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## Queen's Scout Award to 1st Churchill Venturer Scout

### 1st Churchill Scout Group

We extend a very big congratulations to Kelly Nickson, one of our Venturer Scouts who was awarded her Queen's Scout Award and received her certificate earlier this year from the Governor of Victoria at Government House.

Towards the end of 2019, 1st Churchill Scout Group was proud to receive the Quality Scouting Award from the Chief Commissioner of Scouts Victoria. Congratulations to all our leaders who have worked hard to make that happen.

2020 has begun well. We welcome two new leaders, Taylah Whelan as Trainee Assistant Cub Scout Leader and Scott Mildenhall as Trainee Assistant Scout Leader, and we are excited to announce that our Scout Troop (11 – 14 year olds) has reopened after a four year hiatus.

We also would like to take this opportunity to thank Peta Whelan who retired as our Group Leader after over ten years of service to our group. Thank you Peta for all that you have done for our Group, and we all wish you well as you enjoy your new role as Secretary of Strzelecki District Scouts. Tammy Napier is the new Group Leader.



1st Churchill Venturer Scout Kelly Nickson received her Queen's Scout Award from the Governor of Victoria at Government House. Kelly is pictured with 1st Churchill Venturer Leader Barney Farrell and Venturer Scout Commissioner Tammy Napier



### Joey Scouts

(aged 5 – 7 years)

Our Joey Scouts have recently enjoyed a sleepover

at the Scout Hall to prepare for Kangaree – a state camp held at Lardner Park with 1,200 Joey Scouts and their

600 leaders and helpers.

### Cub Scouts

(aged 8 to 10 years)

Our Cub Scouts have an

exciting term program of activities, including a camp towards the end of term with 1st Yinnar Cub Scouts. 2020

is a big year for our Cub Scout section, with Cuboree 10, a five day camp for Cub Scouts from across Victoria

being held at Gilwell Park Gembrook in the September school holidays, with over  
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## Looking Back...

# 200

## DIGITAL ISSUES

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### Our Memories

Digitally printed edition No 1 of Churchill & District News began with twelve pages in 2002.

Look out for more memories next month as we move toward the printing of our special edition numbered 200 in December this year. Or read back issues on our website [cdnews.com.au](http://cdnews.com.au)

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**Romance Scammers**

Romance scammers move to new apps, costing Aussies more than \$28.6 million. Scammers are using new online platforms to take advantage of their victims, with dating and romance scams making up one fifth of losses across all scams reported to Scamwatch in 2019.  
 Australians reported almost 4,000 dating and romance scams in 2019, with losses of more than \$28.6 million, and these numbers will be just the tip of the iceberg. Around 37.5 per cent of reports resulted in a loss,

with an average loss of more than \$19,000.  
 Beyond traditional online dating websites, the highest losses were from romance scams originating on Instagram and Facebook. Conventional dating platforms, such as Tinder or Match.com, also had high losses.  
 A new trend emerging in 2019 was scammers increasingly turning to apps like Google Hangouts, or online games such as Words with Friends and Scrabble to con their victims.  
 "We've seen an increase

in reports from people who did not originally seek an online relationship but have been caught up in a dating and romance scam," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.  
 "No longer are dating websites the only contact method for dating and romance scams, with an increasing number of reports coming from these emerging websites and apps.  
 Romance scams are particularly devastating because not only are there financial losses, but there is also an emotional toll for the victim, which can have lasting psychological impacts on people," Ms Rickard said.  
 Scammers try to make their target fall in love with the persona they have created and quickly profess their love for the victim.  
 They will normally weave complicated stories about why they can't meet in person and ask the victim to send money or provide financial aid so they can travel to meet them.  
 While less common, there have also been instances of scammers meeting their victim in person and requesting money.  
 If the person sends money, the scammer will ask for more, and if they don't, the scammer may become aggressive or



