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– WHERE TO NOW?**




ANZAC DAY



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Writing and Poetry Competition

Churchill Neighbourhood House recognises our firey's



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, initiated by Co-Ordinator Abigail Brown, asked the community to help them provide a thank you meal to the members of the Churchill Fire Brigade for their efforts for our community.

Noelene and her helper Linda cooked, while Abigail and two Centre volunteers set the long table in the engine bay at the station and made the members welcome.

A three course meal was served - entree - smoky pork ribs, main - beef ragu and dessert - cheesecake waffle. A wide range of drinks was also supplied.

Before dessert was served Abigail spoke the following words:

"I came from the UK about sixteen years ago. When I arrived, two significant differences between the countries stood out for me: that you have more than one



day of sunshine a year, and something called the CFA.

It took me quite a while to comprehend that people who have regular day jobs, or who are studying, or who are looking after families full time, who are supposed to be enjoying a well-earned retirement, and many other categories put aside their own interests and take up those of our community, and any other community under threat when your pager goes.

You don't just attend fires. You conduct fuel reduction burns, attend road accident rescues, incidents involving hazardous materials, and other emergencies, including flood assistance and other types of rescue.

You do this despite often leaving your own homes under threat.

You are managing the anxiety of your family

who love you and they are managing it too. You work arduous hours in uncomfortable, dangerous and life threatening situations.

In your down time, all those other important activities that keep the service operating occur - community education program, fund-raising activities, brigade training, brigade activity maintenance, media and public relations, multicultural liaison, brigade administration and junior members program.

So what could you say to people who do all that?

We have absolutely no idea so we thought we might invite you to dinner.

The best I can say now, is that your community thinks you are awesome."

Captain Steve Barling responded saying how unexpected, but appreciated the gesture was, and that all present had enjoyed the meal and the time together.



Members of the Neighbourhood Centre who helped to cook and serve the meal - Milton, Abigail, Noelene, Linda and Jeannie.



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Fire restrictions lifted in Gippsland

The Fire Danger Period and Seasonal Prohibited Period ended at 1.00am on Wednesday May 1, in all Gippsland municipalities. CFA's Assistant Chief Officer, Trevor Owen said: "We've had a long and exceptionally dry summer again this year and although the weather is starting to cool down a little, people still need to be extra cautious with fire. If you're planning a burn, no matter how small, you must first check your local council's laws about when and where you can burn off and register your burn-off on the Burn Off Notification Line on 1800 668 511, even if it's only a heap of garden rubbish.

Any fire left unattended in windy conditions can spread into bushland, onto a neighbour's property or into other materials which could cause untold damage," Mr Owen said. "Our firefighters in Forest Fire Management and CFA have been fighting fires for many months and are now working hard on the planned burning program to protect our communities. They do not want to be called out to fires that have

started through irresponsible or lazy behaviour."

- Always remember to:
- * Check local by-laws before burning-off and never leave a burn-off unattended
 - * Tell your neighbours and call the Burn Off Notification Line so that brigades don't get called out unnecessarily
 - * Check the weather forecast before you burn off and never burn off in dry, hot, windy conditions
 - * Have enough water to extinguish a possible outbreak - either a hose or at least 10 litres of water
 - * Create a three-metre clearance of all flammable material around your whole burn-off site
 - * Make sure there are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish your burn safely and effectively. Ensure your burn is 100% out before you leave it.

Forest Fire Management Victoria's Assistant Chief Fire Officer for Gippsland, Beth Roberts said: "People enjoying Gippsland's National Parks and State forests should

Planning to Burn-Off?
 Fire Restrictions are now lifted but vigilance is still required. There are a few simple things you need to do before, during and after burning-off to ensure you are doing so safely?

- ✓ Have you checked your council's Local Law in regards to when and where you can burn off?
- ✓ Have you checked the weather?
- ✓ Do you have adequate water supply?
- ✓ Create a 3m clearance of all flammable material around the burn site
- ✓ Register your Burn-off on 1800 668 511
- ✓ Monitor, contain and extinguish your burn off safely and effectively, and make sure it's 100% out before you leave it.

Careless burn-off practises will be reported to the Police

More information can be found at www.cfa.vic.gov.au

be as careful with the use of campfires over this period as they were in the Fire Danger Period - we've had too many bushfires caused by campfires this season.

Anyone living in or travelling through Gippsland needs to keep an eye on the weather and be aware of their surroundings. We've all had a busy fire season this year and we don't want more started through irresponsible behaviour,

If you are in any doubt about the use of fire on private or public land, the best thing you can do is seek advice from either CFA or Forest Fire Management Victoria."

Information about fire restrictions is available in CFA's 'Can I or Can't I' brochure available at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/restrictions or by phoning the Emergency Vic Hotline on 1800 226 226.

Sharing with you

Recently, in the back of a bookcase, I came across an old notebook. Looking through it brought back all the heartache of the years of living with an alcoholic, for I had used it as

a diary through a twelve-day vacation.

That had been a rare opportunity to get away from everyday cares. I used the questions in 'The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage', as a

guide and wrote down in my little pad the questions on the Steps that seemed to apply to me. Then I rated myself with a plus or minus for all the incidents of the day and how I had responded to them. I had managed not to make a sharp remark when I found bottles packed in my rain boots, but I "opened my big mouth" and had lectured him on several occasions.

I came to the realisation that my own thinking had to be straightened out. I had to be less self-conscious and more conscious of being myself. I learnt to live for just one day at a time and at the end of the vacation I felt as though I had truly had a spiritual awakening and achieved a closer contact with God.

My life has changed so much in the dozen or so years since then. I have re-married and that was a gift from God. John is not qualified to be a member, but through my years of continued attendance at meetings and his generosity of spirit, the Al-Anon principles

are very much part of our lives. Genuine caring, respecting the individuality of each other, acceptance, laughter and spiritual goals are just naturally woven into the fabric of our marriage.

It's easy when the other person lives by Al-Anon. But what can be done when in every day working relationships other people seem to demonstrate the opposite qualities? Al-Anon principles are our best defence. Instead of running through my mind all the things I should have said, or could have said, or will say next time, I must muster up tolerance, compassion, love and acceptance.

That little note book did more for me than recall the past. It brings right into the present the work I still need to do on the Steps program to maintain the sanity and serenity I continually seek. But I need not forget that I have come a good way along the journey of discovery.

I can take note of where I am and, building on the lessons already learned, I can proceed.

RAINFALL

Churchill Rainfall for April 2019

The rainfall for Churchill in April has again been very disappointing with only 35.5 mm being recorded, which included an excellent reading on April 1.

The rainfall total so far for Churchill this year is only 83 mm. In 1997 only 66.5 mm had been recorded in the same period. That same year the total rainfall in Churchill was only 476.5 mm. Let's hope that is not an indication of a



dry year ahead in 2019.

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Churchill Fire Brigade



When the Yinnar fire was well under control the Command Point which had been established at Yinnar Recreation Reserve and had functioned for approximately three weeks, was transferred to Churchill Fire Station where the CFA volunteers made the Forest Fire Management (FFM) and Parks Vic staff feel welcomed and supported. From there, after the daily briefings, the forays out to the fire zone were made to further bring under control the hot spots that were identified by helicopters using infrared cameras. At first firebombing helicopters were also employed.

What is FFM? It is a state



government initiative made up of fire-fighting agencies including Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Parks Vic, Melbourne Water and Vic Forests.

These agencies work together in a partnership arrangement on public land in Victoria and work closely with CFA. Each has different responsibilities but often work together.

There are different skill bases. CFA is used for asset protection. FFM works in steep terrain and forested country. HVP forestry report to CFA. HVP is a major stakeholder as is 50% of the land they manage.

FFM works in districts. There are staff in Latrobe district at Erica, Noojee, Foster, Tidal River, Wonthaggi and San Remo. They cover a wide area, the Snowy district covers Orbost.

In fires such as the Yinnar fire they need more skills to combat the fire so they bring in specialist skills for tree felling. There is a panel of external contractors with DELWP able to be called on for their specialist skills and equipment e.g. bulldozers, excavators, harvesters (which cut down trees) and water carriers.

Continuation of aerial intelligence gathering using the infrared cameras not only detected the hot spots but was able to map and photograph them as the helicopter hovered overhead. Thus identified the crews would go out and dig out the hot spot with rakes and occasionally water. They also had hand held thermal imaging cameras to detect hot spots.

Private dam water was used but will, on request, be replaced. The first priority is to put the fire out. These agencies ask the community to be prepared to help with suppression quickly as time is essential.

In the Yinnar fire, command was taken from the Churchill CFA when the fire was deemed not haltable to the Control Centre in Traralgon, with a divisional command point at Yinnar Recreation Reserve. Then to the Churchill Fire Station where Captain Steve Barling and the volunteers opened up their facility and gave first class help to operate the centre as well as supply excellent local knowledge. It meant that the CFA volunteers could go back to their normal turnout work, while FFM and HVP were able to continue to manage the steep potentially

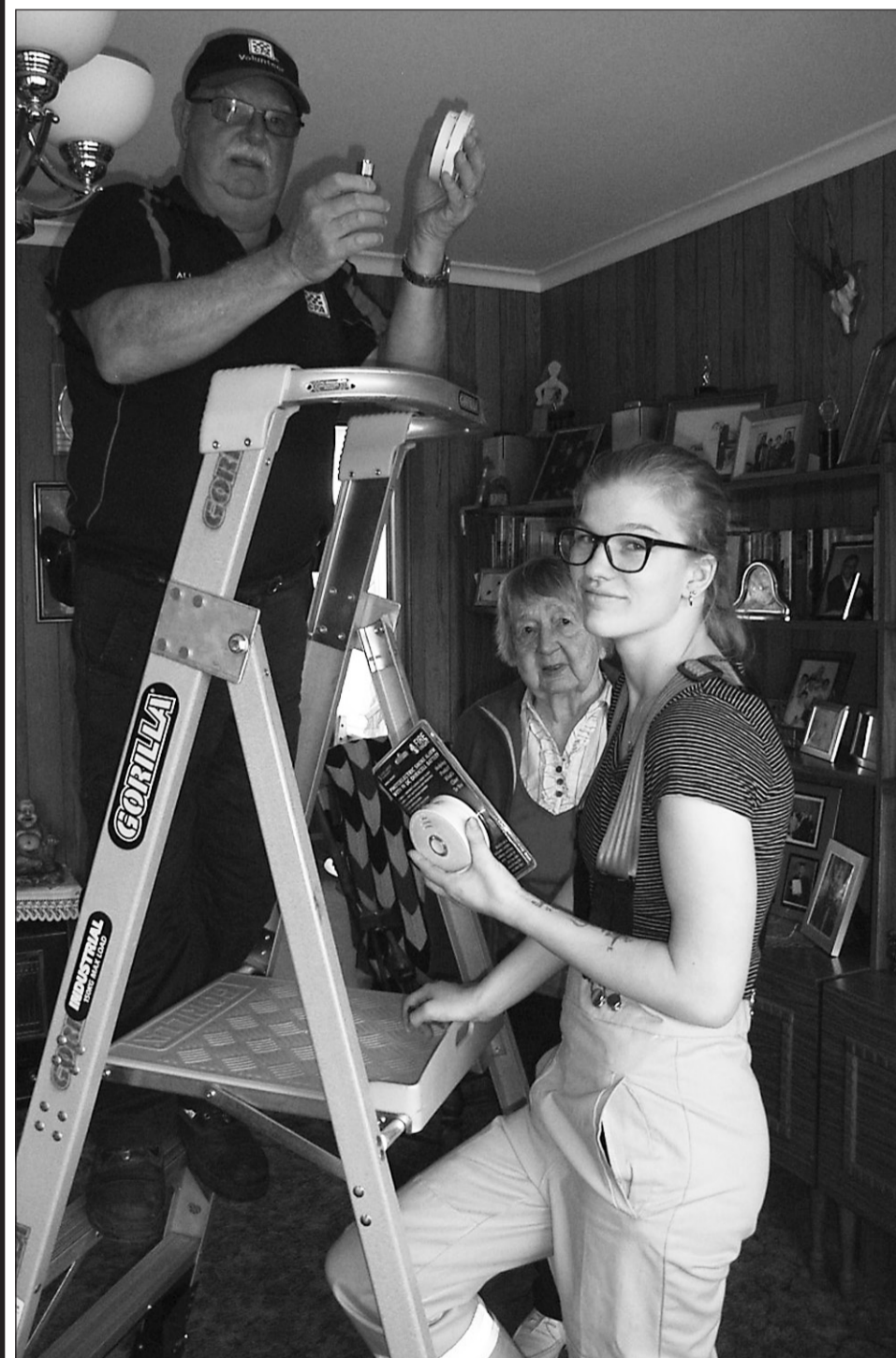
dangerous terrain. The small amount of rain that fell added to the dilemma because it made the tracks undrivable as vehicles lost traction and people were slipping. Safety of the crew is the first priority.

