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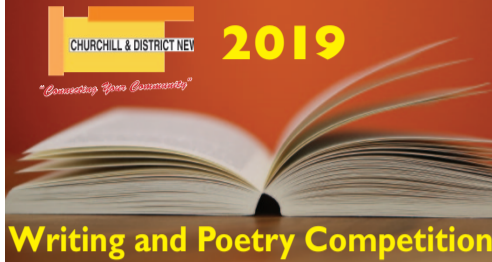
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## Churchill Cobras end season on a high



The Churchill Cricket Club has claimed two senior Premierships in the newly-formed Latrobe Valley and District Cricket League (LVDCL) and narrowly missed out on a third after an action-packed Grand Final weekend.

The C Grade side finished on top of their conference which gave them a day off on the first Saturday of finals. The following day saw them defeat Latrobe Cricket Club to book their place in the Grand Final. The big game was played at Jack Maskrey Oval in Traralgon and pitted the two top teams in their respective conferences against each other.

Yallourn North won the toss and batted first on the synthetic wicket but were bowled out for 100 runs in the 26th over by a disciplined Churchill bowling attack. Ben Skinner was the pick of the bowlers, taking 4/6 in less

than four overs. Brody Cluderay took three wickets for Churchill with Paul Richer, Harry Van Rossum and Daniel Yates also among the wicket-takers.

Churchill's pursuit of the total got off to a shaky start at 1/7 and the Yallourn North side was full of confidence when this became 2/18. A 72 run partnership between Phil Van Rossum and Brad Connelly in quick time put paid to Yallourn North's chances, and Churchill struck the winning runs in just the 15th over. Connelly top scored with 43 not out while Phil Van Rossum provided the crucial support with a hard-hitting 35. It was a fitting reward for a consistent season from the C Grade players, many of whom have been steadily improving their game over the past few seasons.

In Premier B Grade, Churchill took on

ladder leaders Willow Grove in the Grand Final at Apex Park in Traralgon. Willow Grove won the toss and batted and following a steady start, lost 5 wickets for 7 runs to be 5/18 and in all sorts of trouble. A fightback of sorts saw them eventually bowled out in the final scheduled over for 82. Glen McColl took 3/12 for Churchill, with Chris Williams and Ricky Velardi picking up two wickets apiece. Ross Johnson was the other wicket taker and there were two run-outs.

Churchill seemed to be cruising along nicely before their second wicket fell on 33 runs. Wickets kept falling at regular intervals until Churchill found themselves deep in a hole at 9/62. Despite some determined batting by Josh Rae and Glen McColl to get their team over the line, the chase fell three runs short with

Churchill dismissed for 79 in the 31st over. The Churchill players will be disappointed to get so close but miss out at the final hurdle, but they can look back upon another successful season. The strength of Churchill's second XI over a number of years has shown the depth of talent at the club and has provided the strong foundation for young players to develop their game before pushing up into the highest level of competition.

A dominant display of batting from club skipper John Keighran, as well as some much needed support from Kurt Holt and Ryan Harvey down the order, saw Churchill commanding winners in their semi-final against MTY Raiders. Keighran's score of 101 was his tenth A Grade century for the club, *Continued page 23...*



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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Let's write a story thinking of the way the residents of Hazelwood House Churchill feel or don't feel, as 90% have dementia.

There are 37 residents who are well looked after, well fed, and wander around the home happily. Then out of the blue they receive a notice they are being shifted to Dalkeith Traralgon, and probably the dementia ward.

Now is the time for our Federal Government to step in and stop this age care abuse of the over 70s.

Some of the residents have lived in this home for ten years or more. I had a mother with dementia and change to her routine gave her a panic attack. What are they going to do? Dose 90% of these residents up on pills not just to shift them but even after they arrive.

It's time the Federal Government listened to the little people not just the big companies that receive tax payer's money. We don't want to know what they are doing with the site afterwards, we just want age care abuse to

stop, and keep those people in the home they signed in to, which the people of Churchill raised the money to build. These residents are happy in the 40 bed home not the 112 bed home in another town. Stop abusing people who can't speak for themselves. Benetas claims that not many Churchill residents are in the home, but for years they have been sending dementia residents from Dalkeith. Of course they are not Churchill residents but they have a happy home to live in no matter where they are from. The beds in Hazelwood were government donated so they should stay in this home and so should the residents. Big companies should not be allowed to shift older people or tell them to find somewhere else, as if they are just a number. Now Benetas says the home needs to be updated. These residents don't want change. They are happy and well looked after at the home more than many other aged care homes.

*Name and phone number supplied.*

## Aged care

Hazelwood House has been a much-loved aged care facility serving Churchill and district for many years.

Understandably, the decision by the current not-for-profit aged care provider, Benetas to relocate to Traralgon and cease operations at Churchill has caused concern and anxiety within the community.

The decision to move loved ones into an aged care facility often presents challenges and is not undertaken lightly.

Proximity to family and friends is an important factor in a positive transition into residential care.

Location plays an important role in maintaining community connection and provides easy access for loved ones so social networks are maintained.

Hazelwood House has been an integral part of the Churchill and district community for many years.

Back in 1990, dedicated community members worked tirelessly to fundraise a significant proportion of the infrastructure cost of the facility.

The strength of this commitment will always be admired and appreciated.

Recently I met with members of the Churchill & District Community Association (CDCA) who expressed concern about Benetas relocating to the newly refurbished Dalkeith

Hostel in Traralgon.

While there is an appreciation of Benetas' commitment to high quality aged care, many locals are acutely aware of the service vacuum the relocation will create in the township.

Hazelwood House has been a community asset for many decades, to see it close and fall into disrepair is not an option. Recently in State Parliament, on behalf of the CDCA, I raised a motion asking the Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers to work with the community, service provider Benetas and the Latrobe City Council to ensure that there is a continuity of service provision in Churchill.

## Supporting farmers from activists

Victorian farmers produce over \$13 billion worth of food and fibre products consumed within Australia and overseas. Frustratingly there has been a recent rise in animal activism impacting farms both locally and nationally.

During March I moved the motion in the Victorian State Parliament to establish an inquiry into State laws to better protect farmers from animal activism, trespass and livestock theft.

The current legislation is insufficient and it is imperative that Victorian farmers' right to farm is protected.

I am seeking through bipartisan goodwill to investigate legislative change so activists who break the



law on law-abiding Victorian farms are suitably penalised and deterred.

In addition a Victorian parliamentary e-petition on animal activism was also launched yesterday by John Gommans, owner of The Gippy Goat and Caldermeade Farm and is sponsored by myself.

Both of Mr Gommans' Gippsland farming enterprises have recently been publically targeted by activists.

The parliamentary petition calls for the urgent need for improved protection of law abiding farmers from activists.

It addresses concerns around breaches in farm

biosecurity, livestock theft, trespass and damage on Victorian farms as a result of activism.

The initial response to the petition has been outstanding. I am delighted with the support and passion our community has demonstrated for our farmers.

It is clear that the petition has resonated with the public.

The petition to protect Victorian farmers from activists can be signed online at <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/council/petitions/electronic-petitions/view-e-petitions/details/12/115> or at Melina Bath's parliamentary office at 2/181 Franklin Street, Traralgon.

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Our Hall has come a long way in the past few years and

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If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested in participating, please get in touch with our

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Neighbourhood Watch Churchill and Morwell have been integrated for a while now, and we are now called Neighbourhood Watch Latrobe City.

We have been very active with "secure plate" days (securing number plates), sausage sizzles at Bunnings in Morwell, graffiti removal projects, and general safety aspect projects around the Latrobe Valley.

In Churchill, we have been looking at various safety issues around town, such as faulty street lighting, dangerous

overhanging trees, damaged street signs and various other projects.

If you would like to join Neighbourhood Watch, or find out about it, you can join us on the second Monday of each month, 6pm at the Boardroom at the Morwell RSL.

We are currently assisting many towns around the Latrobe Valley with safety projects and safer living.

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Churchill & District Community Association meets bi-monthly on the second Tuesday of every second month. Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday June 11, in the Boardroom at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre in McDonald Way.

We frequently have guest speakers during the first part of our meeting, on a topic of local interest. At our April meeting, we held a Q & A session with Karen Tsebelis from Latrobe City Council on planning for Churchill's recreational pathways and walking tracks. Churchill has a terrific network of paths and tracks but there are some missing links still required to join them up!

It's likely that the guest speaker at our June meeting will be the Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation Commissioner, Ray Mackay.

We'll be able to confirm this in the next issue of the Churchill & District News, or check the details of our next meeting on our website - [www.cdca.org.au](http://www.cdca.org.au)

Our February meeting was packed, as the special topic of interest on the agenda was the closure of Hazelwood House. CDCA had hoped to subsequently facilitate a public forum with Benetas, the operator of Hazelwood House, but they have declined our invitation.

CDCA also wrote to Benetas with a number of questions posed by community members. We have received a written response, which is available to read on the Home Page of our website.

As an organisation that "advocates on issues of local concern" we are doing what we can to represent community concerns and convey the strong sentiments expressed by this community at the shock announcement that Hazelwood House is to close and residents to be transferred to Traralgon (Dalkeith House) in November.

Most concerning is that, if and

when Hazelwood House does close, Churchill will be left with an ageing vacant residential facility which may quickly become derelict if another owner cannot be found quickly. Benetas have said they will keep the grounds and building maintained once they vacate and will work with Latrobe City Council to find a solution to this problem.

We've been keeping people up to date with news about our advocacy on the Hazelwood House closure with regular posts on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/churchilldistrictcommunityassociation/> Please visit us on Facebook and 'Like' our page!

All residents of Churchill and district are welcome to attend our meetings; you don't need to be a member of CDCA, just interested in some of our topics and activities.

Agendas for our meetings are posted to our website, usually a couple of days prior to our meeting. Use the drop-down menu "About CDCA" on our Home Page to find both our Agendas and Minutes of recent meetings.

One of our more recent undertakings has been to increase the ease and value of recycling in our community. In partnership with the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and the Churchill & District News we are promoting 'specialist recycling services' available at the Churchill Community Hub and introducing new recycling initiatives for the community to utilise.

Last year we set up a printer ink cartridge recycling bin in the foyer of the Hub (near the entrance to the Library) which is being well utilised by locals. All of these ink cartridges are taken to a Planet Ark recycling station to be recycled in the manufacture of other goods.

Now we have introduced 'Foil Back'!



– take your used clean/washed aluminium foil to the Hub, scrunch it up and put it in the bin provided. Aluminium foil, when placed in your household recycling bin, generally ends up as waste in landfill, but when collected in bulk it will be recycled.

Suitable aluminium foil items for recycling include take-away food containers used for roasts and BBQ foods, foil trays used for catering at events, foil lids found on some dairy product containers and of course the sheet aluminium foil many of us use in our home kitchens.

You can also recycle household batteries, mobile phones, old bras and P5 plastic containers (e.g. margarine and ice-cream containers) at the Hub. Separating recycling materials at source, value adds to these materials, ensures they don't end up as landfill and makes it easier for such materials to be used in the manufacture of new goods.

If you have more ideas for our recycling collection point at the Churchill Hub, call in and chat to Abigail at the Neighbourhood Centre, or contact CDCA.

CDCA can be contacted via our website [www.cdca.org.au](http://www.cdca.org.au) or email [info@cdca.org.au](mailto:info@cdca.org.au) or message us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/churchilldistrictcommunityassociation/> or even write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

**RAINFALL**

**Churchill Rainfall for March 2019**

The rainfall for Churchill for March has again been very disappointing with only 18.5 mm falling in our gauges.

The three months rainfall total of 47.5 mm, for Churchill, is the second lowest for that period since

1991. The lowest being 41 mm in 2009.

**Rain at Hazelwood South**

March was very dry till the last two days. The total for March was 37.5mm which is 88% of the average. 70% fell in the last two days, reducing the bushfire danger. Not only are the plants and

trees suffering, this year the insects are in decline. This year (unusually), I have not needed any fly traps and have not used fly spray. Moths are almost non existent and beetles are down too. Insects are a very important part of the food chain. Most small birds depend on insects to

feed their young and small birds are also in decline. Moths are essential for sugar gliders and mountain pygmy possums.

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir/Madam,

In 1996, after many years of dedication and tireless efforts given freely by the Churchill and District Community, Hazelwood House was actively operating as a home for those requiring nursing care and accommodation.

Sadly, that wonderful asset for our community is now under the threat of closure!!

For the Churchill community, the opening of Hazelwood House was a very momentous occasion and credit was especially due to the support and dedication given so freely by our local people led by John Tipping, Don di Fabrizio, Norm Hall, Elizabeth Ollquist, Betty Wyatt, Mary Austin, Joan Gardner, Reg Grisotto and Tom Lawless. Their efforts and the efforts of many, many

others resulted in Hazelwood House being built in Churchill for the Churchill and district community.

With recent efforts, much of these voluntary, Hazelwood House has operated successfully for over 20 years and with continued support can operate for another 20 years or more, providing residents with the continued love and contact of their families and friends.

Being close to our loved ones as well as the enjoyment of our local environment is so valuable to us all in the latter years of our life.

Hopefully, with continued community support, Hazelwood House will continue to provide this valuable asset for our community.

Name and address supplied

## Gippsland trains

Construction teams will work around the clock to upgrade metropolitan lines shared by Gippsland trains until April 23, as part of the state-wide autumn transport construction blitz, with free travel to be offered during the entire period.

A mix of express and semi-express buses will replace all Gippsland trains for the duration of the blitz which will see power, signalling and station upgrades take place along the Cranbourne and Pakenham lines ahead of new high capacity Metro trains entering service later this year.

The upgrades will improve train reliability, including for Gippsland passengers as they travel along these lines. Metro Tunnel construction teams will also be working 24/7 to unearth the tunnel's South Yarra entrance as part of the construction blitz.

Gippsland line passengers are encouraged to allow up to 90 minutes extra travel time when travelling to Melbourne during this time.

These works have been timed to coincide with the Easter holiday period to lessen the impact on passengers, however people are still strongly encouraged to plan ahead.

Passengers travelling between Traralgon and Melbourne will not need to

touch on or off with their myki as they board replacement services during April. Those travelling on Bairnsdale and Sale replacement bus services will need to reserve a seat as usual, but no charge will apply.

A six-month calendar is now also online, showing proposed work dates where buses will replace trains, giving Gippsland line passengers more certainty when planning their journey.

The calendar and detailed travel information around the upcoming construction blitz is available at [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au).

To further improve train reliability, VLine has recently introduced a new Suburban Interface Manager (SIM) role to improve the performance of Gippsland and other regional rail services operating on the metropolitan network

The SIM monitors VLine performance on metropolitan lines, works with Metro Trains during disruptions and develops strategies for managing growing regional rail patronage.

