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School Captains Kayla Schmidt and Mitchell Berechree cut the celebration cake for everyone to share.

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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".

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.

The Trust understands, promotes and supports the use of a wide range of memorial items at the cemetery. The Trust also understands that memorialisation items must be:

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Over the next few weeks, Hazelwood Cemetery Trust will establish our own memorialisation policy taking into account the sentiments mentioned above.

Recent work at the cemetery has included new concrete kerbing, a new



path to our ANZAC garden and establishing a plaque commemorating Australia's defence forces involved in all major wars. The Trust also worked in conjunction with Morwell RSL to honour two more soldiers with plaques for local Boer War soldiers, Edward James Kells and Joseph Williamson.

Latrobe Chorale – Great Plans in place for 2019

On Sunday, November 25 The Latrobe Chorale, in partnership with West Gippsland Chorale presented a great concert at the newly refurbished Arts Centre in Warragul. The combined choirs sang works by Giacomo Puccini and Karl Jenkins with the support of the Heidelberg Choral Society and a fifty piece orchestra. The two hundred and forty singers and musicians on stage were ably conducted by Peter Bandy. A large and very enthusiastic audience was delighted with the performance.

Staging this concert was a huge undertaking by our small organisation and would not have been possible without the financial support of the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria.

This concert was a triumph. A standing ovation from an enthusiastic full house, was a clear acknowledgement of the hard work choristers and musicians put in to learn their music and present the concert.

2018 was a big year for Latrobe Chorale. Mid year we performed a gorgeous work by Haydn "Mass in Time of War" with a small musical ensemble made up of Brian Chapman on piano, Joan Evans on cello, Leo Duncan on drums and John Schmidli and Tina Thompson on trumpets. This concert was also a resounding success and well appreciated by our enthusiastic audiences in Traralgon and Warragul.

With 2019 fast approaching, Latrobe Chorale, in partnership with

the Gippsland Symphony Orchestra, is preparing for its next concerts scheduled for June 23 at Kernot Hall and June 30 at The Wedge in Sale. "Tutti: Opera for All" will be the perfect occasion for people to hear our singers in full operatic flight, local soloists and, of course, our regional symphony orchestra will also be a treat for the audience.

This time the concert conductor will be David Williams, a well known and respected local conductor.

The Latrobe Chorale is a community based, four part (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) choir based in the Latrobe Valley.

We enjoy practising and performing mainly classical and sacred choral works.

New members are welcome. Our musical director is Mary Mirtschin and our accompanist and regular concert pianist is Brian Chapman.

The singers in the choir are well supported by these two excellent leaders.

The chorale rehearses on Tuesdays at St Andrews Presbyterian Church hall in Morwell. People who would like to sing some wonderful music with our choir can contact Joelle Champert, on 0549 504 305 or Mary Mirtschin, Musical Director, on 0437 568 011. You can also find The Latrobe Chorale at <http://www.latrobechorale.org/> and on Facebook.

The chorale will resume rehearsals on Tuesday February 5, 2019. 7:30pm.

RAINFALL

The rainfall for Churchill in November was excellent and above average with 91.5 mil. The good thing about it was also the consistent falls over several days with 11 days of rain recorded. We then received the second highest monthly rainfall for 2018, just short of the 94 mil which fell in May.

The year's total to date is now 501.5 mil, still well below average. Hopefully we will get some good rainfall for December to help maintain a green tinge to the paddocks and lawns.

Rain at Hazelwood South.
 November was a significant improvement compared to the rest of 2018.

November had 108 mm of rain, an excellent 153% of the average for November. In contrast January to October had an average of 76% of the long term average, as a result we have nice green grass and weeds growing but the groundwater recharge is still poor, giving the trees a deficient reserve of water for

summer. The tanks are still not full, but sufficient for the summer months. At the same time Queensland has a terrible drought, even the rainforest is burning. This should never happen to rainforest. The bleaching of coral and melting of polar ice are all results of global warming. It is here now.

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Churchill Primary School celebrates 50 years



Welcome to Churchill Primary School's 50th Anniversary sign - in station

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School ukulele group perform "Edelweiss", led by Welfare Officer Jo Whitelaw and vocals by student Emilee McGee

On Friday November 16, around 350 people came to help current staff and students celebrate the school's fifty years of service and education to the families of Churchill.

The school looked spick and span to welcome former students and teachers/principals, all of whom spent considerable time looking at photos displayed along the corridor of the main building in year order. There were excited exclamations as people recognised old school mates or teachers, and many "do you remember whens" as memories were exchanged.

The committee of Jacki, Gail, Allana (former pupils now staff) Sue, Linda and Brenda had worked hard to promote the day, organise the program and create the displays which were the prime interest of the hours between 2pm-6pm when the time was celebrated.

Devonshire teas were served in the staffroom throughout the afternoon and current student leaders conducted school tours which including seeing classroom displays and demonstrations.

A formal program began at 4pm with the Acting Principal Jacquie Burrows welcoming everyone who had

assembled in the new building assembly space.

School captains Kayla Schmidt and Mitchell Berechree gave a welcome to country which was then followed by past pupil Brianna Comber who sang the National Anthem. It was impressive to see the confidence of these young people.

Other school leaders Andrew Tyrrell and Stella Voarino joined the School Captains and delivered a brief history of when the school was built. This included some interesting information including the number of students who commenced at CPS when the doors opened on February 6, 1968, being 258 with only nine staff. The class sizes ranged from 25 (1968 Grade 1-Prep) to 42 students (1968 Grade 3).

Former student, (now teacher at Liddiard Rd P.S) Rod Connelly spoke of the school in the early days. This was followed by Tony Colwell who taught at Churchill P.S. for many years. There were laughs and lots of memories evoked as they spoke and shared their remembrances.

After this the school ukulele group, tutored by the School Welfare Officer

Jo Whitelaw, performed 'Edelweiss' which was sung by the school choir in 1968 at the school opening. Emilee McGee sang the words to the accompaniment of the ukulele players. It was a wonderful piece of nostalgia.

The school leaders then thanked everyone for coming and a large cake was displayed before being cut for all to taste.

To end the celebrations family fun and games such as soccer, a parachute and egg and spoon races were held on the oval courtesy of teachers and parents. Art work was displayed in Block B courtesy of teachers Brooke Duncan (a past student) and Hollie Burke.

To keep folks from being hungry the Churchill Lions cooked up a storm serving BBQ and hot chips; ice-creams and drinks were sold from the canteen. All money raised from the Lions BBQ was donated back to the school for its funds. The school says a big thank you to the Lions Club who always offer great support to Churchill Primary School and the students.

The school would also like to thank all those who came to help them celebrate, deeming the day a great success!



Former teacher Tony Colwell shares his memories of the first few years at CPS



School staff enjoy some leftover Devonshire Tea

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Ray Beaton, honoured in Spirit of CFA awards

Ray Beaton of Hazelwood North brigade won the Senior Award category in the Spirit of CFA's awards.

Ray led Hazelwood North brigade as Captain for sixteen years, but before that as a Lieutenant and Deputy Group Officer. Quite an achievement!

Among the achievements made under Ray's captaincy was the taking on of the portable weather outposting service, which is still run by the brigade to this day.

Members transport the weather stations all over Gippsland, but especially to fire scenes where they provide detailed weather descriptions right near the fire to help with fighting strategies.

Each year a man from the Bureau of Meteorology comes to assess the members to ensure they maintain the required standard of operation.

Keeping a strong and well trained membership and nurturing younger members into positions of leadership has also been one of his aims.

This has been achieved in that all leadership positions are now held by younger members who have been mentored into the roles under a successful succession planning program.

During his time as



Captain Ray worked on the groundwork to obtain a new fire station for Hazelwood North which is well deserved. It shouldn't be long before

Ray sees this dream come true as some land they do not have to pay for is available, and they are awaiting for CFA to build it.

Being Captain in the 2009 fires was tough and the members lived through some tough days.

They have memories which can never be erased. The members did lots of work with the community following the fires which built strong relationships and gathered expressed appreciation.

They built farm fences, did farm clear ups, delivered donated goods to effected families.

Ray said this effort helped both the members and the community.

Ray believes that it is not altogether what you do at the fires that matters it is the before and after work that is essential to brigade health and wellbeing.

The importance of training - making sure members can operate with level heads in such situations, can cope with the moment, know their burn over drills and have practised them so they are down pat, know the trucks and the equipment they carry and how to use it.

Making use of local knowledge is a practice that Ray has begun in the past and which is carried on today due to his example and relationships built with brigade members.

Following fires or other

brigade engagements such as car accidents, the members sit down and talk about the situation.

For any member who is finding difficulty, the Peer Support team is contacted for their help.

Ray is proud to report that the brigade members are willing to go away on strike teams and have been to Canberra, Sydney and Perth.

Enthusiastically Ray mentions the co-operation they share with HVP Plantation staff, and how

they work together so well to achieve the goals of protecting the community and its assets through community meetings etc.

The brigade visits the school and shows the children how the truck equipment works allowing them to have a go.

They also bring Santa to the school and the Playgroup.

Although having reached his 70s, Ray is still an active member of the brigade and continues to be an example to his fellow brigade members.



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Tammy de Souza-Daw

Churchill raised Tammy de Souza-Daw is hoping to become the Australian Supermodel of the Year.

The competition has been helping new models make their way into the modelling industry since 2013. As part of the contest, Tammy is raising money for mental health charity Beyond Blue, by selling swimsuit calendars.

Each calendar will feature Tammy, teen hopeful Luci Morris (who is raising money for Canteen) and curve advocate Revathi Shanmugatasan (who is raising money for the Butterfly foundation).

Highly sought after photographer Jimmy Tee is shooting the models wearing eco-swimwear brand The Lioness and Her Unicorns, designed by Ariane Bingham.

Calendars can be purchased for \$25 by contacting Tammy via tammydesouzadaw@hotmail.com.

Alternatively individuals can donate to Beyond Blue via the website <https://www.chuffed.org/fundraiser/>



Churchill native Tammy De Souza-Daw's is raising money for Beyond Blue as part of a modelling competition. Photo by Jimmy Tee.



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Co-Op Snippets

It has been a busy month with services, meetings, and fund raisers.

The Lions Market was cancelled due to the high winds but we were able to have a stall at IGA on their Market Day which was successful.

Then our annual Garage Sale and Family Fun Day was held on November 17. Again it was most successful with many items being sold including plants, cakes, jams, sausages, pancakes and a wide

variety of household items, furniture and bric-a-brac.

The folks worked hard to set it up and just as hard to clear it up and restore the church to a worship space.

The following day the final worship service was held at Yinnar Church. A report of the event is written elsewhere in this paper. This church will become an op shop and be used as an outreach into the community.

We are pleased to announce that we have

appointed a new minister for our parish and he will start in 2019. More about that then.

Youth Group held its final event for the year with an excursion to Werribee Park Zoo. Excitement built as they approached their destination. They saw all the animals, the cheetahs and gorilla being the favourite. After a picnic lunch they hopped on the safari bus and went out on the Savannah to see the giraffe and rhinos. It was a day filled with fun and fellowship which finished

with a sundae from Maccas on the way home. They say thanks to the Halliwells for driving them on such a great outing.

High Country Patrol Minister Reverend Rowena Harris spoke at the final service for the month. She is stationed in Swifts Creek but her area of NSW as well in her pastoral area.

She practises intentional lingering - being with people until they get to know her, and then if the occasion arises after they find out she is a minister, and they want to ask a question, the relationship has been established to foster that certainty of having a positive hearing.

Rowena spoke of the beauty of the High Plains, the bad roads, of prayers said while negotiating those bad roads in any condition, the cold in winter and at night, of the people she works with and for, of relationships built and the isolation of these people, but of their hardiness and tenacity. There are few doctors, medical people,



specialists or facilities within miles. There is only one UCA church and one Anglican church in her vast region. Getting to church for these folks is hard, so Rowena finds it a privilege to visit them on their properties and spend time.

This area although beautiful is subject to extremes of climate including fierce fires and torrential floods, and at present, a severe drought. Soil moisture at this time of the year is usually high, at present just 3%. Rowena is helping these drought affected folks through her ministry and administering a drought fund.

Rowena is there for her

folks in happy and sad times, helping them celebrate and mourn, baptising, marrying and burying (some due to suicide).

The hazards of her ministry were graphically illustrated delaying her arrival due to experiencing fallen trees across the road, flooded roads and poorly defined back tracks but she soldiered on to be with us.

We thoroughly enjoyed her informative, passionately delivered talk showing her commitment in caring for people in her remote Alpine areas.



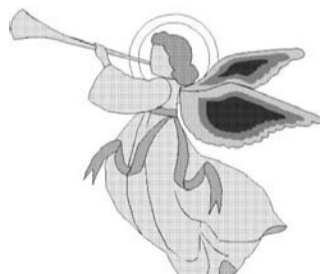
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Service
Sunday December 30, Churchill 9am Church of Christ Holy Communion.
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Churchill Christian Fellowship
Churchill Christian Fellowship will be joining the Moe congregation for a Christmas service.
Ring Linda for details 0400 690 972.



Lumen Christi
Christmas Eve at 8.00pm
Christmas Day at 9.00 am



Chaplain

The largely American holiday called 'Thanksgiving' was established in 1863 by Abraham Lincoln, but dates back to 1621 when the Pilgrims offered a prayer of thanksgiving to God with some Native Americans.

As a holiday, it is always celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

Many men and women in God's Word demonstrated this kind of gratitude, which perhaps inspired the Pilgrims, and may inspire us too.

For instance, when King David received the symbol of God's presence (called the 'Ark of the Covenant') in Jerusalem, he was so grateful that his display of thanksgiving to God was described by his wife as unbefitting a king.

Then there's Hannah. Unable to have children, and being taunted for it, she prayed to God with intensity. After some time, her prayer was answered, she was able to conceive, and gave birth

to a boy she named Samuel. Her expressed thanksgiving to God was understandably noteworthy.

Also, when Jesus healed ten lepers at their request, nine of them went their way happy to be healed. The tenth leper was also happy to be healed, but he returned with thanksgiving to Jesus.

Whilst we may not celebrate the holiday, we can be inspired to have an attitude of gratitude, and be thankful



for so much. We can be like those above who acknowledged God in their situations, and gave thanksgiving to Him. Worth thinking about!

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Yinnar church to be re-purposed



Sunday November 18 saw the final worship service held at the Yinnar Uniting Church.

It is to become an op shop, a place where people can come for a bargain, find companionship, a listening ear, and feel welcome - a true outreach place in the community.

The service was attended by a congregation which had mixed feelings - sadness because some had worshipped there for many years, but also hope for the future in the proposed use of the building.

Robern Lubawski arranged a reflective and thoughtful service with elements of positivity.

There were poems to reflect the situation, prayers of thanksgiving for the service rendered by the church over the decades, and memories of people significant to the church - Ian Hornibrook, George Firmin, Win Jones, Sheila Crookston, Brian Lawrence, the Smith family who donated the organ, and Sharon Smee.

Significant events included the Good Friday Walk of Witness with the Catholics, the Family Christmas Day service, the choir, piano lessons with Kath

Doonan, Pip installing the stained glass window, Bible studies and of course twice monthly worship services.

Ian Blake spoke of the dedication of the Sunday School, teachers over the years especially those who came from farms.

Bill Armstrong read the Bible lessons and Ruth Lloyd played the organ.

The singing was loud and hearty.

Val Hornibrook and John Lubawski took up the offering.

Ian Combridge, Chairperson of the parish's Parish Council spoke the following words:

"In Gippsland we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land the Gunaikurnai people.

Today in Yinnar we are here to acknowledge the history of this building, the people who have worshipped here, been baptized here, married and had their funerals here.

Also those people who've come here, into this building, over many years, seeking answers to situations in their life, seemingly beyond their control, and finding God's peace through prayer

answered.

This building has seen families grow up - new families begin and grow, and many loved ones depart.