The steps following completion of the fire suppression will be the rehabilitation of the tracks, soil stabilisation, installation of drainage on control lines and tracks. Tracks no longer required will be rehabilitated and allowed to grow back. It will include assessing the damage and hazards caused by the firefighting e.g. fences, and FFM will be working with landholders to repair damage but this could take some time, especially with the extent of the fire area. FFM thanks people for their co-operation, understanding and good will.

FFM thanks and praises the Yinnar Recreation Reserve committee, especially Don Barnes, for its willingness to work with FFM in a co-operative effort so the community could return to normal, with sports still going on.

Thanks also go to the Churchill Fire Brigade members for their support and the supply of such an excellent facility in which to continue their efforts.

Smoke Alarm checks



Brigade members Allan Larkin and Britney Atkinson changing the battery in Anya's detector.

Churchill Fire brigade has just done its annual smoke detector checks for our seniors. If you are a senior and would like this to happen for you please contact Ruth 5122 1961.

Old Time Family Dance

Jeeralang North Hall

Jeeralang North Road

Friday, May 24

Dancing from
8.00 pm to 11.30 pm

Admission: \$8.00
Door Prize

Supper supplied

For more details please ring Judy 0402 923 897, Heather 5166 1494



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HAZELWOOD HOUSE - WHERE TO NOW?

We've contacted all levels of government, we've collected signatures for a petition to Federal Parliament, we've met with Benetas representatives, we've publicised the issue . . . but come November 2019, residents of Hazelwood House are to be moved out and the Churchill community will be left with an abandoned building.

So what can we do?

Are there other options?

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If there is sufficient community support, CDCA proposes that a Steering Committee be formed to explore options for keeping Hazelwood House open — as an Aged Care Home or perhaps some other residential facility (e.g. palliative care, respite care, supported accommodation, etc)

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Co-Op Church Snippets



Easter Club

The church family was pleased to welcome around 80 children in Grades 2-4 to hear the Easter story. The children participated in the telling of the story by joining in with sound effects. Peter said a prayer. Then they had the choice of twelve different craft activities to do. Pieces of Hot Cross Buns could be sampled at each table activity. Each received a small Easter egg as they departed.

The children enjoyed the time and were very excited about participating in this Churchill Primary School tradition.

It was an opportunity for our new minister Peter and the children to meet.

Easter Services

As is our usual custom we celebrated with Lumen Christi the service of Tenebrae - the service of shadows in which the betrayal, sentencing and death of Jesus are movingly told. With the telling of each shadow a candle on the candelabra is extinguished

including the last one with the words "It is finished" indicating when Jesus dies.

Good Friday service was taken by Cathie and Peter with many from both Lumen Christi and the Co-Operating church involved with the readings from the Bible, including the account of events leading up to Jesus' death. This was followed by the Walk of Witness around the town which finished at the Co-Operating Church for Hot Cross Buns and a cuppa.

At Yinnar the congregation was joined by Neil Bailey for their walk and ceremony.

Easter Sunday saw the church rearranged for the special celebration of holy communion the Churches of Christ way, and a powerful sermon from our new minister Peter on the meaning and utter importance of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. He had a special talk arranged for the Sunday afternoon too which was well attended and received.

IGA Stall

On the Thursday before Good Friday the church was invited to have a stall outside IGA. Plants, jams, pickles and chutneys plus other items were on display. The proceeds gained were amazing and included many donations given so willingly and generously.

Thank you to everyone who came and bought things to support our fund-raising. Thank you to those who supplied the items for sale.

ANZAC Day celebration

Our minister Peter Carter was invited to say a prayer at the ANZAC Day service at Churchill. He and Peter Townsend also laid a bouquet for the church in remembrance of those who served.

The card placed on the bouquet read "Honouring our veterans past and present. Thanking them for their sacrifice and dedication. Acknowledging their contribution to keeping our country safe and free. Praying for peace."

Peter's Ponderings

By: Reverend Peter Carter. Minister of the Co-operating Churches of Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar Corner McDonald Way and Williams Ave Churchill 3842, 0408 852 215.

Have you ever wondered why we have chocolate eggs and rabbits at Easter? Or why we have the Easter bunny? In fact why is it that we celebrate Easter at all.

Easter is a Christian celebration of the fact that Jesus whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, was crucified for us and our wrong doing, was buried in a tomb and three days later rose again and appeared to many people, that we may go to be with God in heaven when we die. That is what the Easter celebration is about.

Some years ago I was passing a group of people in a shop who were angry about the church taking over Easter and turning it into a religious celebration. I must admit that I did a double take and thought "he cannot be serious", but this person was serious and continued on, complaining about the issue.

I thought to myself how can he not know of the wonderful origins of Easter?

I have heard some say that Easter comes from pagan celebrations, but this is not true. Rather Easter is a continuation of the Jewish Passover celebration.

The Passover goes back to the time of Moses, and

Israel's bondage in Egypt.

A time that has been shown in a movie like 'The Ten Commandments', with Charlton Heston playing Moses.

The Jewish Passover celebrates the fact that death passed over the households of the Jewish people who had marked the doors of their house with the blood of lambs when they were in bondage to Pharaoh, while the unmarked houses of the ancient Egyptians had the first born male of their families die.

This led to the Pharaoh letting the Israelites go free under the leadership of Moses.

At Easter the Church celebrates Jesus the Son of God's death and his resurrection, this was his ultimate sacrifice for our sin, so that death may Passover us and we can have an eternal life filled with joy in heaven with him.

So why the chocolate eggs and rabbits at Easter? The egg symbolises new life, and the rabbit symbolises abundant life.

The church celebrates Easter with these symbols, with the egg we celebrate our new life, free from



the consequences and judgement that our wrong doing brings.

With the symbol of the rabbit we celebrate the fact that this new life is an abundant life.

This new life is not the dull and joyless existence of the Hollywood view of heaven, you know the one where you're floating around clouds with a harp, but a life filled with joy, not boredom, sorrow, hate, strife, and pain.

Easter celebrates this one fact that "God so loved the world that He gave his only Son that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have life everlasting".

So as you eat your chocky eggs and rabbits next Easter, remember that these symbols teach us that Jesus gave his all for you, so that death may Passover you.

Chaplain



Rather than focus on a Federal Election, etc. consider this...

A man in America who was scheduled to be executed, asked for a spiritual advisor to accompany him. The request was denied, on the grounds that his particular spiritual advisor was not 'approved'.

The case went to the Supreme Court and the ruling was that this breached the man's rights.

But, instead of allowing the spiritual advisor to accompany the man, the authorities banned all spiritual advisors from the execution chamber. The rationale was that this removed the possibility of any such advisors or groups being singled out for discrimination.

One comment on this highlighted that "rather than accommodate the religious freedom of some death row inmates, it denied the religious freedom of every death row inmate."

In the same comment, reference was made to Canada banning the wearing of religious symbols in the workplace.

That comment added "religious freedom has its

limits, as it should; but it must be for all, or we'll soon discover it's for no one." Worth thinking about!

Church Times

Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish

All Sundays
11.00am now at
Christ Church Boolarra
5th Sundays
11.00am
Yinnar South



Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Rev. Peter Carter
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Williams Avenue,
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Williams Avenue, Churchill
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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

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Contact Linda on 0400 690 972 for
further information.

Melina Bath MP

ANZAC Day is widely recognised as one of our most important national commemorative occasions in Australia.

It represents so much to many Australians - young, old, men and women of all backgrounds. Its significance is passed from generation to generation. As each year goes by the sense of gratitude and respect we have for our troops and their sacrifice continues to grow within our communities.

This year is the 104th year since the ANZACs rose to the challenge to support Australia's allies overseas. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

The ANZACs were seemingly ordinary men and women just like you and I. They did however have one major difference. These individuals displayed a level of self-sacrifice and courage that is rarely seen, by placing their lives on hold and willingly volunteering to fight for our country.

Without their sacrifice Australia would not have the freedoms and acceptance we enjoy and embrace today. When presented with the honour of speaking at Churchill's ANZAC Day service I humbly accepted the opportunity to honour and acknowledge the service and sacrifice given to our country

and all its people.

World War I saw thousands of young men leaving their homes and loved ones behind. With 417,000 Australians enlisted from 1914 - 1918 it was a massive operation. The men who freely gave themselves to the war displayed a strong sense of adventure, but mostly they demonstrated an enormous sense of pride and determination as they fought to protect our country and way of life.

Their actions have had a profound effect on all of us, defining our values and scripting what it means to be an Australian. This theme continues to resonate amongst us today.

The men on the battlefield and the women of the Australian Army Nursing Service worked under the most challenging and trying conditions. Faced with constant fear and adversity they displayed incredible courage and a fierce grit.

When every fibre of your body would be screaming to flee, our servicemen and women banded together, forged on and bravely placed our country and way of life above themselves.

It was the soldiers, nurses and civilians who devoted themselves to the war effort who were the defining forebears of much of Australia's character of resilience, ingenuity and



determination.

These brave individuals birthed the revered ANZAC spirit and what we now consider core Australian values that include:

Loyalty
Mateship
Resourcefulness
Fierce individualism
Physical toughness
Emotional stoicism
Wry humour, and a
Generous heart

Their values continue to be shared and embraced by our communities. The legacy of the ANZAC's lives on and their values are passed from generation to generation. They continue to be displayed and are represented proudly by the brave souls who have served after them and those who will continue serve us into future.

Lest we forget

Cooking with Noelene

Goats' cheese, pear and caper pies

The spicy, salty and



unique flavour of capers adds piquancy to the pear and goats' cheese combination.

Love them or hate them, you cannot enjoy a tartare sauce without them.

Capers are small unopened flower buds from a bush native to the Middle East, they are usually pickled or salted, where their acidic, salty flavour develops.

Preheat your oven to 190 deg C.

Rich cheese pastry

Put 2 cups of plain flour in your food processor along with 1/2 tsp of salt, 200gm of chilled butter / marg and one and 1/2 cups of finely grated parmesan.

Process until mixture looks like crumbs.

Pulse in 3 tbs of chilled water until mixture forms moist balls of dough.

Turn out on to a lightly floured bench and bring together.

Refrigerate for 1 hour.

Filling:

Melt 3 tbs of butter/marg in a frypan then add 3 peeled and diced pears, and cook until they are tender and golden.

Add 4 tbs of castor sugar, continue to cook until it melts and begins to caramelize.

Now stir in 2 tbs of chopped capers.

Remove from heat and cool.

In the bowl of your electric mixer beat together 200gm of crème fraiche,

2 lightly beaten egg yolks,

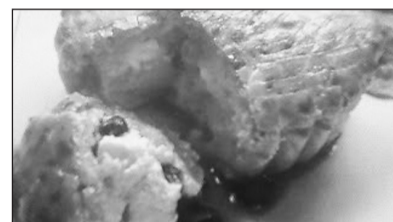
the grated rind of 1 lemon, until smooth.

Stir in the pears and any cooking juices along with 200gm of diced semi soft goats cheese.

Roll out the pastry and line 4 X 14 cm flan tins that have been sprayed with cooking oil and lightly sprinkled with fine polenta.

Divide an equal amount of filling between each pastry lined flan.

Using the remaining pastry, cut out 4 rounds to



cover the top of the pies, press edges together firmly to seal.

Bake in the well preheated oven for 30 minutes or until well browned.

Serve pies warm, drizzled lightly with olive oil and a sprinkle of chopped parsley.

