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## A word or two – a prize or two

### Writing Competition, a success once more



Russell Northe and Toby Grant



Peter Gray with Sienna Carruthers and Ruby Paulet



Lauren Carey with Gabrielle Betts

The annual Churchill & District News writing competition attracted 224 entries over nine categories ranging from seven and under to adult.

Our biggest support, as always, came from our primary schools of Boolarra, Churchill, Lumen Christi, and Hazelwood North, and for the first time St Paul's Grammar in Traralgon.

At the presentation of awards night, a big thank you was expressed to Principals, teaching and support staff for ensuring the children's entries reach us on time, and to mentors who support and very importantly encourage the children and adults as writers.

Our wonderful sponsors and supporters enable us to award many smaller value prizes, especially for our younger writers. Some of the sponsors were able to attend and helped to give out the awards.

Russell Northe our local MP, an ongoing supporter of our paper and a contributor of a regular column, provided a letter of congratulations to all the award winners.

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Peter Gray from AMPWORKS, an annual

sponsor of the Writing Competition and the provider of our P A System for the Junior Fishing Day. A regular contributor to the paper through the Churchill Town Safety Group column.

Bob Lowick from Churchill Lions Club, a great supporter of the paper and its activities

Lauren Carey ENGIE Hazelwood Power, ENGIE is an annual sponsor of our paper.

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The church is very supportive of Churchill & District News and is indeed the origin of the paper.

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# Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: Callistemon pallidus

Family: Myrtaceae

Derivation:

Callistemon; From the Greek calli or calos, meaning beautiful, and stemon, meaning thread, referring in the botanical sense to the colourful stamens.

pallidus; This is a Latin word meaning pale.

Name: Lemon Bottlebrush (in reference to its' flower colour rather than scent).

Distribution: Mostly in high rocky areas of the Great Dividing Range, east of Melbourne through NSW and into Queensland. In Victoria, it also occurs on Wilsons Promontory and extends into Tasmania via the Bass Strait islands.

Description: A tall shrub/small tree to eight metres in height with leathery, narrowly elliptic (oval) to oblanceolate (lance-shaped, with the broadest part above the middle) leaves that have faint venation and a pungent (sharply pointed) mucro (small point) at the apex. Both surfaces of the leaves are densely dotted with glands and are up to 7cm long and 15mm wide. Flowers occur in spring-summer and sometimes again in autumn and consist of bottlebrush-shaped spikes up to 7cm long and 5cm in diameter, with 15mm long stamens consisting of cream to pale yellow filaments topped with

pale yellow anthers.

Opinion: I have two specimens in my garden; the oldest is in the backyard on the southern fence line and the youngest is on the north-west corner of the house. The former would have been planted when I first constructed the beds in the backyard, maybe 30 years ago (unless I've forgotten it was one of the originals left by the previous occupants), and sports the typical lemon-coloured flowers of the species. It is perhaps four metres tall, but is crammed in between other plants and has probably suffered from the competition. To start with it was underneath a Spotted Gum, which was removed in the 1990's because of its size and proximity to the house, and now it's between a Kurrajong and a large Dagger Hakea, battling with a rampant Mint-bush and a Bower Climber (Pandorea jasminoides) that wants to bury it.

The other specimen came from the South Gippsland Flower Show, perhaps in the early 2000's and was labelled as a "violet" form. Sure enough, it has pink-purple flowers rather than lemon yellow, but I have my doubts that it is a pure C. pallidus. It is more likely to be a hybrid of some kind, like "Mauve Mist", as this genus is renowned for its promiscuity. The literature mentions a couple of possibilities, the

most likely being Callistemon 'Mt Drummer' (also known as Callistemon 'Purpurea' or 'Purple Pallidus'), which was collected beside the Prince's Highway west of Mt Drummer in far East Gippsland prior to 1982. My specimen has reached eaves height on the house (2.5m), but I give it a substantial prune every now and then, and it is now only shoulder height.

I have only propagated my lemon-coloured specimen once, back in 2008, with the single successful cutting planted in my sister's garden in Morwell (which has now been sold), in March 2010. I have not tried the violet-coloured specimen, as bottlebrushes are perhaps considered "dime a dozen" compared to other, more desirable plants.

Sources: Sharr – WA Plant Names and their Meanings, Elliot & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 2, Costermans – Trees & Shrubs of South-eastern Australia, Wrigley & Fagg – Bottlebrushes, Paperbarks & Tea Trees, etc, Online – Flora of Victoria.

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.



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**CDCA - Business As Usual**

CDCA held its Annual General Meeting in September, followed by an ordinary General Meeting that same evening. We elected our 2018-19 Committee, heard from a Guest Speaker and discussed a number of issues and activities for CDCA to address.

Highlights from our previous 12 months include:

- \* An enthusiastic start to the year after election of 2017-18 Committee
- \* Attendance at various events
- \* Liaison with other district associations (esp. Hazelwood North and Boolarra)
- \* Support for community Christmas celebrations in Churchill
- \* Purchase of more Christmas pole decorations for Churchill Town Centre
- \* Clean Up Australia Day activity, supported by Hazelwood Rotary
- \* Meeting with Fed Uni Pro-Vice Chancellor, Helen Bartlett
- \* Submissions to/meetings with Latrobe City Council on several matters
- \* Sponsorship agreement for C&D News
- \* Recycling promotion partnership with Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and C&D News

Our new Committee comprises: Margaret Guthrie (President), Linda Reid (Vice President), Mike Thomson (Secretary), Summer Lakeman (Social media), Ian Gibson (Treasurer), Jeff Kemp, Peter Gray (Neighbourhood Watch) and Steve Tong (Latrobe City Council Liaison).

Guest speaker, Geraldine McClure, addressed CDCA members on the matter of lighting for the pathway from Watson Park to Gaskin Park.

Geraldine has actively sought funding for lighting for this pathway, as it is well used by local residents and,



Photo caption: Latrobe City's Waste Education Officer, Peter Collins, and Abigail Brown from the Neighbourhood Centre at the Recycling Centre in the Hub

particularly in winter, is very dark when walking home from the bus stop, taking the dog out after work or getting home from sports training.

An application has been made to the "Pick My Project" grants program to fund the installation of lights along this pathway. This grant program is allocated based on the number of votes a project receives from community members. Unfortunately, voting closed last month, but a number of CDCA members were able to vote in time and we hope this project is successful.

One of the matters discussed at our General Meeting was our Recycling Promotion Partnership with Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and C&D News. We aim to raise awareness of recycling opportunities and provide a collection point at the Churchill Hub for some recyclables that don't belong in residential recycling bins.

Residents can take their old mobile phones, household batteries and printer cartridges to the Hub for recycling - look for the containers under the Neighbourhood Centre's office window next to the entrance to the Library

entrance.

Representatives from CDCA and the Neighbourhood Centre recently met with Latrobe City's Waste Education Officer, Peter Collins, to discuss other community recycling initiatives we might be able to have at the Hub. We have lots of ideas and hope to introduce more recycling collection points in the future.

An activity we hope to organise in the near future is a Tour of Latrobe City's waste disposal facilities. This would include the recycling plant (DASMA), Pine-Gro, the land-fill site and a transfer station. Places will be limited but we hope to provide a low cost or free tour. More about this in a future edition!

You can read more about CDCA's activities by perusing our meeting Minutes, which are available on-line by visiting our website: <http://cdca.org.au/about-cdca/minutes> CDCA is also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/churchilldistrictcommunityassociation>

Contact us via our website, email [secretarycdca@live.com](mailto:secretarycdca@live.com) or write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

**RAINFALL**

**Churchill rainfall**

The total rainfall for September was 53.5mm. It only rained for nine days and the day with the most amount of rain was September 7 with 21mm. This will all be added to our total for this year which is now 376mm.

**Rain at Hazelwood South**

Hazelwood South had a disappointing 61mm of rain which is only two thirds of the average for September. The ground water is starting to dry up far too early.

Unless we have much better rain in the months to

come, we will see an early start to the official fire season. This summer is ten years since the disastrous 2009 Black Saturday fire.

Anyone still needing to do burn offs will need to be very cautious.



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# “Currawalli Street” by Christopher Morgan

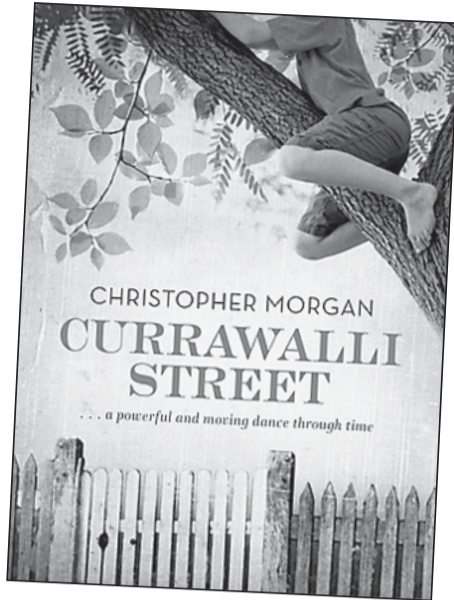
Christopher Morgan lives in Yarraville in Victoria and has had many and varied occupations including as a singer, a fireman and a storeman. In 1996 he was diagnosed with a brain tumour and believes that his imagination was enhanced by this. “Currawalli Street” is his second novel, published in 2012. His first novel was “The Island of Four Rivers” published in 2006, and he has written two children’s books, “Pirates Eat Porridge” and “Pirates Drive Buses”.

“Currawalli Street” is essentially a novel in two halves. The first is set in 1914 and describes the birth of a village on the outskirts of Melbourne. We are introduced to each of the neighbours as they move into their newly built houses in Currawalli Street. Life seems quite simple, with women being occupied with household tasks and men with their usually physical employment. Two of the main characters are Johnny and Kathleen Oatley. Johnny was a farm worker, but due to an accident he is unable to do heavy work any more. An aunt had given him some oil paints as a gift, so he has become a portrait painter. Kathleen has recently come from England and is

still trying to adjust to the Australian landscape. The story describes the supportive relationships between the neighbours, the secrets they hold and the attitude to the “mother country” and the impending war.

We are then taken suddenly to 1972, and the story of Jim Oatley, grandson of Johnny and Kathleen. He has just returned from the Vietnam war to find both of his parents have been murdered. They have lived in the same home as Johnny and Kathleen and it is the home in which Jim has been raised. Many of the neighbours of Jim’s childhood are still living in Currawalli Street, and we follow Jim as he is trying to come to terms with the horrors of his experience in Vietnam, the grief of his parent’s death and the way his neighbours are able to support him.

Most members of our



book group found the first half of the story a slow read. However in discussion it was generally agreed that it was probably a fairly accurate description of how life was then. The second half of the book was written quite differently, but it was interesting to see the parallels and differences between the two eras, the way we have matured as a nation and the differing attitudes to war. A common thread was the secrets that people kept and the importance of community.



Stir in the 3 egg yolks with a blade of a bread knife.

Bring the mix together using your hands to make a dough.

Press the dough into the base of the prepared slice tray.

Spread 5 tbs of blackberry jam over the dough.

#### TOPPING

Beat the 3 egg whites in a clean medium bowl with your electric mixer.

Gradually add 75 gm of castor sugar (1 tbs at a time), until glossy and stiff.

Fold in 50 gm of desiccated coconut.

Spoon the meringue mix over the jam layer.

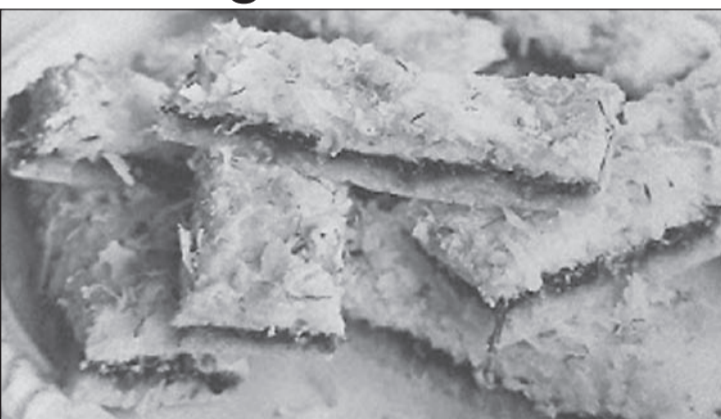
Scatter with a handful of coconut flakes.

Cook in the preheated oven for 25 minutes or until golden.

Leave slice to cool in pan.

Carefully remove from tray using the excess paper overhang and cut into slices.

## Cooking with Noelene



### Blackberry Coconut Slice

Preheat your oven to 160 deg C. Grease a rectangular slice tray (18 x 28cm). Spray with cooking oil and line with baking paper, (extend paper 3 cm above the tray edges).

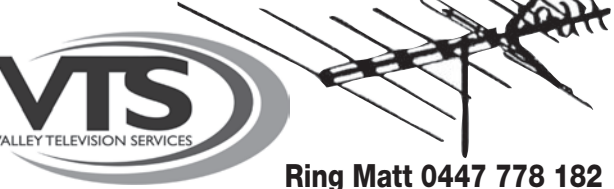
BASE: Mix together in a large bowl -

100gm of plain flour  
100gm of castor sugar  
85gm of desiccated coconut, until well combined.

Use your fingers to rub in 100gm of butter / margarine, to make coarse crumbs.

Separate 3 eggs (set aside the whites).

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# A Question of Phonics

By Marion Ireland - Author

Fifty years in education taught me a lot. I saw fashions come and go. Some have gone full circle, returning to tried and true teaching methods. Phonics has finally come back into its own, especially since a government announcement that every Year 1 student in Australia will have an individual assessment of their understanding and application of phonics next year.

Teachers use a range of strategies teaching children to read in the early years. They all have merit but in the early years of schooling phonics need to be at the very core if children are to succeed.

Learning letter/sound relationships and applying this knowledge opens a whole new world to them.

When I was asked by my publisher to create a new series of student workbooks called ‘Time for Phonics’ I welcomed the opportunity to provide a practical resource that will support the hard work carried out by teachers and students to meet this challenge.

‘What about sight words?’ you may ask. I am alarmed to see some current sight word lists in books and on the internet that are wrong. There is obvious confusion in differentiating between sight words and those that

are phonetic. Teaching sight words needs a different strategy which will be revealed in my next student activity book that will be another valuable resource for teachers and students.

Parents also have a role in encouraging children in their endeavours and supporting the efforts of busy teachers whose dedication and commitment deserve our recognition and appreciation.

‘Time for Phonics’ is published by Hunter Education in NSW  
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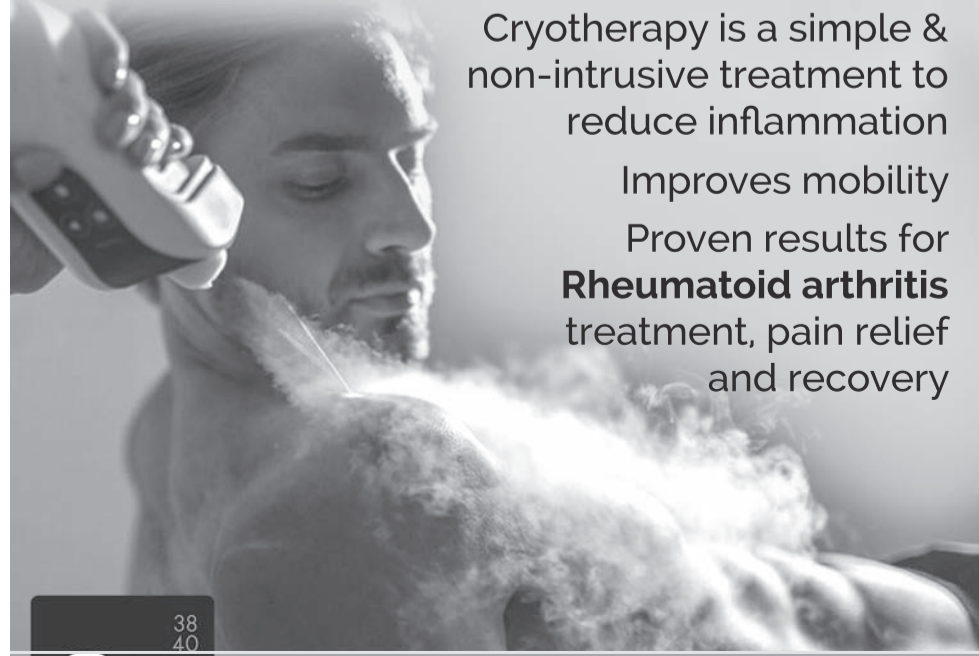
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## Co-Operating Churches Snippets



Reverend Lloyd George took our Anglican Holy Communion service on September 2. In his message he spoke about martyrdom and in particular about the New Guinea martyrs whose

Feast is remembered each year on September 2. Lloyd and his wife Judy spent some time as missionaries in Papua New Guinea themselves, so it was of great significance to him and we all learnt more

about martyrdom as it applied in New Guinea, but also as it applied to Jesus and his disciples.

Most of the martyrdoms took place in August, 1942, and they fall under five headings:

1. The death of the Reverend John Barge, who was killed in New Britain, probably earlier than August, and whose grave is marked on a Mission Station in New Britain

2. The death of the Reverend Henry Matthews and his Papuan helper, Leslie Gariadi, who were killed at sea on August 7, 1942, between Port Moresby and

Daru.

3. The death of Lucian Tapiedi, the Papuan teacher, early in August. He was killed by his own people when he stood up for the Missionaries he was accompanying.

4. The death shortly afterwards of those missionaries three of whom Lucian was accompanying--the Reverend Henry Holland and Mr John Duffill, of Isivita; the Reverend Vivian Redlich; Sister Margery Brenchley and Miss Lilla Lashmar, from Sangara, who were beheaded on the Buna beach.

5. The death of the two Missionary Sisters, Sister May Hayman and Miss Mavis Parkinson, who were killed at Jegarata, near Popondetta, probably a little later in August. Their bodies were recovered and re-interred on the old Sangara Mission Station.

Communion at Hazelwood House happens monthly and is well attended.

Thank you to those who give their time to be present and help with the service.

The residents look forward to the visits. Following the service, the helpers share afternoon tea with the residents.

All Age Worship was a celebration of the actions we do to help each other and the wider community.

A board full of labels told the story of the many ways we act in faith in the name of Jesus. A play helped us to realise how easy it is to discriminate against people for the wrong reasons.

Another stall outside IGA was again a great success and we say a huge thank you to Jacob and Lou for their encouragement and support.

Some of the university students have been having

trouble making ends meet. We were contacted to see if we could help. Our congregations have been very generous and supplied food and other items to help. It may be something the general public may like to help with too.

It was wonderful to have Churchill & District News stage its' Writing Competition Presentation Night in the church. Extra chairs were used as the church filled with excited anticipation with award winners and their families.

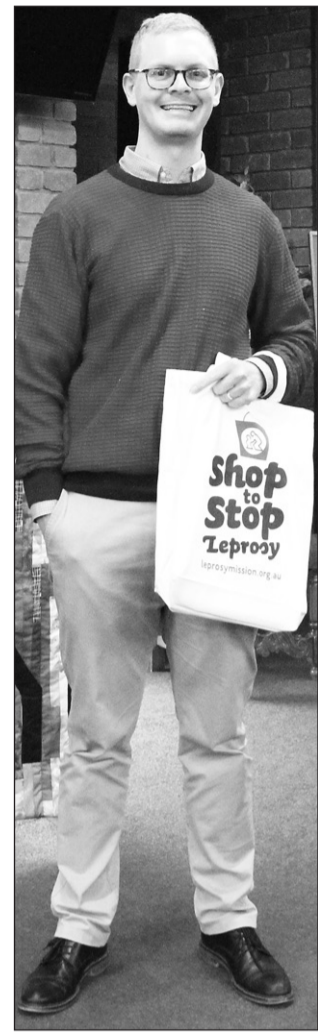
Coffee Connections was a discussion and sharing of what movie, TV program including their favourite actor/actress or book those who attended liked, or an article of interest. There was some interesting input and people enjoyed the time which included morning tea and warm fellowship.

Tim Collinson from the Leprosy Mission was our guest on September 23. Tim spoke about the prevalence of leprosy world-wide saying a new person is diagnosed with leprosy every two minutes.

The stigma of leprosy remains in many places with isolation and poverty resulting.

If the person can be diagnosed early and go on the multi drug treatment it can save them from the debilitating effects of nerve damage, and deformities of faces, fingers and toes being diminished.

