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Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish
 Species: Hibbertia procumbens
 Family: Dilleniaceae
 Derivation: Hibbertia: Named after

faintly hairy. Flowers occur in spring and summer and are very conspicuous bright yellow, up to 2.5cm across,

backyard in the northeastern corner that has since

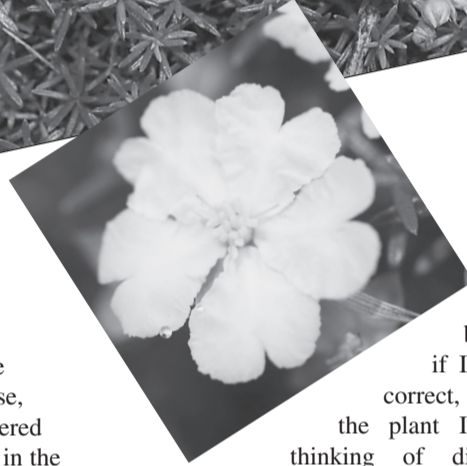
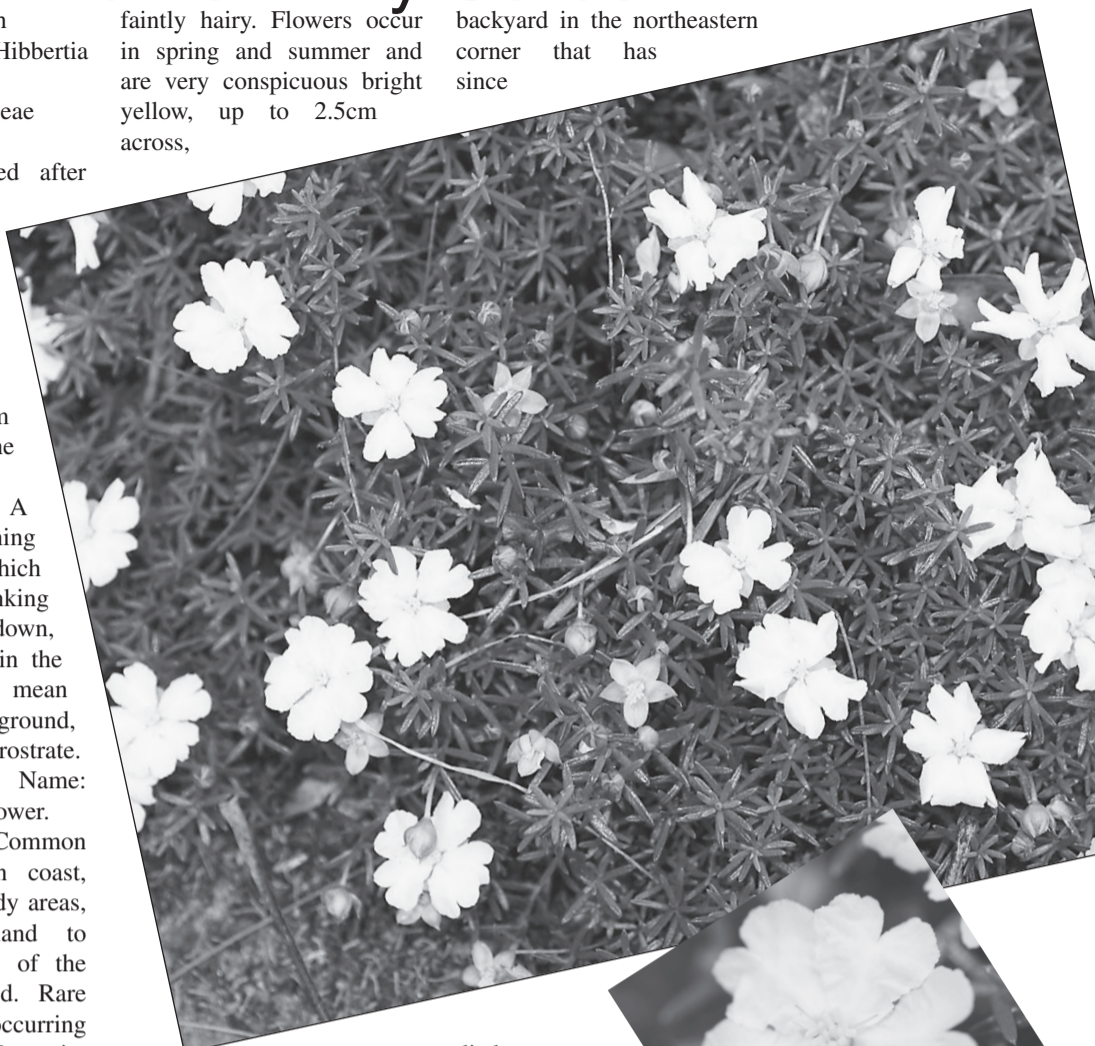
George Hibbert (1757-1837), a distinguished English patron of botany and a nurseryman at Clapham, London, whose herbarium was presented to the Linnean Society.

procumbens: A Latin word meaning procumbent, which in turn means sinking down or bending down, and which is used in the botanical sense to mean spreading along the ground, but not as closely as prostrate.

Common Name: Spreading Guinea Flower.

Distribution: Common along the Victorian coast, usually in open, sandy areas, but extending inland to the southern slopes of the ranges in Gippsland. Rare in NSW, only occurring around Mangrove Mountain, near Gosford. Widespread and common in Tasmania, in damp heaths and open shrublands, from sea level to the mountain tops.

Description: A dwarf shrub, prostrate to 20cm tall and spreading to about a metre or so. Leaves are up to 2.5cm long by 2mm wide, linear, leathery, flat or slightly grooved, green and may be



solitary and sessile (no stalk) and may be profuse. Petals are broadly obovate and may be slightly notched, around 20-25

Opinion: This is one of the species planted in my garden when it was first constructed back in the late 1980's. I originally had two specimens, one in the

died off, and the other on the western side of the house, that has suffered some dieback in the past and has split itself into sections. According to the literature, this species is very susceptible to Cinnamon Fungus and other soil pathogens, so I'm probably lucky that the plant has survived at all. The literature also says that this species will tolerate plenty of sun, but prefers some shade and some moisture, which pretty much fits the bill in its current location, although it can be tough to get water to penetrate the soil on the gentle slope on which it is planted. According to my records, I successfully propagated this species from three cuttings in autumn 2000, but have no idea where these plants ended up. One may have been planted in my Mum's Morwell garden,

but if I'm correct, the plant I'm thinking of died a couple of years ago. I should give the cuttings another crack, as this is a nice, small, showy species that deserves multiple positions in the garden.

Sources: Elliot & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 5, Sharr – WA Plant Names and their Meanings, Floras of Victoria, NSW and Tasmania online. The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group meets on the second Thursday each month at 7.30pm, at the Horticultural Buildings of Federation Training, on the corner of Princes Drive and Monash Way, Morwell. All guests welcome, please let us know you are coming by calling Mike on 0447 452 755.

RAINFALL

Churchill Rainfall

The rainfall in Churchill during November was excellent, with consistent falls throughout the month to keep gardens and paddocks rather green and lush.

A total of 120.5 mm fell which added to the year's total of 645.5 mm

Rain at Hazelwood South.

November started very wet and rain fall moderated in the second half, resulting in a total of 146mm for the month,

which is 192% of the average for November.

The year since January has been a little above average with 105% of average.

The groundwater showed some improvement, but remains low. The tanks are almost full.

Having had a 40 degree day of Total Fire Ban in November, is a reminder to be fire ready, with short grass and other fuels removed from around the house.

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Gluten Free Christmas Cake

Preheat your oven to 160 deg C fan forced.

Prepare a 20cm round cake tin with a spray of cooking oil and baking paper, lining the sides and base.

In a large bowl combine 600 gm of mixed dried fruit,

1 tsp of ground cinnamon, 1 tsp of vanilla extract, 1 tsp of nutmeg, the juice zest of 1 orange,

3 tbs of extra virgin olive oil,

3 lightly beaten eggs.

Now add 200gm of almond meal, stirring through with a wooden spoon.

Finally fold through 50 gm of chopped walnuts.

Spoon the batter into your prepared cake tin, allow the tin to sit for 15 minutes on your bench.

Bake for 1 hour and 30 minutes, check with a



skewer to see if it comes out clean, if not bake for a further 30 minutes (cover the top of the tin with a sheet of loose fitting baking paper to prevent over browning.)

Cool, then remove from the tin to a wire rack, when completely cooled store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 1 month.

Iced Vo Vo Tartlets

You will need to preheat your oven to 150 deg C

250 gm packet of butternut snap biscuits.

Lay 6 biscuits on an oven tray and place in the oven for 3 minutes.

Remove and gently, very gently mould the warm biscuit into a shallow case.

Repeat with remaining biscuits until they have all

Christmas Cooking with Noelene

been reshaped.

Now all you have to do is to gently line each case with 1 tsp of jam.

Set the cookie cases aside. In a separate bowl place

2 cups of icing sugar, stir in

1/2 tsp of coconut essence and

3 tbs of milk to form a thick paste and a spreadable consistency, tint pink with colouring.

Spoon in teaspoons of paste over the jam bases, then finish off with a sprinkle of coconut.

Refrigerate until firm.

Beef Wellington

Ask your butcher to trim a 750 gm thick beef fillet, and when you are ready to prepare the dish - Preheat your oven to 230deg C.

Season the fillet with cracked pepper.

Heat a frypan adding 60gm of butter and 1tbs of rice bran oil.

Brown the meat on all sides in the hot oil and butter.

Remove the fillet to a wire rack and cool completely.

Now you need to sauté 60 gm of sliced mushrooms and 1 peeled and thinly sliced onion until tender, set aside to cool.

Spread the cooled fillet with 90 gm of a good liver pate, I use liverwurst (my choice) and top with the duxelles (onions and mushrooms).

Use puff pastry sheets joined together.

Place the fillet on one half and fold the other half over, press edges to seal.

Trim excess pastry.

Brush pastry around the fillet with a lightly beaten egg and the excess which you should use to trim the top of the pastry.

Now chill for 30 minutes then place in your preheated oven for 15 minutes or until the pastry is golden.

This will be a perfect medium rare, if you like it more well done, cover the beef Wellington with baking paper and cook an extra 10 minutes.

Gluten Free Peach and Almond Pie

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C

Lightly grease a 23 cm round ovenproof pie dish.

Whisk 4 eggs in a large bowl.

Add 2 cups of unsweetened almond milk

1 cup of castor sugar

1 cup of almond meal

3/4 cup of desiccated

coconut

2 tbs of gluten free flour (all purpose)

1 tsp of finely grated orange rind

Whisk until well combined.

Pour into the prepared dish.

Drain 410gm tin of sliced peaches.

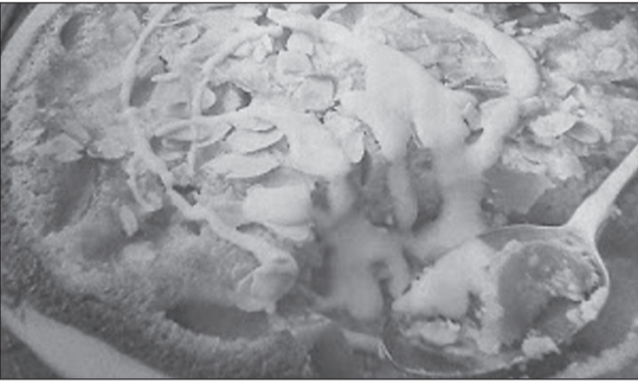
Arrange peach slices over the top of the prepared batter in the dish.

Sprinkle 1/3 cup of flaked almonds over the top.

Bake in your preheated oven for 45 minutes or until the pie is set and the top is light golden.

Remove from the oven and allow to stand for 20 minutes before serving.

Can be served warm or cold with custard.



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Peter's Ponderings

Christmas lights are on the houses and decorations are in the shops, the mince pies and Christmas puddings are in the supermarkets.

People spend a lot of money on presents for children and other family members.

Work places have Christmas celebrations and there is an expectation of a special holiday to enjoy with good food and family dinners, it is a most wonderful time of the year.

I look forward every year to this special time. Throughout my childhood and growing up I have kept and passed on to my children the traditions of Christmas that my Mother and Father gave to me.

The Christmas tree must be up by December first, the children decorate the tree while Christmas carols are playing and we begin to watch the Christmas movies collected over the years, it is for me a season of love, peace, hope and joy.

But why do we celebrate Christmas? We do so because God became a baby, was born of Mary, to be the Saviour of the world and his name is Jesus.

The history of how we came to celebrate this special event is a mixed bag of good and bad, if you are interested,



there are a number of websites that will give you that information.

Suffice to say that it took over nearly two thousand years for Christmas to begin to look like what we celebrate today.

Today the celebration of Christmas has lost for most people its original reason for celebration. There is a focus on the Santa story with flying reindeer and presents in stockings or under the Christmas tree.

Don't get me wrong, I love this part of Christmas too, but for me the most important part is the fact that Jesus was born. This is important because Jesus was and is our "Emmanuel" a name which simply means "God with us". He came so that I could be free from the consequences of all the wrong that I have done, and find that better place which is Heaven when it is time for me to depart this life.

For behind the true story of Christmas is the shadow

of Easter. At Easter time the church remembers the sacrifice of the grown-up Jesus of the Christmas story on the cross, he gave up his life so that we might have eternal life.