use guilt to manipulate their victim.  
 "If you're interacting with someone online, it's important to be alert and consider the possibility that the approach may be a scam," Ms Rickard said.  
 "Don't give out personal information, including your financial details, to anybody you haven't met in person, no matter who they say they are, and don't share intimate photos or use webcams in an intimate setting.  
 Don't agree to carry packages internationally or agree to transfer money for someone else as you may be inadvertently committing a crime.  
 If you become concerned by the conversation, such as if the person is asking for 'favours' or money, cease communication," Ms Rickard said.  
 People who think they may have provided their banking details to a scammer should contact their bank or financial institution as soon as possible.  
 They can also report a scam to the ACCC through Scamwatch, which offers further information on where to get help, and how to protect yourself from scams.

**Local Rain**

**Churchill Rainfall for February 2020**  
 The Churchill Rainfall for February was above average, with 91.5 mm falling on 11 days which was great for the gardens and rainwater tanks in our town.  
 Since 1992 the only other readings in February with a higher recording were: 1994 - 92 mm, 2005 - 94 mm and in 2011 - 177 mm.  
 The 2020 Rainfall progress total for the year so far is now 182mm, the second best for that period in the last 28 years when, in 2011, 217 mm was recorded.

**Rain at Hazelwood South.**  
 Extraordinary! Tanks overflowing in February? How unexpected. The 74.6mm of rain was 160% of the average for February. January was even wetter: filling the tanks, long green grass, and the weeds are pretending it is spring. The extra seasons for weeds to set seed repeatedly need your attention. Unlike January, February rain did not contaminate the tank water from smoke or dust storms. Most of the rain came from the south and a little from the east. Cyclone Uesi did not bring rain directly.

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# Cooking with Noelene

## Broad bean salad (v)

I love broad beans. My neighbour across the road gave me 2 kg of broad beans. This broad bean salad

Hard boil 3 eggs, slice and add to the salad.

Sprinkle with dried dill and add a handful of torn mint leaves and sprinkle with a tsp



can be served as a light lunch or supper dish.

Firstly make a dressing by whisking together 6 tbs of extra virgin olive oil with 2 tbs of lemon juice, the grated rind of 1 lemon, 1 dsp of minced garlic, 1 tsp of castor sugar and a pinch of cracked black pepper.

Set aside when you have a well blended emulsion.

Shell your fresh broad beans, about 1kg.

Now boil the shelled beans in boiling salted water until tender.

Drain the beans and place in a large salad bowl.

Whisk the dressing and pour over the warm broad beans.

Crumble over 150 gm of Greek feta, thinly slice a bunch of spring onions and toss them together in the bowl.



of sugar to bring out the minty aroma.

## Stuffed courgettes with feta and walnuts (v)

This is great as a light lunch or vegetarian dinner or a vegetable accompaniment with grilled fish, chicken or beef.

Preheat your oven to 190 deg C.

Place 4 large courgettes (zucchini) in a saucepan of boiling water and boil for 3 minutes.

Drain, rinse under cold water and drain again.

Leave to cool.

When the courgettes are cool enough to handle, slice a thin strip off the top side of each courgette with a sharp knife, and gently score around the inside edges to help scoop out the flesh.

Use a teaspoon to scoop out the flesh, leaving the shell to hold the stuffing. Chop the courgette flesh.

Heat 2 tbs of rice bran oil in a pan add 1 onion, peeled and chopped and 1tbs of minced garlic.

Cook over a low heat for 5 minutes until onion softens and lightly colours.

Add the courgette flesh and continue to cook over a low heat for another 5 minutes.

Remove from heat and

allow to cool.

Stir in 55 gm of crumbled feta cheese and 20gm of chopped walnuts.

Now add 55 gm of fresh breadcrumbs.

Add 1 egg, lightly beaten. Season with cracked pepper, a little salt and dried dill.

Fill the courgettes with the stuffing.

Spray an ovenproof dish with cooking oil and place the filled courgettes side by side in the dish.

Drizzle with a caramelised garlic balsamic.

