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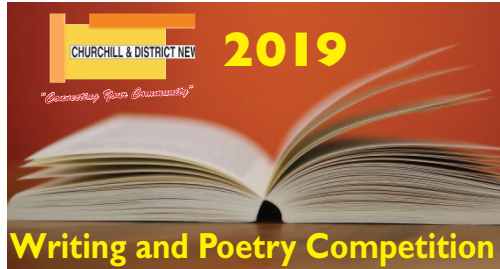


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LVIN network informs the valley



Attentis constructed the network of sensors to provide residents of the Latrobe Valley with real-time information covering a range of important issues for the region – bushfire detection, flood monitoring, air quality concentrations, rainfall and local weather information.

The Latrobe Valley Information Network is a network of 45 Attentis sensors located throughout the Valley from Cowwarr Estate in the north east to Balook in the south east, Boolarra in the south west to Moondarra in the north west.

Residents of the Latrobe Valley are encouraged to log in to www.LVIN.org, create an account and use the information available to stay informed of all conditions throughout the Valley.

There are everyday benefits in using the network, from live local

weather, air quality levels (important information for asthma sufferers on days when planned burns are occurring), to reduce the exposure to airborne particulates and smoke. You can access camera images and live conditions at a location prior to your visit.

During the fire and flood seasons, notifications will also be available.

This is an initiative of Victorian company Attentis to demonstrate Australian technology focused to tackle Australian challenges.

This is also the largest environmental monitoring network of its kind and serves to demonstrate why this technology should be installed everywhere – to keep the community informed of events that can impact daily lives and limit the exposure – regardless of the type of event.

Attentis technology

delivers information that is a big step towards better health outcomes based on real-time information about the area and region you live in as well as critical information during a bushfire, flood or air quality concern.

Attentis made a significant financial commitment to construct the network to support the community in the Latrobe Valley, the first location in Australia to have this technology.

Through support of this initiative (people registering) we hope to demonstrate the need to create further networks to support other communities.

Installation units are in various locations - the smoky photo above is the unit that the CFA accessed during the Yinnar South fires to understand local wind conditions.

Going . . . Going . . .



. . . G-o-n-e . . .

Morwell Power Station chimneys fall

Many people from Churchill and surrounds gathered to watch the two chimneys at Morwell Power Station pulled down by an excavator using a tow rope after the foundations were

weakened. They fell with a loud bang and cloud of dust. Photos of going, going gone. First there were four now there are two.

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Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group

By Jay Duncan,
 Secretary, Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group

Autumn has been a busy time for our Landcare group and we've been paying close attention to the weather.

We want Huey to rain enough on our planting sites so that we can start to get plants into the ground, but not to rain on us while we prepare for the planting season.

We also didn't want it to rain on the Federation Uni students who walked from the Braniff's Road car park into our reveg site along Billys Creek on the Grand Strzelecki Track. They went to ground-prove our maps of the block and to record the plants they found. Joëlle and Jim from our group walked with them to represent the able-bodied component of our current membership.

We now know that there are (only) 24 creek crossings in each direction and that we'll need to take a non-phone GPS unit to set up exact locations for photo points and species records. Thanks to Ash, Kim and Will for doing this work with us.

From the photos, it seems that the Strzelecki Warm Temperate Rainforest remnant that's marked on the maps still exists just inside the boundary of the National Park. These unique

and endangered rainforest remnants need tall eucalypt forest to surround them. When it grows, our project will provide that.

We'll be direct seeding into the first area of sprayed blackberry very soon. Our expeditioners found that the blackberry canes were satisfactorily dead. The idea of this planting method is that the dead blackberries will deter deer and wallabies for long enough for the native plants to get established. When they do, they should shade-out new weed infestations.

Carrying tubestock and tree guards into this part of the site is clearly impractical. If we can successfully direct seed it, it'll be a fine thing. The method was suggested to us by Greening Australia who have been using it successfully for some time.

This is not the only method of direct seeding. We will have a speaker on the topic at our AGM in Yinnar on Saturday August 17 from 2.00p.m. and a direct seeding day with Friends of Morwell National Park on Sunday, August 18 with a 9.30 a.m. start.

Since the fires, Middle Creek is a much more daunting prospect as a planting site. We are currently getting ready to get some plants in



Federation Uni Students Ash, Kim and Will walked in to our Billy's Creek block with Joëlle and Jim from Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group. (Photo Credit: Kim Kitto)

the ground with the bulk of them being intended for early spring planting. We'll set some planting days and call for volunteers when we're confident that conditions are right and the tubestock is ready for planting.
<https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/westgippsland/yinnar-south/>

RAINFALL

Churchill Rainfall

This month Churchill had a total of 79.5 mm which trust me is a lot of rainfall compared to previous months. Exactly 13 days had rainfall. May 30 had the highest amount of rainfall with 20 ml.

Rain at Hazelwood South.

April continued with below average rainfall since November 2018. April only had 23mm, which is 39% of the average for April. In contrast, May was the third wettest in 33 years with 124.3mm and an average of 197% for May. Despite the



almost double rainfall in May, the soil moisture is still deficient. The soil is still like rock at a shallow depth and after a few dry days, watering should resume. Followup rain is needed.

Correction

In last month's May issue the article on Page 3 under the Churchill CFA heading, referred to the Yinnar fire. It should have been Yinnar South fire.

Our apologies for this mistake.

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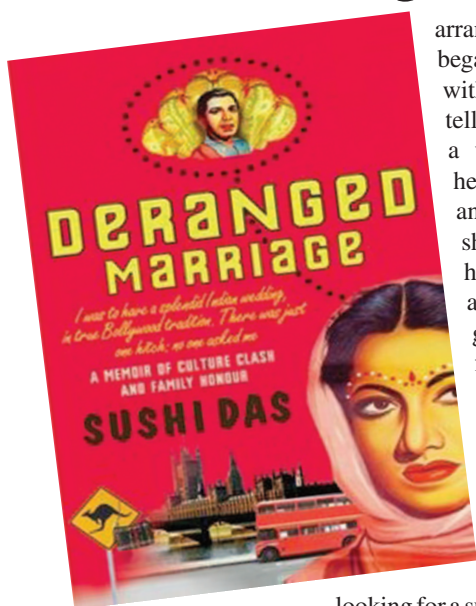
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Book Review

“Deranged Marriage” - a Memoir by Sushi Das 2012



Sushi Das is an award winning British-Australian journalist of Indian parentage. She grew up and was educated in London and migrated to Australia in 1991. She began her career as a news reporter with Australian Associated Press and later worked at The Age. She won two Melbourne Press Club Quill Awards, including Best Columnist in 2006. She has written this memoir using her diaries, interviews with family members, audio tapes and letters, as well as memory.

Sushi Das is the oldest of three children with a younger sister, Vin and a much younger brother Raja. Her father migrated from India to London, and following tradition, he had an arranged marriage and his wife later joined him in London. It was assumed that this tradition would continue for his own children, but this was the 1970's, a time of great social upheaval and cultural change, also the rise of feminism.

The conditioning for an

arranged marriage began early, with her mother telling her what a wonderful man her father was and how glad she was that her parents had arranged such a good marriage for her. At age 12 Sushi was told she would need to start behaving like a lady as they would soon need to start

looking for a suitable husband. Unfortunately Sushi rebelled against this idea, and each possible husband who met the strict criteria her parents set was rejected by her. This had the potential to cause her family great humiliation. The situation became worse when Sushi informed her parents she wanted to go to university and become a journalist.

After much angst, her father finally agreed to let her go.

This was her first real taste of freedom, although she and her sister had on many occasions taken part in forbidden activities and lied to cover their behaviour. She was expected to come home each weekend and conform to the rules her parents set.

Unfortunately she didn't take her studies seriously until the last semester of her final year, when she was afraid she was going to fail and therefore lose face. At this time she was befriended by a fellow student who coached her through her exams and eventually they began a relationship.

Although she was an adult, this had to be conducted in secret as her parents still had their hearts set on an arranged marriage.

After a period of time Sushi decided that the relationship could not continue in this way so she broke the news to her parents that she was going to get married to an Englishman, even though she felt that they were perhaps not quite ready for such a commitment. This sent the family into a tailspin, as it would affect their “izzat”, or family honour. Sushi was sent to Coventry, her mother in particular being furious. Her father was more understanding but not happy, so her parents attended the wedding, but Sushi did not receive the usual jewellery and gifts which would normally have been given and celebrations were very subdued. In the meantime the match they had hoped to arrange for Sushi was offered to Vin, and she being a more obedient daughter went through with the marriage.

Sushi and her husband grew apart from her family and with unemployment in Britain very high and much civil unrest, they decided to migrate to Melbourne, where she eventually got a job with The Age newspaper. Their marriage eventually petered out, and after a tumultuous period of highs and lows she married the man who gave her the job at The Age, and they had a child. Over time, there was a thawing of relations with her family and eventually reconciliation, with a joyful family reunion in America.

Although not all members liked the writing style, all

agreed it was a most interesting and fascinating book. It gave such wonderful insight into the traditional culture of India and how difficult it is for families to integrate into a foreign community. The parents were drawn to live in areas where there were other Indian families and found it hard to let go of customs and traditions, whilst the children were caught between two very different cultures. They had to conform to their parents expectations at home

but they also wanted to fit in with their peers.

There were many humorous moments, such as when Sushi's father came home for lunch to find a young man in the lounge room smoking, and another walking up the garden path as well as her mother's murder of the English language. Sushi comments that we regard ourselves as a successful multi-cultural society, but in fact we know very little about the private lives of

many migrants. She cites many customs such as honour killings, the very second class treatment of women who are subservient to their husbands and required to obey their mothers-in-law and the izzat, which continue today.

Whilst the story focuses on the Indian community, we felt that any ethnic group migrating to a country with a very different culture would experience many of the same dilemmas.



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AGM sees Changes



Retiring Captain Steve Barling

and experiences to supplement the overall effectiveness of the brigade.

Steve was confident that the brigade was in a good position and that it was time for him to step down and let someone else take over the reins.

Steve said he was proud of what the brigade had achieved in the 23 years he had been Captain and that he had greatly enjoyed the challenge.

He said he will miss doing some of the things he does as Captain but he will be staying on to help support the brigade as it moves forward.

Steve thanked everyone for their support and the things which had been achieved.

Special mention was also made of the Fire Equipment Maintenance program which is a good income source for the brigade, which has helped put the brigade in a good financial position.

Commander Chris Loeschenkohl, OIC of the Morwell Brigade came to help run the elections. He thanked Steve and all current serving officers.

He particularly praised

Steve for his diligence saying that he showed excellence in all that he did.

Election of Office Bearers and other positions

A vote of thanks was extended to those who had held office for the previous two years, and elections were conducted for positions which commence on July 1, 2019 for two years. Election results are:

- Captain - Shane Renwick
- 1st Lieutenant - Steve Barling
- 2nd Lieutenant - Andy Halnon
- 3rd Lieutenant - Graeme Renwick
- 4th Lieutenant - Matt Fisher
- Sec/Treasurer - Lisa Cannon
- Communications Officer - Chris Gallagher
- Chairperson/President - Allan Larkin
- Health and Safety Co-Ordinator - Graeme Renwick
- Community Safety Co-Ordinator - Darlene Parkinson
- Fire Equipment Maintenance Officer - Graeme Renwick



GERF receives \$10,000 donation from Australian Paper



The Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund (GERF) is thrilled to receive a \$10,000 donation from Australian Paper, a generous response to a recent appeal for contributions following the Gippsland bushfires.

