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Churchill Lifeline Shop turns 30



The Lifeline Shop in the old Post Office – West Place

Churchill Lifeline Shop turns 30 in August 2018

When Val Rohde was Lifeline Director it was decided to start a series of Lifeline Op Shops to raise much needed funds to support the 24 hour Lifeline Telephone Counselling Service. Keith Enders, who was on the Lifeline Board at the time, asked Julie Berryman if she would be the co-ordinator.

Julie agreed and then began to recruit others to help. This included husband Trevor and other church friends, including Anne and

David Lyne. They were happy to support this project as they believed that Lifeline is a great organisation. The shop was established in the old Exacto Factory above the old West Place shopping centre. For the mums it was not very convenient as they had to leave their prams downstairs and carry their babies up in arms. It was a time when op shop buying was not seen as cool, but as it was upstairs, out of people’s sight, shoppers felt more comfortable.

In those first months they had no drop off bin. After the sale of the initial supplies,

they made only a few dollars a day. Keith was able to organise a bin, and after that things really picked up. They reported that they did whatever they could to raise some money. Jars of marmalade, lemons and vegetables such as pumpkins were all sold.

After securing a bin it became apparent that after taking all the goods up the stairs, they then had to take the unsuitable items back down the stairs.

It was decided that Nancy and Ray Sharman would clear the bins and take all the

goods to their property at Hazelwood, where with several other volunteers, the goods would be sorted into groups, goods to be taken up to the shop, goods to be cut up for rags, and goods that were totally unsuitable for anything other than the tip.

The Sharmans would then drive around delivering rags to many Latrobe Valley businesses. This continued until the Lifeline Warehouse opened in Morwell in 2001.

In the beginning, Lifeline did not want the

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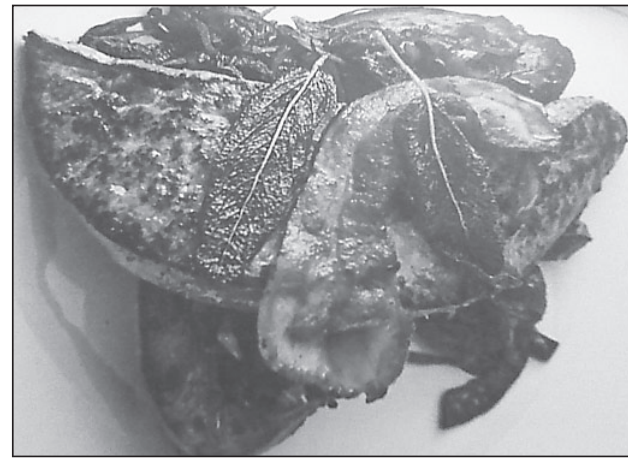


Cooking with Noelene

Lambs fry with bacon and onions

Best brunch ever
 Peel and slice 1 red onion.
 Cook in a large pan with 1 tbs of rice bran oil.
 Add 2 sprigs of fresh sage finely sliced (set aside 2 whole sage leaves).
 Cook till the onions and sage are tender and cooked through.
 Push the sliced onions to one side of the pan and add 1 rasher of bacon and 1 slice of sourdough bread.
 Flip the bread and bacon over as soon as they start to

crisp.
 Drizzle the softened onions with a little red wine vinegar, then pile them on the bread, then move the bacon slice on top of the onions.
 Now add 1 slice of lambs liver (about 125 gm) to the pan and sear for 2 minutes on each side, until the liver is golden and pink in the middle.
 Quickly add the 2 reserved sage leaves with a little oil to crisp them up and serve on top.
 Season with salt and pepper.



Salmon cakes

For these fish cakes you will need 500gm of salmon fillets (skin off).
 Chop the salmon into 1 cm chunks, put half the salmon to one side and continue to chop the other half till almost like a puree.
 Place all the salmon in a large bowl with 2 tbs of lemongrass mince, 1 tbs of minced ginger, 1 handful of torn coriander leaves.
 Season with salt and

cracked black pepper.
 Mix together well.
 Divide into 4, shape and squash into 2cm thick patties.
 Heat a tbs of ghee in a large frypan over a medium heat. Cook the patties for 3 minutes on each side or until golden.
 Spoon 2 dessertspoons of chilli jam / chutney over the salmon cakes.
 Serve with coriander leaves or flat parsley.




Simple pork curry

This is a simple wholesome dish. It was the first dish we prepared for Term 3.
 We mixed 1 dsp of ground cumin in a large bowl with 1 dsp of ground coriander, 1 tsp of cinnamon and 1 tsp of ground chilli powder.

Then we added 1 kg of diced pork and coated it with the spice mix. Place your slow cooker on High.
 Heat 2 tbs of ghee in a large frypan and cook the pork in batches until browned all over. Remove the pork to the slow cooker.

Using the same frypan add 1 onion peeled and chopped, 1 red capsicum sliced, 1 tbs of minced garlic and 1 dsp minced ginger.
 Stir in 1 tbs of water and cook over a medium heat until softened, stirring frequently.
 Remove the vegetables to

the slow cooker.
 Now stir through 400ml of coconut milk, 2 tbs of brown sugar, 1 tbs of lemon juice and 1 tsp of salt. Cover your slow cooker and cook on high for 2 hours.
 Garnish with torn coriander leaves.



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Hazelwood Rotary Club



By Leo Billington

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

We celebrate our 40th birthday as from August 1. Our charter was formally presented on August 1, 1978. Since then, we have been a true and reputable leader in the wider community.

Over the past months, Hazelwood Rotary has

remained a leader with an interesting mix of guest speakers. Each speaker brings a wealth of experience, providing first-hand, current information.

Regional Co-ordinator Omega Family Daycare Services, Ayokunle Babalola explained their new approved in-home child care service. Here is an opportunity for interested persons to become an early childhood educator.

John Lagerway, from

Morwell's Presbyterian Church provided an intriguing and colourful sequence of tasks leading to the complete restoration of the church vintage pipe organ. Located in Melbourne some years ago, the organ was dismantled, each part assiduously numbered and named in Morwell. 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. The students were recent guests to tell all about their MUNA experience.

Gippsland Water CEO, Sarah Cumming and Gippsland Water Customer Service Manager, Paul Clark gave an educative outline of infrastructure work being undertaken throughout central Gippsland.

There is no doubt about the extensive regional "reach" and associated responsibilities being managed by Gippsland Water. State Emergency Service [Morwell Unit] representative, Tony Moretti provided an illuminating outline of the Unit coupled with examples of emergencies to which they attend. Most striking was the extent of community dependence on the SES in conjunction with other emergency services. As

a key co-ordinator within the Unit, Tony is kept very busy.

Hazelwood Rotary presented Tony with a cheque to contribute towards the cost of a defibrillator. 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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Plants in my Garden



Latin folium, meaning leaf, thus the derivation is 'leaves like a Diosma'.

Common Name: Rice Flower or sometimes Sago or Pill Flower or Ball Everlasting.

Distribution: A common species from central Queensland to south-eastern NSW, often prominent in open forests along the ranges and extending into drier hills of sandstone and shale on the western slopes in Queensland.

Description: An erect, straight-stemmed shrub to 5 metres in height, with green leaves up to 2.5cm long by 2mm wide that are often scabrous (rough to the touch, like sandpaper) and are paler beneath with revolute (rolled under) margins and usually with a tiny, hooked tip. Flowers occur mainly in spring and early summer, but may extend well into autumn in good seasons. They consist of dense, broad, terminal clusters containing many white, cream or occasionally pinkish flowerheads about half a centimetre wide each.

Opinion: This thing has

given me nothing but trouble since I won it in the raffle in December 2013. Initially I left it too long in the pot, sitting on the ground in my nursery area, where it quite happily sent roots down into the soil, which I then damaged when I tried to relocate it to a suitable position in the garden. Thus, it wilted and sulked for months after I planted it on the eastern boundary fence in the backyard, probably some time in 2014. I thought it was going to croak it, but eventually it came good, greened up and flowered really well. I took some cuttings in September 2015 of which only one survived (probably due to me ignorantly using fertiliser supposedly suited for native plants, but subsequently found to be way too high in available nitrogen, thus burning a lot of my seeds and cuttings during this period), and which I then planted into my Mum's garden in October 2017. My plant then promptly died for no apparent reason, though according to the literature it can be short-lived and it did have that rough childhood mentioned earlier. So I now don't have this species in the garden, though I have cuttings from my Mum's plant, taken in March this year, which are surviving ok in my cold-frame as I write. Hopefully they will survive until springtime, when I'll pot them up (with decent fertiliser this time) and get one back into the garden.

Sources: Sharr: WA Plant Names and their Meanings.

Elliot and Jones: Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 7.

Costermans: Native Trees and Shrubs of South-eastern 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 0447 452 755.

By Mike Beamish

Species: Ozothamnus diosmifolius (was Helichrysum diosmifolium back in the 1980's)

Family: Asteraceae

Derivation: Ozothamnus: From the Greek ozo, meaning branch, and thamnus, meaning a shrub, leading to a very boring derivation of branching shrub, which could refer to anything.

diosmifolius: Not sure if diosma is Greek or Latin, but it is a genus in the family Rutaceae, coupled with the

Darrell White OAM

Stallholders wanted for "2018 Children's Expo", October 25, at Kernot Hall

Latrobe City Council is calling for stallholders for the "2018 Children's Expo" to be held on Thursday October 25 at Kernot Hall, Morwell.

Early bird booking prices are available until the end of August. Council is keen to hear from organisations and businesses which operate in the early years' sector to become stallholders.

This annual Children's Expo event attracts thousands of visitors seeking information about early years' service providers in a friendly, accessible atmosphere.

The Children's Expo is the perfect blend of information and services with family fun to keep the young ones entertained. It's designed to allow parents and care-givers the chance to meet service providers. To find out

information or receive advice, to buy quality goods and for children to enjoy the program of activities.

Following the success of last year's first twilight Children's Expo, the event will take place once again from 2pm to 7pm. Feedback from previous events indicated that our community find this timing works better for the needs of the entire family. These hours allow working parents, whose children are in preschool or the early years of primary school, the opportunity to attend.

This year's Expo attractions include the performing group "The Mik Maks" who are hugely popular with the younger audience.

The Expo Program is full and varied, including local performers and entertainers as well as craft and other hands-on activities.



The Children's Expo continues to attract ever increasing attendance numbers and ongoing support from the local community. It's the mix of interactive and informative that keeps people coming back.

Complete an application form online and be a part of the success.

To book visit: https://childrens_expo_stallholder.eventbrite.com.au

Melbourne Victory visits Churchill

By Sam Gillett

Melbourne Victory came to Churchill on August 3 to put on a clinic for Koorie youth.

The day was organised by Budjeri Napan (Latrobe Valley Koorie Sports Committee) and the LVA with support from the Churchill United Soccer Club. The event was attended by over 80 Koorie students from schools ranging from Drouin to Traralgon.

Budjeri Napan Sports Committee has organised events to promote football and cricket and used this to take indigenous teams to compete in Melbourne. The ability to do this for soccer was there but they needed more participants.

Budjeri Napan has been running for ten years and in that time has organised three Gippsland Carnivals for football and netball. They have over 1000 indigenous participants active and engaged with these events. These competitions range from four football teams between Drouin to Lake Tyers

and 12-14 netball teams.

Other sports that Budjeri Napan have worked with are cricket and swimming. This is through come and try days and school clinics - starting with Woolum Bellum ten years ago.

The day commenced with a Welcome to Country by Christine Johnson. Christine also shared the dreamtime story of Tiddalik the Frog. The story tells the importance of sharing what we have.

Melbourne Victory separated the children into four groups and took them through skills training for soccer. The day ended with the participants playing friendly games with each other.

Before lunch Christine Johnson presented Melbourne Victory star Archie Thomas with a gift - a handmade bull roarer. Archie was delighted to receive the traditional indigenous instrument.

Archie Thomas began his soccer career playing for the Falcons who are currently getting a ground redevelopment. He expressed his excitement to come back

to the area where he grew up and work with rural kids, as they appreciate it more than the city kids who have everything on their front door step.

Archie hopes sharing his story will encourage these indigenous students to do what they can and follow their dreams. Currently Indigenous Australians make up 10% of AFL listed players while that number goes up to 12% for NRL. Indigenous players only make up 1.2% of A-League lists despite an Indigenous Football Strategy started in 2012.