Cover the dish with foil and bake in a well preheated oven for 30 minutes, then remove foil and bake for a further 10 minutes or until



golden brown.

Serve hot.

## Chicken and parsley casserole

This recipe is for Debbie and the team in endoscopy at Latrobe Regional Hospital, Traralgon

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C.

I use skinless chicken thigh fillets (About 2 kg).

Sprinkle both sides of the fillets with an Italian herb mix.

Seal the fillets on each side in a pan drizzled with rice bran oil over a medium heat.

Remove and set aside. Hard boil 4-6 eggs, peel and quarter.

Roughly chop a handful of fresh flat parsley.

Peel and slice 1 onion and 2 cloves of garlic, mix together.

Now make a sauce, place 3 cups of chicken stock in a medium saucepan and add 4 tablespoons of butter and 2 tbs of ground sumac over a low heat.

Once the butter has melted stir / whisk in 5 tbs of plain flour, stir until slightly thickened.

Using a large ovenproof dish, place a layer of chicken fillets and hard boiled eggs.

Scatter with some of the chopped parsley, some of the sliced onion and garlic, a sprinkle of grated cheese and smoked paprika.

Pour over half the sauce. Repeat the process till all the chicken and ingredients are used.

Top with grated cheese and a sprinkle of smoked paprika.

Bake in a well heated oven for 1 hour.

Delicious. I served this with a green leaf and tomato salad drizzled with honey.

Enjoy.

# One thousand walks Heart Foundation Award

David Connell recently received a Certificate and Letter of Commendation from the Heart Foundation for achieving one thousand walks.

David is the coordinator and one of the original members of the Churchill Heart Walkers and despite some health problems, rarely misses a walk and is always waiting to welcome walkers as they arrive.

He keeps an attendance record and this is then forwarded to the Heart Foundation which acknowledges various milestones for participants.

Churchill Heart Walkers consists of friendly men and women of various abilities.

The group is very flexible, so that members walk whenever they can, and if for any reason they are not able to make the entire distance

they walk as far as is comfortable.

The group meets three times a week, on Mondays and Fridays at the Churchill Leisure Centre and on Wednesdays at the Lake Hyland car park.

Walks begin at 8.30am and on Mondays go from the Leisure Centre around Lake Hyland and back, on Wednesdays around Lake Hyland and on Fridays from the Leisure Centre along Eel Hole Creek to the Northways Road roundabout, then up the hill past the university and



back to the Leisure Centre.

Some members stay for a coffee at the Leisure Centre on Mondays and Fridays, at a cost of \$1.00 per cup.

New members are always welcome – just turn up before 8.30am and join in!

## St Matt's Op Shop

After a well-deserved summer break, St Matt's Op Shop reopened on January 30. We are now open again on Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 4pm and on Saturdays from 10am to 1pm.

On February 14, we celebrated the Op Shop's first birthday with plenty of free cake, plus the chance to fill a bag with clothes for \$5. Over the past year we have made good progress towards our

three aims, which are to be an outreach into the community, to be a place for recycling useful items, and to raise money for the Cooperating Churches of Churchill and Boolarra.

We have also donated costumes for Yinnar Primary's school production, and established the Gormandale Primary School library from scratch with many hundreds of books.

Unfortunately, we have recently been receiving increasing amounts of unsaleable items which are torn, broken or unuseable.

As a guide, please don't give it to the Op Shop if you wouldn't give it to a friend.

Our next event will be an Easter Sale on Saturday April 4. To keep up with our events, follow "St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar" on Facebook.

## Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

# Reporting Issues Solved

This month, we are looking at how to report issues around the town.

Many people have noted that they have trouble reporting issues around town, because they don't know who to report to.

For instance, if you see a "pot hole" in the road, do you report it to the local Council or Vic roads?

Problem solved!

Simply download "Snap send solve" on to your mobile phone. Once you have it on there, and you see a problem to be reported, take a photo of the problem (up to five photos) and load the photo onto the Snap send solve app.