The Leprosy Mission is working hard to put education in place to show people that leprosy can be treated, being a viral infection, and that isolation and stigma will only cause more damage physically as well as psychologically. Those affected are being involved in micro enterprise initiatives to help them have



an income, and to help them become happy and productive members of their community

Hospitals have been set up to provide the care needed, to teach about self-care, and wound tending to ensure more damage is halted.

Tim had a range of merchandise for sale, some made by those affected by leprosy. Many people purchased the lovely items. A retiring offering was available also.

Tim encouraged our congregation to be aware of the Leprosy Mission and its work, and if not able to give or leave a legacy, to pray for the work.

We enjoyed Tim's visit immensely.

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Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

## A Word from the Chaplain

Having lived and worked in Africa, my attention was drawn recently to the end to one of the continent's longest-running conflicts.

Families have been reunited after a decades-long conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea came to a surprising end. Leaders of the nations signed a declaration of peace in July and agreed to re-establish trade and diplomatic ties; and within a couple of weeks there were the first Ethiopia-Eritrea flights for almost 20 years.

Eritrea and Ethiopia had technically been at war since 1998 when a border conflict erupted between the countries. A peace deal in 2000, never fully implemented, left the countries in a 'cold war'.

The Prime Minister of



one of the countries said "The march toward peace might have been a long time coming but we have faith in the love and solidarity of our people. We can now imagine a future

where we see no national boundaries or high walls dividing us."

Peace with neighbours.  
Worth thinking about!

# Hazelwood Cemetery Trust

By Leo Billington  
Hazelwood Cemetery is now 140 years old having been established to "service the area encompassing Morwell, Yinnar and Hazelwood".

The Morwell Advertiser announced, "rabbits have at last invaded this district, and a number have been shot within two miles of the town."

It is also reported that they have done damage in the Hazelwood Cemetery, where they have burrowed. In the Yinnar district they are fast increasing in numbers, as well as in other parts of the Shire".

Why it took so long to realise rabbits were burrowing in the cemetery is amusing and bemusing. Today in 2018, their ancestors still reside at the cemetery.

Then on Friday August 3, 1923, following torrential rains and record flooding throughout the Yinnar and Hazelwood areas, the Morwell Advertiser editorial announced, "that several farmers lost pigs and other stock, whilst hundreds of rabbits were drowned".

At the cemetery, rabbits create OH&S issues – and care must be taken by visitors not to trip where rabbits either burrow or dig divots. Their presence around graves is unsightly and very unattractive.

To this end, the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust has, over recent years, used a variety of options to reduce the rabbit population.

Likewise, our neighbour, ENGIE, has also persevered with measures to achieve likewise.

Options used by the Trust include shooting, dogs working with ferrets, a smoke machine and poisoned bait (on a very limited scale). Often only ferrets are used by their ambitious owners. While eager ferrets scurry down burrows, one is not sure about the rate of success.

There were a couple of earlier burials before then but once a suitable block of land was found, the then Victorian government was quick to officially gazette the actual location.

About 160 years ago, it was recorded that Thomas Austin freed an estimated dozen rabbits on his grazing property near Geelong. Since then the rabbit has been instrumental in creating massive change throughout Australia.

I am sure some of those rabbits hurried across from Geelong to find safety in the Hazelwood Cemetery and immediate environs.

On Friday January 19, 1912, a leading article in

# Cooking with Noelene



the bowl of your electric mixer, along with 15gm of plain flour, 1/4tsp of salt, 100gm of castor sugar.

Now mix to combine.

In a separate bowl lightly beat 2 eggs with 3 egg yolks.

Add to the dry ingredients and beat till you have a smooth batter.

Spray cooking oil in and around 4 small oven proof ramekins and then lightly dust with icing sugar.

Divide 300 gm of pitted cherries between the ramekins, then pour over the batter.

Place the dishes in your pre heated oven for 25 minutes or until golden and risen.

Check the clafoutis with a skewer to make sure it has set in the middle.

If not bake for a further 5 minutes.

Leave to stand for 5 minutes before serving with a dusting of icing sugar and a healthy dollop of mascarpone or thickened cream.



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# Local Choirs Prepare for a Musical Adventure

The Latrobe Chorale and the West Gippsland Chorale have begun an exciting project preparing to participate in an exciting musical event.

Both choirs will be performing in a production of Sir Karl Jenkins' new work, Symphonic Adiemus and Giacomo Puccini's much loved Messa di Gloria.

The concert will be on November 25 at 3p.m. in Warragul. It will be presented in the newly developed West Gippsland Arts Centre (WGAC).

For the concert, the Latrobe Chorale and the West Gippsland Chorale will join the Heidelberg Choral Society and a forty-five piece orchestra to present the two very different works. The performance will be conducted by Peter Bandy.

Symphonic Adiemus is a contemporary composition that was conceived by Sir Karl Jenkins to draw on both classical principles and the flavours of world music.

It uses the massed choir as a musical instrument and they will sing in a totally made up language with the orchestra and a variety of percussion instruments.

Puccini's Messa di Gloria was first performed in 1880 and is a much loved piece in

the western classical music tradition. For this work the choirs and orchestra will be joined by soloists Jeremy Kleeman (bass baritone) and Timothy Reynolds (tenor) to make a very special afternoon of music.

The West Gippsland Chorale is based in Warragul where they are conducted by Simon Loveless and accompanied by Lisa Fraser.

The Latrobe Chorale rehearses in Morwell with their musical director Mary Mirtschin and pianist Brian Chapman.

Singers in the two choirs are drawn from a wide area of Central and West Gippsland.

With the Heidelberg Choral Society and their orchestra coming from Melbourne for this concert,

there will be more than two hundred singers and musicians on the stage.

The re-developed WGAC auditorium will be able to accommodate an audience of more than 600 people, so the choirs are hoping for a big turnout for this exciting event.

Tickets are on sale now and cost \$45 full price or \$40 concession.

Those under eighteen pay \$20, and group booking tickets for ten or more people will cost \$40.

Bookings can be made through WGAC by calling 5624 2456 or booked on line at www.wgac.com.au.

This project is supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria.



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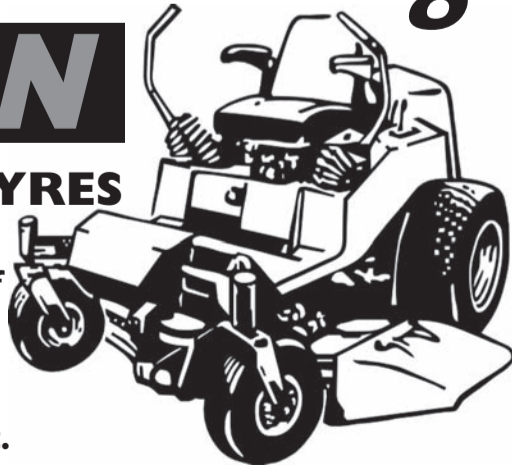
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## Footy Finals

I would like to congratulate all associated with the Churchill Football Netball Club on their efforts during the 2018 season. To have a number of teams make the finals and indeed the Grand Final is a great achievement. I dropped by the Club on the Thursday evening prior to the Grand Final and it was wonderful to observe the incredible dedication of so many people. Whether that be strapping the players, making banners or preparing meals, it's obvious there is a strong family environment in existence at the Club. The Cougars under 18 football team started the day well, with an impressive victory over TTU. Cain Iorangi was a star and awarded the best on ground medal and congratulations to joint coaches Scott Berechree and Brendan Mason, and all support staff and players on a wonderful season.

The A Grade Netball season ended with a very close Grand Final but alas, Rosedale proved too strong against the Cougars in the end. Well done to all Churchill A Grade players for their efforts during the season and to joint coaches Rachael Paterson and Maddison Burney.

The Seniors Football team started brightly on what was a dreadful day weather-wise, but Yarram were just too good at the end of the day. Jarrod

Broadbent, Chris Kyriacou and Travis Brighton all performed well for the Cougars. Congratulations to all players across all grades of football and netball, coaches, committee members, trainers, and volunteers for a terrific season. I'm sure President Mick and the Churchill community are proud of your efforts.

It was also wonderful to see Churchill Football Netball Club stalwart Mark Anwerth recently inducted into the North Gippsland Football League Hall of Fame. Mark has no peer when it comes to the individual contribution of a person as a player and administrator, and his induction is truly deserved. Well done Mark!!

## Writing awards

I had the utmost pleasure of attending the Churchill & District News Writing and Poetry Competition Presentation evening again, last month. Congratulations to all of the talented finalists and winners of each category – there was an exceptionally high quality of competition, as always. Despite there being entrants from all over the country, I was very proud to see a large number of local award winners and in particular many students from our local Primary Schools. Thank you to the Churchill & District News for again holding a fabulous



competition and event, encouraging our talented local writers and young people to be involved in this great initiative.

## Parma for a Farmer

At the start of August, I was exceptionally thankful to our local Publicans and Hotels to see them join very early, the "Parma for a Farmer" campaign. Yinnar and Churchill pubs were two of our first local early adopters to jump on board this terrific initiative - for a very important cause. For those who have not heard about "Parma for a Farmer", participating pubs nationwide are donating money from each parmigiana sold to help farmers living in communities suffering drought. The Churchill Hotel donated an incredible \$3,222 to Gippsland Farmer Relief. Well done to Guy, Stacey and all staff at Churchill Hotel for their generosity and to the Churchill community for supporting this initiative!

# Hazelwood Rotary Club



By Leo Billington  
During August and September, Hazelwood Rotary has enjoyed the pleasure of listening to a range of interesting and entertaining guests.

Gavin Dykes made his first appearance with the Morwell Caledonian Pipe Band over 65 years ago within a week of arriving from Scotland when he was 22 years old. However, Gavin soon became a leader of a then well – known local quintet called the Five Scots.

Gavin recalled how five friends formed together entertaining thousands across Victoria. With his four friends (including his brother Alex Dykes) now gone, Gavin, with typical,

engaging Scottish humour, relived television appearances on Melbourne television with Graham Kennedy and Bert Newton. Other popular luminaries such as Evie Hayes, Frank Wilson and Hector Crawford were also mentioned.

The Five Scots, as Gavin described those early years, started "as a bit of fun, and reached dizzy heights without really trying". Janine Carruthers, co-proprietor of Bridges on Argyle Motel and Serviced Apartments in Traralgon, provided an insight into owning and managing an accommodation business.

Janine provided many anecdotes illustrating a vast

array of highs and challenges inherent in Victoria's and Gippsland's accommodation industry.

Hazelwood Rotary has supported fund raising for Very Special Kids for many years. Several weeks back, a very profitable sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Morwell proved a bonanza for the appeal. (Very Special Kids cares for children with life-threatening conditions by providing a children's hospice and professional family support services.)

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



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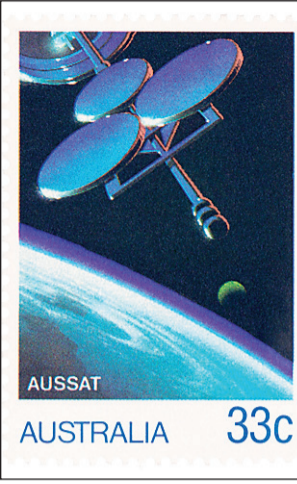
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The first satellite, the Russian Sputnik was so amazing in its day that people across the world went outside at night to catch a glimpse of a tiny speck of light travelling across the night sky. The development of space flight was very rapid.

Satellites increased in size to accommodate first animals and then men and with this came the necessity to bring the occupants back alive. It took only 13 years to go from a small satellite to putting men on the moon and bringing them back, a huge achievement.

The stamps celebrating the milestones of space science followed each step quickly, an exercise in propaganda as much as anything else. We

had stamps picturing rockets, satellites, space stations both real and imaginary, vehicles which could explore other planets and of course the new celebrities of the world, the astronauts.

It is a curious thing that there developed an understanding between these people, a feeling of camaraderie which transcended the propaganda as the respect for each other's exploits and the courage they displayed grew until today we have a space station crewed by people of a number of races, all working for the common good.

This does not rule out competition between countries to use satellites for their own ends and spy satellites will always be with us, feeding the paranoia of the ultra-nationalists.

Where will it all end? Mankind will probably set up colonies on other planets or moons within our solar system as we exhaust our raw materials here on Earth, and profit is a great motivator. Using these colonies to overcome our over-population is not an option however, because the outflow of colonists would be replaced in days by new births here.

Australia has its own satellites in space, aiding the communications within our vast country.

A set of two stamps featuring AUSSAT was issued



Melina Bath, the Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Region convened local, state and federal government representatives, industry and business representatives and national research organisations to discuss economic prosperity and future uses for the Valley's vast coal resources in Churchill.

**Carbon round table in Churchill examines future vision for the region**

Melina Bath, the Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria successfully convened a round table forum at Federation University in Churchill recently that examined the future use of Latrobe Valley's vast carbon resources from coal and timber by-products.

Latrobe Valley's brown coal resources present significant opportunity for the future economic development of the Latrobe Valley region. Advancements in carbon initiatives and support for new coal based industries and technologies will play a vital role in the future economic prosperity of the Latrobe Valley and entire Gippsland region as they have internationally.

The forum was attended by Senator the Honourable Matt Canavan, Federal Minister for Resources, David Southwick

MP, Shadow Minister for Innovation, Energy and Resources, Innovation and Renewables and Professor Leigh Sullivan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) at Federation University Australia.

Other attendees included Brown Coal Innovation Australia, industry and business representatives and national research organisations.

Ms Bath said the regions carbon resources were vast and readily accessible and all attendees at the forum were committed to examining future benefits and uses.

"At the round table forum attendees discussed and developed a shared vision on the development of future technologies and the pathways to commercialisation.

The group also focussed on the Latrobe Valley economy including job development and growth," said Ms Bath.

"There are opportunities for the use of coal outside the current power generation sector and the forum positively examined how the Latrobe Valley could establish itself as a long-term base for high-end combined carbon product research and manufacturing.

The Latrobe Valley workforce is highly skilled, capable and experienced. The groundwork for the region to become the 'Hub' or 'Centre of Excellence' for the future development of carbon based industries and technologies has been established through the forum.

With Federation University located in Churchill and through industry and government support Latrobe Valley is well positioned to become the nursery for new carbon based technologies."

The forum followed an announcement earlier that day by Senator Matt

Canavan where the Federal Government made \$1 million in funding available to Brown Coal Innovation Australia (BCIA). BCIA is located in Churchill and they will use the funding to focus on advancing Australia's economic prosperity by researching low emissions technologies for both electricity generation and products derived from brown coal.

"I am excited at the prospect of Churchill being the town at the forefront of research into low-emissions, low-cost, coal technologies and high-value products derived from carbon including fertilisers, activated carbon, hydrogen and bio-plastics to name a few.

These products have the ability to create sustainable quality jobs for Latrobe Valley and will see our community continue to grow and develop into the future," Ms Bath concluded.

in 1986 to commemorate its launch. We also have issued sets to commemorate World Weather Watch and Satellite Communications in 1968 and International Space Year in 1992.

Our Stamp and Coin Fair is over for another year and was quite successful, thanks to our sponsor, Latrobe City Council and the members of the club.

Our stamp display on four-legged creatures was outstanding and a great credit to the contributors who have taken up the challenge of putting together exhibits with great vigour. Well done to you all.

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# Lions Club Citizen Awards 2019

The Lions Club of Churchill and District Inc. will once again be organising a community function to celebrate Australia Day in Churchill.

The event has proven very popular in recent years.

To enhance the event, the club will present a Young Citizen Award and a Citizen Award to the most outstanding person(s) in each category for their contribution to the community during the previous 12 months. This Award is now adopted as a tradition

and we ask that residents again nominate candidates.

Nominees must be a resident of Churchill or reside in the immediate surrounding district.

The nominated person's applications will be scrutinised by an independent panel of judges and the relevant winner for each category chosen. The decision of that panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The awards will be supplied and presented by the Lions

Club of Churchill and District Inc. at the Churchill Australia Day Ceremony on January 26, 2019.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Young Citizen of the Year Award - applicants must be 18 years or under on January 26, 2019.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Citizen of the Year Award - open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on January 26, 2019.

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The Awards are provided by the Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. and presented at the Australia Day Ceremony in Churchill on January 26, 2019.

Person(s) who have made a noteworthy contribution during the preceding year and / or given outstanding service to the local Community over a number of years shall be eligible.

The person(s) being nominated must be a resident of Churchill or the immediate surrounding district. All information is confidential. The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

## 2019 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATION FOR (Please tick appropriate box):

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Peter West, Chair of the Regional Strategic Fire Management Planning Committee said: "A critical component is community participation and involvement. Together, these organisations are seeking input from the community to help guide the development of bushfire management strategies that reduce the risk to those things people value most," Mr West said. "We want to ensure that the values and objectives we use in the management of fire are shared by the broader Gippsland community, so we're seeking help from the community to update the Strategic Bushfire Management Plan. This plan will guide bushfire risk reduction on both public and private land across Gippsland into the future.

We've developed an online survey so that people can share their experiences of bushfire and bushfire planning and what they value most when it comes to reducing bushfire risk." To have your say, go to: <http://www.engage.vic.gov.au/bushfire-planning>



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## Blurred Boundaries

A new exhibition, 'Blurred Boundaries' looking at how the concept of home is often undefined in our global lives, is currently showing at Latrobe Regional Gallery.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Darrell White OAM, said the exhibition was evocative and engaging, requiring the viewer to enter the 'in-between' spaces of the works.

The artist, Helle Cook,

examines our sense of place, in which home boundaries shift and become blurred. The process of migration can become a liminal experience, when the concept 'home' is undefined and unresolved.

Cook invites the viewer to step into 'the threshold between abstraction and figuration'. Her works are described as non-prescriptive and encourage the viewer to be immersed in their own multi-

dimensional exploration. Councillor White added that the fascinating exhibition challenged us to examine our own preconceptions.

"It makes us think about place and culture and how our 'global' lives might have stretched our old ideas about what constitutes 'home,'" Councillor White said.

Helle Cook: 'Blurred Boundaries' is on until November 25, 2018.

### Fire Safe Kids training

The two members who visit schools to implement the Fire Safe Kids program had a busy time in September visiting Churchill P.S., Lumen Christi P.S. and the Preps at Yinnar South P.S.

For the older children, the messages about preparing for the fire season, fire hazards in and around the home were reinforced with small videos and posters. Teachers gave pre and post lessons to the visits, and used activity sheets, to

hammer home the messages.

The younger children learned about smoke alarms and their importance, crawling low in smoke and stop, drop, roll if your clothes catch on fire, how to exit a burning home/building, how to gather in a safe meeting place and how to contact 000 to bring the fire brigade. Again pre and post lessons were part of the program with activity sheets to ensure these important strategies were remembered.

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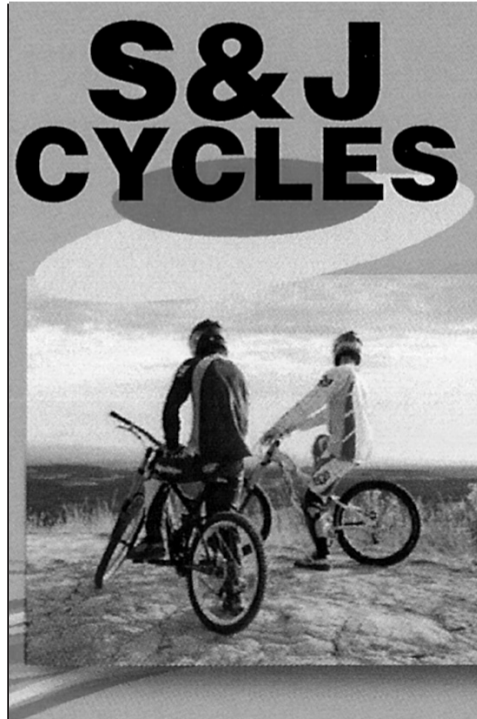
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# Walkley Park Kindergarten – End of era



Walkey Park Preschool while in operation

By Darrell White OAM  
 Moves began in 1971 for the establishment of an additional kindergarten in Churchill. It is understood, that at that time, community members Peter and Kay McShane, together with Des Dalton and others with young babies and families on the way, could see that Watson Park Kindergarten was overflowing and that there was a huge waiting list for places.

As a result, it was decided to approach Council about the matter. A meeting was held with Ron Waters, Shire Secretary of Morwell Shire Council, whose response was that they needed to define a clear need, not just an immediate, but a long term need for the establishment of another kindergarten in Churchill.

This created the impetus for a Steering Committee to be formed with their first task being a door knock of houses in Churchill. The result was a range of statistics which revealed that Churchill had an immediate kindergarten shortage problem, which was clearly going to escalate into the future.