This building has a country history.

Today we are not selling this building or pulling it down, we are re-purposing it to strengthen our Parish in our future ministry.

In a new lease of life, in a different way, I would love to see people still being comfortable to find God's peace here, through fellowship and prayer, even as an opportunity shop.

Parish Council has been very aware of how difficult this idea might be for some people.

To those I say, we thank you for helping us do what we feel is the best way forward for our future Parish ministry.

We looked into neighbouring parishes and realised how an opportunity shop can help fund ongoing ministry with reduced numbers of church people.

I see this is a real opportunity to link into this community and ask everyone for your prayers for the success of this project.

This building is still an



important place in our Parish. Thank you."

Reverend Judy McLeod representing Presbytery delivered the following words:

"People of Uniting Church in Australia, Yinnar, the time has come to commend this place to God and for you to seek God's presence in new places.

I therefore on behalf of Gippsland Presbytery recognise the ending of your worship life here and send you out to worship where God's Spirit leads you.

This congregation at Yinnar, was organised as part of God's Holy Church.


It was God's gift for a

reason. We give thanks for the many ways it has served the call of Jesus Christ.

It has accomplished its purpose."

Following the service, a

delicious spread of morning tea was enjoyed as folks stood and sat around exchanging memories of the church special to them.




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Cooking with Noelene



overnight.

Just before serving dust with a little sifted icing sugar and a Christmas decoration of your choice.

This cake can be frozen for 12 months or kept for 4 weeks in an airtight container.

Christmas Sponge Cake

Not everyone likes fruit cake but everyone loves a featherlight sponge cake.

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C.

Grease 2 x 22cm round cake pans with marg/butter and sprinkle with cornflour, shake out excess flour.

Add 165gm of castor sugar to 4 lightly beaten eggs in a medium bowl and beat with an electric beater till the mixture is thick and creamy, about 7 minutes.

In a separate bowl sift in 150gm of cornflour, 30 gm of custard powder, 1 tsp of cream of tartar, 1/2 tsp of bicarbonate of soda.

Sift the dry ingredients 3 times and then fold sifted ingredients into egg mixture using a whisk, until incorporated.

Pour the cake batter between the 2 prepared cake pans, tilt the pans to spread evenly over the base of the pans.

Tap the base gently with your fingers to break up any air bubbles.

Bake sponges on the middle rack of your oven for 20 minutes or until the sponge springs back when touched in the centre.

Turn sponges out immediately onto baking paper covered wire racks.

Cool.

Top sponges with a dusting of icing sugar and fresh strawberries.

Fill with jam and cream.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Christmas Cakes

Boiled Passionfruit Cake

Preheat your oven to 150 deg C

You will need an 18cm square cake pan or 20cm round cake pan.

Spray the pan and line the base with baking paper.

Now using a large saucepan combine 1/2 cup of strained passionfruit pulp or you will need 7 fresh passionfruits strained for equivalent amount.

500gm of mixed dried fruit

60ml of orange juice

1 cup of castor sugar

125gm of butter / marg

Bring this mix to the boil, stirring continuously.

Remove the saucepan from the heat and allow the

mixture to cool to room temperature.

It is really important to cool the mixture to room temperature or you will end up with scrambled eggs and or a lumpy flour mix.

Now stir in 3 lightly beaten eggs and 110gm of plain flour and 110gm of self raising flour.

Pour the mix into the prepared pan and tap the pan on the bench to level the surface and to get rid of any air pockets in the cake mix.

Bake for 1 1/2 hours or until a skewer inserted in the middle of the cake comes out clean, leave the cake in the pan.

Tightly cover over the top of the cake with aluminium foil and cool in the pan



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A place for adult children of alcoholics

I came to Al-Anon as a young adult seeking the magic answer to prevent my husband from ever taking another drink now that he has joined Alcoholics Anonymous. I dutifully attended the meetings with him and loved AA - the people, the meetings, the fellowship!

I identified with their stories, except that I didn't have the compulsion to drink.

I heard my alcoholic father's story and my mother's story and wished there was a place where I, too, could share my experiences - my feelings and hurts.

Thankfully, a very kind and wise woman from AA suggested I find Al-Anon and leave my husband's sobriety to them.

In the late 1970s, most Al-Anon meetings consisted of spouses of alcoholics.

By listening and learning I gradually moved from under that dark cloud of despair into the light of recovery.

However, Al-Anon seemed to discourage talking about growing up in an alcoholic home.

A well-meaning member once said to me, "Dear, we don't talk about that here."

I felt stifled and wore only my 'wife' hat at meetings. Although my spousal relationship improved, my recovery was stunted.

Many of us during that time who grew up in alcoholic homes became Alateen Group Sponsors.

Alateen was where we could identify those aspects of the family disease that affected us as youngsters.

Through Alateen, that impenetrable wall I had built to protect myself from the ravages of alcoholism began to crack.

I found that participating in service, I received so much more than I gave.

Al-Anon has always been a fellowship for anyone

affected by someone's drinking, but it took time for the children of alcoholics to realise that they needed help.

By 1957, Al-Anon began registering Alateen groups for teenagers.

By 1974, Al-Anon started registering Al-Anon adult children groups.

As more adult children attended Al-Anon, they began sharing their stories, which Al-Anon began to include in "The Forum" and other program publications.

Some members had a difficult time accepting these newer members, and some adult children had a difficult time accepting the Al-Anon programs, their traditions and policies.

Conflict and confusion arose, and although the 1980s were years of growth for Al-Anon, the fellowship also experienced a period of unrest.

Eventually, more and more Al-Anon members who grew up in alcoholic homes became involved in Al-Anon service - myself included. World Service Conference Delegates started identifying themselves as adult children of alcoholics when they shared their stories at the Conference.

For several years, the Conference discussed the topic of adult children, and in 1984, the Conference approved a statement recognising the need for Al-Anon adult children groups and how they fit into the fellowship.

It cited Tradition three - that Al-Anon groups have no other affiliation and are not registered with any other organisation.

These groups like Al-Anon groups welcome anyone affected by alcoholism and use only Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature (CAL) in meetings.

While Al-Anon members have their differences, we have all suffered from the same illness.

Through the spiritual direction found in Al-Anon's Twelve Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Service, Al-Anon remains a viable resource of help and hope for all families affected by alcoholics.

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).

Harriet Shing Member for Eastern Victoria Region

Hello everyone,

Looking back over the last four years, I would like to thank the many people who make up this vibrant, diverse community for their support, kindness and hard work in making Eastern Victoria Region the fabulous place that it is.

Looking forward, throughout the region, there is a new vibrancy and positivity, as we see so many projects come to fruition and have the expectation of new

works still to be completed or commenced.

To the amazing constituents, resilient organisations and many local committees and clubs I have met, as I have travelled from one end of Gippsland to the other, I thank you for the warm welcome I have received as your representative.

As we move into the festive season, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe, healthy and happy 2019.

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Melina Bath MP

Member for

Eastern Victorian Region



Each year that passes by offers its unique milestones and challenges.

As I reflect on each passing year the one thing that remains consistent is my passion for Gippsland and the people who make our community such a great place to live, work and play.

In my role I have had the privilege of meeting with a diverse cross section of people within our community, and each day I regularly remind myself how lucky I am to represent and advocate for the people of Gippsland.

So here we are again and we say once more it is hard to believe that Christmas is around the corner – where did 2018 year go?

Suddenly we have found

ourselves in December with our towns and shops decorated and carols playing around us.

Christmas and New Year is traditionally a time where we often reflect and look to the future.

So as the catch ups continue and Christmas and New Year gets closer, I encourage you to take a few minutes to count your blessings, be thankful for all the good we have in our lives and community, but importantly look out for others who might not be as fortunate as we are.

Gippsland as a region boasts some of the most impressive natural assets from the mountains to the sea and everything in between.

As Gippslanders we are accustomed to travelling long distances. We often drive for long periods to experience the cheer and attend special events.

With the increased travel and traffic on Gippsland's roads over the holiday period I would like remind you all to drive safely and be alert and vigilant on our country roads. Arriving at your destination safely requires patience and resilience.



I encourage you to observe the speed limits, drive to the conditions and please do not drink and drive. Remember it's better to arrive late than not at all.

Christmas lights have become a real tradition in the Latrobe Valley and our houses and businesses are in full swing with some impressive displays. My Electoral office has embraced the festive spirit, so if you are Christmas lights hunting don't forget to drop by 181 Franklin Street, Traralgon, we are worthy of a look.

Finally I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. I look forward to continuing to represent you in 2019.

Hazelwood North

Community Hall

By Leo Billington

In its Thursday December 23, 1948 edition, the Morwell Advertiser announced that 'Land was to be acquired near the recreation reserve for re-building of their hall.

"Their hall" referred to the then Hall Committee of the Hazelwood South Hall, which had managed to collect 300 pounds in insurance because two local halls were destroyed in the February 14, 1944 fires.

Those two halls were the Hazelwood North and Hazelwood South Halls.

The Hazelwood South Hall Committee was keen to re-build and subsequently took the insurance payout – history doesn't explain why they were assumed to be special – and made application to the Victorian government for a subsidy for re-building 'of their hall'.

At the December 1948 meeting, Mr L Northway moved, and Mr S Young seconded 'that the residents of North Hazelwood be invited to participate in the building of the hall at the Hazelwood Recreation Reserve'.

This motion was supported by Mr J. Bolding on the grounds that the



move would concentrate Hazelwood sporting and recreational facilities in one central position. Mr E Furnell pointed out that 'it was more economical to put effort into one good hall than spread it over two'.

The motion was carried.

A vote of thanks, submitted by Mr Cyril Hare, seconded by Mr Bert Northway, to Mr Harry Jones for his public spirited action in making the land available, was carried by acclamation.

In his reply Mr Jones said he would donate the land if needed. There is an irony in this bit of history.

While Hazelwood South "scored" a brick building, Hazelwood North made do with a wooden structure sourced from over Traralgon way – and placed on land donated by Harry's brother, Charlie.

That wooden structure was used until another fire dealt a blow, but Hazelwood North was not defeated, and another hall was found and placed on-site.

That hall is now the crowning glory of Hazelwood North – and the other hall over Hazelwood South way is locked up, un-used. The Hazelwood North Community Hall has received a significant make-over during this year, with plans for further development into 2019.

Managed by a local committee on behalf of Latrobe City Council, the hall is used by a suite of regular user groups for playgroup, a fitness group, rock 'n roll dancing and clogging.

For further details, please contact Sonny Jones on 51661267 or Leo Billington on 51 661 848.

2018/19 Churchill Businesses

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Churchill BBQ & Roast

Christmas Eve: 9-7
Christmas Day: 10-12 for pick up orders only
Boxing Day: closed
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New Year's Day: closed
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Churchill Chemist Discount Centre

Christmas Eve: 8.30-6
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: 10-2
New Year's Eve: 8.30-6
New Year's Day: 10-2

Churchill Chinese restaurant

Christmas Eve: 12-2, 5-10
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: 12-2, 5-10
New Year's Eve: 12-2, 5-10
New Year's Day: 12-2, 5-10

Churchill Fish and Chip shop

Closed from Christmas Eve
Reopens Thursday 4.01.2019 11-8.30

Churchill Hot Bread

Christmas Eve: 8-5
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: 8-5
New Year's Day: closed

Churchill Newsagency

Christmas Eve: 7-5.30
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: 7-5.30
New Year's Day: closed

Churchill Noodle Bar

Closed from 9pm 22.12.2018.
Reopens Wednesday 3.01.2019

Churchill Pizza

Christmas Day: closed
New Year's Day: closed

Churchill Post Office

Christmas Eve: 9-5
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
Saturday 29.12.2018: closed
New Year's Day: closed

Commonwealth Bank

Christmas Eve: 9.30-4
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: 9.30-4
New Year's Day: closed

Danbridge Services

Closed from Tuesday 18.12.18
Reopens Thursday 17.1.19

Hazelwood Health Centre

Christmas Eve: please call for opening

hours 5122 2555

Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: please call for opening
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New Year's Day: closed

Kentucky Fried Chicken

Christmas Eve: 11-9
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: 11-9
New Year's Eve: 11-9
New Year's Day: 11-9

Lifeline

Closed from Wednesday 19.12.2018 at 3.45 pm
Reopens Monday 7.01.2019 at 9.30 am

New Churchill Motors

Closed from Friday 21.12.18 at 5pm
Reopens Monday 7.01.2019

Ritchies IGA

Christmas Eve: 8-8
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: 8-8
New Year's Eve: 8-8
New Year's Day: 8-8

Scissori

Christmas Eve: 9-4
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
27.12.2018: Appointments only

28.12.2018: 10-4

New Year's Eve: closed
New Year's Day: closed

Sight and Sound Engineering

Christmas Eve: call to check for availability 5122 3602
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: call to check for availability 5122 3602
New Year's Day: closed

Smart Saver

Christmas Eve: 9-6
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: 9-5.30
New Year's Day: closed

Barber Shed

Open Saturday 22.12.2018: 9-12.30
Closed from 23.12.2018
Reopens Monday 14.01.2019

Vintage C'hill

Closed from Fri 21.12.2018 at 3pm
Reopens Mon 21.01.2019 at 7am

Woolworths

Christmas Eve: 7-10
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: 8-8
New Year's Eve: 7-10
New Year's Day: 8-8

Connecting Your Community



Latrobe Health Advocate

At CDCA's final meeting for 2018, guest speaker Jane Anderson (Latrobe Health Advocate) addressed the meeting and invited members to ask questions and make suggestions about health and well-being issues in Latrobe Valley.

The newly created position of Latrobe Health Advocate was established as a result of the recommendations arising from the Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry. The position is similar to that of a Commissioner and reports directly to the Victorian Minister for Health.

The Health Advocate role is to act as a voice for community on health and well-being issues so that the community is heard by Government.

Unlike an Ombudsman, who deals with individual complaints, the position of Latrobe Health Advocate was created to deal with systemic issues.

Jane was appointed in July this year to a three year term. Previously, Jane was Regional Director at Anglicare for twelve years and had worked as a Community Lawyer and Police Officer earlier in her

career.

With the scope of this role described as 'Health and Well-Being', Jane has identified three priorities for investigation and reporting;

'Inclusive Communities' (how can diverse Latrobe City communities have their voice heard?),

'Health Is Everyone's Business' (how can organisations address health and well-being issues as part of their business planning?) and

'Project Campaigns' (these will change over time, but are currently set as Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug and End of Life/Palliative Care projects).

The meeting spent some time asking questions about various health and well-being issues in Latrobe and the variety of topics raised was wide ranging and most interesting.

Jane encourages all locals to contact her to share ideas and suggestions on health and well-being matters that could be raised with the Minister for Health.

You can call into the temporary office located at Level 1, 154 Commercial

Rd, Morwell, email: info@lhadvocate.vic.gov.au or phone 1800 319 255 to arrange to meet.

Our next meeting will host Karen Tsebelis from Latrobe City Council as Guest Speaker. Karen is involved with Council's Tracks and Trails Strategy and has been invited to attend and chat to us about Council's planning for recreational pathways around Churchill.

This meeting will be held on Tuesday February 12, 2019 at 7pm. Venue is the Board Room at Gippsland Enterprise Centre (formerly known as Green Inc) in McDonald Way, Churchill. All local residents are welcome.

CDCA is keen to progress construction of further pathways in and around Churchill, has applied for some funding for this purpose and will continue to lobby for more to be done.

CDCA can be contacted via our website www.cdca.org.au or email info@cdca.org.au or write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

Don't forget to view our website homepage or our Facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com>

Russell Northe



10 year reflection

Starting on a sombre note, over the past twelve years in my role as your local Parliamentarian, we have experienced some devastating and complex fire events.

January and February of 2019 will mark ten-years since the Delburn and Black Saturday fires that devastated our community.

During these anniversaries, I will be pausing to reflect and acknowledge the Victorians who lost their lives and the countless families, homes and properties that were affected.