The app will work out where you are (you can still type in an address)



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**Snap  
Send  
Solve**

and report the problem to the necessary department.

Give them all the details of the problem, then, you will get an email to say that the department has received the job. It's as easy as that!

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# Church News



## Co-Op Church Snippets



The Cambridge team gave us a wonderful talk and demonstration of how we can be salt and light to the world.

The children loved being part of it. There were some meaningful activities to follow to bring the message home.

The first gathering of Coffee Connections for 2020 happened on Thursday February 20 at the Churchill Church. Peter Carter opened the proceedings.

During the chatting and sharing of morning tea which commenced at 10am, we discovered that Coffee Connections will soon have its 13th birthday. (How time flies!)

It was evident that the group wishes to continue this wonderful fellowship

gathering so discussion followed this to decide what our thoughts, plans and ideas for future meetings would look like.

It was also a time of acknowledging appreciation of the past sessions.

Joy, the initiator of the group prepared a photo display of several of the previous occasions and last year's group photo taken at Christmas time.

Thank you to Joy for her passion for this group and to Anne and Barb who led it for some years, and to all those who took a turn to run the program for a day.

Special thanks go to all those who contribute such delectable goodies to tempt us at morning tea.

Sixtieth wedding

celebrations were acknowledged for Ron and Judith Bell, loved members of our congregation.

They have lived wonderful useful lives, always considering others with care and compassion.

We wish them many more married years together.

Sadly, Bill Barrett, one of Boolarra's long standing parishioners passed away this month.

Bill was affectionately known as "The Egg Man" as in days gone by, he delivered eggs to the surrounding areas including Churchill.

Bill had been a resident at Hazelwood House and lived his last days at the new facility at Dalkeith in Traralgon.

One of nature's gentlemen.

## Chaplain



It has been said that in our world today we are 'drowning in words'. Reference is made to thousands of billboards, ads, letters, magazines, newspapers, emails, etc (to say nothing of spam, junk mail, etc) and that's just written words.

When a dignitary is greeted for instance, protocol determines that their titles be spoken about. Those forms of address in some countries can be lengthy.

The Roman Empire was especially keen on this.

An early fourth Century document about a decree issued by Galerius, lists 20 of his titles (with some repeated several times) all before the decree itself is written.

With that in mind, I find it interesting that when teaching about praying to God, Jesus Christ merely says we're to say "Our Father", with the word for "Father" being able to be used to address a respected teacher as well as used within a family setting.

That dual purpose may be what was intended...with

both respect and a personal relationship needed.

However, despite the word for "Father" used by Jesus having a personal aspect to it, what should not be assumed is its use with meanings attached that are based on any particular earthly father.

Jesus' use of that word goes beyond what is expected of earthly fathers.

He is just trying to let us approach God in a relational, yet respectful, way.

Worth thinking about!

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 11.00am  
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 5th Sundays  
 11.00am  
 Yinnar South



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### Fr Edwin Ogbuka/Fr James Fernandez

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 Sunday: Mass: 9.00am  
 1st and 3rd Sundays:  
 Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am  
 2nd and 4th Sundays:  
 Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

## Christian Creators Fair

Christian Creators Fair will be held at the Co-Operating Church in Churchill on Saturday April 18, from 10am to 3pm.

Presented by King of Glory Ministries International, the fair will have Christian writers, artists, musicians and craftspeople presenting and

selling their work. There will be live music, giveaways, the Love Gippsland coffee van, and a sausage sizzle.

For the kids, a clown will be making balloon animals, there will be face painting and an opportunity to learn how to make a bracelet for themselves.

Public entry will be by a gold coin donation.

There are still stalls available, and Christian creators who would like to be part of the event should go to <http://kogmii.com/events/christian-creators-fair/> to register their interest.





# Looking Back... 200 DIGITAL ISSUES

Welcome back to a snapshot through past digital editions of Churchill & District News.