Gippsland Line Upgrade works will include upgrading signalling, duplicating track, extending a crossing loop, adding platforms at four stations, a stabling facility, modernising train detection at level crossings and renewing the drainage structures underneath the railway.

## Adults swim for free in April with Gippsland Flippers

Each Wednesday, from April 3, 2019, in conjunction with the Premiers Active April campaign local adult swimming club, Gippsland Flippers is offering anyone between the ages of 18 and 90+ who can swim



50 metres the opportunity to improve their fitness, technique and their social circle by coming along to Morwell Leisure Centre from 7pm until about 8pm.

Participants can register with the Premiers Active April campaign at: [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au), which will give you ten passes for swim entry to any pool in

Latrobe City.

They can then register with Gippsland Flippers at: [gippslandflippers@gmail.com](mailto:gippslandflippers@gmail.com), and they will be entitled to three free swim sessions with a coach, who will concentrate on any aspect of their swimming that they wish to improve. He will provide warm up laps, drills, stroke correction, fitness training and advice on an individual

basis that the swimmer can continue to practice. Each swimmer can receive tuition to suit their individual skills and fitness.

Gippsland Flippers hopes to entice people who have either not been in the pool for some time, those recovering from illness, those wishing to improve their technique or swim fitness, or just people who wish to expand their

social outlets, to join them for an evening of fun, fitness and friendship in a relaxed and low intensity environment.

Please contact Secretary of Gippsland Flippers, Sue Graham on 0415 751 145 for further information, or on [gippslandflippers@gmail.com](mailto:gippslandflippers@gmail.com) and leave your name, contact number and what you would like to achieve from the sessions.

## Al-Anon

In the words of the immortal Emerson, "The whole course of things goes to teach us faith. We need only obey. There is guidance for each of us, and by lowly listening, we shall hear the right words."

This reminds me that in the past fear had contributed to the absence of faith in my life, and that Al-Anon has played an important part in helping to restore that faith.

Before Al-Anon my mind was filled with innumerable fears resulting in very insane behaviour on my part.

Staring out the window into the night, wondering where the alcoholic was,

Two weeks from May 10 to 24 is a great time to clear your cupboards of any unused, unwanted, left over nappies and donate them to our collection, so they may be put to good use and donated to local charities.

The Nappy Collective is a collaborative community initiative run entirely by volunteers throughout Australia.

Almost two and half million nappies have been delivered to those in need of

became a regular occurrence. Fear that he'd had an accident controlled my thoughts. I also found myself hiding new items of clothing in my closet for months at a time, afraid of my husband's reaction to my having spent money on myself. These were abnormal acts.

They were the result of living with the disease of alcoholism - where negative attitudes pervaded my life emotionally and spiritually. The more I thought I was beaten, the more I was. Fear kept me on a downward spiral for far too many years.

However, somewhere in the back of my mind lay the

seed of faith, yearning to be aroused. My involvement in Al-Anon made this possible. As members extended their love to me, my life spiralled upward ever so slowly - and the seed of faith started to grow.

Believing that God was present in each member as they shared their message of hope, had a lot to do with that. I also began to realise that positive thoughts accelerated the process.

As long as I kept negative thought to a minimum, faith prevailed.

When I began believing that good things would happen to me, they did. My

evenings were devoted to pleasant pastimes, not wasted staring out the windows. My purchases were enjoyed on the spot.

I was able to walk through all of my fears because I believed that God was walking before me - I had faith. This change in me was surely a miracle and faith was the basis of that miracle.

Today I am convinced that the course of things in my life were there to teach me faith. All I had to do was listen. This brand new year brings each of us 365 opportunities to listen for the right words - the guidance that will teach us faith. We need to obey.

## Donate leftover nappies

support and help, since the first collection in 2013.

What an amazing achievement by all concerned. Churchill has already donated over 2,000 nappies to this total over the past five years. Thank you so much for your help.

Churchill & District News is asking the residents of Churchill to donate any clean, unused, new left over nappies that you may have in the cupboard, to be placed in a collection box which is located

at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, in Phillip Parade. We will then collect and donate them to local organisations where they will be very much appreciated and used by those in need of help and support.

Providing nappies to others reduces a big financial burden and saves time and energy to focus on parenting and other challenges faced.

Local organisations that have been helped during the last five years are Kurnai Young Mums Parenting

Program, Anglicare Churchill, Salvation Army Morwell, Berry Street Morwell, St Vincent de Pauls Churchill, A Better Life for Foster Kids Sale, Churchill Combined Churches and Maternal Child & Health Service Latrobe City. All are very grateful for this assistance.

Further information may be found at [thenappycollective.com](http://thenappycollective.com) website or email Barbara at [gbcheet@gmail.com](mailto:gbcheet@gmail.com)



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## Co-Op Snippets

### World Day of Prayer

World day of Prayer was celebrated this year at Boolarra with the Catholic Church. The service was written by women in Slovenia, one of the smallest countries in Europe and a pretty young committee in the WDP movement.

The core of the theme was an invitation – Come; and to enable the response – Everything is ready. Come to praise, thank, and proclaim the kingdom of love.

This theme comes from the parable that Jesus told about a great feast which was attended by the ones called off the streets, as the ones invited excused themselves. The community formed around the table is not enough to fill the house – there is still room. The questions asked were Who is missing from the table in your community? How would you invite and prepare the feast?

The service held the stories of those who are coming to the table of bread, wine, water, and salt. They reflected the political and economic situation from the time Slovenia was a socialist - communist state until today. They were stories of the refugee and migrant workers, the mothers, the grandmothers, the wives, and the Roma people. It was

a time to reflect and ask for forgiveness for being silent in the face of injustice, and to pray that God opens our hearts to compassion and understanding. The sending out blessing was a prayer that we would mutually support one another on the path of freedom, justice, and peace so that we can fill our communities with hope, love, and joy!

Maria Spehar was guest speaker and she shared her memories of growing up in Croatia not far from Slovenia.

Life wasn't easy. The family lived on a farm and were self-sufficient in everything except sugar, salt, coffee and rice. They owned a cow, two bullocks, two pigs and some sheep. Her father grew corn, wheat, barley and many vegetables. The milk from the cow provided milk, cheese and butter.

Butter was made by turning milk in a churn and beating it with a stick. This was one of many duties Maria had around the farm. She would lead the bullocks while her father steered the plough. Maria would carry water from the river on her head uphill without spilling a drop. Before school she would have to take the sheep to pastures and bring them back. Then there was a two kilometre walk to school. The

routine was in reverse after school. Maria had four years at school. Her mother was not well and her father worked on the roads so time at home on the farm was precious and needed all Maria's help.

Everything was homemade and healthy. Maria says she never saw a doctor or a dentist in the twenty-five years she lived there. Marijuana was used to produce a type of cotton material which was used to make mattress covers. The marijuana was cut in to small sections and put in the water of the river for 2-3 weeks until the skin came loose. Each 2-3 days they would come down to the river to check. The first time they would find fish and frogs upside down!!

They began to realise the effect of marijuana. The marijuana was dried and taken home, where it was made into the cotton material. Then they would take the husks off the corn, dry it and stuff it into the material mattress. It smelt nice. This was changed annually.

In autumn the pigs were slaughtered and put in the cellar, covered with salt for some time and left to change colour. Then the meat was cut and sorted and hung from the ceiling in the kitchen for about three weeks where the fire was lit in the middle of the floor. This would smoke the meat.

The fire also cooked the bread and the meals as a well as heating the house. When they had finished with the wheat, barley and corn they would place this in three big boxes on the ceiling with the meat wrapped in the marijuana leaves, placed in the midst. It was then ready to be used. When taken out it was cool and fresh.

At age twenty-five Maria



left Croatia and emigrated to Australia where she met her husband and married. Learning the English language presented many problems and led to some funny situations.

Now after many years Maria has settled in Yinnar. She still loves to grow vegetables.

From the web site for World Day of Prayer is this brief summary about Slovenia.

'Slovenia is located in Central Europe and is one of the smallest countries in that region. There are four major natural units: the Alps, the Pannonian Plains, the Dinarides, and the Mediterranean Area. Its highest mountain is the Triglav. Slovenia has two million inhabitants and the official language is Slovene, with Hungarian and Italian being co-official languages.

After declaring its independence from Yugoslavia on June 27, 1991, Slovenia adopted a flag with three equal horizontal stripes, white, blue and red with the Slovene Coat-of-Arms in the top left quadrant; the white for Mount Triglav, the blue lines for the Adriatic sea and local rivers, and the golden stars from the coat-of-arms of Counts of Celje, a Slovenian dynastic house from late 14th century. Since its independence in 1991,

Slovenia has continued to be the wealthiest and most politically open country of the former Yugoslav republics.'

### St Matt's Op Shop.

St Matt's Op Shop at Yinnar church is doing well. Lots of bargains can be had in the way of clothing and there are many treasures of bric-a-brac etc. for you to see and buy.

The organisers thank the community for the bounty of your donations. They are wonderful and at present are enough. Due to the size of the building items of furniture cannot be taken but can be donated to the church for the garage sales.

Opening times are Thursdays and Fridays from 10am-4pm and Saturdays from 9-1pm.

We would like to open the shop on more days but need some more volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, you will need to apply for a Working with Children Card. You can visit the shop or ring Roslyn on 0408 637 047 for more information. Your services would be greatly appreciated.

### Annual General Meeting.

Our AGM was held on March 24 and was a celebration of the achievements of the last twelve months. We are proud of what has been achieved and give thanks for the blessings we have received and the

ways we have been able to be a blessing to others.

A special part of the AGM was a tribute to the Ladies fellowship which after 47 years has come to a close sadly due to lack of numbers. Glenda had a lovely summary of the people involved and activities undertaken, support and fellowship given over the years, while a magnificent power point of photos, graphics and captions told the story of their amazing work. Both were greeted with loud applause

### Sad News

The parish was greatly saddened by the death of our much loved parishioner Keith Enders, who gave up his earthly life peacefully after a long and tortuous battle with cancer. Keith was a most kind, and gentle person with a heart for everyone.

Keith contributed so passionately and was devoted to our church through social justice issues and arranging Saturday Breakfast through which we learnt many things from the various speakers.

Keith was an initiator bringing forward ideas which were instigated to help the church function. He showed hospitality and fellowship which was so generous.

Keith did an excellent job in producing our annual report each year. He will be sadly missed.

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Fr Solomon Okeh/Fr James Fernandez

Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

1st and 3rd Sundays:

Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am

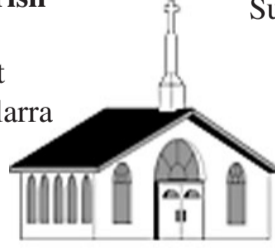
2nd and 4th Sundays:

Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

### Boolarra/Yinnar

### Co-Operating Parish

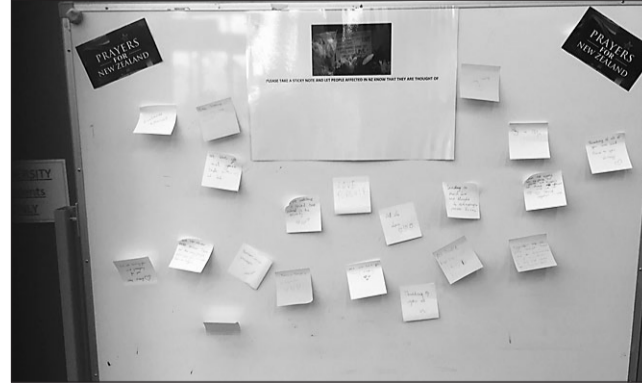
All Sundays  
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### Churchill Christian Fellowship

Bible Studies at the Churchill Hub,  
7.30pm Tuesdays  
Craft mornings and prayer meetings  
Contact Linda on 0400 690 972 for  
further information.

## Chaplain



How can we ignore the situation in New Zealand recently?

Attached is a picture of the response on Campus here to a call put out to "pray for New Zealand", and to "let people in NZ know that they are thought of".

Comments on the board

are about peace and love, as well as messages to stay strong.

But, how can we ignore how the words of Jesus (about taking a sword and perishing) were distorted into a call that violence begets violence?

In context, Jesus was being arrested when one of



His disciples grabbed a sword and struck someone. Jesus admonished the disciple to put his sword away, warning against resisting meaningless violence with further violence.

In one account, Jesus healed the man attacked by the sword. He was more about healing and salvation than violence!

Worth thinking about! Especially around Easter!

# Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: Eucalyptus neglecta.

Family: Myrtaceae.

Derivation:

Eucalyptus; From the Greek, eu, meaning well, and kalyptos, concealed, referring to the bud cap which covers the stamens and falls away when the flower opens.

neglecta; From the Latin, neglectus, meaning neglected or overlooked, and referring to the probability that this species is a dwarf form of E. gunnii.

Name: Omeo Gum.

Distribution: A Victorian endemic, occurring mainly along the Great Dividing Range between 400m and 1200m in altitude, usually in the upper tributaries of rivers and streams between Marysville and the NSW border. These rivers include the Big (Upper Goulburn), Jamieson, Dargo, Wentworth, Buckland and Mitta Mitta (Livingstone and Spring Creeks).

Description: A small, bushy tree to 10m tall and broad, with greyish or greenish bark, persistent, fibrous and fissured on the trunk, but smooth on the branches. Leaves are conspicuously glaucous (coated with a blue/grey/silver powdery, waxy secretion) and are a mix of juvenile, adult and intermediate shapes on quadrangular branchlets. Juvenile leaves are opposite, stalkless and ovate to 7cm in diameter, adult leaves are lanceolate (spear-shaped), more green, less glaucous and

up to 18cm long with faint venation, but many leaves fall between these two extremes. Flowering occurs in summer, with small, stalkless, ovoid buds developing in clusters of 7-15 and opening to profuse white and cream flowers to 15mm across.

Opinion: This is the best performing eucalypt on the block! It has the most interesting foliage and is by far the healthiest of them all. All the others, past and present, have suffered and/or died, I'm not sure why. Dieback is the main culprit, but why is the question. It could be climate factors, such as frost and rainfall, it could be soil factors, such as drainage and nutrients, or it could be pests and diseases, such as insect, fungal or bacterial attack. I think the brushtail possums give the others a hard time by browsing the foliage faster than the trees can replace it, but I doubt that the Omeo Gum is spared from this treatment. The tree is planted outside my bedroom window, in the northern bed at the western end of the house, and I can certainly attest to the fact that it is regularly visited by Mr Leadboots and his brethren, just about every night!