GERF called on businesses and the wider community to make donations following the catastrophic bushfires around Yinnar, Bunyip and Walhalla earlier this year, which destroyed dozens of homes, sheds and machinery and kilometres of fencing.

GERF President John Mitchell said GERF received and responded to 58 applications for assistance, paying out a total of \$129,000 to the Gippsland families who suffered significant property and asset losses.

"GERF was able to help these families get back on their feet with our existing funds. We now want to make sure we're in the best place possible to respond to future crises", Mr Mitchell said.

"That's why we're so grateful to Australian Paper for its generous donation".

Australian Paper General Manager of Manufacturing

Adrian Berton said the company was proud to contribute to a registered charity entirely run by volunteers, with a long history of support for the local community.

"The recent Gippsland bushfires have had a devastating impact on our region", Mr Berton said.

"Being able to access timely financial assistance following this natural disaster is an important step in the recovery cycle for those who have been affected.

Australian Paper appreciates this opportunity to support GERF's positive work within the local community".

Mr Mitchell thanked Australian Paper, and all the other businesses and community members who donated to GERF this past bushfire season.

He said however, GERF still needed more than \$60,000 to make up the deficit and cover the cost of donations made following the recent bushfires. He encouraged the community to donate if they were able to.

Donations can be made online at GERF's website gerf.org.au, at any branch

of the NAB bank across Australia, or in person at Alan Wilson Insurance Brokers at 40 Argyle Street Traralgon.

"Those who'd like to donate at a NAB branch simply need to let the teller know they wish to make a donation to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund", Mr Mitchell said.

"All donations over \$2 are tax deductible, so it's important to provide the NAB teller with your name and address so GERF can mail you a receipt".

Donations can also be made by sending a cheque or money order to Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund, PO Box 508 Traralgon VIC 3844.

The Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund was established in 1978, and is operated by local volunteers for Gippsland communities affected by natural disaster events. Further information is available at www.gerf.org.au.

Australian Paper Maryvale has been a proud member of the Gippsland community since 1937. It is one of the Latrobe Valley's leading employers supporting more than 2300 jobs in the region.

Fund-raiser for Palliative Care

this went to Alice to give to palliative care. Palliative Care had been so good to Ken when he was in his final weeks.

Bill Rowley sang the song he has composed in memory of Ken.

Rhonda Richards, a long

standing friend and fellow musician, donated her musical services for the night adding to the happy atmosphere as people met and chatted and danced.

The hall committee provided their usual delicious supper which was most appreciated. After supper Judy and Bernie Mele thanked all for coming and supporting the night. They were thrilled at the turn up. The raffles were drawn and the money presented to Alice. Judy said there were no words sufficient to express the wonderful relationship that the hall had had with Ken and Alice, and no words could express the grief felt or the thanks needed for that memorable time.

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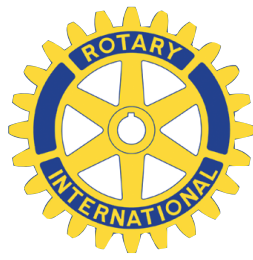
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Hazelwood Rotary Club and Hazelwood Cemetery



By Leo Billington

Most cemeteries were established on the outskirts of towns, and many of these are now surrounded by urban development. Not so at Hazelwood.

This 140-year-old cemetery is an intimate part of the rural fabric seen as an amenity landscape providing historical, scenic and ecological values to our wider community. All cemeteries

honor the deceased by giving them beautiful places to lie in repose.

To this end, Hazelwood Rotary Club has been a staunch supporter of the Hazelwood Cemetery in providing funds for on-going development of gardens.

Hazelwood Rotary is able to access a Rotary International funding scheme placing submissions and benefiting from dollar-for-

dollar grant (if a submission is successful).

During the past six years, "Rotary money" has purchased trees, plants, paid for concrete edging, timber garden edging and a multitude of gardening items such as posts, dirt and mulch.

It's been a fruitful partnership focusing on a community amenity.

Birds in New Guinea

"Birds in New Guinea" is the topic at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, June 28 at the Uniting Church Hall, Old Sale Road Newborough from 7.30 pm.

The Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club President, David Stickney recently had the opportunity to visit Papua New Guinea. New Guinea is the second largest island in the world after Greenland and the avifauna is one of the richest and most diverse in the world.

David's talk will include many of the 42 species

of Birds of Paradise; particularly those in the highlands of Papua New Guinea.

A very accomplished photographer his talk will be illustrated with his excellent photographs.

For following day's excursion we will meet at the Mt Worth State Park.

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Peter's Ponderings

By Rev Peter Carter: Minister of the Co-operating Churches of Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar.

On the Monday after the recent Federal election I was wasting some time between meetings on Facebook, when there came a post from friends complaining about the re-election of the Coalition. Now I'm not of any particular political persuasion, so it doesn't matter to me which parties are in power. So I was just going to pass over the post when I noticed in the reply the word's "Christian white male." Now that got my attention, and I was intrigued to find that in this person's view the Coalition was only re-elected due to the fact that Scott Morrison is a church goer. This person had made the assumption that if you are white, male and Christian you only support candidates and political parties that go to church. This however is a silly assumption as the church is a very diverse place with as many different political views as is found outside the church.

The big worry with this statement is that this person seems to believe that men if

they are white and Christian are not entitled to a say in anything. I'm not sure why they think this, but if Australia believes in equal rights for all Australians, no matter what culture, religion, or gender, then each section of society is entitled to the same opportunity to vote, to have an opinion and to present these values to the wider community.

To shoot down this particular myth I can positively say that the fact that Scott Morrison was elected as Prime Minister cannot be attributed to one part of society. The church actually contains many more women than men with many churches having a ratio of something like ten women to one man in the local church.

Even if it were possible to get all the men in the church to vote for one political party it still would not be enough for a party to be elected. So instead of believing in



urban legends and myths that come from those who make assumptions rather than seeking out the truth, Australians should seek out the facts for themselves and challenge people to be truthful, not letting the left wing people speak myths about any religion, gender or culture in order to force their political agenda on the Australian people.

God's blessings be upon you.

Co-Operating Church Snippets

Reverend Heather Cahill came to support Peter for our Anglican Holy Communion service on the first Sunday and did a wonderful job.

Reverend Bruce Charles, who has been helping is doing a locum at St. Mary's Morwell so was unable to help us this time.

Sharon continues to wow us with the amazing preparation she puts into the children's ministry for a Sunday morning. The talk is as much looked forward to as the sermon. Then there are at least three activities for each child to do to reinforce the message of the day. We are so blessed to have Sharon with us sharing her significant abilities for love of the children.

Coffee Connections was taken by Marion with the devotion by Delma. The theme of the day was "When we were young"

Attendees were invited to bring a photo. These were displayed for people to try and match them to the people present. People then could tell the group about a photo from their youth - where it was taken and why. Some very heart-warming stories were told about the photos. Thanks go to Marion and Delma for preparing such an interesting occasion. Two birthdays were recognised- Delma and Ray and to celebrate- a delicious carrot cake.

We hear a lot about 'renewable' energy. There is a groundbreaking new project in Germany that is testing the use of salt as an ingredient for a fossil fuel-free future. A power plant recently launched a new system of technology that is using calcium oxide, also known as quicklime, to store heat for long periods of time.

Germany already has the renewable energy capacity to power more than half of the country, but since many green energy sources are dependent on consistent weather conditions, the nation is forced to continue using fossil fuels as backup energy sources. Quicklime, on the other hand, generates large amounts of heat when it is simply exposed to water.

The salt technology works similarly to a battery except that it stores heat instead of electricity. Since more than half of Germany's energy consumption is used on heating, the salt can be used to generate, store, and convert heat whenever the nation's renewable energy sources fall short of the grid's demands. The technology is also far



Peter and Cathie were our church's delegates to the Churches of Christ Summit, their annual conference. There Peter was ordained. Guest preachers brought uplifting messages and both Peter and Cathie were glad they could hear them.

The Op Shop at Yinnar had a special sale and enjoyed a lot of custom. St Matt's Op Shop is in Main Street Yinnar right next to Smee's garage and is well stocked with an amazing range of goodies-well worth a look.

The church held a Garage sale on May 25. It was only a garage sale this time and we had some disappointed

people who had hoped to buy a sausage or a pancake. We were sorry to disappoint them, but we told them to be sure to come to our next garage sale and family fun day in November, when we will have all our usual goodies on sale as well as the sale items. We were very pleased with the proceeds of the sale which will help to keep our parish functioning successfully. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us. We are so grateful. To all our hard working volunteers at the sale, an especially huge vote of appreciation.

Chaplain

more efficient at storing heat compared to water storage systems that are notorious for gradually losing their heat over time.

Some questions still exist around how large amounts of salt can be used, how quickly the storage medium reacts and how the process can be controlled, but it's promising.

God's Word speaks a lot about salt. We know that it was used to preserve, slowing down decay, and had a purifying nature. God also called for His people to be like salt in the world. Therefore, as a metaphor, the qualities of salt suggest a call for us to be faithful despite how



circumstances appear on the surface because God's Word endures, as well as us being a source of help, having a good effect upon our society.

Worth thinking about!

Churchill Christian Fellowship

The Churchill Christian Fellowship is a small but active group of Christians who feel that they are "blessed to be a blessing" to the people of our town and surrounding region.

In recent months, the Tuesday evening Bible study and fellowship meeting has moved from the Churchill Hub Neighborhood House to a much larger room across the street in Studio One.

Numbers have been slowly but steadily growing

and on May 21, the group met early for a fellowship meal and a missions presentation from Reverend Dr Lynn Fowler.

Election day was especially busy as the group ran the sausage sizzle outside Woolworths.

Money raised will go back into the community, most likely in the form of help to needy local families.

The next Healing Rally is scheduled for Friday August 9.

Whereas previous healing rallies have been held in the public hall, this one will be held downstairs in Studio One, off Philip Parade.

Everyone welcome. To slightly misquote our Prime Minister, "we have always believed in miracles"!

Contact details and up-to-date information can be found at www.churchillchristianfellowship.com or phone Linda on 0400 690 972.

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Mathison Park



Willows being removed



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Dam being filled with water

A successful working bee was held on the second Saturday of May with six volunteers attending.

A small heap of mulch was spread and four huge trailer loads of fallen branches and other rubbish was moved to the burn pile. It was a fantastic effort and the park looks so much neater because of it.

The following week the burn pile behind the old house was set alight. While the fire was in progress some of the fencing wire was removed from the old fences, dead branches were collected and added to the fire and further clearing up of the area was done.

Many of you who regularly walk the park will have noticed that the willows have been removed from the south side of the small dam which was nearly dry, but is now covered in water again since the rain. The area has been cleaned up well and the committee's intention is to plant some replacement trees once we seek advice about which trees would be suitable in that area.

More volunteers would help to share the work and it is fun to work together and see the fruits of your labours. One man who comes to our working bees used to walk through the park and say to the working bees what a good

job we did. Then he realised that if he enjoyed the place so much he should contribute at working bees. He is a great volunteer and adds his experience to our ideas and what we do. Many people walk by and see us working and also say how much they appreciate our work. Maybe you are one of them and like our fellow volunteer may feel called to help us too.