The Melbourne Victory and LVA program goal of seeing more Indigenous children playing soccer will help level the participation gap between soccer and the other football codes.

The partnership between LVA and Melbourne Victory will continue over three years. On September 1 Melbourne Victory is set to play a match in the Latrobe Valley.

Archie Thomas receiving a handmade bull roarer from Local Elder Christine Johnson



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Churchill Town Safety Group



Computer and Phone scams

This month, the Churchill Town Safety group is looking at computer and phone scams.

There are a lot of people who receive emails and or phone calls from various people or phone centres that claim to be offering goods or services and even money.

They even claim to be from the Taxation Department and try to convince people that they owe an amount of money.

The latest one is various people that send you an email stating that you have received a traffic violation.

They don't state where or when, but they give a figure of how much to pay

and where to send the money. Some people ask you to pay by purchasing itunes vouchers from a supermarket to be sent to an address of their asking.

Be very wary of these people. Delete the emails that look suspicious, before you open any attachments.

Some attachments often have viruses that "attack" your computer.

Never give any banking or credit card details to people that you don't know or trust. If in doubt have a look at www.scamwatch.gov.au and familiarise yourself with things that go on in the community, and spread the word to friends and family, so that no one gets scammed.



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Darren Chester MP

I'm encouraging community groups across Gippsland to apply for Federal Government funding to support the work of their local volunteers.

Community organisations can apply for a share of \$20 million in grants for not-for-profit organisations. Local groups can apply for funding from \$1000 to \$5000.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community and by continuing to help each other and work together; we are building a stronger and safer Gippsland.

The grants can be used towards the cost of essential items that help make the work of our volunteers easier, safer, and more enjoyable, such as equipment, training, transport and background screening.

I encourage not-for-profit organisations to apply for Volunteer Grants to make the work of our volunteers easier and to encourage more new volunteers to the club.

The next round of Volunteer Grants is expected to open in August, but now is the time for local groups to sort out how this kind of financial help could benefit them and start getting their applications ready.

Visit communitygrants.gov.au to subscribe to updates on the application process.

The Latrobe Valley has been selected as one of five trial sites for a domestic and family violence prevention toolkit.

The Federal Government



is funding a 12 month trial at five sites nationally and is providing Latrobe City Council with resources and tools to lead the community in violence prevention activities.

There are many dedicated staff and volunteers locally devoted to reducing family violence and supporting victims.

The trial project will support Latrobe City Council to review and expand on the work already being done by local agencies to address domestic and family violence in the community.

We have some fantastic people working in this field who are determined to achieve change in community attitudes - because we must do better.

There is still under-reporting of family violence, but we know that one in three Australian women over the age of 15 will experience physical violence and that one in five will experience sexual violence at some point in their lives, with 64 per cent of those

incidents occurring in their homes.

This trial will help drive much-needed cultural change and will focus on improved awareness of and responsiveness to this important issue.

The development and trial of the local government toolkit is part of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022.

Funding for the toolkit will be provided across five sites from 2017-18 to 2018-19 and will be supported by an additional \$350,000 to Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety to evaluate the outcomes.

For further information on the National Plan, visit <https://www.dss.gov.au/women/programs-services/reducing-violence/the-national-plan-to-reduce-violence-against-women-and-their-children-2010-2022>

I thought I knew everything

The crushing pain of watching our son spiral downward in his alcoholism and addiction became too much to endure. My wife and I had done all we could - detox, rehab, counselling, psychiatric care, new schools, new cars, yet the cycle of recovery and relapse continued.

The situation deteriorated to the point that I feared for his life. I thought I knew everything because I was a licensed physician.

I administered narcotics and sedatives every day. Despite all the academic degrees, specialty certifications and licenses I possessed, I was an abject failure. I could resuscitate overdose victims, but I could not save my boy.

In desperation, I found

my way to Al-Anon on a late summer day. The parking lot's sticky asphalt tugged at my shoes.

My inner voice said 'don't go in there; you don't need this. You're a grown man, a husband, a father and a doctor. You might meet someone you know- your reputation will be shot'.

But I continued on to the meeting, the beginning of what would become a lifelong journey to self-discovery. I was met by a gentle lady who said, "We've all been through what you are going through." Others said, "You're in the right place," and "You can find serenity here." I didn't believe them.

But I kept coming back, even after our beloved son was claimed by this hideous disease. As I approach my

70th birthday, I still come back twice a week to be strengthened by stories of trial and growth and of new insights, stories of learning new ways of living, even of a loved one's continued drinking and using.

I "Keep Coming Back" because I can hold out a hand to those who still suffer, those who cross sticky parking lots or trudge through snow and ice as desperate for help as I was.

I "Keep Coming Back" because what I've learned here has helped me become a grateful, even joyful man. Today I am a man at peace, rather than a man consumed with rage and resentment that I would have been without the help of Al-Anon.

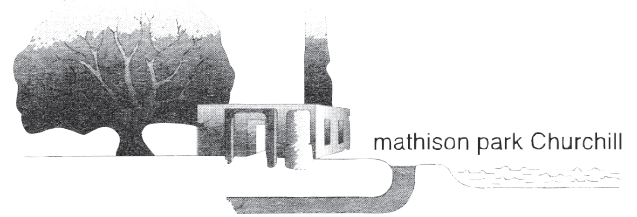
Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre has a new telephone number.

This is because Latrobe City Council has kindly included them in their own phone network.

Calls to the old number will still connect for a while, but it costs no money for the calls to be redirected to the new number.

New number: 5120 3850.



Four people turned up at the last working bee and completed several tasks on the list for the day.

Ground concrete and stones were placed at the ends of the long boardwalk to take away the gap between the path and the top of the boardwalk.

Sand was used to fill some lower places in paths which end up as puddles after the rain.

An inventory was made of trees to be replaced in several garden beds and areas.

Some of the trees we re-staked with longer stakes and tied to support them as they grow.

The weather turned out to be warm and sunny- a perfect day for work in the park.

A big thank you to PineGro for a donation of three loads of mulch to spread around trees in our large circles.

For the school holidays Fisheries Victoria stocked Lake Hyland for the anglers. Among the 'anglers' were four pelicans which could be seen frequenting the lake.



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All Age Worship

Café Church was the setting for our all age worship service this last month.

Tables and chairs were set up with the makings of tea, coffee and hot chocolate plus biscuits, to sip and nibble on as the service progressed.

Cathie and Allan spent a great deal of time setting up the church for this service which had plenty of food for thought.

All those who participated did an excellent job.

Following the service people stayed on and shared a further cuppa and extra goodies.

Coffee Connections

Coffee Connections had the theme of

'sayings we know'.

Many were shared with lots of laughter and interest.

IGA

Our stall outside IGA was again a roaring success.

Thank you to all who supplied goods to sell, and to the public for your generous support in buying the goods or taking a chance to win a trailer load of firewood.

A special thank you to the managers of IGA for their enthusiastic encouragement of us being there.



Top Left to Right:
Cafe Church
Children helping to bring the Covenant Box to Jerusalem
Bottom Left to Right:
Margaret and Nyree showing the congregation what the children had done in craft activities
Sharon demonstrating that our joy should be so great that it runs over.



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Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

Student Connect

American history, from a Christian perspective, sees the event in August 1776 in the light of providence, not coincidence.

Almost exactly 242 years ago, General George Washington and his small army were set to defend New York City against British General Howe and his 32,000 men.

Washington's army had already suffered heavy losses. They had to retreat or be destroyed. The only way of escape was across the East River.

That night there was a storm that prevented General Howe from sending his ships up the river to cut off the escape. But how

could General Washington get his men safely across the stormy waters?

Among the reinforcements that had arrived the day before was a regiment of Massachusetts fishermen who were expert seamen! The retreat took place overnight, aided by a dense early morning fog that hid the last of the boats.

No one saw it except one pro-British family. They tried to report it, but the British outpost was manned by a German soldier who couldn't understand English!

Were all these amazing factors mere coincidence? Or



were they acts of providence?

Again, from a Christian view, they can be viewed as providence not coincidence.

J.C. Ryle (1816-1900) a theologian, and the first Anglican Bishop of Liverpool (UK), said that 'there is no such thing as chance, luck, coincidence, nor accident in the Christian journey'.

How many times could we dismiss some events as coincidence, rather than see God at work in them?

Worth thinking about!

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Melina Bath MP



It was a pleasure to connect with the Churchill United Soccer Club affectionately known to locals as the Rams. This fantastic community club was established in 1969 and currently supports 85 local children and 45 adults from the Churchill community. They are a well-run and progressive club and are continuing to build their membership from the ground up. Unfortunately their player change and bathroom facilities reflect the clubs 49 year history and are in desperate need of an upgrade. Over the years the Rams have grown to be a family oriented club catering for both males and females of all ages. With the uptake of young girls participating in soccer their change rooms are now falling apart and inadequate, lacking the necessary privacy for female athletes and officials. Earlier this month I had the pleasure to host the Victorian Senator and Federal Minister for Sport, Bridget McKenzie and Sheridan Bond, the Nationals candidate for Morwell at the club, and together we spent time with junior players and club officials.

We toured the Churchill United Soccer facilities and discussed the new Commonwealth Community Infrastructure Grant program that was announced in the 2018/2019 Federal Government's budget. Together with Trevor Reiss, Club President, Amanda Lehrner Vice President, Treasurer Ron Wilson and Committee member Stephen Breheny, we looked over the future development plans of the Rams which are shovel ready and awaiting suitable funding opportunities. The Commonwealth's Community Infrastructure Grant program opened in August 2018 and is being established to fund small to medium scale projects and improve existing sporting facilities at the grassroots level. The program will ensure more Australians have access to quality sporting facilities and will encourage greater community participation in sport and physical activity. Sheridan Bond and I have been spending time with a number of grassroots sporting clubs and identifying regional priorities. Churchill United Soccer Club is one of the

sporting clubs we have visited and identified. Churchill United has shown us that they are a fantastic community-based club whose facilities are in need of an upgrade to ensure they continue to prosper into the future. It was important that the Federal Minister for Sport saw first-hand one of the Latrobe Valley facilities that could benefit from federal government support. It was a pleasure to be able to advocate for members of the Churchill community. As a former Gippsland local and the Federal Minister for Sport, Minister McKenzie is well placed to understand the difference improvements to community infrastructure can make in a small regional town such as Churchill. Our grassroots sporting organisations are an integral part of our local towns and are so often the heart and soul of the community. They play an incredibly important role in getting us more active, and in the development of our overall health and happiness, and they also help create social and economic benefits. I look forward to following the successes of the Rams into the future.

Harriet Shing MP

Harriet Shing, Member for Eastern Victoria Region is encouraging ex-service organisations in Gippsland to apply for funding from the Veterans Capital Works Grant Program. The new grant program was announced in the Victorian Budget 2018/19 and builds on the State Government's work to support veterans living in Victoria. The \$2 million of grants

will fund capital works projects that encourage greater membership and financial stability of ex-service organisations. The types of projects that are eligible for funding include renovations to provide all abilities access, improve catering facilities or upgrade memorial halls to increase community use. Applications close on Friday August 27, 2018.



For more information visit www.dpc.vic.gov.au/veterans/veterans-grants.

Hazelwood Cemetery Trust



By Leo Billington
Various enquiries are often made about the Hazelwood Cemetery for a wide range of reasons. It could be for family research, or to visit a family or friend's grave. On occasions, it's because its location is a mystery, irrespective of it being 140 years old. Basically, give or take a few months, the cemetery is slightly older than Morwell. Then there's the intriguing question - whereabouts is Morwell's cemetery? Morwell never had a cemetery. Its' cemetery was established as the Hazelwood Cemetery. The cemetery's lifetime has seen a massive variety of changes; social trends included. History has it that the first plastic based on a synthetic polymer was made from phenol and formaldehyde, with the first viable and cheap synthesis methods invented in 1907, by Leo Hendrik Baekeland, a Belgian-born American living in New York state. Eventually plastic underpinned world-wide economic growth being, at one stage, an acclaimed hallmark of progress. Now plastic is an enemy - bags, car parts, wrapping, medical supplies, homewares and on it goes [and goes]. Plastic flowers were invented - to replace real flowers. Plastic flowers are now on the way out. Therefore, over the coming months, Hazelwood Cemetery Trust will



eventually remove all plastic flowers distributed in and about the cemetery. [Wind is a frustrating distributor of plastic flowers.] This is a forward notice to our community, one which the Trust knows there will be wide support.