The downside of having even a small eucalypt next to the house is twofold. One, the root system can impact on the house foundations by both physically contracting the structure and by their function of providing water and nutrients to the tree and thereby removing it from

the ground, causing ground movement. Two, although providing shade, the canopy of the tree is forever dropping twigs and leaves on to the roof and into the guttering, requiring regular cleaning. The tree is mature, having been planted there at least 20 years ago, and has reached its adult size of about 10 metres tall and broad. It has several main branches that tower over the roof and there is always the risk that these might be weakened by borers or damaged by weather, and end up falling on the house. I've already removed one branch of about 150mm in diameter that the grubs had munched on enough to cause it to lean suspended in the canopy. A wiser bloke than I would probably remove the tree, but I like it enough to risk the chance that it might land on me one day.

Sources: Sharr – WA Plant Names and their Meanings, Elliot & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 4, Costermans – Native Trees and Shrubs of South-eastern Australia, 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.

## Job Shadow Day leads to jobs

A one day job shadow experience has turned into career employment for local disadvantaged job seekers. Job Shadow Day is a Work Solutions Gippsland initiative aimed at local employers, providing people with disability and other barriers to employment the practical experience of working life.

"Under the program, employers host a number of participants who shadow employees as they go about their work for the day," Work Solutions Yvonne Fawcett said. The program allows participants to experience the world of work and different roles first hand, and provides employers and their staff the opportunity to appreciate having a person with a

disability, injury or health condition in their workplace.

"Over 200 jobseekers enjoyed the opportunity to shadow an employee from one of our amazing Gippsland employers. Small, medium and larger employers all opened their doors," Ms Fawcett said. Gippsland Water Managing Director Sarah Cumming said Job Shadow Day helps open up opportunities for the organisation, by shining a light on diversity and equality. "We are committed to being a high performing, inclusive workplace that reflects the community we serve," Ms Cumming said. "The fact that we have since employed two people as a result of Job Shadow Day and ongoing

relationship with Work Solutions confirms the value of this wonderful initiative."

Hayden, a program participant, is now working in Gippsland Water's Major Systems team, making full use of his tertiary education in engineering. Employment was also offered to Janet, who is helping to implement a new data system within the organisation's wastewater group. Janet's similar experience in volunteer organisations suited the needs for this project. "Hayden and Janet are providing real value to our business and through our relationship with Work Solutions Gippsland, we now have access to another great source of local talent," Ms Cumming concluded.

## Good Bye from Friends of Latrobe City Libraries

The Friends of Latrobe City Libraries recently held their final meeting.

A number of people have been involved throughout the sixteen year period but the closure of the group has come about due to the age and health of members.

The Friends would like

to sincerely thank all the community which has assisted with donations of books and setting up for numerous Book Sales over the past sixteen years.

Without their help we would not have been able to raise the \$57,000 plus which has been used by the Library

Service for school holiday programs, digital training equipment and courses, furniture, specialised books, writer's visits etc.

The Friends also wish to say thank you to all the public who have supported the Book Sales throughout the sixteen years.

## Harriet Shing MP



With the school holidays nearly upon us again, it is time for a reminder to travel safely on the roads particularly with the increased volume of tourist traffic in the region and variable weather conditions after such a dry summer.

Make sure everyone is buckled up, that your driver is well rested and you have a fabulous destination in mind on our ever improving Gippsland roads. There is so much evidence of the great works happening to improve our roads at the moment.

An important reminder to all public transport users while building works continue on the MMT project, buses will replace trains on the Gippsland line between April 6 and 23. Please plan ahead and allow extra time for travel, and remember that travel on the affected parts of the network will be free of charge during this time. For more info visit <https://www.vline.com.au/Service-Changes/Planned-Disruptions>

Where will you be spending your time over the school term holiday and Easter break?

An exciting campaign, only recently announced, may assist in your travel plans for the upcoming holidays. The Gippsland GIPPS – all kinds of wonder- LAND campaign highlights that Gippsland is open for business and ready to welcome visitors.

Whether you plan a

day trip with family or an extended stay somewhere in our beautiful region, why not stay local on these holidays and help the local economy?

Gippsland is a region that has it all – natural and cultural brilliance, a foodie's paradise, and some of the warmest hospitality you'll ever find.

The new campaign led by Visit Victoria and Destination Gippsland, will showcase the region's hidden attractions, food and wine experiences and lesser known areas from historic towns and lush vineyards to pristine beaches and alpine forests.

For those whose preference is somewhere by the ocean, Wilson's Promontory is open again after the recent fires and work has commenced to return the Gippsland Lakes to an iconic recreational fishing destination – perfect for a day trip or a longer stay.

Closer to home, Mount Baw Baw and Walhalla are amongst the key

destinations featured in the Visit Victoria's 'Your Happy Space' and 'Wander Victoria' campaigns.

The calibre of the sporting and recreation centres in the Latrobe Valley will continue to expand and develop, providing your family members with many opportunities to exercise, play and compete throughout the year and on school holidays.

Latrobe City Council runs a variety of activities through programs such as the School Holiday Program. More details can be found here - [http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Our\\_Services/Childrens\\_Support\\_Services/School\\_Holiday\\_Program](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Our_Services/Childrens_Support_Services/School_Holiday_Program)

Recently, I had the pleasure of participating in the sod turning for the Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre. This centre will provide a 50-metre competition pool with spectator seating, a 25-metre outdoor pool, warm water pool, indoor water play areas, water slides, gym, geothermal heating and a wellness centre.

This state of the art Aquatic Centre will be a huge boost for local pride, competition and liveability in the Valley.

The Traralgon Indoor Sports Stadium will also be expanded to include additional courts for netball, basketball, badminton and other indoor sports, allowing it to host large-scale events.

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# Friends of Morwell National Park



Over this month, the major event that has affected the Park has been a bushfire which started on March 2 in Yinnar South and travelled into the southern parts of the Park. As a result Morwell National Park is closed and this resulted in the planned March activity being cancelled since the Park was closed.

There will be no activity report or John's Jottings this month and instead we will have a special edition about the bushfire. They will both return next month.

### Yinnar South-Budgeree bushfire

The Yinnar South-Budgeree bushfire started near Yinnar South on Saturday March 2. Two homes were destroyed and a total of 1927 hectares were burnt.

An emergency warning was issued for people living in the affected areas (Budgeree, Budgeree East, Grand Ridge, Jeeralang, Jeeralang Junction, Jeeralang North, Jumbuk, Yinnar, Yinnar South and Jumbuk Road over the period

of March 2 to 6. The fire slowly crept into Morwell National Park overnight on Sunday.

The bushfire entered the park through the southern boundary and burnt in the Silvertop Hill, Muttonwood Creek and Stringybark Ridge areas of the Park.

The weather conditions for the next two days were favourable for firefighters with light winds of consistent direction. These conditions helped to restrict the fire to a small section of the Park. The following Wednesday saw 5-10mm of rain fall on the area.

During the fire incidents there were multiple road closures.

In the days that followed many local schools closed including local preschools, primary schools, Kurnai College's two Churchill campuses, the Gippsland campus of Federation University and Federation Training.

Matt and Ken have spoken about their concern about

losing entire populations of plant species known to live in the southern section of the park burnt by fire. One concern is that there are a number of small ground covers and little flowering plants that we have only recorded in that end of the park.

Morwell National Park is primarily dry sclerophyll forest and is home to about 40 different species of native orchid, including the flying duck orchid and butterfly orchid. It was created in 1967 after locals watched farmland encroach on the Strzelecki Ranges.

The fire got close to Foster's Gully but it stopped in time. The butterfly orchid, which is the most special plant in the Park, would be very severely damaged if not destroyed if a fire ever got into Foster's Gully.

Butterfly Orchids are very uncommon in Victoria. There are a few at Wilson's Prom, there's a colony in Foster's Gully, and there are very few in the Dandenong Ranges.

The Friends of Morwell

National Park want to thank the CFA and all the fire crews who "don't seem to get the praise", including Parks Victoria, Forest Fire Management, Victoria Police, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and HVP Plantations.

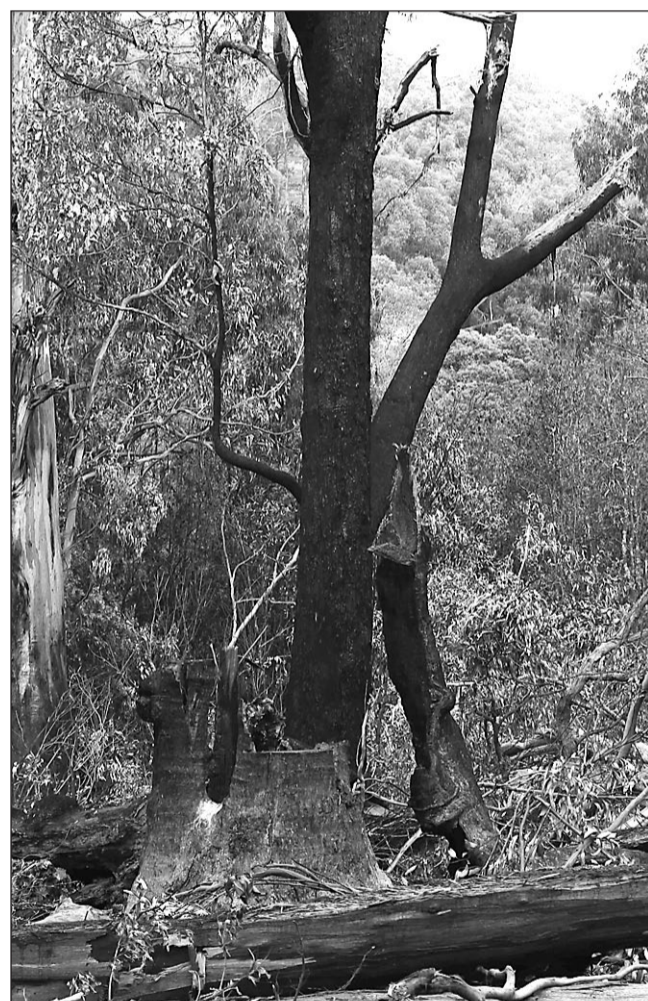
Following are photos showing the damage in Morwell National Park from the Yinnar South-Budgeree bushfire.

These photos show some of the branches and trees down across Stringybark Ridge Track.

### April Activity

Sunday April 21, 10.00am  
The group will meet in the Kerry Road car park to complete track maintenance.

This is a change from the original calendar and is based on needing to do some post bushfire track work. The planned nesting box survey will be delayed to a future activity. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.



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# STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



## Greetings Stamps

February 1990 saw the first of Australia's Greetings stamps. They were issued to be used on letters to people who were celebrating a particular event in their lives. The design was a bunch of Australian wildflowers and the words 'Thinking of You'. They were following an idea which was growing across the English-speaking world which was designed to bring people closer together, be it from within family or from friends. Whether the sentiment worked or not is a moot point but the idea persists and has broadened to include a number of other countries.

Our second issue followed in 1992 featuring a basket of flowers and the same inscription. The third issue followed in 1994 and featured

Your unwanted plants and books can help save lives! Our amazing Plant and Book Sales are happening again in May 2019 and we are asking the Gippsland Community for their generous donations.

Lifeline Gippsland CEO Michelle Possingham said "The month of May will be upon us before we know, so we are reaching out to all plant propagators asking them to don those gardening gloves, and book lovers to check their shelves for unwanted books to help us to make the upcoming plant and book sales a roaring success."

a red rose, a yellow tulip and poppies and the inscription was changed to 'LOVE'. In 1995 and 1996 stamps were issued for Valentine's Day and can be loosely allied to the Greetings stamp family. 1998 saw the next Greetings stamp, a champagne rose with no inscription. The next issue was in 1999 and featured a pair of red roses, again with no inscription.

Later that year a set of six Greetings stamps was issued. Each had a se-tenant (stamps joined together when printed) label with a particular greeting. The first featured a calligraphy pen and a letter, the attached label reading 'Thinking of You', the second was wedding rings with 'Congratulations' on the label, the third a birthday cake with 'Happy Birthday' on the label, the fourth a teddy bear

with 'New Baby' on the label, the fifth a Christmas ornament with the label reading 'Happy Christmas'. These were all 45c stamps. The sixth was a \$1.00 stamp featuring a koala, the label reading 'Greetings'. This last stamp was for parcel post. Later that year you could personalise the labels by providing a family photo to Australia Post and the photos were printed on the labels beside the stamp. These were in sheets of 20 stamps.

To celebrate the Millennium, an international Greetings stamp was issued showing fireworks and a hologram reading 1999/2000. The inscription read 'Celebrating 2000' and was repeated on the sheet borders. From this time, the labels could also advertise special events such as EXPO 2000 both in Australia and

overseas. In 2000 the issue of 5x45c stamps featured a daisy, Australia on a globe, a red kangaroo on an Australian flag, a beach scene and a rainforest scene. The labels explained the design.

The personalised designs went much further, featuring all sorts of pictures including sporting club logos and players, and Paralympian of the year. Further issues followed each year and will no doubt continue. The Greetings stamp has developed into a collecting group of its own and collectors can decide how far they go collecting the myriad of attached labels. Greetings stamps with family photos are not common but the odd one turns up now and again in a discarded collection. At present they have no extra value, but who knows what the future will bring?

and ultimately, save lives" concluded Ms Possingham.

People wishing to donate items for either sale can do so by dropping them into any of our Lifeline Gippsland shops at Churchill, Lakes Entrance, Moe, Morwell, Sale, Traralgon and Wonthaggi at least one fortnight prior to each event. Each event is held over two days with our plant sale to be held Thursday May 9 to Friday May 10 followed by the book sale on Thursday May 23 to Friday May 24. For further information please visit our website [www.llg.org.au](http://www.llg.org.au) or call us on 5136 3500.

## SCAMWATCH

### Payment demanded by gift card? It's a scam

Gift cards are increasingly the payment method of choice for scammers. Scamwatch reports show more than \$5 million was lost in 2018, a 38 per cent increase compared with 2017. iTunes cards accounted for \$3.1 million in losses — a 156 per cent increase from the \$1.23 million reported in 2017. However Scamwatch has also seen an increase in reports involving other gift cards such as Google Play, Amazon, and Steam cards, and Australia Post Load & Go prepaid debit cards. Losses to scams where non-iTunes gift cards were used as payment increased by 530 per cent in 2018 to around \$1 million.

"Scammers like to get gift cards as payment as it's easy for them to quickly sell them on secondary markets and pocket the cash," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"It's concerning that the scammers are now demanding payment in other forms of gift cards. This is likely in response to scam warnings about using iTunes cards for paying scammers that are in stores like supermarkets and on the cards themselves. It's clear the scammers are diversifying their payments to try to get around these warnings, so it's vital people are aware that no legitimate company or government agency will ever ask you to make a payment with any sort of gift card," Ms Rickard said.

There are several common types of scams involving gift cards:

#### ATO impersonation scams

The scammer pretends to be from the Australian Taxation Office and claims there is a warrant for their victim's arrest. The scammer asks the victim to pay an

immediate 'fine' using gift cards or bitcoin, and claims police will come and arrest them if not.