Why did Jesus, who was blameless, who had never done anything wrong, have to die?

The reason is simple - actions have consequences, when we do something bad or even good there is a consequence.

Science describes it like this - that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. So, when we do bad things, we get the punishment of those actions.

Jesus came so that he may take upon himself those wrongs and take the consequence of our wrongdoing. He could because we can't, no matter how we try, the balance sheet would always be against us so God provided a way that we may be free and have life.

He gave us Christmas and Easter. By the way you will be glad to know that Easter also tells us that the grave and death could not hold our Emmanuel, for he rose again first born from the dead proving that he can give us life.

Enjoy this time which the Bible tells us is a time of peace and good will toward all people.

Celebrate with your families and enjoy the stories of Santa and his reindeer, give and receive presents, eat all the wonderful food, but take time to remember the baby of Christmas who is "God with us", who became a man and died and rose again that we may have abundant life.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe wonderful New Year Peter Carter: Minister, Co-Operating Churches of Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar

Co-Operating Church Snippets



Sharon with the children and their activities on her last Sunday

We said good-bye to Sharon early in November, thanking her again for her amazing children's ministry.

She thanked us once more for our encouragement and support then asked us to do the same for whoever took over the role, saying that everyone is different but to accept their contribution.

She shared her hopes that the ministry would continue saying how important it is to nurture the children's faith growth.

Coffee Connections

The morning starts with a lot of happy chatter as we meet and greet each other.

We then enjoy a cuppa and a tasty treat or two.

Afterwards Peter begins with a meaningful and relevant prayer.

Seventeen eager folk came to listen to Debbie Poole tell us about her assistant dog Zeke, and how important and calming he is to her life.

He is such an intelligent and loveable dog too.

Debbie also spoke of other trained therapy dogs in schools, nursing homes, dentists, hospitals and other situations needing that type of help.

They even have their own seat on a plane. These beautiful special dogs are such a comfort to many people of all ages.

The morning was indeed

interesting and informative, with many thanks to Debbie.

David Tong is from Everyman's Ministry. It is a ministry which supports our troops here in Australia when they are training, and also when they are on overseas deployment.

They supply tea, coffee and reading material plus importantly a listening ear.

It is like chaplaincy but without a religious side.

This is a not-for-profit organisation and David is a volunteer.

The response of the congregation was very positive and there is a request that he comes back again some time.



Two speakers David Ratten and Nick Wright with Reverend Peter Carter

Chaplain - Merry Christmas!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Actually, as we know, Christmas has been in the shops for many weeks/months!

It's often viewed as a time of celebrating what's best about life...yet many also struggle with life, and more so at this time of year. Which begs the question, 'If this is the season it's said to be, why isn't the vibrancy of it felt more?'

Plus, if Jesus is the reason for the season, shouldn't it make more of a difference?

Sceptics claim Christianity is merely a repackaging of pagan 'mystery' religions. This is especially prevalent with Jesus' birth narratives.

Yet pagan accounts of, let's call it a divine-human encounter, focus on the divine overpowering the human,

resulting in half-human, half-divine children who are equally subject to weakness, sin, etc. as we are.

These pagan accounts, as Albert Schweitzer said, 'manufacture out of various fragments of information a kind of universal mystery religion which never existed'.

For instance, Mithras is one of the most commonly suggested sources of a miracle birth.

Yet Mithras was said to have emerged from a rock; did have two disciples; killed a bull in battle with 12 people watching; but did not really teach anything.

Alex McFarland has more recently said, 'the New Testament deals with actual persons and historical events open to investigation.'

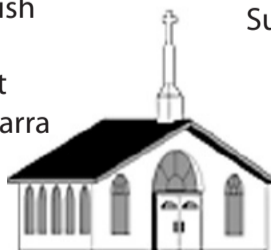


This, to me, makes a huge difference.

I often say that we cannot control many of life's circumstances, but we can control how we react to them. So, saying 'Jesus is the reason for the season' puts the emphasis more on how we react to life's ups and downs. Worth thinking about!

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further information.

Hazelwood Cemetery - Security

By Leo Billington

Hazelwood Cemetery now sports a new bold sign.

From November 1, the cemetery is now under constant, 24-hour, seven-day surveillance.

A series of robberies over recent years has prompted a new mode of security to be installed. This will complement other crime preventative methods.

Plans are in place for further strategies to be

installed.

Theft from a cemetery or anywhere else is annoying, frustrating, disrespectful, costly, disheartening, uncivil, discourteous, offensive, dishonourable, impertinent, sacrilege, contemptuous, audacious, shameless, and there might be other more appropriate adjectives which are not for publication.

Law enforcement agencies are often bewildered when a robbery is reported.

“How could someone stoop so low?” is a general reaction.

Well, unfortunately this is reality. Hence our new sign.

Australia’s colourful history is largely underpinned by transportation from Britain. Burglary or housebreaking was considered a more serious form of theft because of the level of premeditation involved. Transportation for life was common.

Not a bad idea?



Catherine Truman – No Surface Holds

An exhibition of the work of one of South Australia’s leading contemporary artists and jewellers, Catherine Truman, will be showcased in ‘No Surface Holds’ at the Latrobe Regional Gallery until February 16, 2020. This exhibition will be the first time that Truman’s collaborative practice with artists and scientists is presentable as a whole. There is a fascinating and diverse show of objects, installation, images and film, including a number of new works spanning 20

years of research into the relationship between art and science. ‘No Surface Holds’ is an exhibition produced and toured by the Jam Factory in Adelaide, South Australia.

Catherine Truman, 'In Preparation for Seeing: Cell Culture Glove', 2015, white cotton glove encrusted with glass spheres, Coplin Jar, microscope slides, steel forceps inlaid with glass spheres, light pad, dimensions variable. Image: Grant Hancock.



Darrell White OAM

or on a social outing.

Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Dan Clancey, acknowledged and thanked the volunteers for the positive impacts they have in strengthening and connecting our communities.

Our volunteers provide dedicated support to the Council and our community and deserve recognition for the substantial social, economic and cultural contributions they make.

To find out more about volunteering opportunities at Latrobe City visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/volunteer

Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Prize Exhibition – Latrobe Regional Gallery

Latrobe Regional Gallery is proud to be hosting “The JADA” (Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award) Exhibition which commenced on November 23, and will continue till January 5, 2020.

“The JADA” Exhibition is in its 30th year and celebrates

brilliance in contemporary drawing. The tradition continues with this exhibition showcasing 55 artists selected from an impressive 498 entries.

On tour from the Grafton Gallery in New South Wales, the Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award Exhibition features drawing in all its splendour, from remarkable hyper-realism to the expressive and the abstract. The collection explores the way that drawing resonates as a contemporary medium, demonstrating the relevance and strength of drawing.

This Exhibition has evolved over the years through the tastes, opinions and approaches of the various judges, into a collection that is compelling, thought provoking, innovative, exuberant and diverse.

The Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award (JADA) is Grafton Gallery’s flagship Biennial Art Prize.



Gallery Opening Hours are 10am – 5pm Monday to Friday.

11am – 4pm Saturday and Sunday.

Christmas/New Year

With Christmas and the New Year fast approaching, I wish to take this opportunity to extend to everyone my best wishes for a very safe, joyous and peaceful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Reminder

There will be no Churchill & District News in January. The next issue will be February 13, 2020.

The deadline for the next issue is January 25, 2020.

Looking forward to receiving your articles, news and activities from over the holiday period.

Latrobe City Council – Volunteers contributions annual recognition

Volunteers who assist Latrobe City Council in making a difference, through the delivery of important and essential Council services, have been acknowledged by Council for the outstanding continuing contribution they make to our community.

A performance of “Celebrate, it’s Christmas 2019” at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre was the highlight of a morning tea acknowledgement ceremony for 70 volunteers.

Through the commitment and hard work of Latrobe City Council’s volunteers, the Council is able to provide a range of services including the delivery of nutritious meals through the Meals on Wheels program, transporting clients to attend the Council’s Planned Activity Group, or the chance to have a genuine conversation at a morning tea,

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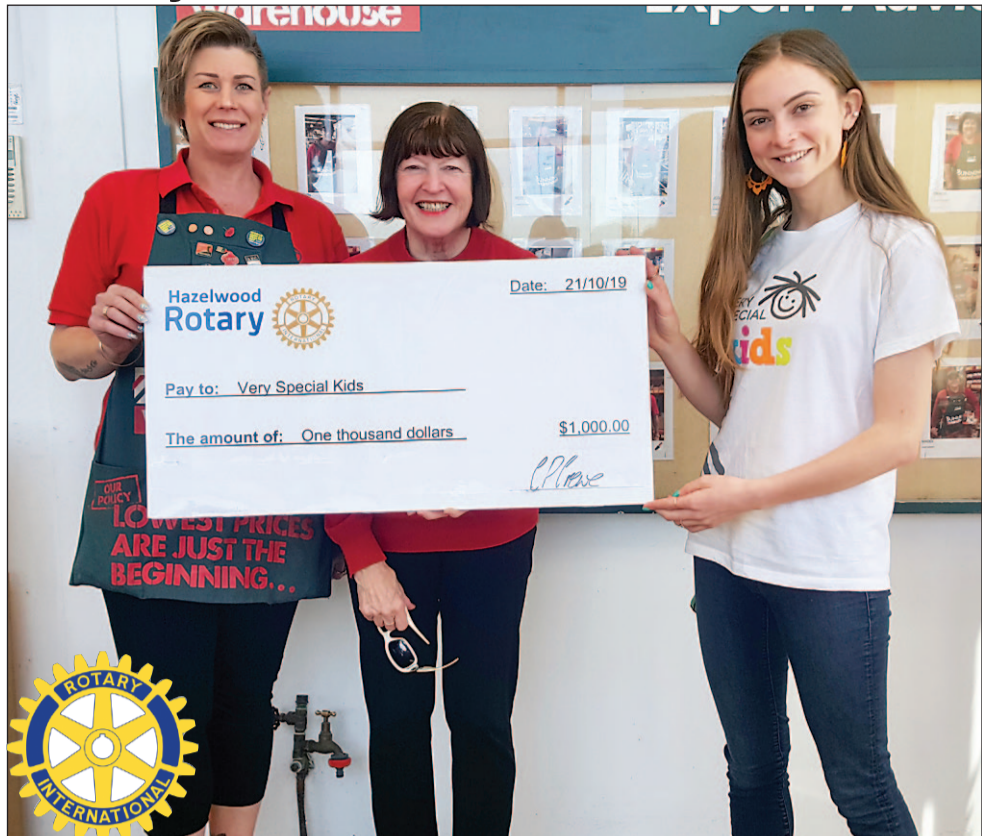
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Hazelwood Rotary Club



By Leo Billington
Very Special Kids (VSK) cares for children with life-threatening conditions by providing a children's hospice and professional family support services.

Hazelwood Rotary Club has been a staunch supporter of the VSK appeal over many years. A strong sense of camaraderie has developed.

In September, Hazelwood Rotary supported the Very Special Kids appeal with a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Morwell.

Subsequently, a cheque worth \$1000 was presented to VSK.

VSK provides holistic care for the Victorian families facing the potential death of a child, providing: - counselling and emotional support for the whole family, extended and

medically supported respite care, end of life care and long term bereavement support, VSK believes there is hope in every life.

VSK values:

Respect by recognising the individual, welcoming diversity and nurturing choice.

Collaboration by building connections, strengthening relationships and partnering.

Community by creating supportive relationships and a sense of belonging.

Compassion by being welcoming and showing warmth, hope and empathy.

Learning by enhancing and sharing our skills, experiences, knowledge and wisdom.

Integrity by acting ethically, honestly, fairly and with accountability.

Hazelwood Rotary is also

leading initiatives in recycling plastic tops.

These tops are shredded and made into a filament by Envision Hands.

Envision Hands is a not-for-profit community initiative that uses 3D printing to turn plastic waste into mechanical hands and arms for kids, with the products being sent around the world.

Approximately 250 lids are used to make a small hand, however the wastage ends up being approximately 500 lids by the time it has been made.

For an arm, approximately 500 lids are used with a wastage of approximately 1000 caps.

Hazelwood Rotary is proud to be a partner with Mid Valley based Donut King, which has collected tops over several months for this wonderful initiative.

Living through this day only

When I was a newcomer in Al-Anon, life was very difficult because of my obsession with the problem drinker in my life. I was a physical and emotional wreck, full of resentment and self-pity and ashamed of the situation we were living in.

The people in the meetings helped me to learn about alcoholism and suggested I try to live 'One Day at a Time'.

The 'Just for Today' card said that I could live through this day and not try to solve my problems at once. If I tackled one problem or challenge at a time, this made small changes possible to achieve. Each small change in my thinking and behavior helped me myself - esteem and gave me the courage to keep going.

One of my shortcomings

is that I see the glass "half empty" and I need to be around positive people who help me to understand that it is "half full". A stressful day at work can be lightened up with a laugh. Driving in heavy traffic is not so frustrating if I listen to pleasant music or sing a silly song to myself.

Thanks to the Al-Anon program for making life worth living, "One Day at a Time"

Christmas Gifts and Crafts Market

Santa due to arrive between 11.00 am and noon

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Merry Christmas

Enjoy the holidays with family and friends. Stay safe as you travel throughout beautiful Gippsland.

from Melina Bath

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The Latrobe Valley Triathlon Club

The Latrobe Valley Triathlon Club (LVTC) held the first of four Kids Triathlons at the Churchill Leisure Centre on Sunday November 17, 2019.

