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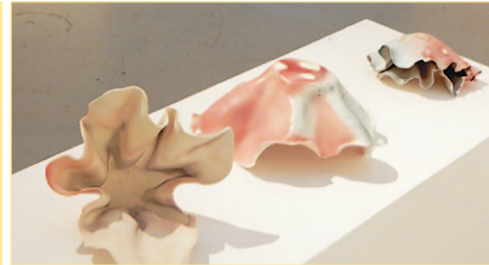
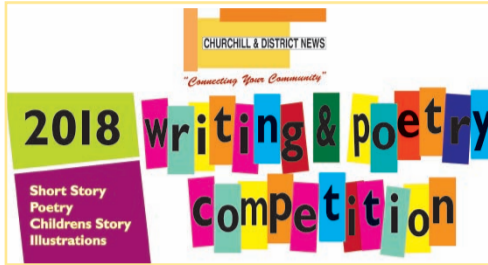
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## ANZAC Day Churchill and district



ANZAC Day is an opportunity to acknowledge the horrors of war, respect the fallen, the wounded, those who had to stay behind and carry on without loved family members, and to remember that peace is far better.

It is a time to be grateful for our freedom here in Australia; freedom because of those who fought to keep us free.

Predicted rain didn't fall and the ANZAC Day ceremony in Churchill was held in fine weather. A large crowd gathered all around

the civic space.

Another first for the Churchill ceremony was the provision of a gunfire breakfast prior to the ceremony.

The Churchill Lions Club with help from the Rotary Club of Hazelwood, cooked and served the egg and bacon sandwiches and sausages which were hungrily consumed by those attending. This was able to be facilitated through a Latrobe City Community Grant, for which the council is heartily thanked, through the efforts of the Lions and Rotary Clubs.

Vietnam Veteran Don George was the master of ceremonies. He welcomed everyone and read about the ANZAC legend and Australia's involvement through the ages to present day.

The growing support and respect ANZAC Day has in our community was evident with the laying of 21 wreaths.

Guest speaker Christine Johnson supported by her daughter Hollie, spoke about the Beersheba re-enactment to which her sister Doris went in Israel. It was the chance

to honour the dedicated service provided by the Aboriginal people of Australia who had excellent horse skills, during World War 1.

Christine spoke of the hope the Aboriginal men had that they may be treated better when they returned, but the opposite was the case.

Mayor Darrell White OAM, spoke also. He acknowledged that we were meeting there that day on the traditional land of the Braiakaulung people of the Gunai/Kurnai nation and he paid his respect to their Elders  
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### May Lion's Market Cancelled



Dues to unfortunate circumstances beyond the Lions control, the May market has had to be cancelled.

This decision was not made lightly as the Lions were dedicated to keeping the market going for the people of Churchill and district.

The market is then going into recess until later in the year. During that period the Lions will reassess

the event which they plan to bring back bigger, brighter and better before the summer.

The Lions Club members would like to say a special thank you to those stall holders who have hung in with the market through good and bad, hot and cold days. Your dedication is truly appreciated.

They also wish to sincerely thank the local musicians who have

given their time freely to entertain the people. It has been a draw card for many who attend.

To the public who have supported the market over the months we extend a heartfelt thank you. Please keep your eyes and ears open to hear news of the market start up again.

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# Waste to energy - a future initiative

Australian Paper (AP) situated at Maryvale, is, like most households, noticing the huge increase in gas and electricity prices. Compare their energy demand with those of a household and you would appreciate how much extra that cost would be to a large scale company like this. Australian Paper wants to ensure its long term energy capacity, as well as protect the jobs of its workforce.

So what to do? After doing research into possible solutions AP found that European countries were using ordinary garbage, not recyclables, to generate power for factories and communities. So could this happen at AP at Maryvale? An assessment of their current infrastructure was carried out and the decision was made to do a full and detailed feasibility study to determine if what they were thinking was the way to go. Infrastructure - wise the Maryvale Mill was set up with its own rail line, a two electrical grid

connection to the mill with extra capacity, was situated close to the Gippsland Water Factory to treat water, and has road connection to the Princes Freeway making access easy.

The project showed merit as Federal and State governments put in \$2.5 million each as did the board of AP showing their approval of the process.

In doing some initial work they discovered that there would be many benefits gained. There would be an easing on land fill pressures. South east Melbourne landfills are closing in the near future or closed due to reaching capacity, and Latrobe Valley waste has had one landfill venue close so another has had to be opened.

In using garbage the process will extract the last value from waste before landfilling the ash residues. Plus it will make some difference to climate change by having net reduction to greenhouse gases.

This could be a win win

situation. However there is a lot of work to be done yet to set up processes and assess community concerns about odour, how to transport the waste and what sort of plant would be best for this proposed 'first of its kind' plant in Australia.

The assessed cost would be approximately \$600 million so they want to make sure it is viable. The majority of future funding would most likely come from banks and finance companies as well as AP investment.

The program aims to complete the feasibility study by July. This would be followed by competing for the waste tenders being offered through the Gippsland and Metropolitan Waste and Recovery Groups across Victoria to secure the volume of waste required. There are already some good signs of progress with this aspect. All this will take about 18 months.

The final approval and construction phase would take

approximately three years if the AP board gives the nod to go ahead.

The design will be supplied by an overseas company as it has been tried and tested. There will be a tender process for the construction and there is an expectation that appropriate local industries will be involved with the project.

For the transition of the Valley from coal production for power this project presents a large opportunity for the future security of the area and the workforce. An estimated 1600 Victorian jobs will be supported in the construction phase with 440 jobs available in the operational and flow on areas. This could have very positive outcomes for our Valley.

If you would like to see more of how the process works you can call into the project building at 126 George Street Morwell along from Coles, and you will be taken on a very informative tour of the extensive display.

## Churchill & District News – Help!

You probably think this paper is part of the Express. It is not. It is a separate publication compiled by a group of hard working local volunteers and then printed and distributed by the Express.

Despite our staff being unpaid volunteers some funding is necessary for

printing costs etc. This money comes largely from advertising revenue but lately this has dropped alarmingly. No surprise, perhaps, given the Valley's current economic climate but this decline now threatens the paper's future. Without a certain amount of income there can be no Churchill & District News.

So we are asking you, the people of Churchill and District, for support.

If you love your local community paper and look forward to seeing it each month then could you help to keep it going? You could buy a space like the one on page 19 once a year to help us bring the news to you. Perhaps you could get a group of family and friends together to share the cost?

Our community newspaper depends entirely on volunteers and advertisers - please help the paper to keep going!

If you would like details

of what you can do please call Ruth on 5122 1961 or 0456 768 577.

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With your card you can also receive big savings, know about exclusive promotions, and receive weekly community benefits saver emails, all the while supporting your community volunteer run newspaper.

## RAINFALL

The rainfall in Churchill during the month was again very light with only three days of rain. Our total was again below average with only 18.5 mil for the month. It was the lowest rainfall recorded for April since 1997 when only 13.5 mil was recorded. Let's hope we are not having as dry a year as 1997, when only 476.5 mil fell for the year.

The total of 113.5 mil for the year, so far, is well below average.

**Rain at Hazelwood South.**

Another disappointing month. Hazelwood South only had 23 mil rain for the month of April, which is only 38.1% of the average for April. The garden and bush are very dry. For the

three months of February to April we only had 60 mil of rain which is 40.5% of the average. The greening of the grass is mostly due to lower temperatures and morning dew, with little moisture in the soil for trees and plants. Don't forget to water your valuable plants.

The water tanks are halfway down. The declared fire season has come to an end, that means the CFA is confident that it can control any fires that start and avoid major damage. It does not mean that it is safe to light up the big pile you built up over summer. It will be hard to keep under control and you will be embarrassed when you need to call 000.

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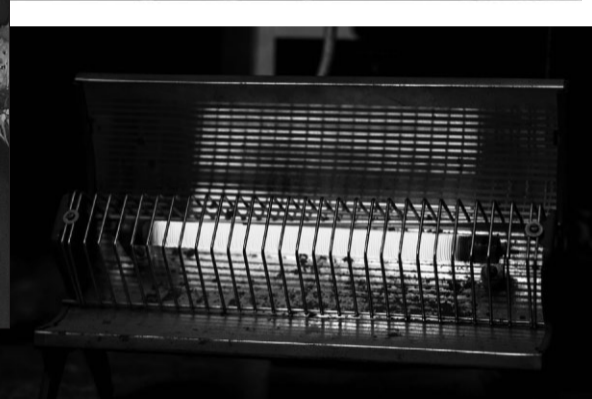
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# Churchill Fire Brigade



## Home Heating Safety



### Heating as the days cool

With the cold weather beginning to creep in, more Victorians are retrieving their heaters from hibernation, increasing the risk of house fires. Autumn and winter are the highest risk period for residential fires due to the increased use of heating equipment. As a user, you need to be careful with all types of home heating and it's important to be aware of the risks involved with using all fixed and portable heating appliances.

#### Heaters can include:

- Fixed electrical appliances
- Fixed gas powered appliances
- An open fire
- Wood heater/slow combustion heaters
- Portable heaters including electrical, gas and kerosene.

Remember fires caused

by heating increase during winter months.

#### Home Heating Safety Tips

- Ensure heaters are installed, maintained and operated according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Turn off all heating devices before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Drying clothes and other items must be kept at least one metre away from all heating.
- Children must be supervised near all types of heating. Maintain a safe distance between children and heating.
- For portable heating appliances choose models that have automatic safety switches that turn the heater off if tipped over.
- Keep portable electric heaters away from wet areas to avoid the possibility of electric shock.

#### Open Fire Safety Tips

- Always use a fire screen in front of an open fire.
- Extinguish open fires before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Ensure ashes are cold before discarding.
- Chimneys and flues should be cleaned annually.
- Keep wood and other combustibles at least one metre away from the fire.
- Children must be supervised near open fires. Maintain a safe distance between children and heating.
- Only burn dry, clean wood.

• Brick chimneys and gas heaters should be checked before winter to prevent fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

(Carbon monoxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is an odourless, colourless gas that can be produced by faulty gas heaters and it can be fatal).

Churchill Brigade members urge everyone to have their heaters checked and in good working condition. Together with careful and correct use, this will greatly reduce the danger of using these appliances.

During April, brigade members visited senior citizens and changed their smoke alarm batteries. Following on - line training they were able to return and install new up to date smoke alarms. Remember, only a working smoke alarm will save lives.

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## CHURCHILL BOWLING CLUB COME AND TRY

Following a good response at the Churchill Festival, the Churchill Bowling Club would like to organize an indoor carpet bowls competition for primary school age children. We would like to invite any primary school children in Grade 5 or 6 to come and try indoor carpet bowls on –

**Thursday June 14, 2018  
from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**

For further information, please contact  
Sheila Burrows 5122 2729  
or Ian Wilson (0409 937 222).



# GARAGE SALE



**Saturday June 2, 2018  
9.00am - 2.00pm**

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# Darren Chester

It's been a year since the closure of Hazelwood Power Station and, while governments of all levels have made many announcements and commitments, I know the local community is keen to see projects get underway, completed and ready to use.

I am pleased to say things appear to be finally moving along.

For example, the Churchill Hockey Pavilion is now underway and I am advised that many of the larger scale community infrastructure projects have now been tendered and due for construction in the very near future.

The Federal Government provided \$200,000 towards the hockey pavilion project, which has been a priority for Latrobe Valley Hockey Association for many years.

A local construction company, Rick Doultree Builders, is undertaking the project.

The two-storey pavilion will include change facilities, a first aid room, universal accessible amenities, umpire change rooms, an office and store rooms, multi-purpose meeting space, commercial kitchen and canteen, and a spectator viewing area.

The Latrobe Synthetic Sports Field Pavilion in Churchill is a \$1.7 million project, which has received funds from all three levels of government, along with Federation University and Latrobe Valley Hockey Association.

The project is due to be completed by the end of August 2018.

While local infrastructure projects will improve

liveability, there is much more to do to help our community find more jobs and prosper.

We need to be optimistic and positive about the future as we work together to make our region an even better place to live, work and visit.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull visited the Latrobe Valley earlier this month to announce \$20 million of local projects under the Regional Jobs and Investment Package (RJIP).

The funding will be shared between 19 organisations to invest in projects that stimulate investment and create more jobs.

The businesses involved have estimated they could create 1200 new jobs in the region.

Organisations to receive Federal Government funding under RJIP include:

Latrobe City Council, which has been allocated \$2 million for its Morwell CBD Revitalisation project to transform Morwell town centre;

Gippsland Rotary Centenary House, which will receive \$900,000 to build 13 independent units and other infrastructure to accommodate patients and their families undergoing treatment at Latrobe Regional Hospital;

Gippsland MTB (mountain bike club), which will get \$976,950 for its Haunted Hills Bike Park project at Hernes Oak;

Cool Group of Companies, which will receive almost \$1.75 million to build an



integrated manufacturing, sales and logistics facility in Morwell;

Mecrus, which has been allocated \$3 million to build a large scale hydroponic strawberry glasshouse in Hazelwood;

Gippsland Logging and Earthmoving, which will receive \$762,795 for a project in Morwell to make bioenergy pellets from sawdust and residue used for heating, animal bedding and absorbent products;

Kempe Process Equipment, which will get \$619,200 to create a centre of excellence in Morwell to provide engineering, maintenance and report services;

Utilitas Group, which has been allocated \$515,597 for an advanced biorefinery laboratory and biohub design project in Morwell to process organic waste and produce renewable energy;

KND Maintenance, which will receive \$50,000 for pavement analysis system software to examine road pavements and predict maintenance needs.

# Community Directory

Churchill & District News has a community directory on its web site. Here is another section of it for your information -

## Education

Churchill Primary School, Coleman Parade, Churchill. P.O.Box 64, phone 5122 1343.

Churchill North Primary School Blackwood Crescent Churchill, phone 5122 1976.

Lumen Christi Primary School, 35 Williams Avenue, Churchill, phone 5122 2231.

Hazelwood North Primary School, Church Road, Hazelwood North 3840 phone 5166 1267.

Kurnai College Junior Campus, Northways Rd, Churchill, phone 5132 3700.

Kurnai College University Campus, Northways Road Churchill, phone 5132 3800.

Yinnar Primary School, Main Road Yinnar 3869, phone 5163 1362.

Yinnar South Primary School, Brewsters Road, Yinnar South 3869, phone 5169 1540.

Boolarra Primary School, P.O. Box 249, Boolarra 3870, phone 5169 6471.

Federation University

Australia, Gippsland Reception 5122 6200 or 1800 333 864.

## Pre-Schools

Pooh Corner Child Care, The Hub, Philip Parade, Churchill, Phone 5122 6227.

Churchill Pre School, The Hub, Philip Parade, Churchill, Phone 5132 3993.