#### Catch-a-hacker scam

The scammer calls and pretends to be from a law-enforcement agency or internet provider and convinces the victim they are trying to trace the location of a hacker who has compromised the victim's computer. They claim they can do this by sending money from the victim's bank account or via gift card serial numbers.

Victims are also tricked into giving up personal details with the promise of gift cards. Scammers entice victims to participate in surveys by promising gift cards as a prize, however the surveys extract personal information such as your name, date of birth, address details and even financial details like your credit card or bank number

"If anyone asks for payment using a gift card, it is a scam, simple as that," Ms Rickard said.

"If you paid a scammer with a gift card, report it as soon as possible. Call the company that issued the gift card and tell them the gift card was used in a scam. It's very difficult to get your money back but the sooner you report it, the better your chances."

Businesses that sell iTunes, Google Wallet and similar gift cards are encouraged to inform their staff about these scams so that they can help warn customers.

"If staff are informed they can identify the warning signs of a scam when they notice a customer spending large amounts of money on gift cards," Ms Rickard said.

People can also make a report on the Scamwatch website, or find more information about where to get help.

## Lifeline

For our plant sale we are seeking donations of indoor and outdoor plants of all varieties - roses, orchids, shrubs, grasses, bulbs etc. We would also appreciate donations of pots, gardening tools, furniture, ornaments - anything of a gardening nature will be put to very good use!

As for the book sale, we're looking for books of all types, both fiction and non-fiction, as well as board

games, trading cards, comic books, graphic novels and manga (published in Japan).

"We are a predominantly self-funded organisation, so all of our fundraising events are vital activities to help us raise much needed funds to support our 24-hour Telephone Crisis Support Service 13 11 14, and to assist with running other vital mental health programs that help our Gippsland community each year,

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## Yinnar South fires

It saddens me greatly to once again be writing about yet another bushfire event – the recent Yinnar South fires. With the loss of two local homes, the destruction of numerous outbuildings and sheds and the razing of large tracts of land, we are again in a situation whereby I must acknowledge the efforts of those who fought to bring the fire under control and to manage the community impacts.

Our volunteer and career fire fighters across various agencies and organisations, emergency services personnel, Victoria Police, those who contributed their time and efforts at relief centres or who opened their home to others in need, I thank you all. The generosity and responsiveness of our community never ceases to amaze me. Individually we stand strong but together we are mighty.

For those needing further information or assistance please note the State Government is offering case work support to help individuals sort through the various services on offer. This will ensure a “best fit” approach with information tailored to meet the specific needs of the individual. To access this service please call the help line on 1800 560 760.

## Churchill community twilight festival

Earlier this month I was fortunate to attend the Churchill Twilight Festival, a celebration of life through music with artists performing orchestral music right through to a demonstration of traditional dance by the Boorun Boys. There were activities, food stalls and a friendly bunch of people who helped on the night – all the makings of a fabulous way to spend a few hours on a Saturday evening. Many thanks to the organisers and in particular Churchill Neighbourhood House for putting together a family friendly event that was affordable, accessible and fun!

## Update on Hazelwood House

I have had the opportunity for a sit down and catch up with representatives from Benetas together with members of the Churchill & District Community Association to further discuss Benetas’ management plan for the proposed closure of Hazelwood House residential aged care facility.

At this stage, there has been no change to the decision for closure despite representation from the community across various forums.

I will continue to fight and advocate for Churchill residents in ensuring there are quality aged care services and facilities in the town into the

future.

The Churchill & District Community Association has initiated a petition to advocate for Hazelwood House to remain open. The petition was enormously well supported by so many within the community, which demonstrates how important Hazelwood House is. The petition will be tabled into the Federal Parliament for the Parliament’s consideration and our aim is to see aged care accommodation to continue to be available within the Churchill township.

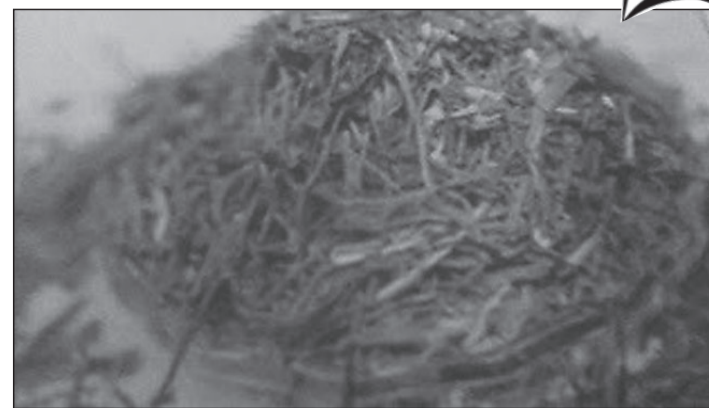
## Pondage closure petition

We have had a terrific response to the petition initiated to fight for Hazelwood Pondage to reopen for public use.

In signing the petition individuals, businesses and organisations have made it clear that they do not agree that the Pondage must close and want all options to be fully explored and considered. Our petitions both online and in hard copy have been signed by thousands of people which is vindication of how many cherish Hazelwood Pondage and what it has to offer.

In the coming weeks I will be collating the petitions to table in Parliament and will once again advocate for the Pondage to reopen for public use. A sincere thank you to those who have worked so hard to circulate these petitions.

# Cooking with Noelene



## Egyptian Chicken

Remove the skin from 12 chicken legs.

Peel and slice 2 onions into 1/4 inch thickness.

Remove the seeds from both a green and red capsicum, slice into 1/4 inch thickness.

Trim and slice 3 celery sticks.

Prepare the bowl of your slow cooker with a brush of peanut oil.

Place the sliced vegetables into the slow cooker along with 500ml of chicken stock.

Spread crunchy peanut butter over the chicken legs and sprinkle with chilli powder.

Place the chicken legs in the slow cooker on the sliced vegetables.

Do not stir.

Cover your slow cooker and cook on low for 6 hours.

Serve with wild rice.

Delicious

## Green tea ice cream

I am a fan of tea leaves as an ingredient in cooking. Tea has an amazing list of health benefits.

Green tea has catechin – the tea’s bitter component that eliminates toxins caused by bacteria.

It can even prevent the bacteria that causes bad breath.

Green tea is rich in Vitamin E, which works as an antioxidant, it also aids digestion and rejuvenates the body.

This is the best way to rejuvenate after a heavy meal with or without alcohol.

Heat 1 cup of full cream milk and 1/4 cup of castor sugar to a gentle simmer.

Sprinkle with 2 tbs of green tea leaves or the contents of 8 green tea teabags.

Stir and allow to cool.

Chill overnight.

Next day strain through a sieve.

Gently heat the milk to just warm.

Lightly whisk 4 egg yolks.

Pour the lightly beaten egg yolks into the warmed milk over a low heat and whisk continuously till the custard starts to thicken.

Cool, stir in 1 cup of cream, 1 tsp of lime juice, 1 drop of green food colouring.

Mix well.

Churn in your ice cream machine, follow manufacturer’s directions.

Freeze until ready to serve.

## Lemon and coconut slice

Grease a loose bottom flan pan.

Pour 1cup of condensed

milk into a small saucepan along with 200gm of margarine/butter.

Warm over a medium heat stirring until the butter melts.

Set aside.

Place 400gm of plain wheaten biscuits in the processor, process to a fine crumb.

Put into a large bowl and add 2 x 250ml cups of desiccated coconut, the grated rind of 1 lemon and 40ml (2 tbs) of lemon juice.

Add the butter mixture and stir with a wooden spoon till combined.

Press the combined mixture into the prepared flan pan.

Refrigerate till firm (90 minutes).

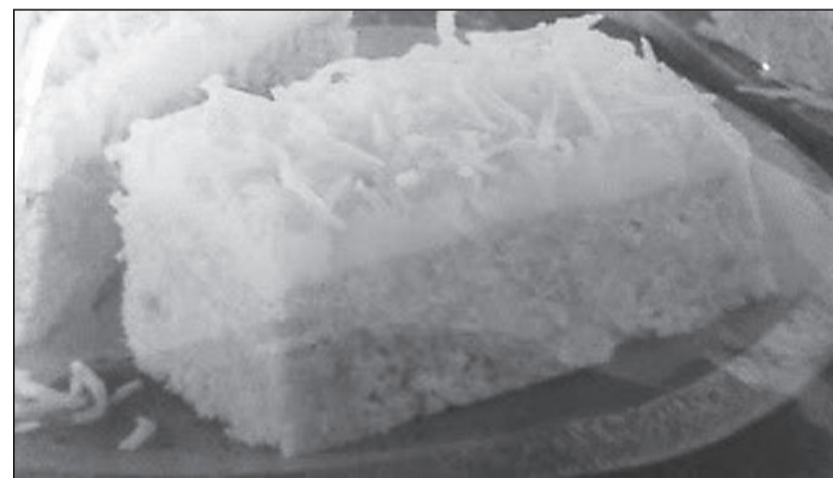
## To make the slice topping

Place 2 cups of icing sugar in a large bowl with 40gm of margarine, 2 1/2 tbs of lemon juice, 3/4 cup of shredded coconut and beat with a wooden spoon till smooth.

Spread icing over the slice and place back in refrigerator for 45 minutes.

Remove from pan and slice as required.

You can serve with fresh fruit or garnish with thinly sliced lime rind - optional.



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## Book Review

# “The Great Fire” by Shirley Hazzard

Shirley Hazzard was born in Sydney in 1931 and moved to the United States twenty years later, where she worked for the United Nations. In 2003 she received the National Book Award and a Miles Franklin Award for “The Great Fire”. Her other works include “The Transit of Venus”, “The Bay of Noon” and “The Evening of the Holiday”.

The story begins in 1947 in American occupied Japan. The main character, thirty-two year old Major Aldred Leith, is a decorated British serviceman who has been sent to investigate the survivors and bombing of Hiroshima. He is the son of a famous author who wrote about love but was described by Aldred as “loveless”. Aldred had a sister who died and after that he accompanied his parents, who were constantly on the move, all over the world.

He was married, but the marriage fizzled out during the war, so he is now divorced. Prior to going to Japan, he had spent two years in China.

On arrival in Japan he makes contact with Professor Gardiner, an ex prisoner of war who is in very poor health, and receives a briefing on his new appointment. He describes the Driscolls and their family and the environment in which Aldred will be living.

Brigadier Driscoll and his wife are Australians, very controlling and very unpopular. They have a married daughter living in Honolulu and two other children, Benedict who is terminally ill and his younger sister Helen, who is in effect, Ben’s carer. The parents are extremely ambitious and had left the two younger children in the care of a tutor

in London when they took up their posting in Japan. Fortunately the tutor, Bertrand, was wonderful and the children, who are both highly intelligent, received an excellent education as well as tender care. Now in Japan, they live together in a small house away from their parents.

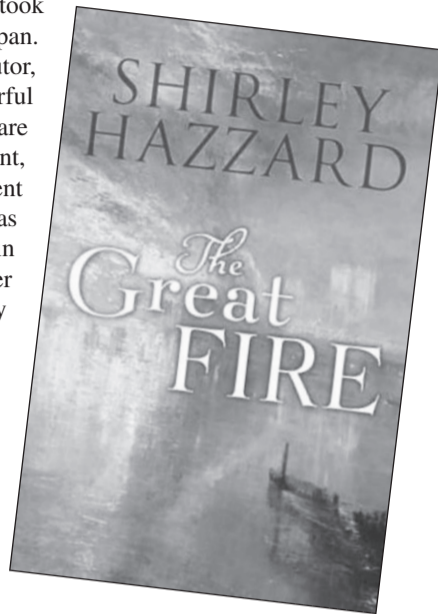
Aldred arrives at the base in time for dinner and here he meets Ben, referred to by his mother as “our tragedy”, and is struck by the boy’s intellect and conversation. He also meets Helen, who seems very young. After dinner, on a walk, Aldred witnesses Driscoll publically verbally abusing a young Japanese boy who has been used as an interpreter.

Next morning Aldred discovers his body – he has committed suicide, and Aldred has to write a report. During his time in Japan he forms a deep and close relationship with Ben and Helen, and actually falls in love with Helen. He knows she is too young for this relationship, but senses her feelings for him are reciprocated.

During the course of the story, Aldred is back and forth to Japan and the relationship continues, largely through letters.

When the Driscolls leave Japan to take up a position in New Zealand, Ben is sent to California for further treatment and later dies, and Helen eventually goes to New Zealand.

Aldred returns to London after the death of his father and decides to leave the army and make preparations for



Helen to join him.

This was a dense and challenging book to read and not many of us enjoyed it.

There were many characters who played a small part in the story, and Aldred travelled to many places during the course of the book, meaning there were times when we had to back-track to see which country we were in and if we were in the past or present.

The story took place at a time of social and cultural change, and a time when there were many displaced people. One of the things that stood out in the story was the way communications have changed.

Handwritten letters were awaited with expectation and impatience as they took a long time to arrive, and overseas phone calls had to be booked ahead of time.

This was the love story of a decent man who considered the well-being and reputation of the young woman he cared so deeply about and waited for her to reach the maturity required for their relationship.

## Latrobe Valley health champion



A Latrobe Valley health champion is showing the community how fruit and vegetables are not only key to leading a healthy lifestyle, but they are also easy to grow.

Avid gardener John Mauger has this year published his first book, ‘Let’s Grow Food’, and will continue to deliver gardening workshops across the Latrobe Valley.

The author and health champion has garnered support from Latrobe Community Health Service and the Latrobe Health Assembly to see ‘Let’s Grow Food’ come to life.

Through the project, Mr Mauger hopes to increase the community’s knowledge and appreciation of fresh food, and show them how they can grow the produce themselves.

“Mr Mauger has been working with Latrobe Community Health Service’s Primary Prevention team on the release of his new book, setting up gardening workshops across the Latrobe Valley to encourage people to grow their own herbs and vegetables,” Latrobe Community Health Service Health Promotion Officer

Robert Preston said.

“These workshops have been quite successful and well-received, so the team is set to deliver a further five workshops across the community, teaching people how to create their own vegetable garden on a budget.”

Mr Mauger has had a long association with Latrobe Community Health Service. He is part of the Health Champions Latrobe network, a community-led movement that empowers and supports individuals to create a healthier Latrobe Valley.

He has also recently led an initiative that involved the redistribution of seeds to the community – this had the potential to grow produce that equated to 33 tonnes of food.

“I’d encourage everyone to come along to a workshop near them, or to grab a copy of ‘Let’s Grow Food’, which starts at the very beginning of the food growing process and guides people every step of the way, using simple instructions that allow people to have success very quickly,” Mr Preston said.

“Through his Let’s Grow Food project, Mr Mauger has shown us how food truly sustains us, brings us

together, is enjoyed in social celebrations and is a rich part of many cultural traditions.”

Latrobe Community Health Service Aged and Community Care Executive Director Alison Skeldon congratulated Mr Mauger for being a true health champion.