Original glory ginger cake

The ingredients you will need for this recipe -

1/4 lb of butter

1/2 lb of brown sugar

1 tsp of soda

1/2 lb of plain flour

2 tbs of golden syrup

1 egg

1 cup of sour milk OR 1/2 cup of fresh milk

1 tsp of ground ginger

1 tsp of cinnamon

The method given was printed as so -

Cream butter and sugar, add sifted flour, cinnamon and ginger.

Keep back 1 tbs of this dry mixture. To what remains add beaten egg and milk in which is dissolved the soda.

Grease and flour tin, then pour in your mixture and



sprinkle

the top with the tablespoon of dry mixture.

Preheat the oven to 375 deg, snap top element off, bottom element low.

Bake about an hour in centre of oven.

This recipe caught my eye when browsing a recipe booklet put out by the State Electricity Commission.

Worcestershire rabbit

So often a bottle of Worcestershire sauce sits lost at the back of the pantry, only occasionally

asked to breathe life into our recipes.

Pungent, aromatic and warming, Worcestershire sauce can jazz up the humble burger, casserole, gravy, soup, stir fry or cheese dish.

Place 250 gm of grated tasty cheese in a saucepan with 25 gm of butter and 3 tbs of Worcestershire sauce along with 1/4 cup of stout.

Stir over a low heat until the cheese has melted and the mixture is smooth and creamy.

Season with salt and pepper.

Now slice your sourdough loaf and toast one side under the grill till golden or to your liking.

Then turn over and top the ungrilled side with a little cold, precooked meat (chicken, ham or

beef) and spoon over the top equal amounts of cheese mixture .

Grill under a high heat until golden and bubbling.

Serve immediately.

Ritchie's Churchill fire donation



Jacob Last and Yinnar South Captain Mark Bruerton.

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During the March 2019 Yinnar South fires Ritchie's SUPA IGA along with Metcash, decided they wanted to help the most directly affected fire fighters and station.

With this in mind a discussion was started where we thought it would be best if we donated \$1000 in store gift cards to Yinnar South Fire Brigade to use at their convenience.

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Putting smiles on the faces of sick kids



CBA Churchill branch manager Mary Clark and Teller Lorelle Nolan dress up for Sick Kids Day.

Churchill Commonwealth Bank branch invites the community to help support the Clown Doctors.

In April, the Commonwealth Bank (CBA) Churchill Branch hosted a fundraising event to raise funds for the Clown Doctors, the CommBank Foundation's national charity partner.

The fundraising campaign was held throughout April with Smile Day, the national day of fundraising for the Clown Doctors, taking place on Friday, April 5.

Churchill branch opened its doors to the community in a show of support for the Clown Doctors.

The Clown Doctors is the core program of the Humour Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation that provides doctors dressed as clowns visiting sick children in

hospital, treating them with a dose of humour.

Last year CBA raised almost \$200,000, from the fundraising efforts of its branch network.

Mary Clark, Churchill Commonwealth Bank Branch Manager, said: "We have a long standing history with Clown Doctors that spans over 20 years. Our fundraising efforts for Clown Doctors are something we are very proud of.

Knowing that we can provide support to Clown Doctors in their effort to bring much needed laughter and fun to sick children means a lot to our staff. It's also heartwarming to have our local community get behind the effort as well."

Tony Warner, CEO of The Humour Foundation, commended CBA's

commitment to helping the Clown Doctors: "There's nothing pleasant about being a sick kid in hospital, but the Clown Doctors help lighten the serious side of hospital for kids and their families with over 230,000 visits a year.

We rely on the generosity of our donors and the ongoing support of organisations like CBA that help build awareness and funds on our behalf.

We would like to sincerely thank CBA and its customers. Their funds will go a long way in helping us continue to bring the magic of Clown Doctors to sick kids in hospitals around the country."

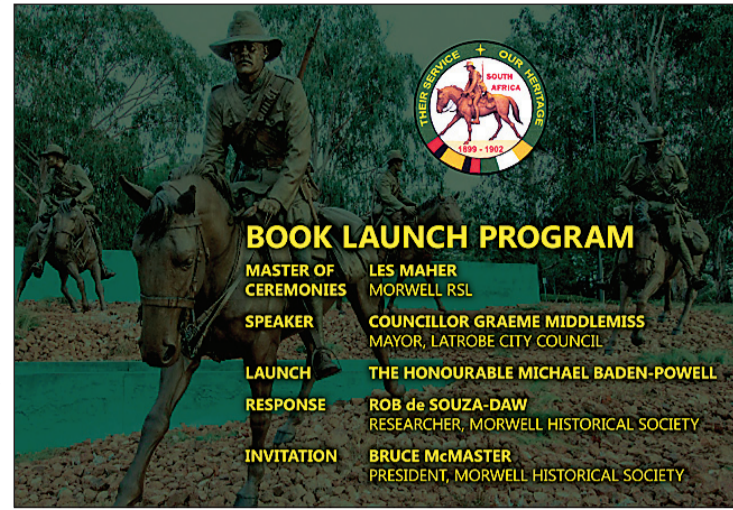
Donations to the Clown Doctors can be made at any Commonwealth Bank branch online at commbank.com.au/clowndoctors.

Boer War Book Launch

The interest of local author, Robert de Souza-Daw was sparked in 2014 when the Federal Government was offering funding for projects related to the Centenary of ANZAC (1914-1918). He felt it was disappointing not to recognise the contribution of those who served in the Boer War, often referred to as the "Forgotten War".

Soldiers who fought in World War I often had that service recorded on their headstones, and whilst many had also previously served in the Boer War this was not recognised on their graves. It is estimated that nearly 23,000 Australians served in the Boer War, including approximately 3,500 who enlisted in one of the contingents from Victoria. The Morwell District was well represented at the Boer War. It is interesting that up to one third of those serving in the conflict actually funded their own travel and sometimes their horses and equipment as well, they were so keen to defend Britain. What makes the Boer War even more significant is that is the first foreign conflict in which the Commonwealth of Australia participated.

In his book, Robert is the first to have actually researched in depth the local soldiers who fought in the conflict. In 1904 there was a commemorative tree planted in Morwell, now long gone, in recognition of local soldiers, three of whom were specifically named at the time, but research has shown



there was a fourth soldier who served with a British irregular unit and a fifth who left the area before the war. Now all are recognised in this book, and in a ceremony held at the Morwell RSL on 11/10/17, the 118th anniversary of the commencement of the war, their names were unveiled on the "Morwell District Boer War Roll of Honour". Now, each year the end of the war is commemorated at the Shrine and in other parts of Australia on the Sunday nearest to May 31. There has been a revival of interest in the Boer War and fundraising throughout Australia in recent years has resulted in the National Boer War Memorial being unveiled on Anzac Parade in Canberra. In 2014 the Morwell RSL placed a memorial in the Alexandra Gardens, Morwell to the local soldiers who lost their lives in the conflict.

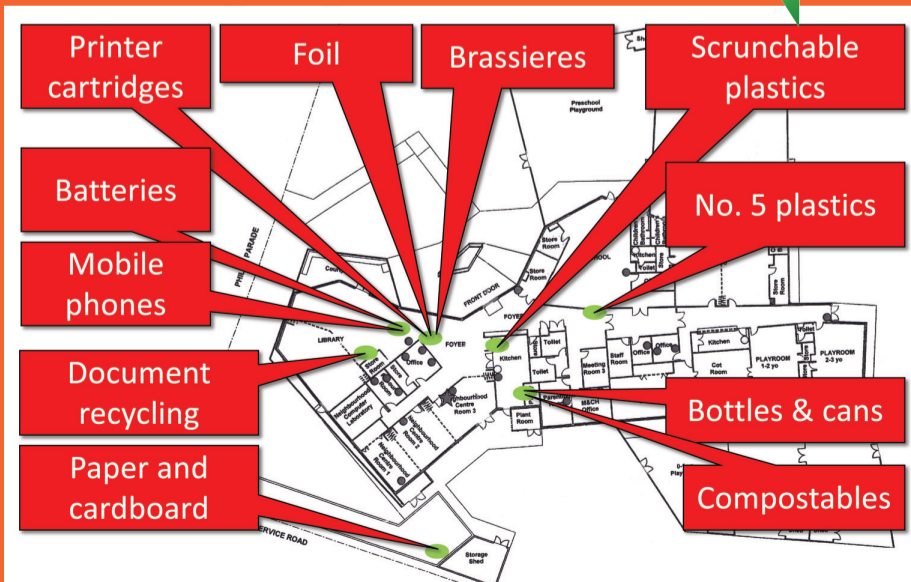
At a recent commemoration of Boer War Day at the Shrine, Robert met Michael Baden-Powell, grandson of Major General Robert Baden-Powell, and Michael will be launching the publication on May 29, in the ANZAC Room at the

Morwell RSL. This event will be open to the public and promises to be very exciting. Commencing at 10 am there will be an audio-visual pre-launch featuring footage of the Morwell District Boer War Commemorative Service held on 11/10/17, news clips from Channel 9 and WIN TV, and each of the local soldiers will be featured.

This impressive book has been published by the Morwell Historical Society and will be on sale from the launch. The A4 size book is described as a local military pictorial publication and includes 208 coloured and sepia photos, 108 black and white photos and eight maps and diagrams. Light refreshments will be available after the launch, provided by the Morwell RSL, and the Master of Ceremonies will be Les Maher, a Morwell RSL volunteer.

People wishing to attend the Book Launch are requested to advise the Morwell Historical Society by May 20, 2019 on morwelldistrictboerwar@gmail.com or phone Elaine on 0438 631 460.

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Exploring options to keep Hazelwood House open

Despite this community's best efforts to protest the closure of Hazelwood House, Benetas is pushing on with its plans to relocate Hazelwood House residents to Traralgon later this year.

The responsible Federal Department had already approved the transfer of 'funded beds' from Churchill to Traralgon before the closure announcement was made – it seems that, so long as the beds are retained within the same Local Government area, the Department allows the transfer.

Our Federal MP, Darren Chester, wrote to the responsible Federal Minister, advocating for this community to retain our Aged Care facility in Churchill, but did not receive a reply before the Federal election was announced.

Similarly, the Petition we prepared and which was signed by approx 750 local residents in a very short time was not able to be presented

in Federal Parliament during Budget Week and now has to be kept on hold until the new Parliament takes office.

Copies of our Petition are still available for signing at either the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre at the Churchill Hub or at Russell Northe's office in George St., Morwell.

Benetas owns Hazelwood House, but Latrobe City Council has "first right of refusal" on purchase – Council has made it clear that they cannot buy a vacant building in Churchill and are very displeased that this is the situation we now face.

It seems more and more likely that Churchill will be left with an abandoned building unless another provider willing to run the facility can be found.

Benetas has said that they will maintain the grounds of Hazelwood House once it is vacated and are willing to work with Latrobe City Council to find a solution to our problem - Council have put it to Benetas

that they (Benetas) have a responsibility to find another provider to run the facility and not just walk away and leave us with an empty building.

It's possible that another aged care provider might be interested in keeping Hazelwood House open. It's also possible that, as a residential facility, it could be "re-purposed" for Palliative Care, Respite Care, Supported Accommodation or some other type of supervised care. Some communities even take on the mammoth task of operating their own aged care facility!

CDCA's next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 11, commencing at 7.00 pm and we are inviting all interested locals to join us to explore options for retaining Hazelwood House as an occupied residential facility.

If there is sufficient interest, we propose to establish a Steering Committee of community members to further investigate options, work with Council to find another agency/provider,

explore funding opportunities to keep Hazelwood House open and network with the wider Churchill and district community to ensure we do not end up with an abandoned and derelict building.

If you want to keep Hazelwood House open, occupied and servicing our

community, please join us at 7pm on Tuesday June 11, in Meeting Room 5N158 at the Federation Uni Churchill Campus – enter Mary Grant Bruce Drive (opposite Kurnai College junior campus gate), turn right and park in N1 car-park – enter the 5N building and meeting room 158 will be

on your right.

You can contact CDCA via our website - www.cdca.org.au or email info@cdca.org.au Find us on Facebook – search for Churchill District Community Association - and leave a message, or write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

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Cathedrals on Stamps



Wherever in the world there is a sizable group of Christians, there is a cathedral. They are the home churches of an archbishop or a bishop. In countries which are predominantly Christian they are found in the important cities. Indeed in Britain, and in the former British colonies it used to be the rule that a large town only received its charter as a city when it was able to afford to build a cathedral.