The Steering Committee presented these results to the Council and also approached Parliamentarians for their support and received strong responses. Council was convinced of the need, Government grants were then applied for and approved and a contract was eventually awarded to build a new kindergarten situated in Walkley Park off Mulcare Crescent.

The Steering Committee had a continuing involvement in the design of the kindergarten's layout along with making many suggestions regarding the equipment to be provided. Equipment had to be very specific sizes and special paint used.

Regulations were becoming more complex for buildings of this type and safety was a key issue.

In September 1975, all was in readiness for the kindergarten to get under way. Pat Williams was appointed as the first Kindergarten Director. According to Peter McShane, the first President of the actual

Kindergarten Committee, Pat was absolutely outstanding, and was in every way responsible for the success of the kindergarten.

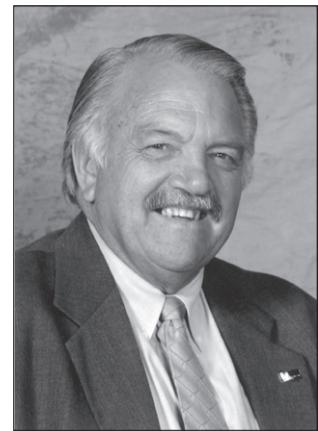
A number of local people acted as assistants including the late Carmen Cook, Marg Van Rossum, the late Marg Klose, and Kathy Sorby (Fyfe).

The dreaded ballot for places was necessary because even with two kindergartens Churchill did not have sufficient positions. Places were in such short supply that it was necessary to run a third group part time, including Saturday mornings, to satisfy the demand. The kindergarten parents were a close knit group who were prepared to fight to get a state of the art facility for their children. With this fight grew a deep sense of ownership, and pride. It is interesting to note that there were men on the committee, something usually unheard of in those days, and they positively contributed on this first mixed committee. As Pat Williams recalled fondly "They were very special times!"

In 1993 Brenda Burney was the President of the Walkley Park Kindergarten committee. During that year, as the numbers of pre-schoolers had dropped markedly, the City of Morwell Council decided that two of the pre-schools in Churchill would close – Walkley Park and Watson Park.

The Walkley Park committee voiced their opposition of the closure to the Council. However, decisions needed to be made, so the Walkley Park committee made the hard decision and voted in favour of closing, but recommended that Watson Park remain open because of its proximity to Churchill Primary School. It also meant the closure of the Andrews Park Kindergarten.

At that time, members of the Walkley Park committee, as a result of a brainstorming session, came up with the idea of the Walkley Park Children's Centre. It would be a facility which would incorporate childcare and three year old kindergarten (Koala Kinder). People could hire it for birthdays and other children's activities could be



run there.

A very successful drama group was based there, and for a short time, a children's aerobics and drama course was held, as well as computer classes. It brought together the playgroups- Owl and Pussy Cat, and Churchill Play Group - into a new home.

Over the years the Walkley Park Kindergarten facility has been a great community asset which for so many was the location for the start of their educational and social development journey.

It also played a key role in the social strengthening of our Churchill and district community, not only being a venue for the creation of many new family friendships, but also being a venue for shared experiences in enhancing features at the kindergarten for the children to enjoy and learn.

It was the end of an era when Latrobe City Council recently resolved that it was necessary for the building to be demolished following an assessment of a range of options.

The former Walkley Park Kindergarten was a key part of the Churchill landscape and integral to so many of Churchill and district families whose offspring began their educational journey there.

To all those of our Churchill and district community who have been associated with Walkley Park facility, thank you for your contributions over the years – you can all take great pride in knowing that your energy and efforts have made an important difference and substantially enhanced the social fabric of our Churchill and district community.



The site of the Walkley Park preschool which has been demolished

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## ANNIVERSARY

We invite all past, present and future students, staff and their families to come along and join us on

**FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2018**

in celebrating 50 years of Churchill Primary School.

The school will be open for visitors from 2pm with open classrooms and school tours operating until 4pm.

From 4pm to 6pm we will hold a family fun afternoon with special activities and invite families to bring along a picnic dinner or purchase a snag, drink or ice-cream from the canteen.

# National Travel Industry Award for Matt Schmitz



If you live around Churchill and love to travel it is no doubt you have heard of Matt Schmitz Travel Counsellors. Matt is a Churchill local who has been offering personalised travel, independently for the past six years. Whilst most will know Matt for his services and his cheek, many won't know that we have one of Australia's top Travel Agents on our own door step.

In May 2018 Matt was listed as a nominee for the category of best retail travel agent at the National Travel Industry Awards (NTIA). The NTIA recognises excellence within the Australian travel industry through a process of nomination, short listing, judging (based on a presentation) and voting. To be short listed several industry leaders must agree to your nomination. The judging panel then further narrows down the candidates by looking at each agent's sales, what they have brought to their franchise/company and the level of customer satisfaction.

Following this process Matt was short listed and required to attend an interview and presentation in Sydney. He was required to present himself and his business before a panel of judges including Quintin Long (owner of Australian Traveler Magazine and distinguished travel journalist), Bob

Lunnon, (industry legend) and Donna Campbell (Managing Director of D.C and Associates - Destination Canada). This presentation placed Matt as one of Australia's top five travel agents.

On July 21, 2018 the NTIA winner was announced at a gala dinner in Sydney. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be for Matt. The winner achieved a score of 83% and Matt scored 80%. Within the feedback from the judges it was noted that the only thing that split Matt apart was that the winner had slightly better presentation skills. Further feedback from the judges noted "Matt is the future of travel agents; he should be very proud of his success to date. Well done on a solid presentation."

Matt would like to congratulate Giselle from Spencer Travel Southside, New South Wales, on winning the Best Retail consultant in Australia.

Matt said "I am so grateful and thankful to all my customers and family. I never in my wildest dreams would have thought that my business would have taken off like this let alone be nominated in the Top 5 Travel Agents in Australia and coming so close to winning. It is such an honour and a privilege. I look forward to making more holiday dreams a reality in the future"

# Al-Anon-self care replaced fear and anxiety

Growing up in an alcoholic home, I learned to focus on how my dad came home and whether my mum was going to be sad or angry. I learned to worry about my sister when she didn't come home at night, and I learned to do things for other people that they could well do for themselves. I was full of fear and anxiety, and I didn't sleep or eat well. I tried to be quiet when my dad was home, and I tried to comfort my mum when she was upset. But I had no idea what my own needs were and couldn't see a future for myself.

My sponsor would listen to all my woes and then ask me what I was going to do that day to take care of myself. I would come up with something like take a walk or watch a movie. The next day she would ask how the walk or movie had been. I began to learn what my needs were, to take the focus off others and to place it on myself. And life started to improve.

By working through the steps, I was able to quiet my anxiety and fear. I talked with my sponsor, instead of trying to get comfort from people who weren't capable of giving it. I learned how to mind my own business and to take care of myself every day.

Today I continue to talk to my sponsor, do written step work and attend meetings.

I take care of myself by eating and sleeping well, minding my own business and helping others in Al-Anon.

Those simple steps I took in my early recovery continue to be a source of comfort and growth for me. I am forever grateful to Al-Anon for giving me a wonderful useful life.

Meetings:

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

Newborough Tuesday  
8pm or Wednesday 1pm at  
the Uniting Church or phone  
Al-Anon 03 9620 2166 or  
1300alanon (1300 252 666)

## Replacement Tree



Most people will remember the wonderful old tree at the town entrance roundabout which used to be floodlit each night.

We grieved when after a horrific wind storm it fell over and was removed.

We were elated when the

council put in a replacement tree two years ago. We were saddened to see this die after the dry summer.

But there is hope that the original tree will have a replacement after all with the planting of replacement tree number two.

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Stalls include Face Painters, Plaster Painting, Show Bags, Cosmetics, China Painting, Wooden Platters, Children's Clothing, Jewellery, Candles and Melts, Knitting Yarns, Oils, Soaps, Gippsland Strawberries, numerous Hand Crafts, Food and Coffee vendors, Homemade Cakes and Slices, Fudge, Plants, Honey, Hair Accessories and many more (No Bric-A-Brac)  
It is an Indoor/Outdoor Market with the Hall Heated in Winter and Air Conditioned in Summer.

Contact information for market co-ordinator  
Email: yinnarmemorialhallinc@outlook.com  
Phone 0417 525 431

# Calling for donations for Plant Sale

It's all about the timing. And the time is right now! Lifeline Gippsland is calling on the Gippsland Community for donations for their November 15 and 16 Plant Sale to be held at the Morwell Shop and Warehouse, 2 Fleming Street Morwell.

Lifeline Gippsland CEO Michelle Possingham said, "November's Plant Sale is definitely the biggie and with November here before we know it, it's a timely call-to-action to all of the plant propagators out there to don those gardening gloves yet again and get into it for a most worthy cause."

Once again we are seeking support from our wonderful community throughout Gippsland to assist us to make this Plant Sale a huge success.

Anything of a gardening nature would be put to very good use - plants and seeds of any variety such as roses, orchids, shrubs, grasses and bulbs. Pots, gardening tools, garden furniture and ornaments would be most appreciated", continued Ms Possingham.

"We receive just 12% State Government funding, so the plant sale is a vital fund-raising activity to help us raise much-needed funds to support

our 24-hour Telephone Crisis Support Service 13 11 14, and to assist with regular professional development that ensures our phone volunteers retain the standards that are needed to provide a high-quality service", concluded Ms Possingham.

Donated items for the plant sale can be dropped off at the following Lifeline shops: Churchill, Moe, Morwell, Sale, Traralgon and Wonthaggi.

For larger donations, a pick up can be arranged by calling the office on 5136 3500.

# Council launch planning portal

In a regional first, Latrobe City Council will offer the community an ePlanning Portal - a digital platform that will allow lodgement and payment of planning permit applications.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said the new software would streamline the planning application process.

"In September last year, we rolled out the first stage of our ePlanning Portal that allowed developers to access the portal.

Now, the wider community can use the system and submit both their applications and

their payment.

The new software enables Council's planning officers to assess applications without the need for hardcopy documentation. All correspondence for online applications will be electronic and will go a long way towards the delivery of a faster planning service.

We believe the online application process will improve the overall customer experience by reducing administration costs and making it quicker and easier for applicants to submit planning permit applications.

We know it can be a

stressful time when it comes to submitting applications for building work or renovations but the ePortal will cut through some of the waiting times and customers will see movement on their projects much quicker than previously."

Councillor White added that customers who wish to submit hard copy applications could still do so.

"We are here to service the customer's request in whichever way they prefer."

You can find the ePlanning Portal at [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/onlineplanningpermits](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/onlineplanningpermits)

# Stepping our way to healthy lifestyles



Pictured left to right: Activewear team captain Holly Peterson, Latrobe Community Health Service's Laura Duff and Activewear team member Joanne Leviston.

More than 900 people collectively walked five and a half laps around the world in five weeks as part of our annual Latrobe 10,000 Steps Challenge.

For the third consecutive year, we challenged workplaces across the Latrobe Valley to start stepping at least 10,000 steps a day. In 2018 they did just that, with a record 94 teams across 20 workplaces taking part.

Ten thousand steps is the recommended minimum step count for a healthy, active person.

Regular physical activity - like going for a 30-minute brisk walk - can help you maintain or achieve a healthy body weight, reduce stress and help you sleep better.

In the long run, regular physical activity can help to reduce the risk of developing lifestyle diseases like type 2 diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

"We know more than half of Latrobe Valley adults are not exercising enough

each day, so we thought this challenge would be an exciting way to get more people moving," Laura Duff, Health Promotion Officer at Latrobe Community Health Service, said.

"Not only does physical activity make people healthier in body and mind, but active people are usually more motivated and productive at work.

Walking is just one of the many ways to exercise throughout your 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).

This year's participants knocked those figures out of the park and walked a staggering 290 million steps - an average of 10,089 steps a day.

The highest stepping team was a bunch of school staff sporting the name 'Activewear' from Churchill's very own Lumen Christi

Catholic Primary School.

'Activewear' had been leading the way throughout the whole challenge, and with their 6.2 million step count, took out the much coveted 'Golden Sneaker' Trophy.

Runner up was awarded to the 'Chafing the Dream' team from Latrobe City Council, which collectively walked 5.5 million steps.

Coming in a close third was 'The Philinators' team from Latrobe Community Health Service, with 5.4 million steps in tow.

The Latrobe 10,000 Steps Challenge will be back again in 2019.

In the meantime, workplaces can run their own challenge for free at [www.10000steps.org.au](http://www.10000steps.org.au)

You can find out more about workplace health and wellbeing, along with the support Latrobe Community Health Service can offer, at: <https://lchs.com.au/community/healthy-places>

## Keep Safe at Road Crossings

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK

- **STOP** one step back from the kerb or edge of the road if there is no footpath
- **LOOK** in all directions for approaching traffic
- **LISTEN** in all directions for approaching traffic
- **THINK** about whether it is safe to cross the road, when the road is clear or all traffic has stopped

When crossing, walk straight across the road. Keep **LOOKING** and **LISTENING** for traffic while crossing.

### CROSSINGS

Even at crossings you still need to remain alert and check whether vehicles are stopping for you. Always make sure traffic has actually stopped before stepping onto the road. Remember children's crossings are legally active only when the flags are displayed. If a school crossing supervisor is on duty, cross only when they indicate that it is safe.

We want our young people learning to cross roads to be safe. And we want *everyone* crossing the road to keep free from distractions.



STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK



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# Sit back, *relax* – read our stories . . .

## 2018 Writing and Poetry Competition well patronised

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contributed notepads for our participants.

Gippsland Water for items for goody bags and prizes.

All these contribute to make the competition possible so they are greatly appreciated.

Churchill & District News packed goody bags and produced magnificent participation certificates for the primary age entrants so everyone would feel encouraged to keep writing. All winners received a laminated certificate along with their prize.

Before the prize giving, Marion Ireland, who is an author of stories and phonic books and who has been a teacher for many years, and is passionate about encouraging children to write, was invited to say a few words to help writers know how to improve their writing.

Following is the advice she gave -

1. Read! Read! Read! Reading goes hand in hand with writing. The more reading you do the better your writing becomes.

2. Thinking time is important. Think about your audience. You want them to enjoy and appreciate what you have written.

3. Plan your writing. For example, if you are writing a narrative, think about what form it will take and the sequence of events. Make sure you have an introduction, main body of story with a complication and a solution with your conclusion.

4. Jot down a rough draft in note form if that helps. Ideas are important too. Use your imagination. Try to be original unless you are narrating an event.

5. After you have written your story, proof-read it carefully paying special attention to punctuation and spelling. Computers are very useful with things like 'spellcheck'.

The awards were then given out to the following winners -

### Category 1 Children 7 and under Poetry and Story.

Toby Grant	'I've Lost my Dog'
Ruby Galletti	'The Unicorn that came Alive'
Ruby Marland	'Ruby was Lost'
Oscar O'Brien	'The Surprise'
Harpa Baker	'The Spooky Forest'
Stephanie Wilkinson	'15 Pups'
Patrick Francis	'Lost – My Voice'
Oskah Hudson	'My Trip to the Moon'
Hayley Erickson	'The Rainbow Forest'

Molly Mulder	'Big Ted'
Tyson McInnes	'Fighting Bad Guys'
Prep 1 Class Entry	'The Naughty Fairies in our Classroom'

### Category 2 Children 8 to 10 Poetry and Short Story

Sienna Carruthers / Ruby Paulet	'Will Remember'
Will Szkwarek	'The MCG'
Phoebe Cavill/Heidi McCulloch	'Anzac Day Poem'

Aurora Heppleston	'The Spiral'
Elizabeth Zang	'My Cat'
Charlize Cuff	'Truest Emotions'

### Stories

Phoebe Cavill	'My Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad 2 Days'
Asha Mills	'Spy!'
Sharlee Ericson	'The Great White Shark'

Taylor Mansfield	'Volcanos Gone Wrong'
Gabrielle Betts	'Magic Tunnel'
Cooper Campbell	'Problem Ducks'
Armita T	'Jack and his Dream'

Loki Heislors	'The Mysterious Ocean'
Shannyn Laughton	'Lucy gets a Pet'
Lila Kerslake	'The Mystery Puzzle'

Jesse Rhodes	'The Weird Bug'
Brooke Macrae	'One Stormy, Scary Night'
Jenny Baker	'My Horrifying Night'

### Category 3 Children 11-13 Short Story

Mitchell Berechree	'A Kid at a Candy Convention'
Makayla Almond	'The Haunted Museum'
Stella Voarino	'The Mysterious Planet'

Herman Huang	'What Job will I do?'
Ruby Smith	'Abandoned City'
Luke Marchionne	'Earth vs Mars'
Valentina Beschle	'The Ocean'
Olivia Perkins	'Dance'

### Special Award for Illustration Gabrielle Betts



### Category 4 Children 11-13 Poetry

Mia Rose Tosin	'In the Waiting Room'
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### Category 5 14-18 years Short Story

Kodi Sawtell	'Time'
Samuel Lawrence	'Battle of Brothers'
Taj Hahn	'Red Riding Hood'

### Category 7 Adult Short Story

Janice Williams	'Give us Peace'
Tessa Just	'I Love you Daddy'
Colleen Russell	'At the End of the Day'
Liliane Grace	'The Wicked Fairy's Gift'
Janice Williams	'The Word on the Street'

### Category 8 Adult Poetry

Heather Densley	'The Snake'
Janice Williams	'Chance Encounter'
Heather Densley	'Bill's Night Out'
Janeen Samuel	'Elements of Farming'
Geraldine McClure	'My Favourite Cemetery'

### Category 9 A Story for Children

Janeen Samuel	'Wings for the Weekend'
Janice Williams	'Dogs are like their People'
Tessa Just	'Princess No'

7 and Under Poetry and story

# I've Lost My Dog

by Toby Grant

Nick woke up early. He was going to have a play with his dog. He decided to play fetch but he accidentally threw the ball over the fence. His dog chased after the ball but Benji the dog from next door grabbed it and ran away. Nick's dog ran off too.



Nick was sad. He decided to head away from home to find his dog. He looked in the park but he couldn't find him. He called the police and they looked everywhere but they couldn't find him either.

Nick looked everywhere he could think of but he just couldn't find him. He was about to give up when he remembered his favourite spot to hide in the bushes at the back of his house.

Nick raced home. He checked in the bushes and there was his dog! They were both really happy.

## Adult Poetry

# The Snake

By Heather Densley

While weeding in the garden, I got an awful scare,  
Just behind the rose bush, I saw it lying there.

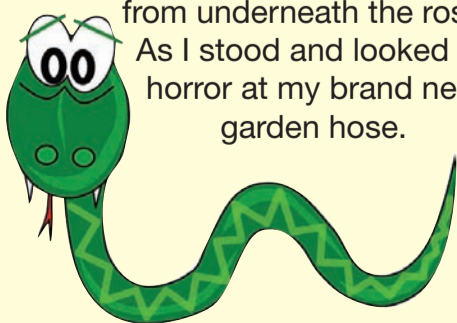
"Snake!" I screamed out to my husband, who came quickly to my aid

Just watch it doesn't shift my dear, I'll run and grab a spade.  
I stood there shaking in my boots pretending to be brave,

Hoping it hadn't noticed me, and that it would behave.

Hubby wacked it many times, it didn't have a chance,  
And I hadn't really noticed, he'd almost wrecked my plants.

Then he flicked it out in pieces, from underneath the rose  
As I stood and looked in horror at my brand new garden hose.



Photographs by Brenda Cheetham. With thanks.

## A Story for Children

# WINGS FOR THE WEEKEND

by Janeen Samuel

"And what do you wish for, little boy?" said the fairy.  
Little boy! Okay, I'm small for my age but... little boy..... right there in front of about a million shoppers. The day was going downhill fast. I didn't know then how much worse it was going to get. It had begun as an ordinary Saturday morning... me still in bed, Amy zipping around like a blowfly, Mum pottering. Then the phone rang.

A minute later Mum came into my room. "That was work. They want me to come in today. A couple of people are off sick." I knew what that meant. "So would you mind looking after Amy? You didn't have anything special planned for today, did you?"

I didn't, but there's a big difference between not doing anything special and minding your little sister. To do her credit, Mum does understand this. So I sort of let her know that it was a big ask and then said, yeah, all right. Ten minutes later she was racing out the front door, spouting all the usual instructions and finishing with, "Could you buy bread and milk? I've left money on the table. Get yourselves something disgustingly unhealthy for lunch, if you like."