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Churchill Lifeline Shop 30 years, cont.



Inside the original upstairs Lifeline Op Shop



Above: The present shop front
Left: Volunteers
Below: Jackie McLure and Annette Deppler present co-ordinators



Bottom Left: Trevor and Julie Berryman and Anne and David Lyne original volunteer founders of the shop.
Below: Betty Shore long time volunteer



From Page 1 . . .

op shop to be called that. It was termed a House of Value, but officially only! The volunteers often took home things to wash, iron and/or repair, with David doing the tip runs. Each volunteer had to pay a \$1 annually or \$5 for lifetime membership of Lifeline.

This covered them for insurance. Each volunteer had to sign in, recording their name date, day and signature. This original book is retained in the archives.

The first minutes recorded: 'J Pepall chaired the meeting welcoming all present. He led those present in a look at the draft constitution which was approved with the addition of the word Churchill to the name - Lifeline Latrobe Valley Inc. House of Value, Churchill. Elected office bearers were Julie Berryman - Chairperson, Rhonda Gibson - Deputy Chairperson, Anne

Lyne - Secretary, Eric Gibson -Treasurer.'

Cutting up unsaleable garments for rags was a lucrative way to obtain an income and had a ready sale at garages and Energy Brix.

The shop has been a place the university students have visited to pick up cooking utensils etc as they moved out of residences into a house in Churchill. It was an opportunity for homesick young people to receive a kind word.

The volunteers who have worked for the shop over the years have been dedicated to helping others, and the organisation, but have gained much satisfaction in doing so. Many have worked for lengthy periods of time. They have seen it as a time to get to know their community and its people. The shop became a social outing for some, especially if they were

isolated.

The shop has been located in five different places. 1. Upstairs in the old West Place Shopping Centre. 2. On the southern side of the West Place Shopping Centre at ground level. 3. Where the Chinese Restaurant is now. 4. In the former Post Office site in West Place Shopping Centre. 5. In Hazelwood Village at its present site.

This establishment has been operating, helping the community, with dedicated people over these last 30 years. They have a proud record of organising the shop so that it is attractive and neat with good quality items on sale.

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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.

"12 July, 1989.

Dear Friends,

Our last meeting, was attended by 17 members. Those present were given the opportunity to meet our new Ranger, Robert Howell. We would once again welcome Rob and family to the area and trust their stay is a happy one.

We were to have planted trees up the Jumbuk Rd. edge of the Morwell National Park. However, due to bad!!! weather we only collected the previously used tree guards from the Lyndon's Clearing Track. This amounted to a Utility load and a few quite damp members. Thank you to those involved.

The letters received from the public and published in the Express were discussed. It was felt that more benefit would be obtained by all involved if they were to join our group or at least contact D.C.F.& L. with constructive ideas. The members also suggested that we contact the Morwell Shire in relation to the updating and better maintenance of the Billys Creek Reserve, in order to lessen the load on the current picnic area of the Park, until such time as the current access problems are resolved. It was suggested that some of the local service groups be contacted in relation to the chances of an electric barbecue and shelter being made available. The Shire was also to be asked to supply and plant more native shrubs and trees. The members showed some interest in helping to plant these shrubs and trees.

Discussion was also undertaken in relation to our submission to D.C.F.& L. re: Billys Creek Area development, as a result a summarised submission will be forwarded together with a suggestion that Debra Bourke attend our meetings and discuss the matter further with our members. This would also allow Debra to give us some feedback on her progress.

Our next meeting is to be held on the 16th of July. At this meeting we propose



to conduct a working bee in Billys Creek.

Please meet at Tebb Terrace at 1.30 pm, as per the agenda.

Yours Faithfully, Trish Grigg"

July Activity Report

At this activity we had Matt, Wayne, Beryl, Ken, Tamara, John, Graeme and Darren. We had apologies from Mike, Cathy, Margaret and Wendy S. Matt went through the JSA and the Volunteer Activity Form he had completed before the activity. Sadly this was not completed by Ranger Shane. The Annual Volunteer Activity Plan has been completed by Ranger Jo and Matt. Between activities they have been working together to get this plan formulated.

Recently a new forest park was opened. The new park located in the Strzelecki Ranges will be called Brataualung (pronounced "Bra-too-alung"). It is the name from one of the original Gunaikurnai clans who are the traditional owners of Gippsland.

Matt reported that a community benefit card is now available from IGA for our friends group. Anybody now can name the Friends of Morwell National Park as their community group for a percentage of sales to go towards the group.

Ken described that he has sold multiple copies of the "Plants of Morwell National Park" and "Lichens Guide to the Friends of Tarra-Bulga National Park" for sale in the visitor center. Ken reported that his new book - "Moths of Morwell National Park" is at the printers and they are

printing 1,000 copies. The groups involved in the funding of the book will receive copies and the planned purchase price will be \$5.00.

For the days' work we were to complete track clearing on the Muttonwood and Stringybark tracks. The planned work to remove a fallen tree across the Grand Strzelecki Track was postponed. We will delay this task until next month when it may be drier and more feasible.

The group moved to our cars and drove around to the Kerry Road car park. While equipment was collected from the shed, the group moved to the beginning of Stringybark Track. The group then split with Matt, Wayne and Ken going to Muttonwood Track to clear a branch that had fallen across the track. The branch was hung up but was brought down to cut and remove it from the track. The remainder of the group walked around the Stringybark track removing fallen branches and getting rid of foliage that was growing into the track.

The group met up later at the bench at the end of Stringybark Track for lunch. After lunch, Matt and Darren left and the rest of the group cleared the return leg of the Stringybark Track.

August Activity

Sunday August 20, 10.00am

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

Annual film and supper evening for SI Gippsland

On Tuesday June 19, SI Gippsland held its annual film and supper evening with proceeds going to ongoing educational projects. From this evening a percentage of the night is going to the Gippsland STEM Sisters project. The Koorie Homework Class held at Liddiard Road Primary School each Monday after school is an ongoing recipient of educational sponsorship and project work by SI Gippsland.

The film shown, 'Hidden Figures', struck a chord with the audience. The film depicts three African-American female mathematicians working for NASA in the 1960s in the space programme. It highlights the difficulties faced by women in the workforce at that time.

The film elicited sympathy, sadness and amazement that professional women in the 1960s were treated with such disdain, facing both racial discrimination and gender discrimination. Audience members commented that "it was a good choice of film, warm and affirming - it told a bit of history that needed to be told."

Another, one of the many male attendees, said the space story was interesting but what stood out for him was the issues of gender and racial inequality depicted.

Supper, served at the end of the film, was prepared by Soroptimist members and had an East Coast and Southern American food flavour. Savoury dishes prepared included mini hot dogs, a New Orleans rice and lentil dish, Southern potato salad, chicken fried rice, chilli con carne, a vegan and gluten free maple glazed baked beans dish plus an assortment of cold salads. Desserts included the iconic chocolate brownies, including vegan and GF options, blackberry cobbler and sweet pumpkin pie along with large fresh fruit platters. One happy diner called the food "absolutely magnificent"



and many compliments flowed following the evening. The thematic suppers have been a feature of the Soroptimist film evenings.

There have now been five successful film evenings, along with an associated raffle. The concept originally started to mark the anniversary charter date of SI Gippsland on May 26, 2013.

Overall, SI Gippsland members were delighted with the positive atmosphere on the night, people stayed to chat and look at the information table. Admittedly numbers were lower than other years as the film had been popular a couple of years ago, but many attendees viewed it for the first time. Others came to support the club's educational aims, citing strong approval for supporting the Gippsland STEM Sisters education programme. The evening has a three-fold aim; to profile

the work of SI Gippsland, to support local educational endeavours and to bring interested members of the community together.

Soroptimists International of Gippsland, known informally as SI Gippsland, is a women's service group and is part of an international organisation which is active in 91 countries. SI Gippsland is one of 12 Victorian clubs. The basic aim is to improve the lives of women and girls at both local and international levels through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities. For further information please contact local President, Samantha Brick on 0427 824 722 or check out the club's website or Facebook page under Soroptimists International of Gippsland.

(Article and photos contributed by Judy van Beek, SI Gippsland).

Hazelwood Rotary Club



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Leo Billington, President
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Scamwatch

Scamwatch is warning the Australian community to be wary about investment scams, with statistics revealing Australians are collectively losing \$4.3 million a month to these scams. In 2018, more than \$26 million has been reported lost to investment scams—already 84 per cent of the total losses recorded in 2017. This represents an average month on month increase in losses of 117 per cent compared to last year.

“The losses to investment scams are horrific. Each week the ACCC receives heartbreaking accounts of people losing hundreds of thousands, and in some cases millions, of dollars,” ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

“Last year, Australians reported they lost \$64.6 million to investment scams to Scamwatch and the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN). If the current trend continues, combined losses reported to Scamwatch and ACORN in 2018 could be in excess of \$100 million.

These scams are very sophisticated and the scammers are very convincing. People aged 45-64 are most at risk and make up more than half the reports sent to Scamwatch,” Ms Rickard said.

The vast majority of investment scams are still centred on traditional investment markets like stocks, real estate or commodities. For example, scammers will cold call victims claiming to be a stock broker or investment portfolio manager and offer a ‘hot tip’ or inside information on a stock or asset that is supposedly about to go up significantly in value. They will claim what they are offering is low-risk and will provide quick and high returns.

“Scammers will spend significant time and effort grooming their victims to invest. They will use the right technical language and also offer professional looking websites and documents to convince victims they are legitimate. It’s often only when people try to cash out their investment that they realise their money is gone,” Ms Rickard said.

Two other types of investments where scams are prevalent are cryptocurrency trading and binary options.

Cryptocurrency trading scams have grown significantly in the past 12 months and are now the second most common type of investment scam offer pushed on victims.

“The rise in popularity in cryptocurrency trading has not been missed by scammers who are latching onto this new trend to con people. These are similar to any other investment scam: the scammer will claim to have inside knowledge about price movements they will use to make you a fortune. If you invest, your money will quickly disappear,” Ms Rickard said.

“Binary options trading involves scammers pretending they can predict the movements of a commodity, asset or index prices over a short time. They direct you to a website with a login, account details and a trading platform. They appear to put your money into the account and demonstrate a number of successful trades to encourage you to invest greater sums. Then your money begins to disappear and so too does the scammer.”

The clearest warning sign you’re dealing an investment scammer is how they contact you and the promises they make.

“It can be very difficult to tell what is and isn’t legitimate these days. If someone calls, emails or texts you out of the blue with investment advice, don’t engage with them no matter how legitimate they sound. Hang up the phone, or delete the email or text. If you’re searching for new investment opportunities online, don’t always trust what you read. It’s easy for scammers to create professional looking investment websites,” Ms Rickard said.

“Any claims like ‘risk-free investment’, ‘low risk, high return’, ‘be a millionaire in three years’, or ‘get-rich quick’ are also easy tells that you’re dealing with a scammer.

If you are keen to invest, start by visiting ASIC’s MoneySmart website. This is a fantastic resource that explains the steps you should take before committing to an investment and how to avoid scammers. Always check ASIC’s list of companies you should not deal with before you invest,” Ms Rickard said.

You can report investment scams to ASIC or Scamwatch.

Russell Northe MP



United site

I have once again highlighted the major eyesore at the entrance to the Churchill township and taken United Petroleum to task for its lack of action in addressing our concerns.

The state of the old petrol station on the corner of Monash Way and Acacia Way Churchill is appalling, and after years of community angst I had previously commenced a petition in January of this year with almost 2,000 people signing, calling upon United to demolish the derelict buildings on site.

Following the onsite meeting with residents in July, I have once again written to United at the community’s suggestion and have advised United that they need to provide a statement to Churchill residents by August 12, 2018 and outline when

they are going to remove these unsightly buildings.

If they fail to respond or respond adequately, many Churchill locals have suggested that further action be taken including the option of protesting or even boycotting the current United petrol station.

If United was fair dinkum Australian as they say, they would not allow this issue to fester: they would do what is right for Churchill, and remove these buildings now.

Sailability

Another issue about which I am passionate, is the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club’s “Sailability” program. Sailability is a recreational sailing program designed for people with a disability, conducted at experienced sailing clubs, which supports the concept of growing participation and increasing

the opportunities for sailors of all abilities.

Our local Sailability program has been run by the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club and its wonderful volunteers for 18 years, and provides a rewarding recreational pursuit for people of all abilities.