“I would like to congratulate Mr Mauger – not only for his wonderful guide to growing your own food, but for his passion and commitment to making the Latrobe Valley a healthier place, one veggie garden at a time,” Ms Skeldon said.

### Workshop for Churchill

Let’s Grow Food community workshops are taking place again this year, with a workshop scheduled for **Churchill on May 8**.

To find a workshop near you and to register, visit [www.latrobehealthchampions.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.latrobehealthchampions.eventbrite.com.au)

To grab a copy of the book, please email [healthchampions@lchs.com.au](mailto:healthchampions@lchs.com.au)

If you would like to join or find out more about the Health Champions Latrobe network, phone

1800 242 696 and ask to speak with the Primary Prevention team.

## Russell Northe acknowledges community leaders

Member for Morwell Russell Northe, recently in Parliament, acknowledged enormous contributions from two incredible leaders in our community. “Today in Parliament, I’ve paid tribute today to two upstanding members of our region, who have worked tirelessly for many years to improve the lives of people in our towns”, Mr Northe said. “Their drive and commitment to building long-lasting infrastructure and provide support to the ageing and ill, is exemplary.

I was delighted to recognise the contributions of Lorraine Bartling, the powerhouse of leadership and drive that over fifty years shaped the aged care service we know as Yallabee and Margery Cole of Traralgon”, Mr Northe said. “Lorraine has now stepped down from her volunteer services but leaves a half a century legacy of extraordinary contributions

and quality aged care support. I’ve also had the pleasure of working with Ken Peake, the inaugural Chairman of Gippsland Rotary Centenary House over many years”, Mr Northe said.

“Under his stewardship, Centenary House was built from the ground up, delivering life-changing services to the community. This took years of hard work, advocacy, fundraising, negotiations and

community consultation - and a lot of passion and dedication from Ken.

These community leaders demonstrate upstanding and long-term commitment, selfless service and an incredible contribution to the Latrobe Valley”, Mr Northe said. “I’ve acknowledged them in Parliament today, as a tribute to their legacy and as a highly deserved thank you on behalf of our community”.

## Permanent closure of Hazelwood Pondage

The Hazelwood Pondage will be permanently closed to all public access following an internal review of technical reports.

The pondage has been temporarily closed since June 2018 following a report from dam experts, which found the Pondage walls had deteriorated significantly with age since they were constructed in the 1960s.

The report found the walls no longer complied with the requirements of the Australian National Committee on Large Dams (ANCOLD).

These findings were subsequently confirmed through an independent third-party review.

Project Director, Tony Innocenzi, said he understood the community’s connection to the Hazelwood Pondage.

“As the owner of the Pondage, we’re responsible for managing these risks, and we simply will not compromise on community safety,” Mr Innocenzi said.

“We understand that community members and users of the Pondage will be disappointed with the loss of such a well-known asset, but we see no other option.”

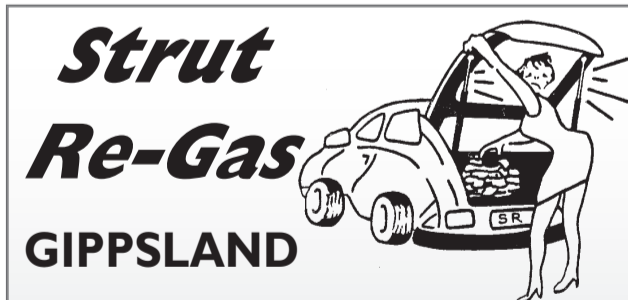
The reduction of the water level by a further 1.7 metres to alleviate pressure on the dam walls continues, within daily operating limits as approved by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

Mr Innocenzi said regular visual inspections of the pondage walls remain in place, along with real time survey monitoring on the embankment walls of both Eel Hole Creek and Switchback Road.



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# YINNAR SOUTH FIRES 2019



HVP Plantations has confirmed that the Yinnar South – Budgeree Fire has impacted on plantations and our native forest in the area.

About 650 hectares, a mix of different ages, some old and some younger were burnt.

Simon Gatt, manager of the Churchill office, thinks that hopefully it won't have an impact on the future of HVP as it is comparatively small in contrast to the overall plantation areas owned by HVP.

HVP crews worked alongside CFA and Forest Fire Management Victoria to contain the fire. They drew on more than 50 firefighters from Gippsland and across the state. They provided aircraft and heavy machinery such as tankers, bulldozers and graders.

One machine, the super tanker, was a new machine and was used for the first time this summer. It has a water capacity

32,000 litres and the ability to go off road along forest tracks and fire breaks.

All harvesting equipment that was in the fire vicinity was also safely relocated.

HVP believe they were able to make a significant contribution to putting out the fire.

They thank the other agencies with whom they worked and everyone in the community who is working tirelessly on the fire management effort.

Simon Gatt said he is exceptionally proud of the HVP crews both on the ground and supporting in the office who worked long and hard hours to help bring the fire to the contained stage.

Next steps for HVP will be having some crews controlling along fire lines then slowly scaling back into the recovery stage where they will assess the fire consequences and look at what they can replant after making that evaluation.

### Yinnar South - Budgeree Traralgon Incident Control Centre

The Yinnar fire was officially declared

contained on March 17. The current fire size is 1,939ha and the fire ground continues to be very quiet with the major focus being on treating hotspots. All hotspots have been checked at least once and a proportion have been checked twice or three times. Fixed wing aircraft are monitoring the area for hot spots and reporting them so that they can be either fire bombed by helicopters or dealt with by CFA crews.

Break out will continue to occur until we receive good rains.

Stabilisation work has started across the fire ground and works on the HVP Plantations land will be completed soon including fall back lines.

Private land assessment for stabilisation of control lines and fence damage has started. Latrobe City Council treatment of hazardous trees on public roads will also be completed.

The control centre at Yinnar Recreation Reserve has moved from the Football Club rooms to the Cricket Club rooms. The Relief Centre at Yinnar will continue to be staffed by Latrobe City Council. Morwell National Park is closed until further notice.



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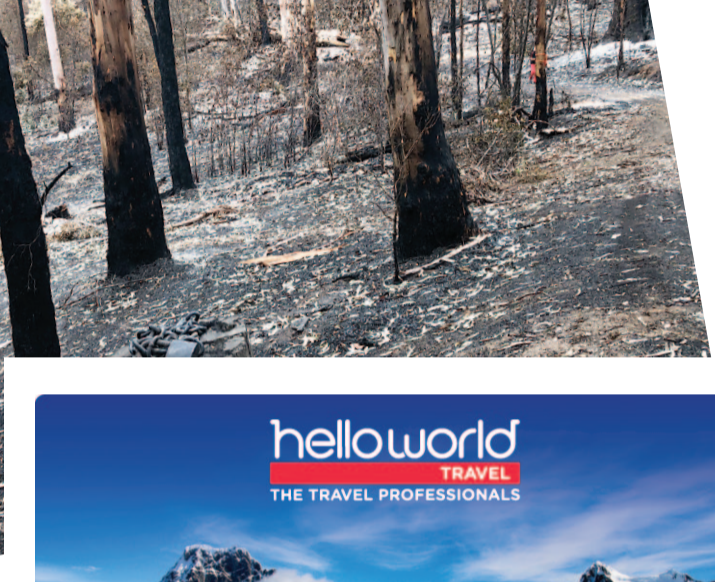
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8. 15 - 17 story
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# Market Day at FedUni



Market Day was held at FedUni on February 27. Community groups and organisations were invited to be present to show the first

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# Churchill Lions



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Being in Lions is rewarding, fun, challenging and satisfying. You meet folks from all walks of life and get to know your community.

As a Club, that is what Churchill Lions did in the recent fires - giving their time freely to serve the community and help those affected by the

fires. Even though it was a serious event, the Lions found it fun to do, and in doing so were able to better know their community and the community leaders through interacting with them in a positive manner.

Churchill Lions support schools, sporting clubs, service clubs and others like Churchill & District News.

When you see the Lion's van and them cooking a BBQ they are raising money for a community project or supporting a community event.

This is what they did many years ago when they worked tirelessly to raise

funds to build Hazelwood House. The Lions along with the community, are very sad that after all that hard work our community may see this facility lost. It was built so that our local elderly could have a home and care when they needed it.

Churchill Lions is a vibrant and active group and they are always looking for new members, especially some younger ones who are up with the new technology and can help in this way. But they also suggest that if you are working or newly retired, Lions may be an outlet for your community spirit to contribute.

# Mathison Park



So glad so many folks like visiting Mathison Park, walking through the trees and around the lake and using the picnic and play facilities so frequently.

It makes the working bee volunteers really happy to see that their hard work is appreciated.

In March we had two working bees. The first was to remove a pile of tangled wire and concrete near the small boardwalk and then remove the dead willow on the lake side of the small boardwalk. The pile of branches resulting was then taken load by load to the burn pile near Tramway Road.

Although lots of other jobs were planned for the morning, time ran out with those two items the ones achieved. A well-earned cuppa with fresh scones, jam and cream helped replenish energy to continue this effort.

The second was to plant twenty ficifolias (flowering gums) along the lake side of the eastern pathway. We would very much appreciate it if you see anyone removing tree guards or stakes, to have a word and ask them not to as they help protect the young plants from the kangaroos which have taken a liking to the park. As there has been so little rain, volunteers will be

watering the new trees to keep them flourishing. The hope is to have a complete line of flowering gums along the lake side of the eastern pathway to add colour and shade.

Over recent weeks there has been a number of spoonbills visiting again. The ones with black bills are Royal Spoonbills and the ones with yellow bills and feet are Yellow Billed Spoonbills. It is fascinating to watch them feed as they swing their bills back and forth in the water ahead of them, as they walk through the shallow water of the lake, feeding, or at times, in the water of the small dam with its receding water level.

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# Churchill Community Festival



We Rocked!

It was new, different, may be a little challenging for some of us who have two left feet, but we rocked, we waltzed, we sang, we celebrated!

Duenna brought beautiful singing to tantalise, the Boorun Boys brought us mesmerising dance and music from the traditional owners of this land, the Gunai Kurnai; BAM Allstars brought us breath-taking energy and pace; Latrobe and Francis Orchestra String Ensemble took us back to melodious waltzes of the sixteenth century; Norm and Beth from Latrobe Valley Dance Promotions brought us twirling forward to the modern waltz, and at last the Space Between let us rest a little, until the guitar chords got us up and dancing again as the night set in.

We loved it.

Thank you to everyone who participated:

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Face Bookers who shared the posts, local Primary Schools and the businesses which promoted the event in their shop windows or on their Face Book pages, Fiona who distributed the flyers, and Bronwyn who organised them.

On the day Staff and Support: mocktail preparation and sales, Anne, Meagan and Melissa, our site preparation team, Milton, Tim, Rebecca, Tom, our ushers Tenille, Jeanie, and Jacqui, our photographers Susan and Brenda, our MC Bronwyn, Hazelwood Rotary, our sausage sizzlers, our Community Event First Aid team, Den and the Latrobe Street Games Team, Councillor Darrell White OAM, Edith from Latrobe City Council, Gabby our security officer, and the CFA who gave us light!

### Foil Back

We've opened our Slam Dunk Foil Back container at the Community Hub in Philip Parade.

So what is that? Ok, it's a plastic container that looks a bit like a basketball hoop, and we want you to aim balls of used aluminium foil, and score a goal for recycling!

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Separating foil out from other recycling helps to make the most of its recycling

potential.

Foil lids from yogurt pots, foil lolly wrappers, foil you use to keep the bottom of your oven clean, foil trays from last night's takeaway... If you have tiny bits of foil, squish lots of bits together – tennis ball size is good. Or place them in a foil container you also want to recycle and squish that.

Here are the rules : Clean, Squish, Aim, GOAL!

From Churchill Collective: Churchill & District News, Churchill and District Community Association and Churchill Neighbourhood Centre!

### Guess who is coming to dinner?

On an evening quite soon, all the fire trucks will be driven out of the fire station building, we'll put up tables, spread the white tablecloths, fold the napkins, and polish the cutlery and glasses until they sparkle while we wait until the Churchill CFA volunteer firefighters finish training.

Yes, we're inviting our fire station to dinner! Want to help?

Either help us set up, serve and clear, or make a contribution to the costs:

\$15 for a main course

\$5 for a beverage

\$10 for a dessert

If you donate, you will receive an exclusive fridge magnet to remind you of your goodwill gesture. If donations exceed our catering requirements, we will give the remainder to the CFA.

Contact us at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre on 5120 3850 or email [info@churchill.org.au](mailto:info@churchill.org.au) for more information. Thank you!



Bam Allstars



Above - Norm and Mary from Latrobe Valley Dance Promotions  
Below - Margaret from CDCA using Foil Back at the Churchill Hub



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# Churchill Fire Brigade



Captain Steve Barling and Firefighter Allan Larkin with Churchill North Primary School children.



Members reading the good will messages at their recent monthly meeting.

Three members of the Churchill Brigade were invited to assembly at Churchill North Primary School to receive some wonderful books of pictures and messages, thanking the fire brigade for the amazing work done to put out the bushfire and keep everyone safe.

The books were taken to the meeting at the station that night and were greatly admired.

As it wasn't just Churchill brigade involved those books will be shared among the other brigades of the group so that the children's thanks are wide spread.

Thank you Churchill North Primary School children for your wonderful efforts.

The brigade was deeply touched by your sincere messages and fantastic work.

### The Yinnar South fire

The fire, started by lightning, ignited in a gully.

It was slow burning and the winds were favourable, but the terrain was steep and

mostly inaccessible.

The atmosphere was dry with low humidity.

The trees already stressed by the prolonged dry period with little rain made them susceptible to falling after the fire went through. This made conditions very hazardous for the fire crews and still poses a risk for those who have returned to their homes.

Please be vigilant within the burnt out areas for trees on properties.

If you have problems, please contact DELWP (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning) in Traralgon.

Even though it was difficult to fight due to the very steep terrain and appliances were limited due to other major fires in Victoria, all CFA crews - both volunteers and staff, plus other agencies - DELWP, HVP (Hancock Victoria Plantations), and Forest Fire Management, Police and the fire-bombing craft worked extremely tirelessly to ensure community assets

were number one priority for protection.

Large fire breaks were constructed to protect properties and to try to stop the spread of the fire.

There were lots of spot fires which explains why there are some unburnt areas in between the burnt out areas.

Brigades included Churchill, Yinnar, Yinnar South, Boolarra, Hazelwood North, Driffield, Morwell and many more from all over the region, including lately with crews from Western Australia and New Zealand.

The brigade management team would like to say how proud they are of everyone's efforts with a special thank you to our own Churchill members.

Thanks is also extended to the community for your patience and tolerance as the area was made safe, roads re-opened and services restored.