The cathedral was the principal church in the city and was usually a showplace of its wealth and importance. They were the places where the wealthier section of the population went to worship on the special religious days celebrated by the church, and were a source of pride to the population at large. They were lavishly decorated with the best that the skills of the artisans in the city and surrounds could produce, as well as a storehouse of precious metals and gems which were fashioned into religious symbols and vessels.

The concept began in the Eastern Roman Empire when

the Emperor Constantine embraced Christianity in 313. The building of cathedrals in Western Europe began in the Middle Ages, and over the centuries have mirrored the architectural styles of the times.

Early cathedrals took a long time to build, often more than a century, because of the colossal amount of money needed for construction of a building where only the best was good enough.

Also, there were engineering problems to overcome to ensure that the building would not collapse. Many did, but gradually the problems were solved by the master masons by trial and error, and the magnificent edifices stand today as a testament to their genius.

The portrayal of cathedrals on stamps can be divided into three categories. The first is where the cathedral's image is issued as part of a larger set to celebrate the important buildings in a country, or where the cathedral is a feature in the landscape portrayed on the stamp. The second is a stamp

or set of stamps showing the cathedral itself and the third is the illustration of decorations or treasures housed in the cathedrals.

St Pauls cathedral in Melbourne features twice in the first category. The three stamps of the 1934 issue for the Centenary of Victorian settlement and the 2/- value in the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games set show the cathedral spires in the city landscape. In 1969 a set of six stamps showing British cathedrals was issued. Other European countries have done likewise as have other Catholic countries.

A stained-glass rose window from Freiburg Cathedral is shown on the 1978 issue of West Germany. A carving by Tilman Reimenschneider, a master carver of the Middle Ages from Germany, celebrates the 450th anniversary of his death on an issue of 1981. The list goes on.

With the fire in Notre Dame in Paris in the news, it is timely that such a collection be considered.

Book Review

"The Lost Man" by Jane Harper

Jane Harper is a British born Australian author whose books have been published in more than thirty-five countries and received numerous prestigious awards. "The Lost Man" is the third of her novels following "The Dry" and "Force of Nature", both of which have been previously read and enjoyed by our book group. "The Lost Man" was published in 2018.

This story is set in the Australian outback, where cattle stations are measured in hundreds of thousands of hectares and locals find their bearings by recognising natural features of the landscape such as rock formations, and in this story, a stockman's grave.

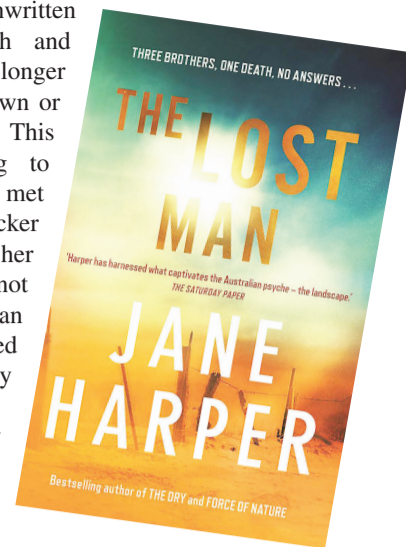
After the death of their father in a road accident the family station is run by Cam and his younger brother Bub, with the help of long term employee Harry and itinerant workers, such as back packers from time to time. Cam is well liked and respected in the community and there is great concern as he has gone missing. The older brother, Nathan, who is the main character in this story, runs a relatively small station in the region, and is finding it difficult to make ends meet.

He was previously married to the daughter of a neighbouring station owner and has a son, Xander, who is spending the Christmas holidays with him. When the marriage failed there was a bitter custody battle, with his father-in-law threatening to ensure that he would never have access to his son, so when Nathan was returning from the town and saw him stranded on the side of the road he drove past. This

was breaking an unwritten law of the bush and Nathan was no longer welcome in the town or the community. This was disappointing to him as he had just met a Dutch back packer and wanted to see her again. This did not eventuate so Nathan basically isolated himself from family and community.

The story begins with Bub and Nathan coming to identify Cam, who has been found at the foot of the grave, after meeting a horrible death. It doesn't make any sense, as Cam was an experienced bushman who knew the outback well, and was unlikely to have walked here without carrying any water. The brothers find his four-wheel-drive about ten kilometres away, and it is well stocked with water and supplies and starts first go. The keys are carefully placed on the front seat in a way Cam would never have done.

The family has come together to celebrate Christmas but the mysterious death of Cam overshadows the celebrations and preparations for the funeral must be made. Cam and his wife Ilsa, who is the back-packer Nathan was attracted to, have two daughters, one of whom has suffered a broken arm, supposedly due to a fall from a horse. When looking for clues as to why Cam might have gone to the gravestone Xander finds a drawing of the daughter with her arm in a sling and a note saying "forgive me". Nathan and Ilsa resume their relationship and it soon becomes apparent



that the family have been the victims of domestic violence, with all of the family wanting Nathan to stay and manage the station.

Everyone in our book group enjoyed this book. There are several "red herrings" in this well-written novel and there is an unexpected twist at the end. Jane Harper is very skilled at being able to evoke the features and atmosphere of the Australian landscape and it plays an important role in this story.

The book generated discussion about the plight of victims of domestic violence living in such isolated regions, and how they would be unlikely to be able to get help, as well as the normalisation of this violence when it has been perpetrated across generations. The book also touched on depression and the mental health of farmers and their families living in difficult times.

If you have read and enjoyed Jane Harper's previous novels you will not be disappointed with this one.



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The weather was just right for a working bee - not too hot and not too cool.

Chris and Faye had worked hard to have all the equipment required for the long list of jobs on the board. We had a marvellous turn up of eight people which made it possible to work in teams and achieve much for the day. It was great to welcome back Gary and to welcome Pascal to the team for the first time.

Three new plants were

If so you could be experiencing the late effects of polio including post-polio syndrome. There are community groups in Victoria where you can gather, meet, get help and support each other.

What is LEOp?

The Late Effects of Polio is a broad term and may not

planted near the toilet block to replace ones which had been damaged or had died, by Chris, Faye and Ruth.

Tree stumps were cut lower to be ready for the stump grinding that is to occur by Barry, Steve and Max. Overhanging and intrusive branches were cut back and left in piles by Andy, Pascal and Gary, as they made their way to collect gravel to fill holes on the pathway created by the dry conditions.

Then the piles of trimmed branches plus other older fallen limbs were collected and taken to the burn pile, where the tree stump men met us and unloaded the trailers. Morning tea was welcomed and we were spoilt by Faye's cooking once again.

One team then took care of reducing the model boat platform to make it safe beside the new shelter, while the others went and removed the path edging which had

become a tripping hazard. Before we knew it, it was 12.30 -1pm and we called it a day.

It was so good to have such a good turn up so much could be achieved. We are always looking for new volunteers to help develop and maintain this wonderful asset we have in Churchill.

Working bees are held on the second Saturday of each month. Call Ruth 5122 1961 for further information.

Did you have Polio?

include diagnosis of Post Polio Syndrome.

Symptoms include fatigue, new or increasing muscle weakness and atrophy, muscle twitches/spasms, breathing and sleep problems, difficulty with speech and swallowing, chronic pain, increased sensitivity to cold and/or heat.

If you are experiencing any issues related to polio/PPS/LEoP and require support, specialised health services are available through Polio Services Victoria, a post polio service located in the Bolte Wing of St. Vincent's Hospital, Nicholson Street, Fitzroy.

NB. People who have had polio need special care when undergoing anaesthesia. Make sure your doctor, surgeon and anaesthetist are aware of your polio history

Post Polio Victoria (PPV) was established by polio survivors to advocate for Victorians with polio so that they can have access to the information and the services they need to live actively and independently.

research, aids and equipment for health professionals and people with polio is available on their web site and through newsletters.

PPV aims to raise awareness among health providers and governments about health and support needs of people with polio.

Joining PPV means you will receive notifications and information and be invited to events and have the opportunity to have your say.

This will strengthen PPV's efforts to increase awareness and obtain better services for people with polio.

To become a member, use

the web site postpolio.victoria.org.au or ring 0431 702 137.

Polio Network Victoria provides information, support, free quarterly newsletters and annual Polio Day events.

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Hazelwood Rotary



By Leo Billington

Churchill's 2019 ANZAC Day commemoration service was well attended – and with beautiful, clear weather, a strong community spirit was on display.

Hazelwood Rotary took a lead role alongside a massive effort from Ruth Place who followed up chasing details also necessary for a successful morning.

Churchill Lions proved their skills cooking a Gunfire breakfast are well beyond comparison. Their culinary delights are well documented.

Eighteen wreaths were presented highlighting just how dignified and solemn ANZAC Day should be. Even when students spoke, one could appreciate how the ANZAC spirit touches everyone.

Hazelwood Rotary has also assisted students

from Yinnar South Primary School to attend their annual MAD Camp. MAD means Make A Difference – where students are shown how to develop a personal, local and global vision for Making A Difference. This year's camp was held at Camp Coolamatong – Banksia Peninsula.

Hazelwood Rotary's eagerly awaited annual Mother's Day Wrap conducted at Mid Valley Shopping Centre proved highly popular. It's a fund raiser – gifts are wrapped in exchange for a donation – and has been going for over 12 years, raising thousands of dollars to assist local community groups.

In Year 9 or 10? Keen on science?

Rotary Clubs worldwide support several kinds of youth activities. Just one

of those supported by the Hazelwood Rotary Club is the ConocoPhillips Science Experience. We have sponsored students in past years.

The Science Experience is an exciting program of science activities for Year 9 and Year 10 students. It is run at several universities across Australia during the school holidays.

Federation University Gippsland will run the Experience from September 23 to 25. The program will include hands-on activities in animal and environmental sciences, biomedical science, IT and engineering.

Hazelwood Rotary offers to sponsor two local students this year at \$190 each, so we invite applications.

For full details and the application form, visit www.scienceexperience.com.au, or see your school for the paper brochure. You can apply and pay direct, but if you would like a Hazelwood Rotary sponsorship, we need your completed application form so we can submit it with the payment. Send it to us at P O Box 298 Churchill, no later than August 1, so we can notify the successful applicants in plenty of time.

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience is a nationwide STEM outreach program run by the Science

Schools Foundation Inc. This is an independent non-profit association of educationalists, Rotarians and industrialists.

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



Get the right flu vaccination this winter

Latrobe Community Health Service is encouraging Churchill community members to get immunised for the flu before winter arrives.

"We strongly encourage community members to ask for Quadrivalent, which covers all four major flu strains," said Dr James Bvirakare, Medical Director at Latrobe Community Health Service.

"At Latrobe Community Health Service we administer

the Quadrivalent vaccine to our clients," he said.

The flu vaccine is updated every season and is approved for use in children from six months of age, as well as adults.

"Anyone can become sick with the flu and experience serious complications," said Dr James.

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Drug cultivation and trafficking

This month we are looking at drug cultivation and trafficking in people's houses.

If you see something suspicious in a neighbour's house or back yard (coming and going of people at odd hours for example), it is important to let the Police know of these activities.

You can anonymously report these things through "Crime Stoppers" on 1800 333 000 or drop into your local Police

station at your convenience and report the details as required.

You don't need to give your name if you don't want to.

You may notice that the people of the house may not be very social to their neighbours, and may only do things after hours when there are not many people around.