Glendonald Park Pre School, Churinga Drive Churchill, Phone 5122 3315.

Yinnar District PreSchool and Infant Welfare Centre, phone 5163 1354.

## Emergency Services

Police/Fire/Ambulance 000.

Churchill Police - Non urgent calls - 03 5122 1790.

Crime Stoppers - 1800 333 666.

Churchill Fire Brigade - non urgent calls - 03 5122 3857.

Fire Restrictions Information 13 15 99.

Rural Ambulance Victoria 03 5337 9200.

Membership enquiries 1800 648 484

Latrobe Regional Hospital 5173 8000

## Health Services

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Churchill Healthcare Pharmacy 1/17 Churinga Drive Churchill 0438 099 246 or 5122 2068

Hazelwood Health Centre 9a Georgina Place Churchill phone 5122 2555

Latrobe Community Health 20-24 Philip Parade Churchill phone 1800 242 696

Latrobe City Maternal and Child Health Service (MCH) (includes enhanced MCH service and right at home program.) MCH Central Booking line 5128 6128

Latrobe Regional Hospital 5173 8000

Lifeline 13 11 14

Maternal and Child Health Centre 11 Philip Parade Churchill phone 5132 3915

Relationships Australia Victoria, 59 Breed Street, Traralgon, phone 5175 9500 traralgon@rav.org.au. We provide individuals, couples and family counselling, meditation, group work and community development.

## 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.

"31st March, 1989.

Dear Friends,

The last activity day was a very quiet affair with only four families represented, seven people in all. Five of these accompanied by Craig walked down the access track from Jumbuk Road weeding out Purple Top Verbena en route. We extend a warm welcome to new members Steve and Shelley. We look forward to getting to know you both.

The activities of the Yinnar South Country Fair were enjoyed by a few of our members.

I thank Wendy, Johanna, Joan and Faye for donating their time to help out with the billy teas and also assisting the fair committee. A letter requesting a donation to the Development appeal has been sent to the Fair Committee with a decision expected early April. Craig organised a tent with a nature trail that was very popular but the billy teas and damper were not taken advantage of as in previous years. The display photos of Billys Creek and the aerial photo attracted a lot of interest.

Ken and his family enjoyed the Friends Conference at Roses Gap (Grampians) and he found it informative and socially stimulating. Ken is at present preparing an extensive report that we hope will be available next meeting.

Deborah Bourke (Planning Officer, CFL) has organised a Public meeting at the Churchill Community Hall on April 12 at 8pm.

This is to be a forum for local residents to discuss the access options into Billys Creek.

Deborah has personally tried to contact each resident on Braniffs Rd and Tebb Terrace.

This meeting is also for us (the Friends) and I would ask you to make every possible endeavour to come. Please mark your calendar - this could be a very important meeting.

"Work is advancing in Billys Creek. A Botanist has begun a comprehensive survey and a bulldozer was due to do some work on the Jumbuk Road Access track, as well as clean up and bury the remains of the 'Lodge'. Interviews have been conducted for the Ranger positions but I am unable to contact Craig to discover the outcome of these.

Our next meeting is on April 16 at 1.30pm at the end of Tebb Terrace.

It is planned to remove hard rubbish that is scattered through the bush. Gloves maybe useful to help protect hands and avoid any nasty bites."

"Yours sincerely Yvonne Aplin"

### April Activity Report

At this activity we had Matt, Wayne, Beryl, Ken, Rose, Chris, Mike and Darren. We had apologies from Tamara, Peter and Wendy Mc. We met in the car park in raincoats. So far it had been a dry autumn, but that broke over the weekend of the activity. During the morning there had been regular rain and it was raining while we met in the car park.

Matt spoke about the recent grants submission for which we did not put in an application. The submission required us to apply in partnership with Parks and he could not get any support from them.

Ken spoke about his book - 'Moths of Morwell National Park' and it is progressing well. With the funding of the book, Parks Victoria have said they will not be helping but Ken will soon meet with Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists to see whether they can help.

Our group will be funding the rest of the printing costs. The planned print run is for about 650 copies.

The book is at test print/layout stage and Ken showed the test print to the group. Ken plans for the 673 moth and 25 butterfly species that have been identified in the Park, to be included. He has another 200-300 moths still to be identified.

DELWP (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning) is trying to collect data about all of the nesting boxes in use. They want to be able to monitor all of these boxes. The group agreed to send details of our boxes to them. We are happy to send them these details, as long as it does not require us having to meet other paperwork or administrative requirements.

With the rain, it was not possible to complete the nesting box survey.

The camera should not be used in rain as the water would be bad for the camera and connectors. We will postpone the survey to next month. With the rain it was decided not to complete any works and finish the day early. It was not worth everybody getting very wet for little reward.

We will hold a meeting instead of our June activity. The meeting will be to discuss and decide upon priorities for our group. Over the last year we have had many problems with Parks and their lack of support, and any task which we want to undertake now requires much paperwork and follow-up. We have an active and keen group of people who are struggling to be useful in this changing environment. We need to determine where to best devote our resources. Details of the meeting will be in our next newsletter.

### May Activity

Sunday May 20, 10.00am

The group will meet in the Junction Road car park to complete a nesting box survey. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

## Churchill Town Safety Group

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# Mathison Park



Thank you to the community corrections teams for doing extensive mowing and spreading of mulch. The east side of the lake is looking well cared for.

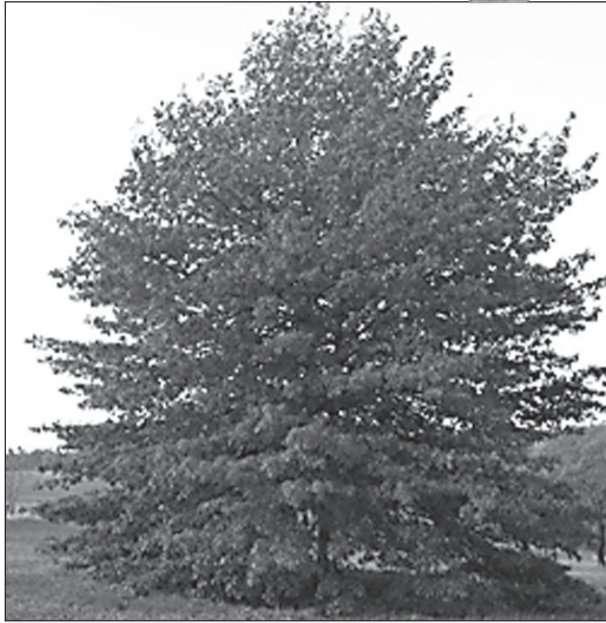
We have had to water the new trees as it has been so dry. Fortunately, last weekend we had some significant rain which saved us from doing that at our working bee. But it will be the bucket brigade again soon as this warm weather continues.

Instead, we took care of the new trees, removing tree guards and stakes, or re-installing them if they were awry or missing, then weeding around them. Some received taller stakes to help keep them steady in the winds we have had to endure, until they are stronger.

It is so pleasing to note the growth of the trees, some to 4-5 metres tall.

Many fallen branches were picked up and removed to the rubbish piles which grow each working bee.

Several bags of rubbish were also collected before the hint of rain approached about 11.15 am, when we retired to the picnic shelter for morning tea, which was very welcome after our morning's efforts.



Thanks Andy for humping the morning tea esky to the site. Your cake was also appreciated.

Thanks too to the working bee team - Gary, Max, Colin, Bill (thanks for bringing your trailer which allowed for the collection of the fallen branches) Andy and Wally whose sharp axe helped cut up the fallen branches into manageable sizes to load on the trailer, and Ruth.

A small but willing number, who achieved a lot in a small time.

Our next working bee will be on Saturday June 9 from 9am at Mackeys Road carpark.

Further information ring Ruth 5122 1961.

The deciduous trees have put on a lovely show for autumn. We have a good variety of them now.

## Book Review

# The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society' by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

This book is unusual for two reasons, firstly the story is told completely through letters and secondly there are actually two authors.

The first was Mary Ann Shaffer (1934-2008) an American writer, editor and librarian, and the second was Annie Barrows, her niece and an editor who is best known for children's stories.

It was a first novel for Shaffer, who passed away prior to the book's publication in 2008, so it was completed by Annie Barrows.

The story is set in post-war Britain, and Juliet Ashton, an author who has been writing articles during the war under a pseudonym, is struggling to find a topic on which to write a book.

By chance she receives a letter from a man on the island of Guernsey (Dawsey Adams) telling her he has found her name on the inside cover of a book by Charles Lamb, and he has enjoyed it so much he would like the name of a bookseller in London so he could purchase more of

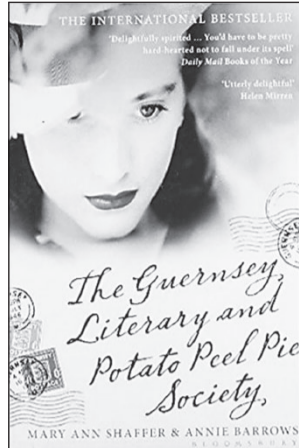
Lamb's work. So the correspondence begins. Juliet gets a sense that this may be a suitable subject for a book, as through letters, firstly from Dawsey, but later from other residents, she begins to build a picture of the experience of those on Guernsey during the Nazi occupation.

More and more residents begin to correspond with her, and eventually Juliet decides she must go to Guernsey and meet the correspondents she has come to know so well through their letters.

This decision by Juliet is complicated by the fact that she has a very ardent suitor at home in London, an American who would be regarded as a "great catch" and who wants to marry her.

She is quite torn about her decision, but eventually she does travel to Guernsey and falls in love with the place and the people. She becomes an integral part of the community, and her life takes on a completely different and unexpected direction.

The idea of reading a book entirely composed of letters seemed strange at first, but the book is beautifully



written, and the reader very quickly is able to identify each correspondent and how they relate to the story.

Interestingly, the heroine of the story is not one of the letter writers.

Some of the characters were frequent correspondents and others only occasional, but their personalities were so well drawn the reader felt that they were easily recognisable.

Everyone in our book group thoroughly enjoyed this book, and whilst there was a lot of humour, our eyes were opened to the fear, suffering and dreadful existence, not only of the locals, but also the Nazi soldiers during the occupation.

## Beware of scammers

The ACCC is warning consumers to beware of scammers impersonating energy and telecommunications providers and demanding payments.

Scamwatch has received 5000 reports of fake billing scams in the last 12 months, with reported losses of close to \$8000.

"The scammers typically impersonate well known companies such as Origin, AGL, Telstra and Optus via email, to fool people into assuming the bills are real," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"They send bulk emails or letters which include a logo and design features closely copied from the genuine provider. The bill states the account is overdue and if not paid immediately

the customer will incur late charges or be disconnected.

Alternatively, the bill may claim that the customer has overpaid and is owed a refund or it may simply say the bill is due and ready to pay," Ms Rickard said.

New South Wales residents reported the highest number of incidents of the fake billing scam, with 1779 households reporting being victims, compared to 1275 in Queensland and 1245 in Victoria, 485 in Western Australia, 462 in South Australia, 132 in the ACT, 117 in Tasmania and 38 in the Northern Territory.

"Older Australians should particularly be wary of emails pretending to be from utility companies, with people over 65 reporting the most fake utility billing scam incidents,"

Ms Rickard said.

"I advise consumers to contact their communications or energy provider directly via the company's official channels to verify that the email or letter is actually from them."

"Customers should never use the contact details provided on the suspicious email or letter but instead use an independent source to locate contact details such as a past bill or the phone book."

In one case reported to the ACCC, a customer received a fake Telstra bill in the mail. The bill stated the customer's account was overdue and immediate payment was needed. The customer dialled the phone number provided and was asked for his date of birth and driver's licence number to confirm his identity.

"If customers are duped into phoning scammers they will then attempt to steal as much personal information as they can," Ms Rickard said.

Other tips on how consumers can protect themselves:

a. If you receive a bill outside of your normal billing cycle, or don't expect to receive an overdue notice, call your provider to check whether it is legitimate.

b. If you are not a customer of the company simply delete the email.

c. Never click on links or open attachments in an email from an unverified sender - they may contain a malicious virus.

d. Never send money or give credit card details, online account details or personal information to anyone you don't know or trust and never by email or over the phone.

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# Church News



## Co-Operating Churches Snippets

Despite not having a minister at present we are managing to keep going with all our activities.

Easter Club was attended by about 75 children from Churchill Primary School from Grades 1- 4.

The volunteers gave their usual wonderful, support to run the craft activities and arrange the refreshments for the children as they arrived.

The children heard the story of Jesus from his birth to death and resurrection and learnt the meaning of his life and what his sacrifice means to us all.

Our services have been taken by visiting clergy or by our very talented parishioners.

Hazelwood House residents have been able to have their regular monthly service.

Sharon has put much effort into the children's talk for most Sundays with remarkable craft activities and Cathie has filled in with equal ability.

Our Easter services were thought-provoking, highlighting the amazing love of God in sending his only son to go through what Jesus did to become our saviour and king.

The service of shadows - tenebrae- was held at Lumen Christi this year.

It is a haunting service outlining the Easter story but emphasising the separation Jesus felt when all deserted him to go alone though his terrible torture and death.

Good Friday service was also shared with Lumen Christi.

This was followed by the Walk of Witness around town, before returning to the church for hot cross buns and a hot drink.

We so value our



relationship with Lumen Christi, and Churchill Christian Fellowship which has been part of the church's history for the duration of our town.

The task of finding a new minister is under way, but there may not be a result for some time as there are processes to follow.

Kathy Halliwell showed us some of her doll collection at Coffee Connections and explained their significance. One was her original doll from early years of childhood.

The second was one she received while fleeing after a bushfire in which the family lost everything, and

she was sent to her grandparents whom she did not know.

Others were Royal Doulton examples and one was a doll for which she had knitted a full costume and which won first prize in the Royal Melbourne Show.

The stories which were told as she presented each doll were interesting and in some cases poignant.

Above: Walk of Witness. Below: Kathy with her doll collection



## 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

## Student Connect

There is an apparently new way of arguing for atheism, which suggests that we are basically to consider the kind of universe we would expect the Christian God to have created, and compare it with the universe that we actually live in.

The argument is that there is a mismatch.

That such a God who is said to be so focused on humans doesn't actually give them much space in the universe.

The conclusion is - that this is a reason to be an atheist.

C.S. Lewis once stated that in all of the plays of Shakespeare, there is never any mention of a character named Shakespeare who gives others directions to act as they do.  
Lewis thought that God



was related to the universe more as an author to his play.

He saw 'space-time' as being like the metre of a poem, or the key in which a piece of music is set.

His conclusion was that it was pointless to look for God as one item within the framework which He Himself invented.  
Worth thinking about!

# Brushing your way to healthy teeth

Every year on March 20, our dental team at Latrobe Community Health Service celebrates World Oral Health Day. This year's theme was 'Say Ahh: Think Mouth, Think Health', which serves as a reminder that healthy mouths and healthy bodies go hand-in-hand.

