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Rotary award at Yinnar Primary

By Leo Billington

During 2017, Hazelwood Rotary Club has hosted a variety of interesting guests. During November, club members have been involved in two other activities not requiring guest speakers.

Well known club member, Brenda Burney, co-ordinated The Rotary Junior Community Award involving students from Yinnar Primary School.

This award scheme is now completing its 20th year, having been first established as the Bairnsdale Junior Community Award (BJCA). This started as an identified need through the establishment of a pilot program in Bairnsdale of the Community Relations Education Project (CREP).

It is an organisation of local people, schools, police,

welfare organisations, Koorie and other youth groups whose aim was to lower the incidence of violence, discrimination and racism in our community. The BJCA was introduced to involve young people in a direct positive way to benefit themselves and our local community.

The program engages Grade 6 students in four main areas of endeavour to be completed over the school year – Community Service, Social Experience, Physical Recreation and Skill Development.

The students, with the aid of parents and teachers, design a program they feel they can achieve and keep a diary of their progress.

Recently, nine Yinnar Primary School students, together with family, friends

and supporters were presented with a certificate at an evening ceremony.

Also during November, over 16 representatives from the club attended a social evening at the Morwell Bowling Club.

President Ian Wilson, himself a highly accomplished bowler, organised the occasion which involved teams composed of experienced and inexperienced bowlers vying for a “championship” prize of chocolate.

The competitive atmosphere was laced with seriousness and laughter. With more practise over the next decade, some members will improve their bowling skills. Watch this space please.

Hazelwood Rotary’s big Christmas effort is the Christmas Wrap (for



customers) at Mid Valley Shopping Centre. Funds raised are subsequently distributed within our community.

For people interested in joining Hazelwood Rotary, please do not hesitate to contact President, Ian Wilson on 0409 937 222.



To all our readers we extend the very best of wishes for the Christmas season and the New Year. Thank you for your loyalty.

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CDCA - Farewell 2017

by Abbethia Rene, President
 The summer holiday season is rapidly approaching and, on behalf of CDCA, I would like to wish all Churchill and district residents a safe and happy time. Drive carefully when you're out and about and be prepared for bushfire season.

We've been using our new Facebook page to promote some 'Fire Awareness' activities happening in our local community. We'll be using Facebook to keep the community informed about CDCA and some of our interests and local events. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/churchilldistrictcommunityassociation/>

Other recently featured posts were about the 'Active Kids Churchill' Expo. CDCA was one of the partnering community group sponsors for this event. Congratulations to the team of volunteers who put this terrific event together and to all the local participating sports clubs!

Another community event that CDCA jointly sponsors is the annual 'Carols by Candlelight' service, organised by the Combined Churches of Churchill. This year's 7pm service will be held on Saturday December 16, preceded at 6pm with a BBQ (gold coin donation) at 1 Williams Ave, Churchill.

Although CDCA has a very limited income and, as a not-for-profit advocacy organisation, does not generally provide financial sponsorship to other organisations or individuals, we do from time to time, consider small sponsorship requests.

Such requests need to be demonstrably of broad local community benefit or interest, relevant to the local Churchill

and district area and of a not-for-profit nature and of course, CDCA needs to have the means to fund any such sponsorship.

A full copy of our sponsorship policy may be downloaded from the CDCA website at <http://cdca.org.au/about-cdca/cdca-rules/>

Sponsored events often present an opportunity to display our logo, but some of CDCA's work in the community is not well known. For instance, did you know that the pole-mounted Christmas decorations adorning the town centre are a result of CDCA's partnering with Latrobe City Council each year? We work with Council to ensure that Churchill has decorations in our CBD, similar to the larger towns in Latrobe City.

Or perhaps you will notice the 'Christmas Angel' that appears adjacent to the Flynn Memorial, directly opposite the hotel on Monash Way, just before Christmas? That's also the work of CDCA.

As the year ends, I wish to pay special tribute to retiring University Representative, Alan Scarlett, on the CDCA Committee. Alan has been a committed and hard-working member of our Committee for many years - firstly as the Monash Gippsland campus representative and more lately, as the Federation Uni rep.

Alan's thoughtful contributions to our discussions, his willingness to be a hands-on volunteer for a broad range of tasks and his assistance in facilitating



community connections with the University on many an issue or project will be sorely missed. Thank you for your involvement with CDCA and the broader local community - best wishes for whatever comes next!

CDCA will have its first 2018 meeting on Tuesday February 6, commencing at 7pm in the Board Room at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre in McDonald Way. All local residents are welcome to attend.

In the meantime, we're thinking about next year's activities and events. CDCA has applied to become an Incorporated Association and we may branch out and organise a few more activities, particularly if people are interested in giving us a hand.

One of our ideas is to organise a 'Clean Up Australia Day' event in Churchill on March 4, 2018. We'll report on this in the February 2018 issue of the Churchill News and post some information to our Facebook page next year, so stay tuned!

If you, or your community group, would like to partner with CDCA to organise a really good 'Clean Up Churchill' event on March 4 next year, please contact us via our website - <http://cdca.org.au/contact-us/> or email: secretarycdca@mail.com

A special word to anyone confronted with violence

Al-Anon's gentle process unfolds gradually over time. But those of us facing violent, potentially life threatening situations may have to make immediate choices to ensure safety for ourselves and our children. This may mean arranging for a safe house with a neighbour or friend, calling for police protection, or leaving money and an extra set of car keys where they can be collected at any time in case of emergency.

It is not necessary to decide how to resolve the situation once and for all -

only how to get out of harm's way until this process of awareness, acceptance and action can free us to make choices for ourselves that we can live with.

Anyone who has been physically abused or even threatened, may be terrified of taking any action at all. It can require every ounce of courage and faith to act decisively. But no-one has to accept violence, no matter what seems to trigger the attack.

We all deserve to be safe.

Rainfall



Churchill rainfall

The rainfall in Churchill during the month of November was 59 mil.

That makes our yearly total so far for 2017 - 547 mil.

Bruce

Hazelwood South rainfall

What a month! For the first three weeks all the thunderstorms missed Hazelwood South and we had a miserly 13.6mm, then we had two thunderstorms with 14mm and 17mm each, in short bursts. Most of the water rushed down the hill and spilled over the roof

gutters, some missing the tanks and little soaked in to the soil.

We totalled 45.6 mm for November which is a disappointing 63% of the average for November. The heat has dried out the soil prematurely and an early start to the fire season is justified. The predicted heavy rains for December may just fill the tanks in time for summer and the fire reserves. Hopefully this isn't Global Warming at work and future years return to normal rainfalls and don't have so many thunderstorms.

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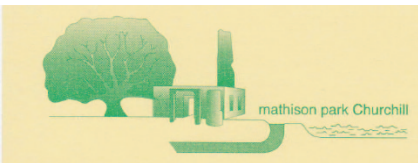
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Mathison Park - award



A big thank you to Allan Rogers who has done some site work around one new table and seat set, mended the rails on the small bridges on the pathway on the east side and replaced rails which have been broken by irresponsible people. It is most appreciated.

Our facebook page and web site - Mathison Park Churchill - are up and running. We would love you to sign in and like us, or view the pages on the web site.

Our working bees are held on the second Saturday of each month and all are welcome to come and help.

Please wear sensible clothing, and be prepared to sign in and fill out a volunteer form. Sunscreen and insect repellent are supplied.

A morning tea is also provided to delight and sustain us for our work.

At the last working bee we installed two new bollards across the pathway leading from the new car park.

People had been driving



their vehicles through there and breaking the edges of the path, then circling around and driving over the grassed area.

The paddock behind the old house is a work in progress, but further clearing

up of the area was completed. This is an area we plan to develop in the future as a quiet area with some new trees and other amenities. With spring growth in full flight we have had to employ someone to



mow the east side. Some spraying will also take place.

This will then allow the corrections teams to keep the grass down and mow the finer areas between rows of trees.

Thank you too to the

Council mowing team who do a great job keeping the west side of the park in order.

Mathison Park has been named a finalist in the Community garden/reserve category for the Latrobe City

Council Garden Competition. We are very excited to be a finalist, receiving a \$100 voucher from Bunnings. Thankyou to Latrobe City Council for organising the competition.

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Saturday, December 16

Held outside at the Co-Operating Churches, 1 Williams Ave, Churchill

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Vacation Care Program January, 2018 - open for summer holiday bookings

Bookings for Latrobe City Council's Vacation Care Program are open. The program caters to children aged 5 to 12 and operates weekdays, 8am to 6pm, from Monday January 8 to Friday January 25, 2018. Bookings can now be made online.

The Vacation Care Program offered is a fun and educational care option for primary school aged children over school holidays. Located at Moe P.L.A.C.E. in Vale Street, Moe, the Program offers excursions, crafts, sports and art.

It also offers an opportunity for children to try their hand at different

activities, challenging their skills and providing a safe place to meet new friends.

It is planned that the program will offer the children a variety of experiences, both at the facility and off-site.

Over the summer there will be a broad range of activities including trips to the cinema, Moe outdoor pool and Stadium 34 as well as

slime/messy play, burger and slushy making, water fight fun and a disco glow party.

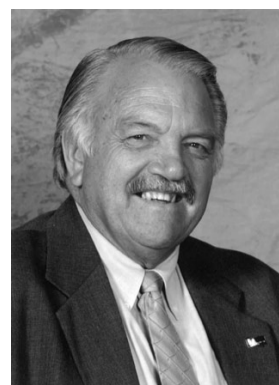
Each day there will be a different activity on offer.

For enquiries regarding enrolment fees, excursion costs and more, or to make a booking for your child, please go to www.latrobe.vic.gov.au or phone Family Services Administration on 5135 8700.

Availability will be confirmed at the time of booking.

Christmas/New Year

With Christmas and the New Year fast approaching, I wish to take this opportunity to extend to everyone my best wishes for a very safe, joyous and peaceful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Russell Northe MP

As we enter the final weeks of the school year I will have the pleasure of presenting awards within many of our local schools, including those in Churchill and district to some of our graduating students. It's wonderful to recognise those students, who have demonstrated good behaviour, have shown care and compassion to other students and who have set a great example for their school and the community. Whilst I can't give away the surprise just yet on the names of those students who have received awards, I know they are deserving recipients and I thank all schools who invited me to share in their school's special occasion.

Last month I attended the Active Kids - Churchill

Expo with 12 or more clubs and organisations attending such as Churchill Hockey Club, Churchill Tennis Club, Churchill Braves Baseball Club, and Churchill Cougars Football Club to name a few. Each of the participating Clubs hosted an information stand along with a range of activities. The Expo's organisers should be congratulated on their initiative to show the wide range of sporting and recreation pursuits that are available to the community. Hopefully the result of the Expo will ultimately see an increase in sport and recreation participation by children in Churchill and district.

Sticking with the sporting theme I also wanted to take the

opportunity to congratulate Graham 'Grub' Harvey from the Churchill Cricket Club who last month notched up his 500th game for the Club. As a Churchill devotee and mainstay of the club Graham should be proud of his efforts for the club both on and off the field. Grub has not only been an amazing contributor in a playing capacity but he has filled a number of executive/committee positions at both a club and league level. Congratulations to Grub Harvey one of the most respected persons in cricket and sport.

As we enter the summer period it's a timely reminder and important that fire plans are now in place and ready to be implemented in the event of a fire. I also want to

acknowledge the efforts of all our local CFA Brigades and volunteers who do such a marvellous job in supporting and protecting our communities.

We are blessed to have so many wonderful people within the CFA organisation including members of the Churchill Fire Brigade who have had to contend with some very serious and complex fires over recent years. A number of communities surrounding Churchill including Hazelwood North, Driffield, Yinnar and Yinnar South also have the most incredible loyal and passionate CFA members and we applaud you all for your great service.

The Lions Club of Churchill and District will once again be organising

a community event celebrating Australia Day in Churchill in January of next year. Subsequently the Churchill Lions Club is seeking nominations for the Young Citizen's Award and Citizen's Award to outstanding persons who have contributed to the community during the previous 12 months.

The awards will be presented at the Churchill Australia Day Ceremony on January 26, 2018. Nominations close on January 5, 2018. For more information about the awards contact Peter McShane Secretary, Lions Club of Churchill and District Inc., 0402 851 745.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Christmas is the perfect



time to be putting locals first and supporting local businesses by purchasing your Christmas gifts locally. I hope 2018 brings much joy and success to you and your family. Please be extra vigilant on our roads, to ensure we all get to and from our destinations safely.

Chaplaincy Conference held at FedUni



University', and from delegate presentations on a variety of inter-connected subjects.

An excursion to the Traralgon Uniting Church's 'Faith and Fabric' exhibition included dinner there on the second night. The group had a display of over 40 banners, each

presenter highlighted his trip there earlier this year...the 100th year since the 'birth' of the State of Israel (with the UK's 'Balfour Declaration').

The AGM of the TCMA was also held during the Conference, and some new members were elected.