Mathison Park Ramp Access

A Ramp Path to replace a highly used access point to Mathison Park in Churchill has been constructed to reduce the risk of fall and injury to Park visitors. The ramp provides a gentle grade

to replace the steep incline to an access point on the south side of Mathison Park coming off Northways Road close to the pedestrian crossing. The Park Committee would like to thank the following organisations for their assistance and donations of material to make this project happen. Thanks to Latrobe City for providing and transporting clay material to the site, Traralgon Concrete Products for donating the concrete headwalls for the drainage, Reece Plumbing in Traralgon for donating the pipes for the drainage and Gippsland Mini Hoe Hire for construction of the ramp. With autumn upon us

we hope to be able to topsoil the slopes and plant grass to complete the project. The committee continues to work hard to improve the Park and make it a great place to visit and an asset to Churchill.

Numbers in the committee are small and we are always ready to welcome new people to our working bees. Working bees are held on the second

Saturday of each month.

We meet at Mackey's Road carpark to sign in and decide how to approach the day's list of jobs. Love to see your smiling face among our next working bee volunteers which is July 13. For further information ring Ruth 5122 1961 or Bill Ypelaan 0412 436 010.

View from east side



Below: Mathison Park Ramp



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Get active in Churchill

It's hard to believe the winter months are upon us. The weather has finally turned cold, with some wet days and nights upon us. While the days are shorter and the nights longer, winter is actually a great time to get involved in our local sporting clubs.

Churchill is fortunate to be home to a wide array of sporting clubs for people of all ages and abilities. Recently I had the pleasure of attending the Active Kids Churchill Sports & Recreation Expo held at Latrobe Leisure.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Peter Ceeney and Active Kids Churchill group for organising such a fabulous event for children living in Churchill. It was wonderful to walk around, watching children participate and chat to all the local volunteers from the sporting clubs and organisations in town.

With a population around 5000 Churchill boasts 15 sport and recreation clubs. I was impressed by the range of activities on offer at the Expo and it was evident there was something for everyone!

During the Active Kids Expo I witnessed many happy young people enthusiastically trying out the fun and engaging activities. My particular favourite was the human/life size version of hungry hippos where students were shrieking in laughter and eagerly waiting their turn. It was a wonderful sight to see.

Sport and recreation

plays an important role in our communities and provides many benefits. Besides keeping fit, sport and recreation keeps us connected with our local community, builds lifelong friendships and develops communication and leadership skills in our children.

The qualities gained through sports participation transition through to adulthood and assist our future careers and relationships.

I encourage all Churchill residents to connect with the Active Kids Churchill Facebook page and connect your children with one of the many clubs on offer.

Nominate a Churchill Senior for an Award!

Recently the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards 2019 opened for nomination. These important awards acknowledge older Victorians working to improve the lives of older people in our community.

It is important to acknowledge our senior citizens for their valuable service to our community.

Gippsland seniors are wonderful contributors, volunteering to assist, support and encourage others in our community and I'm certain there will be many seniors living in Churchill worthy of a nomination.

Our seniors regularly give back to the community, assisting the less fortunate and providing a much needed helping hand to a variety of community organisations.

Through my role I am



privileged to meet many local hard working seniors. Their contributions make our lives more rewarding and should be celebrated and acknowledged.

There are a number of categories for which a senior can be nominated, including Multiculturalism, Healthy and Active Living, Veterans, Council on the Ageing Achiever Award and Age Friendly Victoria.

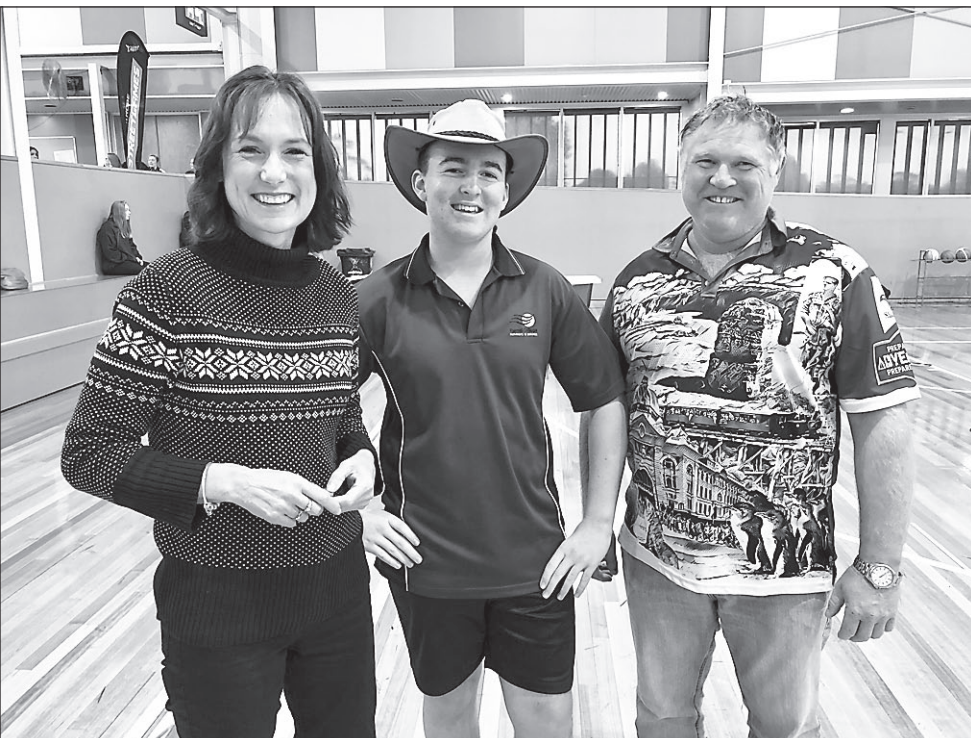
The Victorian Senior of the Year Awards celebrate and recognise seniors for their voices, their contributions as parents, carers, mentors and volunteers in their community.

Seniors enrich all our lives and make an important contribution to our economy, therefore it would be wonderful to have a worthy local win a state award.

Throughout June I encourage you to identify and nominate a senior you know is making a worthy contribution to the community."

Nominations close July 5, 2019 and forms can be downloaded at <https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalsandawards/seniors-awards>

Above: Peter Ceeney and Melina at the Churchill Active Kids Expo.
Below: Melina with Churchill's Lance Townsend and Jeff Kemp, Gippsland State Leader Scouts. Lance was recently awarded the Scouts Medallion, the highest level you can achieve in Scouts



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Running in Gippsland for over 20 years, the Gippsland Youth Drama Workshop (GYDW) has seen over 2000 young performers take to the stage to perform in all original shows. Cost - Admit \$24.00 Thursday and Friday June 20 and 21 at 7pm.

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Daniel Thompson’s Johnny Cash Live

Saturday June 22, 8pm
In 1969, off the back of

the huge success of 1968’s ‘At Folsom Prison’ album, Johnny Cash recorded the second of his legendary prison albums at California’s notorious maximum security prison, San Quentin.

Fifty Years on, Daniel Thompson’s ‘Johnny Cash Live’ hits the road celebrating this legendary album and the career of the Man in Black.

A brand new show featuring more than 35 hits, ‘Back to San Quentin – 50 Years On’ includes the great moments of the San Quentin album plus hits and favourites spanning Cash’s entire 50 year recording career. Cost - LPA Member \$55.00. Adult \$65.00, Concession \$60.00, Group (8+) \$60.00.

Tutti: A Feast of Operatic Treats

Sunday June 23, 2.30pm
All of your favourite opera choruses with stunning music by composers like Mozart, Handel and Puccini. Presented by the Latrobe Chorale and the Gippsland Symphony Orchestra with David Williams OAM conducting. Some of Gippsland’s hottest talented soloists will also

join the chorale in this musical feast. Cost - Adult \$35.00, Concession \$30.00, Children 15 & Under free, Group (8+) \$27.00, Kernot Hall, Morwell.

The Best of Damien Leith with String Quartet

Saturday June 29, 7.30pm

It’s been 12 years since Damien won over Australia’s heart, taking out the 2006 series of Australian Idol. Since then he has released nine sensational albums and has toured extensively.

In 2019 he is embarking on a brand new tour, ‘The Best of Damien Leith with String Quartet’ celebrating the best of those nine albums alongside the lush sound of strings.

Speaking about the tour, Damien said, “It’ll be the first time that I’ve toured with a quartet so I’m pretty excited. Also the arrangements by Jessica Graham are phenomenal. Jessica was a recent winner in both the International and UK songwriting contests and is a highly sought after arranger”. Cost - Admit \$45.00

Shock closure of Commonwealth Bank in Churchill

A Commonwealth Bank spokesperson said:

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to close branches that are not being visited as much as they once were.

★ Following a recent review, we made the difficult decision to close our Churchill branch on 12 July 2019.

★ This branch has had a steady decline in

transactions over the past five years, with customers increasingly choosing other banking channels such as our mobile, online and phone banking services.

★ We understand some members of the community may be concerned, so want to assure them that during this six week transition period, our branch staff are on hand to help familiarise customers with all the existing banking options available.

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Each new day

I didn’t know that it was possible for me to live serenely and be happy whether or not the drinker continued to drink.

I came to learn sobriety was an added bonus. As I applied these wonderful Twelve Steps in my life, I found I could find happiness while learning to cope with problems that would come my way each 24 hour period.

I was told not to project what the future would bring. Projecting was wasting energy that could be utilised in a more productive way.

My Fourth Step Inventory revealed that I had spent far too much time wanting others to change.

As I began to accept my powerlessness in the First Step, I began to see that I needed to work on my own shortcomings, and other people’s decisions were left to them.

I was only to take care of my responsibility which was me.

Therefore, my burden was made lighter by letting go and allowing God to do his work, instead of standing in the way by trying to fix things, thus prolonging the active phase of the disease.

Before Al-Anon, I was a snoop. I think perhaps someone else was too.

There is a passage which

speaks to me. “What we are meant to know will come to our knowledge without any action on our part”.

When I decided to not be a snoop anymore, I was amazed at the things that came to my attention without effort on my part.

It was necessary for me to be involved in a situation, the information came without my seeking it.

After faithfully applying the Steps, slogans and Serenity Prayer in my life, I became a bubbly enthusiastic, smiling Al-Anon.

However this does not mean that I don’t have problems; it means that the tools of the program give me the ability to deal with the problems as they arise.

Before Al-Anon I had become so wrapped up in self-pity that I did not take time to enjoy the beautiful things of life such as sunsets, the moon, flowers, trees, birds.

Now thanks to the program and the grace of my Higher Power, I can look at, enjoy and be grateful for each 24 hour period I have to live.

I feel that I help others as I discuss my feelings at meetings.

Each of us has had apprehensions about the future, I have learned that denying reality does not

make things better.

If I want help with a situation, I have to acknowledge it.

When I hide it, it gains importance.

Facing reality puts me on a path to healing.

Knowing I have a problem is half the battle.

When I realised that I did not cause the alcoholism, that I couldn’t cure or control it, and accepted the fact that I could learn to cope with it, I was helped.

I may have slips but each time I slip I learn that I need help, that it was defeat which brought me to this particular program.