It's never too early or late to start looking after your mouth, and to help you get there, we've listed five key steps to brushing your teeth properly.

It goes without saying that you should brush your teeth twice a day (when you wake up each morning and before you go to bed each night). But let's have a look at these other tips our dental assistant, Katia DeSilva (pictured), has kindly suggested.

Use a 'soft' toothbrush and replace this every three months:

A lot of people feel that using a medium or hard toothbrush is going to give them a much better clean, but we recommend using a soft toothbrush. The soft bristles are much gentler on your gums and on your teeth, plus they will still give you a good clean.

Clean your tongue each time after you brush your teeth:

When we brush our teeth, the tongue may not be the main focus, but it actually is a really rough surface that can hold a lot of bacteria. This can lead to tooth decay and gum disease.

It's a great idea to invest in a toothbrush with a bit of a rough surface on the back, or a tongue cleaner, and after you've brushed your teeth for two minutes, give your tongue a good scrub.

Brush your teeth for two minutes, twice a day:

A lot of people will give their teeth a good brush and their teeth will feel clean, but they might have only spent about 30 seconds doing so. You need to dedicate two minutes each time to effectively clean your teeth.

A good habit to get into is to set the timer on your phone for two minutes and spend one minute on the top, then one minute on the bottom.

Don't rinse out after you've brushed your teeth:

You may believe you have to rinse out your mouth with water or even an alcohol-free mouthwash to get rid of all of that toothpaste, but we don't recommend you do that.

After you brush your teeth, spit the toothpaste out, but leave that little bit of excess in your mouth. Toothpaste contains fluoride, so leaving this over your teeth when you go to bed or even in the morning will help reduce the risk of tooth decay and

also help alleviate sensitivity.

Remember to floss:

You might be time-poor or you might not see the benefit in flossing, but there is a reason you should do this at least once every day. Brushing your teeth alone cleans only about 60 per cent of your tooth surface. Investing in some floss and using this daily can mean all of the surfaces between each of your teeth, where your toothbrush can't reach, are still getting cleaned.

The dental clinics at Latrobe Community Health Service offer a full range of dental services for adults and children, including general check-ups, dentures and root canal treatment. Phone us on 1800 242 696 to find out more.

### Counselling now available at Latrobe Community Health Service, Churchill

Did you know Latrobe Community Health Service offers counselling services at its Churchill centre?

Whether you're seeking help for drug or alcohol use, believe you or a loved one's gambling habits are becoming out of control, or you want to improve your mental health, our team can help.

The road to recovery is one you don't have to walk alone.

Our Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) and Counselling Manager, Jo-Ann Brailey, has kindly answered a few frequently asked questions about the services we deliver right here in Churchill:

**Q.** What kind of AOD and Counselling support can people access at Latrobe Community Health Service, Churchill?

**A.** Latrobe Community Health Service provides a range of counselling supports to help people reduce, stop or change the way they use alcohol and other drugs; overcome out of control gambling behaviour; work through the experience of or exposure to family violence, or improve their mental health.

These services are available at Churchill, where our counselling team is available to speak with both adults and children and those who've experienced family violence. We also offer a special counselling service for pregnant women or women who've recently given birth.

**Q.** Who can see an LCHS counsellor?

**A.** All of our counselling



and mental health services are available to people who live in the Latrobe Valley.

**Q.** Why/when should I consider seeking counselling support?

**A.** If you are finding life hard, have trouble sleeping, feel isolated or alone, are often sad or teary, and/or have recently lost a close friend or relative, then talking to a qualified counsellor can help. Counselling support can also help if you are experiencing relationship difficulties or if you are trying to stop or reduce your amount of gambling, alcohol and/or drug use.

**Q.** How do I book?

**A.** If you are an adult seeking help for alcohol or drug use, call the Australian Community Support Organisation first on 1800 022 760 and they can help make a referral to our support services.

For all other counselling services – including counselling for young people seeking help for alcohol or drug use, children, general advice, gambling, palliative, and/or family violence – call Latrobe Community Health Service directly on 1800 242 696.

The Gambler's Help Line offers counselling and support 24/7. Phone 1800 858 858.

**Q.** Is it free?

**A.** With the exception of our psychology service, all counselling and alcohol and drug treatment at Latrobe Community Health Service is free. If you're not sure, just ask our staff when you phone 1800 242 696 to find out more or to make an appointment.

Latrobe Community Health Service's Churchill centre is open from Monday to Friday between 8.15am and 5pm. It is located at 20-24 Philip Parade, Churchill.

# Clean-Up Churchill!

CDCA held a very successful 'Clean up Australia Day' event back in March. We'd particularly like to thank our partners – Hazelwood Rotary and Churchill Scouts – and our sponsor, Ritchies Supermarket.

A number of people gathered at Glendonald Park on the day and filled the supplied bags with plenty of rubbish from the park and surrounds – many thanks to those who pitched in and helped!

There's too much litter in Churchill, so CDCA has decided to hold a further 'Clean Up' event to coincide with World Environment Day in June. We'll be meeting at the Churchill Leisure Centre car park at 10am on Sunday June 3, and walking down McDonald Way and around Philip Parade past the CFA and the skate park.

There's lots of rubbish around the creek in this area, so we hope to see plenty of locals come and give us a hand to tidy up another part of our town. There'll be a bbq lunch afterwards for all our helpers.

At our last meeting (April), we discussed a variety of topics and issues of interest. We heard about

projects and initiatives being undertaken by the Latrobe Health Assembly, discussed the proposed Amendment C105 to the Latrobe Planning Scheme ("Live Work Latrobe") and made decisions regarding the purchase of some more pole mounted Christmas decorations for the Churchill Town Centre next December.

Our Neighbourhood Watch representative, Peter Gray, informed us of the free "Snap, Send, Solve" app for mobile phones.

This is a great tool to assist in getting things fixed – once you've downloaded the app to your phone, you just take a photo of the problem (it might be a broken streetlight, graffiti, road pot-holes and so forth), tap 'send' and the app works out the location of the problem and the responsible authority and sends the photo to the 'right place' for you.

This mobile phone app is resulting in many minor faults and hazards being reported and fixed much more quickly. Over 600 authorities are registered with 'Snap, Send, Solve', including all Victorian Councils (Latrobe City too!).

CDCA meetings are a forum for finding out about



many activities around Churchill – from Bush Dances at Jeeralang North Hall to plans for further "Active Kids Churchill" events to what's being done to maintain Monash Way road surface.

We receive information from a variety of sources – at our April meeting we distributed information on the Victorian Government's website, victorianenergycompare. For households to be eligible for a \$50 Power Saving Bonus, use this website between July 1 and December 31, 2018.

All Churchill and district residents are welcome to attend our meetings. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 19, commencing at 7pm in the Board room of Gippsland Enterprise Centre, McDonald Way.

Keep in touch via our website at <http://cdca.org.au/> or find us on Facebook (search "Churchill & District Community Association"). You can contact us via our website or at PO Box 191 Churchill or by emailing [secretarycdca@mail.com](mailto:secretarycdca@mail.com)

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**ANZAC Ceremony Churchill Hub**  
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community groups, services and general public to commemorate ANZAC day. It is always good to hear from local school children about what this day means to them; to share stories of the brave men and women who fought so hard for the life and country we have today.

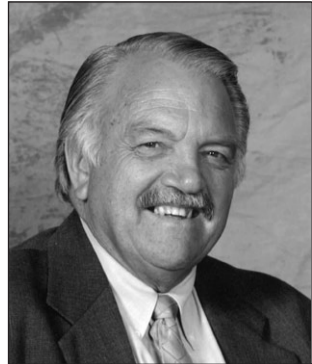
## Letter to the Editor

This is a letter in response to an Al-Anon article titled "Taking a Stand" in the February issue.  
 Why are you making yourself stay with this violent alcoholic who "cannot guarantee it will not happen again". Why not take a stand? You do not have to live with this man, cook for him, wash his clothes and whatever else. He does not deserve to have you there.  
 Others have found the solution is to go to the police - preferably seeing a police woman. If you have current bruises or a black eye, show him or her. The police should arrange for you to stay in a safe, secure place your partner

does not know about until you can be moved somewhere else far away.  
 You do not write if there is a child or children in your home, watching what is going on and feeling afraid. Why should a child have to put up with this fear and the possibility of being abused? Why should you? You deserve a better life.  
*Name and address supplied.*  
 Letter in response to the letter to the Editor above.  
 We thank the person who wrote to the editor of Churchill & District News. There are many members of Al Anon which has been going in Australia for 60 years. Al Anon gives you

choices, so though some of us stay with the alcoholic whether drinking or not, we have a sponsor who is there for us, who will give us the answers or we can talk with each other and give each other the answers.  
 We have many things to think of.  
 Alcoholism is an illness. If we leave, it is our choice. Would we leave if our partner has cancer or a bad heart? Or he could get sober and we could have many wonderful years. Do you love him or not? But going back to the person's letter. This a good solution for people who would not think of going to Al-Anon, or their husband to A.A.

# Darrell White OAM



This is the speech I delivered at the ANZAC Day ceremony at Churchill.  
 As Mayor of Latrobe City Council, it is my pleasure to be here this morning for this ANZAC Day Service.  
 I would like to start by acknowledging the following:  
 The ADF service men and women here today, family members of those who served our country but who are no longer with us, Hazelwood Rotary Club President, Leo Billington and members, Morwell RSL Representatives Don George and Don Gallagher.  
 Ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys,  
 we meet today on ANZAC Day, not to celebrate or glorify war, but to remember those who have served our country during conflict and crisis.

outright defeat, was certainly not a success.  
 The Australian Imperial Force was formed on August 15, 1914.  
 Over the course of the war, 416,809 Australian men volunteered to serve their country, including more than 500 Aboriginal Diggers and over 2000 women, most of whom were nurses.  
 In 1917, our soldiers fought in battles at Bullecourt, Messines Ridge, Menin Road, Polygon Wood and Passchendaele.  
 Today we also remember the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux in its centenary year, described by many as a remarkable feat of arms where the Australian armed forces were instrumental in saving the day.  
 This battle also saw Lieutenant General Sir John Monash become commander of the Australian Corps and it was he who led the Australians in their most successful actions of the war at Hamel.

Gallipoli was not the first occasion on which Australians served overseas. In 1885, New South Wales sent a contingent to the Sudan war.  
 As the twentieth century dawned, Australian contingents served in the Boer War, including my grandfather, David James White.  
 Although Australians died in all of these wars, none had the international or domestic impact of the Gallipoli campaign.  
 Today we recognise the Anniversary of the original ANZAC Day, and all who have served in all wars and peacekeeping operations to the present day, particularly those who were killed in action or died of wounds in battle in defence of our nation or world peace.

We remember too, those who have served on the home front, supplying material and moral strength to our fighting forces, for theirs was no lesser service to Australia.  
 It's on ANZAC Day, that we salute not only the spirit of the ANZAC's but, in paying tribute to them, we take the opportunity to dedicate ourselves to striving for our country as they did, and upholding their finest qualities of courage, commitment, endurance and mateship.  
 ANZAC Day is more than a national holiday, but rather a fundamental Australian tradition.  
 Wherever Australians or New Zealanders are to be found today, it is likely that an ANZAC Day service of some description is taking place. Such is the feeling that Australians have for April 25.

This is the time to pause to acknowledge, thank and recognise those who served in the first and second World Wars, Boer War, Korea, Malaya, Vietnam and more recently, Cambodia, Somalia, Rwanda, the Persian Gulf, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Iraq and Afghanistan.  
 We also acknowledge all current members of our defence forces - the brave men and women who represent our country on a daily basis.  
 ANZAC Day holds a special place in the hearts of so many Australians, it's long and proud history a touching reminder of qualities and sacrifices so rare in today's modern society.  
 Let us strive to be worthy of the memory of those we honour today.  
 Lest we forget.

April 25 is a special time in Australian history, as it enables us as a community to take time to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of Australian Service men and women and their families in the First World War.  
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# Latrobe Chorale



## A concert not to be missed!

The Latrobe Chorale's next concerts will be on June 16 in Traralgon, and June 17 in Warragul. The forty voice strong choir and soloists will be joined by timpani, cello and trumpets for Haydn's fiery and exciting 'Mass in Time of War'.

The choir practises weekly in Morwell and the singers come from an area that currently extends from Rosedale to Drouin, and from Willow Grove to Won Wron.

The choir is directed by Mary Mirtschin and will be accompanied on keyboard by well-known Drouin based concert pianist, Brian Chapman. Lauren Burns

will sing the Soprano solos and be joined by Katherine Hood, alto, Ian Moore, tenor and Ross de Vent, bass. Joan Evans will play the cello and Leon Duncan the timpani. Former Melbourne Symphony Orchestra principal trumpet, John Schmidli will play as will another yet to be named trumpet player.

The choir members in this community based choir sing for the love of it and for the challenge and satisfaction of producing high quality performances for others to enjoy. The choir has now been in existence for over thirty years and is a capable and experienced choir that is constantly renewing itself

with new repertoire and new singers.

The Haydn Mass that will be the main work in the concerts was written in 1795 and is known in German as the 'Paukenmesse' because it features kettledrums, perhaps to create an atmosphere of suspense at a time when the Napoleonic wars were approaching Haydn's homeland.

The choir will also perform other wonderful classical gems including the energetic Durante 'Magnificat', Mozart's heart-rending 'Ave Verum Corpus' and Handel's beautiful homage to Palestrina, 'Throughout the Land' from

his oratorio, 'Solomon'.

The Traralgon concert will be at Traralgon Uniting Church, 19-29 Park Lane, at 2.30p.m. on Saturday June 16. The choir will give the same concert in Warragul on Sunday June 17 also at 2.30p.m. The Warragul concert is at Wesley of Warragul, 64 Victoria Street.

Tickets cost \$20 full price or \$15 concession, and children and young people under sixteen can attend at no cost. They are available from TryBooking, (<https://www.trybooking.com/VGKS> or <https://www.trybooking.com/VGKU>) and will also be available at the door for each concert until sold out.

# NGV 'Writing in the Rain'

The National Gallery of Victoria and Latrobe Regional Gallery are proud to present 'Writing in the Rain': contemporary Asian video art from the NGV, featuring nine works that explore the past decade of contemporary Asian video. Works exhibited are by artists from Taiwan, Korea, Thailand, China, and Indonesia.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said that the exhibition explored the cultural underpinnings specific to each artist.

"This exhibition showcases a recent focus area of NGV collecting - strengthening the holdings of contemporary Asian art in recognition of the vibrancy of artistic practice in the region. The artworks in 'Writing in the Rain' reflect the diverse

way video as a medium is used. The nine works in 'Writing in the Rain' will be displayed on both projectors and screens, with an accompanying sculpture installation.