New and retiring Chaplains were acknowledged, in separate sessions.

A particular highlight was the inter-faith worship presentations each morning before the business of the day started.

All in all, the Conference was a great success. Feedback included comments on the high quality of the catering provided (on Campus and off), as well as having the time to talk and gather together.

The only other time that this Conference was hosted in Churchill, was in 2001.

This 2017 Conference very well showcased both the Gippsland region, and Churchill specifically.

From November 28 to December 1, the Churchill Campus of Federation University hosted a National Chaplaincy Conference.

Chaplains from 15 Universities from around Australia came together for professional development and support.

This was the 30th Anniversary of the Organisation, TCMA (Tertiary Campus Ministry Association [Australia] Inc.).

The theme for this

Conference was 'Belief, Culture, Disruption'.

Delegates heard from keynote speakers on: 'Clinical Pastoral Education' (Jenny Wegener); on 'A ministry of presence in a multi-faith and no-faith society' (Gary Bouma AM); and on 'It is God who disrupts us...how have we come to this Culture of Disruption?' (Father Greg Bourke).

Delegates also heard from a local senior lecturer on 'Being a Muslim in a Regional

expressing a different aspect of faith. The talented artists also explained their reasons behind their art, for some of the displays.

This excursion went to Traralgon via the Miners Lookout, where an informative talk was given about the coal and the general area.

A Conference dinner at the University on the third night included a talk on 'Walking in Galilee'. The

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“Written in Bone” by Simon Beckett

Simon Beckett is a decorated British journalist and author. “Written in Bone” was published in 2007, and is the second in a series of five novels about Dr David Hunter. However, the book stands alone as a mystery thriller.

Dr David Hunter is a forensic anthropologist, and is called to investigate an incinerated body which has been discovered on the remote Scottish island of Runa.

He is on his way home from another investigation, but reluctantly takes the job because he has been called in by a former police inspector who believes it is a case of murder.

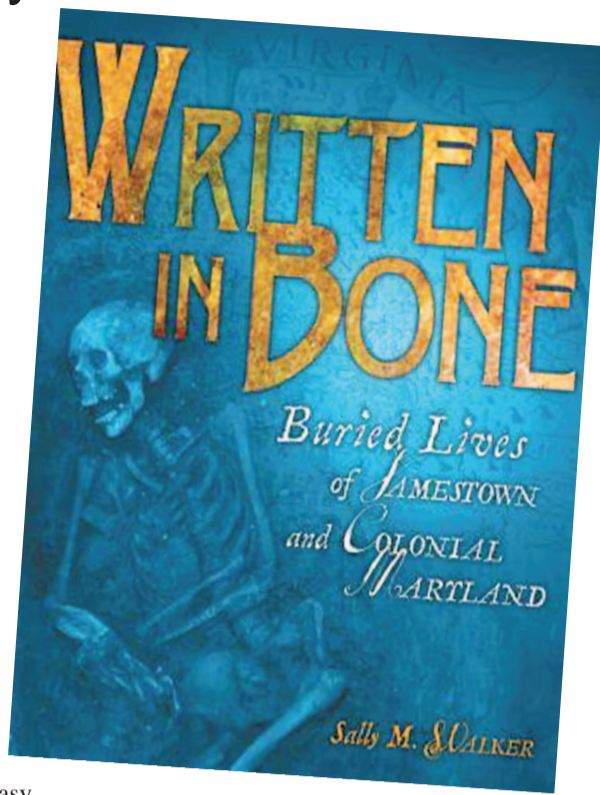
Other London police resources are involved in a serious case, but Hunter accepts on condition that if he thinks it is murder, he will be sent other staff to assist. If the death is deemed accidental, there will be no need for further action and he will

return home.

The inhabitants of the island are not welcoming of strangers, but the retired police inspector and the local police are willing to co-operate, although the senior policeman is incompetent and frequently drunk. The island has a benefactor, Michael Strachan, who with his glamorous wife Grace, has made many improvements to the living conditions of the islanders, however they still remain outsiders.

Hunter eventually identifies the remains as those of a local prostitute, and concludes that she has been murdered. This sets off a frightening chain of events and when a fierce storm develops, cutting off all communication with the outside world, chaos descends upon the island.

This book is a real “page turner”, full of “red herrings” and unexpected twists and turns. It is well written and



easy to read, and we all enjoyed it, although if you are at all squeamish you may find some of the descriptions a bit graphic. “Written in Bone”

will keep you on edge right to the very end.

Practising the Principles

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

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

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

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

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

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

all been faced with.

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

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

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Youth Group

A small group of participants went out to the Devonshire's place at Budgeree for bonfire night.

When the bonfire was lit it was spectacular. They cooked damper on a stick very impatiently, and marshmallows which were very yummy.

They ate sausages and bread. It was a really lovely time.

The devotion focused on the fact that sometimes our lives are tested and we need to go through the "fire". But Jesus can be revealed to us more clearly through this.

Bereavements

The church family was saddened to learn of Lyle Haustofer's death and were pleased to be able to host the funeral and refreshments following. Lyle has been a significant person in our community over many years. Her ready smile and happy nature, combined with her ability to entertain by playing the piano will be missed by many, especially her family to which Lyle was closely and lovingly linked.

We were also saddened to learn of David Ardran's death. David was the brother

of one of our members. David was our fabulous cook at one of our Christmas dinners.

Our sympathy and prayers for comfort go out to those two families.

Garage sale

Our garage sale was a success. Lots of people came to snap up a bargain, buy a plant, eat a sausage or pancake and buy some jam, chutneys or delicious cakes and slices. The children enjoyed the jumping castle and Connect 4.

Thank you everyone for your support. Thank you to all the church family who

supplied goods to sell and worked so hard to set up the bargain tables, worked on the day, cleared up and tidied the church ready for Sunday services.

Coffee Connections

At Coffee Connections Judith Bell, a member of our congregation and a talented florist, spoke to the gathering about her career in floristry, demonstrated some techniques, and answered the many questions put to her. A lovely selection of morning tea was also enjoyed by those present.



You are invited to our Family Crib Service at Churchill

The Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, will again be holding their annual Crib Service on Saturday December 24 at 6.30pm in the Church on the corner of Williams Avenue and McDonald Way Churchill.

You are invited to come, remember and celebrate the "REASON FOR THE SEASON" - which is remembering Jesus' Birthday.

The service lasts for approximately one hour.

All are welcome. Come and have fun and experience



the precious SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

For more information please phone Reverend

Brenda Burney on 0439 610 206 or Ruth Place on 51221961.

Christmas Church Services at our Churches

Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar

Blue Christmas Service Boolarra, Dec.21 at 7pm, - a service for those for whom Christmas is a sad or difficult time.

Christmas Eve, Crib Service Churchill 6.30pm, Boolarra 8.30pm. Communion

Christmas Day Churchill 9am and Yinnar 9.30am

Lumen Christi Christmas Eve Mass

8pm (Carols from 7.45 prior to Mass) at Churchill.

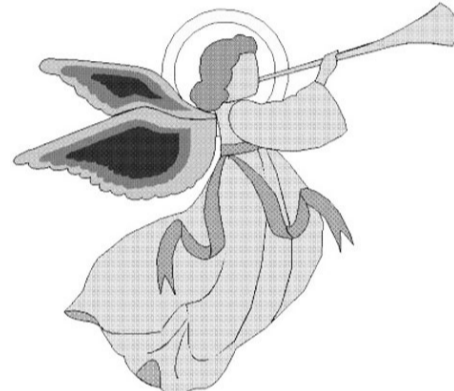
Christmas Day Mass 9am at Churchill

(no Masses at Yinnar or Boolarra on Christmas

Day).

Churchill Christian Fellowship

Sunday December 24



at 10am. Meeting in homes. For more details please ring Linda on 0400 690 972.

Saturday Breakfast

The final Breakfast for this year was held on Saturday November 25 at the Co-Operating Church. It was well attended to hear Joelle Champert talk about her 16-day walk along the Larapinta Trail in Central Australia, which runs along the spine

of the West MacDonnell Ranges.

The 223 km long Larapinta Trail is one of Australia's most spectacular bushwalking and trekking experiences. It is also one of Australia's newest trails and is emerging as one of the most

popular trails in Australia. The trail starts at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station and crosses the range to end at the summit of Mount Sonder, the highest point of the trail.

Joelle joined a travel company that supplied the food, tents and swags for

sleeping. Joelle showed photos and commented that the sky was very blue and cloudless for most of the time. Her walking group got on well together and several of them knew the local Gippsland area well having lived here. Crossing the dry river beds was quite difficult due to the sand in them.

Some of the trail was flat but included some difficult rocky climbs which needed to be carefully walked. The trail included water lagoons and a great variety of trees, shrubs and grasses.

The travel company has to leave the camping sites in their natural condition at the end of the trekking season and they have to apply each season for permits to enter the National Park. Sensitivity to Aboriginal sites is also a requirement of the walkers. The garbage, etc accumulated on the trek is collected and



recycled and eventually finishes as compost.

Church Times

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

Williams Avenue, Churchill
Tel: 5134 2849

Fr Edwin Ogbuka /Fr Siju Xavier

Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

1st and 3rd Sundays:

Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am

2nd and 4th Sundays:

Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am



Churchill Christian Fellowship

Sunday: 10.00am

Meeting in homes.

For more details please ring Linda -

0400 690 972

Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Sunday Service: 9.00am

Rev. Brenda Burney

Williams Avenue,

Churchill.

Tel: 5122 1480

Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish

1st and 2nd Sundays

11.00am

Christ Church Boolarra

3rd and 4th Sundays

11.00am

Yinnar

5th Sundays

11.00am

Yinnar South



STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



Another year has rolled around and the members of the Latrobe Valley Philatelic Society would like to extend the compliments of the season to the Churchill community, and particularly those of you who are collectors.

Special Christmas Collections

This month I would like to talk about a particular sub-topic of Christmas stamp collecting, the use of Christmas carols and songs on stamps. Many Christmas issues have designs which depict an aspect of Christmas such as the manger scene or choirs of angels. These can be used to illustrate carols such as 'Away in a Manger' and 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' and so on. As usual, you are limited by your imagination.

More recently some countries have chosen a picture to depict the story told in a carol. Great Britain issued a set of five stamps in a strip telling the story of 'Good King Wenceslas'. They also put out a set on 'The Twelve days of Christmas'.

Australia issued a set of three Christmas stamps in 1981 featuring words from three Australian carols. In 1985, Christmas Island's Christmas set of five featured pictures and words from five carols. In 1996 they issued three stamps depicting the carol 'I Saw Three Ships'. In 2001 Norfolk Island issued

a set of five showing native fruits and words and music from five carols.

In 1968 Austria's Christmas stamp celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the composing of 'Silent Night, Holy Night' and the composer has appeared on a later issue. New Zealand issued a set of six stamps in 2001 featuring Christmas carols.

There are many other issues featuring Christmas carols. As well as this, the theme of Christmas foods or traditional presents can also be worthwhile collecting.

Portraits

Somebody asked me the other day which is the most copied portrait in the world. The answer is the bust of Queen Elizabeth II painted by Arnold Machin in the 1960's. To date there are over 20 trillion copies printed on definitive stamps of Great Britain. They are printed in a myriad of colours and almost as many values, from 1/2d. to 5 pounds, and have been used on British stamps since 1967. There were also a number of different sized stamps.

The same stamps have been printed in a number of different methods such as photogravure and lithograph, have different configurations of perforations and in stamp booklets, they have many different value groupings. Another added variation is the application of phosphor strips



on the stamps during the printing process. There are five variations of this alone. Lots of fun.

The trillions are for stamps only. When you add on the number of coins featuring the Machin head, produced by all British Commonwealth countries for many years, the number of portraits would probably go into the quadrillions.

The collecting of U.K. Machin heads is quite popular in the U.K. as the stamps are cheap and there is enough variety to keep the most avid collector happy for years.

Gippsland Central Branch, Ulysses Club Inc.

20th Anniversary celebration

by Marg van Rossum

The Gippsland Central Branch of the Ulysses Club Inc, held its 20th anniversary celebration on November 11, 2017.

The Ulysses Club consists of people over 40 (junior) and over 50 (senior) with a current motorbike licence (they don't have to own a bike) who come together socially and "grow old disgracefully". Back in 1997 Roger Vanstan put an advertisement in the local paper to gauge support for a local Ulysses group. Roger said he felt a bit like an expectant father "not knowing what the outcome would be!" Thankfully it all turned out well and a small group of motorbike riders met at the Shell Servo on the Princes Highway, Traralgon.

A ride had already been mapped out by Roger and he led them through Boolarra, Dumbalk, glanced past Meenyan and then down the highway to Port Albert for fish and chips for lunch. After eating they rode back to Traralgon via Yarram, Powers Hill and Loy Yang.