Work is still ongoing, with efforts still dealing with hot spots, repairing road and infrastructure damage, and community recovery.



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# Latrobe City Council support services for fire affected areas

## There is help available

For those who have been involved with the fires and affected by them there are many forms of help available to you.

The Department of Health and Human Services has announced a Case Support Service which will be delivered by an agency called Windermere.

If you are wanting referrals to counselling, if you are not coping with the situation either personally or for family members, you can make contact by ringing the Victorian Bushfire Hotline 1800 560 760, alternatively you can contact Latrobe City Council on 1300 376 700.

Donated feed for animals affected by the fire due to pasture being burnt is available.

You will need to bring your own trailer.

Please contact Council to register your need for feed assistance if you were impacted by the fires on 1300 376 700.

A number of community recovery programs will be rolled out over the coming weeks and months including re-vegetation work in partnership with Landcare and other volunteer groups; these works will include re-planting on damaged properties and around fence lines, as well as working

to re-establish damaged pastures.

Blaze Aid will be coming down to help with re-establishing fencing which has been burnt. Contact Council to be linked in to this aid.

Community based events will be organised with pamper days, community get-togethers so communities can get to know their neighbours better and build community connectedness around social gatherings.

Council is looking for community members who would like to become part of the Community Recovery Committee.

The Community Recovery Committee should have membership from across the broad cross section of affected communities, and may include representatives from local schools, sporting groups, business, membership from existing community based groups and general community members with a desire to help communities get back on their feet.

The committee looks at identifying specific concerns of the goals they have working forward.

Property owners, where dam water was used for extinguishing the fire, are able to apply to have this water replaced by completing the Essential Water Replacement request

– download the form from Council's website or directly from the following website [https://ffm.vic.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0021/21288/Form-Essential-Water-replacement-request-FINAL.pdf](https://ffm.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0021/21288/Form-Essential-Water-replacement-request-FINAL.pdf) - this form should then be submitted to Council.

Once verified that water was taken by the fire agencies replacement water will be arranged.

The potable drinking water replacement program which was managed through DELWP closed on March 20, 2019 – more than 100 property owners directly impacted by the fires registered with Council for assistance. Deliveries of water has commenced.

Questions regarding water treatment, and managing private water supplies can be discussed with Council's Environmental Health Officers.

Council's Resilience Team have set up at the Recovery Centre that was based at Yinnar Memorial Hall, but it wasn't known at time of publication how long this would continue.

However, Council's Resilience Team will be undertaking visits to properties to check in on community members. 'Pop up' recovery centres may

also be organised as part of the recovery program at various locations, so people can continue to ask for the help they need and learn about services available. Contact Stewart Simmie or Robyn Duffy at Council. The Recovery phone number is **1300 367 700**.

Members of the Resilience Team have made visits to properties already and will continue dropping in to visit and assess needs of each property and person over coming months.

Jumbuk Hall unfortunately burnt down.

Because there is asbestos in the building a contractor has been arranged for its removal.

The Council is dedicated to helping in as many ways as possible to benefit the recovery of those affected by these fires.

Please do not hesitate to contact the team for assistance.

## Latrobe City Council Relief Centre efforts.

Mayor Graeme Middlemiss said it was great that people decided to leave their properties to be safe, so setting up the Relief Centre at Kernot Hall to be as comfortable as possible was the goal that was set.

This meant providing bedding, meals and services which gave the people a twice daily update of the latest news about where the fire was and if it had impacted their property.

There were hard copy maps, a fire expert with direct TV links from the Incident Control Centre in Traralgon to give briefings, with hot spots indicated.

A large map was used to give individuals feedback about their property.

It was paramount to meet the immediate needs of these people who were under a great deal of stress.

Mattresses were sourced



from the Summit school camp at Trafalgar at 10pm at night.

Many were placed in motels.

Those with dogs and cats were given the option of putting them in the pound at Traralgon or sleeping with them either in their vehicles or in the hall which proved a logistics problem keeping animals apart.

Not all motels would take dogs.

However, it all worked out ok.

Even a pet duck was housed in the hall!

A number of folks brought in their caravan, SUV and motor homes and camped in the grounds.

Feeding the folks was a big task.

The first night Traralgon Pizza supplied 14 pizzas, and the following morning a Councillor toasted Hot Cross Buns donated from Bushies Bakery at Glengarry for breakfast, with help from the CWA.

The Churchill Lions Club took over and supplied three meals a day until people went home.

These meals were delicious and varied.

Graeme said they received not one complaint, but many compliments.

Just before evening meals the Lions would give the kids a cup of chips as a special consideration.

Among other donations was a truck load of bottled water, McDonalds half price meal deal, fruit and vegetables from Manny's Market, and many more astonishingly generous donations of things from community members, who

wanted to support those affected, like bags of dog and cat food, donuts, fresh fruit and more.

Council supplied relief kits of soap, toothpaste and toothbrush etc.

People were able to use the showers available in the performers' area of the hall.

Hot water ran out once and help had to be sought to fix it.

Councillors were in constant attendance and made "millions of cups of tea" over a twenty-four-hour period as they spoke to, and offered hospitality to all.

Also present were members of the Victorian Council of Churches Emergency Response Team to offer a listening ear and a calming influence.

The first night there were lots of Churchill residents who took seriously the advice that Churchill could be under threat.

Other services available were offered from Department of Health and Human Services with grants, and Red Cross with registrations.

Graeme said he was proud of all the groups which had come on board so quickly to work together effectively as a team to make it as good as it could be under the circumstances.

We set out to achieve the goal of looking after those who had evacuated and to get them back home, and this was realised.

But he was adamant that this effort should not detract from the recognition of the stress of loss of the many residents affected by the fires.




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## Hazelwood Rotary Club

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Arranged by Rotary, with RSL and Lions.*

# LV Field Nats "Fauna Surveys"



Photograph: Peter with a Lesser Long-eared Bat

At the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, April 26 at the Uniting Church Hall, Old Sale Road Newborough from 7.30 pm, "Fauna Surveys" will be discussed by Peter Homan. Peter lectures in the Diploma of Conservation and Land Management at RMIT which also involves supervising large groups of students conducting fauna surveys. As a fauna

consultant, Peter has conducted mammal, reptile, frog and bird studies for a range of clients, including DELWP, Parks Vic, Landcare Groups, Land for Wildlife, major electricity generators and Gippsland Water. In the last fifteen years in which Peter Homan has been conducting fauna surveys in the Latrobe Valley, many of the survey methods and detecting equipment have

changed. Peter will talk about the use of, and changes in cameras, spotlights and bat detectors, and about species surviving the wildfire in February 2014. The following day an excursion will be held to local survey sites. Visitors are most welcome to both activities; there is no charge. For more information phone 0410 237 292.

## Letters to Christchurch

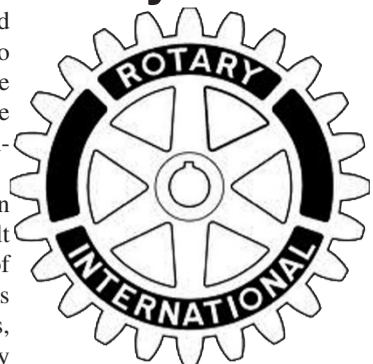


Local Lumen Christi teacher, Hayley Liddicoat immediately reached out to her cousin in Christchurch when she heard of the recent devastation in Christchurch. Her cousin, Mr Vine, works in a local secondary school which was in total lockdown for seven hours on the day of the harrowing massacres. He said, "I just don't know what to do, I guess I can just be there for my students'. After the very emotional phone call, Mrs Liddicoat shared her conversation with her cousin, with the Year 5/6 students at Lumen Christi Primary School.

The students were instantly sympathetic and wanted to do something for Mr Vine and his students. They all wrote touching letters and cards for Mr Vine and his students offering words of love, peace, compassion and words of strength to keep going. Here is an inspirational example from one of the cards that the students wrote: Dear Mr Vine and Class, I'm sorry for your experience in the past week, I know some of you are deeply hurt. "Be strong now because things will get better. It might hurt, be stormy now but it can't rain forever"-Ed Lester.

When life gets tough, look not on the past but on the future where there is hope. I will keep you in my prayers. This is a prayer that I was told when my grandfather died: God of love and mercy, embrace all those whose heart today overflows with grief, unanswered questions and such sense of loss. Grant them space to express their fear. Hold them close though the coming days, Amen. People will give you words of care, but hurt will still be there, so don't feel down about it. Love from Shallimar

# Hazelwood Rotary



Gippsland Rotary Centenary House is grateful for the donation from the 21st Traralgon Harriers Community Fun Run and Walk held earlier in March this year. The House arose from an initiative of the Latrobe group of Rotary clubs including the Hazelwood Rotary Club, to celebrate Rotary International's centenary in 2005. Clubs around the world were challenged to commemorate this milestone with a benefit to their community. With the opening of the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre at Latrobe Regional Hospital, members of local Rotary Clubs saw the need for affordable accommodation nearby. This was to support people from across Gippsland who would be undergoing oncology treatment at the Centre.

It was also designed for family members who would otherwise have to travel unreasonable distances to support in-patients. The House, in Valley Drive, was built with the support of Rotary Clubs across Gippsland, individuals, businesses, community organisations, Government and philanthropic sources. Donations are always welcome. The third stage now being built will mean a total of 30 guest rooms, with an additional lounge and a third fully-equipped laundry. Volunteers help with laundry, maintenance, gardening, fundraising, administrative support. Visit [www.centenaryhouse.org.au](http://www.centenaryhouse.org.au) to find out more and see how you might help by donating or in person.

The extreme weather meant that we cancelled the Churchill area Clean-Up Australia Day effort. The proceeds of Hazelwood Rotary's barbecues in March will be given towards emergency relief. Are you a community-minded person aged over 18? You would be welcome to join Hazelwood Rotary. Drop in at one of our weekly meetings at 6:30 pm on Mondays at the Morwell Bowling Club.

## Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare



Photo by David Mules

As most people would know, our district has been badly affected by fire since early March. At the time of writing the fires aren't yet out. The full extent of damage to peoples' places, to the National Park, and to our local rivers, creeks, forests, plants and animals isn't yet known. We have been fortunate to have our greenhouse escape the fire; and for most of our plants to have somehow survived while the power was off for four days. We think that one of our proposed re-vegetation sites along Middle Creek has burned, which means that we may have plants suitable for creek side planting available for fire recovery or other revegetation efforts elsewhere. It has been a difficult and dangerous time for the whole community, especially those directly affected by the fires and the many people who have been involved in the fire fighting effort. Thank you fires and commiserations to those affected. We also would like to extend condolences to the

Enders family on the loss of Keith whose enquiring mind, technical savvy, dry sense of humour and bravura porridge cooking has contributed much to our group over the years. At our group meeting on Monday March 18 we worked out some details of our 2019 calendar: Now: - Work on improving our greenhouse work areas and continue with propagation and seed collection. (Dave 5169 1797 or Joelle 0459 504 305 for dates and times) - Join the community recovery efforts for the fires - Release rabbit Calici virus - two sites Yinnar (near Nuttalls Road) and Hazelwood North identified so far. (Jay 5163 1393 for info.) April 27 ( Saturday) Join Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists for an excursion to Upper Middle Creek (access permitting). 10a.m. Martin Walker Reserve (Confirm with Rose: 0410 237 292) May 6 (Monday 7.30 p.m.) Special General Meeting to review our membership form, adopt our code of conduct set our subscription

fee. Also to plan our planting days. June and July (dates and times to be advised) - Community Planting Day up the top of our Billys Creek site, Jeeralang West - Community Tree day - upper Middle Creek or other. August 17 (Sat. 2.00p.m.) Preparing seeds for direct seeding Annual General Meeting August 18 (Sun 10a.m.) Join Friends of Morwell National Park for a direct seeding day in the Billys Creek section of the Park October 13 (Sunday 2p.m.) Seed species identification, especially wattle and pea flowers, around Jeeralang North Hall. Followed by Pizza cooking and eating (TBC) November 9 (Sat.9.30a.m - 12.30 p.m.) Maple Mop Up Budgereec Bush Reserve corner Whitelaws Track and The Mill Road, Yinnar South Olive whistlers live in tall wet forests and rain forests. They have been seen in upper Middle Creek and in Morwell National Park where fire may have affected their habitat.

# Hazelwood Cemetery Trust

By Leo Billington

In April 2015, Latrobe Valley Express journalist, Rebecca Symons wrote about former local resident, Jack Medew, who at 19, and living at Hazelwood, was keen to join the Great War, so boarded a train to Warrnambool to enlist.

On February 7, 1916 Jack travelled to training camps in Egypt and was subsequently

posted to scurry through the trenches of the Somme in France.

Contracting tuberculosis in his hip from extended periods spent in waist-deep muddy trenches, Jack was moved to England where he was hospitalised.

Rebecca captured "the moment" writing:

"David (Jack's son) said it was a thought among

many in the Latrobe Valley community that when people returned from war, they were never the same.

He (Jack) didn't speak of it a lot, not many of the war people would speak of it.

Some have seen terrible things, that's why they won't say very much".

Jack served as an acting member of Morwell RSL until his death on Melbourne

Cup Day, November 5, 1991.

He was the last Morwell World War I veteran.

He was honoured with a televised funeral service and a street procession past Morwell RSL, the site of his family's old farm and onto Hazelwood Cemetery.

Unfortunately, there was never an ANZAC memorial at Hazelwood Cemetery until 2016, when a commemorative

service was held at the new, first memorial at the cemetery, recognising the ANZAC Centenary on one stone and the Vietnam War on another.

Hazelwood Cemetery Trust members embraced an opportunity to establish a memorial that respects, honours and acknowledges Australia's defence forces involved in all major wars.

Development of the

memorial received assistance from Morwell RSL, Hazelwood Rotary Club, Holcim Australia (who gifted the rocks), Engie Australia and Hazelwood Cemetery members.

The Trust has also worked in conjunction with Morwell RSL to honour local soldiers with plaques for their participation in the Boer War.

## Morwell rose garden festival funding



Mayor Cr Graeme Middlemiss, Cr Kellie O'Callaghan, Costa Georgiadis, Cr Darrell White, Cr Alan McFarlane and Sara Rhodes-Ward General Manager Community Services

Latrobe City Council is pleased to welcome the announcement of \$100,000 in Federal Government funding to expand the Morwell Rose Garden Festival into an international event.

Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Graeme Middlemiss said that the funding boost was a vote of confidence in Morwell as a tourism destination and the Rose Garden Festival.

"When Council developed the Rose Garden Festival with our valuable event partners the Friends of the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden, the Future Morwell Steering Group and Advance Morwell, we knew it would be the start of something significant.

Events such as these have a positive economic impact

with an average economic multiplier of \$41 returned to the local economy for every \$1 invested. Internationally, major events are big business and tourist drawcards.