Then I recognise that the Twelve Steps can be used at any moment of the day.

I can wipe the slate clean and begin again and again, and again if necessary.

I am growing as I surrender my life to the hands of my Higher Power.

Al-Anon Family Group Meetings

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Friends of Morwell National Park

John's Jottings

This snippet on the activities of the Friends of Morwell National Park was sourced from early Newsletter files.

"March 6, 1990

Hello,

Let's hope that the turn-up for the last meeting isn't an indicator of what to expect for the coming year. If you can't

make it to a meeting, at least get in touch with either me or Rob, so alternative tasks can be organised if the turn-up doesn't look the best. It's a bit futile to expect four people to make a dent on the mass of Purple-top Verbena; their talents could be put to more constructive use elsewhere.

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date of the management plan? I wrote to DCF&L a month ago to try and get some idea of when it's due, but I still haven't been graced with an answer. Looks like it's firmly ensconced in the lap of the gods. In the mean-time, all we can do is assure Kay Setches that the grant money for the information shelter is in good hands. Hopefully, these delays won't have any bearing on our application for money for tree guards this year.

Rob has booked the DCF&L caravan for the Yinnar South Fair on Saturday, March 17. By all accounts the van is a great crowd drawer, so, with our stall set up next to it, we may get a few interested bods drifting by. If you can lend a bit of time to help staff the stall PLEASE get in touch with Yvonne. This would be a good opportunity to help out if you are unable to take part

in the more demanding tasks. Most importantly, it will help the regular helpers have a break from duties.

Speaking of duties, Sunday, March 18 has us removing more rubbish from around Billys Creek. It's still looking pretty ugly in spots, so it will be good to get this particular job behind us. We're meeting at the end of Tebb's Tce at 1:30 p.m., so please be there with a pair of sturdy gloves and footwear, as well as any tools that may be useful.

That's about all,
Bye Steve"

May Activity Report

This month we had Matt, Ken, Tamara, Rose, Graeme, Wayne, Gordon, Joelle and Darren in for the planned activity. We had Marcus along for his first activity. It was great to have Gordon back for his second activity. We had apologies from Beryl, Mike, Cathy, Jay and John.

Over the last month we had the Victorian Nature Photography Group visit and capture images around the park. Ken, Matt and David took the group (of about 30 people) around and they enjoyed the local knowledge shared. Many books and pamphlets were sold.

Matt has spoken to Sean-Paul from Latrobe City and he thinks that we should be able to get a grant to support bush regeneration after the bushfire. We had the small patch of banksias which was lost in the bushfire. These banksia are common throughout the area but in the National Park they were isolated to a small area near the Western Boundary. Sean-Paul thinks that we

should be able to source local banksia seeds, for replanting back into this area.

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group has organised to get a presenter in to discuss the direct seeding process. The presenter is booked in for August and Landcare group wants to share the cost with us and this will allow us to look at direct seeding Blue Gum Hill. This has been attempted before, but it is worth trying again. The group agreed to share the costs of the presenter with the YYS Landcare group. The state government has a round of grants available until June 12. Joelle will look into this to see whether it is worth applying for a grant.

Over the last month there have been many deer sighting in and around the park. The stolen work gear is being replaced by Parks, with the new replacement equipment (brush cutter, hedge trimmer and helmet) expected soon.

The group divided into three groups. Ken and Joelle travelled to the shed to sort the seeds collected earlier in the year. The sorted seed can be used on planting projects around the park and at Landcare's current revegetation site. Matt,

Tamara, Gordon and Marcus travelled to Kerry Road to use the chainsaw to remove trees that were down across both Foster's Gully and Stringybark tracks.

Rose, Graeme, Wayne and Darren removed ivy from near the Junction Road carpark. Graeme collected some large bags for collecting the ivy in while the others started removing ivy which was growing up the wattles and under the stinging nettles. A lot of ivy was found since the stinging nettles have died back showing much ivy under and around it. At the end of the process we ended up with four massive bags of ivy and did not travel very far from the carpark.

After the activity I took some photos near the Eastern corner of the Park on Jumbuk Road. The bushfire burnt outside the park to this corner, but did not enter the park here.

June Activity

Sunday June 16, 10.00am
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Why Not You?

National Volunteer Week was held across Australia from May 20 to 26. Thousands of events were held around the country to celebrate the contribution volunteers make to our nation.

Here in Churchill the Neighbourhood Centre held a thank-you dinner for all the volunteers who help out at the Centre.

The room was full of smiling faces and conversations. It was evident from chatting to people just how much volunteers enjoy participating and making a contribution to their community.

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and form lasting friendships. It can provide opportunities to pursue passions, unearth talent, learn new skills, add to work resumes, grow in confidence or just socialise with like-minded people.

At a recent CDCA meeting we had a visitor from the Mathison Park Committee, which is struggling to find volunteers. So many Churchill folk love this park, its facilities and walking tracks – so if you love being outdoors, why not contribute a couple of hours on the morning of the second Saturday of the month to help maintain this



beautiful asset?

More information about volunteering at Mathison Park can be found on their website: <http://mathisonparkchurchill.com.au/get-involved/>

Keen gardeners are welcomed at the Churchill Community Garden located at the Churchill Hub. This group meets on Tuesday mornings and volunteers can help out a little or a lot! Find out more at <http://churchill.org.au/programs-projects/churchill-community-garden/>

Most community groups need a hand, whether it be with maintaining a website, taking care of social media posts (e.g. Facebook), researching funding opportunities or writing grant applications. The more volunteers a group has, the more the load can be shared – a simple offer to be the person who will book a meeting venue,

bring the milk or do some photocopying is always appreciated!

Community groups often cover the out-of-pocket expenses of volunteers. As an example, Vinnie's in Churchill will cover any costs associated with obtaining your Birth Certificate, Police Check and Working with Children Check (required documentation). Delivering grocery hampers to those in need is a heart-warming task!

Vinnie's meet at 10am on the first Monday of the month in the parish office at Lumen Christi. You don't need to be a member of the Catholic Church to volunteer with Vinnie's; you just need to be willing to lend a hand one or two mornings a month.

As a volunteer you can gain experience in a variety of fields – retail (e.g. the Lifeline Opportunity shop),

journalism (e.g. write news stories for the Churchill News), book-keeping (most community groups need a Treasurer)... and so on. For people struggling to find employment, volunteering

experience can be the pathway to that next job.

Research tells us that volunteering makes us happier and healthier, so why not get involved with a local community group?

CDCA needs volunteers too – join as a member and help us to develop new projects for Churchill; perhaps a new art feature?

CDCA meets at 7pm on the second Tuesday of every second month – our next meeting will be on August 13. (Venue to be advised.)

More information about CDCA can be found on 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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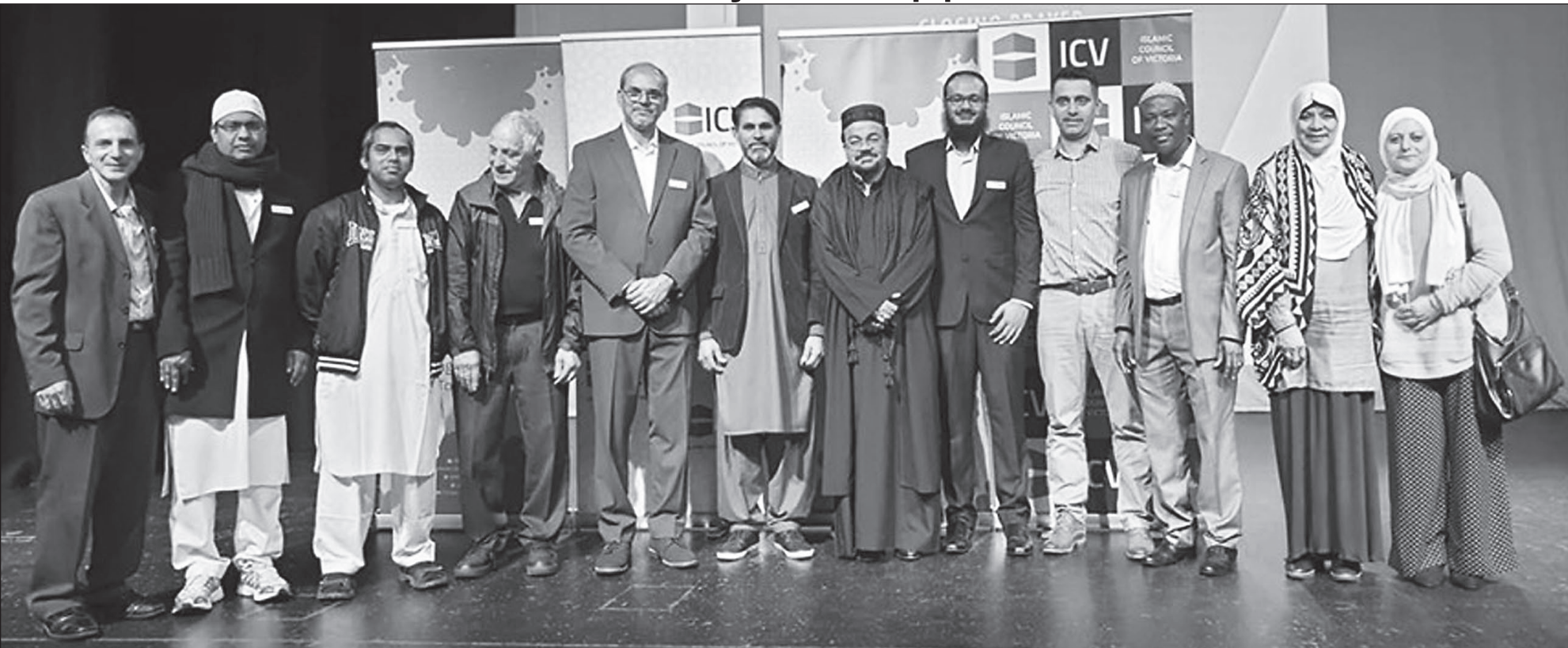
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Ramadan under way for Gippsland Muslims



Ramadan - the holiest month of the Muslim calendar began early in May. During this month the world's one billion Muslims abstain from food, drink and other pleasures from sunrise to sunset.

The month is also a time of togetherness, and it is customary for Muslims to break the fast with others at an "Iftaar". Iftaars have now become a popular way for other members of the wider community to break fast with Muslims in congregation and to understand more of this way of life.

In Gippsland, Iftaars are held every weekend during Ramadan and this is usually held at Federation University's Student Lounge. The community Iftaars were organised by the Federation University students at Federation University and the Gippsland Australian Muslim Community Incorporated (GAMCI).

This Ramadan the Iftaars were sponsored by GAMCI president Dr Zafar and family; the Bangladesh community of Gippsland, and the United Muslim Sisters of the Latrobe Valley (UMLSV).

This year also saw the annual Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV) interfaith Iftaar being jointly organised and sponsored by the ICV, GAMCI, and the Australian Federation of Islamic Council (AFIC).