This ride was re-enacted

on Saturday November 11, 2017 with about 30 bikes, riders and pillion. Some came from as far away as the Grampians, Echuca, Lakes Entrance and Bairnsdale. Harry Sikkema led the group, with the lunch stop again at Port Albert for fish and chips. It was pleasing to see some original and early members reminiscing over times gone by and still riding bikes.

In the evening a celebration dinner was held at the Italian Australian Club in Morwell with 61 attendees. The branch was very lucky to have the Ulysses National President and Secretary (Jen Woods and Henry Rokx respectively) come along.

Black Ice Racing participant Ken Robinson, holder of five current Australian land speed records across different classes of motorbike, was the guest speaker for the evening. He kept us all enthralled with his adventures, a subject most of us knew little about. Ken brought in four of his bikes as well as several display boards demonstrating the significant changes in motorcycle

technology. His unique table centrepieces featuring pistons, conrods, engine barrels and other bike paraphernalia were hotly sought after and at the end of the evening they were all spoken for!

In the afternoon branch members had set up an extensive display of branch memorabilia that included photo books, newspaper articles and branch awards and trophies. A powerpoint presentation of historic photographs looped through during the evening as well. There was a lot of gawking and talking going on especially with some of the early members who also came to the dinner.

It was a memorable night with plenty of good food, great company and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

The Gippsland Central Branch, Ulysses Club Inc, is still going strong and meets every Saturday afternoon from 1pm onwards, at the Green Olive Cafe, Princes Highway, Traralgon. New members are most welcome. Please contact Marg van Rossum on 0427 229 173.

Thank you to our wonderful clients for their continued support. Wishing everyone a safe and happy festive season.

Irene, Joy, Kim and Antoinette

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Plants in my Garden



By Mike Beamish
 Species: Hakea purpurea
 Family: Proteaceae
 Derivation: Hakea: Named after Baron Christian Ludwig von Hake, 1745-1818, a German patron of botany and a councillor in Hanover.
 purpurea: From Latin purpureus, meaning purple, used in the botanical sense as red with a touch of blue and referring to the deep red flowers that sometimes have a purplish tinge.

Common Name: None.
 Distribution: Southern inland Queensland and reaching just across the border into northern NSW, in open forest, woodland and heath, mainly in sandy soils.

Description: A small to medium-sized shrub, rarely reaching more than 1.5m tall by 1m broad, and forming a lignotuber.

Leaves are terete or compound-terete almost cylindrical and are sharply pointed. Flowers occur from winter to spring and are

prolific, occurring in dense clusters in the leaf axils (angle between the leaf and the branch) and on old wood. They are deep, glowing red, or red and white, in colour and put on a very showy display.

Opinion: This plant has been unobtrusively growing for a few years on the front north-west corner of the block and has remained hidden from sight underneath its neighbours, namely the pink Kunzea ambigua, the Ivory Curl Flower (Buckinghamia celsissima) and the very prickly Hakea varia. They were all planted at about the same time, but the other three grew at twice the rate of the H. purpurea and it soon disappeared into the depths of the vegetation. A long overdue prune of the neighbours before we headed way out west last year, uncovered it lying on the deck behind the fence and I managed to give it a bit of room and stand it up with support from the fence, so that it could be seen from adjacent nature strip.

I did find a couple of flowers on it last November upon our return from the west, but this year it has done much better and really does put on a red glow between the pink Kunzea (which peaks slightly later) and the white Hakea (which peaks much earlier and is mostly finished now). No doubt the honeyeaters love it, but we can't see it from the house and I'm concerned the local wandering cats are making life difficult for any of the little creatures that try to enjoy my garden. Obviously I haven't tried to propagate this species yet, since I've only just re-discovered it, and since this is its first decent flowering and it hasn't developed seed yet.

Sources: Holliday – Hakeas: A Field and Garden Guide.

Sharr: WA Plant Names and their Meanings.

Elliot and Jones: Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 5.

Wrigley and Fagg: Banksias, Waratahs and Grevilleas, etc.

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Carol Scott, Editor

Churchill Hub opening and closing times for the 2017/18 Christmas and New Year period.

Council Service Centre & Library

will close at 3pm on Friday 22 December and reopen at 10am on Tuesday 2 January.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Classes finish on Friday 8 December. The Centre's office will be open 10am to 3pm Monday 11 to Friday 15 December and then close until Monday 8 January. From 8 January, office hours will return to 9.30am to 4pm.

Fed Uni Children's Centre

will close from 6pm on Thursday 21 December and reopen at 7am on Monday 15 January.

Churchill Hub Preschool

will close week of 18 December, and reopen week of 29 January.

Maternal & Child Health Services

will close 4.30pm on Thursday 21 December and reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 2 January.

During this period, Churchill MCH clients can ring the central booking line on 5128 6128 or 0409 141 169 for appointments or home visits on Wednesday 27 December, Thursday 28 December and Friday 29 December, limited service only.

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Season's Greetings



A better life for foster kids



intention of working in the child welfare system. While doing my work placement I realised I could do more good by advocating for foster children, and that is what brings this charity to life.

What is A Better Life for Foster Kids?

The aims of the organisation are:

1) To provide for the direct relief of poverty, sickness, suffering, distress, misfortune, disability or helplessness among children and youth in foster care;

2) To provide direct benevolent relief by way of education programs to overcome and alleviate the causes of low self esteem and the effects of disadvantage among children and youth in foster care;

3) To provide direct benevolent relief to children and youth in foster care through the provision of clothing, toiletries, bedding and other essential items.

Eighty five percent of children removed from home, arrive at the foster carer with nothing except the clothes they are wearing. We provide 'crisis cases' filled with essential items, so they are available when the children arrive.

Many care agencies from Dandenong to Bairnsdale and beyond have approached us

for help,

My vision is every child in Australia who is removed from home, be supplied with a 'Crisis Bag,' which contains basic needs for at least three days. I am hoping that eventually these bags will be in every Police Station, Child Protection Department and Agency.

Here are two stories of children we have helped. There are many more.

One was of a little five year old girl who was removed from her home due to neglect and abuse. We gave her clothing, toys, toiletries but the one thing that brought tears to my eyes, was when she looked up with tears in her eyes, because of the new \$10 pair of sneakers I bought her, because I had no second hand ones and she had no shoes at all. Hers were tears of joy,

mine were of sadness and joy.

The second story is of two little brothers, aged 2 and 4 who were removed and taken straight to the Carers house. Both were absolutely filthy. I sent down clothing etc for the boys but the carer could not get the boys near the bath or shower. When she showed them their 'new' pyjamas they were overjoyed and a little bribery got them in the bath. These two boys spent the weekend having a bath and trying on their new (second hand clothes) all weekend.

A Better Life for Foster Kids can be helped at any time by donating your time, organising fund raisers, donating money and gift cards, toys, clothes etc.

We have just started "sponsor a bag deal," which is \$25 for younger than teens and \$50 for teens, and that

provides kids with a suitcase and toiletries, and the clothing we put in them," she said.

Heather's last words were, "Do you know any foster children, if so, please try to be extra nice to them and include them in your circle of friends. They have all been through an awful lot and that tough exterior is usually hiding an awful lot of pain and hurt."

Churchill & District News has collected from our local Community a good quantity of new, unused, left over nappies and other items that we would like Heather to accept on your behalf to help continue her work with foster children.

If you can help Heather in any way, contact her on 0412 154 424 or email at heather@abetterlifeforfosterkids.org.au or PO Box 1138, Sale 3850.

This organisation was started in 2014 by Heather Baird of Sale and this is her story.

"My name is Heather Baird and I would like to tell you a story about what has encouraged me to go down the path of helping foster children.

After being in an orphanage and many foster homes from around the age of 2 1/2 years old and experiencing many horrible situations, the one that stuck in my mind was going to school in our rags and all the other kids knowing that we were "homies" from the way we were dressed. Our clothes belonged in the 1920's.

I remember wishing and praying that I could have nice things like the other kids.

Once I left the homes at the age of 17 nearly 18 it was a real struggle to fit into the world I knew nothing of. The easiest way to cope with my life at this stage was denial. How I wished someone had taken the time to explain how the real world worked. I had not seen a supermarket until then, it was like being in another time zone.

I always wanted to help other children in similar situations. At the age of 56 I had the chance at making my dream come true.

I completed a Diploma of Social Services with the

Lions Australia Day awards

The Lions Club will again stage their Australia Day awards ceremony at the Churchill Hotel Carpark on January 26, 2018 from 7.30am.

There will be awards for our schools' citizens from Churchill Primary, Churchill North Primary, Lumen Christi, Hazelwood North Primary and Kurnai College Junior and University campuses.

There will also be awards for the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year for Churchill and surrounds.

Some nominations have been received but there is still time to submit nominations as they close on January 5, 2018. If you only want to do the nomination but balk at the paperwork, the Lions will follow that up for you.

The Lions invite all Churchill and district



citizens to the Australia Day awards where after the awards they will supply a free breakfast with the kangaroos.

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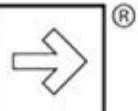
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Churchill Police - Festive Season

Phil den Houting
Station Commander
And so, here we are rapidly approaching the end of the 2017, and with this the 'festive season'.

Firstly I would like to wish all and everyone in the Churchill and surrounding areas a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and happy New Year.

In the lead up to Christmas, I would recommend that you take a look at any fire plans that you might have in place, (or need to make).

Once again, we are being advised that the potential for bushfires in Gippsland is high, and that people need to have a current fire plan for themselves, families and properties. If you are at all concerned, the best fire plan is to leave.

Your property and possessions can be replaced, you and your family cannot.

Be safe on the roads. Victoria Police will be launching 'Operation Roadwise' on December 15, 2017.

This operation will be drawing on all of the available resources Victoria Police have available to ensure that drivers are behaving responsibly and safely during the Christmas and New Year period.

The last thing that police want to do is to tell someone that a loved one has been seriously injured or worse, killed in a vehicle collision.

If you are planning to head away for the holiday period, please ensure that your properties are made secure, and that you lodge with your local police, an absence from

residence form.

This form can be located on the Victoria Police website (http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?Document_ID=9479) or at your local police station.

There are several other resources that are available on this site in regard to preventing burglaries, and Crime Prevention information.

Lastly, please be reassured that although the Churchill and Boolarra Police Stations are not always manned, police resources can be deployed from the neighbouring larger towns where there are 24 hour police facilities to respond to incidents.

If you require police assistance, contact 000 in the first instance, not your local police station.

If you have a general



Phil den Houting

enquiry or require general police advice, please feel free to contact either

Churchill Police on 5122 1790, CHURCHILL.UNI@police.vic.gov.au, or

Boolarra Police on 5169 6222, BOOLARRA.UNI@police.vic.gov.au.

Again, please have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year period.

Spring has arrived at Churchill Community Garden



The gardeners have met every Monday morning to plan and work on the community garden at the rear of the Hub. Over winter we worked on

preparations for the sensory garden. Four large planter pots and the stone edging were purchased with a grant from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and planted with colourful, perfumed and textured plants

with financial assistance from Hazelwood Rotary Club. A wooden bench seat with planter boxes has been installed and a picnic table with wheelchair access will be installed shortly. A grant from Latrobe City is providing the watering system and extra tools. The vegetable plots have been sown with summer

crops. The garden produce is used in the community cafe lunches and shared amongst the volunteers. New members are welcome to join us on Mondays 10 - 12 at the Hub. You can contact us at churchillcommunitygarden@gmail.com or follow us on facebook.

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Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: closed
New Year's Day: closed

Churchill Chinese restaurant

Christmas Eve: 5-9.30
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: 11.30-2 and 5-10
New Year's Eve: 5-10
New Year's Day: 5-10

Churchill Fish and Chip shop

Christmas Eve: 11.00am-8.00pm
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: 11.00am-8.00pm
New Year's Day: closed
Closed from Wednesday 2.1.2018
Reopens Thursday 8.1.2018

Churchill Hot Bread

Christmas Eve: 8.00am-2.00pm
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: 8.00am-2.00pm
New Year's Day: closed

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Saturday 23.12.2017: 7.00am-2.00pm

2017/18 Churchill Businesses CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS

Christmas Eve: closed
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: closed
New Year's Day: closed
Tuesday 2.1.18: 7.00am-5.30pm

Churchill Noodle Bar

Christmas Eve: closed
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: closed
New Year's Day: closed
Tuesday 2.1.18: closed

Churchill Post Office

Christmas Eve: closed
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: closed
New Year's Day: closed
Friday 29.12.17: closed

Commonwealth Bank

Christmas Eve: closed
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: closed
New Year's Day: closed

Hazelwood Health Centre

Friday 22.12.17: 8.00am-5.30pm
Saturday 23.12.17: 8.30am-1.30pm
Sunday 24.12.17: closed
Christmas Day: closed



Boxing Day: closed
Wednesday 27.12.17: 8.00am-5.30pm
Thursday 28.12.17: 8.00am-5.30pm
Friday 29.12.17: 8.00am-5.30pm
Saturday 30.12.17: 8.30am-1.30pm
Sunday 31.12.17: closed
Monday 1.1.18: closed

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Saturday 23.12.17: 9.00am-1.00pm
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Christmas Eve: 10.00am-10.00pm
Christmas Day: closed
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Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: 8.00am-7.00pm
New Year's Eve: 9.00am-7.00pm
New Year's Day: 8.00am-7.00pm

Sight and Sound Engineering

Christmas Eve: call to check if open
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: call to check if open
New Year's Day: closed

Smart Saver

Christmas Eve: 9.00am-6.00pm
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: 10.00am-4.00pm
New Year's Eve: 9.00am-6.00pm
New Year's Day: closed

Vintage C'hill

Closed from Saturday 23.12.2017
Reopens Thursday 18.01.2018

Woolworths

Christmas Eve: 7.00am-10.00pm
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: 8.00am-9.00pm
New Year's Eve: 7.00am-9.00pm
New Year's Day: 8.00am-9.00pm

Zaniti

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Re-opening date to be arranged



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Friends of Morwell National Park



John's Jottings

This snippet on the activities of the Friends of Morwell National Park was sourced and edited from early Newsletter files.