Club President Andrew Legge considered this first event to be a success attracting 38 young triathletes all under the age of 12.

The Kids Triathlon Series offers three triathlon distances to cater for all levels of fitness; the youngest athlete on Sunday was three year old Louis Bradford who was able to successfully complete the course.

Overall winners on the day were - super fit and future triathlon star Blair Syme, who took out the 12 years and under. Winner of the 7 to 8 years age group was Quinlen Davidson who proved to be too strong on the bike establishing an uncatchable lead, while Hayden Rawson

won the six years and under after a really impressive swim.

Winners in the Girls events were - Allira Richardson with an impressive first race to the season in the 12 years and under. Winner of the seven to eight years age group was Chloe Rawson who has improved a lot since we last saw her, while Georgie Harper won the six years and under after a really impressive combination of swimming, cycling and running.

It is nice to acknowledge the kids who do well, however; it is important to state that these events are not about winning.

The purpose of our Kids Triathlon Series is about having fun, getting fit and providing local kids the opportunity to complete a triathlon.

The Kids Triathlon is an enjoyable event for the club to

host, after a number of years of constant changes and re-establishing ourselves after the closure of the Hazelwood Pondage. As a club we are having a major focus on the kids. The kids will be the future of our club.

The LVTC Committee is excited to offer local kids under 12 years a number of local opportunities to get involved with triathlon and multisport.

As well as the Kids Triathlon Series we will be offering weekly Kids Triathlon Training nights in Traralgon during December, January and February.

The next Kids Triathlon was at the Churchill Leisure Centre on Sunday December 15.

For more information and to keep up to date with the Latrobe Valley Triathlon Clubs follow us on Facebook.

Are you being targeted?

Australians have already lost more money to online shopping scams in 2019 than in the entire previous year, and Scamwatch is warning people to be cautious of online shopping scams in the lead up to the holiday season.

So far in 2019, reported losses from online shopping scams are over \$4 million, well in excess of the 2018 total figure of \$3.28 million.

"Scammers often try to take advantage of people doing their Christmas shopping." ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"Reported losses have tripled over the last three years and it is concerning that losses from this year are already so high."

Watch out for these common online shopping scams:

* Fake websites/stores: scammers will set up fake online stores, on websites or social media, which can look like genuine online retailers. Many of these offer luxury items at very low prices but



you may receive a fake item or nothing at all.

* Fake sellers: scammers may pose as genuine sellers on classifieds websites.

The scammer may claim they are travelling and an agent will deliver the goods once you have paid, but you won't receive the goods and will be unable to contact the seller.

"Some of the most commonly reported products that scammers are attempting to sell this year are shoes, smartphones and tickets to events, with losses from these items so far exceeding half a million dollars," Ms Rickard said.

"Warning signs for online shopping scams include extremely low advertised prices and requests to pay through direct bank transfer or cryptocurrency.

We encourage everyone

to do their research before making an online purchase and if purchasing expensive goods, not to make payment until they have inspected the product."

Ms Rickard added that spreading scam warnings with loved ones over the holiday period can help protect vulnerable consumers.

"Many people enjoy the convenience of online shopping but it is important to remember that there can be risks involved.

If you do think you have been scammed, contact your bank as soon as possible," Ms Rickard said.

Further information about scams is available at www.scamwatch.gov.au (<http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>). People can also follow @scamwatch_gov (https://twitter.com/scamwatch_gov?lang=en) on Twitter.



STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



The members of the Latrobe Valley Philatelic Society would like to pass on the compliments of the Christmas and New Year season to all our readers, be they stamp collectors or not.

Each Christmas the club members attend a Christmas dinner at Morwell RSL Club with a guest speaker.

This year we had a stamp dealer speaking, telling his stories of the world of stamp-collecting from a dealer's point of view.

It was a very interesting night, and the stories highlighted some of the wacky and the weird experiences he has had. The meal was also great.

I was searching for a topic for this month in the Australian stamp catalogue and came across a couple of sets showing how we have entertained ourselves over the years.

Like everything else, the ways we have amused ourselves change, generally with the release of new technology.

These were both more beneficial to country people than city dwellers.

The first set I noticed was a set issued in 1987 showing Agricultural shows.

The annual shows were

popular from the very early days of white settlement, and eventually every large town had its own show. Competitions between farmers and growers were a highlight with fierce rivalry to grow the best animals and birds and vegetables.

The wives had competitions in baking, preserves, knitting and needlework.

The children's competitions included handwriting, story writing and poetry.

Everybody in the district would attend, and meet and pass on news and gossip.

Over time, outside entertainments were added. Rides, sideshows, boxing, shooting galleries, hoopla and strange creatures became a delight for people of all ages and a source of income to the travelling showmen.

The annual show cemented the small rural communities together and the big shows gave the country people a chance to show their expertise to their city cousins.

The second set issued in 1991 celebrated the advent of radio into the community.

Commercial stations funded by advertising rather than licence fees first transmitted to the public in

1922. They were instantly successful in Australia as they provided a new form of entertainment.

Every major town had its own radio station either independently or as a part of a network.

Quiz shows, serials for adults and children, talent quests and community-based music request shows were hugely popular.

The regions which were not covered by commercial radio were catered for in 1929 with the advent of the Federal government's ABC network.

The radio serials became a part of the daily ritual in the rural areas with country women tuning in to 'The Lawsons' and its follow-up 'Blue Hills' every weekday at 12:45.

The Snake Gully Cup rivalled the Melbourne Cup, broadcast on the same day in November and schoolchildren played out the adventures of Dick Barton, Special Agent. Quizmasters Bob Dyer and Jack Davy became our first non-sporting celebrities.

Radio only lost its appeal with the advent of television in 1956. Ask Grandma and Grandpa about radio and the annual show and the stories will flow.

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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.**

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

Name:..... Name:.....

Position:..... Position:.....

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Postcode:..... Postcode:.....

Telephone Number: Telephone Number:

TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

Mr/Mrs/Miss:.....

Address Post Code:

Organisation represented (if any): Telephone/Mobile:

Signature:.....

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

FORM TO BE RETURNED TO:

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc.
PO Box 110
CHURCHILL 3842
churchill.lions@gmail.com

St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar

Christmas is coming and the St Matt's volunteers have been busy putting out our stock of Christmas cards, decorations, Santa sacks, and Christmas-themed kitchenware and clothing.

Some of our volunteers have even decided to buy all their Christmas presents from the Op Shop this year!

Reduce your impact on the environment this Christmas by saving good quality items from landfill and minimising the need for new items to be manufactured.

Our "Not-to-be-missed November Sale" offered shoppers the chance to fill a bag with clothes for \$5 throughout November.

This was very successful, with plenty of thrifty shoppers going out loaded up with goodies.

Find St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar on Facebook to keep up to date with our events for 2020.

St Matt's last day of



trading for 2019 will be Saturday December 21, from 10am to 1pm, and we will re-open on Thursday January 30, 2020.

If you are interested in volunteering at St Matt's, please contact stmattsyinnar@gmail.com.

Thank you to Latrobe City Council

Churchill & District News has received a grant from Latrobe City Council for which we thank them and acknowledge our gratitude.

This grant allows us to supplement the printing and distribution costs we have for each month's issue.



Churchill's "Lucky Shopper" – November Winner



The winning Lucky Shopper in November was Leanne Blake from Boolarra. She won a \$50 voucher to spend at Churchill Discount Chemist. Leanne regularly shops in Churchill and entered the prize draw by shopping at a "Shop Local Participating Business".

Her entry was randomly selected by a Participating Business to be entered into the main prize draw, held on Friday November 15.

The December draw was

held on Friday December 13 and a January draw will be held mid-month. Winners' photos will be published in the February 2020 issue of the Churchill & District News.

Monthly prize draws will be held throughout 2020. Remember, for your chance to win a \$50 voucher to spend at a local Churchill retailer, you must 'Shop Local' at a Participating Business. Enquire in-store about entering the draw.

Your 'Shop Local'

Participating Businesses: AAAccounting, Cafe 42, Churchill Chinese Restaurant, Churchill Discount Chemist, Churchill Private Dental Clinic, Churchill Hot Bread, Churchill Hotel, Churchill Laundry, Churchill Lifeline Shop, Churchill Newsagency, Churchill Post Office, Pizza HQ, Ritchies IGA, Scissori, Sight & Sound Engineering, Smart Saver, The Barber Shed, The Fish & Chip Shop, Vintage Chill, Woolworths Churchill.

Latrobe Community Health Service wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our Churchill centre will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

On all other weekdays, we are open Monday to Friday from 8.15am-5pm, except on Christmas Eve, when we will close at 3pm.

20-24 Philip Parade Churchill





Churchill Lions Family Fishing Day

The Family Fishing Day Competition run by the Churchill & District Lions Club was this year held on Saturday November 16 at Lake Hyland, Mathison Park, Mackeys Road, Churchill. The day started off well with the car park boundaries set up and a steady stream of cars arriving from around 9:30 am, and by 10.00 am, about 200 people were present already.

Lions members had everything fully set up and ready to go, from the catering through to the registrations at the Rotunda, with breakfast egg and bacon sandwiches really hitting the spot.

The weather alternated between cloudy and fine, but at least the occasional ominous black clouds didn't produce the threatened rain, and chatting to people we found they had come from far and wide to join in - from Drouin to Phillip Island - just to give you an idea!

The local FM radio station was also present playing music, giving constant reports and directions, so with the great music (yes there were people singing along), the Jumping Castle and the fantastic catering provided by the Lions Club there was also plenty to do if anyone wanted a break from fishing.

Unfortunately for most of the day very few fish were caught, and some Lions members walked around the lake adding Burley to the water to attract the fish. Unfortunately, it didn't seem to work and sadly for the whole day only six fish were caught - all red-fin and no trout - even though the lake had been stocked and restocked with over 800 - but that's the name of the fishing game!

There was a total of 104 entries registered and at the end of the day we gave away around \$2000 in

prizes which included some amazing fishing rods with reels, fishing nets along with many vouchers, making up fun categories for winners as we went along.

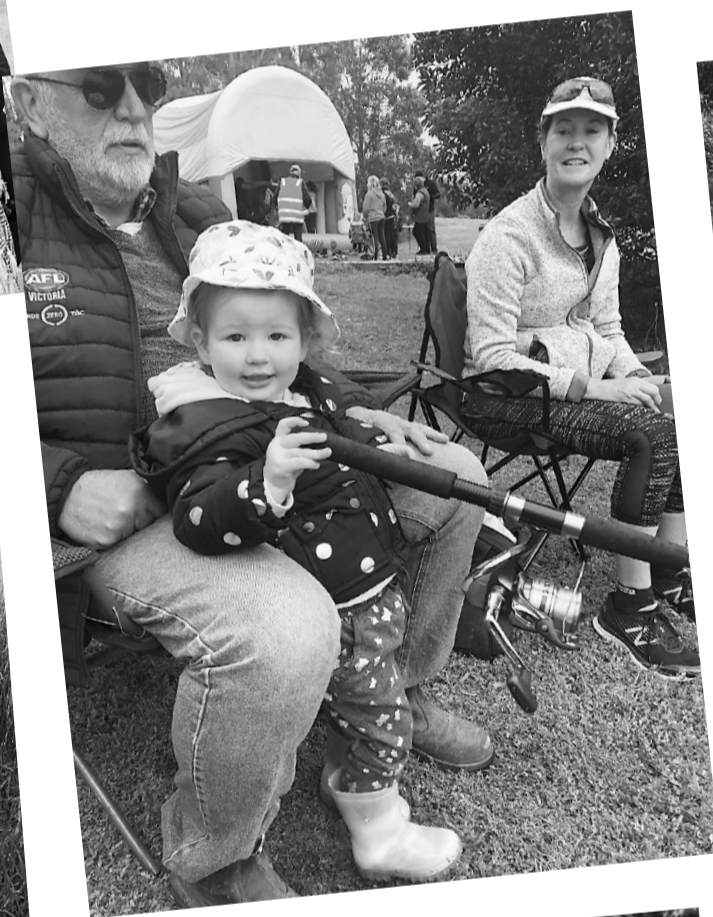
Now we have a really lovely story that came out of the day in the form of a gorgeous young tacker by the name of Sam Phillips who came all the way from Cowes, Phillip Island, with his family to meet up with friends, (one of whom was a young lad by the name of Blake who won the great honour of catching the largest stick in the fun category!)

Now Sam managed to win himself one of the fabulous fishing rods and the next day on Sunday the family all went out on their boat with Sam using his new fishing rod to catch himself a nice big flathead - well done Sam.

The Family Fishing Day will be held again next year so everyone - please make a

note in your diaries, on your calendars or in your phones so you don't miss out on the fun day and get another chance to win great prizes.

The Lions Club of Churchill & District would like to say a very special thank you to all of our Sponsors which include : Relationships Australia Victoria, Bunnings Morwell, Tackle World Morwell, McDonalds Traralgon, ProRent Morwell, Gippsland Water, Churchill & District News, AmpWorks, Latrobe City, Fisheries Victoria, Mathison Park Group, Strzelecki Scouts Group, Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Gippsland Trade Printers, Valley Trophy Centre and the Community Event First Aid Group, without your amazing generosity we wouldn't be able to run such a wonderful Community event and we hope you will all come on board again next year.