The works in the exhibition address both past and future concerns, with Go Watanabe's work 'Emo' responding to artificial intelligence and potential future impacts on our emotional lives: while FX Harsano combines video with traditional calligraphy to explore the past, and specifically the experience of Chinese immigrants to Indonesia in the 1970s. From dreamlike landscapes by Yang Yongliang to the humour of Wang Gongxin's 'The Dinner Table', the works employ the immersive strategies of video to draw viewers into the artists'

world," Councillor White said.

The NGV is committed to sharing its collections with the people of Victoria, including the loan of works to regional galleries.

Councillor White added that the LRG was thrilled to be working with NGV to present these practices to regional audiences.



"Please visit and take your time to browse the works in this extraordinary collection. The stories captured on film are universal," Councillor White concluded.

Tony Ellwood, Director,

NGV, said "the NGV is pleased to present these contemporary video works to audiences in the Latrobe Valley. Sharing the NGV's collection of contemporary Asian art with regional Victoria is an integral part of our programming, and we hope visitors to the exhibition enjoy this dynamic area of contemporary artistic practice from our region."

'Writing in the Rain': contemporary Asian video art from the National Gallery of Victoria will be on display from April 3 to July 29, 2018 in Gallery 1 and 2.

Image credit: Tromarma, Pilgrimage, 2011 (still) single channel video. Purchased NGV Foundation 2012. © Tromarama.

# Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists



## Freshwater Turtles

"Freshwater Turtles" is the topic for discussion at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, May 25. The meeting, from 7.30pm, is at the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Old Sale Road and Chamberlain Road, Newborough. Graham Stockfeld, President of the volunteer conservation group, Turtles Australia Inc. will talk on the three species of turtles to be found in Victoria, the threats to their populations and easy methods to assist in their conservation.

Over the next two years

Turtles Australia are hoping to be doing field work on Eastern Long Necked Turtles found in Gippsland.

Graham is a train driver with V/line which is most supportive of his volunteer work and "Turtle Talks". He has kept turtles as pets for most of his life.

There is no charge for attending and visitors are most welcome to come to both activities. For more information phone 0428 422 461.

Photograph: an Eastern Long Necked Turtle by Graham Stockfield

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## Russell Northe MP

The campaign to remove the buildings on the old United Petrol Station in Churchill continues. Both myself and Latrobe City Council have written to the company on multiple occasions outlining the community's concerns with respect to the state of the site and in particular the dilapidated buildings.

The Churchill community has been fantastic in fighting for this cause. This was verified in my being able to present United with nearly 2,000 signatures on our petition that called for the demolition of the buildings at their old petrol station.

Through the efforts of our local community, United is under no illusion as to how strong the desire is to remediate this site on the gateway to Churchill. I have also had phone conversations with senior management of United Petroleum to request the demolition of these building eyesores.

It does appear that United is currently considering selling the site and if so, one would hope that they will remove the buildings and infrastructure prior to selling. That cannot happen soon enough and we will continue to apply the pressure at every opportunity. Again thank you

to the Churchill community for their support in this regard.

I want to congratulate Matt and Peter and the Churchill Hot Bread team for highlighting the need for improved drug and alcohol services in the Latrobe Valley; in particular, a local Drug and Alcohol Residential Rehabilitation Facility, something that I support. Indeed, I have raised this issue within Parliament and in media over recent weeks. Unfortunately, the State Government has not made any commitments at this point in progressing such an initiative.

Over the Easter period Churchill Hot Bread through the selling of their donuts, undertook some fundraising activities in support of such a facility.

A Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Residential Facility is much needed within our local area, as many individuals and their families who are suffering from the fallout of drug and alcohol abuse are often required to travel afar to receive assistance.

Whilst there are local alcohol and drug supports available, there are effectively no medium and longer term rehabilitation residential beds across the whole of the



Gippsland region. Given the extent of the issues this needs to change and again well done to Churchill Hot Bread for their efforts.

I recently had the opportunity to participate in a local fundraising event for Lifeline Gippsland. I must say Lifeline is such an amazing organisation and I commend all staff and volunteers for the important work they do in supporting vulnerable people who are often in crisis. One cannot underestimate the important role their incredible telephone counsellors play in helping those in need.

If you wish to make a donation to Lifeline you can visit the Churchill Lifeline Op Shop at Hazelwood Village. Every donation assists in supporting Lifeline deliver its services.

You can also do a bit of shopping which also helps such a worthy cause. To all volunteers at Churchill Lifeline Op Shop we say well done and keep up the great work!!

## Kath Hunter's 60 years of service to Red Cross



Robyn Irvine, Secretary Morwell and District Red Cross Branch, Anne Macarthur OAM, Chairman Divisional Advisory Board, Red Cross Victoria, Kath Hunter recipient of the Gilt Rosette awarded by Red Cross for 60 years of dedicated service, Anne-Maree Vella, Chairman Morwell and District Red Cross Branch and Ann Harwood, Treasurer Morwell and District Red Cross Branch.

At a recent special Red Cross meeting on April 11, 2018, Kath Hunter was honoured for her 60 years of service to Red Cross with the presentation of the Gilt Rosette Presentation.

There were 30 Red Cross members from throughout Zone 8, Central West and South Gippsland, present at the ceremony. Zone 8 chairperson, Glenda Arbutnott extended congratulations to Kath on behalf of all Zone 8 members.

Kath Hunter joined Red Cross in Morwell in January 1958. Her dedicated service has been continuous for 60 years. Kath is currently an active, keenly interested member of Morwell and District Red Cross Branch and for many years a valuable, willing and highly skilled volunteer with Red Cross Emergency Services.

Our very early records show Kath as a member of the Counter Disaster Catering Group. Kath later gained her food handling certificate in 2005 and volunteered with the Red Cross catering team at many a natural disaster and emergency incident until 2012, often having to drive to unfamiliar locations at night to deliver meals to weary fire fighters, police officers and other emergency service workers.

Kath conscientiously and compassionately carried out her duties as a Single Incident volunteer and purchasing officer for a considerable time, assisting families in crisis following house fires and similar traumatic events.

She has capably mentored volunteers new to the role in recent years.

During the early years of her membership, Kath helped in the Traralgon Red Cross Shop and assisted with Red Cross Calling doorknock appeals. She volunteered at what was called Blood Bank at the local hospitals and medical clinics, providing suppers to the donors and assisting the blood collection team. Kath volunteered at Red Cross House in Morwell, helping to coordinate the loaning of medical aids such as crutches and wheel chairs. She also remembers a time when Red Cross First Aiders volunteered at First Aid Posts during outdoor activities of recreational organisations.

In an official role, Kath was a most capable and highly esteemed Region 10 Secretary from 1985 – 1989 and, with boundary changes, Region 9 Secretary from 1994-1996. Kath always carried out her duties with great charm and dignity.

A warmly respected member, Kath now gladly assists with Red Cross fund raising events, such as gift wrapping at the local shopping centre and Bunnings Sausage Sizzles. She does recall conducting street stalls in the Morwell Shire caravan, purpose built for community organisations to operate fund raising stalls.

With her strong sense of duty, an extensive record of active service and excellent leadership, Kath has set an outstanding example to other members of her branch,

in particular, those new to Red Cross. They look to Kath for advice and wisdom relating to Red Cross matters, knowing that her assistance will stand them in good stead. In 2015, Kath was presented with the Red Cross Outstanding Service Award, and deservedly so. Never one for the limelight, Kath selflessly acknowledges the worthy efforts of fellow Red Cross members, both past and present, who have furthered the work of Red Cross within our community. Her gratitude, encouragement and support are greatly appreciated.

During the centenary year of Australian Red Cross, a local journalist from The Churchill & District News interviewed Kath and other long serving Red Cross members for a "Looking Back" feature in the newspaper. In the article, Kath recalls her decision to join Morwell and District Red Cross Branch.

"It was the thing to do back then. I made new friends, learnt a great deal about Red Cross and all its connections throughout the world, and was able to help others less well off."

Let us all now imagine the number of Red Cross friends Kath has made, the amount of Red Cross knowledge that she has acquired, the number of places that Red Cross has reached or connected with throughout the world and importantly the number of "less well off" people Kath has helped during her remarkable 60 year association with Australian Red Cross.

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Want more information, feel free to come down to the hall and visit during a section meeting. The hall is situated on Manning Dr, Churchill, set back off the road among the natural bushland.

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# Hazelwood Rotary Club



a simulated UN Assembly. The event provides an excellent forum for students to develop and practise their public speaking skills whilst debating on topical world issues.

Gippsland for Road Trauma Support Services, provided an outline of services available for anyone impacted by road trauma.

MUNA has been held around Australia since 1980. Jemma and Lana have been allocated Russia as the country they will represent when debating and discussing current world issues.

Road Trauma Support Services Victoria is a not-for-profit organisation supporting more than 3,000 Victorians each year. The focus is towards reducing the incidence and impact of road trauma.

Our club co-ordinated the 2018 Mother's Day Wrap at Mid Valley. Being a significant calendar occasion, it's an excellent opportunity to interact with the local community once more.

Hazelwood Rotary Club is very keen to hear from local residents who wish to learn more about Rotary and what Rotary clubs actually do.

One of our recent guest speakers, Lyn Bennett, Regional Coordinator

For people interested, you are invited to contact President, Leo Billington on 0458 661 848.

By Leo Billington

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.

This was most evident on ANZAC Day when the Hazelwood Rotary Club co-ordinated the service at Churchill.

Together with Churchill Lions Club, a Gunfire breakfast was also provided for attendees at the service.

Two long serving community organisations combining their talents and expertise is what it's all about – being out in public supporting activities bringing people together.

Hazelwood Rotary is sponsoring two Mirboo North

Secondary College Year 11 students, Jemma Garlick and Lana Williamson to attend the 2018 Model United Nations Assembly [MUNA] program in late May.

The Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) is a significant international Rotary youth program in which our club participates.

Senior secondary college students develop an awareness

of the United Nations and the countries they represent at



### STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



## Mother's Day

Mother's Day has come and gone here in Australia but it is celebrated in many countries right around the world, as well it should. The official celebration dates vary however, and if you are a mother with children in more than one country, you could receive a number of cards at different times of the year.

The origins of Mother's Day as we celebrate it are quite modern, but they are based on traditions which go back many centuries, indeed millennia. We know that mothers have always been seen as givers of life, a biological certainty which was a mystery to ancient peoples. Ancient statues of fertility goddesses have been found from many pre-historic cultures. During the period of recorded history, the past 4000 years, writings show that mothers have been revered.

and in the Yugoslavian region, the tradition began of returning home for the fourth Sunday in Lent, bringing gifts of flowers and a special cake, which the English called a simnel cake. It was a fruit cake or a fruit-filled pastry. Apprentices, soldiers, servants and others in service were given special time off to do this. In England it became known as Mothering Sunday.

The modern Mother's Day comes from the United States and it has a founder. Her name is Anna Jarvis. She led a movement through the churches of America to set aside a Sunday to honour mothers. It gained momentum quickly and widely through the feminine section of the population and in May 1911, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation announcing that the second Sunday in May would be celebrated right across the U.S.A. It is from her that carnations are recognised as the traditional flower of Mother's Day. In keeping with the commercial nature of American culture, cards soon followed, and gifts became almost a necessity to make the day special for Mum.

from the famous painting of Whistler's Mother. At the beginning of the following year Austria released a Mother's Day stamp showing a mother and child, the first of several over the years. Since then many countries have issued stamps celebrating Mother's Day.



Other stamps honouring motherhood have been issued over the years. Following World War 1, a charity called Mothers and Children was set up to alleviate the plight of families in the difficult and hungry years as Germany struggled to recover. Sets of stamps with a premium charge were issued to fund the charity. After World War 2 the U.S. issued a stamp to honour 'Gold Star' mothers whose children in the armed forces



were killed during the war.

Today we see Mother's Day stamps included in sets of celebration stamps.



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In our Christian culture, The Virgin Mary symbolised motherhood in its purest form. As the Roman Catholic religion began to divide in the 16th century, other traditions began. In England

# Soroptimists – women driving Gippsland forward

Women of Gippsland gathered in Traralgon on the night of Wednesday April 18, at the first Gippsland Women's Network Event, sponsored by Soroptimists International.

Over thirty women, representing twenty organisations, came together to share stories of the work they are doing to support women and families, and drive Gippsland forward.

A diverse range of interests and sectors were present, including Gippsland Women's Health Network, Berry Street, CASA, Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN, Deadly Miagis Aboriginal Women's Group, the CWA, Girl Guides, Sisterhood Showcase and Kapatiran sa Gippsland.

The stories were incredibly inspiring – from empowering foster care kids to make their debuts to establishing schools for orphans in Sudan.

However, the night also presented the opportunity for people to ask for and offer

help. The willingness to share and collaborate was overwhelming, with groups who did not previously know of each other solving mutual problems on the spot.

Four organisations got their heads together and organised sewing machines and fabric to be donated so that CWA members can teach disengaged young women to sew, to make bags for delivering welcome care packages to refugee families.

"I felt goosebumps so many times this evening – hearing both the positive and heart-wrenching stories" said Jess Reeves, who facilitated the evening.

"There are so many good people working in the Gippsland Community to improve the lives of women and girls – imagine what we could achieve if we worked more collaboratively and supported each other's efforts?"

Samantha Brick the club's

president said "Soroptimist International Gippsland's vision is to create a network of women who are driving Gippsland forward, to work collaboratively with other women's organisations, to facilitate partnerships, to create awareness of women's services so they are well supported, to find the gaps in services and help fill those gaps, to be innovative, to be strategic and to continue to make a difference".

She was very happy with this initial gathering and is looking forward to the ongoing connections.

The group intends to make this a biannual event and will be setting up a networking platform to share information about the organisations involved, including a calendar of events and list of skillsets. For more information or to become involved, please contact Samantha Brick on 0427 824 722 or go to Soroptimist International of Gippsland's facebook page.



## Cooking with Noelene



### Wangi casserole

This is a delicious old fashioned casserole and is a meal in one dish, with a gravy that is quickly stirred through together from ingredients found in most kitchen pantries.

I used the slow cooker to cook the casserole.

Toss 1kg of diced mutton or topside beef through 3 tbs of plain flour until it is well coated.

Put a layer of diced meat in the slow cooker.

Cover with a layer of peeled and sliced onions, a handful of whole cherry tomatoes, sliced brussel

sprout rounds, peeled and sliced sweet potato, then a layer of sliced bacon rashers.

Repeat this process until all the cubed meat is used.

Lay extra bacon rashers across the top of the mix.

In a separate bowl, mix together 1/2 cup of brown malt vinegar with 3 tbs of sriracha, 3 tbs of Worcestershire sauce, 1 tbs of mustard powder, 1 dsp of castor sugar, cracked black pepper and salt to taste, and 1 cup of water.

