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## Intern Program delivering results



Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Darrell White welcomes Federation University Australia interns Anthony Finocchiaro, Zachary Archer, Selina Morley, Tyler Briggs, Larnee Whelan, Jordon Royal and Tyler Chisolm to Latrobe City.

University students will again experience the workplace by participating in an internship program at Latrobe City Council.

In partnership with Federation University Australia, Latrobe City Council is supporting seven Industry Placement Program students from various disciplines during Semester 1 this year.

Latrobe City Council’s Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said the program provided students with invaluable work experience.

“The Industry Placement Program enables

students to put the theory they have learnt in the lecture theatre to practise, and gain work skills. The program creates a local talent pipeline for host organisations and enables students to remain local whilst completing their course.

As a host organisation, Latrobe City Council is pleased to see the progress of the students as they spend time in their teams and get to know the work environment.

Our most recent intake has seen students working across graphic design, social media,

performance and innovation, human resources and community development. They have proven themselves to be knowledgeable, adaptable, skilled and keen to learn,” Councillor White said.

Federation University Australia’s Industry Placement Program Co-ordinator, Joanne Matthews, said students completed a project during their placement to provide them exposure to process and procedures and networking.

“Interns gain confidence, skills and

are empowered to share their thoughts and opinions as a member of their placement team. Many students are retained by their host organisations post placement and offered employment,” Ms Matthews said.

“Federation University Australia is thankful for the support we receive from our host organisations in providing this opportunity to our students. Our students gain valuable experience which attributes to their employment readiness and tertiary experience.”

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**Students look forward to Orientation Week**



New FedUni students look forward to Orientation Week as the beginning of their university life.

Up to 3000 new Federation University Australia students, 596 of them at our Gippsland Campus at Churchill, had their first taste of university life during Orientation Week.

The University's O Week activities included market

stalls, barbecues, campus tours and sports events. "I am delighted to welcome all of our new students to FedUni and wish them well for their studies," Professor Andy Smith, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), said.

"Orientation Week is the perfect opportunity for students to make new friends and embrace university life."

Student Experience Officers also were on hand during O Week to assist new students and advise them on campus activities.

The Gippsland Campus had its Main Event at the Rose Garden from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm on Tuesday February 20.

There was music, food and an inflatable bungee run. A Market Stall was also

held at the Gippsland Campus from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm on Tuesday, February 27. It is not too late to enrol at the University for 2018 and we encourage any prospective students to contact us.

For further information about enrolling, please contact the University by emailing [info@federation.edu.au](mailto:info@federation.edu.au) or by calling 1800 333 864.

**Gippsland Forestry Expo**

**A Gippsland initiative to link forestry education and career opportunities.**

The Australian forest industry is a dynamic and sustainable provider of regional employment, economic activity and essential products based on a renewable resource that sequesters carbon. The forest industry comprises businesses involved in growing and harvesting trees, processing wood and wood fibre, manufacturing pulp, paper

and engineered, reconstituted and solid wood products. Also businesses that market and undertake research into forestry and forest products.

However, the industry is finding it difficult to attract qualified or experienced people to work in this interesting and rewarding sector.

The Gippsland Forestry Hub has been formed to constructively engage the community, education sector, industry and government

bodies to assist in outcome focused solutions, focusing on skills development and real local job opportunities in the Gippsland region.

The Gippsland Forestry Hub aims to promote understanding and interest in forestry, and raise awareness in Gippsland of the great career and job opportunities within the industry.

In partnership with Yarram Secondary College the Gippsland Forestry Hub held a Forestry Expo on Monday February 26. All students experienced firsthand

the opportunity's and career paths Forestry has to offer.

The Conference Forestry expo demonstrated the following themes:

- \* Forestry presentation
- \* Tree improvement
- \* Nursery production
- \* Silviculture
- \* Pest and diseases
- \* Harvesting operations
- \* Haulage operations
- \* Environment demonstrations
- \* Careers Advice
- \* Sawmilling processes
- \* Fire Response

**RAINFALL**

The rainfall in Churchill during the month was a very meagre 5 mil, making a total for the year of 66.5 mil.

Since January 15 we have only had 19 mil of rain in Churchill.

Let's hope we soon get some steady consistent rain in March to freshen up our gardens and parks in Churchill.

**Rain at Hazelwood South.**

February has been disappointing with only 12mm of rain and an average

for February of 25%. A little green grass remains but most has browned off. The trees are still in good condition, still benefitting from the excellent rain in December. They have made new leaves, the old leaves are falling to make a carpet of brown grass and leaf, crunching under foot. Weeding is very productive now, as it is possible to remove those last remaining plants making next years seed. The fire risk is still increasing.



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# Autumn planned burning set to commence in Gippsland

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) is preparing to start an extensive planned burning program in the Gippsland region to reduce bushfire risk for local communities and the environment.

FFMVic is working with local communities to ensure residents and visitors are informed about the planned burning program which started in early March.

Gippsland's Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Chris Stephenson said: "Our autumn planned burning program will focus on reducing bushfire fuel around communities across the region and minimising the impacts of large scale bushfires in more remote areas.

We will be starting the program with a combination of burns to reduce bushfire risk, high elevation regeneration burns and burns

for ecological purposes," Mr Stephenson said.

"Planned regeneration burns take place each year and are important to promote the regeneration of native species in areas where timber harvesting has occurred.

Gippsland communities may see and smell smoke, and some roads and parks may have to be closed for public safety while burns are being undertaken.

We aim to reduce the impact of smoke on communities from planned burning and continue to invest in new technologies and systems to help us better understand the dispersion of smoke. We understand that smoke from planned burns may cause concern for some people, but it's important that our crews take every opportunity while conditions are right to reduce bushfire risk.

We work closely with the Bureau of Meteorology to assess weather conditions such as humidity, temperature and wind speed, and will only carry out burns when conditions are suitable".

For the latest information about when planned burns are happening near you go to

[www.ffm.vic.gov.au/plannedburn](http://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/plannedburn), download the Vic Emergency app or call the VicEmergency hotline on 1800 226 226. Or you can register for the Planned Burning Notification System via [www.ffm.vic.gov.au/plannedburn](http://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/plannedburn).

If you are experiencing any symptoms that may be due to smoke exposure, the Department of Health and Human Services advises people to seek medical advice or call Nurse-on-Call on 1300 60 60 24.

# Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists



Photograph: Nest mound of "pony ants", 12-15 cm diameter by Peter Muller

"Ants are Everywhere" is the topic for discussion at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, March 23. The meeting, from 7.30pm, is at the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Old Sale Road and Chamberlain Road, Newborough.

The speaker, Peter Muller,

has worked for many years with various environmental organisations and educational institutions. Since retirement Peter is devoting time to researching ants, endeavoring to answer some questions about ants, and to add to our environmental knowledge about the value of natural areas, particularly roadsides

and remnants.

Peter's talk and the related excursion next day to Morwell National Park's Stringybark Ridge will include identification of our local ants and their nests.

Visitors are most welcome to both activities; there is no charge. For more information phone 0428 422 461.

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# Melina Bath, MP



me about a range of local matters that are important to them.

The majority of students at the Churchill campus live locally or on campus, with others travelling from Melbourne or further afar to undertake their studies.

Some expressed their pleasure at studying locally, having previously experienced some of the disadvantages of living and studying in Melbourne.

It was also really pleasing to hear stories of people who are the first in their family to undertake university study.

The stories of friendship, car-pooling and social events further highlighted the opportunities that university life creates.

One of the key outcomes derived from the event was the opportunity to hear about suggested solutions to crucial state issues.

Topics discussed included transport, jobs, crime and, of course, education.

A frequent topic of discussion was the need to provide our students with local employment opportunities when they have completed their studies.

It is prudent that we ensure our students are able to apply their skills to local businesses and industry, rather than new graduates thinking they have to embark on careers in Melbourne or beyond.

I would sincerely like to thank those current and new students who took the time to share their stories with me – aspects of their chosen courses, what inspired them to study at Federation University, and ideas for improving life across Gippsland.

students consolidate their learning and develop their study skills.

There are others who decide to go to university after a break from school – whether that's a few years or even decades.

Federation Uni also encourages and has great support networks for these people too.

Returning to study after a break has particular challenges, and Federation has a one-semester program that can really assist with this transition.

Foundation Access Studies – or FAST, as it is known – is designed to assist with the skills, attitudes and knowledge needed for tertiary-level study.

Some of the students I chatted to were grateful to have the opportunity of undertaking these preparation studies in order to assist them to gain entry into a degree-level course. In total, more than 150 students spoke with

I was very pleased to attend Federation University's Market Day, held during the first week of Semester 1 for 2018. It was fantastic to meet so many ongoing and new students and hear and feel their optimism for the study year ahead.

We chatted about course selections and chosen career paths – from nursing to criminal justice, teaching to biomedical science. It's clear that the Churchill campus of Federation University offers an array of courses with varied subject selections!

The move from Year 12 to university is one of the most significant steps of your life.

It's infinitely more than simply going from one year of education to the next, and can be very daunting.

One of the support mechanisms at Federation Uni is the PASS program – Peer Assisted Study Sessions. PASS sessions are facilitated by experienced students and are aimed at helping new



When Anh Hoang started her first day with Latrobe Community Health Service in May 2017, her future office was nothing but a steel-framed shell.

She watched as the gaping holes made way for a state-of-the-art dental prosthetics laboratory, where she would soon be seeing patients, making dentures and training apprentices.

Eight months on, and the Dental Prosthetics Laboratory Teaching Coordinator is well and truly settled in, so we thought to introduce Anh to our local community in Churchill.

### How did you get into the field of dental prosthetics?

"Originally I wanted to do medicine, but realised how big a commitment it was.

Not being able to have a balance between work and life, I decided this was a good option.

I enjoy working with my hands and I wanted something where I could still interact with the public, see patients and make a difference in their life, and still feel fulfilled in my job."

### Where did you get started?

"I went to university in the South Island of New Zealand.

I completed my undergraduate degree, and went on to do a post graduate qualification in clinical dental technology.

This enabled me to not only complete the lab work, but also provide services directly to the public."

### What does a normal working day for you involve?

"I usually see between eight and ten patients each

# Introducing Anh Hoang



day from 8.15am to 12.45pm.

I always cater for emergency visits first, so that means I allow lots of time for my technician to do any lab work if it's required.

We usually start one to two new patients a day and then have follow-up construction appointments for dentures.

Once I've had lunch, I spend a couple of hours doing admin duties and assisting with lab work, quality control and making sure everything meets the standards."

### What do you think of the new building and your job?

"Having a 12-bench lab here in Gippsland is super exciting and we have the capacity to grow, train more people and keep them here.

The most rewarding thing about my job would be when you insert the repaired, relined dentures or new dentures for patients and you meet or exceed their expectations.

Just getting positive feedback is always wonderful".

### Tell us a little about yourself.

"I grew up in New Zealand, I'm from Wellington

originally.

I finished school, had a gap year and was starting to wander off a little bit and then I decided to pursue this career.

So I went to university, worked in various supervisory roles, and came to Australia in 2014.

I originally worked here at Latrobe Community Health Service in 2014 for a year and then moved away to Tassie for two and a half years before I came on board again in May 2017.

I'm really excited to be back in Gippsland.

I found everybody's been really pleasant and welcoming towards me.

I enjoy walking, so once it's cooled down a bit more I can certainly explore the area".

Our dental clinics offer a full range of dental services for adults and children, including general check-ups, dentures and root canal treatment.

Phone Latrobe Community Health Service on 1800 242 696 to find out more.

## Churchill Town Safety Group



## Tidy Towns

This month, we are looking at how tidy our town is.

Picking up rubbish, and placing it in the bin is a great way to keep our town tidy.

Rubbish left on the ground is not only unsightly, but a trip hazard as well and in some cases a health hazard. It doesn't

take much to pick up the odd bit of rubbish when you are out and about and this will add to the pride of our town.

Thankyou to those who supported our local "Clean up Australia day" by volunteering and helping to clean up the town and surrounds.



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# Mathison Park



A very effective working bee was held in February. The volunteers divided into two groups.

One group of Barry, Gary and Ruth went off with chainsaw and trailer to clean up fallen branches, an ever present need in the park. [After the wind later in February there are more to

do]. The second group [Chris, Faye, Colin, Max, Marion, Andy and Wally] began planting some more flowering gums to replace those lost, and to complete a line of crepe myrtles. The ground being quite hard required some muscle power to dig out holes. The ground was watered and fertilised before

the plants were put in. Tree guards and stakes surround the new plants for protection. We had advice that planting at this time of year would be good for these species as long as they were watered. Chris and Faye have taken on that job.

Colleen used her battery powered clippers to trim grass and weeds from around posts, signs and trees.

Andy inspected some of last year's trees and hammered in longer stakes to support them as they grow.

Faye again supplied a delicious morning tea for which we were all ready after the strenuous work.

It was great to welcome Marion to the working bee and to welcome back Gary and Colin.

Mathison Park is in the throes of having a new management plan developed, and we want to know what you the public and those who use the park would like to see as future developments or uses of the park.