Churchill Lions Family Fishing Day around the Lake



Friends of Morwell National Park



November Activity Report

At this month's activity we had Beryl, Mike, Graeme, Matt, Tamara, Joan, Harry, Chris and Darren. We had apologies from Rose, Ken and Cathy.

The group assembled in the car park to plan the day ahead. We found that the BBQ is still not working. It has been over two years since the BBQ stopped working and it is still not repaired. It is disappointing how little effort Parks have put into repairing the broken BBQ. It would also have been very frustrating for the public who have tried to use the unoperational BBQ. There is no signage to indicate that the BBQ is not working. For

our planned December BBQ we will need to bring our own BBQ to get around the other not working.

The people from Parks have passed on a message that we have a new ranger for our park. Hopefully we will meet our new ranger Gabby soon. Shane is no longer our contact ranger and will continue on with other projects.

Parks are also planning to replace the gates at the park entrances at Brewsters Road and Summerfield Track. It would be good to have secure gates which will make it harder for the numerous motorbike riders who have regularly been riding around the park.

During the day's activity

we regularly listened to the hum of distance bikes riding around the park.

For the activity the group split into two groups. Matt, Tamara and Chris went off to complete the Butterfly Orchid Survey. At five different plots along Fosters Gully, they surveyed the number and size of the orchids found within each plot.

Graeme, Beryl, Joan, Harry and Darren walked around Fosters Gully clearing the track. A number of trees and branches had fallen across the track making it difficult for walkers to safely walk the track. What we thought would be an easy walk, tossing a few sticks off the track did not happen. With the wet and

windy month we had just had, a number of trees had fallen and a number of branches had broken under the weight of heavy foliage. Early in the walk we found a few Butterfly Orchids in flower. Later we found a patch of "pink ferns".

There are a few trees down on the fire break near the shed. These large trees will need a large chainsaw and lots of time to clear. One of these trees is across the track and space has been cleared so that walkers can walk under the fallen tree. This group returned back to the picnic area for lunch.

The two groups did not meet up again and we will need to wait until next month to report on their progress.



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Australia Day in Churchill

Well, the time has come again when you can join the Churchill Lions Club at a free breakfast of sausages, egg and bacon sandwiches, washed down with orange juice, all in the company of the local kangaroos.

It commences at

7.30am on January 26, 2020 when the Churchill Lions Club will provide Australia Day awards to school nominated Students of the Year, from Churchill Primary School, Churchill North Primary School, Hazelwood North Primary School, Lumen Christi Primary School and Kurnai College Churchill Campus.

Further Awards will also be presented to Churchill's Citizen of the Year, as well as Churchill Junior Citizen of the Year, who were nominated by members of the Churchill Community as being worthy of the awards.

Please feel free to enjoy a free breakfast in the car park of the Churchill Hotel on Australia Day to acknowledge all the

award recipients' achievements and their individual efforts to make Churchill and district the place we all want to live and enjoy.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Bob Lowick on 0408 377 781.



Churchill & District Lions Club

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Closed from 23.12.2019
Reopens Monday 13.01.2020

Café 42

Christmas Eve: 7-2
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: To be advised
New Year's Day: closed

Churchill Chemist Discount Centre

Christmas Eve: 8.30-6
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: 10-2
New Year's Eve: 8.30-6
New Year's Day: closed

Churchill Chinese Restaurant

Christmas Eve: 12-2, 5-10
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: 12-2, 5-10
New Year's Eve: 12-2, 5-10
New Year's Day: 12-2, 5-10

Churchill Fish and Chip shop

Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Day: closed

Churchill Hot Bread

Christmas Eve: 8-5
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: 8-5
New Year's Day: closed

Churchill Newsagency

Christmas Eve: 7-5.30
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: 7-5.30
New Year's Day: closed

Churchill Noodle Bar

Closed from 9pm 21.12.2019.
Reopens: 6.01.2020

Churchill Pizza

Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: 5-9
New Year's Eve: 5-9
New Year's Day: closed
2.01.2020: Closed

Churchill Post Office

Christmas Eve: 9-5
Christmas Day: closed
New Year's Day: closed

Hazelwood Health Centre

Christmas Eve: 8-5.30
Christmas Day: closed

Boxing Day: closed

New Year's Eve: 8-5.30
New Year's Day: closed

Lifeline

Closed from Wednesday 18.12.2019 at 3.45
Reopens Monday 6.01.2020 at 9.30

New Churchill Motors

Closed from Friday 20.12.2019
Reopens Monday 13.01.2020

Ritchies IGA

Christmas Eve: 8-8
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: 8-7
New Year's Eve: 8-8
New Year's Day: 8-7

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Christmas Eve: 9-5.30
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
27.12.2019: 10 -4
28.12.2019: 9-1
30.12.2019: Closed
New Year's Eve: closed
New Year's Day: closed

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Christmas Eve: closed
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed

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Eve: closed
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Christmas
Eve: 9-6
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Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: 9-6
New Year's Day: closed
Sundays: 10-4

Vintage C'hill

Christmas Eve: 8-12
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: closed
New Year's Eve: closed
New Year's Day: closed
Re-open 9.01.2020

Woolworths

Christmas Eve: 7-10
Christmas Day: closed
Boxing Day: 7-8
New Year's Eve: 7-10
New Year's Day: 7-8



Swing into Spring Wellness day

The Jeeralang North Hall Committee all pulled together to organise this special day on November 9. Thanks are expressed to each one.

The Swing Into Spring was a great success. The attendance showed true community spirit with all facing not such a spring day but a winter blast! It was great

to see so many attend. The committee would like to thank Mayor Dan Clancey, Russell Northe, Kellie O'Callaghan and Heather Farley for their attendance on such a wet day.

This event was focused on wellbeing and resilience and it really was a day of just that. The committee would like to thank everyone involved.

The wet weather did have an impact on some of our booths, but special thanks go to them with appreciation because of how they handled the situation under the circumstances. The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) sponsored and supported the event which was appreciated by all.



Noelene cooking demonstration



Morwell Lions ladies preparing lunch



Children enjoying time with animals

LATROBE CITY COUNCILLORS & STAFF EXTEND

Season's Greetings

Latrobe City Council will be running limited services during the festive season.

SERVICE CENTRES & LIBRARIES

Latrobe City Council Corporate headquarters and libraries will close at 5.15pm on Tuesday 24 December, 2019 and reopen at 8.30am on Thursday 2 January 2020.

LATROBE LEISURE

Visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/leisure

Indoor Leisure Centres

24 December	6am to 1pm
25 and 26 December	Closed
27 to 31 December	6am to 12pm
1 January	Closed

Normal operating hours apply all other days.

Outdoor Pools

Outdoor pools are closed 25 and 26 December and 1 January 2020. Normal operating hours apply all other days.

Visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/outdoorpools

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Open every day 10am to 4pm except for Christmas Day.

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MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH CENTRES

Restricted hours during Christmas and New Year period. Please contact your centre or any local council Service Centre to get a timetable or phone 5128 6128.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

Traralgon, Moe and Carinya Early Learning Centres close at 5.45pm Tuesday 24 December and re-open 7.30am Tuesday 7 January 2020

IMPOUNDED PETS

The pound is open for the release of impounded pets from 10am to 12noon on both Friday 27 December and Tuesday 31 December 2019 from Driffield Road, Morwell.

Outside of the advertised open days, we will meet your request for release if there are urgent circumstances. Non-urgent release requests will be considered. Please call 1300 367 700.

Impounded pets may be viewed on Council's impound register online at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au

LOST OR STRAY ANIMALS

If you find a lost or stray animal, please call the emergency after hours number 1300 367 700. Normal pound operating hours will resume Thursday 2 January 2020.

For injured wildlife, please contact Wildlife Victoria on 03 8400 7300.

HOME & COMMUNITY CARE

Home and Community Care will close 5pm on Tuesday 24 December and reopen Thursday 2 January 2020.

During the Christmas closure we will be providing limited personal care and respite care services, for clients who have pre-arranged this service.

For enquires during this closure period please contact the emergency after hours number 1300 367 700.

WASTE

Kerbside Collections

All bins need to be placed out for collection the night before. Christmas Day collection will begin at 1am. All other collections are at normal times.

Transfer Stations

Closed on Wednesday 25 December, Thursday 26 December and Wednesday 1 January 2020.

For service enquires please contact Rosa at Latrobe Waste and Recycling on 0418 260 466.

Pine Gro Green Waste Collection Centres

Closed on Wednesday 25 December, Thursday 26 December and Wednesday 1 January 2020.

Wildflower-Ecology Walk 2020



On Saturday, January 11, 2020 members of the Friends of Baw Baw National Park invite you to an enjoyable and informative walk on Mt St. Gwinear.

The number of participants will be limited so it pays to register in early December.

You can register your name and contact phone number at friendsofbawbawnp@gmail.com or phone 5127 3393.

We will be meeting at the St Gwinear car park at 9.30am for a 10.00 am start and returning in the late afternoon. Participants will be asked for

a donation of \$5.

Our leaders will be botanist John Davies and ecologist Greg Hollis who will interpret the subalpine environment, identify and discuss the plants and animals that we see. A moderate level of fitness is required.

You will need to bring and carry your snacks, lunch and water. Wear walking shoes and clothing suitable for an alpine environment. Weather

conditions can change rapidly on the plateau, so be prepared with sunscreen and sun hat, a rain coat and warm clothing.

Left - Participants on a wildflower walk.
Above - Lizards on Mt St Gwinear.
Right - Ron with Greenhoods.

Closing the digital divide

Opportunities to improve digital connectivity in Gippsland have been highlighted in a new plan developed by the Gippsland Regional Partnership and funded by the Victorian Government. Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing, has welcomed the launch of the Gippsland Digital Plan, supported by a share in \$1 million through the Government's Connecting Regional Communities Program.

The plan is one of nine across the state being completed through the Government's Regional Partnerships, after each region identified digital connectivity as a priority issue.

A series of events will take place across Sale and Morwell to mark the Gippsland plan's launch, with the Committee for Gippsland welcoming experts from Australia's largest telecommunications organisations to discuss

opportunities for the Gippsland region as part of showcasing the Digital Plan.

The Gippsland Digital Plan has identified current gaps in the region's digital landscape, while outlining priority actions for how these gaps can be addressed.

It brings together information on the region's digital infrastructure and services to establish the region's current and emerging gaps, needs and priorities when it comes to connectivity.

Priorities identified in the space include addressing mobile blackspots, providing better services for remote and vulnerable communities, promoting stronger NBN and future technologies, facilitating digital literacy training and enhancing connectivity for tourism across the region.

The Government is rolling out free Wi-Fi across the Latrobe Valley and will deliver an enhanced high-

speed broadband network covering the Morwell CBD, Tech School and Innovation Precinct and Gippsland Logistic Precincts.

The Government also recently celebrated the installation of the 150th new mobile tower as part of the Mobile Black Spot Program.

Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing said "Gippsland's residents, businesses and communities have identified reliable digital connectivity as a key priority – and this comprehensive Gippsland Digital Plan will deliver better technology services to the region.

We're determined to bridge the digital divide in regional Victoria by engaging with local communities, identifying and delivering priorities like free

Wi-Fi across the Valley, and establishing a plan of action to improve mobile and broadband reliability."

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Book review

Burial Rites by Hannah Kent

Hannah Kent was born in Adelaide in 1985 and educated at Flinders University. She co-founded and is deputy editor of the Australian literary journal "Kill Your Darlings". In 2011 she won the inaugural Writing

Icelandic naming system. However the place names in particular are challenging.

Set in Iceland in the 1820's this is a tragic story based on actual events. A young woman, Agnes Magnúsdóttir, along with two other people, is charged with the murder of two men, one of whom is a former lover, and then setting fire to their farm. She is to be

Whilst still very wary Margrit shows compassion and removes the chains, cleans her and gives her fresh clothing. Lauge is very resentful of Agnes' presence but Steina tries to befriend her.

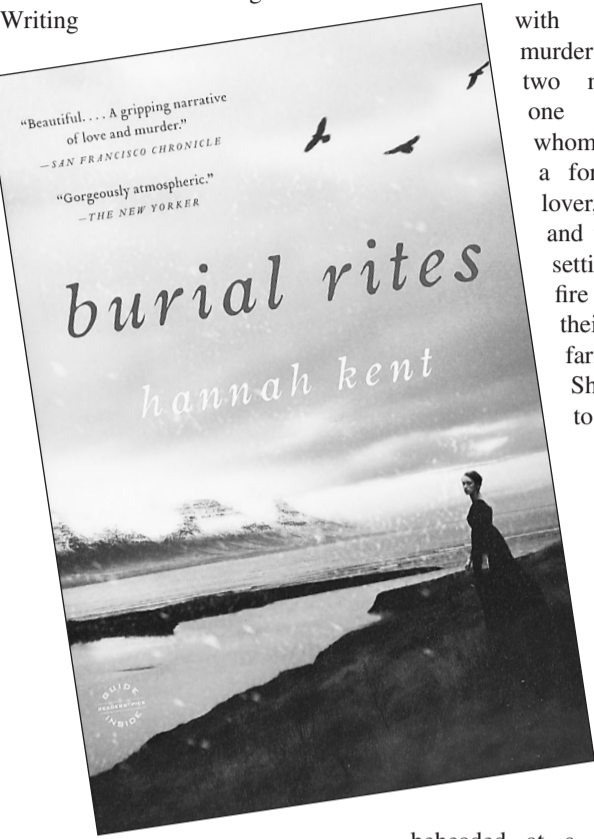
As part of the justice system a priest is assigned to each prisoner in an attempt to get them to repent. Agnes asks for Toti, an Assistant Priest who she remembers showed her a kindness in the past. Toti struggles with his duties at first but over time he forms a relationship with her and it seems he may be falling in love with her.