Let us begin with Edition 25 which had a survey for all readers to help us decide the parts of the paper you enjoyed the most. Did you return it to us, I wonder? Page 12 carried part one of an amazing story of the Shaw Family's early history in the district. A great read now if you have the time.

The front page

appeared on page 8.

Churchill Urban Fire Brigade first started sixty years ago as the Jeeralang Rural Fire Brigade. The name was changed to Churchill Urban Fire Brigade in 1991 and has continued to operate as such ever since. A "Don Rod" may sound like an engine part, but it wasn't! It was a custom made fishing rod, being handmade in a special after

challenge and experience in visiting Papua New Guinea.

Winners were everywhere this month including the Birthdayites, the Santa colouring competition and winners of the bike safety competition.

The front page of issue 37 celebrates 'Back to School' with happy photos. Churchill Primary School was asked to become involved with the Queen's Baton relay cultural concert. This concert was to welcome the baton as it arrived at Traralgon.

Things to see and do about Churchill, the ute show, a country night at Churchill Saloon, the town festival with all sorts of amazing acts and the local bus time table to get you there.

Front page news of the local festival tells us in photos "You can have fun in the sun and even the same in rain" – does that sound familiar?

Churchill Primary, courtesy of Safeway's was able to send fourteen children to Commonwealth Games events in Melbourne.

History is recorded in 'Early days of Hazelwood power station'.

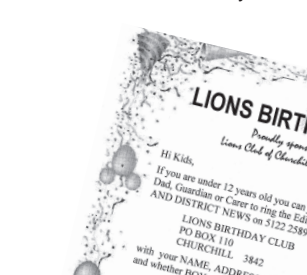
Willis Connolly announced in the Victorian Parliament in October of 1961 the concept of a new power station with six 200MW units. It was to be

constructed in Gippsland on land first settled by the Bennett family in 1844 and named "Hazelwood."

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-school class at Kurnai College Churchill.

February 2006 edition featured Australia Day celebrations held in Churchill for the fourth year. Organised by the Lions Club of Churchill and District and sponsored by Latrobe City, a community



gathering was enjoyed by all. The story written by Norm Hall "That Bloody Track the Kokoda Trek" tells of his unforgettable personal



of issue 26 recalls the sad death of Churchill fire brigade member, seventeen years old Darren McLean, after an accident as the fire truck left the road and overturned into a creek.

In August 2005 front page news was a Grand Final win for Cougars. Neighbourhood Watch was extended to cover the whole of Churchill, meanwhile on page 2 local police were busy charging 22 people during the month for crimes and traffic offences committed.

Mathison Park made the news in Issue 33 by winning Protection of the Environment section of the Tidy Towns Award.

Churchill News organised Walk and Play the Pondage Pursuit for \$1000 First Prize. Teams of four were to enter and compete. Money raised from this day was donated to the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre.

A Brief History of Sixty Years Service by Churchill Urban Fire Brigade



# What's happening at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre 2020



Noelene's Cooking Class in full swing!

workers and volunteers.

Our Manager Abigail encourages the community to come in and share a cup of tea or coffee with her. Sharing stories, ideas and issues will give an understanding or what we can offer in the future.

### Volunteers

We love our volunteers and look forward to more joining us. We offer training at CNC so our volunteers can use their skills and share in community activities.

This has been very successful when we have worked together with other clubs and organisations especially with the Churchill Community Festival.

We have also been able to help many of our volunteers to progress into paid employment in other workplace environments.

This too has been very rewarding for both our clients and the CNC.

In 2020 we will continue to strive to make the CNC a supportive, learning and encouraging environment for all.

Looking forward to sharing our latest news in next month's edition of Churchill & District News.

A big hello to our community and welcome to the first edition of 'What's Going On at CNC'.