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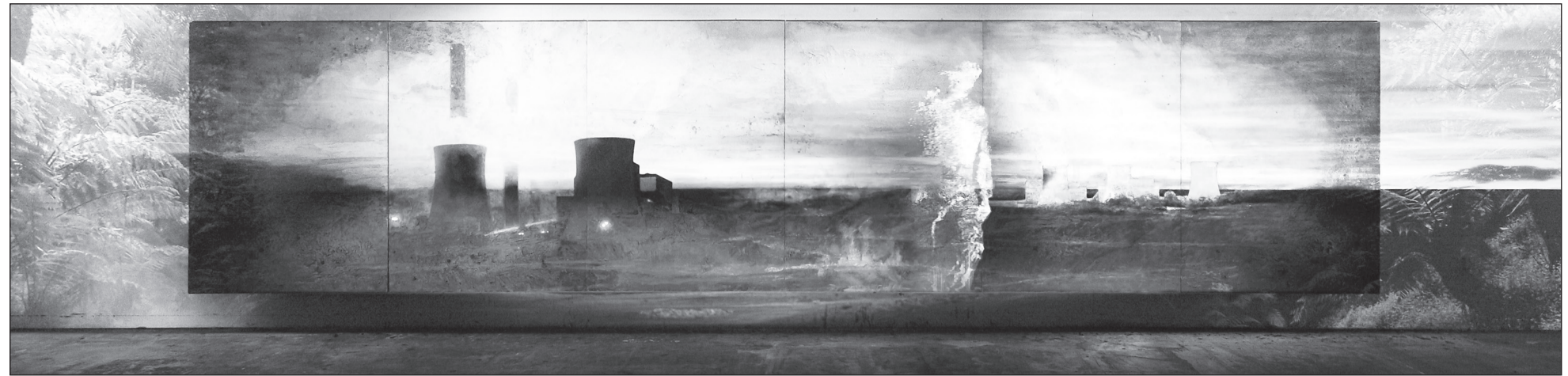
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Rewriting the Score – Latrobe Regional Gallery



Alexander Boynes, Mandy Martin, Tristen Parr, Rewriting the Score, 2019, Acrylic, oil, pigments on linen, 3 Channel 4K video with stereo sound, 230cm x 1150cm. Image courtesy of the artists and Australian Galleries.

Alexander Boynes, Mandy Martin and Tristen Parr have collaborated on a new 12 metre installation at Latrobe Regional Gallery titled 'Rewriting the Score'. It incorporates painting, video and sound to reflect on the

idea of energy transitions, in regards to the Latrobe Valley. Mandy Martin's high key canvases refer to the artist's interpretation of the natural and industrial environment, at this moment. These canvases are also the grounds

for Alexander Boynes' digital video projection which transports us out of the ash forest and into the Latrobe Valley, thrusting us into the future of the Anthropocene (The current era, in which humans are the major factor, changing

the planet as a whole). This is accompanied by Tristen Parr's sound work which features melancholic natural sounds and powerful cello composition. 'Rewriting the Score' will run until July 14, 2019.

Scams cost Australians half a billion dollars

"Total combined losses reported to Scamwatch and other government agencies exceeded \$489 million – \$149 million more than 2017," ACCC Deputy Chair, Delia Rickard said.

"These record losses are likely just the tip of the iceberg. We know that not everyone who suffers a loss to a scammer reports it to a government agency."

Investment scams are the most financially devastating scams at \$86 million, an increase of more than 34 per cent compared with 2017.

Dating and romance scams also represent significant losses increasing from \$42 million in 2017 to \$60.5 million in 2018.

"These extraordinary losses show that scammers are causing significant financial and emotional harm to many Australians," Ms Rickard added.

"Scammers are adapting old scams to new technology, seeking payment through unusual methods and automating scam calls to increase their reach to potential victims."

In 2018, more than 378,000 scam reports were submitted to the ACCC's Scamwatch, the Australian

Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN)

and other federal and state-based government agencies such as the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

In late 2018, many thousands of Australian households were hit with automated phone calls from scammers impersonating the ATO threatening arrest for unpaid taxes.

In November, reports of the ATO scam increased more than 900 per cent, indicating the scammers were engaged in a concentrated campaign to scam as many Australians as possible.

"Scammers are using pressure and fear tactics combined with technology to trick people into parting with their money," Ms Rickard said.

"Scammers increasingly ask for money via iTunes cards, Google Play cards and cryptocurrencies to avoid the anti-scam measures employed by banks and money laundering detection systems."

Australian businesses are also being targeted by sophisticated 'business email

compromise scams' with reports of losses to Scamwatch and other agencies exceeding \$60 million in 2018.

Scammers are hacking businesses' email systems and impersonating key personnel in emails. They request changes to regular bank account details so that money is transferred to the scammer's account instead of to where it should normally go. Many businesses are caught off guard because the emails appear genuine.

"The ACCC has been working with banks, financial intermediaries and online classified sites to disrupt scams, but this year we, along with the ACMA and ACSC, would also like to see social media platforms and telecommunications providers doing more to limit the ability of scammers to connect with victims," Ms Rickard said.

The ACCC encourages people to visit www.scamwatch.gov.au (<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>) to report scams so we can warn others about them and learn more about what to do if they are targeted by scams.



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ANZAC DAY

Lest we forget...



Churchill and District ANZAC Day service/s

The Churchill Lions Club set up and had the Gunfire breakfast cooked for those who arrived at 8am. The service began at 9am.

RSL Vice President of the Morwell RSL Sub Branch, Don George, was the MC for the Churchill service. He welcomed everyone saying

"It is great to see so many people here today to honour the memory of the first ANZAC's and the sacrifices they made at dawn on this day back in 1915 on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey.

ANZAC DAY is not owned by the RSL or the Latrobe City it is owned by you the community. We are only the Custodians of this Commemoration. I would like to thank the Latrobe City Council for its help in holding our ANZAC Day services throughout the Latrobe Valley.

At the end of WW1, as it became known, Australia was counting the cost in both materials and human loss. It was being stated that it was the war to end all wars, due to the human loss of life. Australia's population at the start of WW1 was less than five million people. From that population 416,809 men volunteered and served in the Australian Defence Force. It was the largest volunteer force per head of population of any nation. During the four long years of war Australia lost 60,000 killed, another 165,000 wounded, gassed, or taken prisoner. That is a casualty rate of 65%.

Alongside the 416,809 men who enlisted were 2,139 nurses who served with the Australian Army Nursing Service. Another 130 nurses worked in the Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Hospital, and a further 423 served in Australia. At the end of WW1, 23 nurses had paid the Supreme Sacrifice for their country.

As Australia was settling back in to some sort of normality, for the second time in the first half of the 1900s, Australia was again involved in another global conflict, World War 2. Again Australians answered the call to arms.

In 1939 Australia's population was a touch under seven million people, and by the end of WW2 one million had joined the Australian Defence Force. Australia lost 27,073 killed, 23,477 wounded and 30,000 taken prisoner.

From all war and peace operations Australia has lost over 102,000 killed and well over 500,000 wounded or returned home mentally scarred.

I would like to quote U.S. President Harry S Truman, 1945/1953.

'Our debt to our men and women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude and we will never forget their sacrifices'.

This is as prominent today as it was back in 1945. That is why we are gathered here today, to remember and pay our respects for the sacrifices made by all our service personal."

Peter Townsend read the ANZAC Requiem.

Wreath and bouquet laying followed with nineteen beautiful tributes laid from the RSL, Melina Bath, Darrell White, the Koori community, Churchill Fire Brigade, Hazelwood North Fire Brigade, Lions and Rotary Clubs, Churchill & District News, Co-Operating Churches, 1st Churchill Scouts, Churchill schools, Churchill Football Netball Club, and the Cadets.

Guest speaker Melina Bath then spoke, beginning by acknowledging the Gunai Kurnai and indigenous service personnel who served Australia in past conflicts and current peacekeeping efforts. She also acknowledged Master of Ceremonies Don George, RSL members, the men and women who are currently serving - Air Force, Navy, Army and all those present

"People here today are the legacy of the ANZAC commitment and sacrifice on the battlefield, behind the battlefield and on the



home front as well.

Many had to stay behind and served in a different capacity e.g. essential services.

Dignity, grace and forbearance were displayed by so many mothers, wives, sisters and fathers, brothers as they had to endure living with a broken heart - a silent life altering burden, when their loved ones didn't return and they had to carry on.

We know that there are today families who have lost loved ones, in more recent conflicts, of Korea, Vietnam, East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan, for example.

We recognise that for others though wounds heal, scars of an indescribable nature linger. We need respect and empathy for those who continue to suffer what we now call PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) and other disabilities. Though there is and was much sadness and loss - many stories of triumph, survival and valour were forthcoming.

General Sir John Monash is quoted as saying that - 'the Australian troops consist of the very flower of our Australian Youth, from every point of view they are magnificent.'

Melina finished by saying it is an honour to remember their sacrifice so that we can enjoy

freedoms and liberties in a peace-loving nation.

LEST WE FORGET

Councillor Darrel, White OAM then introduced the speakers from each school to share their thoughts of what ANZAC day means to them

Kurnai Junior Campus speakers were Gavin Richards and Azriel Halge.

Azriel - I never had a clear understanding of what ANZAC Day was all about until I learnt about World War 1 in Grade 5 and its effects on our world today. I remember getting a clear understanding of what today is all about. ANZAC Day for me is a day to remember all the great soldiers who fought for four years straight for us, for me.

Gavin - Today is a day to commemorate everyone who played a part in this unforgiving war. Today we get to show our gratitude to the wonderful people who gave their lives for us. Today we get to remember every single soldier and show our respects for them, for their courage, hard work and sacrifice. Lest we forget.

Churchill Primary School speakers were Lucy Booth and Vivian Huynh.

Lucy - ANZAC Day means a lot because it is a day where we get to remember the past and present people who have and still are fighting for our country to be a safe and happy place. They risk their own lives so we feel safe and not worrying everyday if we will get hurt. Some soldiers who shed their blood, and when they did these new flowers grew as a gravestone but then they were moved to a graveyard, but those poppies still lie there today. ANZAC Day date is April 25 and then later on is Remembrance Day - November 11. Thank you for listening.

Vivian - Thank you to the soldiers who fought for our peace, freedom and land. You did your best and never gave up and for that we thank you. We thank you for going to a faraway land to fight for our home. Without you we would not stand here today.

These poppies represent the fallen soldiers' blood, even though they have left the physical world they still rest in our hearts. May they now rest in peace as today is the day we remember what they have done for us.

We respect all the soldiers - the ones we

recognise and the ones we don't. May you rest in peace.

Churchill North speaker was Noah

Good morning everyone, my name is Noah and I'm from Churchill North Primary School.

What ANZAC day means to me is a representation of the Australian spirit and the brave and resilient soldiers who fought for our beautiful and free country. I and many others deeply appreciate the heartwarming sacrifice they made for us and the impact it had on so many lives. Thank you, Lest We Forget.

Lumen Christi speaker was Shallimar Halliwell.

ANZAC Day is a time when Australians can all remember the sacrifice that all the people who have been in the armed services have made. It is a time when we can share family stories about our relatives who have served in the military.

On the holidays I went to the Soldiers Memorial Institute Military Museum in Bendigo. This is a place that teaches you about all of the conflicts that Australian soldiers have fought in. As a family we searched the War Memorial and honour boards for the names of my relatives.

The museum walk gave us a real example of what it was actually like for the soldiers. Displays showed the equipment they were given and the things that they created out of scraps to help them survive, like making cutlery out of mortar shells. Seeing the artefacts makes it a lot more real than just reading a book.

The thing that impacted me the most was seeing the poppies stand at the end of the walk. The sign that was in the display said "The Purple poppy is helping caring Australians show their appreciation for the service and sacrifice of animals in war. Throughout the ages these unsung heroes have served beside humans in the most dangerous situations without question or hesitation. The purple poppy uniquely recognises these brave animals" I love animals and want to be a vet when I grow up. Today I am wearing a purple poppy with my red one.

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Churchill ANZAC Day service, cont.



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When I showed my grandma the purple poppy and explained what it meant she told me that her father (my great grandfather) had the job during the war to go up into the high country, catch brumbies and then break them in for the army to collect. If it wasn't for this ANZAC Day I would not have known this about my great grandfather.

ANZAC Day lets us share stories that are sometimes otherwise forgotten or hidden in the past. ANZAC Day is really important so that the sacrifices that have been made in the past are honoured and not forgotten. Lest We Forget.

The L. V. Aero club provided a fly over of three planes as a tribute to the day.

Peter Carter of the Co-Operating Churches of Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar delivered a prayer.

Don George said the Ode to the Fallen with everyone responding... 'We will remember them.'

Joseph Bonnici played the Last Post. This was followed by a minute's silence. Then he played Reveille.