The recent closure of Hazelwood Pondage has left this vital program in limbo, and the fact the Sailability program has had to be cancelled for at least the next school term is a bitter blow for the many Special Development Schools and disability organisations, whose students and clients are actively involved in the program.

If the Pondage remains closed a new suitable location has to be found urgently so Sailability can be delivered locally – Lake Narracan is one venue that could be

considered.

Many Sailability participants have gone on to compete in National and International competitions, including Sarah Millsom and Mark Thorpe who are soon to represent Australia in the 2018 Hansa Class World and International Championships in Japan.

With the Pondage now closed, over seventy participants are currently missing out on this extremely important activity.

I have written to the Minister for Energy, the Minister for Disability, Latrobe City Council and Sothern Rural Water seeking answers on how Sailability can continue to be delivered. All relevant authorities must ensure that this important program continues for the benefit of local sailing enthusiasts.

Morwell Historical Society Inc Gippsland

Morwell Historical Society Inc Gippsland has received a grant of \$3000 to publish a book about Morwell District Soldiers who served in the Boer War. We offer our congratulations.



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Milestone 90/60/30 Birthdays in one family to celebrate



This year sees a milestone birthday celebration in the Notting household.

Raymond, beef farmer, just on the outskirts of Churchill turns 90, his son Neville turns 60 and granddaughter Kobie turns 30.

Raymond and his eight siblings, were mainly raised in the Mallee Country and

moved to Gippsland in the early 1950's where he married Eileen Mc Farlane from Yinnar. Together they share farmed a dairy herd but moved into beef in the 1970s. They had three children Greg, Keith and Neville.

Neville married Andrea May and settled in Yinnar to raise their son Stuart.

Ironically Neville was born on Ray's 30th birthday.

Kobie is the daughter of Ray's eldest son Greg, and she lives in Churchill. She loves to travel and enjoys art.

Pictured are Ray, Neville and Kobie celebrating the 90/60/30 birthdays at a recent small family gathering in Churchill.

Thorpdale Potato Festival

Sunday, March 10, 2019. It's a great time to mark your phone and computer diaries so you don't forget to come and join in the fun of this great day out.

Our Stalls co-ordinator advised that applications are now open and they are flooding in – not surprising given the amount of stalls there were in 2017.

Something really new to this Festival is that ALL – not just some, but ALL, entertainments will be free of charge.

This means that not only the three jumping castles and

giant slide will be free, but the bucking bull and the NEW merry go round are also on the free list (age and height lists do apply for the former of course). What other Festival can offer free activities of this calibre?

We're having that fabulous Helicopter back again, so if you've wanted to see Thorpy hovering in the air, here's your chance – and we've got a whip-cracker signed up to keep you in line.

The breath-taking wood choppers are back, patting pets will keep the nippers happy (free of charge again)

and TC Trickz are returning and also doing a few more amazing shows.

Even more excitement is on track with the CFA showing how they help save lives on our roads and those magnificent Hessians-on-the-Field creations will be stunning us again.

For more information, contact: Barbara Butterworth, Marketing & Public Relations Officer, Thorpdale Potato Festival Committee - email on thorpdale.potatofest@gmail.com, www.thorpdale.potatofestival.com.au or phone (03) 5634 6242.

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New exhibitions at LRG to inspire audiences



Latrobe Regional Gallery has been awarded a Creative Victoria grant of \$26,400 to engage audiences, for four major exhibitions which are part of its diverse exhibition calendar.

'Kylie on Stage', featuring a selection of costumes and footage cataloguing Australian icon Kylie Minogue's pop culture journey will lead the programming, opening in October. LRG will celebrate Kylie's work by inviting local creatives to hone their skills in music recording, dance and more.

'Code Breakers: Women in Games', from the Australian Centre for the Moving Image will celebrate women artists, who are leading the way in the digital games industry in Australia and New Zealand. LRG will also seek to uncover the next generation of local games leaders through hosting coding workshops and digital art and design sessions for participants aged eight and up.

'Daniel Crooks'. Also starting in October will feature a major exhibition

of video-based artworks by the internationally acclaimed Melbourne artist Daniel Crooks. The exhibition will be paired with artist talks, tours and educational projects in partnership with regional schools and young video makers.

'Experimenta - Triennial of Media Art'. Next year, the Gallery will run specialist artist workshops and talks to coincide with this new media exhibition. There will be workshops, talks and guided tours for all members of the community to explore the exhibition.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said the funding allowed the Gallery to build programs to interact with visitors.

"Since its major upgrade last year, the Gallery is able to host major exhibitions, but more than that, the team is able to design and deliver special programs in the space to explore creativity in the community. We want the facility to be an immersive experience, a must-visit regional attraction and a

cultural beacon for local residents and those from further afield.

Each of these coming exhibitions - 'Kylie on Stage', 'Code Breakers: Women in Games', 'Daniel Crooks' and 'Experimenta - Triennial of Media Art', brings with it the opportunity for our community to unleash its creative expression," Councillor White said.

"A Gallery is much more than a space to hang paintings or display sculptures. It must attract, inspire and leave an impression on its visitors. These new exhibitions will demand attention and viewers will find it difficult to leave their experience at the door. We want to pull them in to creating, to discovery and to viewing their world through different media. The Engaging Audiences funding is designed to boost our capacity to deliver more than just a thing to be viewed; it is about education and public programming and allowing the Gallery to embed itself in the creative conscience of our community," Councillor White concluded.

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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.

James Peter THOMSON

James Thomson, known as Jim, was born 18/4/1875 at Mount Martha to parents Peter Stewart Thomson and Elizabeth Ritchie. Jim was a grazier from Jeeralang.

He had had previous experience in the militia as Private No.447 with Victorian Mounted Rifles (Morwell Depot).

James enlisted on 15/1/1901 as No.1042 Private with the 5TH Victorian Mounted Rifles and was then sent to Langwarrin Military Camp. He departed Melbourne on the SS Argus, arriving on 13/3/1901 at Cape Town before going on to Port Elizabeth four days later to catch a train to Pretoria.

He fought in eastern Transvaal during the guerrilla campaign by the Boers, participating in major action against the Boers at Rhenoster Kop, Transvaal. In March he was transferred to the Right Wing, A Company 5TH VMR. He then returned to Cape Town to depart for Australia on the SS Custodian and was discharged in Melbourne in April 1902.

Sometime after the Boer War, James served six months in the Australian Light Horse at Morwell.

In World War I James enlisted on 22/3/1916 as No.6097 Private in 19th Reinforcements, 5TH Battalion. Two months later he was promoted to Corporal. On 23/9/1916 he transferred to the 39TH Battalion, later being promoted to Lance-Corporal. James served in England and France. In August 1917 at Messines he was buried alive in a trench by an exploding shell. This led to his discharge on 1/2/1919 as medically unfit.

James was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps for Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, South Africa 1901 and South Africa 1902.

After the Boer War and then again after World War I, he resumed farming at Jeeralang.

James married Hazel Loveday Thompson at Traralgon on 23/3/1922. They had three children- Eunice Isobel, Shirley Loveday and Bryce Cranwell Thomson.

In 1966 James retired from farming and moved to Traralgon. He was a regular entrant in equestrian events at the Traralgon Show and was made a life member of the Traralgon Agricultural Society.

James died aged 97 years at Traralgon on 6/4/1973 and was buried at Traralgon Cemetery on 9/4/1973.

Thomson Road, Hazelwood South was named after James Thomson.

Ruth Jordan, James' granddaughter, has these memories of her grandfather to share.

Ruth said she loved to visit James. He lived in an iron shack on Jeeralang North Road when she visited him. His grandchildren called him Pa Pa.

He lived very plainly and frugally, carefully using water, and having no power. He was of Scottish ancestry. Even so he always appeared neat with a little white collared shirt.

Ruth remembers he was always reading; he loved Banjo Patterson. Also he enjoyed writing letters and receiving them. While living in the bush, the Thomson family survived the 1939 and 1944 bushfires. In one of the bushfires, his war medals were burnt while he sat in a dam as the fire front went through.

James was very community minded and loved horses and rode until he was 80. He loved being out in the bush not in town.

He had several stints in hospital with pneumonia before moving to live in Traralgon and later went into care at St Lawrence Nursing Home in Morwell. He would ensure his daily exercise by walking up and down the lounge room. He liked to keep fit.

His brother-in-law was David James White who served as a Private No.265 in 2ND VMR and Sergeant No.1697 in 5TH VMR.

Morwell Advertiser (Morwell, Vic. 1888 - 1954) Friday 31 May 1901, page 3.

OUR BOYS. LETTER FROM PRIVATE J. P. THOMSON.

The following are extracts from a letter sent to a friend by Private J. P. Thomson, of Morwell, who is a member of the Fifth Contingent, which will be found interesting:

Pretoria, Good Friday.

The ground here in some parts reminds me of Tatura, only there is not a tree at all. I have not seen a tree since I landed except imported ones. Blue Gums and Black Wattle grow well, there are about a dozen big ones in Pretoria, the best one would be quite four feet through. We were seven days in quarantine and had a good time as our horses were taken off, so we had nothing at all to do.

We landed in Durban on the 28th, and travelled all night and stayed at Volkruet next afternoon and night. The country from Durban to



Private James Peter Thomson
5th Victorian Mounted Rifles
Photo by Tom Humphrey & Co., Melbourne.
The Leader - Supplement 16/2/1901, page 5, photo 294

there is something splendid. I never saw anything so pretty before. There is just a mass of hills and valleys, and all small and steep. There is just about two yards of level ground on the top of the ridges, and every bit of land for miles is covered with plantations of bananas, pineapples, oranges, lemons and maize, and there are large rows and patches of bamboos, they grow like the saplings in Jeeralang, about 35 feet high. I also saw a few Australian Tree Ferns, and they looked quite like old friends. They seem to do well in this country, too.

After leaving Volksrust we travelled in open trucks, with our rifles loaded, and tried to feel like old veterans, as we had two trainloads of "City of Lincoln" horses in our charge. We got to Standerton next night and unloaded our horses and fed them, and trucked them again at 6 o'clock so as to be ready to start in the morning at day-break, as the trains do not run at night. There was an attempt made to blow up the train which came in after us to Standerton, but the charge exploded a bit too soon and shattered the Boer's arm and otherwise damaged him, so they gave him a free ride to Standerton.

After we had our tea we went back to our train and got into our trucks, posted a picquet and coiled up, but no sooner had we laid down than we heard a heated discussion and so we scrambled down to find that our picquet had been "held up" as a Boer spy by the station guard. It seems that there was a suspicious looking individual poking about the station (a couple of our fellows saw him at desk and

spoke to him and reckoned he was a "crook un") and this guard had orders to try and nail him and did so, but while he was cross-examining him he ducked under our trucks and disappeared, so when our picquet was rounding the end of the train this guard met him and recognised him at once as the spy and stuck his rifle in his face, with "hands up." Our man was too much surprised to obey at once, and say, "What's your game, I'm 5th Victorian", but at the next order he threw up his hands and was marched down to the corporal of the guard to whom he told his tale, so to prove it they both marched him up to our trucks for identification, one with a rifle at his ribs and the other with his revolver in his ear. He did cut a figure as he is a long lathe of a fellow, over six feet, and with his arms over his head and a scared look on his face, he would have made a good snapshot. We were greatly amused over the affair, as this coon was always in trouble when on the Argus and always growling over his work, so we thought it quite fitting that he should be the first to get into trouble on the field.

Well, next morning we started at 6.30 with a convoy of 5 trains, with an armoured train in front and one behind, with pom poms on board, and on four of the trains there were a party of the Essex regiment, while we guarded our horse train. We were quite expecting to have a shot or two on the way, as the night we came to Standerton. There was a train blown up just a few miles on from there, so as we passed the wreckage next morning we turned pale

thinking that we would soon be prisoners in the hand of the cruel Boers, but they were merciful and allowed us to pass in safety.

We got to Elandsfontein that night. It is a very nice part and when the war is over and the mines start working it will be the best town in the rand. I saw Jack Gay, from Morwell, there, he is Telegraph Operator. The next morning we came across another wrecked train, it had been blown up a couple of nights before we arrived; they had made a Sloop line round it and were just getting the engine on the rails as we passed. There was about a chain of the track torn up. At Irene I saw Albert Haiz, he is in the office there.