In the crowded conditions of the family home everyone can hear the conversations between Toti and Agnes and they begin to understand her past.

She was born out of wedlock and abandoned by her mother as a small child, then the foster mother who taught her the sagas and educated her died when she was still young, so she spent the rest of her life in servitude.

Toti becomes ill and is unable to visit Agnes, who feels abandoned by him. One night she is unable to sleep and tells the full story of what happened on the night of the murders to Margrit.

The landscape of Iceland is bleak and this permeates the whole story - the cold, the harsh living conditions and the difficulty of travel and communication. Most of our Book Group thoroughly enjoyed this book because, whilst very sad, it is beautifully written and the story is compelling. The reader becomes heavily invested in the fate of Agnes, and as the story comes to an end we were all hoping for justice to prevail.



beheaded at a date to be set. To save money the District Commissioner, Bjorn Blondal has decided that she will be executed locally and in the interim she will be billeted with the family of Jon Jonson, the District Officer of Kornsa.

Margrit, the mother, is very distressed as her husband is away and she fears for the safety of her two daughters, Lauga and Steina. She is assured that the soldiers will remain to guard the family's safety. When Agnes arrives she is in irons, her hair and clothing are filthy and she has clearly been mistreated.

Unpublished Manuscripts Award for 'Burial Rites', which is her debut novel. Published in 2013, it has been translated into nearly thirty languages and received and been nominated for many awards. She has also written "The Good People" in 2016 and a children's book, "Kenny Koala", also in 2016.

She spent some time living in Iceland and before the novel begins she gives detailed information about the pronunciation of the language and an explanation of the

Churchill CFA Are you ready?



Captain Shane Renwick receiving a cheque from Federation University Living students.

If there was a fire on the outskirts of Churchill are you prepared?

Preparing your property is not just for those who live in the rural area outside Churchill, it is for everyone who lives in a town as well. It is essential for those on the outskirts, such as Acacia Way, Birch Drive, Manning Drive, Canterbury Way, Ikara Way, Glendonald Road and the Haverbrack Road areas to be prepared. You are prime candidates for fire impact given the right wind conditions. If a fire was to start in the bush/grassland opposite your place it could quickly spread to your property through embers and the wind carrying the flames across a road space.

Are your lawns mowed to a length of 100 mm or less?

Are your gutters cleaned or are they full of weeds - dried and brown, ready for an ember to catch them on fire.

Are your air vents under the house covered or open for embers to be sucked in and start a fire under your house?

Have you cleared away bushes and trees from up close to your house?

Do you have a water storage idea such as filling your wheelie bins with water? To keep water in your

guttering to help suppress embers, a tennis ball can be placed in the top of the downpipe.

Have you worked out if you will stay to defend or evacuate? Where you will go? Have you let the people where you are going know that is your plan?

Have you prepared a set of clothes to include a wide brimmed hat, sturdy shoes or boots, woollen or cotton long sleeved jumper and long pants, a scarf to protect your face, gloves and goggles to wear should the fire front be near your place?

Remember, radiant heat can kill. Cover up and protect your body.

These are all ways you can prepare in case of fire on our town's outskirts.

Remember you may not be able to rely on the fire brigade to be at your place in an emergency every time.

Fire Restrictions

Fire restrictions came into force in Latrobe City on Monday December 16.

Please, prepare your properties now. Once fire restrictions commence, you will not be allowed to burn off or have any fires in the open air.

Always consider the weather for a day or two after

your burnoff to ensure that strong winds don't cause a reignition, and possible fire escape.

Always register your burnoff with the Burnoff Notification Line on

1800 668 511, as this will assist in reducing the number of false alarm calls our brigade has to respond to.

Generous donation from Federation University Living students

Members of the Federation University Living student leaders team attended the brigade's last monthly meeting to make a presentation to the brigade of funds raised from a number of fundraising events organised and run by the students in residence. This included a Christmas in August dinner and auction night, which was well attended and proved to be a great night of fun and frivolity.

The brigade is very thankful for the generous donation, and trusts that we can continue our relationship into the future.

Happy Christmas from all the members of the Churchill Fire Brigade, may you all enjoy a safe and happy festive season. Look after each other, be prepared, and stay safe.

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Latrobe Community Health Service



LCHS Health Promotion Officer Rob Preston presents the Golden Sneaker trophy to this year's Latrobe 10,000 Steps Challenge winners.

LCHS workers walked their way around the world five times.

More than 950 people collectively walked five laps around the world in four weeks as part of the annual Latrobe 10,000 Steps Challenge.

For the fourth consecutive year, Latrobe Community Health Service challenged workplaces across the Latrobe Valley to start stepping at least 10,000 steps a day.

In 2019 they did just that, with a record 112 teams across 23 workplaces taking part.

Ten thousand steps is the recommended minimum step count for a healthy, active person.

Regular physical activity – like going for a 30-minute brisk walk – can help you maintain or achieve a healthy body weight, reduce stress and help you sleep better.

In the long run, regular physical activity can help to reduce the risk of developing preventable diseases like type 2 diabetes, heart disease and

stroke.

“We run this challenge every year to get more people moving and hopefully start healthier habits that can stick with them for life,” Rob Preston, Health Promotion Officer at Latrobe Community Health Service, said.

“Not only does physical activity make people healthier in body and mind, but active people are usually more motivated and productive at work.

Walking is just one of many ways to exercise throughout your day.”

This year's participants took more than 276 million steps during the four-week challenge, and averaged 10,300 steps a day.

This is the equivalent of walking from Melbourne to Perth and back every day throughout the entire challenge.

The highest stepping team was from Latrobe City Council, captained by Ronda Bruerton and aptly named ‘It’s all fun and games until everyone realised that

none of this was fun’ - or IAFAGUERTNOTWF for short.

“After finishing second in our 2018 challenge, Ronda’s team came to the start line highly motivated.

They led the challenge from day one all the way to the finish line, and completed just over five million steps,” Mr Preston said.

The Runners-up award went to Latrobe Community Health Service’s marketing and communications team, who beat a fast-finishing team from the Department of Human Services in Morwell.

The Latrobe 10,000 Steps Challenge will run again in 2020. In the meantime, workplaces can run their own challenge for free at www.10000steps.org.au

You can find out more about workplace health and wellbeing, along with the support Latrobe Community Health Service can offer, at: <https://lchs.com.au/community/healthy-places>

Latrobe City Citizens

Latrobe City welcomes our newest citizens

Newly naturalised Australian citizens from countries including Italy, Russia, Iran, Sri Lanka and the Philippines were warmly welcomed at Latrobe City Councils’ second Citizenship Ceremony recently.

It was the first Citizenship Ceremony conducted by

recently elected Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Dan Clancey who was humbled by watching the joy on our newest citizens’ faces as they made their pledge to Australia.

“Choosing to be an Australian Citizen is a huge decision for anyone and to be able to play a role in this important life event is

truly humbling,” said Mayor Clancey.

“We are honoured to have hosted the ceremony where 16 new citizens from a range of Nationalities were awarded Australian Citizenship.

It is a privilege to welcome these new Australians who will enhance the cultural fabric of our regional city.”

Latrobe’s newest citizens made their Citizenship pledge in front of more than 80 family and friends, along with local members of Parliament Russell Broadbent MP and Russell Northe MP, before being presented with their Certificate of Citizenship and a native plant.

The citizenship ceremony represents the final step in the journey for many new Australians.

Prestigious Award for local travel expert

A local travel agent is feeling on top of the World after being crowned the winner of a prestigious award at his company’s annual global conference this month.

Churchill-based Agent Matt Schmitz - Travel Counsellors was presented with the award in recognition of his business growth and the customer service he provides to leisure travellers based in the Latrobe Valley and across Victoria.

Matt, who runs his own travel business with independent travel company Travel Counsellors, was recognised on the global stage in Manchester this month where he won the ‘Top Travel Counsellor in Australia’ award, beating over 120 colleagues to the top spot.

With over 14 years experience in the travel industry, Matt has been running his own travel business from his home-based office in Churchill, for over seven years.

Matt’s latest accolade marks the second time he has won the ‘Top Travel Counsellor’ title. The travel professional has also carried Travel Counsellors prestigious ‘Gold’ title for five years, which means he consistently goes above and beyond for his customers.

Matt says, “I am absolutely delighted to win the award for Top Travel Counsellor in Australia.

I’ve worked hard and pride myself to ensure

my customers enjoy amazing travel and booking experiences.

Being available during, in and outside office hours also means my customers can speak to me at a time that suits them, and running my own business means I can take the time to get to know their travel preferences personally.

Using Travel Counsellors technology, I can search through thousands of travel options for my customers and create truly tailor-made travel experiences.

I think my customers really value the personal service and the attention to detail I can provide, delivering travel and booking experiences you can’t replicate online.

It’s thanks to my customers that I have won these fantastic awards.”

For more information or to discuss your forthcoming travel plans with Matt, call 03 5122 1108 or e-mail matt.schmitz@travelcounsellors.com.au.



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Russell Northe

United Service Station

I am absolutely thrilled to see that the old United Petroleum buildings on the corner of Acacia Way and Monash Way have finally been demolished!

Whilst I still remain disappointed that it took so long for action to finally occur, it does show that when a community fights for an outcome it believes in, it can accomplish great things.

It is only with incredible community support along with strong and persistent advocacy that this result was achieved.

I would like to thank the Churchill & District Community Association and so many members of the community who stood together throughout this prolonged battle to ensure the message was heard loud and clear by the property owners.

Over the journey hundreds and hundreds of people have signed petitions and written letters to the company calling for action to be taken.

The derelict buildings on the gateway to Churchill were an absolute eyesore but they are no more!!

Once again, my heartfelt congratulations and well done to all those within the Churchill community who fought long and hard for this tremendous outcome.

Hazelwood House

Unfortunately the Hazelwood House Residential Aged Care facility closed its doors earlier this month which is a bitter blow for the Churchill community.

Residents of the facility have been relocated to Benetas' Dalkeith site in Traralgon and I sincerely wish the residents and their families all the very best in what would have been



Russell Northe Member for Morwell, jumping for joy

challenging times.

It is so disappointing that Churchill now does not have an aged care residential facility, particularly given the efforts, commitment and financial support that was initially provided by the community to open such a facility in the first place.

I have met with a range of stakeholders including Benetas and Latrobe City Council as other options are being explored for the Hazelwood House building and site.

Several alternative uses have been put forward, however there is still a long road ahead for such options to be realised.

Shop Local Market

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the Churchill & District Community Association and the traders of Churchill for their "Shop Local" promotion. It has been a terrific initiative to date and the Christmas Gifts and Crafts Market scheduled for Saturday December 21 promises to have something for everyone.

That includes arts, crafts, a sausage sizzle and lots more. I encourage everyone to get along and support our local businesses because remember, they in turn employ local people and also support our schools, sporting clubs and other organisations which is terrific for the Churchill community.

End of year message

As I sit and reflect I would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all of your support and encouragement over the past year.

The best part of my job is meeting passionate and hardworking community members and liaising with organisations and businesses who are striving to make where they live a better place.

Churchill is blessed with an abundance of those who willingly give to their community and I look forward to continue working with the Churchill community in 2020. I wish everyone a fabulous Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Melina Bath

Where did the past year go? We all say and hear this phrase frequently, especially at this time of year. As the days, weeks and months pass by we all marvel at how quickly the months have passed.

Christmas and New Year is often busy and full of gatherings. It is a wonderful time to reflect and consider our milestones, events and challenges we experienced throughout the year. Importantly it is also a time to consider the less fortunate in our community.

We have some wonderful charities in Gippsland and during the Christmas period their support services are in peak demand.

If you can assist with a donation of food, money or gifts and are unsure where to direct your assistance, please contact my office on 5174 7066. My electoral staff can put you in touch with one of the many wonderful Gippsland charities supporting our community.

This year has been incredibly busy with many issues pertinent to our region being debated and featuring in State Parliament.

As a community we have tackled many poignant matters including disasters such as drought and bushfire and their impact on Gippsland. Notably the rise of animal activism and inadequate farm trespass laws featured heavily throughout the year.

Early in 2019 I introduced the issue of animal activism and Victoria's inadequate farm trespass law to State Parliament. During May, I successfully established a parliamentary inquiry into farm trespass laws in Victoria. The establishment of this inquiry had strong community support with many outraged by the ongoing threat to our farmers. The inquiry has

continued through the year and findings are due to be handed down on February 1, 2020.

Being a proud agricultural region, Gippslanders overwhelmingly support the strengthening of farm trespass laws and I am committed to protecting our law abiding farmers and agriculture jobs. Farmers in and around Latrobe Valley yield world class produce, and it is essential the agriculture industry is supported by all levels of government.