The impacts of major events can be broad and far-reaching. They can bring significant numbers of participants and visitors to a region, generate widespread media coverage, boost economic activity through event/visitor-related expenditure and bring heightened levels of positive reputation, goodwill and recognition to a town or region.

Our thanks to Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester and the Federal Government."

Council will continue to

work with the Friends of the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden, the Future Morwell Steering Group and Advance Morwell to explore a bigger and bolder vision for this event.

The Morwell Rose Garden was established in 1992 and has quickly developed into a source of immense pride for the community. The two hectares of garden is tirelessly maintained by volunteers and Latrobe City maintenance crew taking care of over 400 varieties of roses.

Morwell Rose Garden Festival returned in 2018 after a five year hiatus and Latrobe City Council looks forward to see this wonderful event becoming an annual fixture on the Latrobe City events calendar.



Memorial plaques at Hazelwood cemetery



## Commonwealth Lodge 186

Did you know there is a Masonic lodge in Mirboo North that is 119 years old? We are seeking new members to Freemasonry or past members in the area. Are you looking to be a part of something special where good men meet, to grow as individuals for the benefit of themselves and their families.

While our backgrounds and interests may be diverse, what binds us together are shared values and a desire to have fun, do good and build bonds that last a lifetime. We are a not for profit organisation. Do you want to be around other good men, increase your network of good friends and enjoy the fellowship that it

offers? If interested please visit our face book page at <https://www.facebook.com/commonwealthlodge/>. We meet every 1st Monday of the month at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Newcomers welcome to join us at supper. Please bring along your partners. Neat dress required.



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# The 28th Thorpdale Potato Festival

Fog descended on Thorpdale on Sunday March 10, creating an eerie start to the early morning as the set-up drew to a close and the stall-holders started to arrive in droves.

The sun started to shine through and the promise of a glorious day held firm as the folk began to arrive well in advance of the opening hour of 9:30, but they weren't turned away and had a good opportunity to look around before the other 8,000 plus people arrived.

The really big heavies arrived with the invited show and shine trucks, some of whom came from Queensland to dazzle us with their polished chrome and everyone had a chance to vote for their favourite!

The winner was Glenn

Pilbeam from Heyfield, with Mark and Brook Causley from Chatsworth Island NSW second, and Geoff and Kirsten Hilder from Pakenham coming in third.

Well done to you all; they are magnificent machines and you are obviously so very proud of those fantastic vehicles.

The first event to get underway was the kids "Pick and Pack" and there were 11 competitors for a hefty purse with Tyson O'Leary coming home the strong winner.

Then the ladies got into the act and we had enough entries for heats for this one.

The competition was fast and furious with Nikki Cavallaro from Mirboo North eventually coming in as the 2019 Ladies "Pick and Pack" Champion.

The Men's "Pick and Pack" consisted of picking a 50kg sack of spuds then sewing it up, followed by picking a second sack, sewing it then racing to the finish line.

It was a fast and furious race, especially between two experienced brothers in lanes 1 and 2, however Gary Watson, over in lane 5 was being his own quiet inimitable self, seemingly unfazed by the excitable commentary and all of a sudden, he was across the line!

The Winner - the 2019 Men's Pick and Pack Champion.

Perry Askew and Sean Parria very quickly dealt with the 50kg sack of spuds onto the mounting pallets against some rather impressive opponents, until they equalled the record high of 21 and

walked away with a cheque for \$1,050.

Mitchell Gorman made it a Hat Trick when he won the Vin Rowe Ultimate Challenge for the third time in a row - a stunning effort considering that he not only had to pick a 50kg sack of potatoes, sew it and then race with it over a set course.

With over 100 market stalls of hot food and a plethora of wonderful arts and crafts to delight the eyes and senses, together with free children's jumping castles and slides, there was something for everyone.

The mighty axemen were constantly on the go, surrounded by an amazed audience and TC Trickz put on their stunts at regular intervals to huge audiences.

The petting zoo was a favourite with the little ones and the sheep dog trials and shearing demonstrations found keen followers.

Our Industry Marquee was a magnet for those interested in the facts and figures of the spud as well as watching some fine cooking demonstrations and free tastings with recipe handouts.

There were people as far as the eye could see, flags waving, the smell of glorious coffee and yummy food, very few lost children, very few pieces of lost property and lots and lots of smiles and happy faces.

We are happy to report yet another very successful Thorpdale Potato Festival.



Garry Watson Winner Spud Pick 2019



Winner Ladies Pick and Pack Nikki Cavallaro  
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# CHURCHILL COBRAS

## Cobras teams flag winners

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cementing his position as one of the finest players the club has seen. Churchill took on Callignee and Traralgon South (CATS) in the Grand Final at Moe and the game was delayed by morning showers. Thankfully the magnificent ground was up to the task and drained away well to see play get underway following an early luncheon interval.

The toss of the coin went against Churchill in all three grades but in this case, CATS Captain Ben Julin invited Churchill to put the pads on and Churchill came to the crease under overcast skies. Both teams seemed to be getting a feel early for the conditions as well as their opponent, before the first wicket fell for Churchill with the score on 19. Churchill struggled to put together a strong partnership and a costly run-out which saw club President Ryan Harvey back in the pavilion for 21, doomed Churchill to a score of under 150. Skipper John Keighran called the last two batsmen in with 122 runs on the board and 8 overs to bowl at the opposition to try and force a breakthrough. This was not to be the case however as the CATS opening pair looked comfortable in reaching 0/22 at the close of play.

Day 2 saw blue skies and warm temperatures greet the players and it was felt by many that if the CATS batsmen applied themselves as they had the previous evening, then a winning score could be posted in the first session. Back to back wickets early saw the openers back in the sheds with youngsters Raza and Harrup left to try and wrest momentum away from Churchill. As was the case in all grand finals played over the weekend, the wickets

continued to fall, including the all-important pair of skipper Ben Julin and former international player Tinashe Panyangara. When Harrup departed for a mature and measured 15, the score was 6/62 and the Churchill players could sense victory. The last four wickets all fell for just one run to see Churchill claim the league's top prize with Steve Warr doing the heavy lifting for his side, claiming 5/24 of 23 economical overs. Warr was a popular choice for Man of the Match honours. CATS bowled another 21 overs to Churchill in the hope of forcing a second innings result but a well-compiled 34 from Chris Williams and Steve Warr's composure at the crease gave CATS skipper Julin no option but to call the game and congratulate Churchill on their win.

It was a game of swinging momentum throughout and players from both teams should be proud of the way they competed under such pressure. It was the first A Grade Premiership for Churchill since the 2009/10 season and the first ever flag won in the new Premier A Grade competition of the Latrobe Valley and District Cricket League. With many players in the team yet to reach the age of 30 it is hoped that more success is on the horizon for the club. The success in the lower grades also points toward a bright future for cricket in Churchill and something that will hopefully encourage youngsters to try the game and be involved at junior level. The club hosts a Mini-Cobras program for under 10s as well as an Under 12s team but are hopeful of fielding teams in the Under 14s and Under 16s competitions in the near future.



The Churchill Tennis Club had three teams entered in the Latrobe Valley Junior Tennis Competition season.

The Section 6 team – pictured (L to R: Levi Dalziel, Ryan Runge, Jeremy Courtis,

Nathaniel Foster) won the Grand Final, while Section 7 (Riley Alko, Ryan Johnson, Lachlan Davy, Logan Chapman) came runner-up.

The Hotshots Section 9 players (Maddi Williams,

Jake Shaw, Blake Gooding, Tanjim Abdullah) came fifth in their first season.

Hotshots have modified rules, shorter courts and low compression balls, making match play accessible to

many more children.

If anyone would like more information about Hotshots or junior or senior competition opportunities, contact Sally Kirstine 0403 282 630.



## PROGRAM OF EVENTS APRIL TO JULY 2019

### Exhibitions

Gippsland Sculpture Exhibition	Gallery arc	6 <sup>th</sup> April to 1 <sup>st</sup> June
<i>see Gippsland Sculpture Exhibition 8 week calendar of events</i>		
Small Art	Gallery SParc	6 <sup>th</sup> April to 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Winter Journey - Lucy Chapman	Gallery arc	Opening 8pm 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Local Engagements with Birds-Miriam Potts	Gallery SParc	8 <sup>th</sup> June until 6 <sup>th</sup> July

In the arc Yinnar kitchen. YCG in partnership with arc and funded by Latrobe Health Assembly

Healthy Desserts	28 <sup>th</sup> April	1:30 to 3:30pm
Citrus Delights with Noelene Marchwili (Master chef)	19 <sup>th</sup> May	1:30 to 3:30pm

### Workshops and Classes in the Studios

Screen printing with Sharon Anderson	April 28, May 5th & 12th	10am to 5pm
Monoprint, etching and Linocut Jenny Peterson	May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12	5:30 to 9pm
Monoprint, etching and Linocut dates Sunday	June 16	10am to 4pm
Colour Theory with Alvina Bishop	May 11 & 18	19m to 1pm
Blacksmithing with John Stewart	June 8, 9, & 10	9am to 4pm
Queens Birthday Long Weekend		

### In the Switchroom

Morning Tea at arc with Yinnar Community Garden Yinnar and District Historical Society and Museum with Guest Speaker Phil Williams	May 17 Gold Coin Donation	From 11:30am
Winter Journey feat. Nathan Lay-baritone singing Schubert's <i>Winterers</i> in a new English translation by Brian Chapman-piano	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June In the Gallery arcYinnar	2:30pm Tickets <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/482896">www.trybooking.com/482896</a>
Open Stage Entry \$5 Members \$3	April 27 May 25 June 26	7pm to 10:30pm

For further details and register for events contact arc Tuesday to Friday 12 noon to 4pm on 03 51631310, email: [arcyinnar@speedweb.com.au](mailto:arcyinnar@speedweb.com.au) or our website [www.arcyinnar.org.au](http://www.arcyinnar.org.au)

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## CHURCHILL PRIMARY

### CPS Sports Day

We had a wonderful Sports Day on Thursday March 21, with the weather being lovely and some fantastic organisational skills by Mr Fitch, it all went off without a hitch!

A big thank you to all our parents and grandparents who came along to cheer all our sports stars on the day. The students really do get so much out of having you all there to watch them trying their best! Thanks also to all the CPS staff who went out in House colours and ran the events, cheering with all the students.

The students looked great in their House colours and many went to great lengths to colour hair and faces to cheer their teams on. It was also fantastic to see so many

parents and families dressing in House colours to support their kids.

The high spirit of the day was very evident and all participants ran, cheered and supported each other with Yellow House being our final winners. Congratulations to all the Houses for your wonderful sportsmanship and respect for each other on the day, and the House Captains who did a wonderful job - we are very proud of your efforts.

The final placings for the day were as follows:  
YELLOW, GREEN, RED, BLUE.

Congratulations to our Age Group Champions - this is a fabulous achievement for you all. Our Age Group Champions are as follows:

- ~ 5/6 yrs ~  
Jackson Wakefield and Sophie Telfer
  - ~ 7 yrs ~  
Ethan Egginton, Ada Wakefield, Heidi Massey, Gemma Madex and Alisa-Jane Gaw
  - ~ 8 yrs ~  
Jack Towers and Natalie Baker
  - ~ 9 yrs ~  
Logan Jay and Alana Helyar
  - ~ 10 yrs ~  
Henry Huynh and Arabella Altavas
  - ~ 11 yrs ~  
Jaxon Griffiths, Ella James and Jenny Baker
  - ~ 12/13yrs ~  
Cade Reyke, Vivian Huynh and Jasmine Thompson
- It was also wonderful

to see the fabulous sportsmanship displayed by many of our students. Congratulations to the following students who received Sportsmanship Awards for their age groups on the day:

- ~ 5/6 yrs ~  
Meliah DePater
  - ~ 7 yrs ~  
Ada Wakefield
  - ~ 8 yrs ~  
Ruby Galletti
  - ~ 9 yrs ~  
Dani James
  - ~ 10 yrs ~  
Milla Towers
  - ~ 11 yrs ~  
Jacinta Gittos
  - ~ 12/13yrs ~  
Darnell Murray
- School Council News*  
Thank you to those

parents who nominated to join School Council in 2019.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing committee members who have given their time, whether for a few years or several, to support our school community in this capacity: Our 2019 committee members are:

- Parent Members**  
Scott Berechree, Adam Jellis, Kate Kerslake, Amanda McInnes, Mandy Galletti, Angela Meggs and Jana-Mari Draper.
- DET Members**  
Jacquie Burrows, Katrina Palmer, Brenda Bicket and Gail Harding.
- Student Representative Council**  
The following students

were recently elected by their peers to represent their classrooms on this year's Student Representative Council:

- ~3/4M~  
Alana Helyar and Mia Jones
  - ~3/4D~  
Elizabeth Soliman and Ella Woods
  - ~4/5M~  
Henry Huyhn and Sara Anderson
  - ~5/6F~  
Shaylee Hart and Ruby Turner Jellis
  - ~5/6W~  
Maddie Edwards and Lila Kerslake
- Congratulations to you all and we can't wait to see what improvements you make within our school.



Left: Yellow House Captains Jasmine T and Hudson B wave their flag in victory  
Centre: Grace tries her hand at discus  
Right: Students congratulate each other after the relays-Mia J, Milla T, Mai V, and Evie H  
Below centre: Alisa-Jane G clears the high jump.  
Below right: Logan J heaves the shot put

# SCHOOL NEWS

## LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY



### Stick insect therapy

Students from Year 2 /3 at Lumen Christi Primary School turn to their stick insects in sticky situations!

Student, Jack Breheny from Year 3, kindly donated two stick insects to his class. Local Churchill man, Vern, a family friend donated them to Jack.

Jack was excited to bring them to school. He also has three at home. At school, the stick insects are in a large box with wire around them.

Jack and his fellow students put gum leaves in their enclosure and spray water in there daily for water and moisture.

Jack found out from Vern that, "the stick insect eggs take up to one year to hatch

and their babies are the size of a bull ant".

The stick insects are teaching the children about responsibility and have now become their class mascots.

Tye said, "They help me stay focussed and help me with my learning".

The school have taken on three R 's: Responsibility, Resilience and Respect!

Class teacher, Mr Watson, said; "It's a great way to allow them to be responsible for something other than themselves and the children were very excited for them to be our mascots".

Jack from Year 3 at Lumen Christi donated stick insects to his class to help motivate them with their learning

Left: Jack with his stick insects  
Right: :  
Iiah (Year 2) and Tye (Year 3)





# SCHOOL NEWS

## HAZELWOOD NORTH

### Sport at Hazelwood North

March has been a busy month for sport at Hazelwood North Primary School, with students competing in the House Cross Country and Athletics Sports Competitions.

Students all competed with enthusiasm, demonstrating our school values of challenge, resilience and collaboration.