This event was held in Morwell's Kernot Hall

and was very well attended by Gippsland's Muslim community as well as members of the local interfaith community, councillors and the ICV Board. Speeches were made by the Hon Russell Northe, MLA for Morwell; the Rev Sharon Hollis, who is the Moderator for the Uniting Church; Father Andrew from Ararat and Dr Iqbal Zafar GAMCI president. ICV President Dr Mohamed Mohideen spoke of the need to work with the community and to ensure that we all keep an open mind and continue to have a dialogue to promote harmony and respect of each other's faiths. A presentation was made on the activities carried out in Gippsland by GAMCI and concluded with a thank you from GAMCI Secretary and ICV Board member Dr Abdel K Halabi. The night was well presented by MC Tanver Hasan.

The holy month of Ramadan ends with the sighting of the new moon in early June. This will then be the end of Ramadan and Muslims will celebrate with early morning prayers, and visiting friends and relatives. This is called Eid Ul Fitr (festival of breaking the fast). The Gippsland Muslim community will again get together in congregation at the end of Ramadan to celebrate this event.

Pictured is the ICV interfaith Iftaar held on May 11 this year.



CHURCHILL BOWLS CLUB Annual General Meeting

The Churchill Bowls Club will be holding its A.G.M at our Gaskin Park clubrooms Churchill, on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, commencing at 7.00pm.

Written nominations for Executive and Ordinary Committee members, plus all Notice of Motions to be presented at the A.G.M, are required to be with the club secretary by close of business Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

No business received after this time will be considered. A committee meeting will be held after the A.G.M.
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Photographic Convention in Churchill



During the weekend of May 24 to 26, the Victorian Association of Photographic Societies (VAPS) held its 65th Convention and Interclub Exhibition for 2019. Held at Federation University and hosted by Latrobe Valley Camera Club the event was well attended. Over 200 people from across Victoria and into New South Wales made their way to Churchill to view stunning photos taken by their counterparts and talk all things photography. Friday was registration and viewing then a cocktail party to start the weekend. Saturday consisted of three keynote speakers discussing diverse photography techniques from what makes an interesting photo



Favourite thing to take photos of: portraits of children.

Jillian, Latrobe Valley Camera Club, Victoria. Club member for one year. 'This is my first exhibition, the photos are stunning.' Favourite thing to take photos of: portraits, people.

Lorraine, Ballarat Camera Club, Victoria. Club member for 25 years and 25th exhibition. 'Loves to take portraits of ballerinas, I also do a lot of judging of photos.'

Photos: Left: First Place Open Prints, *The Schoolmistress*, by Brett Ferguson, Williamstown Camera Club.

Middle Right: Second Place Open Prints, *Nature Study*, by Linda Keagle, South Gippsland Camera Club

Right: Third Place Open Prints, *Gimme Shelter*, by Mario Mirabile, Caulfield Photographic Society

Top Left: Ian Rolfe, President of VAPS

Top Right: Some of the exhibition photos.

Photos and article by Brenda Cheetham



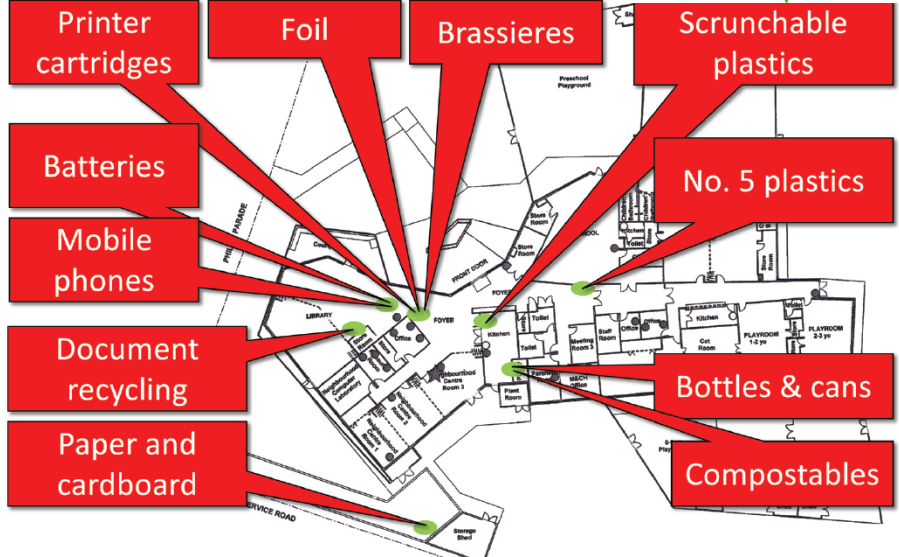
to story-telling through creative portraits. The afternoon was filled with various workshops: indoors, outdoors, food photography and portraits. Sunday consisted of more keynote speakers and workshops.

VAPS is made up of 76 clubs, with 42 clubs entered into this exhibition.

Ian, president of VAPS for the last four years, is a professional photographer and life member of Southern Suburbs Photographic Society. He enjoys giving back to clubs as photography has given him a great life and creative outlet.

Attendees: Jessica, Stawell Camera Club, Victoria. Club member for five years. 'This is my fourth exhibition. I like to come and gain inspiration from other photographers.'

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School Leaders – Churchill Primary School

Last month I had the pleasure of attending assembly at Churchill Primary School where I was introduced to the schools leaders for the 2019 year.

This included school Captains, Vice-captains, House Captains and Junior School Councillors. What a terrific group of young people and future leaders in the making.

Of course the same applies to school leaders in our other primary schools at Churchill North and Lumen Christi.

Congratulations to one and all – you should be very proud of your achievements and may you lead your respective schools very well!!

Updates - Hazelwood Pondage, Hazelwood House & United Petroleum

There are a number of issues that I am continuing to fight for on behalf of the Churchill community.

These include the retention of Hazelwood Pondage, ensuring Churchill has an aged care residential facility and calling upon United Petroleum to clean up their site and demolish the disgusting buildings on United's former petrol station on the corner of Monash Way and Acacia Way.

In terms of Hazelwood Pondage I will have by early June tabled petitions in Parliament that contain the signatures of thousands of locals and which calls upon the Premier and the State Government to take ownership of the Pondage and do all that it can to reopen this unique and much loved body of water.

To let the Pondage slowly die would be a travesty, but I have been buoyed by the strong community support and spirit that has been shown to fight for a cause that is so well worth fighting for.

That includes locally and in the Parliament itself.

The impacts of Hazelwood Pondage being closed have been felt right across the community and I have once

again written to the Minister for Regional Development, requesting her to meet with a delegation of locals so she can hear first-hand the concerns we all have, and to discuss potential solutions.

The Hazelwood House issue still rages and we remain hopeful that a satisfactory solution can be found with the objective being for Churchill to maintain an aged care residential facility.

The Churchill & District Community Association and the Churchill community more generally have been great advocates on this matter since Benetas announced Hazelwood House would close later this year.

As per Hazelwood Pondage a petition was initiated to keep Hazelwood House open and I understand these petitions will be submitted to the Federal Parliament at the earliest opportunity.

There is much discussion occurring behind the scenes in trying to find the best possible outcomes; however paramount in all this is the welfare of the residents of Hazelwood House, their families and the broader Churchill community who deserve a quality aged care



residential facility which they fought so long and hard for when Hazelwood House was first established.

The ongoing saga of the old United petrol station on Monash Way in Churchill still lingers.

Despite previous assurances that the company intended to remove the derelict buildings on site, United still refuses to provide

any timelines on when this might occur.

I have again written a scathing letter to United Petroleum and informed them that a number of members of the Churchill community are prepared to protest at the current United Churchill petrol station if their pleas continue to be ignored.

Hopefully it doesn't take a community protest to make

United take notice, but given the time that has elapsed without any action it seems this might be the next step.

I have also written to the State Government seeking that they increase powers available to Councils so they in turn can make orders against property owners like United Petroleum who present their buildings in such an appalling state.

BlazeAid needs help

In April this year BlazeAid accepted 25 applications for assistance from Yinnar, Jumbuk and Budgeree property owners devastated by the recent bush fires in their area.

We are determined to complete the task. After 53 days of fencing, 65 BlazeAid volunteers have completed fencing on 21 out of the 25 properties that applied for BlazeAid assistance.

This volunteer effort has greatly contributed to improving the lives of the Yinnar, Jumbuk and Budgeree farmers and their families.

Some 23 kilometres of fencing have been completed thus far, along with 6 kms of

fencing cleared.

As we near the end of this re-fencing challenge the shorter winter days, along with the recent (and anticipated)

rainfalls, is making the task to complete the work a bit more challenging.

Despite this, volunteers continue to assist property owners repair their fire damaged fences every day of the week.

We now need more help than ever from either past or potentially new volunteers.

You can make a significant difference in the lives of others, while meeting great people along the way.



You will be well supported by BlazeAid and no fencing experience is required to become involved.

We are also making a special call out to all those property owners who BlazeAid has already assisted to consider volunteering or providing help, to ensure no property owner is left without help.

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Churchill / Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

Break and enter issues

This month we are looking at Break and enter issues around homes and businesses.

Often, there are situations where homes and businesses get broken into and things get stolen.

There are a few things that you can do to prevent these things happening.

1. You can make sure that your personal belongings are secure within your home and business.

2. Make sure any cash and valuables are stored in a secure place and not just left out on the kitchen bench or other places where would be burglars can see them.

3. Install security lighting around the home that will come on when someone comes close

to your house.

4. Make sure your house and surrounds are being watched by neighbours when you are not at home, and do the same thing for them.

5. Security CCTV cameras are not very expensive and are worth installing to see who is entering your property.

6. Report any strange happenings around the area to the police.

7. Regularly check to see if there are signs of attempted entry to your home or business.

8. Don't forget, if you need Police assistance immediately, Call 000. Or if you need to report something and don't need

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5.45 pm – Churchill Community HUB

6.15 pm – Glendonald Park

Vale - Mac Wood



As someone once opined, it's a real pity our community is not made from the same recipe as Mac Wood.

Mac passed away on Monday morning, May 27, surrounded by his family.

Mac Wood, his name resonates right across a wide variety of community and professional activities within the Latrobe Valley. For hundreds, he was a "real legend".

This is because his humility and honesty stretched across everyone. To congratulate him, as many did so, on receiving an Australia Day honour (OAM) is returned with "thanks but many others were there to help".

Such was the mark of the man known locally as Mac. He never discriminated; an honourable testimony to years of unselfish, volunteer community work which has touched many.

The list is extensive – Scouting, Meals on Wheels, Hazelwood Rotary, Probus, Presbyterian Church, Latrobe City Council Positive Aging Committee and in earlier times a member of the Morwell High School Council.

His life touched hundreds through his chosen career as a teacher, then Principal – at Hedley, Collins Street, Hazelwood South, Churchill North. Kids, young and old remembered Mac.

Names of committees is one thing, what's more important is "the doing of work" as required and Mac was always there. He never sat back. There's been no looking on.

"My Mum also received an MBE", Mac once told me. "So, I guess it's in the family".

"Certainly, I feel honoured, humbled (with the OAM) but surprised. I do nothing more than what others do".

strength and modesty of the man. Public adulation was not important. Others may bathe in their self-importance but not Mac.

"What you put in; you get back many times over. I have pleasure making a difference for others".

During a friendly chat with him some years ago, and speaking about the topic of volunteerism, Mac paused, thought, smiled and provided wise counsel.

"If you want to get the best (from whichever community situation) one must be involved. Over the past decades, I have worked with inspiring people – all types in fact.

That is, their self-commitment to what they do shows sincere, non-judgemental commitment.