The National Anthems of New Zealand and Australia were played with people joining in singing the words.

Don and Leo Billington of the Hazelwood Rotary thanked all who had contributed to the organisation of the day and who had participated. Peter Gray of AMPWORKS for the P.A system, St John's Ambulance for first aid coverage, The Australian Airforce Cadets 424 Squadron, Latrobe City Council and Wendy Hrynyszyn, Latrobe Valley Aero Club, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Churchill Lions, Hazelwood Rotary, the children who spoke, Melina Bath for her speech and Peter Ceeny who had designed and

produced the magnificent program.

Special mention was made of the very generous people of Churchill and district who support the ANZAC appeal. It is the most generous income per head of population anywhere in the Valley. The Lions Club had a donation tin available while they were serving the Gunfire Breakfast and those donations of \$168.60 also went to the RSL ANZAC Day appeal.

The Gunfire breakfast was still available for those who were hungry. The Hazelwood Rotary ladies served tea and coffee with ANZAC biscuits in the hall.

The many people who came showed a reverence and respect for the occasion. They also enjoyed the opportunity to come together as a community and there was much socialising and chatter for a long time after the service was completed.



ANZAC DAY

Lest we forget...



Churchill ANZAC Day service, cont.



ANZAC DAY

Lest we forget...



Yinnar ANZAC Day service



Anzac Day in Yinnar commenced with a dawn service at 6am. Approximately 120 people braved the early morning chill to listen to Bruce Jeffries, past president of the Morwell RSL, talk about the sacrifices that our veterans have made for us in all fields of conflict.

This was followed by a warming breakfast of bacon and eggs and coffee supplied by the Yinnar & District Lions Club.

The march stepped off at 9.15am in the main street and was watched by 140 people. Yinnar's two remaining WW2 veterans, Reg Selwyn and Bill Welsh, led the parade accompanied by the Caledonian pipe band.

On reaching the cenotaph, a service was led by Jarrod Michael, Junior Vice

President of the Morwell RSL. The Yinnar Scout group then placed crosses around the cenotaph to represent areas of conflict. This was followed by the laying of wreaths by local schools and community organisations.

Guest speaker, Bruce Jeffries, again addressed those assembled at the cenotaph and spoke about the futility of war and the tragic loss of life during conflict.

The crowd then adjourned to the Memorial Hall where the Morwell Salvation band led the hymn singing. The requiem was read by Jarrod Michael and Tina Thompson from the Latrobe City band played the Last Post and Reveille.

It was gratifying to see so many

people make the effort to attend the commemoration to honour our veterans. Many of the crowd were young people and it is great to see them carrying on the ANZAC tradition.



ANZAC DAY

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Morwell ANZAC Day service



Many of the Churchill and district veterans attended the Morwell service.

A huge crowd gathered in Morwell at the top end on Tarwin Street where the march was to begin at 11.45am. Jason Hunter and his family on Water horses led the march, followed by the police, the veterans and the Caledonian Pipe Band who provided the marching music as the parade proceeded to the cenotaph near the RSL.

Around the cenotaph the parade came to a halt and the service began. There was an amazing lot of beautiful wreaths laid, a hymn to sing, the Lord's Prayer, God Save the Queen sung, and guest speaker Melina Bath. A list of members who had died in the past twelve months was read out. Then followed the special parts of an ANZAC Day service. The Latrobe Brass Band accompanied the singing. Joseph Bonnici was the bugler once again.

Those who attended were invited to go into the RSL for finger food and drinks following the service.



Vulnerable Australians reported record losses

Australians who are older, Indigenous or have a disability reported record losses in 2018 according to the ACCC's annual Targeting Scams report released recently.

(<https://www.accc.gov.au/publications/targeting-scams-report-on-scam-activity/targeting-scams-report-of-the-accc-on-scam-activity-2018>)

Australians aged over 65 submitted over 26,400 reports to Scamwatch in 2018, with losses of over \$21.4 million. This represents an increase of five per cent in reports but 22 per cent in losses.

"Scammers will scour dating sites and social media

for older Australians who have recently divorced or lost a long term partner, taking advantage of those who are inexperienced with these sites and may be in a vulnerable emotional state," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"Investment scams are the most financially harmful because the scammers invest time and money into convincing sales pitches, flashy websites and even glossy brochures."

Older Australians looking to grow their nest eggs but who instead get caught up in investment scams reported losses of \$7.6 million, and

those misled through fake relationships reported losses of \$5.8 million to dating and romance scams.

"Scammers will start with a cold call to their victim promising low risk investments for high returns. They may spend months grooming their victims and once a victim invests, they're quickly convinced to put more and more money in. As soon as the victim tries to cash in on their investment, the scammer quickly disappears," Ms Rickard said.

Scamwatch received over 7800 reports from people with disability or who identified themselves as having a

chronic illness with over \$8.7 million in losses. These Australians also reported higher losses per report to investment scams and dating and romance scams when compared with those that did not identify as having a disability or chronic illness.

Indigenous Australians also reported record losses in 2018. Scamwatch received 2434 scam reports from Indigenous people with losses exceeding \$3 million – a 79 per cent increase compared to 2017. Investment scams were the most financially harmful with \$1.1 million reported lost.

"The ACCC is committed



to continuing our education and awareness efforts including our Indigenous outreach work and distribution of our Little Black Book of Scams. As vulnerable consumers can be difficult to reach through traditional

channels we also encourage the wider community to assist in warning these consumers about scams," Ms Rickard said.

Gippsland artist creating art out of waste

Art is in the eye of the beholder, even when it is made of waste and recycled plastic.

Artist Karen Preston has taken this to heart and collected all plastic waste generated by her household over 12 months for her new exhibition, Plasticity, which opened at the Switchback Gallery on April 30.

As the Gallery's first exhibition of 2019, Plasticity addresses the current environmental issues of waste and recycling.

Every piece of plastic was documented and used to create artworks.

The pieces explore plastic waste as an art medium while questioning the implications of plastics amalgamating with our natural environment.

First invented in 1907, plastic is now seemingly indispensable in everyday life.

In just 11 decades it has become one of the most durable materials ever invented.

A toxic and waste product, plastic has entered the food chain and is destroying marine and terrestrial environments.

Globally countries are now recognising the urgent need to reduce, reuse and recycle plastic waste.

The artworks in the exhibition consider plastic as a malleable material that is interwoven with existence physically and psychologically.

They play with the flow between myth, belief and reality, while engaging with

concepts relating to gender identity, children's toys and household objects.

Plasticity will be on display until June 28 at the Switchback Gallery on Federation University Australia's Gippsland campus.

Karen is an alumni of the Gippsland School of Art and Design, and Honorary Senior Research Fellow with the School of Arts, Federation University Australia.

More information about Karen's artwork can be found at: karenmareepreston.com

Karen said "Although a key aim was to reduce the amount of plastic entering the environment, rather than banning it I decided to monitor and minimise our consumption of single-use plastic, and to intercept the cycle before it became garbage.

I was interested in whether this changed our plastic use, and what motivated any changes.

I also wanted to play with the plastic waste, to treat it as a material with potential to offer different ways of thinking about the presence of plastics in our lives, our bodies, our feelings and thoughts."

Switchback Gallery Technical Officer Neale Stratford commented "There is a growing awareness in the community about waste and single-use plastics that this exhibition taps into - it's exciting and thought provoking."

Gippsland's parks and forests reopen after fires

Bushfires affected many parts of our region this summer, burning almost 170,000 hectares and causing significant damage to some of our park and forest areas.

Gippsland's Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Beth Roberts said: "Forest Fire Management Victoria crews and many contractors have been working hard over the past few weeks to make the fireaffected areas safe for public access.

They've been clearing and stabilising tracks, rehabilitating control lines, dealing with dangerous trees and repairing drainage across thousands of kilometres of remote roads and tracks in our parks and forests," Dr Roberts said.

"There is still a lot of work to be done and we'll continue that work for many months, but we're confident that the most urgent assessments and repairs have been completed, so we can open almost all areas to the public.

The Alpine National Park is now fully open, with the exception of Lake Tarli Karng and surrounding walking tracks, which are still closed for further works.

The southern area of the Morwell National Park also remains closed due to fire impact. Stringybark Ridge Track will remain closed for emergency stabilisation and

rehabilitation works.

We urge anyone visiting fire-affected areas to drive, ride and walk carefully as newly-stabilised tracks will take a while to settle in.

Please respect the new terrain and help us make sure it lasts for all to enjoy.

Also, be aware that the environment might look very different in the fire-affected areas, which could be quite confronting.

The bush will recover and regenerate, responding to fire as it always does, and you may already be able to see green shoots coming through in some areas."

Don't forget there will be some seasonal road and track closures in May and June, for details check here: <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/visiting-state-forests/forest-and-road-closures>.

For more information on what to see and do in our state forests, visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au and <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/visiting-state-forests/places-to-visit> or download the More to Explore app <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/visiting-state-forests/more-to-explore-apps-and-maps>.



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RSL volunteers say thank you



L-R: George, Danielle, Maxine, Peter, Chris, Sam, Ian

The RSL volunteers who had been selling ANZAC Day items in the area leading into IGA, organised a certificate of appreciation for Chris and Peter and the staff of the Churchill

Hot Bread shop who have been supplying them with free coffees, donuts and a cheery smile for many years.

Volunteers George, Ian, Danny, Fiona,

Giselle, Reg, and Don have appreciated the kindness and wished to make is known.

They would also like to thank the generous public of Churchill for their support in buying

items and donating to the cause. The money raised will go to support the veterans and their families.

Russell Northe



the Federal Budget.

The petition will now be submitted at a later date yet to be advised – the good news is that this allows for the ongoing collection of signatures so if you haven't yet taken the opportunity to do so you can sign the petition at various locations throughout Churchill and at my

electorate office located at 12 George St Morwell.

Please call my office on 5133 9088 if you would like to arrange for pickup of blank petitions for signing.

Pondage Update

As many of you will be aware Engie has announced the permanent closure of Hazelwood Pondage effective March 31.

While I was not surprised at such a decision, the lack of interest from the State Government is extremely disappointing to say the least.

Our Save Hazelwood Pondage petition currently has over 4500 signatures – a significant indicator of the strong feelings associated with the issue.

Thank you to those people who have worked so hard in circulating this petition across the community.

The Pondage is such a valuable community asset and I am fully supportive of any conversation we can have with the State Government and stakeholders to explore

every option to reopen the Pondage.

I will continue to advocate for it to be made available as a recreational facility for current and future generations to enjoy.

Churchill Football Netball Club – Annual Crocka Cup - Churchill versus TTU (April 6)

Many thanks to the Churchill Football Netball Club who have over recent years hosted the Crocka Cup with all funds raised on the day donated to the Murdoch Children's Research Institute.

The purpose of the Crocka Foundation is to raise awareness and prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death in the young aged 0 -35.

Crocka was such a well-respected and much loved person right across our community and it's pleasing to see his legacy continue

through the Foundation and initiatives such as the Crocka Cup.

It was pleasing to see the Cougar teams perform so well on this special day and congratulations to individual medal winners, Ben Skinner in the Seniors, Joseph Whykes in the Reserves and Bailey Flanigan in the Thirds.

I wish all associated with the Churchill Football Netball Club the very best of success for the 2019 season.

Grand final of the Eastern Zone Premier League Netball

It was a pleasure to attend the Eastern Zone Premier League Netball championships at the Churchill Leisure centre recently.

Congratulations to the Churchill /Traralgon netball team who defeated Mid Gippsland to win the Open


division of the championships in a game which was an even match to half time, before the victors ran away with a 10 goal win.

Congratulations to all participants for their effort and commitment during the course of this annual tournament.

This includes the coaches and players as well as those

who support their teams by undertaking various roles.

We are blessed to have so many people who volunteer their time and effort across our community and sport is a great example of where volunteerism is profound. To the effervescent Judi Buhagiar and team - well done on your organisation of another successful netball event.



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Churchill Bowls Club



The winner of the Churchill Bowls Club Easter Egg Raffle drawn on Thursday April 18, was M Sparrow from Firmin Road Churchill. Congratulation to the winner and a special thank you to everyone who supported our raffle by donating eggs and purchasing tickets.

