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Churchill Cougars take NGFNL premiership

Well what a year 2019 has turned out to be! Congratulations to the senior football side led ably by Christopher "Squid" Williams and his band of helpers.

Commiserations to both the reserves and thirds football sides, who made it to the big dance, but couldn't get the same result as the seniors. Well done to our 15 and Under netball side who made their first finals appearance since the return of the junior grades a number of years back. Hopefully with a little more time and hard work we can turn these results into more cups!

Our annual presentation night was recently held at the Churchill Hotel, which is one of our major partners and sponsors. This night was a great way to celebrate and acknowledge all those who had a hand in such a big year, and also to call out a few of those who fly under the radar throughout the season, and recognise all who help make our club the successful place that it is.

Particular special mention is to Squid who won his 6th club senior Best and Fairest (club record), and Maddi Burney who won her 5th A Grade Best and Fairest (also a new club record). Squid also won the NGFNL Senior Best and Fairest and Best on Ground in the grand final - a big week for him! Well done to Joe Whykes who also took home a league Best and Fairest in the reserves as well as the leading goal kicker with 104 goals kicked in the home and away season.

Award Winners for 2019

- Senior B&F Football - Christopher Williams
- Reserves B&F Football - Joseph Whykes
- Thirds B&F Football - Blake Rudling
- A Grade B&F Netball - Maddison Burney
- B Grade B&F Netball - Abby Buckley
- C Grade B&F Netball - Vicki Halliday
- D Grade B&F Netball - Hollie Burke
- Youth Girls B&F Football - Britney Hill
- 17 & Under B&F Netball - Monee Poole



- 15 & Under B&F Netball - Jasmine Croft
- 15 / 17 & Under Combined B&F Netball - Georgia Grieve
- Club Award Recipients**
- Best Club Person: Shaun Answerth
- President's Award: Guss Lambden
- Youth Development Award (Football):

- Shaun Answerth
- Youth Development Award (Netball): Hollie Burke
- CFNC Life Member Inductees: Michael Johnson and Amanda McInnes
- Our AGM will be held on Tuesday November 26, where all executive roles will

be declared vacant and we will also have a few vacancies on the general committee. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us via email cfnc.secretary@hotmail.com or reach out via facebook messenger. Congratulations to all and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2020.

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CDCA encourages all residents of Churchill and district to Shop Local! Support our local traders and come to the Launch of the "Churchill - Shop Local" program on Saturday, October 26, 10.00 am to Midday in the centre carpark at the Churchill Shopping Centre.

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"The Ice Princess" by Camilla Lackberg

Jean Edith Camilla Lackberg Ericsson, known as Camilla Lackberg, was born in Sweden on August 30, 1974. She has sold millions of novels in over fifty-five countries and is known for her psychological thrillers.

"The Ice Princess", written in 2004, is the first in a series of books featuring Erica Falck and Patrik Hedstrom. Other titles include "The Preacher", "The Stone Cutter", "The Stranger", "The Hidden Child", "The Drowning", "The Lost Boy", "Buried Angels" and "The Ice Child".

Eilert Berg had been unhappily married for nearly fifty years. When a beautiful and wealthy socialite, Alex Wijkner, offered him money to keep a check on her house and have the heating turned on each Friday, before her arrival to spend the weekend, he planned to save the money until he had enough to leave alone for warmer places such as Spain or Greece.

On his routine check, to his horror, he found her dead in the bath tub, her wrists slashed, an apparent suicide. In a panic he ran out into the street and the first person he found was Erica Falck, an author who had returned to the town to clear out the family home after the death

of her parents.

As it happened, the victim was a close childhood friend with whom she had lost contact many years before.

Offering her sympathy to Alex's parents, they insisted she would not have taken her life this way as she could not stand the sight of blood and believed she had been murdered.

They also asked Erica to write something for the newspaper. This planted the seed for Erica to see this as an idea for a new novel.

When it is revealed that Alex is pregnant and that she has been murdered, the search for the father of the child begins, as that person is considered a likely suspect. Anders Nilsson, a brilliant but tortured artist who sells work in Alex's gallery is immediately implicated, although people are incredulous that Alex could have had a sexual relationship with him.

At the funeral for Alex the attendance of Nellie Lorentz raised many eyebrows. She was the controlling matriarch of the town's main employer, and generally hated.

Many years prior she had taken in a young boy, Jan, whose parents had been killed in a house fire.

He had been severely abused and neglected as a

child and relished his new position in society.

A mystery surrounded the disappearance of Nils Lorentz, the natural heir to the family wealth, rumours suggesting that he had taken a fortune and was living elsewhere.

In her quest for more information and clues to Alex's past Erica meets Patrik Hedstrom, a detective at the local police station, and a romantic relationship develops.

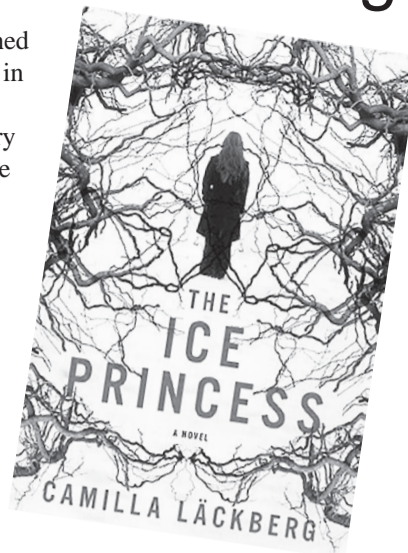
Together they are able to put together many pieces of the puzzle.

Whilst all of this is going on Erica is having a disagreement with her sister Anna and her husband Lucas, who want to sell the family home.

Lucas is an abusive man with an intense dislike of Erica.

During investigations into the murder, many of the dark secrets of this small town are exposed and other mysteries solved.

This novel was enjoyed by nearly everyone in our group who found the story quite compelling and full of intrigue, despite the complicated Swedish place names and the large number of characters.



The author spoke through Anders voice at the front of each chapter before continuing with the rest of the story and this was very effective, as it was symbolic of the fact that Anders really didn't have a voice in mainstream society.

The book covered a huge range of issues such as child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, infidelity, suicide, the need to "save face" at the expense of the truth, the power of money and the effects of greed.

Whilst the reader can guess at some of the themes in the story we are kept guessing as to who the murderer is as there are many "red herrings" throughout the book.

"The Ice Princess" has whet the appetite to read more of the crime mysteries featuring Erica Falck and Patrik Hedstrom.

Rainfall

Churchill - August

We have had 16 days of rainfall in August, with a total of 128mm for the month. The day with the most rain was August 21, with 32mm - that is a lot. This will now be added to our total of 424mm.

September

September had 14 days with rain, with a total of 68mm. The day with the most rainfall was September 16 with 15mm. Our yearly total is now 492mm.

Rain at Hazelwood South.

September has been a very average month, with 92mm of rain, which is 101% of the average for September. The rain for the year since January is now 102% of the average. The ground water recharge is disappointing, with stored water in the soil reducing fast. Burning off, bushfire preparation, weeding and major digging jobs are all urgent to complete before summer.



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Supporting Churchill Traders

CDCA, in partnership with Churchill & District News, is keen to support Churchill businesses. We know the importance of shopping locally so that businesses thrive and are able to provide the goods and services that residents want from their local shopping centre.

No-one wants to see more vacant shops in Churchill!

That's why we're launching our "Churchill - Shop Local" program on Saturday October 26. This event will take place from 10am to midday in the central car-park at the Churchill shopping centre.

The launch will include a free sausage sizzle (thanks to the Churchill Lions Club) and we'll be giving away re-useable shopping bags printed with the 'Shop Local' logo. We'll also have some fruit to give out to those who don't fancy a sausage!

Two Lucky Shoppers who spend \$10 or more in any Churchill store on the morning of October 26 will win a \$50 shopping voucher - just bring your receipt to the launch to find out if you are a Churchill Lucky Shopper on the day.

The launch will also mark the start of our monthly Lucky Shopper prize draw - you can find out more about this by attending the launch (or see the article elsewhere in this issue of the News).

CDCA would like to thank Latrobe City's Economic

Development Unit for supporting this program, along with Churchill Lions Club, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and, of course, Churchill & District News.

Most importantly, we'd like to thank the significant number of Churchill retailers who have embraced this project, offered their ideas and helped us commence this program.

We'll soon have 'Churchill - Shop Local' window stickers for stores to display so shoppers can identify participating businesses that are donating vouchers for the monthly prize draws being conducted from November onwards.

CDCA held its Annual General Meeting earlier this month and elected the 2019 - 20 Committee. Our Annual Report highlighted our achievements for the year past (and some of our challenges!) A full report will be provided in the next issue of the News. Our AGM Minutes will also be available on our website at a future date. (www.cdca.org.au)

Our recycling and waste reduction project in partnership with Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is going well. Don't forget you can recycle x-ray films, plastic milk and juice bottle tops, old bras, printer cartridges and clean used aluminium foil at the Hub - just pop them in the tubs located in the foyer at the



Hub. All of these items are recycled; none go to landfill!

Latrobe City has recently provided an 'E-Waste' container at the Hub for unwanted small electronic items (anything with a plug, cord or battery). Larger items still need to be taken to the transfer station. Remember, electronic waste or 'E-Waste' is no longer allowed in kerbside garbage bins. There is now a national ban on E-Waste going to landfill.

CDCA meets at 7pm on the second Tuesday of every second month - our next meeting will be held on December 10. This will be the final CDCA meeting for 2019.

We will meet again in February 2020. All local residents of Churchill and district are welcome to attend CDCA meetings.

More information about CDCA can be found on our website: www.cdca.org.au or email mgcdca@hotmail.com Find us on Facebook - search for Churchill District Community Association - and leave a message, or write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.



STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



Stamp and Coin Fair

We thank any and all who attended our big day recently. It was a very successful day with visitors from all over Gippsland and some from even further afield. Our special cancel stamp celebrating the Club's 70th Anniversary was well received but if you missed out you can still get it at Traralgon Post Office. Also, we had a great Members display for visitors showing anniversaries of various kinds. It was favourably commented on by all. Many thanks go to our team of willing helpers who stuck in both before and after the show to set up and clear up the hall. Special thanks also to Latrobe City Council, our generous sponsor.

Dogs

The first taming of a dog goes far back into pre-history but the interdependence between dog and man has been highly advantageous to both. The dog, like man, is basically a hunter. The dog's tracking ability and his persistence in a hunt, together with his working as a member of a pack make him a natural ally to man, whose weapons make them a formidable team. This alliance has led to the dog becoming man's favourite companion.



The dog has shown the ability to learn a multitude of tasks and over the ages the special abilities of a particular breed have been refined by man to his advantage. The tracking ability of hounds and their size help hunters. The speed of greyhounds lets them match the speed of fleeing animals and their size helps in bringing down their prey. Smaller breeds were helpful in catching smaller game and flushing out animals from burrows.

Another ability, that of being guardians, is an innate ability of dogs which man has been able to use to his advantage. While a barking dog is often a nuisance to suburban dwellers today, a warning bark in a tribal village often meant the difference between life and death.

Farmers also taught dogs to guard and work animals on a farmstead. The dog could do the work of three men with a flock of sheep or a herd of

cattle, moving them from place to place and guarding them at night.

Today dogs are taught to help the blind regain their mobility and independence. They are companions to the old and the lonely, playmates to children and are proving a boon to the depressed. We can train them to detect a multiplicity of things such as harmful drugs, concealed dead bodies, banknotes and other contraband items. We can train them to track lost people, to follow and detain fleeing criminals. The list grows year by year.

Dogs have been featured on many sets of stamps in each of their helpful roles or as a group of popular and helpful breeds peculiar to that country. In 1980 Australia issued a set of five stamps featuring Australian dogs. It included the dingo, the border collie, the Australian terrier, the kelpie and the Australian cattle dog.

INVITATION
 Jeeralang North Hall Committee invites you to a **FREE** community day
"Swing into Spring"
 sponsored by FRRR



The day begins at 10.00 am till 5.00 pm on
Saturday, November 9, 2019

A free day for family fun day. MasterChef Australia 2013 Noelene Marchwicki will be doing a cooking demonstration at 10.30 am to kick off the day.

Lunch and afternoon tea provided by the Lions Club.

Activities will be running throughout the day including Frizzy Face Painting, Barn Buddies Mobile Farm, Music by Mel Pollard, Henna painting, kids games, rock and rollers, Latrobe City Leisure Centre, Mark Custance Remedial massage, Asco, Planet Fab Fashion Coats and various life health booths.

Free Raffle prizes, and a few surprises, and more . . .



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Yinnar South Fire Brigade 75th birthday 20/8/2019



To celebrate this momentous occasion the Yinnar South Fire Brigade members and special guests gathered at the Yinnar Pub in the function room.

Present Captain, Mark Bruerton, welcomed everyone to celebrate 75 years of the Yinnar South Fire Brigade.

He acknowledged the presence of Operations Manager Bryan Russell, Group Officer Steve Barling, Edith Heesom, Bruce Mongan and son.

Meals were provided by the brigade. Once the main meals were finished the formalities began. Mark gave

an outline of the brigade's history which follows:

The Yinnar South and District Bush Fire Brigade was formed in March 1944 after the February 14, 1944 fires at Yallourn.

With Jack Heesom as Captain, 1st Lieutenant - Norm Brewster, 2nd Lieutenant - Albert Deppeler, Secretary - Cyril Bond, President - Jack Heesom, Vice Presidents - Martin Walker and Albert Deppeler.

Jack Heesom was Captain till 1949, with Reg Deppeler from 1949 till 1982 - Captain for 34 years!

From 1982 Adrian Walker

became Captain till 2000, with Bruce Mongan taking the reins.

From 2000 till 2009 Adrian Walker took over from Bruce till 2010.

Followed by Peter Brimblecombe from 2010 till 2014 then Mark Bruerton from 2014 to current time.

Eric Deppeler joined the brigade when he was 15 and a half years old and Adrian joined when he was 19 years old, Bill Heesom joined when he was 16 years old.

The Brigade changed its name to Yinnar South District and Rural Fire Brigade, then changed to Yinnar South Fire

Brigade.

The Brigade has three life members of the CFA, Adrian Walker, Eric Deppeler and Bill Heesom

Some members received the National Emergency Medal following the Black Saturday fires.

We have members with over 60 years of dedicated service to the brigade and we thank you for your service. A lot of other members have five years through to 40 years of service.

The equipment the brigade had from the start was a knapsack and fire beater and Adrian Walker can remember his dad going to a fire on horseback with the above items.

Later the brigade obtained a tank and pump. This was loaded on to a trailer or ute then filled with water before heading to the fire. In 1968 the CFA provided the brigade with a trailer, tank and pump that was hooked up to Eric's ute when the alarm was raised to go to a fire.

In 1961 a request was made for one tanker, two dozen knapsacks and 60 feet of delivery hose.

In 1972 the brigade received its first tanker - an Austin with crash box - and at the time Bill Heesom was the only one who could drive it.

With no shed to store the truck, Eric Deppeler offered to garage it at his place.

In 1978 the CFA provided a shed for the brigade. This was collected in kit form from Morwell railway station on Bill's truck. It was erected on the current site with land donated by the Heesom Family.

In 1984 the brigade was provided with the 4WD International tanker 1. The new tanker would not fit in the shed so volunteers were called

and the height of the shed was raised to accommodate the new tanker. That is community co-operation.

Then in 1985 the brigade received a Hino tanker.

With the tanker 1 often being called to duty outside of their area the community set about fund raising to purchase a second tanker. After a community fundraiser and support from the Yinnar South Country Fair, the Toyota 4WD cab chassis was fitted out as tanker 2.

The Toyota was sold in 1999 and replaced with a Nissan cab chassis and also set up with pump and tank.

In 2003 it was with great pride that the brigade took delivery of a 1500 litre Isuzu 4WD truck.

The station has been modified a few times to house the trucks and the meeting room also added.

Tanker 2 (Toyota) was stolen one afternoon by an unknown person and was missing for approximately six weeks, finally being located in Southbank Melbourne.

The Brigade has had some interesting things happen over the years

Incidents -- Milk tanker roll over on Middle Creek Road

Cat up a tree on Brewsters road

Finger stuck in a steel table at the school

Adrian's ute hit by a falling tree

Lindsay Tavner on a motor bike with a knapsack on his back up and down Vaggs Creek track to Norm Albert's place.

Over the years the brigade has had up to approximately 45 members with some leaving the area because of work and family or departed this earth.

At present the brigade has a

great crew of men and women totalling approximately 38, giving up their time when available when the pager goes off. During the weekdays we have Dad's Army to call on if they are free (Adrian, Eric, Bob, John, Harry).

Over the last ten years we have fund raised to purchase a lot of equipment - portable radio for HF, generator and lighting equipment, station petrol fire pump, battery charger, fridge, TV, UHF radios for trucks and station with their main aim to replace tanker 2 when its due in a couple of years' time.

We have received donations from the local community over the years with one donation able to purchase the Defibrillator for tanker 1.

Captain Mark Bruerton finished by saying "I would like to say thank you to our past members for starting the Yinnar South Fire Brigade, especially to those who aren't with us anymore and to those who are, for your long service, Adrian, Eric, Harry, John, Bob and anyone I have missed, and to all the other dedicated members of today, tomorrow and beyond.

One day we may get a dual cab tanker and a new station but we might be waiting a long time yet."

The presentation of the 75 year certificate by Operations Manager Bryan Russell then followed also with the service awards and cutting of the cake by four of the past Captains.

The brigade would like to acknowledge Ian Penny for designing the 75th logo, Paula Auger for the cake which she donated, Young Signs for the 75th signs on the trucks and station, those who brought along photos, and Eric and Annette for the information on brigade history.

A message about Recycling at the Churchill Hub



Recycle your small E-waste at the Hub



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Darren Chester

Federal Member for Gippsland

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Friends of Morwell National Park



Our next activity will run a week later than planned. Our orchid walk and koala count will now be on Sunday October 27. The change is happening because a number of the group will be at a Field Naturalists activity on the same day as our original activity.

September Activity Report

At this month's activity we had Beryl, Ken, Wayne, Grant, Mike, Cathy, Graeme, Matt, Rose, Hayley, Joan, Chris and Darren. We had an apology from Tamara.

Over the last month we have had a few groups visiting the park as part of their activities. Ken took a group of Lavalla College students on a biodiversity study at both Billys Creek and Fosters Gully. They found many weed species at Billys Creek and few in Fosters Gully.

Matt supported a Federation University group looking at weed species found in the park. ClimateWatch did a walk around Fosters Gully on September 25, where they took a group to engage them in the ClimateWatch in Parks program and to collect field data. The ClimateWatch program aims to understand the effects of climate change.

Over September it has been wet and windy. As a result there are many trees down in the park. Many tracks have trees down across or near the tracks. We need Parks' rangers to come in to remove these so that walkers can get around the park safely. One tree branch came down in the Kerry Road car park falling on one of the picnic tables. The branch was removed but the table still needs to be repaired. Interestingly the BBQ is still

not working. It has been broken for over a year and it is a large disappointment to anybody wanting to use the park. It seriously needs to be fixed.

For a period of time a number of visitors have been bringing their dogs, horses and trail bikes regularly into the park. The people who bring these animals and bikes into the park are having a negative impact on the environment.

The activity for the day was to complete some repairs to the nesting boxes. Many boxes needed repairs or reattachment to the trees and a few boxes needed replacement. Matt, Graeme and Rose had brought ladders and tools to climb the trees and secure the boxes. The group started in the carpark and slowly worked into the park. The pole mounted camera was firstly used to check that each box was animal free. In some boxes we were able to repurpose lids and strapping from other boxes.