I believe volunteers work with trust and confidence although our contemporary love of materialism provides challenges. Group satisfaction is far more rewarding than self-satisfaction.

In my case, the whole family is fully supportive. My wonderful wife Judy, is a tower of strength. Naturally there's a certain balancing act".

Mac smiles as he recalls one of his first volunteer jobs. Teaching at the former Hazelwood South State School, he was immediately recruited as secretary of the Hazelwood Sports.

A community sports day – picnic race meeting was planned to raise funds to help pay for a new hall adjoining the Hazelwood South sports oval. It was a registered picnic race meeting complete with bookies. The day coincided with Melbourne's Caulfield Cup meeting. Local identity John Trevorrow organised

a bike race from Morwell to Hazelwood South. Wood chopping and a gymkhana were other key attractions.

Often we hear no-one is volunteering these days. Mac was more circumspect on this.

"I think younger ones are helping, it's just there's such a larger community demand. A wider range of community activities abound these days and volunteers are there but they're largely unseen. They get in and help.

Those who do not volunteer miss out. We must shift our focus from me and instead, think about others".

And Mac thought about those less fortunate than himself.

On a personal note, I was with Mac recently. He wore Carlton footy socks but I suggested they ought to have been black and white. He laughed.

"Melbourne's my team".

As a former member of the Hazelwood Rotary Club recently wrote, "Mac as we all knew him was a dedicated member of the club and served as treasurer of the club for many years.

I will remember Mac as a person who always had a steady influence on the club and was always willing to help with advice for the club".

Sentiments shared by all.

Alongside his community work, Mac loved propagating seeds, collecting horse brasses, farming, overseas travel, jazz, and reading western novels.

It was Mac to whom we looked for slicing onions adding sumptuous smells to famous Hazelwood Rotary sausage sizzles for which locals crave.

Our wider community bids farewell to an inspiring person who provided wise counsel.

Thank you Neighbourhood Centre



Sending a big thank you to the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre for the excellent dinner they provided to the many local Churchill volunteers recently in celebration of Volunteers Week.

Volunteers from many local organisations attended and had a most enjoyable evening.

Before dinner we were entertained by a fine performance of the locally written, produced and acted musical "Grease Lightly" by members of the Centre.

The audience enthusiastically joined in singing with the chorus. Loud applause greeted the actors Rebecca, Bronwyn and Abigail as they were thanked for their brilliant performance.

Dinner was then served and many compliments go to the chef and her staff for the great meal. A most enjoyable night was had by everyone.

There are many organisations in Churchill

which need volunteers to help. Think about where, and to whom you can lend a hand at some time.

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Much of this increase is due to the \$3.8 million reported lost to sophisticated 'business email compromise' scams. When combined with losses reported to the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network, these scams cost Australian businesses over \$60 million.

"Scammers are hacking business email systems and impersonating the intended payment recipient. The scammers request changes to bank account details so that the business makes the

payment to the scammer instead of the legitimate business," ACCC Deputy Chair Mick Keogh said.

"Depending on how long the scammers get away with this and how large the transfers are, this scam can be devastating to a business's bottom line – to the extent of forcing small and medium businesses into closure."

This scam targets businesses of all sizes and even small local sporting clubs and community groups. Any organisation that transfers money via bank accounts is a potential target. Scamwatch has even received reports of the hackers intercepting house deposits that have been sent to conveyancers, real estate agents or law firms.

Small businesses with fewer than 20 staff were most likely to be targeted by scammers and accounted for more than 75 per cent of reports to the ACCC.

Businesses were most likely to be targeted with false billing scams (1819 reports) but investment, hacking and phishing scams also caused significant losses.

"Australian businesses must protect themselves by ensuring their staff are aware of these scams so they can identify and avoid them. Every business should have clear processes for transferring money and a procedure for verifying requests to change bank account details that uses multiple modes of communication," Mr Keogh said.

Australian businesses are encouraged to visit www.scamwatch.gov.au (<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>) to learn more about scams targeting them and how to protect themselves.

Businesses can also sign up to the ACCC's Small Business Information Network (<https://www.accc.gov.au/media/subscriptions/small-business-information-network>) to receive emails about new or updated resources, enforcement action, changes to Australia's competition and consumer laws, events, surveys and scams relevant to the small business sector.

Lorraine Bartling OAM Scholarship Awarded



The Latrobe City Trust recently awarded the Lorraine Bartling OAM Scholarship in Nursing and/or Social Work, acknowledging the hard work of the recipient, nursing student, Rebecca Plozza.

The scholarship was established to celebrate the contribution of Lorraine Bartling OAM to the field of nursing and social work within Latrobe City.

The scholarship provides the awardee with a grant to further assist with the development of skills and qualifications within the nursing and social work fields.

The Latrobe City Trust is supported by Council in awarding this scholarship as nurses and social workers play an integral role in the health and wellbeing of the community, which is a priority of the continued improvement

of Latrobe City. Rebecca, a mother of three, is currently studying her third year of a Bachelor of Nursing Degree at Federation University and will use the funds to continue her education in Nursing.

Mrs Plozza has said that it has been hard at times to study full time while providing for her family, but is doing this to show her children that anything is possible, and it's never too late to achieve big things.

The scholarship was presented to Rebecca by Lorraine Bartling OAM accompanied by Latrobe City Trust Chair Diane Wilkinson, Latrobe City Mayor Councillor Graeme Middlemiss, and Latrobe City Council CEO Steven Piasente.

Quotes

"It's fantastic to be able

to award people like Rebecca for their hard work and help continue their development, which will only benefit our community in the future" - Mayor Cr Graeme Middlemiss

"The trust does a lot of work to help committed community members with a range of scholarships in various fields, and Council thanks them for their continued support in making Latrobe City a great place to live" - Mayor Cr Graeme Middlemiss

"The health and wellbeing of our community is of the utmost importance and supporting these committed individuals is a step in improving our health services for the future" - Mayor Cr Graeme Middlemiss

Latrobe Visitor Information Centre

The Latrobe Visitor Information Centre is located in 'The Old Church' 41 Princes Street, Traralgon (next to the railway station). Friendly staff and volunteers can assist you with information on the Latrobe Valley and the greater Gippsland region including accommodation, events, restaurants, attractions and any general queries you may have.

The Latrobe Valley is a region of surprising

contrasts with vibrant towns and peaceful villages, tranquil national parks and picturesque rail trails. Sample award winning food and wine, enjoy shopping in boutiques or at a weekend market. Take in a show, wander through a gallery or museum, get out on the water or take to the skies.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Boolarra Primary

Yinnar & District Winter Sports

Students from Boolarra Primary enjoyed their first round of Winter Sports on Friday May 17. Featured sports this round were football and netball. Boolarra combined with Thorpdale to enter a football team and also entered girls and mixed netball teams. Winter Sports are a great opportunity to experience a range of different sports and mix with students from the several schools in our district. Several students had never played their chosen sport before but really enjoyed the experience and were playing confidently by the end of the day. Below are a few of the student's recounts of their experiences.

On Friday May 17, the most amazing thing happened, Boolarra Primary was entered

in the winter sports!

I chose netball. I was in the girls' team but other people chose mixed. I had never played netball before so it was new to me.

The girls had three games and the mixed had five. Boolarra girls won one game and lost the other two.

Overall it was a very fun day.

By Asha

On May 17 I went to Yinnar football and netball grounds.

When we got there I went to the netball courts to play for the mixed netball team.

We played five games and lost three.

I played Centre and Wing Defence.

I really liked netball and it was really fun. It may look complex but it is simple once you play it. You should have



a go.
By Chris
On Friday May 17, most of the Grade 4/5/6s

went to our school Winter Sports in Yinnar.

We joined teams with Thorpdale. We played

Churchill and Lumen Christi. We didn't win any football games but at least we tried.

When we played Churchill

I got one mark.

By Jasper

SCHOOL NEWS

Churchill North Primary

Active Kids

On Wednesday May 8, students in Grades 4-6 at Churchill North Primary School went to the Leisure Centre to participate in the Active Kids program. There were three basketball courts with different activities. Some of the activities were soccer, hockey, basketball, tennis, spike ball, cricket and a ball catching game called hungry hippos. The session went for two hours and it was

fun. The Active Kids day gave us ideas on sports we might want to play. It also gave us information about Scouts where you can do lots of activities. It was a great opportunity to have fun and exercise.

By Marley and Zeke
Senior School Council

On May 15, Paul, Alex and Pearl, representatives from the Junior School Council attended the Senior School Council meeting at

Churchill North Primary School. During the meeting the Junior School Council representatives were able to share with the Senior School Council the projects they would like to be involved in this year. It was also an opportunity for the Senior School Council members to ask questions about the activities the Junior School Council are involved with. The parents and staff attending the meeting were impressed

with the leadership skills the students displayed and also proud of the confident way in which they delivered their ideas.

By Alex
Returned Students

Recently some past students returned to our school. They have come for work experience and to see what some other grades are learning. The children from other classes are enjoying having them in their grade.

Some students are even playing with them at recess and lunch. We hope that they enjoy visiting our school and maybe even come again for another visit in the future.

By Shilah
Tennis Clinic

Recently we participated in a tennis clinic at school. During the clinic we learnt a forehand shot. Hayden taught us three activities, relays, cone catch and a game where the teachers threw a ball for

us to hit. In the cone catch there were two teams, one team were the hitters the other team were the catchers. The catchers had to try and catch the ball that the hitters hit within one bounce in a cone. If they caught the ball the catcher then became a hitter and the hitter became a catcher. It was a pleasure to have someone teach us tennis and we hope Hayden returns in the future.

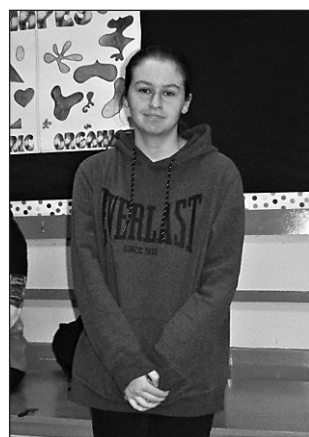
Max and Natalee



Left to right
Marley and Tahlia
at Active Kids
Expo

Returned student
Hannah.

Students practicing
forehand strike



SCHOOL NEWS

Hazelwood North Primary

Healesville Sanctuary

Our Junior School took off for an exciting learning adventure on May 24. They enjoyed getting up close and

personal with our amazing Australian Wildlife. Now our students will be well prepared to write many interesting and highly informative texts!

Hockey Clinic

Our excited students participated in a Hockey Clinic on May 20. Students were learning how to manage

and control the ball with their hockey sticks. They also played a range of fun games to consolidate their new skills!

Winter sports day

On May 17 our eager Grade 4/5/6 netballers and footballers went to Yinnar to play in a school tournament.

They all had a terrific time and tried their very best. Hats off to the teams that went through to the next round; we wish them all the best!



Left to right:
Healesville Sanctuary
visit.
Hockey Clinic
Winter Sports Day



SCHOOL NEWS

Churchill Primary

School Netball Team

For the first time (in many years) Churchill Primary School has entered our very own team in the Morwell Netball Association. Our team plays on Tuesday nights and is coached by CPS staff member, Lisa Kimpton. They are having a wonderful time and are such great ambassadors for the school, with smiles always on their faces and improvements being made every week. We are hopeful that we will continue to be able to enter a school team in future seasons.

