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Yinnar Memorial Hall market day success

The May Market was awesome. They estimated they had 650 to 700 members of the public come through the door.

The atmosphere within the Hall was described as just the best; warm, a friendly feel to it and very inviting. There were 35 wonderful stall holders, some of whom were return supporters of the markets.

The support given by the general public is much appreciated, resulting in the raising of close to \$2000.00

which will go towards the refurbishment of Yinnar Community Hall.

Children had their faces painted, the CFA Smoke Machine added interest and education. There were buskers out the front.

A wonderful four hours was spent by all involved on a weather perfect day.

Thanks must go out to Young Signs, Churchill & District News, Boolarra Post Office, Boolarra News Letter, Vintage Car Club, Latrobe


City, Yinnar CFA, and the wonderful families who came to support.

The Raffle Winners were:
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The rainfall in Churchill during the month was our highest recorded for the year so far, with 68 mil recorded. This makes a total of only 181.5 mil for the year. We have enjoyed rather consistent rain for the month which has resulted in the greening up of our lawns and paddocks.

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Bonjour Mamacita: Josh Robbins

Josh Robbins' exhibition 'Bonjour Mamacita' is on display at Latrobe Regional Gallery. 'Bonjour Mamacita' forms part of Robbins' continued exploration of painting as a source of respite and joy.

This 200cm x 1000cm immersive painting is inspired by the natural world, specifically relating to the mating rituals of male birds. Accompanying the installation is an original sound track and dance performance piece.

The dancer represents the female of the species that the males are sending their affections to (when the dancer is not present, a small bird sculpture sits uninterestedly atop a tree stump set in front of the painting). The sound track helps set the scene and mood, somewhat of a Barry White, funk, disco, love ballad. 'Bonjour Mamacita' is not a conceptual piece in the modern sense. It doesn't set out to challenge or comment on any sense of male/female sexuality, relationships or social behaviour.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said it was an immersive piece of visual and audible art, to be enjoyed simply for what it is.

"The exhibition provides a holistic sensory experience. The huge painting draws you in and the accompanying music and dance piece offer you more than just a visual, creating an atmosphere and environment.

It is a compelling piece and we would welcome visitors to spend some time looking, thinking, contemplating," Councillor White said.

'Bonjour Mamacita' will be on display until June 24 in Gallery 6.



Image credit: Josh Robbins, Bonjour Mamacita (Panel 8), 2016-2017, Oil charcoal sawdust and floor stain on linen, 200 cm x 100 cm.

Darren Chester

The Federal Budget was handed down recently and has a continued focus on creating new jobs, investing in better infrastructure, delivering essential services and helping families with the cost of living.

The budget includes increased funding for aged care services, helping elderly Gippslanders stay in their own homes longer.

The highlight is \$132 million to complete the duplication of the Princes Highway between Sale and Traralgon, which will create a safer and more productive road, and help to attract visitors to our region.

This budget is all about delivering local jobs and creating a stronger economy by living within our means, so we can keep on delivering essential services and infrastructure in regional areas like Gippsland.

In my role as the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, I had the honour of assisting Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull to officially open the new Sir John Monash Centre last month in Villers-Bretonneux in line with ANZAC commemorations.

The interpretive centre, which honours more than 295,000 soldiers who served on the Western Front, and the 46,000 who died there, was officially opened on the centenary of the Second Battle of Villers-Bretonneux.

The Sir John Monash Centre invites visitors to walk a mile in a soldier's boots.

The centre is a hub for Australian Remembrance along the Western Front, educating a new international audience about Australia's early role in international affairs. It also tells Australia's story of the First World War Western Front battlefields in the words of those who served.

Timberwork panelling inside the centre uses different timbers to represent each Australian state and territory. Victorian Ash milled at the Australian Sustainable Hardwoods mill in Heyfield was selected to represent Victoria. Gippsland



now has a special connection to this moving space that commemorates Australia's wartime history.

Sir John Monash was Australia's most accomplished senior commander of the First World War, and, arguably, in Australia's military history. He also had a strong connection with Gippsland, after the war when he went on to become the General Manager of the State Electricity Commission here in the Latrobe Valley.

Al-Anon

My name is Lorraine and I have been a member of Al-Anon for nearly 26 years. It has been the most heartening thing for me to do for myself in all my nearly 80 years of being alive.

I had been living for 35 years with a daily drinker who already had health issues because of this drinking. Little did we know it at the time, but his health issues were going to get worse and would eventually take his life.

A friend of mine had told me many years before I came that I needed to come to Al-Anon, but I was not ready to do anything for me, because I was too busy rescuing my husband from the consequences of his drinking.

Al-Anon helped me to understand that I did not cause the drinking, nor could I control it, or even cure it, and that I had to get a life of my own and focus on my own well being.

My health had been suffering from the stress of living with an active drinker, whom I chose to stay with and to honour my marriage vows, but I started to need serious help to improve my quality of life.

I remember saying, in my early days at Al-Anon, that if I was asked what I would like to do to enjoy myself, whether the cost was \$1.00 or \$1,000,000, I would not know what I would like to do.

I have since done so many things that I have had enjoyment from - flying interstate (on my own) to attend conventions, travelling (driving myself which I didn't often do previously) around parts of Victoria when I needed to visit special people for special occasions. I also visited lots of regional places to attend Al-Anon, and occasionally AA meetings to help me understand my husband's disease, and catch

up with my "emotional family".

Despite the fact that I have major health issues myself, not from drinking, I like to think that my life is far better now than it ever was as I have the encouragement and support, on a weekly basis (daily or hourly if needed) to understand that I am a worthwhile person. I have a right to be here and I do not have to be a 'yes' person and always doing things for

everyone else and hardly anything for me.

This is not a selfish attitude, but it is taking care of myself, the most important person in my life.

Meetings:

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50th Anniversary Vietnam



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 through and shook hands and said thanks to the vets. The march began with the army band leading with some stirring music. As they approached the crowd waiting at the seats, spontaneous applause broke out. The veterans then dispersed to join their families and formalities



began.
 A large TV screen helped the extensive crowd to see what was happening

A welcome by MC Major General Mark Kelly AO DSC, was given to all especially to the veterans of Coral and Balmoral. The catafalque party with great precision mounted guard at the Vietnam Veteran War Memorial.

Speeches were delivered by Lieutenant General Angus Campbell AO DSC Chief of Army, who spoke about the battles of Coral and Balmoral, the trauma of those days and the impacts they had on those involved, but

thankfully resulted in defeat of the enemy.

The Honourable Darren Chester MP, Federal Member for Gippsland, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Minister for Defence Personnel, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Deputy Leader of the House also thanked the veterans who had served their country so well. He announced that the Unit Citation for Gallantry would be awarded to all who served in those two battles. He said that the Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal posted the decision on its' website on Thursday morning in time for the commemoration, stating that members had arrived at the recommendations unanimously.

It said: 'Throughout the submissions the theme of teamwork and collective gallantry is readily apparent and consistently referenced. The submission to the Tribunal from all of the veterans of the battles stated that, regardless of corps and parent unit, they had fought as a coordinated group and that everybody who was there deserves recognition.'

Each unit represented had their flag colours marched in. During the proceedings special colour strips were added to each colour flag to represent the added gallantry citation. This was a very solemn procedure done with dignity and precision.

Singing of a hymn with specially appropriate words followed before Mr Gary Cooper, brother of Private Alan Cooper, spoke of the impact of the loss of his brother had on his family. He spoke with pride when recognising he had given his life in service for his country; he was esteemed by his

fellow soldiers; he would be remembered in many ways by his family and his country-Australia.

Father John Tinkler who had been the army chaplain for the Vietnam War, prayed and thanked God for providing such a beautiful morning of weather, then prayed for peace in this world.

Wreath laying, the Ode of Remembrance, Last Post, one minute silence then Rouse followed. Singing of the National Anthem was done heartily, before there was a final blessing from Father John Tinkler. The catafalque party dismounted with precision to conclude the solemn, respectful and moving ceremony.

From ANZAC Parade, veterans and their families were taken by bus to the Convention Centre where a finger food lunch was laid out. There they engaged in much talk, catching up with fellow veterans from the various sections represented.

Around 3.30pm buses again moved those present to the Australian War Memorial for a look around before the Last Post ceremony there at 5pm.

Hundreds of veterans, their families and other members of the public who had been visiting the war memorial gathered around the Pool of Reflection for the Last Post ceremony.

The MC welcomed all to this regular event. He particularly welcomed the veterans of the battles of Coral/Balmoral. He said, "We are proud of you and we sincerely thank you for your service and sacrifice." He spoke about the War Memorial and its infant ideas conceived by Charles Beam, who was among many things a war

correspondent. Beam worked to make sure the Australian War Memorial became the magnificent place it is, with its relics, collections, histories and photographic records, and lately the use of technology to tell the stories.

Impressively the catafalque party came from the Hall of Remembrance to take up positions.

The colours and devises were introduced which are very meaningful to the infantry and regiments to which they belonged.

The colours are held in high esteem and accorded great respect.

The Honourable Dr Brendan Nelson AO, Director of the Australian War Memorial then spoke beginning with the words "Let us rejoice for we are young and free."

We are Australians, defined less by our constitution and the machinery of our democracy than we are by our values and our beliefs, the way we relate to one another and see our place in the world.

We are shaped by our heroes and our villains; our triumphs and our failures; the way as a people we have faced adversity and how we will face the inevitable adversities that are coming, responding to new, emerging and threatening horizons.

The events that bring us here today changed lives, and they changed us.

We pause here today in the heart of the land they loved, half a century after the heroism of those who fought at Fire Support Bases Coral and Balmoral.

We do so in honour of those who died in our name and the 61,000 Australians, who served, fought, suffered,
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War Veterans continued . . .

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died and were wounded in the Vietnam War.

The Vietnam War inflicted deep wounds on many of these young Australians. Many returned bearing emotional wounds denied healing by many who shunned them as reminders of war they opposed.

In this, we failed you. We emerged from the Vietnam War deeply divided, yet now determined to learn from the experiences of those who went in our name and our responses to them.

With gratitude and immense pride we say to you that what you did in Vietnam – at Coral and Balmoral, is as valued by us as those who landed at Gallipoli.

A Unit Citation for Gallantry has been finally awarded to these men of Coral-Balmoral.

I think you are all... very, very brave to have not only survived being there in Vietnam, but for all these years that have followed.

Australia owes you a great deal.

Yet out of a sense of duty to our country, they gave their innocent youth.

We will honour them best not by floral tributes but the way we live our lives and shape our nation.

To fail in this will be to diminish ourselves and demean the values that bind us for which you all gave so much that is so precious.

For we are young, and we are free.

Lest we forget."

Dr Nelson then read out the 26 names and ages of those who died in those conflicts.

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 Major G.A. Constable

The average age of those men was 22 years.

The National Anthem was sung. Then wreaths were laid

to the strains of a lone piper.

The Army officer then read out the story of Corporal Robert Bernard Hickey. His photograph was displayed by the Pool of Reflection.

To draw to a conclusion this serious occasion the Ode was recited and the Last Post sounded as the light began to fade, adding to the atmosphere of sombre reflection as the catafalque party dismounted.

It was a day to remember.

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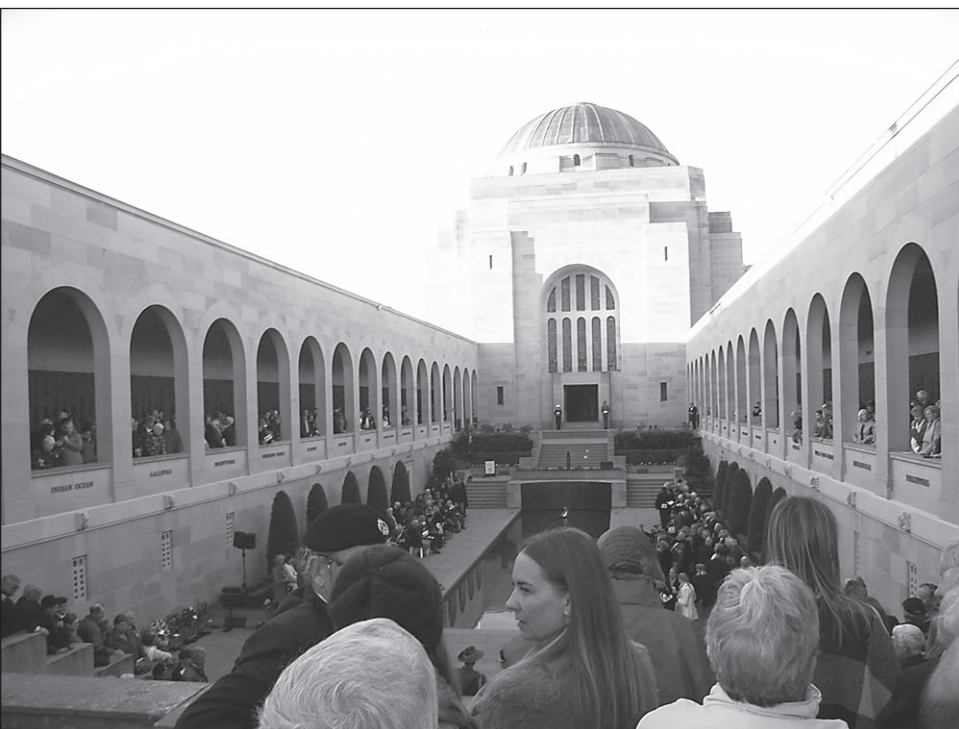
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Saturday Breakfast

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The guest speakers for the April Breakfast were John and Roborn Lubawski and the title of their talk was 'The Long Journey Home.' It covered Jan (John) Lubawski's long trek across Europe as a refugee.

John's father who was born in the USA to Polish parents, went to Poland to fight when WWII broke out and joined a Polish Cavalry unit, which was quickly overrun by the Russian army. He subsequently fought in a Polish unit with the Russian army against the Germans. The family property in Poland was destroyed and after the war, the family with two little girls wandered around Europe surviving on what they could scrounge for food and clothing. John's mother was pregnant and they were walking through Germany with nowhere to stay, but eventually a German farmer offered them an animal stable to stay in and John was born there. His father worked for the farmer in exchange for accommodation and food.