Mix well.

Pour over the ingredients in the slow cooker.

Cover and cook on high for 2 hours or until tender.

Serve with brown rice and crusty bread to sop up the juices.

Enjoy !

Noelene's cooking classes commenced on Tuesday April 24, 10am - 12.00 midday.

Saturday morning classes commenced Saturday April 28, 10.am -12.00midday.

## Palliative care jobs boost for Gippsland

More people with a terminal illness in Gippsland will be able to get the compassionate palliative care they need, closer to home, thanks to a Victorian Government boost to services and jobs in the sector.

Minister for Health Jill Hennessy recently announced regional palliative care consultancy services across regional areas that will share in \$3.9 million to help them expand their workforce and meet increasing demand.

Latrobe Regional Hospital, through the Gippsland Regional Consultancy Service, will receive \$803,656 – which will provide additional palliative medicine specialist, nurse practitioner and social work hours to ensure a more regular service across Gippsland, as well as a new psychologist to enhance support for patients and families.

The Government is investing more than \$62 million in additional funding

over five years to support more terminally ill Victorians to be cared for, and die, at home.

Some regions will almost double their current staffing levels. This will mean services can better respond to demand and patient complexity, and will provide locals with high quality end-of-life care that relieves pain and suffering – and empower them and their families to make more decisions about their care.

In 2017, the Government invested \$1.25 million to establish a 24-hour expert palliative care advice line, \$3.86 million to improve access to community palliative services for people living in regional Victoria and \$10 million in grants for end-of-life ancillary support services.

These funding boosts will provide home-based palliative care for additional 1,215 people and their families.

The Government invests around \$135 million per

year on palliative care services – including grants for community palliative care agencies - and has increased funding each year.

Minister for Health Jill Hennessy said "We know most people want to die at home, close to family and loved ones. This boost will give people with a terminal illness in regional Victoria more support to be cared for at home. Compassionate palliative care services help relieve pain and suffering and make a real difference helping people make the most of every moment as their life draws to an end."

Harriet Shing said "Palliative care is such a crucial part of creating and maintaining dignity and self-determination for patients. The creation of more jobs in palliative care and increased funding will support more Gippslanders to determine where they want to be at the end of their lives."



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# Moving Histories at Gallery



Latrobe Regional Gallery is pleased to present 'Moving Histories // Future Projections' bringing together some of Australia's leading female contemporary artists working across screen-based media.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said the exhibition was curated by Kelly Doley and Diana Smith of collaborative artist group, Barbara Cleveland.

"The exhibition explores invisible pasts, forgotten narratives and repressed memories, reminding us how history is fractured by race, class and gender.

The artists in 'Moving Histories // Future Projections' approach their subject matter in a variety of

ways – they turn the camera on themselves, re-stage historical events or reimagine alternative futures through speculative accounts of the past. Yet through repetition, montage and mimicry, they all explore a space where time folds in on itself and back again and each looks back while also moving forward.

Collectively and individually they act as historians, archivists and archaeologists - excavating historical materials, digging through archives and channelling the past to make new connections across time and space," Councillor White said.

"Artists featured include Mikala Dwyer and Justine Williams, Amala Groom, Deborah Kelly, Kate

Blackmore and Jacinta Tobin, Joan Ross, Soda Jerk, Angelica Mesiti and Caroline Garcia.

The exhibition is a glimpse into the past using new and exciting perspectives to tell a different version of the story," Councillor White concluded.

'Moving Histories // Future Projections': A dLux Media Arts exhibition toured by Museums and Galleries of NSW.

Image 1: Soda\_Jerk, The Time that Remains (still), 2012, digital video, 11:56 mins. Courtesy the artist.

Image 2: Amala Groom, The Invisibility of Blackness (still), 2014, single-channel digital video, 47 seconds. Filmed by Liz Warning. Courtesy the artist.

# Plants in my garden

By Mike Beamish  
**Species:**  
**Lasiopetalum discolor**  
**Family:**  
 Malvaceae (Sterculiaceae)  
**Derivation:**  
 Lasiopetalum: From the Greek, lasios, meaning shaggy or hairy, and petalon, meaning leaf (or petal in the botanical sense), thus hairy petals.  
 discolor: A Latin word meaning variegated, parti-coloured or of unusual colour.

**Common Name: Coast Velvet-bush**  
**Distribution:**

Widespread along the southern coast in Western Australia from Albany to Cape Arid and in South Australia from the western side of the Eyre Peninsula to the Victorian border. It is possibly extinct on the Tasmanian mainland, having not been collected from the north-west coast for over 70 years, but still occurs on Prime Seal and Cape Barren Islands, near Flinders Island in Bass Strait. You would have to think it occurs in Victoria, particularly in the south-west near the SA border, but it is not listed in the Flora of Victoria. Maybe we give it a different name?

**Description:**  
 A shrub which may reach 1m high, but is usually shorter due to wind and salt pruning in its natural habitat. Leaves are stiff and broadly oblong-lanceolate to ovate, with flat or recurved margins, a slightly impressed midrib and distinct secondary veins. They are up to 8cm long and 5cm wide, grey-green



and hairy on top, paler and hairy underneath, on petioles (leaf stalks) to 2cm long. The flowers are in dense pendulous heads, with each flower having an epicalyx of 3 linear-oblong segments to 8mm long, with shorter pink or white sepals, fused for one third of their length, densely hairy on the outside. The petals are tiny, only 1.5mm long and are usually reddish-brown in colour. Flowering occurs in spring and summer.

**Opinion:**  
 My plant is in the island bed in the middle of the front yard, next to the top reservoir of my creek and frog pond system. It has been there for a few years now, but early on in its life it was hidden by the plants growing around it and has only shown itself fully in the last two years. It is now about a metre tall and a bit leggy, with two or three main stems and not much body to the plant. It wants to lie flat on its neighbours, but the length of the stems allow me to shift it around and hang it up on taller plants, so it is displayed better. The flowers are quite pretty, but like most Velvet-

bushes, they hang down on short plants and are difficult to see from above. We've seen it in a number of places in the wild, namely Kangaroo Island and the Yorke Peninsula in South Australia, and on the southern WA coast, and I reckon it looks much better in its natural habitat, where the wind and salt keep it a compact and dense shrub, that adds to the visual amenity of our coastal scenery.

**Sources:**  
 Sharr: WA Plant Names and their Meanings.  
 Elliot and Jones: Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 9.  
 Internet: Flora of Victoria, WA Florabase, eFlora SA.

**Meetings:**  
 The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group meets on the second Thursday each month at 7.30pm, at the Horticultural Buildings of Federation Training, on the corner of Prince's Drive and Monash Way, Morwell. All guests welcome. Please let us know you are coming by calling Mike on 0447 452 755.

## Recognising Victoria's valued volunteers

Do you know an outstanding volunteer from or working in Gippsland?

Nominations are now open for the 2018 Victorian Premier's Volunteer Champions Awards, which celebrate the enormous contribution of Victoria's volunteer community.

The Victorian Government recently opened nominations for the awards, which will recognise up to 60 volunteers for their service to the community.

One award recipient will be selected as Victoria's Volunteer of the Year, winning a \$10,000 donation to a charity of their choice and receiving the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Award.

A further four award categories will be recognised:

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The winners will be announced at a ceremony at Government House later in

the year.

The aim is to further strengthen organisational capacity and community building by promoting recruitment of more Victorians from diverse backgrounds into volunteering roles.

Nominations close on Monday, May 28, 2018 at 5pm, at the conclusion of National Volunteer Week, which runs from May 20 to 27, 2018.

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# BBQ raises funds for Royal Children's Hospital



Volunteers from the Morwell Neighbourhood Watch – Safer communities Group catering at the BBQ.

On Good Friday the Gippsland Australian Muslim Community (GAMCI) held a BBQ where they raised \$600 for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. The BBQ aptly was held at Immigration Park after the Friday prayer, which attracted a large number of Muslim families. The BBQ was catered by volunteers from the Morwell Neighbourhood Watch – Safer communities Group. This group has now provided

the Muslim community with wonderful support over a number of functions. The Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV), with the aid of other mosques including GAMCI raised over \$20,000 for the worthy appeal. The ICV also runs a Hospital Chaplaincy Program. The ICV President Dr Mohammed Mohadeen stated that "The Muslim community is very charitable and we are proud of that. Giving alms is

one of the pillars of Islam". Last year the grandchild of GAMCI President Mr Tanveer Hasan, was unfortunately hospitalised at the Royal Children's Hospital for a number of weeks. Mr Hasan and his family were very pleased with the care and treatment provided to their grandson at this world renowned facility. GAMCI was proud to donate to the worthy cause.



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# Smith Family supports Festival



Saturday March 17 saw the community at Churchill come together in celebration.

The Smith Family's Morwell Team joined in the family oriented activities by setting up a hands on craft

station where children of all ages could build something imaginative with their hands.

Some of their creations were amazing. This was a great opportunity to engage

with community and promote the work and goals of the Smith Family with a range of families and children in this informal setting. Everyone had a great fun day!

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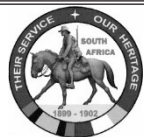
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## Boer War Soldiers.

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

### Michael Terence McDonald

Michael McDonald was born on 24/10/1881 at Hazelwood to parents James McDonald and Elizabeth Woods. He attended Yinnar State School. He was a single farmer from Yinnar, aged 19 years when he enlisted on 14/1/1901 as No.936 Sergeant with 5th Victorian Mounted Rifles and was sent to Langwarrin Camp.

Michael had previously served in the militia as Private with the Victorian Rangers.

He departed Victoria on 15/2/1901 from Melbourne on SS Orient, arriving on 7/3/1901 in Cape Town via Albany. From there he was sent to Port Elizabeth and on by train to Pretoria. From 24/3/1901 to 4/4/1901 he was mobilised at Pretoria.

He died on 10/4/1901, aged 20 years at No.2 General Hospital, Pretoria from debility, and is buried in the Church Street Cemetery, Pretoria.



Stained glass window in memory of Sergeant Michael Terence McDonald at the Yinnar Catholic Church  
Photo 13/8/2014 by Ken Harris, Churchill

and hearty, and was blessed with a sound and healthy constitution, which makes

in the L.V. Express dated November 9, 2015, it states:

"After receiving the news of the death of their son, consideration was given to how best to remember Sergeant McDonald.

His father suggested and then agreed to meet the cost of a stained glass window memorial in the yet-to-be-built Yinnar Catholic Church.

The Church was opened in April 1903 with the stained glass window above the altar in memory of Sergeant Michael Terence McDonald of Yinnar.

In July 1904 James McDonald died and later that year, the remaining members of the McDonald family left Yinnar.

Sergeant M.T. McDonald's name is listed on several war memorials but the stained glass window at the Yinnar Catholic Church is a unique and perpetual tribute to a 19 year-old volunteer who lost his life while on active service - 117 years ago".

### John Nadenbousch

John Nadenbousch was born on 9/2/1878 at Hazelwood to parents Alphonse Nadenbousch and Bertha Deppeler. He was known as Jack and attended Hazelwood State School.

By 1893 he had become a junior cadet with the Morwell Volunteer Cadet Corps, and later served as Private No.5200 with the Victorian Rangers.

John was a farmer at Hazelwood when he enlisted on 22/10/1899 as

No.103 Private with 1st Victorian Mounted Rifles. He embarked from Melbourne on the HMS Medic, arriving at Cape Town before being sent to Maitland Camp near Cape Town as part of the Australian Regiment.

From there he was sent to De War, then Belmont. He participated in major action at Bastards Nek followed by operations at Pink Hill and Bloemfontein on 10/2/1900. From 3/4/1900 John saw major actions at Klip River, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Diamond Hill and Belfast.

He departed Cape Town on the S.S. Orient on 13/12/1900, returning to Melbourne on 5/1/1901 and was discharged on 8/1/1901.

John's medal entitlement was Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps for Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Johannesburg, Diamond Hill, Belfast. On 9/5/1901 he received the medal from the Duke of York at Government House.

John served as one of the representatives from the State of Victoria in the 1902 Australian Coronation Contingent for King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra in 1902, also attending a dinner given in their honour at West Ilington.

He was awarded the King Edward VII Coronation Medal 1902 with military ribbon.

After the Boer War he joined the militia and became Sergeant in the 10th Australian Light Horse Regiment (Morwell Detachment) and became a member of the Morwell Rifle Club.

John returned to farm at Hazelwood but by 1909 he moved to Clydebank near Sale. By 1925 he had moved to Sale and later Goon Nure near Bairnsdale. He was a grazier for the remainder of his working life. John was a well regarded Gippsland grazier, who bred prize Corriedale sheep and excelled as a horseman and marksman.

John died on April 9, 1946 in Bairnsdale aged 68 yrs. He was interred at the old section of Sale Cemetery.

John Nadenbousch and Mabel Cobain Kenyon married in 1907 at Ascot Vale. They had six children - Hilda Margaret, Gwenda Mabel, Lorna Ethel, Alice Lorraine, Herbert John and Elsa Jean Nadenbousch.

He'd been to the Boer



Private John Nadenbousch  
1878 - 1946

A state of Victoria representative in the Australian contingent for the coronation of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra.

Private Nadenbousch is wearing the coronation contingent uniform and his Queen's South Africa medal.

Photo 1902 in London, courtesy of Margaret Coulson, Traralgon.

War with the 1st Victorian Mounted Infantry and wrote several long letters home giving clear and interesting accounts of the Boer War, which were published in the Morwell Advertiser at intervals during 1900.

He wrote well, and his

pickets of 24 hours where the soldiers were on watch or guarding places. They had a bad time, many being shot and wounded; some with their horses shot out beneath them. The Boers were many and often they were outnumbered.

He describes the



Sergeant Michael Terence McDonald  
5th Victorian Mounted Rifles  
Photo by Tom Humphrey & Co, Melbourne.  
The Leader (Melbourne) 16/2/1901 Page 5

His medal entitlement is Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps for Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, South Africa 1901.

Before enlisting, Michael played football with the Yinnar Football Club and played cricket for the Morwell and Traralgon Cricket Clubs.

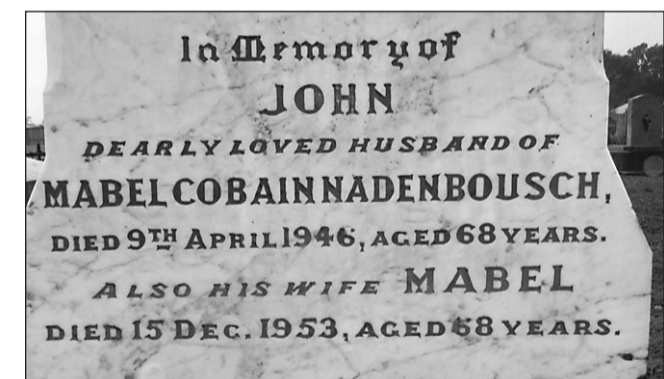
According to an article which appeared in the Morwell and Yinnar Gazette dated April 19, 1901 titled: "Sad Death of Sergeant M. T. McDonald - it states....

"When he enlisted in the last contingent he was hale

his death all the more sad and unexpected, seeing that he died of general debility, which simply means a running down of the system. All who knew him were under the impression that he would have seen long service in South Africa, consequently this untimely event has been a severe shock to his friends and admirers.

He was one of those genial, kind hearted souls, who seem to make friends wherever they go".

According to an article



Grave of John and Mabel Nadenbousch.  
Allotment 4 Section R Plan 4 Sale General Cemetery  
Photo

Courtesy Rob de Souza-Daw

letters make interesting reading.

Julie Tiedemann, grand-daughter of John Nadenbousch, has copies of his three letters which appeared in the Morwell Advertiser. Extracts from these three letters follow.

"The voyage to South Africa was at times rough with sea sickness rife. But the soldiers had plenty to do with learning and practising drills as well as tending the horses."

John speaks of doing

conditions - dust storms and endless sand, the men and how they were, many of whom were the locals from around this area. In one letter he shares that they had received some new clothes to keep out the winter chills, but that riding pants were in short supply.

One soldier he wrote about was Thomas Rose the farrier, and his death from enteric fever, a disease which claimed the lives of many soldiers in South Africa.





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## Boer War Soldiers.

### Isaac Nuttall

Rob de Souza-Daw and Les Grauer, who is the great nephew of Private Isaac Nuttall, supplied the following information -

Isaac was born on 9/5/1880 at Meredith to parents John James Nuttall and Mary Ashworth, and was their seventh child.

He was known as Ike.

Isaac came to Jeeralang with his parents and siblings as a baby in 1880, and began his education at Morwell State School in June 1887 at age seven years and seven months. Les says Isaac's aunt Ann had a house in Morwell so he probably lived there.

John Nuttall's land was situated a short distance down the Jeeralang North Road, consisting of 108 acres of bush. He stated he had built a three bedroom house and a barn.

Isaac was single when he enlisted on 2/2/1901 as No.1645 Private 5th Victorian Mounted Rifles and was sent to Langwarrin military camp. He departed from Melbourne on S.S. Orient arriving in Cape Town on 8/3/1901. From there he was sent to Port Elizabeth and on to Pretoria.

Les Grauer believes that the fire which destroyed the Nuttall home on June 4, 1887



and the death of Isaac's father, John Nuttall on January 21, 1888 may have influenced Isaac's decision to enlist.

Isaac fought in eastern Transvaal during the guerrilla campaign by the Boers. In 7/5/1901 he participated in major action against the Boers at Rhenoster Kop and

Transvaal.

On 11/5/1901 he transferred to Right Wing, D Company. He participated from mid-August in operations including Vryheid and Zululand until 11/3/1902, when he returned to Cape Town before sailing on the S.S. Custodian for Melbourne,

where he arrived on 26/4/1902 and was discharged the same day.

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

He worked as a farm



Hugh James (Jim) and Isaac Nuttall

labourer. Six years later he died on 30/7/1908, aged 28 years, from pulmonary tuberculosis at the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg. He was buried at Hazelwood Cemetery on 1/8/1908.

Ike was remembered as a very nice man by Les

Grauer's mother. He was Les' grandmother's youngest brother. Les has always understood that most of Isaac's time on his return to Australia was spent in hospital.



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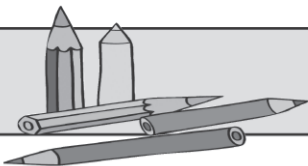
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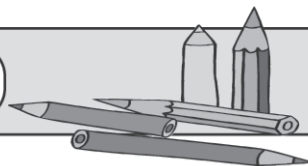
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# School News



## Boolarra Primary



### Yinnar and District Sports Day

On Thursday March 22, it was the Yinnar and District Sports Day at the Yinnar Oval. Cooper's first event was the long jump and Oscar's was the long distance. Oscar scored a three and I scored three too. Some of our other events were the sprint, high jump, discus and shot putt. There were a lot of other schools there. There was Hazelwood North, Churchill, Yinnar, Yinnar South and Churchill North. Boolarra Primary School came fourth. It was so exhausting!

By Cooper S and Oscar  
Grade 2/3

### Tennis with Mr Peavey

Every Monday this term Mr Peavey comes to our school to teach us tennis. We play lots of games with Mr

Peavey like dodge ball and poison ball. We practise a lot of tennis skills. Mr Peavey tells funny stories.

By Declan  
Grade 2/3

### Cross country Run

On Monday April 23, all the Grade 3 - 6 students did the cross country. We had to walk to the rail trail and then walk a lap of where we were running. We had to wait until it was our age groups turn and then we got to run. We liked running but everyone felt very puffed!

By Jasper and Laura  
Grade 2/3

### Boolarra Primary School building works

Boolarra Primary School has some work done around the school like the new entrance with new concrete and new steps. This all

happened over the summer holidays. During the Term 1 holidays the corridor was painted. We think our school looks really good now.

By Brendan and Georgia  
Grade 2/3

### Our Learning Goals

At Boolarra Primary School we all have learning goals. There are three different types of goals, literacy, numeracy and personal.

We set our goals on things that we need to practise to help our learning.

By Matilda R and Milo  
Grade 2/3

### Mandarin

Every Thursday morning, we go to the LTC for a Mandarin lesson. Our teacher's names are Li Lao Shi and Shen Lao Shi. This is how you say good morning 'Z?oshang h'o'. Sometimes

we play games and sometimes we watch videos. We get a sticker if we win the game! It is lots of fun.

By Ericka and Ella  
Grade 2/3

### Our Principal

Mrs Duncan is our new Principal. She talks longer than our old Principal Mrs Emond. Mrs Duncan always says hello with a smile.

She is lovely and nice and she doesn't get grumpy. She is making lots of changes at our school. We think she is pretty awesome.

By Copper C. and Ryder K.

### Easter Activities

On March 29, we had the Easter Egg Hunt, an Easter Egg Roll and an Easter Egg Drop! It took a long time but it was lots of fun! In the Easter Egg Hunt we had to

find chocolate eggs. In the Easter Egg Roll we rolled hard boiled eggs down the hill, the winner is the person whose egg goes the furthest and doesn't break, we didn't win the Easter Egg Roll.

In the Easter Egg Drop we had to build a box to hold our raw egg so that it didn't break when we dropped it! When all the activities were finished we had an assembly and then it was HOLIDAYS!

By Asha and Harrison  
Grade 2/3

### Breakfast at school

Every second Wednesday we have breakfast at school, we have it in the LifeSkills Kitchen.

Mr and Mrs Black run it. We have toast with jam or Nutella or vegemite. We can have porridge too. We also get juice.

By Ryder M and Troy  
Grade 2/3

### Our School Sports Day

On March 15, we had our School Sports Day.

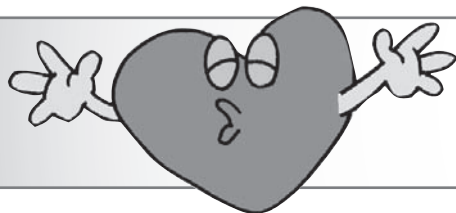
There are four houses, Strzelecki, Morrow, Irving, Penaluna. We did lots of different events. We did the running race first. After the running events we split into our age groups and did all of the other events. The events were high jump, shot putt, discus, bean bag accuracy and bean bag toss. Some people did the sack race too.

We got to have a rest in between some events. Irving won the sports champion award and Strzelecki won the good sports award.

By Loki and Matilda M  
Grade 2/3



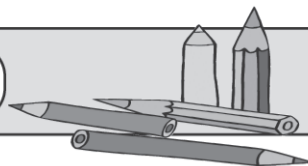
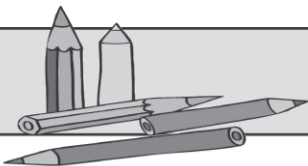
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Pizza lunch for 90% and over attendance



### Year 11 Systems Engineering

Five girls are part of the mainly male Year 11 class of Systems Engineering. Faith and Sarah have partnered to work together on the project briefs given to them.

The first was to invent an eraser holder with several conditions imposed. The girls succeeded. This design was then produced with a 3D printer.

With the teacher being impressed by their work, this spurred them on to the next project which was to design a robot which could pick up a ping pong ball and move it to an allocated area. They were provided with a box of materials which was all they could use to create their robot. Tools were provided to use for the task.

Over seven weeks they have worked together to solve the various problems which have arisen, but they are determined to solve each one of their most complex

designs.

Faith says she is proud of what they have achieved. Two students with little prior knowledge but with a desire to do a class which would be different and challenging, have made great progress, impressing the teachers.

Faith says the class has been a sharp learning curve as each step along the way has needed to be conquered to achieve their goal.

This has taught Faith about communication and team work. It has also taught her a lot about engineering, problem solving, designing and creativity as well as using past knowledge and experience.

This is now Faith's favourite class and has given her the incentive to achieve being in the top 10% of her class and perhaps this may lead to a career path.

Teachers are very pleased with both these young people, praising their work ethic and

devotion to achieving their goal.

### Attendance Policy success.

Ange Northover has been given the task of lifting the expected student attendance to 90% or over for the whole cohort of students at the University Campus.

Ange collects the data and makes a display of the number of students in each of three categories - 90% and over, 79%-90%, and below 79%. This data is posted as three colours (no individual names are posted) - red for the lowest, amber for the middle group and green for the 90% and over.

The 90% group allows for students to have a sick day with a doctor's certificate or to attend a VCE or VCAL excursion or approved activity.

When the information is posted the students show a great deal of interest. If they are not selected in the green group there is an opportunity

for a conversation as to why not and ideas for how they could improve. It is also a way of showing students who may not be doing well at their studies a possible reason due to lack of attendance. The school passionately wants each student to make the best use of their time at school and succeed.

A good number of students have achieved the green standard so far this year and they were rewarded with a pizza lunch. Teachers attended the lunch to encourage and congratulate the students for being eligible.

This initiative is about encouraging the students to progress upwards to the green category and thus make better use of their school days.

### Contact details

Parents and guardians are urged to keep the school informed of their current contact details in case of emergencies or the need to contact them for any other

reason.

### Leisure Centre usage

The Student Representative Council (SRC) recommended to the staff a while back that the Leisure Centre be available for use during lunchtimes so students could move and be involved with volleyball and basketball.

The school agreed and they have been paying for the students to use the Centre during Term 2 and 3.

Around 30-40 students do so on a regular basis. The school sees this as a worthwhile activity as it encourages the students to be active.

This facility will continue for as long as students desire it.

Other resources such as portable basketball rings for girls and soccer accessibility on the hockey pitch will be encouraged and continue, especially during the winter months.

### Focus Groups.

For four years focus groups of students have been randomly selected from both VCE and VCAL streams to find out their views on how the school is performing. These interviews take place twice a year. The staff want to know if the students feel safe, if they appreciate the learning environment, whether it is providing for all their needs, their feelings of belonging, do they find school stimulating, are there improvements which they feel should be made?

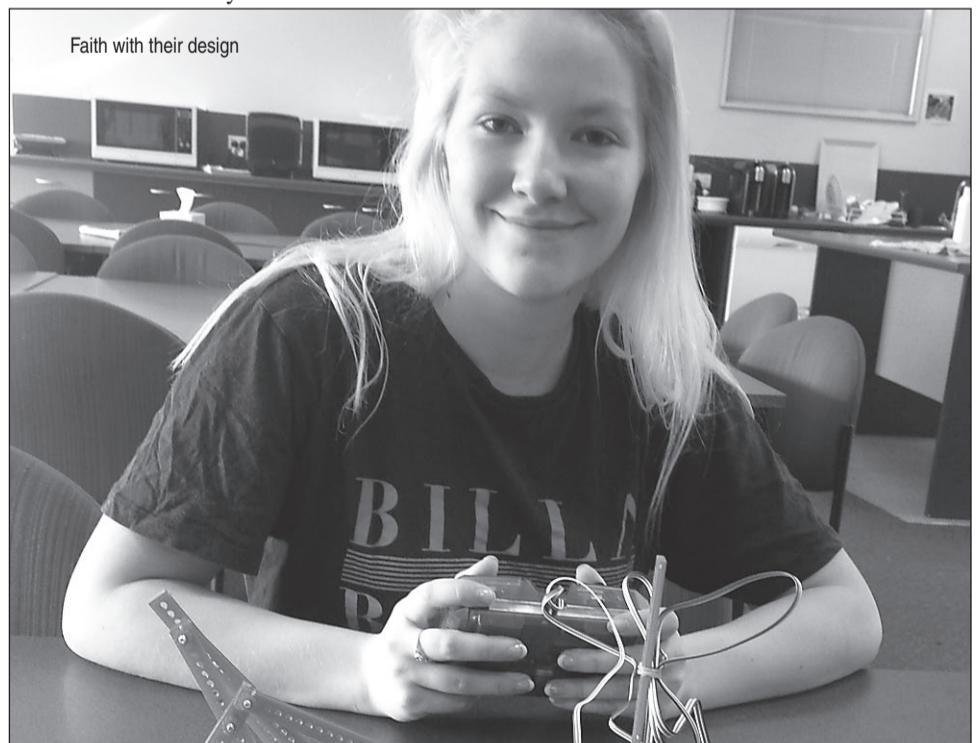
With the information gathered from these interviews and the Attitude to School survey results done by every student in Victoria, the school is able to accumulate more in - depth information to evaluate the school's progress.

The school Principals are dedicated to make the most of schooling time for each student.

Students use the Leisure Centre at lunchtimes to keep active.



Faith with their design



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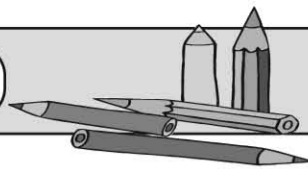
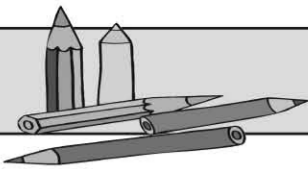
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### Accelerated Learning Program

On the night of Thursday March 15, all the Year 7 ALP students attended a sleepover in the Language Centre at Churchill Campus. This was an opportunity for the students to get to know each other in a fun setting, as it is expected that they will continue their next four years at Kurnai in the same class together. It was also an opportunity for the students to meet a past ALP student, Chloe Answerth and ask her any questions they have regarding her time in the ALPs class. A special thanks to Mr White who organised the much loved 'minute to win it' games. The following is an account of the evening as written by Gemma Whykes, Jenna McLauchlan and Beth Daddo:

"ALPs sleepover was a night we will never forget. The night started with everybody arriving and setting up their sleeping arrangements. It was an effort! Finally, everyone had set up and was ready to eat (we were all complaining about how hungry we were), when Mary walked in and yelled "PIZZA'S HERE". It was like the gods had blessed us with food and drink.