November 22, 1988

"Dear Friends,
We've had one of our busiest months on record, and I would like to thank all who helped out at the different activities.

Junior Ranger Day -

November 6

About 30 children with ten adults joined us for our first-ever Junior Ranger Day. It was a good group to begin with, with children from many parts of the Valley coming in response to our letters to the Primary Schools. At the end of lunch we presented Rohan Jones and Trina Harris with their cheques for winning the Logo Competition – a proud moment. Robin did a terrific job with leading games for the children which taught them something about conservation and the role of the Ranger. Thank-you! Yvonne helped out with organising Damper and Billy Tea which proved most popular. Thanks to her and also the other Friends who attended, too.

November Project Day -

November 13

A group of ten helped out on this important day in surveying koalas and orchids. Being an extremely hot day we were in for a few surprises!

We surprised many with our koala results: eight very lethargic koalas, several of which were quite low in the trees and two were even

discovered in pittosporum trees! Altogether, five were found in Foster's Gully, two in Stringybark and one along the East Boundary. Ken reported a 50% increase in the number of Orchid flowers from the four Study Sites, despite no real increase in the number of plants. About 5% of the plants had open flowers, but it is expected that they will all open in the next few weeks."

Signed Peter Bryant

November Activity Report

At this activity we had Ken, Matt, Tamara, Grant, Wayne, Graeme, Deb, Rose, Chris, Mike, Cathy, John, Darren and Ranger Mark. Beryl also joined us for the meeting before the activity but still is unable to walk freely after a fall at a previous activity.

The large group met in the Kerry Road carpark which we totally filled. The carpark contained our vehicles and the vehicles of other walkers enjoying the lovely morning. We had a 'Castle' (Australian classic film) moment where a number of vehicles needed to be moved to get one out and for others to come in.

It was also good to see Rob Howell (former Ranger), in for one of his many walks around the park.

Matt, Ken and Tamara started early scouting out the butterfly orchid survey sites. Last year one site could be located, so this year from their collective knowledge they searched and found all five survey sites.

While they started the rest of the group signed in and

went through the JSA (Job Safety Assessment). The rest of the group was to clear fallen sticks and branches from the Foster's Gully and Stringybark tracks.

A few large branches had fallen so the chainsaws were required on each track. While most walked in the beginning of Foster's Gully track, Mark and Mike collected the chainsaw and safety gear from the shed. Graeme and Deb went orchid hunting while Rose, Wayne and Chris joined Mark who drove around Stringybark track. They stopped many times to remove many fallen branches. Mike, Cathy, John, Grant and Darren went around Foster's Gully where there were a few fallen branches which needed cutting and removal.

With the large work crew, the tracks were quickly cleared and all groups returned to the picnic area before 12. This provided an opportunity to finish early, while the butterfly orchid survey crew finished a little later.

December Activities

Sunday December 17
9am Junction Road Car Park: Nesting box survey.

We will use the pole-mounted camera to view the animals in the different boxes.

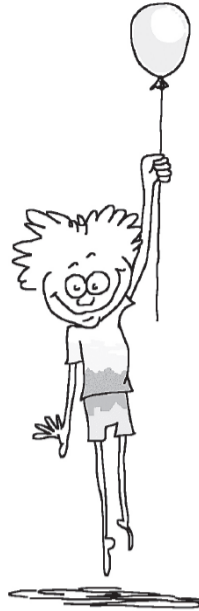
For this activity you will need to bring clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

Note: the early start time (9am) so that all boxes can be surveyed before lunch.

Save this date!!

Get the biggest bit of paper!! Write in a size you just can't miss
Saturday March 17, 2018

- I must remember this!!
Yes, it's the Churchill Community Festival
Let's get carried away....again.
Watch this space for more information!



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Rural garden wins Mayor's Award in garden competition

A passion for gardening and a touch of history have combined to win the Mayor's Award at the Latrobe City Garden Competition recently. Athol and Denise Brand's slice of paradise was also the winner of the best large garden category.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said the judges were amazed by the five acre property in Hazelwood North, as well as all of the entries.

"This year, there were 45 entries to the competition, across seven categories. The judges were thrilled with the high standard of presentation for the judging process but also with the effort the entrants had clearly made throughout the year.

The vision behind the winning garden property is amazing. The owners' combined passion has resulted in a stunning garden, with lots of local history intertwined with interesting planting, colour and adventure. To see all three judges equally in awe of the work speaks volumes," Councillor White said.

"The Mayor's Encouragement Award was presented to John and Lorraine Totton of Moe. The garden had been completely revamped in just a few short years when they moved from Pakenham.

The judges praised its immaculate presentation with loads of colour and interest throughout the seasons. Also a special mention to the winner of the Mayor's Sustainability Award - the Yinnar Community Garden. With all the sustainable gardening practices in place, the group works hard to

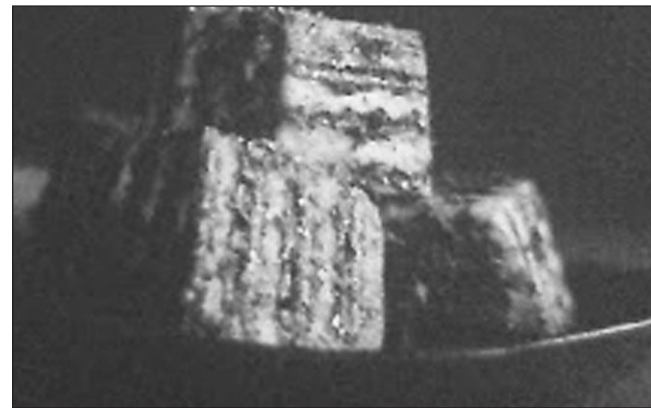
teach these skills to their local community," Councillor White said.

"Our sponsors donated generous prizes for the winners and runners up in each of the categories, and our judges donated their time to spend thoroughly assessing the gardens. Congratulations go once again to the winners and runners up, and to all the entrants. This competition is not about the prizes, it's about celebrating the community's creativity, dedication and community pride," Councillor White concluded.

For the full results visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/gardencomp

For general enquiries, contact Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700.

Cooking with Noelene



Korean Bulgogi Tofu (V)

This is a very simple dish which can be served as a starter or a main.

First you need to make a marinade.

Place the following ingredients into a medium bowl -

- 185 ml of tamari
- 1/2 onion finely chopped
- 1/2 nashi pear peeled, cored and grated
- 1 tbs of minced garlic
- 1 tsp of ground ginger
- 2 tbs of soft brown sugar
- 1 tsp of chilli flakes

1/2 tsp of ground black pepper

1 tbs of sesame oil

Stir to combine. Now add 600gm of firm tofu, drained and cut into cubes.

Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.

Heat an oiled griddle and cook the tofu, turning after 4 minutes and continue cooking until the tofu is caramelised.

Serve the tofu cubes with a mixed green leaves and cucumber salad, sprinkled with sesame seeds.



Gulab Jamon

These round doughnut balls originate from northern India.

Anyone who has enjoyed the delicious Lebanese doughnut balls from Oasis bakery will love the North Indian version.

Gulab jamon must be soaked in a prepared syrup when they are removed from the deep fryer to keep them tender and moist.

Well let's begin..... To prepare the syrup..... place 300gm of castor sugar in a saucepan with 250ml of water over a medium heat, stirring continuously till the sugar dissolves.

Allow to simmer until slightly thickened and a little reduced.

Stir in 2tbs of rosewater essence and remove from heat and set aside.

Using a large bowl mix together 150gm of milk powder, 75gm of plain flour, 1/2 tsp baking soda stirring to combine.

Make a well in the centre and add 2 tbs of melted butter / marg and stir in enough milk (somewhere tween 25ml - 50ml) to form a stiff dough.

Let the dough rest at room temperature for 20 minutes.

Now divide the dough into 15 pieces and using your hands GENTLY roll into smooth balls.

Place the balls under a damp tea towel.

Heat your deep fryer or 6cm of rice bran oil in a large

saucepan.

Heat the oil to about 150deg C (medium to low).

Add the balls one at a time in small batches.

Keep the balls moving in the oil to get an even golden colour all over.

Once the balls rise to the surface continue to cook for a further 2 minutes.

Carefully remove the balls with a slotted spoon and drain on absorbent kitchen paper.

Then place the balls in the syrup and leave to soak overnight.

Remove and place in a bowl and warm through before serving or they can be served at room temperature.

CAUTION ...these are addictive.

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Churchill Town Safety Group

Holiday season home safety

The holiday season is with us once more and families will be heading away on a well earned break. It is essential that your property has that "lived in" look, whilst you are away. Make sure you stop any newspaper and mail deliveries before you depart and see that your lawns are mowed. A good idea is to have a low wattage lamp with a timer on it to

come on after dark, that is visible from the street to look as if someone is home. See that your pets are looked after too. Lock your sheds and make sure your valuables are locked away. Let your local police station know that you will be away, (they have a form to fill out) and this will help if there is trouble in your area. Stay safe and enjoy your break.

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Bushfire Bus visits Churchill



A good number of people took advantage of visiting the Bushfire Bus Stop at Churchill shops and near the hotel.

Many brochures were available for people to take, which would show them how they can be more prepared for this coming fire season.

Inside the bus there were interactive screens showing how fire moves, how the fire season is progressing with

fire curing maps and other information.

Members of CFA and Fire Behaviour Analysts were ready to explain fire behaviour, how they predict

a fire's movement and how people can be prepared should a fire start near their property. It was most interesting. If you missed it this year try to find time to attend next year.



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Lions Club Citizen Awards 2018

The Lions Club of Churchill and District Inc. will once again be organising a community function to celebrate Australia Day in Churchill.

The event has proven very popular in recent years.

To enhance the event, the club will present a Young Citizen Award and a Citizen Award to the most outstanding person(s) in each category for their contribution to the community during the previous 12 months. This Award is now adopted as a tradition

and we ask that residents again nominate candidates.

Nominees must be a resident of Churchill or reside in the immediate surrounding district.

The nominated person's applications will be scrutinised by an independent panel of judges and the relevant winner for each category chosen. The decision of that panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The awards will be supplied and presented by the Lions

Club of Churchill and District Inc. at the Churchill Australia Day Ceremony on January 26, 2018.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Young Citizen of the Year Award - applicants must be 18 years or under on January 26, 2018.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Citizen of the Year Award - open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on January 26, 2018.

**Closing Date:
Friday January 5, 2018.**

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The Awards are provided by the Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. and presented at the Australia Day Ceremony in Churchill on January 26, 2018.

Person(s) who have made a noteworthy contribution during the preceding year and / or given outstanding service to the local Community over a number of years shall be eligible.

The person(s) being nominated must be a resident of Churchill or the immediate surrounding district. All information is confidential. The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

2018 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATION FOR (Please tick appropriate box):

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc
Citizen of the Year Award

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc
Young Citizen of the Year Award

Must be 18 years or under on January 26, 2018

Name: Other Names:

Private Address:
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Occupation: Private Telephone Number:

Date of Birth:..... Age:..... Marital Status:..... Children:.....

The person is being nominated for contributions to the community in:
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Other significant contributions and achievements:
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Additional material may be attached if desired.

Past and present membership of community/sporting/professional bodies, etc:
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Other significant contributions and achievements:
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Additional material may be attached if desired.

ANY OTHER RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
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OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY BE CONTACTED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE:

Name:..... Name:.....
Position:..... Position:.....
Address:..... Address:.....
Postcode:..... Postcode:.....
Telephone Number: Telephone Number:

TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

Mr/Mrs/Miss:.....
Address Post Code:
Organisation represented (if any): Telephone/Mobile:
Signature:.....

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

The Secretary - Peter McShane
Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc.