The next incident in the journey was a train load of Boer Prisoners we met a little way out from Pretoria. When we arrived in the capital we were met by a party to take our horses out here, so we marched out on our own and we were dead tired when we arrived after tea. George Pettit and I strolled over to some tents where the New Zealanders had been camped, as our tents were full, and the first one we went into there was Peter Jarvie on the same train as ourselves, he was in good form. I thought it curious that we should run against him like that. The next day we had a deluge in camp; my word it did come down, and in half-an-hour there were six inches of water both inside and outside of the tents. Most of the men were out on parade, but I happened to be on Quartermaster-Sergeant's picquet and had not much to do but sit in my tent, so I managed to keep a few dry things. Next morning we moved our camp to a bit of a dry slope and now we have a good camp. The W.A's. came in the middle of the rain, so they got a cool reception. Tom and Don Shaw are with them and are quite well. W. Dunstan is with them too, but I didn't see him.

Easter Sunday, I got the afternoon off yesterday and went in to Pretoria and had a look round, the town is a dirty looking place, but there are a few good looking houses. I sowed down poor George Bolding's grave with some seeds Mrs Bolding sent me before I left Victoria. I got a leaf out of Kruger's garden which I will send you; it's not easy to get them as there is a sentry posted over it. On the way back I met the W.A's. who were shifting camp. I don't know where they were going to and we got orders to be ready to entrain this

evening, but we don't know what is to be our destination, I fancy it will be Petersburg.

Morwell Advertiser (Morwell, Vic. 1888 - 1954). Friday 2 August 1901, page 3.

OUR BOYS. LETTER FROM TROOPER J. P. THOMSON.

The following are extracts from a letter from Trooper J. P. Thomson, late of Hazelwood, which will be found interesting:

May 28th, 1901.

Since I wrote from Brugs Spruit last week, I have had my first taste of the Boer fire. We left the camp at 7.30, and after a couple of hours ride we got on the scent and were soon in sight of a few stragglers doing a "Derby," so 24 of us, under Govern's, were sent round to see what was to be seen, and after going about 3 miles we had a crack or two at about 5 and shot a horse, then on we went again and ran up to fully 200 of them. We dismounted and plugged away and they did likewise, and then they made a short charge back but we held our ground and they dismounted and had a shot at us again for a while and seemed to be outflanking us, so we were ordered to retire, which we did without any loss, and I don't think we did much damage except shoot a horse or two. The Boers could have snapped us up nicely if they had known enough, as only our rear was open for our retreat and their flankers had time enough to get behind us. Lieut. Wedd was wounded in a scrap that day. Next day we were with the convoy and did nothing. Several of our patrols were scooted in by about 400 Boers from a little village and coal mine where they had a nest, so yesterday the guns shelled it and turned them out like bees. I didn't see it as we were out on the flank. We did a lot of sprinting and saw nothing to have a shot at, and about 2.30 we picked up the general and B and C Companys, and started in great haste as if something was afoot. We made the pace for about 6 miles with B Coy. 1/4 of a mile in front, when the Boers opened from a small hill and B Coy, dismounted and cracked at them and were just remounting when we got up.

We galloped across a flat to get under a bit of a rise, and we did it in quick time, and were dismounted to fire when the General came galloping up and shouted "don't dismount, charge." I was kneeling down and just as I sprang up he banged into me, knocked me about 10 yds, and another sergeant of ours rode over me.



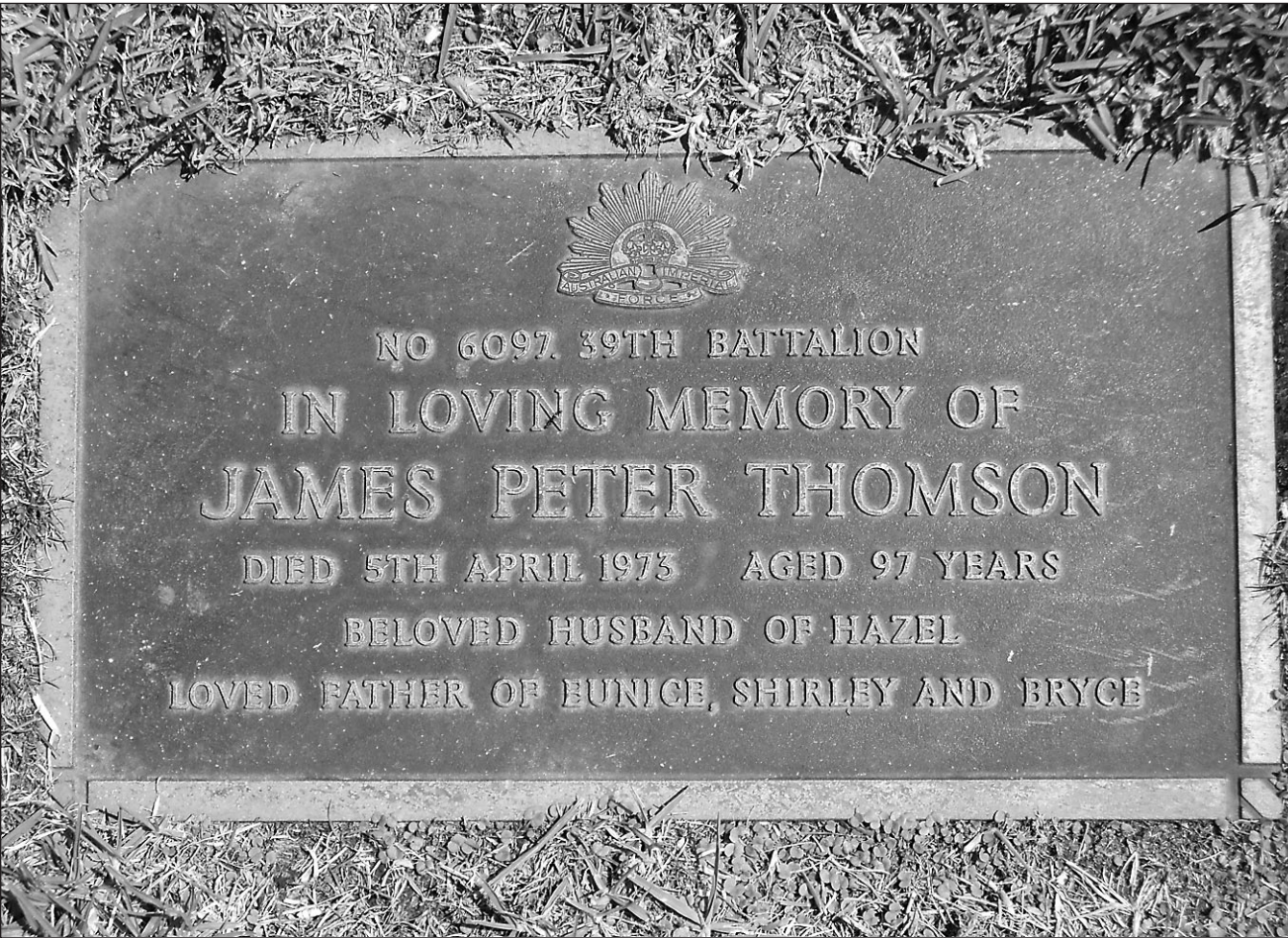
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Boer War Soldiers



James Peter Thomson
1875 - 1973
Lawn 2 JO13, Traralgon Cemetery
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Anyhow, up I scuttled on to my horse and after them, and soon got up to the front line. The Boers, of course, left, but we sailed on for a couple of miles, when they halted to have another go at us, but we didn't stop and firing off our horses we sprinted half-a-mile and then got down to it and banged away until they broke again, then on we cut and got up to a convoy of 5 wagons, 3 cape carts, about 800 cattle, a few hundred sheep, and 20 or more horses. By this time the pace had told on most of the horses, so the tired ones stayed with the convoy while we scorched on and soon got another salute.

We rode into a hollow and pastered at them until they got over the sky line, when we gave it up as it was after sundown and our horses had had enough, so we started back 19 strong - that was all who got in at the death, so the field had thinned out and no wonder, as we had galloped 6 miles at the last stretch, and coming after a hard day's riding it was a bit severe. It was a glorious charge, worth coming to South Africa for. The General was with us most of the way, shouting, "Go on, lads, go on, dogged does it; yell at them, show them who you are," and I reckon they will respect the 5TH Vics., as they got a good scare yesterday. Capt. Chomley said at the finish, "Well, the Boers have not much to crow about over today's work when 19 Victorians can give 70 or 80 Boers such a stir up." I don't know how many there would

be altogether, as when we charged we divided, and each lot had a mob ahead. I saw Peter Jarvie today, he said he was in the go and was the only galloper in at the finish. (Did you know he was one of the General's gallopers). He was not in the crowd with me, but on the other side of the ridge. He chased a cape cart for a mile or two but it got away, but he nailed a Kaffir with a bandolier full of soft-nosed bullets. I suppose he had thrown his rifle away. We got back to camp at 12 o'clock dead tired, horse and man.

Thursday.

We moved on here yesterday and are having a spell to-day. We had just pitched camp when a fire broke out, so we had to bustle out, but as it was going away from camp we were soon taken back, and had just arrived when news came in that one of the companies had got into trouble and wanted help. I think it was Dave White who came in with the news, and the Boers chased him right up to our camp. A party was sent out at once but the Boers had left. "There were 4 of ours killed - Lieut. Murphy, Cpl. Robertson, Pte. White, and another private whose name I forget, and only one wounded (Sgt. Miller), they ran into a trap and were only 40 yards from the Boers, who were 100 strong, while there were only 15 Victorians. Our chaps got 2 dead Boers and one with his leg fractured, a dead horse or two and one of the dead Boers still held his horse by the bridle. Lieut.

Murphy was a very rash chap, too much of a straight goer. Next day another Sgt. was wounded in both legs, so there are a few bullets that got home. Our Pom Pom shook up a few Boers that day and killed a few.

Pretoria Hospital, June 7th

I have changed my quarters since I wrote my last dispatch, as you will see by the heading. I have been in here three days. I was sent down with diarrhoea from Brugg Spruit. Our column turned round for the line sooner than they intended, as they picked up more stock than they could look after with safety, and had to get them off their hands, so when they got in I became sick as I had been a bit off for a few weeks and wanted a spell, so I was sent down here. I am all right again but I will stay here for a week or so yet to recruit, as this is a good home and no mistake. Everything is "up to Dick," and the Doctor and sisters are very good. There are a good few of our chaps in here, it's a good change after the "high veldt." It was a very cold part up where we have been lately. I never felt the wind so cold in Jeeralang as it was for a couple of days up there. It's pretty high above the sea I think. We had a good trek as far as poultry was concerned, but there are no oranges in that part. The wounded Boer was in my tent for a day; he was a well-informed fellow, 23 he said his age was. He has been out ever since the war started and said he was glad to be out

of it, but would have never come in and surrendered as his friends would call him a coward. He was greatly annoyed at his friends leaving him when he got wounded, as he said he would not have left any of his mates like that. He didn't seem to think the Boers would surrender; but said they were getting short of tucker in many parts.



Jim Thomson wearing his RSL and South African Soldiers' Association badges, from left to right - Queen's South Africa Medal with three clasps for service in the Boer War and the British War Medal 1914 - 1920 and Victory Medal for service in World War 1

Photo - early 1960s by John Clucas and courtesy of Ruth Jordan, Sale

\$10 million in grants available for emergency volunteers

Emergency management volunteers are sharing in \$10 million of grants, as the Victorian Government continues to fund the training, equipment and facilities needed to keep communities safe.

Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Harriet Shing, announced recently that applications are open for the 2018-19 Emergency Services Volunteer Sustainability grants program in Gippsland.

The program, which is funded through the Victorian Budget 2018-19, is open to volunteers from:

- Victoria State Emergency Service
- Life Saving Victoria
- Volunteer Marine Search and Rescue units
- Other emergency management organisations identified in the Emergency Management Manual Victoria.

The CFA has its own government-funded grants program for volunteer firefighters, with more than half of the \$10 million Enhancing Volunteerism Grants Program already allocated to brigades.

Ms Shing said ESVS grants were available across a range of criteria, including training and development, community engagement, operational equipment, education and minor facilities upgrades.

Applications can be made by an individual volunteer, unit or club, or an agency/organisation. Grants of up to \$50,000 are available. Applications close on Wednesday August 22.

For more information on how to apply for an ESVS grant, visit emv.vic.gov.au/esvsgrants

Member for Eastern Victoria Region Harriet Shing said "Our emergency

services organisations and their members make extraordinary and often life-saving differences in their communities and I would encourage local brigades, clubs, groups and units to apply for these grants to help them in their invaluable work."