After working for a period with the farmer, the family decided to move on and headed to Genoa in Italy with the hope of emigrating. The mother asked what was the furthest country from Europe and she was told it was Australia so that was where she wanted to go. Unfortunately when they got to Genoa, they were told they didn't have the documentation necessary to go to Australia. They were forced to walk back to Warsaw to get their birth certificates etc. Fortunately the Australian officials there arranged for them to travel back to Genoa by train, enabling them to embark for their trip to Australia on an American ship.

They arrived in Australia in the early 1950's and were sent initially to Newcastle and then to the Bonegilla migrant camp in NSW. John's father travelled to Gippsland for work and that is where they eventually settled, living in Morwell.

Youth Group had a lovely night near the end of April for their Commonwealth Games Night. They were a small group but mighty. Each participant selected a country to be for the night. They did cycling, lawn bowls, gymnastics with a hoop and a ball. They also did 'swimming' using a mechanical trolley. The night finished with a medal ceremony. Devotion was on unity. It was challenging but fun.

Coffee Connections had the theme 'aprons' at the May get together. It was quite interesting hearing about the history of aprons which dates back many hundreds of years, and to think of the many styles and uses of aprons over the years. It is common to think of aprons for women, but there are many male workers who use aprons too.

Aprons were brought and shown with much interest being shown in the way they were made, their decoration, craftsmanship and their source; we had aprons from Bavaria and Switzerland included. It was a session of reminiscing about how aprons were and still are used in many ways by grandma. It brought many laughs and "I remember that". There was lots of sharing and lots of happiness while chatting and enjoying company and delicious food.

The children have had some lovely learning experiences from their children's talk (the adults love them too) with marvellous follow up craft activities which reinforce the message.

Thank you to our service leaders both visiting and within our congregation for your efforts and messages.



We often engage in debate

Such debate can require a judging of the merits of opposing views, and sometimes leads to a vote being required.

I was recently involved in a 'debate' on the merits of capsicums, and was challenged to make mention of capsicums in this article.

The mini-debate, in part, looked at the colours of capsicums and the merits of red against green. The yellow ones weren't mentioned. However, I discovered that there are even purple and orange ones too.

Capsicums can be the basis of 'pepper sprays'; but they have also been viewed as potentially helping in cancer treatment.

If a vote was taken on the benefits of capsicums, it might be interesting to see what influenced people's views. Taste? Usefulness? Or what?

In voting (political, debating, or otherwise) we need discernment to work out how to vote...but we also need to be careful about opposing views.

The Methodist Minister John Wesley (1703-1791) gave three pieces of advice

to those voting. His advice focuses mainly on voting for people.

His advice was basically to: 'vote, without fee or reward, for the person judged most worthy; speak no evil of the person voted against; take care one's spirit was not sharpened against those who voted on the other side'.

The first is basically common sense. The other two should also be, but are often the area of most conflict.

The basis of freedom of speech should determine that opposing views can be expressed, whilst also ensuring that no evil is spoken of those who express such opposing views to ours, as



well ensuring that we do not become internally opposed to others just because we may disagree.

That makes for no external, nor internal hatred.

Worth thinking about!

Church Times

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11.00am
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Standing up for diversity

A sea of rainbow adorned Latrobe Community Health Service's Morwell centre from May 14 to 18 to celebrate and recognise the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT).

IDAHOBIT is held on May 17 every year to draw attention to the discrimination often faced by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (LGBTIQ) community.

May 17 is the chosen date for IDAHOBIT, because the World Health Organisation removed homosexuality as a mental disorder on this very

day in 1990.

Latrobe Community Health Service has celebrated IDAHOBIT for three years now and in 2018 called on aspiring and budding artists to take part in our inaugural IDAHOBIT art show.

Not only did we raise the rainbow flag in support of the LGBTIQ community, but we also displayed about 20 works of art that represented the theme of togetherness.

"IDAHOBIT is a day for us to promote togetherness and say 'no' to discrimination against LGBTIQ people," LGBTIQ Working Group member Jacqui Francis-Kelly

said. "It's a chance for us to say, 'we support you to be exactly who you are and if that includes being LGBTIQ, this is a safe and welcoming space for you'. We are so grateful to everyone who came together to show their support for friends, family, co-workers - even strangers - who identify as LGBTIQ."

Angus Wyatt won the Best Exhibit award; Carina Campbell-Seal won People's Choice and Makayla Keily was named Young Artist.

Latrobe Community Health Service is committed to providing a health service that is inclusive for everyone.

Ultimately, we are aiming to achieve the national LGBTIQ-inclusive workplace standards.

In doing so, we will be better-placed to provide safe and inclusive services to clients who identify as LGBTIQ, and provide a safe and inclusive work environment for staff who identify as LGBTIQ.

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Friends of Morwell National Park



John's Jottings

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

"April 1989

Dear friends,

Last month, the friends undertook to clear some of the 'hard' rubbish from the Billys Creek area. It was a pleasant afternoon although quite cool and marred by the lack of attendance by a number of members. This made the meeting very difficult to conduct as there were not the numbers for a quorum. However a meeting was held and the business arising will be accepted at this month's meeting. The main topic of discussion for most of the afternoon was the public meeting held in Churchill about the access track along Billys Creek.

A short summary by one of the friends is attached. The report on the Friends conference by Ken Harris was also handed out at the last meeting and I feel it is an excellent summary of events and well written. Well done Ken.

Next month's meeting and jaunt will take place on May 21 at Fosters Gully at 1.30pm. Note the change in venue. It will involve a jaunt through the new area of the Park on "Peel's Land". So get your walking shoes and join us. There will be a short meeting

beforehand.

The news is through that a new Ranger has been appointed to the Park. His name is Robert Howell but at this stage very little else is known about him. So stay tuned, he should take up his position sometime in May hopefully.

That's about all for now so cheers until the meeting.

Shelley."

May Activity Report

At this activity we had Matt, Wayne, Beryl, Ken, Tamara, John, Peter, Graeme, Mike and Darren. We had an apology from Rose. We met in the car park in raincoats. It started out as a cold and wet day. Also in the car park were Rangers Darren and Kristen. They visited briefly before we started the meeting and activity.

Ken spoke about his book - 'Moths of Morwell National Park' and it is progressing well. Ken showed the group a test print of one of the pages. With the funding of the book, Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists have agreed to put in \$1,000, while our group will put in the remaining \$3,000 to cover all of the printing costs. The planned print run (for a book of at least 20 full colour pages) is for about 650 copies.

With ongoing funding of our group it has been explained that we have two future options - one via submissions from Parks and Government

departments for projects that meet Park Victoria and submission requirements. The other is by organising outside sponsorship. Outside sponsorship would provide independence but may require us to promote the organisation in some way.

If we want access to Parks rangers we will need to publish our calendar of activities for each financial year. We will make the 2018/19 calendar of activities at the meeting next month.

For our June activity we will hold a meeting instead of our planned activity.

John has collected 10 new nesting boxes for the replacement of current broken or unusable boxes. These boxes were constructed by Churchill Men's Shed.

The group discussed and agreed to cover the expenses of the people who are providing their vehicles to transport us and the equipment into the activities. The expenses will be paid annually and one of the first payments will be to Matt for the repairs to his vehicle, the damage occurring at an earlier activity.

DELWP (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning) has received our data from our nesting box surveys. They have commented positively about how comprehensive and well organised our nesting box data is.

Today's activity was to



Churchill

Volunteering Victoria's Thank You Day



Members of the Churchill Fire Brigade, along with volunteers from Berry Street, Lifeline, Scouts, Interchange, Volunteering Vic, Benetas, the Rose Garden and Councillor Darrell White OAM from Latrobe City Council, gathered at FedUni on Sunday May 20, 2018. It was a day to celebrate and an occasion to say thank you to the amazing volunteers who make such a difference in our

local community.

Entry was free, and morning tea was served. There were heaps of great activities like pool, table tennis, board games, and a rather large version of Connect 4.

The event was proudly supported by the CFA, Federation University, Latrobe City, Interchange Gippsland and Volunteering Victoria.

complete the nesting box survey which was cancelled last month because of rain. It was touch and go to see whether we would complete the survey today.

If it became too wet we would have to stop since the camera and connectors do not handle getting wet and are easily damaged by water.

Throughout the morning we were able to complete the nesting box survey. A few times we needed to protect the camera from the rain but fortunately the showers were brief.

While travelling through the understorey many patches of ivy were found. A few

collected this ivy while the others searched the nesting boxes. A few boxes were recorded that need future repairs.

Over the day we sighted 51 sugar gliders and one ringtail possum. These numbers may increase when a closer look at the photos is done.

A few of the boxes had active sugar gliders which came out of their boxes while we completed the count. There could have been more gliders in these boxes, but we were not going to investigate further and risk disrupting the sugar glider any more. The photo above left shows a sugar glider watching us

from the inside of one of the nesting boxes.

These possum totals are great and higher than the other recent winter counts.

June Activity

Sunday June 17, 10.00am

The group will meet in the Braniff Road entrance to take part in a meeting to discuss priorities for our group.

You are asked to bring with you your ideas of projects our group should be involved in for the longer term benefit or improvement of the Park. We will put together the program of activities for the 2018/19 financial year. This is a change to the original calendar.



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Fire Brigade



Winter fire safety around the house

As we quickly head into the colder months, now's the time to have a look around your house to make sure you have checked for any fire hazards.

Home fire safety starts with making sure that fire fighters can quickly find your house, so have a clearly visible number on your house or letterbox.

Do you have a fire plug near your house? Fire fighters will want to find this quickly. It will be indicated by a blue marker and white triangle on the

road and a white post with a red top usually on the nature strip. If there is a fire plug out the front of your house can you please make sure it is easily identified and accessible. Please do not park your car over the top of it, or block access to it.

If you have deadlocks on doors and windows, keys should be located nearby if not kept in the lock so that in an emergency you can escape quickly.

Smoke alarms are essential for early warning

when it comes to home fire safety, and are also a legal requirement. Have them installed outside bedrooms and near living areas, but not in your kitchen where they can be easily set off by cooking.

About eight percent of residential fires start in bedrooms, with electric blankets being a main cause.

They should be taken off for the summer months and rolled (not folded) for storage to avoid the wires inside being damaged.

Clothes dryers are a potential fire hazard especially when people overload them and don't clean the lint filter. Blocked filters stops the air flow through the dryer causing a heat build up which can lead to a fire.

Thirty percent of house fires start in kitchens. Common problems included people leaving pots unattended, cleanliness of ovens, and remembering that gas hotplates are in fact live fires and should be treated with great care.

In winter, heating is another major cause of house fires. Heating appliances should be regularly serviced and cleaned, including ducted heating units which are usually located outside the house. Wood fuelled heating caused 14 percent of residential fires last year. This sort of heating needs to be properly maintained and serviced.

BBQs might be seeing less action in the cooler months, but they certainly contribute to residential

fires by being placed too close to flammable material or having leaking gas fittings and not being properly cleaned.

Backyard sheds can also be dangerous for fires, especially as they can be places where people put older equipment such as fridges and heaters which might not be in the best condition.

Most importantly have a fire blanket and extinguisher on hand. CFA recommends a dry chemical extinguisher.



Chimneys and flues

Clean yearly.

Bedroom

Never smoke in bed.
 Don't leave laptops on bed

Electric blankets

Turn on no more than 30 minutes before bed.
 Turn off before you get into bed.
 Remove heavy items from bed when on.
 Keep flat with controls at the side of the bed.
 Regularly check for broken and worn wiring.

Open fire place

Always use a fire screen in front of an open fire.
 Put out fires before going to bed or going out.
 Keep 1 metre clear space around

Smoke alarms

Test and clean regularly.
 At least one on each level.
 One in every bedroom where someone sleeps with the door closed.

Heaters

Install, maintain and operate according to manufacturer's instructions.
 Keep 1 metre clear space around.
 Turn off before going to bed or going out.

Candles

Keep away from curtains.
 Always use on non-combustible surfaces.

Kitchen

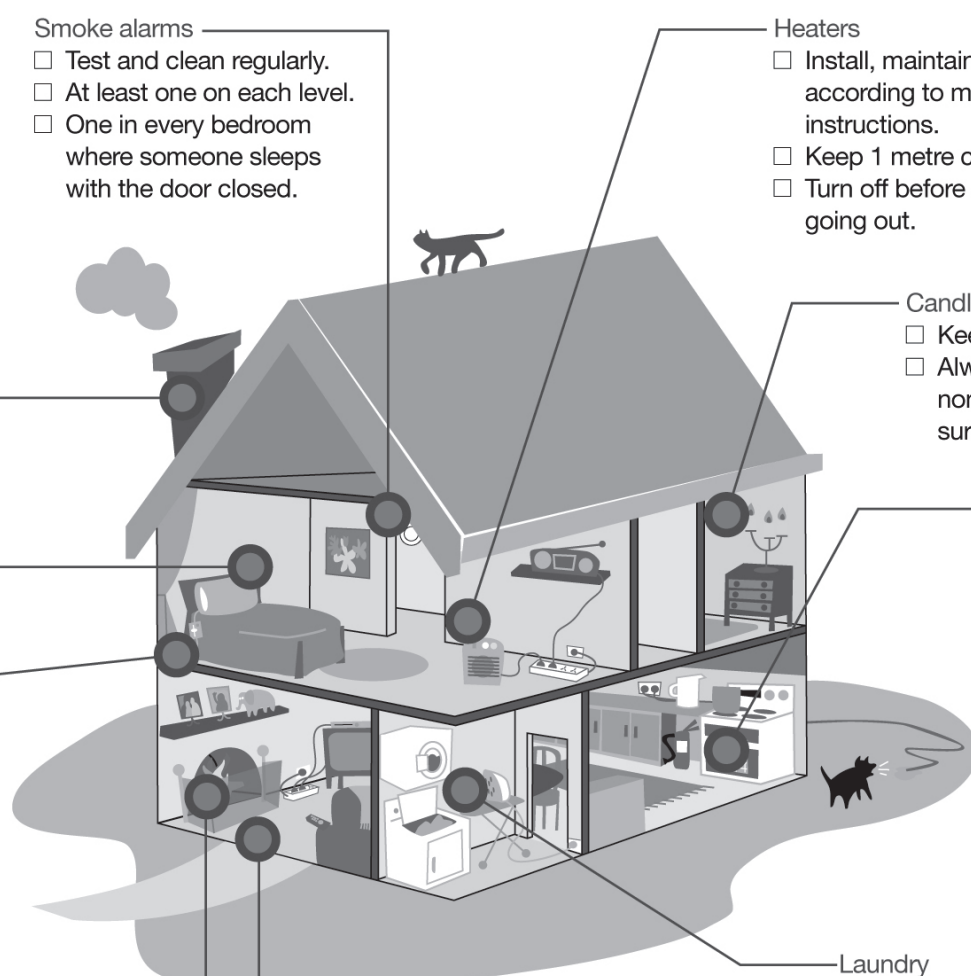
Never leave cooking unattended.
 Keep combustibles such as teatowels and curtains away from cooking and heat sources.
 Keep pot handles turned in.
 Keep grills, fans and cooking surfaces free of grease residue.