It was when I was picking up the money that I saw the shopping list. It was a typical Mum list, full of little cryptic messages to herself. She'd probably meant to take it with her. I thought, oh, well, what the heck, my day's ruined anyway. So I said to Amy, "What say we go to the Complex and get all Mum's shopping?"

She jumped and twirled and yelled, "Yay! She loves going to the Shopping Complex. I thought I'd let her drag me around for a while looking at stuff she likes, have a quick browse in the bike shop, then buy Mum's things. I get like this sometimes. The rest of the time I'm normal and Mum has to threaten or bribe me to do the shopping."

The Shopping Complex near our place is huge. It has shops on several levels, a central well with escalators and a fountain and hanging fancy sculpture-things, and hordes of people. Amy insisted on starting at the top, and we worked our way down in a long spiral via gift shops, toyshops, jewellery shops - she likes anything that glitters, a ride on a merry-go-round, and a stop for donuts and milkshakes. We'd reached the ground floor, we were within sight of the bike shop, when Amy spotted the Fairy Grotto.

It was new. In fact it must have just opened because there was a promotion going on. The doorway was wreathed in plastic flowers, with dangling spangly things and a scroll in curly writing, "Wishes granted. Today only." Under it was a woman in a fairy outfit, smiling and waving her wand at passers-by.

I looked in the window and saw green curtains with fairies pinned all over them, and tables with toadstools and fairy castles. A real Amy-trap. I was wondering if it would be safe to leave Amy there while I went to the bike shop, when the fairy woman said, "Hello, little girl, what's your wish for today?"

She was talking to Amy, leaning right over her. Amy's eyes had grown huge and her mouth was round open, like a terrified goldfish. I recognised that look. She'd gone scared like that last Christmas when we took her to see Santa Claus. She was still young enough to be taken in by someone in a fake costume.

"Come on, little girl, what's your wish?" The woman was still bending over her, really close. I was annoyed.

"She hasn't got one," I said. "Let's go, Amy." I took her hand. The fairy woman turned and leaned towards me and that's when she said it: "And what do you wish for, little boy?"

I felt my face going red with anger and embarrassment. There was a crowd round us by then. People had been walking past before, but now that she'd snared someone they were stopping to watch.

I wanted to walk away but it was hard with all the people around me. I let go of Amy so I could put both hands in my pockets because that's what I do when I want to leave an argument: put my hands in my pockets and turn my back. It makes Mum really mad. My left hand found a piece of paper. Mum's list. I pulled it out. I thought, okay, I'll tell her the stuff on Mum's grocery list; that'll make her look stupid. I read out the first item:

"Wings for the weekend."  
The woman straightened and lifted her wand. Something glittery shot out of the end of it and drifted over me and Amy. I just had time to think, good, Amy will like that and now we can go, before I felt the strangest sensation in my shoulder blades. It was like the pins-and-needles you get when your arm or foot has gone to sleep. I wriggled them to get rid of it and next thing I knew... Whoosh! I was up in the air.

I was right up above the heads of the crowd. Or over their faces, because they all had their heads tilted, looking up. They were crowded round an empty space: Amy wasn't there. I looked round wildly and saw her. She was in the air with me, her eyes and mouth still round with fright or astonishment and a pair of white feathery wings fluttering.

It wasn't until I saw them that I realised what had happened. Beneath us the people had started clapping. They thought it was a stunt. Wires hanging from the roof, perhaps. For a moment I almost thought that too. I flew sideways to test it out. No problem. Up, down... easy! More clapping.

Something took hold of me then. Partly it was excitement. Partly it was anger at the woman and the gawking crowd. I wanted to test my wings but I didn't want to do it with a lot of people staring.

I called, "Come on, Amy!" and took off. Up and away. Zooming between pillars, looping the loop around the escalators, skimming the gallery railings, climbing and climbing until finally I landed in the very top gallery. It was narrow and deserted, lined with offices.

I gave a sigh of relief. On my own at last. Totally on my own. No Amy. I hadn't looked to see if she was following me. I should have known she couldn't keep up. In fact I might as well admit it, I hadn't thought about her at all.

I was making up for that now. All the way back to the shop I scanned the crowds for a little girl in white wings and a pink tracksuit. Surprisingly few people saw me. Most of them were looking at the shops, or each other, or staring at nothing. The few who did spot me looked startled for a moment; then they just smiled and looked away. I guessed in a place where there were so many glitzy things, one more didn't count.

The crowd around the Fairy Grotto had gone and there was no-one in the doorway. I hovered, trying to see inside. Then my eye caught the fountain. It's more a waterfall really, four storeys high, made of hundreds of wires with drops of water running down them and lit from behind. Glistening. Just Amy's thing, but you can't get close to it normally. I looked up and sure enough there she was, near the top.

I got up there as fast as my wings would take me. She was fairly wet, and clutching something in one hand. "This is fun. Look what I found." It was a china unicorn with purple fuzzy patches and gold trimmings.

I said, very sternly, "Where did you get that?"  
'Off a table.'  
'In a shop? That's stealing, Amy.'  
'Not in a shop.' Her bottom lip stuck out. 'It was outside. For people to take.'

'Take and pay for, not fly off with. Come on, we'll take it back.'  
'No!' She tried to put it behind her and I grabbed for it. But I wasn't used to doing this in mid-air. I thought I had it; next instant it was dwindling below us and smashing to pieces at the bottom of the waterfall.

Her face crumpled with fury. "You broke my unicorn! I hate you!" She aimed one blow at me then dived away.

I followed calling, "Stop, Amy, I'm sorry." She kept going, twisting in and out among the hanging sculptures, circling and climbing. I couldn't catch her. Soon we came out above the sculptures and were among the pipes and girders under the roof. I zipped across to where I reckoned she'd have to end up, got on top of a big pipe, folded my wings, and waited.

And waited. She didn't show up. I'd lost sight of her while I was squeezing between the pipe and the roof. Maybe she'd gone down again. Or was she hiding?

'Amy,' I called. 'Come out. I'm sorry. I'll buy you another unicorn.' Nothing.  
'Amy! If you don't come now I'm going home and leaving you.' No Amy.

'If you come now I won't tell Mum you were stealing.'  
That was my last shot. I began searching among all the pipes. One big pipe was open at the end so I peered in. And there were two white feathers.

'Amy! I know you're in there.'  
No answer. The pipe was empty as far as the place where it curved upward. Did it lead out to the open? Could Amy have fitted through? There was no way I could.

There must be another way out. I skimmed under the ceiling till I came to a sticking-down bit, with a railed ledge around it. Behind the ledge was a door. I thought it would be locked, but it wasn't.

I stepped out on the roof into a great whirr of wings. A flock of pigeons was taking off in fright. Grey and white ones. I'd been forgetting birds had white feathers too.

I rose into the air, into the sky. It was wild. Totally different from flying inside the Complex. Scarey in a way, like swimming at the deep end of a pool, only upside down. But so free. I wanted to go soaring up to the clouds with the pigeons.

Only I didn't. I couldn't stop thinking about all the things that might happen to Amy out here. I skimmed low over the roof, around vents and cooling towers. No Amy. Maybe she'd never come out at all.

The door I'd come out by had locked itself on the inside. I had to fly down to one of the main doors and walk in like anyone else. I worked my way slowly upwards, checking out every shop we'd visited. All except the Fairy Grotto; it was closed and its lights were out. No Amy there either.

I groaned. What was I going to do? Call Mum and say, Sorry, I've lost Amy; she flew out the roof?

Then I realised I hadn't checked the waterfall. Of course! I was halfway to it, and my heart was sinking again because I could already see it was empty, when I realised what I was hearing.

'...lost child announcement.' It was the public address system. 'We have a little girl in fairy wings and a pink tracksuit.' My heart thudded so loudly with relief I barely heard, '...says her name is Amy... and ...office on the fourth floor...'

The lady in the office looked startled when I turned up. 'Goodness! You've got them too.' She was staring at my wings. I said quickly, 'Yeah, we were supposed to be in a play. But Amy ran off.'

She smiled and said, 'I see.' But she looked relieved when I took Amy away.

We walked to the lift in case the lady was watching. 'What did you tell her about your wings?' I asked.

'I said a fairy gave them to me.'



## 14-18 years Short Story



by Kodi Sawtell

Her name is Hope and time is short.

At fourteen she should have a horizon of mountains and valleys ahead of her. Full of pimples, boyfriends and petty dramas that will carve her life's slate with love, colours and lessons learnt. Except right now my sister's life has hit a crevice. There is an evil breeding within her skin moving like sludge and growing with every passing moment. Cancer.

My little sister is confined to a hospital bed by the weight of this cursed disease, with drip and tube systems crawling over her yellowing skin. Her petite hands cold and fragile compared to my own, while her bald head reflects florescent angles.

I watch the agony she heroically fights, pressed in this uncomfortable bed for months on end while her friends 'carpe diem' in the park. I sit by her side every day, like the brother I am, in a back aching, thigh cramping chair in her sanitised airless room. I tell her stories about adventures we will have when she has triumphed over this adversity. She laughs weakly every time, knowing my words reflect empty promises.

Mum and Dad visit constantly whenever they can between work. Some days their own faces are as drawn and hollow as Hope's. I don't tell them I skip school to come sit with her. I don't tell them I can't stand leaving her side for more than a few minutes. I don't tell them I would take her place in a heartbeat.

I think they know.

Doctors and nurses revolving throughout the days saying the same thing on repeat. "We are doing all we can."

Only once have I fractured and hurled back at them. "Try harder!" But even as the words left my mouth, I knew how unjust that was.

I think they understand.

The reality is, that her time beside me is running out.

"Hey big guy." Hope's voice whispered and then her coughing filled the small sterile room like a ticking bomb.

"Hey," she finally rasped, "how long is forever?"

I chuckled reluctantly at her reference to Alice in Wonderland as a hot tear tracked down my cheek. "Sometimes," I answered roughly, "just one second."

Her sigh of contentment made me smile. "Then I'll spend forever with you." Hope's eyes fluttered shut, and she fell to sleep.

Her words were like a brand. Scarring and painful.

I know she doesn't have long, but I need her to stay. I want my forever with her and time is going too fast for me to keep up. I want her to live, and to date boys I disapprove of, and raid my room for stuff – like a normal little sister.

I continue to sit by her side, one of her hands clasped in mine as I continuously rotate my thumb over her clammy skin.

"Jaxson." Her weak fragile voice sends shivers of fear down my spine.

My head lifts to see Hope watching me with that ever growing apathy in her eyes. "Hey." My own voice breaks as I sit up, and shift closer to her. "How are you feeling now?"

"Fine." She says with a small reassuring smile. Her answer never changes no matter what day it is. "How are Mum and Dad?"

"Mum is still working non-stop trying to get some more time off." I answer quietly. "Dad is on his way over now." Seeing her expression, I quickly add. "Don't worry, Mum shouldn't be too far behind."

She nods and looks toward the ceiling. Hope appears on the brink of tears but never lets them escape. "You shouldn't be spending so much time with me."

"What?" I gape. "Why wouldn't I be here? You're my little sis."

"But your school..." She coughed again, and I waited patiently for her to gain the strength to speak. "Your friends?"

"They will still be alive tomorrow."

"I know that you must be wagging school."

I sigh. "I can make up for it when you're better."

"How do you even know I will get better?" She murmurs still staring at the ceiling.

"I have hope." I said grinning as she smiles too. "I have you."

A noise makes me look up to the doorway to see my dad looming in the frame. "Hey champ." He says shuffling over placing a kiss on Hope's temple.

"Hey." She smiles weakly. The fatigue from our conversation evident in her features. "Jax needs coffee."

Dad chuckles and runs a gentle hand over her head glancing across at me. "I was just going to get some, you want to come?"

I look to Hope and she sends me another weak smile. "Sure."

As I get up I say, "We'll be back soon." I lean down to give her a gentle hug and whisper in her ear. "Don't give up, Hope."

She keeps her smile in place and nods at me as we exit the room. Dad and I walk together silently down the desolate sterile hallway.

"How's she holding up?" He asked.

I hesitate before I shake my head. He sighs and stops before the coffee machine angling towards me.

"Dr Michaels stopped me in the lobby," He hesitated. "He suggested a new form of surgery that's never been done in the hospital before. The catch is the success rate is unbelievably low." He ran his hand over his face and hair, trying to wipe the despondency from his eyes as I

processed this information. "They are willing to do whatever possible to save her. They just want us on board and comfortable with any decisions they have to make."

I stared down at the floor. My chest and stomach clutched in fists of tension, and the pounding in my head turned thunderous.

I can't do this. I can't make this decision. What would Hope say?

I floundered for a moment before continuing. "I think it should be Hope's decision. Not ours."

Dad blinks. "Yeah, you're right. I just can't sit by and watch her go through this anymore."

I pull him in for a hug. "It'll be fine." I said. "It'll work."

As Dad and I pull away from each other, he sniffs discreetly and wipes away his tears. I suppose out of all this wretchedness I've learnt that it's okay to cry.

"We need to go back and ask her." He said and began to lead me back. But as we approached her room, he slowed to a halt.

"I just want to know, that you're not going to give up?" He remarked making me pause alongside him. "I want to make sure you're okay?"

Don't close off from us. I'm worried about you just as much as I am your sister."

I smile sadly. "I'm fine."

I am fine. I will be fine. I won't ever give up hope, I know how precious it is.

A sharp wail broke through the thick air, my head shot up at the noise and I broke into a run. My eyes were only on Hope's sleeping body as the room was flooded with white coats. I didn't realise until someone tried to pull me away from her, that the noise was coming from her heart monitor.

There was a single flat line.

Forever had ended, time had run out.

My name is Hope.

They say I should already be dead. But I miraculously survived the latest scare. It is bittersweet really as each day grows a shade darker, like watching curtains being closed by minuscule increments across my life.

I am weak and confined to the scratchy sheets of this sterile hospital bed, pondering my limited future outcomes.

Cancer.

Just saying the word creates paralysing shivers of fear.

I have been seeing the same barren hospital walls for months now and am beginning to accept that I may not leave until my mind shuts down, until my body can't take anymore and I finally succumb. Acceptance is not lack of fear.

Jaxson sits by me every day, even when he thinks I'm asleep. He cries in those moments too. I may have resigned myself to my fate, but he hasn't. Mum and Dad haven't either and the burden of their pain is like a tomb of stone in my gut.

I am grateful for my family. I am grateful I can still talk to them and enjoy it. I am grateful that I am making the most of every minute, because I may not be able to tomorrow. But I wish I could spare my family the agony they suffer with me.

No one is in the room at the moment, and I take the time to close my eyes and relish that I can still breathe. Jaxson will be back soon with a fake smile plastered on his face and a witty joke to cheer me up. I will laugh and smile, pretending that everything is okay.

It's not.

I want a chance to fix every mistake I have ever made, every argument with my parents, every bad comment or thought I have had. I want to go back and change every single time I didn't appreciate something in my life. I want a chance to be filled with delight, rapture, contentment, exhilaration and to have an appetite. I want another chance at everything.

There is a yearning in me to be normal and active with normal problems of a normal teenager.

I want a do over.

As I nod off to sleep, an old film reel rotates in my head, projecting onto the back of my eyelids all the things I wish I could have done before the heavy curtain started to close.

I come to, to the sound of an argument being held under whispered breaths.

"She will say yes, she has too."

"Of course she will, but what if it goes wrong? What if we cut her sentence shorter instead of waiting for a miracle?"

"This is our miracle!"

My eyes flutter open slowly and the first thing I see, like every other time I opened my eyes, was Jaxson. He is holding my hand tightly, head bowed, and stubbornly ignoring our arguing parents in the corner. "Miracle? This is a death walk! And we are helping!" Mum growled as she stood face to face with Dad as he tried to calm her.

"This is not a death walk. We are giving her an option! She stays in that bed and watches the day's pass by or we let her do something about it!" A treatment? Another one? I have been through so many, and they all went the same. Failures. Pain. Fear. But my name proves that I stand by

a code.

"I'll do it." My weak voice croaked. All eyes in the room snapped to me, including Jaxson's. My parents look guilty at being overheard. "Whatever it is I'll do it."

"Hope..." Jaxson starts but fades off as he ponders his choice of words and runs his hand through his already tangled hair. "It's trial by error. The success rate is low and it's never been done here before. The risk of you ever opening your eyes again is..." He frowns and bows his head. "Dangerous." Dad spoke up. I looked to him and took a moment to compose myself before I carried on.

"I want to do it. I won't lie here and watch you guys mourn me anymore."

I paused to take a shallow breath. "The faster I'm out of here, the faster we can get back to being normal." I chuckle weakly at my words.

"Whatever that is."

"Are you sure, Hope?" Jax asked quietly.

I nodded firmly. "When can I get the treatment?"

"Friday at the earliest." Mum said finally speaking up. "Darling, I –"

"I know Mum." I said, recognising the look in her eye. "I love you all too."

00008 Medical Untested Treatment Trial

Patient: Collins, Hope.

Treatment Time: 7 hours and 30 minutes.

Hospital Trial: #1

#1 Preliminary Trial Results: Success.

## 8-10 years Poetry

# We Will Remember 1914 World War One

by Sienna Carruthers and Ruby Paulet



He was shot as the sun rose, others too  
 Blood poppies covered the fields  
 Swaying in the wind.  
 Dirty smoke filled the air,  
 While dead bodies lay on the ground.  
 Rewind back to the past earlier that year.  
 It was the day that he wrote to his family  
 Telling them he had signed up for the war.  
 There were good lucks, hugs, kisses and  
 goodbyes;  
 Maybe forever  
 He was about to sacrifice his life  
 And fight for his country.  
 Come back to the present  
 Soon enough it was all over.  
 Some went back to their families  
 While others lay in our hearts.  
 He was shot as the sun rose, others too  
 Blood poppies covered the fields,  
 Swaying in the wind.  
 Dirty smoke filled the air,  
 While dead bodies lay on the ground.  
 In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
 Between the crosses, row on row,  
 That mark our place, we are the dead, short  
 days ago.  
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow  
 Loved and were loved  
 And now we lie in Flanders Fields  
 Loud but quiet.  
 Today is the day and that day is  
 ANZAC Day.  
 Families come to sing and celebrate for the  
 people  
 That had fought for their country,  
 Shotguns sound, birds cry,  
 Nurses help and people die.

# Adult Short Story GIVE US PEACE

by Janice Williams

“How do you know Dona Nobis Pacem?” asked Dad when they finished.

“We sing it in choir. Mrs Brown says it means ‘Give us peace’.”

Grandpa gave his eyes a quick wipe and cleared his throat. Tony was about to ask what was up, but his attention was caught by a statue nearby. “What’s that, Dad?”

Dad grinned. “Grandpa is the one to ask. That’s his mate, John Kirkpatrick Simpson.”

“Wow! Is that you on the donkey, Grandpa?”

Grandpa blew his nose (because cold mornings tended to make people’s noses run), and said, “What do you think, young Tony?”

**2015**

Tony stood in front of the statue with his grandson. He wriggled his shoulders, working the tightness out of his muscles. The dawn service seemed to be colder in recent years. It couldn’t be from being in his late sixties, could it?

“... and Simpson brought the wounded soldiers down Shrapnel Gully on his donkey, Murphy. You’ve got his name, Jack.”

“Cool! Is that your Grandpa on Murphy? My...” He paused, and worked back through the generations on his fingers, “...my great-great-grandpa John?”

Tony smiled. “What do you think, young Jack?”

“It’d be cool if it was. But I ’spect it might be anyone. Pop, can I have something to write with?”

Tony always had ‘something to write with’, for the sake of his grandchildren. He passed over a pen and notebook, and patiently waited while Jack sat by the plinth of the statue and worked. In a few minutes, he stood up and showed Tony his work.

“It’s a family tree, sort of,” he explained. In his large careful letters, Jack had written:

John Simpson (not the one with the donkey), WW1, Gallipoli

Father of

Colin John Simpson, WW11, The Islands

Father of

Anthony Simpson (Pop), Vietnam

Father of

Lyle Simpson (Dad), Afghanistan

Father of

Jack Simpson (me)

It reminded Tony of the genealogies in the Book of Genesis.

Something tightened in his heart as he wondered if some day, Jack’s name might be followed by a theatre of war. He folded the sheet and put it carefully in his pocket. “That’s great, lad; a beautiful job.”

Jack grinned in pleasure at his Pop’s praise. His face shone, fresh as this morning’s sunrise. How different, thought Tony, from the war-weary Vietnamese children who still appeared to him in dreams. He gave his precious grandson a crushing hug.

“Pop, you’re squashing me!” Jack protested, muffled. He broke free.

“There were lots of people at the Shrine, weren’t there. I thought I’d be squashed just like that.”