After dinner we played

the 'minute to win it' games, which were really fun yet challenging, as all the challenges were different and took different skills to complete them. In the middle of the challenges we'd earn our chocolate coated ice cream and stretched our legs. After the second round of games, we found our winner... it was the boys team plus Mr Bao. We were given thirty minutes to get ready for bed, which we used to braid each other's hair. All of a sudden it was time for lights out, not that the talking stopped... not to name names, but thanks Jenna for the late night. Also, not many of us got much sleep as we could hear the boys snoring in the other room. In the morning we all woke up at 6am as we wanted to finish off our braids.

Even with the early start, we struggled to get ourselves all packed up in time, but we were hungry so we did our best and got some breakfast. Then it was off to school for the day."

### Years 6/8 China Study Tour

Fourteen Year 8 Kurnai and four Year 6 Hazelwood North Primary students, had a trip of a lifetime to China. They flew out of Tullamarine on March 19 and returned

to Churchill on April 4. For many of the students, it was their first time flying overseas.

The tour included three days in Shanghai, a train trip south to Rui'an for seven days attending the Jiyun Experimental School, ending with three days in Beijing.

After a ten-hour flight, the arrival in Shanghai was uneventful and the tour group went off to a hotel to the north of the city.

The first day included a subway trip into the city centre, which for the students was an experience. The subway system was very quick and efficient. The trains were not as crowded as they would have been in peak hour. The first day took in a visit to a market, a walk down one of the main streets to 'the Bund' to look across the river to the modern area of Shanghai.

On the second day, there was a visit to the Oriental Pearl Tower, overlooking the city.

Up the tower there is also a see-through floor should anyone be game to step out onto it – all the students did. The third day took in Shanghai Disneyland. This was an experience that took everyone by surprise. Even having arrived quite early

in the day, it was already crowded and the waits for the rides were quite long. All the Disney characters were in the big parade and the central castle is the largest in the world.

The following day, the students boarded a train travelling south to Wenzhou. The train reached 268 km per hour but due to the number of stops, never reached top speed. After several hours Rui'an was reached and then an hour-long bus ride took the students into Jiyun Experimental School where the students met up with their homestay students and families.

This week enabled the students to experience the culture of the modern China, their way of life, home life, and even food – although there was quite a bit of KFC eaten. During the day, students carried out classes at the school that included, crafts, art, and writing and there were also bus trips to tourist attractions related to the Chinese heritage. The Chinese students mobbed the Aussie students as though they were rock stars.

After the week at Rui'an, the students caught a plane to Beijing for their last days in

China. The trip into the city saw that the smog was much greater than experienced before. The students were provided with dust-masks in case the smog became too bad. The hotel stay was in a very large shopping precinct. Whilst in Beijing, the students visited the Temple of Heaven, the Forbidden Palace, Tiananmen Square, and the Great Wall. One of the more engaging attractions was an acrobat/martial arts show. The highlight was when there were motorbikes driving around inside an iron-grid sphere, getting up to eight at the same time.

Flying home took in a long stopover at Shanghai, and all the students were glad to be home again. Although, they had missed out on Easter.

### Driver Simulator

Once again, the Driver Simulator was a huge success with the Year 10 students.

On March 15 and 16, the Year 10 students participated in the Driver Simulator Program which provided our learner drivers (or soon to be) experiences while driving. This program provides the opportunity for all students to experience driving in a range of conditions including wet weather, fog and so on

in the safety of a classroom. Students are also introduced to various distractions that can occur whilst driving, and they are able to see the impact that distractions or impairments can have on their driving and on other motorists on the road.

The program aims to teach students in an engaging and interactive way that being irresponsible on our roads has serious consequences.

Amy Cannon (pictured) described the experience as 'It was grand. It helped us (students) learn about the dangers of driving on the roads. We learnt how to merge onto freeways and the dangers of texting when driving. I am glad I got the chance to participate in this activity.'

### Year 9 Outdoor Ed Surf Camp

The Year 9 students in the Outdoor Education class have finished a range of swimming proficiency tests and camping requirements over term 1. They went off to their three day Surf Camp at Wilson's Promontory to test out the knowledge and skills gained in the class. All the students had a great time and were able to stand up on their surfboards. It was also a great way to enjoy the company of fellow students in the group.



Driving Simulator



At the Great Wall of China



Outdoor Ed Surf Camp



Tiananmen Square

# School News

# Churchill Primary



have a better future. In 2010, the tree was carefully shifted from its original position to a position near the main gate of the school when our new building project began.

Today the tree is thriving and our students created wreaths and laid them underneath as a sign of respect.

On April 25, our school captains,



### School Cross Country

On Wednesday April 18, we held our school cross country event for students in Grades 3 to 6. All students put in a great effort on the day and the final results had Red House finish on top.

Congratulations to the following students who made it through to the next level of competition, the Yinnar and District Cross Country: Jaxon G, Jarred D, Hudson B, Zeerus G, Hayden Mac, Henry H, Jenny B, Alana H, Mia J, Arabella A, Brooke M, Scarlet O, Brodie L, Cade R, Will T, Diesel N, Jackson O, Brandon C, Lola H, Tahli S, Shaylee H, Lachlan M, Andy T, Cody H, Hayley K, Stella V and Kayla S.

### Lest We Forget

On Tuesday April 24, our students learnt about the ANZACs and the history of the Lone Pine. Our school's



Lone Pine was given to us as a small tree by the Morwell RSL and Legacy in 2005. This tree was generated from the few pine cones which were brought back to Australia from the Gallipoli Peninsula in 1915, and is a living monument to those who gave their lives so that we could

Mitchell and Kayla, represented the school at the 9am ANZAC day service in Churchill. They laid a wreath at the memorial sculpture and made a special speech about what ANZAC means to them. They were joined by several other CPS students who were

there for the service.

We've had some great feedback from the community about the respectful manner in which our students conducted themselves and we congratulate them on their respectful behaviour whilst representing our school - Well Done!

### Yinnar and District Football/Netball

On Friday April 27, CPS participated in the Yinnar and District winter sports round robins in netball and football.

Our football team played four games and won two of those, demonstrating great sportsmanship by congratulating the winning team in the games they lost.

The entire day the team took on feedback, used positive talk and showed support and encouragement for their team mates. They did an amazing job at demonstrating our RPL values.

Thank you to all of the

parents who came down to support the team. We are extremely grateful to have had Shannon Towers coach the team and supply head gear and water bottles.

Well done... Brodie, Will, Lachy, Cade, Justin, Jackson, Jaxon, Brady, Hayley, Diesel, James, Bailey, Jordan, Charlie, Hayden, Kodie, Hudson, Jye, Jaydan and Kohen!

Our netball team played some fantastic games and managed to finish second overall for the day. Everyone worked extremely well as a team and we couldn't be more proud of their behaviour and representation of our school.

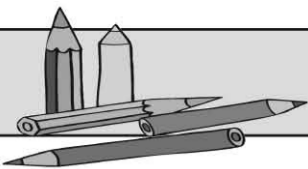
Congratulations to Mitchell, Kayla, Stella, Ruby S, Ella, Ruby T, Andy, Tahli, Tory and Jacinta.

Above left - CPS 2018 Netball Team  
Above right - CPS 2018 Football Team  
Below left - Red House Captains Brayden Gaspero and Jacinta Gittos accept the school Cross Country perpetual trophy  
Below right - School Captains Kayla Schmidt and Mitchell Berechree represent our school at the Churchill ANZAC service

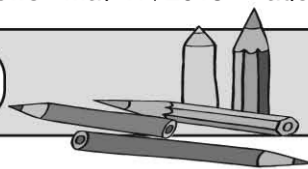


CPS students attend the Churchill ANZAC service to pay their respects

# School News



## Churchill Preschools



### Glendonald Preschool

The children at Glendonald are always being provided with multiple opportunities to challenge themselves, engage in learning and extend their interests. We see the children showing great concentration as well as immense pride in their achievements.

We are currently focusing on skills such as patterns and cutting with scissors. The children are also learning about dinosaurs and we're eagerly waiting for three Australian dinosaur eggs to hatch.

### Churchill Hub Preschool

We celebrated our Kinder Hat Parade on our last day

of Term One after making and eating our delicious homemade pizza. We had lots of people here at kinder for our parade. We were a little nervous with all these people looking at us – we were also very excited to show off our hard work in creating our special hats. To finish off the term we went on

a treasure hunt using our own special map marked with an X to show us where a special treat was hiding. Our families were meant to help us follow the path but we could do it all by ourselves.

Coming back in Term Two – we have started preparing for our "special ladies day event". We have invited those

special ladies who live in our house who love and care for us.

We are using our cooking experiences to cater for their special afternoon tea.

We also looked at all the special things that make us Australian (we are the only people that eat and like Vegemite in the whole wide

world) and how lucky we are to live in Australia.

We think that all the countries in the world should "talk and use their words to solve their problems – not go to war". We listened to the "Last Post" as we thought about all the special things that we have in Australia.



Top Left: Learning to use scissors.

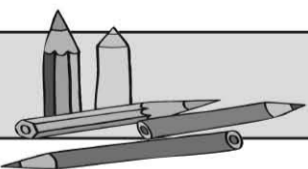
Top Middle: Levi

Top Right: Ryan learning the letters.

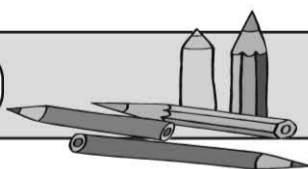
Bottom Left: Shayla creating with small wooden connecting pieces,

Bottom Middle: Jakobi and friends looking for cracks in the dinosaur egg

# School News



## Yinnar South Primary



On Wednesday April 17, the P-2 class were out in the garden, they weren't only having fun but they were learning how to plant vegetables and what a plant needs to grow.

We have also started our community lunch, which helps us to come together and have a delicious meal. After we were rewarded with two sustainable stars we have become engrossed in trying to make the school a better place.

From Chante.





Amber and Harold in the Life Education van



Pearl practising her forearm stroke



Regan practising his shot putt technique

### Athletics Clinic

On February 27 and March 13, Craig came to Churchill North Primary School to teach Grades 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6 running, racing, hurdling, jumping and throwing techniques.

Ashton in 3/4P really enjoyed the warm ups as they got him ready for the games. Liam learnt the parts of a throw that allowed him to use his legs for power to throw further.

Hannah's favourite activity was practising her hopping for the triple jump. She enjoyed practising her balance. Churchill North students can't wait to have Craig come back!

### Churchill North Primary School's Athletics Day

On Tuesday March 27, Churchill North Primary School held their school athletics day. Students from Foundation to Grade 2 participated in Kanga jump, long jump, relay races, sack races and other events.

The older students participated in high jump, distance through, long jump,

triple jump, hurdles and various other events. Sienna said, 'She liked the sack race because she got to jump in the sack against Skylah, Anabel and Charlotte'.

Mia said, 'She had fun on sports day, her favourite sport activity was the throwing event, when she was going to throw, her throw went past all the way to the teacher's desk'. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the sports day, we would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents who helped out on the day and a special thank you to Miss Wells for organising such a terrific day.

### Easter Egg Hunt for a Cause

On Friday March 30, the students at Churchill North Primary School came to school excited and eager to begin the day. The Junior School Council had organised a whole school Easter egg hunt.

The hunt was organised to raise funds for the Good Friday Appeal in support of the Royal Children's Hospital. Each grade had fun searching and gathering Easter eggs in their designated hunting

place.

It was an exciting event which allowed the school students to contribute to a very worthwhile cause.

### Harold pays a visit

During the last two weeks of Term 1 Churchill North Primary School welcomed back their friend Harold. Students from every class participated in the Life Education Program.

During the program the children were able to learn about Cyber Safety, Making Friends, Making Healthy Choices and Physical Activity. The students loved being able to spend time in the van and of course being able to see their favourite giraffe Harold.

### Tennis Clinic

On Tuesday April 17, Glen Kirstine attended Churchill North Primary School to coach 2/3, 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6 students in tennis. Students learnt the forearm strike to hit a moving tennis ball.

Pearl's favourite part was competing against the other teams.

She enjoyed trying to catch another team's ball in a cone to improve her catching skills and reduce their team points. Pearl thought the day was brilliant because she learnt new things she hadn't tried before.

### We are up in lights

Churchill North Primary School is proud to show off their 'up and coming' events with their new School Information Sign. The new sign is located on the Coolabah Drive and Blackwood Crescent corner of the school grounds and can be clearly seen from the road. The sign is regularly updated with important information to the school.

We are looking forward to utilising the new sign to aid in communicating with parents and the community.



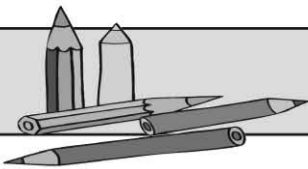
Churchill North Primary School's new sign



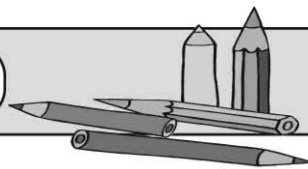
9 year olds relay race - Brodie, Cody, Philip and Mila D



# School News



## Lumen Christi Primary



ANZAC Day has been a day of national significance since the legacy of ANZAC was created by our troops on the catastrophic day of April 25, 1915.

As a nation we can only be proud of our continued efforts to commemorate ANZAC Day in such a way future generations can connect to the values of our past and present ANZACs. The week prior to ANZAC Day our school leaders attended the

87th Legacy ANZAC School Commemoration held at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne.

These students participated in a very formal and traditional ceremony attended by dignitaries such as the Governor of Victoria, Linda Dessau AC.

The invitation from Legacy and the Victorian RSL to attend such a moving and informative event was very much appreciated by the staff

and students who attended.

Again our student leaders were outstanding back at school as they led our whole school in our ANZAC Eve ceremony.

Senior students took on all the roles for the ceremony and the atmosphere they created was very special. The feedback from those who attended was extremely positive. On ANZAC Day school representatives attended the Churchill

Community ANZAC Ceremony and we would like to congratulate the organisers and all individuals and organisations which contributed to what was an outstanding community event.

Currently our world is faced with many challenges and threats to the basic freedoms and needs our ANZACs valiantly defended in 1915, and that our armed services continue to defend today in conflicts around the

globe.

We hope and trust in the young people we educate today that they continue to grow as leaders who contribute positively to our local community and beyond.

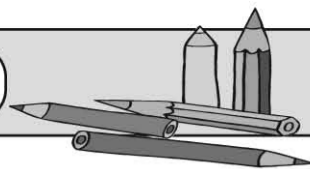
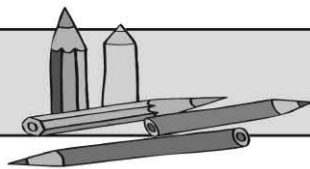
Can we also take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of everyone who contributes to the Grand Ridge Rail Trail project.