Laundry

Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer after each load.
 Let the dryer complete its cooldown cycle before stopping.

Front door

Never deadlock doors when you're at home. If you must keep doors deadlocked, leave your keys in the lock.
 Develop and practise your home fire escape plan - have two ways to escape each room and a designated safe meeting point outside your home, e.g. letterbox.



Remember...

- If your smoke alarms have removable batteries replace them every year.
- Supervise children near heating equipment.
- Turn off electrical appliances at the power point when not in use.
- Keep electrical appliances and equipment in good working order.
- Replace damaged equipment e.g. power cords.
- Don't overload power boards.
- Have and know how to use your fire blanket and extinguisher.

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Melina Bath MP



Last month I was pleased to visit Gaskin Park with the Shadow Minister for Sport, Danny O'Brien, where we looked at the need for new amenities.

There are many facilities in our local area that could do with an upgrade, such as the outdated change rooms at the Football Netball Club which are no longer fit-for-purpose.

With a masterplan for new rooms the club runs multiple junior and senior teams, a women's team along with highly competitive netball teams. The park is also home to the array of sporting and community clubs that accommodate many sporting and recreational pursuits.

The brilliant part of sport and recreation is that it provides an opportunity for our children to develop

the skills that assist them throughout their educational journeys and later working life.

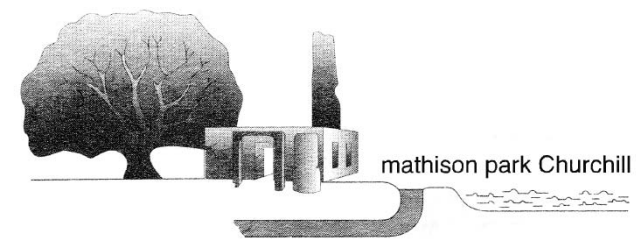
With the underlying importance of inclusion, we all know that sporting participation fosters leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, responsibility, self-discipline and a sense of initiative. Ultimately it also provides a sense of belonging for many of our community members, a place where new friendships are formed and where coaches play a vital mentoring role.

Recognising the importance of grassroots sporting clubs throughout our communities, facility upgrades are often overlooked with reliance on the fundraising efforts of wonderful volunteers.

I applaud the Churchill Football Netball Club which works solidly throughout the year to host movie nights, mid year balls and club dinners in order to raise the dollars that are very much needed.

Speaking with Club President, Mick Johnson, I was impressed with the offerings from Grubby's Kitchen and look forward to the prospect of popping in for a meal in the not too distant future!

Victorian's love their sport and to ensure that there will be elite sport into the future, we must nurture grassroots clubs like Churchill and encourage our juniors - whether they're playing Aussie rules, netball, cricket, soccer or any other sport that Victorians play.



May Cleanup

Bill and Chris were the only ones available for the working bee in May. However they achieved a big clean-up of raked up bark and twigs plus piles of fallen branches etc.

The weather had cleared a little from the previous day, but it was still cool and so different to our former 2018 working bees.

Two local people, Jack and Nola, propagated some eucalypts and they came to plant them in the park. Thank you Jack and Nola for thinking of us.

There have been some unusual bird visitors to the park recently.

About six spoonbills spent some time on the log in the lake, and later went to the small dam (near the house) that was drying up due to lack of rain. They had a good time finding food.

A nankeen night heron was spotted in the willows beside the dam with one brief sighting.

Robins have been seen on the fence near the creek. A tawny frogmouth has been sighted in some dead wattles.

It was also good to see the pelicans back. They are such a magnificent bird.

We were asked to write a small piece for the Council facebook page for Volunteer week.

It is re-produced here. 'Our small number of Mathison Park volunteers live in or near Churchill and love looking after the Park. Many of us have been involved for quite a number of years. We are dedicated to



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looking after and developing the park for all the community to enjoy.

We are thrilled to see how the park, particularly on the east side of Lake Hyland, has moved from being a cow paddock to an inviting parkland with the multiple tree plantings, which are also evident in other parts of the park.

It is a lovely peaceful place to work and we enjoy the development in which we play a significant part. Volunteering in Mathison Park gives us all a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction. Our monthly working

bees can often turn into two a month if there is a need.

We are very enthusiastic and the results of our efforts give a sense of pride and achievement. We would encourage other members of the community to come and join our happy crew.'

The next working bee will be held on Saturday July 14 at 9am. We meet at Mackeys Road car park to sign in and then disperse to the working area. All are welcome.

Please bring gloves and wear suitable clothing for outdoor work. For further information contact Ruth 5122 1961.



Spoonbills rare visit

Junior Landcare Grants

The Victorian Government recently announced \$400,000 in funding for Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants, to help kids across the state protect Victoria's environment.

Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Harriet Shing is encouraging local

groups to apply for the fund, which is open to Victorian schools, kindergartens, childcare centres, and scouts, guides and youth groups.

Grants of up to \$5,000 will be available to fund projects that boost biodiversity through the development, improvement or restoration

of habitat for Victoria's native plants and animals.

Grants will also be available for programs that engage or educate young people to value and actively care for Victoria's natural environment.

The grants will encourage young people across Victoria to learn more about the environment through outdoor, hands-on activities.

The grants will be administered by Landcare Australia as part of their Junior Landcare program, in partnership with the Department of Environment, Land, Water, and Planning.

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Russell Northe MP



The costs of his American journey are significant, and we encourage the community to get behind and support Jacob where possible.

If members within our community or businesses are able to support Jacob in any way, please contact my office on 5133 9088 to get in touch with Jacobs grandmother Carol Dickinson.

Support for paramedics and emergency service workers

Along with many within our community, I was outraged to learn of the recent decision in the County Court surrounding a serious and violent attack on Victorian Ambulance Officers. The perpetrators were able to successfully appeal mandatory prison sentences which caused uproar right across the State.

The judicial outcome in this case was completely unacceptable.

Our local emergency services personnel work tirelessly to create a safe environment for all Victorians, and they deserve the same courtesy as they participate in their important work.

I note the State Government is planning to close any existing loopholes in the current laws and I look forward to supporting the Government on such plans to ensure all emergency service

workers are provided the protection they deserve.

National Volunteer Week

Of course many emergency service workers act in a voluntary capacity including in ambulance services, Country Fire Authority (CFA) and our State Emergency Services (SES).

Recently National Volunteer Week was celebrated and what a great opportunity it was to recognise and thank all the tireless volunteers who contribute so much to our community.

From those who volunteer their services in our schools, sporting and recreation clubs, hospitals and aged care facilities, service clubs, emergency services and beyond we say thank you!!!

Everywhere you look across our community, there are some amazing volunteers who are doing incredible work and making such a positive difference across our region.

V/Line pain continues

Unfortunately our rail services are not as positive. The frustration for many Gippsland commuters continues given the ongoing poor performance of Gippsland V/Line rail services.

Gippsland commuters are consistently forced to deal with replacements services, delays, cancellations and

crowded trains or buses. It is simply staggering the amount of disruptions and delays our line has suffered in recent months. The impact on individuals, families and workers has been profound. I have been contacted by many people who have missed medical appointments, had work cancelled and missed major events due to the unreliability of the public transport network.

I have highlighted multiple times in Parliament the inadequacy of the system. I understand that works on the line are necessary, but the question that no one seems able to answer is what benefit will Gippsland commuters ultimately derive once these works are complete, given the massive disruptions Gippslanders have had to contend with.

The only way that I see Gippsland V/Line services improving satisfactorily is by committing to a dedicated line for Gippsland trains within the metropolitan network.

Investment in rail infrastructure is extremely important for our region - and to conveniently and reliably connect us with Melbourne, East Gippsland, and beyond. I will be working to apply pressure to the State Government to commit to invest and then improve our rail services.

Darrell White OAM

Latrobe Mayor



Latrobe City Council's draft Disability Action Plan: 2018 to 2021

Latrobe City Council's draft Disability Action Plan aims to support people with a disability to have equitable access to infrastructure, services and opportunities within the municipality. Council is inviting feedback on the draft Plan to ensure it fits the community's needs and desires.

The draft Disability Action Plan is aimed to reduce barriers and improve access and inclusion for people with a disability.

Council first developed and adopted a Disability Action Plan in 1996. Consultation for the development of the current draft Plan started in January 2018, and involved a range of stakeholders, including people with a disability, their carers and local service providers.

Discussions focused on emerging issues and areas of improvement for people with a disability in our municipality.

During the engagement process, the community had access to a number of opportunities to participate, including an online survey, two focus groups and a Community Forum. Thoroughness has been key during the consultation

phase. It's important to make sure the draft Plan reflects the conversations that have occurred.

The draft Plan has now been delivered and outlines Council's commitment to recognising, valuing and supporting people with a disability. The draft Plan looks to document the necessary steps needed to further promote participation, access and inclusion in Latrobe City.

Our community is encouraged to read the draft Plan and to see if it matches our community's expectations and vision for what services and support is needed, what opportunities can be created and how access can be improved within our municipality.

For more information contact Joanne Bedford, rural access worker, on 5128 5775 or by email at joanne.bedford@latrobe.vic.gov.au

I recently had the pleasure of meeting with Churchill Braves Baseball star Jacob Dickinson, and his supportive family. Jacob, who has recently been selected for the Victorian Kookaburras 14 and under Baseball Team, is currently preparing for the upcoming Ripken Baseball Tournament in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Jacob has been actively playing Baseball across the state since he was seven years old, rapidly rising the ranks of local and state teams.

He now has his sights firmly on following the footsteps of other Latrobe Valley players such as Ben Hammer from Churchill, and Blake Townsend from Traralgon, to the major league Baseball in the States.

I'd like to congratulate him on this wonderful achievement; this selection is an indication of hard work and a dedication to his training - a remarkable accomplishment for such a young man. I would also like extend these compliments to his family for their ongoing support.



Russell Northe with Jacob Dickinson

Cancellation of FOL Meeting

The June meeting for the Friends of Latrobe City Libraries has been cancelled so their next meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday July 25, in the Traralgon library. Entry is by the door closest to the return bin. Planning and marketing ideas for their Book Sale in October will be

discussed. The Friends would like to acknowledge the members of the community who have donated books for the sale. Recent publications in good order are most appreciated.

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Returning to study a success for Libby



Libby Miller with her University Medal.

There were 200 students who graduated recently from Federation University. One of these was Libby Miller, who had not studied for years before she enrolled at the University.

"I had only completed Year 11 at school so it was very daunting going back to study," Libby said.

"I didn't want to be at a university that was too big and impersonal so FedUni was perfect for me. Being treated as a name and not a number was very important.

I have had terrific opportunities for further

growth here. For example, I was able to write and publish an article in second year, won two scholarships and travelled to Nepal with other nursing students on an international placement. I also participated in leadership, mentoring and local health programs."

Libby was one of two University Medallists at the recent graduation ceremonies at the Gippsland Campus. The Medal is awarded to a select number of outstanding students.

"I am very excited to receive the

Federation University Australia Medal and still find it amazing that it has been awarded to me," she said.

"With my Nursing degree now complete, I am now doing my Nursing Honours, and have just started my graduate placement at Latrobe Regional Hospital.

I loved studying at FedUni's Gippsland Campus. It is an easy drive, there is free parking, a nice cafe, a great library and plenty of spaces to study with friends.

The modern environment and beautiful gardens

provided a relaxing and nice vibe in which to study.

All my lecturers and support staff were knowledgeable and friendly and they certainly showed an interest in my academic development."

Libby said she had been on a steep learning curve but all the effort was worth it.

"My husband and our three children moved to Gippsland 15 years ago because we wanted a country lifestyle. To be able to combine that with a university degree in our region and work in my field of study is fantastic."

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Harriet Shing



What an exciting time May has been with the State Budget continuing to deliver funding that will improve the lives of all Gippslanders.

This month I would like to focus on education; and for this edition of Churchill & District News the opportunities that will be available to the youth of Churchill and surrounds.

I was delighted to be part of the announcement that the Budget will also invest \$35.5 million to transform Federation Training's Morwell Campus, giving Morwell the facilities it needs to provide young Victorians with the skills they need to get a job, with a new Future Skills Training Centre and Technical Training Centre of Excellence.

Following the recent opening of Morwell's new Technical School, this investment cements Morwell as an education and training hub for Gippsland.

One of the issues I often hear about is how difficult it can be financially for families when their students need to travel to Melbourne to study.

We know that the cost of training can act as a barrier to getting the right skills so this Budget breaks down that barrier. It invests \$172 million to make 30 priority TAFE courses and 18 pre-apprenticeship courses in these growth industries free.

To make sure every Victorian who wants a job can get this free, quality training, the Budget also includes \$303.8 million to create more than 30,000 new training places.

"I know how much this will mean to the people of Gippsland and I'm so pleased to have been able to work with the local communities in Morwell and Sale to make their vision for Federation Training a reality."

Another exciting opportunity for the youth of the Churchill community is the announcement of the FReeZA grants giving young people the chance to design and host their own youth-oriented events.

The Victorian Government is unlocking the latest round of FReeZA grants. Some \$7.2 million will go towards

continuing the successful FReeZA program, which has seen thousands of activities – like live band gigs, art exhibitions and BMX exhibitions – held across Victoria over the past 20 years. All events are drug, alcohol and smoke-free and aimed at creating an opportunity for young people to come together and learn new skills in staging events.

Eligible local governments and community organisations will receive grants of up to \$73,500 for regional providers and \$72,000 for metropolitan providers.

Aside from participating and performing in events, young people are encouraged to get involved in the organisation of FReeZA activities, giving them the opportunity for skills development and workplace experience to lead to employment or future education pathways.

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Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists



Australian Fur Seal by Andy Ringin

Fur Seals

Rebecca McIntosh will discuss Fur Seals at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, June 22. The meeting, from 7.30pm, is at the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Old Sale Road and Chamberlain Road, Newborough.

Rebecca McIntosh is a research scientist at the

Phillip Island Nature Parks with an honorary appointment at the Zoology Department, La Trobe University.