Many family members came to cheer the students on, which added to the atmosphere of both competitions.

Blue House was victorious in the Cross Country competition, while Green House came away with the Athletics Trophy for 2019.

The whole school then travelled to Yinnar on March

28 to compete in the Yinnar and District Athletics Sports, achieving second place overall – a wonderful achievement by our students.

This is Foundation student Josie's recount about the Yinnar and District Athletics Sports:

Yesterday we did Sports Day. We had Long Jump. We did Beanbag Toss. We had lunch. We had Long Distance. We played Magpie, Magpie, Kookaburra. We went to Nanna's. I said what a beautiful day.

Josie  
*Growing Beans*

As part of their studies of Life and Living, students in F/1AJ and F/1X made window greenhouses to

explore the conditions needed for plants to grow. We have been amazed by how quickly our beans have grown.

Grade 1 student, Milla reported:

I planted a bean seed. We used a lot of equipment for our greenhouses.

Milla  
*Persuasive Writing*

The Grade 4/5/6 students have been reading and writing persuasive texts, learning about the techniques authors use to persuade their readers. Below is Claire T's persuasive essay about gambling:

Gambling is not a game!! Did you know Latrobe Valley wastes \$122,000 a day on pokie machines and up to \$44 million a year? That

is a terribly large amount of money!

To start, that is \$44 million that you could be spending on life-changing, amazing things. All gambling games are truly rigged and have almost an impossible chance of winning.

When you lose, it tempts you to go again but people have an awful case of ignoring that. But you need to ignore it!

If you lose, people sometimes get very angry and this can lead to addiction. They often rage and keep on gambling. They can take it out on other people, themselves, or the machine. It is not a game.

Gambling puts down family members, children and

friends. Your addiction can encourage others to gamble. Children often look up to adults and it definitely doesn't help them watching you or anyone gambling. Don't encourage anyone!

If you are a gambling addict you can get free help. Definitely don't be ashamed by it because it is the right thing to do.

It will help you reconnect with your children, family members or friends if you just quit it.

There are mostly certainly always people there to help you stop gambling.

*Book Fair*

During our recent Book Fair six senior students accepted the responsibility of

the role of Book Fair Assistant - Olivia P, Aurora, Kobi, Jake, Riley A and Riley M.

They prepared advertising posters and take-home brochures, organised competitions and demonstrated their customer service skills to their excited young customers.

Many students participated in the competitions with our junior students colouring reading surfboards so they could "Catch the reading wave", and older students drawing their favourite book character.



Athletics age group champions



Sprints



House Captains Olivia and Ashton accept the trophy for Green House



F1AJ students catching the reading wave



Green House celebrates their victory

# SCHOOL NEWS

## KURNAI COLLEGE

Kurnai College campuses came together on Tuesday March 19 to participate in our annual Athletics Carnival. Students from Churchill, Morwell and University Campuses braved the unpleasant weather forecast to make the day a big success. With our student leaders setting the tone, a positive environment of both healthy competition, and backed by vocal support from their peers, all attending

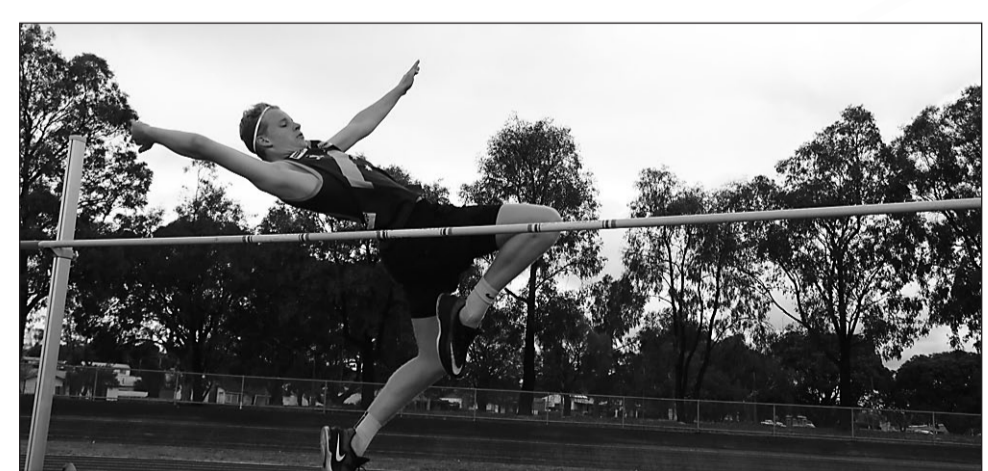
students contributed to a great atmosphere in one way or another. Year 12's were back in a big way - after missing last year's Carnival – breaking eight records, some of which dated back as far as 2011.

In all, 26 records were either broken or equalled across the day, which is an excellent effort from all of our participants!

There were many outstanding results from these record breakers, as

well as all students who competed and contributed to the House teams throughout the day. Forsyth took out the day after being frontrunners all day, followed by Freeman, Thorpe, and Siddle who fought out the minor placings.

Preparations are already underway to best prepare our team student qualifiers for the Wellington Region Carnival, which will be held in August at the Joe Carmody athletics track in Newborough.



## The Hub Preschool

Every second Tuesday the Preschool children visit the local library and enjoy Nyernila story time. We listen and join in to Aboriginal stories and sing Koori songs.

We learnt about Tiddalik the frog that drank all the water and left none for the other animals and the plants.

The animals were in despair and thirsty, they began to dance and it became faster and faster which made

Tiddalik begin to laugh.

He laughed so much the water gushed out from his mouth and flowed away to replenish the lakes, swamps and rivers.

We had a visit from 'the worm man' who is the sustainability educator from Latrobe city. He spoke to us about how to keep our worm compost healthy and what not to feed them.

The Preschool children

have also started to learn Italian and we started with reading 'The hungry Caterpillar' or 'Il bruco molto affamato'. We read it in English followed by listening to it in Italian. We have made caterpillars 'bruco' and butterflies 'farfalla'.

To celebrate Harmony day we made chocolate cake and decorated it with the hungry caterpillar, it was delicious and enjoyed by all.



Jovie, Harrison and Luca can't wait to eat the chocolate cake we made for Harmony Day



Visit from the Worm Man



Hunter and Memphis enjoyed playing in the mud pit

## Glendonald Preschool



Max making patterns



Kade pouring flour for pancakes



Jack and Hayden working out healthy foods

Recently at Glendonald we have been focusing on healthy eating, looking after our bodies and teeth and working out 'sometimes' foods. The children have been doing a cooking experience

once a week and we are trying to make things as healthy as possible - and delicious!

We have extended this by creating a dentist play area and now a hospital.

We have been

looking at colours and patterns and the children have been using their own ideas to create and explore.

We have welcomed new friends and the children are establishing lovely relationships.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

### Cross Country Run

Eight athletic students from Churchill North Primary School recently participated in the Cross Country Run at Gaskin Park in Churchill. Brooke, Jesse, Leandra, Alex, Liam, Pearl, Mahaliah and Rhyder all participated in the event. The students enjoyed the chance to represent their school in the race, with two students receiving a place within the top ten competitors and the rest within the top twenty. Leandra from 5/6F took out first place in the

event. A big thank you goes out to Miss Wood and Miss Lugton for supervising the children at the event. We look forward to hearing what these athletes can achieve next!

William Mc 2/3F

### Foundation Artworks!

During Term 1 the new Foundation students at Churchill North Primary school have participated in their first Art classes. The students showed determination and artistic flare in completing their self-portraits. The students'

exceptional artworks have been given pride of place in the main corridor of the school. If you haven't already admired their work you may like to take a walk in the corridor to check out their talent.

By Angel 5/6

### Outstanding Work!

It takes skill and hard work to get your work in a frame for outstanding learning. The outstanding work display is where excellent examples of finished learning are promoted at our

school. One student from each class is chosen to display their excellent products. The displays are changed often, which gives lots of students the opportunity to showcase their work. It is a great achievement to have your work selected for the display and we look forward to seeing many more pieces being showcased in the near future.

Natalee 4/5P

### Press Club 2019

Press Club has started up again this year.

In Press Club we will

write articles about events happening in our school. The articles will then be published in the Churchill & District News.

Students who have attended our Press Club so far this year include, Isaac. T, Shilah, Angel, William, Max, Alex. J and Natalee. Churchill North Press Club is looking forward to documenting and letting you know about all of the great things happening in our school this year.

Max and Isaac. T

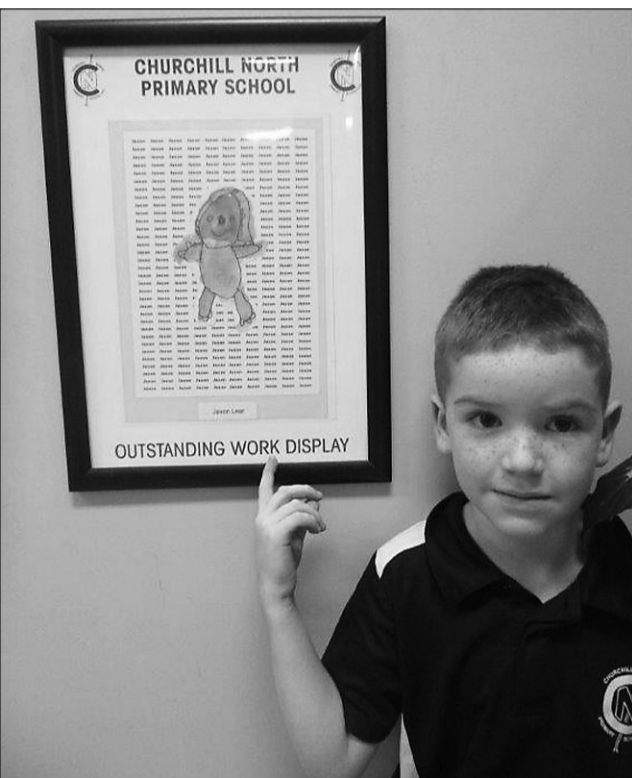
### They are the Foundation

This year Churchill North Primary School has some new faces, our Foundation students. Shayla is one of our new students.

When asked what she likes about school, Shayla said she likes to play at school.

She also said that she likes learning and doing show and share. We are all looking forward to seeing the growth of our Foundation students can achieve throughout the year.

Shilah



Top Left: Foundation student with artwork  
Top Right: Cross Country Runners. Top row Jesse, Liam, Rhyder, Brooke, Pearl. Bottom Row. Leandra and Mahalia  
Bottom Left: Press Club members 2019-Marley, Natalee, Shilah, Zeke, Max and Angel  
Bottom Right: Shayla new Foundation student.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## BOOLARRA PRIMARY

### Athletics day

On Thursday April 22, we had a wonderful day competing in a range of conditions. The sprints and distance running were done on a wet surface which made it difficult to run. However, all students from all Grades did their best, with multiple champions found who are

ready for the Yinnar and District athletics competition. After recess, we moved into our age levels and participated in high jump, long jump, discus and shot put. Again all students attempted these activities wholeheartedly. Overall, it was a great day to be a part of.

### Boolarra Folk Festival

For the Boolarra Folk Festival, students participated in a whole-school drumming performance where they played many different types of instruments. The students practised the routine on Thursday and Friday to ensure success. Each grade made different items to be

sold at the school store, which included things like socks and homemade sandwich wrap.

### SLICE

SLICE is a new program that the students have been undertaking over the last four weeks on a Friday afternoon. SLICE stands for Student Led Investigation Creative Exploration. To

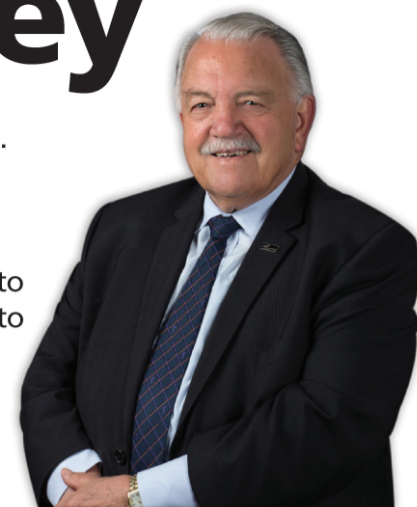
begin, students had to choose between seven different topics that would be running over the rest of the term. They would like to look into and expand their knowledge of these topics.

They include football/netball, Minecraft maths, CD art, vegetable gardening, papier mache and guided

drawing. The initial part of SLICE revolves around the practical element of the program.

Students will move into investigating their topic further in an academic based project over which students have control.

# Churchill Hub **User Survey**



**Churchill Hub has matured over the years to become a much admired central focal point for our community of Churchill and district.**

For the Hub's continuing success in responding to community needs, it is important that the facility is capable of offering services, training, activities and social opportunities that meet the aspirations and interests of the people it exists to serve—which includes you! The Churchill Hub has a local community Advisory Committee which is keen to gain community

feedback regarding the Hub's future array of services. To assist, the Advisory Committee looks forward to having the benefit of your views, opinions, experiences and ideas by completing this survey. The feedback you provide will be of great assistance to the Advisory Committee in its planning on how best to support the community of Churchill and district, now and into the future.

**Cr Darrell White OAM  
Chair**

**Your postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your age:**

- Under 18
- 19-26
- 27-39
- 40-59
- 60+

**How often do you visit the Churchill Hub:**

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Only when I have a specific meeting to attend
- A few times a year
- Never

**Which services do you currently access (tick all that apply):**

- Library
- Neighbourhood House
- Childcare
- Preschool
- Parent Services (Uniting Care)
- Community garden

**Which services have you ever used:**

- Library
- Neighbourhood House
- Childcare
- Preschool
- Parent Services (Uniting Care)
- Community garden

**If you were in charge for a day what would you do differently?**

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**Thinking 5-10 years into the future what do you think the Churchill and surrounding communities will need the Hub to provide (tick all that apply):**

- Larger meeting spaces
- Multi-use space(s)
- Designated youth space
- Expanded Health Services
- More childcare capacity
- More kindergarten capacity
- Longer hours of operation
- Expanded training and education facilities
- Bigger library collection

**Would extended hours of operation be of use to you?**

- Library
- Neighbourhood House
- Childcare
- Preschool
- Parent Services (Uniting Care)
- Meeting/activity rooms
- Gardening

**Have you ever made a booking to use the Hub facility?**

- Yes
- No

**If yes:**

Was a suitable space available?

What was the booking process like for you?

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**Are you a part of a social or hobby group that would consider making the Hub its home?**

**If yes, what is the barrier?**

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**Is there equipment /facilities / services not currently offered at the Hub that you would use?**

Eg. Projector, skype

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**Thinking about your most recent Hub visit, rate your experience with one being terrible and ten being amazing:**

- Activity
- Atmosphere
- Cleanliness
- Hours of operation
- Parking
- Accessibility

**Please return to Churchill Hub or any Latrobe Service Centre**