Over the day about a dozen boxes were repaired. Generally with Wayne and Grant on top of the two ladders, excess bark was removed and old boxes cleaned up. Additional screws were used to fix the boxes securely to the tree. Five new boxes constructed by the students from Lavalla College were put up to replace broken boxes which were beyond repair. The Lavalla students have done an outstanding job in constructing and labeling of these boxes.

Before completing the last boxes, lunch was taken. Ken was able to wander off to find a fallen tree where the box was above the break in the

tree. This box was moved to an adjacent tree. A patch of ivy was found and removed. Cathy found a few mistletoe in flower.

All morning we enjoyed sunshine but the clouds came in and we had a little rain when we returned to the car park. It was a great time to finish.

October Activities

Sunday October 27.

Activity 1 – Orchid Walk - 10.00am

The first activity will be a walk around Fosters Gully or Stringybark Track to search for the orchids which can be found at this time of the year. You will need to bring clothing suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

If you are staying for the koala count you will need to bring your lunch, which can be eaten in the Kerry Road picnic area between the activities.

Activity 2 - Koala Count - 1.30pm

The Friends of Morwell National Park will be carrying out the annual 'Koala Count in the Park'. Willing participants are requested to meet at the Kerry Road - Fosters Gully car park at 1.30pm to commence the koala count.

The 'Koala Count in the Park' event is part of the long term strategy to document



the numbers and measure the general health of the koalas within Morwell National Park.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a pleasant stroll in the park while simultaneously helping the team in spotting the resident koalas that may be found in the park.

Participants are advised to bring suitable clothing and footwear applicable for the weather conditions, and if possible, bring a pair of binoculars as it certainly makes it easier to spot the koalas.



Churchill
Neighbourhood
Centre

ADVANCE NOTICE

of the

Annual General Meeting 2019

Monday 28th October 2:00pm

followed by afternoon tea

To be able to vote at the AGM, or stand for election to the Board of Governance, you need to have been a paid-up member for at least 10 business days.

So if you are not yet a member for 2019, now is the time to join!

Existing members will be sent a membership renewal form, but you can pick one up at the Office or ask to have one emailed to you.

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)
1/2 price sale on Kitchenware and Glassware for the month of October

We still have plenty of books, DVDs and toys at bargain prices.

Don't wait, the item you are looking for won't be there next time!



St. MATT'S
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Main St.
Yinnar



Co-Operating Church Snippets

Reverend Bruce Charles took our service on the first Sunday of September. Sharon and her team took the second. Sharon involved several members of the congregation. The service included the children taking part, two presenting a skit about the theme of counting the cost of being a Christian. After the children's talk and during the message, the children had cakes in the shape of a cross to decorate, and the adults had a wooden cross to decorate with coloured wool. Some beautiful songs rounded out a well-planned and meaningful service.

It was a pleasure to have the Churchill & District News Writing Competition in the church which was full of excited anticipation as the awards were presented to the

recipients. Lots of photos were taken by proud parents and relatives. Reverend Peter was asked to say a few words of encouragement to the young authors. He spoke about our lives as being a



story, that stories should have a beginning, middle and end.

Julie and Trevor Berryman invited the church family to a Devonshire tea at their place as a fund raiser for our World Vision foster child.

Many jumped at the chance to sample Julie's cooking and to see their beautiful garden. The noisy chatter was nonstop as people enjoyed the special time of fellowship but for a good cause. The scones jam and cream were delicious and a good sum was raised to help support our foster child. A highlight was poetry reading by Lynn and Rick Johnson, who recited a selection of Australian poems, some well-known other not so well known, some about the hardships the women faced and some Lynn had written, one in particular for that day.

Coffee Connections had as the theme for the day a favourite book or film. Most there shared a book - one from long ago, a childhood series, some important to

their work, one an engagement gift - a cook book which showed much use and wear, one an album they had created



The Anglican Bishop Richard Treloar visited the congregations on Sunday September 22. He took an

themselves of family history. It was a very interesting time to all, agreeing that books are something to be treasured and used. They hold a special place in people's lives.

Anglican service and spoke about our co-operation as being unique and an example to other churches.

Peter's Ponderings

As I sat and pondered on what I should write today, I thought of a conversation I had with a person while looking after a program at a camp. In this conversation we touched on the subject of children with disabilities.

I have two children who fall into that category, so this is a subject very close to my heart. In this discussion those same things were raised as it has with all the people I have

talked with who have children with disabilities. There are two major problems facing parents of children with disabilities outside of the day to day care. The first is what is the best program or school to put the child in to help the child to become the best that they can be. The second is filling out all the forms and getting to Doctors appointments for the funding for that to happen. It becomes

an even worse nightmare when that child is no longer of school age, as there is no one to turn to for help.

The N.D.I.S scheme is hard to navigate and has the usual amount of Government red tape. There is no one to help you with the red tape, no advocate or case manager to sift through the minefield of information and forms. Real and helpful information is hard to get and even harder to understand, if you can find it. As a parent of a child with disabilities it is heartbreaking to see your child without a purpose and without dignity. A few years ago, before the N.D.I.S came into being, my child graduated from a



Specialist school, and we were able to place her in a program that was fully funded, which gave her dignity and taught her real life skills. This program was not just about living in the community but also had a work program that included taking messengers to places of business, there was an Op shop

where she learnt to operate a till, take customers' money and give the right change. She also stocked the shelves and racks and on other days helped to make lunches for the local primary school. My child called this her work place, and it gave her life meaning. She had dignity and was a part of the community in which we lived.

However, we had to move due to work commitments and since then we have not found a program for her that gave her life the same purpose or

dignity. The program we were able to get her into was not fully funded and seemed to cost us more and more every month. The program itself seemed to be just glorified day care, and my daughter's communication skills stalled, she also seemed to lose purpose and confidence. We have moved again and the effort of again trying to go through the system in a different place is for us, her parents, overwhelming. To be honest, at the moment we would rather keep our daughter at home, where we can at least give her chores to do and teach her skills that help her develop, than go through all the stress of it again. I believe it's time that our Governments and the providers do a rethink, and bring into place a better system that reduces stress on the people with disabilities and their families. The NDIS scheme we were told was created to make things better but time and again I hear complaints of funding being cut or nothing available because the person doesn't meet a very limited criteria,

etc.? Surely, if God exists there wouldn't be so much suffering. Why allow it all to happen? The Christian eventually takes the hairdresser outside and points to a man with very unkempt hair and beard, and says to the hairdresser 'hairdressers do not exist'. The hairdresser says that is ridiculous, adding 'what am I?' The Christian continues saying that hairdressers do not exist, because if they did there wouldn't be such people with unkempt hair...if hairdressers exist, why do they allow it? The hairdresser's answer is that hairdressers do exist,

so instead of help, they get nothing.

The main stream media occasionally does a piece on the problem, but never brings real pressure to bear on the Government the way it does on other issues such as same sex marriage and feminism. To give people dignity and a purpose is surely why the NDIS scheme exists. What is the answer? Here is my two cents worth on where to begin to solve the problem at least for kids like my daughter. One, people get Case managers to advocate for people with disabilities. Two, instead of just having the usual life skills programs, they can set up programs that the participants can call work. To my mind this would be a great beginning and one way where we can see the person's ability and not their disability. So, consider this, who will advocate for this group in our community if we don't? People with disabilities, and their families, need their communities' support so things can change for the better. Just my ponderings for this month.

Chaplain

Imagine going to the hairdressers and, whilst waiting for a haircut, listening to a conversation between the hairdresser and the client.

The hairdresser obviously knows that the client in the chair is a Christian, and says that they just can't believe that God exists.

(There are various online versions of this...written and video).

When asked why, the hairdresser says to the Christian that there's just too much evidence around the world of violence...and, if God exists, why are there so many hurting people, abandoned kids, sick people,

The Christian eventually takes the hairdresser outside and points to a man with very unkempt hair and beard, and says to the hairdresser 'hairdressers do not exist'.

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The hairdresser's answer is that hairdressers do exist,



it's just that people do not come to the hairdresser when they should.

The Christian then points out that it's the same with God.

This is, of course, a limited illustration, but...

Worth thinking about!

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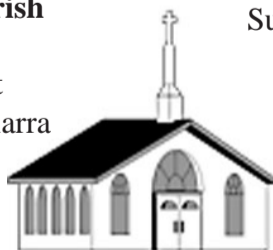
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Letter writing campaign to United Petroleum

Sick of the eyesore that is the former service station on the corner of Monash and Acacia Way? Tired of seeing that derelict site at the entrance to Churchill? Think it's time that the owner, United Petroleum, bulldozed the boarded-up, dilapidated building and cleared the site?

Let's all write to the CEO of United Petroleum, Gary Brinkworth, in Melbourne and let him know how fed up we are with the state of this site.

Let's tell him that we're going to make some noise and generate some publicity right around Gippsland if necessary about the eyesore United has left Churchill with!

Churchill & District Community Association, Churchill & District News, the Neighbourhood Centre and lots of locals are going to combine our efforts and conduct a letter writing

Be Involved Churchill & District

campaign to United. We aim to have at least 300 letters land on the CEO's desk!

To make it easy for local residents to send a letter to United, we're providing a proforma letter ready for you to sign and send to the CEO.

Copies of the letter may be obtained from Churchill Neighbourhood Centre at the Hub or from the Churchill Shopping Centre Management Office in Marina Drive. You can also download and print the letter from CDCA's website at www.cdca.org.au.

We'll email the letter to as many locals as we can and post it to our Facebook pages

and next month we'll publish it in the News.

No excuses now – easy enough to get a copy of our letter to United, sign and post! While you're doing this, pick up some extra copies and ask your neighbours and/or friends to sign and post too. We need to act as a community if we are to get United Petroleum to take action and clean up their derelict site.

300 letters from Churchill residents might get noticed by the CEO; 1,000 might be hard to ignore!

Be involved; make a difference!

Threat and kidnap scams continue to target Chinese community

The ACCC's Scamwatch service is warning the Chinese community in Australia to be wary about two alarming scams that involve extortion via fake kidnappings and threats of arrest.

In 2019, Scamwatch has received approximately 900 reports about scams targeting the Chinese community, with losses totalling over \$1.5 million. This figure already exceeds total losses to the scam for 2018 which came to just under \$1.2 million.

Losses have been experienced in NSW, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia; however, the scam is targeting people nationwide.

"These scams are particularly distressing, and we're seeing a dramatic spike in the Chinese community being targeted. In July alone, the Chinese speaking community lost over three quarters of a million dollars. We've seen several individuals lose tens of thousands of dollars," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

There are two main variations of this scam. First, speaking in Mandarin, a scammer will call directly or leave an 'urgent' voice message to call back. The

scammer will impersonate a parcel delivery service and/or Chinese authorities and claim you are in serious trouble as they have intercepted a package addressed to you with fraudulent documents such as fake passports.

The scammer will then threaten you with extradition to China to face criminal charges in court unless money is sent to them. They will claim this money is needed to prove your innocence while they investigate the supposed crime.

"Scamwatch has received multiple reports of a cruel variation of this scam targeting Chinese students in Australia," Ms Rickard said.

The scammer will tell their victims, usually students, that they have been involved in criminal activity, and threaten them and even their family, with criminal sanctions unless they pretend they have been kidnapped, including by taking photos of themselves bound and gagged.

Scammers will then use these photos to extort money

from the student's family by claiming the student has been kidnapped.

"The most important thing members of the Chinese community in Australia can do to protect themselves from this scam is be aware about how it works and warn their friends and family," Ms Rickard said.

"If you're ever called by someone making threats about arrest or deportation, it is a scam. It's very frightening to receive these calls and scammers use your fear against you so you'll send them money or participate in a bogus kidnapping.

Don't fall for their threats. Instead, hang up the phone and report it to your local police.

If you think the scammer has your bank account details, contact your bank immediately."

Members of the Chinese community in Australia can also report the scam at

www.scamwatch.gov.au (<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>)



Melina Bath

Recently the Federal Government through Federal Agriculture Minister, Bridget McKenzie, delivered tough new federal farm trespass laws to help protect farmers from illegal activists.

The Government has successfully passed the Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) Bill which makes it illegal to use a carriage service to incite trespass, property damage, or theft on Australian farms.

Agriculture is the backbone of Victoria's country communities and supports strong regional economies.

This legislation is an important step in protecting farmers from illegal activists.

The Federal Government has jurisdiction over the right to privacy and this action will protect farmers from individuals or organisations who incite / promote trespass using platforms such as social media or a website.

The State Government has jurisdiction over actual trespass offences.

The Parliamentary Inquiry to fix Victoria's farm trespass laws is continuing and travelling all Victoria to hear from witnesses and conduct site visits.

The Parliamentary Committee is due to present their findings to State Parliament in early February 2020.

Community Group Grants

If you are a community group seeking a grant to help your club or organisation, please contact my office for assistance. There are often many grant assistance schemes available, the hardest part for groups is finding them and understanding if you comply with the guidelines.

Community groups form the social fabric of our Gippsland communities and are made up of many hard working staff and volunteers who selflessly give their time to others. They are often running on very tight budgets, but they all give back to locals.

If you have a project in mind for which you are seeking financial or in-kind assistance, I am always willing to help you identify potential support or provide a letter of support.

Please contact my office on (03) 5174 7066 and speak to a member of my staff or

email me directly on melina.bath@parliament.vic.gov.au for assistance.

ANZAC of the Year Awards

The ANZAC Awards Committee Victoria have opened nominations for their 2020 ANZAC Day Awards.

Up to seven ANZAC of the Year Awards will be awarded in Victoria, while one ANZAC Peace Prize may be awarded nationally.

I am asking my constituents to take a moment to reflect upon a person in our local community, group or a workplace that is worthy of receiving a nomination.

Nominees of the ANZAC Awards can literally be anyone in our community as long as they display the qualities as outlined in the Award criteria.

There is always someone or a group of individuals in our community who really stand out, selflessly dedicating their time to helping others with understanding and compassion.

The aim of the ANZAC of the Year Award is to recognise efforts and achievement of those who have given their service to their fellow Australians, while the ANZAC Peace Prize recognises the outstanding contribution of one individual who has promoted international understanding and made a contribution to world peace.

Both awards are incredibly prestigious and a true honour as they embody the spirit and tradition of the ANZAC. Specially designed medallions depicting Simpson and his donkey are presented to each of the recipients.

The ANZAC spirit is revered and respected within Australia, having played a significant role in shaping the character of Australia. It continues to provide

inspiration to generations of Australians

Copies of the ANZAC Awards nomination forms can be collected from Melina Bath MP's Electoral Office at 181 Franklin Street, Traralgon or by telephoning (03) 5174 7066 or email melina.bath@parliament.vic.gov.au.

The awards recognise everyday Australians who are achieving great things and serving as an inspiration for the local community.

I am urging our community to get behind the awards, embrace the spirit of the ANZAC and nominate worthy local recipient.

Submissions close Friday January 31, 2020.

Sporting Congratulations

Churchill and district is known for its sporting ability across Latrobe Valley and this year the community has once again experienced success and a bit of heartbreak. Well done to the clubs for season 2019.

Congratulations to the mighty Churchill Cougars for winning the senior premiership in the North Gippsland Football Netball League.

A hard fought battle against Yarram went down to the wire and was a thrilling finish.

Congratulations to Yinnar Football Netball Club on winning three premierships in the Mid Gippsland League. A Grade Netball, C Grade Netball and Under 16 football. What an amazing club effort!

Congratulations to Churchill United Soccer Club Men's Reserves for making the Grand Final.

I was sad to read you went down by one goal to Olympians 2/3, however you must be congratulated for making the Grand Final in the first place.

Aaron Pearce


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Cooking with Noelene

Squid ink fettuccine with a marinara sauce.

I use fettuccine pasta, coloured and lightly flavoured with squid ink.

Cook 1 packet of squid ink fettuccine in lightly salted water, drain well and transfer to a warmed serving plate.

While the pasta cooks, heat 2 tbs of rice bran oil and saute 1 finely chopped onion until softened.

Add 250g of marinara mix, 1 x 400g tin of diced tomatoes, 1/2 cup of dry white wine and 1 tbs of chopped parsley, basil, dried dill and oregano.

Cook the marinara mix till tender.

Season with cracked black pepper and chilli (optional).

Spoon over or lightly toss through the pasta.

Serve immediately.

German sponge cake

Preheat your oven to 160 deg C

Drain an 850g can or jar of pitted cherries

You will need 375g of short pastry, you can use sheets or a block of pastry if you can find them.

Divide pastry into 4, knead separately until soft.

Then combine.

Roll out pastry to 3 mm thickness.

Allow to rest for 15 minutes.

Line a 23 cm loose bottom flan pan with the pastry, making sure there is an overhang.

Slice off excess pastry with a knife.

Combine 2/3 cup of coarse ground walnuts with 1 tbs of castor sugar and 1/2 tsp of ground cinnamon.

Sprinkle this mixture over the base and sides of the pastry.

Press mixture into pastry.

Arrange the drained pitted cherries in the base of pastry case.

Mix together 1/4 cup of plain flour with 1/4 cup of cornflour.

In a separate bowl beat together 4 egg yolks with a tsp of vanilla extract.

In the bowl of your mixer beat together 4 egg whites, adding 1/2 cup of castor sugar in small amounts, beat constantly until sugar has

dissolved before continuing to add more sugar.

Beat until stiff but not dry.

Fold in flours and then egg yolks, until no trace of egg white can be seen.

Bake in preheated oven for 45 minutes or until when lightly touched in the middle the sponge does not leave an impression.

Do not refrigerate, serve warm or cold, dust with icing sugar.

French macaroons

Grease oven trays and line with baking paper on which you have drawn (4 cm) 1 and 1/2 inch circles, (2.5 cm) 1 inch apart

Preheat oven to 150 deg C

Beat 3 egg whites in a small bowl with an electric mixer until soft peaks form, add 1/4 cup of castor sugar (55g) and 5 drops of pink food colouring.

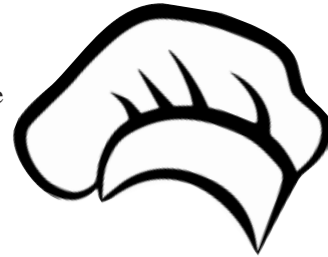
Add the sugar a little at a time making sure the sugar is dissolved after each addition.

You need 1 tbs (fresh strawberry puree) of 2 fresh strawberries that have been pushed through a fine sieve.

Now fold in 1 and 1/2 cups (200g) of icing sugar, 1 cup of almond meal (120g) and the strawberry puree in 2 batches.

Spoon the mixture into a piping bag fitted with 1/2 inch (1 cm) plain tube.

Pipe onto your circles on



the

baking paper.

Tap

trays

lightly on the bench

so the macaroons

can spread slightly.

Now leave the trays stand for 30 minutes.

Then bake the macaroons about 20 minutes, cool on trays.

Sandwich with strawberry jam.

Dust with sifted icing sugar.

Rocky road

You can use the alternative to chocolate, sold as white chocolate to make what is known as "white Christmas "

This is so simple, all you need are the ingredients, 1 saucepan and a bowl. This recipe makes a great gift, once made break it into pieces wrap it in cellophane paper, tie with a ribbon - there you go best present, plus you made it and are giving it with love. Simply place in a bowl, 1/2 cup of chocolate bits, 90g of white mini marshmallows, 90g of mini pink marshmallows (you will find the mini marshmallows in the cake / flour section in the supermarket)

1/2 cup of shredded coconut,

1/2 cup of goji berries (or soft raspberry lollies, if you want to be naughty)

1/2 cup of chopped nuts (your choice),

Now mix these all together. Place 400g of dark chocolate or white cooking 'chocolate' in a saucepan over a low heat and stir till melted.

Then stir through the melted chocolate with the dry ingredients till well combined pour into a lined tray and refrigerate for 30 minutes or until set and then break into pieces.



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July Open Gippstar

The July Open Gippstar Award Winner is Alex Vuillermin of Morwell for her achievements in her sport of rowing.

As part of the PR3 mixed fours, Alex secured two silver medals at the Gavirate International Regatta in Italy and now has her sights set on a haul of similar proportions at next month's World Championships in Austria. Great achievement Alex!

The August Open Gippstar Award Winner is Chris Holt of Traralgon for his achievements in his sport of weightlifting.

Chris recently returned from the Oceania and Commonwealth Masters Championships and Pacific Rim on the Gold Coast, with a clean sweep of medals against the best in the world.

He snatched a second gold in the over 80 Category and finished second overall.

Well done Chris! Congratulations to all our winners!

September/October nominations for Gippstar will close on November 4, 2019.

Please note that you can nominate for the following categories as well:

- Team of the Year
- Club of the Year
- Special Achiever Award
- Gippsland Sporting

Champion

These Annual awards can be nominated at any time during the current Gippstar year. If you would like to recognise the sporting achievements of a Gippsland athlete or any of the above categories, nominations can be made online at the Gippsland Sports Academy website www.sportgippsland.org.au.



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This is Eden

by Emily Goddard
Wednesday October 30, 8pm

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In a solitary cell, on the edge of survival, a 'sleek little

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In a Green Room Award nominated performance described as 'fearless' and 'nauseatingly exquisite', Emily Goddard and acclaimed theatre director Susie Dee bring to life a dark, humorous and provocative 'anti-bonnet drama' inspired by the rebellion and resistance of the female convicts of Van Diemen's Land.

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Meet the maker



Local creator, Lorraine of Hay Cutie Handmade, is making her mark in the children's fashion industry within the Valley. Her collection has been reviewed as being of high quality, beautiful and comes highly recommended.

Here is Lorraine's story behind her home business.

"I'm Lorraine and I have a little business called Hay Cutie Handmade, where I make baby and children's clothing.

I've been actively working on Hay Cutie for about two years and currently whenever I get time.

I operate Hay Cutie Handmade from home, where I live on a big block of gum trees, nestled in Hazelwood North.

Currently I have stock at The Bee and The Spider located in Morwell. I also have an online Etsy store and have recently started doing markets.

I have been sewing for many years and even studied clothing production at TAFE. My love of creating began when I had a daughter almost three years ago, which ignited

my journey with creating my own clothing range.

I'm aiming big. I would love to be able to resign from my part time job and focus completely on Hay Cutie Handmade and work from

some amazing markets, like the Finders Keepers Market in Melbourne.

You can find me on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/haycutiehandmade> and

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If you would like to be featured in one of our Meet the Maker articles, email your expression of interest to cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au. Just ensure you are a small business that operates from home within Churchill and district,



home. One day I would love to be able to have a stall at

and are a handmaker, ducer or artist.

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OCTOBER 7th-30th

(see school holiday grid for 1st-6th)

<p>T'GON SOUTH YOUTH GROUP 6:30-8:00pm T'gon South Town Hall Last Friday of the month (25th October)</p>	<p>TRARALGON MONTHLY 4-6pm Stocklands Plaza First Monday of the month</p>	<p>SKATE CLUB 4:30-5:30pm Morwell Skatepark MONDAYS & FRIDAYS (BOOKINGS REQUIRED - see back)</p>
<p>MOE WEEKLY 3-5pm Moe Library TUESDAYS</p>	<p>BOOLARRA WEEKLY 4-5pm Boolarra Skatepark TUESDAYS</p>	<p>STREETSOCCER & 3x3 BASKETBALL 5-7pm Morwell Leisure Centre WEDNESDAYS</p>
<p>YALLOURN NORTH WEEKLY 4:5-30pm Yallourn North Skatepark THURSDAYS</p>	<p>CHURCHILL COMMUNITY LEAGUES 3-4pm Churchill Neighbourhood Centre THURSDAYS</p>	<p>MORWELL WEEKLY 3-5pm Midvalley FRIDAYS</p>

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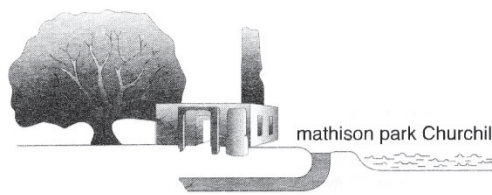
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Those of you who walk regularly in Mathison Park will have noticed all the planting which has happened.

The Park committee is receiving a great deal of help from Council officers to aid our goals of forming a wild life corridor in the park for our koalas and other native animals, as well as attracting more birds.

Bird watchers are welcome to come and observe the great variety of species recorded in the park by Ken Harris.

Thank you to the mowing contractors who are keeping the grass under control in the park.

This has been a great help to the committee.

Thank you to the Council maintenance team who mended the boards on the end of the toilet block that had deteriorated.

Thanks to Jim too for doing some spraying of weeds.

Weeds seem to grow at



twice the rate of anything else. The working bee was attended by six folks who enjoyed the work and being outside on such a beautiful

day, as it warmed up and jackets were shed. Piles of branches were burnt, drainways were deepened, thistles were dug out and

some weed mat was removed. It was pleasant to sit down and enjoy a cuppa and cake together part way through the morning.

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Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

Don't leave yourself as a target!

This month, we are looking at various ways you're making yourself a burglary target.

- Leaving doors, windows and garages unlocked. As obvious as this seems, many householders make things easy for burglars by failing to simply lock up. Make things as difficult as possible for opportunistic thieves by installing – and using – door deadlocks, window locks and strong security doors.
- Keeping valuables in plain view. Leaving items such as jewellery, electronic devices or car keys near windows or anywhere they can be seen from outside your house is like leaving an 'invitation' for thieves.
- Neglecting the garden. Allowing overgrown trees and bushes near common break-in points such as side and rear windows and doors creates hidey-holes where burglars can go about their work safe and unseen. Sensor lights are also a good deterrent.
- Broadcasting holidays on social media. You may be busting to tell the world about your latest adventures in holiday resorts. Those envy-inducing Instagram pics or Facebook posts are an

easy way for thieves to tell that not only are you out of town, but also for how long.

- Hiding keys under a doormat or rock. Thieves may be many things but you shouldn't assume they are so stupid they won't check all the obvious places for hidden keys. If you're really concerned about locking yourself out, install a Smart Lock that can be opened with a code or via a smartphone.
- Neglecting security equipment. Alarm systems and CCTV cameras are good deterrents but they're much more effective when they're working. Make sure you have them routinely tested and serviced by a licensed security technician.
- Failing to secure valuable documents. Many people lock up their jewellery and other valuables but make themselves vulnerable to identity theft by leaving documents such as passports, tax returns, bank statements and utility bills lying around on the desk, the hall table or an unlocked garage. In the wrong hands, these documents can be used for all sorts of nefarious purposes, from accessing your bank accounts to stealing your identity.




Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club

"Leek orchids vs. southern Australia that has so far proven extremely difficult to grow in captivity. Born and bred in Gippsland, he is a regular radio guest on ABC Gippsland where he presents a monthly segment on the flora of the Gippsland region. The following day's excursion is to the Crinigan Bushland Reserve, Fairway Drive, Morwell. Visitors are most welcome to both activities; there is no charge. For more information

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Soroptimists International

By Judy van Beek

Spring film and fundraising activities

Soroptimists International of Gippsland is having a busy spring fundraising for their local and international projects. In September SI Gippsland members held their annual film fundraiser at the VRI Hall in Traralgon. The film, 'English Vinglish', a gentle comedy, tells the story of a housebound Indian housewife, who is typecast as a mother and wife, one who can be depended upon to cook meals and produce ladoos but is not given credence for doing much else. However, she takes charge of her life during a trip to New York for a family wedding. While there she enrolls in a crash course for learning English, determined to show her family she can do more than cook ladoos. In doing so she challenges her husband to think about his preconceptions of her abilities.

Members provided a meal to accompany the film. This year they prepared an Indian cuisine. As well as the

expected curries, bean and chick pea dishes, various club members practised making "ladoos", a favourite Indian sweetmeat brought out for special occasions. Local people in the Traralgon Indian community offered advice at tasting sessions.

The Soroptimists chose 'English Vinglish' as their fundraiser as it depicts a woman building up her self esteem and being determined to rise above her stereotypical family expectations. There were many compliments about the prepared Indian cuisine and the film drew people from around the local Gippsland region. The film, spoken mostly in Hindi, challenged viewers to imagine being in a situation where one's first language is not the norm and the difficulties that arise from this. Apart from a few guests fluent in Hindi, most viewers found it a considerable challenge. However one viewer said afterwards that he "enjoyed it and appreciated the good acting, so we heard the story via body language. Though

we did miss a few of the jokes the story came through with considerable power".

Monies raised by the film night are going towards the International Soroptimist water project, titled Water, Women and Leadership. It is recognised that in 2019 four billion people in the world experience severe water shortage. SI Gippsland also donated money to a local environmental project, a Sustainable School Expo for primary and secondary school students, held recently in Bairnsdale, that involved 300 primary and high school students.

October fundraiser

The next function that the Soroptimists are holding is a Trivia night, on Friday October 25, at 6pm, again at the VRI Hall Traralgon. It will be a fun night for the community. The format is for people to form tables, bring along snacks, and come along to support the Soroptimist projects which will be on display. Details on how to book are listed below. Tickets are \$20. Local Boolarra

residents, Samantha, Colin and Daniel Brick, are chief organisers and quiz masters.

The preferred method is to book online through Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BFBVB> More information about the evening can be found on the SI Gippsland facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SIGippsland/> or by contacting President Angelika for details on 0402 528 429, or Samantha Brick on 0427 824 722. Paper tickets are also available from Samantha and Angelika, as well as door sales on the night.

Soroptimists International of Gippsland, known informally as SI Gippsland, is a women's service group and is part of an international organisation which is active in 124 countries. SI Gippsland is one of 12 Victorian clubs. The basic aim is to improve the lives of women and girls at both local and international levels through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities. SI Gippsland has been a fully chartered club since 2013.



Above - Carol Craddock with Colin and Daniel Brick

Below left - Happy diners at the film screening





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Russell Northe

Footy finals

Congratulations to the Cougars on winning the 2019 North Gippsland Senior Football Premiership! What a magnificent game and tussle it was between two quality teams.

Coach Chris Williams was absolutely inspirational leading from the front, and was a deserving winner of the best on ground award. I wish to acknowledge the efforts of the Reserves and Thirds football teams who also played off in the Grand Final and put up a valiant fight against very strong opposition.

I take this opportunity to thank all of those who help out the Club in a variety of ways and contributed to its success during the 2019 season. Whilst the focus is often on the players and their performances, there is an amazing army of volunteers who work quietly in the background to support the Club and its players.

It's obvious there is a strong family environment in existence at the Churchill Football Netball Club and

that is something to be very proud of.

Again, please accept my congratulations to all coaches and players across all grades of football and netball, your dedication and commitment has been extraordinary. To President Mick and his hard working committee, trainers, volunteers and business partners, well done on your efforts for what was a terrific season. I'm sure the wider Churchill community is proud of what the Cougar teams achieved in 2019.

Mathison Park

I recently had the pleasure of dropping past the wonderful Mathison Park and Lake Hyland precinct. It really is a lovely part of our local community and it was terrific to observe people of all ages utilising the space in a variety of ways, including walking, fishing and playing on the playground equipment.

I do wish to note the contributions of the Mathison Park Advisory Committee and its members for their dedication and hard work in continuing to improve the facilities and amenity. It was



terrific to catch up with Ruth out on site and discuss some future ideas and initiatives that would make this precinct an even better place to visit.

I do encourage locals and visitors alike to take advantage of the facilities on offer at Mathison Park. Why not take the opportunity to stroll along the boardwalk, enjoy a picnic as the weather improves or to feed the ducks.

I note the Lions Club of Churchill and District is hosting a Churchill Family Fishing Day at Mathison Park on November 16, which should be a fabulous day. I understand Lake Hyland was recently stocked with fish so hopefully those participating will have a successful day. For more information on Mathison Park please visit the following website: <http://mathisonparkchurchill.com.au/>

Writing Awards

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of all those who submitted an entry into the Churchill & District News Writing and Poetry Competition.

Unfortunately I was not able to attend the presentation night due to Parliament commitments, however I'm advised that as always the standard of entries was extraordinarily high with many local entries shining through.

Congratulations to all of the talented finalists and winners of each category and many thanks to the Churchill & District News for again hosting a fabulous competition and event.

It really does provide great encouragement for our talented local writers to become involved in what is a great initiative.

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group

By J. Duncan,
Native Bees Research

In late August the Westernport Bass Coast Landcare Network ran a forum to present some recent research on native bees as pollinators of food crops. This research is being done by a consortium based at several universities.

We heard speakers from the Australian National University, the University of Adelaide and Murdoch University in Perth.

The premise of the research is that currently feral European honey bees are responsible for much (up to 70%) of commercial crop pollination.

When the Varoa mite reaches Australia it will be a [big] problem for honey bees managed by bee keepers; the mite may well wipe out feral honey bees.

There aren't currently enough managed bees in hives being used for pollination of orchards or field crops such as lucerne to take up the shortfall.

There are also some crops such as tomatoes that need to be vibration pollinated. This is something that European honey bees can't do, but that several native bee species can.

In South Eastern Australia our native bees are solitary and individual bees die out over winter. They don't live in hives or produce honey.

If you find bees in a tree hollow they are feral honey bees (or possibly European wasps).

When the native bees hatch in spring, they need reliable supplies of both pollen and nectar to feed themselves, breed and put away food for the generation that will hatch in the next season.

Without pollinators, many of our current human and animal food crops will fail. To try and prevent a catastrophic loss of pollinators, we can't rely solely on customs and bio-security measures

preventing the Varoa mite from entering Australia.

To assist native bees to increase their populations there are some steps we can take.

We can stop using pesticides and herbicides and take a more relaxed attitude to weeds such as capeweed that currently provide a valuable food source for these insects.

We can plant belts of native plants that have a succession of flowering times from early spring to late autumn to supply food for native bees.

They need both nectar and pollen sources, and not all plants supply both. Current research suggests that a maximum flying distance of 200m from these vegetation belts or islands is about the maximum for useful pollination of crops.

We can leave some ground bare of vegetation and /or mulch to provide burrowing sites for earth dwelling bees such as the Blue Banded Bee.

We can also provide supplementary artificial habitat for them. Clay blocks for earth dwelling bees, drilled hardwood for resin bees, hollow sticks for reed bees.

Unfortunately many store-bought products aren't suitable, and are more of a gimmick than a useful environmental asset.

We are working on a list of plants indigenous to our area that would be useful forage for native bees, and there is information about creating bee hotels at:

<https://www.aussiebee.com.au/>

NOTE: Native bees need both accommodation and meals, so a bee hotel in the absence of a food supply won't achieve an increase in their numbers.

Direct Seeding for revegetation

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group held its Annual General Meeting on Saturday August 17. Our

guest speaker, Bronwyn Teesdale, spoke about direct seeding as a method for revegetation.

The meeting was well attended and there was a great deal of interest in the topic from those attending.

Bronwyn's former work at Greening Australia involved restoration of native vegetation by direct seeding on some very large sites. Interestingly, these impressive plantings seemed not to be damaged by browsing from wallabies, something that has been a real problem for some of our groups and our members' re-veg projects.

We have also been planting tubestock that we raised in our greenhouse on our Billys Creek site.

Early in August we were joined by Gippsland Intrepid Landcare Group members who enjoyed the experience of getting quite wet while planting a forest in a soggy cloud.

We then had contractors come in and plant more tubestock on the same section of the site.

Our major planting effort in Middle Creek will start this spring when we'll be growing or ordering plants for the site and partnering with the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority to organise the restoration of native vegetation following the bushfire that damaged much of the valley in autumn.

We're all hoping for some natural regeneration after the fire, and we'd love somebody to solve the problem of the feral deer that ate our small trial planting this year.

Our November effort will be a Maple Massacre at the Budgeree Bush Reserve in Whitelaws Track on November 9 from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. All welcome. Children will need to bring an adult with them.

More on our website: <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/westgippsland/yinnar-south/>

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St Matt's Op Shop

Thanks to the generous support of volunteers, St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar is now open on Mondays! Perfect for dropping off your donations after a weekend clean-out (please note we do not have space for large items).

This means St Matt's is now open four days a week, on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 4pm and on Saturday from 10am to 1pm.

St Matt's volunteers have been super busy stacking our new shelves so that you can see all our manchester at a glance. We now have sheets, doona covers, pillow cases, curtains and cushion covers all neatly organised, plus new shelves for the kitchenware and books.

Thank you to John Lubawski and helpers for installing all the shelves.

Keep an eye out for our upcoming "Not-to-be-missed November Sale" where you can fill a bag with clothes and



shoes for \$5.

Details will be posted on the "St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar" Facebook

page, you can email us at stmattsyinnar@gmail.com, or simply drop in to the Op Shop to pick up a flyer.

Churchill Lucky Shopper Prize Draw

As part of the 'Churchill - Shop Local' program, some lucky shoppers' will win a \$50 voucher to spend at a selected participating business in Churchill. Commencing in November, the Lucky Shopper prize draw will be held on or around the 15th of each month. At least one Lucky Shopper will win a \$50 voucher every month. Churchill traders are providing \$50 vouchers for the prize pool. Each voucher can be exchanged for goods or services at the named business. (Some conditions will apply.) Participating businesses will randomly select two of their customers to be entered into each Lucky Shopper

prize draw, which will be conducted by representatives of CDCA and the C&D News at the Churchill Shopping Centre Management Office. Winners will be notified by phone and will have a choice of one of three \$50 vouchers offered from the prize pool. Many of our local retailers have already signed up to be a participating business by donating a voucher. A full list of these traders will be published in next month's issue of the News. Participating businesses will also be displaying the 'Shop Local' logo in store - just as soon as the stickers are available from the printer!The



'Churchill - Shop Local' program aims to encourage Churchill and district residents to shop at Churchill stores and businesses. The Lucky Shopper prize draw is one more reason to shop locally! Remember, to have a chance to be entered into the prize draw, you need to be a customer of a participating Churchill business!

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Churchill CFA smoke alarm and tidy-up information

Start of Daylight Saving - Check your smoke alarm.

All residential properties in Victoria must by law have working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be installed in all bedrooms and living areas.

It is always a good habit to change your smoke alarm battery when we start and end daylight saving, as silence from the alarm not working can be deadly.

Daylight saving started on Sunday October 6, so if you haven't checked and changed

your smoke alarm battery, do it now. It may save the life of somebody you love.

Smoke detectors have a lifespan of approximately 10 years, so if yours is older than this, it is time it was replaced. New smoke detectors may have a special type of lithium battery that lasts for 10 years, so if you replace an old detector, it is recommended that this new 10 year style of smoke detector gets installed.

Where do I install my smoke alarm?

- Smoke alarms should be



installed on the ceiling at least 30cm from the wall.

- Smoke alarms must be between each sleeping area and the rest of the house.

- Additional smoke alarms should be inside all bedrooms.

• We recommend that smoke alarms are interconnected so when any alarm activates all smoke alarms will sound.

- Smoke alarms must meet Australian Standard AS3786.

The time to prepare your property is now

Recently CFA announced the introduction of fire restrictions for East Gippsland Shire from 1 am on Monday September 23.

These early restrictions are in place to minimise the risk of grass and bushfires being started by burn-offs and escaped campfires in the current dry conditions.

Our crews in the Gippsland region were extremely busy last fire season and with three years of lower than normal rainfall, it won't take much of a spark to turn into a bushfire.



The soil and forest fuels are very dry and there is a lot of dead fuel around and more flammable live vegetation.

Other parts of Victoria will follow in the coming weeks and once the fire danger period starts, the window to conduct burn-offs without a permit is closed.

We're encouraging our communities to prepare their properties now as the state

moves towards a fire season that in some areas will be more severe than normal.

The best way to defend a home is to prepare before the fire danger period begins, such as taking action to clean up gardens, gutters and removing flammable waste from yards. We are also encouraging everyone to register your burn-offs with the Emergency Services Telecommunications

Authority (ESTA) by calling 1800 668 511 or emailing burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au, so that any report of smoke is cross-checked with the burn-off register to avoid unnecessary response of fire services.

The time to prepare is now - let's get busy and make our community safer for everyone, including ourselves. I know we'll appreciate it.

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World Food Day

Food for all

Latrobe Valley and Churchill Neighbourhood Centre invite you to celebrate World Food Day!

World Food Day is an annual event celebrated all over the world to promote awareness and calls for global action for those exposed to hunger.

The day aims to highlight the need to ensure that food security and nutritious diets are available to all.

Food security occurs when everyone has access to fresh, nutritious and affordable food that meets their daily dietary

requirements and individual food preferences. In the Latrobe Valley, almost seven out of every 100 people are food insecure.

Food insecurity is when people don't have consistent access to the food they need to live. Food insecurity can be caused by many different things such as - lack of access to fresh food, or running out of food and not being able to afford to buy more.

It can also include not having the right skills or facilities to cook and store food items.

Food for all Latrobe

Valley is a community-led initiative working to increase access and availability to fresh, nutritious food for all in our community.

World Food Day fell on Wednesday October 16 this year, but we have extended the celebrations to Saturday October 19.

This is a free community festival with plenty of fun activities, there is sure to be something for everyone!

When? Saturday October 19, 2019

Where? Churchill Neighbourhood Centre
Time? 11am-4pm

Friday October 25 2019

TRIVIA Night!

6 people per table

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WHO?	You! Put on your thinking caps and join us for a night of fun and friendly competition.
WHAT?	Trivia questions start at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10 per person. Six people are needed per table. This is an alcohol-free event. Nibbles are provided, but please bring a plate of something edible to share with your table.
WHERE?	Churchill Community Hub, 9-11 Philip Pde Churchill.
WHEN?	Friday October 25 2019 at 6:30pm. RSVP by Monday October 21 2019. info@Churchill.org.au or 5120 3850.
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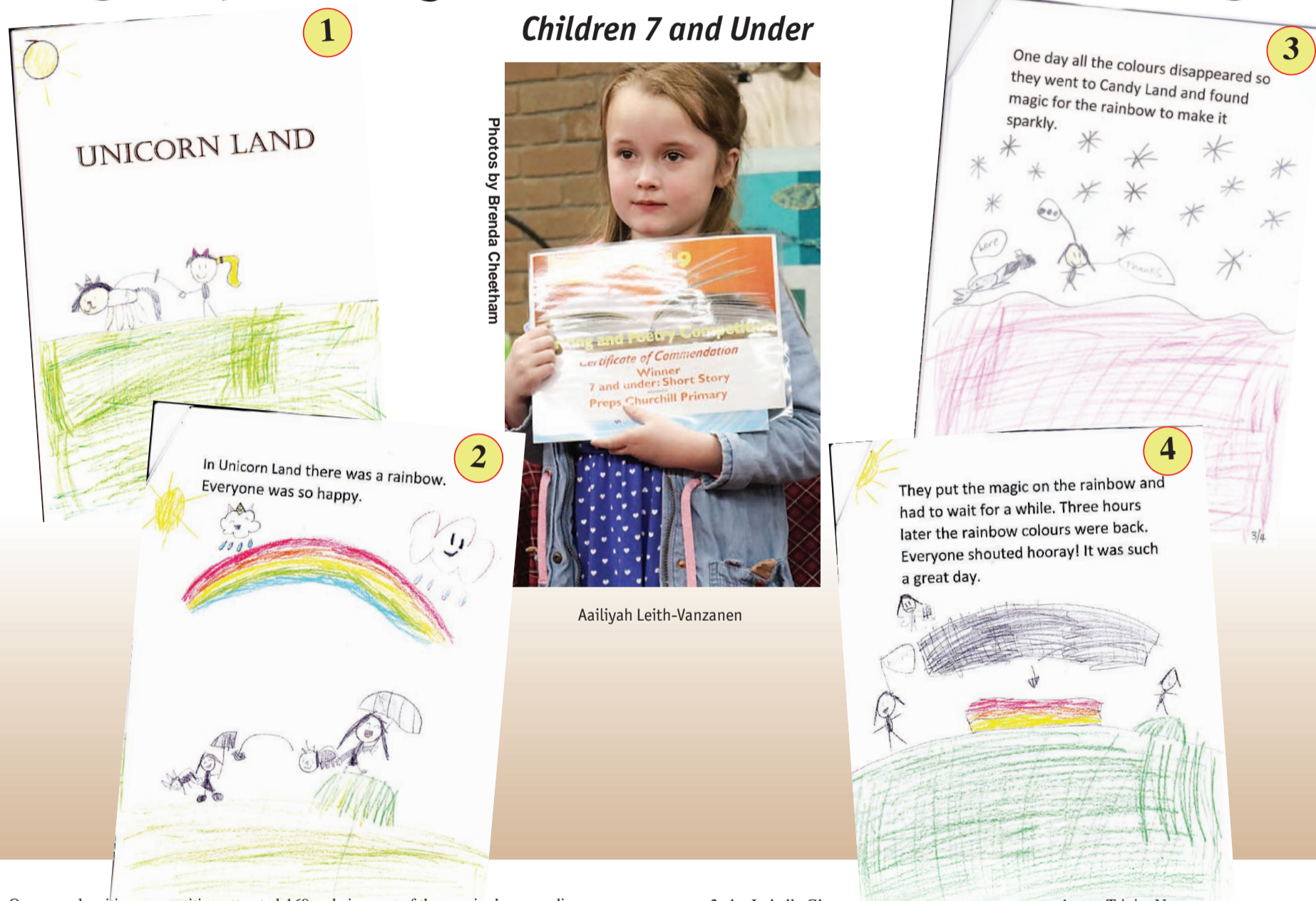
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Children 7 and Under

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Aailiyah Leith-Vanzanen

Our annual writing competition attracted 169 entries across ten out of eleven categories covering ages of children 7 and Under to adults.

The presentation night was held at the Co-Operating Churches corner McDonald Way and Williams Avenue at 7pm on Thursday September 12. It drew in a large crowd of entrants, family and friends to celebrate the talents displayed.

The guests for the night were Darrell White representing Latrobe City Council, which is a major ongoing sponsor and who contributes a regular column. Thanks go to LCC for our annual grant.

Lauren Carey ENGIE Hazelwood Power-ENGIE is an annual sponsor of our paper. Thanks Lauren for making this happen.

Cindy Shanahan Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch Latrobe Inc. Chairperson. They were generous donors to this event.

Peter Gray from AMPWORKS- an annual sponsor of our Writing Competition.

Leo Billington from The Rotary Club of Hazelwood and District - an annual sponsor which designates part of its' sponsorship to our Writing Competition.

Bob Lowick and Reg Grissotto from Churchill Lions Club - a great supporter of our paper and its activities

Reverend Peter Carter minister of the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill,

The church is very supportive of Churchill News and is indeed the origin of the paper.

The guests were introduced and thanked for

being part of the evening's proceedings.

The following sponsors/supporters for this event were also acknowledged -

Allen and Unwin Publishers, which supplies books.

Reader's Emporium Traralgon which donates vouchers each year.

Marion Ireland who again gave some of her published books.

Gippsland Trade Printers, which contributed notepads for our participants.

Gippsland Water for items for goody bags.

Smart Saver for a discount on items for the goody bags for the primary school children.

All those concerned with making sure the entries were done and in on time, and those who mentor and encourage the writers were thanked for their efforts.

Photos of each award winner present were taken by photographer Brenda Cheetham, who was thanked for willingly helping by using her talents.

Reverend Peter Carter then spoke about our lives being a story and how our lives can influence what we write.

He emphasised the structure of stories having a beginning, middle and end.

After a few more formalities the awards were presented with our guests helping to distribute the prizes. Several first prize stories and poems were read out to appreciative applause.

The award winners were:
Category 1 Children 7 and Under

1st Aailiyah Leitch-Vanzanen

2nd Isabelle Gleeson
3rd Anabelle Riddle
Encouragement Awards Saxon Edwards-Cane, Ellie Williams-Cooney
Two Class awards for the Preps at Churchill Primary School who did class books
Special Award Raymond, Leilani
Illustrations Tyson McInnes
Illustrations Eize Klein

Category 2 Children 8-9 years short story

1st Logan Powell
2nd Kayla Young
3rd Xavier Duggan
Encouragement Awards Molly Mulder, Oskah Hudson, Jack Towers, Mia Visser, Sara Anderson, Kallarnie Francis, Grace Cooper
Class Award Grade 3
Illustrations Crystal Caruana

Category 3 Children 10-11 Short Story

1st Tasha Huang
Equal 2nd Isabella Davies
Equal 2nd Sylvia Lac
Honourable Mention Tasha Huang
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Encouragement Awards Scarlet Perret Orr, Lucy Booth, Mia Kheune, Alex Mitchell, James Hutchinson, Zeerus Ghayan, Isabella Davies, Allira Richardson, Kydan Makepeace, Jaxon Anceschi, Ella Whitehead
Presentation Bridgette Assender

Category 4 Children 8-11 Poetry

Special Outstanding Award Charlize Cuff

1st Trinity Nguyen
2nd Catherine Tran
Encouragement Awards Shilah Kickett Eades, Max Ryan, Amelia Markham

Category 5 Children 12-14 Poetry

1st Thomas James Walker
2nd Lilah O'Reilly
Encouragement Award Jada Sutherland

Category 6 Children 12-14 Short Story

1st Nelson Trinh

Category 7 No entries

Category 8 Teenagers 15-17 Story

1st Tamsyn Walker

Category 9 Adult Short Story

1st Vickie Walker
2nd Sue Ferris
Equal 3rd Sandra James
Equal 3rd Colleen Russell
Encouragement Award Margot Ogilvie

Category 10 Adult Poetry

1st Rose Williams
2nd Richard Appleton
3rd Rose Williams
Encouragement Awards Janice Williams, Colleen Russell

Category 11 A Story for Children

1st Rose Williams
2nd Janice Williams
3rd Donald Graham
Encouragement Award Elizabeth Zhang

Following the award presentations many stayed to chat and enjoy a light supper.

2019

Writing and Poetry Competition

Children 8-9 years Short Story

THE EPIC LANDLORD DRAGON'S EGG

Presented by Logan Powell

This story is about three travellers going into a scary, creepy dragon cave...

One day in the land of dragons, there were three great explorers named Charlie, Grandee and Guild-Tooth. These explorers were in town at the market when the shopkeeper, Nooky Food-Top, called them over to him. "I heard a rumour up near the bank. So could you go see what the rumour is?" explained Nooky.

"Of course we will!" exclaimed Charlie. They went to the bank. When they got there, there was a creepy guy calling them. They went up to the guy. He warned, hissing "I have heard there is a cave somewhere near the old gold mine. People said that anyone that went in never came out, no matter what!"

"Ok, we'll go investigate it" said Guild-Tooth. So off they went to the old gold mine. When they reached it there were three paths. They looked at the left one and it has a sign that said, "KEEP OUT. DANGEROUS CAVE AHEAD!"

"I wonder why people that went in there, never came out?" questioned Grandee. They went past the sign and into the woods.

There was all sorts of creepy noises and sounds as they went through. There was growling and hissing, the birds were hiding, and up ahead was the cave.

"There's the cave!" Charlie noted. "I am hungry," uttered Grandee. "Ok, let's eat the food we brought with us," agreed Guild-Tooth.

Later they were soon inside the creepy cave. "Man this cave is creepy," whispered Charlie, a bit scared. There was a glow up ahead.

"Hey look at that glow!" said Grandee.

"Wow!" they all exclaimed. They headed towards the glow and saw..... a GIGANTIC EGG! "Oh my fruit tingles!" yelled Charlie.

"That's the biggest egg I have ever seen!" said Guild-Tooth.

"It must be worth millions!" babbled Grandee. But just as they were about to take the egg, the ground started to shake.

"What is happening?" stammered Charlie, as the shaking got stronger.

Then there was a giant ROOAA-AARRR!!!!

"What the FLIP is that!!!!!" They looked behind them. There was a giant dragon with a crown on his head. "IT'S LORD OF THE LAND!!!!!!!" they all yelled.

They ran as fast as they could, as Charlie clutched the egg in his hands.

They can see the entrance!

"We're close!" yelled Guild-Tooth.

ÖK!!" shouted Grandee and Charlie.

They just made it out of the cave with the egg.

"Whew!" they all grinned. "That was close!"

Later they were back home with the egg and they said, "What a day!" That night they were asleep in their beds. But little did they know the egg started moving and cracking... Crunch!!! The egg split open and the baby dragon spilled out.

The sound woke the explorers, "Ah! What was that?" they all shouted.

They headed outside to the egg. "Where is it?" demanded Grandee and Guild-Tooth.

"Oh no...." moaned Charlie. "It hatched."

To be continued.....

Children 10-11 years Short Story

LOST JOEY

Written by Tasha Huang

One bright morning, a group of kangaroos went out, but left Joey tucked up at their old house which they had found deserted. The rusty, wobbly roof had collapsed like a flattened balloon. The windows were cracked too.

The deserted house was very comfortable and shady, though. There were ten soft cushions that had been left behind.

Joey woke up alone. He cried softly. There was a shadow of a big enormous creature.

It was a fierce dingo who heard Joey and crept into the old house and kindly asked, "Do you want to come to eat lunch with me?"

"Ye-es-es," replied Joey.

Once outside, Dingo grabbed Joey, locked him in his trap and ran off. Joey screamed, "Help!" No-one could hear him. His voice was very soft that hardly anyone could hear him. Joey felt like he was in a metal-poled jail and his thin legs felt painfully cramped.

Meanwhile, the kangaroos returned and spotted footprints over the floor. Their noses picked up the stink of dingo breath, too. Mother Kangaroo called, "Where's Joey? Joey?" She was very worried about her son.

Joey screamed, "Help."

When his mother traced his voice, the other kangaroos ran to Joey. "I'll help you," comforted his mother.

Dingo was back snarling. Joeys were his favourite food. He growled angrily.

One kangaroo suggested, "How about some other food that dingoes like?" So they gave Dingo some fat glossy fruits.

It didn't work. It just made Dingo even angrier.

Dingo shouted, "Dingoes hate fruit. Dingoes eat juicy joeys. You shouldn't have left Joey by himself."

Again the kangaroos thought. "Let's

make a fake Joey."

Dingo stomped on fake Joey.

Then the kangaroos threw muddy balls everywhere. Some of them were thrown into the trap. Even Dingo was hit! But Dingo did not move.

Mother Kangaroo pleaded, "Please give back Joey. He's my only child. Can't you see how frightened he is?"

Dingo began to sob, "I never had a friend to play with." Hating the kangaroos to see him cry, he bounded away and hid behind a nearby gum tree.

It was getting dark and the kangaroos hadn't slept yet were running out of ideas, until Joey who was in the trap suggested, "How about making a dingo out of cardboard?"

"Yeah," they shouted, then remembered to lower their voices so Dingo wouldn't hear. They covered a fake dingo with bits of their own moulting fur. At midnight, they secretly put cardboard Dingo near Dingo.

When Dingo woke up in surprise.

What was this? He pawed Fake Dingo. Dingo tears rolled down his furry cheeks. He cuddled Fake Dingo, put his arms around it and stroked its soft fur. At the back it said 'from the kangaroos and Joey.'

Then he realised how sad he'd made the kangaroos feel. He padded up to the cage where poor little Joey had spent a squashy, lonely night.

When Dingo put his paw on the lock, Joey called, "Help! Mum, he's going to eat me, Help!"

But Dingo pulled the latch with his paw and opened it wide for Joey to have his freedom. Joey ran out with excitement and hugged his mother.

Dingo said, "Thank you," to the kangaroos who were watching from a distance.

Children 8-11 years Poetry

Restaurant Sonata

Written by Trinity Nguyen

Clanking of dishes
In the over-heated kitchen
Shatter of fragile plates
Breaking over and over as they topple off the bench.

Deafening screeching of utensils scraping food off plates
On tables with greedy humans
Burps of customers from their enjoyable meal
Throughout the whole dining room.

Wailing from babies in the carpark
As families prepare to go home
Nonstop beeping of cars impatient
In the overfilled carpark.

Droning unrelenting T.V
In the bar of the restaurant
Tired workers plodding home
Another restaurant day to come.

Children 12-14 years Poetry

By Thomas James Walker

ENGLAND IS WHERE I CALL HOME

I come from the land of Cornish cream teas,
Where we like to eat mushy peas,
With all the farmers and their Land Rovers,
Love watching cricket with lots of overs,
With all the hedges and the fields
There always tends to be good yields
Our country is so very small
Surrounded by beaches, rocks and all,
Where every day it tends to rain
20 degrees causes quite a pain
The Royalty is always posh with the Queen
You would never see her pale or green
In 2012 the Olympics were there,
It was much better than a School Fair,
No Paris, no Berlin, no Rome,
Just England as my home.

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15-17 years Short Story The Fate of the Silver Key

By Tamsyn Walker

24th May, 79AD, Pompeii, Italy:

The marketplace was buzzing with activity, vendors yelling themselves hoarse just to be heard over the bustling crowds. People were everywhere, buying anything and everything from exotic fruit to fine silks from the Middle East.

Nobody seemed to be concerned about the thick black smoke billowing out of Mt. Vesuvius, but then again it had been doing that for the last month.

Amongst the chaos, a tall man in a burgundy toga weaved through the crowds, curtly dismissing the pushy stall owners.

Quickly he walked through the town square, past a spectacular water fountain and statue of Emperor Vespasian, then ascended the stairs to the Temple of Venus. Inside was another man, slightly shorter with bristly, balding black hair, wearing an identical burgundy toga.

'Ciao, Cassius! I have found the entrance,' spoke the first man quietly.

'Excellent work, Marcus,' whispered Cassius 'And where would the entrance be?'

'My informants say the fountain in the town square, dive to the mosaic of Venus and there should be a keyhole in her left eye. Insert this key,' Marcus shoved a silver key into Cassius' hand 'It must be tonight.'

Marcus winked and left the temple.

As the last rays of sunlight glistened on the bay, the citizens dispersed, the rich back to their luxurious villas, slaves in tow and the poor back to their hovels. The night stalked the sky like a lion, the moon hidden by wispy clouds. When the city streets were finally empty, save a few speckled pigeons, Cassius crept through the town.

He reached the fountain quickly, a beautiful mosaic depicting the goddess of love could be clearly seen through the water. Casually, he kicked off his sandals and quietly dove into the water. His thick toga dragged him to the base of the fountain, as he sank, the mosaic changed, the soft features of the picture turned sharp and cruel. There was indeed a keyhole in her left eye and as he turned the key a message appeared:

'Do not try to seek my treasure,

Otherwise you will perish at my pleasure.'

Ignoring the message, Cassius continued turning the key. Creak! Creak! The sound of a mechanism could be heard beneath the fountain. Suddenly, the base gave way and he plummeted down a deep shaft, landing with a sickening crunch on the ground. A deep rumbling could be heard within the Earth. Above ground people ran on to the streets of Pompeii screaming with terror as the sky was lit up with bright orange and a thick layer of ash blanketed the city.

Present Day, Pompeii, Italy:

'Hurry up, Leo!' called down a girl as she scrambled up the mountain side 'We've got to beat the tourists.'

'I wouldn't worry about that, Jules.' replied Leo 'We know the mountain like the back of our hands.'

Together they fought their way up the mountain through the overgrown brambles

and weeds. Halfway up there was a little ledge with a spectacular view of the ancient city and the bay which served as an excellent resting place.

'We don't have time to rest!' complained Jules, but she sat down anyway.

'Hey. Come and look at this, sis!' exclaimed Leo excitedly pointing at a small opening in the rock face behind them 'It looks like a cave!'

'Last one to the cave is a rotten egg!' teased Jules as she climbed up the precarious rockface.

'You're such a baby,' groaned Leo 'Just wait for me!'

Then he too climbed the rock face. Jules was already flashing a light around the small cave. At the back of the opening was an exquisite wooden box with gold plating.

'Wow!! Come on, Jules, open it!' gasped Leo.

Jules tentatively reached in and delicately pulled out the box. However, when she tried to open it, the lid wouldn't budge.

'Here, Leo, you try,' Jules shoved the box in Leo's direction, but the box slipped through his fingers and smashed, sprawling its contents on the ledge below.

'At least it's open' muttered Leo meekly. Jules just rolled her eyes.

Together they climbed back down to retrieve the box and inspect its contents. Several scrolls had been destroyed when the box smashed but one survived, it said:

Ut inveniatis thesaurum quaeritis, Si luna est ad apicem suum, Ad fontem in platea, Sed cave,

'You can read Latin Jules, what does it say?' asked Leo.

Jules peered over the ancient script before finally saying 'It says 'to find the treasure that you seek, If the moon is at its peak, go to the fountain in the square, but beware.' Bit odd to be honest.'

'Cool! Treasure and it's full moon tonight!' cried Leo 'Let's sneak out tonight and try to find it.'

'Fine, but this better not be dangerous,' replied Jules rolling her eyes 'Come on, we better get back and prepare.'

'Wait a minute, there's a silver key just by the box,' pointed out Leo.

After being quizzed during dinner about why they were so fidgety and stuffing their bedsheets with pillows, Jules and Leo set off into the night. They crept over the rough mountainside towards the ruin of the ancient Roman city, keeping clear of the main roads and popular footpaths. As they picked their way through the ruins, it was a perfectly clear night, the moon smiling down on the city. It was easy to locate the fountain, which was one of the most intact structures there.

'We're looking for a keyhole,' explained Jules patronisingly.

'Yeah, I know, I found the key,' exclaimed Leo angrily.

'Whatever just find it,' said Jules already exasperated.

'I'm one step ahead of you. The keyhole is over there,' pointed out Leo smugly.

Lo and behold amongst the ash, rock

and general litter was a tiny silver keyhole. Leo carefully inserted the key with Jules watching on excitedly, as he did, the moon seemed to shine only for the fountain, beams of pure silver shone down on the teenagers. But this was only for a split second before the fountain collapsed and Jules and Leo plunged into a shaft below. A rumbling started to sound from deep within the Earth, the ground shaking violently, and a shiver swept through the shaft. Above ground black smoke started billowing out of the mountain.

'Ow! Geroffme!' whined Jules slowly standing up.

'This was a bad idea,' complained Leo sombrely.

'Ya don't say,' Jules rolled her eyes sarcastically.

'TO ESCAPE THIS CAVE AND SAVE THE FATE OF THE CITY YOU MUST ANSWER A RIDDLE!' boomed a voice and a tall man wearing a burgundy toga stepped forward holding a torch, 'My name is Cassius, nearly two thousand years ago I tried to take something that wasn't mine. Don't make my mistake.'

Jules and Leo exchanged horrified looks.

'I am an orb that cannot be held, but my silver light still shines,

I tame the oceans and have carried the American flag for 50yrs,
What am I?'

'You're the logical thinker,' Leo pointed at Jules as though the whole situation was her fault.

'Oh, so it's my fault now?' retorted Jules.

The rumbling became louder and the ground shook more violently than before.

'That's not what I said!' replied a frustrated Leo.

'Why did it have to be full moon tonight?' asked Jules with her face in her hands.

'That's it, the moon, it controls the tide and the moon landing was 50yrs ago!' cried Leo excitedly.

'Your time is nearly up,' announced Cassius sounding extremely bored.

'Lock in 'MOON' please' stated Leo clearly.

'Hate to break it to you, but this isn't a game show Leo,' quipped Jules.

'That is correct!' clarified Cassius looking quite annoyed that they had got the right answer.

The deep rumbling that had become almost unbearable suddenly stopped and Cassius faded back into the shadows.

'Haha, I'm smarter than you!' teased Leo, dancing around the cave.

'Hate to break it to ya, brainiac, but how do we get out of here?' asked Jules not quite as happy as Leo.

'Oh, yeah, good point,'
THE END

12-14 years Short Story

My Camera

By Nelson Trinh

Reclining on my sofa, I noticed a familiar box in the corner of our new house. I scrambled up and strode towards it. It was a small box, covered with writing and taped over was a sign, "fragile". I seized it and slowly opened it. Inside was a rusty and dusty camera. It was not just any camera. It was our family camera. All the memories I had, had been stored inside this electrical box. I switched it on. It flicked colours and finally was in focus.

The first photo my dad had taken was when I was born. On May 16, 1992. I was like any scrunched-up newborn, crying beside my mum. I laughed, for it was my introduction to the real world.

The next photo was at the park. Dad, a firefighter, tall and strong, stood beside me as I slipped down the slide, my blue trousers identical to his. It was the last photo Mum took before Dad lost his leg, rescuing an old widow from an inferno.

The park meant so much. I had play dates with friends, shared picnics with neighbours and adventured there with my great imagination.

I scrolled down and spotted my first day at primary school. All suited up. I was lingering in my sensible, bright red uniform, my parents beside me. The blazing sun was finally showing after the cold spring. In the captured image, birds were zooming and trees surrounded us.

So much had changed about the six-year-old boy. So much had not.

Passing some images I saw another

baby photo. I remembered rushing to the hospital on that winter's night. We ducked and wove through bumper-to-bumper traffic. I was only eight and it was way past my bedtime, so the nurses gave me a bed, and I saw my brother Ted, the next day.

Now not black and white, but filled with amazing colours and scenery, the next photo was our family on a summer's road trip. We were relaxing and playing beside the cruising sea. My brother was building sand castles and I was playing soccer with Dad, on crutches. Ted was the very joy to the family, a bright and happy child. He made us laugh at unexpected times. In full colour, the photo made me happy about the future, about how great humans are. How we had come all of this way, and now we are so intelligent and developed from zero to one hundred.

I sped down the camera roll towards the end. Teardrops rolled down my cheeks.

It was my graduation, my whole family was there, even Grandpa. Dad was smiling bravely.

All grown up, I saw myself in a different perspective. All grown up, I have matured; all grown up and I was reliving my past. This was not just my camera. This camera captured the very core of my life.

The adventure continues and there is more history to create.

Flicking through my memories I had flicked through my life.

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Adult Short Story PP & C

By Vickie Walker

Ben comes each day and squats on his heels. He doesn't want the old man to send him away so says nothing, just watches and waits. The grass is soft beneath bare toes; it tickles as it flicks across the soles of his feet when he tosses his thongs beside him.

This place is so new, different from the busy city where he lived for all his ten years. Already he likes it, with the freedom of less people and cars; just a river, the ocean and lots of boats. Boats tied up, fishing rods sticking out like stiff bristles on an echidna. Boats, large and small, drifting out at sea or tucked into a river bank. Wooden craft, fibreglass, old and new, Ben finds them all interesting.

Dad promises he'll take him out, one day. But dad is working, mum too. His older sister has her own agenda. There's kids around, families in colourful tents further down the green park on the river. He can see them as they bathe and swim but he's too shy to join in. School holidays stretch ahead.

The old man is cleaning his boat. It's not fancy; a small and old runabout, but clean, neat with a coating of fresh paint, red with a white hull. There's an engine at its stern. No one comes and helps; he's alone, silent, face shrivelled into a grumpy frown, reminding Ben of a bulldog his uncle once owned, all crinkles and wrinkles and down-beat look. The boat has a name on its side 'Coco', an odd name Ben thinks.

Ben knows the man will head out, down river, late afternoon. Ben sees him each day, wishing he could go too. He wonders what he'll catch. Bream and flathead seem to be what he's read or seen when he looked it up on Google.

For a week Ben has sat, battling his shyness to be game to offer help. Today, he decides, must be it. So when the man looks his way, Ben smiles, waves. A brief nod is all he gets but it's enough, his feet move into thongs and he pads across the grass. "Nice boat," he offers.

"Hmph," the reply.

"Had it long?" Ben ventures. He's here now and he's curious.

The man leans back on his heels, eyeing the boy. Ben knows he's thin, pale, small for his age, it was part of the reason his

dad came here.

"Years. You're new here,"

"Yeah, I like your boat. Dad's going to take me out one day." The man begins sorting his tackle box. Ben sees lures of all sorts, line rolled into neat piles.

"Don't just stand there kid. Jump in and pass me that gear over there. Me knee's a bit crook."

Ben scrambles in, post haste, but with care. He didn't want to tip the boat over and ruin the moment. In silence they potter, save for an occasional brief instruction, until it's time for Ben to head home.

"Thank you Mister . . . ?"

"Mr Miguel. Come again son, you were downright useful. Even though you don't know much about fishin' gear."

"I can learn," Ben said grinning. "See you tomorrow."

Each day Mr Miguel is there as Ben runs down to help. Sometimes there's little to do so they talk fishing and lures and rods. Ben soaks it all up, like a sponge long dried in the desert. He listens intently as Mr Miguel explains what he calls his ABC of fishing *patience, practice, commitment*.

"It's a good idea young fella, if you keep to them in all you do. Not just fishin' you know."

About a week later Mr Miguel offers to take him out in the boat. "If you sit still, pay attention and don't bug the fish. Oh and if yer dad says OK."

Ben nods. "Too right he will! I'll sit still. You told me fishing's quiet time."

His joy is unbounded next afternoon as the boat eases from the jetty and out into the river. "I'm after estuary perch so we'll go up river and into a side creek I know," the old man says. Ben trails his fingers in the water, feeling like he could burst. His eyes dart from side to side, seeing the birds skip and skate on the water, noticing the wash from other craft near them. He watches Mr Miguel's hands as they guide the small boat, seeing the adjustments, noting the creases deep etched by long use of the tiller.

They leave the wide river and slow down as a smaller creek slides into view. They are alone now, their boat's small engine putt-putting, playing a solitary

song. A short time later Mr Miguel cuts the motor, where steep, tea-tree studded banks shade the water on the port side. "Perch hide in weeds, down a few feet. Like it quiet and shallow like." He shows Ben how he uses light weight soft plastic lures which sink to the bottom. He flicks his wrist as the lure drops. Then they wait.

Ben is silent, eyes glued to the water, searching for an elusive flash. They wait. For a good while nothing happens, then the rod jerks, the line is moving. Ben is excited but knows he must stay sitting. He looks at Mr Miguel. He is smiling.

The fish dangles from the line, bronze sparkles in the late afternoon. Mr Miguel lands it in the boat. Ben watches as the big wrinkled hands gently cup the fish and unhook it, "I have caught him, now he gets to swim again." Ben gapes as the fish flaps, wriggles and dives, back to his watery home.

"You let him go?"

"Yes catch and release for perch, numbers are low. This is sport not food. If I want a feed of fish I fish for bream, flathead."

"Yes it looks such fun. Was I quiet enough?"

"Yes lad. I think, soon, you can have a go."

Ben is speechless.

Every morning the two clean the boat, every afternoon Ben is invited to go fishing. Mr Miguel shows him how to use a rod, what bait to thread. There is happiness in just being in the boat on the water, a rod feels like an extension of his hands, like he was born to hold it. Mr Miguel sets a smaller rod aside just for his use. Ben cleans it carefully, lovingly feeding line onto the reel.

The second time he is allowed to fish he lands one, a decent sized perch. Words fail him as Mr Miguel takes a photo on Ben's phone.

"There son, somethin' to show yer dad!"

His dad and mum think he's obsessed, he can't talk much else besides the boat and fishing and Mr Miguel. But they seem pleased he has a friend and something to occupy him in the holidays.

One day it is too wet to fish or even be on the boat, so the two sit under shelter on the beach and yarn.

Ben stretches his thin, now brown, legs out, even today he wears thongs. "Why is your boat called 'Coco'?" he asks.

Mr Miguel looks sad. "Coco was my daughter. She died very young, before I got my boat. Coco is the French name for baby."

Ben nods. He doesn't know what to say.

"My wife has been gone a long while now. I'm old; the boat's all I have left."

"Oh how sad! I suppose you'd have taught Coco to fish too."

"No doubt, if she was keen. Fishin' isn't for everyone, some get bored, waiting."

"That's one of the best parts," Ben said. "I like the feeling of expecting to catch something, it's exciting."

"Yer got a knack young fella. But still the rules count."

"PP and C!" Ben laughs. "Too right."

All too soon school holidays end and each day Ben is contained in a classroom. As soon as he can he bolts to the boat, on weekends or for a quick hi before or after school. He doesn't know where Mr Miguel lives. Dad says he's in a cottage just out of town, but he's rarely away from the boat, no matter the weather.

One day Ben goes to the boat. Mr Miguel isn't there. He waits and cleans as best he can but he doesn't come. It's odd but maybe he's got an appointment or something so Ben doesn't worry too much.

When he's not there for three days he is worried and asks his dad to take him out to the cottage. They find Mr Miguel, seemingly asleep in his big chair. Ben nudges him but he is cold.

Dad leads him away. "Come son, we can do nothing for him now. He's gone." The old man's heart finally stopped.

Ben's body is heavy as every day he cleans the small boat, diligently tidying reels and line. He feels a lump is sitting in his chest; no matter how hard he works it doesn't shift. Being ten he doesn't understand death or grief, he just knows his mate is gone and he's alone,

He can't fish, he tries from the jetty but he feels no connection, no joy as Mr Miguel taught him. It's not the same.

Dad is home early after a school day a few weeks later. "Ben, we need to talk mate. I got a letter today from a solicitor."

Ben can't see why he needs to know that.

"It was Mr Miguel's solicitor. He left you his boat 'Coco'. And a note for you to read."

"Me?" Ben asks. He takes the envelope his dad hands him. "I'll go down to the beach."

Dad nods.

I'm here when you want me."

The note is brief, meant for a young boy's eyes.

"Young fella,

In the past weeks you have given me happiness again. You love fishing like it's in your blood. 'Coco' deserves a good home with someone who will care for her as I did. Remember the rules PP and C - in all you do. I wish you good fishing.

Mr M"

Ben's tears fall and the weight lifts.

Dad takes time off in the school holidays and he and Ben take 'Coco' out. Ben teaches him to fish, as Mr Miguel taught him. Ben remembers his lessons well, as he flicks his slight wrist and the lure sinks. "Now we wait dad. That's what fishing's all about patience, persistence and commitment."

"Mr M's rules." Dad smiled. "Righto son. You know best."

Ben watches the water intently. He thinks he sees Mr M's grumpy old face grinning at him.

There's a flash of bronze . . .

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A Short Story for Children

CLICK GO THE SHEARS

By Rose Williams

We move to Melbourne the year I turn 11 and my parents buy their first house in Moonee Ponds. It costs £1750, a huge sum in those days to a poorly paid teacher with a family. Dad takes a second job as a night watchman in a local factory . Mum does invisible mending for a dry cleaning shop. She makes most of our clothes and our jumpers are lovingly knitted by our grandma and aunt.

Dad buys a pair of clippers to save on haircuts. Mum cuts Dad's hair and Dad does the boys, once every 8 weeks, short back and sides. I watch, fascinated, as the clippers glide smoothly over my brothers' heads. My fingers itch to have a go but Dad shakes his head, puts them away on a high shelf.

The years go by and I'm 14. Dad still cuts the boys' hair and I still haven't been allowed near the clippers. One hot summer's day, when my parents are having a cuppa with our neighbours, my eldest brother's mate, Eddie, comes to play. Eddie has a mop of black silken curls and a fiery Italian father. He stares enviously at the boys' cropped heads.

'I bet that feels good' he says wistfully.

'Yeah', Rod replies, running a hand casually over Dad's latest effort. 'It's real good this weather.' Eddie nods. 'I wish---', he begins.

'Why don't you get your Dad to do yours?' asks Rod. 'He can have a loan of our clippers.'

'My Dad couldn't cut hair. Anyway,' his voice tails off.

And before I think, I hear myself saying 'I could do it for you, Ed. I've watched Dad hundreds of times. It's dead easy.'

'Yeah', Rod agrees, too swiftly I think much later. 'Rosie can do it - get rid of them Shirley Temple's, Ed. Just think how cool you'll feel'.

Eddie looks longingly at the boys' short back and sides, fingers his hated curls and makes a decision.

'OK' he blurts. 'But just a little bit, promise?'

We all go into the bathroom. I pull out the stool and put it in front of the mirror..

'Now, sir, 'I say, tying a towel around his shoulders and flourishing the scissors.

'How do you want it today?' My brothers giggle but Eddie looks a little alarmed. 'Rosie, only cut a tiny bit.'

I snip a few hairs from the top of his head and Eddie begins to relax. I snip a few curls, here and there, and he sits up straight. Tugs nervously at the towel.

'Maybe that's enough, that feels better, honest.'

'OK' I agree. 'I'll just take a tiny bit from the back, cool your neck, Ed.' And my hand closes round the clippers. My chance at last!

Eddie can't see the back of his head. My brothers can. Rod grins but Den's eyes widen as I zoom up, then down. He pulls my jumper.

'Don't you think that's enough, Rosie?'

'What?' Eddie looks alarmed.

'Nothing' I answer firmly. 'Sit still, Sir. Don't want to lose an ear, do we?' Eddie cringes.

'It feels good now. Honest. I better go ' and he shies away from my hand.

'No, Ed. I have to do the sides to match. Couple of minutes and we'll be done.'

I place the treasured clippers just above his right ear and move upwards. Down, up. Down again. I've never felt so powerful, so in command.

'Now the left side' I say and repeat the performance. Up and down, up and down. I look at Eddie in the mirror. His face is white, his mouth hangs open. Den gulps. Hmm. Maybe I've gone up a bit further on this side. Easily remedied, though. I pat Eddie's arm comfortingly.

'It's OK, Ed. I'll even it . Look.' And off the clippers go again.

There's a gasp from my brothers and then deafening silence. I pause and look at Eddie's reflection in the mirror. A short crop of black curls sit on top of his head like a bag of aniseed balls. Below, on each side above his strangely prominent ears, there's an uneven white patch. Eddie's eyes fill with tears.

'Dad'll kill me, he will.'

'Don't be silly,' I admonish, ignoring the uneasy feeling in my stomach. 'It looks great Ed, honest.'

I wet a comb, try to drag the remaining curls down over the shaven patches.

'That's better' I say. It's not, not at all. I remove the towel and Eddie slides off the stool.

'Here' Rod says gruffly, handing him an old school cap. 'Put this on. Bet your Dad doesn't notice anything different.' Our parents come home from the neighbours just as Mr Lombardo, eye-flashing, the hand not holding Eddie's ear, waving dramatically, marches through our gate.

'Whatta they done, eh? Look what your kid's done to my boy,' he yells. 'His momma not stoppa crying.' My brothers cower behind my back as Mr Lombardo rants and raves. At last he takes a breath and Mum takes him inside, murmuring soothingly, saying what a handsome boy Eddie is, must take after his dad, and really, wasn't short hair better for this hot weather? And it will grow quickly, sure it will. My dad ushers Ed into the bathroom and tidies my amateurish effort.

'OK?' he asks. 'Think that's better?' 'Yeah.' Eddie runs his hand over his cropped head just like my brothers do and grins. 'Thanks, Mr Dixon.'

Dad says if I ever touch his clippers again, he'll skin me. I receive a good telling off and have to apologise to Mrs Lombardo with a bunch of flowers bought with my own pocket money. So I can't go to the pictures with my friends on Saturday. I go to bed feeling a bit miserable but as I snuggle under the blankets, I can hear Mum and Dad laughing and I know that everything will be alright in the morning.



Children 8-11 Poetry

Special Outstanding Award Charlize Cuff

Snowflake

Written by Charlize Cuff

Existence is like a fragile snowflake,
 Beautiful in its impermanency,
 Perfectly imperfect,
 No two snowflakes are exactly alike,
 Mirroring humans in their uniqueness,
 Even if they are formed in the same conditions,
 They are still entirely their own,
 It is only a matter of time before the ice melts,
 and they fade away with the change of wind,
 But where does the life go?
 Just how matter can never be truly destroyed,
 Is the glacial formation's existence the same?
 Everything leaves a finger print, each majestic
 in different ways,
 In our lives we thirst for our unrealistic desires
 to be satiated,
 For our dreams to come true,
 And if we fail to meet said expectations,
 We demote ourselves to failures,
 When in reality, we are immaculate in our
 achievements,
 Just like the temporary magnificence of a
 snowflake.



Photos by Brenda Cheetham



A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Reg Selwyn's Story

By Leo Billington

From the Mountain Hut Road at Driffield, attending the former Driffield State School in the church [after being destroyed by fire] then to school at Yinnar, requiring almost four miles on horseback through thick scrub, Churchill resident Reg Selwyn has a massive life-story to tell.

That Reg found himself at age 18 in the Australian Army, and then eventually to Papua New Guinea, followed by service in Tarakan shows how remarkably fit and resilient he was in his younger years.

Now 96 and aided by a walker after suffering a minor stroke a while back, Reg explained he keeps active and spends much time in his garden growing vegetables, or at the Morwell RSL or the Churchill Day Club.

As Reg recounts, he commenced learning to be a mechanic at age 13.

"I was working with Alex McFarlane at the time. Farming was all I knew – Dad moved us around a bit from Swan Reach, to Moe to Coalville. Working with machinery came naturally.

Before long I was back farming working out Traralgon West way, soon followed by employment at the Australian Paper Mill, Maryvale. I was boarding in Traralgon and soon swapped jobs to be with the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission of Victoria.

Jobs were hard to find then, I worked at whatever I could get.

I joined the army in 1942 at age 18, moving to Queensland from Cowarr to undertake further training."

(Eighty years ago, on September 1, 1939, German troops crossed the border into Poland, and two decades of European peace came to an end. Two days later, on September 3, Great Britain and France declared war on Germany. Within two more years, the war instigated by Adolf Hitler became a global struggle to determine who would govern the world for decades to come.)

It was three years later that Reg Selwyn, in his words, "was happy to be called up." His older brother was already in the Army and his Dad said, "One son was enough!" Reg went anyway.

"My parents were fully supportive about my decision, possibly due to my elder brother Maurice being in the Middle East. Maurice

later returned from active service and showed great interest in local community affairs, and in August 1949, nominated himself in the Morwell Council elections of the same year.

My initial training was at Nagambie, no regrets but very cold weather. This was real rookie training lasting two months in the 3rd Division Ordinance Workshops. I was almost 19 when sent to Bonegilla near Albury.

I felt my life's journey was being played out well in front of me. From Albury, it was by truck convoy to Brisbane, a trip that took almost one week. It was here I first heard the words "The Brisbane Line".

(The so called "Brisbane Line" became a public issue when Eddie Ward, the member for East Sydney, accused the previous Menzies government of having a plan to abandon northern Australia to the Japanese should they invade from the north. This was a view held widely by many civilians in north Queensland during World War II.

More recently questions have wondered whether "The Brisbane Line" was fact or fiction. For instance, Darryl McIntyre, author of the book "Townsville at War 1942" states in his book that "The Brisbane Line" did not exist.)

While in Queensland, Reg undertook further training at Nambour, Ashgrove and Maryborough, such a far cry from central Gippsland. Reg joined the 2nd 123rd Brigade Workshops which was part of the famous 9th Division.

In the supply area, the 2nd 123rd Brigade had responsibility for weapons, armoured vehicles and other military equipment, ammunition and clothing distribution. Reg's position was as a driver-mechanic.

As part of the 9th Division, Reg moved further north to Cairns and boarded a troop ship bound for Papua New Guinea.

To underscore the significance of the 9th Division, The Canberra Times, on March 24, 1943, headlined the 'Return of 9th. Division to Australia announced'

"The return to Australia of the Ninth Division' A.I.F. was

officially announced to the House of Representatives yesterday

by the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin).

The presence in Australia of this splendid fighting division at a time when our homeland is threatened by Japan will be a source of deep satisfaction, and will be a valuable stimulus to all Australia's forces and to the people of Australia in the operations that are ahead," said Mr. Curtin.

The same newspaper also had a sub-story headlined 'Convoy Stole Quietly Into Port'

(By Our War Correspondent, Richard Odgers)

After nearly three years abroad two of them spent in the Middle East -the Ninth Division of the Second A.I.F. has returned to Australia.

The division fought with notable distinction in the Western Desert. It carved its name in history by providing part of the immortal garrison that held Tobruk during the long siege.

Reg picks up his story.

"The Manoora was our troop ship bound for Milne Bay. It was August 1943 and boy; did I learn how to obey orders!"

(The Battle of Milne Bay is recorded as the historic turning point in the Pacific War, — the first major victory by any allied force over Japanese land forces. It was won primarily by Australians, with American support.)

"Buna had only just fallen into Australian hands when I arrived, but just up the coast the Japanese would send raiders every night. We really had no real idea of why our presence was required.

Landing at a temporary wharf in Buna, and working under floodlights, supplies were unloaded; it was soon revealed we were there to push back against the advancing Japanese. There was on-going warfare, but I didn't think much about it. You do as you are told. We were involved in the landing at Lae and later helped build garrison huts."

In March 1944, Reg, suffering from dengue fever, returned to Cairns. Upon recovery, he came home to Heyfield for "some R and R". On May 13, 1944, Reg married the love he had left behind – Jean.

Reg smiles as he remembers their honeymoon at Lakes Entrance being interrupted by him contracting malaria. Upon recovering, Reg returned to camp at Ravenshoe in the Atherton Tableland area, west of Townsville. Two weeks were spent here prior to moving onto Cairns – almost one year after being married. He had signed on for the duration of the war plus one year.

It was from Cairns that Reg embarked, along with about 10,000 others, to Tarakan. The mission – as Reg explained, "to obliterate the Japanese at Tarakan, and capture the oil fields there."

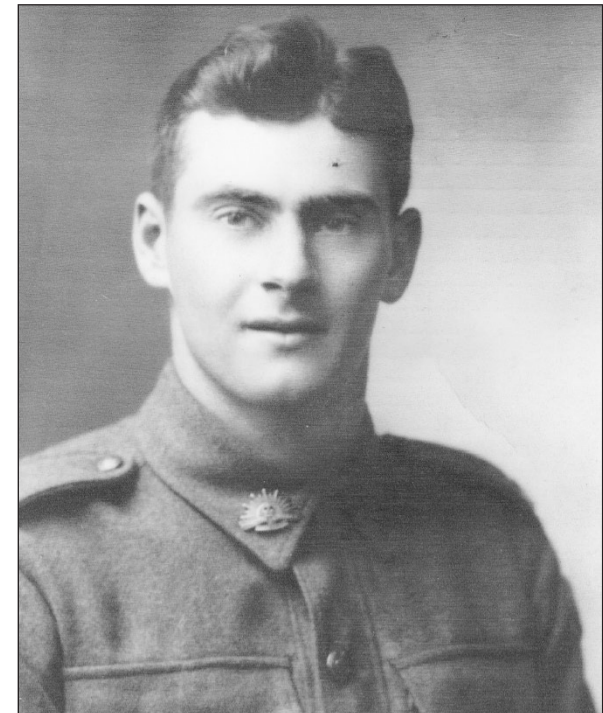
(From official Army records at the time, Tarakan was described as a small island off the north-eastern coast of Borneo. Prior to the Second World War it was part of the Dutch East Indies and an important oil-producing centre. In early 1942 it was occupied by the Japanese. Three years later, the recapture of Tarakan was to be the first in a series of operations in and around Borneo codenamed OBOE. Tarakan's significance lay in its oil infrastructure and in its airfield, which was to be used to support the other OBOE as part of a general advance towards Java.

The operation was entrusted to a brigade group based on the 9th Division's 26th Brigade which went ashore on the morning of May 1. The landing was affected with little real difficulty but initiated a bitter campaign against Tarakan's Japanese defenders who had withdrawn inland.

The fighting continued until the end of the war in August, by which time neither the island's airfield nor oil facilities had been returned to an operational condition.

The OBOE series of operations were some of the most controversial fought by Australian troops during the war. Many senior Australian officers considered them strategically unsound and felt they contributed little to the defeat of Japan.

For sound political and military reasons of its own, however, the United States was reluctant to use Australian troops to re-conquer the Philippines. General Douglas MacArthur, the American theatre commander, was under considerable pressure from the Australian government to employ Australian troops in visible and meaningful roles.



225 Australians were killed as a result of the Tarakan campaign. Relative to the number of troops involved, it was the costliest of all the OBOE operations. The entire 7th Division was employed at Balikpapan and it suffered only two more fatal casualties. Over 1,500 of the island's Japanese defenders were also killed.

Two ships of the Royal Australian Navy have been named HMAS Tarakan after the town of Tarakan in Borneo and the Allied recapture of this town in 1945.)

Reg says, "A town? There were a couple of houses and a bank. The natives lived in grass huts."

After almost one year in Borneo, Reg went to Japan assisting with establishing facilities for the occupational forces. He returned to Australia in November 1946. Jean was now living in Melbourne. Reg says being in Japan was an interesting time. The people were starving. The women and children would come to the Army mess and pick up the leftovers.

"I had had enough. I was home at last. Jean and I moved to Yinnar, a world away from what I had experienced elsewhere."

Jean and Reg settled down to a more straightforward lifestyle. He had a brother living in Yinnar and Reg obtained employment at the then Nestle milk factory working as a mechanic on the company's truck fleet. He moved across to the SECV in 1975 when Nestles closed.

Jean and Reg had four children - one boy and three girls.

Reg remains proud that he joined in "to defend my country".

"I saw the aftermath of Hiroshima's destruction. I saw the logistics of war. Jean was my rock in life.

I had eight siblings – three brothers and five sisters. Maurice and I signed up. We both returned; I know my parents were most relieved."

Over many years, Reg has been involved in plenty of community work including Yinnar Fire Brigade and being Captain for thirteen years. He was elected President of Yinnar Memorial Hall and served in that role for nine years. Reg assisted Young Farmers as an advisor; and served on the school committee. Reg was and is active in both Yinnar and Morwell RSLs.

You can see him selling badges and poppies for ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day at the Churchill shops. He was a volunteer at Hazelwood House for ten years.

Due to all these involvements Reg was nominated for Senior Citizen of the Year in 2009.

Reg says he is proud of his family and proud of what he has been able to do in his life.



Lions Club Citizen Awards 2020

The Lions Club of Churchill and District Inc. will once again be organising a community function to celebrate Australia Day in Churchill.

The event has proven very popular in recent years.

To enhance the event, the club will present a Young Citizen Award and a Citizen Award to the most outstanding person(s) in each category for their contribution to the community during the previous 12 months. This Award is now adopted as a tradition

and we ask that residents again nominate candidates.

Nominees must be a resident of Churchill or reside in the immediate surrounding district.

The nominated person's applications will be scrutinised by an independent panel of judges and the relevant winner for each category chosen. The decision of that panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The awards will be supplied and presented by the Lions

Club of Churchill and District Inc. at the Churchill Australia Day Ceremony on January 26, 2020.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Young Citizen of the Year Award - applicants must be 18 years or under on January 26, 2020.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Citizen of the Year Award - open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on January 26, 2020.

**Closing Date:
Monday December 23, 2019.**



The Awards are provided by the Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. and presented at the Australia Day Ceremony in Churchill on January 26, 2020.

Person(s) who have made a noteworthy contribution during the preceding year and / or given outstanding service to

the local Community over a number of years shall be eligible.

The person(s) being nominated must be a resident of Churchill or the immediate surrounding district. All information is confidential.

The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered

into.

**Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc.
PO Box 110,
Churchill. 3842**

2020 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATION FOR (Please tick appropriate box):

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

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

Must be 18 years or under on January 26, 2020

Name: Other Names:

Private Address:
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Occupation: Private Telephone Number:

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

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

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Other significant contributions and achievements:

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Additional material may be attached if desired.

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

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Other significant contributions and achievements:

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Additional material may be attached if desired.

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

Name:..... Name:.....
Position:..... Position:.....
Address:..... Address:.....
Postcode:..... Postcode:.....
Telephone Number: Telephone Number:

TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

Mr/Mrs/Miss:.....
Address Post Code:
Organisation represented (if any): Telephone/Mobile:
Signature:.....

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Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc.
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Latrobe Community Health Service challenge

Are you up to the challenge?

Ten thousand steps – that’s the recommended daily minimum step count for a healthy, active person.

But statistics show half of the Latrobe Valley’s adult population is not exercising enough, and so Latrobe Community Health Service is hoping a workplace walking challenge will get more people moving.

Registrations for the annual Latrobe 10,000 Steps Challenge are now open, with teams from across the Valley encouraged to walk at least 10,000 steps a day.

The team with the highest stepping count will be awarded the prestigious ‘golden sneaker’ trophy while all participants establish healthy habits.

“It can be very easy to sit at your desk for up to eight hours a day in a typical office environment,” Robert Preston, Health Promotion Officer at Latrobe Community Health



Service, said.

“By running this challenge, we hope more people will start to think about how they can sit less and move more at work.

Walking is one of the best exercises you can do. It’s free, everyone knows how to do it, and the only equipment you need is a good pair of shoes.”

Last year more than 900 people collectively walked five and a half laps around the world during the five-week challenge. A record 94 teams across 20 workplaces took part.

In 2017, 386 people –

who made up 44 teams from 12 workplaces – walked 2.9 million steps or the equivalent of Perth to Broome (2417 kilometres).

Last year’s participants knocked those figures out of the park and walked a staggering 290 million steps – an average of 10,089 steps a day.

“We want to see those numbers increase yet again for 2019,” Mr Preston said.

The Latrobe 10,000 Steps Challenge runs from Monday, October 21 until Sunday November 17, 2019.

To find out more, email health.promotion@lchs.com.au or visit: www.lchs.com.au/community/ten-thousand-steps

Pedometers are available for loan from Latrobe City Libraries: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library/home

Latrobe Streetgames recently had South East Melbourne Phoenix join us at our GEP lunchtime leagues at the Churchill Leisure Centre. The players gave tips from the sidelines, and cheered on our players. We are excited to be able to offer these sorts of opportunities through our partnership with Latrobe Valley Authority and Latrobe City Council! Stay tuned for more opportunities in the future.

We also recently partnered up with RecFest, a local meetup of hundreds of school students across the region to learn about local sport and rec opportunities in the region.

Latrobe Youth Space first birthday



First birthday celebration

Latrobe Youth Space opened its doors at Shop 27 Mid Valley Shopping Centre on Wednesday October 17, 2018 and we have had a busy year since then. Over the last year we have participated in community events such as We Are Latrobe, My Valley My Home, the Rose Garden Event with Latrobe City, R U Ok Days, etc. Through these events we have forged valuable partnerships in the community with organisations such as, We Are Latrobe, Latrobe Health Assembly, DHHS Health Innovation Zone, Neighbourhood Watch, Latrobe City, Headspace and many, many more where we have engaged with 2,363 people of which 939 were

young people aged 12-25.

We have run a variety of programs and have engaged with an extensive amount of young people both in our space and outreach. To be exact we have engaged with 11,278 people of which 7,204 were young people aged 12-25.

Our Youth Governance Committee has worked hard in ensuring that all young people in the Latrobe Valley have their voices heard. They make sure everything we do at Youth Space is beneficial to young people, whether it is just having fun or teaching them valuable life skills and we have had 1,301 program participants involved in our various programs since we began.

We have also engaged with a number of schools around the Latrobe Valley and have engaged with 1,167 school students through programs such as Mental Health Awareness, Blue Light Discos, Health Week events and many more wonderful opportunities.

We have also had a change of address since we started, we are now located at Shop 62 Mid Valley Shopping Centre. If you are aged 12 to 25 and looking for fun activities, come hang out with us at Latrobe Youth Space.

To mark the occasion for our first year we had our 1st birthday celebrations at Morwell Bowls Club on Thursday October 17, 2019.

Latrobe Streetgames



South East Melbourne Phoenix joined our players recently at Churchill GEP Lunchtime Leagues!

There was so much happening on the day, and students were able to meet and chat to local organisations, grab a free snag, as well as take part in the free activities happening on the day. Big thanks to Latrobe Youth Space, Quantum, Gippsport, Latrobe Leisure, Ladder, Latrobe City Council, We Are Latrobe for the incredible day, and Churchill Lion’s Club for the bbq!

Spring has sprung and our Churchill Community Leagues on Thursdays from 3-4pm moved from Churchill Leisure Centre across to the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. This move happened from October 10.

We are in Churchill every Thursday 3-4pm at

the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. We will also be running Streetgames in Baw Baw in Term 4. Keep an eye on Gippsport’s social media as well as our social media for updates!

We are excited to be

offering a variety of school holiday events every holidays for the local community. For full school holiday info make sure you keep an eye on our social media or website events in the lead up.

About Streetgames

Latrobe Streetgames has been bringing a bunch of free games and sports to teens and young adults around the Latrobe Valley over the past 12 months. We pop up in 11 or more locations every week at a variety of times, (plus we’re in Baw Baw Shire in Term 4!) and make sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or via our website www.latrobestreetgames.com.au to keep updated. We can’t wait to see you at one of our events!

“It was so cool to meet the big guns and get some tips too. They cheered us on the whole time.”

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Latrobe City Council's annual garden competition is now open just in time for spring. This garden competition is more than just a contest but it is a celebration of Latrobe City's gardens and community pride. This year hopes to build on previous success with a large variety of categories to suit every garden. This year's Latrobe City Council's annual garden competition categories are:

- * Mayor's award best overall garden
- * Mayor's encouragement award
- * Best edible garden
- * Best family home garden
- * Best large rural garden
- * Best large urban garden
- * Best rental property garden
- * Best school garden

- * Best senior's garden
- * Best small garden

Due to spring only beginning and some gardens may need some more time to look their best, the competition has slightly altered to allow residents to enter and send their photographs in later. Entrants can also choose to have a Council Officer come along and take their photos for them. This will allow for all of the gardens to be photographed when they are ready and at their best.

To enter Latrobe City Council's annual garden competition please visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/gardencomp

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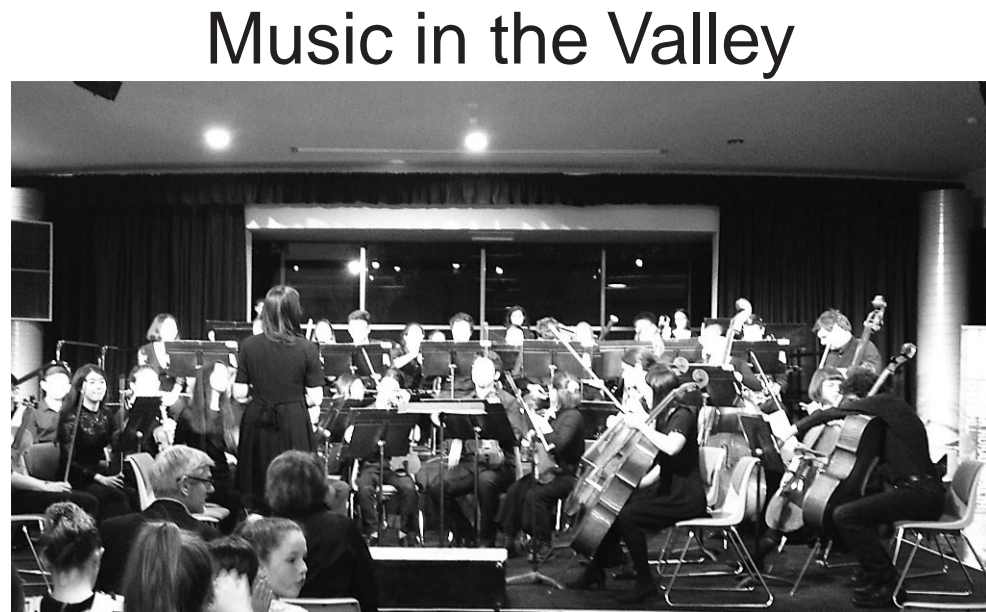
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A wonderful musical delight was in store for all those who attended the Monash Medical Orchestra (MMO) with Latrobe and Francis Orchestras (LFO) at Federation University auditorium.

The first half of the program was played by the Latrobe and Francis Orchestras with a little help from members of the Monash Medical Orchestra. It was a varied program which included Franz Con Suppe Poet and Peasant Overture, Antonin Dvorak Symphony III and IV, Francisco Tarrega Recuerdos de la Alhambra, M.

Ippolitov-Ivanov Procession of the Saradar, and John Kander Chicago (The Musical). The orchestra was conducted by Colin Iversen.

Then refreshments and

a time of social interaction followed.

The second half was the MMO with their selection being Alan Silvestri The Avengers, Max Bruch Concerto for clarinet, Viola and Orchestra, Franz Schubert Symphony No 8 in B minor-The Unfinished Symphony, and John Williams Star Wars: The Force Awakens soundtrack suite. This orchestra was conducted by Robert Dora.

The Latrobe Orchestra has been part of the Gippsland musical history since 1974, doing regular performances throughout the Valley. Its' aim is to play good quality orchestral music that appeals to all ages.

They have a beginners strings program with eighteen new musicians learning stringed instruments for the

first time. A new intake will commence early next year.

The MMO was founded in 2011 by a group of passionate musicians studying medicine at Monash University. The orchestra aims to provide the players with the opportunity to share their musical talents through performances while fulfilling their busy study schedule.

This year MMO has grown to over sixty members. They are performing four concerts this year, including the one at Federation University. Through these concerts the MMO raises awareness and money for charities.

The gold coin donations requested as entry fee were given to the Latrobe and Francis Orchestra to purchase a timpani for the orchestra.

Al-Anon Detachment

In Al-Anon we learn:
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* Not to do for others what they can do for themselves;

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* Not to cover up for anyone's mistakes or misdeeds;

* Not to create a crisis;
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Al-Anon Family Group Meetings

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Tuesday Newborough Uniting Church Old Sale Road 8pm

Wednesday 1pm Uniting Church Old Sale Road.

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Completing last month's coverage of the 50th Anniversary of the Churchill United Soccer Club

1969-78 team of the decade

Churchill Soccer Club presentation night held at the Yacht Club featuring George Te Wierik, Dick Bosma, Jan Huizer and Forte Bianconi.



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- John Fletcher
- Bill Fletcher
- Joe Grixiti
- Roy Hainworth
- Stan Hughes
- Jan Huizer
- Mark Husquin
- Steve Husquin
- Fred Kaminski (Coach)
- Andrew Kotzowski (OK)
- Oscar Grize
- Rob Sands
- Tommy Sterrick
- John Szabo
- George Tewierik (Captain)

John
Trevor Riess - President
Sunday July 27th, 2019

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 UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Model UN Conference

On August 6, six VCE students from University Campus attended Sale College for a Model UN Conference run by United Nations Association of Australia.

The conference included students from six schools across Gippsland with groups split up to represent different countries.

Kurnai College's two teams were to represent the views and political ideologies

of Iceland and Mexico in regards to the issue of Global Action on Climate Change.

Danelle, Tabitha, Talia and Chloe represented Iceland with vigour demanding Global Action on Climate Change due to recent melting of glaciers and highlighted the importance of renewable energy to the Iceland Government and the world. Meanwhile Zoran and another student were able to serve major powers like

the USA and India to reach agreement on major issues whilst defending Mexico's decision in December to heavily invest in brown coal due to economic prosperity for its nation's people.

Whilst this was a mock process, the students were able to gain an insight into diplomatic relations and heard from United Nations staff who have worked in many fields of International

Diplomacy.

Kurnai College is very proud of the way these students represented the College amongst other schools in Gippsland.

Licola Camp

On Wednesday August 14, a small group of students and teachers went to Licola Wilderness Village on a three day camp. The students who attended the camp were from our Design Tech and Metal Work classes.

During the three days we were asked to do a few tasks including making the bridge wider. We pulled all the boards up, made more support bars for underneath, put longer boards back on and then we painted it.

Our other tasks were to replace a few weatherboards on the outside of one of the cabins that had water damage. The last task was to pull down a wall and put another wall up in a door way to make it

look like the other walls in the room. This camp was a great way to experience working.

It was one of the best camps I've ever been on and I am very glad I got to attend this camp.

Zoe

Kurnai College would also like to thank St Vincent de Paul for the ongoing support of the VCAL program.



SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI JUNIOR CAMPUS



AIME-ing high for our indigenous students

AIME is a mentoring program whose vision is to provide University mentors for students in secondary school to help end educational inequality for indigenous students. Our students attend AIME at Federation University. We spoke to one of our Year 9 students, Zoe Juricevich, about her recent mentoring day:

'AIME is a good experience to express the culture and behaviours of Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders plus more. In AIME there are activities, videos, lunch and snacks, we sing

or listen to people sing and all sorts of dancing. Schools all around Victoria come together (indigenous) and talk about their culture and what they do and what they would like to be. AIME has helped so many people get through a lot and help them understand who they are.

For every person who is included with AIME, they get a free hoodie that was designed by an AIME student that year, it shows that we are the Kings and Queens and we matter. We are here, we have a voice, we want to be heard, we are the same as you, don't judge us by our colour, we are the same as you! We want the

same respect as you would give another!'

School breakfast club expansion

We are excited to announce that our College has been chosen to participate in this new department initiative. As well as breakfasts, schools will be able to order lunches and school holiday supplies so that students who need it will have access to healthy, nutritious food to help them better engage in the classroom across the school day. Additionally, a series of nutrition and meal preparation courses will be offered at 100 selected schools. We will provide more information to

our parents as we learn how this will look in our school.

Students hit the slopes

During Term 3, the Year 9/10 Outdoor Education class participated in two excursions to Mt Baw Baw. The first excursion focused on cross-country skiing. Icy conditions made the journey to the top of Mt Baw Baw very difficult, however the students persisted and eventually got to the top, to enjoy some hard-earned lunch. The experience allowed the students to immerse themselves in an alpine environment away from the crowds of a ski resort. On the second day the students tried a mixture of snowboarding and downhill skiing. It was great to see them learning the skills for the first couple of hours before spending the day making their way up and down the slopes. Hopefully another experience for our students that will give them more joy in the future.

ESmart week

Recently, more than 1000 organisations from all around Australia took part in National ESmart Week and Churchill campus was one of them. ESmart Week is a week where communities come together to encourage everyone to be smart, safe

and responsible when using digital technology. It creates awareness, solutions and ideas for community education on issues of cyber safety, bullying and wellbeing online, and offline. Year 9's participated in the event by taking part in lessons and discussion around controversial issues including; sexting, online harassment and cybersecurity. *Incredible results for our music students*

Finally, music students from Kurnai College

participated in the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod. The students faced some tough competition but performed incredibly well on their behalf. Kurnai College placed first in both Guitar Ensemble and the Improvisation section, and second in the Open Jazz Improvisation section, with third place in the concert band section. This is an amazing effort against some high-quality competition. Congratulations to all who were involved!



SCHOOL NEWS

Yinnar South Primary



Toasting marshmallows



Frog conference



Sausage sizzle in the sensory garden with Playgroup

Athletics Championships

Reanna Hughes, Grade 5, blitzed the competition at our District Athletics Day in Term 1.

As a result she went through to the District Athletics Champions Day at Newborough to compete in the 100 metre sprint and the 800 metre distance race. Again, Reanna sparkled and came second in her 100 metre race, which means she goes through to the Regional Athletics Competition in October. Well done Reanna!

CERES Sustainability Leadership Summit

On September 10, we hosted a Sustainability Summit where Tom Kelly from CERES Environment delivered the Student Environment Leadership Program.

It was fantastic to have Environment Clubs from three other schools join us at our own school to do a range of activities around water use, waste management, eco-systems, habitat regeneration and eco conscious industrial solutions. Warragul North Primary School, Yarragon Primary School and Yinnar Primary School attended at our school.

Our southies loved the opportunity to show off

all their efforts around our school.

Our Resource Smart school was chosen as the host school for the Student Environment Leadership course by Resource Recovery Gippsland because we recently earned the fifth star towards finally being a "5 Star Resource Smart School".

At Yinnar South Primary School we have Sustainability embedded into the curriculum; as part of our learning we incorporate our kitchen garden, chicken coop, worm farms and composts, rainwater tanks, energy smart awareness, waste audits, biomes, bird, possum and lizard shelters and refuges, insect hotels, wildlife counts and biodiversity.

During the day, rotating through various workshops, the kids were challenged with problem solving activities exploring possible solutions and approaches to some of the big questions around recycling in Australia, and the challenges other countries have accessing safe drinking water.

We discussed the effects of our own lifestyles on our environment and what we hope for the world in 2040. We celebrated the environments we have, their value and

how we are empowered to make a difference and protect what we have here in Yinnar South and in our broader communities.

It is important that we feel empowered to make a difference and be the change we want to see in the world. We looked at the story of Molly Steer, a 9 year old in Queensland who has made a huge difference to reducing rubbish in her area and the surrounds caused by the hospitality industry. "Straws No More" has been hugely successful as a result of Molly's passion for saving wildlife, cleaning up our beaches and waterways and improving the environment. She appeals to kids everywhere to be the change; just because we are kids doesn't mean we can't take charge of problems to find a solution. See more info in the link at the bottom.

Joelle from Yinnar/Yinnar South Landcare presented to the whole group about the difference Landcare makes towards biodiversity and sustainability and how easy it is to get involved at any level. In Yinnar South, Landcare is currently looking to plant out eight kilometres along Middle Creek to regenerate the bush after the Yinnar South fires

earlier this year.

By the end of the day, each school came up with an initiative and action plan to take back to their schools and communities. Some ideas were around establishing frog bogs, building nesting boxes and introducing better whole school bin systems to divert waste from landfill. Yinnar South Primary School students have developed an Action Plan to work with Landcare to raise seeds from native plants in our green house in preparation for the Landcare's Middle Creek tree planting days next autumn. We got lots of new ideas for carrying on our sustainability work at school and in our homes.

Please see: Resource Smart Schools <https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/schools>

Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Gippsland <http://www.gwrrg.vic.gov.au/>
Ceres Environment Park <https://ceres.org.au/>

Cows Create Careers <http://www.jaydee.net.au/partnership-with-dairy/>
Molly Steer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rr5Py1r9xjw>

A Plastic Ocean <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zrn4-FfbXw>

Yinnar/Yinnar South Landcare <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/westgippsland/yinnar-south/Calves at School>

The senior class was very lucky to be responsible for two four week old calves, Lightning and Snowflake, at school with us for three weeks. We were part of the Dairy Australian program, "Cows Create Careers". Teams of students were rostered to feed the calves, measure and track their growth and clean their pen daily. Each team had to submit a three minute movie documenting their experience with the calves. One of our movies is posted on our website.

Celebration Day and other highlights

We recently held a celebration day with the Wise Little Owls Playgroup to send off winter and welcome spring. We played with balloon rockets, made kites, made giant bubbles, toasted marshmallows and cooked damper over the fire!

The senior class had a video call with Brooke at Kids Helpline 1800 551 800, learning about what Kids Helpline is all about. They get about 700 calls a day with about 140 counsellors answering calls. They are

there 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Brooke talked to us about how to be safe online, how to protect our personal information, and the difference between sharing in real life and sharing online. We talked about fake names, screen names, user names and strategies to avoid negative experiences online - the three steps to be OK: STOP, SHARE with an adult, SHUT IT DOWN.

We participated in the Baw Baw Frog Conference via videolink as hosted by Grey Street Primary School and Kosciusko Street Primary School, where we discussed what we all knew about frogs, talked about threats to this particular species and its unique habitat, brainstormed solutions and did a fun quiz. Grey Street Primary School Grade 3 / 4 students did a fantastic job researching, planning and hosting this fun experience.

2020 Enrolments

Enrolments are open for 2020 Foundation - Grade 6 students. Please keep an eye out for our Come and Try, Stay and Play and transition days at Yinnar South Primary School. We welcome families to visit us, come for a look and a chat to see what we are about and what we can offer.



Reanna Hughes - 100 metre champ!



Video call with KidsHelpline

SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

Inquiry at Hazelwood North Primary School 2/3

At Hazelwood North Primary in Grade 2/3, classes have been researching about our choice of simple machines. After research we

made our information into a poster to share to all the 2/3 classes. Then we had to make a wheeled vehicle that could go the furthest down the ramp. We had to use our knowledge of maths and creativity to try

and work out how to make it and measure how far it went down the ramp.

By Lucy 2/3M

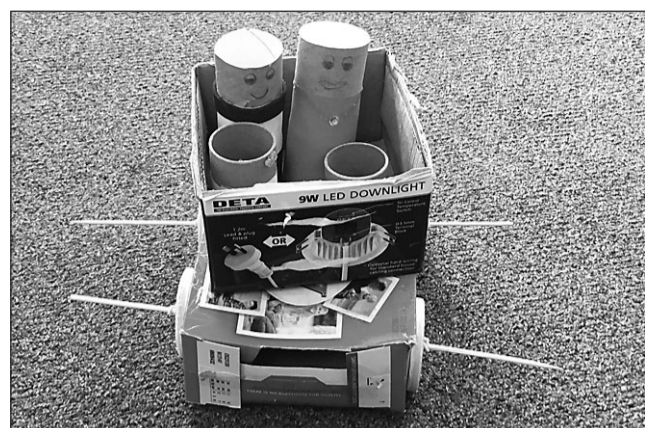
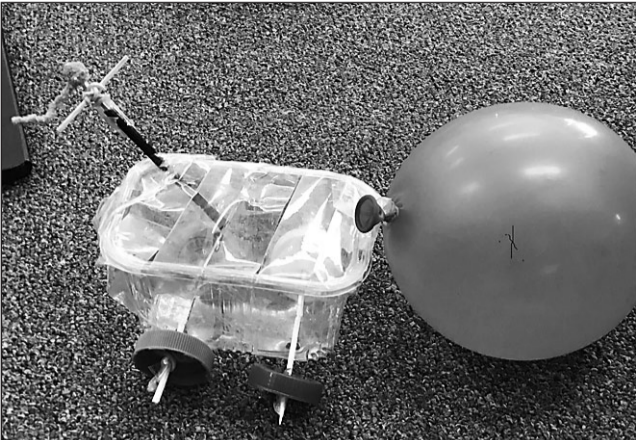
Art show

Artworks from Foundation to Year 6 students

were recently showcased in an Art exhibition held in the School Hall. The exhibition was titled "Every child is an Artist", family and friends were welcomed to come and view the fabulous work

on display. The exhibition featured 3D fish sculptures made from repurposed plastic water bottles, self-portraits, season themed artwork and culturally inspired artworks. Visual Arts teacher,

Mrs Janelle Szkwarek was very proud of all the students and enjoyed seeing the pride on their faces as they showed family members their displayed work.



Inquiry models left to right: Abbey, Brooke Lucas
Bottom left to right
Art show exhibits



SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY



Father James, Jye, Harry, Sidney, Bishop Pat, Sam, Luisa and Father Harry
Students: Zya, Georgia, Hannah (University student) and Shallimar singing
Shakhi, Tij with Rohena from The Gathering Place, Morwell with their milk donations



Confirmation

Students from Lumen Christi Primary School and Parish recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is the sacrament by which Catholics receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Celebrants for the Mass were Bishop Patrick O'Regan, Father James Fernandez and Father HarryDyer.

Through Confirmation, the children are blessed with the fruits and gifts of the Spirit that will help guide them in life's journey. Love, joy, peace, wisdom and kindness are some of those gifts that were mentioned in this special ceremony as values to use in

life.

Students, Luisa, Jye, Sam, Sidney and Harry celebrated with local parishioners after the service and enjoyed the photo opportunity with Bishop Pat and their family and friends. Local Federation University students joined the school choir and musicians to provide the music on the night, adding to the ambiance of the evening.

Footy Fever hits Lumen Christi.

Students at Lumen Christi recently held a footy day. Many teams were represented but Richmond colours dominated, with the yellow and gold being a true standout. Staff members from opposing teams being suspicious as Principal, David Cooper, a Tiger fan and being an avid supporter, could have possibly encouraged some children to jump on the bandwagon, especially after their great season this year! Many other students too were loyal to their favourite team such as Heath from Year 4 who stated; "I love the Hawks and that's it!"

On a serious note, the school loves to encourage children to give back to the

community and follow in the true mission of Jesus, that is to give to those in need or less fortunate than us. The children wore their favourite team colours on the day and then were asked to donate some long life milk for the Gathering Place in Morwell.

The Gathering Place provides support for local Aboriginal families and other members in the community who might need a cuppa, a chat or some company. Rohena from the Gathering Place was also impressed by the staff of Lumen Christi who volunteered their time to sort out clothing, "any time or donations are kindly accepted".

The Gathering Place is supported by an amazing team of staff that offer many programs which strengthen and support the wellbeing of all. Their vision statement says it all; "One Mob, different countries, working together to strengthen and support our Valley community". Anyone wanting to assist in any way can contact the centre on 4109 1428.

SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL HUB PRESCHOOL



It has come to the end of Term 3 at Churchill Hub Preschool and we have held some amazing events for the children within our community. We enjoyed a bus

ride to Bush Kinder, climbed the trees, got creative to make huts out of branches, used wool to make wands and we also loved our picnic. We hosted 'Blokes

Night', where the important men in our lives came and spent the afternoon with us at the Preschool. We used Lego to build things, painted our handprints and compared them with the special men in our lives, drew portraits of each other, made artworks, went on a treasure hunt in the dark and we finished the night off with pizza for dinner.

The 'Living Safely with Dogs Program' came to visit and we learnt the important rules of being around dogs, what to do if you want to pat them and what you have to do if the dog is upset or angry. This is a valuable program as it teaches the children respect, responsibilities and good behaviours around animals.

We are able to explore

the outdoor environment more now that the weather is improving coming in to the spring and summer months. It's now time to remember to wear our sun smart hats and sunscreen to keep our skin safe. The children are enjoying finding bugs in the garden, especially snails and are also getting great use out of the obstacle course and climbing frame.

Our veggie garden has taken a bit of a hit as the hungry snails have eaten the seedlings, however Woolworths have donated a variety of their seeds to replace the damaged ones and they have started to sprout already.

We finished the term with a picnic outside on the grass



with a treat of cupcakes for morning tea, and hot chips

with our lunches.

SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL PRIMARY

Wakakirri

On Thursday August 15, 32 students from Grades 4, 5 and 6 headed off to Frankston to compete in the national Wakakirri - story through dance - competition. This was a culmination of many months' worth of rehearsals at lunchtimes, choreographed by our ES trainee Briece, and supported by Jacki and Miss Williams. The students told the story of "Alice in Wonderland" over six minutes, all through dance and movement, on stage in front of more than 700 people. To say we are proud of these students is an understatement, they were absolutely AMAZING!

We are extremely pleased to report that all their hard work was worth it when they received the Best Teamwork Award! We are also pleased to say that we won the Best Individual Costume Design Award and would like to thank everyone who helped us with the creative process, whether it be costumes, props

or construction of sets, you all played a part in bringing this to life!

On top of our Show Awards given to us on the night of our Wakakirri dance, we were also awarded five additional awards for Performance and Production:

- Excellent Lead Cast
- Excellent Soundtrack Mix
- Excellent Group Acting
- Amazing Moment (Alice growing/shrinking)
- Excellent Group Dance

Finally, we'd like to say an extra big thank-you to Briece Comber who worked tirelessly on this entire production. We are extremely grateful for your amazing vision and passion working with the students to achieve such a wonderful end result.

Father's Day Breakfast

On Friday August 30, we held a special breakfast and invited dads, grandads and special people to join their children for bacon and egg sandwiches, served from our canteen, between 8 am and the start of school. This

event was well attended with students enjoying being able to spend some quality time with their father figures in honour of Father's Day. Thank you to all our staff who made the morning possible by coming into work early and cooking up a storm and to all our parents / grandparents for joining us on the day - the kids absolutely loved having you here!

Book Week dress-up day

At Churchill Primary School we LOVE any excuse to hold a dress up day and so, on Thursday August 22, we held our annual Book Week dress-up day. This was in celebration of the Children's Book Council of Australia annual Children's Book of the Year Awards, recognising books of merit and their contribution to Australian children's literature. Staff and students alike dressed up as their favourite characters from some much loved books, and we were blown away by some of the creativity of costumes. Well done to all those parents

who put so much effort into their children's outfits, you could see the children's appreciation in their smiling faces when they all got up in front of the other grades at our special assembly. As part of the Book Week celebrations each class participated in fun activities based on some of the Shortlisted books for 2019.

Healesville Sanctuary

On Thursday September 5, our entire school, including all staff and students, headed to Healesville Sanctuary on a whole school excursion! That's right... EVERYONE, (even Katrina and Jacki from the office) enjoyed a day away from the school, learning all about many of our Australian native flora and fauna. It took four buses to transport us on the day and once we were there we split up into individual groups to explore the sanctuary. Most, if not all, of our students and staff headed straight towards the 'Spirits of the Sky' show which was a spectacular

and very informative live show about Australia's majestic birds of prey. The show delighted everyone and having birds, such as the wedge tailed eagle, fly low and over the tops of the audience members' heads was definitely a highlight for many!

Some other great moments were visiting the onsite animal hospital where some of our students were able to see a Tasmanian Devil being examined and x-rayed, as well as seeing baby Tasmanian Devils, the reptile exhibit and nocturnal animal

exhibit just to name a few.

We were blessed with sunshine and warmer weather on the day and the enjoyment had by students and staff alike was evident on everyone's faces throughout the day. We would like to thank Mrs Lewis for organising this whole school activity as well as the teachers and staff for their continued support and willingness to go above and beyond in offering our students these wonderful experiences. We look forward to being able to offer more whole school experiences in the future.



CPS students enjoy playing on one of the many animal sculptures throughout Healesville Sanctuary



CPS Wakakirri main cast and ensemble



Prep/1 staff dressed as characters from Alice in Wonderland for Book Week

SCHOOL NEWS



CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY



Book Week

On August 23, Churchill North Primary School had a book week. During this week we did a lot of book related activities. On the Friday of that week we dressed up in a book themed costume. The first thing on the Friday we had a whole school parade, during the parade each grade took their turn coming up to the stage to show everyone their costumes. There were book prizes for the best costumes from each grade. It

was terrific to see everyone's favourite books.

Max 4/5 P
Camp

On August 28, the school had camp. We went to Forest Lodge in Jack River which is in Yarram. It took an hour to get there so we stopped half way through to have a stretch at a park. When everyone got in the bus we went to camp. The activities were giant swing, flying fox, hay bales, bush cooking, hut making, archery and low ropes course.

All the rooms were connected to the cafeteria. They had a pig. Her name was Spider Pig.

By Natalee 4/5 P
Chinese Cultural Day

On Tuesday September 3, it was brilliant because we went to Kurnai. It happened after play. We did activities and we saw a panda. We saw other school students. We went there because it was the Chinese Cultural day. Oh and my favourite activity was cooking because we made

dumplings, we cooked them, then we ate them.

By Shilah
Life Education Van

The students at Churchill North Primary School enjoyed the recent visit by Harold and Jan in the Life Education Van. The children participated in a range of engaging lessons about health and safety. Our special thanks go out to the Lions Club for making the experience possible for our students. We can't wait until we see Harold again.



Arabella, Rylee and Marley at camp



Canoeing at camp



2/3 T Book Week costumes

SCHOOL NEWS



YINNAR PRIMARY



August was an incredibly busy time at Yinnar. Our rehearsals for our school production – 'Cinderella Kids' were in full swing. The big night at Lowanna's Auditorium came all too quickly. Parents helped with the sets and costumes. Staff worked with students to learn lines, songs and dances. We had two performances with over 600 people attending each. The finished production was a fantastic display of singing, dancing and theatrical performance. There was nothing but overwhelming positive feedback from the audience of parents, friends and family. It was a credit to the hard work by students,

staff and the entire school community.

On the sports stage our AFLW girls put in a great effort at the regional competition matching it with much larger school's teams. In basketball we were represented by both boys and girls teams. The girls were successful in making it to division level.

August was Bookweek celebration time and this year was no exception. Students and staff dressed in many and varied character costumes based on the theme of 'Reading is my Superpower'. We had a very busy day with Amanda Cooper and her 'Gallery for a Day'. Mandy

collects original artwork for Australian picture story books and has over 140 pieces. She is also a CBCA judge and shared her experiences of judging the many storybooks that are nominated for awards.

Our vegie garden and chooks are coming along nicely. So much so that we had an abundance of eggs. The SGS team (Sustainability) and the hen house friends cooked up a storm...zucchini slice and muffins for everyone in the school. What a treat! The students loved the cooking activity so we plan on doing more very soon.

Our school was successful in its application to be part of the CERES Student

Environmental Leadership Program (SELP). Tom from CERES visited our school for a day working with the SGS team and 20 other students researching our school's level of Biodiversity. They undertook an audit of the schoolgrounds and brainstormed ways of improving our biodiversity – frog bogs, logs, native trees and shrubs. Already the students have started to implement some of these ideas and are making plans for other projects in the future. The SGS team will also be headed to Yinnar South Primary School to be part of a school's summit with the CERES team.



SPORT

2019 NGFNL Grand Final

The Grand Final of season 2019 brought a battle royal between the Cougars and Yarram. It was a bright and sunny day with a stiff and cold south westerly wind. In the first quarter, although it was an even game, Yarram took their chances and established an 11 point lead (courtesy of two free kicks). In the second quarter, although Yarram kicked two goals, the Cougars dominated with two goals from Blake Slater, an opportunistic soccer kick from Joel Mason and a well struck kick from Dean DeGroot. This left Yarram with just a two-point advantage at the half time break. In the third quarter, Churchill kicked the opening goal and took the lead as a chant of "Churchill" started up from the stands. But Yarram was not done, and fought back with goals at the 14 and 16 minutes mark. With the game switching from end to end, Churchill eventually responded with goals at the 26 and 28 minutes mark. This gave them a 4

point lead at the final change. In the final quarter, Yarram took the game to Churchill, and reclaimed the lead with a goal at the 10 minute mark. Missed opportunities left the scores level, but Churchill was not to be denied. With an inspirational goal from C.L Burley medallist Chris "Squid" Williams at the 13 minute mark, kicking into a blinding sun on a tight angle, they regained the lead by six points. From there, the Cougars held on with Ben Kearns kicking a point at the 24 minute mark that put the game beyond doubt. It was a remarkable win of true grit and outstanding teamwork, and Squid rightfully earned the award for Best on Ground, capping off an incredible year for him and the club. Chris was named playing coach in the NGFNL Team of the Year, won the League Medal for the second time and was awarded his sixth club best and fairest (Gary "Woosha" Welsh medal) the day after the premiership win.



Unfortunately, the thirds and seconds were unable to win their respective Grand Finals but it was a great

effort to have all three sides competing on the day.

Best Players – Chris Williams, Lucas Towns,

Jordan Fenech, Chris Kyriacou, Blake Slater and Tristan Turpin

Goals – Chris Williams 2,

Blake Slater 2, Dillion Leys 1, Dean DeGroot 1, Brendan Holt 1, Kurt Holt 1, Joel Mason 1.

The club is expecting the return of a mass exodus of members who migrated to the warmer parts of Australia over the winter months, and are returning with suntans and tales of their travels and adventures.

They will certainly have a reality check when they arrive back in Gippsland.

The Churchill Bowls Club will be conducting Come and Try Days - Barefoot Bowls on Wednesday November 13

and Wednesday December 11, 2019, commencing at 5.30pm.

This will be followed by a sausage sizzle and salads. Drinks at bar prices. Cost for the evening is \$8.00.

Come along, bring a friend and enjoy a night of social bowls in a convivial environment.

The Churchill Bowls Club will be conducting a Trivia Night at the Top Pub Vincent Rd Morwell, on Saturday

Churchill Bowls Club

November 16, 2019, commencing at 7.30pm.

Format for the night will be tables of 10 at \$10.00 per player. Good prizes on offer with a finger food supper supplied.

Drinks at bar prices. Enquiries W. Brown 5122 1860.

The Churchill Bowls Club was invited by the Yallourn North Bowls Club to participate in a practice match at their club on Saturday

September 21, 2019. With the bowls season commencing on Saturday October 5, it was an ideal opportunity to give our players a good pre season work out and introduce our new bowlers to the competitive conditions they will encounter over the coming season.

Our thanks to the Yallourn North Bowls Club for their invitation and generous hospitality.

Our club also had an

invitation from the Boolarra Bowls Club to participate in a practice match on Sunday September 29, 2019.

Being the newest sporting club in Churchill, we are currently looking for support from Churchill or district residents in the form of new, past or current players interested in joining our welcoming inclusive Club.

Enquiries W. Brown 5122 1860.

Anyone wishing to play

indoor bowls on a Thursday night is cordially invited to come along and enjoy a fun and sociable night out.

No experience necessary, as coaches are available to teach the finer points of the game. It is requested that players be there by 7pm for a 7.15pm start, the night generally finishes around 9.30pm.

Cost for the night is \$5.00 which includes a light supper with tea and coffee.

Spring into summer with Gippsland Flippers Masters Swimming Club

aspect of their swimming that they wish to improve.

He will provide warm up laps, drills, stroke correction, fitness training and advice on an individual basis that the swimmer can continue to practise.

Each swimmer can receive tuition to suit their individual skills and fitness.

Flippers also offers a more relaxed and casual swim on the last Sunday of every month at Morwell pool from 10am for an hour of swimming, ending with a shared brunch and chat. This is a good opportunity for people to meet members and for the club to assess swimmers' skill level.

"The next brunch swim is on October 27, and we would love people to join us. It's a great introduction to the club and if you haven't swum for a while, to get back into the pool and even get some tips on



your stroke" stated Secretary, Sue Graham.

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

friendship in a relaxed and low intensity environment.

Please contact Secretary of Gippsland Flippers, Sue Graham on 0415 751145 for further information, or on gippslandflippers@gmail.com and leave your name, contact number and what you would like to achieve from the sessions.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Men Saturday 7/9/19 Stableford

A Grade - B. Cleland (21) 42. B Grade - R. Sands (30) 32. DTL - R. Madigan 33, A. Sharrock 30, K. Hogan 29 C/B. NTP - 3rd T. Sterrick, 14th B. Cleland. Birdies - 14th B. Cleland.

Mens Monthly Medal 21/9/19

Medal winner and A Grade - A. Quinn(15) 84 69. B. Grade - A. Sharrock (18) 90 72. C Grade - B. Mathieson (22) 96 74. Scratch - T. O'Reilly 78. DTL - R. Scurlock 71, T. O'Reilly 73, C. Gosling 74, D. Caldwell 75, M. Soppe 75, Mamun 75, M. Brereton 75. NTP - 3rd C. Gosling, 12th B. Cleland, 14th R. Magidon. Putts - M. Brereton 24. Birdies 12th B. Cleland.

Men Stableford Saturday 14/9/19

A Grade - K. Hills (13)

38. B Grade - R. Welsh (23) 41. C Grade - R. Zomer (32) 41. DTL - A. Auld (23) 41, I. Heppleston (25) 37, C. Hogbin (12) 37, M. Hutchinson (29) 36, A. Sharrock (18) 36, A. Quinn (15) 36. NTP - 3rd G. Spowart, 12th D. J. Banfield, 14th A. Auld.

Men Saturday 28/9/19 Par

A Grade - B. King +2. B Grade - D. Caldwell +2. C Grade - J. Barrett +4. DTL - M. Hutchinson +2, G. Spowart +1, A. Sharrock +1, K. Hogan Sq, I. Heppleston Sq, R. Madigan Sq, M. Soppe Sq. NTP - 12th R. Madigan 14th Mamun. Birdies - 12th R. Madigan.

Ladies 4bbb Stableford 1/10/19

Winners - J. Beck and M. McQuillen 40pts. R/Up - L. Casey and B. Beebe 37pts. NTP - 3rd J. Beck, 12th J. Beck, 14th V. Verheyen .

SPORT



Tennis Come and Try



On a chilly, windy but dry Monday, September 23, twenty-two young people came with family members to the Churchill Tennis Club at 9am to sign in and pay Carol the small \$2 fee to participate and receive a sausage sizzle.

The occasion was the annual Tennis Come and Try day run by the Tennis Club and supported by the Churchill & District News.

Churchill Tennis Club coach Sally Kirstine divided the children into three groups - those in Green Ball, Orange Ball and beginners.

It was a delight to see Sally work with these young beginner children (Red Ball)

as they played games and learnt some tennis skills. She was ably assisted by older young members Tristan and Scotty.

Tammy who is President of the club helped supervise the Orange Ball group. The older more experienced Green Ball group managed their own game rotations.

The Churchill & District Lions Club once again sponsored the sausages and drinks supplied to the participants and their families. What a generous and supportive group they are and so cheerful and efficient with the way they go about the organisation.

The hot sausages were a good way of taking off the chill of the morning while scores were tallied and preparations for the awards were made.

Then it was everyone inside for the awards. Sally ran the presentations, thanking Churchill & District News for the sponsoring of the event.

There were Winners and Runners Up trophies but all the participants left receiving something supplied by ANZ Hot Shots.

The Winners and Runners Up were:

Green Ball Winner - Riley Alko, Runner Up Tyler Davey





Orange Ball group 1 - Winner Caity Dalrymple, Runner Up William Doble

Orange Ball group 2 - Winner Maggie Nowak, Runner Up Macey Ford.

The participants enjoyed the time. Thanks go to the Churchill Tennis Club and its members who ran the day, the Lions Club for the BBQ and drinks, ANZ Hot Shots for

the goodies and of course the participants and their families for supporting the event.






UNDER 6'S 2019






UNDER 10'S 2019

Churchill United Soccer Rams Teams From Under 12's

UNDER 8'S 2019

UNDER 12'S 2019

The Lions Club of Churchill & District



In conjunction with



CHURCHILL FAMILY FISHING DAY



SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2019

Lake Hyland Mathison Park

Mackeys Road Churchill

Entry is \$2.00 per Child or \$5 per family

Entry includes a sausage sizzle

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9.45am to 1.45pm.

FISHING FROM 10.00am—2.00pm.

**PLEASE bring hats,
sunscreen,
insect repellent
&
chairs and shelters**

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MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
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Plants in my garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: *Arthropodium strictum* (syn. *Dichopogon strictus*).

Family: Asparagaceae (was formerly part of Liliaceae).

Derivation:

Arthropodium: From the Greek *arthron*, meaning 'joint', and *podion*, meaning 'a small foot', referring to the jointed pedicels (flower stalks) in this genus.

Dichopogon: From the Greek *dichon*, meaning 'doubly' or 'in two ways', and *pogon*, meaning 'beard', referring to the two beard-like appendages on the anthers.

strictum: From the Latin *strictus*, meaning 'strait' and used botanically to mean straight, erect and rigid.

Name: Chocolate Lily.

Distribution:

Widespread and locally common in grassland and open forest in all states, though plants in WA and Queensland have now been transferred to other taxons, so no longer officially occur there. In Victoria, this species is abundant across the state, excluding the Mallee north of the Little Desert, the high country and Gippsland east of Bairnsdale.

Description: A perennial, tuberous herb with grass-like leaves up to 40cm long by 1.5cm wide. The flowering stem is usually branched and up to 1.2m tall, bearing blue to violet, rarely white, drooping flowers up to 3cm in diameter. The flowers are solitary in each bract (a leaf-like structure that subtends a flower stem) and have a lovely chocolate-vanilla scent that is more noticeable on warmer days. Capsules about 8mm in diameter contain numerous little black seeds.

Opinion: The boffins seem to be really confused about this one or maybe just a bit disorganised. I'll try to explain! Originally, the little lilies were put into a very broad and ill-defined family called Liliaceae, which is still current in South Australia. Then the taxonomists got to work and separated Liliaceae into about a dozen better

defined families. But then, as separate entities are wont to do, the State herbariums chose different families to place the Chocolate Lily into. Victoria and WA chose Asparagaceae, NSW went with Anthericaceae and QLD and Tasmania settled on Laxmanniaceae, which is probably the most current. NSW and WA stayed with the original *Dichopogon* while the rest transferred the Chocolate Lily to *Arthropodium*. The difference between the two is the presence of the two beard-like appendages on the anthers in *Dichopogon*, which aren't there in most *Arthropodium*, so in my opinion *Dichopogon* is the more defining name. It's a similar argument to the *Banksia/Dryandra* or *Melaleuca/Callistemon* or *Eucalyptus/Corymbia* debacles, but I'm not a boffin so my opinion doesn't count for much. Let's forget the scientific jargon and just call it a Chocolate Lily.

I love this plant! It brings back fond memories as a kid in Morwell in the 1970's, walking along the railway line easements with Mum, looking for wildflowers. All the little lilies were still there then, not only Chocolate Lilies, but Early Nancies, Milkmaids and Bulbine Lilies, as well as a variety of orchids. I doubt any of them survive there today! More recently, there has been a good flowering of Chocolate Lilies every three or four years on the roadside verges between Yinnar and Boolarra and on a warm day, you can smell the delicious perfume wafting in the car windows as you drive by on the main road. Wherever you find this plant, the first thing you do is stick your nose in it to be transported back to the happy memories of childhood.

Enough melancholy musings! In the garden, this species suffers a bit, like a lot of the other small lilies. Its normal life cycle is to grow and flower when the conditions are suitable, and then die back to its tuberous roots to avoid the hot and dry, only to shoot up once again in the next good season.



Most gardens get watered over summer though, which can cause the tuberous roots to rot away, thus damaging the plant. There are also concentrated populations of critters in gardens (slugs and snails, slaters, earwigs, millipedes, aphids, etc), all of which love a good chew on a nice succulent lily plant. So most of my attempts to grow Chocolate Lilies haven't gone very well. They germinate readily from freshly collected seed, but need to be fed to keep them growing. My latest lot of four plants came from Cathy Powers and I've had them in a waterwell tub with my Christmas Bells (*Blandfordia* sp., one of which flowered in February/March 2019), sitting in my nursery area on the vegie garden, where they get regular watering. Hence, they stay green much longer than they would in the wild, flower longer and later, and seem to be generally happier than my previous specimens. As I was too slow collecting it, they have just scattered their latest batch of seed through my vegie garden – I wonder if I'll get a good crop next spring?

Sources: Sharr – WA Plant Names and their Meanings, Elliot & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volumes 2 & 3, Corrick & Fuhrer – Wildflowers of Victoria, Online – Floras of Victoria, South Australia, NSW, Tasmania & WA.

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