“Yes, more come every year. Especially this year, because it’s the centenary of Gallipoli.”

Jack’s face became sober, as if the sun had gone behind a cloud. “Was Dad at a dawn service in Afghanistan, doing the things we did?” he asked.

“Not right at the same time, because the time zones are different,” explained Tony. “But he’ll be doing it today, yes.”

“Pop, I didn’t know what to think about in the Silence, so I said a prayer Mum taught us to say at bedtime. Can I say it to you?”

“I’d love to hear it, Jack.”

“‘God bless Dad and all the service men and women. Make it peaceful where there is war. And bring Dad home safe.’ Was that OK?”

Tony cleared a lump in his throat. “That was very much OK, Jack.” He blew his nose. It was that way with cold mornings – they tended to make your nose run.

A veteran was strolling by. Jack pointed to his beret. “You’re wearing the same Vietnam hat as my Pop.”

The man winked. “Too right I am. We Vietnam vets have to keep the flag flying. Are you marching with us later, kiddo?”

“Yes. I’m wearing my great-grandpa’s medals. He was wounded on Kokoda. And his father was carried by Simpson and his donkey. And my Dad’s serving in Afghanistan.”

“That’s a terrific family record, mate. I salute you.” The veteran saluted, and winked again when Jack returned it. “See you at the march, maybe, digger.” He moved on.

“Tired, Jack,” asked Tony, as the boy yawned.

“A bit. Can we sit down, Pop? My legs are stiff.”

Tony’s legs were stiff, too. The hard concrete did not invite him; nevertheless, he sat down. There were worse things on an April morning than leaning against a sun-warmed plinth with a grandson beside you. He tousled the curly hair.

Jack yawned again. “It’ll be nice when Dad comes home.”

“We miss him don’t we, mate?”

“Yes. There’s Skype, of course. But...” But it was hard for a nine-year-old boy and a career soldier to share their lives, even with Skype.

Tony still found it strange to realise his son had chosen such a

life. There was an unreality every time he addressed a letter, ‘Capt. L Simpson.’ He once asked – dragging out the words, as Aussie blokes do when expressing things of real deep meaning – “Lyle, what made you choose the army? I hope I didn’t glorify war in your eyes.”

Lyle cracked a laugh. “You, Dad? After Vietnam? You’re the last person anyone’d accuse of glorifying war.”

No. War might have held glory, for a few weeks anyhow, to far-distant 1914 volunteers. But not Vietnam, that Six o’clock News war. Returning to demos, and shrieks of “Murderers!” Tony had wanted to spit back, “Stupid bitches, I was conscripted!” But he’d tightened his jaw and marched on with his comrades in bitter silence. The bitterness had lain on his heart for years.

Then one Anzac march, a woman stepped out of the crowd and pushed a bunch of flowers at him. “I was a demonstrator when you men came home,” she gabbled. “I’m so sorry. We were terribly unjust.” And she was gone. But the shard of bitterness began to thaw inside him. He’d set the flowers with the other tributes at the Shrine, saying a prayer for those who carried battle wounds in their hearts, and giving thanks for this tiny reconciliation.

And then his son had chosen to join the army. The army, where he had been dragged by the short-and-curlyes! When pressed for an explanation, Lyle detoured around career pathways and income packages and finally admitted, pink with embarrassment, “I guess you... and your Dad... showed me that freedom is worth fighting for. A pioneer thing of thing. ‘Cooee! Come and join your mates,’” he quoted in self-mockery. But Tony had recognised something deeper, a glowing coal of heart passion.

Jack had dozed off, thawing out after the cold of the early hours. Tony eased him into a more comfortable position on the concrete. In that moment he had a sudden vision of himself at the midpoint of family, like the balance point of a seesaw. Grandpa and Dad on one side, Lyle and Jack on the other. Grandpa was a young man of twenty when he landed at Gallipoli. Young Jack would be ten by the end of its centenary year. Say Jack lived to eighty. Was it fanciful to think that he, Tony, would have touched a family lifespan of nearly two hundred years?

What lay ahead for Jack? Would there be peace? Or would he find, like his forefathers, that peace sometimes had to be fought for? Not the romantic flare of a pioneer flame, but a dirty job that had to be done because life was not always fair, and the weak had to be supported. But please let this little boy not have to take up the burden!

A magpie chortled. Jack woke from his catnap and gave Tony a childish smile. He looked very young. Tony hugged his grandson, and began humming: Dona nobis pacem...

Give us peace.

## 8-10 years Short Story My Terrible Horrible No Good Very Bad 2 Days by Phoebe Cavill

Hi my name is Alexandra, and I’m going to tell you about my terrible horrible no good very bad two days. Now let me introduce you to my family. There are five people in my family. My Mum Melisa, Dad John, big sister Beth and my baby brother Peter. If you would like to hear something about me then here we go. Every day I have a bad day – not even my birthday is good! Is that enough of an introduction? So let’s get on with it, shall we?

**Day 1 –**

Today was the worst day of the whole 2 days I’m telling you about. Firstly at my basketball game the referees were not doing their job correctly. They were being silly and were reading newspapers and not paying attention to our game. This meant that the game was not being played fairly and we ended up losing the match.

After the game Mum gave me an ice cream to cheer me up. But guess what happened. Mum asked for a “small” bite, but she ate nearly all of it! I was so upset because I was really looking forward to that ice cream.

At dinner time, my baby brother was sitting at the table and the next thing he was sick all over the food, it was disgusting. This meant we had no food to eat. My big sister, Mum, Dad and I had to go to bed hungry. Do you think that day was bad? Well, we are only getting started.

**Day 2 –**

I was just getting up. I knew something bad was about to happen, and it did. My big sister put my skateboard on the floor right next to my bed. Guess what? I went skating out of my room and fell down the stairs! There was no hot water and I was freezing!

At school a gang of boys put bubble gum in my hair and put a whoopee cushion under my chair so when I sat down it sounded like I let one rip. Oh my god that was embarrassing!! I went as red as a beetroot.

When I got in the car to go home and it was my turn to sit in the front but my big sister Beth was sitting in there so I had to sit in the back with Peter.

After school pickup when we returned home someone put a bucket of slime over the door, so when I opened the door slime fell from the bucket and onto my head. This made me furious! Could this day get any worse?

It was such a hot day, I wanted to go for a swim in our pool. I jumped in and straight back out as there was a gigantic crocodile in the pool!

I sprinted inside pulled the curtains shut slammed the door and went to sleep. I was so angry about all of the bad things that had happened to me!

**1955**

Tony thrust chilled hands into the pockets of his school blazer. But the shorts left his bare knees defenceless against the April chill. He wondered why he’d nagged to go to the Anzac Day service at the Shrine.

“Mum, you said I could go when I’m big. I’m nearly ten now – double figures!”

“We – ell... if your Dad and Grandpa agree...”

Grandpa drew him into the warmth of his overcoat. It was like being a small bear peering from a cave. The service was a bit beyond him; but the winking lights and the solemn singing in the frosty air gripped something deep inside. He felt Grandpa’s tautness, and knew that unnamed thing was gripping both of them.

Grandpa had been on Gallipoli. Tony’s teacher said Gallipoli was the true birth of Australia, more so than Federation. It was the flare of the pioneer flame, when the soldiers had snatched up the banner, and shown the world that Australia was a nation.

Tony had struggled through a story about the Gallipoli landing in the Eighth Grade reader, but it was rather beyond his Grade Four standard. It only left him with a fuzzy image consisting of boats landing in cold predawn – like this one. Black-and-white soldiers rushed across a strange beach. Black-and-white soldiers fell in the shallows. Black-and-white young men struggled up cliffs under gunfire. It was hard to picture a young-man Grandpa doing that.

“Tell about the Landing, Grandpa.”

“Not just now.” Grandpa never talked about the Landing.

“Then tell us about the evacuation.”

“You’ve heard it before.”

“Aw, go on...”

“Well, we had to stop Johnny Turk from guessing we were leaving. So we staged a game of cricket on the beach, to draw their attention. I’ve never been so nervous playing cricket in my life.”

“Didn’t the Turks think it was funny, you playing cricket in a war?”

“You’d think so. But Johnny wasn’t a bad enemy. Perhaps the Turks thought shooting at a cricket match wasn’t – well – cricket.”

There was a scar in Grandpa’s scalp, a bullet furrow showing silver-ered through his thinning hair.

“I would have copped it up in Shrapnel Gully – bled to death, perhaps. But this RAMC bloke called Simpson...”

Tony loved this bit. “Simpson, just like our name?”

“Yes. He put me on his little donkey – Murphy, they say he called it, though some say its name was Duffy – and brought me in. Poor Simpson, he copped it himself not long after.”

“What happened to Murphy?”

But Grandpa didn’t know. Tony hoped someone had given Murphy a good home. Strange to think that if a brave RAMC bloke hadn’t rescued Grandpa, he, Tony Simpson, wouldn’t exist.

The black sky was fading. A lone bugler played an eerie melody, pouring his heart into the darkness. “It’s the Last Post,” whispered Dad. “And then it’s the Two Minute Silence, when we remember the men who died to keep us free.” It did not quite make sense to Tony. Free from what? Grandpa straightened, and the coat slipped away. Tony could hear the clink of Dad’s medals, and knew he was at attention, too.

Dad had served in New Guinea and The Islands – wherever they were – in World War II. The Last Lot, Dad called it. He’d been wounded like Grandpa, but in the shoulder. The Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels carried him down the Kokoda trail. “I tell you, Son,” he always said, “When I get to heaven, I’ll see their black faces all among the white ones.” The doctor had dug out the bullet and given it to Dad. It was in his collar stud box, and Tony sometimes crept in to stare at it. Dad hardly ever talked about the war, only to say, “Be glad you don’t have to eat bully beef,” when Tony complained about steak-and-kidney. Or he’d sing ‘Kiss me Goodnight, Sergeant Major’ when he was in a good mood. But there were mornings when his eyes were darkly circled because the nightmares had attacked again. Mum was jumpy, and even the baby knew to be quiet. But this morning, those medals clinked their little tune as Dad’s stooped shoulders straightened.

A voice cut through the Silence: “Lest we forget,” and hundreds of voices echoed it. The bugler broke into a song of such energy and hope that Tony felt like jumping up and down. Golden shafts of sunlight scattered the darkness.

“It’s called Reveille,” whispered Dad. “It wakes the soldiers to a new day.” He placed a hand on his heart, as Grandpa was doing. Tony copied them, three generations watching in the new day.

The crowds began to scatter. “How was that?” asked Dad, as they walked across the damp grass on stiff legs.

“Beaut.” Tony felt dazed, his head buzzing with new thoughts and sensations. They passed under a tree, and a magpie on an overhanging branch began carolling its morning Reveille. It sounded like a real song, one that Tony knew. He joined it: ‘Dona nobis...’

“Keep going,” prompted Dad. “Can you do the high part?” Dad picked up the melody, and Grandpa came in with the low part. The Simpsons had always sung – in church, around the piano on Sunday nights, and on car trips. Strangers gazed at them, but they took no notice. On Anzac Day there seemed nothing odd about standing under a tree singing in harmony with a magpie.

**11-13 years Short Story**

**A Kid at A Candy Convention**

By Mitchell Berechree

One dark and stormy day I heard something that filled my world full of candy. A competition for convention tickets! But not just any old convention, a CANDY COVENTION!

"Mum! Mum! Can we enter the competition?" I asked.

"W...What do you want now?" she said hesitantly.

"To enter the competition!" I asked with hope.

"What's it for?" she queried.

"The candy convention tickets!" I told Mum frustratedly.

"Whatever. You probably won't win though. A lot of people will enter," she told me.

"I don't care! You've gotta be in it to win it!" I said to her.

The very next morning I awoke to hear the phone ringing. I raced to the phone but to my disappointment, it was my nana.

"Are you still coming for dinner?" she asked.

"Yes Nana," I mumbled.

"Bye," she said.

The phone hung up. Just as I was about to get breakfast the phone rang again. It was a voice I'd never heard before.

"You've won!" he said.

"Won what?" I replied.

"The candy convention tickets," he said. "I'll give them to you at the convention. By the way, its tomorrow! Bye."

I won, I actually won the competition.

"MUM, MUM! We won the candy convention tickets," I yelled.

"Oh, yay," she said sarcastically.

"We have to go get big jackets to hide candy!" I exclaimed.

"Whatever," she mumbled.

"Let's go quick! The sale ends today," I shouted as I ran to the car.

Mum dawdled to the car and started it. When we got to the jacket shop I ran inside and I already had my eyes set on a jacket and Mum wasn't even in the shop. I ran back out to get her but she wouldn't hurry up. When she finally got in the shop it took her ages to pick a jacket. When she finally chose a jacket we took them up to the counter pay for them.

"Just these ones for today?" the lady asked.

"Yes thanks," Mum replied.

Once the purchase was complete, Mum and I went and got Hungry Jacks for lunch. It was so yum. When we arrived home, I played my Play Station 4 with Blake right up until bed time.

It was the morning of the candy convention. I ran into Mum's room and woke her up.

"Let's go!" I yelled.

"It's 6 o'clock. Wake me up at 8:30 ok," she said as she rolled over.

"Ok," I replied in a chuffed voice.

I went downstairs and watched a replay of my favourite soccer team winning the grand final. The clock slowly ticked to 8:30 and the second it did, I woke my Mum up by playing I Want Candy as loud as my iPad would go. When she awoke... she was grumpier than she was at 6:30 somehow.

It took her ages to get ready. One hour and thirty-seven minutes to be exact. When she finally was ready, she took her sweet time to get to the car. She started the car and we took to the



road. It took us about half an hour to get there, but when we did... I was in heaven. Candy heaven. I raced inside and Mum dawdled behind. I ran back, took her hand, and tried to hurry her up. She wasn't keen to go in.

"Hurry up," I exclaimed. "All the good candy will get taken!"

"Fine," she mumbled.

She finally walked a bit faster and we got in. There was candy everywhere! Candy soda, candy sandwiches[which taste terrible] and even candy people! I ran to all the free sample signs and stuffed candy in all of my pockets, and ate some of course. I was eating candy for hours upon hours. I felt so sick but I could still taste each and every piece of candy I'd eaten so far. When the candy convention was nearing the end, the people running the show announced a competition to win the world's rarest gummy. Mr Gum Gum. Everyone who had a ticket was automatically entered into the competition.

The announcer picked up his microphone.

"The winner is... Mitchell Berechree!"

I won, I actually won the gummy. Everyone thought I would keep it but I ate it straight away. It was the best thing I'd tasted! It was way better than all the other candy. Mum asked to go and I said yes because I thought I was going to be sick.

On the way home we got tailed by a black SUV. Mum and I were both scared. Mum called the police and the policeman told us the police would be out the front ready to arrest them. We drove to the police station and we hopped out of the car and the police pulled the men out of their car and arrested them. It turned out they just wanted some candy. I would have given them some, but not after that happened. I had so much candy so everything was great. Or was it...  
THE END



**Dick Bishop Memorial Prize**



Nadine Lineham, Co-existence, 2017, oil on canvas, 90 x 90 cm. Collection of the artist.

**Nadine Lineham announced as Dick Bishop 2018 winner**

Latrobe Regional Gallery is pleased to announce that Nadine Lineham is the recipient of this year's Dick Bishop Memorial Prize.

The Dick Bishop Memorial Prize is an ongoing recognition of Richard (Dick) Bishop's (1929-2004) commitment to supporting emerging artists.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said that Nadine Lineham's exhibition 'A Fall into Understanding', questioned what is it to live in a world of accelerating change.

"The works in her exhibition turn our attention to the idea of mass media circulation offering a prescription for life.

It prompts the viewer to ponder the confusion and intrigue relating to our existence.

Ms Lineham is a local artist who lives in Myrtlebank. She studied Visual Arts at the University of Melbourne and is actively exhibiting with Australian art institutions, which champion visual thinking. We extend our sincerest congratulations to Ms Lineham and we are delighted that her work will be displayed in the Latrobe Regional Gallery," Councillor White said.

Lineham aims to manipulate familiar images that carry meaning, and capture the paradox that can emerge. Her paintings examine what may lie beneath the calm exterior – where a charming, anxious social identity lurks.

Co-opting images from her own photography, found imagery from contemporary media and inanimate objects, Lineham's paintings illuminate our internal dialogue and offer figures in environments that range from the menacing and ominous to empty voids.

"The artist hopes that her exhibition will invoke the viewer to participate emotionally in the work," Councillor White concluded.

A Fall into Understanding will be on display from December 1, 2018 to January 27, 2019 The official opening event will be held on Saturday December 1, from 1 to 3pm, and everyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP by Wednesday November 28, by phone 5128 5700 or email lrg@latrobe.vic.gov.au.

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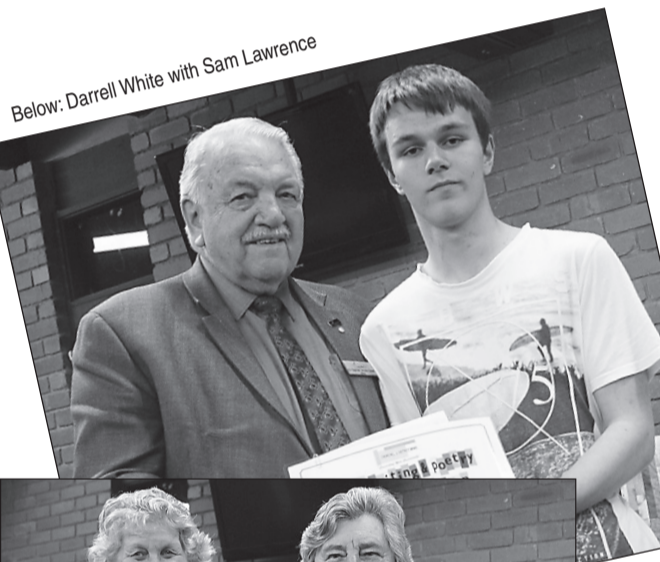
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# Writing Competition Presentation



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Below: Darrell White with Sam Lawrence



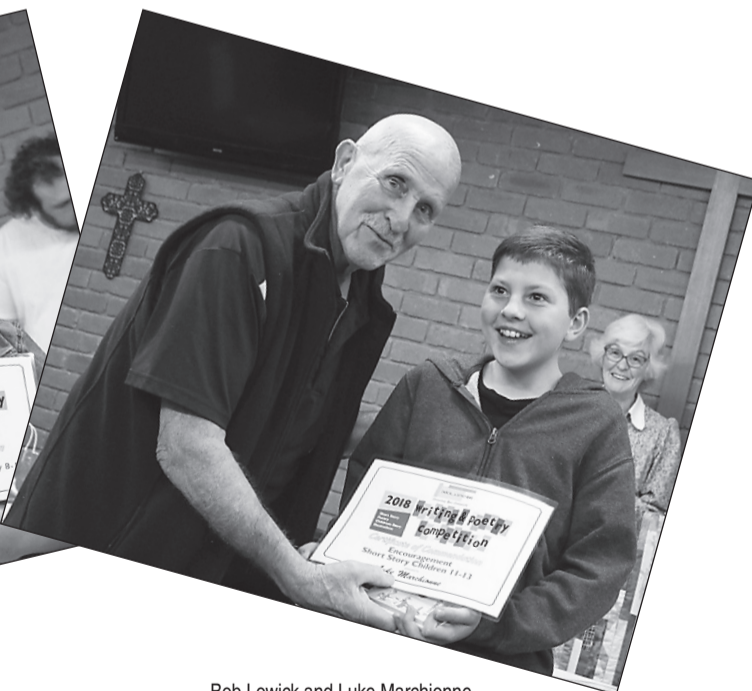
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# Mathison Park



mathison park Churchill



We are desperate for new volunteers for our working bees and for our committee.

The average attendance at working bees for the last four months has been four.

Although we have achieved quite a lot, there is so much more to do. Churchill and district people, this is your park.

Many many folks enjoy it but few will offer to do a couple of hours once in a while.

Please think about helping.

We do not want the park to go backwards.

At the last working bee we did a clean-up of fallen branches and some bark along the Tramway Road section.

Some of our taller newer plantings had their bottom branches removed so that more efficient mowing of that

area can take place.

There are signs of spring as the deciduous trees come back to life with new green shoots and blossoms.

Finally, the roof has been installed on the two new shelters over the new seats and tables.

Thank you to Aaron Pearce and his team for doing this.

They were available for use during the school holidays and were well used.

They will also be

wonderful with the warmer days coming up.

## Swooping to protect in Gippsland

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is reminding Victorians that some bird species may swoop people as part of their normal breeding behaviour.

