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B O O K R E V I E W

All The Light We Cannot See

by Anthony Doerr

Anthony Doerr was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio and is the author of the story collection "The Shell Collector" and "Memory Wall", the memoir "Four Seasons in Rome" and the novel "About Grace". "All The Light We Cannot See", which took ten years in the writing, won the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the 2015 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction. His short stories have won the 2010 Story Prize, considered the most prestigious prize in the US for a collection of short stories, and the Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award, which is the largest prize in the world for a single short story. His work has been translated into over forty languages

This is a complex story set in the period from pre-war to post-war Europe. It follows the parallel lives of Marie-Laure, a French girl who has been blind since the age of six, and an orphaned German boy, Werner, who with his sister Jutta lives in a Children's Home with a French speaking carer. Once boys in the orphanage reach fifteen years of age they are automatically sent to work in the mine, and Werner wants more than anything to avoid this, as it is where his father died.

Marie-Laure lives in Paris and is being raised by her father, a locksmith who works at the museum. She accompanies him there each

day, and is very familiar with her surroundings due to the intricate wooden model of her neighbourhood made by her father. The museum is the keeper of a legendary and priceless diamond, The Sea of Flames, which is surrounded by a great deal of superstition. As the Nazis are stealing art treasures and items of value, three replicas are made and sent in different directions, no-one knowing which is the original.

Werner chances to find an old radio, and is able to put it together to receive a signal. This provides some entertainment for all the children in the orphanage, and he and Jutta especially like to listen to educational broadcasts by a French scientist. However there comes a time when Werner sees the radio as dangerous and destroys it. Because of Werner's technical knowledge, and after humiliating and rigorous testing, he is selected to attend a prestigious German school, and whilst he has some reservations about the rise of Hitler's Youth, he sees it as a way of avoiding the mine

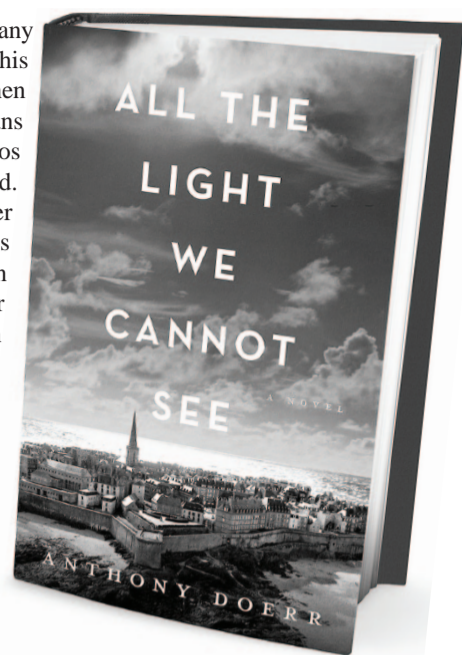
When Paris is bombed, Marie-Laure and her father flee to the home of a relative in San Malo. Initially the town seems removed from the conflict and Marie-Laure's father is able to make her a replica of the new neighbourhood, so she is able to find her way around. Her reclusive uncle is a radio buff,

and has many radios in his home, but when the Germans invade, all radios are confiscated. However her uncle manages to hide one in the attic. Her father is then called to the museum in Paris, but is taken prisoner and jailed in Germany. Madame Manec, the uncle's maid, decides to set up a Resistance to the Nazi occupation, and each day she and Marie-Laure walk to the bakery to receive a message baked into a loaf of bread for the uncle to then broadcast.

As the war progresses, Werner is called to the front, his task being to locate radio transmitters, so they can be destroyed and the operators killed.

He finds himself in San Malo when the allies bomb the building he is in and he is trapped. Whilst there he picks up a signal nearby. At the same time, in San Malo, there is one particular Nazi whose mission it is to locate the Sea of Flames diamond, and having eliminated the replicas he is hot on the trail of the original.

The story comes to a



climax in San Malo. The story describes the brutality, horror and deprivation experienced in war, but also the bravery and strength of the human spirit, and the innate goodness of most people.

Almost everyone in our group enjoyed this beautifully written book with superb language, stunning imagery and well-drawn characters. The book consisted of many very short chapters, and jumped back and forth in time and between the two main characters, but this seemed quite appropriate as we kept pace with the situation each of them was in. The conclusion left us satisfied, as it tied up the loose ends and gave an update on Marie-Laure and Jutta in 1970. We would recommend this book as a great read.

RAINFALL

The total average for June is 21.5mm. The day with the most rain was June 16, with an amount of 6mm. This will add to the total making it 229mm so far this year.

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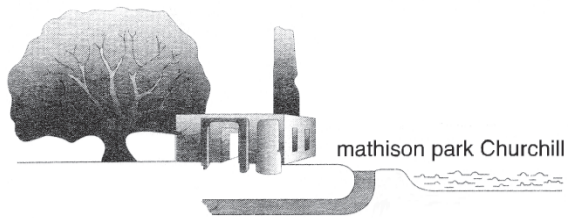
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The Kurnai College Junior Campus has again produced a new table and seat set for the park.

It is situated beside the refurbished BBQ shelter near the old model boat platform. We thank them for their effort for us and are glad we can provide a project for their use in learning further skills.

Progress is being made on the installation of the shelters over our seats beside the lake in that same area.

The footings for the shelters have been dug out and the concrete poured. Thanks to Bill, Chris, Andy and Max for this work.

The working bee was attended by Chris, Max, Andy and Colin with a brief visit by Bill.

The sign on the former model boat platform was removed as the club is no longer functioning.

Overhanging trees along the path between the small boardwalk and the playground area were trimmed back and transported to the pile. Next, most of the soil which had come from the holes dug to put in the footings for the new shelters, was loaded and transported to the pile near Northways Road where a ramp is to be built.

While in that area the boys cleared up some small trees which had been broken off and added them to the burn pile nearby.

Also in that area was a fallen tree which had impacted on two others. These were cleared up and also added to a pile further up the park.

Somewhere in the middle of all that activity a small stop was made for a welcome cuppa and some cake provided by Faye.

The boys were very



pleased with what they had achieved counting the time as successful. They went home satisfied but tired.



Road and tracks closure

Some roads and tracks in Gippsland's forests and parks will be temporarily closed during winter and spring. Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) and Parks Victoria run the Seasonal Road Closure program to ensure driver safety and to protect forest and park roads from damage during the cooler months.

Gippsland's Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Kelly Rash said: "The second and main round of the road closures for 2018 comes into effect from Thursday, June 14. "This follows the initial round

of closures, which started on May 1," Ms Rash said.

"The road closure program is an important procedure during the winter and spring months.

The program helps limit the damage done to forest roads and tracks during the wetter seasons and in doing so ensures dangerous and difficult to negotiate sections of road are closed off from motorists. These measures also help maintain water quality in rivers, creeks and reservoirs by reducing the amount of erosion and silt washed away from roads and tracks.

We encourage the social and recreational use of Victoria's beautiful natural resources, including four-wheel driving, but some sections of the forest road network would rapidly disintegrate if opened for the

entire year. Together FFMVic and Parks Victoria consult with a range of stakeholders, including Four Wheel Drive Victoria, to identify sections of the road network which require closures.

Most of the roads and tracks are re-opened in time for the Melbourne Cup Weekend, but the closure period can be extended if the conditions demand it."

To plan a trip and check road closures visit <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/visiting-state-forests/forestand-road-closures>. For information on seasonal closures in parks, including opening and closing dates, visit <http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/safety/closures/seasonal-road-closures2> You can also contact your local DELWP or Parks Victoria office by calling 136 186, or Parks Victoria on 13 19 63.



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Churchill Fire Brigade



Preschoolers visit the station

During June the preschool children have visited the fire station for their lesson about fire safety.

They saw how a fire fighter needs to be dressed to be safe when they go to fight a fire.

They also saw a firefighter with a breathing apparatus on, including the mask, to show them not to be afraid but to know the firefighter is there to help them out of a smoky room.

They practised how to attract a firefighter in a smoky room by clapping their hands, stamping their feet or knocking on the wall. They practised ringing 000 to call the fire brigade.

To finish their visit they looked at the fire truck, its equipment, squirted a hose and watched the lights and sirens.

The children behaved themselves very well, answered lots of questions put to them and learnt a lot.

Winter fire safety

On June 20, the CFA and MFB launched their Residential Fire Safety Campaign to raise awareness of some of the ways people can be more fire safe around the house.

Across the state, there were about 15 per cent more preventable house fires last winter compared to the other seasons, with MFB attending 423 and CFA attending 467 preventable house fires.

While unattended cooking is the single largest cause of fire in the home across the year, heating-related fires rise in winter.

Fixed and portable heaters and central heating caused 121 chimney fires and 29 fires related to wood-fuelled heating.

Preventable fires also started when clothes were drying too close to the heat source, in clothes dryers and from candles. Much of our modern fabrics are quite combustible.

Check your electric blankets and heaters. If there

is a chance something is faulty, don't take the risk and use them.

Other fire safety tips include cleaning the lint filters in clothes dryers, turning off electrical appliances that are not being used, avoiding placing weighty objects on beds with electric blankets, and taking care when cooking.

If something catches fire and can't be readily extinguished, people should get themselves and any other occupants to a safe area and contact 000 immediately.

The personal risk is greatest at night when we are asleep. When we sleep we can lose our sense of smell.

Victorians are being encouraged to replace their old smoke alarms with new units. New smoke alarms have a lithium battery with a ten year life span, meaning Victorians wouldn't have to change their batteries annually. Remember only working smoke alarms save lives

Home Fire Safety Checklist

Prevent a devastating fire by sticking to some good habits and taking basic precautions around the home.

Kitchen:

*Never leave cooking unattended.

*Keep tea-towels and pot-holders away from the stove.

*Keep grills, fans and cooking surfaces free from grease and residue.

Power and appliances:

*Make sure heaters are off before going to bed or going out.

*Keep clothing, curtains or toys one metre away from heaters.

*Never overload powerboards.

*Make sure plugs are fully in the power socket. If not they can overheat and cause a fire.

*Avoid using double adapters in double adapters.

*Make sure electrical appliances are not over power cords as they can overheat and cause a fire, especially if you have moved them for cleaning etc.

*Replace faulty appliances immediately.

Smoke alarms:

*Change smoke alarm batteries every year.

*Test smoke alarms monthly.

*Ensure you have a smoke alarm outside every sleeping area.

Living areas:

*Clean chimneys and flues every year.

*Always use a fire screen in front of an open fire.

*Keep candles, incense, and oil burners away from anything flammable.

*Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.

Bedroom:

*Never smoke in bed.

*Don't leave electric blankets on for more than 30 minutes.

*Never put weight (people, animals or objects) on your bed while the electric blanket is switched on.

Clothes and laundry:

*Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer after each load.

*Let the dryer complete its cool down cycle before stopping.

*Know what to do if a fire starts at home.

Every family needs to develop a home fire escape plan and practise it. Your plan should include two ways to escape each room of the house, and a designated safe meeting point, such as the letterbox.

If you deadlock doors when you're at home, always leave keys in the lock to avoid becoming trapped.

Here are some statistics for your information

Preventable house fires CFA and MFB 2017 - 3,120, 2016 - 3,099. Total Fatalities 2017-8, 2016-14. Total Property Losses 2017 \$74m, 2016 \$87m. Common Areas of Origin for CFA and MFB - Kitchen 1302. Bedroom 245. Lounge 219,

Common Causes of Fire: Unattended cooking - 478, Faulty electrical distribution - 216, Faulty electrical appliance - 235. Smoking 148, Chimney fires 121 (CFA only).

Churchill Town Safety Group

Wet weather road conditions



SAFER COMMUNITIES GROUP

This month, we are looking at road conditions with the wet weather. Road conditions can change rapidly when winter comes along. Pot holes can form very easily which can damage the tyres on your vehicle.

Some cars now have "Low Profile" tyres which means that there is less rubber between the road and your wheel. If the road develops a pot hole with jagged edges, or the side of the road gives way, "Low Profile" tyres tend to get damaged a lot easier. A rapidly deflating tyre can upset the handling of the car, especially at high speed leading to an accident.

If you find newly formed pot holes or

other associated road damage around town, you can report it to the necessary authorities by using the "Snap Send Solve" App on your phone, and it may be repaired fairly quickly. Attaching a photo and an accurate description of the location of the damage can increase the chances of a quick repair.

Some roads may come under the control of the local Council, and some may come under the control of Vic Roads. "Snap Send Solve" will be able to work out who is responsible.

Wildlife are also a problem, and may cross the road in front of moving vehicles.

Take care on the roads and travel to the conditions in inclement weather.



FOR EMERGENCIES, RING 000

FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE, RING 000

Police advise members of the public that, if you require police assistance, call 000. The police communications operator will be able to assess your need and either send a police vehicle, relay a message or find out when the police station will be attended.



STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



Churchill Omnibus Issue

In philately, an omnibus issue is an issue of stamps by several countries with a common subject. They may have the same design or theme. Omnibus issues have often been made by countries which are part of a particular group, such as the British Commonwealth. In 1935 the 25 years of reign by King George the Fifth was celebrated throughout the Commonwealth. Sixty countries participated, issuing a total of 250 stamps. The common design shows Windsor Castle.

The first omnibus issue was in 1898 when Portugal and her colonies

issue, as each country may show aspects of its own landscape or culture.

The British Royal Family features a lot with celebrations of weddings, anniversaries and visits. Other themes include subjects such as Freedom from Hunger (1963) and the 1966 Football World Cup. Not every colony necessarily participates in every issue, although the revenue produced by the stamps is a valuable source of income for many smaller colonies or countries which may have few other ways of raising funds.