During March the Yinnar South bushfire sadly ravaged our region, threatening life and property. This terrible bushfire saw homes and outbuildings destroyed, schools closed, communities evacuated, and an emergency evacuation centre set up in Morwell.

The impact of the Yinnar South bushfire was immediate and devastating. After touring the bushfire affected parts of Yinnar South and speaking to residents, I was inspired to witness the strength, determination and resilience of locals firsthand.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all our emergency services personnel and CFA volunteers again who bravely fought this fire and worked so hard to protect our community.

Latrobe Valley residents are no stranger to the threat of bushfire and understand the importance of bushfire preparedness.

As we enter the warmer summer months, I urge you to be safe, vigilant and have an up-to-date bushfire response plan for your homes and properties.

Gippsland boasts some of the most impressive natural assets and as residents we are accustomed to travelling long distances on country roads. The annual summer

holidays and special events regularly require us to drive long distances.

With the increased travel and traffic on Gippsland's roads over the holiday period please drive safely. Arriving at your destination safely requires patience.

Victoria's road toll has skyrocketed this year. I urge you to observe the speed limit, drive to the conditions and do not drink and drive. It's better to arrive late than not at all.

As our focus turns to Christmas Day, catching up with friends and family please take a little time for yourself amongst all the hustle and bustle. Self-care is an important way we can all better look after our mental health and wellbeing.

Christmas lights are a tradition within the Latrobe Valley and our houses and businesses are in full swing with some impressive displays.

Once again, my Electoral Office has embraced the festive spirit. If you are Christmas lights hunting don't forget to drop by 181 Franklin Street, Traralgon, my window is worthy of a look!

My passion for Gippsland, the people and our landscape make our community an incredible place to live, work and play.

I am fortunate to meet many wonderful Gippslanders through my role. As the year closes, I regularly remind myself how lucky I am to represent and advocate for the people of Gippsland.

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. I look forward to continuing to represent you during 2020.

If I can be of assistance on any State Government issue please call my office on 5174 7066 or email melina.bath@parliament.vic.gov.au.

Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

Bushfires, arson, safe properties

As the bushfire season is now well and truly upon us, we need to keep an eye out for possible arsonists who may start fires in our area.

If you see someone acting suspiciously, take note of the place, time and description of that person or persons and call **Triple Zero 000** (if you need Police attendance).

Keep your property safe by clearing flammable items away

from your house and assuring that your grass is kept at a low level.

Install the "Vic emergency" app on your phone and tune into your local radio station to keep up with messages from the authorities.

Let's not have a repeat of the past where lives and property have been lost to crimes of this nature.

*If you see something suspicious,
Report it to the Police.*

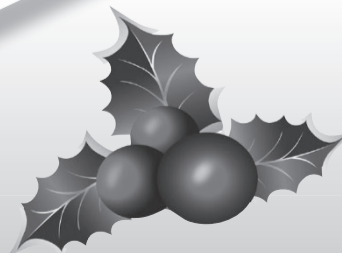
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Police advise members of the public that, if you require police assistance, call 000. The police communications operator will be able to assess your need and either send a police vehicle, relay a message or find out when the police station will be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



Churchill & District Community Association
wishes all residents, their families and friends
a safe and happy festive season



Best Wishes and
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for 2020

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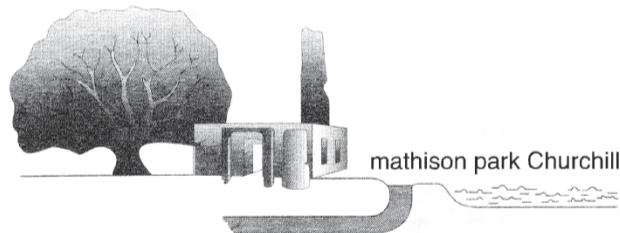
Would you like to be a diversity ball participant? We're seeking expressions of interest from young people from diverse backgrounds who didn't get the chance to do their deb ball.

Complete our online form to register your interest:
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Mathison Park

Thank you to Latrobe City Council for the grant we have received to help put in a further pathway in the park. This extra help from Council is most appreciated.



Mathison Park has a range of activities and facilities available for you to enjoy over the Christmas holiday period.

The park features two BBQ shelters with table and seating in the shelter or nearby. There are several spots where you can sit in shelters to protect you from the sun's UV rays.

There are walking pathways which are also used by runners and cyclists. A set of fitness stations is available near the playground which is a great drawcard for children.

There are five fishing platforms for the keen fishers and the lake has been stocked

for the holidays.

Bird watchers will be amazed at the variety of species to be found in the park. Binoculars will get a good workout.

If you just want a peaceful place to go and sit under a tree and read a book, Mathison Park is the place for you.

For those who enjoy botany, there is a large range of plants and trees in the park, mostly native for you to see.

Many are in flower at present.

It is a wonderful facility right on the outskirts of Churchill and the committee knows how well used it is.

Thank you to those who respect the facility and make sure they do not leave it worse off.

Hopefully all visitors will do the same in the future to protect the facility and the work which has been done to develop this 'jewel in the town'

We Are Latrobe, Latrobe Youth Space and the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone presented the Red Carpet Premiere of the Latrobe Youth Film Festival (LYFF), which took place at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre on Thursday December 5, and featured showcases of six short films created by young people alongside a documentary film highlighting the filmmaking process.

We Are Latrobe, Latrobe Youth Space and the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone were very proud to bring the Red Carpet Premiere to Traralgon for the first time.

The Latrobe Youth Film Festival (LYFF) was a project that gave young people the opportunity to create, direct, act and now showcase their own short films.

The Red Carpet

Premiere celebrated the accomplishments of these young people, with the short films screened to the participants, families and supporters of the LYFF project.

"I had been isolated for years, I saw the LYFF program and I love movies so I took a chance and came along.

Now I come every week to the Movie Drama Club!" – Dean, LYFF participant.

The Latrobe Youth Film Festival project is managed by We Are Latrobe, Latrobe Youth Space and the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone team.

The project is supported by the Victorian Government as a Latrobe Health Innovation Zone initiative.



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A nostalgic piece of history

Ford Prefect ute

By Leo Billington

'Hemmings Motor News' strives to enhance the experience of the collector-car enthusiast by publishing high-quality, authoritative specialty articles. The publication was founded by Ernest Hemmings in Quincy, Illinois, in 1954. The first issue consisted of four pages, and 500 copies were sold at 50 cents per copy.

Today, Hemmings has more than 219,000 subscribers, paying US\$31.95 annually. In June 2011, 'Hemmings Motor News' published a lead article about the Ford Prefect Ute.

"These cute little trucks were manufactured exclusively in Australia and derived from the 1938-'49 Ford Prefect E93A four-door saloons. The coupe utility was built from 1949-'53. Designed as a working Prefect, the unique coupe utility or ute body style was crafted from the same four-door, five-passenger saloon chassis and shared the same 94-inch wheelbase. At the time, Fords sold in Australia were shipped unassembled, and then constructed at Ford's Geelong assembly plant, to save import tariff charges for



assembled vehicles.

Many farmers wanted to haul light loads inexpensively without having to pay a full-size pickup's price tag. The ute is more business coupe than pickup, with a 5½-foot utility box and rumble seat-

looking tailgate built off the rear deck and into the rear fenders. The coachwork rear body was designed in Australia."

There will be many around Churchill, Yinnar and Hazelwood who will

remember these cute little trucks.

In his book, 'A History of the Ford Motor Company in Australia', Geoff Easdown wrote that the ute's (Ford ute that is) life story began in 1932 with a letter from a farmer's wife, who was tired of arriving at church each week smelly, dirty and sometimes wet from rain, having travelled to church in the farm truck. Ford Australia's automotive designer at the time, Lewis Bandt picked up the letter. In 1934, utes began rolling off Ford's Geelong assembly line.

Over 15 years later, these

cute little trucks - Ford Prefect - were competing with Holden's FX 48-215 ute, the first car 'made in Australia, for Australia'. Prime Minister Ben Chifley, launched production of the car on November 29, 1948, describing the FX as a 'beauty'.

Ford ute bodies continued in Australia with the 100E series Prefects in the mid-1950s and then the Mainline cars in the late 1950s before Ford started producing the Falcon and Falcon utes in 1960.

Maryvale Motors Pty Ltd, long ago located in

Commercial Road, Morwell was the local Ford dealer back then. Naturally, they advertised regularly in the 'Morwell Advertiser', always keen to market the cute truck. For example, in October 1952:

"1950 Ford Prefect Utility. This is an extra good vehicle and can be purchased at a reasonable figure."

On March 26, 1953, Maryvale Motors advertised a 1951 model, suggesting a test drive first:

"1951 Ford Prefect Utility, new condition. We suggest a trial."

Even the Morwell Sewerage Authority used the cute truck. One was advertised for sale in October 1954:

"FOR SALE BY TENDER - 1 FORD PREFECT UTILITY TRUCK. Tenders addressed to the Chairman, Morwell Sewerage Authority, will be received up to 12 noon on Friday, October 22, 1954, for the purchase of one Ford Prefect Utility Truck late 1951 model.

This vehicle is in good running order, and may be inspected at the Authority's Depot Hazelwood Road, Morwell, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily."

There were also private sales:

"Ford Prefect Utility, late 1951 model, only done 5,000 miles, just as new". 'Morwell Advertiser' March 26, 1953.

The accompanying photograph shows a cute truck sleeping, awaiting its fate at a local clearing sale several years ago. I wonder where it rests nowadays.



Darren Chester

Federal Member for Gippsland



Wishing all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year



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Yinnar / Yinnar South Landcare Group

By Jay Duncan,
Secretary, Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group
We postponed our Maple Massacre at Budgerie Bush Reserve in November so that we didn't slide down the hill in the rain. We'll re-schedule it in autumn when the little seedling trees will be easier to see. We don't think that there are now any adult maple trees left in the reserve that are big enough to spread seeds. If

there were, autumn would be a bad time because we'd have to cut off all the winged seed pods and take them away. We do get asked quite a bit about whether maple trees are all invasive. What we say is that the Sycamore Maple (*Acer pseudo-platanus*) is an invasive weed of wet forests. We know that it has also been a big problem for Tarra Bulga National Park and for the Jenolan Caves Reserve

in the Blue Mountains in NSW. What these large-leaved maples do in these environments is to create a single species monoculture that blocks light and shades out new native vegetation. The Sycamore Maple infestation at Budgerie reduces potential habitat for native fauna and diminishes bio-diversity. Box Elder Maples (*Acer Negundo*) and other European trees with winged seeds such as European Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) can also create problems in places where the growing conditions suit them. In November we also had a busy morning talking with people at the Yinnar Market Day. People there had questions and ideas about a real range of Landcare topics including deer eating their re-vegetation projects, weeds, suitable plants, native vegetation coming up after the bush fires, bees and pollinators. We were able to give away plant and weed booklets and we sold some

books of the plants in Morwell National Park. It was good to see so many community members out and about and we're looking forward to the next market day in May. We've now rigged the shade cloth and started growing plants in our greenhouse. We'll also have Mirboo North High School involved in growing tube stock for our Middle Creek revegetation project. We're hopeful that this project will gain some funding that we can use to continue our koala corridor work at Yinnar South, and also fund some citizen - science seed collection events. Over summer we'll have volunteering opportunities for seed collection; exploration (finding a way into more areas of our Billys Creek Project); plant propagation and maple eradication. Our weed signs will be up around the district to remind people that controlling noxious and invasive weeds (blackberries, ragwort and thistles) is



required of all property owners. Australian Pollinator Week went by during a very wet November week this year, but we'll be ready to advertise it more widely in 2020. During this week you can make observations and submit them to a national count. This will help to increase the amount of data held on pollinator numbers and distribution. Each survey takes ten minutes

and covers a 30cm area of a flowering plant. There are really good identification guides on the project's website. <https://wildpollinatorcount.com/resources/bee-fly-or-wasp-2/> All the best for the festive season. We hope it's a buzz for you and the bees. Jay Duncan, Secretary, Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group



Residents Leave Hazelwood House

Benetas has advised that residents of Hazelwood House will be transferred to Dalkeith House in Traralgon on December 10 and that the complete relocation will take only a few days.

Apparently all residents have agreed to transfer to the Traralgon site and Benetas states that they are providing additional support and pastoral care for a month or so as part of their transition plan to ensure a "seamless transfer" for residents.

Once the Churchill facility is empty the site will be secured and the building alarmed.

In an email to CDCA, Benetas stated "Over the last six months, Benetas has

been working in conjunction with Latrobe City Council, to ascertain an opportunity for Hazelwood House to continue to support the local Churchill community.

We have explored many options including suggestions by the Latrobe City Council, liaised with Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, government agencies via Invest Victoria and approached our combined network of not-for-profit and community based organisations. At this point in time, while most acknowledge the need and opportunity, for many it does not sit as a priority amongst other strategic projects."

At a meeting late in November between Benetas and Latrobe City Council,



CDCA and the Hazelwood House Working Group, Benetas representatives explained that the primary problem seems to be a lack of funding for service expansion within the not-for-profit sector.

We were told that Hazelwood House is no longer 'fit-for-purpose' as an aged care facility and that there are safety issues for the care of high needs aged residents. Of particular concern are the standards required to ensure that, in the

event of a fire, all residents can be safely evacuated.