She is working on several projects relating to the diet and entanglement rates in marine debris of the Australian fur seal; monitoring pup production and population estimates for Australian fur seals.

Rebecca's research

experience includes field work on Macquarie Island, the Galapagos Islands and the islands of southern Australia.

The following day an excursion will be held to the Lyrebird Forest Walk near Mirboo North.

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

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Scamwatch

According to the ACCC's ninth annual Targeting Scams report released recently, more than 200,000 scam reports were submitted to the ACCC, Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN) and other federal and state-based government agencies in 2017. Total losses reported were \$340 million – a \$40 million increase compared to 2016.

This is the first time reported losses to scams have totalled more than \$300 million and demonstrates the increasing impact of scams on Australians. Investment scams topped the losses at \$64 million, an increase of more than 8 per cent. Dating and romance scams caused the second greatest losses at \$42 million.

"It's very worrying that Australians are losing such extraordinary amounts to scammers. Based on just the reports provided to the ACCC, victims are losing an average of \$6500. In some cases people have lost more than \$1 million," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"Some scams are becoming very sophisticated and hard to spot. Scammers use modern technology like

social media to contact and deceive their victims. In the past few years, reports indicate scammers are using aggressive techniques both over the phone and online."

Scams Awareness Week 2018, was held recently and this year Scamwatch is asking people to "Stop and check: is this for real?" when they're contacted by scammers who are pretending to be from well-known government organisations or businesses.

Scamwatch received almost 33,000 reports of these threat-based impersonation scams in 2017. Over \$4.7 million was reported lost and more than 2800 people gave their personal information to these scammers.

"These scams can be very frightening. For example, scammers will impersonate the Australian Taxation Office and threaten people with immediate arrest unless they pay an outstanding tax bill. They may pretend to be from Telstra to try to hack into your computer or from Centrelink promising extra payments in return for a 'fee'," Ms Rickard said.

"Scammers scare us or butter us up with promises of cash because they know it

clouds our judgement. People get so worried about being arrested they don't question if the person threatening them is genuine.

If you're being threatened, take a deep breath, and ask yourself if the call makes sense.

The ATO will never threaten you with immediate arrest; Telstra will never need to access your computer to 'fix' a problem; and Centrelink will never require a fee to pay money it owes you. Finally, none of these organisations will ask you to pay using iTunes gift cards," Ms Rickard said.

"If something doesn't feel right, hang up the phone or hit delete. If the person said they were, for example, from Telstra or the ATO, find the phone number for that organisation online or in the phone book, call them and let them know about the call you received.

They'll let you know if it's genuine or a scam."

The ACCC encourages people to visit www.scamwatch.gov.au to report scams so we can warn others about them and learn more about what to do if they're targeted by scams.

Al Anon

We've been married thirteen years, my hubby and I. He drank when I met him, but I was going to 'fix' that and make him the happiest person ever.

Slowly over nine years and three kids I tried to change him - to have everything my way - because I thought that if the house was clean and the kids were good, he would come home and stop drinking.

I would sit waiting for him to come home. I had no time for my children, I was too busy waiting and waiting. When he did come home I would yell at him and cry and tell him what a rotten person he was to make me so unhappy.

How dare he do that! We would constantly argue over money. I was not myself. I was so confused and alone and felt our marriage was over.

Then I read an ad in the local paper for an Al-Anon open meeting. That was four years ago. I went and came away feeling I was not too badly off. My kids and I were not physically abused, we had a roof over our heads and food in the house. But I still found fault and couldn't cope.

I learned over these last four years about the disease of alcoholism; that I did not cause it, I could not cure it and I cannot control it.

I have learned a lot about

myself and that my happiness does not depend on another. I do not argue and yell at my husband every night and I even sleep better most nights. I can talk to you now.

I have found a strength that I thought I did not have in myself. I have a lot of friends that like me for who I am.

Thank you Al-Anon members for showing me a better way of life, and happier one too. Even though he is still drinking.

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Recycling matters

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Throughout recent months, there has been a strong and consistent message of 'continue to recycle' from Gippsland's local councils and from the Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group.

Gippsland households have a great record when it comes to recycling. The total amount of material set aside for recycling has increased by 70 per cent since 2001. Across the region, approximately 25,000 tonnes of recyclables are collected from kerbside, equating to around 200kg per household.

Matthew Peake, Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group executive officer said, "We know recycling is essential for reducing waste going to landfill, but it's important to recognise that communities and the economy benefit because recycling maximises resource recovery, encourages innovation and creates jobs in the recycling industry."

"With the recent changes in global recycling markets, triggered by China's new standards for recyclable material, we now have the opportunity to focus on not just continuing to recycle but to make sure we're recycling right."

Putting the wrong



things into recycling bins causes contamination which increases costs for processors who have to spend more time and money sorting and removing the rubbish from the recyclables.

"The best way to combat this as a community is to know what can and can't be recycled in your local council." Mr Peake emphasised. "It's now more critical than ever for residents to correctly sort their recycling for kerbside collection."

In support of this, the Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group, under the banner of RightCycle Gippsland, advocates four clear ways to encourage everyone to minimise waste and maximise resources.

Rethink - Really stop to think about what you need and want, what you buy and consume, how you use and reuse.

Reduce - Use your

buying power to shop smart. Your purchasing habits can help prevent waste from the start by avoiding things like unnecessary packaging.

Reuse - Cut down on disposable items, substitute reusable products. A great place to start is with reusable water bottles and coffee cups. Reusing can also come about by borrowing or repurposing something someone else has already used.

Recycle - Know what can and can't be recycled in your local government area. If in doubt, don't put it in your recycling bin. Visit www.gwrrg.vic.gov.au to find out what can go in your recycling bin. Importantly, buy Australian recycled products; this draws on fewer natural resources and closes the loop when it comes to resource recovery and waste minimisation.

"There are challenges and opportunities when it comes to recycling in Gippsland," acknowledged Mr Peake. "We are keen to focus attention on communities continuing to recycle and in encouraging them to consider the broader benefits of creating a circular economy by recycling right."

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Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: *Hakea salicifolia*

Family: Proteaceae

Derivation:

Hakea: Named after Baron Christian Ludwig von Hake, 1745-1818, a German patron of botany and a councillor in Hanover.

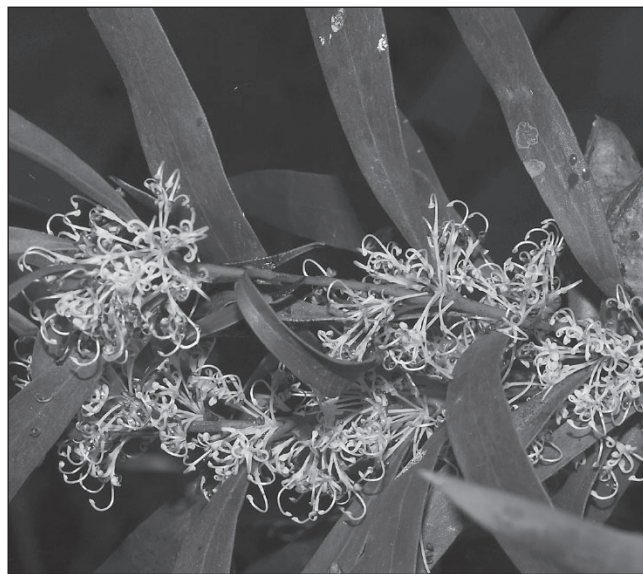
Salicifolia: From the Latin name for a willow, salix or salicis, plus folium, meaning leaf. Thus, leaves like a willow!

Common Name:

Willow-leaved Hakea.

Distribution: Widespread along the coast and ranges from Jervis Bay, NSW, northward to the McPherson Range in south-east Queensland. Naturalised in many places around Australia and overseas.

Description: A small, willow-like tree to 5m tall with narrowly elliptic to lanceolate leaves up to 15cm long and 17mm wide. Flowers occur from late winter to spring in single axillary umbels and are white with no hairs on the perianth, followed by woody capsules up to 3.5cm long and 2.5cm wide, covered in warty lumps and containing two



winged seeds.

Opinion: This species is considered to be an environmental weed in some areas, as plants retain a large quantity of seed in their woody capsules, until the branch dies and seed is released to invade the surroundings. This is why it has become naturalised in many places. There are even a couple of specimens in the Boolarra Bush Reserve around the old landfill tip site, no doubt a result of a gardener dropping off prunings at

the tip in the distant past. 'Twasn't me!

My plant is at least 5 metres tall and sits next to the driveway entrance on the northern side of the block. It has copped a bit of pruning over the last couple of years to clear it from over the top of the driveway, so I could get the motorhome off the road. This hasn't detracted from its appearance at all, it is lush and green and sends out fresh shoots with purplish colours to replace the ones I remove. I reckon it would make an excellent hedge if you were prepared to keep it in shape. The missus always complains when I prune it, accusing me of removing the screen for the roving eyes of passers-by. The flowers are not particularly striking, but there are plenty of them and they waft a nice scent through the garden when they are at their peak.

They are the easiest of plants to propagate from seed and the seedlings are often used as rootstock to graft more difficult species of Hakea onto. Let me know if you'd like to grow some, I'll gather some seed for you.

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

Sharr: WA Plant Names and their Meanings.

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

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

Hazelwood Pondage closure disappointing



Latrobe City Council recently moved to immediately implement Engie's decision to close the Hazelwood Pondage in its role as waterway manager.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Darrell White OAM, said the news of the closure was very disappointing.

"We know this asset is held in high regard by our local community, it is an active recreation space and its closure will be a significant loss to our community. The cancellation of the annual Sauna Sail yachting event, which was scheduled to

take place over the June long weekend, will have a detrimental impact on this community not just in terms of economic loss but as the loss of an iconic event in our region.

We understand and acknowledge Engie's need to manage its risks and liabilities. Dam safety and the safety of the community must be of paramount importance.

Council is still working through what the implications will mean for its operations and will remain in communications with the response team at Engie. We will be seeking from Engie its

long-term plan for this asset and the likely duration of the closure," Councillor White said.

"Council has already contacted its stakeholders, our community and the Hazelwood Pondage Caravan Park site holders and will continue to disseminate further information as it comes to hand," Councillor White concluded.

The Hazelwood Pondage Caravan Park will remain open during this period of temporary closure. Discussions around its future are ongoing.

Presentation of nappies



Barbara and Delma -left- from Churchill & District News present Kathy (Anglicare) and Kim (maternal and Child Health) with nappies. Abigail -right- from Neighbourhood Centre allowed the collection point for the collection

Last week on a beautiful winters day, an outdoor presentation of left - over unused nappies was made by Churchill & District News represented by Ruth, Delma and Barbara.

These nappies were collected from a Community Box kept at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre over the past 12 months, and donated by many members of the public to this great cause.

Thank you to all those who donated nappies over the past year to this collection, your efforts are much appreciated.

Presentation of over 790 nappies was made to both Anglicare and Maternal Child Health Services who

each have an office here in Churchill at the Hub, and help many local young families in need.

The nappies were gratefully accepted by Kathy on behalf of Anglicare and

Kim on behalf of Maternal Child Health Services.

Both ladies spoke of how the given nappies would be passed onto needy families in the coming weeks.



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A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back . . .

. . . through the eyes of local residents



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

James Stephen Maher McDonald

James Maher McDonald was born on 21/6/1878 at Hazelwood to parents James McDonald and Honora Maher. James Stephen Maher McDonald was the second of two children of James McDonald and Honora Maher (the first being Mary Theresa McDonald). They married at Kyneton in 1874. As a result of childbirth, baby James survived but mother Honora died in 1878 and she is buried in the Traralgon Cemetery.

JSM McDonald, after attending the Yinnar State School and the Morwell State School, became a farm labourer at Yinnar.

He enlisted on 20/4/1900 as No.416 Private in either A or B Squadron, 4th Victorian Imperial Bushmen. He departed from Melbourne on the Victorian on 1/5/1900, arriving 23/5/1900 at Beira, Portuguese East Africa. From there he took a train to Umtali, Rhodesia and on 11/7/1900 arrived at Marandellas, Rhodesia.

From August 1900 he was engaged with operations against the Boers including Ottoshoop, Cape Colony and Wonderfontein, Transvaal. He departed South Africa on 22/6/1901 from East London on the Orient disembarking on 12/7/1901 at Melbourne via Albany. He was discharged on 31/7/1901. Just over two years later he married Frances Mary Sunderman on 26/8/1903 at Clifton Hill. They had one child James McDonald. It is unknown when James Stephen Maher McDonald died or where he is buried. Rob de Souza-Daw has spent

many hours trying to locate this information. Frances Mary McDonald died in 1981 aged 103 years.

The last Australian Electoral Roll entry for James Stephen Maher McDonald is 1909. It appears that around the time JSM McDonald resigned from the Victorian Police, he and his wife separated but a divorce record has not been located. Their son, James was brought up by the Sundermans of Heyfield.

Private JSM McDonald's medal entitlement was - Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps for Cape Colony, Rhodesia, Orange Free State, Transvaal and South Africa 1901.

After returning from the Boer War, JSM McDonald joined the Victoria Police and served as a No.4995 Foot Constable from 7/1/1902 to 27/4/1911 inclusive.

Private James Stephen Maher McDonald and Sergeant Michael Terence McDonald were half-brothers.

After Honora died, James McDonald married Elizabeth Woods at Malmsbury in 1879.

Michael Terence McDonald was second of eleven children of James McDonald and Elizabeth Woods. James McDonald died in 1904 and is buried at the Hazelwood Cemetery. Elizabeth McDonald died in 1913 and is buried at the Coburg Cemetery.

James McDonald (1841-1904) was a successful grazier. He owned land on both sides of Middle Creek - the northern side being in the Parish of Hazelwood and the southern side in the Parish of Yinnar. These McDonalds

were often referred to as the McDonalds of Yinnar and on other occasions McDonald's of Hazelwood. The pioneering McDonalds lived on the Hazelwood side of Middle Creek near where the Yinnar road crosses the creek.

Although James McDonald senior had 13 children, he had very few grandchildren.

Private

Peter James JARVIE

Peter was born at Brown Hill, a part of Ballarat on 9/4/1873 to parents James Jarvie and Mary Jane Weir (formerly McFarland). He was married in 1905 and farmed at Jeeralang.

Before enlisting Peter had previous experience in Victorian Mounted Rifles (Morwell detachment). On 30/1/1901 Peter enlisted as No.1345 Private for service with 5TH VMR and was then sent to the Langwarrin military camp.