It is common now for non-member countries to issue stamps on the same



commemorated the four hundred year anniversary of Vasco de Gama's discovery of the sea route to India. While Christopher Columbus sailed west, looking for India, Vasco da Gama sailed south and east and found what the others were looking for. On May 20, 1498 he set foot on the west coast of India.

Omnibuses have been particularly associated with stamps from the former British Empire, now the British Commonwealth, due to the large number of territories participating.

Initially designs were identical for many of the colonies with only the values, colours and colony names varying. Over time, however, a wider range of designs has been used within the same

theme. The 1991 wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana saw many countries not in the Commonwealth issue stamps. These are not part of the official omnibus issues, but can still form part of a collection celebrating the Royal Wedding.

"St Paul's Survives" was chosen as the background for a memorial issue of stamps on the death, in 1965, of Britain's



war time Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill. This design was used by 33 countries with 14 others creating their own.

"St Paul's Survives" is a photograph taken in London during the night air raid during the Blitz of World War II. It shows the shining cross, dome and towers of the Cathedral illuminated by fires and surrounded by the smoke of burning buildings. The photograph was in the early hours of December 30, 1940 by journalist Herbert Mason.

The photograph has become a symbol of British resilience and courage, and is considered one of the most iconic images of the Blitz. It became "instantly famous", and turned the Cathedral into "a symbol of togetherness, survival and suffering".

In 1965, New Zealand readily agreed to the suggestion of the Australian Post Office that Churchill commemorative stamps with a common design be prepared for issue on Commonwealth Day, 24th May 1965.



Darrell White OAM

Have Your Say on Latrobe City Council's draft Strength Led Transition Plan

Since the development and adoption of the original Strength-Led Transition Plan in November 2016, Latrobe City Council and the community have worked to review successes so far, and update the content of the Plan.

Council's draft Strength Led Transition (2.0) Plan is designed to reflect the current desires, hopes, ideas and aspirations of Council, and our community, for the future.

The new draft Plan includes a range of strategic, Council, industry and community priorities

- including:
 - Wellness
 - Transport Connections
 - Building economic resilience
 - Liveability
 - Economic growth
 - Community based initiative

These priorities have been identified as investment opportunities and catalysts for future action.

Some of these will be led by Council, but importantly, many will be led by the community, industry and business, State and Federal Governments as well as the not-for-profit sector.

We invite everyone with an interest in the future of



Latrobe City to review the draft Plan on our website or source a copy from Council's service centres in Traralgon, Morwell, Moe or Churchill. Feedback will be much appreciated by July 27, 2018.

To review the draft Plan document and give your feedback visit <http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/DraftTransition>

I put the focus on myself

When my 15 year old son began drinking, I would stay up and wait for him. The happy young son who loved to play the piano after dinner and read lots of books in the living room was now angry and stayed out until midnight on a good night. Or he didn't come home at all on nights like this one.

One night at 3 am, I looked out of the living room window, the room was dimly

lit by a small lamp. I looked straight into my own eyes through the reflection in the glass.

It was just like the years I spent when I was growing up. I would get on my bed at home and kneel. I would look out the window to see if my sister was coming home.

I knew I couldn't do this again and that I needed help. I had suffered alone growing up. With my son, the pain

was unbearable. I couldn't understand why his attitudes had changed at home and school. Blame and confusion filled my days.

Al-Anon Meetings:
Traralgon Monday 10am
Kath Teychenne Centre 11-13 Bred Street, Traralgon
Newborough Tuesday 8pm or Wednesday 1pm at the Uniting Church or phone Al-Anon 03 9620 2166.

Morwell station upgrade begins

Works to upgrade Morwell Station have kicked off as part of the Victorian Government's \$9 million Gippsland Corridor Station Upgrades Program.

Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing, said Morwell is the fourth station to be upgraded under the program, with works currently underway at Traralgon, Moe and Trafalgar Stations – set to be completed later this month.

Improvements at Morwell station will deliver a new platform entry point with a myki reader and an accessible ramp to better connect the station and platform to the pedestrian underpass.

A new lowered ticket counter and the re-alignment of the doors to the station building will also improve accessibility.

The Gippsland Corridor Station Upgrades Program is delivering upgrades to make it easier for public transport users in Gippsland to access the stations and connect with other forms of transport.

The Government's program is the first of a raft of transport upgrades in the Gippsland region, with the Regional Rail Revival Program set to give passengers more frequent and reliable services.

The Morwell station project is expected to be completed in August. For further information and updates on works visit victrack.com.au/gippsland.

Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing said "Works to upgrade Morwell

station have kicked off – making it easier for local passengers to get where they need to go safer and sooner, while additional works to improve the Gippsland line and its services continue.

We're delivering a new platform entry and boosting accessibility in and around the station, better connecting the station and pedestrian underpass.

We thank the local community for their patience while we get on with these important works."

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Church News



Cooperating Church Snippets

Youth Group watched a movie called Monster Trucks. They ate popcorn and biscuits. The devotion was on friendship using pop tarts.

It has been difficult to secure the services of a Uniting Church person to take a communion service. We are blessed to have the approval of Presbytery to allow Robern Lubawski and Cathie Halliwell, who have both done the appropriate training, to take those services for us, and we thank them for that.

Coffee Connections is dearly loved by those who

attend. It is a time of sharing caring and fellowship with a cuppa and morning tea. This month the theme was Winter experiences and some amazing ones were shared including being in a crash on the way to ski up the mountains, days of snow in and around Churchill, a special birthday spent with family at a ski resort, days of winter in England and a wintry summer spent cruising the Kamchatka Peninsula, eastern Russia.

A successful stall was held outside IGA on their market

day. We wish to thank the store for their willingness to host us and their encouragement and help. We are thrilled with the result.

The Church Family was very pleased to be invited to a celebration for Shirley Crutchfield who turned 80. We were also pleased to have a birthday cake at church and all wish her many happy returns of the day. Shirley has joined our congregation and become an active part of it contributing in many ways.



Below Left: Children showing what they made in Sunday school activities.

Right: The church set up for the garage sale

Below Right: Anne Lyne wishing Shirley Crutchfield a happy 80th birthday and thanking her for being a person who contributes to our church functioning.



Church Times

Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish

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



Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Sunday Service: 9.00am
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Tel: 5122 1480

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

Williams Avenue, Churchill
Tel: 5134 2849

Fr Edwin Ogbuka/Fr James Fernandez

Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm
Sunday: Mass: 9.00am
1st and 3rd Sundays:
Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am
2nd and 4th Sundays:
Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill
Sunday: 10.00am

Student Connect

Research into brain plasticity has revealed that our brain changes in response to what we do, a notion summarised by Donald Hebb's rule over 50 years ago that said: "Cells that fire together wire together."

Another aspect connected to our brains, is that in this 'digital-age' we are said to be in a constant state of partial attention.

Yet to say that technology is either good or bad is not the correct way to view this. A better question to ask is about in which direction technology is headed, is it closer to God's design, or not?

Science and God's Word have been said to be mutually exclusive of each other. God's Word does not contain the word 'computer', for example.

However, while some



sources say that the earth sat on the back of an animal, and other sources say that Atlas held it up, only God's Word says what we now know to be accurate, that God "hangs the earth on nothing" [the book of Job, chapter 26].

That makes God's Word scientifically-focused enough for me.

But, back to our brains. If our brains change in response to what we do, and if we are becoming less attentive to detail, it's surely not the fault of the technology.

We humans often abrogate responsibility for our actions, blaming other people or even other things at times.

To blame the technology is just an excuse.

Being inattentive used to receive harsh words from a parent to a child, whereas now we call it 'phubbing' (a contraction of 'phone snubbing') with someone being on a device in a social setting and so not being 'present'.

It's our brains changing in response to what we do... we do have control over it though. No excuses.

Worth thinking about!

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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.

"May/June 1989

Dear Friends,

My name is Trish Grigg and I may be the acting Secretary for the group. At the last meeting on the 21st of May 1989, we had fourteen adults and five children. Some of which were visitors. The Braniffs Road residents group sent a representative, Mr. Stan Glowacki. He has decided to join the Friends group.

The Friends had an informal meeting and discussed a recently published letter in the Latrobe Valley Express criticising the Billy's Creek Proposals. It was also suggested that members reply to the accusations. It was hoped that the D/CFL's Yarram Region's reply would be printed in the Latrobe Valley Express on 23rd May.

Note: it was printed on the 26th of May, under letters to the Editor.

A ride on the back of the Rangers truck was much enjoyed by the children although I am not quite so sure about some of the adults.

We went up to Peel's land where we were shown the boundaries of the Park. There were also a few attempts at plant identification, some right and some wrong. We walked along a gully and stopped at the corner of the block, below the dam. After a short break and chat we walked up the hill to the firebreak and back to the truck. Once again on the back of the truck to see a recently bulldozed fire access road along the boundary of Brewster's Block.

After this it was back to the car park for the usual cup of Billy Tea. It was a pleasure to once again meet Ian and Gail Roche, who dropped in to say hello and catch up on the gossip.

Good news is the Park has a new Ranger. His name is Mr Rob Howell, so please come to the next meeting to get to know him.

Our next meeting will be the 18th of June and it will be a working bee and tree planting day. Meet at the Park car park at 1.30 p.m.

Trish"

June Activity Report

This month we had a meeting instead of our regular activity. At the meeting we had Matt, Wayne, Grant, Beryl, Ken, Tamara, John, Peter, Wendy Mc, Graeme, Mike, Cathy, Rose, Darren and Ranger Jo. We had an apology from Chris. We met in the Braniff Road car park before going to Wayne's house for the meeting. Thanks goes to Wayne for providing the place for the meeting.

First discussed was the Latrobe Friends and Volunteers Celebration held earlier in the week. A

few from our group went, and concluded that Paul Strickland from the Friends of Mt Worth State Park may be a good person to talk to about grant applications, since he has made many successful applications.

This meeting was held to discuss and decide upon priorities for our group. Over the last year it has been difficult to get support from Parks and we are finding that we need to work in a more independent way.

The ideas discussed were:

- Make improvements to Blue Gum Hill track and Blue Gum Hill spur track. Improve the quality of the track, improve signage and install more seats and even a picnic table at the top. Make it a destination where walkers can spend some time.

- Get some people counters to gain a good picture of how many people use the different parts of the park.

- Complete some re-vegetation of Blue Gum Hill and/or the Jumbuk Road grassy area. For this we would need to collect more Blue Gum seed and look into outside groups which can grow our seed stock into seedlings.

- The Yinnar South Landcare Group has received a grant to plant a 25 hectare site near the southern boundary of the park. This is part of a larger project to make a habitat corridor through the Strzelecki Hills which will end at the southern end of the park.

- We need to be more proactive with how we promote ourselves via Facebook and the Latrobe Valley Express. We need regular updates on events or things that can be located in the park at a given time along with photos.

- We need to revisit the interpretative signs for around Foster's Gully. The current markers need replacing and updating along with the map. All of the preparation work has been completed in previous activities. We will need to look for a grant to complete this project.

- Look into creating more interpretative signs for Potato Flat and the Lodge track to tell of the history associated with these places.

- Investigate whether we can join the IGA community benefits card program where, for card holders, a small percentage of purchases will go to the park.

- Look at the name of the Park since Morwell National Park may not be the best name to represent the area. It was named Morwell National Park because in the 1960's when the park started it would only be supported by the then Morwell City Council if it was called Morwell National Park. An indigenous

name would be best like the local Tarra-Bulga. Matt has already started talking to the local Gunai-Kurnai people to see whether there is an indigenous name for the area or a feature here.

- Talk to Google Maps and change the location marker for Morwell National Park. The current location is at the center of the park (a place difficult to get to) and changing the location marker to one of the carparks would be more useful for people trying to find the park.

- Work on removal of fruit trees and ivy which are starting to become more common in the park.

- At our next activity we should work on some fallen trees which are across Muttonwood track and near the beginning of the Grand Strzelecki Track. Walkers can still travel around these trees but vehicles cannot.

- An old wire fence line on the eastern side of Blue Gum Hill is still to be removed. We previously had removed this fence from the western side and across Blue Gum Hill, but the eastern section still remains.

- Look at getting more waders since the few that remain in the shed are in poor repair and more are needed if we do any work in the creek.

The 2018/19 calendar of activities was discussed. We needed to change from a calendar of activities based upon the calendar year to one based on the financial year so that we could possibly have rangers attend our activities. Rangers are rostered across each calendar year and only work on eight weekend days each year. The activities when we will most want a ranger will be the Koala count/orchid walk (where the public join the group and expect to see a ranger) and major track works. The 2018/19 calendar of activities is included at the end of the newsletter.

Jo spoke about Parks Connect. It is a portal of all Parks activities and services. Everything related to Parks is organised through this portal. This group is on the portal and all activities need to be entered and approved via the portal. Each person at an activity needs to be checked off on the system. All members can/should enroll on Parks Connect and they can access and receive a range of information from Parks. Other people from the community can find details of our activities and possibly select to join an activity. All JSAs should be completed on Parks Connect by the ranger. Jo can organise an induction for us on how to enrol and use Parks Connect.

Next Jo started the process for our Annual Volunteer Activity Plan. The plan outlines the activities and projects the group will

be involved in. It sets out the physical and personnel resources you have to support these activities. We collected lists of people with supporting skills and qualifications. We will need to look into getting more people with first aid certificates and will need to get first aid equipment for each activity.

Activities are scheduled for the third Sunday of each month, with extra days scheduled as required.