There is a survey monkey you can complete using the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CDDNW5Z>. This survey takes only five minutes and is a way to find out what the public is thinking and

to ensure we have wide representation for the new management plan.

Early in the third week of February a load of mulch was dropped off courtesy of John O'Connor of O'Connor's Transport.

Thank you John for your generous donation to the park. The mulch will be well used to keep weeds down.

Another thank you goes to Jim for doing weed spraying on the east side. Following January rain the weeds and in particular thistles, grew in abundance. Jim's spraying will fix them.

Later, in the round bed where the weeds have grown prolifically, the mulch will be spread.

Thank you Jim. Many thanks to the Council mowing team who have continued to keep the west side of Mathison Park mowed.

The Community Corrections teams are also helping to keep the park looking safe and presentable.

Our next working bee will be on Saturday April 14 from 9am-12.30pm. Please meet at Mackeys Road carpark and then we will disperse to the areas of work.

For further information contact Ruth 5122 1961.

# Carbon resource seminar held at Gippsland Campus

Future opportunities for carbon resources in the Latrobe Valley was one of the main areas of focus at a seminar at Federation University Australia's Gippsland Campus on Wednesday February 7.

Organised by the University and Brown Coal Innovation Australia (BCIA), the seminar showcased the potential of carbon resources in the region.

Carbon, in the form of brown coal and lignin, has traditionally been used predominately for the production of electricity and, in earlier times for coal briquettes in home heating and for industrial use.

Advances in science have opened up new options for the utilisation of these vast carbon resources.

The seminar showcased some of the potential uses and research into these new technologies and the industry applications within the agriculture, manufacturing, transport, new energy and waste sectors.

An exciting line-up of speakers, including international representatives from the US and Japan, presented the latest advances in research and industrial applications in the carbon space.

"We are all aware of the impact that closure of power stations in the Latrobe Valley is having on the economy," Brian Davey, BCIA Chief Executive, said.

"The challenge is to find a

way to successfully transition to other industries based on our cheap and reliable carbon resources; whether these are sourced from coal, timber or the paper industry.

Our objective is to diversify the Latrobe Valley economy to ensure a long term viable manufacturing future based on the Valley's single most abundant and competitive asset - carbon, even if this does not involve power production. If it does, it's a bonus".

Professor Leigh Sullivan, the University's Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), said the university aimed to assist local industries as they developed a wide range of high value carbon-based commercial products.

"These products include fertilisers, graphene for use in electronics, new energy, railway axles, fuels, polymers, all based on the high quality carbon resources that have underpinned much of the economic growth of our region," Professor Sullivan said.

"With BCIA, Federation University Australia was happy to host this seminar which highlighted exciting opportunities for the use of our carbon resources to continue to help drive our region's economy."

The seminar was an open forum to highlight the potential of carbon and how it can be developed under a low emissions regime integrated with renewable energy.

# Koorie Maternity Services

Latrobe City is partnering with Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation to support indigenous families in the Latrobe Valley

Latrobe City Council's Maternal and Child Health [MCH] team has partnered with RDAC to now offer a MCH program from Koorie Maternity Services in Morwell.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said the service would provide specialist support and advice to the Koorie community.

"The service is located at 158 Mary Street, Morwell, open from 9am to 4.30pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. You can drop in to see the Maternal and Child Health nurse or make an appointment

at a time that suits you.

It's important that we offer culturally appropriate support delivered by professional staff members and that the community feels comfortable accessing the service. The nurse can offer advice on parenting, health and wellbeing, and ensure families can access the range of referral services available. The MCH service is also supported by an Aboriginal Health Worker.

Pregnancy and parenting can be challenging and we want our community to be able access appropriate support and care locally," Councillor White said.

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and /or our congregation this year?

What is one situation that you will pray for regularly.

As people thought and committed they went forward to light a candle and place it in a bowl of sand. Following the service, those present were invited to a scrumptious supper.

Coffee Connections was well attended, showing it had been missed as a social outing and get together. It was a time to share news and catch up with one another after the holiday period. It was also a time to look forward to how the morning program would be run and who would put up their hands to help, in order to give those who had held the reins some time off.

Through Churchill & District News we have established a link with

Heather of 'A Better Life for Foster Kids'. Heather was able to come and collect some useful items left over from our garage sale to help her equip each child sent in to foster care with the basic necessary items. Frequently the children arrive with nothing at a foster care home.

The first Saturday Breakfast for the year did not have a guest speaker but asked each present to share a highlight for them from 2017.

A BBQ and social get together was part of our farewell to Reverend Brenda and husband Rod.

Preparations are under way for our Annual General Meeting. People are writing their reports to showcase their groups' activities for 2017. It is always good to write and reflect on the many things achieved over a year.

Service times have been back to normal with 9am at Churchill and 11am at either Boolarra or Yinnar. We have had the Reverend Bruce Charles, Reverend Caro Field and Ian Combridge's worship

team to take our services. The Ladies Fellowship had their commitment service. It was a very moving service with some important questions being asked. "In what way did you in your service with

Ladies Fellowship, encounter God last year?"

At the end of the service these questions were asked:

What is one gift or talent you have that you are willing to offer Ladies Fellowship

## Student Connect

Some people can be very creative with signs that are outside their Church. Here, for instance, are a few:-

'You have one new friend request, from Jesus...ignore/confirm'.

'Free trip to Heaven - details inside'.

'The best vitamin for a Christian is B1'

'Staying in bed and shouting 'O God' doesn't constitute going to Church'.

'If God had a fridge, your picture would be on it'.

When the book 'Church signs across America' was first published, it sold out within days. So there is a fascination with such signs.

There are some signs that are offensive, but the best of these signs are meant to make people think, laugh, even cringe, etc.

They have been likened to an early form of 'Twitter'.

Yet it's also easy to ignore some of them and what they are trying to communicate.

The one that says... 'That

there's a 'highway to hell' and only a 'stairway to heaven' tells you a lot about the expected traffic. It may make people think more about the artists who sang those songs, than the message that particular Church is trying to get across.

One view is that these signs just show that people, who go to Church are just people, and that they have a sense of humour (or sarcasm).

Worth thinking about!

## Church Times

### Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish

1st and 2nd Sundays  
11.00am  
Christ Church Boolarra  
3rd and 4th Sundays  
11.00am  
Yinnar  
5th Sundays  
11.00am  
Yinnar South



### Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Sunday Service: 9.00am  
Williams Avenue,  
Churchill.  
Tel: 5122 1480

### Lumen Christi Catholic Church

Williams Avenue, Churchill  
Tel: 5134 2849

Fr Edwin Ogbuka/Fr James Fernandez

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

Maple Crescent, Churchill  
Sunday: 10.00am

The first Breakfast was held on February 24, and the topic was 'Highlights of 2017' where the attendees were given the opportunity to talk about their experiences.

Topics included trips taken, grandchildren, gardens, holidays etc.

The next Breakfast will be held on March 24 at the Co-Operating Church, Williams Avenue, and Russell Hadley will be the guest speaker.

## Saturday Breakfast

His topic will be Antoine de Saint-Exupery who was born in 1900 and disappeared while on a reconnaissance mission over the Mediterranean in World War 2 (1944).

He was a pilot, adventurer, pioneer of French aviation and author.

His most famous book "The Little Prince" (Le Petit Prince) is written for children selling over two million

copies and was recently shown on TV as a children's series.

His books have universal, timeless appeal and the concepts he expressed touch not just the mind but also the soul of those who read them. There is a direct relevance to our faith today.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders on 5122 1148 or at ken.15967@bigpond.com

# Russell Northe

Last month I commenced a petition that called for the demolition of buildings at the old United Service Station on the corner of Monash Way and Acacia Way.

I thank the Churchill community for taking up the fight.

We have collected approximately 2,000 signatures in total thus far, and this is an indication of how strongly our community feels about this eyesore.

The petitions have been sent to United Petroleum for their consideration. I have also had a phone conversation with United management and have made it clear that this issue won't go away until the buildings are demolished and removed, and the site maintained in a suitable condition.

You may note that some clean-up work has taken place; however, once again we need to keep up the fight until the buildings and other infrastructure is removed.

Recently I announced a transport and community safety initiative for which I am seeking State Government support. Over a period of time I have been approached by commuters, businesses, drivers and employees of transport providers about their ongoing concerns of bad behaviour at local train stations, bus terminals, taxi ranks and on our buses and



trains. I have proposed the introduction of a two-year pilot program which would see the recruitment of eight Protective Service Officers (PSOs) and six Transport Authorised Officers (AOs), with preferably these positions being recruited from local residents within the Latrobe Valley.

The PSOs would be located at train stations, bus terminals and taxi ranks across the Latrobe Valley including Churchill, whilst the AOs would travel on our buses and trains to check for fare evasion and assist commuters with transport information.

The recruitment of the PSOs and AOs would enhance public safety by ensuring a greater respect for

the law - abiding commuters, provide greater protection for train, taxi and bus employees, whilst also cracking down on fare evaders.

No one who is waiting for a train, bus or taxi and no one who travels on our trains or buses should fear for their safety. I firmly believe this initiative will improve the transport experience for all local commuters. I intend to raise this important proposal with the relevant State Government Ministers and hopefully for all stakeholders and our community more generally, a positive response will be provided.

Also thanks to the Churchill Lions Club and their Community Market which is held on the third Saturday of every month. I have been a member of the Parliament of Victoria's Lions Club for more than ten years and it is a wonderful organisation.

Having been to the Market on multiple occasions I can attest that is well worthwhile having a look if you haven't attended previously.

The Churchill Festival will be held on Saturday March 17, and I'm sure there will be a big crowd in attendance. There will be a great array of stalls and entertainment on display throughout the day. Congratulations to the organisers and sponsors on what is certain to be another successful event!

# Hazelwood Rotary Club



By Leo Billington  
Hazelwood Rotary Club would like to hear from local residents who wish to learn more about Rotary and what Rotary clubs do.

Rotary is not a religious or political based organisation. Clubs welcome everyone irrespective of class, creed or gender.

A great explanation of Rotary from Rotary International Director Jennifer Jones who was in Melbourne in November 2015 is - "Rotary is a service organisation of 1.2 million men and women united under the motto of service above self, doing good in their local communities and around the world".

Hazelwood Rotary Club was founded in August, 1978.

In the past 40 years, our club has established a strong reputation for innovation, honesty and "getting on with the job" of serving the community.

Hazelwood Rotary was pleased to welcome Tim Billington as a guest speaker during February.

Tim spoke on his recent trip to Tajikistan to go mountaineering, where he climbed two mountain peaks up to around 6500 metres. Tim's talk was coupled with magnificent photography depicting beautiful scenery, including very colourful sunsets.

In late February we farewelled well known club member, and popular Churchill resident, Brenda Burney.

Brenda will be missed by everyone with whom her work came in contact.

Clean Up Australia 2018 took place in Churchill earlier this month with Hazelwood Rotary co-ordinating a sausage sizzle for the willing volunteers after the clean-up.

We will participate in the 2018 Churchill Festival looking after a display by Wheelchairs for Kids and with a sausage sizzle.

Hazelwood Rotary Club also co-ordinates the ANZAC Day service at Churchill and this year, together with Churchill Lions Club, we will provide a Gunfire breakfast.

For people interested to join Hazelwood Rotary, please don't hesitate to contact President, Leo Billington on 0458 661 848.



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5. 14 – 17 years Short Story
6. 14 – 17 years Poetry
7. Adult Short Story
8. Adult Poetry
9. A Children's Story: A story written for children

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

## Conditions of Entry

1. All stories must have a separate completed entry form attached to the manuscript with a paper clip (no pins or staples). Please clearly include your name, address and a contact phone number or email address. People must clearly indicate which category they have entered. For age groups 14 years and over please also email a copy of your manuscript to [cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au](mailto:cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au)
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9. All pages should be numbered.
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11. Length of stories is to be:  
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Children: up to 500 words  
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Poetry, free or rhyming verse to be:

- Adult: min. 8 lines and max. 48 lines.  
14-18 years: min. 8 lines and max. 48 lines.  
Children: up to 20 lines
12. Entries will not be returned and participants should keep a copy of their work.
  13. The Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
  14. Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.

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I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original unpublished story or poem, written by myself.

This entry form can be completed on behalf of U12's by a parent, guardian or teacher.

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# Species Spotlight

By Simon Heislars

Galaxias is a genus of small torpedo-shaped freshwater fish common to south eastern Australia. Known as Galaxiids or Jollytails, Galaxias are also colloquially referred to as 'Whitebait' amongst Australian fisherman. They are generally brown and silver in colour, blend perfectly well into their environment, are quiet and happy to be left alone. Twenty-two species of Galaxias are recognised in Australia. Others have been identified but not yet formally described and named.