Private Jarvie departed on 15/2/1901 from Melbourne on the Orient, arriving on 7/3/1901 in Cape Town. He then sailed to Port Elizabeth where he disembarked and proceeded to Pretoria. Peter fought in eastern Transvaal during the guerrilla campaign by the Boers. On 7/5/1901 he participated in major action against the Boers at Rhenoster Kop and on 11/5/1901 was sent to Right Wing, D Company 5th VMR and became the Brigade Commander's galloper. His departure from Cape Town South Africa was on the Custodian on 27/3/1902.

After disembarking in Melbourne and being

discharged, Peter married nearly three years later on 22/2/1905 to Ellen Maud Drayton at Jumbuk. They had six children - Robert James, David John, Alfred Albert, Peter Keith, Mary Maude and George Duncan.

Sadly at Jeeralang on 23/6/1915 Peter Jarvie, aged 43 years, committed suicide by shooting himself. He was buried on 25/6/1915 at the Hazelwood Cemetery. There was a Coroner's Inquest into his death.

A few weeks before Peter James Jarvie committed suicide, he had sold his farm at Jeeralang and was temporarily living at Hazelwood and then intended to move to Melbourne.

For service in South Africa he received the Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps for Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, South Africa 1901 and South Africa 1902.

Morwell Advertiser (Morwell, Vic: 1888 - 1954), Friday 26 July 1901, page 3

OUR BOYS, [Letter from Trooper P. Jarvie.]

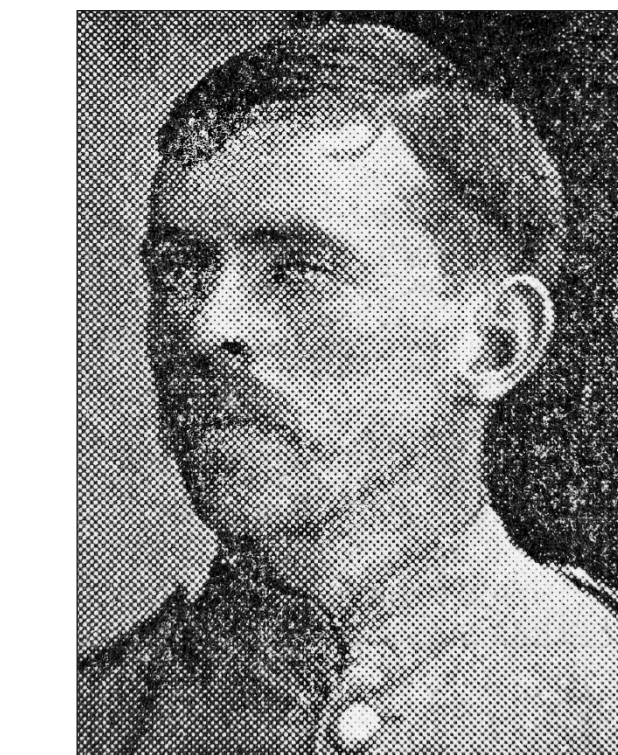
The following are extracts from an interesting letter written by Trooper P. Jarvie, late of Jeeralang-

He writes:

"I am writing you this while on outpost duty, away from Middleburg. I am in splendid health. I will give you an account of our travels. We left camp at Sunnyside about 8 p.m. and rode into Pretoria, but there were no trains to take us on, so we tied our horses to fences and veranda posts, and slept on the road in our great-coats and entrained about 9 next morning from Middleburg.

This line is pretty bad as it is continually being broken, and we could not travel at night. We made about thirty miles the first day, and camped for the night. It took three days to do about ninety miles. We camped two days outside Middleburg and then moved northward with a large convoy, and a body of infantry, altogether about three thousand men.

I was among the Baggage Guard, and two of the wagons got bogged, and a few of us were left with them and the rest went on. It is a sight to see Kaffirs driving bullocks. They take 16 bullocks to draw a load of 3500lb. and the chains and harness are continually breaking. Three of us were sent with the second last wagon and had just caught the convoy when word was brought in that the last wagon was attacked, so we galloped back with a gun and fired a couple of rounds of shell into a farm house, where they were sniping at the wagon, but it got



Private Peter James Jarvie
5th Victorian Mounted Rifles.

Photo by Tom Humphrey & Co. Melbourne.

The Leader Supplement (Melbourne) 16/2/1991, page 8. Photo 692

away alright, and we camped at Honing Spruit that night. When our cattle raiders came in that night they reported one man wounded, one prisoner taken (afterwards released) and one horse killed. They got about 200 cattle.

Next day we moved on again, and soon our left flank was under fire.

The guns opened on some hills in the front, and shelled some Boers there. Then the convoy went on, our company being in the centre, so we proceeded with occasional sniping until about 8 p.m., when fire opened in front and we were galloped about two miles, but with the exception of a few bullets striking the ground near us, we did not see anything.

Camped that night at dark, and the next day all was quiet and we went on in peace, and camped about 10 miles further on, coming across two wagons the Boers had abandoned and those were quickly looted by the advance guard, and some split and soft-nosed ammunition found in them.

Next day we left the convoy and infantry in camp, and all men with strong horses were ordered to strip their saddles of everything,

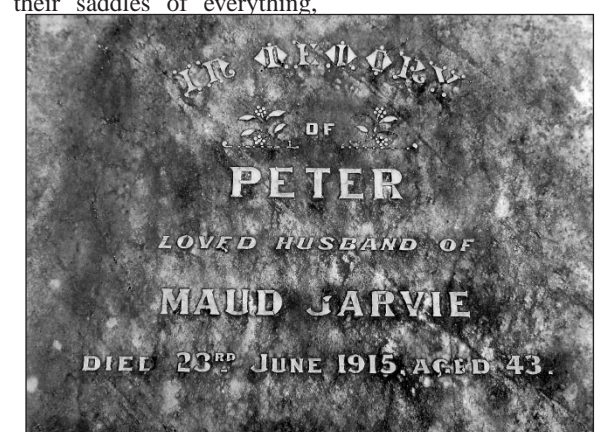
and on no account were men with weak horses to go. We left the camp at 9 a.m. and rode through a valley studded with bushes until about 3 p.m. but did not catch the convoy as expected, and after halting for about an hour, the scouts reported they had turned up a valley on our left. The guns were moved on to a hill, and soon sighted them, and opened fire on the convoy and the hills in front.

Our company had to cross the valley and we had a bit of trouble to find a place to ford a river. While looking for a crossing a few shots were fired at us, but they did not get the range. We crossed the valley and came up to where the wagons were burning (being fired by our shells) and rode up into horse shoe shaped valley where we could hear a dog barking and where our guns could not reach.

As we crossed a donga we saw a wagon about one hundred yards from us and rode towards it. We had to cross about an acre of open ground, and when we got fairly on to it the Boers opened fire from the half circle of hills. I was in the first group and as we wheeled to get back to cover Corporal



JSM McDonald - photo of land holdings.



Peter James Jarvie, 1873 - 1915

Grave 155 Row J, Presbyterian, Hazelwood Cemetery.
Photo 22/7/2015 by Rob de Souza-Daw, Churchill



A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back . . .

. . . through the eyes of local residents



Boer War Soldiers

Carter was wounded in the thigh, and a glanced bullet grazed another man's back (both being in my group) while the bullets whistled around us. We galloped back about five hundred yards, left our horses and advanced and opened fire, and soon silenced the Boers, burnt the wagon and retired, it being nearly dark. Our bill was - Corp. Carter wounded, one horse killed and three wounded, and all the satisfaction we had was the wagons were burnt, for we saw no Boers. We rode back to camp reaching it about 10 p.m. Then we heard that Jim Beaths had been wounded and the other Company had burned nine wagons.

Yesterday we left camp with some wagons and moved out to the South East about seven miles and camped for the night. Today we are still here in a lovely valley with farm houses along it. From where we are we can see a lot of houses about two miles from us, and see men coming and going from the hills to the left of them, and they are certainly Boers. Last night our advance guard caught eight or ten prisoners at the same houses and one of them, a lad, had his rifle loaded with a soft-nosed cartridge, and they seriously considered about shooting him, but I don't know if they did, but we are told to bring no man into camp if we take any with soft or split-nosed bullets.

This is an account of things up to date, and now for a word about the country. This part is called the high or bushveldt, on account of being studded over with bush; it is covered with grass in places 6ft high, and looks something splendid. As this is the end of the rainy season it is at its best, nice and green, but there is something wrong about it, as our horses will hardly touch it. It is a cursed country for horses; we have some die at every camp and along the road, and what are left don't



Sergeant Ernest Porter
10th New Zealand Mounted Rifles - South Island Regiment
Wearing two Silver Fern collar badges.

Photo 1902 and courtesy of Verne Barrell, New Plymouth, New Zealand.

thrive. Cattle and sheep are never left out at night, but put into a yard and kept there until the dew is off the grass in the morning. The weather is as hot as summer during the day and very cold at night, with heavy dew. In places the ground is black with iron dust like gunpowder, and the hill we are posted on is one huge outcrop of quartz, running in a straight line East and West. This country has never been prospected and I would like to try it if I had a chance. The hills are flat on the top like a table, and very steep on the sides, in places being upright. Broad valleys run through them and they are dotted with maize patches, and farm houses. There are plenty of lemons, oranges

and limes, pigs, poultry and cattle. I would like to have the value of the cattle they have collected, it would give a man a fine start.

We spare the houses where they are deserted or have women in them; but if there is any firing from the house, or close to it, or any ammunition found in it, then it burns. They are bringing all women into camp, and at present about 200 men, women and children are there. A few have brought in wagons and surrendered, and are treated well in camp. There are some nice looking girls among them.

Now about our friends. J. Moran is well; J. Thompson was left sick somewhere on the way, and there is a rumour that T. McDonald is dead;

McKenzie was left sick at Sunnyside, and I. Nuttall was left at Middleburg, having no horse. The remainder of them are well, but we left nearly 100 men behind at Sunnyside, with fever, measles, and mauser fever, not a very good record for the Fifth Contingent. I met Dave White, he is a Sergeant attached to G Company."

Ernest PORTER

Ernest was born on 14/9/1879 at Morwell to parents Robert Porter and Grace Macpherson Tolmie. He was known as Ern. His education included Morwell State School and after Ern left school, he worked in a store in Morwell for one of his brothers.

In 1897 he sailed to Tasmania and worked at Longford in northern Tasmania. In 1900 he emigrated from Hobart to South Island, New Zealand, where he became a grocer for the Canterbury Farmers' Co-operative Association at Waimate, New Zealand.

Ern had had previous

military experience with the Victorian Rangers and was a Corporal in Waimate Rifle Volunteers. He enlisted for service in South Africa in April 1902 in Addington, Christchurch and departed from Lyttelton on 19/4/1902 on the Norfolk as No.9354 Corporal in New Zealand's 10th Mounted Rifles, South Island Regiment, G Squadron. He arrived on 27/5/1902 at Durban and then entrained to Newcastle, Natal where he was promoted to Sergeant. He departed South Africa on 17/7/1902 from Durban on the Montrose arriving on 19/8/1902 in Auckland. Sergeant Porter was discharged 31/10/1902.

Four years later he married Isabella Diack Murdoch on 19/9/1906 at Timaru, New Zealand. They had one child, Ernest Timaru Porter.

Ern died on 9/3/1962 at Timaru, New Zealand and was buried on 12/3/1962 at the Timaru Cemetery.

His medal entitlement was a Queen's South Africa Medal with clasp for South Africa 1902.

After the Boer War Ern returned to work as a grocer for the Canterbury Farmers' Co-operative Association at Timaru and became No.1909 Lieutenant in Timaru City Rifle Volunteers.

In 1908 Ern Porter returned to Morwell where he purchased a general store in Tarwin Street from one of his brothers-in-law. In 1914 he sold his business to another brother-in-law and returned to Timaru, New Zealand where he commenced a partnership in a retail grocery and chinaware business. In 1928 he purchased the crockery and chinaware part of the business. In 1945 he retired from the business.

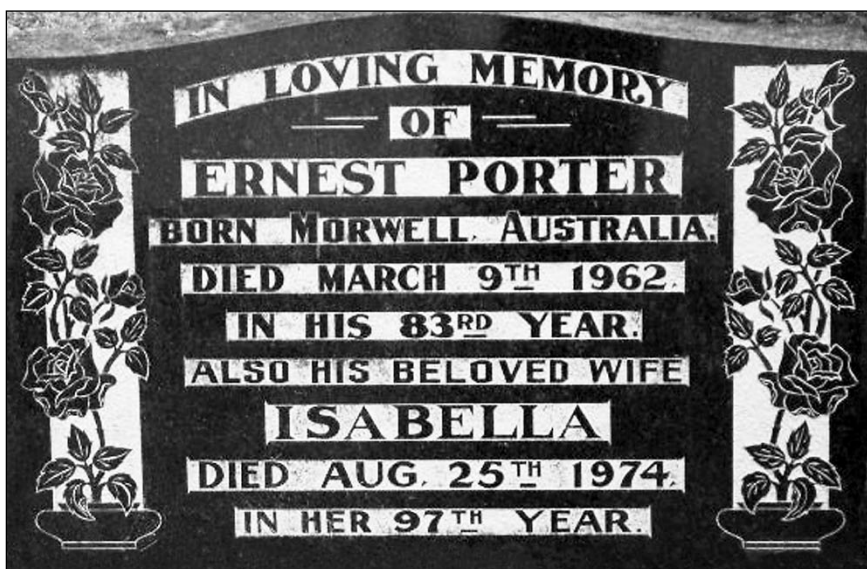
During WWI he enlisted in 1918 in the New Zealand army but did not serve overseas.

Ern Porter was president of the South Canterbury branch of the South African War Veterans' Association for many years and became the Dominion President of that Association.



Ernest Porter, 1879 - 1962

Dominion President, South African War Veterans Association (New Zealand) and wearing Boer War bandolier with inert cartridges and medals. L-R, Queen's South Africa Medal with four clasps, 1953 Coronation Medal for Queen Elizabeth II, 12-year New Zealand Territorial Medal for service in the Volunteer Defences, and the New Zealand 1939/45 Service Medal. Photo 1952 by Dickesons Studio, Timaru, New Zealand and courtesy of Verne Barrell, New Plymouth, New Zealand.



Ernest Porter, 1879 - 1962 and his wife, Isabella Diack Porter (nee Murdoch) 1877 - 1974.