The CNC is up and running with a wonderful selection of programs for Term 1 which you can access on our website www.

churchill.org.au

We are located in The Hub and share the building with a kindergarten, child care centre and the Latrobe City Library. Apart from offering classes in a modern setting we also offer a friendly environment with caring

# Doors open at Australia's first Maltese Museum

The former Morwell Pigeon Club building on the site of the Maltese Community Centre in Morwell has been transformed into Australia's first Maltese Museum thanks to support from the Victorian Government.

Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing MP, officially opened the Museum in time for the 2020 Maltese Festa, after the Maltese Community Centre received a \$56,270 grant through the Latrobe Valley Authority's Community and Facility Fund.

The Museum features a collection of miniature handmade replicas of historical buildings dating

back to the 1550s during the rule of the Knights of St John in Malta. It also includes a huge collection of Maltese memorabilia, brought to Australia by migrants since the 1940s.

Extensive works at the building included replacing internal walls, electrical wiring and lighting, replacing front and side doors, removing the suspended ceiling to allow for tall exhibits and replacing guttering and downpipes.

Local contractors were used in the refurbishment project, with many volunteer hours also going towards the project from members of the local Maltese community.

The Festa has become

an extremely popular event in the Latrobe Valley, with more than 10,000 people attending this year, with many travelling from Melbourne and interstate.

The Maltese Festa took place at Kernot Hall on Saturday February 22, with the Maltese Museum open to the public from 12pm on Sunday February 23.

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# Writing and Poetry Competition

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## Categories

1. 7 and Under - Short Story/Poetry (illustrations welcome) \*\*
2. 8 - 9 years - Short Story/Poetry (illustrations welcome) \*\*
3. 10 - 11 years – Short Story
4. 10 – 11 years – Poetry
5. 12 – 14 years – Short story/Poetry
6. Open 15 years plus – Story
7. Open 15 years plus – Poetry
8. A Children's Story

*NOTE: Categories 1 - 2 \*\* will include prizes for Best Illustration and Best Presentation.*

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2. The author's name must only be on the entry form and not on the manuscript.

3. Entries must be original,

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5. Multiple entries will be accepted.

6. Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce entries in the Churchill & District News or for publicity purposes will be assumed. Copyright remains with the author.

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8. Entries must be received by Friday, July 31, 2020.

9. All pages should be numbered.

10. People entering in the Open category must give their address.

11. Length of stories is to be:

Adult: 1000 - 2500 words

Children: up to 500 words

12. Entries will not be returned and participants should keep a copy of their work.

13. The Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

14. Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.

**Entries to be mailed to:**

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Electronic copies of 15 years to Adult

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Closing Date: Friday, July 31, 2020.

**Entry Fees:**

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

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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# Soroptimists International



The Brick family from Boolarra, who are organising the Soroptimist Trivia night. From Left to Right: Daniel, Samantha, Colin, Jinny.

## Soroptimists aim for answers - at their Trivia night

Soroptimists International of Gippsland (SI Gippsland) is planning to hold a Trivia night in the Boolarra Community Hotel, at 2760 Monash Way on Wednesday March 25, 7.00 – 10.00pm.

SI Gippsland is a women's service group, with members coming from Latrobe Valley towns and the surrounding farming districts' communities. Monies raised will go towards funds for the 2020 fires in East Gippsland. Specific projects that directly benefit women and children in the small towns will be supported.

The Boolarra Community Hotel has been chosen as a friendly, central venue to host the evening. For a \$10 entry,

participants will have the fun of a trivia quiz and be offered table snacks, water, coffee and tea. Participants may bring their own table snacks. All drinks must be purchased from the bar. There is NO BYO.

The Brick family is bringing their expertise along to the evening. Colin Brick, and son Daniel are the quiz masters. SI Gippsland hopes interested people who would like a fun and relaxing night out will make up tables and come along. However, if you come as an individual you will be slotted into a table.

Samantha Brick, who is currently SI Gippsland's secretary, is busy organising the event, which, she says, "will be a great night for people just to get out and

enjoy an evening with friends and have fun ... but at the same time know you are helping the summer bushfire recovery efforts. Don't be shy" she emphasises. "Just come along and join in. As well as the quiz, raffles and games will be played during the night to add to the fun – so bring along your gold coins for entry into the games".