Yinnar & District Winter Sports

In recent weeks many of our Grade 5/6 students have competed in the Yinnar & District Winter Sports competition for football, netball and/or soccer. These

competitions are held in round robins against other schools that form the Yinnar & District association and it is always pleasing to see and hear the positive and friendly interactions between the different schools.

Our teams all made valiant efforts, sometimes winning and sometimes losing their individual games, but always playing with determination and making us proud. Congratulations to our girls' soccer team who made it through to the next level of competition!

Student Leadership

Recently our student leaders attended a special GRIP Leadership Conference in Melbourne. GRIP (Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, People) leadership is an independent organisation

that exists to train and develop leaders with a special focus on school students. The conference covered four topics which included 'Developing Myself to Lead', 'Making a Difference to My Team', 'Making a Difference to My School' and 'Making a Difference to Society'.

Our students learned about the importance of understanding, both themselves and others, how to make a difference individually and as a team, at school and in society.

Some of the activities they participated in included role-plays, stories, discussion and games and sharing experiences to generate new ideas... Our school vice-captain Lucy B wrote the following about the day:

"On Wednesday May

1, 2019, the leaders of the school went to a leadership conference. We had our School Captains, House Captains and SRCs (Student Representative Councils). All of the student leaders had to be at the school office by 6:20am, the bus left at 6:35am and went on the bus until 9:00am that same day, on the way back we left at 2:30pm and arrived back at school at 4:50pm. Most students had an enjoyable and fun day. We met people from other schools, some of the things that we did were quizzes, loud noises and some of the students (Hudson, Maddie and Mia) even got to go up to the stage to do an activity.

"It was fun going on stage. "I was nervous at the start but then I said what I got for my answer talking in

the microphone and it was a good experience and I thank the teachers for giving me the opportunity to go." said Hudson Berechree.

Maddie had to do limbo and Mia had to do a quiz of hot or not! Everyone did a great job at listening and watching other schools go up the front".

Special Badge Presentations

On Monday May 6, our student leaders were presented with their badges at a special assembly by local member for parliament Mr Russell Northe. Mr Northe said on his Facebook page:

"Time gets away (second term already) but a real pleasure to attend Churchill Primary School and its school assembly this morning. This was an opportunity to

acknowledge the school's leaders for 2019 including School Captains and Vice-captains, House Captains and Junior School Councillors.

Congratulations to all - you should be very proud of your achievements"!!!

Mother's Day Afternoon

On Friday May 10, we held a special afternoon for all our CPS Mums (and some Grandmas etc.) to celebrate Mother's Day and show them how much we appreciate everything they do.

We'd like to thank everyone who was able to attend and join in the activities on the day.

Having special guests at school is always a highlight for the students and we hope that our guests enjoyed themselves as well!



Churchill P.S. Netball team- Jacinta, Chloe, Grace, Lila, Amyer, Jaydan with coach Lisa Kimpton



Students representing CPS at Yinnar & District Sports



Students at Yinnar & District Sports



Middle right: Student Council Representatives Maddie E, Shaylee H, Ruby T, Henry H, Sara A, Ella W, Mia J and Alana H receive their leadership badges from Mr Russell Northe.

Right: CPS Boys Soccer team at Yinnar & District Sports

Left: Mum Nicki with Ada and Jackson



Left: Mum Cassie with Logahn



Left: Girls representing CPS in Yinnar & District Soccer

SCHOOL NEWS

Kurnai College University Campus



VCAL help

Hi my name is Blake and I am a Year 10 VCAL student at Kurnai College. Each Wednesday we go to the tennis courts in Morwell.

I have been helping by digging, building a shed and putting down bark for a playground. I liked working with my friends and I have been working well. I have learned how to use maths to make a shed.

Blake C

My name is Blake D and I am a year 10 VCAL student. We have been working at the Morwell Tennis Club fixing and renovating it and making it look better. We have been digging out a shallow hole and filling it with bark. We then fixed up the caterpillar in the playground. We put a metal shed together and knocked a

brick wall down. Then we dug out a trench for a garden. We have been working for two terms and I have had a lot of fun doing this community work.

Blake D

I have been building a shed at the Morwell Tennis Club. The shed is made out of tin and metal. It took us four to six weeks. I have never built a shed before. We have been working as a team and I have learnt to not rush when working with big, heavy metal.

Klara

Hi my name is Cole and I'm in Year 10. I do VCAL at Kurnai University Churchill. Every Wednesday we go to the Morwell Tennis courts and we do work there. I built a shed and dug up dirt

to put the concrete slab in for the shed.

Cole

We have been building a kids playground area so they

can play safely. We have done a great job at the tennis club but it can be hard work. Brett, our teacher, keeps us busy. He is a great teacher and he doesn't get angry when you mess things up. We have been working for three or four months and it has been really fun.

By Mitchell

Attitudes to school survey

Over the next few weeks, all University Campus students will be completing the Attitudes to School Survey. At the senior years of secondary school this survey is something that students can become quite blasé about; not surprising because they have been doing the survey since Grade 4. However, it is important that they take the survey seriously. The



College and the Campus use the information from this survey to help identify areas of strength that can be built upon and areas of weakness that need to be addressed.

Year 12 students are very quickly coming to the end of their secondary schooling and it is critical that all students know what their next step will be when they leave Kurnai. The Careers Team will be meeting with all Year 12 students to help them set out their Managed Individual Pathways (MIPs).

Judo champion Noah

Year 12 student, Noah Nightingale, has settled into his training camp in Bielsko Biala, Poland. A few weeks ago, Noah heard that he had

been selected to represent Australia in the under 18, 73kg class at the Cadet European Cup, the premiere underage judo competition in Europe. While Noah has been involved in judo since he was six it is only in the last year that he has been chosen to take part in representative competitions for Australia.

Noah spent the first week away training and fighting in Poland before traveling to Coimbra in Portugal for the next competition in the Cadet European Cup. So two weeks of training, fighting and (he promises) studying in Europe before he returns to Australia on May 31. We wish Noah well and hope that he achieves his goals. Ganbatte!!!

SCHOOL NEWS

Lumen Christi Primary

Mothers Day breakfast

A special breakfast was held to honour all mothers at Lumen Christi Primary School in Churchill. The teachers put on an amazing buffet breakfast which consisted of pancakes, cereal, toast and yogurt.

After the breakfast the mums were invited to attend

a special celebration of all mothers at the Church which was led by Father James. A power point reflection showcasing photos of the children with their mother brought many to tears.

The pampering didn't stop there! After Mass the Junior grades hosted a special high tea and continued to spoil

their mums and grandmothers with lots of hugs and kisses. *Catholic Education Week Launch*

Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School launched their Catholic Education Week activities with a special visit from local Nun, Sister Elizabeth, better known as Sister Liz. Sister Liz was

excited to visit the students at Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School, as it tied in with her 60 year celebration as a nun with the Religious order, the Franciscan Sisters. The children sang, 'Tanti auguri' (Best wishes) to her in Italian and also said an Italian prayer for her. Sister spoke of her joy of being a nun and

her devotion to the Church. She said that her greatest advice to people was, "love life and bring people joy". She loves to help people into life. She told the children, "be the best person you can be and be nice to others". The school has many class activities planned to celebrate what they love best about

their school. "Listen to what the Spirit is saying" is the theme for Catholic Education Week, which concluded on Friday May 31. Lumen Christi students regularly hear the mission message to help others in need and build a kingdom of strong independent learners.



Father James enjoying the Mother's Day celebration at Lumen Christi with Katie, Robert and Loretta



Robert and Luisa (Year 6 leaders), Franciscan Sister Elizabeth,



David with his beautiful Nan and Dad

SCHOOL NEWS

Yinnar Primary

Cross Country Run

We are well into Term 2. Students from Grades 3-6 have continued their involvement in representative sports. We attended the Region Cross Country with six students finishing in the top 10 of their age groups. They will progress to the next round at Lardner Park.

Winter sports at Yinnar

The Winter Sports

program has commenced with teams playing football, netball and soccer. Our parents have been very helpful in providing coaching support along the way. We were successful in both football and netball, with the soccer team just missing out progressing to the next level.

Sovereign Hill Camp

Our Grade 5/6 camp was held in early May at Sovereign Hill. The students

thoroughly enjoyed the many activities on offer in Ballarat but by far the most popular was the lolly shop. We welcomed students from Yinnar South who also went along to see the many attractions.

Life Education Van visit

We had a visit from Harold with his Life Education van. All students, young and old are always keen to see Harold. There were follow up

activities in the classrooms after each grade visited the van and learnt very important 'life' messages.

Transition visits

We value our connection with our secondary schools in the transition process for our Grade 5/6 students. They have recently visited Mirboo North Secondary College to see what the future holds in a secondary school.

These are always very

valuable excursions and ease the pathway for our students.

Simultaneous Storytime

We managed to fit the whole school into the school open area – not an easy fit – 218 students enjoyed the reading of "Alpacas with Maracas" by Matt Cosgrove and Jimmy Giggle as part of Simultaneous Storytime.

The school participates in this event every year highlighting the importance

of reading.

School Review

Our school has just undertaken our school review. Students, parents and staff were all given the opportunity to meet with the review panel to discuss the school's successes and future direction.

From this review the school as a whole will decide on a plan for the next four years.



Netball teams 1 and 2



Soccer teams 1 and 2



Life Education visit with Harold the Giraffe

Blue Ball Game brings prostate awareness to football

Two football Clubs, Churchill and Cowwarr, together with the Latrobe Valley Biggest Ever BBQ Committee, have joined forces in an innovative event to promote Prostate Cancer Awareness to the football fraternity.

The event, dubbed "The Blue Ball Game", was the initiative of the Churchill Football Netball Club, but was wholeheartedly embraced by their opponents for the day, the Cowwarr Football Netball Club and backed by the North Gippsland Football League. Both clubs adopted jumpers specifically designed for the game and were sponsored by Hip Pocket Latrobe Valley. The jumpers were purchased by the players and the funds added to the day's proceeds.

A feature of the day was a pre-game luncheon, hosted by Churchill, which was attended by around 100 people who heard addresses on personal experience from a number of speakers who have been impacted by prostate cancer, which affects one in every seven males.

Highlight of these addresses was a very personal and moving speech by former AFL coach, elite athlete, media personality and successful businessman, Stan Alves, who is a survivor of both cancer and mental illness, following the tragic death of his teenage son.

Alves' address included a strong emphasis on men taking responsibility for their own health and making sure that they have the PSA blood test for prostate. An excellent speaker and motivator, Stan Alves is in great demand in the corporate world as well as in sporting and charity organisations for his honest and personal inspirational talks.

Other speakers who contributed to the informative and educational event were prostate survivor and former local football umpire, John Ellingham, and local Member of the Legislative Council, Harriet Shing, who gave a moving personal witness of losing her brother to prostate cancer at the age of 38, because he failed to take notice of the symptoms and seek medical assistance until it was too late.

Other speakers emphasised the need for early intervention as the Gippsland region has the highest mortality rate for this disease even though the incidence of cases per head of population is on a par with the metropolitan area and other regional areas.

The luncheon was well hosted by former Adelaide football personality, Rob Popplestone, currently Publicity Officer for the North Gippsland Football League.