DELWP Senior Forest and Wildlife Officer, Peter Simpson said: "The first incidents of birds swooping at locations in Gippsland have been reported over the past month.

Being swooped by a territorial bird is no fun, but this is just normal bird behaviour and, if possible, the best response is to keep away from the area. As the weather starts to warm up, birds start breeding and we want people to be aware of swooping birds.

Some of the places where people are most likely to be swooped are public spaces such as parks particularly where there are tall eucalypts.

People should remember not to harm native birds as they are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975," Mr Simpson said. "If you do end up in an area where there is a swooping bird, try to protect your head and eyes and move quickly through the area. They are swooping to defend their eggs and young and if they perceive you to be a potential

threat, they may swoop. DELWP encourages people to share information about swooping birds by logging their encounter on our swoop map." To report a swooping incident by any species of bird on Victoria's swooping bird map, visit [delwp.vic.gov.au/environment-and-wildlife/wildlife/swooping-birds](http://delwp.vic.gov.au/environment-and-wildlife/wildlife/swooping-birds)

## Cooking with Noelene



**Simple Pork Curry**

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 1 x 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.

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# Consumers urged to be wary of celebrity endorsement scams



People are increasingly being caught out by celebrity endorsement scams, with reports to Scamwatch increasing 400 per cent and losses increasing a staggering 3,800 per cent so far in 2018.

These scams often appear as online advertisements or promotional stories on social media or a seemingly legitimate, trustworthy website. They include fictitious quotes and doctored or out-of-context images of the celebrity, such as presenters from the TV show Sharktank, promoting a product such as skin care creams, weight loss pills, or investment schemes. The ACCC's Scamwatch website has received almost 200 reports in 2018 and losses totalling more than \$142,000. People aged 45 and older accounted for 63 per cent of losses to these scams. Women are more likely than men to be a victim.

"The growth in these scams is very concerning, particularly as over half the reports we received included a financial loss. Most people lost between \$100 and \$500 and in one case, a victim lost more than \$50,000 through fake celebrity endorsement

of an investment scheme," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

The scam works by consumers signing up for a 'free trial' for a product. As part of this process, they have to provide their credit card details. The 'free trial' however, has strict terms and conditions such as having to return the product within a near impossible timeframe, and an automatically renewing subscription that is difficult to cancel. These terms are often only visible on the document that arrives with the product.

"The groups behind these celebrity endorsement scams are organised and sophisticated fraudsters who are often involved in other scams. It's easy for them to create fake ads and websites to give credibility to their con, so people need to be very careful and sceptical about ads they read on social media and websites," Ms Rickard said.

"It is vital to research and read independent reviews

of the company. Consumers should verify celebrity endorsement of products from the celebrity's official website or social media account."

The ACCC is calling on Google, Facebook and Instagram to do more to crackdown on these fake ads to prevent scammers reaching potential victims.

"Most of the reports to Scamwatch involve these scam advertisements running on Google ad banners or as ads in Facebooks news feeds. These tech giants must do more to quickly suspend ads, as every time consumers click on a scam ad, they are at risk of losing money," Ms Rickard said.

"If you are caught up in one of these scams, call your bank immediately to try and arrange a chargeback and to stop any further debits to your credit card."

For more advice on how to avoid or report scams, visit Scamwatch

<http://www.scamwatch.gov.au>

# Youth Space Latrobe

## Youth Space Latrobe seeks ideas from young people

Young Victorians are being encouraged to submit their ideas for the branding of Youth Space Latrobe in Morwell, as it prepares to hold the first of many youth-focused events.

Minister for Youth Affairs Jenny Mikakos recently opened entries for a branding competition, which will ultimately formally name Youth Space Latrobe and an associated logo.

Applications are open until Thursday November 1, 2018, with the winning entries to be announced later that month.

In addition to the branding competition, three skate clinics were also planned as part of the Youth Space initiative:

An interim site for the

Youth Space has been secured in Mid Valley shopping centre, with the longer term site set to be announced shortly.

The Youth Space Latrobe consortia consists of Berry Street, Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network, Scouts Victoria, Quantum Support Services, Latrobe Youth Voices, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency, the Gathering Place, AGL Loy Yang, Centre for Multicultural Youth and Gipps Sport, led by the YMCA.

Young people aged 12 to 25 years from Latrobe have played an important role in developing Youth Space.

For more information about the Youth Space Latrobe naming and design competition, visit [lva.vic.gov.au](http://lva.vic.gov.au).

Minister for Youth Affairs

Jenny Mikakos said "It's exciting to see the interest in Youth Space Latrobe increasing as we get closer to an official opening date – our hope is that this site continues to grow in ways that locals and young people in the community have envisaged themselves."

Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Harriet Shing said "At every step of the way, young locals have been at the heart of developing the new Latrobe Youth Space, and their work and ideas will ensure that this Space really has something for everyone."

So if you are a Latrobe Valley local aged 12-25 and have a design or name in mind, make sure you enter the competition and have your say."



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## Churchill Town Safety Group



### Securing home and property

This month we are looking at securing your home and property.

There have been instances where people have gained unlawful entry to someone's home, even when there are people at home.

Always check to make sure that your house is locked when you are inside at night.

Install movement activated lighting to deter would be thieves.

Make sure that all vehicles are locked when you are not outside and in range.

Many thefts from motor vehicles have taken place when vehicles have been left unlocked and/or valuables have been left in plain sight in that vehicle.

Always keep sheds and garages secure and don't leave tools or lawn mowers etc outside where they can be stolen overnight or when you are not at home.

Last but not least, keep an eye out in your neighbourhood for suspicious activity. Stay safe and aware.



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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.

"August 19, 1989

Dear Friends,

The Annual General Meeting of the sixth of August went smoothly, with all positions on the committee being filled.

The committee members are:

Ken Harris - President

Yvonne Aplin - Vice President/Activities co-ordinator

Steve Shinnars - Secretary

Joanna Aziz - Treasurer

Judy Lambert & Neil Grigg - Committee members

Thanks to all who attended, and please remember that a committee can only be as effective as the membership behind it, so please be generous with ideas, enthusiasm and, most importantly of all, attendance at our monthly gatherings.

Speaking of enthusiasm, please try to attend our next meeting on August 27th.

We will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Foster's Gully car park to host a visit from Friends of Warrandyte State Park.

Please bring a plate of munchies to greet the Friends with.

Finally, subscription fees are now due. Fees are still \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families.

Please be prompt with your payment either by fixing it up at the next meeting, or

by posting a cheque or money order along with the form below.

Bye for now,  
Steve Shinnars"

## September Activity Report

At this activity we had Matt, Wayne, Grant, Ken, Tamara, John, Graeme, Mike, Cathy, Rose, Hayley, Joelle and Darren. We had an apology from Beryl. For this activity we also had a new member Laura, who had joined us after finding us on Park Connect.

Ken was happy to give out copies of his new book "Morwell National Park Lepidoptera & Neuroptera." The completed book has now come from the publisher and shows 670 different species of Lepidoptera found in the park. It is a credit to Ken and his hardworking support team who have spent the last decade systematically recording the butterflies and moths found in the park. The publishing of the book has been funded jointly by the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club and Friends of Morwell National Park.

Members of these groups will receive a copy of the book while anybody else can get their own copy from either Ken or Matt or from Churchill Newsagents for \$5.00. Everybody was very happy flicking through the book, looking at the many pictures.

The days' main task was to complete the winter survey of the nesting boxes located along Billys Creek. It was a very cold day where

coats, beanies and gloves were necessary. There were also a few small trees down across the Billys Creek track, so a small group handled this while the main group worked on the nesting box survey. Matt and John collected the chainsaw and along with Graeme and Darren, worked down to Billys Weir clearing the number of small trees from across the track.

The main group started from the car park and began with the nesting boxes nearest Junction Road. Using the pole mounted camera, each box was located and then the camera was placed through the hole to video and collect still images of what was inside each of the boxes.

All nesting boxes showed signs of use with scratching around the holes and leaf litter in most boxes. The sugar gilders, who are the most common users of the boxes, will live in small family groups and frequently change boxes. Multiple gliders will huddle together in a box especially during the cold of winter.

A few boxes were found to have six or seven sugar gliders huddled together.

A number of boxes are in need of repairs or need replacing, so these repairs will be scheduled for another activity. We hope that this can be done in November.

The two workgroups rejoined before lunch. Throughout the morning we had scattered showers which would eventually clear after each passing shower. The

forecast of clearing showers was repeatedly accurate. During each shower the pole mounted camera and cables needed to be protected from the rain.

Lunch became a scattered affair with one group stopping to have lunch while another continued on with the survey. Next to our lunch site there was a wonderful example of a Hanging Mistletoe which led to a conversation about the birds in the park that spread the mistletoe seeds. When the groups rejoined, only a few boxes needed to be surveyed. When the last boxes were completed, a car ferry returned most back to the car park to end the day. A few enjoyed a walk back.

Joelle got some great shots of gliders welcoming the survey team. Thanks Joelle for these photos.

## October Activities

### Sunday October 21

#### Activity 1 – Orchid Walk

10.00am

The first activity will be a walk around Fosters Gully or Stringybark Track to search for the orchids which can be found at this time of the year. You will need to bring clothing suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

If you are staying for the koala count you will need to bring your lunch, which can be eaten in the Kerry Road picnic area between the activities.

#### Activity 2 - Koala Count

1.30pm

The Friends of Morwell National Park will be carrying



out the annual 'Koala Count in the Park'. Willing participants are requested to meet at the Kerry Road - Fosters Gully car park at 1.30pm to commence the koala count.

The 'Koala Count in the Park' event is part of the long term strategy to document the numbers and measure the general health of the koalas within Morwell National Park.

Bring your family and

friends and enjoy a pleasant stroll in the park while simultaneously helping the team in spotting the resident koalas that may be found in the park.

Participants are advised to bring suitable clothing and footwear applicable for the weather conditions, and if possible, bring a pair of binoculars as it certainly makes it easier to spot the koalas.

## Darren Chester - Shopping locally

One of the best ways to support local towns and

small communities is to shop locally.

It is important Gippslanders keep putting locals first by supporting local businesses at every opportunity and ensuring we purchase local produce and gifts from local stores.

The small business sector is one of the largest employers in regional areas like Gippsland. This sector relies on owners having confidence to continue investing in our region.

Importantly, local businesses are also called on to sponsor sporting organisations and local events, which create opportunities for our region.

Local shops employ local people.

Remember, every time you spend money in Gippsland you are helping to create more jobs for young people into the future.

### Churchill Hockey update

The \$1.7 million two-storey Churchill Hockey pavilion is nearing completion with the roof now constructed allowing the mechanical, plumbing, electrical data and security works to take place.

Internal plastering and painting are well underway and work on the commercial kitchen has begun with appliances and further fit-out works to commence shortly.

Key elements to be completed are external paving and landscaping along with the balcony balustrade.

This new pavilion will encourage more people to participate and make the sport more enjoyable for the players and all volunteers.

The pavilion is due to be finished by November.

### Hazelwood Rotary Club celebrates 40 years

Congratulations to Hazelwood Rotary club on celebrating 40 years of service to the community. Hazelwood Rotary has been instrumental in co-ordinating Churchill's ANZAC Day services as well as a leading participant to help establish Gippsland Centenary House among a number of other projects

throughout our community. Hazelwood Rotary is and continues to be a leader in the Churchill and District community.

Congratulations to the many Rotarians over the years who have been prepared to volunteer their time and expertise to create more opportunities in our community for future generations.



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## Boer War Soldiers from Morwell

This is the concluding article about our local men who became Boer War soldiers.

Sincere thanks to all those who have helped create these stories. Especially 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 these tribute possible.

### Michael Charles Alfred Shaw

Michael was born to parents John Shaw and Margaret Bridget O'Brien on 13/4/1877 at Mornington. He was known as Charlie.

Charlie lived at Hazelwood from 1883 to 1897 and attended Hazelwood North State School. The family travelled to Fremantle on the SS Baroc from Melbourne to Fremantle. Charlie returned to Victoria in 1898 and became a farmer at Hazelwood

Previous to enlisting, Charlie served one month's military training as Private No.5631 in the Victoria Rangers. He enlisted on 30/12/1899 as Private No.339 in 2nd Victorian Mounted Rifles and was sent to Flemington Racecourse camp.

He departed 13/1/1900 from Melbourne on SS Euryalus with 2nd Victorian Mounted Rifles. At Cape Town he was sent to Maitland Camp near Cape Town before going

by train to Naauwpoort for operations against the Boers in the advance to Bloemfontein. From 21/4/1900 to October 1900 Charlie was with the

Australian Mounted Pioneers Corps and served in Cape Colony, Orange Free State and Transvaal. In October 1900 he returned to complete

service with 2nd Victorian Mounted Rifles. Charlie sailed home from Cape Town on SS Tongariro to Fremantle catching the train home to Melbourne. He was discharged on 9/5/1901.

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

Transvaal and South Africa 1901. On 9/5/1901 he received the Queen's South Africa Medal from the Duke of York at Government House.

Seven months after his discharge, he married Rachel Genevieve Robbins at Bunbury on 22/2/1902. They had two children- Murtagh Mary Valerie and Wallace Joseph Donald Bruce Shaw.

Charlie died on 26/8/1961 age 84 years at Willagee near Fremantle and was buried on 29/8/1961 in Fremantle Cemetery.

During the Boer War, according to letters home from his brothers, Charlie was behind the fighting fixing up bridges and railway lines. However, at other times he was in the thick of the fighting.

After the Boer War he soon returned to Western Australia and joined the Bunbury Rifle Volunteers.

By 1903 he had become a hotel proprietor at Bunbury and by 1910 a labourer at

Bunbury. By 1915 he was a boronia farmer at Balbarrup near Manjimup.

In WWI he enlisted on 25/2/1915 as No.156 Private to the 24th Infantry Battalion. Two months later he was promoted to Sergeant in the 28th Infantry Battalion and served in Egypt and Gallipoli. Charlie returned to Australia with enteric fever.

In 4/5/1916 he was Sergeant in the 51st Infantry Battalion.

On 13/3/1919 he was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant and served in England and the Western Front. On 1/3/1918 he was promoted to Lieutenant. He returned to Albany and was discharged on 8/8/1919.

His WWI medal entitlement was the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

By 1936 he had become a farmer at Palgarup near Manjimup where he later retired.

There were five Shaw brothers who went to the Boer War, four of them with Western Australian contingents. All five brothers returned - a remarkable feat. The other Shaw brothers who served in the Boer War were David John Shaw, Donald Coll Shaw, Hugh Thomas Shaw and Septimus Lachlan Shaw.

Mary Lucas, was unable to attend the Morwell District Boer War commemoration service, but sent her brother Michael Shaw a text message about the five brothers so her brother could tell his Mum, Mrs Anne Shaw, wife of Alec Shaw (dec.) who both attended the commemoration, how their relatives who went to the Boer War were related. Alec Shaw's grandfather was Donald Shaw D.O.B August 21, 1832. Died 1911, had a brother John Shaw D.O.B November 3, 1843 Birthplace: Argyleshire, Isle of Mull, Scotland Died:1919

Five of John Shaw's sons went to the Boer War. These five sons were Alexander John Shaw's first cousins (Mary and Michael's grandfather) John's son Michael Charles Alfred (Charlie) Shaw was the only one to enlist in Victoria.

The five Shaw Brothers were:

Private David John Shaw No. 445 - 6th Western Australian Mounted Infantry



Private Michael Charles Alfred Shaw  
2nd Victorian Mounted Rifles

Photo by Tom Humphrey Studio Melbourne  
The Leader - Supplement (Melbourne)13/1/1900, page 3, photo 129

Private Donald Coll Shaw  
No. 248 - 5th Western Australian Mounted Infantry  
Lance Corporal Hugh Thomas Shaw

1st enlistment as Private Hugh Thomas - No. 117 - 1st Western Australian Mounted Infantry

then - No. 231 - 5th Western Australian Mounted Infantry

Private Michael Charles Alfred Shaw  
No. 339 - 2nd Victorian Mounted Rifles

Corporal Septimus Lachlan Shaw

1st enlistment as Private Septimus Lachlan Shaw - No.

108 - 1st Western Australian Mounted Infantry  
then - No. 405 - 6th Western Australian Mounted Infantry

Mary has also been diligently doing some research of family history. Her information follows.

All five of John and Margaret Shaw's sons who went to the Boer war came home.

John Shaw  
D.O.B. 3-11-1843  
Birthplace: Argyleshire, Isle of Mull, Scotland.

Died: 17-7-1919 aged 75 yrs.

Sailed to Western

Australia with his wife and eight sons.

Mary supplied articles and copies of letter the sons sent home and to friends. Following are extracts from those letters:

Hugh Thomas Shaw (Bunbury Herald WA:1892-1919 Thursday 25 January 1900 Page 3)

Tom wrote - We got into Table Bay on Sunday 27th in the evening. The Bay had about fifteen troopships lying at anchor...Table Mountain was an eye opener.

To a lot of us it seems to overhang the town and bay. It was a grand sight, and the mountain was clear right to the top. Next morning the tablecloth was on, and the clouds hung round the top and sides and looked splendid.

We have 4000 men in camp now, besides a lot of wounded.

December 6th, - Got word this morning that we will proceed towards the front tonight or tomorrow morning. There is great rejoicing in camp, everybody glad to be on the move and hope to be in the thick of it soon!

Bunbury Herald (WA : 1892-1919 Saturday 10 February 1900 Page 3)

On June 8,1900 Charlie wrote the following extracts in a letter to a friend.

"Had three days in train to De Aar where we passed a trainload of refugees, and it made my blood boil to see old women and children and young women too all turned out of their homes and made to walk till they were inside British lines, and there they were entrained down to Capetown and Port Elizabeth. I was speaking to some of them and I can tell you I felt like fighting then.

Next morning, I was ill (enteric fever). We rested for two days in which time I got worse. The column moved on to the place where the Boers had left, then we saw some awful sights... I was in the ambulance wagon, and I don't want any more fever thanks...I was sent back to Rensburg field hospital, and I soon got well. The doctor told me I had good luck to pull through as I had been lying

out some wet nights when my temperature was 103 degrees.

We had a grand concert to wind up the camp.

I have the good luck to have two of my brothers (Tom and Sept) camped close to me. Dave White came up to our camp today. It was the first time I have seen him since we left the boat, he looks fine now.

In another letter to his parents Charlie writes:

Re his enteric fever...

"The doctor saw me, and as I was all right and fit he said he would mark me down for home (Victoria), to go on the 15th, but I hope you will forgive me when I tell you I got him to mark me down for the front again instead. He did so, and was very much surprised at anyone wanting to go back to the front for a second time. There are a lot of Australians going back to-day and more on the 10th, and they are glad to get out of South Africa, but I think it is a great place with a future".

The Morwell Advertiser (Morwell, Vic: 1888-1954 Friday 24 May 1901) Page 2 reports

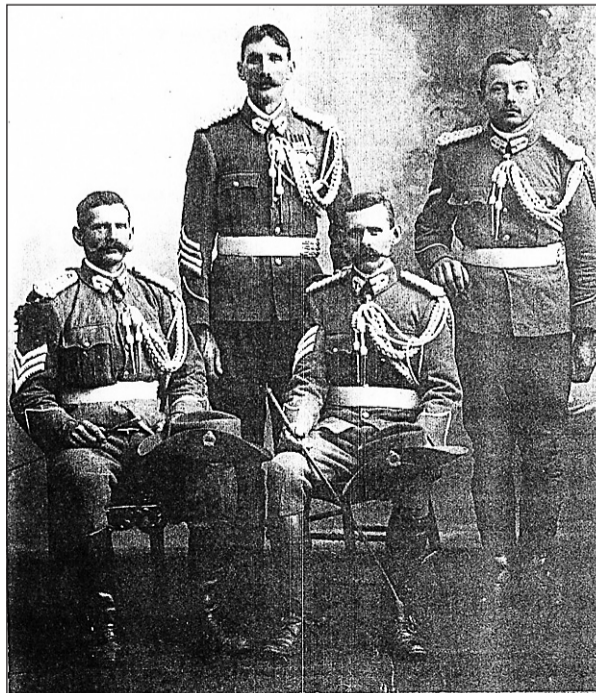
"Pvt C Shaw, who was a member of Second Contingent, returned to Morwell on Tuesday and from general appearances, the hardships and dangers of the battlefield, combined with a prolonged attack of fever, has agreed with him remarkably well. It is, however, his intention to return to the front at an early date...(he) feels sure that the men on the spot, at the termination of the war- which he believes, is only a matter of months- will be offered some exceptionally "good things".