Closer to February, please keep an eye out for the community events that will be held to honour this ten-year anniversary and pay our respects to those who tragically lost their lives.

The Delburn complex of fires impacted many communities including Mirboo North, Boolarra and Yinnar and unfortunately a number of homes, assets and stock were lost during this fire.

The horrific Black Saturday bushfires on February 7, 2009 swept right across our State and left a trail of absolute destruction, including in and around many of our local communities in Churchill and district.

Tragically a number of local people lost their life on this dreadful day and my thoughts and prayers are with the families of loved ones at what will be an emotional time.

The countless volunteer hours spent in protecting and fighting these fires, and the process of rebuilding and healing from this terrible event has shown me a strength and resilience in our community that I believe we should all be incredibly proud of.

The people associated with our CFA brigades and emergency services in Churchill and surrounding districts were absolute heroes during and after these disasters.

These events are a terrible reminder of the powers of natural disasters upon us.

If this time brings up feelings of distress and difficulty for you, or for your loved ones please contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 for support – and know that you are not alone.

Pondage update

After attending ENGIE's Hazelwood Community Information Meeting in Morwell in November, I have reiterated my strong view that every option must be explored to keep Hazelwood Pondage open.

The tourism, recreation and economic benefits of the

pondage are significant to our community so if it was that the Pondage permanently closed then this would be an extremely sad day.

Earlier this year in Parliament I questioned the Minister for Resources on what guarantees the Government would provide in keeping the Pondage open; however his answer was less than satisfactory.

ENGIE representatives stated recently that no approach had been made to them by the State Government in how the Pondage might remain open for the foreseeable future, which I find staggering and incredibly disappointing given the importance that this unique body of water is to our community.

Centenary of Armistice

We humbly reflected another anniversary last month, in the centenary of the Armistice that ended the First World War.

One hundred years ago on November 11, 1918, four years of continuous bloody conflict came to an end when German leaders signed the Armistice and at last the guns on the Western Front were silent.

At this time, we remember the 62,000 Australians who

died and the 156,000 who were wounded protecting our freedoms - including countless Gippslanders.

I was honoured to attend many ceremonies in our community on Remembrance Day and pay my respects to the great servicemen and women of our region, who gave their lives for us.

Lest we forget.

Many thanks to you

And finally, as this edition goes to print, Victoria will be deciding their future State Parliamentarians at the 2018 election.

Whilst at the time of writing I am unsure if I will be re-elected, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all your support and encouragement over the past twelve years as your representative in the Legislative Assembly. I love this job.

The best part of it is meeting passionate and hardworking community members and organisations who are striving to make where they live, a better place... and Churchill has those in droves!

Congratulations to you all on your fabulous contributions to our wonderful region, and thank you again!

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Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group



Yinnar Landcare Eucalypt and seed collection tour group after returning to the Yinnar Community Bus Shed. Tour leader Jenny Wolswinkel front row second from right. Bus driver, Henk Harberts, from Narracan Landcare Group front row first on left.

On October 28 Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group organised a tour around the district to find out more about the local eucalypt species, and to learn about collecting seed. Jenny Wolswinkel from Seeds of Gippsland led the tour, and we learned a great deal from her. Much of the planting on our current 33 hectare Billys Creek re-vegetation project will be by direct seeding.

This means we'll need lots of seed. Some of this needs a permit to collect, and we also needed land manager permission. It's been a busy few months of paddling underwater like a duck to get these permissions ready for the seed collection season over summer.

If anyone would like to be part of our group's seed collection and plant propagation activities we'd love to hear from you.

Some of us know plants, some don't, some know the area well, others can get lost 20 metres from the road! Some are highly systematic, others less so.

For those who aren't up to thrashing around the bush, you can help with planting tubestock, drying and sorting seed, keeping records and many other tasks.

Finally, on November 10 after our Maple Massacre / Mop Up at Budgerie Bush Reserve, some very large parent trees on the neighbouring property were cut down.

As Jenny, our eucalypt tour leader, reminded us, planting is great, but the most important thing we can all do is to protect remnant vegetation, especially if it has large trees on it.

Our group has been working on the maple infestation in the beautiful little remnant patch of wet or damp forest at Yinnar South for ten years now, and expect to be doing it for some years to come, so the demise of more large, seeding trees was fantastic news.

As well as hand weeding, we've had a grant for contractors to stem-inject herbicide into inaccessible trees, and a few years ago HVP cleared the maples on their side of the creek.

Now another source of new wind-blown seed capsules is well on track to be fully removed.

We are often asked whether all maples are weeds. We know that in Australia Sycamore maple (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) is a problem

weed of wet and damp forests.

This is the one we're removing at the Bush Reserve. Many other plants with winged seeds can also spread and become weedy. For example, Box Elder Maple (*Acer negundo*) and European Ash (*Fraxinus* sp.) are a known problem weed in some environments (although Claret Ash trees are believed to be sterile).

Winged seed capsules are spread by wind, so trees well away from the bush or creek lines are unlikely to do more than take over your garden.

As for other remnant vegetation outside of reserves, there is funding available to landholders to do things like exclude stock, enhance surrounding vegetation, remove weeds and generally give these old trees a chance at survival.

Hundreds if not thousands of creatures depend on them, and once you know this, it's hard to watch them being actively destroyed by felling or passively destroyed by grazing animals, fencing wire, and /or cultivation and /or nutrient overload around their root systems.

Case studies have shown that large areas of farms set aside for native vegetation

don't result in any loss of productivity. The Landcare magazine often has examples of these, as does the recently published book, 'The Return of the Reed Warbler', by Charles Massy.

Many of the birds, and especially the micro-bats, that rely on established trees to nest or roost are insectivores that actively contribute to eating up pests that predate crops and animals. All contribute to a balanced eco system and liveable environment. It's out of whack now, hopefully more people are looking for ways to contribute in any way they can to protecting and preserving our environment for the generations to come.

Jay Duncan, Secretary, Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group

<https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/westgippsland/yinnar-south/>

Darren Chester



Let's make it a Great Gippsland Christmas!

I will be promoting local businesses on social media every day until Christmas and highlighting the importance of shopping locally and supporting local service providers and tradespeople.

I'll be putting locals first, and supporting those businesses that support our community.

By shopping locally, and using local tradies and service providers you're helping to create local jobs.

Importantly it is usually local businesses that sponsor events and sporting clubs that make our community such a great place to live and visit.

Local businesses can nominate to be included in the Great Gippsland Christmas promotion.

Anyone who wants their business featured in my Facebook feed during December should send a photo of themselves with their

staff to darren.chester.mp@aph.gov.au

I love Gippsland and by putting locals first, we can make it a Great Gippsland Christmas!

I'm also encouraging drivers to be safe and take care on our roads this Christmas period.

It's important to slow down, drive to the conditions and take a break when travelling long distances.

The best Christmas present you can give anyone this year is to turn up on Christmas Day with your family.

Roads across Gippsland are being made safer through upgrades and other safety improvements. We've had a lot of road work across Gippsland over the past 12 months so the driving conditions have changed.

If you are going to drink these holidays, then plan not to drive. Merry Christmas everyone.

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Next CDCA meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 7.00 pm,
Gippsland Enterprise Centre, McDonald Way, Churchill



Wishing all our customers

a Merry Christmas

and a Safe and

Happy New Year

Churchill Newsagency **NEWSPAPER**
Shop 2, Hazelwood Village. Phone 5122 1241

HVP needs your help



HVP Plantations prepares for this fire season

The HVP Plantations team is again working hard to ensure the company is well prepared for the threat of fire during the upcoming warmer months.

We continue to invest in and develop the skills of over 120 company firefighters through a structured CFA Forest Industry Brigade, and actively participate in regular training and skills maintenance.

We have an additional 150 firefighters located throughout Victoria, with more resources available throughout Queensland and New Zealand if required.

Ten fire tankers and over 25 slip-on units are located across the Gippsland estate. These resources are continually maintained and prepared in the event that they may be needed at any time. The

local community also benefits from our dedicated resources and the skills and abilities of our staff and contractors, with more than half the fires that HVP Plantations crews have attended in recent years starting outside plantation boundaries.

We will again be contracting a dedicated firefighting helicopter for the period of the highest fire risk.

The light helicopter is based in the Latrobe Valley, supporting other State Fleet aircraft that CFA and DELWP have available to fight fires throughout Victoria.

On days of higher fire risk, HVP's three fire towers will be manned and fire vehicles will be patrolling plantation areas to ensure any fire is detected quickly and responded to in the shortest possible time.

Fire prevention activities will continue throughout spring, including firebreak

maintenance around plantations and checking fire dams to ensure they are accessible, signed and mapped.

A continuing problem for our community is the issue of arson. Statistics indicate that a significant proportion of fires that effect our plantations are started "by the hand of man".

Some fires may be accidental, but many are deliberate and avoidable. Through the Gippsland Arson Prevention Program (GAPP), HVP Plantations actively partners with 21 other government agencies and private companies including Victoria Police, CFA and DELWP to reduce the incidence and impact of bushfire arson across Gippsland. Arson is a crime no matter how big or small the damage, and the local community plays an integral role in the reduction of arson related crimes.

Research indicates that a community that is paying attention to what occurs within it, can play an important part in assisting Crime Stoppers and Police through reporting suspicious activity. This may include, but is not limited to, dumped cars, rubbish and unattended camp fires or burn-offs.

Reports can be made direct to HVP Plantations on 5122 0600, anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or by contacting your local Police station. Even the smallest piece of information may be a vital link in either solving a crime or preventing another one.

The Crime Stoppers message is a simple one: "If you've seen something, if you know something, say something".

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Mathison Park Special Committee Community Representatives

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Do you have an interest in contributing to the management of Mathison Park, Churchill?

Council is seeking nominations for six community representatives to sit on the Mathison Park Special Committee for a three-year term. The Committee meets monthly.

If you wish to be considered for this position please complete the Expression of Interest form available from any service centre or from our website at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/mathisonpark.

For more information, please phone Simon Clark, Coordinator Recreation Liaison on 5128 5422 or email Simon.Clark@latrobe.vic.gov.au.

Expressions of Interest close at 5pm, Friday 21 December 2018.



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A Merry Christmas to you all, and we hope you have a prosperous and happy New Year!

News from the Society

Our October Stamp and Coin Fair was again a very successful one with dealers and visitors all expressing satisfaction on the day. The Club Display, 'Australians in War' had another well-received outing in November when we were invited to display at the local Freemason's Lodge in Traralgon, as part of a ceremony to honour the Unknown Soldier, a commemoration of the centenary of the end of World War I.

The Navigators Part 2.

Christopher Columbus, under sponsorship of Queen Isabella of Spain, sailed west into the Atlantic Ocean in 1492. Common belief at the time had him sailing into oblivion, off the edge of the Earth.

He found instead the islands of the Caribbean. Two further voyages revealed much more, the continent of America.

Spain and Portugal were at loggerheads over the mastery of the sea and asked Pope Alexander VI to

rule on who was to rule the new discoveries. The Pope decreed that all land West of a meridian 370 Leagues from Cape Verde Islands would be Spanish and East of this was Portuguese. It was ratified by both countries at the treaty of Tordesillas in 1494.

Spain reaped huge rewards from its American colonies, pouring huge quantities of gold and silver into its coffers. However, it was largely used to fund wars in Europe to hold back the spread of Protestantism. Spain lost out to the Dutch and the English.

The most notable voyage by the Spanish was that of Ferdinand Magellan, who was the first to circumnavigate the world in a voyage lasting from 1519 to 1522.

Magellan was killed in the Philippines on the way but since he had visited the region earlier, he gets the credit. Only 19 original sailors survived the trip.

By the end of the 16th century, England and Holland were emerging as important

maritime powers, the Dutch funded by the spice trade in the East Indies and the English preying on the treasures of the New World. Francis Drake set out on his voyage to plunder the towns along the Pacific coast of America.

He plundered city after city and just missed intercepting the annual Spanish treasure fleet sailing to Spain via the Philippines.

He pursued them and in doing so became the first English captain to circle the globe.

The next English circumnavigation of note was that of Admiral Anson in 1644 who also harried the Spanish, attacking Spanish garrisons and capturing the Acapulco galleon, loaded with silver coin and plate. His voyage bolstered the increasing dominance of England on the oceans of the world.

Later voyages by the English turned from voyages of plunder to voyages of geographic and scientific discovery culminating in the voyages of Captain Cook in the late 18th century. By that time also, the setting up of colonies was settling the balance of power right across the globe.



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Latrobe Community Health Service



Latrobe Community Health Service's state-of-the-art Churchill centre has officially been reopened for 12 months this December.

A dental prosthetics laboratory, dental surgeries, podiatry, physiotherapy and community meeting rooms are available Monday to Friday at the 20-24 Philip Parade site, which underwent a massive transformation last year.

"The town of Churchill is central to the story of Latrobe Community Health Service", CEO Ben Leigh said.

"We would like to thank the community of Churchill for its support since 1974, when the former Churchill and District Community Health Centre was established and operated from a housing commission house.

The organisation later joined with other Latrobe Valley health services to form Latrobe Community Health Service.

Over the decades, as our organisation has grown and our facilities have improved, one thing has remained steady - that is the support of the Churchill community".

In 2018, Latrobe Community Health Service bid farewell to two

longstanding Board Directors who were fundamental in the Churchill site's redevelopment.

John Guy OAM and Peter Wallace retired from their positions on the Latrobe Community Health Service Board at the 2018 Annual General Meeting, after they joined in 1997 and 2007, respectively.

The pair had served a combined 32 years and nine months on the organisation's Board.

Mr Guy is a stalwart of the Latrobe Valley community and was deservedly recognised with an Order of Australia Medal in 2011.

"Latrobe Community Health Service has undoubtedly benefited from the breadth and depth of Mr Guy's professional and community experience", Latrobe Community Health Service Board Chair Mark Biggs said.

"Mr Wallace brought extensive senior experience in health care to his role on the Latrobe Community Health Service Board.

His leadership positions at several hospitals and on various projects - both in the Latrobe Valley and in Melbourne - gave the

organisation invaluable knowledge and direction.

John and Peter have both been part of many key Latrobe Community Health Service milestones", Mr Biggs said.

"These include the redevelopment and openings of our Morwell, Moe, Churchill and Traralgon centres, the opening of Warragul, the significant growth of our primary care services and our partnership with the National Disability Insurance Agency.

The pair has guided our organisation through substantial growth - particularly over the past two years - during which time we nearly doubled our staff and added more than 30 new sites across the state".

In turn, Latrobe Community Health Service welcomes two new Board Directors.

Stelvio Vido and Murray Bruce were elected and appointed respectively to the Latrobe Community Health Service Board at the organisation's AGM on October 30, 2018.

Mr Vido has more than 15 years of board experience



Left to right: LCHS Board Chair Mark Biggs, retiring Board Directors Peter Wallace and John Guy, and LCHS CEO Ben Leigh.

in healthcare, group training and employment services, community legal services and TAFE. He also has 30 years' senior executive experience in the not-for-profit sector, consulting, local government and commercial media.

"Stelvio brings a strong skillset in leadership, general management, business development and corporate governance," Mr Biggs said.

"Mr Bruce is an experienced commercial lawyer and government executive, with more than 14 years' experience in charitable/tax law, administrative law, local

government, contract management, procurement and compliance.

He brings sound legal knowledge and policy experience to Latrobe Community Health Service, and has served on the Board of the Gippsland Primary Health Network for the past three years," Mr Biggs said.

"Latrobe Community Health Service welcomes both Stelvio and Murray to the Board. We look forward to working with both men on our vision for better health, better lifestyles and stronger communities".

At the 2018 AGM, Mark

Biggs was re-elected as Board Chairperson, and Judith Walker was elected as Board Deputy Chairperson.

Latrobe Community Health Service also welcomes the re-election of existing Board Director Nathan Voll.

