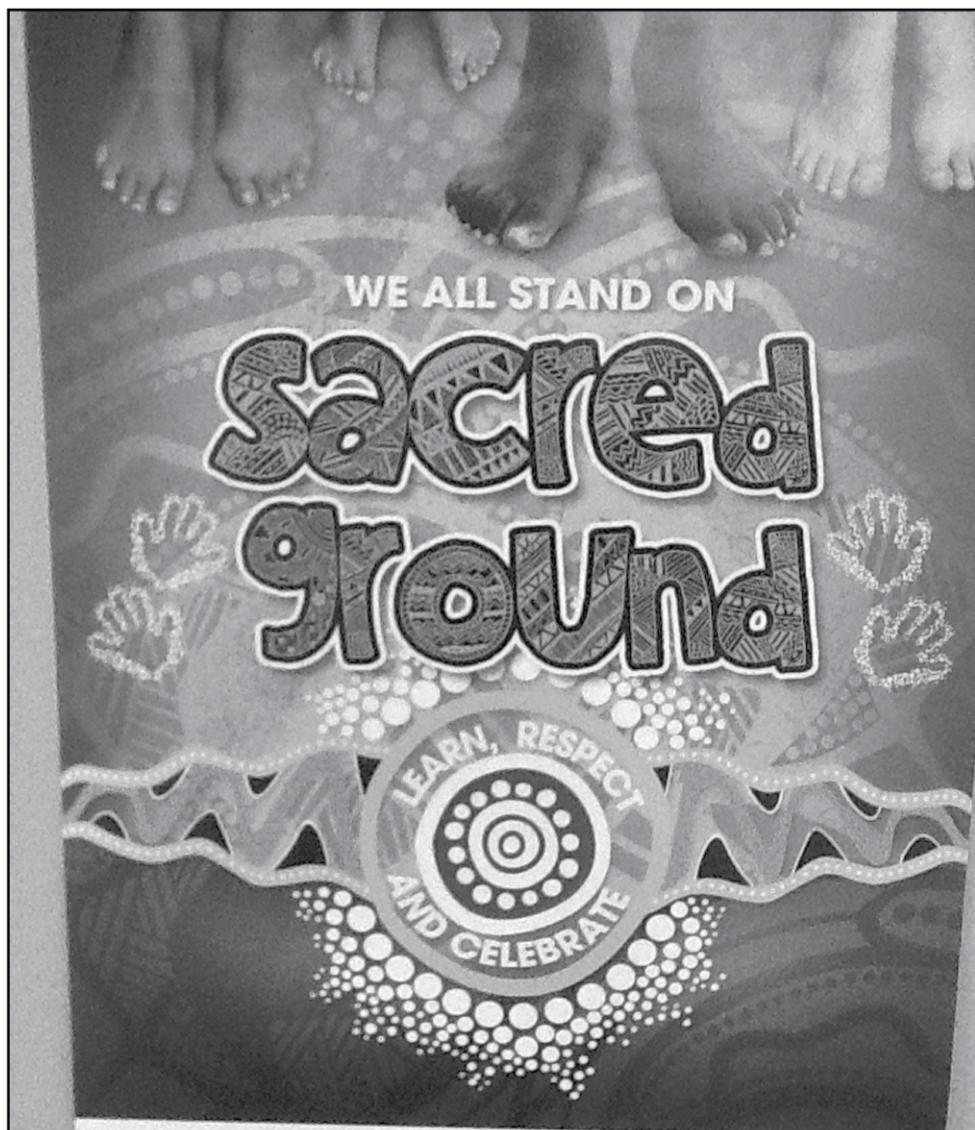
music workshops for all students and staff. It was a terrific and exciting way to celebrate our faith story. The favourite song of the day was definitely 'Holy Spirit Rock', and when we shared it at Mass last week even Father Francis was happy dancing along as you would expect of him!

Woolworths have started their Earn and Learn

campaign again and we put the call out for donations from past, present and future families and friends to donate either to the box in the school office or the donation box at Woolworths Churchill. Thanks!

Reaching out to others is a key message we give our students at Lumen Christi – we want them to be the Light

of Christ in Churchill. One way we have done this is to have our Pyjama Day, where the school captains collected donations to be made directly to Catholic Care to support agencies and programs locally and across the state. Thank you to all families who donated.



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Monday, Sept 21, 2015 - 9.00 am - 11.00 am

Beginners entry Form

Player's Name.....

Phone No.....

Date of Birth.....

Tick the event you would like to enter.
Age as at September 21, 2015

7 & Under	10 & Under	13 & Under	16 & Under

Conditions of Entry

* Players enter at own risk.