Those in authority are particularly anxious that Australians should settle in South Africa and as an inducement he says they have offered large areas of good land, and also good positions. He intends to "snap" something, and is of the opinion there is a bright future for the country..."

(From information above this would seem not to have occurred)

Other letters from the brothers described the fighting, the excitement of horses charging, deaths of Boers and allies, the guns and shells going off around them but ending up being safe. They mention other men who came from their home areas.

They mention taking towns, confiscating food from farmers, the different contingents involved, of prisoners being taken by them and their men being taken prisoner.



Tom, Arch, Dave and Don Shaw  
Morwell Rangers Militia Unit



**Currently Taking Enrolments**

Boolarra Primary School aims for our students to be confident as learners and to express their individuality through collaborative and respectful relationships. We value creativity, curiosity and innovation in our learners. We aim to prepare students to face challenges with a positive and/or reflective mindset. We believe in our school values of respect, engagement, responsibility and aspiration and use these to guide our actions and beliefs. We have a strong commitment to our school motto which states "Dedicated to Learning Connected to the Community". As we work together for our students we are guided by our common purpose.

We are currently taking enrolments. Please ring the school to arrange a school visit if you are interested in joining our learning community.

Susan Duncan  
Principal  
Boolarra Primary School  
*Snap Shot of Term 3*

Term 3 has been an extremely busy, yet productive time at Boolarra Primary School. We are all so proud of our school and our achievements. Below are some of our learning highlights.

**Student Led Reporting**

This year we have added a new component into how we report student learning progress to parents. At the end of Term 1 and 3 we have conducted Student Led Reporting Conversations. Students choose several pieces of their learning that they are proud of and share these with their parents or caregivers, explaining the learning that is shown in their chosen pieces.

To engage students in their learning, each child, in collaboration with their teacher, identifies specific learning goals. The learning samples chosen are an example of progress made in achieving their goals.

Here is what three of our students said about their experiences:

"I got to show mum what I have done and the progress I have made. She learnt about my writing and other stuff she didn't know about."

by Indily  
"It was good. Mum and Dad were interested in the science I have been learning about and how I have improved with my speedy 100s. I am really proud of my improvement and I could show them."

by Mia  
"I showed my writing. I mostly did it by myself. I put more than one sentence. This was a writing goal."

by Heidi  
**Professional Development**

Teaching staff visited Hazelwood North Primary School, Tyres Primary and Morwell Central to observe teachers in classrooms. Our focus was on dialogue and numeracy. We found the visits very insightful and reaffirming. This will give us an opportunity, as we review our teaching, to identify what we do well, as well as areas we can make even better. As a small school, it is important to see what is happening in the wider teaching community so we can learn from others.

George Telford from Challenging Learning came and spoke to our staff during one of our weekly Professional Development Meetings. George spoke to the staff about delivering effective feedback to improve learning. A key message was around linking learning goals with feedback. We need the learner to be aware of what they were trying to achieve, what progress they made in achieving their goal and what they need to do next for improvement. We will continue to work with George next term.

**Student Leadership**

Our Junior School Council should be commended on their organisation and running of our Dress up as a Farmer or Farm Animal Day. Over \$100 was raised to support farmers experiencing drought. Junior School Councillors organised four activities in which students participated and were awarded house points. Congratulations to Strzelecki which was the winning house on the day.

Below are a couple of recounts written by our students:

Yesterday it was Farmer Day. We did a lot of activities. The school did:

Farmer Sam  
Write a letter to a Farmer  
Pin the rake to the Farmer's Hand  
Feed the Animals.

It was the best!  
By Ericka  
My favourite bit was Farmer Sam. The easiest bit was when we had to bounce the basketball.

By Ryder  
**Junior School Council**

This term, Junior School Council sold milo and raisin toast to raise money for a new set of soccer nets. Students can buy milo and raisin toast for fifty cents at recess. As leaders, we are learning about money and organisation. We are also learning how long bread should be in the toaster to ensure maximum deliciousness. In my speech for Junior School Council, I said the spread would be spreadier and the toast would be toastier. I am achieving my goals.

By Carly, Junior School Council President

**Extra Curricula Activities**

The teachers at Boolarra Primary School believe that education is more than learning to read, write and adding up. We are committed to providing a variety of opportunities so all of our students have the chance to shine. Several students competed in the Regional Athletic Sports held in Newborough. I was very impressed by the standard of competition and our students should be very proud of their efforts and skills. Well done to Ethan, Jordan and Blaze who competed on the day and to Aleasha who qualified.

Eight students competed and travelled to Yinnar to compete in a Chess Competition. The students played multiple games against competitors. Our students played exceptionally well and learned about moves such as 'Castling'. Indily and Chris were both noted for their expertise in the game. Indily finished in second place. Boolarra has now qualified to attend the State Finals in Melbourne.

**Eight students to compete in the Bike Education Challenge**

Once again, Boolarra Primary School students demonstrated that their skills and knowledge are up there with the best. We finished third and were only six points behind the winning school.



Considering some of the tasks our students completed were scored out of ten, we were only beaten by a short nose. Our team has qualified to compete in the State Finals. These students practised in their own time and are fabulous role models for our school community. Well done Indily, Lana, Carly, Jackson, Bella and Claire. Special mention to Sophie and Alex who were both presented with Encouragement Awards. Alex was the second highest scoring boy.

**Award Winning Authors of Boolarra Primary School**

Congratulations to the following students who won awards for writing in the Churchill & District News Writing Competition: Makayla, Asha, Cooper, Loka, Jesse, Toby, Ruby, Oscar O'Brien and Patrick. These students should be very proud of their achievements. Makayla's story (below) won second prize.

**The Haunted Museum**

This was it, this moment Izzy who was 20 years old had been waiting for had finally come, working at the Washington museum or 'haunted' museum as some people called it.

People only called it that because something or someone would move something but no one touched it.

It was a real mystery but Izzy was positive, "Here we go," said Izzy confidently.

She walked into the museum and gasped "This is amazing!" she screamed.

She took 2 steps in front of her and there it was the white figure spirit or ghost it was a girl about 23 years old and it looked like Izzy's sister Olivia who died from a car accident when she was just 23 years old and had the same hair and a similar face.

But as Izzy tried to look at the face the spirit girl disappeared in the blink of an eye, "well that was weird," said Izzy cringing a little.

Then she was greeted by a man named Jim Kong.

"Hello you must be Izzy the new night guard," he said politely with a smile, "h\ Hello," said Izzy looking at Jim politely and smiling.

Jim was handsome with shiny black hair and wearing a suit, like he was going on a date.

"Do you want me to give you a tour?" said Jim with a smile of happiness, "Sure," said Izzy smiling as well.

Jim showed Izzy all the artefacts like real dinosaur bones, Captain Cook's weapons, Ned Kelly's armour and many more interesting artefact's.

"Thanks for the tour," said Izzy happily, "No problem," said Jim handing Izzy her uniform and walking out the door without saying another word.

Izzy's shift began at 8:00pm so she had time to get ready to get dressed so she went into the bathroom to get changed and grabbed a torch and her shift began.

She walked around for at least 10 minutes when 3 loud bang's erupted BANG BANG BANG!

Izzy went to go investigate where the noise came from.

Izzy walked in to the kitchen but nothing was there 'everyone's right the museum

is haunted' and then saw two pots being banged together and she fainted.

She dreamed and in her dream she thought 'does this invisible person want my attention'.

In her dream Izzy felt like water was being poured on her face. She wiped her face and no water was on her face not even a drop so she woke up on and saw a bottle of water floating in the air and pouring on her face. Her eyes opened wide, "Good you're awake" said a female voice.

Izzy didn't know what it was until it appeared in front of her, it was a spirit of her sister!

"Olivia" said Izzy breaking down crying tears of joy, "It's really you."

"Yeah it's me," said Olivia crying as well.

30 minutes later the girls suggested a game of monopoly and Olivia won 3 games and Izzy won 2 games against her sister.

They played until it hit 7:00am and Izzy had to leave. "Come on Olivia you can come with me" said Izzy and then Olivia followed Izzy home to protect Izzy from getting hurt, especially if Izzy hurt herself.

**Writing Competition**

Last term I wrote a story for the Churchill writing competition. My story was called 'Problem Ducks' and it was about 100 ducks on the railway track. Tiki, Gecko, Edward and Thomas were in my story. I won a prize! It was a book called 'Dino Trucks' and a certificate. I felt good and proud.

By Cooper

**Spelling Bee**

At school we are having a spelling bee. First we got into our houses and started practising spelling our words. We have practised on 5 different times. Tomorrow we are going to have the spelling bee with the whole school.

By Ryder

**Chinese Cultural Day**

On Thursday P/1 went to Kurnai College for Chinese Cultural Day. My favourite part was making a panda. I didn't like playing outside. I was in group 6. I tried the Chinese food but I didn't like it.

By Harry

Yesterday on Thursday it was Chinese Cultural Day. I loved it! We got to play lots of games! My favourite bit was the playdoh pandas because I love pandas

By Toby

On Thursday the 13th of September I went on a bus to Kurnai College. We did lots of fun things. There wasn't much playground equipment! My favourite was the playdoh pandas.

By Isabelle  
2018 Boolarra Primary School Fundraiser

On Monday September 17, it was fundraising day for farmer's in drought day. We got to dress up as something about farmers or animals from farms. We played games, the games we played were Farmer Sam, stick the rake on the farmer and throw two bean bags into the tub. We also did writing letters to farmers in drought. My favourite bit was throwing the bean bags in the tub.

By Oscar

This year at Boolarra Primary School we fundraised for the farmers in drought by carrying out activities and raising a gold-coin donation. What did you think about it? I thought the activities were very fun. I like that the school is helping the farmers in the drought. By Claire

I thought, since I was hosting Write the Letter to the Farmer, it was pretty good. To work and co-operate with Chloe was pretty inspirational.

By Breanna

I liked helping the farmers. I really liked dressing up as a cow and I liked seeing other people dressed up.

By Brendan

My favourite part of the day was feeding the animals game, you had to throw a bean bag into a bucket.

By Harrison

I liked Monday because we raised money for the farmers. My favourite part of the day was Farmer Sam, Farmer Sam is a game that you had to try and not get tagged. By Milo

**Cooking in Mandarin**

This morning we made cooked rice with the Mandarin teachers. It was so cool and yummy.

By Jesse

Today the Preps, ones, two's and three's all had Chinese class together. We were cooking fried rice. It was very noisy but we managed to watch the Chinese teachers cook the fried rice. Once the Chinese teacher had finished they gave us fried rice to eat. We ate it all up and they said 'there is no more!'. So we said "thank you for the yummy rice". Then we went back to class.

By Ericka

**Bike Ed Report**

We started Bike Ed on the second last week of term three. Bike Ed is about learning bike skills and having fun. Here are some of the skills we have been learning: changing from single file to partners, staying 1 metre away from the gutter, intersections, slalom, roundabouts, turning right and left and passing. It is pretty fun and refreshing.

My favourite part is the different surfaces and 10 second box. The most important parts are the safety checks and walking your bike back. That is my Bike Ed report. by Loki

# School News

## Boolarra Primary Continued

### Waratah Beach Camp

On Wednesday September 5, all the Grade 3/4's went to camp at Waratah Bay! It was epic! The drive on the bus went for an hour and a half! We stopped to eat a snack at Meeniyan in a park that had a skate park, I had a custard tart! It was yum.

When we got to camp we took our bags over to the verandah. After a talk in the dining room and meeting Pete the parrot, (the head staff not a parrot in case you were wondering!) We got organised in our own bunk rooms with all the Boolarra girls that were there. Then we got back to the dining room for a quick chat about the rooms. I was in a group with Harrison, Matilda, Luke, who was from another school.

We were in group 3. Our first activity was "the Boulding Wall". Then "Look up - Look-down". Which was when you had to go on a beach walk and look for things. Not long after that we did "Mount Oberon", which was where you had a partner and had to get across the netted "Mountain" without letting go of the rope. Later we did the "PIT OF DOOM!" that wasn't very deep and doomey, which was disappointing. But then we did Aeroball, when we were on a trampoline, we had to try to get the ball in the other person's hoop.

After that we went inside to muck around in our bungalows and I went to the rec. room to chit chat to



Harrison and we had dinner which was pork and chicken, peas and a lot of delicious cheesy cauliflower. Yum - Yum! Later on we went for a night walk on the beach..... and that was just the first day.

Written by Asha

When I went on the bus to camp I didn't realise that other schools were in there too. I sat down next to Claire on the way. We stopped at the park and played, the next stop was camp.

When we got at camp we put our bags to the side of the building. We had our lunch got our suitcases and went to our rooms. All the Boolarra girls were together and I was room captain! I set up my bed and had a tiny nap.

Then we did activities. I was in group one. We did the flying fox first. When it was my turn I screamed "OH HELL YEA!" When I went up it was scary and when it swung me it was fun! Next we did this thing where they said there's a hidden macca's. An

hour later we chilled in our room. While we chilled out someone nick knocked us and it was annoying. On the next morning Jasper came and we did other activities like Aeroball and other stuff. After the activities we had lunch and relaxed for the rest of the day, we had dinner and watched a movie and fell asleep.

On the last day we did volleyball and this thing and had lunch then went home.

Written by Georgia

On Wednesday the Grade 3s and 4s met up at the L.T.C. We went over the rules and went to the toilets. Then we said goodbye and hopped on the bus, the bus trip took two hours. We had a stop to eat, play and go to the toilet. When we arrived we got our suit cases out of the bus. When all the suit cases were out, we brought them to the building. Then we got to eat our lunch while we listened to the rules.

When we got our room number (mine was 11) we got out our suit cases to go to our rooms. After that, Pete the manager showed us around the activities. When the tour finished we went to our activities. After we got sorted into our groups we went to the first activity. The only person I knew in my group was Isa.

Our first activity was the ant maze, you had to thread strings through holes in a board until you got to the bottom. The next activity was jail break where you had

to get through a tyre high in the air. Then we did beach volleyball and my team won every round. This activity was one of my favourites! Then we did ropes course which was also one of my favourites. I accomplished doing it blind folded, holding a cup of water, it was hard! Then we had dinner and went to sleep.

In the morning I had a shower and walked into the hall for breakfast. For breakfast I had rice bubbles then I had egg and bacon. On the 2nd day my first activity was the giant swing, this was my favourite so I went to the top, it was exciting and fun.

The next activity was Nitro crossing. My team had to swing across a rope with a bucket of water without spilling the water. There was a second task called 'caterpillar crawl', where you had to walk



on sticks. The next activity was 'Look Up Look Down' this was a walk across the beach and we had to look for things.

Then we did an activity called spider web, where we had to get through a giant

spider web. The second part was we had to climb a rock wall and after that we had lunch. Then we had a 6 kilometre walk across the beach to the rock pools! Lastly we had a snack and walked back again. When we all got back to camp my legs were so tired I had to use the walls to walk! Then we had dinner and watched 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid', then we went to bed. On the last day we did our last activities. The first thing was 'The Pit', where we had to get out of a hole in the ground. Last but not least we did Aeroball, where you jumped on a trampoline and shoot a ball into the opponent's goals, I got forty goals. Next we packed our suit cases, said goodbye and hopped on the bus to go home.

By Ruby



# School News

## Churchill North Primary

### Bike Education

The middle and senior students at Churchill North Primary School recently participated in their bike education sessions. Miss Wells taught the students how to merge into one line while riding as well as other key bike safety skills. The 5/6 students were able to learn about and use their gears in order to ride up and down inclines. The students thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and have developed a

greater understanding of their bikes and how to use them safely.

### Book Week

Churchill North Primary School students were able to celebrate their love of reading at the school's recent Book Week celebration. The celebration began with students showing off their outfits in a costume parade. After the parade students' parents joined in reading activities in their child's classroom. This gave family

members a chance to see some of the outstanding learning their children have achieved. A highlight of the day was having 'Pig and Pug' join in the festivities. A big thank you goes out to Miss Koene and Miss Wells for organising such a terrific event.

### Kinder Transition

Churchill North Primary school was excited and proud to host the new kinder kids that will be attending Foundation at our school next year. The students participated in a

range of lessons and activities on reading and literacy. The students enjoyed the experience and were able to see some of the fun learning activities they will get to enjoy next year.

### Maths Sports Morning

Students and parents were actively involved in their maths learning at our recent Maths Sports Morning. The whole school participated in multi-aged activities involving sports and maths. Some of the sports they were able to

take part in included, golf, football, basketball, ten pin bowling, cricket and soccer. The students and families enjoyed trying out the various activities and answering the challenging maths problems. At the end of the morning family members were able to take a maths pack home for their child to continue their maths learning at home.

### New Before and After School Care Building

It's arrived! The new before and after school care

building has arrived. It is still some time away from being completed, however it is terrific to see the design of the new feature beginning to take shape.

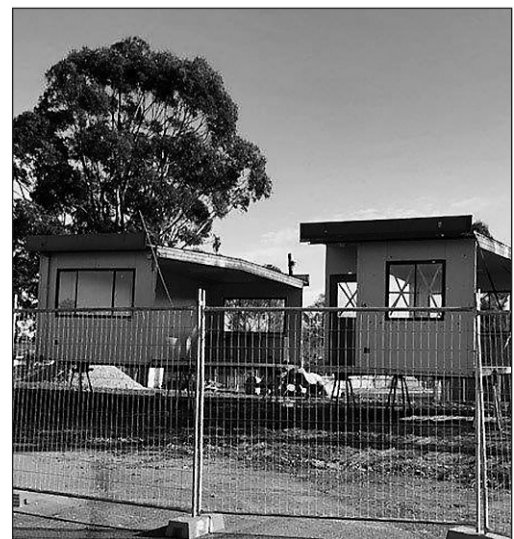
Work will continue to take place on the building in order for it to be able to service the before and after school care program at our school. We are looking forward to seeing the finished facility.



Book Week costumes on display - Riley, Hannah, Stephanie, Marley, Elizabeth, Noah, Wolf and Ebby



Miss Byrne and Wil at Transition



The new Before and After school care building

# School News

# Churchill Primary



### Grade 4 Melbourne Zoo Excursion!

On Tuesday our Foundation to Grade 4 students headed off on an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. The sun shone brightly on the day and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience, learning new things and seeing animals we would not normally have the opportunity to see. This excursion tied in with our integrated studies topic "Staying Alive" which looks at the features of animals including their needs and habitats.

A very big thank you to all our staff who made this excursion possible. These sorts of excursions would not be possible without their dedication to delivering positive experiences to the

students.

### Book Week Dress-Up Day

This year our school held our "Book Week" Dress-Up day a little later in the term on Monday September 10. Students and staff were invited to dress up as their favourite characters from their favourite books. Many students and parents went to some great effort in organising their costumes and to everyone's surprise, the teachers and staff coordinated their costumes and all came as characters from the Disney classic "Toy Story"!

After a special assembly in the morning, students were split into cross aged groups and then participated in fun activities based on several of the nominated Children's Books of 2018.

### CPS Has Got Talent! Grades 3-6

On Thursday September 20, we held our Grade 3-6 Churchill's Got Talent and we'd like to thank all the parents and community members who came along to watch the students perform. We saw some amazing acts and the judging panel had a very difficult time narrowing down the winners, but in the end the places were:

4th Place: "Acrobatic Circus Act" by Ruby T J, Shaylee H, Ella J, Arabella A, Shantelle E and Lucy B.

3rd Place: Dance to the song "Beautiful" by Jacinta G.

2nd Place: Dance to the song "Swish Swish" by Paige M and Caleb M.

1st Place: An original

song called "Follow Your Dreams" written and sung by Emilee M, accompanied by Zac B on Ukulele and dance back-up by Scarlet P O.

### Grade 5/6 Authors' Showcase

What a fantastic morning we had on Thursday September 20! The 5/6 awesome authors of Churchill Primary School showcased their talents as budding writers to an audience of their peers, parents and staff.

This provided students with an authentic purpose for their writing and an opportunity to celebrate their learning. Students read their narratives to a small group who then provided them with feedback about what they particularly enjoyed. Narratives were

bound and students were presented with a copy of all the stories to read, enjoy and save as a keepsake. Copies of the narratives are on display at school in the corridor.

Churchill Primary School is also celebrating the incredible number of promising writers who entered the recent Churchill & District News Writing Competition. This writing is also on display in the corridor outside the staff room. Please come to read and enjoy!

### Celebrating 50 years at Churchill Primary School!

Churchill Primary School opened its doors to the community in 1968 and this year is celebrating 50 years of teaching and learning in Churchill!