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FORM TO BE RETURNED TO:

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Lions Club news

In November the Lions Club of Churchill hosted a visit from the 2nd Vice District Governor Neil Wingrave, attended by members and their partners, family and friends. Lion Neil gave a very interesting presentation on the future of Lions. He spoke on the need for Clubs to get a vision to think creatively and take an introspective look at how they are going, and look at the way things are being done. It may be that changes are required in the way things are presently being done, it may be that they are on the right track for effectiveness in their community, membership and satisfaction



Life Member Reg Grisotto

but not in Club growth. Neil spoke on the importance of retaining membership but also attracting new members. We need to value all members, encourage their input regardless of years of service, and most importantly



Bannerette exchange

“Have fun whilst making a difference”.

At the completion of the presentation 2nd Vice District Governor Neil Wingrave and Lion President Bill Hurenkamp exchanged Bannerettes. President Bill also received the District Governor's personal pin.

After the presentation 2nd Vice District Governor Neil presented Lions Club International service pins to:

Lion Bob Christie for 25 years of service to Lions.

Lion Geoff Brick for 20 years of service to Lions.

Lion Robin King for 20 years of service to Lions.

Lion Wayne Poole for 15 years of service to Lions.

Lion Peter Tait for 10 years of Service to Lions.

The most important

part of the night was when two Club Members were presented with Lions highest honour, Lions International Life Membership, for their contribution and service to their Community, their Lions Club and Lions International. Charter Members Lion Reg Grisotto and Lion Ross Norman, with 35 years service, were presented with Lions Club Life Membership. International President Bill gave a brief resume of their contribution to Lions and 2nd Vice District Governor Neil presented them with their Life Memberships.

Lion Reg Grisotto was also presented with Lions Village Licola Life Membership by Past District Governor Peter McShane, Secretary of the Licola Board of Directors. This was awarded by the Board as a tribute to Reg's contribution to Lions Village Licola over many years. He is a legend at Licola for his plumbing deeds and many other works he does there.

At the Club's last meeting Kerry Vaughan was our guest speaker. Kerry spoke on the 'one planet' classroom program running in Africa and the Philippines. Its primary objectives are student sponsorships, sanitary pad making, and projects that directly relieve poverty and suffering.

Kerry has also written a book - 'Magnificent Kids' and initially established a Linking Schools project in Australia. This found its way to Africa but failed due to corruption in a number

of countries, which meant she was beating her head against immovable objects. Not deterred by failure, she found a much greater need and has since been involved in provision of water tanks and solar pumping systems to a girls' orphanage. Kerry has also been involved in building a school, growing crops, developing a seedling sustainability project and providing sanitary pads and undies to over 700 girls. Boys and girls go to school together and it costs \$200 for a primary school child, \$250 for secondary school and \$500 for full tertiary education. The children are all orphans or disowned.

She talked about the millions of girls in Africa who are not educated, the forced

marriages, the domination of men. She spoke on how girls are unable to attend school when they have their period because they cannot afford such a basic need as sanitary pads. Kerry and her Team have pad making events, undie drives, and partner with pad making projects in Africa. She talked on the important need to educate boys along side girls, because in many developing countries women are not regarded as equal to men, and therefore are often overlooked when it comes to basic needs such as education. Girls are also forced into early marriage, often as young as 12, if they are not attending school. If boys are educated and study alongside girls and learn to respect them as equals, it reduces the likelihood of blindly following inherited, uneducated beliefs.

The Lions Club is always busy with catering at this time of the year. This year is no different and we have had to decline some requests because we simply don't have enough members to do them all, and members are not getting any younger. The



Life member Ross Norman

Club in the last month or so has catered two Bunning's BBQ's, catered at the October Junior Fishing competition, did the catering for a family reunion and assisted Moe Lions at the Moe Bonfire cooking chips. We also catered at the Morwell / Traralgon Kennel Club Dog Show at Gaskin Park, and catered at the GBS Recruiting Golf day in Traralgon. Around 80 golfers competed on the day and we served up hamburgers and sausages. The best one was the Active Kids Sports day at Gaskin Park, we were busy giving away around 300 sausages and drinks to the kids attending, as well as feeding the hungry adults. This was a great event, well run and well attended. The Club assisted St Vincent's Primary School in Morwell with their Fete selling chips and dim sims etc, with all profits made going to the school. The Club also assisted the Churchill Junior Basketball Association by running a BBQ on the weekend of the Junior Basketball Tournament. Again all profits from the BBQ going back to the Churchill Junior Basketball



Association. The Club also did a sausage sizzle for the Churchill Community Health Centre. The Club still has a few catering jobs to go before the years' end, one of which is the Cricket BIG BASH at the Traralgon Reserve. All money raised from our catering sees its way back into the community especially at this time of the year.

On Saturday November 16, the Club ran its monthly community market. The weather was perfect but unfortunately a number of our regular stall holders were missing due to other commitments. There was a steady stream of people coming through most of the day and stall holders reported some good sales.

The next Churchill Community market will be our Christmas Market on Saturday December 16. It is going to be huge, stall holders will get into the festive spirit, Santa will be there giving away free lollies, and there will be two brand new bikes to be given away to two lucky kids. The first is a junior child's bike donated by Churchill IGA, the other is a giant mountain bike from S & J Cycles Morwell. All children attending the market can put their name in the barrel and to be eligible to win they must be under eighteen. There will also be dinner vouchers to be won for the adults. There will be free face painting and



Reg, new Life Member for Licola

plenty more. We hope to see Churchill support this market and get into the festive spirit and have fun.

For anyone interested in joining the Churchill Lions Club, please do not hesitate to contact President, Bill

Hurenkamp on 0418 327 287 or our Secretary Peter McShane on 5122 1745 or 0402 851 745. The Club is always interested in getting new members interested in community involvement.

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Bushfire Survival Plan

Actions during bushfire season:

Consider moving family keepsakes and valuables out of the area during summer.

Decide and arrange where you will store them.

Make a list of contact details of family, friends, neighbours and anyone else who needs to know about your plan.

Other things to consider leading up to bad fire days:

These are days of hot, dry, windy weather. This could mean loss of power. Consider moving cars out of garages with electric doors or outside of electric gates the night before.

Do I know where my relocation kit is stored? Is it accessible?

Are my pets included in my plan?

Have I raked up leaves and twigs? Cleaned the gutters? Moved woodpiles and other combustibles beside the house or on decks or verandahs away from the house? Stored fuels and chemicals away from the

house? Made sure gas bottles are securely anchored with the relief valve pointing away from flammable materials? Moved pot plants a few metres from the house.

Mow your lawns. On bigger properties, a clearing of about ten metres of well-mown grass around your house is advisable.

Make sure trees on your property are healthy with no dead limbs and no vegetation underneath them.

Actions leading up to days where the fire danger rating of severe, extreme or code red are predicted:

Always consider the circumstances of the day.

Who will be home on the predicted severe, extreme or code red days - family or visitors? Are they children, over 65 or people with an illness or a disability?

Do I have transport organised?

If your plan is to go, consider the following:

Before I leave:

Close the doors and windows, move doormats and

outdoor furniture away from the house. Fill spouting with water.

Add any final items to your relocation kit, food, water.

Turn off mains or LPG gas supply.

Move pets or livestock if there is time and it is safe to do so.

Leave front gate open for emergency services access.

Decide if there are any other things you need to do.

Prepare a list of people you will tell that you have gone, and where to find you.

CAUTION: Waiting until there is fire in the area is dangerous. There may be road closures, smoke, fallen trees and embers. Listen for fire warnings issued for surrounding towns. Your suburb or town may not be mentioned, or by the time it is, it may be too late to leave the area after it is mentioned. There may be no official warning and you should not expect a fire truck.

Back up Plans:

What is my plan to shelter if I have not left early and it is now unsafe to leave my area?

Could any well-prepared houses or buildings in my area be a safer place to shelter if I am caught in a fire?

Is there a Neighbourhood Safer Place in my area (Yinnar Primary School and Boolarra Memorial Hall) that could be used as a safer refuge.

What is my plan to shelter if it is unsafe to leave my property? This is a dangerous situation and you must know where you will seek shelter from radiant heat which can kill. This could be the most well prepared building on your property.

If there are several consecutive days of severe, extreme or code red, how will this affect your plan? Remember it is important to minimise the disruption to your household. It is best to go places where you can continue with normal activities as much as possible.

If you would like some

help in preparing your property, please ring Churchill Fire Brigade on 03 5122 2121 and leave a message and someone will return your call.

Visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au for more information on writing a bushfire survival plan, or call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

How fire destroys houses and other buildings

There are three main reasons a house will burn down during a fire - embers, heat and flame.

Embers:

Embers are burning pieces of bark, leaves and twigs. They are carried by wind and can start a spot fire. They are the most common way houses catch fire. For hours before a fire reaches a home, and after it has passed, embers land on and around homes. Embers start fires when they land in gaps in the roof, chimneys, under floor and enter through broken windows. Anywhere burning leaves or twigs enter your home, or get wedged, there is a risk they will start a fire. If embers get inside your home, fire may quickly spread because there are many flammable objects inside such as curtains, furniture and carpet.

Heat:

The heat from fires is intense. Think of how hot a camp fire can be. When flammable materials get hot enough, they can catch alight without any flame. Heat can also cause glass to break. Woodpiles, outdoor furniture and plants that are near or against your home can ignite and expose it to heat that is hot enough and sustained enough to cause a structure fire and damage.

Flame:

Fires typically destroy everything in their path. If you live in a high fire risk area such as Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar and surrounds, it may be impossible to minimise the risk. What you can do is design your property so that you reduce the intensity of the fire when it reaches your home. You can do this by designing your garden to reduce the fuel load, and stop severe heat and flames reaching the house. This is by

creating firebreaks with gravel or dirt, keeping grass mown, and keeping plants and trees maintained. By preparing property, you give your house the best chance to survive fire, even if you plan to leave early.

To better protect your home from fire:

1. Reduce the risk of fire getting inside your house.

Seal all sub floor areas (including decks) leaving no gaps so embers cannot penetrate the area. If you can't seal them, remove all flammable material you may have stored there and on decks. Windows can break with the heat allowing flames to enter and destroy the house quickly. You could install shutters over both the windows and the frame to protect them from cracking due to flying embers. They can also reflect radiant heat. Seal gaps around the window frames. The sealant should be fire retardant. Maintain window sills so no flaking paint can catch on fire.

Most modern doors can easily catch fire - if upgrading, choose a door made of solid timber or non-combustible materials. Seal gaps around door frames so embers cannot penetrate. Remove the door mats on bad fire risk days. Have metal or non-combustible material fly screen frames and bronze or steel mesh for the screen. Glazing should be toughened glass to a thickness of 6 mm.

Roofs should be checked for any gaps between tiles or guttering. These can be sealed with compressed mineral wool insulation. It is a good defense against embers.

Sprinklers are a good defense but need to cover all of the house exposed to the fire including roofs, doors, windows and decks.

2. Reduce the flame and heat near your house.

Mow lawns, construct garden beds away from the house, keep clear of weeds and clear dead vegetation. Keep plants well watered over warmer months.

Wooden sleepers used as garden edges or other forms of construction can smoulder for days after a fire has passed through. In hot and windy conditions this could cause fine fuels such as leaves and

mulch to ignite.

Remove shrubs, plants and other flammable materials from around the base of trees as they can catch fire and move the fire to the top of the trees and create embers. Look for bark that hangs off the tree and make sure it is well clear of the ground. Clear any branches away that overhang your house or deck. Keep shrubs well watered, pruned and away from your house. Create spaces without fuel so the fire cannot spread so easily. Use gravel paths and non flammable mulch. Choosing plants which are fire resistant means growing plants which will survive being burnt and re-grow after a fire, and may not catch fire or burn as easily as other plants, so they can slow a fire. For more information about plant choice, see the CFA brochure called "Your Guide to Property Preparation" Version 1

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By Darren Chester
Christmas is my favourite time of year, even though it's always hectic.

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Being together and sharing a meal is the single most important part of my Christmas festivities, along with taking time out to share stories about those loved ones who are no longer with us.

I also encourage everyone in Churchill and district and across the Latrobe Valley to shop locally at every opportunity.

At my own family celebrations, we are making a concerted effort to celebrate

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is one of the largest employers in Gippsland and this sector relies on business owners having confidence in the local community to continue investing in our region.