According to Benetas, the facility is suitable for 'housing' accommodation as it meets 'Class 3' requirements, but to provide residential care for high needs, frail aged residents it must meet 'Class 9C' standards and would require significant capital works funding to upgrade to this level.

When asked why Benetas had not continued to upgrade Hazelwood House to meet required standards, Benetas indicated that, as an outdated building constructed on stumps, along with ground subsidence as a complicating factor, this would have been difficult. A concrete slab foundation was their preferred option.

There is still some hope that Churchill will not be left with another abandoned building in the future. Benetas indicated that at least two not-for-profit organisations have indicated their interest in a site inspection to determine if it meets their needs for the provision of accommodation services.

Both Benetas and Latrobe City Council are working hard to explore all potential options and have not yet

reached the end of their exhaustive list of possible occupants. We can only hope that they get a positive result.

Meantime, Churchill has lost its aged care facility and CDCA is still waiting for a response to our Petition to Federal Parliament which is required from the responsible Minister within a 90 day period (which expires in December).

Some members of our community are interested in exploring the idea of providing a community run aged care facility at Hazelwood House. Benetas seemed a little incredulous at this idea, although they did not say they would not cooperate.

It would take significant work to become an 'approved' aged care provider, be granted funding for beds, employ staff and to source the money that would be required to upgrade the facility.

In the first instance, a Building Survey Report is needed to ascertain the state of the building and what would need to be done to upgrade to required standards (and allow for an estimation of costs). Even this first step is proving to be difficult.

CDCA has recently been busy working on the 'Shop Local' campaign, in partnership with local traders, the Neighbourhood Centre and the Churchill & District News.

We're having a Christmas gifts and crafts market on Saturday December 21,

between 10am and 1pm at the Churchill Shopping Centre. You might just find that last minute gift you need at the market or in one of our shops!

Santa will be attending the Shopping Centre sometime between 11am and 12 on Saturday December 21, and there'll be a free sausage sizzle for those who 'Shop Local' that morning.

Remember to 'Shop Local' all the time at any of Churchill's Participating Businesses for your chance to be entered into the 'Lucky Shopper' prize draw. Someone wins a \$50 voucher to spend at a Participating Business in Churchill every month!

CDCA had their final meeting for 2019 on December 10. Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the second month, so our first meeting for 2020 will be held on Tuesday February 11 at 7pm in the Board Room at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre in McDonald Way.

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

CDCA takes a break over the summer holiday period but you can find more information about CDCA on our website: www.cdca.org.au

We're also on Facebook - search for Churchill District Community Association - leave a message if you wish to contact CDCA, or you can write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

Christmas service times

Lumen Christi	Bookarra.
Christmas Eve at 8pm at Lumen Christi and Christmas 9 am	Tuesday December 24 - Crib Service 6.30pm Churchill. Anglican HC Bookarra 8.30.
Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Bookarra, Yinnar	Wednesday December 25 - Churchill 9am Service of the Word 9am Bookarra Family Service.
Saturday December 14 - Community Carols at Churchill, 6pm BBQ, 7pm start.	Yinnar or Bookarra No Masses in Yinnar or Bookarra on Christmas Day.
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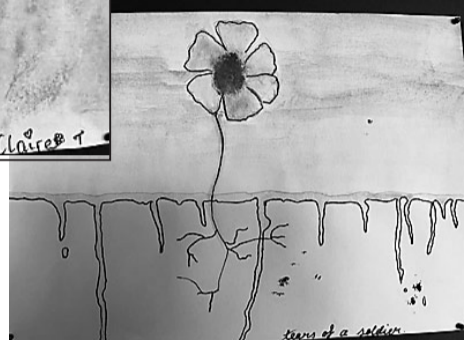
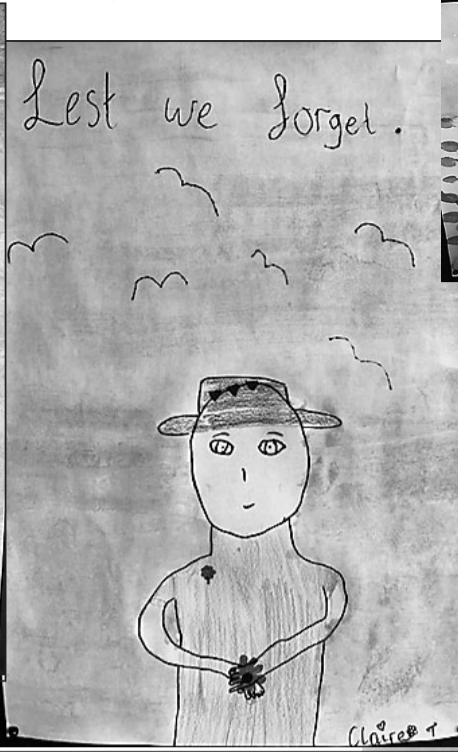
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Please contact secretary, Sue Graham on 0415 751 145 or at gippslandflippers@gmail.com

You can also find us on facebook.

SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY



Featured Remembrance Day artwork by Hazelwood North Primary students Jada, Zac, Claire T and Layla.

Remembrance Day Ceremony
On Monday November 11, 2019, Melina and Ashlee the school Captains of Hazelwood North Primary School, went to the Morwell RSL to attend the

Remembrance Day ceremony. We took part in the ceremony by laying a wreath and showing respect, along with several other representatives from schools, associations, veterans etc. As poems were

read, and songs were played, everyone stood in silence, not a sound to be heard. After the ceremony was over, we made our way into the building for some tea and biscuits.

In summary, this was a very fortunate opportunity that we have had and it was great being able to go and show our respect at the ceremony.

By Ashlee and Melina

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water pressure.

CFA tankers may also need to tap into our supply to fight a fire, which can reduce the pressure of the water to the point that supply to customers may be interrupted. That’s why we’re urging our customers to include another source

of water in their fire plan. If residents are planning to stay and defend their property the CFA recommends having at least 10,000 litres of water available as a separate water source at minimum.

While we urge customers to be prepared, we encourage all community members to

follow the advice of the CFA, which is that it is safest to leave early,” Ms Cumming concluded.

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- South Gippsland Shire Council**

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Yinnar Community Garden News



Throughout October and November, the Yinnar Community Garden has been busy with a series of Mosaic Workshops led by Lisa Anderson. Lisa showed our enthusiastic participants how to cut tiles, piece the mosaic in both pique assiette (broken china) and traditional tesserae (tiles), and do grouting. Participants worked on the mosaic splash back in the Garden's outdoor kitchen which is almost finished, attracting great admiration from everyone who sees it. It features roosters and hens in a pumpkin patch, bringing the garden theme into the outdoor kitchen.

The Garden's recycling project is now underway, with growing collections of bottle lids to be melted down into prosthetic hands for children in need (any bottle lid with the recycling code "2" or "4" in the actual lid is accepted), bread tags to raise money to purchase wheelchairs, along with old toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes, Nescafe coffee capsules, and dead batteries for recycling.

We hope that this initiative will ensure these waste products get used to make something worthwhile, rather than ending up in landfill or in our oceans. Recycling can be dropped off

at any time in the boxes in our outdoor kitchen beneath the mosaic splash back.

Please save the dates for:
* Our AGM on Saturday March 28, 2020. We will be having a Wild Apple Party - bring along your favourite wild apples from the roadsides for tasting, or apple-themed baked goods. Garden memberships will also be due on this date.

* A Sourdough Workshop on Saturday February 1, 2020 led by Garden member LaBerta Forys.

Find the "Yinnar Community Garden" page on Facebook to keep up with our events in 2020.

Redevelopment at Churchill



The site of the old United service station is now cleared and the town is very happy.

Watson Park Kindergarten building has been removed

and a new pathway through the park laid.

It will be exciting to watch the progress as the sites are developed.

Top - old service station site

Above - new path at Watson Park site

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- 2 Keep grass cut to less than 10cm.
- 3 Keep woodpiles away from house.
- 4 Store flammable liquids away from house.
- 5 Get rid of dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark.
- 6 Prune shrubs well away from tree branches and prune lower branches of shrubs to separate from surface fuels underneath.
- 7 Cut back overhanging branches.
- 8 Remove flammable items from decks and verandahs, such as boxes, furniture and doormats.
- 9 Do not have large shrubs next to or under windows.
- 10 Keep gutters clear of leaf litter.
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SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Design on a Bus Competition

For the second year in a row, students at Respectful Relationships Schools were invited to participate in a Gippsland wide artwork competition run by Gippsland Women's Health and the Department of Education and Training. This year's 'Design on a Bus' competition had a theme of 'challenge gender stereotypes', with students asked to create artwork that would be suitable for display on a bus using ten words or less.

This year's finalists' artwork will be featured on the side of buses throughout three local Government areas for 13 weeks - Baw

Baw, Latrobe City and Wellington. The finalists' art work was also on display at the Gippsland Art Gallery in Sale throughout the 16 Days of Activism campaign against Gender Based Violence (November 25 - December 10, 2019) and used at events across Gippsland.

Congratulations to CPS student Vivian Huynh whose artwork was chosen as one of the final designs! We are very excited to see your artwork appear on Latrobe Valley buses over the coming weeks. Congratulations also to Grace Johnson whose artwork was Highly Commended and is on display in Sale and to Natalie Baker and Stephanie

Wilkinson who were commended for their designs. *Hazelwood House Visits*

Some of our Grade 2 students have been making visits to the residents of Hazelwood House, along with our welfare officer Jo Whitelaw. Whilst there they join in on some fun activities, have conversations (sometimes over morning tea) and read stories. The residents and students alike enjoy their time together immensely and find it to be a very rewarding experience. We will be sad once they move to Traralgon.

Grade 3/4 Camp Rumbug

On Wednesday November 13, our Grade 3/4 students headed over the hills to Foster

for their first school camp at Camp Rumbug. For many of our students the camp was their first experience of being away from home for an extended period of time, and it was so much fun that nobody missed their families! Our students and teachers enjoyed many different outdoor activities including orienteering, archery, canoeing, mud runs and participating in high ropes activities. The meals and accommodation were great and overall everyone had an awesome time!

Something Spooky at CPS

Something Spooky happened at CPS..... Overnight the school was

infested by spiders and the entrance and office were covered in webs! Many of our classrooms also transformed into creepy caves where danger seemed to lurk in the sinister shadows. It must have been Halloween! It was fabulous to see most of our students dressing up and having fun for Halloween at CPS! There were certainly some well thought out costumes and it was pleasing to see the good overall attendance for the day.

First Nations Cultural Day

On Wednesday October 30, we celebrated Aboriginal culture at CPS. Students were placed in multi-aged groups for the day and participated

in a round robin of interesting and fun activities. They learnt about Aboriginal history, art, music, cooking bush tucker as well as making balls by stuffing hessian with leaves and playing games.

Although these special days with multi-aged groups are exhausting for the staff, they are a wonderful experience for the students. The older students really enjoy working alongside the younger students and helping them with the activities. It's so lovely to see how well all the students interact across all levels.

Well done to EVERYONE on a fabulous day!



Grade 3/4 students learnt how to canoe whilst at Camp Rumbug



Mikayla M, Sara A and Mia F enjoyed the ropes course at Camp Rumbug



Henry H, Xaiden H, Kai S, Lamani W, Mia J and Dani J enjoyed building shelters at Camp Rumbug



Molly M enjoys a craft activity and Eize K reads a story to the residents at Hazelwood House.

SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hard work and effort pays off

Hard work and effort was rewarded at Churchill North Primary School when 12 students received their certificates for participation in the recent Australian Mathematics Competition. Ten students received a proficiency certificate, one student received a participation certificate and one student achieved a credit. We would like to recognise the effort that these young mathematicians have put into their learning. Congratulations! Thanks also go out to Miss Tatterson for

arranging this year's entrants in the competition. I can't wait to see how we do next year!

Budding Authors in F/IR

The students in F/IR recently published their information report writing. The students researched their topics and published their facts in their information booklet.

The students were able to show where their contents page was, and how this helps the reader locate the important information in their book. The students were very excited to share their published work

with Mrs Bostedt and Miss O'Brien.

Tennis clinic

The students in Grades 3-6 at Churchill North Primary School were given a treat when Glen Kirstine came to coach them on tennis techniques. The students participated in lessons focused on the ready position and grip, how to hit a forehand, how to volley and how to rally. During the clinic the students also joined in a mini game to practise their skills. Thanks go out to Miss Wood for arranging the clinic.



Above - Noah, Najib, Alex, Max, Lachlan, Ashton, Pearl, Nat, Dominic and Zeke



Left - F/IR information writing - Top - Claire, Bella, Zoey, Bottom - Sophie, Thane, Liam

Far left - Jayla going for a forehand strike

SCHOOL NEWS

GLENDONALD PRESCHOOL

At Glendonald Preschool, we embrace the opportunity for the children to be independent in everyday life. We have been assisting the children to develop their skills

and knowledge to undertake grown up tasks in a safe environment.

We have a wonderful garden and cooking program which the children absolutely

love. This has enabled us to cook each week using the produce from our garden including seasonal vegetables and fruit.

We have made some

yummy meals such as Miss Suzie's famous banana cake, silver beet and potato tortillas, banana pancakes plus macaroni and cheese.

The children have the

responsibility of using everyday kitchen utensils like peelers, graters, knives and also cook in the electric frypan. They get to learn about kitchen safety, food

nutrition and the process of following a recipe.