We will be holding a

special open afternoon on Friday November 16, and invite all past, present and future students and staff to join us.

The school will be open for visitors from 2pm with open classrooms and school tours operating until 4pm.

From 4pm to 6pm we will hold a family fun afternoon with special activities and invite families to bring along a picnic dinner or purchase a snag, drink or ice-cream from the canteen.

For people who are unable to make it during the day but would still like to catch up with old colleagues etc. we will be organising a dinner locally and this will be advertised through the school's Facebook event page.



Top Left: Grade 2/3M enjoying the Big Cats area of the Melbourne Zoo  
 Top Right: Teachers and Staff dressed up as characters from "Toy Story"  
 Middle Left: Cameron C, Will T, Lachlan M, Tyson M and Maddi E enjoy reading the published works from students in Grade 5 and 6 at CPS  
 Middle Right: Andy T reading his published story to his Mum  
 Bottom Left: Paige B reads her story to Lola H  
 Bottom Right: Zarisha G enjoying the beautiful butterflies at the Melbourne Zoo



F1AJ at the Chinese Cultural Day



HNPS students help Mrs Murphy to the ambulance

**Art News - Bloomsbury's Mythical Creatures Competition**

The students from Years 2 - 6 were invited to create their own mythical creatures. These had to include a name and a purpose, such as to be a companion, hero, fighter, healer, and they could use ideas from beasts already existing, but could not copy them. They then collaborated in pairs to make their creations using any art supplies they could find in the art room.

Each class voted for three creatures that they thought were worthy of being entered, and a representative from each of our 4/5/6 classes (Melina, Tahlia, and Ethan, with a few assistants) then worked together to choose the finalists.

These students arranged them on a landscape that they made, and added extra features to make it all appear to be in a fantasy world. This was all done with minimal input from me, using limited materials, so I

was extremely impressed with how they worked collaboratively to create such good quality work.

Their photo entry was a runner up in the competition, which means that Hazelwood North is one of five Australian schools to receive a hardback set of Harry Potter books for the school library. Well done everybody!

**Chinese Cultural Day at Kurnai College - Thursday September 13, 2018**

Yesterday it was my favourite day at Kurnai College because we made a panda. It was challenging to make a panda out of playdoh, but it was fun. We did the chopsticks competition. We had a photo in front of the panda. We tried rolling the iron hoop. It was challenging to roll the hoop but I didn't give up, I kept on trying. Was I resilient? We made a dog. It was fun. I did neat cutting. When it was time to hop on the bus I felt the vibration. When we went around the corner it felt

like it was going to tip, but I know that it wouldn't tip over!

William - Foundation AJ

On Thursday we used the chopsticks to pick up the marshmallows. I had fun. I saw a panda and I tasted Chinese food. We made paper dogs. My favourite was the Chinese Kung Fu. I liked the kicks and I loved it because it was my birthday and I had so much fun. We got to eat the marshmallows.

Koah - Foundation AJ

went to Woolworths. We had a budget, needs had \$12 and wants had \$8. After that we went to the bank and the ladies name was Connie. When we were eating our snack, we got some free entertainment. When we went into the back of Woolworths we got to go in a minus 17 degrees freezer. We learnt where the fruits and vegetables grow and come from. After that we got to try a radish and I liked it.

By Iylee

Woolworths because we were doing an afternoon tea. All of our Mums and Dads came.

**By Harri Ambulance and Police Visits**

As part of their learning about people who help us in the community, the students in the F/1 classes were recently visited by members of the ambulance service and police force. These visits were met with great excitement by the students who demonstrated great listening skills and

curiosity as they interviewed their guests about their roles and responsibilities.

Ambulance officer Chris talked to students about the different aspects of his job and showed pictures of the different types of vehicles used by the ambulance service in different locations.

Mrs Murphy was then loaded onto a stretcher by several students and taken to the waiting ambulance. The highlight for students was having the opportunity to fully explore the ambulance, although some were not so keen on the loud siren!

Police officer Jacinta also informed students about her job, stressing that there is always a lot of paperwork to do. She showed students some of the tools police officers may have to use in their job and also let them explore her police car at the conclusion of her visit.

Students and staff would like to thank Chris and Jacinta for coming along to teach us more about community helpers.



Afternoon Tea

**2/3 Woolworths Excursion and Afternoon Tea**

Recently we went to Woolworths for our needs and wants. We had a budget, needs had \$12 and wants had \$8. We had groups. My favourite bit was when we went to the back where the big fridges were. They were really cold! When we went shopping, it was cool. We got to eat fruit but I didn't because I wasn't resilient but that's ok. After Woolworths we went to the bank. I learnt that there's a camera that shows the sidewall. Some questions were private so we could not ask that much. On Wednesday we had an afternoon tea. Our parents came. We needed to make food for our parents.

By Millie  
On September 11, 2018 we

Recently 2/3M and 2/3A went to Woolworths to put on an afternoon tea for the parents in the hall on the Wednesday. I bought ham, bread, strawberries, watermelon and apples. On Wednesday I put my store up. My group was Cooper, Ruby and I. All the strawberries, watermelon and sandwiches got eaten up.

By Mason

On Tuesday September 11, we went to Woolworths. First we got a tour around the back of the shop. There was a fridge that was 2 degrees. It had snow on the roof. Then we bought some food. I got biscuits, M and M's and donuts. Then we had lunch and a man played a song for us. Finally we had to go see the bank. We went to



Woolworths Excursion

The Police  
The police had a car  
and the sirens were  
loud. Jacinta was her  
name. She showed us  
a gun. She showed us  
the pickle spray.



By Abbie.

# School News

## Kurnai Junior Campus

### Medieval Fete Day

On Monday September 17, all Year 8 students were involved in the Medieval Fete Day as a culmination of the work that they have been studying in Humanities over Term 3. The students planned and organised particular activities for the day - games, crafts, cooking or setting up and decorating. Students followed an alternative program of rotating through the medieval arts and craft activities or cooking, then participating in the setting up of the feast, having a wonderful medieval meal (soups, main meal and dessert) and finishing the day

participating in medieval style games.

Some students dressed in medieval costumes and the Science corridor was decked out like a medieval banquet. Everyone enjoyed taking part in the organisation and preparation and of course had a ball on the day.

### Big Day Out

On Tuesday August 30, the annual College Big Day Out was once again held at the Churchill Leisure Centre. The day was organised by the University Campus VCAL students. The day has students having fun and participating in activities together, and

the students from the senior campus come across when they are not in class. This day enables the students from the three campuses to get together, form new friendships, and have a stress-free school day. It is a rare opportunity for the students from all three campuses to come together as a College and have fun. Students could wander around the Churchill Leisure Centre and join in on a wide range of activities such as African drumming, karaoke, face-painting, balloon animals, petting zoo or they could join teams to play dodgeball or wheelchair basketball. The food for the

day was largely organised and prepared by the VCAL students at the University Campus with support from The Smith Family. Students and staff indicated a great day was enjoyed by all and we're all looking forward to next year's event.

### Year 10 Tasmania Trip

After four long days on the bus, the Year 10 Tassie Trip ended with a roller coaster ride of three-metre waves across the Bass Strait!

The trip to Tasmania was a joint Churchill and Morwell Year 10 trip.

Ruby Kypriotis, Shayla Britten and Gemma Brown have described the experience

as being different to other camps, even going so far as stating it was 'thrilling'. They said that the plane trip to Hobart and the return trip on the Spirit of Tasmania 'were both different experiences, but both were fun'. They went on to say that 'the first fun experience was Mt Wellington which had spots of snow'. This of course, led to a few snowball fights. 'We learned a lot about the history of convicts at Port Arthur and we went on a Ghost Tour which was spooky and exciting. We also went on the Tahune Airwalk in Huonville. Overall, the girls said that 'although we spent a lot of

time on the bus it was a good time bonding with everyone, listening to music and most of all sleeping after a long day'. All in all the girls said 'the weather was beautiful, it was a great meeting new people ... everyone got along ... and the places we visited were great'.

The staff involved in the planning and those lucky enough to attend the trip, just want to say thank you to all the students for being awesome, patient, and respectful throughout the trip! The team received several positive comments about our students including 'this is the best group of students we have had here (Port Arthur)'.



Above - Year 10 Tasmania trip  
Centre - McKenzie Abbot, Talisha Egginton, Jessica Bremner and Violet Juricevich dressed for the occasion.  
Far Right - Year 10 Tasmania trip



# School News

## Yinnar Primary

Term 3 finished on a high note at Yinnar. Students from our School Grounds and Sustainability team and our Grade 2 class ventured out to the Franklin's farm to participate in a Landcare tree planting program. Mrs Franklin is a great friend of our school, having been a teacher at Yinnar for more than 20 years before retiring to enjoy her garden and farm.

Fifty students, teachers and parents made the short trip across the paddock after the bus became bogged at the gate. They met John Crosby from Landcare who demonstrated the technique for planting tube stock in a gully. The students quickly climbed the short hill and before long were into the planting process. In no time at all 300 trees had been

planted, with students eagerly asking for more. Morning tea was taken out in the paddock and students were then given some free time to explore. Mrs Franklin was very impressed with the students' work ethic and proudly posed for a group shot aboard her buggy. Another walk back across the paddock to the bus and we returned to the school for a BBQ lunch. The project was made possible by a Landcare grant.

Our P-2 grades attended a Chinese Cultural day at Kurnai College as part of our LOTE program. The students were immersed in a variety of activities that strengthen their understanding of Chinese culture and language.

Some students at Yinnar are learning to play the piano under the tutorage of Mrs

Kath Doonan. These students were given the opportunity to showcase their progress in a piano recital at the school as part of our Friday celebration.

Our parent community arranged our annual Father's Day stall to give all students the opportunity to do their own shopping for Dad or their special person. These stalls are an integral part of our learning program allowing students to be independent and responsible for their own decision making, money and purchases.

As part of the Grade 5/6 program students have, in the past undertaken Earn & Learn - a program about money matters. This year they upskilled to create a business with the view to making a profit. Students were required to come up with a business

plan, budget, products, advertising, and a sales plan. Several local business owners were presented to the students as part of their learning. It was decided that each group was to have a \$40 budget to add to the authenticity of a business to source their materials for their business. A Market Day was planned for all groups to present and run their business. There was much excitement as Market Day loomed with students busily preparing their products for sale. Each grade in the school was invited to attend. There was a bbq, jewelry, activities, cakes, and drinks on offer. Profits from the day were donated to the Cancer Council and Freeze MND.

Our Junior School Council and GRACE team ran activities for Footy

Colours Day. This is a great opportunity for our student leaders to practise their leadership skills in a whole school activity, and at the same time raise money for their chosen charity. Students were able to wear their team colours and partake in lots of footy themed activities on the day.

Towards the end of term our Grade 3-4 students ventured to Camp Coolamatong for a three day camp. For some students this is the first time away from home for an extended time. It provides the students with the opportunity to care for themselves independently and to try new things, perhaps a little out of their comfort zone.

There were a number of activities for the students

to experience as well as putting their teambuilding and collaborative skills into practice.

To end the term the Grade 1/2s travelled to the Melbourne Zoo as part of their work on animal habitats. Fifty students, teachers and parents explored the many exhibits with one group seeing the newly constructed cassowary exhibit unveiled for the first time.

Each group of students had a map and a camera to record their experiences. There was much excitement as the students moved from enclosure to enclosure. Favourite animals included the meerkats, lions, tigers, giraffes, elephants and our Australian native animals.



# SPORT

## Tennis Come and Try a happy occasion



The day began cool with some drizzle but cleared enough for the 25 eager young participants to take to the courts between 9am and 11am.

The day consisted of Hot Shots match play which was divided into four groups.

There was an Orange Stage group and three levels of Green Stage - beginners, intermediate and advanced.

There was also a group of Red Stage players, for young players that were excited to give the sport a go.

Sally Kirstine is well known in tennis coaching

circles and she had the beginners having a go through little games and activities, while demonstrating shots and instilling the skills required.

Thanks go to Sally and the Churchill Tennis Club members, who in conjunction with Churchill & District News, staged the event.

Tennis Australia provided Hotshots give-aways for all participants and the tennis club provided trophies for the winner and runner up of each section.

The Churchill & District Lions Club as always supported us by sponsoring

a sausage sizzle and drink for each participant and their family members present.

The winners and runner up in each section were:

**Orange Stage**

Eshan Shankar Winner  
Danielle Game Runner Up

**Green Stage - Beginners**

Lisa Karunamuni Winner  
Jaxon Gordonaro Runner Up

**Green Stage - Intermediate**

Nicola McGregor Winner  
Lily Gretton Runner Up

**Green Stage - Advanced**

Josh Dibble Winner  
Riley Alko Runner Up.



Members of the Churchill & District Lions catered for this event.

## MID GIPPSLAND DARTS

### ASSOCIATION

### 2018 Winter Competition

### Results and Ladder

### Round 12 - September 20, 2018



Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	Bye	For	Against	%	Points
Yinnar Tigers	10	12	0	2	86	22	955.6	25
Mustang 1	9	9	3	3	74	34	822.2	18
Coyotez	9	8	4	3	74	34	822.2	16
Jokers	10	5	7	2	47	61	522.2	10
Mustangs 2	10	2	10	2	43	65	477.8	4

Round 11: Yinnar Tigers had an impressive round defeating Mustangs 2 resoundingly 9-0. Mark Taylor (YT) continued his

fine dart throwing in this competition with Men's Highest Score and Men's Highest Finish with a 177 and 138 respectively. Chipping in nicely was Reno Borg (YT) with the most hundreds on the night with nine scored.

Round 12: Mark Taylor was on a dream run this round with five Men's Highest Scores of 140s in Yinnar Tigers' defeat of Mustangs 1, seven games to two. Martin Warwick (YT) chipped in with his own High score of 140. Dave Standeven and Dean Sherson (M1) had fine 180s and 140s too, Dave Standeven (M1), Dean Sherson (M1) and Kev Westney (M1).

MGDA Men's and Ladies Doubles Championship, August 30: Some fine dart throwing from Sharon Taylor playing alongside Veni Rowe was a feature of the recent Men's and Ladies' Doubles Championship held at the Italian Australia Club on August 30. Sharon scored Ladies' Highest Score of 135 along with Junene DeKaste. Ladies' Doubles Champions: Veni Rowe and Sharon Taylor. Runners Up: Wendy Rippie and Chloe Helmuth. Men's Doubles Champions: Glen Galbraith and Kev Westney. Runners Up: Brian Casey Jnr and Tomm Rippie. Men's Highest Score 177 by Kev Westney. Men's Highest Finish: Robbie Williamson

with 82. Ladies' Highest Finish: Joy Story with 40.

MGDA Round 10: Yinnar Tigers continue to top the Association ladder with a fine win over Jokers 8-1. Fine dart throwing by both teams was a feature of the clash. 140 x 2 to Jason Casey (J) and a 140 to Mark Taylor (YT) and Brian Casey Jnr (J). Men's Highest Finish by Reno Borg with 108. Reno also threw ten hundreds on the night. A 133 by Sharon Taylor (YT) for Ladies' Highest Score and a Ladies' Highest Finish with 73. Ladies' Most Hundreds went to Sharon Taylor (YT) with two thrown on the night. Sharon topped off her night with Ladies' Most Finishes with three.

## Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Mens Stableford: 1/9/18. A Grade: R. King (16) 34, B Grade: K. Hogan (35) 29. DTL: R. Scurlock 31 D. Ellwood 29C/B C, Cummings 29 C/B D, Nichols 29 C/B. NTP: 5th J. Barnes, 12th R. Scurlock, 14th B. Kilday. Birdies: 12th D. Ellwood, 14th A.Auld.

Ladies Stableford: Tuesday 4/9/18. Winner: J. Blizzard (28) 25. DTL: V. Verheyen (26) 24. NTP: 3rd L. Peake, 12th V. Verheyen, 5th L. Peake.

Mens' Pairs Championships 1st Round. 8/9/18. Winners: P. Smart (8) 33 and R. Scurlock (9) 32 65. Runners Up: D. Nichols (20) 30 and J. Butler (35) 32 64. DTL: T. Sterrick (21) 30 and R. Zomer (34) 26 56, G. Blizzard (23) 29 and V. Monument (27) 27 56, B. Kilday (24) 33 and P. Jordan (26) 22 55. NTP: 3th B. Kilday, 5th P. Jordan, 12th J. Sterrick, 14th B. Kilday.



Ladies' Monthly Medal. Tuesday 10/9/18. Scratch Winner: M. Dear (15) 95. Monthly Medal Winner: M. Dear (15) 80. DTL: L. Peake (42) 81C/B. NTP: 3rd V. Reid, 12th E. D'Alterio, 5th M. Dear, 14th M. Dear. Putts: S. Turner 26.

Mens Pairs Championships 2nd T Round. 15/9/18. Winners: P. Smart 33 26 and R. Scurlock 32 20 120, Runners Up: M.

Dear 27 32 and G. Corponi 19 23 101. DTL: R. Madgin. NTP: 3th M. Dear, 5th M. Dear.

Ladies 4BBB Tuesday. 18/9/18. Winners: A. Hibbert (32) and L. Casey (37) 40. DTL: M. McQuillen (35) and L. Peake (42) 39. NTP: 3rd A. Hibbert, 12th M. McQuillen, 5th M. Dear, 14th M. Dear.



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## 'The Whistleblower' movie delivers community benefits

Lifeline Gippsland will have a new truck to collect much-needed goods and Rotary's Centenary House will be fitted with solar panels, thanks to the production of an international film at the former Hazelwood Power Station. ENGIE Hazelwood has donated the entire location fee from Chinese production company, Edko Films Ltd, to these two community groups which are making a difference in Gippsland. Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project Director, Tony Innocenzi, said the opportunity to support the community was the contributing factor to allowing filming in the disused power station which is awaiting demolition. "We had a window of opportunity and our board agreed the station could be used for a short period of time because of the benefits to so many people and local businesses," Mr Innocenzi said.

"We have always been proud of our support to the community through our current Corporate Social Responsibility activities and this is an extension of that support." Edko Supervising Location Manager, Pia Emery, said it was the first time she had seen an entire location fee donated to the community. "I am thrilled that

we have played a small part in assisting Hazelwood to help two worthy organisations," Ms Emery said. "Our crew of around 200 has spent a lot of time in the area and have been welcomed by everyone. I also have family living in Morwell so understand the significance of Hazelwood to the community.

To be able to have the opportunity to showcase aspects of the former power station in this production, is very special. We hope as many locals as possible get to see "The Whistleblower."

The new Lifeline truck with a hoist will assist in collecting donated goods from seven opportunity shops located as far east as Lakes Entrance and in the west to Wonthaggi. Lifeline Gippsland Manager,

Michelle Possingham, said the new truck would help Lifeline in running many of its important services, including Lifeline Australia's 24-hour Telephone Crisis Support network. "There are many reasons why people call Lifeline," she said. "Mental health issues are varied and can be complex or life-changing and subsequently many people can find themselves in crisis.

Callers may also be living with the effects of

substance abuse or domestic and family violence. "We are very grateful to ENGIE Hazelwood. To put this donation into context, when one divides the amount of the donation into the number of lives saved – each call costs \$26 to answer which means ENGIE may have helped us to save as many as 1923 lives."

ENGIE will also support the installation of a solar panel project for Rotary Centenary House near Latrobe Regional Hospital. The large project will assist the facility to reduce energy costs while providing safe, supportive and affordable accommodation for patients and their families undergoing treatment at the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre at Latrobe Regional Hospital.

The not-for-profit house contains 17 motel-style guest rooms with full communal facilities including kitchens, dining rooms, lounges, laundries as well as outdoor relaxing areas.

A further 13 rooms will be added as part of the House's stage three expansion which is set to be completed mid-2019. Guests come from across Gippsland with most staying six weeks during radiotherapy.

## Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists

Sweet Pittosporum - a native invader" is the topic for discussion at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, October 26. The meeting, from 7.30pm, is at the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Old Sale Road and Chamberlain Road, Newborough.

Benjamin O'Leary is a PhD student at Monash University studying the invasive native plant Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum*), its distribution, risk and means of spread.

Although native to coastal South Eastern Australia this species is increasingly viewed as an invader within and particularly beyond its native range producing dense weedy populations to the detriment of other native plant communities.

Ben's research into habitat suitability, to highlight areas most vulnerable to future spread, contributes to the development of control strategies and weed removal.

The following day an excursion to Crinigan Road Bushland Reserve in Morwell will be held.

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



Photographs: Sweet Pittosporum fruit by Tamara Leitch, Sweet Pittosporum flowers by Tamara Leitch



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