

# CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

## "Connecting Your Community"

Established 1966

Distributed Free

Writing Competition – p 9

Lions changeover – p 11

Community project – p 18

Hub recycling – p 24



# Mathison Park hosts dog endurance day

### Twenty Kilometre Dog Run

A dog endurance test was held at Matheson Park on June 22. This was organised by the German Shepherd Club of Victoria and entries came from around Victoria.

About half of the seventeen dogs entered were German Shepherds with a variety of other breeds such as Italian greyhound, a Whippet and even a King Charles Cavalier whose legs were so much

shorter than all other competitors.

To be able to compete, all dogs must be fit enough to run the twenty kilometres at an average speed of ten kilometres (kms) per hour.

Dogs had a veterinary check four times throughout the day – before the run, after eight kms, another five kms and at the end of the run.

The veterinary tests were to ensure that the dog was fit enough to continue on

the course and was not distressed. Tests were taken of the heart, temperature and a check made on the paws to see that they were not injured.

Handlers of the dogs were able to run the distance or ride a bike keeping control of the dog on a leash.

One energetic man completed the journey running with his dog. Leading bike riders controlled the speed of the race and kept the riders in a group.

All seventeen dogs completed the course which was on part of Mathison Park path for several laps to make the required distance. At the end of the test all owners received a sash to complete a very successful day.

A glorious winter morning and with Mathison Park in great condition, a good day was had by competitors and spectators alike.

... more pictures p15 ...



**BE A Churchill LOCAL SHOP LOCAL**

**SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS**

See stories pages 2 and 8

**DAINBRIDGE NICHOLSON FINANCIAL SERVICES**

George Nicholson, B.Com, CA  
Phone 5175 0001

**Tax** (\*Individuals \*Companies \*Trusts \*Primary Producers)

◆ **Investments & Adviser**    ◆ **Superannuation**

◆ **Accountants, Bookkeeping and BAS Services**

9 Church Street, Traralgon      Email: kim.dainbridge@bigpond.com

**CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS**

*"Connecting Your Community"*

Established 1966

Churchill & District News is a community newspaper staffed by volunteers.



**The Team**

- Team Leader/Secretary: Ruth Place
- Minutes Secretary: Barbara Cheetham
- Treasurer: Delma Hodges
- Assistant Treasurer: Ruth Courtis, Sally Kohler
- Editor: Carol Scott
- Advertising: Ruth Place, Shelley McDonald, Marion Ireland.
- Layout: Allan Larkin
- Production: Tracey Burr, Carol Scott, Ruth Place, Allan Larkin
- Proof Readers: Ruth Place, Shelley McDonald, Gary Weston, Geraldine Larkin, Carol Scott, Jan Taylor, Delma Hodges
- Team Members: Bronte Hillis Harland, Charlie Rawlinson, Barbara Cheetham, Sam Gillett
- Webpage: [www.cdnews.com.au](http://www.cdnews.com.au)
- Facebook page: Glenys Falk-Horsey, Rebecca Barry

**Churchill & District News**

**Contributions**

**The deadline for the submission of articles and advertisements for the August 2019 edition is July 25, 2019**

**EDITORIAL**

Articles for publication and Letters to the Editor can be sent to:  
 Churchill & District News  
 PO Box 234, Churchill, 3842  
 Or Email: [cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au](mailto:cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au)  
 All articles must be submitted by the 25th of each month for publication in the next issue.



Articles can be left in our Drop Off Boxes Located at:  
 Churchill Post Office, Co-Operating Church, Williams Avenue and The Churchill Hub

**ADVERTISING**

Advertising enquiries can be addressed to:  
 Ruth Place or Allan Larkin  
 Churchill & District News  
 PO Box 234, Churchill, 3842 or email:  
[cdnadvertising@aussiebb.com.au](mailto:cdnadvertising@aussiebb.com.au)  
 Telephone: Ruth 03 5122 1961  
 Allan 0427 372 517

**Disclaimer**

The Churchill & District News wishes to advise that the views or remarks expressed in this publication are not necessarily the views of the Editor or the Management Team and no endorsement of service is implied by the listing of advertisers, sponsors or contributors.

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS IS PRODUCED UNDER THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF THE CO-OPERATING CHURCHES OF CHURCHILL. THE CO-OPERATION IS MADE UP OF THE ANGLICAN, UNITING AND CHURCHES OF CHRIST

We acknowledge the support of



**Positive Outlook**

Some might be thinking that KFC's departure from Churchill is a sad loss, but what a great solution to a serious litter problem it's proved to be!

Our streets, parks and car-parks are so much cleaner now that we are rid of KFC wrappers and leftovers scattered around the town.

Churchill provides a variety of takeaway and dine-in options for residents; whether it's lunch in one of our cafes, dinner in the hotel or at the Chinese Restaurant or your choice of takeaway fish and chips, pizza, noodles, pies, roasts, hamburgers – lots of options!

The announcement of the closure of our Commonwealth Bank branch came as a shock, but many regional towns have faced a similar scenario and survived, even thrived.

CDCA is talking to the Mirboo North Community Bendigo Bank about providing services in Churchill.

Wouldn't it be great if our community could enjoy some of the 'banking profits' like the communities

of Mirboo North and Boolarra do? Without a Commonwealth Bank branch (which does not share profits with the local community), we might just be seeing the door open to more funding being made available to local community groups.

At our last CDCA meeting, which was well attended by local residents concerned about the Benetas decision to close Hazelwood House, a Working Group was established to keep the issue 'live'.

All is not lost, even though the Federal Dept of Health has advised that they "cannot intervene in the business operations of an approved provider" (i.e. the responsible Govt department cannot stop the bed transfer).

Whilst Benetas is free to continue executing their plans to move residents to Dalkeith House in Traralgon, this doesn't mean that we can't have an aged care facility in Churchill.

We've been advised that Council has a Caveat on the facility that means it must be used for aged care – it can't just be sold off to the highest

bidder and bull-dozer.

We're asking Benetas what they plan to do with the facility once they vacate – perhaps they'd be prepared to lease it to another Provider (a rather more viable prospect than outright purchase).

Benetas has said they're "open to all possibilities", so this is an option worth following up!

Many small towns face challenges as businesses come and go, but the evidence shows that, when communities work together, small towns can, and do, thrive.

CDCA is talking to the Churchill & District News about a 'Shop in Churchill' campaign to support our local retailers and small businesses.

If local residents spend their money in Churchill, our shopping centre will continue to provide the goods and services we need.

Who knows, if the shops are busy and the car-parks are full, we might just attract some new businesses to fill our vacant shops.

A couple of vacant shops in a town can be viewed as opportunities for new ventures – it does no-one good if we view a couple of vacancies as a portent of doom and gloom.

CDCA has a number of projects we're getting on with; one is our Recycling Project in partnership with the Neighbourhood Centre and the Churchill News.

Now residents can take their old x-ray films to the Hub and drop them in the box for recycling, along with printer ink cartridges,

clean used aluminium foil, old bras, household batteries, mobile phones and P5 plastics.

We're also thinking about a new art project in Churchill we may be able to initiate – too soon to be detailing just yet. Another art project was done in Mathison Park last year; have you seen it on the walking circuit?

The number of public art works in Churchill is steadily increasing over time, making our town even more interesting and attractive.

Federation University's Churchill site has a new Campus Manager – Leigh Kennedy.

Leigh has agreed to be guest speaker at a forthcoming CDCA meeting (date to be decided but likely August or October).

This will be a great opportunity for locals to meet Leigh and hear about her plans (and Fed Uni's) for the Churchill campus. We'll post the date to our website and Facebook page as soon as it's confirmed.

CDCA meets at 7pm on the second Tuesday of every second month – our next meeting will be on Tuesday August 13 in the Board Room at Gippsland Enterprise Centre, McDonald Way.

More information about CDCA can be found on our website: [www.cdca.org.au](http://www.cdca.org.au) or email [info@cdca.org.au](mailto: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.

**Rainfall**

This month we had a total of 52.5 mm. The day with the most rainfall was June 5, with a total of 14mm. There were exactly eleven days of rainfall adding to a rainfall total of 215mm.

**Rain at Hazelwood South.**

June was again deficient in rainfall, with 65mm recorded, which is 80% of the average for June. For the first half of

the year of 2019, rainfall was down by 20% of the average.

Soil moisture and groundwater recharge is still poor.

The lawn mower is collecting dust in the shed with no grass to cut.

Clearing of fire hazard vegetation has started, with sufficient time to burn off before the next fire season.

**ADVERTISING RATES**

Effective January 1, 2018

No.	Size	B/W	COLOUR	10% Discount (6 issues)		
				B/W	COLOUR	
	Height x Width	Column size	\$	\$	\$	\$
1.	60mm x 85mm	2 x 6 cm	29.00	NA	25.00	NA
2.	125mm x 85mm	2 x 12.5 cm	58.75	94.00	53.00	84.60
3.	95mm x 129mm	3 x 9.5 cm	67.00	107.00	60.30	96.50
4.	60mm x 262mm	6 x 6 cm	84.60	136.00	76.15	121.80
5.	140mm x 129mm	3 x 14 cm	98.70	158.00	88.85	142.10
6.	190mm x 129mm	3 x 19 cm	133.95	215.00	120.55	192.85
7.	190mm x 262mm	6 x 19 cm	281.55	450.00	253.40	405.00
8.	380mm x 262mm	6 x 38 cm	413.45	661.50	372.10	595.35

TO BOOK YOUR ADVERTISEMENT PLEASE CONTACT **RUTH PLACE** 03 5122 1961 or 0456 786 577

**Submission of Articles:**

Articles can be Emailed to: [cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au](mailto:cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au) - Mailed to: PO Box 234, Churchill, 3842 OR put in one of our collection boxes at: Churchill Post Office and at the Co-Operating Churches. Advertising enquiries can be emailed to: [cdnadvertising@aussiebb.com.au](mailto:cdnadvertising@aussiebb.com.au)

# Churchill Neighbourhood Centre



Students and tutors from Art Business 2018 sharing their knowledge.

Art Business – do your business skills match your art skills?

This is an exciting collaboration between Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and ARC Yinnar.

Meet a well-established artist and experienced 'techie' colleague, both accomplished businesswomen who know that business planning and marketing are often underestimated but essential skills in this area.

Together they make an awesome team who can help you sell your art work effectively.

New this year: computing skills workshops to ensure your tech confidence.

**Day: Saturdays**  
**Where: ARC Yinnar – August 3, 24, September 14, 10-1pm**  
**Churchill Neighbourhood Centre – August 10, 13, 21,**

**September 7, 10am-2pm.**  
**Cost: \$160 (option: direct debit in four instalments of \$40)**

Where do I go from here? Run your own business.

Call us for information, and to book your place: 5120 3850.

Basic Sewing and Dressmaking – make clothes that fit perfectly ... and are unique!

Join the sewing crew with Brenda! Read a pattern, understand fabric, cutting out and garment construction.

Learn basic hand sewing and how to use a sewing machine. Move on to making your own patterns, or adapting bought ones to create your own style. You'll love wearing the clothes you've made!

During Term 1 and 2, we've added pyjama pants to our wardrobe and made

funky shopping bags while learning how to thread a sewing machine, stitch a straight line, understand all the symbols on a pattern, lay it out correctly on different fabrics, cut and sew it all together.

Now we have been let loose on sewing items of our choice: a pinafore dress, baby clothes, a winter cape, pants and a dress so far– all unique!

We'd love new members – we all work at our own pace so you can join at any time, even if you are a beginner. If you are just starting out you will have lots of help and encouragement. If you are an accomplished sewer, you can do all the hard bits for the rest of us. Just joking!

**Evening: Mondays 6pm– 8pm**  
**Start date: Term 3 July 15**  
**Cost: \$25 term fee, plus \$8 per session**  
**PASSWORDS**

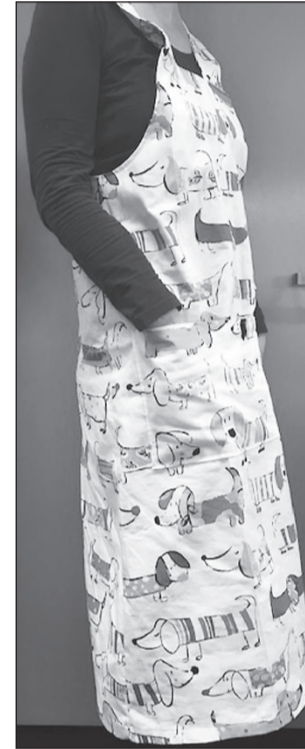
Brush up your reading and writing, maths too!

Shape up these skills for whatever you want to do. Coffee and chat thrown in!

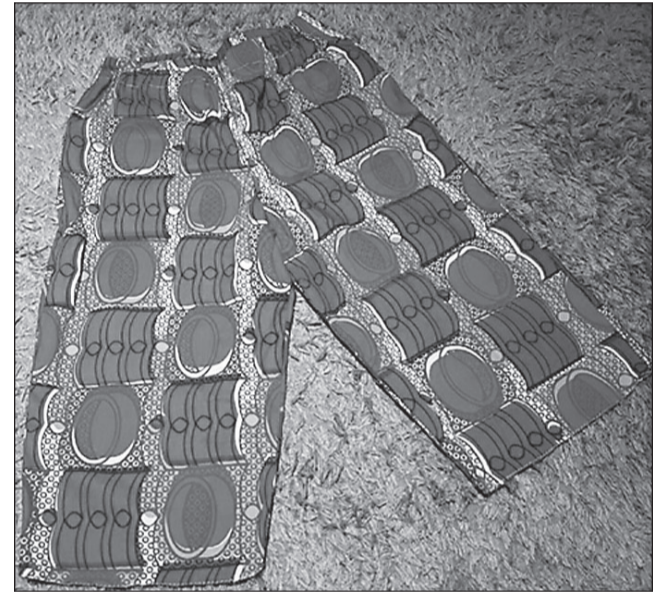
Bring your own work, or we can provide activities for you.

Day: Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

Start date: Term 3 July 17, 2019.



Photos of our creations!



## Concrete never looked so good!



### Concrete

Holcim supply all size loads from Commercial to Residential and Domestic. We also have an extensive range of colour and geostone range of concrete.



### Technical

Holcim have a NATA accredited technical laboratory based in Morwell.

### Aggregates

Holcim supply an extensive range of quarry products from aggregate through to crushed rock and packing sand.



#### Concrete

- Morwell Mick 03 5133 4800
- Leongatha Peter 03 5662 3415

#### Aggregates

- Jeeralang Quarry 03 5166 1444
- Tyers Sand 03 5166 1444

Please see our decorative display at Dunbar Road Garden Supplies, Traralgon or visit our web site [www.geostone.com.au](http://www.geostone.com.au)

## Strut Re-Gas GIPPSLAND



**“The Strut Specialist”**  
 Struts are not throw away items ...  
**They can be RE-GASSED**

- Sales of Steel and Stainless Struts
- Repairs to all types of Struts
- Design applications and pressure modification
- Handles and Fittings available



## Your Community Newspaper



“Connecting Your Community”  
[cdnews.com.au](http://cdnews.com.au)

Tel: 5166 1665 Mob: 0407 542 122

# Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club

The topic for discussion at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, July 26 at the Uniting Church Hall, Old Sale Road Newborough from 7.30 pm will be "The Future of our Forests".