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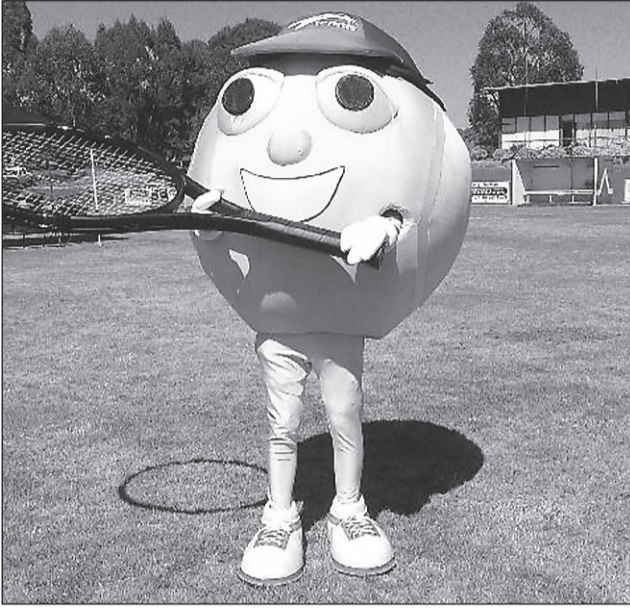
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Active Kids Sports



Sport's Expo well attended

Following a conversation on ANZAC Day which put the idea in motion, the Sports Expo was developed.

Lots of hard work went into planning, organising, engaging with sports clubs in Churchill plus the Scouts, promoting and setting up for the day.

It dawned bright, clear and ready to warm up, which it did.

The crowds came - there were lots of families there and each club had their gazebo set up adding attractive colour to the oval.

There were many activities set up by each club for the children to try.

It was wonderful to see the many families who brought their children with excited, happy faces, parents who stood by encouraging them as they tried the different sports, and made

sure they took advantage of all the opportunities available, having their cards stamped after participating in the sports and collecting the give - aways each club had.

When they had received all the stamps they could go to the main tent to receive a prize.

The children ranged from pre-schoolers to high school age.

One of the organisers Peter Ceeney, said he was rapt with the number who had come; so glad it was a beautiful day; and so pleased to see the smiling faces of children taking an interest in sport which was one of the main aims of the day.

Volunteers for each club represented said that they deemed the day



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a success. Some had children sign up, all were able to give out information to families regarding their sport. There was a positive vibe about the whole event, with lots of activity.

Hungry participants were able to replace spent energy at the Churchill Lions Club BBQ. Once again the Lions Club was out supporting our community with its willing members.

Dan Clancy played MC for the day, interviewing members of each club to let all present know what they offered.

St John's First Aid was present to cover any mishaps. Peter Gray of Ampworks again supplied the P.A. system. Peter is a great community supporter also.

Latrobe Community Health Service had a stall giving information about

their program 'Love the Game'. It is a program which addresses the issues of gambling in sport. It aims to counter the growing culture of betting in sport and wants to create safe and healthy sporting clubs across Victoria. Clubs can sign the responsible gambling charter, and follow a set of steps. More information can be found by contacting Latrobe Community Health Service.

The organisers would like to thank their sponsors Latrobe Valley Authority, Churchill & District Community Association, Win TV, Gippsland Printers, Churchill Lions Club, Latrobe City Council, Gippsland Water, and ProRent.

But most of all they would like young people to get involved with sport and reap the benefits it brings.





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Geography excursion

This term, at Hazelwood North Primary School, the Year 5s and 6s went to Churchill to study geography and research methods.

Our task was to choose a place in Churchill that needed improving. We got into groups and worked on an area of Churchill, the group chose the area. After the groups looked at the area, we either took photos or wrote notes. Then after that the group could interview people, ask questions or ask for ratings. Then we got back on the bus, and went back to school.

One week later, the group could write a letter to the owners of the place complaining about what could be improved, or what is good about it, or write a brochure about what it's about.

We learnt different research methods. Studying geography was fun and helped me learn more about research and our community.

By Olivia and Isabelle

Sports camp

On November 8 to 10, Jazmine, Ally, Alex and Ben were chosen to go to sports camp in Rawson village. A month before four boys and four girls were nominated to go but only two girls and two boys were allowed to go.

Everyone had to meet at Morwell Central to catch the bus at 7.45am. Then we drove to Moe and picked up some more kids and then drove to Rawson. When we finally got to the camp we got off the bus

and collected all our luggage, then headed to our rooms.

Our activities that we did there were tennis, AFL 9's, croquet, ultimate Frisbee and boxing, but first we got in to our groups and had a Blue Earth session. Our groups were named Perry, Fraser, Bradman, Laver and Ablett. The names of our groups were labelled on the back of our hats that we got to keep during the camp. The two girls that went were put into a cabin with four girls from Stockdale Road and the boys were with Albert Street.

Every morning we had to get up at 6:30am and get ready to go for a run around the big lake. We ran around the lake for 45 minutes every morning. Most felt like our legs were broken after we had finished.

On the first night we did this thing called the Trust Run. You make two lines and face each other, then you make a big enough gap so someone can run through. You and your partner put their hands out in front and when the person runs through you put your arms up so they don't get hit. We also played Hunger Games.

On the first day we had to bring our own snack and lunch, for dinner we had beef and some veggies, for breakfast the following morning we had bacon and eggs, for lunch that day we had bangers and mash, for tea we had lasagne and chips, for breakfast on the third day was

a sausage, hash brown and spaghetti and for lunch that day we had baked potato.

On the second night a guest speaker came to talk to us. His name was Josh Beaver and he is a 200 metre backstroke swimmer in the Commonwealth Games. He talked to us about his diet, how he trains, how he sets goals and how he achieved his goals over the years.

On the last day most were looking forward to going home and seeing their family but we had one last activity before we left and that was the round robin. We could choose either ultimate Frisbee or AFL 9's to play. The two winning teams from the activity would play each other in the grand finale.

Soon, it was finally time to go home and enjoy sleeping in our own beds. It was a great opportunity to go and if you do get chosen to go one time, we recommend that you should definitely go.

Traralgon Railway Reserve

On Monday November 20, our school went on an excursion to the Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve.

I think that the Reserve is important to the community because it is for relaxation for the people of Gippsland and to enjoy the environment. It is a lovely place to enjoy the walk there and you go over bridges and in canyons. It is such a lovely place to have in the community! The canyon is amazing and the lake has

amazing history.

I really hope others can go to the Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve. The walking tracks are also amazing.

By Kydan Makepeace.

Recently Prep-3 went to the Traralgon Railway Reserve.

First we went to the pavilion and read all the information about the place, there was once a golf course there.

When we walked around there were a lot of animals and nature to see. Everyone wanted to go in the Canyon and we did go in. Then we went in the birds' hide and read about all the animals in the railway reserve.

The Aboriginal country is Gunai-Kurnai and people used to use common sneezeweed to help with colds. The valves around the Reservoir helped to make the water go down the pipes down to the Traralgon Railway Yard to help the steam trains run.

It was fun at the Railway Reserve and I hope I can go there again!

By Jake

On November 20, the Preps, Grade 1s, Grade 2s and Grade 3s went to the Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve.

I learnt about how they used it in the past and how the Aboriginals used it in the past. I also found out some constructed features and natural features like, grass, lily pads, bridge, bird box,

posts and wooden seats.

I also found out some plants and animals too like, ducks, cockatoo, galah, king parrot, yellow tailed black cockatoo plants, flower and a chocolate lily.

I also heard some sounds like ducks quacking, crickets doing their job and other ducks splashing. I hope all of you come here and have a great time.

By Jack

On Monday November 20, Foundation, 1, 2, 3 from Hazelwood North Primary School went to the Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve.

We went there for learning about how they used it in the past, why the reservoir is there now, how the Aboriginals used it in the past and the different flora and animals at the reserve.

In the past the reservoir was for getting water to Traralgon Railway Yard for the steam engines so the steam engines could go to all their stations.

Aboriginals used the place for shelter and food so they could live in Gunai-Kurnai. The place has changed because there were no construction features apart from the huts and valve and the public couldn't go to the Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve.

My favourite part of the Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve was the canyon. The canyon is in the north, the carpark in the east,

the long bridge in the west and more walking tracks in the south. The Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve is so much fun I can't wait to go back there again with my family or on another excursion, either way I can't wait!

By Lloyd

The Railway Reserve has lots of animals and nature. You can explore their hard work and learn more things. There are lots of handmade buildings and handmade bridges.

It's amazing, beautiful and colourful, the Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve. There is a lake, canyon, pavilion and lots of bridges.

Every path ends up somewhere interesting that you can learn way more about it.

There are boards all around the track with information on each one. The canyon is all dried up and there used to be water in the canyon but not anymore.

There is a bird hide where you can look out through a hole to see birds without scaring them away.

We learnt what animals were there and what nature they have. We found most information on the pavilion and some on the other boards.

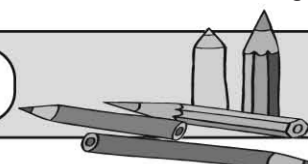
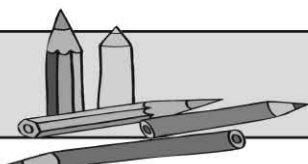
The Railway Reserve is a great place to learn about the history of the steam trains in Traralgon.

By Eliza and Chelsea



Top photo: Civic and Citizenships Winners-Mason, Eli, Jada, Archer, Logan Zhali A. Bottom Left: Excursion to Traralgon Railway Reserve- exploring the canyon. Bottom Right: Jack, Mitch Lexi, Mckenzie, Eli and Elijah enjoying the park





Kurnai College Sustainable Futures

Kurnai College students were inspired and motivated to explore future work opportunities within the region during their Sustainability Afternoon held recently at the Morwell Campus.

The event was the brain-child of the Green Team at the school, a group of students who have been working with Gippsland's ResourceSmart Schools program. A key focus for the students organising the event was to share with the rest of the school, ideas and pathways available to them in the transition to post carbon-economy green careers and practices.

The event brought to the school a range of people with valuable 'green skills', including many already working in green jobs within the region, or using their skills in the pursuit of sustainable enterprises.

Hands-on activities and information sessions included tree planting with Landcare, wildlife conservation with Animals of Oz, insight into the workings of Gippsland Water's Soil and Organic Recycling Facility, and waste management and recycling with the Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group. Gippsland Solar not only highlighted the range of benefits and opportunities that come with renewable energy but also had their electric car on hand which proved a popular attraction.

Other activities with a sustainability focus included a very popular bike-powered smoothie maker, ugly fruit tasting, upcycling clothing, and Indigenous artist and presenter Cassie Leatham working with students to make emu feather necklaces and kangaroo leather wristbands.

The day was designed so that students had a chance to talk to presenters as well as do something practical that may inspire them to make greener lifestyle choices and, importantly, consider careers they had not previously thought of.

Alison Taylor Coordinator

of ResourceSmart Schools said, "The students did an amazing job of organising and delivering this unique and successful event.

It was a fun and engaging way for them, and attendees from across the region, to learn more about the various employment and career options that can be generated by a green economy."

The event was also supported by the Regional Centre for Excellence in Sustainable Education (RCESE), the Latrobe Valley Authority, Sustainability Victoria and the Australian Youth Climate Coalition.

ResourceSmart Schools is a Victorian Government initiative that supports schools to take action to minimise waste, save energy and water, promote biodiversity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The initiative helps schools reduce costs while giving students the opportunity to learn about sustainability in a tangible and realistic environment.

For enquiries about joining up to ResourceSmart Schools, please contact Alison Taylor on 5633 2744 or alison.taylor@gwrrg.vic.gov.au

Outdoor Education Surf Camp

The Outdoor Education student's camp at Wilson's Promontory enabled them to use their camping skills training and basic water safety skills developed over the term.

Students participated in water safety lessons at the Churchill Leisure Centre during the semester learning basic swimming and life-saving skills.

Part of the adventure of the camp was organising a menu for the three days, setting up the camp and ensuring no wombats take over their tent – although there always seems to be someone who gets a friendly visitor.

The walk up Mt Oberon took its toll but was worth the effort with the views in all directions.

The students took advantage of the many

activities on offer. They were extremely successful from the very first surf lesson, standing up on their boards and catching waves, to manoeuvring and surfing 'green water'. A walk-up Mt Bishop enabled the students to see some magnificent views. Other activities included swimming, beach cricket, and ended the camp with a visit to the Big Drift on the way home.

The students came away with many fun memories, new experiences and skills they can use in future outdoor adventures.

Hockey State Finals

The Year 7 team participated in the State Hockey Finals recently. The team was put together after enjoying the hockey component of the Year 7 sport program. During the year Anita Charles from the Traralgon Hockey Club assisted with the coaching of the students at the Churchill hockey ground across the road from the Churchill Campus. The team that won their way to the State finals was:

Kayley Answerth, Jordyn Bryce, Madilyn Bryce, Carmela Cardillo, Breeana Croft, Brianna Griffiths, Alison Heffernan, Claire Irving, Gracie Kearns, Monai Porykali, Makayla Rota, Mia Sturre, Matilda Wakefield, Ebony Webb and Lily-Rose Williamson.

Although the team did not win, the girls put up a magnificent performance, particularly considering their lack of experience. Hopefully with this year's experience, they will continue their efforts in 2018 and attempt the feat again.