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We are now midway through our third annual Latrobe 10,000 Steps Challenge, which sees workplaces from across the Valley put their best foot forward and make movement a normal part of their day.

Last year 386 people – who made up 44 teams from 12 workplaces - walked 2.9 million steps or the equivalent of Perth to Broome (2417 kilometres).

“It can be very easy to sit at your desk for up to eight hours a day in a typical office environment,” Laura Duff, Health Promotion Officer at Latrobe Community Health Service, said.

“Through running the Latrobe 10,000 Steps Challenge, we hope more

people will start to think about how they can sit less and move more at work.

Walking is one of the best exercises you can do. It’s free, everyone knows how to do it, and the only equipment you need is a good pair of shoes.”

The Latrobe 10,000 Steps Challenge kicked off on Monday July 30, and will finish up on Sunday September 2.

Meanwhile in Traralgon, water became the drink of choice when nine food court retailers in Stockland Traralgon jumped on board a #waterwiththat campaign.

From July 10 until August 7, customers grabbing a bite to eat were asked whether they’d like #waterwiththat instead of sugary soft drinks, milkshakes or juices.

The campaign was inspired by the Parents’ Voice network, which is calling on larger food retailers to serve water with kids’ meals.

“Latrobe Community Health Service loves the idea of encouraging food retailers and their customers to choose water first,” Health Promotion Officer Alisha Brooks said.

“We have watched the Parents’ Voice #waterwiththat campaign with interest and brainstormed how to bring

the initiative to the Latrobe Valley.

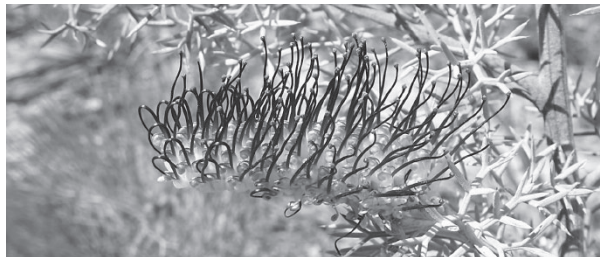
Our great working relationship with Stockland Traralgon meant the plaza was the ideal site to trial the campaign. If all goes well, we will look to roll out #waterwiththat in other towns across the region.”

The Victorian Population Health Survey 2014 found 16.4 per cent of adults in Gippsland drank sugar-sweetened soft drinks every day. It also found 11.6 per cent of adults in Gippsland would eat take-away meals or snacks between one and three times a week. More than half of the adult population in Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley was overweight or obese.

“Making one small change, like swapping your regular soft-drink or juice with water, can go a long way towards creating healthier, lifelong habits,” Ms Brooks said.

“We hope that by having food outlets encouraging their customers to drink water instead of sugary drinks, our community will make healthier choices, proactively.”

“Flora of Western Australia”



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, August 24.

Philip Rayment, LVFNC Vice-President will give a presentation on Western Australian flowering plants, focusing on the region between Perth and Geraldton. His talk, supported by his excellent photography, results from a trip in October, 2016, led by members of the Western Australian Naturalists Club.

This region is remarkable for both the diversity and abundance of its spring flowers. A high proportion of the plant species are endemic to the area, being found nowhere else in the world.

Visitors are most welcome to both activities. There is no charge. For more information phone 0410 237 292.

The following day’s excursion is to Peach Flat Community Wetland, Briagolong.

Photograph: Toothbrush Grevillea by Philip Rayment



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Gardens

Gardens are wonderful places for everybody. A quiet stroll through can calm the most troubled spirit and a few hours pottering can give a sense of achievement to all gardeners, be they professional or amateur. In fact, it is an odd thing that many spouses of avid stamp collectors find solace in gardens and gardening.

Gardens can take on as many forms as there are gardeners. They can be productive in vegetables or herbs or decorative, with displays of flowers, shrubs and trees. They can also be of any size, from a simple potted plant to a great acreage of a formal garden, and it is about these that I will deal with this month.

Early gardens were an innovation from the Middle East in antiquity with parks and gardens set up in cities like Babylon. Upper-class Roman villas had courtyard gardens with pools and fountains and the Moors in Spain set up gardens like the Alhambra.

The formal garden was introduced in Western society in the late Middle Ages when the upper classes of society had surplus money to create a formal display to impress their peers, and to provide a pleasant place to wander, away from the hordes of the great unwashed, and the often odorous interior spaces of the mansions they lived in. It did not take long for competition to become rampant, and gardens of great beauty were created by teams of gardeners.

Each age had its own features, and we see Renaissance, Baroque, English and other styles emerging over time. Most involved symmetrical arrangements of walls, paths,

hedges, trees and plants set out in patterns of shapes and colours to please the eye. Many had more than one type of garden and a garden could have many rooms, each with a different theme. In some gardens, classic buildings and artificial ruins called follies were included to add interest to the garden.

Royalty was able to build parks for the general public to beautify the seats of power. Hyde Park in London, the gardens of Versailles in Paris and the Herrenhausen Gardens in Hannover are examples of these.

In the 1700s Botanical Gardens were set up to display the plants from overseas, countries as they were collected by the exploring botanists like Sir Joseph

Banks. They were also used to propagate the rare trees and plants from far-off parts of the home country.

Gardens have been shown on stamps of many countries. In 1980 East Germany issued a set of four depicting Baroque Gardens. Great Britain issued a set of 4 in 1983 showing stately gardens. From 1989, the high-value definitive Australian stamps showed gardens of several types. In 2007 a set of 5 stamps featuring Botanical Gardens of Australia was issued. The list goes on.

A collection featuring gardens would no doubt provide the satisfaction that we feel with our regular gardens and may even provide the odd hint for us to use in our own garden planning.

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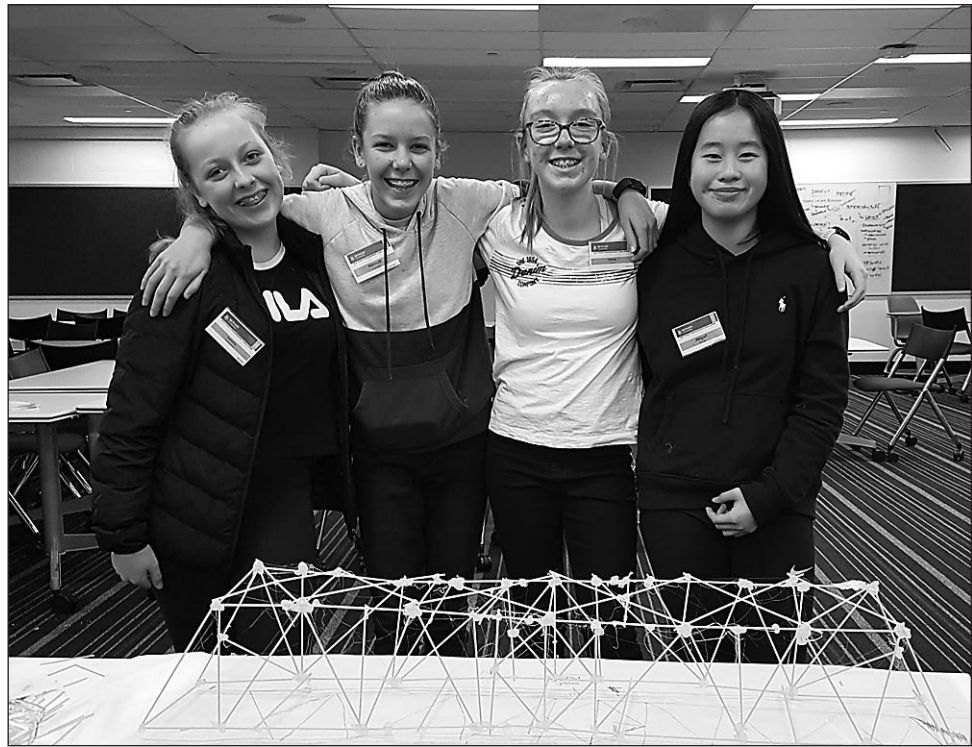
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School News

Kurnai College Junior Campus



Claire Irving at the cross country championship



Engineering challenge

Cross Country and science program

Claire Irving was again off and running with the State Cross-country championships held at Bundoora Park on Thursday July 19. Claire's goal for the 3km course was to come in the top half of the students participating in the event. She succeeded in achieving this goal and finished in 34th place with the impressive time of 12:52.

Claire also participated in a Science program at Monash University, Clayton Campus during the first three days of the last school holidays.

The program, the Year 8 Engineering Challenge involved participating in a series of group activities considering projects that were based on several areas of science, including electrical, chemical, mechanical, aerospace, and environmental problems to solve. The student groups were made up

from students participating from schools state-wide.

Claire enjoyed immensely the challenge and working with students from other schools.

Brain STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

Over a 12-week period, a group of Churchill Campus students participated in the Brain STEM Program. This program is where secondary students work with a student from Swinburne University acting as a mentor, engage in a project that challenges the students to use STEM skills (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Milly Bolton, Carly Caldwell, Sophia Scholes and Shelby Love were all active participants over the 12-week program. They were supported and given the opportunity to devise a project that engaged their interest in science. The

four girls selected a project that dealt with the anti-vaccination issue. Three of the Brain STEM students attended the final event for this program. Carly Caldwell stated that 'the program consisted of many trips to Melbourne to meet with PhD students and our mentors. Most of the Gippsland Schools participated in the program and some of the projects created by the schools included: the creation of an app for diabetes, health care for dogs, the introduction of landfill for schools, walking to relieve stress.

Our project was about anti-vaccination which we presented during the final presentation evening'. *Transition for Year 10 to Year 11, 2019*

Over the last term, there were several activities and sessions where the Year 10 cohort was provided with information to enable them

to make informed decisions regarding subject selection for their Year 11 courses. These activities were organised by the Year 10 team, led by the Year 10 leader Jenny Horner, and the Careers Officer, Kylie Downey.

There was also Work Experience at the beginning of the term. The students had arranged with employers throughout the Morwell/Traralgon area, two weeks of work experience.

Through this two week block the students obtained the experience of working a full-time position and under work conditions. Most students had a very enjoyable, if challenging and tiring time, and some have secured part-time work, and even possibly ongoing employment as a result of their placements.

The students have engaged in sessions at the University Campus participating in Transition subjects to gain an

insight into what the subjects entail and meet staff from the senior campus. The students had the opportunity to discuss their subject selections and the possible pathways that they are interested in pursuing. There were also Parent Information nights organised so that everyone involved could find out as much as possible about the University Campus and what is involved attending Years 11 and 12.

There was also the Vocational Education Training Taster Day held at the Yallourn TAFE. This provided the students with the opportunity to find out about the VET courses and what these courses involve and how they lead to apprenticeships. It also enabled the students to interact with the TAFE staff and gain an insight into TAFE life.

The students then went through their final step,

of course counselling and finalising their subject selections.

These counselling sessions involved the parents so that both students and parents were aware of the subjects selected and the requirements and expectations set for these subjects.

Congratulations go to Nick Alston, Milly Bolton, Alisha Briggs, Declan Doller, Alyssa Palermo, Vincent Schoutens, Sophia Scholes and Sydney Simpson who have all been accepted into the 2018 Kick Start Program.

These students have demonstrated a consistent work ethic and strong attendance across all their subject areas which were key factors for entry into the program.

They commenced their fulltime VCE studies on Monday June 18.



Engineering Challenge



Cross country championship

School News

Kurnai College University Campus

Debutante Ball

Forty-three sets of students participated in the Kurnai Deb Ball over the two nights of June 21 and 22. The young ladies looked stunning and their partners very handsome in their evening wear.

The theme was Hollywood. Many staff dressed up as movie stars to support the students and add colour to the night.

For each Wednesday night of Term 2 the students had dance practice to ready themselves for the big night.

By all accounts the two nights went very well and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Year 12 Physical Education Class

This class has been attending sessions at the Churchill Leisure Centre participating in fitness classes in preparation to deliver

fitness classes to the Year 8 students at Churchill Junior Campus. This is part of their VET sport and recreation course.

VET Health Service Assistant Certificate 3 Course

The majority of Year 11 students wish to become nurses in the future, so they were taken on a visit to the new Gippsland Technical School at Morwell Campus for two sessions.

It was an introduction for them to some medical technology which may be used by them in the future.