* The referee's decision will be final.

I understand the Conditions of Entry

Signature of Parent/Guardian

For Further information contact

Carol Scott 0409 326 769

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Competition Players

To Register:

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CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

Churchill Junior Basketball



Churchill Blue Devils recently competed in the Morwell Basketball Tournament, July 18 and 19. This tournament is the last one for season 2014/15. Our association sent seven teams to compete, with two teams making and winning their grand finals.

Churchill Under 10 B grade Girls won a close grand final against Traralgon 17-14. The girls were down for most of the game but came back in the last few minutes to win their first grand final of the year. Five of the girls were lower age Under 10's, giving them great experience this season to come back and compete again next season in Under 10's. Most Valued Player of the grand final was Churchill's Mia Cheffers.

Churchill Under 12 A grade finished a strong season with a grand final win over Moe 42-31. The girls have improved a lot over the year, with lots of wins over strong competition. MVP of the grand final was Churchill's Myah Healey.

The kids now have a break before the 2015/16 season begins in October at Korumburra.

Three Churchill Blue Devils players have been selected to compete in the Basketball Victoria Under 12 Jamboree at Echuca in September school holidays 2015.

Try-outs were held recently at eight venues across country Victoria. The top 200 children (100 boys and 100 girls) were selected with the successful players announced on Wednesday July 29.

Congratulations to Monai Porykali, Myah Healey and Ethan Sultana who will be representing Churchill.

Players are randomly selected into ten boys and ten girls teams and will compete against each other over the four day event.

Jamboree allows kids to gain valuable experience, meet new friends and have lots of fun along the way. Good luck to them in September.



Above left is a photo of Myah Healey, Ethan Sultana and Monai Porykali, who were chosen for the Victorian Country U/12 Jamboree.

Above right is the Under 10 girls B Grade premiership team

Right is the Under 12 girls A Grade premiership team



Mid Gippsland Darts Association Winter Competition



LADDER after Round 4

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	%	Pts
YINNAR TIGERS	4	4	0	27	9	300.0	8
BULLSHOT	4	3	1	24	14	266.7	6
COYOTEZ	4	2	2	21	15	233.3	4
TRARALGON REBELS	4	2	2	17	19	188.9	4
PADLOCKS	4	0	3	10	26	111.1	2
REAPERS	4	0	3	11	25	122.2	0

No rest for the wicked. After finishing the season as Grand Final winners, Yinnar Tigers darts team is back into the Mid Gippsland Darts Association Winter Competition, defeating Reapers 7-2 in Round 1. A great start to a new season by the team.

Round 2 and the Tigers won 9-0 by forfeit. Unfortunately the Padlocks were unable to field a team on the night.

Round 3 Yinnar Tigers took on the Bullshot team and were convincing winners on the night 6-3. Reno Borg for the Tigers scored most "Tons" on the night with Sharon Taylor with "Most Pegs" for the night. Joe DeMaria had the "Highest Score" for the night.

Round 4 and the Tigers continued on their merry way with a 5-4 defeat of Coyotez. The games were hard fought with Mark Taylor with a 180 score (the highest on the board) for the night. Not to be outdone Sharon Taylor ran up the highest ladies score for the night.

Yinnar Tigers are well placed on top of the ladder to mount a great challenge for another premiership in the Mid Gippsland Darts Association.

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Twenty five years of service recognised



Coordinator of Churchill's Lifeline shop, Annette Deppeler, was honoured by her co-workers to mark her 25 years of service to the shop in Churchill.

Annette cannot believe that it is 25 years since she started as a volunteer, saying it has gone very quickly. It has been an enjoyable time with lots of fun, even though it has entailed hard work, especially in sorting lots of different donated goods.

In 2000, Annette started

as co-ordinator with a view to doing it for two months which turned into three years.

Since then Annette and Jacki McLure have done the job together, with Annette doing the accounting book work and liaising with head office.

For Annette, the opportunity to meet people has been a big part of her satisfaction in the job. But she has been proud of the standard she has set and maintained in shop presentation. Annette

says working in the shop has the added bonus of having such a great number of like-minded volunteers with which to share the load.

Annette made a special request that all the volunteers be thanked as well as the community for its support, saying there have been valuable connections thus made.

Claire Davis, Chief Executive Officer for Lifeline commended Annette for 25 years and the shop workers

for their dedication, saying the money generated by the shop was awesome. Claire also added that it is the volunteers who are the backbone of the organisation.

Fellow shop volunteers agreed that Annette was lovely to work with, saying she overlooks their mistakes, is patient, understanding when they are unable to fill their roster duty and is always there for them. That is a fitting tribute and sums up a beautiful person.

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