Amongst the species yet to be formally described is Galaxias sp. 15 or the 'Morwell' Galaxias, a new species discovered from the upper reaches of the eastern branch of the Morwell River nestled within HVP's Gippsland plantation in the Strzelecki Ranges. It was first discovered in 2014 by fisheries scientists from Arthur Rhyllah Institute and captured again in 2017. Many surveys have been conducted in rivers and streams throughout Gippsland and it appears that this species is restricted to this single population contained within HVP's estate.

### Saved by a waterfall

Trout predation is one of the primary threats to the existence of the Morwell Galaxias. However, this has been mitigated by the presence of a small waterfall, a natural barrier to the presence of trout - undoubtedly a saving grace for this population and species.

### Sedimentation is a key focus

Managing waterway sedimentation is of primary importance if we are to successfully protect this population and species. Future operations in the surrounding plantation shall employ strategies including those incorporated in our standard operating practises to allay any risks of this nature. Quite literally, the future of the Morwell Galaxia

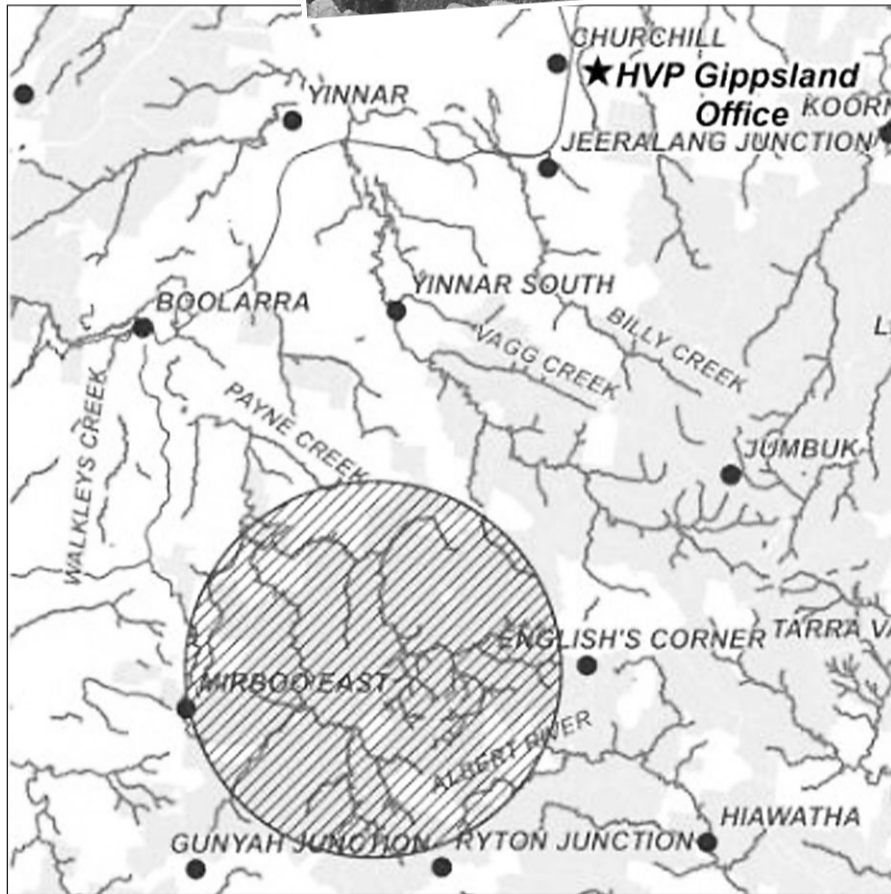
is in our hands.

Since writing the small interest article on the Morwell Galaxias, we have engaged our ecological consultants to undertake further survey work and write a management plan for this species. While planning for this they have been in communication with Tarmo Raadik at DELWP (the fisheries scientist who discovered this and other related species) who was happy to hear about our project, and was keen to meet to discuss how we can best work together to undertake further research on the Morwell Galaxias. There is a plan to survey the east branch of the Morwell River (the home of the Morwell Galaxias) during March.

The electrofishing photo courtesy DELWP Morwell.

Galaxias courtesy Tarmo A Raadik, the scientist who discovered this new species.

The article is courtesy Simon Heislars, Stewardship Forester for HVP Gippsland.



# FedUni and HRL



### FedUni and HRL Technology sign collaborative agreement

Federation University Australia and HRL Technology Group have signed a Collaborative Agreement that will lead to the establishment of a Gippsland Additive Manufacturing Centre of Excellence.

The new Centre will provide a focus for transformative technology in manufacturing and provide opportunities for practical development and learning in the field.

Professor Helen Bartlett, the University's Vice-Chancellor, Paul McPhee, Chief Executive Officer of HRL Technology Group and Jeff Pulford, Executive Director of Technology Park, officiated at the signing ceremony.

They were joined by senior representatives from the Latrobe Valley Authority, Regional Development Victoria and Latrobe City Council at the ceremony.

"The Gippsland Additive Manufacturing Centre of Excellence is designed to be a partnership between FedUni and HRL.

It will be located within

the Gippsland Enterprise Centre, Churchill". Professor Helen Bartlett, Vice-Chancellor said.

"The Collaborative Agreement allows for HRL to engage FedUni engineering students in short and long term projects.

In turn, FedUni will support HRL staff to undertake research education and training at FedUni's Gippsland Campus". Professor Bartlett said.

"The objective of this partnership is to further enhance the already strong high performance materials focus present in Gippsland".

In addition to process engineering and laboratory analytical services, HRL Technology provides complete and integrated metallurgy, materials, welding, structural and mechanical engineering consulting and testing services.

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# Plants in My Garden

By Mike Beamish  
**Species:** Xanthorrhoea australis  
**Family:** Xanthorrhoeaceae  
**Derivation:** Xanthorrhoea: From the Greek, Xanthos, meaning yellow, and rheo, meaning to flow, referring to the colour of the gum which flows from the stems.  
 australis: A Latin word meaning southern.  
**Common Name:** Southern Grass Tree.  
**Distribution:** Widespread across far south-eastern South Australia, Victoria, the northern and eastern coasts of Tasmania and up into the Blue Mountains of NSW.

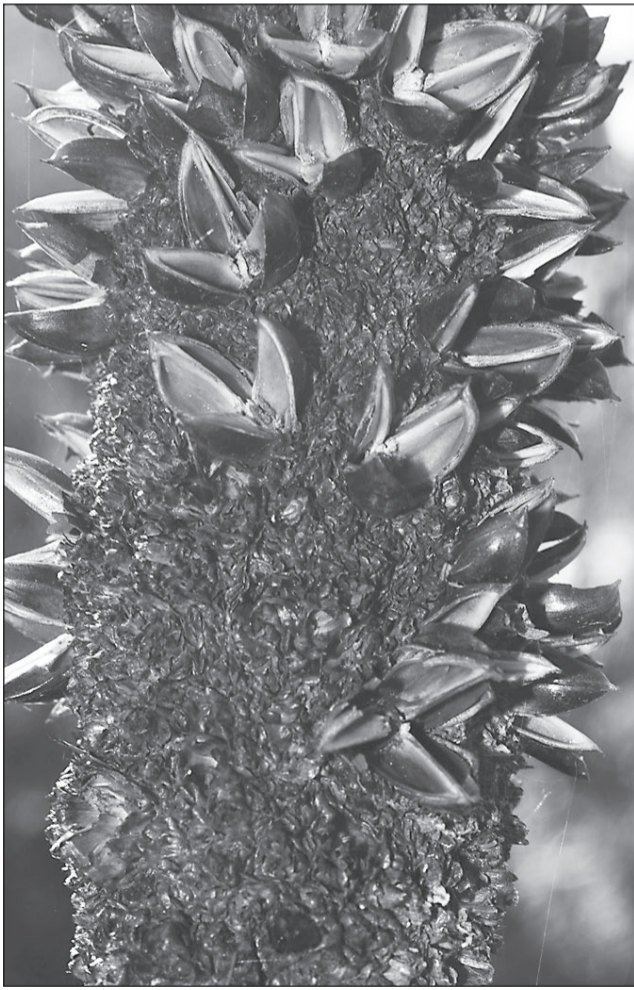
**Opinion:** This plant has led an interesting life! It has been in the garden for about two decades now, being a gift from my late mother-in-law, presumably purchased in a local nursery and labelled as X. australis. This was probably sourced as a rescued plant dug up during some sort of land clearing exercise.  
 I planted it at the eastern end of the island bed in the front garden, the opposite end to my frog pond and bog gardens.

It gave me a big fright many years ago when I walked by and noticed the leaves looked a bit limp and flattened from their usual upright clump. Upon closer inspection, the whole top of the clump fell off, leaving a big hole in the middle of the plant.  
 But the base of the plant, which still sported a few green leaf spikes, sat for months without any change, but then new shoots began to appear and I ended up with a Grass Tree with two crowns, instead of the single crown that fell off.  
 A few years later, the very first flower spike arose out of one of the crowns and grew to about 1.5m tall, but the flowering mass (buds?) at the top of the spike was only



about 6 inches long. The following year, the other crown did the same thing, the second flower spike much the same as the first. Then there was a gap of a couple of years before the third flower spike put in an appearance in 2016, this time a little bit taller, about 2m and the buds at the top about 12 inches long. This year, the fourth spike has developed in the alternate crown and is again about 2m tall, but this time the flowering section is much bigger, nearly a metre in length.  
 One of the identifying characteristics of X. australis is that the flowering section of the spike is 50% or more of the total length of the spike, otherwise the species is more likely to be X. resinosa, which occurs only east of Melbourne, from the Prom around the coast through far East Gippsland and further north into the Blue Mountains of NSW. This generally has a flowering section less than

50% of the total spike length. The photos show this new spike alongside last year's old spike, from which I have recently collected some seed and which I will shortly sow in the hope of gaining more plants. The photos also show the development of the new spike, from first sighting in September, to half grown in October, to full grown in November, to open flowers in December. I have added a close-up of the natural patterning of the buds, of the seed capsules in the old spike and some of the critters that reside around the plant. The frog, a Southern Brown Tree Frog, *Litoria ewingii*, was photographed by Cathy back in 2015, as it was enjoying a spring evening shower. While trying to capture the wattlebuds (both littles and reds) as they competed back and forth between the Grass Tree and nearby perches, I was surprised when they all stopped their squabbling and perched quietly near the backyard fence, gazing down into the shrubbery below. I finally twigged they were watching something and, sure enough, the little tiger snake was curled up in the top of the Swan River Pea, about 3 metres from our dining room window. This is the first snake we have noticed in our yard in the 34 years we have been here!



Sources: Sharr: WA Plant Names and their Meanings.  
 Elliot and Jones: Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 9.  
 Corrick and Fuhrer: Wildflowers of Victoria.  
 Costermans: Trees and Shrubs of South Eastern Australia.



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# Cooking with Noelene

## Mexican corn on the cob

First you need to prepare a quick sriracha mayo.

Combine the juice of 1 lime with 1 tbs of sriracha sauce and 125gm of a good quality store bought egg mayonnaise.

Set this aside.

Spray your grill with a little oil.

Remove the husks from the cobs.

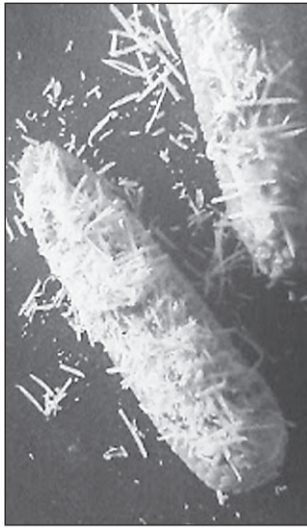
Blanch 4 corn cobs in a saucepan of boiling water for 2 minutes and then drain.

Spray the corn cobs with a little cooking oil and cook under the grill for about 10 minutes or until charred.

Transfer to a plate.

Spread a small amount of the sriracha mayonnaise over the corn cobs, sprinkle with smoked paprika and grated parmesan cheese.

These are good, fun, summer food.



Recipe taken from The Aussie BBQ Bible, Oscar Smith.

## Nectarines with citrus and kaffir lime syrup

First we need to make the citrus and kaffir lime syrup.

Combine 230gm of castor sugar with 80 ml of lime juice, 60 ml of orange juice, 80 ml of water and 1 tbs of lemon juice in a saucepan, and heat over a medium heat.

Simmer until thickened and syrupy.

Add 3 shredded kaffir lime leaves and 12 mint leaves.

Remove the saucepan from the heat and allow flavours of the leaves to infuse.

Halve 4 ripe nectarines and remove the stones.

Brush the nectarine halves with melted coconut oil.

Grill on a heated and oiled griddle until grill marks appear on the fruit.

Serve the nectarines with a scoop of rice cream or ice cream and a drizzle of the strained syrup, and garnish with the mint leaves.

Make the most of summer fruits.



Recipe taken from The Aussie BBQ Bible, Oscar Smith.

# "Cairo" by Chris Womersley

"Cairo" is the third novel by Chris Womersley, who lives in Melbourne, and is also the author of "Bereft" and "The Low Road".

He has also had short fiction published in Granta, several editions of The Best Australian Stories, Griffith Review, Wet Ink and Meanjin. One of his stories was short-listed for the BBC International Short Story Award in 2012.