At the end of last term we held our whole school picnic at the Boolarra end of the trail

where we all had the chance to experience the first half of the track. We finished off with a play at the park and enjoyed a sausage sizzle together.

Thanks to the parents and friends who supplied lunch and to all the helpers who came along to make it such a relaxing and social way to finish the term.





### China trip

On March 19, Olivia S, Malachi S, Ethan M and Harry K from Hazelwood North Primary School went on a plane to China. We arrived at Shanghai at 9.15pm. We stayed in Shanghai for three days, and then we travelled for four hours on a train to Rui'an. After we went on a bus to go to the school in Rui'an for a welcome ceremony, then we found our homestays so we could go home to get a good nights sleep. We stayed with our homestays for eight

days and we did fun activities at the school and Rui'an. On the last night in Rui'an we did a goodbye ceremony and a performance for them and they did one for us as well. There was dancing, singing, musical instruments and more.

After our eight days in Rui'an we left for Beijing which took two hours on an aeroplane. We stayed in Beijing for three days then left for Shanghai to go home. Overall, China was really fun and exciting to see.

By Olivia, Malachi, Ethan, and Harry  
*ANZAC biscuits*

On April 24, Grades 2/3 Atherton and 2/3 Morgan made ANZAC biscuits. When we got the ingredients out it was a mess! First we had to measure the flour, sugar, coconut and the rolled oats. Once we measured the ingredients we put them in a bowl and stirred it. After we made a mixture of butter, golden syrup and bi-carb soda, and stirred it with the other mixture. Now it should be soft

and chewy. If it is you need to make a biscuit shape with the mixture. Then you need to put it in the oven on 180 degrees for 15-20 minutes.

When we looked at the biscuits we felt very proud, happy and excited for ourselves. The reason why they ate ANZAC biscuits in the army instead of a lamington goes off and it won't stay in shape. Because they wrap it in brown paper then they wrap string around it. So that is why they send

ANZAC biscuits instead of a soft lamington.

By Jackson Amos and Katy Brownley

On Thursday April 26, Hazelwood North Primary School held it's ANZAC memorial assembly. During the assembly we acknowledged the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who fought to protect our Australian way of life.

At H.N.P.S. we also take the time to acknowledge those who demonstrate our school values: Challenge,

Responsibility, Resilience, Curiosity and Collaboration. The students who have shown outstanding achievements in these areas were recognised through the awarding of a certificate.

Bottom Photo - from left back to right back: Ashton Busk, Maddison Burns, Jackson Amos, Ruby Whelan and Olivia Short.

Front left to right: Elle Macdonald and Bailey Robson.



Above: Yummy ANZAC biscuits

Below: Civics and Citizenship Award Recipients 2018



# School News continued

## Yinnar Primary



Term 2 has started with a very busy schedule. Our student leaders led the school in an assembly to honour ANZAC Day. Each class made and laid a wreath as part of our commemoration. Our school captains and students also participated in the Yinnar ANZAC service.

The whole school took part in a Bully Zero presentation as part of our Respectful Relationships program. Students were made aware of the types of behaviours that lead to bullying incidents and how to deal with those issues. A parent session was also conducted in conjunction with the program to enable parents to ask questions and be aware of the message being given to all the school community.

Our sports participation continued with our house cross country, the district cross country at Gaskin Park

and the upcoming region cross country. All students from Grades 3-6 participated for house points with Blue House being the winners.

Thirty students participated in the district cross country with more than half finishing in the top eight of their age group. These students will continue to compete at the regional level.

The winter sports competition has also started with students competing in both football and netball. Both our football and netball teams were very successful winning both trophies.

Our transition program for Year 6 to Year 7 has commenced, our Grade 5/6s attending an awareness day at Mirboo North Secondary College. Students were introduced to secondary school life with classes in science, art and

entrepreneurship. They also heard from MNSC's student leaders about the schools culture and programs.

Students in our School Grounds and Sustainability team travelled to Inverloch to attend the School's Sustainability Expo. They attended several workshops including solar power, waste, boomerang bags, birdlife and plastic pollution. One student became a human power station, pedalling for the entire workshop. The students were very animated about their experience and have many thoughts on how to improve our school community and environment.

We have an amazing number of parents supporting our school programs especially during reading circles, with more than twenty parents involved each day.

# Churchill Bowls Club



The club's tournament committee is currently working on compiling our tournament fixtures for the coming bowls season. These fixtures will be presented to the West Gippsland Bowls Division at the appropriate time for approval. Our wish is to conduct a monthly tournament on every second Monday of the month.

Over the past six months, club officials have been involved in discussions with a number of disadvantaged groups in our community, re the opportunity to be involved in the game of lawn bowls.

One of the drawbacks of lawn bowls participation is the cost of bowls equipment which can be an expensive item, especially for those who can least afford to pay it, consequently limiting their prospects of being involved in a recreational activity.

With this in mind the club applied for a Latrobe City Council Disability Access Grant for the purchase of bowls equipment to service this disadvantaged demographic.

The club is happy to announce, that we have been successful with our application and as a result have purchased bowls paraphernalia to

the value of \$1000.00, to alleviate the cost to these disadvantaged people. This equipment is now available for use by these groups and our club is currently providing the opportunity for their involvement in these recreational activities.

The club acknowledges and thanks Latrobe City Council for their generosity and foresight in giving this grant to the Churchill Bowls Club, reinforcing our ongoing commitment to inclusiveness.

Winner of the Churchill Bowls Club Easter Egg Raffle drawn on Thursday March 29, was the Hargreaves family from Churchill, second prize went to the Rasmus family also from Churchill.

Congratulations to the winners. The club would like to thank all those who supported our raffle by purchasing tickets.

The Ladies Winter Indoor Bowls season commenced on April 31, fielding two teams in the competition. The club is confident we can improve on last year efforts and give the finals a real shake this year.

The Churchill Bowls Club will be fielding teams in the Traralgon and the Mirboo North Bowls Clubs Winter competitions which

commenced at the end of April.

These competitions are of mixed gender and boast a high standard of competition. The experience and knowledge gained by our players competing in this high standard competition should be of benefit to all club members.

The club is currently seeking new or past players who are interested in playing lawn or indoor bowls with the Churchill Bowls Club. The club can be contacted on 5122 1860 during business hours.

Our Thursday night indoor bowls is still drawing good crowds and is open to the general public. If you're looking for some social interaction and a fun night out, come along and be part of the action.

To enable games to get underway by 7.15pm it is requested participants be there by 7.00pm. The night generally concludes around 9.30pm. Cost for the night is \$4.00 with a light supper served with tea or coffee.

**Forthcoming Events** - The club will be holding its Presentation night in June and a Trivia night later in the year, more details at a later date.

# Churchill & Monash Golf Club

## Saturday 31/3/18 Mens Stableford

A Grade A. Sharrock (15) 37. B Grade G. Spowart (20) 37. C Grade W. Sutton (25) 38. Ladies Winner V. Verheyen (29). DTL R. Sands 36 J. McCafferty 36, D. Byers 35, R. Madigan 35, K. Hogan 35, J. Jeffery 35, B. Kilday 34, C/B P. Williams 34, C/B J. Sterrick 34 C/B. NTP 3<sup>rd</sup> D. Ellwood, 5<sup>th</sup> D. Byers 12<sup>th</sup> T. Webb. Birdie D. Byers 5<sup>th</sup> - Eagle C. Doyle 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Tuesday 3/4/18 Ladies Monthly Medal

Scratch Winner M. Dear (12) 85. Medal Winner V. Verheyen (27) 72. DTL M. Dear (12) 73, NTP 5<sup>th</sup> M. Dear 14<sup>th</sup> M. McConville.

## Saturday 7/4/18 Mens Stableford

A Grade G. Byers (9) 38 C/B. B Grade G. Welsh (18) 40. C Grade R. Timbs (28) 43. Ladies Winner V. Verheyen (29). DTL C. Doyle 38, J. Sterrick 37, B Cleland 37, B Mathieson 35, D. Byers 35, D. Taylor 34, T. Sterrick 34,

R. Zomer 33, C/B. NTP 3<sup>rd</sup> G. Beyer, 5<sup>th</sup> G. Beyer, 12<sup>th</sup> R. Timbs, 14<sup>th</sup> A. Sharrock. Birdie 5<sup>th</sup> - G. Beyer, D. Taylor. 3<sup>rd</sup>. T. Sterrick, K. Hogan, 12<sup>th</sup> R. Timbs, D. Byers, J. Sloyan, W. Sutton. Eagle 18<sup>th</sup> D. Ellwood.

## Tuesday 10/4/18 Ladies 4BBB Royal Womens Hospital

Winners M. Munkton (29) 29, and L. Casey (37) 43. Runners Up M. McQuillen (35) and L. Peake (41) 42. NTP 5<sup>th</sup> D. Stait. 14<sup>th</sup> M. Dear.

## Saturday 14/4/18 Mens Stroke

A Grade R. Madigan (12) 69 Net. B Grade T. Sterrick (20) 68. C Grade W. Sutton (25) 71 C/B. DTL J. McCafferty 69, J. Sloyan 70, B. Kilday 70, D. Caldwell 70, D. Taylor 69, P. Williams 70, V. Monument 71. NTP 3<sup>rd</sup> R. Scurlock, 5<sup>th</sup> T. Gabbett, 12<sup>th</sup> P. Williams, 14<sup>th</sup> G. Beyer. Birdie 5<sup>th</sup> T. Sterrick, 12<sup>th</sup> T. Webb.

## Tuesday 17/4/18

## Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Round Foursome Championship

Winners M. McConville and J. Blizzard (27) - 76. DTL M. Dear and C. Barnes (24.5) 80.5 - M. McQuillen and B. Beebe (34) 81.

## Saturday 21/4/18 Four Person Ambrose Mixed

Winners I. Hepplestone (27) ,D. Radnell (30), G. Corponi (36) R. Madigan (12). R. Scurlock (8) Gross 66 - 11.3 = 54.7. DTL A. Sharock, W. Sutton, B Kilday, R. Welsh 57 3/8. D. Taylor, H. Martin, T. Gabbett, B. Cleland 57 1/8. NTP B. Cleland, 5<sup>th</sup> T. Gabbett, 12 th R. Scurlock, 14 th D. Caldwell.

## Tuesday 24/4/18 2nd Round Foursome Championships Ladies

Winner M. McConville (26) and J. Blizzard (27) 73. DTL M. McQuillen (35) and B. Beebe (33) 75. M. Dear (12) and C. Barnes (37) 77.5. Overall Winner Foursome Champions: M. McConville (26) and J. Blizzard (27) 149.

# Mid Gippsland Darts Association Summer Competition 2018



## DARTS ASSOCIATION LADDER after Round 13

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	%	Pts
MUSTANGS 1	13	11	2	79	38	877.8	22
YINNAR TIGERS	13	10	3	90	27	1000.0	20
COYOTEZ	13	7	6	67	50	744.4	14
JOKERS	13	7	6	62	55	688.9	14
MUSTANGS 2	13	2	11	38	79	422.2	4
BULLSHOT	13	2	11	10	107	111.1	4

Conratulations to Sharon Taylor of Yinnar Tigers with the highest ladies score at the recent Brian Casey Memorial Doubles event. Chloe Helmuth of Coyotez with Ladies Highest Finish of 48. Eventual winners were Glen Galbraith and Jason Casey.

Round 10: Yinnar Tigers made a short night of it defeating Coyotez 7-2. Martin Warrick leading the way with a Men's Highest score of 177. Martin Menzies (C) scored highest

finish for men with 115. Ladies Highest score went to Wendy Rippie (C) with 121 and Ladies Highest Finish of 52, and a fine ton on the night. Mark Taylor (YT) continued fine finishing form with 5 pegs.

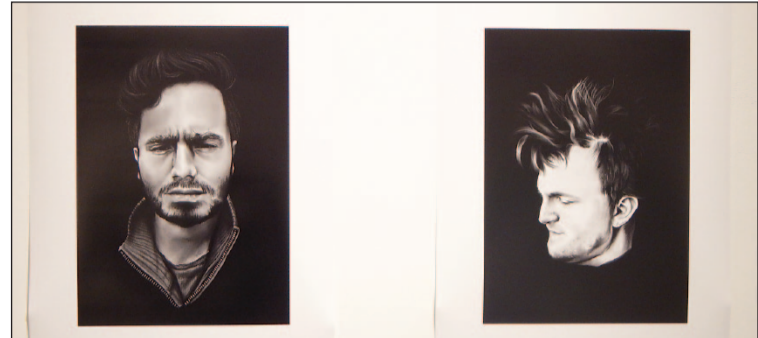
Round 11: Yinnar Tigers' fine form continued with a 9-0 defeat of Mustangs 2. Leading the charge Mark Taylor (YT) with a highest score on night of 177 and Highest Finish of 104. Ladies Highest Finish by Junene De Kaste (M2) of 31 and added

ton on the night.

Round 12: Good winning form by Yinnar Tigers saw them defeat Jokers 9-0. Brittany Jewel (J) scored two Highest Ladies Scores of 133 and with Sharon Taylor (YT) scored the ladies Highest Finish of 40. Sharon also made the most Ladies tons on the night. Reno Borg (YT) scored nine tons on the night and had nine pegs to slow the opposition down.

Round 13: Yinnar Tigers had a bye.

# Be inspired by creativity



If you are looking for some inspiration, you could do no better than a trip to the Switchback Gallery where an exhibition titled "Eighteen and Over" is currently showing. Greeted by fuchsia coloured flags with the words IMAGINE, DESIGN, RENEW, CREATE you are led into a beautiful space where you will be impressed by the variety of mediums on show.

The exhibition originated at the start of the year when the FedUni Residential Department wanted to hold a function to welcome the new students, and requested that some of the art department work of students be on display. This created the

opportunity for the exhibition, which is very inclusive as it displays the work of students, lecturers and support staff. Students were responsible for the graphic design of the invitations and the catalogue, as well as curating and hanging or displaying the works, so it became a real team effort and valuable experience for the future.


Whilst the students are in their third year of study, the work is actually from their second year, which makes it even more remarkable.

The inclusion of the lecturers' work reinforces the fact that they are also practising artists. The exhibition includes

ceramics, photography, found objects and works on canvas and paper.

We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful resource at our fingertips, and the good news is that there will be another exhibition around the end of June by Masters students, and an end of year show made up totally of third Year student's work.

The Gallery is situated in the grounds of Federation University Campus and can be accessed via Ada Crossley Drive off Northways Road. Parking is available and the gallery is open from 9.00am until 4.00pm from Tuesday to Friday. The exhibition continues until May 31.



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