2018 Peer Support Team

The 2018 Peer Support team is a group of Year 9 students chosen to become the new Year 7 students' mentors. The Year 7 students in 2018 will be divided into groups and assigned Year 10 students to assist with their transition into Secondary School and Churchill Campus. Each Friday the Peer Support students will lead their cohort of Year 7s and participate

in a number of activities to increase their knowledge of the Campus, develop friendships with other new Year 7 students, discuss issues associated with the transition to Churchill Campus and to get to know their Peer Support Leaders. The Peer Support Leaders will have their own lockers amongst the new Year 7 students' lockers, which will enable them to supervise and assist the students at the beginning of each learning session.

The 2018 Peer Support Leaders have been on a camp to 'The Summit' at Trafalgar East. This camp enables the students to develop their leadership skills and teamwork. The Year 10 students also role-play situations that Year 7 students may face in their new school.

The Year 10 students had a fantastic time at the camp and look forward to working with the new Year 7 students during 'headstart' and orientation day.

Hands On Learning.

A lot has happened in Hands-On-Learning over 2017. Crews have continued supplying and installing the Mathison Park Committee with picnic tables for Lake Hyland. Feedback from community members has been very positive, so if you happen to be walking around Lake Hyland, check out all the new tables that the students from Churchill Campus have built and installed.

Hands-On-Learning Crews have also constructed stairs and paths within the school grounds covering what used to be a muddy slope. It looks much nicer!

The students have continued working to construct a chicken coop and progress can be seen. The students have acquired some great skills such as rendering, roofing and guttering installation.

Students are now in the process of building a fence around our veggie patch. So at the moment, students are setting string-lines, checking levels, mixing concrete and installing posts.

This class has been a great hands - on learning process for a group of students that have learnt many skills through their participation in these construction projects.

Other Events with Churchill Campus student participation

The staff leading the Student Representative Council and Years Levels are always endeavouring to expose the students from Churchill Campus to opportunities to expand their experiences and to give them options for their future pathways.

HMAS Cerberus

A group of students went to Hastings on Thursday November 9, to visit HMAS Cerberus. The students saw the recruiting school and were spoken to by Navy personnel. The Captain spoke to students about careers in the Navy and the physical requirements of entering the Navy, including testing that occurs to assess fitness levels. Students learnt that they can carry out tertiary qualifications through the Australian Armed Forces. Students saw the firing of cannons, turbo engines, control panels for the ships and other equipment used by the Navy. Overall it was a great experience.

National Young Leaders Day

On Monday November 13, a group of our student leaders attended the National Young Leaders Day in Melbourne at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. The students heard from high profile presenters including John Coutis (who faced being a double amputee and bullying at a young age and overcame this with great courage and resilience), Nick Dal Santo (a great leader for the St Kilda and North Melbourne Football Clubs over a number of years), Hayden Wilson (Author of 'Why Wait to Be Great'), Gemma Triscari (plays for the Melbourne Stars (WBBL), Scott Tweedie (radio and television presenter) and Gemma Knight (television presenter and actress). The presenters shared their inspiring achievements

with the students and also talked about the failures and obstacles they had encountered and explained the powerful learning and resilience they had as a result of facing up to those challenges.

Inspiring Young People

On Wednesday November 15, another group of Year 10 students attended the 'Inspiring Young People' Lunch at the Waratah restaurant in Morwell. Students had the opportunity to speak with guest speakers about careers and pathways. The students came away with more direction with their studies and open to new ideas for their future careers.

Celebration Day

The end of the 2017 school Year has arrived. Wednesday November 29 saw Kurnai College hold the Awards Celebration with all three Campuses participating at the Federation University Auditorium, with students from each campus being recognised for their participation in the four pillars that the Kurnai College Learning Community is built upon – Relationships, Engagement, Excellence and Work Ethic.

On November 30, the students of Churchill Campus celebrated the end of their 2017 classes. Each Year level has participated in different activities.

The Year 7 students have had fun participating in wheelchair basketball at the Churchill Leisure Centre followed by fun activities at the Campus.

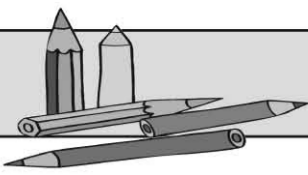
The Year 8 students selected 'Coco' a new release movie to watch at Village Cinemas in Morwell, which was followed by a Bar-B-Que at the Gippsland Immigration Park beside Lake Kerlot.

The Year 9 students participated in rollerskating at Stadium 34 in Moe.

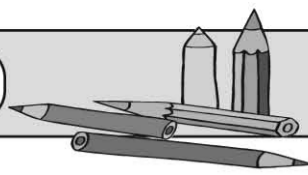
The Year 10 students held their Formal on November 30. The students, all began 'Headstart' for their 2018 classes.



School News



Boolarra Primary



Core Values

We have identified Responsibility, Respect, Engagement and Aspiration as the values we most want to foster in our students. To celebrate and reinforce these, Ms Twomey, with help from some students, developed postcards for each.

The teachers send these home with relevant students

we had dinner at school. We had a treasure hunt. I found a chocolate frog and a chuppa chup. By Nate (Prep)

Fabulous Results

The most recent school report provided by the Department was very gratifying as overall we are a school that has maintained high student achievement growth consistently over

headed for a memorable three-day camp. Many were ecstatic to be leaving family for three days, while others were sad to say goodbye.

by a young, enthusiastic, bearded tour guide and discussed the importance of democracy. Next we walked to a dark room to view the

At 8.45pm we boarded the bus again to watch the "Blood on the Southern Cross" lightshow. Many students would declare that this show was their prime highlight, I must agree as the tension swept me off my feet. The ending was truly astonishing as it made you feel like you were really there in the gunfire behind the stockade.

The second day was spent exploring Sovereign Hill and

We also tried our hands at gold panning. I sat myself down next to Mr Kilday as a lady from the 1850s demonstrated how to pan for gold. We collected gravel and slowly began to swirl water through to enable the gold to sink to the bottom of the pan since it's heavier than gravel.

We then scraped off the top layer and repeated this process about 10 more times until there was only very fine



The Grade 3 - 6s participated in the Bike Ed program in Term 4



The Grade 2s showed they are ready for Grade 3 camping during their sleepover at school



Noah, Harry and Tom cooling off

to let parents / carers know of their great application of one or more of our core values. It has been pleasing to see many students taking postcards home!

P/1/2 Dinner and Grade 2 Sleepover Reports

On Thursday November 9,

the past three years and are deemed to be a system leader. *Ballarat Camp Report*

Written by Indily (Grade 5), with input from Travis (Grade 6)

To Ballarat the 5/6 students from Boolarra, Thorpdale and Narracan

Three hours subsequent to our departure, we arrived at M.A.D.E (The Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka). The museum happened to be at the site of the Eureka Rebellion.

As we strolled briskly into the Museum, I noticed it was very modern. We were taken

historic Southern Cross flag that lay behind glass. It was navy blue with a yellow cross and stars (these would have been white originally).

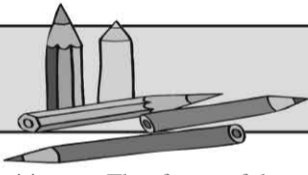
There were many holes in the flag, mainly due to visitors that used to be allowed to take pieces as a souvenir, but some holes were from gunshots.

was certainly the busiest. We spent some time by ourselves visiting the lolly shops and witnessing the blacksmith creating horse shoes and the amazing smelter who turned a jug of lava into a solid gold bar worth \$250,000.

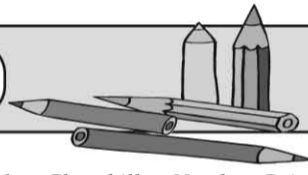
bits of sand left behind as well as some tiny flakes of gold!

I bought a small container to store the flakes in and because Mr Kilday was next to me, he gave me all of his gold.

School News



Churchill North Primary



Swimming Sports

On Thursday November 16, CNPS held a swimming carnival. The whole school attended at the Churchill Leisure Centre. Family members also came along to watch. The swimming carnival had a lot of different challenges and competitions. Some of these included events in the pool such as, backstroke, free style, breast stroke, group relays, pin drop and diving races

and competitions. The fun challenges included noodle races, ping pong collections and retrieving treasure. Outside fun challenges included the pony express, fishing and water pistol fights. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. Red house came first, Green house came second, Blue house came third and Yellow house came last. One of the further highlights of the day was some free swimming time near the end

of the carnival. Everyone had a terrific time Special thanks go to Miss Wells for all of her hard work in organising such a successful day as well as everyone else who helped out. Thank you!!!

By William B 5/6S
A New Sign

Churchill North Primary will soon be moving into the digital future. The communication display board on the lower oval will soon be replaced. The existing display has been used for approximately 10 years. Work is currently being undertaken



to prepare for the new sign. The school community is

eagerly awaiting the arrival of the display system so that we can see our important information up in lights.

New football goals

Early in the year the Junior School Council surveyed the students in our school to find out how they would like our school improved. The JSC found out that the students wanted football goals in the playground. With the help of funding from HVP harvesting and organised by Miss Wells with approval from Mrs Bostedt, our new goals have arrived. The students have been making the most of the opportunity to practise their football skills at any chance they can. A big thank you to everyone who helped make it happen.

New play equipment for

Churchill North Primary School

On Monday September 11, HVP plantations presented a cheque to our school captains at assembly for harvesting trees on behalf of the school. At the assembly Mrs Bostedt asked students to have a think about what they might like, to make our school even better.

Andrea from Grade 1 said that she would like a 'toy house' and Lily from Prep 1/B said that she would like 'a twisty slide and a fireman's pole' as well as some 'wet day toys'. Mrs Bostedt has ordered some new play equipment for the school as a result of these requests. The school community is excited about the prospects of new play equipment and a new playground.



Preps getting ready for novelty events

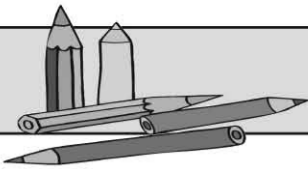


Ben achieving first place in his race

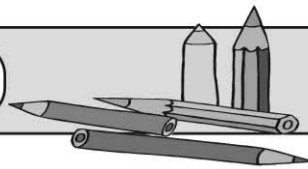


Treasure diving with Jye and Mr Clarke

School News



Churchill Primary



Under Construction
As a part of a \$2.5 billion investment by the Victorian Government to improve classrooms, upgrade facilities and build new schools across the state, Churchill Primary School has received \$299,000. This money will be used for a major upgrade to the school's stormwater infrastructure, and will also include a new state of the art synthetic turf basketball court, new staff car parking, and new play area for students, which will include a special Gaga Pit.

Our new basketball court is now under construction and

will be completed within a couple of weeks. As a result of this, access to the school grounds will be restricted until the start of next year, once the new fencing has been erected.

Students and parents who would usually enter the school via the driveway on Coleman Parade are advised to please use the access ramp and then proceed to the front door at the office OR continue through the breezeway, which will also be opened up before 9am and after 3pm daily for access.

We understand that the construction can cause a bit of inconvenience but know that it will benefit all students in the long run, and we are looking forward to enjoying our new facilities in 2018. Perhaps even playing a round of basketball, teachers versus students, could be arranged!

Grounds Work and Upgrade
On Friday November 10, the school held a major working bee to clean up our school grounds in readiness for upgrades, which will take place over the school holidays. For the last hour of the day all students participated in

helping to weed gardens, pick up rubbish and sweep paths. After school, many of our staff were then joined by some lovely parents and continued with the clean-up, which included deconstructing the chicken enclosure and hothouse as well as tidying up the sensory garden.

Thank you to those students' families who came and lent a hand, along with many of our staff, their partners and children. Without your support, this would not have been possible.

Over the holidays, the front of the school will

undergo a major facelift with landscape gardeners coming in to beautify the area.

A new chicken enclosure will be built early next year and some new chickens will replace the ones that we have had to rehome in the interim.

Grade 3/4 Camp Rumbug
Our Grade 3/4 students gathered at school on Wednesday morning, November 22, and there was much excitement (and a few nerves) as they set off on their first school camp - Camp Rumbug!

Mrs Burrows and Mrs Bicket visited the campers on the first night and reported to school that they were enjoying themselves immensely and having a fabulous time.... Some activities they had participated in included a flying fox, obstacle courses and team challenges to name a few.

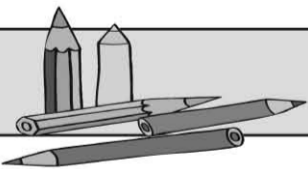
It was fantastic to see the students encouraging each other and working together as a team and we hope they have made wonderful memories of their adventures that will last them a lifetime!



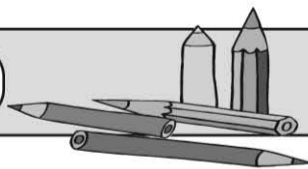
The Grade 3/4s at Camp Rumbug in Foster
The Chook Shed is removed to make way for better things
Hayden M makes a splash!
During a team building exercise at Camp Rumbug
Jayde H takes a giant leap at Camp Rumbug



School News



Churchill Preschools



Glendonald Preschool
This is located in Churinga Drive in Churchill. We offer children 15 hours per week of preschool with qualified teachers.