Among many other promotional means used to



promote awareness on the day, was the Prostate Cancer Blue Bus, which incorporates a range of information sources for those who visit it.

The match, played at Gaskin Oval, Churchill on May 11, was won by Churchill and Best on Ground was Nathan McRae, who

was presented with a special medal by Chair of LBEBBBQ Committee, Bruce Ellen.

Organiser of the event, Mark Answerth, a member of the Big Blokes BBQ committee as well as Committee member of Churchill FN Club, said he believed that this was the first

game of this type in Regional Victoria and North Gippsland Football Netball League was looking to make it a feature in each year's draw.

"Furthermore, the format could be rolled out to other sporting codes such as soccer and rugby" he said.

About \$5,000.00

was raised on the day for LBEBBBQ to continue to sponsor research on reducing the incident of prostate cancer deaths.

Photo shows Churchill and Cowwarr teams in their unique jumpers in front of the Prostate Cancer Bus.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Churchill & Monash Golf Club – Men - Saturday 13/4/19 – Stroke. A Grade - M. Brereton (11) 82 71. B Grade - C. Cleland (19) 89 70. C Grade - K. Hogan (31) 98 67. DTL - P. Coffey 70, R. Timms 71, R. Madigan 72, B Barnes 72, P Bolding 72, W Barnes 72, P Smart 73 C/B. NTP - 3rd D. Caldwell, 12th P. Smart, 14th B. Kilday. Birdies - 12th G. Blizzard

Saturday 20/4/19 – Four Person Ambrose. Winners - J. Sanders G. Sanders S. Sanders J. Sanders (8) 55. R/U - J. Barnes, K. Hogan, C. Stevens, C. Thompson, (14-25) 55.75. DTL - R Sands, T O'Reilly, S Turner, T Davies 58, - R Madigan, B Cleland, P Smart, Mamum 58.5. T. Sterrick, R Zomer, Hutch, V Reid 58 7/8. D Cluderay, T Collins, B Kilday, M Baker, 59 C/B.

NTP -3rd T. O'Rielly, 5th T. O'Rielly, 12th R. Madigan, 14th B. Kilday.

Ladies Foursomes – Winners - M. Dear (12) 34 and Shirley Turner (22) 77. DTL - M. McQuillen (36)

and S. Sterrick (45) 79.5. NTP - 5th M. Dear and S. Turner, 3rd S. Sterrick and M. McQuillen, 12th S. Sterrick and M. McQuillen, 14th M. Dear and S. Turner.

Ladies 2 Person Ambrose 23/4/19 – Winners - J. Timms (45) and L. Peake (40) 77 3/4. DTL - S. Sterrick (45) and A. Hibbert (34) 78 ¼. NTP - 3rd and 5th S. Sterrick and A. Hibbert 12th and 14th M. McConville and J. Blizzard.

Saturday 27/4/19 - Monthly Medal - A Grade - J. Langstaff (17) 88 71. B Grade - J. Barnes (20) 89 69. C Grade - J. Butler (31) 95 64. Medal Winner - J. Butler (31) 95 64. Scratch - E. Hayes Hills 81. DTL - J. Tettman 70, D. Caldwell 70, J. Jeffery 71, A. Sharrock 72, E. Hayes Hills 72, P. Smart 73, M. Brereton 74 C/B, C. Thompson 74 C/B. NTP - 3rd C. Thompson, 5th J. Thornby, 12th C. Thompson, 14th M. Dear. Putts - J. Tettman 25. Birdies - 3rd G. Silvester and J. Thornby, 12th J. Thornby. Ladies - Tuesday 30/4/19 - Captain and Presidents Day

- Winner - V. Reid (31) 38. DTL - S. Sterrick (45) 34. NTP - 5th M. Dear, 12th M. Dear, 14th M. McQuillen.

18/5/2019 – Stableford - A Grade - J. Barnes (19) 41. B Grade - Sterrick (20) 38. C Grade - M. Hutchinson (31) 41. DTL - M. Baker 36 – P. Smart 34 – M. Soppe 32 – G. Corponi 31 – M. Brereton 35 – R. Sands 31 – A. Quinn 32 – B. Mathieson 31. NTP - 3rd C. Thompson, 5th J. Sanders, 12th D. Caldwell, 14th R. Scurlock. Birdies - 5th M. Brereton, 12th M. Hutchinson, 14th T. Sterrick.

Ladies - Tuesday 21/5/19 - Volunteers Day 3 Person Ambrose. Winners - M. Dear (12) – L. Peake (36) – A. Hibbert (40) 66 2/6. DTL - T. Sterrick – (19) – S. Turner (21) – V. Reid (31) 69 1/6. DTL - B. Blizzard (24) – M. Mc Conville (25) – S. Sterrick (45) 73 2/3. NTP - 3rd M. Dear – L. Peake – A. Hibbert 5th M. Dear – L. Peake – A. Hibbert 12th S. Turner – T. Sterrick – V. Reid - 14th S. Sterrick – M. Mc Conville – G. Blizzard.

Churchill Bowls attends Active Kids expo



The Churchill Bowls Club recently took part in an Active Kids Expo which was held on May 8, at the Latrobe Leisure Centre Churchill.

Around 350 kids from local schools, were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of sporting activities supported by local sports clubs.

The object of the exercise was to give kids an insight into the enjoyment and satisfaction that can be derived by being involved in a sporting/recreational activity.

The Churchill Bowls Club will be holding its A.G.M at our Gaskin Park clubrooms Churchill, on Wednesday July 10, 2019, commencing at 7pm. Written nominations for Executive and Ordinary Committee members, plus all Notice of Motions to be presented at the A.G.M, are

required to be with the club secretary by close of business Wednesday July 3, 2019. No business received after this time will be considered. A committee meeting will be held after the A.G.M. All welcome to attend.

The club will hold its presentation night on Friday June 14, 2019 at our Gaskin Park clubrooms Churchill, commencing at 7.30pm. All club members welcome to attend.

The club holds a weekly lawn bowls competition which is run every Thursday morning, numbers and weather permitting.

The games commence at 10am and conclude at 12 midday. All bowlers are welcome to take part in the event. To expedite the team selection, it is requested that players be there 15 minutes

before start of game. Cost of play is \$5.00

The club also runs a Thursday night indoor bowls night commencing at 7.15pm and concluding around 9.30pm. A light supper is served with tea and coffee. The event is open to the general public. Cost for the night is \$5.00.

Anyone interested in joining or having a try at lawn bowls can contact the club through its email address churchillbowls@hotmail.com or telephone 0407 182 967 - 5122 1860.

The club ran its Inter Club Triples Tournament on May 1, with 16 teams participating from across the wider Latrobe Valley. The winners on the day were K. Gatsby's team from Morwell. Runner up was Danny's team from Thorpdale.



Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: *Prostanthera nivea*.

Family: Lamiaceae.

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

nivea; From the Latin *niveus*, meaning snow-white, referring to the usual flower colour.

Name: Snowy Mintbush.

Distribution: Scattered, isolated occurrences, usually on drier, rocky, granite hillsides, on the western slopes and ranges from Southeast Queensland to south and western NSW, around Hay. In Victoria, this species occurs around central parts (St Arnaud), south to the Lerderderg Gorge area, the You Yangs and the Anglesea Heathlands.

Description: An erect, glabrous (not hairy) shrub to 4m tall and 3m broad, with non-aromatic, linear, grey-green leaves to 6cm long by 3mm wide. Flowers occur in springtime and are up to 18mm long, snow-white to mauve, with yellow spots in the throat. The upper calyx lobe is twice the size of the lower lobe, while the two-lobed upper petal is half the size of the three-lobed lower petal.

Opinion:

My plant is obviously the mauve version, which has caused me a little bit of confusion.

This is because the plant looks very much like *P. baxteri* var. *sericea* (which is now *P. sericea*) from WA, which I had in the garden a few years back, but no longer have. The leaves are similar, but in *P. sericea* they are terete (cylindrical), whereas in *P. nivea* (and the plant in my garden), they are not, they definitely have a flattened upper surface. So, I'm happy to go with Snowy Mintbush, mauve variant.

The plant came from the APS LV raffle in May 2017, and hence Colin's propagation table, and was planted into the new bed on the western nature strip in autumn 2018, given a reasonable covering of eucalyptus mulch, a green plastic tree-guard and some regular watering in the drier months.

It has rewarded me by doubling its size to about 50cm tall and flowering quite nicely.

The guard has now been removed and I have just picked a crop of capsules,



which I will sow shortly in the hope of gaining some new, baby plants.

I'll leave the plant to grow a bit more before attempting some cuttings.

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

The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group meet 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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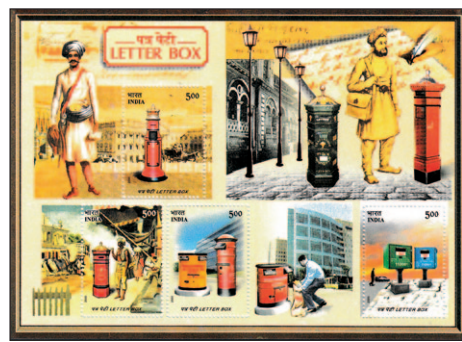
Seasons

Everybody knows that there are four seasons but this is really a European idea which spread with colonisation. There are four clearly defined parts of the year there and although the change from one to another is at a slightly different time, they are measurable and visible in nature. Somebody even measured the speed of change in Britain by noting when the daffodils flowered in spring, about 10 miles a day from south to north.

Since the British people are focussed on weather, it is no surprise that they issued four sets of five stamps about the seasons. They feature wildflowers in spring, festivals in summer, fruits and nuts in autumn and wildlife in winter. A further set of five springtime plant sculptures was also issued later.

Canada issued a set featuring maple leaves, its national emblem, in different stages of development during the year.

It is difficult here in Australia to issue a set of stamps along these lines because our seasons differ so widely. In the south, European seasons are found but the



further north you go, the less defined they are until at the top, you have two seasons, the wet and the dry. Aborigines in the north had seven seasons defined by weather and the appearance of special edible plants and migrating birds.

Other stamps relating to seasons such as new-born animals, trees with coloured leaves or no leaves at all, different annual festivals and many others can be more subtle indicators of seasons. As always you are limited by your imagination.

Letter Boxes

We are all familiar with the humble letter box, scattered around the streets of suburbia or outside the local post office. Each country has its own colour with red being the predominant one. They even have their own special colour, pillar-box red. Their shapes have varied over time. Originally they were small

rectangular ones set in walls, but the sheer volume of letters posted, as letters became a hugely popular method of communication, saw them get much larger.

The idea of a letterbox is much older. Messages were usually delivered by hand but in dangerous times a special place could be decided upon as a dropping-off point for mail. A case in point was during times of plague when travellers of any sort were not welcome, so a sheltered spot at the edge of a village was used for dropping off and collecting mail.

A letter box was often established for travelling sailing ships. If a ship visited an island, they could collect or drop off mail from such a collection point, usually situated at the highest point of the island. One of these was on Thursday Island, off Cape York. Some were marked by poles, and if the island was regularly visited and well-known, a handy cave was used. One well-known method has its own name, the tin-can mail.

India issued a set of stamps featuring letterboxes featuring several different letter-box designs used over time.

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