Plot 827, Row 54 General Section, Timaru Cemetery, New Zealand.

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School News

Churchill Primary

#NeverMissADayInMay!

As part of Churchill Primary School's campaign to improve student attendance we ran a competition during the month of May that we called #NeverMissADayInMay!

For the month of May we held a school-wide attendance incentive competition – students who were at school, on time, every day will be treated to a special excursion later in the term and will also

penalised as long as parents notified the office by 9am on the day.

We are extremely pleased with the effort of all our students and families for helping to improve our attendance records during the competition period. Please keep up the great work!

The winner of the iPad mini and details of the special excursion/activity will be revealed soon!

a book went into the running to win a \$25 scholastic voucher to spend at the fair. Congratulations to Tyson M and Shaylee H on their wins.

Yinnar & District Soccer
On Tuesday May 8, two teams of boys and girls from Churchill Primary School participated in the Yinnar & District Winter Sports round robin soccer competition. Games were played at the Traralgon City Oval and each team played four rounds of soccer on the day. Both teams showed great teamwork and sportsmanship on the day which was reflected in their

overall results with each team coming second in their respective competitions. Well done!

Cross Country Champs
Well done to Hayley K, Stella V, Brodie L and Jenny B who all competed in the Latrobe Valley division cross country on Wednesday May 23. The conditions were very cold and wet but they all put in their best efforts and got some great results! Special congratulations to Hayley and Brodie for qualifying to go through to the Gippsland regional event at Lardner Park in June.

Grade 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp
On Wednesday May 23, our Grade 5 and 6 students headed off to camp at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. There they took a trip back in time to the 1800s where they learnt about what it was like to live during the Gold Rush era and how things differ

were made, dressing up in period costumes, seeing the Light and Sound show "Blood on the Southern Cross" and so much more.

Our campers returned on Friday afternoon and the



Stella and Hayley competed at the Yinnar & District Cross Country



CPS Girls Soccer Team – Hayley K, Stella V, Shaylee H, Kayla S, Lucy B, Ruby T, Lola H, Hayley W, Tahli S, Ella J, Annalyse B and Jenny B.



Cade R and Charlotte B dressed in fashions from the 1800s at Sovereign Hill

go into the draw to win an iPad mini.

To be eligible students had to attend school every day during the month of May and had to arrive before the school day started at 8:45am. Late comers would not be eligible! Of course, if a student was away for illness or medical reasons they would not be

CPS Book Fair

During the second week of May we held a Scholastic Book Fair after school each night and our students and parents were able to come along and browse through the many books available to purchase at discounted prices. All students who purchased

from today. They enjoyed many different activities including candle making, panning for gold, learning how lollies and confectionary

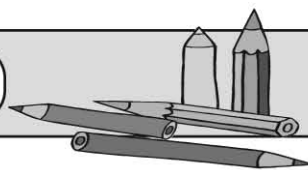
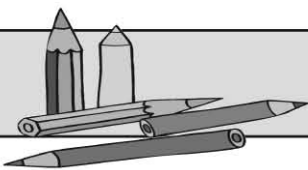
consensus was that they had a fantastic time. A big thank-you to our dedicated teachers and staff who gave up their own time to attend camp and make this experience possible for our students.



CPS Boys Soccer Team – Bailey C, Brodie L, Cody H, Cade R, Jaxon G, Luke M, Jackson O, Will T, Andy T, James H, Mitchell B and Lachlan M



CPS students try writing using a pen and ink well



PreCal Year 10 student project

Cayden Marriott, Mitchell Bremner and Top Pewngam have been planning, designing and constructing a mud kitchen for the Yallourn North Kindergarten.

The PreCal Year 10 students from Kurnai College have been doing their 'Work Skills Community Project' out at the Yallourn North Kinder. Every Wednesday the 17 students jump in a bus with their teacher Brett Gay and assistant Murray Francis to head out to the kinder. The students have designed and planned a sensory garden and a vegetable garden that the kinder children can enjoy for years to come.

The PreCal program was initiated last year with a goal to give some students a taste of VCAL (Years 11 and 12) and also to get them more interested in their education and attendance. The program combines the students' literacy and numeracy learning and applies it to a real life problem or need. The area in which they have created this garden was a space never used and was fenced off from the kinder. Currently the vegetable garden is close

South Sudanese students excelling

Three Year 12 students at the campus originated from South Sudan and all want to do their best to succeed. They are doing well at their studies and gaining praise from their teachers.

Ayen was born in Kenya in the Kakuma Refugee Camp to South Sudanese parents. In 1998 they moved to Nairobi to live there for six months before moving in May 2007 to Australia. Ayen's mother chose to come to a country area and Churchill became home. Ayen started school at Churchill Primary School in Grade 2. She remembers not being able to speak English, but says she picked it up in a few years and now speaks fluently. She and her siblings were able to go to a group English class at Morwell Park with other South Sudanese students.

Ayen has done well at school, achieving good results and particularly enjoys sports and physical education. She has the ambition of being a nurse.

When asked how she felt in Australia, particularly here in Churchill and at school, she immediately said



and co-operate and make the most of the opportunities that this country provided. She said, "If I didn't, then I would be like people who don't have those opportunities to live in Australia. I should make the

Australia in 2007 when she was six years old. They lived in Melbourne for two years with relatives then moved to their own home, then came to Traralgon. Nyabiey was able to attend the Language

overseas with Morwell Kurnai Junior campus.

Nyabiey's parents are supportive, and encourage her to do her best and aim to be the best in her classes. Education is very important to them. They want her to have the opportunities and make the most of education here in Australia that they didn't have, and especially because she is a young lady. As they explained, education for girls in their former countries is not seen as a priority.

All three young ladies say they feel safe, welcomed and supported here in Gippsland, especially at school. At school they are part of the cohort, accepted, with many good friends and a supportive network. They fit in just like

any other student.

Ayen, Nyetap and Nyabiey said if they go to Melbourne they are considered one of the stereotyped people; part of the Apex Gang; that they will do something violent or bad. They get bad looks, especially if they are with their family as there are lots of them. Sudanese families can be quite large. First impression is that you are part of a gang.

The school is very proud of these students. They are role models to others.

They are thankful for, and making the most of their opportunities, and will succeed very well, because that is their goal.

L-R above Ayen, College Principal Nello Carbone, Nyetap, Nyabiey



to finished, the mud garden is 90% done, a sensory wall is starting to take shape and a mural painted to a boring brick wall is transforming the area into a wonderful space for the kinder children to enjoy.

They have about four or five weeks left to complete the project and at this stage they are well on track.

The Sensory Garden and Mud Kitchen construction by the Precal students above and right

"safe". She added that having opportunities for education, to work here and a better life were the motivation for coming to Australia.

Nyetap was born in Ethiopia. She came to Australia thirteen years ago when she was two years old. She grew up speaking English, went to kindergarten and school. Her father went back to Africa so the family moved to the Valley. Nyetap is willing to work

most of those opportunities".

Nyetap has the ambition to be either a nurse or a lawyer. She has chosen to study subjects which will allow her to choose either option. Her family too, chose Australia for the education opportunities and for a better life.

Nyabiey's siblings were the first family at Commercial Road Primary School in Morwell. She started there in Prep. The family came to

School at Noble Park with her siblings and that was a great help in learning English.

When she was younger her goal was to finish school, but now she is older she thought she would like to be a psychologist, but now is leaning towards being a social worker.

Nyabiey says there are many opportunities at school and she will take all the chances she can get. In Year 8 and 9 she took the trips



School News

Hazelwood North Primary

School Soccer

On Tuesday May 8, the boys' soccer team went to Traralgon City soccer grounds to compete in the district soccer competition. Our first match was against Lumen Christi, we beat them 4 - nil. Next we played Boolarra which was a mixed team, we beat them 3 - nil. Next we played Yinnar. It was a close game but we beat them 2 - nil. Our last game was the closest game we had, we were playing Churchill and beat them 2 - 1. Because we won all our games, we were able to make it through to the next round!

Thanks to all the players who contributed to the team. Without your help we wouldn't have been able to play.

Thanks Mr King and Miss Waite for coaching us on the day. Also thanks to Mr A for training us at school for the day.

By Corey and Connor.

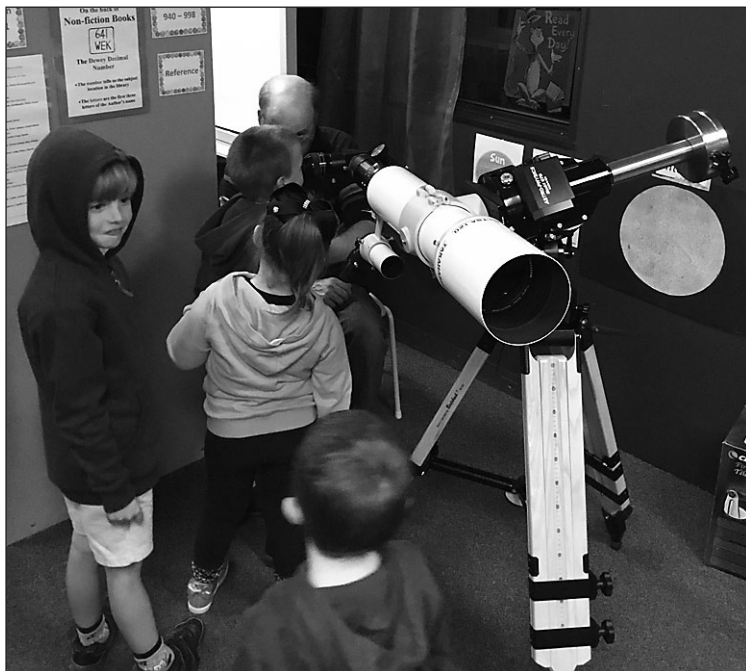
Soccer Report

Recently, we competed in the District Soccer at the Traralgon Soccer Oval. The

schools we played against were Yinnar, Churchill, Lumen Christi and Boolarra. The girls' team won our match against Lumen Christi, we lost against Yinnar and came a draw with Churchill. The soccer game was not as rough as we expected. The ground was wet and most of our socks were wet. We would like to thank Mr Atherton for coaching us on the day. It was a cool day, but we were hot from running. Everyone had a good day.

By Maddie and Bridgette
Night Sky Evening at Hazelwood North Primary School.

Last month, three members of the Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society visited the school library to talk to the F/1 students and their families about the night sky. Unfortunately, on the evening of their visit the sky was cloudy, with rain



Chris from the Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society shows students the big telescope

threatening. This meant we were not able to look at the moon and stars through the powerful telescopes they had brought along with them. However, we still learned a lot by listening to Chris's presentation, asking questions, and exploring the

activities and resources that our librarian Kaye had set up for us. It was still cool to look through the telescopes, even though they were inside.

We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to the members of the Astronomical Society who gave up their time to teach us more about space, as well as Kaye for all her organisation. It was a great night.

School of Rock Audition

Early in March, Mrs Jones saw an article in the Herald Sun looking for young musicians for the "School of Rock" musical coming to Her Majesty's Theatre. My mum and dad helped me put together some audition videos, one of me reading some lines from the musical and another of me playing drums for two minutes. While I was in China, I found out that I had been called back for another audition. After getting home from China, I had just one day to prepare. Auditions were held at Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance in Melbourne. We had to leave home very early for my 9:30 audition. For the first

stage of the audition I had to drum to a rock song of my choice ("Monkey Wrench" by Foo Fighters) and I had to sing to a song of my choice ("We Will Rock You", by Queen), for Matt, the musical director of the London production. Most of the other kids in my audition group were very talented. I was really happy when I found out

auditioned the next day with all the remaining drummers. We all took turns at playing "Teacher's Pet" for Matt and I made it through again. The next stage was a bit different with all the kids auditioning for a role in together, drummers, singers, guitarists, keyboards and bass. The directors would ask different kids to get up and perform together. Everyone was really



Malachi at auditions for School of Rock

that I made it through to the next stage and was asked to audition for the role of Freddie. Mum nearly cried. Mum and I headed straight home so I could prepare for the next audition. I had to learn how to play "Teacher's Pet", and sing "Stick it to the Man" and "If Only You Would Listen", all songs from the School of Rock musical. I

good. Nine drummers were left at this stage and only three would get cast in the musical. Sadly, I found out the next day that I didn't make it. I was really proud of myself. It felt good to have people tell me I was talented. I made a few friends, and I'm looking forward to seeing the musical when it opens in October.

By Malachi



Liam and his dad making a space model

School News

Yinnar South Primary

Yinnar schools visit Parliament House

The Member for Gippsland Darren Chester has been inundated with friendly young faces in the nation's capital.

Fifty-three students from Yinnar Primary School and Yinnar South Primary School were in Canberra last week for a five-day school trip.

Mr Chester met the Grade 5 and 6 students at Parliament House during a break from his duties in the House of Representatives.

"I always enjoy meeting students from Gippsland

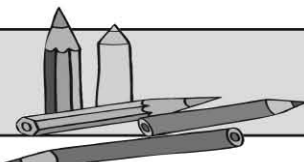
when they come to Canberra," Mr Chester said.

"It's valuable for them to see first-hand how our system of government works and how I act as their voice on this national forum," Mr Chester said.

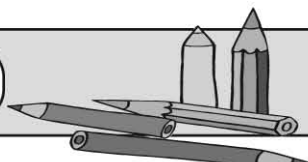
Parliament House was one stop on the group's busy itinerary, which also included the Australian War Memorial, Questacon, the National Library of Australia and the Royal Australian Mint. The group comprised 53 students from Yinnar and four from Yinnar South.



School News



Kurnai College Junior Campus



AGL Loy Yang Excursion

On April 18, the Year 8 cohort went to AGL Loy Yang and went inside the power station to find out more about what happens inside. The tour took in the mine first, where our tour guides told us the mine is 4km long and 200m deep. They told us if you took the MCG, turned it upside down and put it in the mine, it would fit perfectly. The tour then went to the actual power station. The chimneys were said to be 260m tall. That's bigger than the MCG!

Gippsland Technical School

Over the past two weeks, all Year 8 students have had the opportunity to visit the Gippsland Technical School to participate in a 'Taster' program. This program was designed by the staff at the school to introduce the

students to the advanced technology that is available for the students to use throughout the school year.

Throughout the day, the students learnt about how technologies are influencing and changing local industries. The students actively participated in designing graphic images which were then laser cut; programming robots to complete a task; and experimenting with the virtual reality programs.

The students had a great time and will be continuing to work with the Gippsland Technical School throughout Term 3 and Term 4.

Year 7 Camp Coolamatong

Once again, the Year 7 students went along to the Banksia Peninsula, between Bairnsdale and Paynesville for four days. Although the

weather was threatening, the rain stayed away until the bus trip back to Churchill.

The camp was an eye opener for a lot of the students, some of whom had never travelled further east than Traralgon.

The activities are to encourage working in teams and to encourage the development of positive relationships between all the Year 7 cohort. Several activities enabled students to develop their leadership skills.

It is always good to see students attempting tasks in which they would never have participated prior to the camp.

The activities this year included problem solving, archery, sailing, bush craft, rock-wall climbing and abseiling, bicycle

orienting, and travelling by boat to the 90-mile Beach for a walk and fox-hole game in the sand.

One of the favourite activities for the students, was the sailing activity. This was a new experience for all them;

"My favourite part of camp was sailing. It was so much fun",

Callum Minster.

"Sailing was the best. The guy was a nice bloke and it was really cool".

Sam Ryan.

"My favourite activity was sailing because I got to sit up at the end of the boat and I got to hold a jelly fish".

Lola Clifton.

The night-time was filled with activities run by either the Camp leaders or the Churchill staff. These activities included a night walk, a rotation of

activities out around the camp, a minute-to-win-it competition and a trivia night. All activities had all students participate and the students were fully engaged with the activities.

Year 8 Camp Karoonda

Over week five of term, 60 of the Year 8 cohorts went off to the 'high country' to enjoy a week of camp. The camp is situated north of Buchan on the Snowy River and surrounded by wilderness.

After the long drive to Buchan, there was a stop-off and a visit to the Buchan Caves. This is an extraordinary experience when seen for the first time.

This was the last break prior to the trip to the camp and the week of activities. At the camp, there is minimal phone reception so the

students are cut off largely from any contact with the outside world.

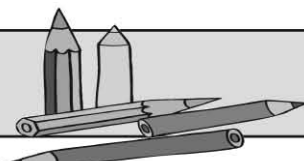
The students were exposed to a variety of activities to extend their experiences from the Year 7 camp. Activities included horse riding, bushwalking, low-ropes, rafting on the Snowy River, abseiling a natural cliff drop, all under the supervision of qualified instructors.

Karoonda Park is a working Hereford cattle stud farm so the students could witness first-hand the activities on the farm and the cattle being handled.

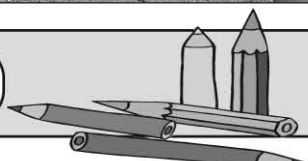
The activities encourage team building, development of leadership skills and they also encourage students to step out of their comfort zones.



School News



Churchill Preschools



The Hub Preschool

Term 2 has been very busy for the children of Churchill Hub Preschool and we are only half way through. This term has seen our Friday group start their weekly visit to the Churchill Library to further explore our community, as well as to read books that we don't have at preschool.

Mr Peter came to preschool and set up our own "worm farm" so that we can make compost to use in our vegetable garden. We didn't know that there was so much work to creating compost. We discovered that our tiger worms don't like junk food, they need to eat healthy food

just like us! We have to feed them half an egg carton every day, wash down the sides of the farm every day, as well as having a teacher "turn over" the compost each week. We would really like to do it - but we aren't quite tall enough yet.

We had a visit from Farmer Sue (from Rain, Hayne and Shine) who brought lots of different animals with her to preschool. We were able to feed the animals, pet the animals and even made our butter in a butter churner. We are going to use our "kinder made butter" to make "dead ants sandwiches" for afternoon tea.

We celebrated the special

ladies in our lives who love and care for us through a special "Ladies Day Event". In preparing for "Ladies Day", children made a variety of afternoon tea treats at kinder: rock buns, Weetbix slice, and decorated cupcakes with our fondant flowers. On the day, we didn't let poor weather dampen our enthusiasm; we showed off our preschool by having everyone do their favourite things, we put on a little concert and then shared afternoon tea with these special ladies who love and care for us. Preschool days sure are packed full of things to do and learn.

Glendonald Preschool

We've been enjoying the colder weather at Glendonald Preschool.

We supply the children with full cover waterproof suits and gumboots so they can jump in puddles, dig about and explore our mudpit.

By supplying the children with six suits they are

learning:

- * self - help skills - to dress and undress including shoes and zippers,
- * turn taking - we have six suits, so six children can be in the mudpit each time,
- * senses - feeling the consistency of the mud according to the weather

conditions, feeling the coldness and wetness.

* environment - exploring the weather and its effect on the earth.

Once we're all clean and dry we can go inside for Miss Suzie's famous hot cocoa which has proven to be a real hit on cold wintery days at preschool.



Farmer Sue's visit



Library visit



Above and below : Special Ladies Day



School News

Churchill North Primary



After school care with Ava, Allira and Olivia



CNPS leaders holding their wreath



Security camera

After school care

Churchill North Primary School runs an after school program for the students attending the school and students from the surrounding community.

The students enjoy participating in a range of activities. Some of their favourite activities at the moment are playing on the new playground, painting, dress-ups/roleplay, computer games, cool math games and also the play station. The children have the opportunity

to play both inside and outside as long as the weather is fine. The program usually has between 15-24 children on a given day, although numbers do vary. This service operates from 3:15pm – 6pm every school night apart from holidays and the last day of term.

If you are interested in your child attending please contact Churchill North Primary School.

Anzac Day Tribute

It was with a sense of honour and pride that the

student leaders of Churchill North Primary School attended the local ANZAC day ceremony. The students spoke about the inspiring speeches that were presented on the day and the beautiful wreaths laid out in honour of those who lost their lives in the war.

The young leaders spoke of a sense of pride they had of being able to share what ANZAC day means to them. They also truly appreciated the opportunity to pay tribute to fallen soldiers they termed

as 'Australian Heroes'.

School Concert

Churchill North Primary School is preparing for their concert, which will take place on Wednesday and Thursday June 20 and 21.

In preparation Darren Mc Cubbin has spent time working with classes to design their concert items for the show. Tickets have already gone on sale and the children are looking forward to displaying their talents for others. The school ran a competition for the front cover design of the

School Concert Program. Bailey M, Sienna, Jasmine, Chelsea, Sofia, Isabelle and Blake all submitted colourful engaging designs. Junior School Council members choose Bailey's design from a selection of terrific entries, as the winning cover.

All of the entries to the competition will be on display during the concert. We are looking forward to seeing the program and of course the school concert in action.

Security, On Alert!

Churchill North Primary

School has moved further into the future by installing security cameras throughout the school.

Unfortunately this is a result of ongoing and recent vandalism to the school and buildings. The school has felt that the use of security cameras is a necessity. The cameras have been recently installed and will soon be operational. The school community is looking forward to preventing any further vandalism and damage of school property.

School News

Lumen Christi Primary



Lumen Christi has had a fantastic finish to autumn and, as a school, we have many things to celebrate. Our classrooms have kept busy and it seems only a short time ago that we welcomed our Preps. Yet now, when you visit them, they look like seasoned veterans, settled and productive. Our enrolment and transition procedures began as we commenced June and we welcome interested families to make contact with us by calling the school or looking at our school website www.churchill.catholic.edu.au

visit the school to see us in operation, to have a tour of our facilities and to ask any questions they may have. On Saturday May 19, we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with our Year 6 students. Bishop Patrick visited to lead this celebration alongside our Parish Priest Father James.

We thank the children and their families for their commitment to the preparation, and we also offer our gratitude to those in the Parish, and school, who contributed to this event. Can we also acknowledge the tremendous performance



of our school choir at Confirmation. Earlier in May, the school community gathered for the beautiful celebration that is Mother's Day. The morning started with a community breakfast, followed by Mass led by Father Edwin. Students could then purchase Mother's Day gifts at the store hosted by the Parents and Friends group. It was a great day and we are so grateful to those who contributed many hours, behind the scenes, to make these events happen so smoothly. The Playgroup at Lumen Christi has taken the opportunity of all the

beautiful autumn leaves to produce some creative pieces of art. This initiative serves to provide a social and play experience for babies, toddlers and children not yet at school, as well as a social opportunity for parents. Anyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings from 9am at the school. If you have any questions feel free to ring the school for more details on 5122 2231.

On the sporting front, Lumen Christi has participated at the Winter Sports Carnivals entering teams in football, soccer and netball. We also sent students to participate in

the District and Zone Cross Country events.

Lumen Christi offers a broad curriculum that focuses beyond literacy and numeracy, with a healthy and active lifestyle fundamental to what we do. Participation in both school and community sport is highly valued and, at our school, we have strategies in place to support physical, social and mental wellbeing.

A key plank in this is our involvement with the Healthy Together program coordinated through Latrobe Community Health. There is also our regular Sporting Schools program in which our students

receive excellent coaching from trained outside coaches from various sporting codes. During the term students have been enjoying classes using our robotics equipment. Our senior students have acted as mentors for the younger students, though our Preps are certainly handling the coding and programming aspects of the robots easily. Our middle school students have been fortunate as their new laptops have arrived and each student in Years 2 to 4 has access to their own personal new device. We wish all Churchill News readers a lovely start to winter.

School News

Boolarra Primary School



Tennis with Mr. Peavey
By Grade 1 students

Today my class went to tennis with Mr. Peavey. It was raining so we were inside. We did dodge ball, poison ball, and V for volley.

We had lots of fun and we screamed too!

When we are outside with

Mr. Peavey we do scarecrow shots.

By Isabelle

Today we did tennis with Mr. Peavey. First we did dodge ball and then we played tennis. We all tried V for volley. I hit the ball two times over the net and I had fun.

By Nate

When we had tennis with Mr. Peavey we did dodge ball. It was fun. He makes us laugh.

Mr. Peavey taught us an activity. It was called V for volley. We had one hand in front of us holding the racquet.

By Ruby

Today we had tennis with

Mr. Peavey. First we played dodgeball.

Then we tried to hit the ball over the net. I got one over and I had lots of fun.

By Matilda

Every Monday we have Mr. Peavey to teach us tennis. Today we were doing V for volley. We had to do our tennis inside today in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Mr. Peavey is very funny. We all had fun.

By Ryleigh

My plans for the future ...

By Prep students

When I grow up I want to be an artist because I want to paint hills and beautiful flowers.

By Heidi

When I grow up I want to be a Ninja Warrior because then I can win the semi-finals.

By Rainer

When I grow up I want to be a doctor because I want to help people when they are

sick.

By Kodee

When I grow up I want to be a magician because I want to put smiles on people's faces.

By Callen

When I grow up I want to be a police officer because I want to catch people that do bad things.

By Scarlett

When I grow up I want to be a chef because I love to cook.

By Angela

When I grow up I want to be a Star Wars character because I've watched all the movies.

By Alby

School News

Yinnar Primary School

Yinnar Primary School continues to be a very diverse and exciting educational facility. Our Year 5/6's in particular have had a number of events in which they participated. The highlight of course, was the trip to our nation's capital, Canberra. Two busloads of students, staff and parent support made the journey to see all that Canberra has to offer. The itinerary was action packed from the moment they arrived until the end of the week. The National War Memorial was, by far the most interesting with students taking an educational tour and exploring the many exhibits. Questacon, Telstra Tower and the AIS were also exciting places to visit. In all more than 14 places of interest were included in the week long camp.

Our school's sporting activities continued with representative cross country, football and soccer competitions. We have many students showing talent in these areas and they welcome the opportunity to extend their capabilities by competing

against other schools from the Latrobe Valley.

Our School Grounds and Sustainability student team ventured to the South Gippsland Sustainability Expo to investigate the latest technology and ideas being implemented to educate and become more sustainable. Students participated in workshops covering native bird habitats, solar energy, tree planting and cultivation, recycling, danger of plastics, t-shirt bags, water conservation and litter. These students were very animated about the damage that is being done to our planet and are now leading the way to re-educate our school in how to make changes to our little bit of the world.

Simultaneous Storytime is held every year and our school has now participated for over ten years. This year our Prep - 4 students enjoyed Hickory Dickory Dash as a whole school activity. Activities were then completed in classrooms and many classes reread the story during the day.

Yinnar has signed up as a ResourceSmart school. We were visited by Alison Taylor who met with our SGS team to brainstorm some ideas on how our school can improve its use of energy, water, waste handling and other sustainability areas. Our students are very passionate about this following the trip to the Expo and meeting with Alison.

We have been successful in obtaining a grant of \$1000 from Landcare's Powerful Youth Projects for "Munch'n'Crunch", an initiative of our SGS team to restructure our vegetable garden to include seasonal planting, vertical gardens, hydroponics and no dig gardens. We will also be purchasing extra tools and equipment for use by the students.

Yinnar is also undertaking a major change to our school grounds. Another student led initiative to create a Learning Landscape has commenced with support of Mirboo North Secondary College VCAL students.



The idea is to transform the playground into an incidental learning area with gardens, bush tucker, musical amphitheatre, frog bog, wetlands, sandpits, desert sand, bushland and an indigenous theme, which will all be connected by a new walking track circling the school. The VCAL students, along with our own students will plan, design and construct

each segment of the landscape in an ongoing project during 2018 and leading into 2019.

Our Year 5/6's have also attended two awareness days at our neighbouring secondary schools - Kurnai and Mirboo North. These days give students the opportunity to meet staff and students from each school, and to experience life in a secondary school. This is a

very important part of their transition to higher education.

Our Prep/1's were keen to learn more about our school worm farms. They enlisted the help of four of our SGS students who planned some activities, including seeing the school's Worm DVD production, visiting the worm farms and learning to look after them.



SPORT

Churchill Baseball Club



Member for Morwell Russell Northe recently met with Jacob Dickinson who is America bound as he has been selected in the Victorian Kookaburras 14 and Under baseball team, which will be competing in the Ripken Baseball Tournament being held in Myrtle Beach South Carolina from July 8 to 14, 2018.

Jacob's journey for selection commenced in September 2017 when he was one of 50 players involved in a series of try-outs before the final squad of 14 was selected. After the squad was named there have been regular training days at Melbourne Ball Park in Altona to hone the skills of those involved as well as to develop team spirit. Whilst a number had competed against each other in local competitions they had not played together as a team. This skills training has been complemented by fitness training at AAMI Park so that the players will be able to cope with heat and humidity that will be encountered during the tournament.