To help organise the evening people are asked to send in an RSVP by a week before the event. Booking online is preferred: <https://www.trybooking.com/BISKR>

However, if this doesn't suit, paper tickets are available: please text Samantha on 0427 824 722 or email SI Gippsland at [sigippsland@siswp.org](mailto:sigippsland@siswp.org) - for further information

# Churchill's "Lucky Shopper" – February Winner

The Churchill Shop Local Campaign is an initiative designed to support local businesses by encouraging shopping locally. This supports the Churchill community as local businesses not only employ local people, they also support local schools, community organisations and sporting clubs therefore enriching the entire community. This yearlong campaign will award local shoppers with monthly Lucky Shoppers vouchers and prizes to be won throughout the year. The Shop Local campaign is one which works to help support the entire Churchill community through supporting local businesses such as Lifeline, the Churchill Newsagency, Smart Savers and the Churchill Discount Chemist.

The Lucky Shopper prize is randomly selected by a participating business to be entered into the main prize draw. Participating stores have displayed the Churchill Shop Local sticker in their windows with entries for the monthly prizes made within the store at the time of purchase.

The winning Lucky Shopper in February was Pam Kelly from Jeeralang Junction who received her prize on Friday February 21. Pam regularly shops in Churchill and entered the prize draw by shopping at Ritchies which

is one of the 'Shop Local Participating Businesses.'

Pam is appreciative of the Churchill Community shopping centre and the Shop Local Campaign.

"I shop here every day. I know everyone's names.

Everyone's very friendly and it's local so you don't have to go to Morwell or Traralgon to get your shopping done. It's quieter here, easier to park and easier to get parking."

Lifeline Shop coordinator Annette Deppeler, is from Yinnar South and is happy to support the Shop Local campaign on behalf of Lifeline which presented this month's prize. Annette representing Lifeline Churchill presented the prize to Pam Kelly. Annette is appreciative of the advantages of the local Churchill Shopping Centre, "I like how everyone's friendly, that it's easy to get around and that everything's close."

Lifeline is very supportive of the Shop Local Campaign due to its commitment to the Australian community. Lifeline is a national charity



providing Australians experiencing personal crisis with access to 24-hour crisis support and counselling. The Lifeline store in Churchill is a purveyor of good recycled clothes with cheap prices, which exists due to the generosity of the local community and hard work of the staff, with proceeds going towards counselling for the most vulnerable in our community.

Remember for your chance to win a \$50 voucher to spend at your local Churchill retailer and be as lucky as Pam Kelly, you must 'Shop Local' at a participating business. Enquire in-store to support your community by entering the draw and trying your luck to win a prize.



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### Centre for Gippsland Studies Closed!

CDCA has sought information about the rumoured closure of the Centre for Gippsland Studies at the Churchill campus of Federation University.

We can confirm that the Centre closed last November and the collection held at the Centre has been moved to the campus library.

CDCA wrote to the Campus Manager seeking further information about the rationale for the Centre's closure, public access to the collection and the future of Gippsland-specific research projects.

We also expressed our dismay at the loss of this valuable asset and our concern at the lack of community engagement about the role of the Centre and its future.

Whilst we have received informal advice that the collection will still be available to the public to view via the campus' library services (open to the community at specific times), we are yet to receive a written response to our letter.

Another 'public access' matter was raised at CDCA's February meeting – that of community access to the upstairs Town Hall space in Churchill.

This space is managed by Council and there is a hiring fee and booking policy that applies – community groups

requesting access to this space for large meetings, presentations, classes or activities must seek approval from Council and pay the required charges.

On the other hand, the downstairs area, accessed from Philip Parade, is managed as part of the Churchill Community Hub precinct.