Date: Activity: Venue and Time:

August 5	AGM	
To be advised, 1.30pm		
August 19	Track Maintenance	Junction Rd, 10.00am
September 16	Nesting box survey	Junction Rd, 10.00am
October 21	Orchid Walk	
Koala Count	Kerry Road, 10.00am	and Kerry Road, 1.30pm
November 18	Orchid Survey	Kerry Road, 10.00am
December 16	Nesting box survey/seed collection	
Christmas Function		Junction Rd, 8.30am
		and Kerry Road 1.00pm

January 20, 2019	Seed Collection/Track Maintenance	Junction Rd, 10.00am
February 17	Weeding/Track Maintenance	Junction Rd, 10.00am
March 17	Weeding/Track Maintenance	
	BBQ and Spotlight walk/	
Moth survey	Junction Rd, 10.00am	and Kerry Road, 5.30pm
April 21	Nesting box survey	Junction Rd, 10.00am
May 19	Weeding/Track Maintenance	

Junction Rd, 10.00am	June 16	Track Maintenance	Kerry Road, 10.00am
July 21	Weeding/Track Maintenance	Junction Rd, 10.00am	

For all activities, it is BYO food, drinks, suitable clothing and footwear, and other personal items, unless otherwise indicated in the newsletter. Up to date details of each forthcoming activity are provided in the monthly newsletter, which is emailed to members and available to the public on the website.



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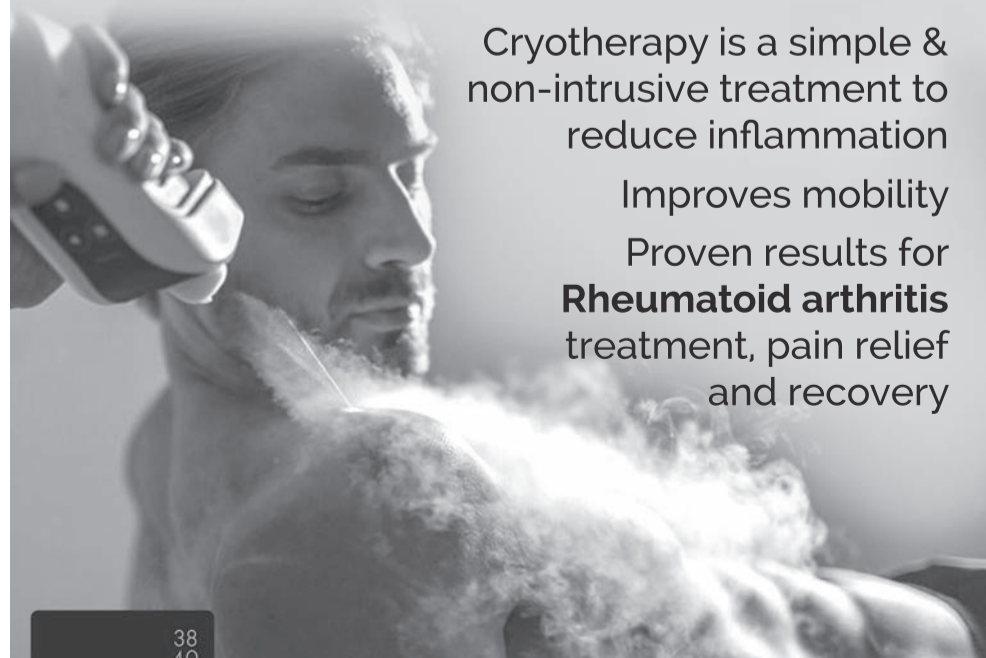
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Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: Calytrix tetragona

Family: Myrtaceae
Derivation:

Calytrix: From the Greek calyx, meaning cup, and thrix or trichos, meaning hair, referring to the hairs which extend from the calyx lobes on plants in this genus. Formerly often spelt Calythrinx.

tetragona: From the Greek tetragonus, singular, meaning having four equal angles, thus rectangular, though I'm unsure what it is in reference to.

Common Name:
Common Fringe-myrtle.

Distribution: Widespread in southern WA (mainly south of the Great Eastern Highway from the west coast to the SA border), SA (west coast, Eyre Peninsula, Flinders Ranges, Yorke and Fleurieu Peninsulas, Kangaroo Island and the south-east), Victoria (Mallee, Wimmera, Grampians, Goldfields, Ranges and coast), Tasmania (Bass Strait Islands, north and east coasts), NSW (western slopes, ranges and coast) and Queensland (south-east, Darling Downs and the Main Range north to Cairns).

Description: An erect to spreading shrub to 3m tall, with crowded linear leaves to 10mm long, usually inclined to the stem. Flowers are white or pink stars to 15mm across, in dense clusters in the upper leaf axils. Their calyx lobes extend into a fine awn up to 20mm long, hence the common name of the genus. There is a large degree of variation in characteristics, even within the same area.

Opinion: My specimen is in the northern bed and has been there for a long time, perhaps 20 years or more, and is showing its age by taking on a horizontal profile, rather than upright. It receives a bit of early morning



sun but is shaded by its larger neighbours for the rest of the day. It is about 3m tall (long!), parts of it have died back and been removed, but the live branches are still growing healthily and flower every year. In the best years, flowering is so prolific as to completely obscure the foliage.

My plant is the pink flowering form from the Grampians, which was originally named Calytrix sullivanii, but this name is now reduced to synonymy under C. tetragona. Most of the wild populations nearby have white flowers. We have seen it in the wild in SA, in the Grampians, on Wilson's Promontory and in the ranges above Licola.

I have tried propagation by cuttings and seed in the past without success, with the plants striking okay but failing after potting up. I've had another crack early last summer, since my old plant may well be senescing and

could kark it at any time, and have had 50% success, with six from twelve cuttings surviving through to large tubes. One has been donated to the Droog's garden at Toora, I'll plant another in my Mum's garden in Morwell, I'll keep one in reserve for myself, so there are three extras looking for a home.

Sources: Sharr: WA Plant Names and their Meanings.

Elliot and Jones: Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 2.

Costermans: Native Trees and Shrubs of South-eastern Australia.

Online: VicFlora and Atlas of Living Australia.

The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group meets on the second Thursday each month at 7.30pm, at the Horticultural Buildings of Federation Training, on the corner of Prince's Drive and Monash Way, Morwell. All guests welcome, please let us know you are coming by calling Mike on 0447452755.

Melina Bath MP

Ken 'Bubbles' Rohde Cup honours the past

Saturday June 30 saw the inaugural presentation of the Ken 'Bubbles' Rohde Cup for the Churchill Football Netball Club. The Ken 'Bubbles' Rohde Cup is set to become a popular annual event hosted by the Hazelwood and Churchill Past Players Association and is awarded to the winner of the North Gippsland Football Netball League senior football clash between Churchill and Gormandale.

Ken 'Bubbles' Rohde was a much respected past player and official for both the Churchill and Gormandale senior football sides and a much loved Churchill local who sadly passed away earlier this year. Many years ago Ken alongside his great mate Jimmy Stevens, started the Hazelwood and Churchill Past Players Association, and together they worked hard to create a forum for past players

of the Churchill Football Netball Club to regularly come together.

Today the Hazelwood and Churchill Past Players Association is an active community group dedicated to honouring the memory of the club's past and they help keep alive the hard work, commitment and passion of the Churchill Football Netball Club. The Ken 'Bubbles' Rohde Cup is a fantastic example of a community event where the present and past come together.

Remembering the past and honouring and acknowledging past players, members and officials in any community organisation is an important activity. While creating events such as the Ken 'Bubbles Rohde' Cup remind us what went into building and developing our culture and set the standard for the future. Importantly they provide a moment in time where we can pause and

catch up with old friends and relive our memories, when our lives too often become busy with other activities.

Congratulations to the Hazelwood and Churchill Past Players Association, the Churchill Football Netball Club, Gormandale Football Netball Club and the Rohde family for their involvement in this wonderful event. The Rohde family name has been synonymous with the Churchill Football Netball Club over the decades and the family has produced many talented footballers and netballers in the Latrobe Valley region. It was wonderful to witness the Rohde family actively involved in the day from the toss of the coin through to the presentation of the inaugural Ken 'Bubbles' Rohde Cup and I look forward to seeing the event go from strength to strength over the coming years.



Pictured - The Rohde family with Melina Bath and Sheridan Bond
Front - Sheridan Bond the Nationals Candidate for Morwell, David Rohde, Melina Bath Member for Eastern Victoria region, Shaniqua Rohde
Back - Laurie Marks, Nathan Rohde, Mark Rohde, holding Harry Rohde, Cooper Rohde, Bruce Rohde, Ruby Marks, Valmai Rohde, Geoff Rohde, Paul Rohde

High-tech compost plant a step closer

A proposal to develop a best practice regional composting facility near Morwell has received a \$500,000 boost from the Victorian Government.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, Lily D'Ambrosio visited the site of the \$5 million project recently, which will use an enclosed tunnel system for the composting of food and

organic green waste from councils in the region.

Pinegro currently composts using an open windrow method, but this process is affected by weather conditions.

The new system will allow composting to be done in a contained, temperature-controlled environment and will deliver a better product more quickly.

Pinegro's grant will go

toward construction of a waste receival building, composting tunnels and air and water filtration systems.

The project is expected to divert 18,000 tonnes of organic waste from landfill each year and create up to 10 jobs.

The grant came through the second round of the Resource Recovery Infrastructure Fund which is supporting 13 projects across

regional Victoria.

These projects are expected to divert more than 85,000 tonnes of waste a year from landfills and create up to 50 jobs across Victoria.

Applications for the third round of the Resource Recovery Infrastructure Fund are now open. Information about how to apply for round three funding can be found at sustainability.vic.gov.au/RRIF_Infrastructure_Grants.

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Elder Abuse - a real concern

Elder abuse – what is it and how do I respond?

The United Nations recognises World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) every year on June 15.

This day highlights and voices opposition to the abuse inflicted on older people, most commonly by their families.

Latrobe Community Health Service's Elder Abuse Prevention and Response Liaison Officer, Deirdre Howard, encourages the broader community to continue this conversation year-round.

Ms Howard has helped piece together what elder abuse is, how to identify it and what steps people can take if they do believe it is happening.

What is elder abuse?

Elder abuse is a form of family violence. It causes harm to an older person, is carried out by someone they know and trust, and can be physical, social, financial, psychological or sexual. Elder abuse may include mistreatment and neglect.

Elder abuse does not discriminate – it can occur to men and to women. It can escalate as certain behaviours occur gradually over time, making it difficult for people to recognise.

Sometimes people don't know that what they're doing is elder abuse, and sometimes people are very clear on what they're doing.

Regardless, there is no excuse.

Why does elder abuse happen?

Elder abuse is a growing problem. Our population is ageing; a lot of society's family structures have changed; families are experiencing more financial pressures that may add stresses onto their family dynamics.

Elder abuse may be inflicted on an older person by their adult child, their grandchild, a relative, a partner, a carer, or a friend.

What is an example of elder abuse?

Perhaps an older person's adult son does her grocery shopping for her. He might suggest she hand over her debit card to save the hassle of withdrawing the right amount of cash each week. The suggestion is innocent enough, but then the son fills up his car using his mum's money. He hasn't asked her permission, nor does she know what he's spending her money on.

His mum tries to pay a bill and notices there's not as much money in her account as there should be. She begins to notice more money disappearing each week, around the same time her son does the shopping. So she asks him about it and he becomes defensive, angry. He helps her out every week – isn't petrol money a reasonable return?

But her son had never asked her for that money, which means she can't pay her phone bill. The phone company has disconnected her landline. She can no longer reach other family members or friends. She becomes socially isolated and fearful that if she brings it up again, her relationship with her son will suffer.

How does elder abuse impact the older person?

The older person might seem fearful, worried or withdrawn. They might become nervous or anxious around certain people. They may no longer go out socially or get involved in activities. They might have unexplained injuries, such as bruises. There could be unpaid bills on their fridge. Their hygiene might start to deteriorate. They may have lost a lot of weight recently. Perhaps they've stopped going to their regular hairdressing appointments.

The older person might discover unusual activity in their personal bank accounts, changes to their will or other important legal documents. Their belongings might start

disappearing around the home.

How do you get help?

No matter how old a person is, they have exactly the same rights as they did when they were younger. Regardless of someone's age, there should always be the assumption they are able to make their own decisions, unless this is formally proven otherwise (through a medical assessment).

Seek support to get clarity around the older person's rights regarding personal safety, wellbeing and finances. They may discuss their situation with their doctor or their hairdresser. Or, the older person may wish to ring Latrobe Community Health Service directly and speak with Deirdre Howard.

Latrobe Community Health Service can provide helpful advice and connect the older person with appropriate supports. This may involve Victoria Police's family violence units, the Office of the Public Advocate, State Trustees, family mediation and counselling, or personal empowerment and advocacy support.

The focus is on what the older person wants. Nothing will be done - no action will be taken - without their consent.

Who can I call?

If you suspect elder abuse is occurring and you need advice about your own situation or that of someone you know, phone Latrobe Community Health Service on 1800 242 696 and ask to speak with our elder abuse officer, Deirdre Howard.

In an emergency, call triple-0.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, phone Lifeline on 13 11 14.

For more information, advice or resources, phone Seniors Rights Victoria on 1300 368 821 or visit www.seniorsrights.org.au



Top:
Deirdre Howard is the Elder Abuse Prevention and Response Liaison Officer at Latrobe Community Health Service.

Middle:
Withdrawn behaviour, social isolation and poor hygiene are warning signs of elder abuse.

Bottom:
There is no excuse for elder abuse.



Travel grants to help Gippsland athletes excel

Gippslands rising sports stars are encouraged to apply for travel grants to help them take their skills to the next level.

Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Harriet Shing recently announced applications have opened for the Victorian Government's 2018/19 Athlete Pathway Travel Grant Program.

The program helps aspiring Victorian athletes, teams, coaches and officials to realise their sporting potential through grants that remove the barrier of travel and accommodation costs.

that in a country as large as Australia, athletes often have to travel significant distances, often at significant cost, to pursue their sporting dreams.

There are two categories of grants:

- *state sporting associations can apply for grants of up to \$6000 for teams or up to \$2000 for individuals to travel to compete at national championships or trials;

- *community sport and recreation organisations can apply for grants of up to \$750 to help with travel and accommodation costs related to competition or training for athletes, teams, coaches and

officials.

This round will see around \$275,000 allocated to more than 150 recipients across the state. Since the grants were introduced they have supported 950 recipients to realise their sporting dreams.

Those recipients range from football to ultimate frisbee, from motor sport to underwater hockey – any sport or active recreation is eligible to apply.

For further information on the program visit: www.sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/athlete-pathway-travel-grants-program

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Latrobe City Trust recipients awarded

The Latrobe City Trust recently presented scholarships from two of the Trust Scholarship Funds, acknowledging the work of three local students. There were two recipients in the Lorraine Bartling Scholarship for nursing or social work, and one recipient of the Jean Galbraith Memorial Rotary Scholarship for Environmental Science. Both scholarships provide financial assistance to students to complete their studies.

Latrobe City Trust chair, Diane Wilkinson, said the field of applications for the scholarship awards were strong.

"It's pleasing to see the depth of quality of applications from tertiary students. Both funds award a bursary to assist recipients to cover the costs of their studies. This may be the purchase of materials and books for their course, or it could be a contribution to a field trip or other learning experience.

Our awardees this year demonstrated their passion for their chosen subject matter, have clearly worked hard over the first years of their degrees and accumulated much valuable knowledge. The Latrobe City Trust is delighted that our young locals are pushing themselves to achieve during their time at university," Ms Wilkinson said.

Lorraine Bartling Scholarship
Bethany Pescod, 3rd Year student at Federation University.

Bethany has completed the first two years of a Bachelor of Nursing degree at Federation University, with strong academic grades. She will be graduating in December 2018. This grant will assist her with the financial costs of being a full-time student.

Bethany had four weeks of clinical placement in June, at St Vincent's Private Hospital in Melbourne. She will also do six weeks of clinical placement in Alice Springs, which is not funded by the

university, but is a fantastic opportunity to increase her knowledge and experience in remote nursing.

Bethany is excited to be part of the unique placement, however it does come with significant financial costs for flights, accommodation, transport and living away from home. The grant will help with Bethany's placements to complete her Bachelor of Nursing degree.

Mandy Galletti, 3rd year student at Federation University.

Mandy is a third year student aiming to complete her Bachelor of Nursing this year. She has successfully completed her first two years of studies with a distinction average.

She undertakes extracurricular activities within the nursing faculty such as mentoring new students, being an ambassador for the university, participating in a documentary research project, and is a member of the Fed Uni Nursing Society.

Mandy is looking forward to gaining a graduate position at the Latrobe Regional Hospital and pursuing a career as a registered nurse in the Latrobe Valley. Receiving the financial assistance through the scholarship helps with upcoming placements.

Jean Galbraith Memorial Rotary Scholarship
Caitlin Slater - Deakin University

Caitlin, a former Latrobe City primary and secondary school student, has completed three years of a Bachelor of Environmental Science (Wildlife and Conservation Biology) at Deakin University. In her first year she successfully completed two units in both plant and animal biology, as well as several other ecology and conservation units.

This year she is hoping to complete her Honours research looking at the ecology of fear in birds. Specifically she will be studying the effects of bird photography on the fear and escape responses of birds. This unique study



L-R: Caitlyn Slater, Trust Chair Diane Wilkinson, Mayor Darrell White OAM, Mandy Galetti, Trust Member Jenny Hammett, Lorraine Bartling, Latrobe City Council CEO Garuy Van Driel and Bethany Pescod

will help in the management and conservation of birds in reserves, on shore lines, around wetlands and water bodies and general recreation areas. Caitlin will be working towards designing a code of practice for bird photographers (also applicable to bird watchers) that outlines a way for photographers to approach birds in a manner that is less disturbing to the environment and to the birds, but still be able to take the kinds of photos they desire.

The grant will assist Caitlin to manage her full-time study load.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Darrell White OAM, acknowledged the work of the Latrobe City Trust in the community.

"The Trust offers financial assistance through a wide range of scholarships and Council is appreciative of the support provided in the community. We congratulate the students on these particular awards.

We can see from the testimonials that these students have already worked hard during their early years of tertiary education. Studying full time brings with it financial burdens and the Trust grants alleviate some of those stresses.

We enjoy hearing about the successes of our local community members and the Latrobe City Trust scholarships really highlight

just how engaged and focused our local students are. The future for these three young women looks exceptionally bright," Councillor White said.



Community Grants 2018

The 2018 Community Grants Program offers opportunities for community groups and not-for-profit organisations to buy large items or equipment, upgrade or renovate facilities, run events or engage in their community. There are also grants available for individuals on rural land to apply for biodiversity funding.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Darrell White OAM, said that grants benefited the wider community in terms of provision of services, social connections and local pride.

"Grants of up to \$5000 are available across three categories for group applications: minor capital works community development and community events and, for individuals we're offering grants to encourage biodiversity works to be complete on private rural land (up to \$1500 per property). The funding amounts for the community development and community events grants have increased from \$2000 to \$5000 in recognition of the scope and far-reaching benefits of the applications that have been previously submitted.

There are many ways in which a grant can be used for the improvement of our community - perhaps upgrades to facilities eg. kitchens, verandahs or sporting venues (turf, cricket pitches, scoreboards) all-abilities access, air-conditioning/heating, storage sheds and the like. There are events and community development programs that provide social opportunities for people. The grants are there for the whole of our municipality.

Collaborative projects are encouraged. It's a great way for a local community to join forces and share resources. For example, last year, we provided \$2000 to Active Kids Churchill. The project was a joint effort between Churchill Soccer Club and other community and sporting clubs including the Churchill Scouts, with the aim of getting local children back into sports and recreation activities. The community grant funding allowed for the creation of a social media presence, information sessions and an expo where children could try out some of the sports and activities. It was a great success.

Our commitment to the support of grassroots

community activities is demonstrated in the breadth of applications we receive and approve. Each year we are amazed by the innovation and fresh thinking in how the community approaches their grant applications," Councillor White said.

Councillor White added that attending an information session would be a great way of getting the application process started.

"If you can't make it to one of the sessions you can book a one-to-one meeting with the Grants Officer to run through your application at a time that suits you.

If you belong to a group or organisation within Latrobe City and you have a project that needs funding, this program could make all the difference for you and the wider community," Councillor White concluded.

The closing date for receiving applications is 4pm Friday July 31.

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Gippsland Muslims celebrate Ramadan and Eid



The township of Churchill was the focus for many of the activities of the Gippsland Muslim community over the holy month of Ramadan. The month began with the sighting of the Moon on May 17.

Ramadan is the holiest month for the world's Muslims. It was during Ramadan that the Quran was revealed. Throughout Ramadan, Muslims engage in prayer, fasting, and charity giving. Daylight hours are spent fasting from food and drink and the fast is broken at sunset. The breaking of the fast is called Iftar. During Iftaars the community gathers together and commonly invites friends and neighbours to break their fast and share an evening meal.

During Ramadan the Muslim community of Gippsland came together every weekend to break their

fast in congregation at the University. These community Iftaars are organised by GAMCI (Gippsland Australian Muslim Community Incorporated) and UMSLV (United Muslim Sisters of the Latrobe Valley). These weekly Iftaars usually bring over 100 people from all over Gippsland and South East Melbourne to Federation University in Churchill.

A highlight of this year was that many non Muslims attended the community Iftaars. Guests included local politicians and members of the Latrobe City Council; representatives from the Gippsland Ethnic Communities Council; Federation University, Victoria Police; Traralgon Cemetery Trust; Latrobe Hospital and neighbours of Muslim families. The opportunity for local

community people of all faiths, to partake in Ramadan alongside Muslims, provides an opportunity to gain an insight into Islam and religious practices. This year was particularly special for Gippsland Muslims as it also signalled the presence of the "Light Of Hidayah" Mosque in Morwell and a number of Burmese Muslims who have moved into the Latrobe Valley area.

The holy month of Ramadan ended with the sighting of the new moon. The end of Ramadan was celebrated with the traditional Eid Dinner again at Federation University on Saturday evening June 16. Young children received gifts and parents, friends and families come together to celebrate and share the completion of a month of blessings and joy.



Scamwatch radar alert

Threat and kidnap scams targeting Chinese community

The ACCC's Scamwatch service is warning the Chinese community in Australia to be wary about two frightening scams targeting them that involve threats of arrest, and extortion via fake kidnappings.

In 2018, Scamwatch has received nearly 1700 reports about these scams, with losses totalling \$1.15 million. Losses have come from either NSW, Victoria, Queensland or Western Australia; however the scam is targeting people nationwide.

"These scams are particularly nasty and worryingly we're seeing a dramatic spike in the Chinese community being targeted. In May, there was a 400 per cent increase in reports of these scams and losses more than doubled," ACCC Acting Chair Delia Rickard said.

There are two main variations of this scam. First, speaking in Mandarin, a scammer will call you directly

or leave you an 'urgent' voice message to call back. The scammer will impersonate a parcel delivery service and/or Chinese authorities and claim you are in serious trouble as they have intercepted a package addressed to you with fraudulent documents such as fake passports.

The scammer will then threaten you with extradition to China to face criminal charges in court unless money is sent to them. They will claim this money is needed to prove your innocence while they investigate the supposed crime.

"In the past month, Scamwatch has received multiple reports of a cruel variation of this scam targeting Chinese students in Australia," Ms Rickard said.

"The scammer will again claim to student victims that they have been involved in criminal activity and threaten them, and even their family, with criminal sanctions unless they pretend they have been kidnapped, including by taking photos of themselves

bound and gagged.

Scammers will then use these photos to extort money from the student's family by claiming the student has been kidnapped," Ms Rickard said.

The most important thing members of the Chinese community in Australia can do to protect themselves from this scam is be aware about how it works and warn their friends and family.

"If you're ever called by someone making threats about arrest or deportation, it is a scam. It's very frightening to receive these calls and scammers use your fear against you so you'll send them money or participate in a bogus kidnapping," Ms Rickard said.

"Don't fall for their threats. Instead, hang up the phone and report it to your local police. If you think the scammer has your bank account details, contact your bank immediately."

Members of the Chinese community in Australia can also report the scam at www.scamwatch.gov.au.

Remove these buildings now



Member for Morwell, Russell Northe has taken United Petroleum to task for its lack of action in addressing community concerns on the state of its old petrol station on the corner of Monash Way and Acacia Way Churchill. After years of community angst, Mr Northe commenced a petition in January of this year with almost 2000 people signing it, which called upon United to demolish the derelict buildings on site. "The site has been a major eyesore for many years and the community has pleaded and pleaded for action," said Mr Northe "On behalf of our community I sent a formal letter and petitions to United Petroleum earlier this year, and disappointingly I have

still not received a written response. I also am aware that Latrobe City Council has formally written to United Petroleum on same," Mr Northe said. "I have spoken on the phone with one of United's asset managers who has suggested that United may seek to sell the property and they may seek to demolish the buildings prior to any sale; however this is cold comfort to Churchill residents who are confronted with this eyesore on a daily basis," Mr Northe said. The following statement appears on United's website: "Australians who appreciate our competitive advantage of being 100% Australian Owned and independently operated have the opportunity to instantly make a difference

to improve the immediate community. United will stand side by side with your club or group and proudly offer very real benefits".

"All Churchill residents want is for United to uphold the above statement and demolish these disgraceful buildings, in fact I think we could easily get a local working group together and help them do the job quickly and efficiently," Mr Northe said.

"If United were fair dinkum Australian as they say and a decent corporate citizen they would not allow this issue to fester, and would not let the uncertainty continue – they need to remove these buildings now," Mr Northe said.

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By Leo Billington
Hazelwood Rotary always likes to hear from local residents keen to learn more about Rotary and what Rotary clubs actually do.

Over the past months, Hazelwood Rotary has remained in front with an interesting mix of guest speakers. Each speaker brings a wealth of experience, providing first-hand, current information.

Latrobe Valley resident, Leanne Vella was our guest in May when she explained about her son, Vili officially receiving his Autism Assistance Dog, Tubby. Tubby was introduced to Rotary members who learnt how he is assisting Vili and making a significant, positive change to everyday life for

both he and his mother, Leanne.

Latrobe City Council Health Officer, Robyn Duffy was another guest during May. Robyn detailed her role working across the Latrobe City municipality ensuring food safety requirements are being adhered to in the interest of widespread community health and well-being.

Latrobe Valley Authority Chief Executive, Karen Cain, provided a detailed account of her organisation and its future initiatives funding projects to re-vitalise the municipalities of Baw Baw and Wellington Shire and Latrobe City.

Also, in June, Engie [Power] Communications and Public Engagement Officer, Lauren Carey provided an excellent update of what's

happening at the former Hazelwood Power Station and Morwell Mine. Rotary members were extremely pleased to be provided with accurate information.

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

It all shows that Hazelwood Rotary is leading the way in our community in keeping abreast of relevant and timely developments.

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

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Foundation Scholarships allow FedUni students to shine

Federation University Australia's Foundation Scholarships are helping many students reach their full potential.

Kim Zerafa from Churchill is one of many students who is benefiting from the program.

"Choosing universities was difficult but I wanted to go to the best institutions that will aid me into becoming the best teacher I could be," Kim said.

"At the end it was a decision between FedUni and another university in Melbourne, which were both excellent for their education programs.

I am glad I chose FedUni," Kim said. "It has enabled me to get a great education whilst still living at home, so in the end it was a no brainer. Having a great tertiary level institution in my area was a

great bonus for me."

Kim is currently studying a Bachelor of Education Studies, which will lead next year to a Bachelor of Primary Education or a Masters of Education.

"My teachers have always had a positive impact on me which influenced my decision to take a course that will lead me to this career," Kim said.

"I want to have a great impact on my future students and help them as much as I possibly can.

I want them to have a great education journey and also enjoy life as much as they can and value what's truly important."

Kim said the Foundation Scholarship will help her a lot.

"Working two jobs and studying full time can take a big toll on me. Having some money saved gives me a better



opportunity to focus more on my studies and achieve more in my years at University," she said.

"In my near future I hope to finish my studies and start my teaching journey, helping the future generation see the beauty and importance of education."

For high achiever Joe Dawson, Federation University Australia has played a major part in realising his dream of pursuing a career in Medicine.

The first in his family to pursue tertiary education, Joe achieved a high Grade Point Average and scored in the top five per cent of the Graduate Australian Medical School Admission Test (GAMSAT).

He also received the prestigious University Medal at the recent graduations at the FedUni Gippsland Campus.

"I am continuing study in a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery course in 2018 to become a rural doctor. I want to help people understand their health in a world of changing treatment and technology," Joe said.

"The Bachelor of Biomedical Science was comprehensive and I have acquired practical laboratory experience, and a strong understanding of the field. I was also able to be first author

on a research paper published in Cell Biology International - an excellent opportunity as an undergraduate."

Joe from Trafalgar has received awards for Academic Excellence in Biomedical Science, the Biomedical Science Prize (Albert Coates Award), and the Clarence Claude Fisher Scholarship.

He also has been a mentor and Peer Assisted Study Sessions team leader (PASS) and a co-founder of the Federation University Gippsland Science Society.

"After completing school I studied engineering in the city where the lack of skills transition to higher education and opportunities to develop social networks, caused me to leave for a job in the mining industry," Joe said.

"Commencing at this university as a mature age student, the mentor program created a smooth transition and a sense of belonging that I had lacked first time around.

The University's



Gippsland Campus gave me a great opportunity to study where I grew up with the support of family and friends. The campus has a great environment and is very picturesque."

Joe said he would recommend FedUni for students who prefer a flexible and supportive learning environment in a community setting.

"Having smaller class sizes and getting to know the lecturers created a great learning environment," he said.

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Darren Chester MP



Gippsland pathway for medical students

Gippslanders seeking a career in health are being restricted by Monash University policy which does not allow students to remain in Gippsland for the duration of their medical studies.

The Monash Medical School has changed its policy and will no longer accept students who completed their undergraduate degree at Churchill. This means local students must now move away from Gippsland to a Monash University to be eligible to study a medical degree at the

Gippsland Medical School.

I am not happy with the decision by Monash to disadvantage Gippsland students who cannot move away from Gippsland for financial or other reasons.

I have raised these concerns directly with Monash over the last couple of years, and recently raised the matter in Federal Parliament.

The previous Government provided funding to promote a pathway for regional students to study medicine at the Gippsland Medical School without having to leave the region.


Surely Monash could work with Federation University or other regional based universities to establish a pathway which doesn't require students from Gippsland to pack up their whole lives and move to Clayton, whether they want to or not.

We know students who have links to a regional community are more likely to set up practice in a regional area - which makes the Gippsland Medical School an important solution to any future doctor shortages in Gippsland.

Monash must remain a committed member of the Gippsland community.

I will continue to work with my Parliamentary colleague, Greg Hunt, Minister for Health, and with Monash University directly to find a better way forward.

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Russell Northe MP

I recently attended the Churchill Football Netball Club Queen's Birthday match and Presidents Luncheon - what a terrific event! It was the only NGFNL match played that day and was very well attended. Congratulations to Yarram on their win, but it was a close match and the Churchill boys fought with heart all the way to the nail-biting finish. Many thanks to President Mick Johnson and his team for putting on a fantastic luncheon and thanks also to Ivan Maric and Neil Balme who both spoke excellently - Ivan played well, too. Personally, seeing the Richmond Premiership Cup was a delight I will not forget for a while and a great time was had by all who attended. All the best for the remainder of the season for all Churchill footballers and netballers.

One of the key issues I hear constantly from our community, is people's poor experiences using the V/Line service - many of these families are from Churchill. On behalf of the Morwell electorate, I recently asked the Minister for Public Transport in Parliament to

commence the necessary planning, design and costings to understand what is required for a dedicated Gippsland V/Line track into Melbourne.

In my view, the only way Gippsland commuters are going to see significantly reduced travel times is by way of a dedicated line. Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo already have dedicated lines into Melbourne, and I firmly believe this is what is needed to truly improve services for Gippsland commuters.

I note the recent closure (we hope temporary) of the Hazelwood Pondage recently. The Pondage is such an important piece of community infrastructure, and utilised by a variety of user groups.

The closure just a week before one of the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club's largest events; the Sauna Sail, was a real kick in the guts for the Club's organisers. The Sauna Sail is the Club's major annual event drawing visitors to the Pondage and the region from all over Victoria to participate.

The Latrobe Valley Yacht Club has existed for more than 50 years, and whilst the Club organises a number

of sailing events, they also deliver a number of important programs.

This includes the "Sailability" program which assists people of all-abilities to participate in sailing activities. Unfortunately whilst the Pondage is closed the scheduling of local sailing events and programs remains in limbo. Let's hope the closure doesn't also have a negative economic impact on the Churchill and district business community.

Local communities impacted by the 2009 bushfires will soon be able to apply for funding through the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) Resilience and Wellbeing grant program.

With the ten year anniversary of those devastating bushfires upon us, the Resilience and Wellbeing grant program will be available to help support those communities who seek to host a 2009 bushfires commemorative event.

Applications for round 14 will open on August 6 and close on September 16, 2018.

Many Gippsland communities were impacted



terribly by massive fires in January and February of 2009 and the memories are still vivid for so many.

The absolute courage and dedication of our fire-fighters, emergency service personnel, volunteers, service groups, welfare organisations, businesses, community groups and more was just so evident at this awful time.

It really is hard to believe that almost ten years has elapsed since that time.

Information relating to the FRRR grant program can be found at the following website: <http://www.frrr.org.au>, or by phone: 1800 170 020 or via email to info@frrr.org.au

Alternatively feel free to contact my office directly on (03) 5133 9088 for further information.

Risk of house fires



Thousands of homeowners across Australia remain at risk of electrocution or house fires due to faulty Infinity electrical cables installed in their homes.

Infinity cable installed in NSW homes in 2010 could have already started cracking, with remaining states and territories (where it was installed from 2011) in danger from next year.

The product safety regulator is warning the dangerous cable could become prematurely brittle and break when placed under stress near heat sources and roof access areas, which may lead to electric shock or a fire if the cables are disturbed by home owners or tradespeople.

The national recall began in August 2013.

"Four years into the recall, only 54 per cent of the 4,313 km of dangerous cable subject to a voluntary recall has been found and fixed.

Your home might be a ticking time-bomb if you haven't had Infinity cabling replaced," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

The ACCC is again warning electricians to make contact with previous clients, including property owners and businesses, if they suspect they may have installed Infinity cables.

"In some circumstances, suppliers, installers and property owners may be liable to pay compensation for injury or property damage caused by Infinity cable installed in buildings," Ms

Rickard said.

For around \$100 to \$200, depending on the size of your home, an electrician can inspect the cabling and if Infinity cable is discovered, the cost of inspection will be covered by the cable supplier along with the full cost of remediation.

"If you have had electrical cables installed in your home between 2010 and 2013, the ACCC is urging you to get your home inspected by a licensed electrician. Do not attempt to inspect the cabling yourself," Ms Rickard warned.

The ACCC is currently auditing all of the recalls it is responsible for to ensure that suppliers are remediating the cable, and to identify any suppliers that may need to do more.

Background

The ACCC is monitoring the 25 voluntary recalls involving 4313km of cables. NSW Office of Fair Trading is conducting a mandatory recall (link is external) of an additional 1,227km of Infinity cable sold by another 25 local traders.

All TPS and Orange Round cable sourced from Infinity Cable Co Pty Ltd and supplied under 'INFINITY' and 'OLSENT' brands are affected.

The cable is labelled 'INFINITY' or 'OLSENT' at one metre intervals.

Any concerns regarding your household appliances can be checked on the Recall website.

Cooking with Noelene

Place the mixture in the pan and bake for 30minutes or until golden.

Icing

Place 125gm (1 cup) of icing sugar in a small bowl with 15gm (1 dsp) of margarine /butter, then stir through 1 tbs of warm water or enough to make a smooth paste.

Once the bun is cooked remove to a wire rack and cover the top of the bun with a cotton tea towel. When the bun is completely cold spread the icing over the top and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar or alternatively sprinkle with desiccated coconut.

Carrot soup with ginger

This is a great way to make the most of the 5 kg bags of carrots available from Woolworths for \$6.00.

Combine 2 tbs of butter / margarine with 1 peeled and chopped onion and 1 whole

stick of celery that has been trimmed.

Cook until tender, about 5 minutes.

Now add 1 medium chopped potato and 675 gm of chopped carrots, 1 dsp of minced ginger, 5 cups of vegetable stock.

Slowly bring this to the boil over a medium heat, then reduce the heat and simmer for 30 minutes till carrots are tender.

Use a stick blender and process until the soup is smooth.

Now add a good pinch of ground nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste and 200gm of creme fraiche.

Process till well combined.

Reheat gently to serve.

Latkes - Jewish Potato Cakes

Peel and grate 6 potatoes and 1 onion.

Squeeze out excess moisture.

Lightly beat 2 eggs and stir through the grated potatoes and onions in a large bowl.

Mix together 3 tbs of plain flour

1/2sp of salt

1/2 tsp of baking powder

1/2 tsp of cracked pepper

1 tsp of cumin

1 tsp of turmeric

Stir thoroughly to combine.

Place heaped dessert spoon sized amounts into a frypan with a 1/2 cup of rice bran oil and cook over a medium heat until golden brown on both sides.

Traditionally served with an apple sauce that has been infused with cinnamon and lemon rind.

These are so tasty and delicious.

Boston Bun - a very old recipe.

This recipe for Boston bun incorporates 1/2 cup of mashed potato.

You need to use a potato that is suited to mashing.

Preheat your oven to 160deg C (Fan Forced)

Grease a 20cm round cake pan and line the base with baking paper.

Using your electric hand mixer cream together 1/2 cup (115gm) of cold mashed potato with 1/2 cup of castor sugar (110gm) making sure the mixture is free of any lumps.

Now add 1/2 cup of milk (125ml)

1 heaped cup of self-raising flour (firmly packed cup)

1/2 cup of sultanas (100gm)

A pinch of salt

Stir until combined.



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Boer War Soldiers

Continuing in the next few issues we will be publishing further information about our local men who became Boer War soldiers. In doing so, we acknowledge that the information was supplied by local historian and researcher, Rob de Souza-Daw, Elaine Andrijczak and members of the soldiers' families, which has made this tribute possible.



Thomas Joel ROSE

Thomas was born 22/3/1878 at Moorabool Creek near Millbank to parents Alexander Rose and Mary Grantham. He was known as Tom. He came to Yinnar with his parents around 1888. His education included Yinnar State School. He was a blacksmith from Mirboo at the time of his enlistment and previously in Morwell and Yinnar.

Tom had experienced previous militia service as Farrier No. 5262, H Company, Victoria Rangers. He was single when he enlisted on 15/10/1899 as No.94 Farrier at Victoria Barracks and was sent to the military camp at Flemington Racecourse. He departed Melbourne on 28/10/1899 on HMS Medic, arriving on 26/11/1899 at Cape Town via Adelaide and Albany. He was sent to Maitland Camp near Cape Town as part of the Australian Regiment then to De War and then to Belmont. On 10/2/1900 he saw major action at Bastards Nek followed by operations at Pink Hill and Bloemfontein. Then from 3/4/1900 major actions at Klip River, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Diamond Hill and Belfast.

Tom died on 29/6/1900 at Pretoria from enteric fever and is buried in Grave 86, Military Plot, Church Street Cemetery, Pretoria

His medal entitlement

was Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps for Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Johannesburg, Diamond Hill, Belfast.

Below are extracts from a letter sent home by Private Rose, which was published in the Morwell Advertiser (Morwell, Vic. 1888 - 1954), Friday 12 January 1900, page 3.

"We left Albany on the 7th, and this is the 19th, and the old Medic is still sailing on. The captain says we will be at Durban this day week. We have had a pretty rough trip since we got into the Indian Ocean, but I am pleased to say that I have not been any ways sick at all. I just feel as fit as the day I left home. We lost one of our horses. About three days ago he took bad and I had to knock about and look after him. But he snuffed out and in the morning we hoisted him overboard. We passed a vessel about a week ago and enquired for war news but they had no word for three weeks so they were as bad as us. She was the Mombasso bound for Australia. We all have to go on picket duty just the same as on land. I was on the night before. It rained awfully and the sea came overboard. I had to hang on to whatever I could get hold of. You could hardly walk across the deck! We had a terribly rough night, but I was in my roost. They give us plenty to do to keep us going. I think there will be

a big change in things by the time that we get to wherever we are to land. We are to go to Durban to signal for orders so we don't exactly know where we are to land, but any way we are getting nearer to it every day. We will soon try conclusions with the Boer and know which is best man, and I think we will find it a little bit different to being best man at a wedding.

We were all vaccinated again to prevent small pox, and now there is some talk of being done for typhoid fever, but I don't want it done again. The doctor was a bit too rough. He cut into us properly. There were a lot against it, but that was no use; we must obey orders. There are men here undergoing punishment now for not obeying orders. They will never catch me for anything like that. I learned to do as I was told before I came here, and it is a poor lookout for anybody that hasn't. They will fall in alright. This martial law is a funny thing: If one soldier strikes another the consequence is death, so you can guess what it is. I don't know what sort of a Xmas dinner I am going to have this time. I suppose it will be with fixed bayonets to see who will eat the most. I often think at meal times how at home we used to turn up our noses at Helena's duff, but never again after this. The pudding we get is like lead. We have to tackle anything here. It is rough

and no mistake. I can tackle anything as you know, but this beats all, and I don't suppose that we will get anything like it (bad as it is) when we are on the march. There will be times when we won't get anything from morning till night. It will fix some of those well-fed fellows up.

We had a great concert on board the other night given by the S. A. contingent. It was very well get up and quite as good as you ever saw up at Yinnar. The V. M. R. are to give one on Wednesday next. Will Bensley (of Mirboo) is on board with us on his way to South Africa and the two Shaws from Hazelwood are with the W. A. contingent. When we landed at Albany we were marched ashore up to the town hall and the same old entertainment took place as in Melbourne. Albany is a very pretty place. It is not very big, but has a nice harbour. We saw a few aboriginals there. We could not get up to the pier. The old Medic is too big and there is not enough water to carry us through so we had to take one of the steamers and go ashore. We all felt as if we had the as we could not walk straight after being used to the rolling of the boat. We soon got over that, however, after we got climbing over rocks and getting a shot wherever we could. It was to give us an idea of the game. We had three little papers given to us to fill in case we are shot they will know who we are and who is to get our money. They are to be sown in our coats. I have made up my mind to be a soldier for always. It is a rough life, but who could help going to fight for Australia after the way we were treated and sent off. I shall never forget it. I got my stripe and am a section leader now over three men. I have to look after them and see that they do everything right and groom their horses. I hope to be Sergeant Farrier before long. The old boat is travelling at about 13 knots an hour all the time, so we won't be very long now. The week goes very quickly on board. We have so much to do with the horses, feeding and grooming them. The bugle calls for everything, and you must not do anything on your own. You must wait for orders. There is some talk of a trip home after the war is over. We have Church on board every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Maitland Nov. 30th. We landed at Cape Town on Sunday and marched out to Maitland, about four miles out where we are camped. The harbour is full of gun

boats and transports from the old country. It is a great sight. We are preparing to go to the front today. It is beautiful country. I suppose you know how the war it going as well as we do ourselves. We hear all sorts of rumours about it here in camp. There are thousands of men coming into camp every day. I was shoeing all day yesterday. Remember me to all the old boys over there, and tell them I am not coming back until we have hoisted the old flag in Pretoria."

Following are extracts from a letter received by Private Thomas Rose's father, written a fortnight before he died. It was printed in the Morwell Advertiser (Morwell, Vic. 1888 - 1954) Friday 3 August 1900, page 3.

"I now take pleasure in writing a few lines to you, hoping they will find you all quite well and happy, as it leaves me at present. I was very pleased to think that I am one who succeeded in reaching Pretoria. Jack Bolding, Jack Nadenbousch and George Bell were the only ones out of the first lot from Morwell to get here besides myself. Charlie Bruhn being the only one of the third lot. Only about 18 of the First Contingent reached here, all the rest having fallen out through sickness. I got a touch of fever just after we left Kroonstadt; my temperature was 103, but I shook him off. I was very thin and weak for a few days, but I am just the same as ever now.

We crossed the Vaal River on the 27th May at 10.15, and took the mining portion of Johannesburg the same day. Of course this is five or six miles to the right of the town. I counted 154 mines here, so you can form an idea what sort of place it is when these are all in full swing. We had some rare scrapping around the mines, but we only lost two horses that day. We camped there for a few days, and while there Captain Kendall and I went into Johannesburg to have a look around. It is a very pretty place. However, we were soon on the warpath again and gave the enemy no time to look around them, but kept them on the move all the time until we came within range of the Pretoria forts, and then the fire began. We had 53 big guns all going at once. Such a row you never heard, but we quite enjoyed it. The next morning we marched into Pretoria. The Boers having gone to get back into the mountains. We camped



about two days in Pretoria, and now we are at them again. The Boers signalled with the heleograph across to our signallers this morning asking if they were to lay down their arms would they be taken prisoners. I don't know what the answer sent to them was. There are supposed to be about five thousand camped there, so that looks very much like the end of affairs. I hope it is. We never thought the war would last so long as it has; and, saying more, I think we have done our share. We have been to the front all the time. We went as advance scouts with Lord Roberts' column, and were in Pretoria to see him leading the infantry up the street upon entering it. We are still out at the very front watching the Boer position. The day before yesterday, that was the day we came out from Pretoria, we were all marching along the road and had halted some few hundred yards in front of the other camps that come right through after the Boers. We were lying about anyhow, most of us being asleep, when suddenly we heard the roar of a Boer Long Tom, and upon looking up, a shell came howling through the air and landed about fifteen yards from us. I stopped and picked up some pieces of the shell, and then comes another one. We soon knew what they meant by throwing their scrap iron at us. The gun was a 100-pounder and the range 11,000 yards. They had the range to an inch but, evidently, did not hurt anyone. It tore the ground up and sent the dirt all over us. We had two guns in the camp just behind us, called the "Weary Willses," and they soon got to work on them. They only fired about five shots and then the Boers shut up. They had seen us coming and had sent back up the line for this gun; they brought it down on a truck. I got a piece of the first shell to bring home to show you what sort of stuff it is that flies through the air.

I don't think I can say any more this time. I hardly think I was in better health in my life than at present. I am still with Capt. Kendall, and I intend to remain so until we go back. Hoping to be back to see you all again in a very short time."



Boer War Soldiers

Francis WALKER

Francis was born 13/1/1873 at Knaresbrough, Yorkshire, England, the second son to parents Joseph Walker and Sarah Ellen Webster. He was known as Frank.

His education included The Friends Boarding School at Ackworth, a Quaker school in West Yorkshire.

The family emigrated to Australia on 29/4/1884 departing London on HMS Garonne with parents and four siblings. They arrived in Williamstown via Plymouth, Naples, Suez, Aden and Adelaide on 14/6/1884.

The family lived at Caulfield, Gembrook and 'Riverdale' Yinnar South. Francis worked on farms at Gembrook, Yinnar South and later on the overland telegraph and eastern goldfields of Western Australia where he went with his brother John.

He was single and a miner from Yinnar South, enlisting shortly on return from the goldfields. On 27/8/1901 he enlisted in Melbourne as No.33831 Private for the privately raised Marquis of Tullibardine's 2nd Battalion, Scottish Horse. The 2nd Scottish Horse was raised in Scotland, South Africa and Victoria. Francis departed Victoria on 27/8/1901 from Melbourne on SS Orient, disembarking about 20/9/1901 at Durban. From there he travelled by train to the Regimental Depot at Elandsfontein near Johannesburg.

The 2nd Scottish Horse served in eastern Transvaal under Colonel George Elliott Benson.

Francis died on 30/10/1901, killed in action at the Battle of Bakenlaagte, near Kriel, in eastern Transvaal when Boers attacked the rear guard of Colonel GE Benson's column. He was buried on 30/10/1901 in a mass grave for British soldiers at Gun Hill where the battle was fought on the Nootgedacht farm, eastern Transvaal.

Around 1965 the remains of the British Empire soldiers were exhumed and re-interred by the South African War Graves Board at the Primrose Cemetery, Germiston.

Francis' medal entitlement was Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps for Transvaal, South Africa 1901. Medals were awarded to his father, Joseph Walker.

Private Francis Walker's relatives learned of his death when their letters to him were returned unopened and marked 'deceased'.

Francis is listed on the

Australian War Memorial Commemorative Roll at Bairnsdale, Ballarat, Morwell (Alexandra Park), Sale, Yinnar, two memorials at the Primrose Cemetery, Germiston in South Africa, Scottish Horse Memorial, Johannesburg and the Scottish Horse Memorial and Edinburgh.

Speaking with his relative Adrian Walker he volunteered this information:

Francis was from a Quaker family who do not believe in war. It was a shock to the family when he enlisted. His father was not very happy.

Here follow extracts from a letter written by Francis on his voyage to South Africa.

"If I could have known I should be so well I would certainly have tried to work a passage, and should have succeeded too, as they have been short of men in the stoke hole.

There are several Melbourne young men on board working their way to London. I was talking to them and they said they are getting 3 pounds 10 a month as well as a passage, but that the work was most blanky hard.

The time went slowly for the first fortnight... Now I know a good few on board and things seem better. There are several Coolgardie ites aboard and two Gippslanders as well as others. One poor beggar I got to know through him being very sick and having no one to do anything for him. He has been over in S.A. for a few years before this and can talk the Rand Kaffir lingo a little. So I have got all the words he knew and written them out in a notebook and am learning them as well as I can. Have about 100 words altogether, so it may come in very useful. Then again I have borrowed a mounted troops' drill book off an old Coolgardie man who has been at the war and is going there again. And I have been reading that up too, for I do not want your son to be a bigger fool than the rest of the crowd to which I may belong bye and bye.

There are several ex-soldiers on board. They say they have had enough of fighting for all their lives. They tell me some funny yarns and especially that the outside public have not heard of half the disasters which have befallen our side. They all seem to think the war will go on for a long time yet.

The accommodation on these boats is tip top. I am sure some of us never saw better for the money. Have 3 good meals a day and supper at 8.30 as well. I never had better bread anywhere and butter

is satisfactory. This morning we had bacon and eggs and I felt it my duty to return, as they were tip top. The bunks in this cabin I am in are very close together. The only way into mine is from one end, as I have a neighbour right close on each side. Fortunately they are all decent fellows, or else it might be very nasty. Get supplied with a clean towel a week each man of us and also clean sheets. There are baths as well. I have had several and would have had more only half the people are nearly dead with colds and I have had my share. Am just about better now I am glad to say.

One of my table neighbours is a German who cannot talk English scarcely at all.

He says 'bread bread' and when I get him it, it turns out that he means a plate or potatoes or something. As funny as a heap of wood really. I had exactly half my bag full of apples and they have been real good business. I never had better cargo. Clothes I could have done with less of, have a shirt and several pairs of shoes and a flannel that have not been used. And will not be, as can get the others washed all right.

Well father I have about got to the end of my news. My love to the children. Tell Eric I still have some of the sweets he gave me and they are very good. And now good-bye with love to Lottie, and yourself from yours truly, Frank Walker.

Do not bother at all about me as I shall do all right. Will write again from Capetown and hope to be able to give some address then.

Have had lots of dances, concerts, sports, card parties and extra. Saw land yesterday for the first time since Leeuwin."

Private Francis Walker served for 1-2 months only before his death. His father went very quiet when letters came back.

Francis' last letter was very interesting reading. Extracts of the letter are printed below.

"Dear Father,

Now for a few lines to let you know I am all right and doing just fairly well in this country. We have been on the go all the time and done good work in comparison with other columns. Captured 75 or more prisoners and lots of cattle.... about 30 wagons... some were cape carts.

I meant to go to church today, as we were camped in the midst of a little town and there is a really fine stone church in an open square in the centre. Instead of that



though, I was called just after daylight to go on patrol and was told there was no need to take anything with us as we would be only a couple of hours away, and there was no breakfast ready of course, no time if there had been. I did take some biscuits as it is wrong to believe anything we are told here, and they came in handy for we did not get back till 2pm.

These people go in for a lot of night marches which are not the nicest things, as the horses are very poor indeed and fall on the least provocation.

Last night we were out, it was raining a little and so dark they scattered phosphorous so people could tell where to go.

The very first morning after joining the column I had my first sight of the enemy and felt what it was like to be fired at and to fire at them too. It was not a quarter as exciting as I was expecting.

I was never in much better health. The biscuits suit me all right. NO vegetables at all so far, but I do not need any medicine. Please write.

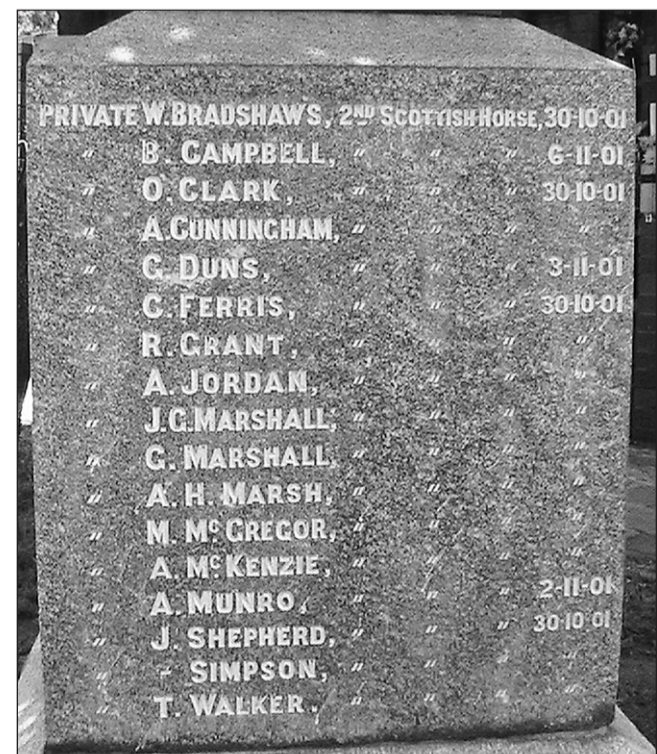
The country is a good one, but poison grass is bad for the horses and every night there are 5 or 6 die. I think the native stock do not eat it or there would not be such big mobs of cattle as there are.

There are some real good buildings about, stone places

with walls 2½ foot thick. I am writing this in the ruins of their court house, the windows, doors and floor and all timber are torn out, but the roof is still on. It would not be, only it is too high up to come at, and there is wood in other houses still to be got easily. We had a good fire on kitchen furniture last night and an odd plush bottomed chair as well. It does seem a shame, but of course it is all right. I would

certainly get some curiosities only that I could not carry them. They won't carry tents for us less bundles of odds and ends.

Now Father I will say good-bye with lots of love to yourself and all the others. Am expecting to be called anytime to go out again. With love again. Frank Walker"



State of Victoria Memorial, Primrose Cemetery, Germiston, Gauteng
Private Francis Walker was killed in action on 30/10/1901
Incorrectly inscribed on memorial as T Walker
Photo 9/11/20012 by Terry Cawood, South Africa War Graves Project



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Illustrations

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Categories

- 1. Children 7 and Under Short story/poem or picture story
- 2. Children 8 - 10 years Short Story/Poetry (illustrations welcome)
- 3. Children 11 - 13 years Short Story (illustrations welcome)
- 4. Children 11 - 13 years Poetry (illustrations welcome)
- 5. 14 - 17 years Short Story
- 6. 14 - 17 years Poetry
- 7. Adult Short Story
- 8. Adult Poetry
- 9. A Children's Story: A story written for children

Conditions of Entry

- 1. All stories must have a separate completed entry form attached to the manuscript with a paper clip (no pins or staples). Please clearly include your name, address and a contact phone number or email address. People must clearly indicate which category they have entered. For age groups 14 years and over please also email a copy of your manuscript to cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au
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- 9. All pages should be numbered.
- 10. Adult entrants must give their address.
- 11. Length of stories is to be:
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 - 14-18 years: 500 - 2000 words
 - Children: up to 500 words
- Length of poems is to be:
 - Poetry, free or rhyming verse to be:

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I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original unpublished story or poem, written by myself.
This entry form can be completed on behalf of U12's by a parent, guardian or teacher.

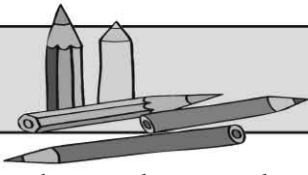
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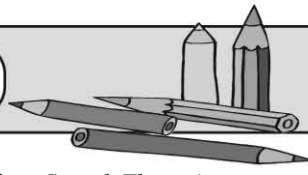
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School News



Churchill Primary



#NeverMissADayInMay!

For the month of May we held a school-wide attendance incentive competition – students who were at school, on time, every day were rewarded with a special excursion and went into a draw for a new iPad.

Approximately 75% of students were successful



in meeting the attendance criteria and were rewarded with an excursion to Wyncity Bowling in Morwell. These students were also entered into a draw for a new iPad with Chloe G being the lucky winner.

Bessie Frood Netball Tournament

On Friday June 8, 22

students represented CPS at the Bessie Frood Netball competition. Everybody showed great sportsmanship and had a great time. One of our teams was lucky enough to make it to the Grand Final but lost by one goal.

By Will T and Mitchell B StarLab

Students at Churchill Primary

School were excited to take part in a recent Star Lab incursion. The Star Lab is a mobile inflatable planetarium where students learn about the moon and stars, seasons, the solar system and space.

Cross Country Champs

The Region Cross Country was recently held in Lardner Park, this was

for students who made it through the Divisional level. Hayley Kamphius and Brodie Lawson both represented CPS and displayed excellent sportsmanship. Hayley has made it through to the next round which will see her travel to Melbourne for the State Championships.

Speech Therapist

Commencing in Term 3, Churchill Primary School will be engaging the services of a speech therapist who will be working out of our school every Thursday. The speech therapist will run a screening program for students and deliver weekly individual sessions to identified students.



Left Top:Chloe G – winner of the #nevermissadayinmay iPad)

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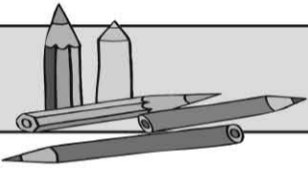
CPS students enjoying the #nevermissadayinmay excursion to Wyncity Morwell)

Centre:Runners-up at the Bessie Frood netball tournament)

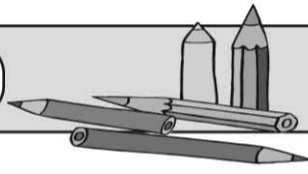
Right:

Brodie and Hayley competed at the Region Cross Country)

School News



Hazelwood North Primary



Space and Earth

In the 4/5/6 area, we were investigating Space and Earth this term. Here we were looking at planet sizes and how we could represent the relative sizes using everyday objects.

We also made models of the solar system in Art. Here, Connor shows his mum his groups work on our family Open Day.

In reading, we studied Procedural Texts. To put our skills into practise, we made slime! Allira, Chanel and Jayla were successful in making their blue slime!

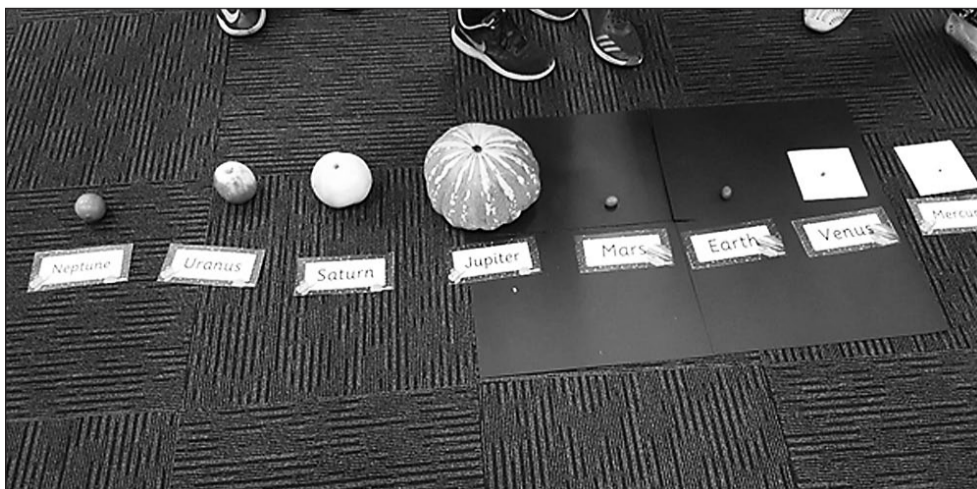
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I am red hot,
I live up in space,
I give a lot,
of warmth each day.
What am I?

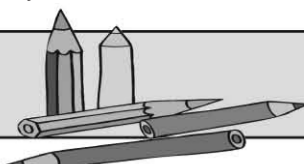
Above - Where am I?

Left - Our solar system

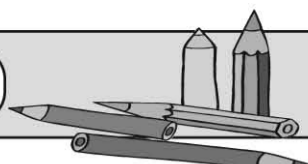
Right - The girls had fun making slime.



School News



Kurnai College University Campus



Year 10 students at the Uni Campus

Several of the top end students from Year 10 are now spending second semester at the University Campus where they will be able to do some advanced studies.

Nick and Vincent are two of those students and they explained how they were chosen and what it means to them.

The students had to go through an application process which asked them why they wanted to be involved, what they wanted to achieve and why they were suited to be chosen.

Both of the students said the University Campus was quiet, there was less noise and fewer interruptions. Everyone there wanted to learn. It was an adjustment from the Junior Campus but

they were enjoying the new surroundings. They described it as a nice place to learn.

The young men described the curriculum as harder but more student based. They were able to receive some mentoring to come up to Year 11 standard. They could focus on their learning and use friends and other peers to help them. The school does not ask you to learn, it expects you to learn which puts the pressure on but is a positive initiative.

They are studying English, Systems Engineering, General Maths and Foundation Maths which involves methods and specialist maths to bring them up to right levels. Both students want to reach those standards which will touch on previous learning but extend their understanding. They are really liking this opportunity.

The transition has been an

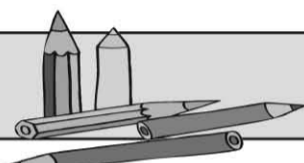
eye opener for them but they are both wanting to make the most of these opportunities.

Nick would like to follow in his family's footsteps and become an electrician, while Vincent wants to go to university and become an engineer. He is not sure into which field of engineering he will proceed but he has chosen subjects to give him the options he may need.

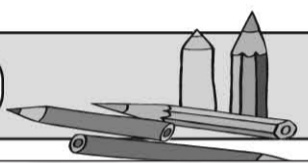
They explained that Year 11 is the time to start focusing on the subjects they need for their chosen career. The young men are excited about the time ahead. They would like to thank Mr Block and the school, because they are grateful the school has enabled them the opportunity and has put in a lot of work to make it happen



School News



Kurnai College Junior Campus



Awareness Day

The 2018 Awareness Day has come and gone. All the participating Years 5 and 6 students from the local primary schools who attended had a fantastic day. The primary school students participated in an all-day timetable based around the Year 7 timetable. The day is part of the Churchill Campus Transition Program which supports students' entry to secondary school. Many Year 7 students were involved in showing students around the school and helping them in their lessons throughout the day. They all did a great job and represented Kurnai

College in a tremendous way.

The students in the Art classes produced portraits of the Churchill Campus teaching staff; many of whom had some difficulty recognising themselves but others could be recognised straight off. There were students participating in science, getting a head start with using the science equipment. Even in maths, the students were involved in hands-on activities. In English and Humanities, the students also participated in taster-activities and they all finished off the day participating in a Physical Education activity.

OptusDigital Thumbprint Program

All students in Year's 7 and 9 took part in a talk aimed at expanding their awareness of how misuse of technology can impact lives. The guest presenter from the Optus Digital Thumbprint Program walked through a range of stories where the use of phones and the internet had impacted careers, friendships, relationships and lives. He told how people have had their identity stolen and used, and stressed the need for everyone to have proper and secure passwords. Many students were aware of the dangers of not securing their personal information on digital devices, particularly mobile phones, but there were many students who did not have secure appliances. This talk on privacy settings on accounts also extended to how social media posts can give you a positive or negative image to future employers. Nothing that is put on the internet is private, it all becomes part of the public

domain. Many of our students were not aware of how digital apparatus, digital games and social media provide someone with criminal intent with a lot of private information. The Year 7 workshop focused on personal information, behaving responsibly and staying safe online.

The presenters' talk with the Year 9 students explored online bullying and gave several examples that resonated with the group. The talk was a welcome follow up to the bullying presentation from the previous week, as the school continues to educate our students on how we should treat each other. The focus of the Year 9 workshop was more on how actions online can have a lasting impact on individuals and the need to develop a positive online presence.

The Optus Digital Thumbprint website also offers many resources and information for parents. As suggested by the guest presenter, many adults also do not have the awareness of the dangers and implications of digital technology, digital games and social media. In the resources packs, there are discussion guides for parents talking to their children.

Enterprise Day

As part of the Year 8 Humanities classes, students have been investigating the economic factors involved in the running of a small business. The culmination of the investigation was to hold a stall after budgeting the costs to set it up, produce the goods and then hopefully, make a profit. The students worked in small groups and were required to carry out some market research using



all the students on campus, determine the product to sell, organise advertising and other promotion activities, and be prepared for the 'Enterprise Day' market.

The market days were held over two consecutive Fridays with two form groups operating on each day. The stalls were set up around and throughout the Language Centre so there was space for all. The student body from all year levels enjoyed the day and the variety of goods on offer by these enterprising Year 8 students.

There were some inventive and original enterprises set up by some of the groups this year. There was a book store where the proprietor organised and obtained numerous books from donations – of course any books sold produced a profit – clever thinking. A 'minecraft' enthusiast mass-produced

key-ring tags based on minecraft objects with his own 3D printer. Another entrepreneurial group had an Escape Room set up with puzzles needing solving to access the key to exit the room. There were also food stalls including a taco stand, potato spiral-chips, hot chips, muffins, ice-cream, Italian do-nuts, Bar-B-Que and of course lollies sold in different ways.

After deducting all the expenditure for setting up the day from the income made on the 'Market Days', all the groups came away with a profit – be it big or small.



School News

Churchill Preschools

Glendonald Preschool

Recently we had Brandon from Wildlife Xposure come to the Preschool. He brought along animals to show the children.

It was a highly interactive incursion where the children were able to touch and hold the animals.

During the presentation they also learnt about different

types of animals, their habitats, safety and what they can do to help endangered creatures.

We have also been learning about Australian animals in

Preschool - including Fairy Penguins.

This has led to many linked activity areas, craft and literacy.



Left-right:
Abby holding a goanna
David holding a ring-tailed possum
Ryan Feeding a tawny frogmouth
Wil with a green tree frog on his head
Children holding a python

Churchill Hub Preschool

As our term draws to a close - the children of Churchill Central Preschool continue to be busy and engaged in their learning. Children have been exploring the concept of safety.

Our first real excursion occurred last month when we accepted Mrs Place's kind offer to show us around the Churchill Fire Station and extend our understanding about what to do if we ever find

ourselves in an emergency. Children were actively engaged in conversations and discussions around contacting the fire brigade. They learnt about calling 000 and what to do in an event of a fire. We learnt to roll out of bed, get down low and crawl, feel the door with our hand and call out and make noise so Fireman Allan could find us. Everyone loved squirting the big fire hose.

During the weeks that

followed we continued to engage children in conversations about what to do in an emergency. Children were also encouraged to discuss with their families where their home meeting point would be. Children have reported a range of excellent and appropriate meeting points that are specific to their home.