Robotics uses computers to design movement within robots which can be used for caring for patients in ways such as feeding, lifting, toileting and showering - all ways to assist with manual care. Virtual reality goggles were supplied to each student which allowed them to travel

through the human body organs and blood vessels to see what they actually look like in healthy people, and then what they might look like in diseased people which might be contributed by genetic or lifestyle ways.

While doing this the students completed a worksheet on the cardiovascular system - seeing the various components of the blood coming at them which also included viruses and bacteria.

These activities were engaging and fun, highlighting the importance and relevance of technology into the future.

New Staff Member

Amanda Vosper was appointed to the campus at the beginning of Term 3, as a senior staff member, Leading Teacher and VCAL Co-Ordinator.

Amanda grew up in

Bairnsdale where she finished high school. Then she moved to the Latrobe Valley to Monash University where she studied a double degree in Social Welfare and Arts. For the next ten years Amanda worked in the welfare field in the Valley before going back to study, doing a Post Graduate degree in Applied Learning at Deacon University in Geelong. During that time, she did her teaching rounds at Kurnai in 2004.

Amanda began teaching at Trafalgar High School and stayed for eleven years filling various roles first as Student Welfare Officer and then moved into Student Management.

Amanda feels welcomed, accepted by students, especially those in PreCal Year 10, which she teaches. Amanda says the kids are really inviting. She is enjoying

her teaching but also being overall co-ordinator.

Her goal is to continue, and further promote excellence in VCAL at Kurnai - prompting the students to be the best they can be and to promote lifelong learning.

Study Hall

Study Hall is now in operation for Year 12 students to do silent study in their free periods.

In the past the free period was free for the students to do as they pleased, but now the school is targeting and focusing students to have a more productive free period in the study hall, which is open all day to accommodate the range of free periods.

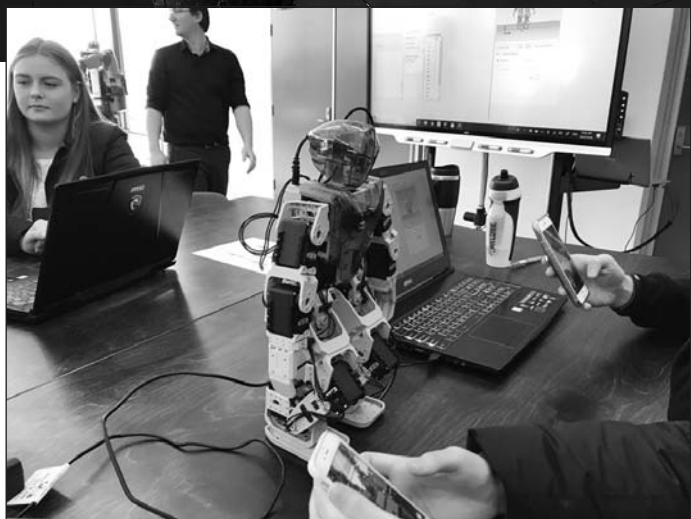
There is also a spot where they can have quiet collaboration with fellow students; a time to discuss work with their peers or teachers.

The leadership team decided this would be a good initiative for Kurnai University Campus as some students need that environment to focus on their learning.

This is also a former student request to the leadership team to provide this space.

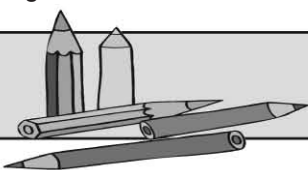
Part of the library has been closed to general use and this section partitioned off with its own entry. Students sign in as they enter. It has been going for only a few weeks but so far the study hall has been a positive with some reluctant students warming to the idea of private study.

The school leadership team hopes and believes that this will translate into improved individual outcomes and results at the end of the year.

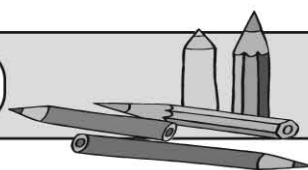


Top Left- Right : Debs at the ball.
A deb and her partner Amanda Vosper-new staff member
Middle Left to Right Year 12 Physical Education Class
Study Hall in action
Bottom Left to Right: Programming robots for use in medical situations
Using virtual reality glasses to explore inside the human body

School News



Churchill North Primary



Before School Care

Churchill North Primary School's before School Care program is now up and running.

Children are able to access the new service from 7:00 am, until the beginning of school. Students participate in a range of fun activities including making things, and breakfast.

It is terrific to be able to offer students and families the opportunity to attend this quality before school service. Hunter says that 'she enjoys

making things at before school care'.

If you would like to find out more about the service and your child attends the school, contact the office for further information.

Chill Out Zone

The students at Churchill North Primary School have a special place within the playground where they can escape to do their own thing and relax for a while away from the hustle and bustle of the yard.

This oasis is the 'Chill Out Zone' where children can lounge on bean bags, take part in mindful colouring, read, chat to friends or just experience some quiet.

Miss Chapman set up the 'Chill Out Zone' at the beginning of the year and it has become a popular retreat for many of the children.

Dental Visits

Recently Churchill North Primary School had the dental van visit. Many of our students were seen

by the visiting dentist for a dental check-up. The van will soon return to complete some further appointments for students.

It has been terrific to be able to utilise this service to support looking after the health of our student's teeth.

School Council Special Guests

The School Council warmly welcomed Tiana and Amelia from the Junior School Council to their latest School Council meeting. The

students Tiana (Grade 4) and Amelia (Grade 1) spoke on behalf of the Junior School Council, presenting events that the Junior School Council has been involved in so far this year, and also events that they would like to contribute to in the future. The members of the School Council were impressed with the confidence and leadership shown by the two girls and enjoyed having the Junior School Council members attend as special guests.

Screen Time Limits

On Thursday July 19, I learnt how much screen time we are allowed a day. We are allowed two hours maximum every day. You can have as much time as you need if you are using it for education.

If you have too much screen time, sometimes you can get grumpy towards others or you can get really tired. If you stay on for too long at night it can stop you concentrating at school.

By Jordan S



Tiana and Amelia with Mrs Bostedt and Tim, the School Council President



Ebony having a dental check-up in the dental van



Hunter at before school care

What is screen time?

Screen time is how much time you spend staring at a screen.

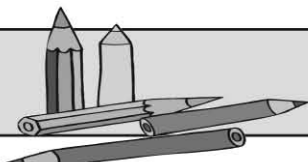
How much can you have?

You can have only 2 hours of entertainment a day staring at a screen.

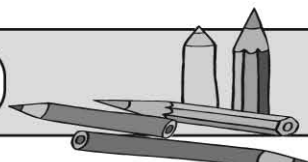
What affect does too much do?

If you have too much screen time you get tired and grumpy which could cause you to be physical.

School News



Churchill Primary



Grade 5/6 Learning Showcase

Last term our Grade 5/6 students learnt about space.

Working in small groups, the students used digital technologies taught in Art to create Stop Motion videos about the subject.

On the second last day of term all Grade 5/6 parents and relatives were invited to join us for a Learning Showcase from 4pm to 5:30pm.

During this time, parents were able to watch and enjoy the movies that the students had created.

The afternoon was

extremely well attended and it was fantastic to share our students' learning and hear such wonderful feedback.

The students loved making their movies and by having families attend it gave them an opportunity to take pride in their learning and make it purposeful.

Baby News!

We would like to extend our Congratulations and well wishes to Mrs Ebony Malcolmson and her husband Rhys who, over the school holidays, welcomed their new son Harvey into the world.

Mrs Malcolmson is our much loved STEM teacher at CPS and we look forward to when she returns after her maternity leave.

Cold Weather Sets In

It seems the cold weather has finally set in and winter is well and truly upon us with icy mornings and some windy and wet days ahead on the radar.

Our students and staff have just returned to school after the mid-year break and Term 3 is full steam ahead with some wonderful learning and activities planned across

the grades.

Topics such as First Aid in Schools, Amazing Anatomy, Responsible Pet Ownership, Book Week, Teddy Bear's Hospital and various sporting opportunities to name just some of the upcoming fun to be had at CPS!

Hayley K goes all the way!

On Thursday July 19, our very own pocket rocket Hayley K (Grade 6) travelled to Bundoora to compete at the STATE level Cross Country Championships.

What an amazing personal achievement for Hayley!

Hayley came in 83rd place out of a field of 120 runners in her age group, covering 3 kms in just 14 minutes and 17 seconds.

Congratulations Hayley, we're very proud of you!

Wanted - Breakfast Club Volunteers

CPS offers a breakfast club to all our students, every day before school, throughout the school year.

This gives students the opportunity to have a healthy start to the day, making sure their bodies are fuelled for the day of learning ahead.

This fabulous program is only possible through the generosity of donations from outside businesses and volunteers who help each morning.

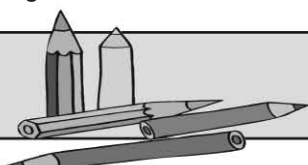
If you are someone who would love to volunteer in the mornings at the school and have a current Working With Children Check (or are willing to get one).

Please contact the school on 03 5122 1343 and speak to our Welfare Officer, Jo Whitelaw.

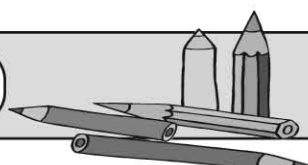


Left: Mrs Malcolmson and baby Harvey
Above: Haley K competed in the State level cross country championships
Below: Grade 5/6 Learning Showcase with parents and family enjoying the Stop Motion Movies





Lumen Christi Primary



Lumen Christi had a busy finish to Term 2 both in and out of our classrooms. As the weather got colder with winter starting to kick in we turned our focus to our fundraising for the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

As part of our Religious Education Program we create opportunities for our students and families to reach out in various social justice projects. Each year we collect food donations to hand over to our local Churchill Vinnies for distribution during what is a traditionally challenging time, as people are faced with higher utilities and medical bills. As a school we collected a terrific amount of items and we would like to acknowledge the generosity of our school families and also the work of the local Vinnies volunteers. On May 31, Lumen Christi celebrated Italian day. Italian is our focus language at the school and each year the students enjoy a special day of activities which includes an opportunity to dress up. This year Italian day was aligned with the National celebration

of "La festa della Repubblica", a day where Italians celebrate Italy voting to become a republic on June 2, 1946.

Students rotated through three main activities of soccer, pasta art and pizza making. A sing-a-long of Italian songs and a mango gelato concluded the activities.

June 7 was a perfect winter's day for our Walk to School day.

At Lumen Christi our goal is to encourage our students to be active and to enjoy physical activities with others. Our Walk to School days help us to promote that message. At least once a term staff members facilitate this process by creating a Walking School Bus which leaves from the Churchill Police station and Churchill Tennis courts at 8am. On arrival at school, students then register their participation, receive a sticker and enjoy some toast or fruit sticks. What a fun and healthy way to start the day.

On Friday June 8, we sent a girls and a boys/mixed team to the Bessie Flood Netball Tournament, an

invitational event where the Morwell Netball Association invites our District's schools to participate alongside the Morwell schools.

Ms Flood was a renowned contributor to netball in Morwell so it was an honour to be involved in this annual event. The results on the day were very pleasing and we thank the students and staff for their efforts leading up to, and on, the day.

The girls continued their good form from the district event earlier in the term to be crowned the day's CHAMPIONS, defeating Morwell Central 6-3 in the Grand Final.

The boys/mixed team was defeated in their semi final against Morwell Park.

Our Sporting-Schools program for Term 2 was a great success with the two sports being basketball and gymnastics. We thank our guest expert coaches Logan and Miranda who offered our students the chance to learn more about these completely contrasting activities.



Above - Food donations for St Vincents

Below - The victorious girl's netball team



Gippsland Flippers still swimming strong



Gippsland Flippers enjoying a social night out at a members home.

There is a small but dedicated group of swimmers who meet regularly at Latrobe Leisure pools around the Valley to swim in a friendly and fun environment, but also to keep up a level of fitness and swimming competence.

Gippsland Flippers was first formed in 1981 and current President, Justin Prestidge, is a more current member who hails from the West Gippsland area.

“Back then Masters meant those aged 21 and over, but now it applies to swimmers aged 18 and over. We have seen membership numbers rise and fall over the years and we now have a steady ten or so members.

We have a Brunch swim

on the last Sunday of every month at Latrobe Leisure Morwell from 10am for an hour of swimming, ending with a shared brunch and chat.