Mr Voll has more than 20 years' experience in management, consulting and accounting.

He has served on several boards in the healthcare sector and is a Fellow of both CPA Australia (Certified Practising Accountant) and the AICD (Australian Institute of Company Directors).



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If the weather is inclement, Carols will be held inside the church.

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SI Gippsland supports Girls with Hammers



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by Judy van Beek
SI Gippsland.

The women's service club, Soroptimist International of Gippsland, known as SI Gippsland, has been supporting the health and well-being of women and girls in the local Gippsland area for over eight years.

The club is part of a worldwide organisation of Soroptimists International which sets broad aims and goals for Soroptimist clubs to follow.

These vary from educational assistance, to promoting health and well-being as well as working for a sustainable environment.

Recently SI Gippsland decided to support a conference, One Voice,

organised by Girls with Hammers founders, Kerry Vaughan and Nicky Williams who are firm advocates of improving the quality of life of those in need, both overseas and locally.

SI Gippsland partially funded ten attendees chosen from a variety of local community agencies.

The one-day conference held in Warragul on October 24, 2018 comprised six in depth dynamic presentations from a variety of speakers.

The aim of the conference was to provide a stimulating event to inspire women to reach out and think about what they are capable of doing, and also a chance to reflect on how one makes decisions.

Each speaker had 45

minutes to captivate the 140 strong audience, which also included female students from two local state schools.

Other attendees commented afterwards they would bring their daughters to any future conference.

All speakers, and MC Kerry Vaughan, were insightful and mind provoking.

Sue Smethurst, a senior journalist and author, recounted how one could turn a desire to be in media into reality, by seizing chances coming your way and making a success of them.

Di O'Neil, an international Strength's Consultant, talked about her 40 year career in guiding personal relationships within family situations

to successful outcomes through a low key and listening approach - finding the strengths in oneself and clients to become resilient.

Mel Neil, a positive psychology practitioner, took all the conference attendees through a condensed session of her Mind Insurance Program, Landscape for Flourishing and had her audience on their feet in active participation, and set people's minds alight.

After lunch Kate Parker from Sea Shepherd, awed listeners with her account, both visual and narrative, of how a love of being on the seashore as a child led to diving and then finally to fully participating in different Sea Shepherd campaigns, one



Organisers Kerry Vaughan and Nicky Williams with guest Kate Parker from Sea Shepherd in centre.

in Antarctica with the whales and several in the Gulf of Mexico.

Leah Mether, a Gippsland communication specialist gave an inspiring account on how one can overcome adversity and rise to setting up a business by adhering to decisions to remove roadblocks, to remove self doubt and to learn to say No when required, and Yes to achieving ones goals.

Finally Jean Kittson, comedian, TV personality and author, brought the house down with her stories of life as a young teenager in the 60's going through puberty, to being now a person in vibrant middle age trying to find out

the salient facts concerning menopause.

As the conference attendees cheered and clapped all the participants, Jean had a long line of women queuing up to buy her recently published book, "You're Still Hot to me - the Joys of Menopause"

Feedback from the sponsored conference attendees was very enthusiastic.

SI Gippsland works on both local and international projects. For any further information please email sigippsland@siswp.org or contact President Samantha Brick on 0427 824 722.

Fire restrictions for remaining Gippsland shires

CFA and Forest Fire Management Victoria have introduced fire restrictions for Latrobe City, Baw Baw, South Gippsland, Bass Coast Shires and French Island, starting from 1.00 am on Monday November 19, 2018 and continuing until May 1, 2019 unless stated otherwise.

CFA's Assistant Chief Officer, Trevor Owen said: "Following the introduction of the restrictions no fires can be lit on private land without a permit. To protect

community safety, permits are subject to stringent conditions and can be obtained from your CFA District office. The community needs to be fire ready - especially those living in high risk areas. Fire restrictions are in place for a reason - to help prevent fires from starting."

Forest Fire Management Victoria's Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Kelly Rash said: "Fire is a natural part of our environment and Victoria is one of the most

fire-prone areas in the world, with days of extreme fire danger every year. We have consulted local communities about planning and risk management, working with many to prepare their Local Incident Management Plans," Ms Rash said.

"It's critical that residents understand and comply with these fire restrictions to help reduce the risk of bushfires, like the ones we've already seen in East Gippsland. We urge residents to make

preparation for fire a habit so they are not caught unprepared when bushfires strike. Prepare your property, prepare yourself and prepare your family for fire.

Have a fire plan in place and most importantly, practise it. It's up to you to check Fire Danger Ratings every day in summer - these help you know when the conditions are dangerous enough to enact your fire plan.

Remember that if you can see smoke, you're leaving it

too late. A fire that is miles away could be at your door in minutes."

To find out more about

getting ready for the fire season visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call 1800 226 226.

Latrobe City Council Garden competition

Entrants in Latrobe City Council's third Garden Competition were judged and awards were made at an occasion at the Traralgon Vineyard Restaurant.

In our distribution area the following awards were made:

Best Child's Garden - Amelia Parry.

Best Large Rural Garden - Ivan and Marlene Walker, Hazelwood North - Runners up.

John Butler, Yinnar - Winner.

Best Rental Property

Garden - Cathy Saleta, Churchill.

Best Edible Garden - Julie Decke, Boolarra.

Best Community Garden Churchill and Overall Encouragement - Cathy Saleta, Churchill.

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The Smith Family - Totems add beauty to Lake Hyland



As you wander along the shores of Lake Hyland, you will no doubt notice the addition of eleven colourful Totems framing the beautifully crafted Apology Seat which was installed earlier in the year.

The Totems form part of the 'Apology Day' commemorative project, and is funded through the Healing Foundation in partnership with The Smith Family's Indigenous Advancement

Strategy Project.

Eleven schools in Morwell and Churchill designed and painted their individual Totem with amazing designs that tell a local Gunai/Kurnai Dreamtime story 'The Southern Cross and Nerran the Moon.'

Approximately 60 people gathered for the official unveiling on November 13, with most of the primary



and secondary students and teachers involved in the designs in attendance.

Mayor Graeme Middlemiss, Councillor Dan Clancy, and members of Victoria Police, Uniting, Gippsport, Ramahyuk and Victoria Aboriginal Childcare Agency (VACCA) were also in attendance.

The Totems and commemorative seat will form a restful place of contemplation and reflection for the community.

Christine Johnson, a local Gunai Kurnai woman, has facilitated the project through her role with children's education charity The Smith Family.

Christine said, "It is appropriate to have this story (The Southern Cross and Nerran the Moon) told by the lake so when you sit there at night you can see the moon and the Southern Cross."

The project facilitators would like to thank the schoolchildren and school staff, parents, friends and community members who attended the Totem unveiling and a particular thank you to Barb from Bunnings for the donation of paint for this project.

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Churchill Town Safety Group



This month: Home Security

This month, we are looking at home security.

As the weather warms up, we tend to leave our front and back doors open to allow some fresh cool air to circulate of a night time.

We need to make sure that our "Flywire" doors are secure and that the locks work ok.

It would be easy for an

intruder to gain access to your house while you are sleeping, if the locks were not secure.

Having a security light installed that switches on when someone walks up to your door is a good thing to have.

It may scare away an intruder. It's better to be safe than sorry.

Stay safe and vigilant.



FOR EMERGENCIES, RING 000
FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE, RING 000

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



“Love With a Chance of Drowning”

“Love With a Chance of Drowning” by Torre de Roche.

Published in 2013, this is a debut book by Torre De Roche, a Melbourne writer who has a blog titled fearfultraveller.com.

It is a true story about her three years of adventure on the high seas, with characters based sometimes on composites of people she met on her journey.

The message of her book is “face your fears”.

This is essentially a love story. Torre leaves Melbourne for New York with a promise to her close and loving family that she will not fall in love and she will return in a year.

She meets Ivan, a handsome Argentinian in a bar, and romance blossoms.

He has a plan to sail around the world in his small yacht, the idea of which terrifies Torre as she has a fear of deep water.

After much soul searching, she is persuaded to live on the yacht with Ivan while it is moored, in preparation for learning to sail and taking off on their adventure.

The sailing lessons she has with Ivan are hilarious,

and not much preparation for what lies ahead.

Eventually they are ready to set sail, against the wishes of Ivan’s parents and Torre’s friends.

The trip is punctuated by one humorous mishap (and some not so funny) after another, most of the time through which Torre is suffering from

extreme sea sickness.

It becomes clear that Ivan is not quite the sailor he professes to be, and it is Torre making the sensible decisions.

There are many good times and beautiful places, but when Torre’s father meets up with them at one of their anchorages, she realises that she needs to leave the boat.

She returns to Melbourne and Ivan is left to sail the boat on his own.

The question is “will she



see Ivan again?”

This book was very easy to read and quite humorous and entertaining.

We all thought Torre was extremely brave or perhaps a little bit mad, but felt there was too much focus on her sea-sickness, horrid as that must have been.

We also felt that Ivan was a bit manipulative, but would recommend this as a light holiday read.

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Mathison Park



Mathison Park needs committee and working bee volunteers.

Mathison Park needs to have members for the committee and friends to help with working bees. If you are interested in helping to develop and maintain this wonderful asset we have in Churchill, please contact Simon Clark at Latrobe City Council on 5128 5422.

The last working bee saw those who attended do a variety of tasks.

Wally and Colleen went down by the creek to hunt thistles. Barry and Max went cruising in Barry's car and

picked up sticks. Chris and Faye picked up sticks and weeded around the Koori garden and trimmed a tree to allow car access to the rear of the Koori garden. Chris returned after lunch with Faye's ride - on mower and cut the grass around the old house.

To end the year, we wish to thank all those who have had pleasure in visiting our park and enjoying the facilities and surrounds while treating it with respect. Thank you to those who have brought their own or used the supplied bags to pick up after your dog.

Thank you to Simon

Clark our Council officer for his guidance during the year, to community corrections orders teams who have kept the east side of the lake grass area under control and spread piles of mulch, to the Council mowing team who keep the grass mown on lots of other parts of the park and do some tree maintenance, to Des Farley for his mowing and baling of the grass, to Jim Lawless for spraying of weeds and along pathways, and a special big thank you to the volunteers who serve on the committee and help at working bees.



Christmas Lunch

December 25, 2018 at
Churchill Neighbourhood Centre
from 12 noon.

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or

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Join us for lunch!

We would prefer you to book your place at the table by Tuesday, December 18, letting us know if you have any dietary requirements. However, you can just turn up!

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24 December	6am to 1pm
25 and 26 December	Closed
27 to 31 December	6am to 12pm
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Outdoor Pools

Outdoor pools are closed Tuesday 25 December, Wednesday 26 December and 1 January 2019.

Normal operating hours apply all other days.

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MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES

Restricted hours during Christmas and New Year period. Please contact your centre or any local council Service Centre to get a timetable or phone 5128 6128

EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

Traralgon, Moe and Carinya Early Learning Centres close at 5.45pm Friday 21 December and re-open 7.30am Monday 7 January

IMPOUNDED PETS

The Pound is open for the release of impounded pets from 10am to 11am on both Monday 24 December and Friday 28 December 2018

Impounded animals can be collected from our facility in Driffield Road, Morwell

Outside of the advertised open days, we will meet your request for release if your pet requires medical treatment, or there are urgent circumstances

Other non-urgent release requests will be considered. Please call 1300 367 700 (24 hours)

Impounded pets may be viewed 24/7 on council's impound register online at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au

LOST OR STRAY PETS

For enquiries over the Christmas closure period contact the emergency after hours number 1300 367 700

Normal operating hours will resume Tuesday 2 January 2018

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE

Will close 5pm on Friday 21 December and reopen Wednesday 2 January 2019

During the Christmas closure we will be providing limited personal care and respite care services, for clients who have pre-arranged this service

For enquires during this closure period please contact the emergency after hours number 1300 367 700

WASTE

Pine Gro Green Waste Collection Centres

Closed from Tuesday 25 December, Wednesday 26 December and Tuesday 1 January 2019

Kerbside Collections

All bins need to be placed out of collection the night before. Christmas Day collection will begin at 1am. All other collections are at normal times

For service enquires please contact Rosa at Latrobe Waste and Recycling on 0418 260 466

Transfer Stations

Closed from Tuesday 25 December, Wednesday 26 December and Tuesday 1 January 2019

Friends of Morwell National Park



November Activity Report

We had Matt, Tamara, Ken, Beryl, Wayne, John, Graeme and Darren for the day's activity. We had apologies from Rose, Grant, and Wendy.

We held a meeting in the picnic area to catch up with what has happened over the last month.

Ken reported that since the release of 'Moths of Morwell National Park', over 100 books have been sold.

They are still available from Ken, Matt or Churchill Newsagency.

The barbeque in the Kerry Road Picnic Area is still to be repaired. We hope that it will work next month for our end of year gathering.

Matt told the group that a suggestion to revise the name of the National Park, has

come in. The idea is to add the indigenous word for the Powerful Owl to the current name.

There was concern that this word is not a local indigenous term where Morwell is a local indigenous word. Powerful Owls are found in the park in small numbers but it is not what the park is known for.

In relation to the theft of our equipment from the shed, Parks Victoria has found \$1000 to help replace the stolen equipment.

It won't cover everything but it's probably as much as, if not more than, what an insurance claim would have paid out. The equipment shall remain the property of Parks Victoria but be designated for the use only of the Friends of Morwell National Park.

We will need to look at storage options (storing in somebody's shed) since the shed is no longer considered a safe spot.

The suggestion to store the equipment in Parks sheds in Traralgon was not viable since few of us live in the Traralgon area, and getting equipment to activities would be difficult.

We would like to thank Darren Hill and Helen Dixon for chasing this up for us and Shane Atkins for his work after the break - in. Thanks also goes to Jo Durrant, who happened to be on the phone with Matt when he found that we'd been robbed.

Matt went to Lavalla College to take delivery of ten new nest boxes, made for us by the VCAL Students. They've done a great job. Over

the last month, a second group of Lavalla VCAL students accompanied by Jo Durrant and Matt, completed a lap of Stringybark and Fosters Gully and did a lot of pruning and cleaning up.

John has also received ten nesting boxes from Churchill Men's Shed. These boxes are also very well constructed and look like luxury boxes in comparison to our existing boxes. We now have many new boxes to replace some of the current ones which are beyond repair.

The group split to undertake two different tasks. Ken, Matt and Tamara completed the Butterfly orchid survey where they surveyed the five test plots.

The rest of the group moved to the Billys Creek Track where they completed

repairs to the main track. Graeme had organized crushed rock from Quality Roads which was used to fill some large holes in the main track.

A big thanks goes to Quality Roads for the donation of the crushed rock. On the main track there was a broken culvert which resulted in a hole in the middle of the track. Graeme had manufactured a rounded metal plate to repair the hole and the addition of the crushed rock secured the track.

The remaining crushed rock was used on the approaches to the bridge across Billys Creek at the end of the Branniff Road track. The wombats regularly dig out these approaches so the crushed rock should make the use of this bridge easier.

After a little hard work it was nice to walk back along Billys Creek Track, to return to the carpark. It was a lovely spring day where we greeted many walkers who were also enjoying the day.

December Activity

Sunday December 16

Activity 1 - 8.30am Junction Road Car Park: Nesting box survey

We will use the pole-mounted camera to view the animals in each of the boxes.

For this activity you will need to bring clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

Note: the early start time (8.30am) so that all boxes can be surveyed before lunch.

Activity 2 - The Christmas BBQ celebration will celebrate the year and start at about 1.00pm.

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Pondage must stay open

After attending ENGIE's Hazelwood Community Information Meeting recently in Morwell, Member for Morwell Russell Northe has again re-stated his strong view that every option must be explored to keep Hazelwood Pondage open. "The tourism, recreation and economic benefits of the pondage are significant to our community so if it is permanently closed then this would be an extremely sad day for our region". said Mr Northe.