The small multi-purpose room and kitchen may be booked through the Neighbourhood Centre at no cost to not-for-profit organisations.

A number of organisations, including CDCA, have expressed concern that the Town Hall is under-utilised and generally empty, yet Council's management and fees make this space undesirable for community groups to utilise.

CDCA has decided to raise this matter with Council in an attempt to find a means to making this area more accessible to local organisations so that it becomes a well-utilised facility and adds to the vibrancy of our town centre.

Local residents may have noted that Hazelwood House lies vacant still.

No firm information has been made public about a possible tenant to occupy this building. CDCA has been advised by various sources that every effort is still being made by Council, Benetas and

others to find an organisation willing to occupy this facility. It's been hinted that an announcement may be made in the near future.

'Next door' along Philip Parade, heavy earthworks are occurring as the land between Philip Parade and Eel Hole Creek is being prepared for subdivision and residential development.

New housing means an increased population, which will help support our local economy. Stage 2 of Gaskin Rise has also begun to be sold for new housing development.

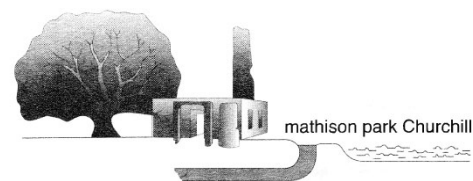
Of course an increasing population means more traffic on our roads which means more maintenance is required. Monash Way, in particular, is often in need of repair – our Neighbourhood Watch representative is chasing up this issue, as there are several pot holes that need attention.

CDCA's next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 14, in the Board Room at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre in McDonald Way. All local residents are welcome to attend.

You can find more information about CDCA on our website: [www.cdca.org.au](http://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.

## Mathison Park activities



Early in February thirteen loads of mulch were delivered by the council for our garden beds to be re-mulched. It was such a welcome surprise as it is much needed.

We had a marvelous working bee in February with ten people turning up and working hard for the morning.

Some volunteers tackled the fallen limbs, of which there were many due to the high winds we have been

experiencing.

Long grass in garden beds was mowed so mulch could be spread. Then long grass around the new trees was whippersnipped and mowed. The area looked really spiffy after the work was done.

Another garden bed had the mulch spread also. Mulch spreading is hard work as it must be shoveled into barrows and wheeled to the places where it can be spread.

One volunteer weeded around individual trees and mulched their surrounds.

Two other volunteers used their whippersnippers to reduce long grass around trees, seats, near boardwalk ends.

When 11 o'clock came we were all ready for a cuppa and some of Faye's delicious goodies to give us energy to finish the time.

## Lifeline Gippsland Churchill Shop



Now that the children have all gone back to school, mums and dads can spend a leisurely half hour or so checking out the wonderful array of bargains at our Churchill Shop.

We have a terrific array of good, clean, second hand kitchen goods, clothing, shoes, books, toys, craft items, etc. and we can even cater for your household pets with bedding etc.

If you are new to the area, the Lifeline shop is located just along from the Ritchies IGA supermarket, next to the Medical Clinic in the Hazelwood Village area of the Churchill Shopping centre.

Lifeline Gippsland Counsellors have been extremely busy supporting those people affected by the

recent bush fires as well as continuing to maintain their 24 hour telephone crisis support service.

Whilst Lifeline does receive a small percentage of funding from the Government, the majority of funding comes from the Lifeline Gippsland shops in Churchill, Morwell, Traralgon, Moe, Sale, Wonthaggi and Lakes Entrance.

The shops are staffed by volunteers and all the proceeds stay here in Gippsland to support Gippslanders in their time of need.

We are grateful for the

wonderful support of people donating their no longer needed items, however we do request the goods must be clean and in good working order.

We are also part of the Churchill Shop Local campaign so by shopping in Churchill you may win a Shop Local voucher from participating businesses.

Our Churchill shop is open each week day from 9.30am until 3.45pm, so please call in and check out the shop.

The telephone Counselling service telephone number is 13 11 14.

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# