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Launch of “Churchill – Shop Local” campaign



Heather Kelly (from Newborough) shopped at Ritchies IGA and won a CDCA \$50 supermarketoucher

Many shoppers braved the wet and windy conditions to Shop Local on the morning of Saturday October 26.

Unfortunately the wild weather did not permit the planned outdoor sausage sizzle to proceed. Members of the Churchill Lions Club got soaked!

A team of volunteers supporting Churchill’s ‘Shop Local’ campaign were on hand from 10am to give away free reusable shopping bags to morning shoppers. The bags proved to be very popular – well over 200 were handed out!

Member for Morwell, Russell Northe MP, attended to show his support for the campaign, spending time with local residents who wanted to chat.

“I’m absolutely thrilled to get behind the Churchill Shop Local initiative. I commend the Churchill & District Community Association, Churchill & District News, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and all participating businesses for instigating what I believe will be a very successful campaign.

By shopping locally you are helping businesses who employ local people” said Mr Northe.

“Don’t forget it’s our local business community who invariably support and sponsor our local schools, sporting clubs,

community organisations and events.

So I really do hope the Churchill community gets on board this exciting initiative and I encourage everyone to shop locally wherever you can”.

Councillor Darrell White was also in attendance and said how pleased he was that “Traders and the community are collaborating to support each other.

I hope the Shop Local program will give a boost to retailers and inspire critically important confidence in our shopping centre”.

He went on to say “We want the community to embrace the concept of Shop Local with the convenience which our local shopping centre provides. Without customer support and profitable trading, businesses might not be able to continue.

Latrobe City Council is very supportive of this campaign, providing some funding via our Economic Development Unit, which we hope will have a positive economic impact on the Churchill township and the greater Latrobe municipality.”

The Shop Local Launch also marked the commencement of the ‘Churchill Lucky Shopper’ monthly prize draw. During the morning of the Launch, two ‘Lucky Shoppers’

buying goods in Churchill stores won \$50 supermarket gift vouchers.

To have a chance of winning one of the monthly prizes of a voucher for goods or services to the value of \$50 from a Churchill business, you must Shop Local!

Customers of Participating Businesses (there are 20! - see Page 3) just need to write their name and phone number on one of the provided raffle tickets and pop it into the “Shop Local” box at the counter or service desk. Two names will be drawn out each month from

every Participating Business to be entered into the main draw for the voucher.

Just ask in-store when you Shop Local if you wish to enter.

The ‘Churchill – Shop Local’ campaign is a partnership between Churchill & District Community Association, local traders, Churchill & District News and Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. Funding for the campaign has been provided by Latrobe City Council and all partner organisations, including traders.

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Highlights of our year

CDCA's Annual Report was presented to members attending our Annual General Meeting in October.

Some of our year's highlights included recruitment of new members, increased attendance, lots of visitors and renewed community interest in CDCA.

Our role is to advocate on local issues and the Committee set our Key Priorities for 2019 last February.

They were "Open Spaces and Recreational Projects and Partnership Opportunities.... but not to the exclusion of other items brought to CDCA's attention".

The following summary of our past year's activities demonstrates how well CDCA has responded to the issues brought to our attention, how we have explored and developed partnerships and how we have continued to keep some focus on Open Spaces and Recreational Projects.

Guest Speakers: Jane Anderson – Latrobe Health Advocate (Nov 2018); Val Giles – re Closure of Hazelwood House (Feb 2019); Karen Tsebelis – Latrobe City Council (LCC) re Recreational paths and walking tracks (April 2019); Andy Webb – Mathison Park Committee (April 2019); Cindy and Tom Shanahan – LV Neighbourhood Watch (June 2019)

Open Forums: Closure of Hazelwood House (Feb 2019); Hazelwood House: Where to Now? (June 2019)

Working Groups comprising CDCA reps and other local residents: Hazelwood House; Bank closure; Churchill – Be Proud; Shop Local; Active Kids

Special Projects: Recycling

and Waste Reduction Initiative (with Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and C&D News); Memorial Seat project (with Fed Uni Churchill – Shop Local campaign (with C&D News and local traders); Letter to United Petroleum (with 'Churchill – Be Proud' Working Group and CNC)
Funding: On-going LCC funding for administrative cost; New funding from HPV; Annual Christmas Festivities Grant from LCC (pole decorations for CBD); Submission to LCC re Small Towns Capital Works Program; Grant from LCC Economic Development Unit for Shop Local campaign;



Application to LCC Community Grants Program
Support for other community organisations:

Sponsorship arrangement with C&D News; Support for community Christmas festivities; Letter of support for CNC funding application; Letter of support - 'Active Kids' funding; Agreement to auspice 'Active kids' funding
Media Presence: Increased traffic to CDCA Facebook page; larger email network due to Open Forum registrations; Maintenance of CDCA website with key documents on Home Page; Monthly column in C&D News; Monthly sponsorship promo in C&D News;

CDCA logo on monthly Recycling promo in C&D News; CDCA logo appearing on all 'Shop Local' flyers; Occasional articles in LV Express; A couple of TV interviews (Hazelwood House, Commonwealth Bank closure)
Regular Meetings: Bi-monthly meetings; Various venues (Town Hall, Fed Uni Campus, Board Room at GEC); Representatives from Neighbourhood Watch, Federation University, Churchill Police, Latrobe City Council, local MPs; Plethora of information and reports (e.g. Latrobe Health Assembly, Town Safety/NW, Police crime reports, Council publications, Working Group updates, etc)

Despite the serious issues that the Churchill and district community has faced in 2019 – the announcement of the closure of Hazelwood House, the departure of the Commonwealth Bank, an increase in the number of vacant retail spaces in the CBD and the on-going eye-sore that is the derelict site of the former service station at the town's entrance, CDCA can be optimistic.

Residential development in Churchill continues, the Churchill Community Hub

is a hive of activity, CDCA continues to be active and relevant and we are partnering with other organisations on campaigns to address some of these issues (e.g. Shop Local, Letter-Writing to United Petroleum).

Of course, a small not-for-profit community organisation can only achieve outcomes when it has active and committed members, friends, supporters and funding organisations. Thank you to all who have contributed to a successful year!

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.

CDCA meets at 7pm on the second Tuesday of every second month – our next meeting will be held on December 10 in the Board Room at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre in McDonald Way.

This will be the final CDCA meeting for 2019.

All local residents of Churchill and district are welcome to attend CDCA meetings.



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GAMCI holds successful AGM



Pictured are GAMCI members and committee with Dennis Seymour and Mr Murray Lobley and the presentation made to Dennis Seymour.

On Saturday October 19, the Gippsland Australian Muslim Community Inc (GAMCI) held a successful AGM at Federation University in Churchill.

At this AGM, two new committee members were welcomed - Dr Aynul Kabir and Mahbub E. Khoda.

Dr Aynul was a previous student at Monash University in Gippsland and returned six months ago.

Mahbub is currently completing his PhD at Federation University.

Both will be invaluable members of GAMCI. Other executive positions remain the same with Dr Zafar continuing as President and Mr Tanveer Hasan as Vice President.

The executive will be assisted by six general

committee members.

It is sometimes difficult to attract volunteers to serve on organisations, yet the interest and growth in the GAMCI committee augers well for the future of the Muslim community in Gippsland.

After the presentation of the yearly highlights of GAMCI and the annual report, GAMCI presented a plaque to Mr Dennis Seymour from the Traralgon Cemetery to acknowledge the support he has provided.

Mr Murray Lobley from the Gippsland Ethics Community Council (GECC) – Interfaith was also a guest and acknowledged the positive feedback GAMCI has received from the wider Gippsland Community. After the speeches an afternoon tea was provided.



In November GAMCI will be hosting a Sports Week involving badminton, table tennis and a multicultural cricket game.

Hazelwood Rotary Club and Rotaract

By Leo Billington

Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to deliver community service through a combined focus – Service Above Self.

Rotaract is a global organisation that empowers students and young professionals to create positive and lasting change in themselves, their local community and around the world.

Latest statistics released by Rotary International show there are 168,000 Rotaractors world-wide in 10,150 clubs in 532 districts, in 184 countries.

The reasons young people give for joining Rotaract are: -

- * to develop professional

and leadership skills

- * to emphasise respect for the rights of others

- * promote ethical standards and the dignity of all useful occupations

- * to provide opportunities for young people to address the needs and concerns of the community and our world.

A group of Rotarians is currently forging ahead to form a local Rotaract Club here in the Latrobe Valley. Hazelwood Rotary is one club leading this endeavour alongside the Rotary Club of Moe.

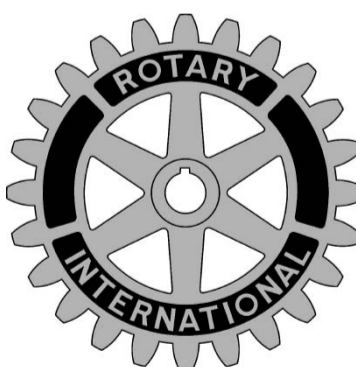
Close-by is the Peninsula Rotaract Club, based in Frankston.

Another very active



club is the Melbourne City Rotaract, who promote themselves as a “local Melbourne team of proactive young adults aged 18-30, who don’t plan on sitting by and letting the world overtake us.”

For further details, please contact Hazelwood Rotary Club on 0408 178 261.



Churchill & District News “Finalist” award



For the Community Newspaper Association of Victoria annual award, Churchill & District News was given a ‘finalist’ award in the Best Feature Story category for Heather Enders’ account of the Black Saturday fire at their place.

Thank you Heather for your story and allowing Churchill & District News to add another award to our collection.

Heather says “I wrote the Black Saturday article in three parts and it just wrote itself.

Keith [her husband] was dying at the time and it was cathartic to write as it helped take my mind off other things.

I would have written it in no more than five or six hours.

Keith died a few days after it was published.”

Churchill – Shop Local



Participating Businesses

Shop locally in Churchill Participating Businesses for your chance to win!

Each Participating Business has donated \$50 of goods or services to our Prize Pool for the monthly ‘Lucky Shopper’ Prize Draw. At least one prize voucher, to the value of \$50, will be given away every month for the next year.

You need to shop at a Participating Business for your chance to be entered into the Prize Draw!

Two customers will be selected randomly by every Participating Business to be entered into each Prize Draw. The Draw will be conducted by representatives of CDCA and/or C&DNews and one winning ‘Lucky Shopper’ will choose one of three voucher prizes on offer.

Prizes include supermarket vouchers, meals at cafes, gift-ware, free services and more!

Spend locally, support your local traders and play your part in ensuring our CBD continues

to offer the goods and services we want available at our local shopping centre.

Look for the ‘Shop Local – Participating Business’ sticker on the door or window of Churchill shops and businesses.

Your ‘Shop Local’ Participating Businesses:

- AAAccounting
- Cafe 42
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- Churchill Discount Chemist
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- Churchill Hotel
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Why is everyone so angry?

I was in the car park in the Morwell shopping centre last week, and came across a situation in the carpark that left me puzzled.

What happened was that a car was entering the car park lane and had stopped to let out a car from a carpark, as the car was moving out another car started to reverse out from a park and there was almost a collision.

Horns blared and a whole lot of abuse shouted from the two car drivers.

The incredibly over the top response to the situation is reflective now of a society that does not tolerate mistakes, in fact anger comes so readily to people that even a minor misdemeanour draws over the top reactions.

My question is why?

It seems to me that Australian society has become focussed on personal need, that a person's needs and rights exceed that of others.

In the case of the carpark incident instead of just tooting the horn to let the driver of the reversing car know that they are there and then moving on, the individual having his right to proceed felt justified in abusing the other person as his rights had been violated.

People seem to be of the opinion that they never make

mistakes and even when something goes wrong an individual can never accept that they are to blame and so it has to be someone else's fault.

I have come across many people who have felt justified in attacking my faith because of the wrong actions of a few people.

These people are angry and therefore feel justified in blaming the whole church and declaring all its people as crazy self-righteous snobs.

These angry people feel justified in attacking people personally, in the most insulting manner possible, but then are offended greatly when they are rebuked and told that they are in the wrong.

Again, the idea that their rights exceeds that of Christians who attend church is behind this, the angry people preach tolerance and rail against the supposed intolerance of Christians, but show no tolerance toward people who believe differently to them, they are only hypocrites, the outcome of intolerance is anger.

Anger only destroys it can never build up, when personal rights are people focussed and the rights of the community are neglected the blame game and violence is the only



outcome as people go to war with each other over whose right is the most important.

The answer to the problem is love.

The central idea behind the church is for it to love and serve the community, Jesus commanded the church to love one another as Jesus loves us and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

While the church worldwide has failed in this point many times because people are human and not all within her are actually believers, it is still an undeniable fact that the church has been there for the community, serving it without much fanfare or reward.

Soon we will be celebrating Christmas, a time chosen by the church to celebrate the birth of Jesus the baby boy who grew up to be the Saviour of the world and whose death and resurrection we celebrate at Easter. Christmas is a time of celebration, of sharing and giving and as the song goes the most wonderful time of the year.

It is the season of love, as we interact with people in our community, those who serve us in the shops, those who bring us packages and those who we work with, let us try to understand, help and serve each other.



Churches of Christ CEO visit

For the last Sunday of September we hosted the CEO of the Churches of Christ - Rob Nyhuis. He spoke at length about talking of the Christian message to those with whom we meet.

Thank you to Sharon

October All Age Worship was again organised by Sharon and her team. At the end of the service Sharon was thanked for her considerable contribution to our children's ministry with the presentation

of a gift and a certificate. Sharon will be with us a little longer but the length of time is uncertain. To ensure that she was acknowledged and knew how much we have appreciated her efforts, we did the presentation then. Sharon thanked us for the encouragement she had received and said how she had enjoyed being with us for the last seven years.

Pets in the Park

Pets in the Park was the name of the service held at Boolarra's Railway Park to

bless people's dearly loved pets. People turned out with their dogs and a cat. The service is held annually in memory of St Francis who loved creation and to honour those pets who are so much part of our lives. Jean Quick of the animal refuge was there to speak about her work. A collection was taken up and given to Jean to buy food for her charges. Deb also spoke about service dogs and their wonderful care of those who need them.

Chaplain

I recently came across something written in 1992 that speaks to today.

It said 'Although life can and should be fulfilling, many people seem to have an image of life that is not so positive. Just turn on the news...it is becoming clearer that our world is but a broken image of what it could be, and many people are starting to express their dissatisfaction and disillusionment through protests...'

This was interesting, I thought, especially with the reference to protests.

The writers went on to include the phrase 'There must be something more to life', and they quoted a geneticist and environmental activist as having asked about what improving the socioeconomic situation of people really achieves, if it's without some real inner change.

It concluded that we are called to see that life does have meaning, if we but search in



the right place, and make the biggest change, within.

All of this, back in the early 90's!!

Worth thinking about!

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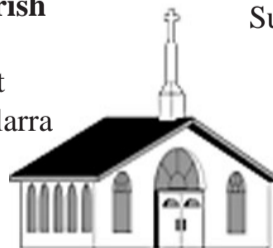
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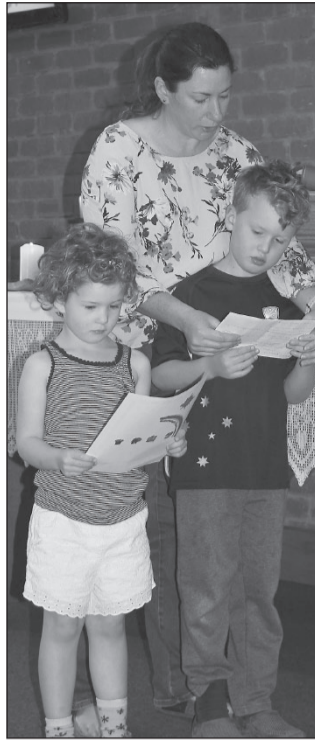
Coffee Connections

This month the theme for Coffee Connections was "Celebrating Spring" and what this season means to each person. We began the morning with a hot drink and delicious morning tea. Peter led us in a devotion. Coming out of winter's greyness, spring is welcomed by everyone with its wonderful brilliance of colour from all the gorgeous flowers. Poems were recited, photos shared and a stunning origami card of a cherry tree in blossom amazed us. Paintings, craftwork and homewares were displayed to show how flowers are woven into our lives. We had a discussion on how important flowers, birds and bees are to our environment. Ruth shared the difference between India's seasons and just how bright spring is here with so many colourful flowers. There was also reminiscing of the Flower Power movement of

the 1960's. We celebrated Peter and Elizabeth's birthdays and they were presented with flowers of course. A wonderful morning of sharing thoughts of spring was enjoyed by all.

The garage sale

After a horrible forecast of rain, hail and strong winds, the day dawned sunny with just the strong wind remaining. The garage sale was set up outside, plants were arranged, the BBQ was lit up and the pancake plate heated. It was too windy to set up the jumping castle. Inside the ladies set up the cake and jam stall with some other garden produce - lemons were plentiful. The first buyers arrived and from then on a steady flow of bargain hunters came to buy. It was a successful day socially for all as well as financially advantageous for the church funds. Thanks to everyone who helped collect, set up,



help on the day and clear up at the end - always a huge task. Thanks too to those who donated and all those who came and bought.



OUR HISTORY

Hills Hoists – A quirky piece of history

By Leo Billington
This piece is about a little something that we've all grown up with, the rotary clothes line.

The Hills Hoist is embedded in peoples' minds.

Not long after returning from the Second World War, Lancelot Leonard Hill was apparently motivated to begin manufacturing rotary clothes hoists after a chance conversation he overheard on a tram. Another passenger mentioned she was travelling to town [Adelaide] to buy a clothes hoist.

His story and those of about 17 other keen clothes line entrepreneurs is detailed in a 2009 publication, "Hung Out to Dry" by Peter Cuffley and Cas Middlemiss.

Lance Hill established his business in late 1945. Within a year, business was booming, customer service being a key factor in the success of his fledgling business. Along the way, there were name changes reflecting success – Hills Hoists Limited [March 1948] and Hills Industries Limited [June 1958].

By 1954, Hills Hoists Limited was selling 600 rotary clothes hoists a week, well ahead of any competitors. A serious competitor was Toynes Aeroplane Clothes Hoist being aggressively marketed as "The World's Best Patent Rotary Clothes Hoist".

Locally, rotary clothes hoists were being marketed as almost "the best thing since sliced bread", which is understandable given rapid population growth evidenced

in the Latrobe Valley during the early 1950's.

The Morwell Advertiser carried one of the first advertisements in January 1950 – "FOR SALE – One New 16ft Rotary Clothes Hoist. Apply THIS OFFICE."

In April 1950, Morwell based business, Maryvale Timber and Hardware Co. Pty Ltd advertised "ROTARY CLOTHES LINE Hoists adjustable, are now in stock."

Vinning Brothers general store at Yinnar advertised "Rotary Clothes Lines" in March 1952. Rintoull's Hardware Store [based in Commercial Road, Morwell] soon entered the growing market for clothes hoists. In November and December 1954, they advertised "HILL'S ROTARY CLOTHES HOISTS – 14 ft and 16 ft."

Perhaps these were ideas for Christmas presents!

Soon a clothes hoist appeared in real estate advertisements. Morwell based G. R. Billingsley Real Estate Agent, at 26 Commercial Road in April 1954 advertised Morwell houses for sale. It seems each house had concrete paths plus a "rotary clothes line."

There was a time when almost every backyard in Australia had a chook house, an outdoor dunny, a vegetable garden and either a Hills Hoist



or a clothes line propped up with a stick.

These days, remnants of the good old Hills Hoist may be still in use. Some have even been leant up against trees.

Kids, for instance, have hung from and spun around on their sturdy rotating beams.

Adults have even decorated Hills Hoists with anything from ornaments for birthday parties to fancy chandeliers for romantic backyard weddings. Hoist frameworks can also be used for DIY sheet-and-blanket forts.

There are stories about an entire drinking game which evolved around Hills Hoists: Goon of Fortune (inspired by Wheel of Fortune) involves hanging "goon sacks" (bags of cheap wine) on the lines. The edge is spun and people standing around it drink when a bag comes to a stop in front of them.

If only Lance Hill could see this, imagine what he would think!

Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

Roadworthiness of road vehicles

With the winter months behind us now, we need to look at the roadworthiness of our motor vehicles.

During winter, we tend to forget about tyre pressures and tyre conditions and headlights and tail lights that may have failed.

We tend to have the lights on a fair bit during the day and the globes don't last forever. It is handy to have a spare set of replacement lamps on board.

Remember, if your headlights don't work, your car is unroadworthy!

Also, don't forget, to turn off your fog lamps when there is no fog or extreme conditions.

Make sure you have your vehicle serviced regularly, and drive to the conditions.

Also, around the Latrobe Valley area, there will be road works done to fix pot holes and other road issues left over from winter conditions.

Remember to stick to the speed limits when travelling through these work areas and watch out for workers on the road.

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Victor de Beer (from Yinnar South) shopped at Churchill Laundry and received a CDCA \$50 voucher



Above: Shop Local campaign visited Lifeline shop delivering shopping bags L-R Margaret Guthrie, Jackie McClure and Councillor Darrell White.



C&DN Thank You

Thank you to Margaret Guthrie and other contributors to the Shop Local Campaign
Churchill & District News would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank, Margaret Guthrie for her amazing contribution to the Shop Local Campaign.
She has worked tirelessly to ensure all aspects of the project were covered.

We also acknowledge the contribution of Peter Ceeney of Gippsland Trade Printers and Trevor Whelan Centre Manager for their efforts in this campaign.
Thanks too, go to our participating businesses, especially Rosemary Twyerould who have come on board and supported our efforts to promote shopping locally.

Russell Northe MP

Churchill CFA and fire season preparation

A big shout out to all our CFA and emergency service personnel. The upcoming summer period is always a challenging one but we are blessed to have so many dedicated and skilled volunteers and staff in our midst who do their utmost to protect lives and assets when fires invariably occur. The Churchill Fire Brigade recently held its annual presentation evening and I commend all those who were acknowledged for their service and contribution to our community. To Steve Barling who has held the Captain's position for 22 years, Darlene Parkinson 30 year medal; Shane Renwick (present Captain) 20 year medal; Andy Hanlon 10 year medal; Lisa Cannon Captain's Trophy; and Allan Larkin Firefighter of the Year – our community congratulates you all and your fellow volunteers for your incredible service!! As we do approach summer, preparation in the event of a bushfire is critically important for property owners. Helpful hints and advice can be found at <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare>.

United Churchill - derelict building

The old United service station building on the corner of Acacia Way and Monash

Way and on the gateway to Churchill continues to frustrate local residents and rightly so. I have continually raised our discontent to United Petroleum and to the Minister for Local Government and Latrobe City Council on same.

In a response received from the Minister, I was advised that Council has some powers to intercede by using its Local Laws, but in reality is seemingly in the form of applying additional rates to the property owner. Council's advice is that unless there are structural or unsafe issues then it may have powers but not in the case of visual amenity.

I have again raised this issue to the attention of the Minister for Local Government and stating if he believes it's acceptable for United Petroleum to leave their buildings in such a derelict state. Churchill & District Community Association is also taking up the campaign and asking residents to sign and post letters to United Petroleum to say enough is enough.

Hard copies of the letters are available at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Council's service desk at the Churchill Hub, Churchill's Shopping Centre Management office, at my electorate office at 12 George,

Street Morwell [and in this edition of C&DN.]

Churchill Shop Local campaign

It was a great thrill to attend the launch of the Churchill Shop Local campaign in late October. Despite the inclement weather it was terrific to join with a number of local community groups and organisations to celebrate this new initiative. I commend the Churchill & District Community Association, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and Churchill & District News for their foresight and pro-activeness. The Churchill township has recently gone through a tough patch with the closure of some prominent businesses, however I sincerely believe this initiative will instil confidence in our local business community. The reality is that local businesses not only employ local people, they invariably support local schools, sporting clubs and community organisations. That is why it's so important to purchase goods and services from local businesses wherever we can.



Participating stores, of which there are approximately 20, will display the Churchill Shop Local sticker in their windows. These traders will

most certainly see the benefits of this terrific initiative and the giveaway reusable shopping bags will be handy for day to day use.

Congratulations to those who won \$50 vouchers on the day and remember there's an ongoing monthly voucher to be won as well.

Home Library Service Churchill

Latrobe City Libraries is starting a free home library service for those who live in the Churchill area and who find it difficult to attend the library.

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If you, or someone you know, would benefit from this service, you can request a registration form and more information by:

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Melina Bath MP



Get ready for bushfire season

A bushfire can strike with little warning, but will move incredibly quickly leaving a trail of destruction in its wake.

The Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath said living in a rural and regional area like Gippsland, we understand as the temperature begins to rise, so does the threat of bushfire on our community.

"Gippsland has experienced one of the driest periods on record and bushfire preparedness is more important than ever with our landscape already parched," said Ms. Bath.

"Our CFA volunteers and fire fighters do an incredible job protecting people and property when responding to bushfire emergencies, however it is vital we all do our bit to prepare for the fire danger period ahead in Gippsland".

Ms Bath said the CFA produces a comprehensive number of resources to assist residents prepare their properties and protect their loved ones during bushfire season.

"It is imperative we all listen to the advice of authorities and undertake necessary fire preparedness activities", said Ms Bath.

"CFA booklets such as the 'Fire Ready Kit' and 'Your Guide to Survival' are wonderful resources and each household is encouraged to download, read and have an up to date fire plan.

They cover all the important topics from how to design a bushfire plan through to caring for your pets during an emergency. It is critical every household member understands your family fire plan in the event of emergency.

Families wanting a printed copy of the CFA's Bushfire

Preparedness Resources can contact my electoral office on 5174 7066 or drop into my office at 181 Franklin Street Traralgon.

I am urging all Gippslanders to stay safe, be prepared over the warmer months and always follow the advice of our hardworking emergency service personnel," Ms. Bath said.

Gippsland youth have their say on forest future

The opinions of young Gippslanders have been captured in a report outlining their recommendations to State Government on the future management of forests in Victoria.

Shadow Minister for Public Land Use and Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath, was joined by Leader of The Nationals and Shadow Minister for Agriculture Peter Walsh recently in Hazelwood North, to release the report on the Gippsland Youth Symposium.

The symposium, held in Traralgon and hosted by Ms. Bath, saw participants attend from all over Gippsland, including Bruthen in the east through to Drouin in the west.

Ms. Bath said the seven recommendations in the report sent a powerful message to the Government.

"Gippsland's young people resoundingly endorsed the native timber industry and the economic and sustainable benefits it provides to regional Victorian communities.

They also called on the State Government to implement improved bushfire management, weed and pest control, access track maintenance and support for recreational activities undertaken in our state forests". Mr Walsh said the opinions of young regional Victorians were an important

part of informing the future management of our forests.

"Well-managed forests and a sustainable timber industry underpin strong regional economies in Gippsland," Mr Walsh said.

"There's no one better to inform on the future management of our forests than those who rely on them for the social, environmental and economic benefits they hold.

It's illogical that the State Government wouldn't seek the views of young people in Gippsland who have grown up in and around our forests. I commend Melina for the work she's done to make sure they have their voice heard."

The Gippsland Youth Symposium was undertaken following a Victorian Government forum held in Footscray early this year which significantly lacked regional representation.

Ms. Bath said the report restores balance to consultation and has provided a platform for young Gippslanders to present their opinions to government.

"Young Gippslanders are calling on the State Government to implement a balanced management approach to our forests," said Ms. Bath

"They have emphatically recommended building stronger regional economies through sustainable timber jobs, maintaining access to their recreational pursuits, improved weed and pest control, support for our indigenous culture and maintaining public access to Victoria's forests." Ms Bath said.

To obtain a copy of the Gippsland Youth Symposium - Future of our Forests report contact Melina Bath's Office on (03) 5174 7066.

Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists

Pea Plants

Royce Raleigh is the President of the Wimmera Growers of Australian Plants and creator of one of the best open Australian native gardens, Wartook Gardens, near the Grampians. He will discuss Pea Plants at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, November 22 at the Uniting Church Hall, Old Sale Road Newborough from 7.30 pm.

The pea plant family is very large and widespread thought Australia in every state and habitat.

Many species are unknown in cultivation and most others are poorly represented in gardens and in



nurseries. Royce will briefly show how we can use the flower structure to identify the various pea plants, and then take us on a tour of some of the many beautiful pea plants that we have across this country.

The following day's excursion is to the Moondarra State Park.

Visitors are most welcome to both activities; there is no charge. For more information phone 0410 237 292.

Photograph: Rosy Bush-pea by Royce Raleigh

Latrobe Community Health Service

Art and dog therapy combine for an evening of fun and expression

About 60 children, families and carers took to Latrobe Community Health Service, Morwell on Wednesday October 23, to celebrate Children's Week 2019.

Trained therapy dogs joined the Latrobe Valley children and families at the health service, which hosted a bunch of activities based around the furry creatures.

The kids and four-legged friends tried out dog yoga, mindful doodling, making their own smoothies by pedalling on a bike and decorating dog-shaped stencils during the free event, aptly named Dog for a Day.

Dog for a Day took place to encourage youngsters to explore and communicate their feelings while creating pieces of art and interacting with trained therapy dogs.

"Dog for a Day promoted health, safety, communication, identity and wellbeing among children

who often find it easier to express themselves

when they feel safe and accepted doing so," said Paula Gibb, Manager - Behavioural Health Programs at Latrobe

Community Health Service.

"Our trained staff and volunteers accompanied the children through each activity, and asked them to reflect on how dogs and children both have needs for safety, wellbeing, happiness and social connection.

We designed these activities to give children permission to have emotions, to manage their emotions and then to express them where appropriate".

Each child was given a passport that was stamped at each activity before they were invited to contribute to a collaborative banner that resembled their 'pack' or community.

The children's families and carers were encouraged to



join in on the fun, with many appreciative of the day's wellbeing focus.

"It was fantastic to see so many children and families explore, discover, create and play along the Dog for a Day trail", Ms Gibb said.

"At Latrobe Community Health Service, we are always looking at how we can deliver services and activities differently, using evidence-based innovations.

We believe Dog for a Day was a fun-filled event that had plenty of take-home learnings for the children, families and carers who attended".

Dog for a Day was an initiative of Latrobe Community Health Service and the Department of Education and Training.

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Bingo Tuesday eyes down at 8.00 pm

Latrobe Streetgames news

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We recently attended RecFest, which brought together five local schools to get involved with free local sport and rec opportunities

Recent news

We recently shifted our Thursday Community Leagues over to the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. Now the weather is warming up we are excited to be getting outside when we can, but if the weather is poor we play low key games inside the centre. We're there 3-4pm every Thursday so come down and say hi!

World Food Day was

highlighted with a Churchill food festival on Saturday October 19, at the Churchill community hub and Latrobe Streetgames ran games there! There was also free food tasting, workshops, and much more.

We hosted dodgeball, frisbee, and footy at the Churchill Tour of Gippsland cycling event on Friday October 25, from 9am-3pm at Gaskin Park. A bunch of local

schools came along to cheer on the cyclists and enjoy the wide range of stalls and activities on the day.

What to expect when attending Streetgames?

When attending Streetgames, you can expect the first 15-20 minutes hanging out together socializing while our coaches sign you in. We then choose games together to play for the session (or you can do your

own thing too). Nothing else to it. No need to register, no fancy uniforms or equipment required, just rock up! We also provide fruit and water!

Our goals

Latrobe Streetgames is about getting out, having fun with your mates, and enjoying the vibe (plus all the other perks, like free food and merchandise). We are led by and for young people in the Latrobe Valley with a crew of over 30 passionate volunteers (and more every day).

Find out more

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<p>MOE WEEKLY 3-5pm Moe Library TUESDAYS</p>	<p>BOOLARRA WEEKLY 4-5pm Boolarra Skatepark TUESDAYS</p>	<p>MULTICULTURAL STREETSOCCER & 3X3 HUSTLE 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 West Court @ YouthSpace FRIDAYS</p>

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Death of a public eyesore



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Churchill & District



Thursday November 7 saw the demolition of the horrible eyesore that the old United Petroleum service station presented at the edge

of Churchill for the last several years finally begin.

Thank you to all those who sent in letters to United Petroleum as part of the

campaign to rid us of this eyesore.

A special thank you to MP Russell Northe for his consistent advocacy on this

matter. A number of thumbs up were seen as people drove passed and the word spread very quickly as people drove past or sent texts to others.

Churchill & District News was there to record the event and looks forward to giving you more updates in our December issue.

Let's hope that the end result will give Churchill a favourable approach.

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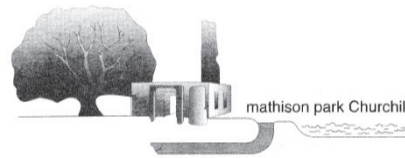


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Mathison Park



This month we welcomed back Chris and Faye.

Our working bee was held over a few days resulting in a lot of fallen trees and branches being cut up and dispatched to

burn piles.

The far south east of the park we affectionately call Kookaburra Corner, had a lot of branches down. It is an area we haven't attended for some time. It will now be able to be mown more thoroughly and safely.

Many thistles were also

dug out with the object of decreasing their numbers in the park for years to come.

Our working bees are held each month on the second Saturday unless the weather is too bad, in which case we sometimes go to the third Saturday. For further information contact Ruth 0456 786 577.

We have a web site and a facebook page.

Applications open for the Premier's Spirit of Democracy Prize

Member for Morwell Russell Northe is encouraging students in Years 9, 10 and 11 at Government, Catholic and Independent schools to apply to participate in a study tour of Greece to deepen their understanding of civics and citizenship. "Recently the State Government announced this unique opportunity which will allow up to 22 Victorian students to travel to Greece as part of a curriculum immersion program" said Mr Northe.

This year's topic requires students to prepare a personal reflection, short story or expository essay of up to 800 words. Students are encouraged to submit a written response about democracy, drawing on the classical work of Greek thinkers such as Plato and Aristotle, exploring the role of history and evolution of democracy. "It will be an exciting opportunity for successful applicants to travel, learn and experience

Greece's rich culture, and wouldn't it be terrific to see a local student afforded such an opportunity" Mr Northe said. Applications for the Premier's Spirit of Democracy prize opened on October 22, 2019 and close on Thursday December 12, 2019. More information can be found at: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/discipline/humanities/civics/Pages/premiers-spirit-of-democracy.aspx>

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Morwell Historical Society Exhibition

Celebrating 100 years of aviation in the Latrobe Valley



The first flight in Australia took place in March 1910, but it was to be more than nine years later before an aircraft graced the skies of the Latrobe Valley. On September 5, 1919 an Australian Flying Corps Be2c bi-plane landed late in the day at, first Morwell and then Traralgon. The purpose of the visit being to advertise and promote the Commonwealth Government's First Peace Loan campaign, through which the government sought to borrow some £25,000,000 from the public to fund the post war demobilisation and rehabilitation of servicemen and for the support of war widows.

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of this event and

to recognise the important role that aviation now plays in the Latrobe Valley, the Morwell Historical Society has mounted an Exhibition at the Society's Hazelwood Road, Morwell premises that provides an overview of a century of flight in the Valley.

The Exhibition was opened on September 5, 2019 by the Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Middlemiss, on the anniversary date before a large gathering of interested persons.

Other speakers included the Honourable Darren Chester, MP, Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel and Federal Member for Gippsland, Russell Northe, MLA, Member for Morwell,



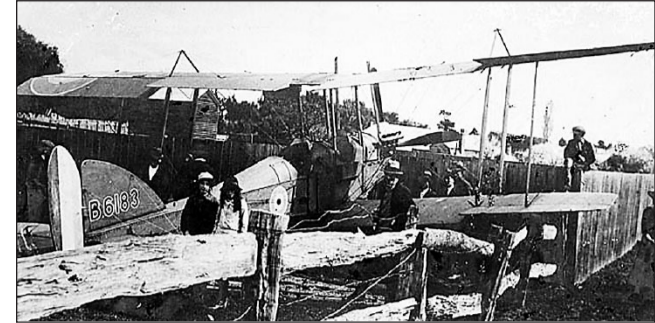
Bruce McMaster, President, Morwell Historical Society and John Willis OAM, Vice President of Morwell Historical Society and Researcher for the Exhibition.

The difficulty of covering 100 years of varied and intense activities has been achieved very effectively by setting out the display in chronological order from 1919 through to the end of the 1960s. From that time to the present day the many and varied aviation activities and groups that make up the local aviation scene are covered individually.

Highlights of the early days include the early barnstormers, who gave the general public their first opportunity to take

flight. Then there was an experimental airmail and newspaper delivery and later an Australia wide campaign to establish airfields in regional areas. The first landing ground opened under this scheme, which was sponsored by the Vacuum Oil Company, was at Traralgon.

The visit of Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith, arguably the greatest of the pioneer long distance aviators, in his legendary Fokker trimotor the "Southern Cross" to both Morwell and Traralgon is covered in some detail. Smithy is credited with inspiring an interest in flight in a generation of young people, including many local identities, who served in the Royal Australian Airforce



during World War 2.

The display covering the war years brings to light the secret aerodromes that were planned for the Latrobe Valley during the dark days of the Pacific war. The operation of the anti-aircraft artillery units defending Yallourn and the outstanding work of the Volunteer Air Observer Corps are also covered. The display also details the dramatic night emergency landings near Morwell in early 1945, when the town's folk rallied to enable the safe landing of some RAAF aircraft in distress.

The post war formation of the Latrobe Valley Aero Club and the establishment and operation of the White City airfield are well covered, as is the long quest for the establishment of a permanent aerodrome that has resulted in the Latrobe Regional Airport.

The later years of the century are covered by displays focusing on various activities including, but not limited to, air shows, aircraft manufacturing, airline services, the National Safety Council saga, the helicopter air ambulance, fire bomber activities and various aspects of sport and recreational aviation. Youth training through the Australian Air Force Cadets is also covered.

The Exhibition is open to the public at the Society's premises, 12 Hazelwood Road, Morwell, from 11am to 2pm on Wednesday November 20 and Sunday November 24.

Alternatively, arrangements can be made for groups to inspect the Exhibition at a mutually convenient time. Enquiries to secretary@morwellhistoricalsociety.org.au

Local Rainfall

Rainfall at Churchill

Firstly, a very big thank you to William for his efforts in recording and sending in the monthly report while we were away. William, with help from the very moist clouds, got some good rainfall scores on the board. I wish I could provide the same. October had eight days of rainfall, but the highest score in the gauge was only 8 mm on October 17. The total for

the month was 35.5mm; the total so far for Churchill for 2019 is 525.5mm. I have been keeping rainfall records in Churchill since 1992 and it is interesting to note that the five lowest totals for the month of October have been recorded in the last 13 years: 2006 - 23mm, 2008 - 22mm, 2015 - 30.5 mm, 2018 - 34mm and 2019 - 35.5mm

Rain at Hazelwood South.

October has been below

average, with only 33mm of rain and 43% of the average for October. For the year since January we are now a little below average with 97%. At the end of October the soil is beginning to dry and more watering of plants is needed. All the drains and springs are dry again. The fire season is approaching and care is needed for any burn-offs. Weeding and mowing is now the priority.

Christmas service times

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Christmas Eve at 8pm at Lumen Christi and Christmas Day 9 am

Yinnar or Boolarra

No Masses in Yinnar or Boolarra on Christmas Day.

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Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar

Saturday December 14 - Community

Carols at Churchill, 6pm BBQ, 7pm start.

Thursday December 19 - Blue Christmas Boolarra 7pm.

Sunday December 22 - Carols and Lessons Service 9am Churchill, 11am Boolarra.

Tuesday December 24 - Crib Service 6.30pm Churchill. Anglican HC Boolarra 8.30.

Wednesday December 25 - Churchill 9am Service of the Word

9am Boolarra Family Service

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Men - Saturday 6/10/2019 Stableford

A Grade - M. Soppe 32
Pts. B Grade - S. Sanders 41
Pts. C Grade - R. Timbs 34
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M. Brereton 30. NTP - 3rd M. Brereton, 14th R. Madigan. Birdies - 5th C. Gosling.

Men - Saturday 12/10/2019 Alan Watts Memorial Stableford

A Grade - R. Madigan (11) 34 C/B. B Grade - J. McCafferty (21) 39. C Grade - R.

Zomer (32) 31 C/B. DTL - R. Welsh 38, M. Brereton 34, B. Barnes 33, G. Spowart 32, R. Timms 31, T. Gabbett 31, A. Quinn 31, J. Jeffery 30 C/B. NTP - 3rd S. Sanders, 12th J. Sanders. Birdies - 3rd S. Sanders.

Ladies Monthly Medal 15/10/2019

Scratch Winner - M. Dear 87. Medal Winner - L. Webb

(40) 63. DTL - S. Turner (23) 72, M. Dear (13) 74. Putts - S. Turner 25. NTP - 3rd V. Reid, 5th M. Dear, 12th M. Dear, 14th M. Dear.

Men - Saturday 19/10/2019 Par

A Grade - B. Barnes (16) +1. B Grade - B. Kilday (23) Sq C/B. C Grade - B. Rowley (34) Sq C/B. DTL - R. Timms Sq, T. Sterrick

Sq, R. Madigan Sq, A. Quinn -1, T. Lio -2 C/B, K. Hogan -2 C/B. NTP - 3rd M. Hutchinson, 5th A. Quinn, 12th T. Sterrick, 15th D. Byer. Birdies - 3rd G. Spowart.

Cm Ladies Open Day 12/10/2019 4BBB

Winners - V. Verheyen

and D. Judkins 43. Runners Up - M. McQuillen and B. Stimpson 39 C/B. NTP - 3rd M. Dear, 5th J. Thorburn, 12th V. Reid, 14th A. Vella. DTL - J. Blizzard and J. Woznica 39 C/B, L. Carter and A. Vella 39 C/B, M. Dear and W. Gervasi 39 C/B.

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Latrobe Valley Ladies Darts Association

Latrobe Valley Ladies Darts Association will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary on December 1, 2019.

The event will be held at 12.30pm in the ANZAC room at the Morwell RSL in Elgin Street, Morwell.

We are seeking expressions of interest from past players and former Committee members who would like to attend the reunion.

Please phone Lucia Reynolds on 0427 122 758 as soon as possible.

CDCA

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Next CDCA meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, December 10, in the Board Room at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre, McDonald Way, Churchill.
All local residents welcome.

CDCA meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every second month.



Fire Prevention – Be aware, Be prepared

HVP Plantations prepares for this fire season



The HVP Plantations team is again working hard to ensure the company is well prepared for the threat of fire during the upcoming warmer months.

We continue to invest in, and develop, the skills of over 120 company firefighters through a structured CFA Forest Industry Brigade, and actively participate in regular training and skills maintenance. We have an additional 150 firefighters located throughout Victoria, with more resources available throughout Queensland and New Zealand if required.

HVP has ten fire tankers and over 25 slip-on units are located across the Gippsland estate. These resources are continually maintained and prepared in the event that they may be needed at any time. The local community also benefits from our dedicated resources and the skills and abilities of our staff and contractors, with more than half the fires that HVP Plantations crews have attended in recent years starting outside plantation boundaries.

We will again be contracting a dedicated firefighting helicopter for

the period of the highest fire risk. The light helicopter is based in the Latrobe Valley, supporting other State Fleet aircraft that CFA and DELWP have available to fight fires throughout Victoria.

On days of higher fire risk, two HVP fire towers will be manned and fire vehicles will be patrolling plantation areas to ensure any fire is detected quickly and responded to in the shortest possible time.

Fire prevention activities will continue throughout spring, including firebreak and track maintenance around plantations and checking fire dams to ensure they are accessible, signed and mapped.

A continuing problem for our community is the issue of arson. Statistics indicate that a significant proportion of fires that affect our plantations are started "by the hand of man".

Some fires may be accidental, but many are deliberate and avoidable. Through the Gippsland Arson Prevention Program (GAPP), HVP Plantations actively partners with 21 other government agencies and private companies including Victoria Police,

CFA and DELWP to reduce the incidence and impact of bushfire arson across Gippsland. Arson is a crime no matter how big or small the damage, and the local community plays an integral role in the reduction of arson related crimes.

Research indicates that a community that is paying attention to what occurs within it, can play an important part in assisting Crime Stoppers and Police through reporting suspicious activity. This may include, but is not limited to, dumped cars, rubbish and unattended campfires or burn-offs.

Reports can be made direct to HVP Plantations on (03) 5122 0600, anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or by contacting your local Police station. Even the smallest piece of information may be a vital link in either solving a crime or preventing another one. The Crime Stoppers message is a simple one: "If you've seen something, if you know something, say something".

When it comes to fire for HVP, every person counts and every tree counts.

Churchill CFA Awards 2019



The Churchill Fire Brigade recently held their annual Presentation Night at the Churchill Hotel, to celebrate another year of service to the Churchill and district community.

Captain Shane Renwick gave his insights into the brigade's activity over the year. Shane also had pleasure in presenting the Brigade Recognition award to Ex-Captain Steven Barling in

recognition of his over 22 years of service as the brigade's Captain from April 1997 until June 2019.

Commander Chris Loeschekohl, representing CFA District 27, presented CFA service awards to:

- 10 year service medal - Lieutenant Andy Halnon
- 20 year service medal - Captain Shane Renwick
- 30 year service medal - Firefighter Darlene Parkinson

Additional brigade awards were:

- Firefighter of the year - Firefighter Allan Larkin
- Captain's Trophy - Secretary Lisa Cannon

The focus will shift over the next few months to the coming summer fire season, with regular training and much practice preparing members for whatever needs to be done to keep our community safe this summer.

Burning Off

Burning off grass, stubble, weeds, undergrowth or other vegetation is generally permitted outside the Fire Danger Period.

Latrobe City has Local laws on burn-offs which apply year-round.

Fires are not allowed in the township area at all, but are allowed on rural properties or farms.

Before burning off:

- * Check and follow local laws and regulations set down by Latrobe City
- * Check the weather forecast for the day of the burn and a few days afterwards
- * Check the fuel moisture conditions
- * Establish a fire break of no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material
- * Notify neighbours at

least two hours before starting the burn

* Notify the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) on 1800 668 511

* Make sure there are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.

* Register your burn-off

All burn-offs should be registered with ESTA on 1800 668 511.

Please provide the following information about your burn-off when registering:

- * Location
 - * Date and expected start and finish times
 - * Estimated size
 - * What you intend to burn
- Unregistered burn-offs can cause brigades to be



called out unnecessarily.

Some information that you provide may be displayed on the Vic Emergency website. This may include the street name and area where the planned burn you are registering will take place.

This information may be shared on the Vic Emergency website at the time of ignition, as well as the VicEmergency app and internal incident management systems.



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Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish
Species: *Ornduffia*
(syn. *Villarsia*)
reniformis.
Family:
Menyanthaceae
Derivation:
Ornduffia: Named
after Robert Ornduff



(1932-2000), who contributed greatly to the study of the Menyanthaceae family and the genus *Villarsia*.

Villarsia: Named after Dominique Villars (1745-1814), a French botanist, physician and professor at Grenoble.

reniformis; From the Latin *renes*, meaning 'the kidneys' and *forma*, meaning 'shape', hence kidney-shaped, referring to the leaves.

Name: Running Marsh-flower.

Distribution: South Australia, on Kangaroo Island and the Fleurieu Peninsula north to Adelaide and into the south-east, right across Victoria and up the NSW coast to Sydney, on Flinders Island and in the north-east of Tasmania, usually in aquatic situations, freshwater swamps and marshes to a depth of 60cm.

Description: A robust, aquatic, perennial herb to 1.3m in height, with long spreading stolons (basal stems which grow just below the soil surface, with roots shooting from nodes at regular intervals). Leaves can float and are broadly ovate, kidney-

shaped or orbicular to 12cm long and 10cm wide. They usually have a cordate (heart-shaped) base, are glossy, dark green above and purplish below, usually with entire margins but sometimes with rounded teeth, on stems to 70cm long. Flowering stems are up to 1.3m long, bearing very conspicuous, many-flowered, loose terminal panicles of bright yellow flowers to 45mm across, that have 4-6 corolla lobes with crenulate (finely toothed) or undulate (wavy) wings and interior fringes.

Opinion: This species had its name change in 2009 in Victoria, but is still known as *Villarsia* in some other jurisdictions. My specimen lives in the creek section of my frog pond, which I have allowed to turn itself into a bog garden by not removing any of the debris that falls into it from the surrounding gardens. The plants don't seem to mind, the three species in this section (water-lilies and River Mint are the other two) are all healthy and happy, although it is probably too shady for the water-lily

and the Marsh-flower to flower well. The River Mint loves it though!

I think my specimen came from the 2014 FJC Rogers Seminar in Bendigo, but my records are so poor that I can't find an entry for it and it could be from anywhere.

It went into the bog garden about three years ago after I found it struggling along in a tube in my nursery/storage area and it hasn't looked back since getting its feet wet. If I notice any seed setting I'll be collecting it, but if anybody wanted to get this plant into their bog gardens, I'm sure a piece of a stolon would do the trick.

Sources: Sharr – WA Plant Names and their Meanings.

Elliot & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volumes 9.

Corrick & Fuhrer – Wildflowers of Victoria.

Online – Floras of Victoria, South Australia, NSW, Tasmania & WA.

The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group meets on the second Thursday each month at 7.30pm, at the Horticultural Buildings of Federation Training, on the corner of Prince's Drive and Monash Way, Morwell. All guests welcome, please let us know you are coming by calling Mike on

0447 452 755.

Churchill produce swap

Do you have a lot of lemons or did you make a lot of jam? This is an opportunity to swap your excess produce.

Bring it along to the community garden behind the library on the first Sunday of the month from 10:30am.

Produce is anything you have grown or made yourself.

It could be fruit and vegetables, jams and pickles, baked goods or handcrafts. Bring what you have too much of and swap it for something you need. Meet and greet will be



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Hazelwood Cemetery Trust – 140 years old



By Leo Billington

On Sunday afternoon, September 29, over 18 people took up the opportunity to participate in a conducted walk through the Hazelwood Cemetery to celebrate its 140th birthday.

Naturally, many recounted memories of years past as they walked through various sections of the cemetery.

Of particular interest were graves of those buried prior to the First World War, families of those who once farmed

around Yinnar and Morwell.

Early family names such as Quigley, Thompson, Ritchie, Buckley, Bolding, Wicks, Bolger, Ronald and Kirwin were recalled alongside favoured anecdotes bringing the past to the present.

Hazelwood Cemetery Trust members, Lorraine Leviston and Hugh Thompson volunteered to speak about their respective families who bravely farmed our local area.

Another Trust member,

Erik Eklund provided a talk about the Spanish flu pandemic of 1919 when there was a huge reliance on volunteers across the region, as hospitals grappled to address flu cases with two schools in Traralgon and Morwell being converted as temporary medical facilities to treat the sick.

On the day, the weather was kind albeit a cold breeze occasionally reminded us that September's climate pattern is what it is.



Churchill Community Garden

Why do we have a community garden in Churchill when everyone has a back yard to make their own gardens in?

Aren't they just for people who live in units with no yard?

Good question. Well a community garden gives interaction with other gardeners. You can discuss garden problems, exchange ideas and work as part of a team.

Churchill has a lot of clay but we have great soil at the garden. We make compost and have a large worm farm.

The gardeners collect waste from food outlets in town to feed our worms and add to compost. This saves a lot of waste going to landfill, another great reason to have a community garden.

The garden has a watering system in place and there are three large water tanks so no need to be concerned about water supply.

Our sensory garden blooms all year round providing an enjoyable space to relax with a cuppa at our picnic table. On hot days we put up our large shade umbrella.

The gardeners meet regularly on Tuesday morning 10 – 12 and when required. Our next project is a regular produce swap day on the first Sunday of the month. If you have excess produce bring it along and swap it for something you need. Produce can be vegetables, fruit, jams and pickles, baked goods or handcrafts. Meet and greet from 10:30. Introduce yourself and your product. Produce swap will be from 11 – 12 am. Look for us on Facebook or come along on Tuesday mornings or the first Sunday.

“The Narrow Road to the Deep North”

by Richard Flanagan

Richard Flanagan was born in Longford, Tasmania in 1961. His previous novels include

“Death of a River Guide”, “The Sound of One Hand Clapping” which he directed as a feature film, “Gould’s Book of Fish”, “The Unknown Terrorist” and “Wanting”.

He also has essays published in “And What Do You Do Mr Gable?”

He has received numerous honours for his writing, the most notable being the Man Booker Prize in 2014 for “The Narrow Road to The Deep North” and is published in 26 countries.

The central character in this story is Dorrigo Evans, the youngest child in a large family of battlers living in rural Tasmania.

His brother Tom has just returned from World War I but this is a time where feelings were not expressed, especially by men, and the young Dorrigo is shocked when he sees a neighbour crying to his mother that his wife has left him.

Dorrigo wins a scholarship and is sent to a prestigious school where he meets boys from families whose lives are very different from his own, but is accepted and admired because of his sporting prowess.

When WW2 begins, Dorrigo, who is now a doctor, enlists and is stationed in Adelaide.

It is assumed that when the war is over he will return and marry Ella, with whom he has had a long term relationship.

He loves books and

poetry, and whilst browsing in a book shop in Adelaide he has a chance meeting with a confident and attractive woman.

He has been urged by his family to visit an uncle

hero. He marries Ella but is filled with self-loathing as he feels like a fraud, haunted by the memories of the men he has fought with.

He is not happy in his marriage and is infamous for the many casual affairs he

has with women, often the wives of friends and colleagues.

It is not until his wife and children are nearly lost in a bush fire that he realises his love for them.

Many members of our group found this book quite challenging.

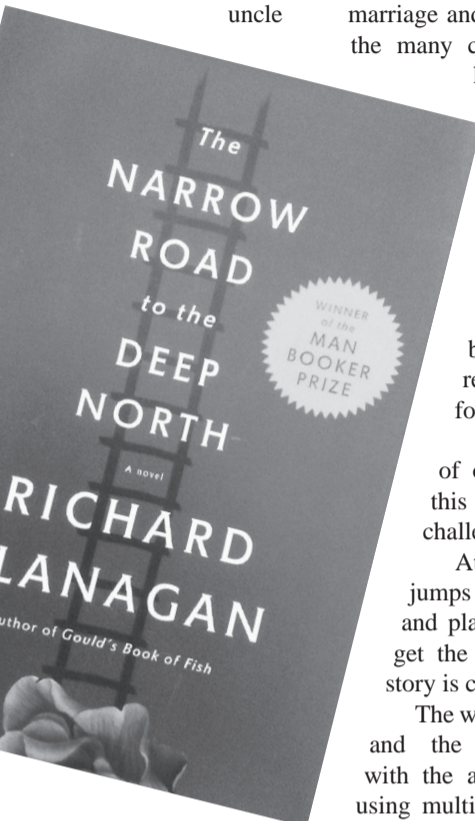
At the start it jumps around in time and place but once you get the thread of it the story is compelling.

The writing is beautiful and the language rich, with the author frequently using multiple adjectives to emphasise the description of something.

The book contrasts the attitudes of the Australians compared to the Japanese soldiers, who owe their unquestioned allegiance to the Emperor and believe it is an honour to die for him whereas the Australians, who are very irreverent, owe their allegiance to each other.

It really explores the many kinds of love that we experience - the passionate love of a man and a woman, the dutiful and supportive love of a wife and the loyalty and self-sacrificing love of mateship.

There are many threads to this very sad story and the author is able to tie in all the loose ends in a very satisfactory way.



who has a hotel in Adelaide, and when he does he is surprised to find that the woman in the book shop is his uncle's wife, Amy.

A passionate affair follows.

Dorrigo is eventually sent off to the war and promises Amy that he will return for her.

After fighting in the Middle East he eventually finds himself in a Prisoner of War camp and is engaged in caring for the men building the Thai-Burma railway.

The men are brutally treated, starved and living in squalid conditions where dysentery, cholera and malaria are rife, and there are insufficiencies of everything with which to treat them.

He is highly regarded by the men and returns home a

Correction

In our October issue we accidentally published the wrong photo for 7 and Under award winner, and incorrectly spelt the actual winner's name - Aaliyah Leitch - van Zanten.

Aaliyah Leitch - van Zanten was unable

to attend the Presentation Night and so no photo of her was taken.

We sincerely apologise for this error.

The little girl pictured was Ellie Williams-Cooney who accepted the Prep Class award for her Grade's entry.

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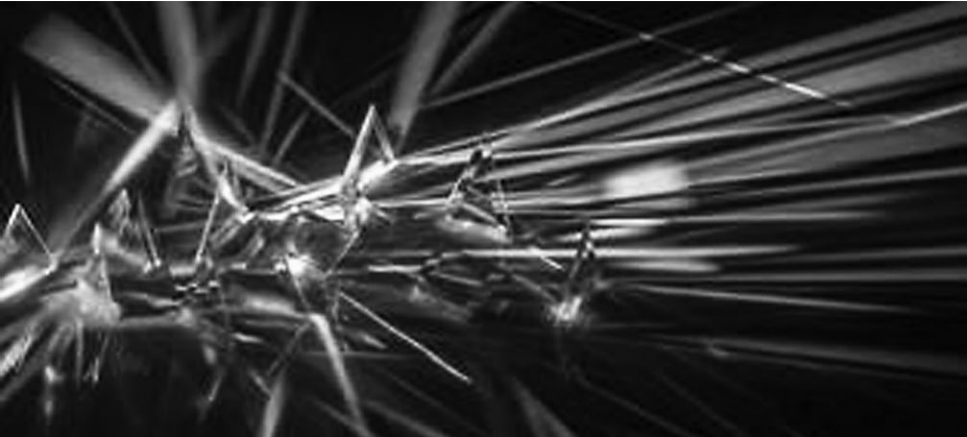
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Dissonant Rhythms



Ross Manning is a Brisbane based artist and musician who will have his first survey exhibition, Dissonant Rhythms on display at the Latrobe Regional Gallery from October 26, 2019 to January 5, 2020.

Manning is well known for his use of everyday materials including ceiling fans, overhead projectors and fluorescent light tubes which are all repurposed to deliver an engaging exhibition that is colourful, and kinetic for

audiences. The celebration for this playful exhibition will be held at Latrobe Regional Gallery on Friday November 29, 2019.

Photo Caption
Timothy Cook, 'Kulama'

Darrell White

Latrobe City Council Annual Report 2018/19

At a Special Council Meeting held on Monday October 21, Council formally resolved to receive the Latrobe City Council Annual Report 2018/19.

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989, Council is required to consider the Annual Report within one month after providing the Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government.

This year's 140 pages Annual Report 2018/19 contains the audited Financial Statements along with Standard and Performance Statements pertaining to Latrobe City Council for this period. Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989, Council is required to report to the community on

a variety of topics covering Council's operations, performances and finances.

This Annual Report is a comprehensive document which, in part, gives a detailed snapshot of the broad range of services that are delivered by Council in order to meet the needs of our community. The Report also summarises Council's major initiatives and lists capital works, either completed, or underway, over the past year.

In addition, there is reference to Latrobe City Council's vision, based on Council's Plan 2017 - 21 objectives, which is to provide the best possible services, advocacy and leadership for Latrobe City, as one of Victoria's four major Regional Cities.

Hard copies of the Annual Report 2018/19 are available



at Council's Service Centres and Libraries in Churchill, Morwell, Traralgon and Moe. Electronically, the Annual Report is also accessible at Council's website: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au

This opportunity is taken to encourage our community to access a copy of this Annual Report 2018/19 as it clearly demonstrates and provides understanding of the broad range of services, issues and challenges that need to be managed by Latrobe City on behalf of our community.

St Matt's Op Shop News

Throughout the month of November, St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar is holding a "Not-to-be-missed November Sale," with the opportunity to fill a bag with clothes for \$5. There are plenty of wonderful men's clothes available, along with a big box of free farm clothes.

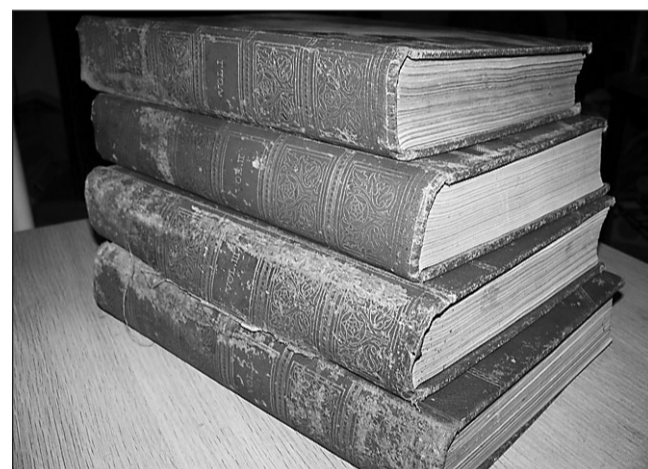
We also have some special finds for sale including some late 19th century books and a number of limited edition fine porcelain plates from the Franklin Mint. The "White Tigers" and "Yellow Roses of Capodimonte" plates are on offer for \$25 each. Please note these plates are not for food use.

If you would like to see the rest of our range of limited edition plates, check out the St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar Facebook page or you can email stmattsyinnar@gmail.com <stmattsyinnar@gmail.com> (they are not on display at the Op Shop).

At the moment unfortunately we are no longer open on Mondays. Thank you so much to the volunteers who ran the store on Mondays.

It was very successful and we hope in the future we can do it again.

We are now open on Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 4pm and on Saturdays from 10am to 1pm. New volunteers are always welcome, please get in touch via email, or drop in at the Op Shop to discuss.



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Lead smelter plant-information

Public Meetings at Hazelwood North

The Hazelwood North Action Group recently ran two Public Meetings in the Hazelwood North Hall to publicise the proposal by Chunxing to build and operate a Used Lead Acid Battery Recycling Plant, (ULAB), in proximity to the Hazelwood North community.

Chunxing, a new industrial concern is looking to establish a ULAB recycling plant within a kilometre or so of the community and their school. Many of the residents have lived in the community most, or all of their lives and had said thankful goodbyes to the Lurgi Gas Works, an Oil From Coal Plant, the Australian Char plant and most recently Hazelwood Power Station. In an attempt to counter a perceived threat from the smelter air emissions a number of residents formed a local Community Action Group to investigate the risks of living next door to a lead smelter and to better inform themselves about the smelting process and the toxicity posed by particulates containing lead.

The Group's devotion to their cause has been exemplary. Apart from embarking on an extensive data search on smelters they carried out a letter drop of 600 flyers to the immediate community as well as erecting numerous signs on

all roads around the proposed site. In addition, a petition of more than 2200 names has been collected, showing the scale of the opposition to the project. All this has taken place since June.

The meetings were held on October 15 and 22, inviting residents of Latrobe City to information sessions prepared by the group. The meetings were attended by representatives of State, local government and EPA officers and approximately 200 citizens of Latrobe City over the two meetings.

Both meetings opened with group members presenting the main concerns around lead toxicity and the risk to the community. The meetings were very orderly and well organised.

The meetings focused on a number of key points: "There is no safe level of lead; there is a new technology that is much safer; we need 21st century jobs, not last century jobs; let's have all options on the table, not just one".

The presenters stated that evidence of newer safer technology is now available to process lead acid batteries, so all options should now be considered before committing the Valley to another polluting industry.

Most importantly, World Health Organisation and other International bodies are now saying there is no safe level of lead in the air, water or food.

Children and pregnant women are most at risk, but nobody is immune to its effects.

The agenda included a presentation from Stacey Clark, EPA Victoria representative, outlining the works approval and permit processes to enable the smelter to proceed. Jody Reardan - Latrobe City Council Manager of Regional City Planning said that the LCC is very aware of community concerns and will be available to address complaints, but they cannot overturn the VCAT approval if given.

At the conclusion of the formal presentation from the group, the meeting was then opened up to the floor for question and discussion time. Some of the comments from the attendees spoke of their concerns particularly for the future of the Latrobe Valley.

It was said that the Valley needs replacement industries to take the place of power generation, but we need 21st century jobs and new technology. A final comment from the floor asked "What does the Latrobe Valley want to look like in the future? This area needs to think carefully about its development and ability to attract new residents. The choice of new industries could have a fundamental effect on the future development of the Valley."

Activity one – Orchid Walk

At this month's activity we had Ken, Matt, Tamara, Graeme, Rose, Hayley, Jay and Joelle. We had apologies from Darren, Beryl, Mike and Cathy. We were also joined by Nathan and Alex who'd travelled from Melbourne and beyond to join the group. Ken had to leave immediately after our meeting and following his departure, the group set off. It had been an interesting year for orchids in the area, with most species showing up late, but showing up in very large numbers when they did finally appear. We found at least nine species with one in the area burnt by the fire last March, the Wallflower Orchid, being something we don't see too often in Morwell National Park. The little Bronze Caladenia continued the trend mentioned earlier and seemed to be present in large numbers most of the way around Stringybark Ridge Track.

Activity two – Koala Count

For the Koala Count

we had most of those above (Hayley and Jay had to leave) and were joined by Jim and his boys.

The group split into three as it usually does and headed off around the three tracks we survey. It was a good year, with 12 Koalas being spotted, including a female with a little joey on her back.

Everyone that came along had a good look at wild koalas, the most excited being the kids. Shortly after the Stringybark group returned, a family showed up to take a look through the Park and

we were able to show them a koala in the car park. They set off enthusiastically, hoping to find a few more of their own.

November Activity

Sunday November 17, 10.00am

The group will meet in the Kerry Road car park to complete the Butterfly Orchid Survey and some track maintenance. The group will split into smaller work groups to complete these tasks. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.



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Railways

The first steam train to run in Australia did so in 1853 on a short section of track in Parramatta Park in Sydney. The engine and three trucks were imported from England and were supposed to be the basis for a commercial line in Sydney, but financial problems caused delays in building a line. It was not completed until 1855. Consequently, the first operating line was built in Melbourne from Port Melbourne, then called Sandridge, to Flinders Street in 1854. The first train ran on September 12, 1854.

Queensland's first train line was from Ipswich West to Grandchester on the Darling Downs. The line was extended to Brisbane in 1875. South Australia's first line went from Adelaide to Port Adelaide in 1856. Tasmania's first line went from Launceston to Deloraine in 1868. Western Australia had a number of private timber trains before the Government built its first rail line in 1879. The Northern Territory had a line from Darwin to Pine Creek in 1889 and Alice Springs was connected to the South Australian system in 1980. The gap between

Alice Springs and Katherine was completed in 2004. The A.C.T. line from Queanbeyan and Canberra was completed in 1923 as Canberra was being built as our national capital.

During the 1850s the railway lines gradually spread from the capitals out into the surrounding countryside, greatly expanding the economies from each state as freight was carried faster than ever before, from one place to another in greater capacities. They replaced the slow animal-drawn traffic between major towns and gradually replaced shipping between capitals. Inland river shipping survived a lot longer.

Talks were held between states to institute a common rail gauge but were fruitless because each state was unwilling to change what it already had. N.S.W. and South Australia used the British standard gauge of 4ft 8 1/2 inches, Victoria used a 5ft 3in gauge and Queensland, Tasmania and W.A. and some parts of S.A. used the narrow 3ft 6in gauge. A journey from Perth to Brisbane meant six changes of trains. It was not until World War II showed how much we needed a standard gauge that gradually



the major capitals were all connected by a single track, but not until 1995.

Smaller private lines carrying timber, coal, sugar cane and other bulk goods have been built as well, and many are still operating. Diesel and electric locomotives have replaced most of the steam trains but some still run.

Road transport has caused the rail system to wax and wane over time as passenger numbers have decreased and cheap road haulage has made it more economic to travel by road to specific destinations. Railways suffer because they are static while roads are less so. However, as the population increases, congestion on the roads makes rail travel more effective so railways will prevail, particularly with the advent of ultra-fast passenger and freight services.

In 1953 Australia issued a 3 1/2 d stamp to commemorate the first train service.

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group



By J Duncan
Pizzas, plant-hunting and pot-washing day at Jeeralang North

On Sunday, October 13, Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group had a great day out at Jeeralang North Hall. We explored the surrounding forest looking for plants that have large enough populations for us to collect seed from.

The seed will be used for our two nearby elevated revegetation sites. We were very happy to have field naturalists, Ken and Tamara along to help us with plant identification, and some keen intrepid Landcare Group members keen to learn their plants. We found twenty-nine species that we can now monitor for seed production.

The forest and gullies further up the road had species suitable for our wet forest projects, while the area close to the hall has plants that thrive in dryer environments,

often at lower altitudes. The area was great for learning some identifications that can be tricky once the plants have stopped flowering.

Meanwhile, John and Wendy from the Hazelwood North and Jeeralang Community Association cooked lunch for us in the hall's wood fired pizza oven. This was much appreciated by all.

Throughout the day, teams of group members also managed to wash up and sterilise our greenhouse seed trays and hiko tubes as well as the first batch of forestry tubes. We are using a biodegradable oxygen bleach, so as not to damage soil or waterways.

Perfect weather and a real group effort in the organisation and preparation contributed to making this a great day all round.

Summer's coming
By the time this article

is published we will have held our annual November weed control day at the Budgeree Bush Reserve in Yinnar South. We'll also have had a stall at the Yinnar Market day in the memorial hall. Over summer we'll be collecting seed for our direct seeding sites and planting and looking after tubestock in our greenhouse. If anyone would like to help us with seed collection around Yinnar and Yinnar South and Jeeralang North and West, we'd love to hear from you.

The busiest time for the plants is over Christmas and New Year, which, unfortunately, isn't the best time to find volunteers.

If you search for Yinnar Landcare on the Interweb, you'll find our website, which has details of our current projects and main events.

<https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/westgippsland/yinnar-south/>

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A message about Recycling at the Churchill Hub

Recycle your plastic juice and milk bottle tops at the Hub



Recycle your printer cartridges, mobile phones and chargers, household batteries, P5 plastics, clean used aluminium foil, x-rays, old bras too!



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.

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.

ANY OTHER RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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Name:..... Name:.....
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Telephone Number: Telephone Number:

TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
The Secretary - Bill Hurenkamp
Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc.
Phone: 0418 327 287

FORM TO BE RETURNED TO:
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PO Box 110
CHURCHILL 3842
churchill.lions@gmail.com

SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY

Poems from Grade 4/5/6
BLUE!!

Blue, the colour of our shining sea,
A place where all fish live,
Blue, a sky full of clouds,
A neverending sea of wonder,

Blue, a pretty flower,
A bluebell swaying in the field,
Blue, a bird that sits in a bush silently,
A blue wren singing a lovely song,
Blue a berry that everyone loves,

A blueberry falls into the basket

Blue By Asha
Diamante Poem

Summer
Boiling, Dead
Dying, Cooking,
Swimming

Sun, Mirboo North Pool,
Snowflakes, Frosty the snowman

Freezing, Sledding,
Building

Cooold, Frostbites
Winter

By Chelsea
Colour poem 'Green'

Green is generally a happy colour,
To be happy you need to be calm,

Green means go,
It's used on traffic lights,
Green is usually a positive mood,

You can control your actions,
Green is the colour of leaves on trees,

The trees with leaves helps us to live.

ByChloe
Poems

In Term 3 of 2019 we learn how to write and understand different types of poems

Haiku

Cats are the cutest
With their little squished faces

I will buy all the cats

Limerick

There was a young girl named Bree

She loved to walk, as you could see

Bree was unwell
Cause she tripped on a shell

But she made a great friend named me

Ode

Meow, Meow, Meow
You are the silkiest of all cats

Your tails sway like flowers on a windy day

Diamante

Bright, Cheerful
Flying, Smiling,
Celebrating

Cookies, Milk, Spiders,
Shadows

Killing, Haunting,
Shivering

Dull, Secretive
Colour poem

Purple is the colour of majestic flowers

The lavender that blooms in spring

Purple is the colour of dawning skies

The colour of purple

Pansies
Purple is the galaxies
With stars shining bright

Shape poem

I am a rain drop, falling down the window

as u watch me gracefully dance down your car door.

I slide down the door like it's

a water slide I enjoy your company

Now good bye
By Lana

Yellow

Yellow is the Sun that keeps us warm inside.

And it helps the plants grow.

Green is the colour of the beautiful plants and blossoms,
Bringing us happiness.

White is the fluffy clouds in the sky, it makes us feel nice.

Blue are the waves dancing all around,
Making us feel safe and sound.

By Isabella
Rainbow

Red is the colour of roses in Spring,
A perfect flower for friends.

Orange is the colour of a cake,
Delicious orange taste.

Yellow is the colour of the Sun's flickering flame
Warming us up.

Green is the colour of trees, helping us breathe,

Swaying in the breeze.
Blue is the colour of the sky not a cloud in sight,
Shimmering at night.

Purple is the colour of grapes I love to eat.

Yummy on a hot day.

Pink is the colour when a girl is born,
Wrap her up snug and warm.

By Claire.
Some things we have done!

The flags of resilience

On Monday and Friday October 13 and 17, Marya came to Boolarra Primary School.

Boolarra made four large flags one for each house Red, Blue, Yellow and Green.

Each student made two smaller flags, one of them we got to keep and the other one got put on that student's house colour. We tie dyed them and added our design onto that.

It was great I loved it. It was a great Learning Experience

Sebastian
I found it interesting the way we decorated the flags

Jackson
Phillip Island Camp

First day of 3/4camp!

On September 11, the 3/4's went to Phillip Island camp.

After we got to our accommodations and unpacked, we walked over the bridge to see a lady feed the pelicans. She described what pelicans eat and the

difference between a boy and a girl pelican. Then we walked to the nearest park and had lunch, it was hard for us to eat our snack because the seagulls were trying to steal it. But everyone thought it was quite funny!

Then at 6:30 we went to see the penguin parade. I spotted at least 10 penguins down at the beach and 20 near the boardwalk.

I had fun!
By: Kallarnie
Phillip Island 3/4 Camp.

I only went to Phillip island camp for one day, but it was still fun!:) My dad and I went down to Phillip Island on Thursday September 12.

When we got there we looked around and expected it to be a school camp, like with a rope course and a giant swing. But no it was a four story apartment for hitch hikers.

Dad and I were amazed! But, no one was there. Finally, we saw Miss Stacey. We went over and asked her where everyone was. She said that everyone was at the wetlands.

So we drove over to where the school was walking. All my friends said Hi! I was very excited we walked all the way to the wetlands!!!

It took us a while but we finally made it. It looked amazing!!!

We were split into two groups. I was with my friends Kallarnie and Georgia. First we looked at the mangroves, and they talked about the fish

and the island.

Next we went to look at bugs, I teamed up with Kallarnie and Georgia. We found lots of bugs!!!

By Asha
A Day with Olympians.

On Thursday October 24, our Grade 5/6 students travelled to the Leongatha SPLASH facility to spend a day with ten amazing Australian Olympians. They spent all day with about 250 students from different schools.

We participated in basketball, tennis, athletics, gymnastics and table tennis. Firstly, the Olympians got called up and said one little speech each.

Most of the things they said were about their journey through sports and into the Olympics, how the sport they play now wasn't the sport they always dreamed about, and how the Olympic experience was for them.

They said a lot of things about pushing forward through hard work can get you to the greatest places around the world, and they said things about what their favorite thing about the Olympic games was.

Two or three of them said they were training for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. The Olympians also said that you should try new things, and you might get into the Olympics one day.

By Bree



SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

Ready and Eager

The 2020 new Foundation students attended a maths session at Churchill North Primary School last week. They were very excited to learn about shapes and make a shape monster picture out of two dimensional shapes.

Some of the comments were, 'I am going to use triangles to give my monster scary teeth'. 'I am going to use ovals to make the eyes look scary'. All of the children were proud of the shape monsters they made and also able

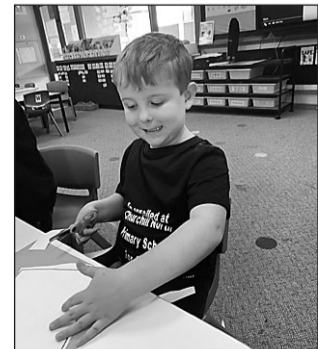
to name some of the two dimensional shapes that made them.

Swimming in Grade 3/4 S

On Thursday and Friday recently 3/4S went swimming at Churchill Leisure Centre. The students were very well behaved and had an absolute blast. They practised back stroke, how to do pin drops, safe entry into the water and some lucky students even practised diving into the pool. They can't wait for another opportunity to do it again.

First Aid Training

The students at Churchill North Primary School all participated in First Aid training recently. This saw the students finding out what to do if they find someone who is unconscious. They were taught to check for Danger, seek a Response from the unconscious person and Send for help. The children enjoyed practising being a patient and being someone who called for help. They now know what to do if they ever need these lifesaving skills.



SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL PRIMARY

Earn and Learn market

As part of their 'Earn and Learn' unit the Grade 5/6 students learned about creating budgets and business plans. Each group was then given a start - off loan of \$40 and was required to plan effectively so that they could pay back their loan and hopefully make a profit on the day of running their market stalls.

The market was held on the last day of Term 4 between 12pm and 1pm; the sun was shining and the atmosphere was buzzing with

some fantastic stalls created by the students, and enjoyed by the rest of the school and our community.

We are very happy to report that the students made a combined profit of \$515 on the day, and as a cohort have decided that this money will be donated to Anglicare which provides assistance to local families with food hampers and other services.

Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp

On Wednesday October 9, our Grade 5/6 students headed to Melbourne on the train for their urban city camp.

They stayed at the Hotel Clairmont in South Yarra and learned about topics such as homelessness, history at the Old Melbourne Gaol and exploring the Museum as well as having fun at places like the Sports and Aquatic Centre and ice skating! These are just a few of the activities that our students were exposed to on their camp and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. They arrived home at 4pm on Friday October 11, thoroughly worn out but with smiles on their faces.

P-2 Learn to Swim Program

Our P-2 students participated in the Learn to Swim Program during the second week of Term 4. This is an intensive five day program where the students have lessons every day with qualified swimming instructors at the Leisure Centre. Whilst it does make for a very tiring week, it is also most effective as the students don't have time to forget what they learned in the previous lesson.



Broadie A and Jye R looking funky in their tie dye tops whilst on the Grade 5/6 City Camp

World Food Day

World Food Day is an international day celebrated every year around the world (on October 16) in honour of the date of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations in 1945. The day is celebrated widely around the world and is observed in more than 150 countries, raising awareness of the issues behind poverty and hunger. Each year World Food Day adopts a different theme in order to highlight areas needed for action and provide a common focus. This year's theme was "Our Actions Are Our Future, Healthy Diets for a Zero Hunger World". Unfortunately we had lots going on at CPS on that day and so instead we held our



Kobe M and Jackson W enjoy swimming lessons at the Churchill Leisure Centre

own celebration on Friday October 18, with a special picnic morning tea for all students. Students were able to choose their morning tea from a variety of yoghurt,

fresh fruit and mini muffins. A big thank you to Jo for organising the morning tea and to our staff who helped out with the preparations.

Hudson B, Vivian H, Jasmine T and Arabella A wait patiently for the first display on South Bank



SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

Italian Day

Gnocchi making, bocce and pasta art were the themes of the day at Lumen Christi Primary School recently. Local bocce players from the Italian Australian Club in Morwell came along and taught the children the basic skills needed to play bocce.

The children then made homemade gnocchi with their Italian teacher, Signora Colaciello and Sister Liz. Firstly, they mashed potatoes then added flour to make a dough. Secondly, they cut the dough into pieces to make

a roll and then rolling on gnocchi boards to form the gnocchi. The children made a napolitana sauce to go with the gnocchi and got to eat their tasty gnocchi. Of course this was followed by a tasty gelato, keeping all children truly delighted by their Italian lunch.

The students were also privileged to enjoy Italian style donuts provided by local Italian family, the Cardillo family, who also spoilt the staff with their delicious lasagna. It was a wonderful community event with many

parents volunteering their time in the kitchen. Local Lavalla students studying Italian also attended the day assisting with pasta art activities, cooking and bocce. It was a great way for them to practise their own Italian to their junior counterparts, who may also choose to continue to study Italian at Secondary school.

A fantastico day was held by all and the children are already talking about Italian Day next year and what will be on the menu!



Sister Liz assisting Year 1 students to mash potato for gnocchi making



Italian Club staff assisting students from Lumen Christi to play bocce



Amelia from Lavalla assisting Acacia and Bella with gnocchi making



Loretta from Year 1 with Signora Colaciello on Italian Day

SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI JUNIOR CAMPUS

Pro active police
Churchill Campus is very proud of the relationship it has with the Latrobe Proactive Policing unit. Their ultimate aim is to deter criminal behaviour and they work closely with the youth in our area to develop positive relationships. Tiago, Alison and Joanne visit our school regularly to get to know our students and to break down the barriers between our youth and the police.

Recently, Tiago walked around at recess talking to students, socialising and building positive relationships.
Science wing refurbishment
The refurbishment of our new Science Wing is almost complete. We are excited to move in and start using the new facility.
By the end of the term, the new furniture will be in place and classes will be able to move into this open and bright learning space. Students will

have access to the new rooms and conference area, as they tackle our Science and STEM based programs.
Mancave
Recently our Year 7 boys attended a workshop on emotional intelligence and male mental health. The Man Cave (TMC) is a preventative mental health and emotional intelligence organisation for young men, their parents and teachers.
Having worked with over 10,000 participants across

Australia, the program helps facilitate healthy masculinity and build emotional intelligence in boys and young men by providing them with a range of positive strategies.
Many of our students were able to deeply self-reflect, get perspective of others, and discover what it meant to use their 'man brain' to manage their lives.
Year 10 camp to Tasmania
Fifty-seven Year 10 students and six staff from across the three campuses

embarked on a five-day tour of Tasmania.
After a somewhat bumpy flight to Hobart, we boarded our extra-long, extra pink touring bus and headed for Salamanca Place, Constitution Dock, and Battery Point. Sightseeing some of Tasmania's most iconic destinations was a highlight – Richmond, Russell Falls, the Tessellated Pavement at Eaglehawk Neck, Port Arthur, etc. A night ghost tour of the formal

penal colony was undertaken with either 'hands held tight' or a 'no fear' approach by our students. We were lucky to have calm seas for the boat trip home – only a couple of casualties of motion sickness.
Thank you to the staff who gave up time away from their families to spend long days supporting an amazing group of students who were cooperative with the requests from staff and facility managers throughout the trip.



SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Business Management marketing excursion
Year 11 Business Management students visited Traralgon on Thursday September 5, to examine some practical examples of the theory taught in Unit 2, Area of Study 1 'Marketing a Business.'
Students spoke with local business owner Kirstin Quail, who has recently opened The Source Bulk Foods Traralgon, a bulk foods franchise on Franklin Street near the Post

Office. The Source promotes 'zero waste shopping', in that customers can purchase the exact amount of product required, to avoid throwing out unwanted food. Customers can also bring their own jars and containers from home (brown paper bags are available as well), in order to reduce packaging.
Students interviewed Kirstin about her motivations for starting her business, how her franchise agreement worked, and some of the

marketing strategies used, such as her Facebook page, free food samples, and the display of products. Students were treated to some dried mango, freeze-dried chocolate covered strawberries and apricot logs.
After visiting The Source, students organised into teams to compete in a marketing scavenger hunt, which required students to locate examples of particular types of businesses, marketing strategies and advertisements.

Congratulations to Ben, Bethany, Caine and Jeremy, whose team scored the most points.
I would like to acknowledge all students who attended for their interest and engagement in local business and for their respectful behaviour.
Olivia Dornom
Business Management Teacher
Gippsland Athletics
Thursday September 19 brought with it fantastic

weather and the promise of two weeks holidays for the students. However, before they could celebrate the end of term, a small but talented group of Kurnai students competed against the best student athletes this side of Melbourne's metropolitan areas, at the Gippsland Track and Field Carnival at Joe Carmody Reserve Newborough.
Of the eight students who attended, we brought home nine podium finishes which is

an amazing effort considering the size of a number of other schools teams in attendance.
Claire Irving (1500m), Alma Doherty (100m), and Hayden Weir (High Jump) have each qualified for the Victorian State Championships which were held at Albert Park Melbourne on Friday October 18. We wished them all the best and congratulated all athletes who had represented Kurnai College this year across a variety of events.



Alma crossing the line first in the 100 m



Hayden Weir at the high jump

SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY

Term 3 has finished and we are well into Term 4. The school calendar is always full of activities that involve all areas of the school, sometimes as a whole and sometimes for specific cohorts.

Our SGS team attended the CERES Environment Education Summit at Yinnar South with other schools to learn about Biodiversity. They also shared projects that each school is undertaking. Our focus has been on our reduction in landfill and waste sorting measures. Only two years ago we were putting six to seven landfill bins onto the road each week. That equals 1.5 cubic metres of rubbish each week. Driven by the

students wanting to involve our behaviours in this area, we have undertaken waste audits....going through the garbage and sorting it. Not a very pleasant activity but very worthwhile. At the beginning of this year we moved to Ecobins in each classroom and educated our students about responsible waste disposal. At the beginning of this Term we asked Latrobe City to remove our seven big red bins and replace them with two small bins. It was a mammoth effort by all our students and the school community but now we have very little waste going to landfill. We will continue to monitor our waste with our Waste

Detectives checking the bins regularly to ensure our adherence to the protocols.

We had several students compete at the Divisional Athletics at Joe Carmody Athletics track early in Term 4. Our students performed very well with many having podium finishes, which is a testament to their dedication to their fitness and training at an elite level.

Our annual Footy Colours day is very popular amongst the student population. It is a chance for students to show their 'true' colours. The activities are planned and managed by the student leaders and enjoyed by all.

A reasonably new

initiative is "Look @ our Learning". The students prepared specific work samples to show to parents and the community. This year the senior grades held their science fair as part of the day. It was a wonderful opportunity for all students to display, present or demonstrate their learning to someone other than a peer or classroom teacher. The entire school community was involved and it was great to see parents interacting with the wider school community and having some really detailed conversations about the learning being demonstrated.

As part of the SGS team's involvement with

sustainability, we took Grade 3/4V to the Franklin's farm just out of Yinnar to plant trees. Last year we planted 300 trees along a water course and this year we added another 500 with the support of John Crosby from Landcare.

Several grades are participating in Australia Post's Penpal program. Our 1/2s decided to venture to the post office to see what happens to their letters. The Prep-2 Grades also ventured out and about to see Possum Magic at the Traralgon Little Theatre.

The school participated in World Food day with a Healthy Breakfast funded through Latrobe Community

Health and Latrobe Health Assembly. Students were greeted with an array of choices for breakfast including yoghurt, cereals, museli, toasties, boiled egg and soldier toast and fruit – not just any fruit – strawberries, bananas, blueberries, mango and papaya. All they had to do was make it, cook it or prepare it and then eat. Some were a little reluctant to have a go but we encourage risktaking so it didn't take long for them to get into the stirring, cutting, mixing and eating. Beautiful sunshine, happy faces, lots of chatter and lots of food – what a way to start the day!



Visit to Franklin's Farm



Athletics awards



Possum Magic visit

SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR SOUTH PRIMARY

Enrolling in Yinnar South Primary School

Yinnar South Primary School is currently taking enrolments for the 2020 school year and offering come and try days and open nights to determine if our school is right for you.

* We have smaller class sizes which allows for more one-on-one time with teachers and educational staff.

* We have a strong focus on sustainability and nature and incorporate these into our lessons.

* We believe in stage not age and work to extend and assist individual students

where needed.

* We have a strong focus on learning through play and exploration.

* We have strong cooking and gardening programs where students grow the food that they cook.

* Open classrooms so you can see what your child is learning.

* We have a friendly and supportive Parent's Association that is highly welcoming of any new members.

* A highly flexible orientation program that we can tailor around the needs of your child.

Open Night: Wednesday November 20, 5pm – 6:30pm

Open Day: Tuesday November 26, 11:30am – 1:30pm

If these dates and times are not suitable please contact Nikki Davies on (03) 5169 1540 or 0418 804 599 to arrange another time or to discuss your child's enrolment.

5 Star energy rating

We are incredibly proud to announce that we have obtained a 5 star energy rating from Sustainability Victoria and Resource Smart. This has been a long journey for the school and something that

we have been passionately pursuing for several years. It is an amazing achievement for all past and present staff and students to obtain this star rating, and it demonstrates the positive impact that we are having on the environment, and the important role that sustainability plays in our personal and school lives.

Cows Create Careers

The senior students attended the final workshop for the Cows Create Careers program that took place at the school last term. Students were able to interact with other primary and secondary schools which took part in

the program while learning about the different career opportunities that are available through cattle farming.

Gymnastics

We have recently started our four week program in gymnastics with an instructor from the Leongatha Gymnastics Club. Students have enjoyed the opportunity to get fit and healthy. They have also been able to show off their own gymnastic skills by learning how to do cartwheels, handstands and forward rolls correctly.

Possum Magic

Students enjoyed an

interactive workshop with Monkey Baa around the text 'Possum Magic' by Mem Fox. They were exposed to the story and discussed the reasons the characters behaved as they did in the text, and also talked about the career opportunities in the literary field.

Students then engaged in a drama workshop that encouraged them to act out animals from the book and embed a deeper understanding of drama skills into the curriculum. The workshop was great fun and full of high energy.



Left: Gymnastics class



Centre: Lovely grounds with lunchtime activities available

Reading Mem Fox's story of Possum Magic



Yinnar cafe joins Rotary Recycling Project



Staff at Yinnar cafe with some of the plastic tops to be recycled.

The bustling little Yinnar cafe serves a continuous stream of coffee lovers and in doing so consumes many containers of milk each day. Now, instead of placing the plastic tops in the waste bin destined for land fill, the cafe owner, Adrian, and staff have joined with the Rotary Club of Morwell in a recycling project which sees these tops shredded and turned into new products.

-for-profit organisation Envision Hands initially used the shredded plastic to manufacture prosthetic limbs which are greatly in need by people in third world countries such as India, Cambodia and Sierra Leone, where wars and disease have resulted in many amputees.

These basic limbs enable recipients to perform simple tasks such as holding a water bottle or balancing on a bicycle as an interim

measure before receiving medical grade prosthetics. The recyclers are now looking at other relatively simple products that can possibly be manufactured from the recycled plastic.

Now when you enjoy your coffee at Yinnar you know that you are not only helping the environment but possibly giving a less fortunate person a significant change in their life.

Mike Answerth

Melbourne based not

Latrobe Youth Space is 1YO

Latrobe Youth Space celebrated its 1st Birthday on Thursday October 17. It was a fantastic night to celebrate everything that has been achieved by everyone who contributed to, and supported the development of Latrobe Youth Space over the last year.

The night began with a Welcome to Country from Ronald Edwards, followed by presentations from members of the Latrobe Youth Space Youth Governance Committee and video messages from YMCA CEO Carolyn Morris, Gabrielle Williams MP and

Member for Morwell Russell Northe. Attendees also heard from YMCA Chief Executive - Mission Peter Burns, Consortia member Barry Rogers, three young program participants and Latrobe Youth Space manager, Kylie Dubrich-McLoughlin.

After thanking the many people who went above and beyond for Latrobe Youth Space over the last year, the remainder of the night was spent celebrating. Here's to many more years to come!



If you're interested in volunteering with Latrobe Youth Space, please contact Michelle Prezioso via email, michelle.prezioso@ymca.org.au.

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