The club participated in the Active Kids Expo which was held at the Churchill Leisure Centre on Wednesday May 8, 2019. Scott Nicholson Regional Manager for

Bowls Australia was in attendance, supporting the Churchill Bowls Club team in conjunction with other local sporting clubs, which offered kids the opportunity to be involved in a recreational and sporting activity.

The Churchill Bowls Club will be fielding a team in The Traralgon Bowls Clubs Winter competitions again this year, commencing in May. This competition is of mixed gender and boasts a high standard of

competition. The experience and knowledge gained by our players competing in this high standard competition, should be of benefit to all club members.

Our club ran its' mixed Triples Competition on May 14, with a total of 16 teams from the wider Latrobe Valley taking part. Our Triples are a monthly event which is run on the second Tuesday of each month. Anyone wishing to enter a team can contact M Newton on 5122 1119.

Churchill entered a team in the Latrobe Valley Ladies Indoor Bowls Competition again this year which commenced on Monday April 29, under Manager G Thompson. It is hoped we can improve on last year's performance and give the competition a real shake this time around.

The club is running a Thursday morning lawn bowls competition during the winter months from 10am to 12 midday and running through to mid September. The competition is open to anyone wishing to take part, teams will be picked on the numbers available. Enquiries

5122 1860.

Our Thursday night indoor bowls is still drawing good crowds and is open to the general public. If you're looking for some social interaction and a fun night out, come along and be part of the action. To enable games to get underway by 7.15pm it is requested participants be there by 7pm. The night generally concludes around 9.30pm. Cost for the night is \$5.00 with a light supper served with tea or coffee.

The club is currently seeking new or past players

who are interested in playing lawn or Indoor bowls with the Churchill Bowls Club. The club can be contacted on 5122 1860 during business hours.

Any queries can be directed to W Brown on 5122 1860.

The Churchill Bowls Club web site is now up and running. Anyone wanting to peruse the site can do so by entering churchillbowls.com.



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5.45 pm - Churchill Community HUB

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New Free Seed Library

I thought I'd share with you some exciting gardening news!

Over the last few weeks we have launched a new free seed library at our Traralgon Library. We hope to roll it out to all Latrobe City Libraries over the coming months.

How it works:

- Be a library member and if you're not already it's free to join and has loads of membership benefits

- Choose an envelope of seeds to grow in your garden

- Select from a wide range of vegetables and herbs

- If you grow something that does well in our area, donate some seeds to grow our collection and share them with others

- Learn how to collect and save seeds

- Improve your chance of successful gardening by growing things that have been

tried and tested here in the Latrobe City climate.

We are also keen to connect with gardeners who are already seed savers and may have some spare to add to the Latrobe City Seed Library seed bank.

If you are able to assist please let me know at linda.snell@latrobevic.gov.au

Seed Library



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Going through "The Pits" at Farmworld



During the weekend of April 11-14, Relationships Australia Victoria (RAV) collaborated with more than ten health, wellbeing and community service providers in Gippsland to run a 'Pit Stop' men's health check program at the annual Farm World agricultural show in Lardner Park.

The Pit Stop program, which has run for eleven years, provides free health checks for men, using a mechanical theme to liken parts of the body to a motor vehicle.

Checks include oil pressure and chassis (blood pressure and diabetes risk), fuel additives (alcohol consumption), shock absorbers (coping skills) and sound system (hearing check). For each check, participants receive a 'green, yellow, or red' traffic light result as well as a 'work order' containing recommendations to make a certain lifestyle change or seek further professional advice.

At the end of the program, each man is issued with either a roadworthy sticker if they 'pass the pits' or a yellow canary sticker recommending 'follow-up maintenance' with a health professional.

2019 saw 208 men complete the program over the four days of the show – a marked 35 per cent increase

Participants came from all areas of Gippsland as well as further across Australia and even internationally. We also had a visit from Jed, a therapy dog in training, and his handler, Dee from SchnozDogs

Canine Services. 723 green lights and 260 red and yellow lights were given out, and 32 per cent of all the men who participated were recommended a follow up with a health professional and given informational resources to support them to improve their health.

Pit Stop was widely well received by visitors to Farm World and we had a number of enquiries to deliver similar programs across Victoria.

We're extremely grateful for the support provided by the other service providers that form the Pit Stop committee and enable us to deliver this valuable program

in the community. We'd also like to acknowledge the continued support of the Farm World management and staff, without which this program



would not be able to run. RAV's Traralgon Centre can deliver Pit Stop programs to local men's groups, at community events or to organisations and workplaces on request.

For more information or to enquire about booking a program, please email traralgon@rav.org.au or call (03) 5175 9500.

Plants in my garden



By Mike Beamish
Species: Beaufortia schaueri.

Family: Myrtaceae.
Derivation: Beaufortia: Named after Mary Somerset, Duchess of Beaufort (1630-1714), who had botanic gardens at Badminton and Chelsea and a large collection of botanical drawings.

schaueri; Named after Johann Conrad Schauer (1813-1848), a professor at Griefswald, who published works on the myrtles of WA between 1841 and 1845.

Name: Pink Bottlebrush.
Distribution: Endemic to Western Australia, this species is common in the southern coastal heaths between Albany and Esperance.

Description: A small, spreading, much branched shrub to 1m tall and 1.5m broad, with crowded linear leaves up to 1cm long. Flowering occurs mainly in spring, with sporadic flowering at other times when conditions are suitable. The mauve-pink flower-heads are globular to oblong and about 2cm in diameter, borne terminally on short branchlets.

Opinion: I haven't had

much luck with Beaufortia species, like a lot of WA plants they seem to grow too quickly for a couple of years, flower once or twice and then drop dead. This has happened to B. squarrosa B. sparsa, B. empetrifolia. B. purpurea, and B. orbifolia. I still have the last one, cuttings taken from a plant found in the Port Franklin foreshore gardens on our excursion down to Toora last February.

Eight of the nine cuttings struck roots, but they haven't enjoyed being potted up nor the weather lately, so there are only a couple still surviving, but not looking well.

Back to B. schaueri, my plant seems happy enough living on the raised mound of my frog pond rockery bed in the middle of the front yard.

It gets a bit of morning sun, but is otherwise protected by the overhanging Omeo Gum.

Drainage should be fine, but I suspect that dryness might be more of a problem as it seems to be difficult to get water to penetrate into the soil beneath the rocks.

Spraying with the hose or using the installed drippers just seems to result with

trickles heading off the bed onto the surrounding paths. Still, most plants in this bed seem to be healthy and happy, so I'll suck it and see. The Beaufortia is about five years old now, is about 50cm tall, though growing at an angle off the mound towards the light, and has flowered nicely for the last three years. Fingers crossed it will hang in there for a few more, as there doesn't seem to be a lot of suitable cutting material on it for propagating, nor mature capsules for seed, assuming any seed would be viable on a lonely WA plant in Boolarra.

Sources: Sharr – WA Plant Names and their Meanings, Elliot & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 2, Wrigley & Fagg – Bottlebrushes, Paperbarks and Tea Trees, etc.

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 Princes Drive and Monash Way, Morwell. All guests welcome, please let us know you are coming by calling Mike on 0447 452 755.

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CFA is urging Victorians to check that their smoke alarms are in working order now daylight saving has ended.

CFA is concerned some households may not know if their smoke alarm would alert them in the event of a fire. The end of daylight savings is a great reminder to check the battery and to check if the unit is more than 10 years old.

CFA Acting Chief Officer Gavin Freeman said the fire services have been telling Victorians to check their smoke alarm and change their smoke alarm batteries since 1997.

"This year, we also urge you to check the location of your smoke alarms," he said.

"Most fatal fires start in lounge rooms and bedrooms. Unfortunately, some of these tragedies may have been able to be prevented by having working smoke alarms in the right places. We recommend smoke alarms be fitted in all sleeping and living areas; this is your best chance of an early notification and escape, regardless of where a fire starts.

It's also a good idea to have interconnected smoke alarms, so that when any of the alarms is activated

by smoke, all smoke alarms will sound to alert occupants of a fire." CFA District Operations Manager Peter Lockwood said smoke alarms were crucial safety devices that saved lives and prevented millions of dollars in property damage.

"A working smoke alarm can save your life in the event of a fire," he said.

"We recommend 10-year lithium-battery smoke alarms because that means you don't need to change batteries every year.

But regardless of your type of smoke alarm, don't just forget about them once you've installed them. It's important to test them every month by pressing the test button and to maintain them by cleaning the smoke alarm unit each year.

If your smoke alarms aren't working properly, you could miss a warning sign that could save the lives of you and your loved ones."

Smoke alarms are compulsory in all Victorian homes. Residential tenants are responsible for regularly cleaning and testing smoke alarms in their homes and to report any faults to the landlord or agent.

If a fire occurs, get out and stay out, and call triple zero (000).

For more information on how to protect yourself and your family from house fires, visit your local CFA Brigade or the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/smoke-alarms

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SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY

Yinnar Fire

Term 1 was a very busy time at Yinnar Primary School. Our school was closed in early March due to the bushfires at Yinnar South. Many of our families and staff were impacted by the fire while others were actively involved with the emergency services and evacuation centre.

It was a stressful time for all and our school community has rallied behind those affected to offer support where necessary.

Pancake Tuesday was one activity that was rescheduled due to the school closure. Students eagerly look forward to this every year and thoroughly enjoy having the Lubawski's crew from our local churches cook up

delicious pancakes.

House Athletics

Our House Athletics sports was a great day out. Our students really got into the spirit dressing in house colours and competing in six events – sprints, long jump, long distance, high jump, discus and shotput. There was great support from the families as they had a fantastic competitive spirit. Some remarkable achievements were made by lots of students.

Some were expected and other were a huge surprise but all were greeted with lots of cheers and vocal support.

District Athletics

The District Athletics sports followed soon after at the Yinnar Rec Reserve. In excess of 200 Yinnar students were supported by

lots of family members. Our students showed good athletic skills and great sportsmanship throughout the day.

The champion's events were also held and many of our students achieved personal bests in their chosen discipline. Yinnar was again successful in winning the shield on the day.

Cross Country

Still on the sporting calendar, our 3-6 students competed in the District Cross Country which was held at Gaskin Park. Thirty three students from Yinnar competed, with most finishing in the top six in their age groups. We added the Cross Country shield to our trophy cabinet.

Leadership Training

Our student leaders

attended a Leadership training day at the Yinnar Bowls Club under the watchful eyes of Ms Gill and Mrs Hall. The students were given many challenges on the day, with the intention of furthering their knowledge of being a good leader and role model for the rest of the school.

Our school Captains led "Bullying No Way – A National Day of Action" with classroom activities and lots of messages to all students about the effects of bullying, what to do and where to get help.

Book Fair/Author Visit

Our bookfair coincided with a visit from George Ivanoff, an author who spoke to all students about his books and writing stories.

Landscaping progress

Our newest editions to our outdoor learning landscape have arrived. We now have several chooks roaming the gardens. The children love going out to feed them and a special reward is being allowed to go into the pen and pat the quieter ones. There was much excitement when the first eggs were laid.

Easter fair

The term ended with our annual Easter Fair. The Junior School Council coordinated stalls, activities and competitions for all students.

The most exciting part was of course, the Egg Launch. All students had the opportunity to create a 'launch contraption' that would safely hold a raw egg that, when launched into the stratosphere

would return to earth (netball court) intact. Amongst the drama and sometimes tears, there were many that achieved this goal. Our Easter Fair raised \$1100 to be donated to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

ANZAC Day commemoration

A whole school commemoration of Anzac Day was held in the first week of Term 2 to recognise the ultimate sacrifice made by our ancestors, in defending our freedom.

Each grade made a wreath to be laid at a ceremony led by our school Captains. On Anzac Day students also participated in the Yinnar Anzac Parade and again our school Captains laid a wreath on behalf of the school at the cenotaph.



Top Left: House Sports
 Top Right: Playing Chess
 Middle Left: Sports Day
 Middle Right: Cross Country
 Bottom Left: Pancake Day
 Bottom Right: The winners of the House Sports

SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

Sports day

On sports day high jump was my favourite because it was the last thing and it was fun. Also, I was able to help my friend Ava when she got frightened of the high jump. Then we went for two breaks, first we ate lunch then we played on the playground. Finally we went on the bus to our school and drew a picture of our favourite thing at the Sports Day at Yinnar.