Our box construction focused on building our own fire truck and fire station.

Children created their own fire truck with the different parts that we remembered as we discussed what learning had occurred. Everyone raced to the gate when they saw the station doors open and tried to distinguish if the truck that was coming out was indeed the one we drew.

We were fortunate to all welcome Ms Cheryl to our Preschool as she came to discuss water safety with us. Lots of discussions focused

on the "Kids Alive do the 5" and again we continued the discussions and learning after Ms Cheryl left. Children have practised being a star fish as they float on top of the water and push their belly buttons up to the roof. Children recite "the water safety 5".

Our focus has also been on getting our vegetable patch ready for planting. We called it the Veggie Garden Project. We have been preparing the soil by removing the old soil

and then adding layered up leaves then manure. To trap in the moisture we have also laid a layer of sugar cane mulch. During the school holidays we are having a donated load of soil delivered. Our fingers are crossed that we will be ready to grow our own veggies in Term 3.

Left-right:
Making our fire station
Children at the fire station
Digging in our garden plot



School News

Churchill North Primary

Glasses for Kids

On Tuesday June 4, 95 students from Churchill North Primary School took part in the Glasses for Kids program. The students who participated in the program had their eye sight tested at the school and if needed were referred on to specialists for further examinations. The referral entitles the student to receive a free pair of glasses with their consultation. It was wonderful to see our school community supporting such a terrific program. Thanks to both the State School's Relief Fund and Monash University for the parts they

played in making the program accessible to our school.

Exploring Motion

The Grade 1/2 F students had close encounters with their inquiry unit when they took part in a mini excursion to the local park. At the park the students investigated how they could create motion on the playground equipment. As part of their mission the children needed to work out how they made themselves move on the various play equipment and what type of force they used. The students had a terrific time with the investigations and were able to explain how their

movements were created on the equipment.

Foundation/Year 1 Students Celebrated

The Foundation/ Grade 1 students are given a treat each Friday. From week 6 of this term the children have had the opportunity to show case their work with their families each week. After lunch on Fridays for the last fifteen minutes of the day parents and caregivers are invited into the classrooms to see the terrific work these young learners have been achieving. It has been great for families to see what their children have achieved and for students to be able to

showcase their work. Thanks to Miss Byrne and Miss Koene for the terrific initiative.

New before school care

Churchill North Primary School is excited to announce that it will soon be providing before school care. This service will be provided for existing students from the school and has had an overwhelming expression of interest from the school community. As progress is made towards the service opening, a new portable will be situated within the school grounds to be used for the service, as well as being used for playgroup and after school

care. We are looking forward to being able to provide a service supporting families who require care for their children before school.

Up in lights

The students presented their combined talents at this year's school concert on Wednesday and Thursday June 20 and 21. The concert was an original script put together for the school by Darren Mc Cubbin from Wishbone Theatre Company. This year the theme was around science and the story line covered a sequence of events from the beginning of time through to the properties

of the stars and planets. The storyline was narrated by a small group of our Grade 5 and 6 lead actors. Each grade performed a dance with some grades singing too. It was a spectacular event staged over two nights with a matinee performed on the first day. A special thanks goes out to Miss Byrne who worked closely with Darren to make the performances a huge success.

Left-right:
Isabelle and 1/2F at the playground
Walking on Sunshine
Mia, Will and Sienna exploring movement



School News

Yinnar Primary



It's hard to believe that half of the school year has come and gone already. Term 2 finished with our school disco – 70's, 80's and 90's themed, the mandatory school reports and parent/teacher conversations. Our teachers spend considerable time putting together detailed reports for each of our 217 students. The school community responds very positively with nearly all parents wanting to touch base with teachers to discuss student progress.

We farewelled two staff, Liam Maynard and Julie Telford, who have taken positions at Churchill and Glengarry. We also welcomed back Katie Vary, who will be teaching in the Grade 3/4

area. Planning has already taken place for the second half of the year so when Term 3 starts we will all hit the ground running for another action packed semester.

Our sporting students continued to shine with students competing at the annual Bessie Froud Netball Tournament in Morwell, and other students travelling to Korumburra to compete in the school Chess Championships. Our chess competitors are extremely keen, practising at lunchtimes every day under the guidance of Charlie Twomey. Their practice paid off when they won the Korumburra championship. They will now head to Melbourne later in the year to compete in the State Championship.



Declan Naporoswki competed in the Regional Cross Country event at Lardner Park in Warragul. He was the only student to qualify from our school.

The Life Education van has visited again. Yinnar has been participating in this program since its inception more than 25 years ago. Harold the giraffe is always a favourite with the students, especially the Preps who are introduced to him for the first time. Older students also enjoy his visits. Listening to the discussions had by the students during their visit is

always very special as the students are always keen to be involved in the many topics that Jan, the Life Education teacher provides.

Our GRACE student leadership team challenged each class to write and perform a GRACE song. These songs were presented to the school community at the end of term. Our School Captains held our annual 'Yinnar's Got Talent'. Again the competition was commendable with many students auditioning, either solo or with groups. The final was held at the Yinnar Memorial Hall with students

then asked to vote for their favourite artist. The winner, Abby Walsh, was announced at the performance of the class GRACE songs.

Excursions are always a popular event on the school calendar. Our P/I Grades ventured to the Melbourne Aquarium. The students were enthralled by the size of the crocodiles, sharks and manta rays. It was a very long, but exciting day and many of the students had an afternoon snooze on the way home.

outdoor playground into "Learning Landscapes" as interactive and incidental learning spaces. We recognise the need for all children to value and enjoy the outdoors, and in an era of increasing technology many children have lost the opportunity to engage in outdoor pursuits and to use their imagination in a non-academic manner. The SGS Leaders were actively involved in the initial design for the grant submission and includes areas such as desert



In other exciting news we have been successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant from La Trobe Health Assembly to create our "Learning Landscape" – the redevelopment of our traditional school playground into an innovative and inclusive environment for children to enjoy and flourish. The aim is to develop the

garden, orchard, dry creek bed, chicken coop, sensory garden and a walking track to connect all these areas. Together with the Junior Landcare grant of \$1000, there will be some exciting work going on in our school grounds over the next few months.



SPORT

Bowls – be in it!

Good progress on Hockey Pavilion



Good progress is being made on the construction of the new hockey pavilion at FedUni.



Once perceived to be a game for the elderly, the sport of lawn bowls is now attracting large numbers of the younger generation who are eagerly taking up the game with great skill and enthusiasm. Our club is only too pleased to welcome and be of any assistance to anyone who is interested in having a go.

With the construction of a \$400,000.00 lawn bowls green in Churchill by Latrobe City Council in 2016, the Churchill Bowls Club is committed to sharing this state of the art venue with our local and district communities.

With summer and daylight saving rapidly approaching, the Churchill Bowls Club will be conducting Barefoot Bowls, Twilight Bowls, Come Try days and Indoor Bowls. These events will be open to members of our community.

Being a Welcoming

Inclusive Club, we are steadfast in furthering our organisation's social, inclusive and sporting brand into the future. We will do this by implementing the above bowls programs and social events that are applicable and affordable for all members of our society, including the many diverse groups that make up the Churchill and district community. We look forward to your support.

Our Ladies Indoor Pennant Teams Division 1 and Division 2 are playing good indoor bowls at the present time with Division 1 on top of the ladder and Division 2 sitting in 4th place.

Recent results from round 6

4/06/018 Division 1 - Churchill 22 shots drew with Moe 22 shots

4/06/018 Division 2- Churchill 11 shots were defeated by Yallourn North

25 shots

Round 7 results
11/06/018 Division 1- Churchill 36 shots defeated Yinnar 5 shots

11/06/018 Division 2- Churchill 26 shots defeated Morwell Pink 24 shots

Our bowls club conducts indoor bowls every Thursday night at our clubrooms Gaskin Park Hall commencing at 7.15pm. However to enable team selection to take place, people are requested to be there no later than 7.00pm. Cost for the night is \$5.00 which includes a light supper with tea and coffee served. So, come along and enjoy a fun night out in a sociable and convivial atmosphere.

The Churchill Bowls Club will be holding its A.G.M on Tuesday August 8, 2018 at our club rooms Gaskin Park Hall commencing at 7pm. All welcome to attend.

Enquiries 5122 1860.

Mid Gippsland Darts Association Winter Competition 2018



DARTS ASSOCIATION LADDER after Round 3

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	%	Pts
YINNAR TIGERS	3	3	0	0	17	10	188.9 6
MUSTANG 1	2	2	1	1	19	8	211.1 4
COYOTEZ	2	2	1	1	18	9	200.0 4
JOKERS	2	2	1	1	16	11	177.8 4
MUSTANGS 2	3	0	3	0	11	16	122.2 0

Round 1: Yinnar Tigers came out strongly in the new Winter Competition defeating Mustangs 2 in a close match 5-4, Reno Borg (YT) and Craig DeKaste (M2) scoring 140s. Best scores on the night were :- Veni Rowe (M2) Ladies Highest score with 140, Ladies Highest finish with 52 and Ladies Most 100s with 3 scored, Dale Birton-Pye and Craig DeKaste (M2) Mens Highest finish with 80

each, Dale Burton-Pye (M2) had most 100s on the night with 12 scored.

Round 2: Keeping the challengers at bay Yinnar Tigers dug deep to outscore summer Grand Finalists Mustangs 5-4. Martin Warwick (YT), Mark Taylor (YT) and Dave Standeven (M1) with Highest Score 140s with Mark Taylor scoring most men's hundreds with 10 on the night. Dave Standeven also with

a highest possible darts score 180 on the night.

Round 3: Yinnar Tigers made the most of their round 3 clash with Coyotez winning 7 games to 2. Highlights were a Men Most Finishes by Marty Warwick (YT) with 5, Ladies Most Finishes, Sharon Taylor (YT) with 4 also Ladies Most 100s 1 and Ladies Highest Finish 36 with Chloe Helmuth (C) 36.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Mens Monthly Medal 26/5/18. A Grade P. Smart (7) 73 C/B - B Grade C. Cumming (20) 74 - C Grade R. Sands (33) 70. Scratch Winner P. Smart 80. DTL- D. Ellwood 73, A Sharrock 73, Hogbin 75, K. Hills 75, J. Banfield 76, R. Welsh 79, D. Nicholls 79. NTP - 3rd T. Sterrick 12th H. Martin 14th B. Cleland
Saturday 2/6/18
Par

A Grade - J. Barnes (18) Sq. B Grade R. Ancilleri (28) +1. DTL I. Wilson -1, P. Coad -1, J. Sterrick -1, P. Coffey -1, R. Zomer -3 C/B. Birdies T. Sterrick 5th. NTP 3rd R. Welsh, 12th G. Beyer, 14th

K. Hogan.
Birdies 5th G. Beyer.
Tuesday 5/6/18
Ladies Monthly Medal
Scratch Winner
M. Dear (13) 96. Medal Winner C. Barnes (38) 75. DTL V. Verheyen (27) 76. NTP 3rd M. McQuillen, 5th M. Dear, 14th M. Dear. Putts C. Barnes 28.
Saturday 9/6/18
Stroke
A Grade R. Dent. (16) 69. B Grade C. Gosling (21) 70. C Grade W. Barnes (34) 66. DTL H. Martin 70, G. Beyer 70, R. Scurlock 70, B. Cleland 70, V. Monument 70, P. Coffey 71 C/B. Birdies T. Sterrick 5th.



NTP 3rd R. King, 12th R. Dent, 14th J. Sloyan. Birdies 3rd W. Sutton, M. Brereton, R. Dent, C. Gosling.
Tuesday 12/6/18
American Foursomes
Winners J. Blizzard and L. Peake (25 ½) 76 ½. DTL M. McConville and V. Rowley (22 7/8) 77 1/8. NTP 5th M. Dear and J. Beck 14th J. Blizzard and L. Peake.

Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists



Photographing plants and insects by Alix Williams

“What do field naturalists do?”

The Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club's next meeting will be held from 7.30pm at the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Old Sale Road and Chamberlain Road,

Newborough on Friday, July 27.

Members of the club will show their photographs and speak about aspects of the natural world that they have explored both in Australia and overseas. It is always a varied

and very interesting night and visitors are most welcome.

There is no charge. For more information phone 0428 422 461.

The following day's excursion is to the fossil beds in Tyers State Park.

I am not alone

I discovered at my first AI-Anon meeting just how much alcoholism had affected me, even though I didn't drink. I was just as sick as my alcoholic boyfriend - maybe worse. I was obsessed. I constantly searched for alcohol and poured it out when I found it. I didn't sleep or eat, and I was deeply depressed. I felt crazy. My life had become unmanageable.

During that meeting, I

learned I was not alone. I remember sitting there that night, at the end of my rope, when I heard a woman sobbing as she shared her experience. I could feel her pain because her story mirrored mine. I was surprised to realise that I was that sobbing woman. It was my voice sharing all I'd endured. I'd never heard of AI-Anon before and didn't know what to expect that night. I walked in feeling

broken and devastated, but left feeling relieved because I knew that I was not alone. I felt accepted, welcomed and supported. I'd found freedom.

Meetings:

Traralgon Monday 10am
Kath Teychenne Centre 11-13
Breed Street, Traralgon

Newborough Tuesday 8pm or Wednesday 1pm at the Uniting Church or phone AI-Anon 03 9620 2166.



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Antoinette Stokell

Recently I was lucky enough to go on a big adventure to America in April. I started off in Hawaii and spent a week relaxing before heading to the main land. Once there, I joined a Topdeck Tour starting in Los Angeles and finishing up in New York City.

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