Jacob commenced playing T-Ball with Churchill Baseball Club as a seven

year old and quickly realised that it was the sport for him. Since then he has progressed through the Under 14 and Under 16 grades and now also plays senior baseball with Churchill. During this time Jacob has also represented the Latrobe Valley at various state carnivals.

In addition to playing baseball in the Latrobe Valley over the winter period, he has also played baseball with Berwick City Cougars in both their junior and senior teams. This has resulted in him being selected in the Southern Mariners team which won the Victorian 14 and Under championship series held recently in Geelong. This team now travels to Adelaide at the end of May to compete in the national championships. Jacob would like to thank Bruce Armstrong & Associates, Morwell Bowling Club, Unique Auto Service Traralgon, Churchill Lions Club, Churchill Baseball Club, Latrobe Valley Baseball Association, Latrobe City and Electel for their support of his endeavours.

Jacob hopes to eventually follow in the footsteps of Ben Hammer from Churchill

and Blake Townsend from Traralgon who, after having commenced their baseball careers playing in the Latrobe Valley competition, have gone on to have the chance of playing major league baseball in America.

James Lynch from Traralgon was also part of the successful Southern Mariners 14 and Under Team whilst Kade Eckie and Joel Hector from Sale have been selected in the Victorian Kookaburras 16 and Under team which is also competing in the Ripkin tournament.

"It's an exciting opportunity for Jacob who is an amazing talent. He has had enormous support from his family who have regularly transported him to training sessions in Melbourne," said Mr Northe

"As you could imagine the costs involved in travelling each week as well as the costs to attend overseas tournaments can add up quite quickly," Mr Northe said.

If anyone wishes to support Jacob on his journey they can make contact with Jacob's grandmother Carol Dickinson on 0407 528 096.

Churchill United Soccer ANZAC Day charity game



The Churchill United Soccer ANZAC Day charity game was a success.

On May 25, Churchill United President Trevor Riess, with Alan Roberts from Fortuna 60, presented Bruce Jeffery from Morwell RSL Sub Branch with a cheque for

\$4370-00 raised from their ANZAC day clash.

This year it was Churchill United's turn to host the game and raise money from a major raffle, along with half the gate takings going towards the RSL as well. ANZAC day badges and pens were also

sold on behalf of the RSL. It was a great effort from everyone who helped out raising this money and also by an extremely generous donation.

Thanks to all for your time and effort. The RSL was thrilled with the amount.

Mid Gippsland Darts Association Summer Competition 2018



Yinnar Tigers take out Premiership



Yinnar Tigers Darts Premiership Team – Sharon Taylor, Reno Borg, Mark Taylor, Peter Campbell (Capt), Phillip Holland, Martin Warwick with their trophies.

Round 14: Yinnar Tigers played the ladder leaders Mustangs 1 taking out a good contest 6-3. Highlight of the night was the three 140s by Martin Warwick (YT) and a 140 by Glen Galbraith (M1). Warwick, having a good night, also had eight tens. Mens Highest Finish went to Mark Taylor (YT) with 86.

Round 15: Coyotez, third on the ladder, gave the Yinnar Tigers a reality check coming up to finals winning 8-1.

Finals next round played at Italian Auatralian Club: Yinnar Tigers v Mustangs 1. Coyotez v Jokers.

First Semi Final Coyotez defeated Jokers 5-4. A very close encounter. Mustangs 1 defeated Yinnar Tigers 5-1. Preliminary Final between Coyotez and Yinnar Tigers. Tigers needed to bring their A game in the Preliminary Final to have any chance of taking out the flag this year.

Preliminary Final May

24: Yinnar Tigers v Coyotez. Yinnar Tigers came out strong with a show of force to take the Preliminary Final 5-0 against a hard trying Coyotez. Next up the Tigers had to do battle with a strong Mustang 1 team who have led the ladder for most of the season.

Grand Final May 31: Persistence pays off and Yinnar Tigers showed great resilience to overcome Mustangs 1 taking out the Grand Final in a close fought match-up 5-4.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club results

Saturday 28/4/2018. Mens Monthly Medal. A Grade D. Byers (15) 69. B Grade M. Soppe (18) 70. C Grade R. Ancilleri (29) 72 C/B. Scratch Winner D. Byers 84. DTL I. Hepplestone 72, R. Welsh 72, K. Hills 72, S. Read 74, B. Cleland 74, T. Collins 75, M. Baker 76 C/B, J. Sloyan 76C/B. NTP 3rd R. Madigan, 75th 12th S. Read, 14th V. Monument. Birdie 5th T. Sterrick, 12th T. Webb.

Tuesday 1/5/2018 Ladies Stableford. Winner J. Beck (34)33. DTL S. Turner (24) 30. NTP 5th A. Hibbert. 12th M. Dear, 14th J. Beck.

Saturday 5/5/2018. Stableford. A Grade A. Auld

39. B Grade J. Banfield 34 C/B. C Grade M. Hutchinson 34 C/B. DTL R. Scurlock 34, W. Sutton 34, B. Kilday 34, J. Butler 34, J. Sloyan 34, J. Jeffery 33, P. Jordan 33, B. Mathison 32 C/B. G. Beyer 32 C/B. NTP 3rd B. King, 5th J. Banfield, 12th B. Rowley, 14th R. Scurlock.

Tuesday 8/5/2018. Ladies Monthly Medal. Winner M. Dear (12) 75 C/B. Scratch Winner M. Dear 87. DTL C. Barnes (38) 75 C/B. DTL M. Mc Conville (24) 76. NTP 5th M. McQuillen, 14th D. Stait.

Saturday 12/5/2018. 4BBB Stableford Championships Round 1.

Winners M. Hutchinson (36) and R. Zomer (33) 49 Points. R/Up D. Ellwood (13) and D. Nicholls (23) 45 Points. DTL T. Sterrick and J. Sterrick 44 J. Barnes and B. Barnes 43, R. Timbs and D. Radnell 42 Birdies, T. Sterrick 5th . NTP 3rd J. Soppe, 5th J. Soppe, 14th D. Ellwood.

Tuesday 15/5/2018. Ladies Stableford Doris Chambers Foursome. Day Winners M. Dear (12) and S. Turner (24) 33. DTL J. Beck (31) and B. Beebe (33) 30. DTL J. Blizzard (28) and M. McConville (24) 25. DTL L. Peake (41) and V. Verheyen (26) 21.

SPORT

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

"Connecting Your Community"

Thorpdale Bowling Club – 50 Years of being Green!



Founding members, L-R Len Robinson, Pat Gunn, May Coles, Carmel Young, Shirley Jennings, Betty Kennedy, Bill Dyke and Ross Kennedy with Thorpdale Bowling Club President, Geoff Savige, with the anniversary cake.



Celebrating 50 years of lawn bowling at Thorpdale but cocking their noses at the unfortunate weather, over 50 happy bowlers and their families gathered at the clubrooms on Sunday, May 20, 2018.

We were fortunate to have eight of the original

club members present as our honoured guests. They were delighted with a rolling display of old photographs on the widescreen TV which brought back some memories of folk perhaps long forgotten.

As the more 'senior' of the founding members, May Coles and Len Robinson cut the Anniversary cake, after all

the group had been 'herded' together for the regulation photograph to recognise this wonderful achievement.

Councillor Peter Kostos was another of our honoured guests, representing the Baw Baw Shire. He spoke briefly, congratulating the Club on its lively membership and history and laughingly mentioned his

recollections of working with many people named on the Honour Board.

The Thorpdale Bowling Club is located on the site of the old railway yard – the end of the long-closed Moe line. The green lies on what was the turn-table. The site was one of three choices and we can all agree that it was a very

good one too.

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Hazelwood Churchill Past Players Association

The Hazelwood Churchill Past Players & Officials Association have a busy and exciting few months coming up with the annual players reunion on June 30, and an 'Our History' painting to be unveiled at a black tie dinner on August 18.

The annual reunion will recognise premierships and achievements in the years ending with eight (8), these include -

- 2008 NGFNL Senior Football Premiership
- 1998 NGFNL A Grade Netball Premiers and Champions
- 1968 MGFL Reserves Premiership
- 1958 MGFL Reserves Premiership

There are also several individual award winners to celebrate. All past players and officials are welcome.

The Hazelwood Churchill Past Players & Officials Association has embarked on a major project to capture the history of the Hazelwood/Churchill Football Netball Club on a canvas. Local artist David Shields will be engaged to paint this historical painting.

A sub-committee has been formed consisting of Mark Answerth, Shaun Answerth, Kevin Pedro Neille, Rob Jellis and Jim Dear with several other club members being recruited as sounding boards or reference checks.

As a part of the pre-

planning the sub-committee has set the following ground rules to help shortlist those players, officials and supporters who will make up the faces of this painting:

1. The painting will only cover the period from 1960 to the current day as the committee believed we didn't have enough historical information to go back any further.

2. The painting will have 40 to 60 people in it depending on how many nominations fit our criteria.

3. The committee has over the last few months developed a matrix which it will use when assessing nominations, ensuring fairness and transparency with the entire selection process.

The Hazelwood Churchill Past Players & Officials Association is very excited about this project, as capturing the history of our great club on a canvas will not only be unique but will also be something our club can be very proud of now and in the future. We encourage all past and present members/supporters to engage with us and help us turn this ideal into reality.

The painting will be unveiled at a Black Tie function on Saturday August 18, at CFNC with ticketing details to be released as soon as possible.



2008 Senior Premiers Churchill Cougars



STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



Postcards have been around almost as long as stamps and are just as collectable. They date from the invention of the camera and have been used to share a moment in time with others far away. The postal administrations around the world recognised that there was a place for these items with a fixed weight, which carried only a short message and organised guidelines for them within the Universal Postal Union.

Early postcards featuring photographs were in black and white or sepia toned and you could go to a photographer and have your photograph taken and printed directly onto a postcard. These had a printed postage image on the back, where you wrote the address and message for whoever you wanted to send it to. These cards were only meant for the home country and extra postage had to be added for carriage to other countries.

During the American Civil War it became popular with soldiers on both sides to have portraits in uniform taken and

sent home. This practice was also popular during World War I. At that time it became popular also to show sections of the battlefields, but these could be censored if the visions were too graphic.

In the late 1800s businesses saw the advertising value of postcards. The products sold by the company could be listed on the front with prices and specials itemised on the message section. These were sent out to customers, existing and potential, in the area the store served for a few dollars.

Also at this time we see the advent of the greetings postcards for celebrations such as birthdays, Christmas, Thank you and Thinking of you cards.

These became quite ornate with fancy edges, hand-painting, and the use of various materials such as silk, velvet and even real flowers being used in the designs. Black-edged sympathy cards were also popular.

In the U.S. the return postcards were used by societies like Masonic Lodges or professional groups like doctors to advise of special

meetings. The cards were double size and were folded. On the front of one half was the recipient's address backed by the details of the meeting and on the folded-over section was the society's address backed by a printed acceptance/apology for the member to fill in and return. Both had postal imprints so there was no cost to the member.

As time went on, the postcard evolved. Commercial companies photographed local beauty spots and mass-produced them. They were sold to businesses such as newsagents and souvenir shops for sale to tourists. As colour photography became cheaper, the quality of the image improved and today there are millions of views available, together with all sorts of designs – national emblems, maps, humorous designs and so on for the poor old tourist to select from. Australia Post even produced four wallets of Australian scenes from 1976 to 1982.

Postcards are still a popular item for collectors and some even have stamps on them.

Book Review

“Big Little Lies” by Liane Moriarty

Liane Moriarty lives in Sydney with her husband and two children. “Big Little Lies” is her sixth novel, and has been translated into over 35 languages, becoming a number one best seller in America and Australia, and being made into a successful television series. Her other works are “Three Wishes”, “The Last Anniversary”, “What Alice Forgot”, “The Hypnotist’s Love Story” and “The Husband’s Secret”. She is also the author of “The Space Brigade” stories for children.

This is a contemporary story which deals with some of the confronting issues we face as a society every day. There are three main characters in the story, Jane, Madeline and Celeste. Jane is a young single mother, whose only child Ziggy, is about to start kindergarten at Pirriwee Primary School, located in a well-to-do beachside suburb of Sydney. Ziggy is the result of a “one night stand” with an older man, and whilst the sex was consensual, it ended as a physical and verbal assault. Jane’s self worth has been severely damaged and she has suffered deep depression. She has moved into a flat in this suburb in an attempt to have a fresh start.

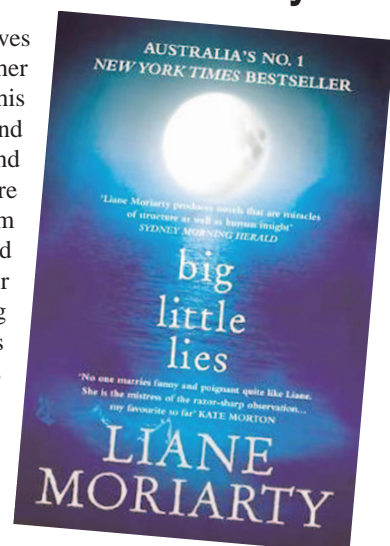
Madeline has a blended family. Her first child, Abigail,

is a teenager who moves between the homes of her father, Nathan and his second wife Bonnie, and Madeline and her second husband Ed. There are two other children from Madeline’s second marriage and Chloe, her daughter, is also starting kindergarten. Nathan’s daughter from his second marriage, Skye, is starting at the same school.

Celeste is a very beautiful lawyer, who is a stay at home mother with twin boys, Max and Joshua. She is married to Perry, a fabulously wealthy businessman who spends a lot of time travelling overseas. When he is home, Celeste “walks on egg shells” as he is a very cunning and violent man. Joshua and Max are also starting kindergarten at Pirriwee Primary School.

On the first day of kinder Ziggy is accused of trying to choke the daughter of one of the very influential mothers at the school, and eventually the tension comes to a head at the School Trivia Night.

The story follows Jane’s journey to regain her self-esteem, Celeste’s attempts to break away from an abusive relationship and Madeline’s struggle to make peace with her teenage daughter.



Whilst this story uses many stereotypes, such as our perception of male sexuality, helicopter parents, the homogenous group of parents referred to as “Blonde Bobs”, and corporate women, it also debunks the theory that domestic violence only happens in low socio-economic groups. Importantly, it also tells of the impact this violence has on children, who are incidental victims.

This book was very hard to put down. It is very well written, although the end was a little bit neat, and it uses the opinions of various fringe members of the story to filter what is happening. Everyone in our group loved this book.

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