Shilah 2 /3 F

Stamp out bullying

On March 22, we had a STAMP out bullying

performance at our school. STAMP is an acronym for Stay away, Tell someone, Always help, Make friends and Play nicely. A performer called Alistair was explaining what STAMP stands for in a very humorous way. Some of the ways included magic and the main one was his puppet named Croc. Croc was getting bullied so we had to help. Now that we have seen this performance our school will know what to do if we see bullying or are getting bullied. Hopefully with the performance our skills will

not need to be used.

Max and Zeek

Thank you CFA

We would like to thank the CFA for risking their lives to put out the bush fires. It wasn't just the Churchill CFA, other CFA workers helped too. After the fires we were able to say our thanks to the CFA when three Churchill CFA members came to Churchill North Primary School.

Children from most grades gave them thank you letters for their hard work and dedication. The bush fires were so big some people had

to evacuate from their house. We would like to say thank you once again for the CFA helping people to evacuate. Thanks to them we are all safe now and hopefully this will not happen again.

Natalee and Marley

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has been held for quite a while now at Churchill North Primary School. If you don't know about it, it is only one dollar to get breakfast.

At Breakfast Club they have lots to choose from including cereal, eggs and

toast. At the end of each term we have pancakes. My favourite thing at Breakfast Club is the pancakes.

Isaac 2 /3 F

Grand opening of the 'Ohana' building

On Wednesday April 3, the grand opening of the Ohana building at Churchill North Primary School took place. The new building runs programs such as play group, before school care and after school care. During the ceremony Mr Ceeney a member of our School Council spoke about the

building and the positive contribution it makes to our school. The students from

4 /5 Pearce sang 'It's a Small World After All' for the audience. Then Playgroup performed two songs, 'I am a Little Tea Pot' and 'Zoom, Zoom, Zoom'. Lachlan gave a speech about the new building and said that 'he loves going there'. The ceremony ended with Mrs Bostedt giving everyone a tour of the new building.

Alex 5/6 W



Alistair entertaining the children



Hunter presenting thank you letters to the CFA



Brooke, Noah and Nephi at the opening of Ohana

SCHOOL NEWS

GLENDONALD PRESCHOOL

Glendonald Preschool had a fantastic end to Term 1 with lots of visitors connecting with our service and children.

We are lucky to have adopted our very own kinder Grandma. She is going to visit with the children to read to them, play games, share morning tea and show them how to knit and crochet. Grandma will also be video chatting with the children and we will be taking a trip this term to post her some

pictures.

Peter (also known as the Worm Man) came to give us a new worm farm because the original worms were doing so well. The children helped to move all the worms and castings to their new home and learnt how to best care for the worms.

Berri visited from the Responsible Pet Program with her giant Wolfhound. The children learnt how and when to approach a dog and

then practised this knowledge by asking Berri if they could pat her dog.

Finally we had a visit from the Easter Bunny! The children had made special baskets, and while they were outside the Easter Bunny sneaked in and filled their baskets with eggs and marshmallows.

We look forward now to another exciting term at Glendonald Preschool.



Left - Easter celebrations - Mason, Jack, Pippa and McKenzie.

Top right - Grandma and McKenzie.

Centre - Hayden meeting the dog.

Right - Peter the Worm Man with Pippa and Jack.

SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

The First Eucharist at Lumen Christi Catholic Parish Church was a great celebration. The boys and girls were very excited and looked very smart. The Sacrament of the Eucharist is a sacrament of initiation. There are three Sacraments which are Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. During the First Eucharist, the children receive the blessed Host for the first

time. The children attended the special ceremony with their families and friends. Another bonus was having the school choir in attendance as well as local parishioners and parents involved in the ceremony.

Many art mediums were used to create artwork to commemorate our lost veterans. The children used printing, paint, crepe

paper and crosses to create artwork for a whole school display. Each class completed an Anzac Day focus to remember our brave men and women who served Australia. Some classes made Anzac biscuits, made diggers hats and held special prayer sessions to honour our great heroes.



- Zachary Jurison
- Jake Shaw
- Markus Van Rossum
- Van Rossum
- Thomas Lavell
- Sam Robinsion
- Paul Bonnici
- Alex Mitchell



SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY

Keyboard Lessons

On Wednesday I have keyboard lessons with Rosemary. My favourite song to play is 'Mary Had a Little Lamb'. This term I am going to start on the blue book, I am looking forward to learning 'Balloons', it is the first song in the book. I enjoy playing the keyboard.

By Harry
Grade 2

I like making different sounds on the keyboard. My favourite is when you play left and right with the black notes and it is called the Golden Wool.

By Heidi
Grade 1

Anzac Day

Anzac Day is on April 25.

Anzac Day is about the people who sacrificed themselves for us and the world.

By Scarlett
Grade 1

Anzac Day is on April 25. Anzac Day is to remember the people who fought in the war. They risked their lives.

By Alby
Grade 1

SLICE (Student Lead Innovation and Creation and Investigation)

Last term I did drawing for SLICE. I really like drawing. I think my drawing got better.

By Lucinda
Foundation

I did football and netball. I liked doing something fun. I was good at throwing the ball in the hoop.

By Daisy
Foundation

I liked doing football and netball last term. I liked to kick the football. I learnt not to move when you are playing netball. Meg taught us how to play netball.

By Bryce
Grade 1

I did recycled CD art for SLICE. I drew on the CD in lots of different colours. It was so cool!

By Auryn
Foundation

Me, James and Alby grew wheat grass. It grew a lot.

Lucas
Grade 1

At SLICE me and Alby and Lucas were growing wheat grass.

James
Grade 1

Holiday Recounts

On the holidays I went to Melbourne. I got to stay in Melbourne for one week. When I came back from Melbourne my friend came to my house.

By Angela
Grade 1

On the weekend I went to the park and I got an ice-cream. On the way back I got a necklace and it has got love hearts on it.

By Ivy
Grade 1

On Easter we found lots of eggs, I ate a full egg before breakfast. After I ate my breakfast I went to the market. Callen

Grade 1

When I went to the beach we went to the shop too. I got an icy pole and an ice-cream. When we were coming back Nanny got me and Kayla a present.

Ruby H
Grade 1

On Easter morning I woke up at 6:30. The Easter Bunny hid 120 eggs. I saw the Easter Bunny. On Easter night we had a fire. I had sausages for dinner.

Violet
Grade 1

I had a happy Easter. By Imogen
Foundation
On Saturday and Sunday, I got to watch my iPad and I watched YouTube.

Ruby
Grade 1

Koorie Education

Recently AnnMarie came to school and taught us lots of things about Koorie culture. We looked at the Koorie and Torres Strait Islander flags and learnt what their colours represented. Annmarie showed us hunting boomerangs, the boomerangs used to be thrown to knock down animals. We saw photos of 'humpies' and the 'lap laps' that the men used to wear. The boys were allowed to play the didgeridoo but the girls aren't allowed to. The girls played the clapping sticks. It was all very interesting.

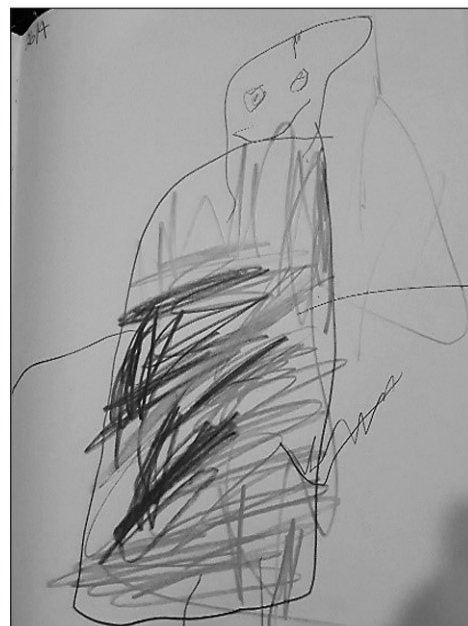
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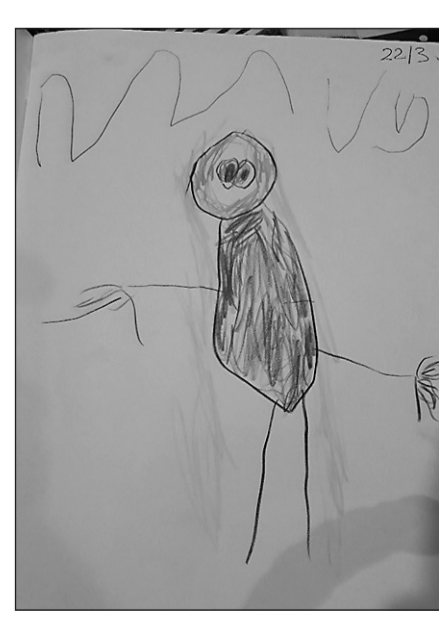
Easter By Isabelle Grade 2



Koorie Education



This is Nana. I give Nana hugs.
By Ashton
Foundation



This is Mummy.
By Gus
Foundation

SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

Hazelwood North PS attends Morwell RSL Anzac Service

On April 25, two of our school leaders went to represent Hazelwood North P.S. at the Morwell R.S.L. These students were Olivia Perkins and myself as a House Captain and School Captain.

We had to arrive prior to the event, as we had to get

prepared for the ceremony. The event we were going to take part in was the Anzac Day ceremony.

At the ceremony there was a welcome to introduce the event, followed by a march of people who had some type of inclusion in the war, including people with their grandparents and/or wearing their relatives'

medals.

There were also scout groups who had come to participate in the march.

People came to represent their local groups or businesses by laying a wreath at the ceremony. Olivia and I took part in the wreath laying as we represented H.N.P.S..

Anzac Day means a lot to

me as my relatives have been involved in the war and are not here today.

In conclusion, I had a good time representing the school even though it was freezing!

I would like to thank the R.S.L for hosting this ceremony for so many years because I know so many

people appreciate it.

Written by Ashlee Grieve Gr 4/5/6 Inquiry Body Expo!

As a culmination to our study of the human body, the senior grades conducted a "Body Expo" to educate and inform our junior students and their families.

The students formed investigative teams to research

and produce a presentation on a body part of their choice.

The presentations, information and models were of a very high standard and the teams demonstrated excellent resilience and responsibility in completing their projects.



Grade 4/5/6 students presenting their Body Expo studies to the younger students



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9. Adult story

10. Adult poem

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Bushfire Concert



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with Rick Teychenne and Keith "Buck" Ingleton from Borderline playing along; Mollimor - Gippsland's premier Celtic Band, Rod and Rhonda Owen, ably supported by Danny Boothman, Rick Teychenne and Keith Ingleton from Borderline, and Thomas Libieri from Destiny, the Soultanas, whose members drove from as far as Bairnsdale and Melbourne

for their 50 minute set! The generous crowd raised over \$1500. Five hundred dollars was donated to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund, which very quickly provided support to the families who lost their homes in the fire, and \$1000 will be donated to Blaze Aid, to provide materials for fencing that needs to be replaced in the area.

Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists



Putting Gippsland Fungi on the Map

Fungi are often ignored, but are essential for the health of our bushlands, mediating interactions between species and providing vital ecosystem services not carried out by plants or animals.

Dr Sapphire McMullan-Fisher is an ecologist who has special interest in the conservation of biodiversity. She works for the Fungimap citizen science project as a mycologist.

At the Latrobe Valley Field

Naturalists' Club meeting at 7.30pm on Friday, May 24 at the Uniting Church Hall, Old Sale Road Newborough, Dr McMullan-Fisher will provide information and training that will enable you to recognise and record local fungi using a specially designed app.

The data you collect will assist researchers in clarifying the distribution and abundance of species, help to monitor and conserve populations, and also identify areas needing more research.

For the field session on

Saturday May 25, we will be visiting Tarra-Bulga National Park and undertaking a survey using the Fungimap App to record local recognisable fungi and potentially species that are thought to be rare or endangered in Gippsland. People planning to come along to the field session are encouraged to join iNaturalist and load the app onto their mobile phone <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/fungimap-australia> Photograph: Golden Curtain crust.

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