The Victorian Government has embarked on a program to extend and modernise the state's forest management approach and renew the Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs). RFAs are plans for the sustainable management and conservation of forests across all public land that will meet the future needs of communities, industry and the environment. The Forest Reform Program has been collecting community and stakeholder feedback on forest values and management. The Forest Vision Survey results will be released on the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning (DELWP) website.

At the meeting DELWP representatives will provide



Community field trip in the Strzelecki Ranges by Philip Rayment

an information and workshop session where they will discuss the Forest Reform Program, answer questions and gather feedback. More information on the Forest Reform Program can be obtained from the website [https://www2.delwp.vic.gov.au/futureforests\\_](https://www2.delwp.vic.gov.au/futureforests_)

The following day an excursion to Mt Worth will be held. Visitors are most welcome to both activities; there is no charge. For more information phone 0410 237 292.



## A Story in a Stamp

Since the early days of white settlement, Australia has had a strong relationship with wool and its economy has relied on the commodity as a reliable base, together with minerals and other primary products.

The wool industry has also become an integral part of our culture to such an extent that our unofficial anthem is a song about a sheep thief.

The history of the development of the merino wool industry is well-known and has featured on our stamps quite often.

One aspect of the industry which has been highlighted also is the romance of the shearing shed and this we will look at this month.

Two issues have highlighted the working shed. The first was the painting by Tom Roberts, 'Shearing the Rams'.

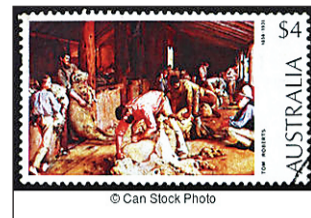
Issued as part of the high-value definitive paintings set in April 1974, this \$4.00 value shows the workings of a shearing shed on Brocklesby station near Corowa, N.S.W. in the days just before the advent of electric shears.

Tom Roberts spent two seasons sketching and refining the basic picture and painted it mostly in the shearing shed before completing it in his studio in 1890.

The interior of the shed is so typical that a visit to any shearing shed in Australia would mirror the scene.

The timber construction

## STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



of the frame and floor uses locally cut trees in the rough and the pens are slab-built.

The floor is sawn boards and the roof appears to be corrugated iron.

The shearers face the pens in a row and the classing tables are at the back of the picture.

The workers are shown in the various poses typical of the work being done. One shearer is emerging from a pen with his next animal, the others are bending with their hand-shears at work.

In the foreground a young roust-about is carrying a fleece towards the sorting table, the boss of the board in his blue shirt surveys the scene from the side and an impish tar-boy, actually a tar girl, hovers in the centre.

In the background are the classers and sorters at work. The whole shed is lit from the open right-hand side.

Details of the habits of the times are many in the painting.

The men are almost all bearded and dressed in cotton

shirts and moleskin trousers.

The boy is bare-foot and the first bending shearer has a pipe in his back pocket.

The boss of the board and a wool-classer are wearing waistcoats.

Everybody in the shed is busy doing something including the blade-sharpener and drinker.

In all it is a snapshot of a moment in any working shearing shed in Australia.

Tom Roberts went on to paint many other working scenes from Australia's earlier days.

The painting hangs in the State Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne.

The other set showing scenes from a shearing shed was the issue of five stamps in 1986 honouring the bush ballad, 'Click Go the Shears'.

## Churchill's own solar and electrical family business

**SPEAK TO ERIC AND SUE AT WATTS SMART ELECTRICAL**

- Domestic and Commercial Electrical Work
- Maintenance
- Energy Consulting Service
- Solar Power
- New Installations

*Servicing the Latrobe Valley and Gippsland*

**watts smart ELECTRICAL PTY LTD** REC No. 20746

**0438 253 882**  
[www.wattssmart.com.au](http://www.wattssmart.com.au)

**Only working smoke alarms save lives.**

- Test monthly
- Dust annually
- Replace every ten years

**CFA**

## A message about Recycling from the Churchill Hub

### Recycle your soft plastics

Can you crunch it into a ball? Then you can drop it off here.

**Yes please**

- Bevage bags
- Milk products (except dry)
- Paper goods (cling wrap)
- Confectionery bags
- Household & work bags
- Plastic bags
- Old gear bags
- Carpet bits (less)
- Patio & rice bags
- Fresh produce bags

**No thanks**

- ✗ Plastic bottles
- ✗ Plastic containers
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Paper & cardboard
- ✗ Tin cans
- ✗ Fruit punnets
- ✗ Cooler bags
- ✗ Food waste

Recycle your soft plastics in the bin at West Place Shopping Centre (outside Woolworths)

**Churchill Neighbourhood Centre**  
*"Connecting Your Community"*

**CDCA**  
Churchill & District Community Association Inc.

ADVERTISEMENT

# Harriet Shing MP

MEMBER FOR EASTERN VICTORIA REGION

216 Commercial Road, Morwell VIC 3840

**P:** (03) 5134 8000 **E:** [harriet.shing@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:harriet.shing@parliament.vic.gov.au)

**f** [harrietshingmp](https://www.facebook.com/harrietshingmp) **t** [@ShingWorld](https://twitter.com/ShingWorld)

Authorised by H Shing, 216 Commercial Rd, Morwell. This material has been funded from Parliament's Electorate Office & Communications budget.

# Don't power a house fire

The cooler weather is well and truly here which means more time spent indoors and CFA wants to make sure you don't power a house fire.

There have been many instances that our favourite appliances cause house fires due to overheating or being damaged.

CFA Manager Community Safety Jude Kennedy said using damaged electrical equipment and appliances could result in fires; we urge people to ensure their

appliances are in good working condition before plugging them in.

"People need to remember that when electrical appliances are left on for an extended period of time they could overheat and have disastrous effects," he said.

"Make sure you turn off and unplug your electrical appliances before going to bed and when leaving your home unattended.

Only use power boards according to manufacturers'

instructions, never overload and check regularly for damage.

Our firefighters don't want anyone to come home to their house on fire, so spending the time to check your appliances condition and ensuring you turn them off properly is essential."

### Electrical Appliances safety tips:

Always follow the manufacturers' instructions when using any electrical appliance.

Use low wattage globes in lamps.

Ensure monitors, laptops, televisions and other equipment have good air flow around them and are not in confined spaces or covered.

Turn off all electrical appliances at the power point when not in use.

Only use certified electrical tradespeople to repair damaged/faulty electrical appliances, wiring or equipment.

Don't use double adaptors. Use power boards

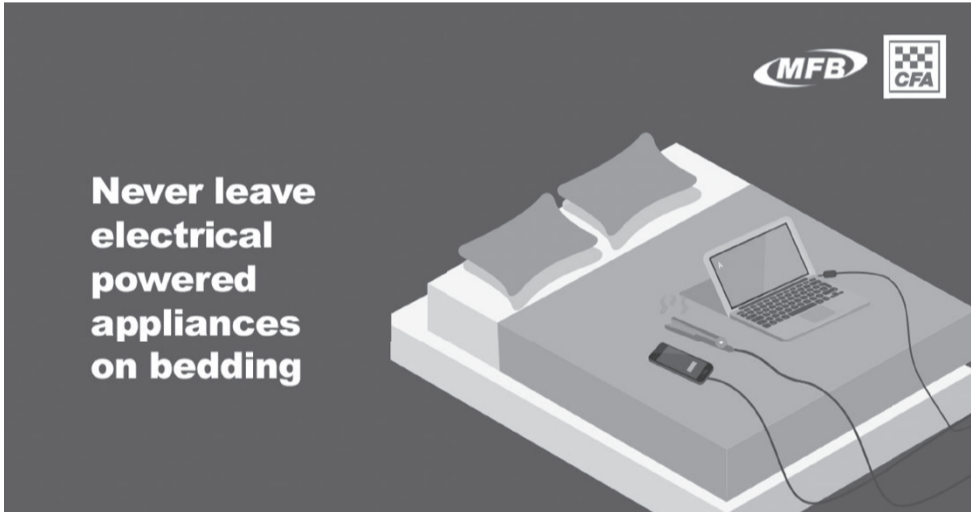
according to manufacturers' instructions, never overload and check regularly for damage.

### Fuel Reduction

As one of the treatments to make the township safer, the brigade is planning to do a fuel reduction burn in the Latrobe City Council reserve between Ikara Way and Switchback Road. This land has been identified for a fuel reduction burn as the most appropriate means to reduce the risk of fire and its impact should a fire start south



east of the town. While it is currently too wet to burn effectively, the brigade and CFA staff will be monitoring the fuel moisture and weather conditions and will initiate the burn when conditions are right. Residents in the area will be contacted with further information about the plans.



## Preschool visit

The delightful children from Glendonald Preschool came to visit the Fire Station in June. They participated with enthusiasm and wonder as the firefighters uniform was taken from the large box and a firefighter dressed ready to go and fight a fire with full protection. They saw a breathing apparatus used then worked on noisy ways they could attract a firefighter if they were lost in a smoky room - clap their hands, stamp their feet and bang on the wall. Then children know that they should call Triple 000 if there is a fire, an accident or if someone is very sick.

Smoke alarms were important to tell people there was fire in the house especially at night.

The children play acted rolling out of bed and crawling to the door where they felt if it was hot. If it was

hot they knew they couldn't go out that way, so they crawled to the window and went outside and met at their safe meeting place before calling Triple 000 to have the firefighters come.

Outside the station they learnt about the radio, water tank, the ladder, the breathing apparatus locker and where the hoses and nozzles for the

hoses were stored and where the controls were located for pumping the water in the hoses. Then they each had a go at squirting water from a hose.

Finally they saw the lights and heard the siren before departing back to Preschool. They were a delightful group of visitors.

## Aaron Pearce

### Plumbing Services

PO Box 408 Churchill  
**0412 795 984**

- \* Split System Air Con
- \* Solar Hot Water
- \* Wood Heating
- \* Roofing
- \* Gas Fitting
- \* Drainage

Reg No 46053



## Maryvale High School Reunion

Students commencing Form 1 in 1972

Home rooms – (Gamma, Kappa, Lambda)

Saturday 26 October 2019

Venue - Morwell RSL (5pm) RSVP 30 September 2019 to

Titch lizloughhead@hotmail.com or

Felicetta felicetta.kile@hotmail.com Mobile 0421 950 661

## New Churchill Motors

Lot 8, Phillip Parade,  
Churchill, Vic. 3840  
Tel: 5122 1380  
www.repcoservice.com.au



Specializing in General repairs and Servicing of 4WD and Passenger Vehicles including:-

- \* Brake and Clutch Machining and Replacement
- \* Cylinder head and Flywheel machining
- \* Steering and Suspension repairs
- \* Tyre fitting and balancing
- \* Log book servicing and general repairs
- \* Specialist Diagnostic equipment for current models

Like us on Facebook



All repairs covered by Repco Authorized Service Nationwide Warranty





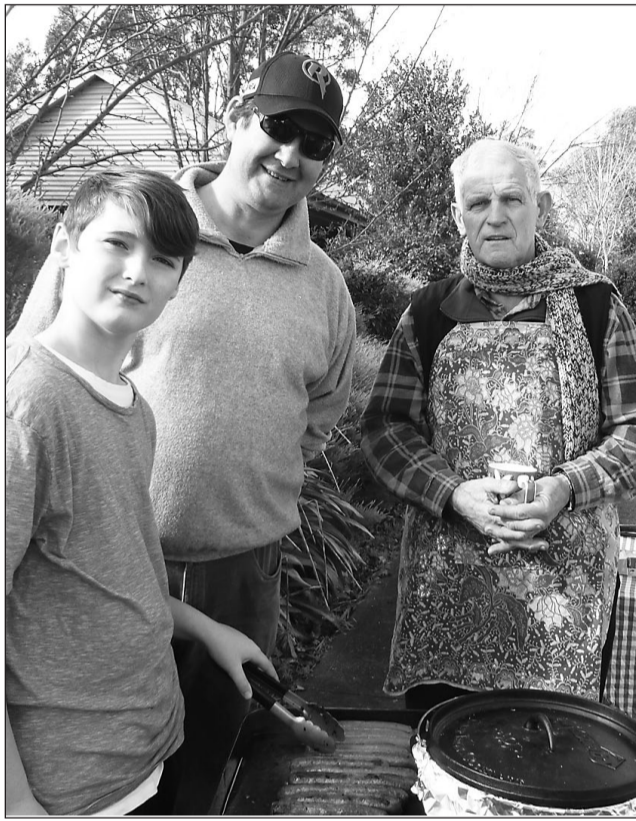
## Co-Operating Snippets

Coffee Connections was led by Reverend Peter Carter in June. The topic of the month was 'Memorable Holidays' which proved to be popular with photos, a video and anecdotes shared and enjoyed by the group. Holidays in Hawaii, Norfolk Island, New Zealand, Victoria's high country plus other parts of Victoria and interstate were remembered and shared with interest. This was accompanied by the

usual morning coffee and refreshments along with a chance to catch up with friends in an informal, welcoming environment. Coffee Connections in July will be themed 'Bring an Item of Interest to Share'.

On Saturday June 22, Yinnar Op Shop held its Winter Warmer Sale. The steady stream of customers was welcomed by John Lubawski's sausage sizzle. The sausages were first rate

and cooked to perfection. Inside the Op Shop customers were impressed with a huge range of goods at such low prices. Lots of warm coats and jumpers were sold with plenty of lovely scarves still available for sale. There are still some coats left for discerning or chilly customers. After a very successful Winter Warmers sale, there will be a Book Week sale in the first week of August. In spring, when the lambs are frisky, there will be a sale on all children's clothes and toys. Look us up on Facebook for more information.



### Minister of the Co-operating Churches of Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar

Here is a question for you, Are you lonely?

In a world where we have more ways to communicate it seems that people are more and more lonely. The reason for this seems to be that we spend less and less time interacting with each other in the real world and more time in cyber space. There is an old saying that you don't really know someone unless you live with them. I remember a time when I was a boy growing up in Smythesdale when I knew not just everyone on my road, but just about everyone in the town and even a lot of those who lived within ten kilometres of the town. Now I only know two families that live on the road that my family has lived on for forty three years and hardly anyone else in the town. So what happened? It is simply a matter that people were becoming more and more focused on TV, computers and games. The consequence was that community activities



## Peter's Ponderings

became less and less popular so that in the end they ceased or have carried on in a limited way.

People therefore have become isolated with only a few limited ways of meeting and building relationships with people outside of their immediate families or work environment. This of course has affected the church. For centuries the church was at the centre of community life. There is a statement often used in the past the church Hatched, Matched and Dispatched people. In other words the church was the place where babies were dedicated or Christened, couples were married and then at the end of life there were the funerals. But the church was also the place of Sunday school picnics and Sunday school concerts. There were church dinners and social groups,



Rev Peter Carter

such as Ladies meetings and Men's breakys. There were youth clubs and of course the Sunday services and much, much more. The churches ministers were also kept busy with counselling, visiting and helping people in moments of need. The church as do the service clubs, provided an important community focus

that provided a way for people to develop real friendships and relationships as they worked and played together. However with the rise of modern life has come a decline in interest in the church and not just the church, it is something that the different service clubs find happening to them.

It is a shame that with so many ways to communicate people are left isolated and alone.

The answer I believe is for people to stop focusing on themselves as individuals and realise that we live within a community. We all have an important part to play in making life the best it can be for all the community in which we live. Perhaps then loneliness and anti social behaviour will become unheard of and we will live at peace with each other.

Just a thought.

## Churchill Christian Fellowship

Our most recent Healing Rally was held in Studio One, Philip Parade on June 14. A small but enthusiastic group attended, despite the rain, and a number of people went forward for prayer.

The regular Tuesday evening Bible study meetings (7.30 pm in the same meeting room) are always a great mix

of inspiration, camaraderie and solid Bible teaching. In recent months, we have been working our way through the Book of Acts.

As well as the local Churchill people, others have come from Moe, Morwell and Traralgon.

The next Healing Rally is scheduled for 7.30 pm on

Friday August 9. Everyone welcome. (And that goes for the Bible study meetings as well!).

Contact details and up-to-date information can be found at [www.churchillchristianfellowship.com](http://www.churchillchristianfellowship.com) or phone Linda on 0400 690 972.

## Charitable research

Research on charitable giving shows some interesting details.

The top three most popular giving areas that Australians supported (2015-16 data) were firstly 'religion'; then 'international giving'; and thirdly 'health'.

Victoria was the second highest of the generous states in Australia, giving \$793.31 million (NSW was the highest, giving \$1.11 billion).

The top reason as to why people gave was "alignment with values and cultural identity". Plus, some 60.5% of donors indicated that they generally gave spontaneously, but those who planned their

donations gave six times more dollars.

So people choose who to give to, based mostly on moral principles. In fact, the religious among us are more likely to give to charities than those who do not identify with a faith tradition (2017 data).

The figures (2013-14 data) showed that Christians gave over \$100 per person more than those who said they had no religion, with actual giving showing a big difference (\$4 billion from Christians, against \$1.6 billion) in Australia.

Christian organisations are also often noted for their amazing contributions to the



Chaplain Frank Lees

community and society. Four of the top five charities in Australia (2012-13 data) were Christian.

Worth thinking about!

**PEST CONTROL SERVICES**  
I & G COMBRIDGE  
HAZELWOOD NTH  
**5166 1822**  
IAN & GLENDA  
[www.combridgepestcontrol.com.au](http://www.combridgepestcontrol.com.au)

## Church Times

### Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Rev. Peter Carter  
Sunday Service: 9.00am  
Williams Avenue,  
Churchill.  
Tel: 5122 1480

### Lumen Christi Catholic Church

Williams Avenue, Churchill  
Tel: 5134 2849

Fr Solomon Okeh/Fr James Fernandez

Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm  
Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

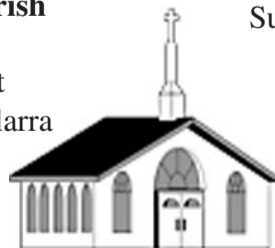
1st and 3rd Sundays:  
Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am

2nd and 4th Sundays:  
Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

### Boolarra/Yinnar

### Co-Operating Parish

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



### Churchill Christian Fellowship

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

# World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is commemorated on June 15 each year to highlight the abuse inflicted on older people, most commonly by their families.

Latrobe Community Health Service's Elder Abuse Prevention and Response Liaison Officer, Jacqui Francis-Kelly, has helped piece together what elder abuse is, how to identify it and what steps people can take if they do believe it is happening.

## What is elder abuse?

Elder abuse is a form of family violence.

It causes harm to an older person, is carried out by someone they know and trust and can be physical, social, financial, psychological or sexual.

Elder abuse may include mistreatment and neglect.

Elder abuse does not discriminate – it can occur to anyone of any gender.

It can escalate as certain behaviours occur gradually over time, making it difficult for people to recognise.

Many older people do not disclose their experience of elder abuse due to complex issues such as fear, shame, ageism, concern of losing relationships or entering residential care prematurely.

Sometimes people don't know what they're doing is elder abuse and sometimes people are very clear on what they're doing.

Regardless, there is no excuse.

## Who is at risk of elder abuse?

Elder abuse is a growing problem.

Our population is ageing and lot of society's family structures have changed.

Families are experiencing more financial pressures that may add stresses onto their family dynamics.

We know up to 14 per cent of older people experience elder abuse.

It occurs to people of all genders, cultural

backgrounds and lifestyles.

There is no clear reason for abuse, but key risk factors include:

History of family violence

Carer stress,

Dependency

Family conflict

Isolation (for both the older person and their abuser)

Mental health of the abuser

Cognitive decline (for example, when the older person experiences dementia)

Addictive behaviours of the abuser

## Types of elder abuse

Elder abuse can take many forms and older people often experience more than one type.

Emotional (or psychological) abuse: Using threats, humiliation or harassment to cause distress and feelings of shame, stress or powerlessness.

Neglect: Failing to provide the basic necessities of life such as food, water, medications, medical care, warmth and dental care, either intentionally or unintentionally.

Financial abuse: Using someone's money, property or other assets illegally or improperly, or forcing someone to change their will or sign documents. This is the most common form of elder abuse.

Physical abuse: Inflicting pain or injury by hitting, slapping, pushing, choking, using weapons, driving dangerously, abuse of pets, destroying property, sleep and food deprivation, rough handling, force feeding or using restraints such as locking someone in their room.

Social abuse: Preventing contact with family, friends or social support services, withholding mail, not allowing phone calls or listening to calls, preventing involvement in religious or cultural practices.

Sexual Abuse: Any sexual

activity without consent, inappropriate touching, rough or inappropriate cleaning or treatment of an older person's genital area, viewing sexually explicit material or making sexually explicit phone calls in the presence of an older person without their consent.

## Give me an example...

Picture a man whose adult son moves back home and exposes him to drug abuse and aggressive verbal attacks.

Now think of a woman who sells her home and moves in with her daughter's family, only to find she's expected to do all the cooking, cleaning and child-minding for the extended family, and to pay for their renovations.

Elder abuse is also experienced by the woman whose husband has been violent and controlling during 50 years of marriage.

These are all examples of elder abuse and – just like other forms of family violence – these are often hidden.

Older people experiencing the abuse can be reluctant to report or speak about it and may feel shame or guilt about the behaviour of their family or friend.

The older person may even feel the need to protect their abuser because of their relationship, or they may be dependant on the abuser for personal care, housing or transport.

## How older people can increase their safety

No matter how old a person is, they have exactly the same rights as they did when they were younger.

There should always be the assumption the older person is able to make their own decisions, unless this is formally proven otherwise (through a medical assessment).

## Our advice for older people is to:

Stay active in the community and keep

a network of friends, neighbours and family members who you trust and who support you.

Seek independent advice about financial, living and medical arrangements.

Don't make decisions or sign documents until you have all the information you need.

Keep in touch with community health workers and your medical practitioner.

If you fear abuse or you are experiencing abuse, seek help.

## How do I respond?

When you suspect or know an older person is at risk or experiencing abuse, you can talk to them about your concerns if it's safe to do so. Listen to their worries and validate their experience. Reassure the older person the abuse is not their fault and there is help available. Contact a support service to learn more about what you can do and what options the older person has. Do not confront the suspected abuser or perpetrator – this may put the older person at greater risk.

## Who can I call?

If you suspect elder abuse is occurring and you need advice about your own situation or that of someone you know, call:

Triple-0 in an emergency. Safe Steps, a 24/7 Family Violence Response Centre, on 1800 015 188.

Seniors Rights Victoria for information, advocacy and free legal advice on 1300 368 821.

Office of Public Advocate on 1300 309 337.

With Respect, a family violence support service for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex or queer, on 1800 LGBTIQ (1800 542 847).

InTouch, a family violence service for people from multicultural backgrounds on 1800 755 988.

The Orange Door, a



Family Violence Support Service, on 1800 319 354 (Inner Gippsland number).

Men's referral service on 1300 766 491. This is a support service for men who use controlling behaviour towards a partner or family members and a support service for men who are victims of abuse.

**Bernie's Painting and Decorating**  
Personalised painting service for all your painting needs  
0423035641

**Smart Saver**  
Discount Variety Store

**OPEN 7 DAYS**

**Winter Clothing in store NOW!**  
scarves, gloves, beanies, track suits, socks, slippers.

**20% Buy 1 and get off a second.**  
Knitting wool  
**5 balls for \$10**

Shop 3, Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre, Churchill

**Churchill & District Lions Club**

Meet  
1st and 3rd Wednesday of each Month

Contact  
**Peter McShane**

Phone:  
**0402 851 745**

MORWELL RSL CLUB

**Victoria Cross Bistro**

TUESDAY NIGHT PARMA NIGHT  
KIDS EAT FREE WITH ANY MAIN MEAL PURCHASED ON TUESDAY NIGHT

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BURGER NIGHT

THURSDAY NIGHT STEAK NIGHT

SUNDAY CARVERY LUNCH  
2 COURSE ROAST LUNCH (SOUP AND MAIN OR MAIN AND DESSERT)

SENIORS SUNDAY NIGHT  
2 COURSE SPECIAL  
\*ALL MEALS COME WITH CHIPS AND SALAD OR VEGETABLES

PARMA NIGHT, STEAK NIGHT WILL RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY BEER, WINE OR SOFT DRINK

A LARGE SELECTION OF SENIORS MEALS AVAILABLE – 2 COURSE SOUP AND MAIN OR MAIN AND DESSERT  
**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**  
LUNCHTIME SPECIAL'S BOARD IS AVAILABLE

**B I N G O** Bingo Monday eyes down at 12.00 pm  
Bingo Tuesday eyes down at 8.00 pm

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## What's happening to Churchill.

We've copped some blows lately and everybody wants to know why and what they can do about it.

Living and working in Churchill, I hate seeing businesses close, I hate seeing jobs lost and I hate seeing our services move away from town.

But it is a numbers game and our numbers have been on the fall. Hazelwood Power was closed without a proper transition period and we lost families. Good families, families that lived local, volunteered within our community and added to the next generation. With them going, our CBD also lost custom.

Hazelwood pondage, a strong attractor of visitors to our region closed.

You would regularly see boats and campers in Churchill as their users stocked up on goods in town. Our CBD lost that custom.

Monash University changed over to Fed Uni. The once full Uni accommodation precinct now seems a ghost town and our international students have disappeared.

The CBD lost their custom and their frequent visits to town.

The corporates seem to have lost confidence and other services and businesses are

leaving or have left. Mind you, some may create greater opportunity for our existing operators.

On the flip side, costs have risen dramatically. We put in a 32Kw Solar system in the factory with the aim of reducing our usage dramatically, and thus our bill. We achieved our aim on the drop almost immediately, but within a year, our spend was back to where we started purely through price increases. In small business, you don't allow for this.

What about the NBN? Our phone systems "have" to be updated to match the update in technology and switch over to internet-based phones.

This is a must as the old system closes in September. We have 12 phones over two sites. Telstra quoted us \$18k to update something that has been working fine.

Sure, we will save a small amount in call charges and it will create some convenience.

But \$18k is an extra \$500 a month on our bottom line. We found a local business who was able to use some of our existing equipment, but we are still spending \$5k on something that doesn't need to be replaced. We're not alone. Every business faces this. We have two sites, one in Churchill and one in Traralgon.

If we felt it wouldn't hurt our sales, we too would reduce to one site as the savings are real and it could mean the difference between us being a sustainable and healthy business well into the future.

Therefore, business income is down, and costs are going up.

Yeah, yeah, heard it all before! But we can create change. We can help! My family is working to ensure our spend stays local and in Churchill. I want to see a healthy CBD, and the only way to do that is to fully support all those businesses. I've had to change some habits, but I know they're worthwhile.

Secondly, we need to get louder and involved. We are still fighting a couple of battles which will be easier if our voice was stronger. One particular corporate not only left their site, they left it a terrible disgrace. The old United site requires some hard questions, and without answers and a timeline, we need action.

Hazelwood Pondage isn't yet dead. The wall appears to be a cost issue. But who's seen the report other than Engie?

How do we actually know what the issues are? How much is Engie prepared to spend to revert the lake to farmland?

Are we prepared to let a local attraction, the base for our yacht club, and a bringer of visitors, to disappear on the word of a corporate whose focus is its shareholders?

All our leaders and politicians have social media, and the traditional media sense a good story. Let's use their interest to our advantage and get loud.

Thank you. [Name and address supplied]

## Russell Northe

### Book launch

I recently had the pleasure of attending a very significant book launch that paid tribute to local soldiers and civilians who served in the Boer War between 1899 and 1902.

The Boer War is often referred to as the Forgotten War but through the efforts of local historian Rob de Souza Daw and his team, those brave locals who sacrificed so much in servicing our nation will now never be forgotten.

The book titled "Morwell District Boer War Soldiers and Civilians" is one of the most informative and detailed publications I have had the pleasure to read and those views have been expressed by many others.

More than 50 Morwell District soldiers and civilians fought in this conflict under the most treacherous and severe of conditions.

To enshrine their memory in a publication such as this is a truly remarkable feat.

These brave men would be proud to know that their legacy of 120 years past has not been forgotten.

Many descendants of these courageous souls were in attendance at the book launch and they would also be most proud of the sacrifices made by their family members.

I would like to thank Rob for the opportunity to write the foreword for the "Morwell District Boer War Soldiers and Civilians" book, which I was very humbled and honoured to do.

The writing and publication of this book has been a monumental but worthwhile task for Rob and his team and was only completed following five years of dedication and hard work.

To all contributors to the book, a massive thank you and well done!!

Books are available at

a cost of \$65.00 from the Morwell and District Historical Society. Further information can be obtained from the Historical Society website at <http://www.morwellhistoricalsociety.org.au/> or by contacting Elaine via email

secretary@morwellhistoricalsociety.org.au or mobile 0438 631 460.

### Hazelwood House and Commonwealth Bank Closure

I was able to attend a recent meeting of the Churchill and District Community Association (CDCA), whereby key issues such as the future closure of Churchill's aged care residential facility in Hazelwood House by Benetas, and the Commonwealth Bank's decision to close its Churchill branch were discussed extensively.

To say the community is disappointed and upset at these decisions - well that is an understatement and rightly so!!

At the CDCA meeting a community working group was formed to discuss and consider matters pertaining to Hazelwood House and its future.

I congratulate the community members who have agreed to participate within the working group and know they will be advocating hard for the best possible outcome for local residents and I look forward to supporting and working closely with those members in achieving the same.

In terms of the Commonwealth Bank closing its Churchill branch - again this is a very disappointing decision for customers and staff of the bank and the Churchill community more broadly. It's simply unacceptable to lose such



a service for a town with a population of approximately 5,000 people.

There are many discussions occurring with local business people and organisations with regards to the prospect of another financial institution opening a branch within the Churchill township. Let's hope these conversations ultimately bear fruit.

### Hazelwood Pondage

Early last month, together with representatives from local community groups, I met with the Minister for Regional Development, Jaclyn Symes to discuss the future of Hazelwood Pondage which is currently closed to the general public.

Our goal was to request the State Government to instigate a feasibility study that would explore all the issues and options around reopening the Pondage.

The meeting with the Minister followed the tabling of thousands of signatures on petitions by myself to the Parliament earlier in the day.

Again I sincerely appreciate the efforts of so many people who assisted in the circulation of petitions in the preceding weeks.

The Pondage is such a valuable community asset and I will continue to advocate for this iconic precinct to be made available as a recreational facility for current and future generations to enjoy.

# CDCA

Churchill & District Community Association Inc.

supports Churchill & District News

We love our community newspaper!

Next CDCA meeting: 7pm, Tuesday August 13, 2019, in the Board Room at Gippsland Enterprise Centre, McDonald Way, Churchill. (All welcome)

CDCA will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every second month.

## How to find your Churchill & District News HAZELWOOD NORTH RESIDENTS



Available each month from:  
Hazelwood North Fire Brigade and Hazelwood North Hall

## Hazelwood Rotary Club



Contact:

Ray Beebe, Secretary  
0408 178 201

MEETINGS:

**Mondays 6.30pm - 8.00pm**

MORWELL BOWLING CLUB

ALL WELCOME

"Rotary statistics at a glance: worldwide 1,224,128

Rotarians across 220 countries;

29,326 Rotarians in Australia in 1107 clubs."



CHURCHILL &amp; DISTRICT NEWS

2019

*"Connecting Your Community"***LAST CALL  
Closing  
July 22**

# Writing and Poetry Competition

The Churchill & District News is our community newspaper and the fundraising aspect of this competition is secondary to the participation of our entrants.

If you have any queries or if we can assist you in any way please do not hesitate to contact Ruth Place on 5122 1961 or email: [place@aussiebb.com.au](mailto:place@aussiebb.com.au)

## Categories

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. 7 and under - story or poem, illustrations | 7. 15 - 17 - poem        |
| 2. 8 - 9 - story, illustrations               | 8. 15 - 17 story         |
| 3. 10 - 11 - story                            | 9. Adult story           |
| 4. 8 - 11 - poem                              | 10. Adult poem           |
| 5. 12 - 14 - poem                             | 11. - story for children |
| 6. 12 - 14 story                              |                          |

**NOTE:** Categories 1 -2 will include prizes for best illustration and best presentation.

## Conditions of Entry

- All stories must have a separate completed entry form attached to the manuscript with a paper clip (no pins or staples). Please clearly include your name, address and a contact phone number or email address. People must clearly indicate which category they have entered. For age groups 14 years and over please also email a copy of your manuscript to [cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au](mailto:cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au)
- The author's name must only be on the entry form and not on the manuscript.
- Entries must be original, previously unpublished work.
- Each entry must include a title.
- Multiple entries will be accepted.

- Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce entries in the Churchill & District News or for publicity purposes will be assumed. Copyright remains with the author.
- Writers will be credited whenever their writing is reproduced
- Entries must be received by July 22, 2019.
- All pages should be numbered.
- Adult entrants must give their address.
- Length of stories is to be:  
Adult: 1000 - 2500 words  
14-18years: 500 - 2000 words  
Children: up to 500 words
- Length of poems is to be:  
Poetry, free or rhyming verse to be:

- Adult: min. 8 lines and max. 48 lines.
- 14-18 years: min. 8 lines and max. 48 lines.
- Children: up to 20 lines
- Entries will not be returned and participants should keep a copy of their work.
- The Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.

**Entries to be mailed to:**  
Churchill & District News Writing Competition, PO Box 234, Churchill Victoria 3842

Electronic copies of 14 years to Adult also emailed to [cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au](mailto:cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au)  
Closing Date: Monday, July 22, 2019.

**Entry Fees:**  
\$3.00 Per Short Story/Children's Story –  
\$3.00 Per Poem  
Children, Under 7, U 12 and U18  
Categories - 50c.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**  
Cheques or Postal Orders payable to the "Churchill & District News".  
No cash please.  
Postage stamps accepted.  
We hope that you will support the competition.

## Churchill & District News Short Story and Poetry Competition 2019 Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Tick M  F

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I have entered: \_\_\_\_\_ Short Story \_\_\_\_\_ Poem \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Story(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Category \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Poem(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Category \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original unpublished story or poem, written by myself.

*This entry form can be completed on behalf of U12's by a parent, guardian or teacher.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Entry Fee to be included with Entry Form.

Please make Cheques or Postal Orders payable to  
**Churchill & District News.**

**No cash please. Postage stamps accepted.**

Email: [cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au](mailto:cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au) Mail entries to: PO Box 234, Churchill 3842

# CommBank Churchill supports locals through community donation



On June 25, 2019 Commonwealth Bank Churchill branch employees donated \$500 to Churchill Fire Brigade as part of a nationwide community donation program.

At CommBank, our people are committed to driving positive change within their communities to make a difference locally and for all Australians.

Over the next few months,

Commonwealth Bank has pledged to donate \$500,000 nationally to recognise organisations that make a difference in the communities in which we live and work. Each Commonwealth Bank branch and customer-facing team has been allocated \$500 to donate to causes important to their local community.

Commonwealth Bank's Churchill branch team voted to support the great work of

the fire brigade.

"We're very excited to have the opportunity to support the Churchill Fire Brigade," said Mary Clark, Commonwealth Bank Churchill Branch Manager.

"In particular, the Churchill community and nearby surrounding areas have been affected by fires very recently and it's great to be able to give back and support this work."

# What is the purpose of a cemetery?



By Leo Billington  
Readers may find this unbelievable but it's all true.

There are occasions when it's necessary to explain what a cemetery actually does; that is, what's the purpose of a cemetery.

Yes, recently I have come across some who don't know the purpose of cemeteries.

A quick piece of research refers to two of the world's oldest cemeteries.

There is an ancient European cemetery known as Gross Fredenwalde, Germany, currently believed to be the oldest in the world, established over 8,500 years ago. According to researchers, it is the earliest known instance of a "true cemetery", in which people purposely and carefully buried the dead together. The grave site dates back to the Mesolithic era.

For several centuries, Kerameikos was the most important cemetery in ancient Athens. The graveyard is located north of the Acropolis and was originally an area of marshland on the banks of the Eridanos river. Ancient Greeks had been using the site to bury their dead since at least 3000 BCE and an organised cemetery was established around 1200 BCE.

Hazelwood Cemetery only dates back 140 years, certainly not a match on these two ancient sites, but older than our current local community. Nonetheless, I would reasonably assume our modern generation would know the purpose of cemeteries.

## Cemeteries and crematoria in Victoria

In Victoria there are 494 cemetery trusts, made up of five Class A trusts and 489 Class B trusts.

These trusts are responsible for managing 571 public cemeteries. There are nine crematoria managed

by six cemetery trusts in Victoria. All crematoria are located within public cemeteries. Hazelwood is a class B cemetery.

## A brief history of the first cemeteries in Victoria

There was no official burial ground in Victoria until the 1830s. Public cemeteries were established on Crown land, with trustees appointed by the government.

The Act for the Establishment and Management of Cemeteries in the Colony of Victoria was passed in 1854, forming the basis of cemetery administration as we know it today. The state's first recorded European death was that of free settler John Skelthorn, who was a member of an 1803 expedition led by Lieutenant Colonel David Collins. The party landed at Sorrento to establish a British settlement in Port Phillip. Sorrento was briefly Victoria's first white settlement.

Skelthorn had been unwell during the voyage and died on October 10, 1803. There were 29 known deaths at the site, and most burials took place on the hill at the eastern end of Sullivan Bay, one of two points known as 'The Sisters'. Four graves survive in a small reserve, but the origins of the deceased are unknown.

In 1826 some deaths also took place at the short-lived Corinella settlement on

Western Port. It is thought that other bodies, including sealers and whalers, rest in unmarked, unrecorded graves along the coastline.

Soon after Melbourne was permanently settled in 1835, the first European burials for the small community occurred on the southern slopes of what is now the Flagstaff Gardens, which was formerly known as Burial Hill. Six to ten burials occurred at this site. A Gothic sandstone memorial was erected at the site many years later to commemorate the deceased pioneers.

Throughout the 19th century small private cemeteries were established on some homestead properties in addition to hundreds of lone graves across Victoria. It became apparent that a new cemetery for the growing population of Melbourne was required.

The first official public burial ground, the Old Melbourne Cemetery, was opened in 1837 on the site currently occupied by the Queen Victoria Market.

The Hazelwood Cemetery site was gazetted by Victoria's state government on April 7, 1879.

Cemetery trusts are an integral part of our wider society and serve the community by providing cemetery services and maintaining (and continually upgrading) public cemeteries.

## Churchill / Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

### Computer and Phone scams

This month, we are looking at computer and phone scams.

There are a lot of people who receive emails and or phone calls from various people or phone centres that claim to be offering goods or services and even money.

They even claim to be from the Taxation department and try to convince people that they owe an amount of money. The latest one is various people that send you an email stating that you have received a traffic violation.

They don't state where or when, but they give a figure of how much to pay and where to send the money to. Some people ask you to pay by purchasing itunes vouchers from a supermarket to be sent to an address of their asking. Be very wary of these people. Delete

the emails that look suspicious, before you open any attachments. Some attachments often have viruses that "attack" your computer.

Never give any banking or credit card details to people that you don't know or trust. Lately, people have been getting phone calls from someone claiming to be from NBN, and they say that your phone line will be cut off because you have not been transferred to NBN.

This is a scam once again and they only want money. Many people get confused with these calls.

**The best thing to do, is to hang up!!!**

Have a look at [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au) and familiarise yourself with things that go on in the community, and spread the word to friends and family, so that no one gets scammed.



**FOR EMERGENCIES, RING 000**

**FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE, RING 000**



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

# EDCOMP

## IT SERVICES

Home & Business IT Support  
Hardware/Software Solutions

- ✓ Network Services
- ✓ Professional Services
- ✓ Managed IT Services

- ✓ NBN Set Up
- ✓ Computer Sales & Repairs
- ✓ Installation
- ✓ Collaboration Services

- ✓ Virus Removal
- ✓ Cloud Services
- ✓ Onsite Repairs

1 Contingent St Trafalgar, Vic 3824  
Phone: 56331344 Email: [sales@edcomp.com.au](mailto:sales@edcomp.com.au)

Find us on facebook.

# Churchill Lions Club



Regrettably the Churchill Lions Club has had to make the hard call to finish up our monthly Community Market due to poor stall holder attendances and poor public attendances.

We have struggled to keep the market afloat this year, especially early on in

the year when we needed to cancel the market due to high winds, the next market was on an extreme heat day keeping people away, the next market it rained. Each time stall holders stayed away as did the public and it just got worse from there.

For the Lions Club our

objective for the market has always been to give the communities of the Churchill and wider district a market that provides an atmosphere that builds on our sense of community. Where people can gather, meet, shop in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere while having the opportunity to purchase local products and produce from a vast array of vendors. Also to assist many local craft producers and processors to sell their goods direct to the public near their source of origin, creating economic and affordable benefits to both the market participants and to the residents of and the visitors to the local Churchill community.

Unfortunately, when stall holders don't commit to attending each month, people stay away.

To all our loyal stallholders who turned up every week regardless - thank you for your support.

To all the people who provided their free time or provided services such as: live music and Jumping Castle, as well Keith and the crew from FM107.4 - thank you. A special thank you must go to the Churchill Hotel

management who allowed us to use the carpark for the market but also the use of its amenities for the public to use. With their help we would not have been able to run the market.

We have worked hard to run the market and make it work to give Churchill something special each month.

Lions Members put in hours of their time to make the market work but it was not to be and Churchill has lost just that little bit more.

The Lions Club has not given up the idea of a market in Churchill but we need time to think and find a different angle but, regardless what markets we run - we need the support of the Churchill community, we need the people of Churchill to support it because ultimately that's who we do it for - you the community.

On a brighter note the Churchill Lions Club held its Changeover dinner recently at the Churchill Hotel and installed Geoff Brick as its new President to lead the Club for the next year. Geoff has been with the Club for 21 years, serving the club previously as President in

2009/2010 and 2015/2016 as well as Secretary and holding many other positions.

Geoff has been involved in many of the Clubs major projects over the years, bringing a wealth of experience as President and will serve the Club well.

Over the last month or so the Club has been busy with a number of functions which included catering for the Model Railway Exhibition at Kernot Hall. We have also been helping out feeding the hungry BlazeAid people, who are repairing fencing and other things for people affected by the summer fire

The Club has welcomed a number of new members into the Club over the past year



and is always looking for new members.

For information on Lions or if you want to join or just want to keep up with the Lions Club of Churchill & District news and activities, please visit our Facebook page which is always being updated with news of our Club and its activities.



## COACH FOR HIRE

- 53 Seatbelted Seats with toilet, etc.
- Competitive prices
- School trips, snow trips, club trips, lawn bowls, plus many more
- Owner/driver: Mark Bruerton
- Call us on **0428 223 361** for your next trip



Hazelwood Coaches
 [info@hazelwoodcoaches.com.au](mailto:info@hazelwoodcoaches.com.au)



## NEED A HOLIDAY..? Book with me, Matt Schmitz

- Locally owned and operated.
- Over 70 countries under my belt.
- Over 12 years in travel.
- After hours appointments available.
- I come to you.
- 24/7 emergency support.
- 100% financially protected



**afta**  
NATIONAL TRAVEL  
INDUSTRY AWARDS

FINALIST 2018

travel counsellors

*With us...it's personal*

*Matt*

**TEL: 5122 1108**

E: [mattschmitz@travelcounsellors.com.au](mailto:mattschmitz@travelcounsellors.com.au)

# Morwell

## Morwell Rose Garden

By Del Matthews

Firstly I must say how beautiful the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden has looked all year round, and is still looking, even so late in the season. It is really a joy to be in, and especially to hear all the words of delight of the many visitors from all over, both locally and much further afield. A coach load of tourists

from interstate visited some weeks back on a Tuesday morning when all the Friends were working in the Garden. They were all completely amazed and thrilled with the beauty of the Garden but also the fact that it is managed and maintained by volunteers. They had flown from Brisbane and Sydney into Melbourne and visited Phillip Island, Wilson's Promontory, Lakes

Entrance and the Morwell Rose Garden and were due to fly home that afternoon, all excited to spread the word of our beautiful Garden and State.

I must also say however, not many would realise what happens in the background to ensure that this garden presents so well for all to enjoy. This includes the enthusiasm and hard work of all the volunteer Friends, the dedication of the Committee, the education in rose knowledge, pruning, complying with O.H.S., risk management, workshops, traffic management, finance management, applications for grants, newsletter publication, social outings, media, database, project management, support for other Rose Gardens and the Rose Society and various Rose Shows, guest speaking and demonstrations, the support of the Latrobe City Garden Team, and so many varied other tasks but what makes this all possible are the friendships and companionships made within the group along the way.

Jim Dear, the first Chairperson of the Steering Committee, always said networking was just so important. As a Community Garden this means liaising closely with all other Community Committees and

Groups and this attitude has served us well with great support from many groups including Lions, Rotary, Advance Morwell, Latrobe City Council and individual businesses.

On November 16 the Morwell Rose Garden Festival will again take place. This year it will be even bigger with many more aspects included. We will keep you all up to date in the coming months.

Also in November it will be the 10th Anniversary of the World Federation of Rose Societies Garden of Excellence Award to the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden; at the time only the second garden in Australia to receive this prestigious Award of which we are very proud.

With pruning time fast approaching, the planning for this very busy time is well advanced. It is a very social and satisfying time. Don't forget your sharp and clean secateurs!

### Friends' social activities

We all thoroughly enjoy our monthly outings but it is becoming harder to find gardens to visit. At the moment I have only a garden for October but will keep trying to find an activity or garden for you.

Friday, October 25 at 10AM.

Helen and Bill Cawcutt's Garden at Tyers

Helen and Bill have been creating this garden over the 12 years they have lived at Tyers. Helen describes it as a bit cottagey with roses, mollusc azaleas, birch trees and lots more.

### The World Federation of Rose Societies Conference – Copenhagen 2018

In June/July 2018 John and I were lucky enough to attend the World Federation of Rose Societies World Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Prior to that, we spent 10 great days on an Australian organised pre tour of magnificent gardens and nurseries in Poland and Germany and post tours in Denmark and Sweden.

We were asked to give a slide show at one of the educational evenings the Morwell Friends hold each year. The social club supplied hot chickens and the Friends brought along the most delicious assortment of salads and desserts. It is always a yummy night.

To make an interesting evening we sorted through literally thousands of photos condensing it down to a variety trying to cover the most beautiful and educational. It took some days and evening.

The amazing

Sangerhausen Rose Garden has the largest collection of individual roses in the world and the most wonderful signage tracing the lineage of all the various categories of roses PLUS a great store selling all things rose.

The visits to both the Kordes and Tantau Nurseries in Germany were absolutely mind blowing in scale, detail and heritage. Kordes with their five generations of family involvement and Tantau with their history and both companies showing us detailed aspects of their rose cultivation. Both of the display gardens were a treat to see.

And so many private gardens, that were a joy to behold and their owners a joy to be with; as most gardeners throughout the world are.

Then the amazing World Conference in Copenhagen with many tours of wonderful gardens, the lectures and gatherings of like-minded rosarians in many beautiful places throughout Denmark and Sweden.

All of the preparation of the slide show, and the evening gave us great pleasure re-living our journey and the small window into the experience of the Conference was enjoyed by all the Friends of the Morwell Rose Garden.



**Colder weather is here.**

Other model log splitters available  
From **\$1899**

**CENTRAL GIPPSLAND MOWERS & CHAINSAWS**  
533 PRINCES DRIVE  
MORWELL VIC 3840  
PH: 03 5134 8899  
WWW.GIPPSLAND-MOWERS.COM.AU

**Try these tools to help keep winter chills at bay.**

# Rose Garden

**Coming Events:**  
**Leongatha's 63rd Daffodil and Floral Show**  
 Memorial Hall, Leongatha  
**Friday August 30, 1.30-5pm**  
**Saturday August 31, 9-4PM**  
**Sunday September 1, 9-4pm**  
**Entry - Adults \$5 Children Free**

Leongatha's iconic Daffodil Festival is just one part of the overall 63rd Daffodil and Floral Show. The event also features a Camellia Show, flowers and shrubs, floral art, photography, children's work, plant stalls and more.

With live music in Bair Street, over 60 stallholders, food vans and free activities for the kids, this is a weekend not to be missed. We'll also have a car club display in the Woolworths carpark, a book sale and delicious sweet treats at the church, along with the Rotary Art Show at Mesley Hall.

**Gippsland Garden & Home Expo**

**Lardner Park Events Site, Warragul**  
**Saturday October 12, 9am-4pm**  
**Sunday October 13, 9.30am-3pm**  
**Entry: Adults \$10 cash, Children under 16 free. EFTPOS available once through the gate**

Over 160 beautiful displays and sales including 40 nurseries showing an extensive range of plants, including the rare and spectacular. The West Gippsland Orchid Club also has a feature display.

The other 120 displays cover an extensive range of home and garden products. Expert speaker each day. Extensive catering.

Children's activities. Huge under cover areas. Plenty of parking.

The Morwell Rose Garden Festival which was held last November will be held again this year but bigger than ever.

This year it will be named Morwell International Rose

Garden Festival.  
 A Federal Grant has been received to enable the event to be held over a longer period and aimed at Australia wide and international visitors.

Further details will be available later.

### Acknowledgement

In the Rose garden we are very aware of OHS requirements about protecting ourselves from the sun.

Recently our local Bunnings store generously donated sun hats to all the Friends for which we are very appreciative.


Winter is just around the corner and we are well armed for the inclement weather with umbrellas which they have also kindly donated.

### Garden Panel Report Autumn 2019

The garden has looked magnificent throughout late summer and early autumn.

The regular weekly deadheading and general care shows with wonderful continuous flowering.





## RUSSELL NORTHE M.L.A.

Member for Morwell

Proudly representing *our* local towns and communities including:  
 Boolarra, Callignee, Churchill, Cowwarr, Glengarry, Hazelwood, Jeeralang, Koornalla, Morwell, Newborough, Toongabbie, Traralgon, Traralgon South, Tyers, Yallourn North and Yinnar.

12-14 George Street, Morwell VIC 3840  
 PO Box 214, Morwell VIC 3840  
 p. 03 5133 9088 | f. 03 5133 9388  
 e. russell.northe@parliament.vic.gov.au  
 w. www.russellnorthe.com.au

Authorised by Russell Northe, 12-14 George Street, Morwell VIC 3840. Funded by Parliament's Electorate Office and Communication Budget.

A credit to the dedication of the Friends.

The lawns and edging, maintained by the Council Garden Team really shows the massed beds of roses to great effect. Thank you all.





### COME & EXPLORE THE FINAL FRONTIER

Irene O'Donnell extends an open invitation to join her when she escorts a small group journey to THE FINAL FRONTIER. This is a truly spectacular once in a lifetime memorable journey to Antarctica and South America departing Tuesday 26th January 2021. Although this may seem a long time in the future, we have opted to get in early to secure the best cabins, itinerary and value possible.

*For further details please contact Irene 5134 3388 or irene.morwell@helloworld.com.au*





**Helloworld Travel Morwell**  
 213 Commercial Road, Morwell  
 P: (03) 5134 3388 E: morwell@helloworld.com.au



## Medical & Aged Care Group

www.maacgmedical.com.au

Empowering women with their own health



### Book your free annual health check today

**For your convenience, book your next appointment online**

**hh** Hazelwood Health Centre  
 9a Georgina Place Churchill  
 For Clinical & After Hours Triage call 5122 2555  
[www.hazelwoodhealth.com.au](http://www.hazelwoodhealth.com.au)

**hd** Hollie Drive Medical Centre  
 5 Hollie Drive Morwell  
 For Clinical & After Hours Triage call 5135 3555  
[www.holliedrivemc.com.au](http://www.holliedrivemc.com.au)

**hc** Hillcrest Family Medicine  
 26 Seymour Street Traralgon  
 For Clinical & After Hours Triage call 5174 2345  
[www.hillcrestfm.com.au](http://www.hillcrestfm.com.au)

**mv** Mid Valley Family Medicine  
 Shop 59 MV Shopping Centre Morwell  
 For Clinical & After Hours Triage call 5134 3888  
[www.midvalleyfm.com.au](http://www.midvalleyfm.com.au)

**Bulk Billing ALL Medicare Card Holders\***





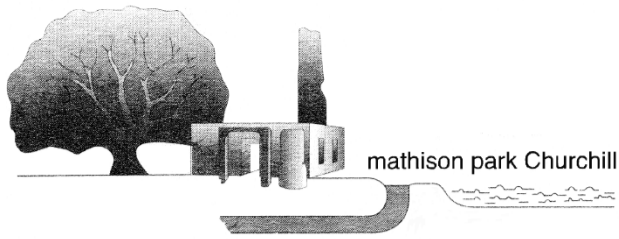
## Darren Chester

Federal Member for Gippsland

### Proud to support our community

#myvalley

www.darrenchester.com.au



# Guest speaker educates Soroptimists



A cool but sunny, fine morning allowed the working bee volunteers to achieve a lot and keep warm while doing so.

The Tramway Road section of the park has lots of trees and there are always branches falling off due to

grubs or wind. As we walked through the trees we picked up those branches and some rubbish and placed them in the small piles. These were later collected into bigger piles for burning.

While this was happening fence posts and star pickets

were removed from some of the fence behind the old house.

After this strenuous work the scrumptious morning tea provide by Faye was very welcome. Thanks Faye.

By Judy van Beek  
Soroptimists International (SI Gippsland) of Gippsland is a women's service group which meets monthly to enjoy friendship, actively assist local community projects as well as sponsor overseas projects that focus on helping women and children living in difficult situations. Guest speakers at meetings provide insights into issues concerning us all. Our June guest speaker, Dr Monica Green, from the School of Education at Federation University, is an advocate for sustainable living which is also a goal for Soroptimists worldwide.

Monica's main teaching focus is on Learning for Sustainability and our group was given an overview of her course work through a power point presentation. SI Gippsland members, including our two distance-linked members and visitor, Maggie Mitchell, participated in an exchange of ideas as to what sustainability means, with each member contributing her own thoughts on this vital topic. One definition that we all agreed on was that sustainability is an intergenerational concept that means adjusting our current behaviour so that it causes the least amount of harm to future generations and to the planet. Monica pointed out that her younger students often have narrower definitions, not necessarily seeing the causal effects of issues such as poverty, homelessness or conspicuous consumption (online or otherwise), leading to how they interact with the environment.

**Insight into RCE.**  
The second part of Monica's presentation revolved around her voluntary work as Federation University Australia (FedUni) representative on the Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (RCE). Monica, who has been on the committee since 2011, is extremely proud of being part of this international network, whose fundamental mission is to deliver Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). The aim is to empower people of all ages to assume

responsibility for creating a sustainable future. Worldwide there are currently 168 RCE groups, five of which are based in Australia: WA; Greater Western Sydney; the Murray-Darling, Tasmania and lastly, one centred in Gippsland. Auspiced by the Gippsland Climate Change Network (GCCN), and partnering with Federation University Australia, RCE Gippsland is based at the FedUni Gippsland campus.

**Focusing on youth.**  
Monica's RCE group comprises ten voluntary members from various walks of life. With little money, and working closely with the GCCN, they have decided the maximum effect is to educate primary and secondary school students across the Gippsland region. Their view is that no child is too young to engage in sustainable education. A key driver is the need for young children to be engaged in a positive way with their environment and sustainability. RCE Gippsland's method so far has been to hold an annual Sustainable School Expo, four of which have been held in different areas of Gippsland to date, each with a different focus. The 2019 Expo is being held in Bairnsdale in early September and will encompass 350 Gippsland students from both primary and secondary schools who are preparing their contribution to align with the theme of Biodiversity; Safeguarding the Future.

Dr Green did stress that their RCE work is not only aimed at students. Their next main project for 2020 is to provide professional development workshops for teachers focusing on the theme of climate change. The RCE group wants input from all stakeholders who care and think about a sustainable world.



President Angelika Lieshout (L) with Dr Monica Green (R)

These can be people working in zoos, botanical gardens, museums, environmental groups, educators at any level; people involved in media, scientific research and those in private and government bodies whose work impacts on the environment...in other words, pretty well anyone who is interested in caring for the planet.

Our members felt it had been a very worthwhile evening and there is interest in having Monica return to update us on her work with the Gippsland RCE and the Bairnsdale Expo. SI members felt proud that Gippsland has such a body working for sustainable goals. Monica commented afterwards that she "very much enjoyed speaking with you all, and am impressed by your group's capacity to engage with worldly events".

**Soroptimists.**  
Soroptimists is a worldwide organisation in 2019 having clubs in 124 countries. If you are interested to find out more about the aims and work of the local Soroptimist group, SI Gippsland, visit the international website: <https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/>;

visit our facebook page: - <https://www.facebook.com/SIGippsland/> or come along to one of the monthly evening meetings held every second Wednesday of the month at the VRI Hall in Traralgon. Phone or text President Angelika for details on 0402 528 429.

## BREAKING NEWS!

**St. MATT'S  
OP SHOP  
OPEN**

**Thursday 10am - 4pm  
Friday 10am - 4pm  
Saturday 9am - 1pm**

**26 Main St., Yinnar**  
(Church building next to Smee's Garage)

You are welcome to come in and browse.  
Bargains galore! Good quality pre loved clothing for babies, children and adults, bric-a-brac, books and toys and lots more.



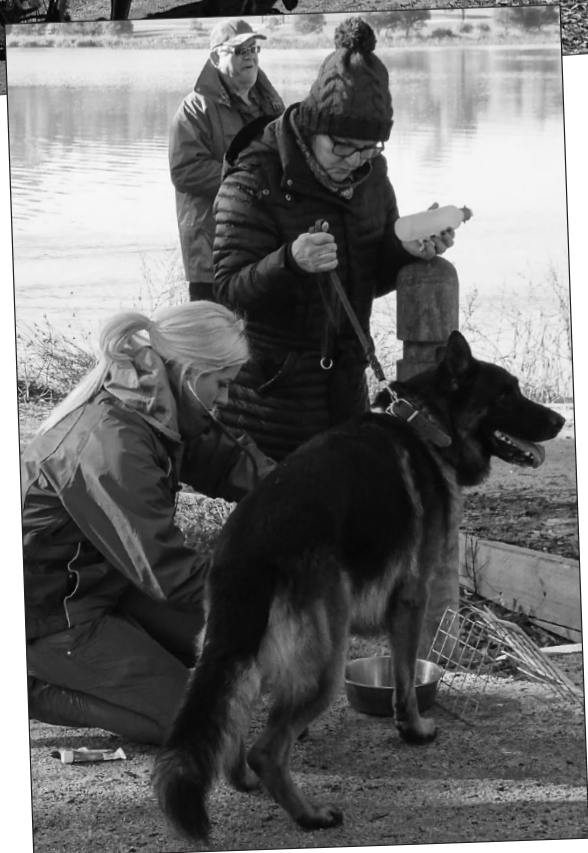
**St. MATT'S  
OP SHOP  
Main St.  
Yinnar**



Discussion time included our online participants.

From L - R Angelika Lieshout; Monica Green; Carolyn McCabe; Maggie Mitchell with Wendy Wills via phone.

# Dog Endurance Day cont. . . .



# Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish  
 Species: *Verticordia plumosa*.  
 Family: Myrtaceae.  
 Derivation: *Verticordia*: A Latin word used as an epithet for Venus, also known as the Turner of Hearts. It is derived from the Latin words *vertex* or *verticis*, meaning "that which revolves" and *cor* or *cordis*, meaning "heart".  
*Plumosa*; From the Latin *plumosus*, meaning "covered with feathers" or "downy".

Name: Plumed Featherflower.  
 Distribution: Endemic to the south-west of WA. There are seven named varieties of this species, no idea which one mine is, that have differing distributions across all the Botanical Regions (Irwin, Avon, Darling, Roe and Eyre) in the South-west Botanical Province, but if you draw a line on the map between the Arrowsmith River, south of Geraldton, to Cape Arid, east of Esperance, all the varieties occur to the south and west of this line.

Description: A small shrub to 1.4m tall by 1m broad, with greyish-green, linear to semi-terete leaves to 15mm long by 1mm wide. Flowers occur from mid-winter to early summer and are often profuse and highly conspicuous, with a sweet honey fragrance.

Individual flowers are about 1cm in diameter, pink, mauve, purple or rarely white, fading with age, but occur in terminal corymb-like clusters. A full description of the intricacies of the flowers would take up more space than it's worth and contain heaps of obscure



botanical jargon, so..... look at the photo!

Opinion: This is the only Featherflower that has survived in my garden for more than two years.

All the others that I've tried (*V. grandis*, *V. monodelpha*, *V. mitchelliana*, *V. chrysantha* and *V. staminosa*) did what most WA plants do in Boolarra, either struggle along and die slowly, or grow really quickly for a few months, flower once and cark it on a warm, humid summer's day, otherwise known as Sudden Summer Death Syndrome.

My specimen is planted in the middle of the frog pond bed in the front yard, on a raised mound of soil mulched with river stones, a pseudo-rockery though you can no longer see most of the rocks because of rampant plant growth and leaf mulch fallen from the neighbours. It receives morning sun but is shaded by the overhanging

Omeo Gum for the rest of the day.

Currently about five years old and 50cm tall, it tends to lean towards the morning light, but still flowers for me every year. Seed is apparently difficult or slow to germinate, so if I try some propagation, it will be from some tip cuttings.

Sources: Sharr – WA Plant Names and their Meanings. Elliot & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 9, Elizabeth George – *Verticordia: The Turner of Hearts*.

The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group meets on the second Thursday each month at 7.30pm, at the Horticultural Buildings of Federation Training, on the corner of Prince's Drive and Monash Way, Morwell.

All guests welcome, please let us know you are coming by calling Mike on 0447 452 755.



## Womens Self Defence Course

COMMENCING MONDAY 22nd JULY

7.00 pm - 8.00 pm

8 WEEK COURSE

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

Located on the corner of Williams Ave and McDonald way, Churchill

EMAIL: ifsmartialarts@gmail.com

Phone: 0475 522 350

# Gippsland Pride Initiative Derby and Inaugural Ball 2019



At 8am on Saturday June 15, Latrobe Youth Space headed off in two buses to attend the Gippsland Pride Initiative's 2019 Roller Derby Game at Lardner Park.

Latrobe Youth Space held a stall and sat on the door for the Gippsland Ranges. The game was between the Gippsland Ranges and the GES from Sydney with Jordan Raskopoulos also playing.

It was an exciting game and the sportspersonship was amazing and has now inspired some young people from our Rainbow Club to want to try it out. Caitlyn Grigsby from the Gippsland Ranges has kindly offered her services to

give some lessons to Latrobe Youth Space.....so we may have future Derby stars in the making, perhaps even some of the staff.....

We headed back at about 3pm and took our younger members home and had about an hour turn around to slap on some ball gowns/suits and headed back with 20 YGC members, volunteers and staff to Lardner Park for the Inaugural Gippsland Pride Gala which 400 people attended.

Our MC for the night was Jordan Raskopoulos who also supplied the hilarity, with performances from Beccy Cole, Libby O'Donovan, DJ

Craig Hemphill and Ziggy Rochards.

With Ro Allen, the Gender and Equality Commissioner and Harriet Shing MP for Eastern Victoria Region and Secretary for Mental Health, we were in great company. Such a lot of fun was had and a lot of new connections made.

The night was magical and such a celebration of diversity, equality and love. Latrobe Youth Space embraces these values and offers all young people a safe and inclusive space to belong.

## Grease

Friday July 19, to Sunday August 4

Evenings: Friday and Saturday, 7.30pm

Matinees: Saturday and Sunday, 1.30pm

The Latrobe Theatre Company has been entertaining Gippsland audiences for more than 56 years and this year will be no exception with its production of 'Grease'.

It's 1959, and Rydell High School's senior class is in rare form. The too-cool-for-school "T-Birds" are stealing hub-caps and acting tough and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking "Pink Ladies" are looking hot in bobby sox and pedal pushers. The 1950s high school dream is about to explode in this rollicking musical that is both a homage to the idealism of the fifties and a satire of high schoolers' age-old desire to be provocative and rebellious. Don't miss out on such hit songs as "Greased Lightnin'", "We Go Together" and "You're The One That I Want".

LPA Member \$38.00  
Adult \$42.00  
Concession \$38.00  
Child (15 and under) \$32.00

Group (10+) \$38.00  
Family 2A and 2C or 1A and 3C \$135.00

# Cooking with Noelene



## Apple and rice meringue

Firstly preheat your oven to 180 deg C

Grease an ovenproof dish. Place 500gm of peeled and sliced green apples in a saucepan with 60 ml of water. Cook until softened ...stirring constantly over a medium heat.

Then stir in 1/4 cup of castor sugar, continue stirring until the sugar is dissolved.

In a clean saucepan place 1/3 cup of white rice with 120ml of water, until all the water has been absorbed.

Now add 1 and 1/2 cups of milk and simmer gently until the milk has been absorbed.

Using your electric beater cream 2 egg yolks with 2 tbs of castor sugar, add this to the rice mixture, stir through gently but thoroughly.

Pour this mixture into the ovenproof dish and spread the stewed apples over.

Bake in the preheated oven for 10 minutes.

In a clean dry bowl whisk the 2 egg whites until stiff peaks form.

Now you need to add 2 tbs of castor sugar BUT at 1 tsp at a time, making sure the sugar is dissolved before adding another tsp.

Beat for 5 minutes after adding each tsp. (Patience is needed.)

Place the meringue mixture on top of the apples.

Lightly brown the meringue in the oven for 5 - 10 minutes.

## Chocolate peanut butter cookies

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C

Line baking trays with baking paper

In a medium bowl mix together:

1/2 cup of lentil flour (any plain flour is acceptable)  
1/4 cup of peanut butter  
1/4 cup of nutella spread  
3/4 cup of brown sugar  
1 egg lightly beaten  
1/2 tsp of vanilla extract  
Mix until well combined.  
Drop tbs of the mixture onto the tray, flatten slightly.

Bake for 15 minutes or until the mixture is no longer shiny.

Remove from oven and let cool on the tray.

## Crimson salad

Remove the skin and cut 3 baked beetroots into 4cm cubes.

Cut 150gm of fetta into 2cm cubes.

Place fetta cubes over the cubed beetroot.

Arrange radicchio leaves around the beetroot and fetta.

Mix together 2 tbs of extra virgin olive oil with 1 dsp of minced garlic and 1 tbs of balsamic vinegar.

Drizzle over salad and dress with pomegranate seeds.



## Lemon and garlic supreme

Preheat your oven to 200 deg C

Using a small saucepan place 1 lemon roughly cut with 1 tsp of brown sugar and bring to the boil.

Keep boiling until dark brown (about 3 minutes)

Place 1 chicken breast (bone in) on a lined baking tray.

Drizzle the lemon mixture through a strainer over chicken and bake for 20 minutes or till cooked through.



While chicken is baking, mix 2 tbs of minced garlic with the juice of 1 lemon, season with sumac.

Just before serving pour lemon and garlic sauce over the breast.

Serve with a cauliflower mash and a crimson salad.

## Pear and vanilla muffins

Place 2 litres of water, 370gm of castor sugar, 1 tsp of vanilla extract in a saucepan over a low heat and stir till the sugar is dissolved.

Add 12 small beurre bosc pears (peeled and cored). To do this I peel the pears keeping the stem in place. Slice the pear slightly off centre and remove the core.

Cover and cook for 25 minutes or until tender.

Drain on absorbent paper, set aside and allow to cool.

Preheat your oven to 160 deg C

Place 125gm of softened butter / marg in the bowl of your electric mixture with

150gm of castor sugar, beat for about 10 minutes or until pale and creamy.

Gradually add 2 lightly beaten eggs, 1 tsp of vanilla extract.

Fold in 190 gm of self raising flour alternating with 125 ml of milk.

Now line a 12 x 1 cup capacity muffin tray with paper cases and spoon in 60 ml of batter into each case.

Join each pear together and push the enclosed pear

into the cases and bake for 30 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the cake comes away clean.

These are delicious and great served with a dollop of mascarpone cheese.



**Advertiser of the month**

## Nook and Cranny

97 Buckley Street, Morwell

Nook and Cranny is a shop for young and old. For more than 23 years the bookstore has provided a large range of pre-loved books and comics; a delight for any book/comic lover.

Nook and Cranny offers perhaps the largest second handbook collection in the region with a wide variety of titles and subjects to choose from.

If you are into movies and music, there is something there for you too with a large range of DVDs,



CDs, and LP records, Book Exchange available - comics, westerns and much much more.

Call in and check what items are in store you might be surprised what the shop has to offer!

**Wide range of dolls in store NOW!**



**Nook and Cranny**  
97 Buckley Street, Morwell



# 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 29, 1990

Hello,

By all accounts, the Yinnar South Country Fair was a rip-roaring success, with our volunteers being kept very busy at the DCF&L caravan.

A good indication of the success of the day was the fact that the damper supply ran out by early afternoon.

Thanks go to the following folks who helped out on the day: Stan Glowacki, Wendy Steenbergen, Gail Roache, Johanna Aziz and the Aplin mob.

Special thanks go to Yvonne, who was on board virtually all day.

About \$25 in donations was raised; this will go towards the purchase of feral animal traps for the park.

The rubbish clearing day was well attended by a very efficient work crew.

A trailer was filled in about 10 minutes from between the two river crossings.

As the local tip was closed, the rest of the time was spent exploring the

tracks that Rob has been re-discovering and clearing around the Lodge site.

One track goes in a loop behind the Lodge site; another follows the small creek nearby, tentatively known as Side Creek.

Rob was disappointed to discover the impact of foxes in the area, however the discovery of Lyrebird scratchings on the day indicates the potential the area has for wildlife once it is rehabilitated.

Speaking of rehabilitation, our next meeting on April 15, at 1:30 p.m., has us planting trees on the old Lodge site.

All those familiar with the site can appreciate that revegetating the site will go a long way towards improving the area.

We are meeting at the end of Tebb's Terrace so come along with any tools that may be useful.

Finally, word has it that the park management plan is back on the rails, and should be released in the near future.

Hope to see you on the 15th.

Steve"

## June Activity Report

This month we had Matt, Ken, Tamara, Rose, Graeme and Darren for our June activity.

We had apologies from Beryl, Mike, Cathy and Gordon.

Over the last month Matt had received a hedge trimmer and two helmets to replace equipment stolen from the shed.

These items came from the Parks' insurance.

We will need to get another pair of protective chaps since these were also stolen but we could not get these through insurance.

The JSA was discussed for the day's activity.

The first task for the day was to remove a tree which had come down across Fosters Gully Track.

We all drove in to Lindon's Landing and carried the chainsaw and other gear into the work site.

The short walk was accompanied by the songs of many competing lyrebirds.

Matt operated the chainsaw on the large tree which had fallen across the track.

The cutting went well for a short while until the chain hit the dirt and grit within the tree.

The cutting became more difficult and the chainsaw needed maintenance before we could continue using it.

Sadly the file could not be found, so Matt went to collect a file and another chainsaw.

While gone, Graeme showed his skills with an axe and wedges to remove more segments of the tree.

The sharpened chainsaw was able to remove the remaining section of the tree.

Coming back the group removed another tree over the track above head height.

Lunch was taken back at Lindon's Landing.

It was great to see many groups of walkers out enjoying the sunny winter's day.

The Stringybark part of the park has been reopened to the public so after lunch the group travelled around Stringybark Track removing fallen branches and one tree from across the track.

In the fire affected areas there is little regrowth, but some small orchids and fungi are emerging.

## July Activity

### Sunday July 21, 10.00am

The group will meet at the Junction Road car park complete the nesting box survey.

You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear

suitable for the weather conditions on the day

For our August activity we will be joining with the Yinnar-Yinnar South Landcare Group to undertake a direct seeding trial on Blue Gum Hill.

Over the weekend we will have two activities:

Saturday August 17 – 2.00pm - Presentation by Bronwyn Teesdale about direct seeding as a planting method for revegetation projects at Yinnar ARC (Switchroom)

Sunday August 18 – 9.30 start – Direct seeding trial on Blue Gum Hill.



**TV Antennas  
and Repairs**  
Servicing Churchill  
and district



Ring Matt 0447 778 182

**AA ACCOUNTING**  
Accountants & Tax Agents

National Tax and Accountants Assoc.

**AA**  
ACCOUNTING

Antonio Antonelli BBus(Acc) (NTAA)

Shop 13 Georgina Place

Churchill VIC. 3842

Mobile: 0407 688 424

Phone: 03 5122 1155

Fax: 03 5122 3254

Email: tony@aaaccounting.com.au & office@aaaccounting.com.au



**Sight & Sound Engineering**

Custom Electronics - Mobile Phone / Pc Repair Sales and Service - Cases for Mobile Phone/Tablet - New PC systems / Upgrades - Home Theatre /Projector - VHS to DVD Conversion - Internet Access Desks

**Trevor Whelan**

Shop 16 West Place Churchill

(Access from Marina Drive)

ABN 57 719 482 063

Mob 0448690757

PH 03 5122 3602

ford460v8@hotmail.com

www.sightandsoundengineering.com.au

# SCAMWATCH

## NBN scams

Australians are losing more money to NBN scams, with reported losses in 2019 already higher than the total of last year's losses in fact, monthly average losses to NBN scams almost triple in 2019.

Consumers lost an average of more than \$110,000 each month between January and May this year, compared with around \$38,500 in monthly average losses throughout 2018 – an increase of nearly 300 per cent.

“People aged over 65 are particularly vulnerable, making the most reports and losing more than \$330,000 this year. That's more than 60 per cent of the current losses,” ACCC Acting Chair Delia Rickard said.

“Scammers are increasingly using trusted brands like ‘NBN’ to trick unsuspecting consumers into parting with their money or personal information.”

Common types of NBN scams include:

- \* Someone pretending to be from NBN Co or an internet provider calls a victim and claims there is a problem with their phone or internet connection, which requires remote access to fix. The scammer can then install malware or steal valuable personal

information, including banking details.

- \* Scammers pretending to be the NBN attempting to sell NBN services, often at a discount, or equipment to you over the phone.

- \* Scammers may also call or visit people at their homes to sign them up to the NBN, get them a better deal or test the speed of their connection. They may ask people to provide personal details such as their name, address, date of birth, and Medicare number or ask for payment through gift cards.

- \* Scammers calling you during a blackout offering you the ability to stay connected during a blackout for an extra fee.

It is important to remember NBN Co is a wholesale-only company and does not sell services directly to consumers.

“We will never make unsolicited calls or door knock to sell broadband services to the public. People need to contact their preferred phone and internet service provider to make the switch,” NBN Co Chief Security Officer Darren Kane said.

“We will never request remote access to a resident's computer and we will never make unsolicited requests for payment or financial

information.

If someone claiming to work ‘for the NBN’ tries to sell you an internet or phone service and you are unsure, ask for their details, hang up and call your service provider to check if they're legitimate. Do a Google search or check the phone book to get your service provider's number, don't use contact details provided by the sales person”, Ms Rickard said.

“Never give an unsolicited caller remote access to your computer and never give out your personal, credit card or online account details to anyone you don't know – in person or over the phone – unless you made the contact.

It's also important to know that NBN does not make automated calls to tell you that you will be disconnected. If you get a call like this just hang up.

If you think a scammer has gained access to your personal information, such as bank account details, contact your financial institution immediately”.

More information about NBN scams is available online at: [nbnco.com.au/scamadvice](http://nbnco.com.au/scamadvice) <http://www.nbnco.com.au/scamadvice>.

# Have your say about Living Well with Chronic Illness



Over the next few months, Latrobe residents with a chronic illness will be able to have their say about how local health providers can improve their services to help them live well.

An initiative of the Latrobe Health Assembly, the ‘Living Well with Chronic Illness’ project aims to find out how people with diabetes, arthritis, osteoporosis, heart failure or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) can live well through better access to services and supports

A small team of trained

volunteers will be travelling around the local area to have conversations with people living with these conditions about how they can be supported to manage their illness well.

Volunteer Peer Facilitator Helen said, “community members with any of these five illnesses who are interested in sharing their story should look out for our ‘Living Well with Chronic Illness’ banner in places like libraries, GP clinics, pharmacies, health services and community centres and at local markets and other community events”.

Community members will also be offered the opportunity to participate in a video which will capture people's stories and will then be shown to health service providers and other organisations working with people with chronic illnesses.

Anyone wanting further information or to arrange a confidential discussion with one of our volunteers can contact the Project Coordinator, Pat Lovelock, at Central West Gippsland Primary Care Partnership on 5127 9108 or via email at [pat.lovelock@lchs.com.au](mailto:pat.lovelock@lchs.com.au)

**Jumbuk Communications**  
 Mob: 0438886942

- \* Business Communications Systems
- \* Network Cabling
- \* NBN Internet & Phone Lines
- \* Video Surveillance

**Churchill and District News**

Like us ...

**If you are not receiving your Churchill & District News**

**Each month they are available from: Churchill Newsagency IGA, Churchill Woolworths, Churchill United Petrol Station.**

## CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS SPORT

### Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Saturday 8/6/19 – Stroke. A Grade - D. Elwood (12) 85 73, B Grade - A. Auld (19) 88 69, C Grade – J. Sterrick (31) 99 68. Scratch - D. Beyer 84 Gross. DTL - B. Cleland 73, R Welsh 73, T. Collins 73, B. Kilday 73, R. Madgan 73, G. Beyer 74 C/B, M. Soppe 74 C/B, A Quinn 74 C/B. NTP - 3rd T. Collins, 12th B. Cleland, 14th J. Sanders. Birdies - 14th J. Sanders.

Mens Stableford Saturday 15/6/19. A Grade – P. Smart (9) 35, B Grade - B. Barnes (19) 39, C Grade - R. Zomer (31) 35. DTL - B. Cleland 37, J. Sanders Snr. 35, A.

Quinn 34, R. Davison 33, B. Baldock 33, R. King 33, R. Delazio 32, C. Hogbin 32, J. Banfield 31. NTP - 3rd B. Baldock, 12th H. Martin, 14th B. Kilday. Birdies - 5th P. Smart, 14th B. Kilday, and B. Barnes.

Ladies - Tuesday 11/6/19 Ambrose. Winners - V. Reid and J. Timbs (28.5) 68.5, DTL - M. McConville and A. Hibbert (227/8) 72 1/8. NTP - 3rd S. Sterrick and J. Blizzard, 5th A. Hibbert and M. Mc Conville, 12th M. McConville and A. Hibbert, 14th V. Reid and J. Timbs.

Men - Saturday 22/6/19 2

Person Ambrose. Winners - G. Corponi (36) and P. Smart (9) (11.25) 63.75. R/U - R. Madgin (12) and G. Barnes (25) (9.25) 65.75. DTL - R. Davison/B. Cleland/M. Baker 66 1/6. J. Butler/G. Beyer 65 3/4, Chips/M. Brereton 67 1/2, Dane/Hogey 69. NTP - 3rd T. Collins, 5th G. Barnes, 12th G. Beyer, 14th R. King.

Ladies Stableford 25/6/19 – Winner - L. Webb (45) 35. DTL - M. McQuillen (36) 31. M. Dear (13) 28. NTP - 3rd M. McQuillen, 5th M. Dear, 12th J. Beck, 14th M. Dear.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Closure of Commonwealth Bank Churchill.

Letter to the editor.

Dear Madam

When I heard that the Commonwealth Bank was to close I was dumbstruck. Our poor town. What next will happen?

Then I became angry and with pen in hand poured out my thoughts. I am hoping my words strike a chord with other readers and that they too might write to Churchill News expressing their disfavor with the situation.

You would think that after the Royal Commission into banks revealed the appalling way the banks had treated their customers that they would be a lot more careful about how they approached their decision making -e.g. like closing smaller less profitable branches in this case.

Smaller communities need their bank and the convenience they provide.

We are not like in the city where public transport is frequent and banks are more readily available nearby.

Rural communities do not have access to transport to go to larger towns to do business.

We like shopping in town where we can say hello to people we know. We are a community.

This decision is profits driven - the bottom line - not customer based. Banks will say "but our shareholders demand this".

Well as a shareholder I have never been asked if I want profits above service to my community and employment opportunities to remain for the bank staff.

Our bank staff are known in the community and appreciated for the personal friendly service they provide. They are always so patient, helpful and caring. They know each of us by name. What is going to happen to them? They are part of our community. Will they be forced to leave and find employment elsewhere if they can? We care about their futures.

What has happened to the values banks used to have where loyalty and caring for the customer were more important than huge profits which to me seem obscene?

The bank says more people are using apps and internet banking but that is not all

people. The older Australians are the loyal supporters of banks which put them in the financial positions they hold. Where is the reciprocal loyalty from the bank?

Huge salaries for CEOs and those in higher positions which demand these so called profits and the use of technology over employment and personal service is killing our country.

It has become obvious that the 'little' people who worked so hard for our country don't matter anymore.

Commonwealth Bank and others - Where is your conscience?

This is another blow for Churchill where we have some wonderful hard working businesses and a great selection of goods on sale. It is a wonderful place to live and deserves a facility like a bank.

My hope is that people will see this as a warning and increase their patronage of our local businesses.

Thank you. [Name and address supplied]

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

## Proposed Closure of Hazelwood House Aged Care Facility.

The Lumen Christi Parish Council and parishioners are deeply concerned in relation to the proposed closure of Hazelwood House. This facility was established as a result of a great deal of effort and generosity of the Churchill community, including our parishioners, and to lose the only aged care residential facility within our town would be a severe blow to our ageing population, many of whom were original residents in Churchill.

Of particular concern to our Parish Council and parishioners is the ongoing spiritual welfare of former members of our congregation who are now residents of Hazelwood House and who are visited weekly by members of our parish and ministered to as a means of them maintaining the practice

of their faith.

There are five members of our Church currently residing at Hazelwood House and for some of these who have a life-long, deep commitment to their Catholic faith, the weekly visits by parishioners and the opportunity for shared prayer and communion are very much anticipated. It would be a great disappointment if they were no longer able to receive these visits from the people they know. We would

strongly support any action that can be taken to ensure that Hazelwood House can remain as part of the Churchill community and that these residents are not deprived of the spiritual and moral support that they cherish.

Yours sincerely  
Mike Answerth  
Chair  
Parish Council  
James Fernandez  
Parish Priest



## Morwell & District Red Cross Branch

Meetings held on  
2nd Wednesday of each month.  
Fire Station, McDonald Street, Morwell  
Contact: Secretary 5163 1565  
**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

# "The Year of the Farmer"

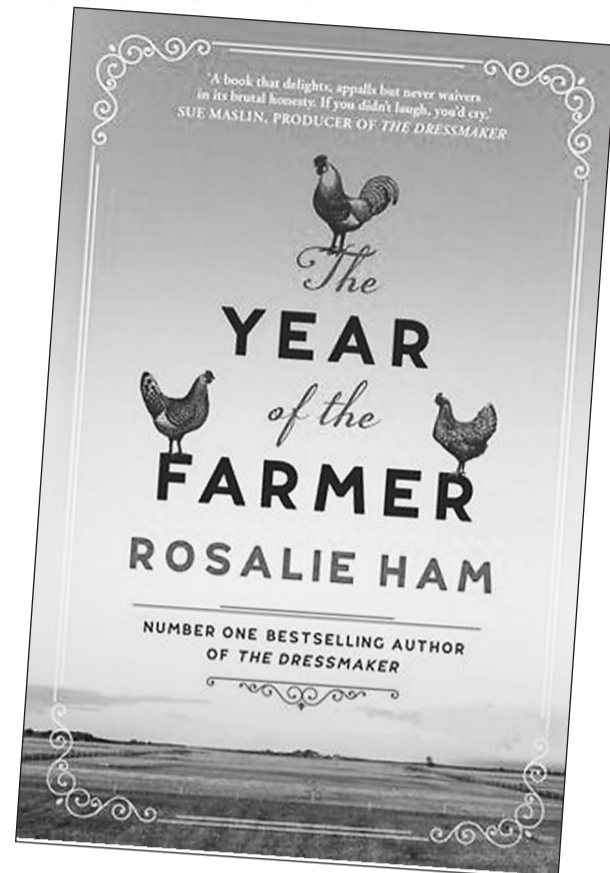
## by Rosalie Ham

Rosalie Ham was born in Jerilderie New South Wales and that is where she grew up. She holds a Master of Arts in Creative Writing and teaches literature. She now lives in Melbourne. Her three previous books were "The Dressmaker", a number one best seller and award winning film, "Summer of Mount Hope" and "There Should Be More Dancing".

This is a very contemporary story, beginning with a prologue which describes a pack of domestic dogs running wild at night and heading to kill a flock of sheep. The story then leaves that theme and we follow the life of Mitch, a sheep farmer struggling with drought, debt and an unhappy marriage.

Mitch has inherited the property which has been in the family for generations, and cares for his frail father Cal. His wife Mandy runs the local newsagency. She is locally known as "Bicycle Mandy" and detested by everyone in the community, as it is believed she trapped Mitch into marrying her after becoming pregnant but miscarrying the baby. Mitch's true love and childhood sweetheart, Neralie, moved to Sydney as she didn't want to live a rural life.

The farmers are dealing with the Water Authority who want to reduce their entitlements and also force them to install piping and solar powered gates, which in a time of drought and poor seasons is unaffordable. One of the reasons the Water Authority is wanting to reduce the entitlements is because Glenys Dingle, who holds a senior position in the authority, wants the water to flow into the lake at the new Riverglen Lake Resort in time for the Christmas holidays. Two of the other employees have a scheme for the installation of the pumps



and solar panels, which they have purchased in anticipation of the changes.

Mitch is determined to fight the Water Authority and embarks on a campaign to expose the corruption, with the support of the farming community. In the midst of all the turmoil, the local pub is sold and being refurbished by none other than Neralie and her family. The story twists and turns until the climax of Christmas lunch at the pub, which Mandy attempts to sabotage. The end of the story will leave you wondering.

It is clear that the author has an intimate knowledge of the Australian landscape and the issues that face farmers. On such a dry continent the importance of water is emphasised, whether it be irrigation water or rainfall, especially rainfall at the right time of year, and the need to ensure the health of the river system and the environment. The topic of consumption and buy-backs is very front and centre at the present time. She

explores the competing needs but also the inter-dependence of the various interest groups in a farming community, with shopkeepers relying on farmers being able to pay their debts in order for them to remain viable, but recreational water also being available for leisure. The story also touched on the general custom that a family farm is usually passed on to the son in the family. As each generation passes there is the possibility that the farm may become less and less viable as other family members are given their share, often as cash, and reserves run down or completely dry up.

Most members of our book group enjoyed this book, full of black humour but also very relevant to the present. The main criticisms were that there were so many characters it became at times confusing, and the convoluted story about the Water Authority and their corruption was difficult to follow.



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

# St Vinnies Soup Van EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

Commencing February 15, 2019 at Churchill

**\*\*Note these times are approximate**

**5.45 pm - Churchill Community HUB**

**6.15 pm - Glendonald Park**

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Kurnai College Junior Campus



### Year 8's collaborate with Melbourne scientists

A group of Year 8 students collaborated with research scientists from Melbourne hospitals to explore infertility and the links to smoking. Students used research grade microscopes to look

at fertile and infertile sperm (from pigs), looked at current vision of fertilisation, used models of tar and cigarettes, played modelling games and worked with each other and their scientist to develop their own understanding of how smoking could affect

fertility. The experience was organised with the support of the scientists and educators from the Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC) who provide high level science-based programs for students.

PBS Coupons are back up and running with students having the opportunity to exchange their PBS coupons (that they receive from Kurnai staff when displaying a behaviour from the Four Pillars – Relationships, Engagement, Excellence, or Work Ethic) for a prize from the display cupboard. We want to continue our support of the positive behaviours our kids show at school every day. These rewards are a small way we can show our kids that we value their positive approach to school and each other.

### Year 9's hike in the hail

With the weather forecast predicted to be extreme conditions, the Year 9 Outdoor Education class apprehensively packed their bags and braved the

storm. Driving into hail and stormy conditions it did not look favourable for hiking along the coast of Wilsons Promontory. In classic Prom style, by late afternoon the clouds had cleared, and the sun came out to provide the group with three days of beautiful weather and near perfect hiking conditions. On the first day, students walked to Pillar Point to take in some spectacular views of the Prom. After cooking their dinner on their Trangias, the group decided to do some star gazing and go for a night walk along the boardwalk at Tidal River. The next day students walked the long 15km loop to Oberon Bay, experiencing the joys of carrying their backpacks for the entire distance. On their return with some energy still on hand, students spent the afternoon at Squeaky Beach before the rain rolled in again. On our final day, it didn't take long for the group to warm up during a cold morning with a walk up Mt Oberon. The early

rise was well worth it with some amazing views and a sense of accomplishment.

### Ready for the next step

Year 10's had their final Course Counselling Interviews in the past week as they look to make the transition to the senior school for their final (small) stretch of schooling with Kurnai. The interview involves students making their final subject selections for their 2020 VCE Pathway, as well as the first of a series of VCAL interviews for students who have submitted a VCAL application. Our students have already worked through a range of transition and information steps on their way to this interview and we hope they feel positive and knowledgeable about what the University Campus can provide them.

### Well on TR@K

Our "Targeted Reading @ Kurnai" (TR@K) program, is gaining some momentum with a significant improvement in our students reading ability. TR@K is a dedicated 45 minute session of explicit reading instruction which we run four days a week. The program is currently running with our Year 7 and 8 students. Recently we conducted our third round of testing and saw substantial growth in our Year 8 students with an amazing 97% of students progressing to the next level of their learning! Likewise our Year 7 cohort, who just completed their second round of testing, showed amazing growth with 75% of kids progressing to the next stage of their learning. Although not all students moved to the next level, some students showed a massive

20-30% improvement on their first testing, which was completed at the end of last year! We are amazed with the results and will be educating more of our staff on how to teach the TR@K program and will look to expand it further in 2020 and beyond.

### Year 7 Camp –

By Bella Molinari  
One of the best parts on our Coolamatong camp was the food. For camp food, it was surprisingly all very delicious. We had things like potatoes, chicken schnitzels, wraps, croissants, cake and lots of other things. Personally, I would rate the food very high. Some of the popular activities we did were bush cooking where we got to make a fire and cook pancakes, damper and popcorn. The adventure race involved lots of different mini activities such as canoeing, bike riding, and climbing. We also had an awesome boat trip to the beach where we played foxes hole which was really fun, and some students were able to see the local dolphins. We also did archery, climbing, abseiling and low ropes.

Mr White, the other teachers and the camp staff members also took a lot of time planning fun night activities. Some of them included a real life Cluedo game, a night hike to a small beach, minute to win it challenges, a movie night and a massive trivia competition on the last night. Everyone had a really enjoyable time and we are all very thankful for all the effort the staff put into our first high school camp.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Lumen Christi Primary

### Peace and Prayer during Pentecost

The children at Lumen Christi recently held a special day to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, which occurs fifty days after Easter Sunday. Pentecost Sunday officially ends the season of Easter.

Pentecost, also known as the birthday of the Catholic Church occurred when the Holy Spirit filled the disciples with courage and faith, empowering them to share the Good News with others. They began to tell others

about Jesus and hence, the beginnings of the Catholic Church were made.

The children dressed up in the colours of red, yellow and orange to represent the colours of Pentecost and its symbols.

The day began with a Mass, celebrated by Father Solomon and then the children reflected on the Bible story from Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples on Pentecost. The children then rotated and completed a series of activities which involved

making a diorama that retold the story from Acts 2.

The event of Pentecost Day allowed the children to work in cross aged groups and with their siblings to create their diorama. Alice from Grade 1 said, "this has been the best day ever".

### Bring a Can if you Can!

Keeping others warm and nourished was the key message at Lumen Christi Catholic Primary school recently, as they jumped on board to support the

St Vincent De Paul Society's Winter Appeal - Bring a Can if You Can! The children held a 'Bring a Can if You Can Day' and wore a beanie or scarf to school and donated a can for local people in need. This year over 250 cans were collected which was a great effort for such a small school.

Some of the children wrote little notes to go onto the cans like; 'Thinking of you this winter, stay warm and stay safe'. Mrs Catherine Campbell from the local St

Vincent De Paul Society of Churchill was very impressed by the efforts of the school. She said, "Every year Lumen Christi students donate so many cans and they really do help families in the area that really struggle. Every can is of value to our society".

The children were inspired by the St Vincent De Paul's Society patron saint, Saint Louise De Marillac. She was herself inspired by St Vincent De Paul and was passionate about helping the poor as Vincent had shown

her. She started the Daughters of Charity and they helped and served the poor in the areas of health, social ministry and education.

At school, the children are reminded that they are spreading love and continuing the mission of Jesus by giving to the poor and spreading love into their local community, just as Saint Vincent and Saint Louise De Marillac did. Brody from Year 2/3 said, "I love wearing my beanie to school and I donated a can for someone to have".



# SCHOOL NEWS

# Churchill Preschools

### Glendonald Preschool

We have had a very exciting time at Glendonald Preschool with a focus on the Churchill and district community. This has led to discussions about what is

available in the Churchill CBD, particularly the shopping complex and emergency services.

As part of this learning focus we walked to Woolworths to take part in a

'Fresh foods kids discovery tour', took a bus to the Churchill Fire Station to learn about the role of Firemen and to have a turn squirting the hose.

A Policewoman came to

visit to talk about what they do. The children had a look at all the equipment, dressed up in some police clothes and then had a turn sitting in the police car and turning on the lights and sirens.

It has been wonderful to see the children expand their knowledge about their community and understand a bit more about what all of those occupations mean and do for us.

We have had four outdoor tables made by the team at the Churchill Men's Shed. These tables will allow the children to have meals outside as well as do activities or simply sit and have a chat,



### The Hub Preschool

As we are heading to the end of Term 2, we reflect on all the learning and progress we have achieved. We have enjoyed outside play even though it has been extremely cold. The children have been super excited with the delivery of new sand for the sandpit. They have been building sand castle, cities and underground tunnels, filling them with water to see if it will come out the other side of the tunnel. Exploring the garden looking for insects, they found worms, slugs and snails. We made a snail house and we saw which ones are the fastest or slowest on the race track. This term we have been learning about shapes and drawing maps to find the shapes that are on the maps in our environment. Every day we include our Italian language which we have been practising for shapes, colours, names, greetings and animals. We are looking forward to finishing the term with our pyjama party, cooking and eating breakfast and lunch together.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Churchill Primary

*A Message from School Council President - Kate Kerslake:*

I am pleased to advise the school community that Jacquie Burrows has been appointed as the substantive Principal at Churchill Primary School.

Jacquie has shown great leadership and a commitment to improving educational outcomes for the students at Churchill Primary School as acting Principal over the past 18 months. On behalf of the School Council we wish Jacquie every success in her leadership at Churchill Primary School.

*4/5/6 Natural Disasters -*



### Science

This term our Grade 4/5 and 5/6 students have been learning about the structure of the Earth and natural disasters in Science. Students conducted an experiment to test how two different types of building structures could withstand an earthquake. They built structures out of both wood and bricks (Lego) and then subjected them to mild, moderate and severe earthquakes.

### Music at CPS

This year we are very lucky to have Ms Raelee Hill at our school one day a week to teach music to our junior grades. This is something that they all look forward to on a regular basis. Recently however, our Grade 5/6 classes were given the opportunity to learn about and have a try of some musical instruments with Ms Hill. Students were able to choose between guitar, keyboard, drums or



### F-2 Mossvale Park Excursion

After being postponed also

once due to inclement weather, our F-2 students braved the colder weather to finally go on their excursion to Mossvale Park. As the junior school has been learning about the weather and seasons Mossvale Park provides a great opportunity to study the effect that autumn has on the trees and complete some great activities based on their study topic. Students were treated to a sausage

sizzle for lunch and thoroughly enjoyed playing amongst the autumn leaves!

### Hey Hey, It's PJ's All Day!

On Monday June 24, the SRC held a special Pyjama day at school. Anyone who participated was required to donate \$2 and received a hot milo and biscuit from the canteen at recess. Students were also treated to popcorn and movies in their grades. The SRC raised \$238.70 and all money raised was then donated to the Royal Children's Hospital.



xylophone and had a go at creating a tune together. The lessons gave students a chance to try multiple instruments and everyone enjoyed their time with Ms Hill. Perhaps some have even been inspired to seek individual lessons to learn a specific instrument.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Churchill North Primary



### Making Butter

Grade 2/3 Students of Churchill North Primary School had a go at making their own butter. The students are in the middle of a materials science unit at school focused on how different materials change.

Students were each given a container with cream inside and a marble. The idea was to use the marble to separate the cream into butter and buttermilk. As can be seen in the picture left, some students were successful at

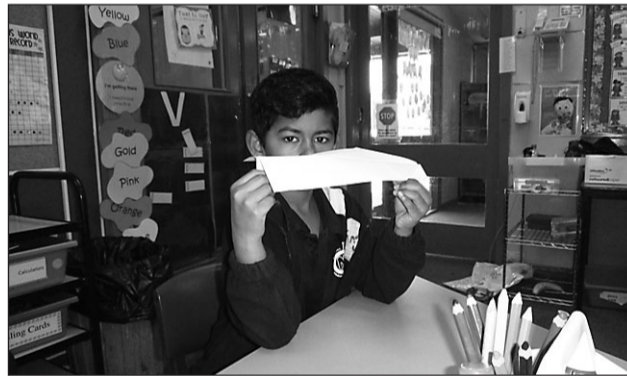
separating their butter. The class was thoroughly engaged as they all attempted to create their own butter.

A mess was also created but as one student stated, "The best science is when we get to do the experiment ourselves." These young scientists were also expected to maintain a record of their work, describing what the cream was like before and after the experiment as well as hypothesising why their experiment did or did not work.

Several students stated that they wanted to teach the experiment to their siblings or parents at home. This would have to be the ultimate compliment to a teacher, so well done to all the 2/3 students who had a red hot go and made butter.

### Changing thoughts

Students from Grade 2/3 were engaged in learning about the strategic action of synthesising,



using Lego to demonstrate how their thinking can be rearranged and transformed. The students made Lego models, then rearranged the parts of the Lego to demonstrate how our thinking can change after reading a text. Students were then able to link this idea to their own thinking and how it changed after reading in the classroom.

### Lunchtime links

Churchill North Primary School students look forward to getting their daily exercise at lunchtime, with the Lunchtime Links Program. The engaging daily activities are organised by the 5/6 School Captains and House Captains. Brooke, Arabella, Nephi, Noah, Kendra and Adam organise a variety of activities such as Knights and Dragons, Line Tiggy and an Obstacle

Course. One of the children's favourites would have to be Knights and Dragons. The students who take part in the activities, love the chance to run off some excess energy and enjoy the games. Thanks go out to our Lunchtime Links co-ordinators on the terrific job they do.

### Plane Procedures

In their recent unit on procedures the Grade 2/3 students at Churchill North Primary School designed and wrote a procedure on how to make a paper plane. Once the planes were completed the students took the opportunity to test their wings to see how they flew. The planes demonstrated a range of tricks on their first flights, with students eagerly taking them home to see if they could replicate them and make modifications at home.

### Spaghetti Towers

Students from F1/R enjoyed learning about the properties of cooked and uncooked food in their recent science unit. One of their activities involved using uncooked spaghetti to construct a tower. The students used some great descriptive words for the spaghetti including - pointy, dry, fragile, snappy and breakable. The students were then able to apply their learning to the differences between cooked and uncooked foods.



# SCHOOL NEWS

# Kurnai University Campus

### Big Day Out

Big Day out was held at the Churchill Leisure centre with all three Kurnai campuses in attendance. This annual event is organised by the VCAL students as part of their course. It is a major project for the subject Personal Development and requires the students to show planning, preparation and execution of a major event.

Activities included a blow up commando course, drumming with Steve Schultz, wheelchair basketball, dodge

ball, face painting, balloon sculpting, a petting zoo and a quiet area for games. The senior VCAL students organised and provided the free lunch.

### Deb Balls

Two Deb Balls were held on Thursday June 27 and Friday June 28.

These balls involved fifteen couples on the Thursday and sixteen couples on the Friday.

The balls were held at the Premier Function Centre in Traralgon. This event is twelve

months in the planning with eight weeks prior to the nights, the students practising the three dances they do as couples and the girls and boys separate dances.

The girls looked stunning and the boys very well turned out for the occasion.

The Debs were presented to the Official Party which consisted of the College Principals.

The theme for this year's extravaganza was Australiana with staff dressing appropriately for the

occasion, one as Dame Edna and another as one of the Wiggles.

The students' families and other guests were invited and enjoyed the meal and the spectacle.

### Thoughts on the Kurnai Deb Ball 2019

The deb had an Australiana theme and the songs were all Australian songs like 'Happy Little Vegemite' and 'Eagle Rock'. Everyone had learnt the dances and everyone looked amazing with their outfits.

Billilee- "The deb was such an amazing experience and was so much fun, no one was judgemental which made it so much better especially when people are nervous. We really enjoyed it. I would honestly do it again if I could."

Jessica- "It was a really good experience, something I will never forget. I'm so glad that I got to do it and will forever be grateful. All the hard work paid off."

Madi- "The Deb was one of the most magical nights ever. It is a once in a lifetime

experience and I highly recommend it. It's a night you work hard for that you'll never forget."

Ange- "I really enjoyed it and seeing the students being very mature and how they presented themselves. And they appreciate how much the teachers did."

Darren- "Everyone had a good time and all their families had a good time there. The emu costumes were my highlight of the night."



Above, middle right, bottom left: Thank you to the VCAL Team which organised the Big Day Out  
Middle left and bottom right: The Debs and their partners



# Recycle your old x-ray films at the Hub

Got any old x-ray films lying around at home? Not sure what to do with them? Now you can take them to the Churchill Community Hub for recycling!

Look for the new tub at our Recycling drop-off centre outside the Neighbourhood Centre office and deposit them there.

You can cut them up first (particularly if they're large films) or leave them whole. When a sufficient quantity has been collected, they'll be sent off to be recycled.

X-ray films contain silver, which can be extracted and recycled. A company in Melbourne called - CMA Ecocycle - recycles x-ray films, along with many other products, such as amalgam (from dental fillings), batteries and thermometers (mercury extraction).

The company uses an electrolytic process to extract the silver from x-rays. Films are placed in a chemical bath that dissolves the silver-containing imaging layer. When an electric current is passed through the solution pure metallic silver is deposited on one of the electrodes.

The backing film that gives X-rays their strength is made from a plastic similar to the type used in soft drink and fruit juice bottles. It goes into a commodity plastic recycling stream and could end up in products ranging from shampoo bottles to polyester fleece clothing.

Silver is used in many processes and products. Large amounts of it continue to be extracted by mining, with its associated, often negative, environmental consequences.

Of course, the more silver that can be recycled, the less that needs to be mined, and the better off the environment will be.

So if you don't need your old x-ray films any longer, don't let them gather dust just bring them to the Churchill Community Hub and we'll see that they're sent off for recycling.

This new recycling initiative in Churchill is the next step in our Recycling Project which is a partnership between Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Churchill & District Community Association and the Churchill & District News - which aims to provide and promote more recycling opportunities in our local community.



Abigail Brown, Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator, cuts up an x-ray for recycling



**Have you had your heater serviced?**

CFA

ADVERTISEMENT



# Melina BATH

## A better deal for Eastern Victoria

- 181 Franklin St Traralgon
- Melina Bath MP
- 5174 7066
- melinabath.com.au

Funded by Parliamentary Budget.

# Latrobe Community Health Service is for the whole community.

## Call 1800 242 696

- Bulk billing GP clinic ■ Physiotherapy
- Dental clinic ■ Podiatry ■ Counselling
- Planned Activity Group

Monday to Friday, 8.15am - 5pm  
 20-24 Philip Parade, Churchill  
 lchs.com.au