"Earlier this year in Parliament I questioned the Minister for Resources

on what guarantees the Government would provide in keeping the pondage open, however his answer was less than satisfactory". Mr Northe said.

"ENGIE representatives stated that no approach had been made to them by the State Government in how the pondage might remain open for the foreseeable future, which I find staggering and incredibly disappointing given the importance that this unique body of water is to our community.

It became quite clear at the Community Information

meeting that the desire to keep the pondage open is still very strong from many amongst our community, which indicates that we need to ensure absolutely all options for the pondage to remain open are explored.

Surely the Government can make a commitment to do the necessary work and understand what is required to maintain the Hazelwood Pondage for years to come. To say it's too hard is simply not acceptable to those in our community and visitors who enjoy what the pondage has to offer" said Mr Northe.

Owen Rye Exhibition

GRIT and GRACE by Owen Rye - bold ceramics is on exhibition at Latrobe Regional Gallery.

Local artist Owen Rye's globally respected ceramic works are bold, uncompromising and robust, yet elegant, subtle and graceful.

Latrobe Regional Gallery is proud to present a selection of his work in the exhibition, 'Grit & Grace' that invites the viewer to examine the distinctive form and tactility of the works, while appreciating each vessel's complex and individual characteristics.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Graeme Middlemiss said that Rye was a pioneer of his craft.

"Owen Rye lives in Boolarra South and has shown his works Australia-wide and internationally. This pioneering ceramist is also a scientist, author, archaeologist, researcher, academic and anthropologist.

We know our community is rich with artistic talent so being able to show works from a local artist with such a global reputation can be a wonderful source of



Owen Rye, Vase 7, 1995, Woodfired, ash deposit, 19cm. Collection of the artist.

inspiration for our other home grown aspiring creatives," Councillor Middlemiss said.

Rye's forms and surfaces are not controlled. During the wood-firing process (needing a multi-day firing) - ash collects on the surface, dripping and coating the vessel, resulting in unstructured and dramatic exteriors. Each work is the result of a mixture of intention, chance, crafted wisdom and discovery.

'Grit & Grace' presents a selection of works that remind us that the process of creation is a mix of unpredictability, fluidity and skilled experience. 'Grit & Grace' is showing until February 10, 2019.



With the end of 2018 near, it's time for the team at the Lifeline Churchill Op-shop to reflect on what has been a very busy year.

A year of celebrations with our shop's 30th Birthday and Lifeline's 50th Birthday. We visited the Hazelwood House Aged Care facility twice to hold a Pop-up shop for those unable to get to the shops, and sorted what seemed a record amount of

donated goods!

We had an incredible story, thanks to an observant customer and modern technology, which enabled us to pass on some very old family photos that had been among donated goods to the shop.

A family member in NSW was thrilled to receive the photos and hear of the interest the photos had created whilst displayed in our shop window.

We would like to thank the community for their continual support of Lifeline during the year. Whether you donated goods or purchased items from our shop, it all helps to maintain the Lifeline 24/7 Crisis Suicide Prevention service - 13 11 14 and other vital community support programs.

Our shop will be closing for the Christmas break at 3.45pm on Wednesday

December 19, 2018 and re-opening at 9.30am on Monday January 7, 2019.

We wish everyone an enjoyable Christmas with family and friends and that the New Year is kind to you all. For further information please contact Alex Todorovski, Operations Manager at Lifeline Gippsland on 5136 3500.

Thorpdale Potato Festival

Sunday, March 10, 2019

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

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

This means that not only the three jumping castles and giant slide will be free, but the bucking bull and the new merry go round are also on the free list (age and height lists do apply for the former of course).

What other Festival can offer free activities of this calibre?

Also back are the amazing sheep dog trials - organised by the Victorian Yard Utility Farm Dog Association, these brilliant dogs will mesmerise you with their innate talent.

We're having that fabulous helicopter return again, so if you've wanted to see Thorpy by hovering in the air, here's your chance.

The breathtaking wood choppers are back, patting pets will keep the nippers happy (free of charge again) and TC Trickz are returning and also doing a few more amazing motor-cross shows.

Even more excitement is on track with the CFA showing how they help save lives on our roads and those

magnificent Hessians-on-the-Field creations will be stunning us again.

Our Stalls co-ordinator advises that applications are still open and they are flooding in - not surprising given the amount of stalls there were in 2017. It's not too late so check out our website.

For more information, contact:

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Marketing & Public Relations
Officer Thorpdale Potato
Festival Committee
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www.thorpdalepotatofestival.com.au

"The Little Rainbow Dragon and 17 More Colour Stories"

"The Little Rainbow Dragon and 17 More Colour Stories" is by Marion Ireland and Margaret Lewer, illustrated by Brooke Lewis. Published 2017.

Marion Ireland, a Gippslander, and Margaret Lewer from New South Wales, are former early childhood and primary school educators. They are also parents and grandparents who are passionate about fostering a love of literature in young children.

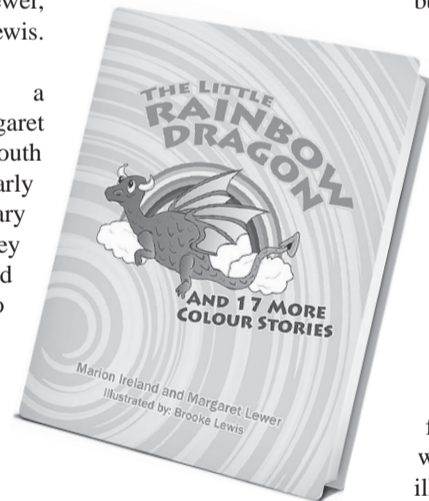
This book is designed to teach young children about colour,

but it actually does quite a bit more than that. It introduces

concepts around diversity, safety in the sun, bushfire awareness and an anti-bullying message to name a few.

Each story is self-contained, and many end with a question, which gives parents the opportunity to encourage further discussion and broaden the concepts.

Young children, who are generally very sensory, will enjoy hearing and later reading these stories for themselves, but they will also enjoy the bright illustrations and the lovely feel of the glossy pages.



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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

**Closing Date:
Friday January 4, 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):

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc
Citizen of the Year Award

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc
Young Citizen of the Year Award

Must be 18 years or under on January 26, 2019

Name: Other Names:

Private Address:
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Occupation: Private Telephone Number:

Date of Birth:..... Age:..... Marital Status:..... Children:.....

The person is being nominated for contributions to the community in:

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Other significant contributions and achievements:

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Additional material may be attached if desired.

Past and present membership of community/sporting/professional bodies, etc:

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Other significant contributions and achievements:

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Additional material may be attached if desired.

ANY OTHER RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY BE CONTACTED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE:

Name:..... Name:.....

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Mr/Mrs/Miss:.....

Address Post Code:

Organisation represented (if any): Telephone/Mobile:

Signature:.....

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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FORM TO BE RETURNED TO:

Plants in my Garden



By Mike Beamish

Species: *Prostanthera*
cuneata

Family: Lamiaceae

Derivation:

Prostanthera: From the Greek *prostheke*, meaning an appendage and *anthos*, meaning a flower, referring to the small appendages on the anthers.

cuneata: From the Latin word *cuneatus*, meaning wedge-shaped and in botanical terms meaning the narrow end of the wedge is at the bottom, attached to the stalk.

Usually this term refers to the leaf shape, but in this case the leaves are not particularly wedge-shaped.

Name: Alpine Mint Bush.

Distribution: Locally common in subalpine and alpine areas of eastern Victoria, Tasmania and southern NSW. It grows on exposed rocky slopes and near bogs and streams.

Description: A shrub to 1.5m tall and 2m broad, with strongly aromatic, opposite and crowded, thick, deep green but paler beneath, obovate leaves to 8mm long and 5mm wide.

Flowers occur in spring at lower altitudes, but in summer in the high country and are usually white, lobed tubes with purple, violet or reddish spots/blotches in the throat.

They appear in the upper leaf axils and are conspicuous and sweetly fragrant.

Pink or mauve-flowered plants are likely to be hybrids, with *Prostanthera melissifolia* as the other parent, and usually have leaves with crenate (rounded teeth) margins.

Opinion: My plant has been in its position in the bed inside the western fence-line

for many years and is slowly moving north!

By this I mean that it is no longer in the spot where I planted it, but is suckering its way along the garden bed, with the older parts dying off behind it as it goes.

Apparently this is a common response in gardens away from the high country.

This species is moderately susceptible to soil pathogens and is commonly affected by dieback.

So my plant, which is only about 30cm tall and 80cm broad, has been struggling along, putting out some new growth each year, only to lose some of the older growth.

It is the same with cuttings off my plant, which I've successfully struck and then donated to new homes.

The plant in my Mum's garden in Morwell has finally succumbed to this problem, with the last stem dying off earlier in the year.

It has been replaced with a Golden Grevillea that is growing really well over the last few weeks.

Sources: Sharr – WA Plant Names and their Meanings, Elliot & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 8, Costermans – Trees & Shrubs of South-eastern Australia, Corrick & Fuhrer – Wildflowers of Victoria, 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.

Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists



Participants on a wildflower walk by Rim Zitkevicius

On Saturday January 12, 2019 members of the Friends of Baw Baw National Park invite you to an enjoyable and informative walk on Mt St. Gwinear.

The number of participants will be limited and you will need to register in early December.

You can register your name and contact phone number at friendsofbawbawnp@gmail.com or phone 0418 149 465.

We will be meeting at the St Gwinear car park at 9.30am for a 10.00 am start, and returning in the late afternoon. There is no charge.

Our leaders will be

botanist John Davies and ecologist Greg Hollis who will interpret the subalpine environment, identify and discuss the plants and animals that we see.

A moderate level of fitness is required.

You will need to bring and carry your lunch and water.

Wear walking shoes and clothing suitable for an alpine environment, including wet weather gear.

Weather conditions can change rapidly on the plateau, so be prepared! Don't forget your camera and binoculars.



Scamwatch is calling on businesses to urgently review how they verify and pay accounts and invoices, as reports of business email compromise (BEC) scams to Scamwatch have grown by a third this year.

"This is a very sophisticated scam, which is why many businesses only realise they've been caught out once it's too late," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

BEC scams occur when a hacker gains access to a business's email accounts, or 'spoof' a business's email so their emails appear to come from the company. The hacker then sends emails to customers claiming that the business's banking details have changed and that future invoices should be paid to a new account. These emails look legitimate as they come from one of a business's official email accounts.

Payments then start to flow into the hacker's account.

In other variations of the scam, the hacker will send an email internally to a business's accounts team, pretending to

be the CEO, asking for funds to be urgently transferred to an off-shore account. Hackers can also request salary or rental payments be directed to a new account.

Scamwatch has even received reports of the hackers intercepting house deposits that have been sent to conveyancers, real estate agents or law firms.

"It's a scam that targets all kinds of businesses, including charities and local sporting clubs. There is a misconception these scams target just small business, however the largest amount of reports and losses came from medium sized businesses, including one that lost more than \$300,000," Ms Rickard added.

Businesses have reported losses to these scams totalling \$2.8 million to Scamwatch in 2018. However, this represents only a fraction of total losses to this variety of scam across Australia. BEC scams cause businesses significant financial harm, accounting for 63 per cent of all business losses reported to Scamwatch. The average loss

is nearly \$30,000.

"Effective management procedures can go a long way towards preventing scams, so all businesses should firstly be aware these scams exist and that their staff know about them too," Ms Rickard said.

"They should consider a multi-person approval process for transactions over a certain dollar threshold and keep their IT security up-to-date with anti-virus and anti-spyware software and a good firewall.

Businesses should also check directly with their supplier if they notice a change in account details. It's vital businesses don't do this



just by return email or using other contact details provided. Find older communications to ensure you have the right contact details or otherwise independently source them, so they can be sure they're not contacting the scammer," Ms Rickard said.

Businesses affected by BEC scams should contact their financial institution immediately and consider professional IT advice to ensure their email systems and data are secure from hackers.



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New streamlined permit approvals process for Latrobe City Businesses

Latrobe City Council has introduced a new streamlined permit application process for business operators and will trial having a dedicated Council Business Approvals Officer to guide customers through the new process.

Changes include a new single application form for businesses and the simplification of Local Law permits. Latrobe City Council is one of the first Councils in Victoria to take part in this Better Approvals Project.

The Project came out of a recommendation from the State Government's Small

Business Regulation Review.

These reforms are designed to clarify and simplify the process for businesses interacting with local government authorities.

The new reforms also include the introduction of a concurrent processing of applications so that businesses have all the relevant information they need to begin their permit process right from the start.

The aim is that the new process will see an overall reduction in gross timeframes when it comes to permit approvals for small businesses.

Small business is the foundation of our economy

Darrell White OAM

here in Latrobe City, so being able to save business operators time and costs associated with approval time frames is very important.

Anyone wanting to make enquiries, or take the next step, in setting up a business or expanding an existing business, please contact our Business Approvals Officer on (03) 5128 5789 or by email businessapprovals@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Stallholders wanted for Pets in the Valley Expo – Sunday March 24, 2019

Latrobe City Council is organising the Pets in the Valley Expo at Old Gipps town again next year and is looking for pet-friendly or family-

focused businesses to take part.

The event will take place on Sunday March 24, 2019. This event will provide local business with the opportunity to meet and greet the local community – and their pets!

The Pets in the Valley Expo will provide a range of services and information for pet owners in the region, including vet checks, reduced rate microchipping discount voucher through local vets, dog obedience demonstrations and plenty of other family-friendly activities.

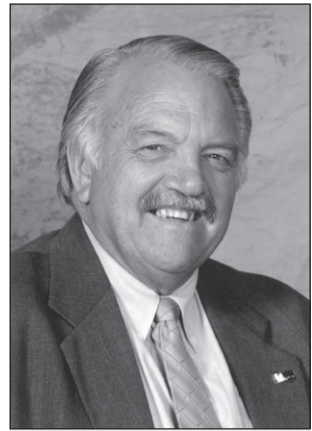
It will be a relaxed, fun environment where the community can learn about responsible pet ownership.

We know our Latrobe City community enjoys market events, and previously this event has been a big success. For businesses looking for a great opportunity to promote their family-friendly, pet or animal-related business, book a stall at the Pets in the Valley Expo.

Stallholders can register their interest with Old Gipps town by email at enquiries@gippslandheritagepark.com.au or by calling Old Gipps town on 5127 3082. Bookings close March 10, 2019.

Christmas/New Year

With another year almost gone and the Christmas/



New Year period fast approaching, this opportunity is taken to extend to everyone compliments of the season and best wishes for a very safe, happy and peaceful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Meeniyan Square



On November 30 Meeniyan Square launched our second summer of Friday evening Twilight Markets—a place to meet friends and socialise over international street food, locally made beers and wines, live music and quality local makers' stalls.

On offer will be an array of mouth-watering food including "Ink-redible" Calamari, Korean street food, gorgeous food from

Inverloch's Lime & Co, vegetarian curries and Indian snacks as well as meaty deliciousness from the Meeniyan Pantry and Cellar and sweet treats from Amy's Fine Food and Catering.

Enjoy wines made on the premises by Dr Folk and sample a beer from the new brewers on the block – the Burra brewing Company. An easy way to get a few special gifts is to browse the stalls of our wonderful

local craftspeople with their designer made clothing, jewellery, woodcrafts, glass, and home-furnishings.

You can get all the details about which stalls, food and music at www.meeniyan-square.com.au/news

Every month (second Sunday) also sees the Meeniyan Farmers Market at the Square 9am – 2pm.

Be There or be Square!!

A History of the Churchill Football Club

Churchill Football/ Netball Club
"the Cougars"

2020 will see a significant anniversary for Churchill Football Netball Club.

The organisation that was originally called the Hazelwood Football Club was formed in 1890, and will be celebrating their 130th anniversary.

To mark the event, you can soon have 300-plus pages of the Club's history on your bookshelf in a book which is being written by Club member Gavin Wigginton, with proceeds from sales to go to the organisation.

The Club has also commissioned several paintings of significant players, officers and supporters which will be completed in the same time frame.

These initiatives have been organised by Mark Anwerth, chair of the Club's Past Players Committee, and Gavin has been engaged as a published author whose works include a biography of his late father who was a member of the British Special Operations Executive in WW2, 'Wig's Secret War'.

Wigginton has been working on the book since July and has been undertaking some very thorough detective work with significant help from many people including Laurie Williams and the late Cliff Greenwood, who are well known for their research on Australian Football in Gippsland, local historian Rob de Souza Daw, AFL

Historian Col Hutchinson, and the memories of current and past players and officers of the Club's football and netball teams.

However, research has not been made easy by the fact that many important documents were lost in two fires at Club premises in 1944 and 1999.

Fortunately, he has been able to trace much of the Club's performance, including many stories of matches played, through accounts available in local newspapers commencing in the late 19th century.

Through many hours of investigation, a number of important photographs have emerged including a picture of the first Hazelwood football team established in 1888.

As a result, the book will provide a full account of every season, player biographies, and many individual and team photos.

The book will also include an account of the move to

Gaskin Park from the previous ground at Hazelwood South Reserve, the recovery after the 1999 fire, and the importance of the Juniors in keeping the club alive between the disbanding of the Senior team in 1923 and its re-formation in 1946.

Through the support of local people the book looks to be an impressive collection to properly reflect 130 years of history and demonstrate the importance of the Club to the past and future of the local community.

However, many important documents have been lost as a result of fires in Club premises in 1944 and 1999, so the Club is urgently looking for photographs of people and events, and other memorabilia associated with the Club's long history.

If you have anything that you think might be remotely interesting, please contact the Churchill News and we will provide contact details for the Club.

Churchill & District Lions Club



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Tuesday, 12th February, 2019 at 7.00 pm
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Tribute to Ken Rae



Earlier this year Ken Rae passed away from leukaemia after fighting a long hard battle.

At the Jeeralang North Old Time dance on September 28, the hall committee organised a special tribute event to honour the man.

Judy Mele, on behalf of the hall committee wrote these words. "On September 28, Jeeralang North Hall and dancers remembered and honoured a very valued member of the old time dance.

Ken Rae played a very major part of the old time dance at the Jeeralang North Hall for over 50 years.

With the passing of Ken in May this year, the Jeeralang North Hall Committee felt their first dance back was

an ideal time to honour Ken and remember all he gave to us as the committee and the dancers.

It was great to see Alice Rae attend this dance. Between the committee and dancers, we presented Alice with a cash donation, which was donated to Palliative Care by Alice.

The committee also presented Alice with a memorial rose to be planted in remembrance of Ken.

Ken's smile, humour, friendship and music are missed immensely."

Zelma Mildenhall had been on the hall committee for many years and she was asked to give her memories of Ken and the dance over the years.

These are her words.

"Ken started playing for the monthly Jeeralang North Old Time dances in 1970 and played until 1981.

Hans Dortmans and I were on the committee that invited Ken to play.

We knew he was a wonderful musician but dance music was fairly new to him.

Bill Mele was President of the Hall Committee and MC of the dances and he helped Ken by suggesting music for different dances.

It became obvious to me when dancing with Bill they had also worked out hand signals - play faster, play slower, OK!

Hans played the drums with Ken for a time.

'Jump the broom' for the

children was a special time each dance.

The winner always received Fruit Tingles. Ken played bright music and sometimes increased the speed so children ran fast and couldn't stop when the music stopped so had to jump the broom, which meant they were out.

It was also during this time the Evening Three Step became known as the Rain Dance.

During these years Ken did not sing very often, but had a joke or two for us.

He played without payment for our annual ball in aid of the Traralgon and District Hospital and other worthy causes.

Many of us remember the

delicious vanilla slices Lorna made for supper.

The hall had a corrugated iron roof and no ceiling so during heavy rain and thunderstorms the music was difficult to hear especially if you were near the front door!

In 1983 the ceiling was put in.

In 1990 Ken and Alice began playing for the dances with Terry Inger playing the drums with them for years.

February 2009 the hall was damaged by fire so dances were cancelled.

On April 24 that year the committee hired the Hazelwood North Hall and recommenced the monthly

dances.

A wonderful crowd of all our dancing friends attended - and a few VIP's.

Ken and Alice played and it was a very emotional night."

Ken was a great friend, very supportive of the committee, cooperative, good fun and very popular. We loved him dearly.

Bob (Zelma's husband) and Ken were neighbours for 76 years.

A special song was composed by a dancer and played during the evening.

It was a poignant evening with joy and tears as Ken was remembered and celebrated."

Hazelwood Rotary Club

By Leo Billington

During November, Hazelwood Rotary enjoyed the pleasure of hosting 22 guests from Yinnar Primary School.

The occasion was for the presentation of Rotary Junior Leadership Awards to six Year 6 students.

The students were Harry Townsend, Meg Renwick, Shavonne Beecher, Vincent Delany Barbara, Ruby Marks and Zachary de Beer.

These annual awards were founded by the Rotary Club of Mitchell River (Bairnsdale) about 20 years ago and are now conducted right across Australia and in some other countries. Year 6 Primary School students are encouraged to become engaged with their neighbours and the greater community.

Certificates were awarded for successful completion of a program



which included community service, physical recreation, social experiences and development of personal skills.

Hazelwood Rotary's eagerly awaited annual Christmas Wrap is on again at Mid Valley Shopping Centre. This popular fund raiser - gifts are wrapped in exchange for a donation - has been going for over 15 years, raising thousands of dollars to assist local community groups.

For people interested to join Hazelwood Rotary, please don't hesitate to contact Ray Beebe on 0408 178 261.



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Vale John Koedyk - June 15, 1926 to October 3, 2018



John Koedyk was well known around town getting about on his motorised scooter. He has been part of Churchill before there were any residents here, and has lived out his life here in a very positive way through his many involvements.

At the well attended funeral at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morwell, the eldest of John's eight children Gus, spoke these words:-

"We are here today to celebrate the life of John Koedyk.

Dad was born in Zwolle on June 15, 1926 to Johannes and Berendina Koedijk.

He was the last of three children, born around 20 years after his siblings.

He went to St Michael's Primary School in Zwolle and I think Secondary Boarding School in Mulo.

We don't know much about Dad's early years as he never spoke about his family or younger year's much.

All we have are photos in an old photo album with some details recorded under the photos in Dutch.

Other than that we know he was involved in the black market and underground during the Second World War.

I can remember Dad telling me he used to sleep in the cemetery at night and go home during the day.

Apparently the German Army would go door knocking at night to round up young men and send them to work in their factories in Germany.

By the end of the war Dad was a Sergeant in the Dutch Army and sent to Indonesia for two to three years to capture Japanese soldiers who were still fighting in the jungles, to repatriate them back home.

On returning home he met Mum and they were married on October 18, 1951.

At the time Dad was a Qualified Accountant working in the timber industry in Zwolle.

Sometime in the early 1950's Mum's sisters Tante (Aunty)Truus and Tante Jo, migrated to Australia. Dad, Mum and me also migrated in 1954 and arrived at Station Pier on March 8, 1954 on a Dutch ship called the M.S.

Sibjak.

We arrived at Station Pier and were met by a Catholic Priest, Father Maas who arranged transport and for us to stay in Daylesford at a Dutch hostel called The Gables, where Mum's sisters were living with their children.

We arrived with a wooden container filled with furniture and other household contents and from what dad told me a 100 Guilder debt to Dad's sister to assist with the migration.

Dad's accountancy qualifications weren't recognised in Australia and there was a requirement at the time for migrants to immediately find work so within days Dad was hitchhiking to Robinvale to go grape picking.

He was then successful in

obtaining a job in Heyfield at Newlands Lumber Company.

The second child Francisca Patricia was born and died on July 2, 1955.

It's interesting to note that about five years ago Dad arranged for a plaque to be placed on her grave.

We shifted from Heyfield to Deer Park where Dad worked at Sunshine Harvester.

Not long after Dad was successful in obtaining a position as bookkeeper at the APM in Maryvale near Traralgon. He studied to become an Accountant in Australia and obtained his accountancy qualification with The Australian Society of Accountants while working at the APM.

We lived at 3 Williams Court Traralgon and the next five children were born at the

Traralgon Hospital.

Frank, Monica, Paul, Michelle and Caroline were born between November 1956 and December 1963.

While working at the APM Dad also worked as a milkman part-time at Lafayette Dairy in Traralgon, to generate additional income to support the family. I can remember being woken up to go with him at 4.00 o'clock in the morning, hitching up the horses (either Snowy or Lofty) and delivering milk and cream in those early hours. If anyone knows Traralgon, as you come into town the first Street is Kosciusko Street and one of the horses always cut the corner and took out the white post with the red reflector. The Council would repair/replace it and the next week you could guarantee that new post would be taken out again.

Dad always had a view that if someone was paying you one pound a week you were actually worth a lot more, as the boss was making money out of you as well as a

margin. If you were working for yourself, you could probably make one Pound ten Shillings. Dad always wanted to control his own destiny

In the early 1960's the Government was planning a new town south of Morwell at Hazelwood to essentially replace Yallourn, which was to be closed down to make way for coal to feed the Yallourn Power Station.

An opportunity came up to tender for a Dairy Licence in Churchill, so after attending a Novena with Dad for nine weeks to pray for success, Dad was successful in obtaining a licence. Dad finally had his own business, that started with delivering four pints of milk to one house in Churchill all the way from Traralgon, until the second house was occupied and the town grew. We shifted to Churchill in 1966 and were one of the early families to shift in when there were only two streets in Churchill, part of Howard Avenue and McInnes Crescent.



Churchill's first milky - 1966



So did the business, Churchill Dairy Pty Ltd, and Dad and Mum also opened the first Milk Bar in Churchill at 3 West Place, and later another at the west end of Switchback Road where Dad had built a dairy. This was their life for the next 25 years.

During this time the youngest child Andrew was born in 1967. I remember it well as I was home with Mum and she came out of the bedroom and said you better get Dad as I need to go to hospital. Dad was working in the Milk Bar about 1.5 kms away. I was almost 15 but could drive so I drove the HR panel van, unlicensed of course, to the shops so Dad could come back and drive Mum to hospital while I manned the shop.

This HR panel van used to pull a trailer load of milk

with a specially designed step at the back for one person to make deliveries while the other person drove.

We had no horse and cart until Dad discovered Repco had built a horseless cart called the Repco Trademaster. It was designed to be driven from the back of the vehicle, standing up with one pedal that was the accelerator with an automatic brake pedal when you released your foot. The front was all flat tray to carry crates of milk with a vinyl canopy to protect the milk.

The Repco Trademaster was built from a customised frame, a four-cylinder Ford Cortina motor, Valiant wheels, VW petrol tank, FB Holden steering wheel and a German transmission from a shunting train, plus other parts from the car manufactures at the

time, probably to keep them all happy.

Dad, like Ernie, now had the fastest milk cart in the west, (east actually).

In the early 1970's Dad, Mum and the family shifted to Rae Crescent Churchill where they both lived for more than 40 years until they moved to Dalkeith Aged Care.

During this time the grandchildren and great grandchildren, all 41 of them, were born.

Dad retired at 65 and spent most of his time in the vegetable garden in the backyard after a long walk around Churchill with the dog.

He was always a Milkman, to bed at 9.00pm up at 5.00am even in retirement. He slept at night with the radio blaring, usually Radio Netherland on short wave. Anyone who stayed with him could hear the radio all night as well as the Westminster chimes from his clock every 15 minutes. Everything was stored in milk

crates.

His room at Dalkeith Hostel in Traralgon had about 16 milk crates stacked with shoes, socks, underwear, shirts, jumpers, documents, photo albums, tools - you name it and you would have found it in a milk crate.

Dad's physical health deteriorated over the last three years but his cognitive ability didn't. He was still as sharp as a tack.

He still sent me a text message to pay a bill as recently as September 12, 2018.

I can recall last year when Dad was very ill in Latrobe Regional Hospital and was given some sedative and morphine.

When he woke up he said, 'gee that Mortein was good, can you ask the nurse for more Mortein.' His cognitive ability was struggling a bit then.

Despite a busy work life Dad was also involved in the Community over the years: -

The 4th Traralgon Boy

Scouts' committee doing paper and bottle drives.

He was the Treasurer for the St Paul's (now Lavalla) yearly car raffle.

Treasurer of the Catholic Dutch Australian Migration Association.

Supporter of the Morwell Historical Society.

Committee member of the Knights of the Southern Cross.

A Member of Gippsland Community Radio FM where he received many awards for the Dutch programs delivered on radio. In 1984 Dad was awarded programmer of the year and in 2007 was accepted into the Gippsland Hall of Fame in recognition of outstanding and sustained service to community broadcasting.

Dad always had a strong sense of duty, a strong work ethic and he always saw himself as the provider!

I've read good references in his files that referred to him as competent, honest,

conscientious and a man of sterling personal character.

Dad loved his family, independence, his religion, freedom of speech, dogs and nature. His favourite quotes were

"Beauty is not on the outside, Beauty is on the Inside" ... and

"When you are close to Nature, you are close to God, God forgives; Nature never forgives!"

Dad, wherever you are keep lifting those milk crates and rattling those silver top milk bottles."

Gus concluded by thanking neighbours, family, other relatives and friends for their wonderful support of John especially in the latter years of his life.

We in Churchill will be the poorer for the passing of John Koedyk who has been an outstanding example and contributor to our community growth. His cheery hello and time for a chat with folks will be sadly missed.



The Future of Red Cross

Judy Slayter, CEO of Red Cross addressed an assembly of Gippsland Red Cross members on the future of Red Cross which she titled "Valuing our History while Planning for the Future".

Judy began by sharing a quote given by a speaker at a Red Cross Oration in Hobart - "The world has never moved this fast and will never move this slow again". The purpose of Judy's talk was to share how Red Cross would confidently and humbly find its place in this world that is moving faster and faster. She said Red Cross needs to simultaneously value its history but be ready for the future.

What won't change is the aim to stand up for our fellow human beings who through the fate of birth or circumstance are facing tough times and crises.

We believe in human dignity, peace, safety and wellbeing for everyone. No matter who they are or where they live. No matter their gender, age, race or religion, without discrimination.

However, in the 21st century the movement must evolve. The way we deliver on those needs will continue to change.

We are living in a time of rapid transformation, opportunity and challenges. Entire industries have been turned on their head in the space of a few short years.

To ensure we have a place in this new evolving world, we are embracing change and we are ready and open to them.

We believe that the most excluded, vulnerable and lonely can thrive.

Valuing our history

What an amazing contribution Red Cross people have made to this ambition for over 100 years – from the war effort, to supporting returning soldiers to recovering from disasters and mobilizing thousands to beat loneliness – we have been and are there for the most vulnerable

In Gippsland you have demonstrated this through your work over decades connecting with people every day and providing all important services such as the patient transport service.

Across the whole country, amazing work by volunteers, members and staff every day reaching out to and connecting with those who are isolated - phone calls, visits, drives, meals, conversations, community events

Our international work is very focussed on inclusion and gender in all that we do. We supported the Philippines Red Cross to help those impacted to respond to and recover from Typhoon Haiyan.

Ground-breaking work is being done on the particular vulnerabilities of women and children when disasters hit.

Our research says that 18-24 year old young men are the loneliest. Our research says that having two or more good relationships helps to overcome loneliness. Beat Loneliness is about encouraging people to get the kit (t-shirts, information on overcoming loneliness) and to have their sports team play to beat loneliness.

In South Gippsland the community is building the next generation of people to be there through the provision of first aid training as the result of the generosity of a single donation.

Looking to and planning for the future

We will be building on the momentum we have achieved in scaling up to 2.5 million people taking action for social good.

There is a lot of opportunity here, because research tells us 55% of Australians want to do more good in their communities. That's nine million Australians but they need it to be easy, social, relevant and timely for them

Loneliness and social exclusion are important issues we will be focussing on – and you will see those through the thread of much of our work. More than one million Australians experience deep social exclusion and 210,000 experience very deep social exclusion each year, according to the most recent data

We believe in Australians being better prepared for disasters and supporting those impacted by them to recover

Over the past 30 years more than nine million Australians have been impacted by a natural disaster or extreme weather event. Red Cross people have been at the forefront for these 30 years and for the decades before that, all the way back to our beginnings at the beginning of last century

Red Cross people – helping others get prepared physically, logistically and psychologically; responding in times of greatest need; supporting through the long road of recovery

In Gippsland highly trained and committed Red Cross people have supported relief centres, been part of the municipal emergency management plan working with communities to develop that plan, and been a part of implementing it, been part of the activation for the inevitable fires and floods.

In just the past 12 months working in communities across the country to prepare – over one hundred thousand Australians are prepared for disasters, more than 12 months ago. In Gippsland through community outreach, participating in events, sharing information on being prepared and delivering

training you contribute to this.

The development and launch of the GetPrepared app – an easy tool to help everyone with a smartphone to get prepared.

Globally, becoming part of the Red Cross, Red Crescent Climate Centre to understand and adapt to the impacts of climate change on humanity and how to prepare for it:

Responding to disasters or community crises when they happen – fires, floods, cyclones etc

Looking to and planning for the future

Natural disasters are becoming more frequent and severe in the face of climate change – and we know the coming summer is predicted to be very dry and very hot.

The total economic cost of natural disasters in Australia is predicted to reach \$39 billion per year by 2050.

Preparing psychologically and practically for an emergency can make it easier to recover. Our goal is to equip three million people to prepare and recover from disasters. We will continue to scale our preparedness work, building on our capability to respond to collective trauma incidents, such as the Bourke Street tragedy.

Looking to the future also means tackling the rapidly changing environment in which we live; more intense and frequent disasters; silent disasters like the drought and heatwaves.

We believe that migrants should have a fair go

Worldwide 68.5 million people have been forcibly displaced, says the UNHCR. Nearly 25.4 million of these people are refugees, and half of them are under 18. Each day some 44,400 people are forced to flee their homes because of persecution and conflict.

Every day Red Cross people support those who are seeking safety for themselves and their families. People who have overcome huge challenges and dangers – war and persecution – to search for a safe place to live. People who have been separated from their families, who have fled trafficking or forced marriage, who are in immigration detention or who are facing destitution.

Red Cross offers advice and support to migrants in transition, helping those in immigration detention, tracing and reconnecting lost families and championing human dignity

In the past 12 months – believing migrants should have a fair go has meant:

Raising awareness of the significant needs of migrants-in-transition falling through the gaps, we worked with key members of the Victorian community and the government to identify ways

to care and support migrants-in-transition. Supporting refugees to settle in the area through the humanitarian settlement program;

Across Australia, we helped 11,000 people seeking asylum (directly and indirectly) to get their protection visa applications in on time

We were able to meet the humanitarian needs of just over 60% of migrants in transition. This year our goal is 65%.

Australians contributed millions of dollars to support 800,000 refugees in Bangladesh who had fled from Myanmar - providing field hospitals, mobile clinics and basic humanitarian support as part of an international Red Cross response

Looking to the future

We are looking to outreach in the community on forced marriage, labour exploitation; the amazing 'in search of safety program' to help people understand the journey of those who are seeking asylum

We are asking ourselves how we use technology to create a 'humanitarian passport' for refugees so that they can keep their identity and what is precious to them while they are on the move

We are part of the leadership group with the International Red Cross working on how we leverage the amazing technologies such as artificial intelligence and big data to help more people find their families and loved ones, while also continuing to build stronger communities, through inclusion and participation -

more education programs that teach school children and community groups about why people leave their home countries in search of safety

more partners for our volunteering mentoring program – a program that aims to support vulnerable migrants to find jobs.

We believe in reducing suffering in times of war.

Valuing our past

When the modern idea of codified laws of war was negotiated in Western Europe by Henry Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross, just over 150 years ago, he recognised the humanitarian consequences of war and aimed to alleviate suffering on the battlefield.

The laws of war protect people who are not, or are no longer taking part in the conflict, and they place limits on the ways in which wars are fought. This means the wounded and sick armed forces, prisoners of war and civilians should not be the target of an attack.

The laws of war say you must not use weapons that can't distinguish between a military target and a civilian target. You must not use weapons that

are disproportionate in the incidental civilian damage they cause.

At Australian Red Cross we have one of our nerve centres on international humanitarian law (or the laws of war) - training armed and police forces, policy makers, government agencies; working with companies who work in conflict zones to support them to abide by the laws of war; building awareness of the future of war in all its guises and technologies.

Technological advancements in medicine, power sources and the way people communicate day to day will all impact on the way civilians experience conflict in the future.

Indeed, the whole fourth industrial revolution will generate significant change in societies and we know that robotics, big data, artificial intelligence, human enhancement will change the face of war forever.

One of the major issues being debated globally is how much autonomy is given to weapons systems. What happens when a weapon (robot) becomes so sophisticated it can make its own decisions on who to target and how, without any human intervention beyond the initial programming?

There is also debate about whether the principles of humanity and the dictates of public conscience would – or should – permit life and death decisions to be made by a machine. If someone is a lawful target does it matter how they are killed and who – or what – makes that assessment? Does respect for human dignity mean that the decision to lawfully take someone's life must remain with humans and cannot be delegated to a piece of hardware? If something goes wrong who is accountable for a war crime committed by a robot that made an incorrect assessment?

Another big issue is the very real possibility of a war in space. The Dean of the Law School at the University of Adelaide recently said "Conflict in outer space is not a case of 'if' but 'when'." And it makes sense.

One of our long-serving Red Cross IHL volunteers put it nicely when he explained that 'space is a key enabler for communications, surveillance, early warning, and navigation systems, and is a critical security and conflict domain.'

What all this means for the humanitarian impact of war is exercising the minds of many people including us in the Red Cross, Red Crescent Movement.

We believe in and stand for reconciliation

A recent report released by the Australian Institute of

Health and Welfare (AIHW) in partnership with The Healing Foundation showed the shocking statistics on the long-term disadvantage for Australia's Stolen Generations.

This is the first detailed study of its kind and noted the importance of the report in establishing the intergenerational impacts of removal from family.

"The data shows poorer health and social outcomes among this group of Indigenous Australians compared to those who were not removed from their families," said AIHW spokesperson Dr Fadwa Al-Yaman. The results are profound.

We at Australian Red Cross see reconciliation as essential for a community in which humanity is at the centre of how we interact with each other.

A community with a rich identity built on trust, respect and understanding, where we learn about our shared history, its impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and its painful and confronting truths. Where we acknowledge the truth, the history, and take pride in the histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Where all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have equal opportunities to succeed and be proud of who they are

In Gippsland, through the first aid project we are looking to create employment pathways for local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; by becoming first aid trainers they can also deliver the training in schools and build community connections.

We believe in the connecting and healing powers of Trauma Teddies!

A core part of our past, a key to social connection and to helping anyone find their strengths in the toughest of times.

We see a bright future for Trauma Teddies – not only continuing with what I have mentioned above – but to leveraging new technologies. One of our members in NSW has suggested to find a way to link the person who knitted each teddy to connect with the person or child who has the teddy.

We've been putting our mind to this and wondering whether we can use blockchain technology to do this

These things, and other matters we stand for, won't change.

We can, and are, using all our creativity and curiosity to plan for a future where we change whatever else is needed to deliver what the precious Red Cross emblem demands of each of us.



easy to push.

By Mia
Food cents 2018

On Thursday the 3/4 and 5/6s made smoothies on the blender bike. A blender bike is a bike with a blender on the front of it. I had honey, banana, cinnamon, mango and frozen berries and milk in my smoothie. Then I blended it. It was yummy and I drank it all. The other kids had different ones. We looked at sugary drinks and a Sprite has 13 teaspoons of sugar!

By Lily

On Thursday 15/11/2018 the 'Foodcents' program was happening again. But this time Gabby was showing us how many sugar cubes were in the sugary drinks she had collected. The most was 13 cubes in Sprite.

She said that some high schoolers buy a litre of soft drink in the morning before school and do the same in the afternoon so that's already 50 teaspoons of sugar in one day!

bit of honey, mango, banana, cinnamon and milk. Once we had made our smoothie we went outside and hopped on a bike called the blender bike. The blender bike has a pole instead of a back wheel, a front wheel and you place your smoothie on the front and pedal till it mixes up.

By Ruby

On Thursday my grade went to the life skills kitchen to do some cooking for the 'Foodcents' program!

We were put into groups, a chilli bean burrito, a two fruit crumble and a corn salsa group. I was put in the corn salsa group. I did the stirring of the corn. It smelt really good.

My favourite piece of food was the chilli bean burrito, but most people liked the two fruit crumble. When we were serving the two fruit crumble I put the Greek yogurt on top if they wanted.

By Isabella 3/4

On November 22, the 3/4

Over the last three Thursdays we have been participating in the 'Foodcents' program. It's where you learn different healthy habits for your diet. On our first excursion we went to the Churchill supermarket to compare the cost of the food we buy.

We learnt that healthy food is less expensive than unhealthy food. Gabrielle was there to show us that we should buy healthier food than unhealthy.

The second activity was in our Life Skills kitchen at school, to have a go to make healthy smoothies with the blender bike. The blender bike is a green bike that you put your smoothie on the front of on a little platform and put a strap over it and start to peddle.

Your smoothie could have banana, mango, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, honey and cinnamon.

Harry had four mangoes, four random berries, a small drop of honey and cinnamon.

Angus had three strawberries, two mangoes, a small drop of honey and

some cinnamon. Isabella had five random berries, three mangoes, and a drop of honey. Most people in our class loved their smoothies.

We also did cooking in the Life Skills kitchen. It was fun, and we think most people in our class will like it too.

By Isabella, Angus and Harry!

On Thursday November 15 I did my second session of 'Foodcents' program. We all sat down and talked a bit about the sugar in the drinks, water has no sugar in it, but tropical juice has hardly any sugar.

After the talk on the floor we went outside to the blender bike to make smoothies. It was fun watching the kids in my class on the blender bike, then it was my turn and it was



Then we went into our school Life Skill's Kitchen and made smoothies. We had the choice of putting in healthy food which were berries, a little

did some cooking in our Life Skills Kitchen. The food we made was chilli bean burritos, corn salsa and fruit crumble. I was in the fruit crumble group with Mia, Kira, Laura, Angus

butter
Greek yoghurt to serve.
Method
Preheat oven to 200 degrees Celsius
Drain fruit and arrange on

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Opportunities Happen

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Australians Fought For Us

Respect What They Gave Us

Kallornie + Kira

and Jasper. The recipe for the fruit crumble is,

825g tin fruit in its natural juice

2 cups of instant oats

¼ cup of brown sugar

½ cup of sunflower seeds

¼ cup of desiccated coconut

1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon

¼ cup of

the base of an ovenproof dish. Combine oats, brown sugar, sunflower seeds, coconut and cinnamon in a medium bowl. Place butter in microwaveable container with the lid and melt in microwave.

Add the melted butter to combine the ingredients in bowl and sprinkle over fruit.

Bake in the oven for 20 minutes.

Serve with Greek yoghurt and enjoy!

By Claire 3/4

Last term Grade 3's and 4's made lots of poems and this is one of my mine. It is a Haiku poem.

Time

We can't time travel

Past and future are time lines

Some wish to go back

By Seb



School News

Kurnai College Junior Campus

Hockey

Kurnai College has been trying to develop their school hockey program over the last couple of years with lessons during PE and some extra training for those in the school teams.

On Monday October 29, the Year 8 Girls team participated in the Regional round for Hockey. The girls progressed through to this round after winning the Wellington competition earlier in the year. Unfortunately, a strong second half from the Kurnai girls was not enough to recover from their first half deficit. While not able to score themselves they did manage to keep Chairo Christian School scoreless and had much more of the general play.

A really great effort by all the girls who participated in the game - Jenna McLauchlan, Tilly Wakefield,

Kayley Answerth, Makayla Rota, Ebony Webb, Alison Heffernan, Jordyn Bryce, Mia Sturre, Monai Porykali, Madilyn Bryce, Claire Irving and Gracie Kearns.

The Year 8 boys team made it to the State Finals and played at Footscray Hockey Club in Yarraville on Wednesday November 21. After an early start with the team leaving from school at 6am they played three games for the day. Their first game was against Frankston High School going down 0-2. In the second game our students went down to Camberwell High School 1-2 with a magnificent goal scored by Tim Viney. The boys won their third game 2-1 against Warnambool College with Zac Schill and Blake Billings both scoring goals. The boys fought hard in all the games and were quite competitive

throughout the day. The player who stood out on the day was Jarred Sullivan who played in goals, saving many attempts on goal by the opposition, including a stroke against Frankston in their first game.

Congratulations to all the boys who made the trip to Melbourne - Blake Billings, Jarred Sullivan, Jack Daddo, Tim Viney, Jayke Sanders, Zac Schill, Thomas Hoghton, Alma Doherty, Lachlan Bell, Jake Wheatley, Dylan Dunstall, Zach Hornsey and Lucas Hobbs.

A big thankyou goes to Anita Charles for her support of the developing hockey teams. Also to the parents who came along to support their children and the teams.

Outdoor Education - Surf Camp

On Wednesday November 7, ten students from the

Semester 2 Year 9 Outdoor Education class attended surf camp at Wilson's Promontory for three days. Instructors provided the students with three sessions to enable them to venture into the ocean and attempt to ride the waves. Many of the students had attended the camp in Semester 1 so were able to do things they found difficult last time.

The weather was very confusing and would go from hail to sunshine in a matter of seconds. We didn't go hungry as our snack group went above and beyond and the other groups did okay.

Camping was great but there were lots of wombats. Overall the students found the camp a good experience and would do it again.

Students of Mandarin Chinese

The teachers of Mandarin at Churchill Campus organised a couple of very

successful Chinese Culture days at the Language Centre. Students from the local feeder Primary Schools came along and participated in several activities over each of the days. These activities included playing with traditional toys, making little pandas, learning Karate moves, learning Chinese songs, practising using chop-sticks and eating Chinese food. The young students were ably assisted over the day by some of the Year 9 students who have continued with their studies in Mandarin.

There was also a successful excursion to the Melbourne Zoo organised for the Year 8 students of Chinese from both the Churchill and Morwell Campuses. All the students found it a long day but enjoyed it immensely.

Totem Poles

On Tuesday November

13, members of Kurnai College gathered to celebrate the unveiling of a series of Totem Poles created by students from local Morwell and Churchill Primary and Secondary Schools. The totem poles told the Gunai Kurnai story of the Southern Cross and Nerran the Moon by Lynette Solomon-Dent. Indigenous and Art students from all three of Kurnai College Campuses shared and celebrated their totem poles which together, create one of the Gunai Kurnai creation stories.

The Smith Family organized the event and invited students from the local Primary and Secondary Schools to participate in this exciting display. The Totem Poles can be seen around Lake Hyland, in Mathison Park, Churchill.



Boys at the state hockey finals



Girls hockey team



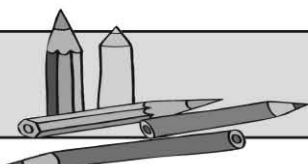
Above and below - outdoor education surf camp



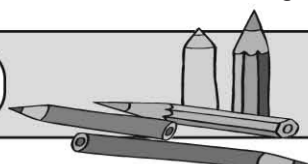
Totem Poles around Lake Hyland



School News



Hazelwood North Primary



Remembrance Day

On November 11, 2018 Malachi Sanders, Rhys McKenzie and Kayla Wilson represented our school at the Morwell Returned Services League (RSL) for Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day was the signing of the peace Armistice between the Allies and Germany on the 11th hour of the 11th month (November) 1918.