We always share our creations with the families – if there is anything left!



Abigail cutting a potato



Kaiden flipping the banana pancakes



Jack frying up potatoes, bacon and silver beet

SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

Music Count Us In 2019

On November 7, students at Lumen Christi Primary School in Churchill participated in 'Music Count Us In', a music program where the same song is sung all over Australia on the same day and at the same time. On celebration day it was a national event with over 700,000 students from across Australia taking part in singing the program song titled "We Are". Students across all year levels worked really hard in music classes this term, practising the lyrics, instrumental parts and Australian Sign Language for the song. On celebration day Lumen Christi watched the countdown and live stream of the song from Surfers

Paradise, Queensland and then sang and played their own Lumen Christi version of the song using ukuleles, glockenspiels, chime bars and a variety of percussion instruments.

Music teacher Mrs Szkwarek said "It was wonderful to see all of our students passionately participating in this event and they all thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Every year level did such a wonderful job practising, learning their parts and they enjoyed performing to the school community".

Music Count Us In is a great way to bring music into the lives of so many students and is a wonderful initiative. Our students are already looking forward

to seeing what the Music Count Us In song is for 2020!

Remembrance Day 2019

On November 11, 2019 the students at Lumen Christi were silent for one minute in honour of our troops. School captains and the whole school reflected together at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, which has become an annual event which has a very special significance to all of us.

It is the moment when fighting ceased on the Western Front and then became known as Remembrance Day, a tribute to those who had died in the war. The middle classes at Lumen Christi also attended Mass, with all prayers offered for those who fought or lost

their lives at war.

Disco

Students at Lumen Christi recently held their Annual School Disco. The Parent's and Friends (P&F) organised the popular event. They held a junior disco before lunch and a senior disco after lunch.

A change of time saw many confused as to how a school disco could be run during school hours when it wasn't dark, but the parents amazed the children by blocking out all the windows and providing disco lights which made them feel like it was dark!

Jax from Prep said, "I loved dancing with all my friends". The children were able to purchase fluoro glow

sticks which were out in full force as the students danced away to popular songs put together by school leaders, Luisa and Taylor.

"We made a playlist with all the popular songs like 'YMCA'," said Luisa.

School leaders also organised games such as the congo and train, that kept the students showcasing their best dance moves. Money raised by P & F will go towards educational resources for the school.

School Play

'Lost At The Zoo' was the title of the play at Lumen Christi recently.

Staff wrote the script and gained inspiration from their whole school excursion to the Werribee Zoo, where

fortunately, no children were lost at the zoo!

The senior students took on the main roles and every class in the school sang two songs linked to the theme of zoo animals.

Robert from Year 6 who played Mr Hooper said, "I was so nervous but I'm glad I got through it".

Zya from Year 5, who also had a lead role playing Cindy said, "Oh I wish we could do it one more time. That was awesome".

Audience member, Sister Liz said; "The children were just delightful".

Staff are currently planning ideas for their next concert.



Participants at the Lumen Christi annual disco



Mr Cooper in the Rose Garden at Lumen Christi where he planted 'Gallipoli Roses', which were in full bloom for the service



Zya and Shane the main actors in the Lumen Christi play "lost at the Zoo"

SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI JUNIOR CAMPUS

The 2019 year is coming to a close and we are excited to leave it on a positive note. We say farewell to our Year 10s after four years. We know they will move into the next stage of their lives with a good grounding and the skills to make a positive impact on the world. The Year 10s ended their final day of classes with motivational talks from Tomorrow Man (for the boys) and Empowering Young Women with Sarah Pearce and Cristy Russell (for the girls). Both talks were very well received, and we hope have a lasting impact on our Year 10s.

Headstart begins

This year we are trialling a slightly different format for our Headstart Program. With a jam-packed year, it is often difficult to teach the Learn to Learn skills that we value as essential for equipping students for ongoing success. We therefore are dedicating Week 9 to teaching these skills. During this time, we will also be collecting data on students' literacy and numeracy levels so we can better cater for our students needs in 2020 and beyond.

Celebration time

On Thursday December 5, our Campus Awards

Ceremony was held at Federation University. This was a great chance for our school to get together to reflect on the year gone and to celebrate some of the successes of 2019. The following day all Year levels (7-9) participated in Celebration Days with their cohorts. Year 7 students had the school grounds to themselves and participated in activities like capture the flag, bucking bull, bungee run and an end of day water fight. Year 8 students had the opportunity to watch a private screening of the movie 'Go' before its general

release to the public. They then walked to Gippsland Immigration Park for a BBQ lunch. Year 9s spent the day playing some lawn bowls in Traralgon before a pizza lunch in Victory Park. Year 10s celebrated their year, as always, with their end of year formal. They were busy organising the event, fundraising for it, and were excited to be getting dressed up for a final night with their friends of the past four years.

VET orientation day

A number of our Year 10s took part in the VET Orientation Day. It was a full day event where Year 10s

were able to get a look at the VET course they had selected for 2020. It gave the students a chance to explore transport options and become familiar with the TAFE environment, expectations and requirements of the course. Just like their Work Experience, our Year 10s showed the very best of themselves on the day and returned with a lot of positivity for the different VET programs.

Thank you

A final thank you to all the families who support their children through the year. The teenage years can be challenging for young people

as they grow up and we know that parents and carers work hard, to make their children's lives as positive and safe as possible. We try hard to make the environment here at Kurnai the same. We want our school to be a positive, supportive, safe and empowering place. So thank you to all the families and outside organisations which help make that possible. Take care of each other over the holiday period and we look forward to seeing everyone back for a great 2020.

Congratulations to our Year 10 group – 2019



SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Congratulations to the graduating students of 2019

The Kurnai College University Campus Graduation was celebrated on Friday November 22. The following is a modified version of the speech delivered by VCE Advocate Todd Miller and VCAL Advocate Brett Gay;

"The teachers at University Campus would like to honour and celebrate the achievements of the graduating class of 2019.

In all we have 37 students graduating with VCAL certificates this year and we have 83 students graduating with their VCE.

What an amazing and full on year we have had together. Some of the highlights have been -

The fourth full year of running the Kurnai Kafé, Lions Licola Wilderness Village restoration project, planning and participating in the Kurnai Big Day Out, mock interviews, weekly

work placement, stress less days, numerous excursions, ski camp, Year 12 preparation camp, celebration day, numerous study periods, hours of exam preparation, weeks of after school tutoring and study sessions.

Whatever we asked of our students, they delivered. Whether it was to work in a team, bake cupcakes, cook BBQ's and a number of other curve balls thrown at them throughout the year. They stepped up to the challenge

and usually led each of the initiatives. We would like to thank our students for that.

We would also like to acknowledge the people who have helped get our students through not only this year, but their entire school life – the parents, carers, loved ones and junior school teachers.

Thank you to the parents and carers for your support this year in getting your students not just to school but also to their TAFE courses and work placements.

We would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the entire VCAL and VCE teams. Especially to the teaching and support staff who have worked throughout this year to help our students in all their pursuits. These staff have all worked alongside our students to support them in getting through to graduation.

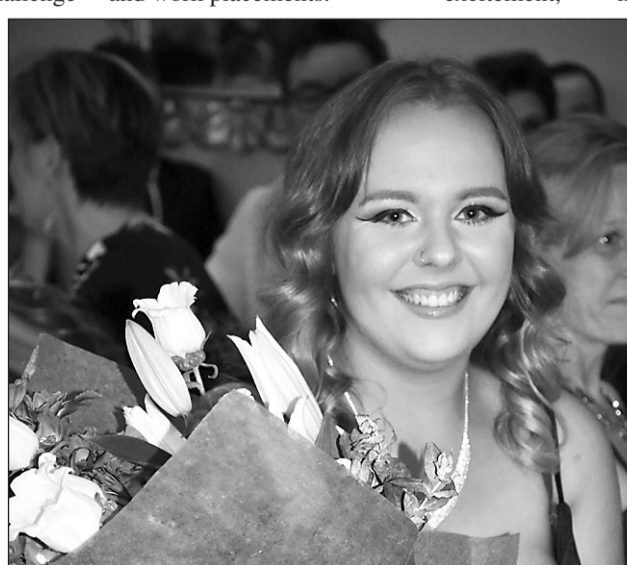
Some students have counted down their final days and weeks at Kurnai University campus with excitement, nervousness,

anticipation, worry and a sense of what next? We have shared those emotions – but we know our students are all prepared, they are all capable and are ready to take on life's next great adventure, whether that be work, further study or travel.

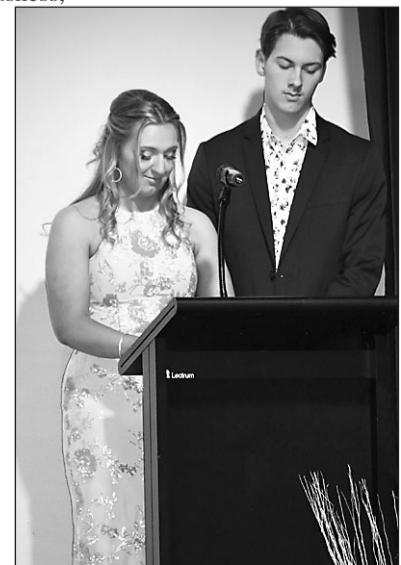
We have all enjoyed our time with each of our students and wish them nothing but the best for their future."



Henri with VCAL Advocate Brett Gay, graduating student and VCAL Team Leader Amanda Vosper



Taleah with flowers for her role in helping to organise the graduation



School Captains Keely and Thomas

SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY

Yinnar Primary School is always a hive of activity and November has been no different. Our school recognises the importance of child safety and implements the Childsafe Standards in every aspect of our daily routine.

The students acknowledged Day for Daniel – Australia’s largest child safety lesson by wearing red and participating in a number of activities about being safe and looking out for each other.

The Grade 5/6s have been participating in a lawn bowls activity with Yinnar Bowling Club. Students have been practising the skills of lawn bowls under the watchful eyes

of volunteers from the Bowls Club. It has been a great collaboration with our local community.

The Preps came to dinner with the Grade 1/2s before the annual Grade 1/2 sleepover just recently. Lasagne from Café 3869 was on the menu followed up by ice cream and topping.

Certainly a highlight for most students. Games and a story followed before the Preps went home and the Grade 1/2s bunkered down in the school for the night. Breakfast on Friday was a very busy affair.

The students made their own biscuit snacks followed by salad sandwich lunch.



For many this is the first time sleeping away from the family and is the first part of our camping program.

October was OH&S month. The staff got in on the act displaying all our OH&S safety gear and procedures for a photo shoot.

The School Grounds and Sustainability team (SGS) have been busy in the garden, planting vegetables, fruit trees and making a succulent garden.

Students have also been following up on the waste detective program to make sure that we maintain the correct disposal of our recycling.

The biggest event on the calendar was our very first colour run. A beautiful sunny afternoon was the perfect setting for 216 students dressed in white to run laps of the school grounds.

The GRACE team had prepared activity bases around the circuit including balloons, streamers, dress ups, music and a soaker hose. The students may have started in white but at the end of the day they were a rainbow of colours with very little white to be seen.

Added to that of course, were the coloured sunglasses and headbands that were provided. The GRACE team

raised \$6000+ that will be used for new IT equipment in classrooms.



There has been a handball competition running that was keenly contested by many students from all levels of the school. The older students arranged games and umpired matches as well.

Correction.

On page 23 of the November issue, a middle photo in Yinnar South Primary School section was actually a photo for Yinnar Primary School. We apologise for the mix up.



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. We have open classrooms so you can see what your child is learning. We have a friendly and supportive Parents Association that is highly welcoming of any new member, and a highly flexible orientation program that we can tailor around the needs of your child.

Please contact Nikki Davies on (03) 5169 1540 or 0418 804 599 to arrange

another time or to discuss your child’s enrolment.

World Food Day

A huge thank you to Latrobe City Council for some funding that allowed us to have the greatest World Food Day ever!

We invited the Wise Owls Playgroup to join us and then we visited the vegetable garden and chook house to harvest produce for our meal. We made ricotta cheese and fresh pasta for our spinach and ricotta ravioli.

Our garden harvest became a salad of your imagination. Dessert was

Yonana ice cream or smoothie. Then we shared the meal in our Southies’ restaurant.

Fire Safety Ambassador

We have appointed our new Fire Ambassador. Reanna will be responsible for monitoring the Fire Danger Rating daily and displaying this information on the school’s sign. This is an important role as it will help the school and students know when to enact the schools Emergency Management Policy.

Congratulations to Reanna for taking on such an important leadership role.

Resilience Flags

As part of the Resilience Flags project funded through the Latrobe City Council, students have been engaging with a qualified art therapist to deal with issues and feelings that may have come up regarding the fires earlier this year.

These conversations are age-appropriate but may stir some feelings within your child.

If your child is experiencing any concerns or worries through this process, they are welcome to have a conversation with Maya (the

art therapist) who makes herself available after the art sessions on Mondays. They can talk with Michelle our new pastor who works on Wednesdays and Thursdays or they can talk to any of the other staff here at Yinnar South.

Planting

A huge thanks to Bensons Timber & Hardware, Morwell, Thank You! Bensons have generously donated flowers and vegetable seedlings for our garden. We have started brightening up our gardens with petunias and will plant the vegetables soon.



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