"Cairo" tells the story of Tom Button, a seventeen year old country boy who dreams of travel and excitement in the wider world.

He comes to Melbourne to study at university, and has an apartment in Cairo, a run down block built in the 1930s.

Cairo was owned by his late Aunt Helen, and is now owned by his father.

He is fortunate to find that an old Mercedes car comes with the flat. His father has given him a sum of money, but he also finds work washing dishes.

Tom gradually meets the other residents in the block, and he falls under the influence of Max Cheever, a cruel,

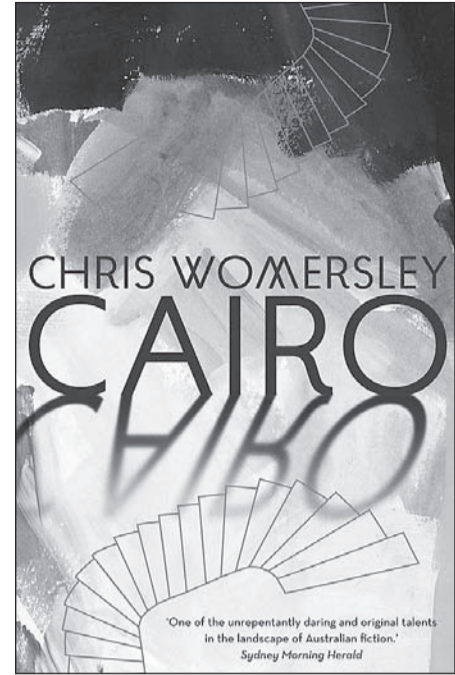
violent and manipulative man, with a beautiful wife Sally, with whom Tom falls in love.

He is introduced to their bohemian friends, James who is gay, and the painters Gertrude and Edward, who are heroin addicts.

The group involves Tom in a plot to steal Picasso's "Weeping Woman" from the National Gallery, and he becomes implicated in theft and murder.

During the course of the story Tom witnesses the seedy side of life, learns about trust, love and rejection, friendship and betrayal.

Most of our group enjoyed this book, although many of us found it started a little slowly.



It could be seen as a cautionary tale, where a young, naive person from a respectable family leaves home for the first time, and because of the need to fit in and belong, falls in with the wrong crowd.

It is a fear of many parents living in regional areas whose children need to leave home to pursue their studies.

# New CEO at Lifeline Gippsland

The Board of Lifeline Gippsland is delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Michelle Possingham as the new CEO. Michelle has worked extensively in the mental health field and has considerable experience in the Community Services sector where she was employed in a variety of senior management roles.

"Our vision is an Australia free of suicide. We are dedicated to supporting the Gippsland community and other Australians in times of crisis and to helping to equip communities to be resilient and suicide safe", said Board Chair Matt Vella. "The Board is confident that Michelle is the ideal person to drive us forward to achieve our vision. We extend the warmest of welcomes to Michelle", concluded Mr Vella.

Lifeline Gippsland takes close to 10,000 crisis calls every year through the

National 13 11 14 Telephone Crisis Service. The income to support Lifeline Gippsland suicide prevention programs is drawn from retail sales, sponsorships and fundraising, which is generated by donations from the community, our dedicated volunteers and our valued commercial sponsors.

Michelle commenced work with Lifeline Gippsland on Monday February 5, 2018. **LLG Board Member elected to LLA Board**

The Lifeline Gippsland Board is excited to announce that Board member Daniel Mainville was elected, and formally welcomed, to the Lifeline Australia Board at the November 2017 National AGM.

Daniel's election to the Lifeline Australia Board represents the first time a member from Gippsland has participated at a national level. Daniel brings to the



Daniel Mainville

National Board a unique regional perspective. Daniel is strongly aware of the challenges facing people living in rural and regional areas. He has also had a long association with the regional LGBTI community. Daniel is keen to ensure that this and other communities at risk have a voice at the table.

Daniel is a solid strategic thinker who confidently questions the status quo and drives innovation in all areas including community development, wellbeing, and mental health.

We look forward to supporting Daniel with his work both regionally and nationally.

# Alcoholism-a family disease

As the child of my alcoholic home, I took care of things, keeping the kitchen nice and comforting my mum as my dad's drinking tried to tear things apart.

I am now with an alcoholic and through his discovery of AA I found Al-Anon.

He is a great cook but likes the kitchen to be spick and span before he starts. The other night, we were both dashing off to meetings and the kitchen was a mess - everything needed washing up.

He left first and I was running late. Fear began to rise.

My perfectionist side rose too with thoughts of 'you can't miss the beginning of the meeting', 'why don't you go back get the kitchen

nice, have a nice bath, relax'. But my Higher Power was stronger and I got to that meeting.

The subject was guilt, and a long time member read the promises from 'Survival to Recovery' (page 169), a most wonderful passage.

I felt hope; I felt understood and as I spoke to her afterwards, her wisdom and recovery made me feel loved.

As I joyously made my way home, my partner rang sounding tense. He'd brought his sponsor home.

He was trying to cook, no utensils were clean, the potato peeler I'd bought was rubbish - it had taken his friend twenty minutes to peel one potato, would I be long?

When I walked into the

house, I discovered he'd been using a 'lemon zester' by mistake.

We all laughed at the ridiculousness of the situation and I left the washing up until morning.

I was reminded of the slogan 'First things first'.

If I take care of myself everything else gets taken care of by my Higher Power, and though it may not be 'nice' or as I want it, it's a lot more interesting, joyous and alive.

## Thought for the Month

"For me, alcoholism has proven to be a bitter-sweet legacy - bitter because of the pain I suffered, and sweet, because if it weren't for that pain, I wouldn't have searched for and found a better way of living."



## Hazelwood Rotary

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Leo Billington, President  
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*"Hazelwood Rotary - coordinating Wheelchairs For Kids and a delicious sausage sizzle at the 2018 Churchill Festival on March 17."*

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## Harriet Shing



the PhD students undertaking research on behalf of this research collaboration.

The Inner Gippsland Children and Youth Area partnerships, Federation University Australia, Monash University and its community sector partners, have established this initiative.

It is setting Gippsland up as a leader and innovator of building evidence based practice to improve the outcome of Gippsland children, young people and families.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Yinnar South Primary School for reducing its environmental impact through the Victorian Government's ResourceSmart Schools program.

The ResourceSmart Schools program has helped more than 1,300 Victorian schools save more than \$20 million through energy, waste and water savings and prevented more than 58,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases from entering the atmosphere since 2008.

Yinnar South Primary School has been awarded 2-Star certification for completing the required

ResourceSmart Schools modules and meeting benchmarks for energy, water and waste usage.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind the many community and sporting groups in the Churchill area of the various grants that are currently available. Through various government departments we are strengthening and building on the resources already here.

Some of these include:

1. The Country Football and Netball Program Grants, where grants will go to projects such as ground resurfacing, new lighting, building more modern and safer netball courts and new pavilions with female-friendly change rooms. Applications for the Country Football and Netball Program are now open and close on April 12, 2018.

For more information or to apply online, visit [sport.vic.gov.au](http://sport.vic.gov.au).

2. Small Regional Presenters program to bring new shows, performances and festivals to Victorian communities. Grants of between \$1,500 to \$15,000 are now available to support a single show or live event, a series of shows or an annual program. The Small Regional

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Also a reminder of the fabulous event, the Premier's Active April challenge, which celebrates its 10-year anniversary this year. A new personalised "My Local" feature on the website will be introduced to help people in Gippsland find local activities, events and offers within the community.

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## Preliminary planning finalised for Morwell revitalisation

Latrobe City Council and the Future Morwell Steering Group have finalised preliminary planning for the Morwell CBD Revitalisation Project.

Mayor, Councillor Darrell White said the Morwell CBD Revitalisation Project has the potential to transform Morwell from an industrial heartland to a green, vibrant space with connections to its proud industrial past.

"The CBD Revitalisation Project is a paradigm shift for the Morwell community – it seeks to create a place of connection, a place of gathering, meeting, community and business," Councillor White said.

"It recognises that a central business district which prioritises people and small business, and creates spaces which are welcoming and green, is good for business".

With the preliminary planning complete, Latrobe City Council is seeking further funds to allow the full transformation of Commercial Road, including the Tarwin Street intersection.

Future Morwell Steering Group Chair, Councillor Graeme Middlemiss said the Group had worked diligently over a number of years to secure a CBD Revitalisation which would draw people back to Morwell.

"Many in the Steering

Group remember the time when Morwell was the 'king' of the Valley – it was the place to be. On weekends it was a bustling hub of activity with families, children and young people enjoying the atmosphere of one of our proudest towns," Councillor Middlemiss said.

"The Steering Group has worked hard on the completion of the detailed design and we are now keen to get on with the job of building a new heart for Morwell.

At this point in time we are actively seeking funding to proceed with the full physical transformation.

It is a compelling story – transforming the industrial heart of a town following a devastating mine fire and the crushing closure of the Hazelwood Power Station to create a new vision for the future.

While the new vision for Commercial Road will be significantly more striking and attractive, it will also be safer than the current design. A safety assessment has noted a number of enhancements which will support pedestrian movement in and around Commercial Road."

Council has applied for a number of Federal Government funding rounds for Future Morwell and is awaiting the outcome of the funding deliberations.

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# Local Band 'Destiny'

Destiny is based in the Latrobe Valley Gippsland, and is headed up by singer/songwriters, Thomas and Tessa Libneri from Yinnar. They have recorded two albums and an EP with another album planned for later in 2018.

They have burst onto the country music scene with their radio single releases, which have been playing regularly on local radio stations across not only Gippsland, but all around Australia and the world!

They have had great chart successes with their first ever release in April 2017, called 'One Love' reaching number two on the Official Tasmanian Top 30 Chart. Their second release in June 2017 called 'The Thing I Like Best About You', was number one for four weeks in Tasmania, and was the overall number one song on the Official Tasmanian Top 60 for 2017! (No mean feat when only released in June!)

Destiny's next release in August was the title track of their album, 'Makin Music', a duet written by Thomas for Tessa and Chris 'Boots' Lee, a Churchill resident. Chris is a country artist originally from Virginia USA who has been an avid supporter of Destiny. The track 'Makin Music' also reached number

one and remained for four months in the Tasmanian chart. Destiny's cover version of 'To Sir With Love', lifted from their album also went to number one in Tasmania although never officially released!

Destiny has had three tracks in the Tasmanian Top 30 for well over two months



as well as two tracks in the Country Tracks chart for five weeks.

Destiny was honoured to be invited to perform at the Tasmanian Independent Country Music Awards in October 2017.

They were finalists in four categories and were awarded for their number one songs.

They were also one of five finalists in the Peoples' Choice Country Music Awards and one of three finalists in the Gold Medallion Media Awards (selected by radio presenters around Australia),

which are presented at the Tamworth Country Music Festival 2018.

Destiny performs regularly at clubs and bars around the Latrobe Valley as well as private and charity functions such as the Relay for Life, Christmas in Yinnar, Traralgon Carols by Candlelight and the Combined Churches Carols in Churchill, where they have wowed audiences for the last few years.

Destiny's newest single on their EP called 'From the Heart' released in February 2018 is an emotion-filled song composed by Thomas and sung by Tessa called 'Sorry'. It also features a Maltese song called 'Kuragg Kbir' (pronounced 'Koorudge Kabere' meaning Great Courage) written by Thomas about his mum emigrating from Malta to Morwell (it is also being released in Malta). Destiny's CDs may be purchased at gigs, by direct mail order or digitally from online stores. Follow them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/destinyband96/> or website [www.destinyband.webs.com](http://www.destinyband.webs.com) for further information. Please get behind our local band 'Destiny' and request their music from your favourite radio station!

# Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group is busy preparing for another attack on rabbit numbers in the district.

They will run information sessions on best practice in rabbit control and demonstrate ways of getting rid of the places where the rabbits like to live and breed.

They will also have supplies of the rabbit calici virus strain that was first released last year to distribute.

People who want to release calici virus on their places will need to make sure that the rabbits there will eat one of the standard feeds that the virus can be added to.

These are oats or carrots. You will need to do several test feeds prior to the release of baited feed.

The virus is light sensitive, so baited feed needs to be put out in the late afternoon and any un-eaten portion collected in the morning.

When the group receives their supply of the virus, details of how this can be obtained will be placed on their website.

If you would like to be included as a release site you



can also get in touch with Jay on 5163 1393 or Lucy on 0409 645 225, and meanwhile check out the gastronomic preferences of your rabbits to be sure they will eat either carrots or oats.

If you have pet or farmed rabbits, there is a vaccination available through vets against the strain of calici virus that we plan to release (RHDV1 K5).

There is, however, another form of the virus that wasn't part of any official release. It kills young rabbits and hares and there is no vaccine available.

This strain has been confirmed in a dead rabbit found in Hazelwood North, and it has possibly also been in Boolarra.

Neither virus strain kills anything except rabbits (and hares for the "rogue" strain).

Unlike poison baits, calici

virus poses no risk to other species that eat it, or to predators that take dead rabbits and eat them.

Group president, Lucy Simnett is looking forward to a rabbit-free future and says, "Our group has quite a few planting projects this year, and if we didn't need tree

guards to stop rabbits eating young trees, it would save so much money that we could do three times as much planting for the same cost."

In other news, the group has organised a propagation workshop with Sustainable Gardening Australia at Arc Yinnar on Sunday March 25.

This will appeal to Landcarers and gardeners who are interested in growing Australian native plants.

Those attending will learn to propagate plants from seeds and cuttings.

Places in this workshop are strictly limited and online bookings through Try Booking are now open. Tickets cost \$20 per person.

The group plans to be at Churchill Community Market in March and again in May to publicise their projects and to discuss all things Landcare.

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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. It seems that the group had problems with Ranger allocation way back then. The newsletter is quite long but interesting, so I have split it – to be continued next month.

“February 28th, 1989.

Dear Friends,

Well, we are back into it and heading into 1989, it could prove to be a busy year one way or another. Thirteen people gathered at Fosters Gully for the first meeting of the year, before setting off up the walking track to attack the thistles, we started with a General meeting. A warm welcome was extended to Rob (Howell) a relieving ranger over from Yarram to watch over the park for the weekend.

Robyn has returned to Buchan and Craig Campbell from Tarra-Bulga National Park is filling in on a full time basis until Ian is officially replaced. It is all getting very complicated but hopefully a couple of months will see it all finalized and settled. Thank you Robyn for your time and effort during your short stay.

The business arising in the meeting was as follows:-

Concern expressed over the apparent lack of activity in Billys Creek. I have since rung Neil Ward at Yarram and there are plans to begin the spraying of weeds in the very near future. Some of the other work will depend on when they are in the area. Region has received the full amount promised of the \$92,000 and has returned \$15,000 on a deferred basis until next year. They are none the wiser

as to whether the next two years allocation will be as promised, and in some ways this is limiting the works program.

Debra Burke sent me a very well presented report on her progress with the management plan - unfortunately it arrived on Monday. Of interest is the purchase of the narrow strip of land along Jumbuk Road; a pamphlet requesting the general public's say, 'The commencement of a Botanist' and survey work to be done by a GIAE student. Debra is hopeful of having the proposed plan ready for public comment by September.

Geoff Galvin reported the appeal was only very slowly collecting donations although hundreds of letters had been sent out to businesses in the whole valley area. Many thanks to Wendy for

addressing and enveloping all of the Moe area - 250 envelopes in all. A display in Mid Valley is planned.”

## February Activity Report

At this activity we had Matt, Tamara, Wayne, Rose, Peter, John and Mike. We had two new comers - Rachel and Jo along for their first activity. We had apologies from Ken and Chris. Darren came to the activity later.

The morning started in the car park where discussion was had about Parks interest in installing interpretative signage around Foster's Gully. It is great to have their interest in a project we started a few years ago. A submission may be required and we will find out more over the coming months. Interpretative signs will greatly improve the walk around Foster's Gully.

First activity for the day was to make repairs to the nesting boxes. The group moved in from the car park and made repairs to eight of the nesting boxes. Some needed the lids or bases replaced or reattached. Others needed to be reattached (with new strapping) to the trees. It was found that three boxes

were so badly damaged that they need total replacement. We will try to source six new boxes from the Churchill Men's Shed. They did an excellent job with the last set of boxes, so want to continue using them as other supplier of nesting boxes.

In two of the boxes where repairs were made, gliders were found. In one box, three sugar gliders climbed the tree and glided away, while the lid was replaced. At another box which was hanging off the tree, the sugar gliders (with attached young) came out while the box was being repaired.

After the boxes were repaired the group stopped for lunch. Darren joined the group during lunch. After lunch the group used the chainsaw to clear a few trees and branches down across two different tracks. The first branch was a wattle down near the Braniff's Road entrance.

A smaller group then moved to the Kerry Road section of the park to work around Stringybark Track. Two large trees had fallen across the Stringybark Track. The chainsaw worked hard to

remove these two big trees. In removing these two trees we played leap frog with a pair of walkers.

Over the day many groups of walkers regularly travelled past, enjoying the lovely day.

## March Activity

Sunday March 18

Activity 1 – 10.00am - Junction Road carpark

We will meet in the Junction Road carpark to decide upon the track maintenance and/or weeding we will undertake.

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

Activity 2 – 5.30pm - Kerry Road picnic area

The group will meet in the Kerry Road picnic area for a BBQ, spotlight walk and moth survey. You will need to bring clothing and footwear suitable for the evening outdoors and the weather conditions. For the BBQ - a seat, torch, cutlery, plates, drink, etc. would be very useful.

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# Beware of windy days



## Churchill Fire Brigade warns

Strong winds can cause branches to fall, and in some circumstances can bring down power lines and cause fires. If you are not prepared at your property, you could pay the consequences.

Some reminders:

1. Keep leaves, bark, twigs and other windfall debris raked up and dispose of it.
2. Cut long grass even if it is not thick.
3. Make sure you have implemented fire breaks around your property.
4. Be alert to possible incidents - keep your mobile phone handy and set up alerts

on the VicEmergency app on your smart phone.

5. Report fires quickly to 000. The sooner they are dealt with by the Fire Brigade the better.

6. Look for suspicious circumstances and report any suspect activity.

The fire in Hazelwood North recently near Firmins Lane is an example of this. Sixteen appliances were called to extinguish it, including Churchill Fire Brigade. There were also two fire bombing helicopters from Latrobe Valley Airbase and HVP Plantations, which assisted in slowing down the fire so ground crews could safely

access the sites and mop up. Damage was caused to trees, grass, shrubs and fencing. Fortunately, no property or live stock was lost.

Due to a quick response from CFA and other emergency services (Police, HVP) the fire was contained within two hours. It took another four hours to complete mopping up and ensuring the fire was totally out.

Remember, sometimes when fires occur there can also be loss of power. In case of a fire when power is out, make sure you keep mobile phones charged and within reach, and always have your emergency kit at the ready.



## Calling for Donations for Plant Sale

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

Lifeline Gippsland CEO Michelle Possingham said "The month of May will be upon us before we know it, so it's a timely call-to-action to all of the plant propagators out there to don those gardening gloves and get into it for a most worthy cause. Once again we are seeking support from our wonderful community throughout Gippsland to assist us to make

this Plant Sale a huge success.

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

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

"We only receive 12% State government funding so the plant sale is a vital fundraising activity to help us raise much-needed funds to support our 24-hour Telephone Crisis

Support Service 13 11 14, and to assist with running other important programs that help our Gippsland community each year", concluded Ms Possingham.

Donated items for the plant sale can be dropped off at the following Lifeline shops: Churchill, Moe, Morwell, Sale, Traralgon and Wonthaggi. For larger donations, a pick up can be arranged by calling the office on 5136 3500.

For further information please contact Alex Todorovski, Operations Manager at Lifeline Gippsland on 5136 3500.

# Maternal and child health service opens in Mid Valley



Latrobe City Council has moved its Morwell Maternal and Child Health service from Vincent Road to a new location at Mid Valley Shopping Centre offering the full suite of advice, support and referral services.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said it made sense to offer the service at a location where parents often spent time.

"We know parenting takes a toll on your time and

that you're often trying to fit in all the appointments and tasks that you have to do on any given day. Locating the Maternal and Child Health service where parents are already doing their shopping or accessing other medical services means less time travelling and worrying about how you can get from one place to another.

The Mid Valley service will deliver all the usual range of services from key age and stage development checks

for your children, to support for breastfeeding, parenting advice and referral services. It is in a convenient spot and the centre is well-served by public transport.

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# Looking Back . . .

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## Boer War Soldiers

In our February issue and the next few issues we will be publishing information about our local men who became Boer War soldiers.

In doing so, we acknowledge that the information was supplied by local historian and researcher, Rob de Souza-Daw and members of the soldiers' families, which has made this tribute possible.

### Rowland CRUTCHFIELD

Rowland was born on 13/4/1874 at Boroondara Camberwell to parents Henry Crutchfield and Anna (Annie) Eliza Debney. He was known as Roly. He attended the local primary school, Mirboo Central State School, then Brunswick College in South Melbourne and is said to have become a teacher, although no records of his teaching career can be found. He also lived at Mirboo and Flemington before the Boer War.

Prior to his Boer War service, Rowland spent 12 months in the Victorian Mounted Rifles.

On 22/9/1897 Rowland was married to Sarah Ann Squirell at North Melbourne. They separated in July 1899, and divorced on 1/9/1909.

There were no children. At that time he was a tanner in Flemington.

A family story says that Rowland joined other Australians travelling to England before going to South Africa to enlist in the Boer War.

During his enlistment Private Rowland Crutchfield served 12 months in the Imperial Light Horse and

then six months in the Cape Medical Staff Corps, both were British irregular units. After the war, he stayed on in South Africa and worked in the Postal Department. Several years later he worked as an offsider to the cook on a merchant ship bound for Canada.

Rowland finally returned to Melbourne after nine years overseas. The story goes that when Rowland went back to the farm at Limonite, he threw ninepence on the table and told his mother, "There are my wages for the last nine years".

Rowland stayed on the farm until he enlisted for WW1 on 13/9/1915 at Melbourne as No.344 Private 1st Australian Remount Unit (2nd Squadron). In November he sailed for the Middle East on S S 'Orsova'. He returned to Australia in October 1919. He was awarded the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal 1914-1919.

Before and after his service in WW1, Rowland was a farmer at Boolarra, then later was a soldier settler at Budgeree. At Boolarra he built a hut of bits of timber and tin he found around the property. Before he went to bed he filled six pipes with tobacco in case he wanted to smoke during the night.

Life on the land was tough in the 1920s so some time after 1924 he left Budgeree and moved to farm at Tarzali on the Atherton Tablelands. Every six months he would send a copy of the Brisbane paper, no letter, to Limonite, which was the only way they

knew he was still alive.

He died on 5/4/1939 age 64 years at Atherton Queensland of throat cancer, leaving a very detailed will dividing his estate between his siblings and some of their spouses.

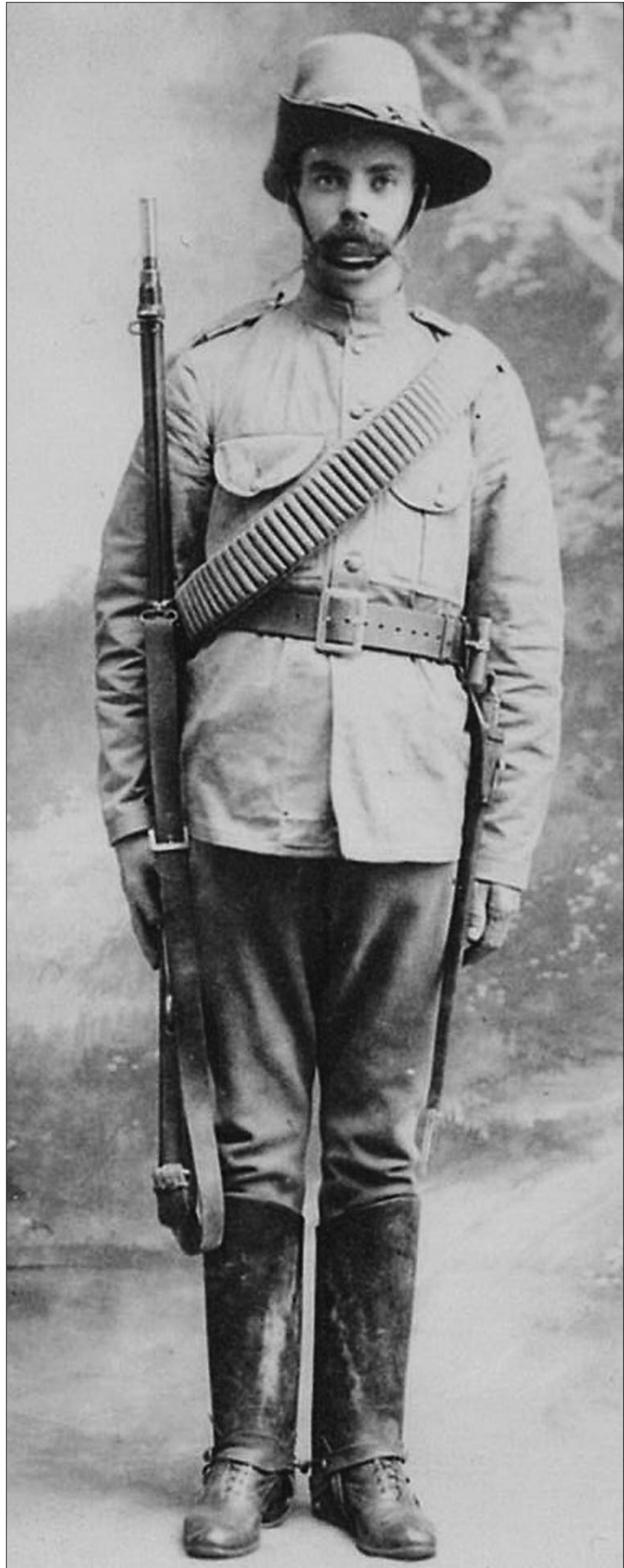
Rowland was buried on 5/4/1939 at Rockley Road Cemetery, Atherton.

The latter part of account was compiled with information supplied by Simon Crutchfield, great nephew of Rowland Crutchfield.

### Private William Henry Bond

William Henry Bond (later known as Harry) was born 4/3/1874 to parents William Bond and Lydia Willis at Balmattum near Longwood. He was known as Harry and also as Stretcher.

William was a farmer from Longwood. He had previous military experience while serving in the Militia service as a Private No.1125 with the Victorian Mounted Rifles. On 1/2/1901 William Bond, Private No.1561 5th VMR, enlisted and was then sent to Langwarrin military camp. He departed Victoria, embarking on 15/2/1901 from Melbourne on the SS Orient. He arrived in Cape Town via Albany on 8/3/1901. Then departed 17/3/1901 from Cape Town for Port Elizabeth on the Orient. From Port Elizabeth he went by train to Pretoria. On 24/3/1901 to 4/4/1901 he was mobilised at Pretoria. William fought in eastern Transvaal during the guerrilla campaign by the Boers.



Private Rowland Crutchfield wearing a bandolier and holding a Martini-Henry rifle Imperial Light Horse and Cape Medical Staff Corps

Photo taken about 1899 and courtesy of Simon Crutchfield, Mirboo North

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On 7/5/1901 he participated in a major action against the Boers at Rhenoster Kop. On 11/5/1901 William transferred to the Left Wing, F Company Victorian Mounted Rifles. One month later on 12/6/1901 he was in action at Wilmansrust when taken as prisoner and then released.

William left South Africa, invalided with a knee injury to Victoria, departing 7/1/1902 from Cape Town on the SS Manchester Merchant and arriving on 29/1/1902 in Melbourne where he was then discharged.

Medal entitlement: Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps for Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, South Africa 1901 and South Africa 1902.

William enlisted with his brother, No.1560 Private Louis William Bond, who also served with the 5th Victorian Mounted Rifles. Private Louis Bond was killed in action on 12/6/1901 at Wilmansrust, Transvaal.

After the Boer War William returned to farm in the Longwood district.

Five months later he was married to Lilian Mary Grant at Longwood on 31/12/1902. They had ten children - Florence May, Lucy Lilian, Victor, Henry James (Harry), Louis William, Lindsay Willis, Edgar Thomas (Tom), Leslie Edmund (Ted), Hazel Charlotte, Finlay Charles (Jock).

Following a drought in 1915, he moved in June 1916 to farm, predominantly dairying, at Driffield and by 1949 had moved to Morwell.

William was appointed Clerk of Course for local race meetings. He is remembered for his sporting and athletic

achievements.

On 19/5/1966 aged 93 years, William died at Morwell. He was cremated on 23/5/1966 at Springvale Crematorium. His ashes are held in the columbarium at St Mary's Anglican Church, Morwell.

Speaking with two of Harry's grandchildren, Beverley Reimers and Jan Cox, they were able to supply the following memories of their granddad:

William Bond farmed at Euroa. Following a terrible drought in 1915, and after looking at several properties, Harry decided upon settling in Driffield and in 1916 moved to a farm which was run down. But with lots of hard work by him and his older sons, it was turned into a viable dairy farm.

He was a jack-of-all-trades and a capable woodsman felling trees, and then splitting them into fence posts to be used around the farm and also for sale to those who required them.

He was a good hunter of rabbits and foxes - a skill which he handed down to his sons - the meat of which supplemented the family table and the skins were sold to bolster the family coffers.

The girls can remember that Grandma used some specially selected skins of various colours, making them into bedspreads for the family.

Harry as he was known to most, was often called upon to use his self-taught veterinary skills to help with animals that were sick, or having trouble in birthing.

Harry also acted as Returning Officer at the Driffield polling booth for Federal, State and Municipal

elections for over 40 years.

Harry was a very good farmer and was also excellent with horses and would ride miles to visit neighbours. Harry loved to play cards, travelling distances to a card game. At one stage he was Clerk of the Course at the Morwell Race course which was located in the vicinity of the mini-golf course off Toners Lane. He never learned to drive a car.

There were ten children - Florrie, Lucy, Vic, Harry, Lou, Lindsay (died age 4), Tom, Ted, Hazel, and Jock. Harry was very strict, but a good teacher of skills and his sons were taught to be self-sufficient with the skills of trapping and wood felling, as there was no automation in those days. It was all 'hard yakka'.

Harry was a good sportsman especially in long and high jump and running. He loved to play football with the boys and this was where they first learned their football skills. This held them in good stead in years to come as they represented the local teams in the district.

A nickname he acquired was "Stretch". The girls can remember that his version of acquiring this name was because he could stretch that little bit further should the need be, to win, but his family said it was because he had the gift of storytelling with a little bit of embellishment along the way.

The girls remember their Granddad telling them stories of Ned Kelly never knowing if it was true or fancy.

Harry was also a prolific gardener which of course was to keep his large family fed with fresh food for the table.

Some of their animals were also killed for their meat.

He was also a keen flower gardener and the girls can remember the large veggie patch out the back of his property in Commercial Road Morwell (a block down from Sacred Heart Church) and the dahlias in the front garden. The move to Morwell in 1949 was made when Jock married and took over the family farm.

He also loved his pipe which had a curve in the stem and the girls said it was very rare not to see it in his mouth.

Prior to his coming to Driffield Harry had service in the Victorian Mounted Rifles. The Mounted Rifles were co-opted to assist in the Victorian Police Force strike in Melbourne, where they were ordered to "fix bayonets and shoot low" - the crowd dispersed.



Private William Henry Bond  
5th Victorian Mounted Rifles  
Private WH Bond holding a Martini-Henry Rifle.  
A Pattern 1876 Martini-Henry socket bayonet and scabbard is attached to his belt.  
Photo courtesy of Jan Cox, Morwell

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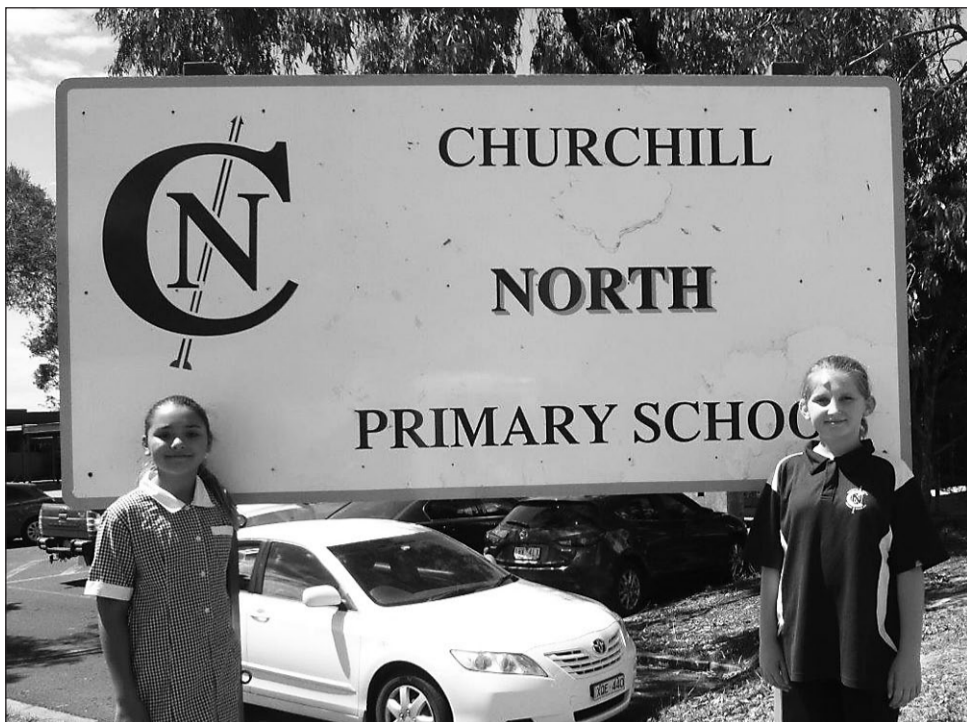
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### A Teddy Bear's Picnic

The Foundation/One K students at Churchill North Primary School have been very busy learning since the beginning of the year. They have been learning lots of new things while having lots of fun. During their second week of school the students learnt all about the letter 'T'. In order to celebrate their letter of the week they decided to have a 'Teddy Bears Picnic'. All of the children were excited about bringing their teddies to school and spending the day with them. The children especially enjoyed a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' after lunch where they were able to share 'Tiny Teddies' with their teddies. The children definitely had a wonderful day and were able to thoroughly enjoy their learning of the letter 'T'.

### New School Captains

At assembly on Monday February 12, it was with absolute pleasure that Mrs. Bostedt introduced our new Churchill North Primary School captains. Our new school leaders were elected from a strong selection of aspiring leaders, standing out in particular for their caring, encouraging speeches which were promoting the school values and supporting others to become their best. Something that both successful applicants' speeches conveyed was their dedication to promoting the best in others and their energy and enthusiasm towards doing the best that they can to be a voice for the students at our school. It is with great pride that we witness the start of their journey as our school captains this year.

Congratulations Lily and Eliza!

### Cyberbullying

On March 13, 3/4P learnt about cyberbullying. I learnt cyberbullying is a mean thing sent or posted on the internet. I now know it can look like a mean comment on social media. If I ever see cyberbullying I would block and report those people that sent the mean things. I would also talk to the person that owns the website to take the cyberbullying down. It is also important to tell a parent!

By Dylan R, 3/4P  
*This year's new foundation students*

There was excitement all around on Thursday February 1, with our 2018 new foundation students beginning. Twenty seven students began their first day of school at Churchill

North Primary School this year. Noah says "school is awesome" and Zoey says her favourite things to do are "learning and playing with her friends". We are all looking forward to the exciting learning journey these new students have ahead of them and supporting them with their learning.

### 2017 Science with Miss Marino

In Term 4 Science, the students in Grade 2/3 and 5/6 investigated Eco Systems in and around Churchill. This involved the students in Grade 5/6 investigating the Eco system at Lake Hyland, in which they looked into the Economical, Recreational, Scientific and Cultural values of the eco system, as well as the positive and negative impacts of Lake Hyland. The students further

explored the ecological life support systems which work together in order to analyse the school vegetable garden's eco system. They then transformed this into a healthy eco system that will produce fruit and vegetables, as well as life supports for plants and wildlife.

To complement the unit, Lisa from Bass Coast Land Care came to CNPS to test the soil in the vegetable garden, go on a bug watch around the school and talk to students about improving the school eco system.

Students are looking forward to caring for the school grounds and vegetable gardens in 2018 with a follow up visit from Land Care on their progress. Thank you Miss Marino for helping us with learning and applying environmental science.

### New playground

It was with anticipated excitement that the students at Churchill North Primary School awaited playtime on Thursday February 8. As the play bell went there was a race outside to the new playground area. Children were seen playing on all parts of the new equipment, trying out the slide and the climbing wall and every other part of the equipment.

Young and old alike enjoyed exploring all of the endless possibilities for play. To say the new play area is being enjoyed would be an understatement. The area has been the most popular part of our playground since it has been assembled, and is sure to continue to be the star area for play for some time to come.



# School News

## Kurnai College University Campus

### Staffing/Students for 2018

The University campus is off to a great start with a full complement of staff. There have been some changes. Bernie McLeod has come from Morwell Campus, Alan Schack has moved to Morwell Campus, Fran Chard has moved to Melbourne, Erin Jessop has gone to Traralgon Secondary College, David Shields has gone to the Churchill Junior Campus and two new staff have joined the campus this year.

### Russell Mitchell

Russell Mitchell has been appointed as the Student Enhancement staff member. Russell left school and did an apprenticeship as a carpenter and cabinet maker. He stayed in this job for eight years. Then he went to university at Latrobe University at Bundoora. There he went through the Career Change program to become a teacher as one of the first intake in 2002. He was appointed to Yarram Secondary College and spent seven years as a

Campus so Russell took it up. He has two groups of VCAL students for ten periods a week and is also involved with other students for four periods a week doing design technology.

Russell was attracted to Kurnai as it is a bigger school, has fantastic facilities, state of the art technology and lots of hands-on learning with students who are engaged in the areas in which he teaches. The school has a good reputation, the kids are great - committed to their studies. Russell plans to stay as long as he is able as he is really enjoying this work.

### Kellie Goebal

Kellie did her secondary education at Highvale Secondary College. She went on to Deakin University where she graduated with her teaching degree. Kellie did her placements, one being in the Northern Territory at Maningrida rural community at an indigenous school, working with Year 8s. Kellie counts this a good experience and would love to go back

with such amazing facilities and where the students have the freedom afforded them, and how they respond with respect to being treated as adults."

Enrolments of students from other areas such as Traralgon have lessened, but the numbers of students at the campus remains close to 400.

The staff is continually seeking ways to improve the school. The university campus plan is being put together. It consists of the leadership team of the campus - Principals, leading teachers and other designated staff. This plan looks at what the focuses will be for the next four years.

Leadership members have visited Narre Warren P-12 school and were impressed with what they do and how they increased their student study scores. The school is hoping to implement some of that school's initiatives to enhance student results and improve outcomes. This plan will include short, medium

listen to the honest, open answers from the past students recommendations, seeking to find trends to be addressed and or celebrated.

### Swimming Sports

These were held at Moe outdoor pool and was one



Swimming Sports

of three occasions when the whole three campuses of Kurnai join together. It was good day. The other two occasions are the Athletic Carnival and the Big Day Out.

### School Captains and Vice Captains chosen

Emily Burrige from

Yinnar have been chosen by their peers to be School Captains this year. Those who applied were short listed and then had to give a speech saying why they should be considered. Following this a vote was taken.

The same process

cultures etc being equally accepted at the campus.

Sam wants to be the voice for the students giving each student a chance to be heard by staff and the wider community.

They propose to achieve this by listening to

was used to elect the Vice Captains and Ally McGown is one of them.

They see their role as very important in the process of making the school environment and facilities better.

Emily would like to see acceptance as one of her main

people, seeking their ideas and asking students (not everyone speaks up for themselves) what they want in their education and school life.

Ally would like to see the bond between teachers and students enhanced so students receive the best outcome.

Ally feels Year 12 is one of the most stressful years in student's education and she would like to see ways introduced which reduce this stress.

They also see themselves as liaison between students and staff to improve activities such as including more fun activities in the recent swimming sports, knowledge of which resulted in an improved attendance. Communication will be a focus. They have a Facebook page.

Other ways they would like to improve the environment is to make sure facilities like the fridge and power point for toasted sandwiches, are upgraded and functioning.



Russell Mitchell



Kellie Goebal

classroom teacher, and five years as Assistant Principal.

Leaving, he went to Exxon Mobil oils and gas company where he again worked in education, training the workforce in safety procedures for five years. Then he had an interim time of five weeks at Kurnai Junior Campus in Morwell before returning to Exxon Mobil.

His passion was for teaching, especially in the technology, wood and metal areas with hands-on learning.

An opportunity arose at the Kurnai University

there to work in the future.

Kellie was looking for a country town where she could teach and saw the job at Kurnai College. She applied and was accepted making her happy and excited. Kellie heard the area was a good place to work. She has moved out of home and into a new career. Life has its challenges but is also exciting! Kellie looks forward to the future here. She says the school has been welcoming and very supportive making sure she feels included. The kids are fantastic Kellie says. "I love being here in a school

and long term goals.

Another

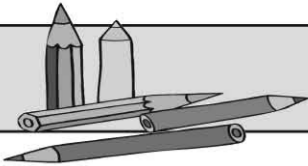
strategy instigated is to have staff go over 2017 exam results and see how the school can again improve. It is a demanding for the teachers but makes them look at what they are doing and re-examine their efforts and methods of teaching.

Meeting with 10 or 12 ex students from 2017 to discuss their views on how 2017 progressed for them - the good and the bad - is another way to receive feedback and initiate improvement. One question was how could the campus have helped them in a better way? The Principals

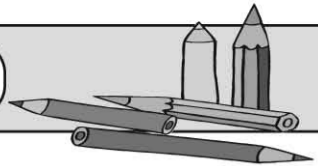


Moe and Sam Findlay from School Captains Emily Burrige and Sam Findlay

# School News



## Kurnai College Junior Campus



### AFL Football Clinic

On Tuesday February 6, Year 8 and 9 students participated in an AFL expo conducted by players from the Collingwood Football Club. Students had a meet and greet session followed by a brief talk about what it's like to be an athlete, training regimes, the way players are required to conduct themselves in public, and the importance of education.

The students were also able to ask the players questions about how they became AFL players.

Students also had the opportunity to rub shoulders with the players during a clinic focusing on kicking, handballing, marking and goal kicking skills.

This talk was valuable as it helped students understand the impacts of actions and behaviour, both positive and negative, in the wider community. Students were also able to practise refining their football skills with encouragement from elite footballers.

Thank you to the Collingwood Football Club, AFL and AFL Gippsland for giving students the opportunity to participate in the clinic.

### College Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday February 13, Kurnai College came together for the annual Swimming Carnival. This is a great time for the students across all the Kurnai campuses to come together and have fun.

The events included the traditional race events and are used as a trial for interschool swimming. There are several 'fun' events held throughout the day including diving, tube races, lilo races, and line dancing. It was once again a fun filled day out in the sun and water.

Many students dressed up in their House colours (Red, Yellow, Blue or Green) and there were some very colourful characters on the pool-deck during the day.

### Year 10 Team-building Day

On Tuesday February 20, the Year 10 cohort from Churchill Campus joined with Year 10 students from Morwell Campus. It was another opportunity for the students to get to know each



other from the two campuses, as well as staff getting to know the students outside of the school environment. It was a great day and all the participants enjoyed the day and activities immensely.

### Year 7 Wellbeing Activity Day

On February 1, the Wellbeing team organised a day of activities for the Year 7 students. The Year 10 Peer Support students helped run the activities.

Students began their morning with ice - breaker activities followed by a scavenger hunt around the school. It was an opportunity for the students to work with their new cohort in a relaxed fun atmosphere outside the classroom.

After recess students

made their way over to the Leisure Centre where they participated in dodgeball games including the main event being the students versus the teachers, where the teachers 'let' the students win.

Whilst the students were having fun, Sally and Selena from the Wellbeing team set up a hotdog lunch for everyone on their return to the campus.

The day ended very productively with students accessing Compass (the program that shows the students their timetables and activities scheduled for the day) and ensuring they could connect to the campus network.

It was a great day enjoyed by all involved. A big thank you goes to the Wellbeing team of Sally Sandy, Selena Grey, Tom Kindellan and Shane McColl.

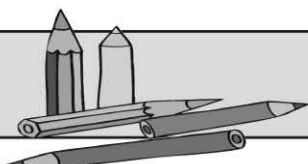
### Year 7 Meet and Greet BBQ

On the evening of Wednesday February 21, all Year 7 students and their families were invited to a 'Meet and Greet BBQ'. This was a friendly opportunity for parents and guardians to meet the Year 7 team and put a face to the name of the teachers who will be working with their children.

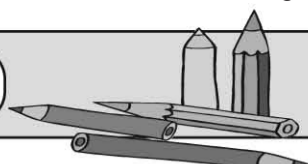
The BBQ dinner was a great success with many parents taking the opportunity to meet the Year 7 staff at Churchill Campus.



# School News



## Lumen Christi Primary



Welcome to 2018 at Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School.

The highlight of every new school year is the arrival of a new group of Prep students. Our latest recruits have settled in well and have adjusted to school life quickly.

As we welcome a group of students we also have to say goodbye to another group. Last year we graduated our 'Class of 2017' with a Mass and Awards night. We extend our congratulations to this group of students and bid farewell to those families who have concluded their time with us at Lumen Christi.

At this ceremony we had

a number of awards presented and we congratulate the award recipients, and also thank those organisations/individuals that provided these awards. Bishop Coffey Scholarship (Lumen Christi Parish) - Charlotte. Knights of the Southern Cross Award - Shanayia. Russell Northe Citizenship Award - Gemma. Kurnai Scholarship - Oakleigh. John Tipping Academic Award (Churchill Lions) - Katelin. Bill Brannan Award (Morwell RSL) - Kaylah. Italian Award (IACCOG) - Hannah. Lumen Christi Sport Award - Jacob. Lumen Christi Arts Award - Daniell.

At the end of last year the school community handed over to the local Vinnies our Christmas Appeal donations. In 2017 the senior students in particular were outstanding in their efforts to contribute a significant amount of hamper items.

We were so proud of our collective efforts to support this crucial community service. At this final Christmas Mass school Principal Mr. Cooper also announced our 2018 student leaders.

Our student leaders were elected from votes from the student body after each leadership candidate

presented a speech to the school community.

At our Opening Mass for 2018 Father Edwin welcomed our Preps as well as blessed and distributed the leadership badges to our Student Leadership Team.

The school is thrilled to announce that our School Captains are Valentina Beschle and Joshua Shankland, Vice-Captains Summer Harding and Kayden Gray with House Leaders Grace Harding, Liam Cluderay and Nathan Smart.

Term 1 is always busy and already we have hosted Ash Wednesday Mass, Family Breakfasts, Walk-to-School days, Melbourne Victory-

Sporting Schools Clinics, Shrove Tuesday pancake cooking, acknowledging the National Apology to the Stolen Generations, while we have been busy preparing for our school and district athletics which will be held in March.

This year we have added to our curriculum offerings by adding a PE specialist class for all classes.

We have been lucky to secure Mr. Bradley Watson to teach our Physical Education classes and we are looking forward to watching our students improve their skills as well as their health and general wellbeing.

Our Parents and Friends group has been active getting things started this year, and we thank them for their contributions, especially the hours spent getting our Uniform Shop operational.

Supplying both new and used items, this facility is an asset to our school by providing all students access to a school uniform.

We wish Churchill News and its readers a successful 2018 and look forward to sharing Lumen Christi with you all each month

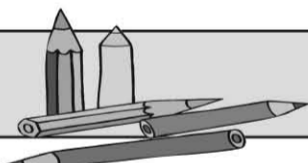


Left: School leaders with Principal Dave Cooper,

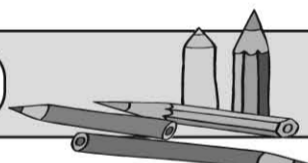
Right: Preps - I want to be,



# School News



## Churchill Preschools



### Churchill Hub Preschool

**Map Making**  
After reading the story "Captain Teachum's Buried Treasure" children were inspired to make their own maps and discover what buried treasure they could find in our playground. Then as a collective, we made a map of

the playground and found that X did really mark the spot of some new treasure.

**Our Environment**  
Caring for our environment means that we demonstrate respect for all things in our space. Our stick insects need to have fresh food (they like the leaves that

are outside the Churchill Hub) and water every day. Showing respect for our playground means that at the end of the day we tidy up; put on our ear protection and blow the path clean.

**Using our senses**  
Exploration using our five senses means that we

love everything messy. Mud - glorious mud. Did you know that some animals use mud like we use sunscreen, to protect themselves from the sun's damaging rays? We do!

**Yoga**  
After lunch - we love doing Yoga; the hot air balloon, rocket, flower,

squirting fish and the mouse. As the mouse we need to practice our running on the "wheel" slow, medium and FAST!!

**Glendonald Preschool**  
Here at Glendonald Preschool we have welcomed a new lot of eager, happy children ready to explore,

make friends and learn together. We had a few tears on the first day, but they have quickly turned to smiles and excitement as they make friends and play with new and interesting activities, and outside in our beautiful garden.



Russell Northe proudly servicing the Churchill and District Community

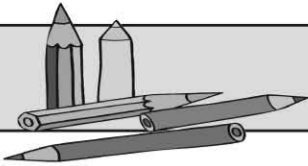


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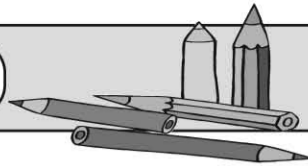
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# School News



## Yinnar Primary



Yinnar has welcomed 35 new Preps, as well as two new families to bring our current enrolment to 217 students. We farewelled Ms Caitlyn Twomey (Boolarra) and Ms Tahlia Langan (Liddiard Road) at the end of last year, and welcome Ms Shari Grunberg back from family leave, Mr Charlie Twomey from our Art room and Hazelwood North, and Ms Kate Try into our Art program.

We also farewelled our 2017 Year 6 students, and at their request there was a teacher/Year 6 'water activity' during the last week - a most enjoyable sight to see.

The first week of school was extremely exciting for all our students, especially our Preps as they met or reconnected with fellow students in their new grades.

During the first few days our classes spent some time team building and setting the classroom scene to ensure maximum use of our learning time in 2018. Student leadership roles were all finalised at the end of 2017, and they have already stepped up to be role models for the rest of the student population in 2018. Overall it was a very settled start to our school year.

We had quite a bit of work completed over the holidays with our boat sandpit refurbished and a new garden at the front of the school where our GRACE pencils are installed. Other projects in the planning stage in our school grounds include outdoor asphalt games, vertical gardens and garden makeovers.

Our celebration assemblies have moved

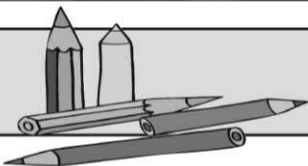
location as our student population continues to grow. We have experimented with using our school stadium and will trial other options in the coming weeks.

Our staff roles in the playground have also changed with duty staff now providing 'play support' instead of yard duty. It is a positive behaviour initiative encouraging students to use their imagination in the outdoor areas of the school as an incidental learning area during lunch and recess breaks.

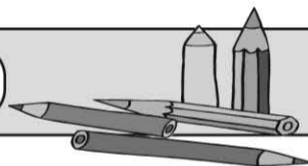
Our term 1 program is already in full swing with students focussing on athletics practice for our house sports and district sports in coming weeks. Also, a team of swimmers will contest the district swimming carnival at Churchill pool.



# School News



## Boolarra Primary



At the start of the year Boolarra chose their leadership roles which are House Captains and Junior School Council. Our school Captains (Jem, Niamh, Indily and Ethan) and our new Principal (Mrs Duncan) interviewed the 5/6s going for the job. They asked them questions like, what will you

do to make your team better? What examples of leadership do you have? It was all made fair so no one got questions others didn't. Our house Captains are: Jordan and Makayla (Irving), Charlotte and Bella (Morrow), Sophie and Tahlee (Penaluna), and Ethan and Charlotte (Strzelecki). Our J.S.C.

members are Chloe, Carly, Lana, Tom, Breanna, Isabella, Ruby, Harry, Sophie, Aleasha, and Jess. We are looking forward to seeing the changes they make and activities that they run at the school!

On Thursday February 8, Melbourne Football Club came to visit. All of the kids dressed up in their footy

colours to celebrate the day. We got to experience how to kick goals, handball, tackle, and do speckies.

Near the end we got to ask questions to the footballers, and then all of the Melbourne Demon supporters got to have photos and get autographs. Some of the questions were 'how old were you when you

started playing football?' and 'how many injuries have you had?' It was a great day and we all enjoyed learning how to play football.

By Jem Mills  
On Wednesday February 14, seven children from our school went to the Yinnar and District Swimming Sports.

It was really fun because

we got to work as a team and race different people. It was really exciting to try something new. Some of us made it to the next level, which is coming up soon. It was really awesome!

By Carly and Tahlee



# SPORT

## Lifeball

## Churchill & Monash Golf Club

February 10. Stroke - A Grade: R. Scurlock (8) 69. B Grade: M. Soppe (19) 62. C Grade: J. Jeffery (28) 69. DTL: G. Blizzard 69, W. Barnes 70, J. Mc Cafferty 70, J. Soppe 70, P. Junker 71 C/B, C. Doyle 71 C/B. NTP: 3rd C. Doyle, 5th R. Scurlock, 12th M. Brereton, 14th M. Soppe. Birdies: 3rd M. Brereton

February Tuesday 6 - Monthly Medal - Ladies. Winner A Grade: S. Turner (24) 72 C/B. Winner B Grade: D. Stait (36) 73. Winner

Scratch: M. Dear 85. DTL: D. Judkins 72 M. Dear 73. NTP: 12th M. Dear 14th M. Dear 5th D. Judkins. Putts: E. D'Alterio, M. Dear, D. Judkins 27 Putts.

February 17. 2 Person Ambrose. Winners: D. Ellwood 12 and J. Barnes 16 7 67 60 Net. R/Up: P. Smart 7 and R. Madigan 13 5 68 63 Net. DTL: A. Sharrock and R. Welsh 64 ½. D. Byers and G. Beyer 66, H. Martin and G. Spowart 64 ½, P. Taylor and T. Gabbett 66 ¼, R. Scurlock

and B. Barnes 65 ¼. NTP: 3rd P. Smart, 5th J. Kieghran, 12th D. Taylor, 14th D. Ellwood.

Tuesday February 20. Captains and Presidents Day.

Ladies Winner: E. D'Alterio (21) 34 Pts, DTL: D. Stait (34) 34 Pts and V. Verheyen (28) 30 Pts. NTP: 3rd D. Stait, 5th V. Verheyen, 12th L. Peake, 14th E. D'Alterio. Birdies: 3rd D. Stait 8th M. Dear 17th E. D'Alterio. Winning Team: Presidents 185 Pts.



Lifeball is similar to netball, but has no running, no jumping, no contact or tackling. This eliminates the dangerous and hurtful aspects, but is inclusive as all must have a chance to touch the ball. It is run at a slower pace.

It promotes thinking, uses passing and throwing with the aim of scoring a goal through a hoop. Strategy is an attribute which keeps the brain active.

The game also encourages fitness, fun, skill development, teamwork and spirit. It is a great way to meet people and enjoy a social occasion. It is suitable for older people

who wish to remain active but who have had to slow down for many reasons. Physically it improves heart and lung function, increases circulation, increases energy levels and relieves stiffness. Improved confidence and self-esteem are also outcomes. This activity can help prevent falls, a major concern as people age, improves balance, coordination, flexibility, mobility and mental stimulation. Lifeball is suitable for people with diabetes, arthritis, cardiovascular problems and other chronic diseases. It can be modified to include everyone's level of fitness.

A flat surface is played upon with modified goalposts. A team consists of six a side. An umpire manages the game. Lifeball can be played by men, women, boys and girls of all ages.

It is held at Traralgon East Senior Citizens Clubrooms, located in Matthews Crescent Traralgon, on Thursday mornings from 9.30am - 10.30am. For the mere cost of \$2 you have the fun and activity of the game followed by a cuppa.

All are welcome to participate or just come along for a look.

For further information ring Beth on 5174 2976.



## Mid Gippsland Darts Association Summer Competition 2018

### DARTS ASSOCIATION LADDER after Round 4

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	%	Pts
YINNAR TIGERS	4	3	1	27	9	300.0	6
MUSTANGS 1	4	3	1	20	16	222.2	6
JOKERS	4	2	2	21	15	233.3	4
COYOTEZ	4	2	2	19	17	211.1	4
BULLSHOT	4	2	2	10	26	111.1	4
MUSTANGS 2	4	0	4	11	25	122.2	0

### 2018 Summer Competition

Round 1: Yinnar Tigers were off to a great start for the new summer competition defeating Mustang 2 six games to three.

Peter Campbell and Reno Borg (YT) led the way with highest score of 140 with Mustang 2, Glen Storey posting 2 x 140 scores.

Sharon Taylor (YT) and Veni Rowe (M2) led the way for the ladies with 116 scored. Mark Taylor (YT) finished the night with 10 "Tons".

Round 2: Yinnar Tigers

continued good form with an 8-1 defeat of Jokers. Mark Taylor, Reno Borg and Marty Warwick all scored 140s on the night. Ladies highest finish was 36 by Brittany Jewel (J).

Round 3: Yinnar Tigers won this round against Bullshot through a forfeit 9-0.

Round 4: The good form shown by Yinnar Tigers deserted them in a fourth round defeat by Mustangs 1 going down five games to four. Mark Taylor continued his good form with a maximum 180 score and also

with men's highest finish of 80.

To top off his good form night he scored 10 "tons".

Round 5: A fine top score of 180 by Martin Warwick (YT) was not enough to stop the Tigers going down 7-2 to Coyotez. Reno Borg (YT) and Marty Menzies (C) had equal highest score of 140. Reno also had most "tons" with 12. Other highlights of the night were the perfect 7 finishes by Lester Carrigy (C) and Chloe Helmuth (C) ladies highest finish of 77 and highest score of 111.

## Autumn firewood collection

The Autumn Firewood Collection Season for 2018 started across Victoria on Thursday March 1, and closes on June 30.

Gippsland's Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Chris Stephenson said: "We want to remind people that it will once again be legal to collect firewood from designated areas on public land across Victoria from March 1, 2018 until June 30, 2018".

More information and updates, including interactive maps showing designated collection areas, will be available on [www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood](http://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood) from March 1, or you can call 136 186 to find out more.

DELWP (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning) and Parks Victoria staff will be patrolling parks, forests and reserves to make sure people are doing the right thing while

collecting their firewood.

It's important that people only collect firewood from designated collection areas in State forests or parks where collection is allowed, and to stay within collection limits.

This includes taking a maximum of two cubic metres per person per day and a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year.

This is to prevent households stockpiling large volumes of firewood from public land and denying others a supply.

The felling of any trees for firewood by members of the public is strictly prohibited.

The amount of domestic firewood available across Victoria is varied and some households rely on firewood for winter energy, so consider others when taking firewood.

Some firewood collection areas may be part of the

autumn planned burning program, so it's important that you check where burns are happening as affected firewood collection areas may be closed at short notice. Go to [www.ffm.vic.gov.au/plannedburn](http://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/plannedburn), download the VicEmergency app or call 1800 226 226. Under the Forest Act 1958, people who collect firewood outside designated firewood collection areas or a firewood collection season or take more than the maximum allowable amounts can face an infringement notice of \$634, or a maximum penalty of one-year imprisonment or a fine of up to \$7,928 or both, if the matter proceeded to Court.

Any information the community may have about the illegal removal of firewood for sale can be reported to DELWP on 136 186 and quote Operation Block Splitter

## Revamped Volleyball Competition

Latrobe Valley Volleyball Inc. launched its new era with the first night of a revamped competition at the new home of Latrobe Valley Volleyball, Latrobe Leisure Churchill on Wednesday February 21. A women's league from 6.30 - 7.25, social mixed teams league from 7.30 - 8.25 and the open league 8.30 - 9.25, saw a total of 17 teams take the court in the first round of matches. "If you are interested in playing but can't find a team come along and we will find you one, and we encourage you to ask work mates or your friends to come and have a try. It's not too late, individuals can be added to existing teams and the draw can still be adjusted to accommodate

new teams." said Susan Lloyd the association President. For further information contact Susan Lloyd 0427 749 647 or [susanlloyd5@hotmail.com](mailto:susanlloyd5@hotmail.com) or Jacob Gruis.0458 992 478 or [jacob.gruis@hotmail.com](mailto:jacob.gruis@hotmail.com)

Previously the Association has conducted local community competitions in Churchill, Moe and Morwell for many years, however changes in player numbers and demands on volunteers led to a rethink for 2018. The new format is aimed to develop an improved competition by bringing players from the three competitions together across all ages and skill levels. Also it will allow development pathways for those who

want to take their volleyball towards an elite sport. Latrobe Valley Volleyball will also use Latrobe Leisure Churchill to host regular Victorian State League matches, Gippsland Regional League, the Gippsland Sports Academy Volleyball program and the annual Australian Junior Volleyball camp.

LVV suggests you buy a Stadium 10 entry pass reducing your entry costs to below \$6 for the night. Team entry will remain at \$80 per team shared across all the players in the team and Volleyball Victoria player registration will remain at the current rate and is due for renewal by March 31.

## Active April

All registered Active April participants receive a 10 free swim pass at the following centres:

**Churchill Leisure Centre**  
**Morwell Leisure Centre**  
**Moe Newborough Leisure Centre**

Bring your Premier's Active April card into one of the three Latrobe Leisure aquatic facilities to obtain your 10 visit aquatic pass.

Entries are not transferable for any other facility visit. Please note: Aqua Aerobics classes are not included in the free aquatic visits.

For more information please visit the Latrobe City Council <http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/leisure/Home>

The participant's will need to register via the Premier's Active April site,



print their card and then show it to reception staff.

They can also do it from their phones and show the card from their phones Any memberships bought during the month of April will have the \$68.00 joining fee waived.



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The construction of Carrickfergus Castle was begun in 1177 over looking Belfast Lough.

It was built to defend the area around about, but it fell to besieging armies a number of times.

It was maintained as a military structure until 1924, and is looked after today by the local council as a tourist attraction and museum.

Caernarvon (Caernarfon) Castle in Wales was built in 1283 to control the north-western region of Wales.

It proved to be impregnable after its completion and is now a Heritage building of significance.

The Royal family have an ongoing interest in the Castle as it has been used as the venue for the Investiture of the Prince of Wales since 1911.

It is also maintained



as a tourist attraction and Museum.

A fortification of some description has crowned Castle Rock in Edinburgh since the Iron Age.

The present Castle was begun in the 1300s and has been fought over many times until the advent of the Stuarts in the 1600s.

In the 1700s it was used as a royal residence. Today it is still a garrison for troops and serves also as a Military Museum, a repository for the important archives of Scotland and the Honours of Scotland, and serves as the backdrop for the popular annual event, the Edinburgh Tattoo.

In the off-season it also is a popular tourist attraction.

Windsor Castle sits to the west of London and is one of the Royal residences, favoured by the Queen as a weekend retreat.

The building of Windsor Castle was begun in around 1100 by the Normans to control the countryside around London. It has served

as a royal residence ever since.

It is set in extensive grounds which are open to the public during the week, and the buildings are a popular tourist attraction when the Queen is not in residence.

It survived a fire in 1992 with almost all of its treasures removed in time by staff members and by members of the royal family.

It has since been restored to its original state, as well as the addition of a private royal chapel, once a waiting room.

The restoration showed that the ancient crafts, thought lost over time, are still carried on in odd corners of the country. Within the grounds of Windsor Castle are the Royal Carriage Museum and St George's Chapel.

When you visit the castle there is one very noticeable thing.

The skies above Windsor Castle serves as the outgoing flight path for nearby Heathrow Airport and an aircraft flies over once every seventy five seconds.



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