We also have a one hour coached session on Wednesdays at Latrobe Leisure Churchill at 6.30pm. Coached sessions may be about improving breathing or strokes, or running through repetitions. It’s about maintaining a level of fitness rather than trying to develop elite swimmers in our ranks,” Justin said.

Flippers has also recently formed a partnership with Moe Swimming Club, and trains with them on a Friday night at Moe/Newborough Leisure Centre from 6pm for

an hour and a half. This is a fairly full-on session that requires a higher standard of fitness.

Club secretary, Sue Graham, said that the club’s motto was Fun, Fitness and Friendship.

“We certainly don’t want to give the impression that we are only serious swimmers who want to compete. We may be serious about our swimming but we’re also serious about the social side of our club. That’s probably why we’ve been going for so long – we mix competition with encouragement, throw in a large portion of social and we end up with Gippsland Flippers.

However, we’re proud that

our club has been represented at Club, State, National and World level. Over the past few months there are members who have swum at Interclub and State levels and we’ve been seen in our bright orange and blue uniforms poolside, representing our region. I’m in my 60’s and I still enjoy the competition.

We would love to see more members join our ranks. You don’t have to be competitive but if you would love to improve your swimming or perhaps get back into the water after a time away, why not give us a go? Although Flippers cannot offer swimming lessons as such, as long as you can capably swim one length, we would love to have you turn up and join us. You can have a swim with us for a few sessions before you make up your mind whether the sessions are for you and we guarantee that if the only thing you get out of it is a smile and a laugh, then we’ve done our job,” Sue concluded.

For more information about Gippsland Flippers call Sue on 5127 5743 or 0415 751 145.

Reducing Carbon Emission



Gippsland Water Manager Commercial Services, Lynley Keene, driving the new electric car.

Gippsland Water has pledged to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by more than 23 per cent by 2025 – the equivalent of taking almost 800 cars off the road.

The reduction will be achieved through a range of initiatives, including installing solar panels at suitable sites, offsetting emissions through reforestation on Gippsland Water land and purchasing electric vehicles.

Gippsland Water’s Managing Director, Sarah Cumming, said that reducing emissions would be good for the environment and good for the organisation’s bottom line.

“Treating water and wastewater can be an energy-intensive activity. By increasing the amount of renewable energy that we produce, we’ll be reducing our electricity bills as well as reducing our emissions,” she said.

Recently, Gippsland Water

introduced a 2017 Renault Zero C02 Emissions car to their internal transport fleet to reduce fuel consumption and environmental impact.

“Reliable transport is imperative to the work we do in the community and we’re looking forward to staff trialling the use of the zero emissions vehicle,” Ms Cumming said.

Gippsland Water already sources 10% of its electricity from renewable sources, including a biogas cogeneration facility located at the Gippsland Water Factory, and a small hydro-electricity generator installed nearby.

Along with all water corporations across the state, Gippsland Water is working towards achieving zero net emissions by 2050, a goal set by the Victorian Government in the Water for Victoria plan and the Victorian Climate Change Act 2017.



Sue Graham, Anthony Schultz and Peter Wilson all brought home medals from the Casey Seals club meet in June.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

16/6/18 - Mens Stableford A Grade - J. Barnes (18) 33. B Grade - D. Nichol (23) 31. C Grade - M. Hutchinson (35) 36.

DTL - T. Collins, T. Webb, A Auld, M Soppe, R Madigan, B. Kilday. NTP - 3rd J. Barnes, 5th A Auld, 12th R. Kite, 14th R Scurlock.

Tuesday 19/6/18 Stableford - Ladies – Winner - J. Beck (34) 20 Pts. DTL - V. Verheyen (27) 28, S. Turner (23) 27 C/B. NTP - 5th M. Dear, 14th V. Verheyen.

Saturday 23/6/18 - 2 Person Ambrose Mixed – Winners - D. Nichol 23 and J. Butler 35 14.5 = 65.5 Net. R/Up - M. Brereton 10 and J. McCafferty 19 7 ¼ =65.75 Net C/B. DTL - P. Smart and

R. Scurlock 65.75, – J. Sloyan and C. Gosling 66 ¼- D. Byers and G. Beyer 66 ¼. Birdies - T. Sterrick 5th. NTP - 3rd G. Beyer, 5th C. Gosling, 14th C. Gosling.

Tuesday 3/7/18 - Monthly Medal – Ladies. Medal Winner 1 - Casey (37) 76 scratch, M. Dear (14) 92. DTL - V. Reid (45) 78, M. Dear (14) 78, C. Barnes (38) 79. NTP - 5th M. Dear, 14th M. Mc Conville.

7/7/18 Mens Stableford - A Grade - J. Barnes (18) 32. DTL - J. Sterrick (20) 31. NTP - 3rd D. Ellwood.

Ladies 10/7/18. Game 1,2,3 – Winners V. Verheyen (26) L. Casey (37) L. Peake (41).

Saturday 14/7/18 – Stroke

- A Grade - M. Soppe (19) 68 C/B, B Grade - K. Hogan (35) 75, Ladies - M. Dear 76, DTL - A. Sharrock 68, P. Smart 69, C. Huggin 70, A. Auld 70, D. Ellwood 72 C/B. Birdies - 3rd R. Madigan, 12th G. Beyer. NTP - 3rd P. Smart, 5th P. Smart, 12th G. Beyer, 14th H. Martin.

Ladies 17/7/18. Game 2x6 winners M. McConville (24) C. Barnes (38) L Peake (41).

21/7/18 Mens Stableford - A Grade - R. Dent (9) 37. B Grade - D. Cluderay (19) 38. NTP - 3rd P. Smart, 12th B. Cleland, 14th G. Beyer.

Ladies Stableford 24/7/18. Winner - M. McQuillen (35) 31. DTL - M. Dear (14) 25. NTP - 3rd M. Dear, 12th M. McQuillen, 14th M. Dear.

Mid Gippsland Darts Association

Winter Competition 2018



DARTS ASSOCIATION LADDER after Round 6

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	%	Pts
YINNAR TIGERS	5	6	0	41	13	455.6	12
MUSTANG 1	5	5	1	40	14	444.4	10
COYOTEZ	5	4	2	34	20	377.8	8
JOKERS	5	2	4	17	31	188.9	4
MUSTANGS 2	5	1	5	24	30	266.7	4

Round 4: The Yinnar Tigers had a bye this round.

Mid Gippsland Darts Association Betty Spence Memorial Drawn Doubles – July 5; 180s - Dale Burton-Pye, Lester Carrigy.

WINNERS: Dale Burton-Pye and Chloe Helmuth. Runners Up: Lester Carrigy and Brittany Jewel.

Men’s Highest Score: 140 x 4 – Dale Burton-Pye, 140 x 3 – Lester Carrigy, 140 x 3 – Tommy Rippie, 140 x 2 –

Shane Spence, 140 x 1 – Robbie Williamson. Men’s Highest Finish: 120 – Tomm Rippie. Ladies Highest Score: 123 - Brittany Jewel, Ladies Highest Finish: 32 - Wendy Rippie.

Round 5: Some good scoring on the night in Yinnar Tigers’ win over Jokers 8-1 at Yinnar Community Hotel. 140s by Barry Bush and Reno Borg,

Ladies Highest Score 114 shared between Sharon Taylor (YT) and Brittany Jewel (J). Sharon also had Ladies Highest

Finish with 46. To finish a good night of darts for the Yinnar Tigers Team Mark Taylor made a Bull finish.

Round 6: Yinnar Tigers had a great win over Mustangs 2 winning 7 games to 2.

Highlight of the night was the three 140s thrown by Reno Borg (YT) and another 140 by Martin Warwick. Sharon Taylor had the Highest Ladies Finish with 98 and Junene DeKaste of Mustangs 2 had Ladies Highest Score with 114.

BOOK REVIEW

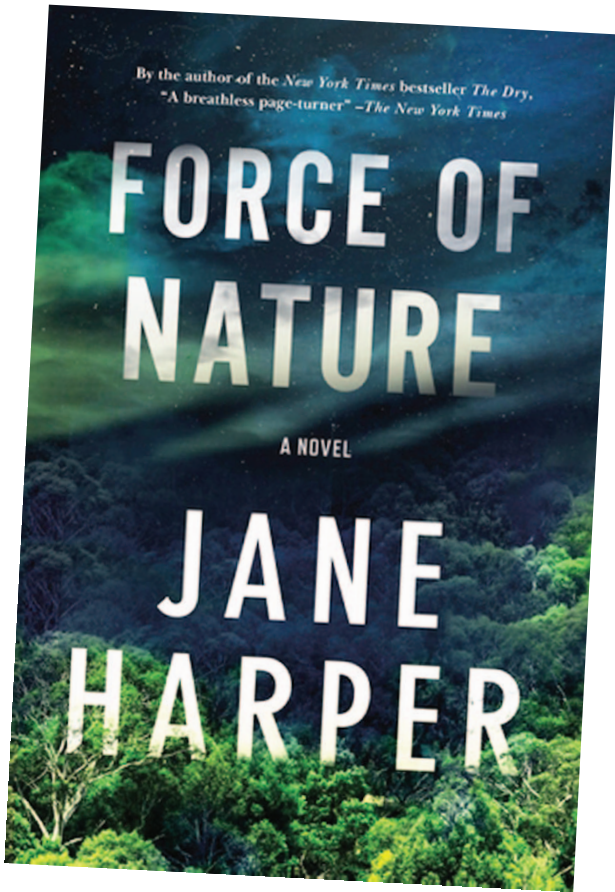
Force of Nature
by Jane Harper

Earlier this year our group read a book called "The Dry", also by Jane Harper, a celebrated Melbourne author, and "Force of Nature" continues with Aaron Falk, the same detective as in that story. However, it is not necessary to have read "The Dry" to enjoy this book.

The story tells of a corporate "team building" exercise where a group of five men and five women, randomly selected from the company, are sent off into the bush with little training or previous experience, no modern conveniences and scant food and water, to be met up with several days later. The men go off in one direction and the women in another – it is the experience of the women on which the story centres.

After a short time the women become lost, then a number of misfortunes befall them and they find they have no food or water and no shelter. They stumble on a hut that has a very sinister feel about it. The group cannot agree on what course of action should be taken, so there is arguing and bickering, and even a physical altercation, as one of the women decides to go off on her own. The author keeps us in suspense as they take refuge in the shelter, and the time for their survival is running out.

Underpinning all this, Falk and his off-sider are trying to get information about alleged fraud within this company. Whilst those on the team building exercise are not supposed to have mobile phones with them, Alice, the employee who is assisting



him with his investigation, has smuggled hers in. It is an indistinct message from her phone that sends Falk into the area to help with the search, in the hope that he may be able to get the information he is seeking.

The book also details the back story of each of the women, and in so doing touches on some current issues such as bullying, body image problems, family breakdown, drug and alcohol abuse and the dangers of posting images on social media. In addition, the book refers to Falk's previous life and his relationship with his father.

The characters in this

book are well drawn, complex and believable, although we all thought it unlikely that employees would be randomly selected for a team building exercise. Throughout the story the author plants a number of "red herrings" and the ending took us all by surprise.

Sometimes when we enjoyed a book as much as we enjoyed "The Dry", a follow-up novel can be a bit disappointing. However, we all agreed that whilst this novel was quite different, it was equally enjoyable. We look forward to what Jane Harper may offer next.

Regional Centre of Expertise
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Development Gippsland

RCE Gippsland from Churchill has been nominated for the Parks Victoria Environmental Sustainability Award in the 2018 Victorian Regional Achievement and Community Awards.

Nominations were sought in the following categories:

- Prime Super Agricultural Innovation Award
- Prime Super Employer Excellence in Aged Care Award
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Diversity and Inclusion Award
- Regional Development Victoria Business Achievement Award
- Regional Development Victoria Leadership and Innovation Award
- Parks Victoria Environmental Sustainability Award

Award

• Henry Carus & Associates and Life Activities Clubs Victoria Senior Achievement Award

• South West TAFE and Deakin University South West Regional Achiever Award

• Ricoh Australia Customer Service Award

• Awards Australia Community Group of the Year Award

We congratulate RCE Gippsland for being nominated and wish them the best of luck with judging on Wednesday August 29, 2018.

Finalists will be presented and winners announced at an Awards Gala Presentation Dinner on Friday October 26, 2018.

Great prizes are up for grabs with either \$2,000 into an account in their name from

Bank of Melbourne or air time packages on PRIME7 for category winners. Plus every nomination will receive a certificate of achievement.

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