We run a play based Glendonald Preschool Indoor playspace.

program. This means the children are able to move around all areas of the room and yard, learning through play in a program dedicated to their interests, needs and emerging skills.

We have a strong focus on sustainability with a worm farm, growing vegetables (and picking them for families or cooking with them at Preschool) and watering with rain water from our water tank.

Large outdoor playspace.

Our focus is to assist all children in becoming strong, capable and resilient and feel safe, respected and loved. Once this occurs the learning follows and the children

thrive.

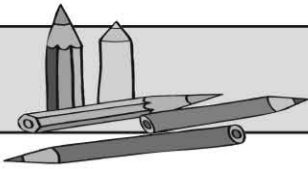
The Hub Preschool
The staff of Churchill Preschool would like to wish all the 2017 Preschool families a very happy and safe Christmas. Thank you for a Hub Preschool- visit from Wiggly Worm

great year and good luck to all the children who will start Prep in 2018.

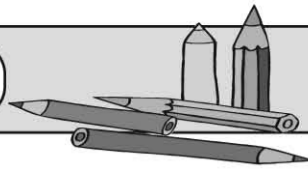
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School News



Lumen Christi Primary



As 2017 comes to a close we would like to wish the Churchill News readership a most blessed and joyous Christmas. We would also like to thank the production team of Churchill News for the many hours they contribute to this important local publication.

In 2017 we celebrated the milestone of 40 Years as a Parish and School. Milestones like this are

perfect opportunities to reflect on past achievements, but also to acknowledge our current important role in the community as well as set some lofty goals for the future.

We would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to the pioneers of Lumen Christi who rolled up their sleeves, put on their gumboots and raised a sweat. We also would like to thank the staff, families

and students of the school who have contributed over the years.

While the approach of Christmas is exciting and the weather warms up as we get closer to our summer vacation, it is always a time in schools to reminisce about the year and also sadly bid farewell to our graduating class.

Our graduating class of 2017 have been wonderful

contributors to our school, and this year in particular have been terrific ambassadors and leaders.

We thank them for their efforts and wish them every success for the journey ahead next year and beyond.

As a closing Christmas message can we ask everyone to take the time to reflect on how they can contribute to making Christmas a positive time for others. As a Catholic

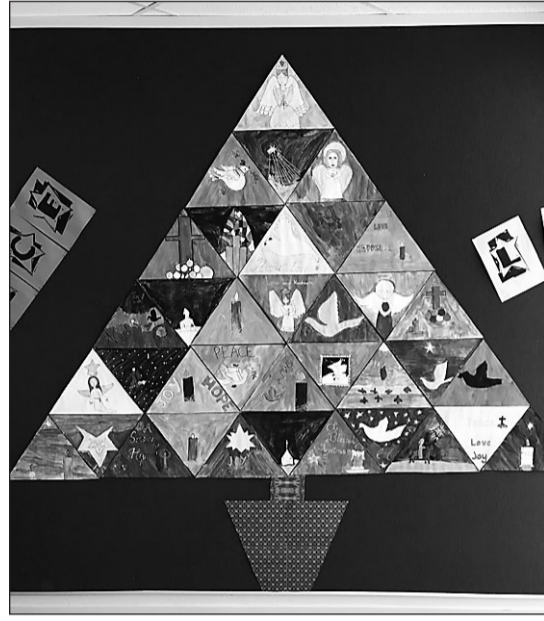
school we have a terrific bond with our local Vinnies, and each Christmas conduct fundraising for Christmas hampers for families in need in our local community. The highlight of this fundraising is the Bethlehem Bazaar - a carnival of activities that takes the school community back 2000 years to the times when Jesus was born.

The Year 5/6 students coordinated this wonderfully

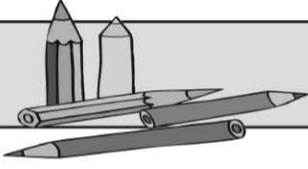
creative event which contributed significantly to our fundraising.

Throughout the final weeks of the year families are encouraged to continue to drop off donations and other items for the Christmas hampers.

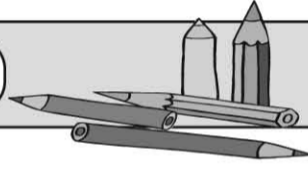
So in closing, a very merry and safe Christmas to you all from Lumen Christi.



School News



Yinnar South Primary



There has been lots happening at Yinnar South P.S this month. The students have written some pieces to share with you all.

Enjoy.

Remembrance Day

Because Remembrance Day was on Saturday this year, we did special activities on Monday and Friday. We did a minutes silence, then Remembrance Day-themed

writing, poetry and drawing on Friday.

On Monday we shared our work that we did on Friday in front of most of the school, even the parents, at a special Morning Meeting.

By Rhys
Walk to School

Thanks to Coral we have another Walk to School celebration. We have walked a long way, 522.6 km! What

an achievement. And we get a great surprise, a massive water slide down the hill. It will be really, really fun, I cannot wait to go down the big water slide.

Thanks to Michael for coming up with the idea. Thanks to Andy for helping to build it. Cannot wait!

By Sam
Cultural Day

On Thursday November



16, we had a cultural day. All the kids and adults dressed up in a different culture, whether that was Indian or American, or any other culture. All of the dress ups were great! For our cultural day, people brought a gold coin donation for the Bor Orphanage.

Before recess we were learning about cultural games, and the way that different cultures have different rules

on how to play things.

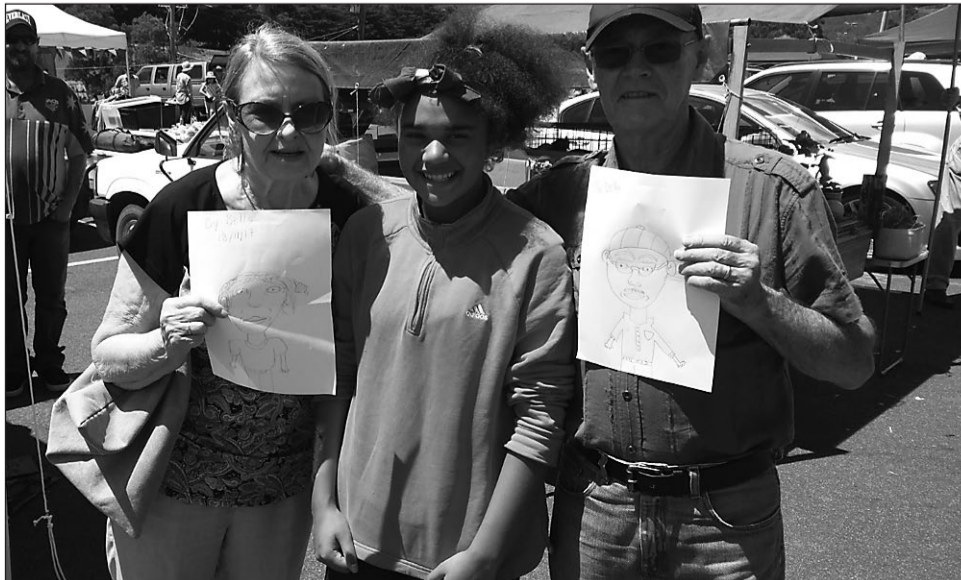
One of the activities we did was from Pamplona, Spain and it was the Running of the Bulls. We had three students dress up as a bulls to chase people around and if you got caught you had to fall to the ground and pretend to be hurt.

The people who dressed up were really funny.

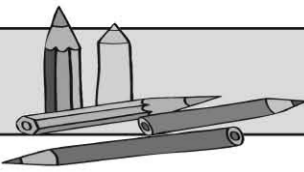
For lunch that day we

had a big Japanese feast. We started with an entree of rice balls with soy sauce, then for the main we had lots of sushi, then for dessert we had Japanese ice cream, but because it wasn't frozen we had it the next day. It was really nice.

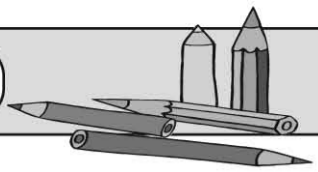
We had lots of fun
By Chante



School News



Yinnar Primary



Term 4 may be coming to a close but Yinnar has certainly not been slowing down.

This time of the year is always very busy with end of year excursions, transition days, graduation planning and leadership planning.

Halloween Celebration

The Grade 5/6s held a fantastic Halloween celebration. Students had to decorate their classrooms, make interactive activities, write spooky stories and present them to the unit, design their costumes and advertise their haunted house for sale.

The students' imagination

ran wild and the outcome was absolutely creepy. All grades were invited to share the mayhem, try the activities and venture through the haunted tunnel.

P/1/2s Night of Adventure

Our Prep/1/2s held their Night of Adventure and Sleepover at the school. After setting up their beds for the night and a quick scavenger hunt, they all ventured to the Yinnar Memorial Hall for dinner – lasagne, salad and ice cream.

The Preps went home and the remaining 1/2s got together for a trivia quiz followed by sleep time!

An early wake - up call the

next morning saw all students tuck in to cereal and toast for breakfast.

A quiet morning followed with a movie and decorated biscuits for a snack.

3/4s Camp Rumbug

The 3/4s have just returned from three fun filled days at Camp Rumbug, certainly a highlight in most children's school journey. The students jumped into the many activities on offer, some, a little reluctantly.

It was great to see that they were willing to step out of their comfort zones to accept the challenges – water, height, mud and balance to name a few.

Yinnar's Got Talent

The school Captains arrange "Yinnar's Got Talent" every year. We have had many talented students at Yinnar and this year is no exception. Solo artists, duos, trios and groups sign up to sing, dance, play a musical instrument, perform a play or do a comedy routine. There have to be several rounds during recess and lunch every day just to accommodate the number of performers.

Grade 6 Graduation

Graduation plans are well underway. The Grade 6 students have completed their memoirs for publishing, and are rehearsing for their

performance at Graduation. All senior students (2-5) have been busy writing application letters for the many student leadership positions available at Yinnar. Students are given the opportunity to step up and take a leadership role – School Captain, House Captain, Junior School Council and GRACE (school values of Growth Mindset, Respect, Aim High, Curiosity and Enthusiasm) team. They will write an application, present a speech and attend an interview before the final decisions are made. Individual 2017 leaders are involved in the selection process.

Kinder Transition

We've had another visit from our Kinder transition students. They have now experienced a literacy session, a maths session, a perceptual motor program (PMP) and music session. Their next visit will be on the Statewide transition day when all Grade 6s attend their chosen secondary school and the Kinder children attend school for a half day.

Season's Greetings

We take this opportunity to extend Season Greeting's to all our families and the wider school community. Have a safe and fun holiday, and we'll see you all back at Yinnar in 2018.



Above:Halloween celebration
Right top and bottom:Camp Rumbug adventures



SPORT

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

Juniors Underway at Churchill Cricket Club

Churchill Cricket Club is focusing on the youngsters as it tries to regenerate its junior cricket program. The club has begun coaching for Under 10s on Saturday mornings and will be running an in-house training program for Under 12s on Tuesday nights.

The club hopes to generate good numbers that will continue the journey through to Under 16 and ultimately senior level. Club secretary Wayne Reynolds

said that initial numbers were promising. "We were really pleased with the turnout for our first day of Under 10s and we hope to see similar levels of interest in the Under 12s."

The club has included a new initiative this year in the hope of making parents feel more at home when they bring their children down on a Saturday morning.

"We have started the Cobra Café on Saturday mornings with fresh-brewed

coffees, home-made muffins and sausage rolls available as well as ham and cheese toasties" Reynolds said. "We would like parents to know that they are welcome and valued at our club."

While the Under 10s will focus on basic skills, the Under 12 program will begin by establishing core cricketing skills early on, before playing some intra-club matches later in the season. "Junior players are welcome to join either

program at any time and learn the skills for cricket in a fun, friendly environment" Reynolds said.

Under 10 cricket will continue on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 and Under 12s will be on Tuesday nights from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. The cost for each player is \$30 for the whole season and each player will receive a free bucket hat. All equipment is provided by the club.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club results

Saturday 18/11/17 Mens 2nd Round Club Championship.

A Grade: C. Hobden (14) 69. B Grade: B. Barnes (24) 69. C Grade: W. Sutton (26) 73. DTL: J. Banfield 70, A. Auld 70, M. Johnson 70, D. Radnell 73, M. Brereton 74, B. Kilday 74, I. Heppleston 74. NTP: 3rd C. Doyle 5th D. Byers, 12th P. Smart, 14th C.Hogbin. Birdies: 3rd M. Soppe

Ladies Championships 2nd Round



21/11/17
Winner: M. Dear (14) 69. DTL: V. Verheyen (29) 74. NTP: 3rd M. McConville, 5th D. Judkins, 12th M. McQuillen, 14th V. Verheyen.

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