When we arrived there we received a wreath to lay at the roundabout statue, and the man called the school names. He forgot to call Hazelwood

North, but then he called us and we walked around the statue to find a spot. After we had finished we waited for the minute of silence to begin, and we sang the New Zealand national anthem and the Australian national anthem. Then we had finished.

Swimming

On November 10 to 12, I went to Sale for my swimming club, Traralgon. I was swimming in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. The teams that were participating were Sale, Warragul, South Gippsland Bass, Gippsland

Water Dragons and a few others. I was swimming in multi-class. Multi-class is if you have a disability. I am in multi-class because I have hypoconderplayger. Hypoconderplayger is when you were born shorter than your average size. I was swimming against Emily Beecroft and six others. I won three bronze medals. In addition, I had a lot of fun and beat my personal best.

Camp Rumbug

On Wednesday, October 24, the Grade 3,4,5,6's went to Camp Rumbug. The trip was about 1 ½ hours long.

Once we arrived at the camp, Jess our instructor, took us to an activity called 'The Mud Run'. The Mud Run was a muddy race around a course of mud pits and obstacles. After that, all of us were muddy, and we needed a shower, so Jess told us our rooms, activity groups and who was in them.

Then, after unpacking, we went to the cafeteria to eat the lunch that our parents packed for us. We then did the next two activities. By the end of that, it was getting dark, so we went to get dinner in the cafeteria. Not

long after dinner we went to the campfire and told some stories.

Day 2

In the morning when we woke up, we got ready and headed out to the cafeteria to eat breakfast. After we had breakfast, we went to the activities.

On the second day we did four activities, but on the first day we got to the camp at about half past 10, so we didn't do as many activities. After dinner we had a talent show. Our talent show went for about 40 minutes. After that we went to bed, had

a little chat, then went to sleep. The sleep we had was probably the best one of the camp.

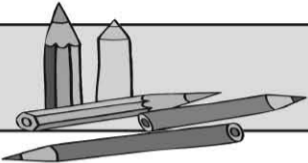
Day 3

On the third day we did two more activities, then after lunch, we packed our bags and came back to school. By the time we got back, it was home time. Our parents were happy to see us.

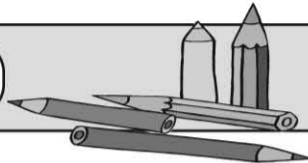
Some of our school friends did not go to the camp so we were happy to see them again.

By Hughie, Archer, Logan and Elsa.

School News



Lumen Christi Primary



As 2018 comes to a close we would like to wish the Churchill News readership a most blessed and joyous Christmas. We would also like to thank the production team of Churchill News for the many hours they contribute to this important local publication.

While the approach of Christmas is exciting and the weather warms up as we get closer to our summer vacation, it is always a time in schools to reminisce about the year and also sadly bid farewell to our graduating class.

Our graduating class of 2018 have been wonderful contributors to our school and this year in particular have been terrific ambassadors and leaders. We thank them for their efforts and wish them every success for the journey ahead, next year and beyond. Can we also take the opportunity to thank the many generous community groups

that sponsor our graduation awards and scholarships.

We also sadly bid farewell to three long serving members of our staff. Retiring from Lumen Christi after being associated with our school for a large proportion of our existence are Mrs Pauline Bugeja, Mrs Joanne Leviston and Mrs Joanne Ruane.

These three ladies have contributed significantly to the culture of our school in many ways and certainly have demonstrated to students, families and colleagues what it means to be the 'Light of Christ' to others. We wish them well in their retirement and thank them for their valued contributions to the Lumen Christi community.

As a faith filled community, Lumen Christi celebrated its final Mass on Thursday December 13.

As a closing Christmas message can we ask everyone to take the time to reflect on how they can contribute to

making Christmas a positive time for others. As a Catholic school we have a terrific bond with our local Vinnies and each Christmas conduct fundraising for Christmas hampers for families in need in our local community.

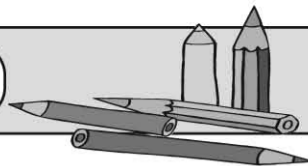
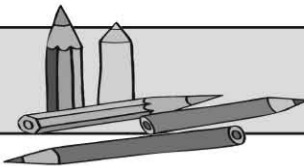
The highlight of this fundraising is the Bethlehem Bazaar - a carnival of activities that takes the school community back 2000 years to the times when Jesus was born.

The Year 5/6 students coordinated this wonderfully creative event which contributed significantly to our fundraising. Throughout the final weeks of the year families are encouraged to continue to drop off donations and other items for the Christmas hampers.

So in closing, a very merry and safe Christmas to you all from Lumen Christi.



Graduating Class 2018



Stevie, Jorja, Dylan and Gabrielle at the Remembrance ceremony

Fred Hollow's Foundation Nomination

My nerves struck as we arrived in Melbourne. I waited at the train station for my family to arrive. When they arrived we travelled together to the Melbourne City Hall. I was greeted by a man that led the way to where all of the candidates waited. I was shown a seat

with my name on it. Another candidate greeted me and wished me good luck. After that I was called on stage, I shook Mr Brumby's hand and accepted my award. It was an honour and a privilege to be nominated for the award.

Dylan 5 /6 W

Free Girls Tennis Program in 2019

Churchill North Primary

School has been privileged enough to have our local tennis coaches, Glen and Sally Kirstine come in to our school to teach a variety of tennis skills. In 2019, Sally and Glen will be involved in offering a free "Girls Getting Started Tennis Program" for girls in Grades 3-6. It includes, a free membership, tennis lessons and a tennis racquet. This is a

wonderful opportunity to get children active and introduce them to a new sport. Call Glen on 0408 762 679 or Sally on 0403 282 630 to reserve a place.

Remembrance Day

On the eleventh day of the eleventh month we arrived at the Morwell RSL. When the clock struck 11:00am we bowed our heads in silence.

The New Zealand and the Australian National Anthems were sung. Speeches and poems were presented, all showing respect for the people who fought in the war. We will remember them, Lest We Forget.

Jorja 5 /6 W

Tennis Clinic at Churchill North Primary School

Students in Grades 2 /3

through to 5 /6 participated in a tennis clinic held at Churchill North Primary school. Students were able to try out their skills at tennis and learn techniques to improve their stroke and coordination. Thanks to Glen for showing us how to hit the right shot.



Dylan with the Fred Hollows Certificate



Sofia at the tennis clinic practising her ready position

SPORT

Churchill & Monash Golf Club



Vanessa Reid winner of Alma Pepperol Trophy.



L-R President Lorraine Peake ladies handicapper Carol Barnes and Merryn Dear. Merryn won Scratch winner 269 nett winner 227 hcp 14. Congratulations Merryn



Winners of Churchill & Monash Golf Club ladies bowl event. Morwell team. L-R C. Carder, N. Te Paa, J. Thorburn. Well done girls.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club results

Men - 1st Round Championships Saturday 10/11/18. A Grade - C. Hogbin (14) 82 68. B Grade - P. Williams (20) 90 70. C Grade - T. Colling (29) 101 72. DTL - D. Ellwood 69 A. Auld 71 D. Byers 71 B. Barnes 71 Mamun 72 P. Smart 73 C/B P. Jordan 73 C/B R. Scurlock 73 C/B. Scratch - Winner - P. Smart (8) 81. NTP - 3rd R. King, 5th D. Caldwell, 12th M. Brereton, 14th D. Ellwood. Birdies - 3rd P. Smart, M. Soppe 12th, M. Brereton, P. Williams.

Ladies - 1st Round Championships - Tuesday 13/11/18. Scratch Winner - M. Dear (14) 89. Monthly Medal - Winner V. Verheyen (25) 75 C/B. 1st Round Winner - V. Verheyen (25) 75 C/B. DTL - M. Dear (14) 75. NTP - 3rd J. Beck, 12th M. Dear, 5th M. McQuillen, 14th M. McQuillen. Putts - V. Verheyen 28.

Men 2nd Round Championships Saturday

17/11/18. A Grade - D. Ellwood (13) 84 71. B Grade - B. Mathieson (21) 92 71. C Grade - M. Hutchinson 32 104 72. DTL - J. Mc Cafferty 72, D. Byers 73, P. Walsh 73 B. Sebire 73, J. Barnes 73, J. Dear 73, R. Scurlock 74 C/B, G. Sanders 74 C/B, B. Barnes 74 C/B. Scratch Winner - R. Scurlock 83. NTP - 3th P. Coad, 12th R. Scurlock, 14th J. Banfield. Birdies - 12th R. Scurlock, 3rd P. Coad, R. Abel.

Ladies - 2nd Round Championships - Tuesday 20/11/18. Scratch Winner - M. Dear (14) 91. 2nd Round Winner - V. Reid (37) 70. DTL - V. Verheyen (25) 76. NTP - 3rd M. McQuillen, 12th C. Barnes, 5th M. McQuillen, 14th M. Dear.

Men - 3rd Round Championships Saturday 24/11/18.

Day Winners - A Grade - A. Sharrock (18) 92 74. B Grade - B. Barnes (22) 88 66. C Grade - K. Hogan (33) 107 74. Championship Winners - A Grade - D. Ellwood (13) 91 78 218. B Grade - B.

Barnes (22) 88 66 211. C Grade - T. Collins (29) 113 84 231. Scratch Champion - R. Scurlock (9) 82 83 85 25. Hcp Champion - B. Barnes (22) 71 74 66 211. Monthly Medal - B. Barnes 66 Star Medal M Brereton 75 C/B. DTL - J. Soppe 73, M Brereton 75, D Byers 75, P Williams 75, M Soppe 75, R Dent 76C/B, R King 76 C/B. NTP - 3rd M. Brereton, 12th R. King, 14th R. Scurlock. Birdies - 14th R. Dent.

Ladies - 3rd Round Championships Tuesday 27/11/18. Scratch Winner - M. Dear (14) 75 Nett 269. Net Winner - M. Dear (14) 227. DTL - E. D'Alterio (22) 83. NTP - 3rd V. Reid, 12th C. Barnes, 5th M. Dear, 14th M. Dear.

Monday 26/11/2018. Winners Morwell 2 Team C. Carder (25) 30 N. Te Paa (17) 27 J. Thorburn (19) 24 83 Points. Runner Up - Traralgon Team A. Chapman (23) 22 R. Stewart (26) 26 J. McLure (28) 22 70 Points.

Young Bowlers Starring at Yinnar Bowls Club



The Yinnar Primary School Grade 5/6 students enjoyed a weekly bowls competition throughout November.

The students quickly picked up the fundamentals of the game and their skills grew each week. Several Club members generously gave up their time to share their passion and expertise with the students.

This program was made possible through a generous donation from the Yinnar Community Hotel which enabled the purchase of 12 sets of junior bowls.

It is hoped that some of the students will go on to participate in regular Junior Coaching that is provided by the Morwell Bowls Club on a Monday from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

Yinnar Bowls Club Barefoot Bowls is staged from 5:00 pm on the first and third Wednesday of the month

Churchill Football Netball Club History Project

Following the story last year about its history (Churchill & District News March 2017), the Churchill Football Netball Club has commissioned the writing of a book about the Club and the creation of a major painting of notable players, officials, and supporters.

It is planned to complete the painting in 2019, and publish the book in 2020, when the Club will celebrate its 130th anniversary since formation in 1890.

The book will provide a full account of the activities of the Club's football and netball teams over more than a century, playing in a number of different leagues.

This will include a year by year record of performance, and biographies of some of the key players and officials.

The book will also encompass a brief history of the Hazelwood district since settlement in 1844 and the development of Australian Rules football since the 1850s.

During its history, the Club has encountered two serious fires (the Hazelwood North Mechanics Hall in 1944 and the Club Rooms at Gaskin Park in 1999) in which valuable records were lost.

Thanks to media coverage, it has been possible to reconstitute a variety of statistical information.



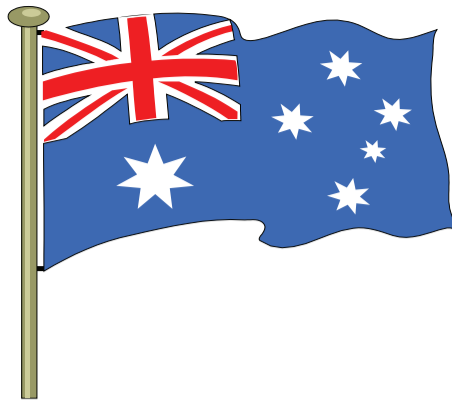
The Club is urgently looking for photographs of people and events, and other memorabilia associated with the Club's long history.

If you have anything that you think might be remotely interesting, please contact the Churchill & District News and we will pass on contact details to the Club.

Australia Day in Churchill

Well the time has come again when you can join the Churchill Lions Club at a free breakfast of sausages, egg and bacon sandwiches, washed down with orange juice, all in the company of the local kangaroos.

It commences at 7.30am on January 26, 2019 when the Churchill Lions Club will provide Australia Day awards to school nominated Students of the Year, from Churchill Primary School, Churchill North Primary School, Hazelwood North Primary School, Lumen Christi



Primary School and Kurnai College Churchill Campus. Further Awards will also be presented to Churchill's Citizen of the Year, as well as Churchill Junior Citizen of the Year, who were nominated

by members of the Churchill Community as being worthy of the awards.

Please feel free to enjoy a free breakfast in the car park of the Churchill Hotel on Australia Day to acknowledge all the award recipients' achievements and their individual efforts to make Churchill and district the place we all want to live and enjoy.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Bob Lowick on 0408 377 781.



Thank you to the wonderful people who have enabled yet another highly successful Writing Competition to take place.

This Competition is so encouraging to our young writers of the future and I am always amazed at the quality of the writing.

It is a great experience to

see the expectant and happy faces of all the participants and their families on Awards night, and to see the results of all that hard work by the committee to put on such a professional event.

Only you, the organisers and judges of the competition know the hard work that goes on behind the

scenes, but I and many others in our community are so grateful that this Competition has had another successful year.

Thank you again and congratulations to all for an amazing effort.

– Heather and Keith Enders.

Daniel Crooks Exhibition



Daniel Crooks, Static No.12 (seek stillness in movement) (video still), 2010, 5:23 min, 16:9, 1080p24, Stereo. Courtesy of the artist and Anna Schwartz Gallery, Melbourne and Starkwhite, Auckland.

Daniel Crooks' award winning work has been shown extensively in Australia and internationally. His practice spans a range of media, including sculpture, photography, installation and video.

'Static No.12 (seek stillness in movement)' is part of the Time Slice series, Crook's ongoing project which he began in 1999. This single-channel video depicts a simple garden courtyard in Shanghai, where an elderly man is performing a Tai Chi routine. Stillness in movement (as in the title of this work) is part of the ethos of this centuries old

public and private practice of Tai-Chi. However, this quiet meditation is altered, when the movement shifts, causing the performer to distort and multiply, as though being viewed across multiple dimensions. The meditative transforms into the mind-expanding, as the soundtrack pulsates and buzzes in sync with the morphing imagery.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Graeme Middlemiss, said this visually arresting work often caused visitors to question their accepted everyday perceptions of time and space.

"The work is both poetic and hypnotic. It asks us to

examine our reaction towards linear time. In the way the video is put together, the moving images are sliced and distorted. This, with the accompanying sounds, plunges you into a sensory experience like no other.

The Latrobe Regional Gallery aims to offer works that provide the visitor with the thought-provoking and the unexpected.

Art should surprise, it should cause us to reflect, it should challenge our accepted ideas, and this exhibition is no exception," Councillor Middlemiss said.

Static No.12 is showing until January 20, 2019.

Latrobe Community Health Service wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our Churchill centre will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

On all other weekdays, we are open Monday to Friday from 8.15am-5pm, except on Christmas Eve, when we will close at 3pm.

20-24 Philip Parade Churchill

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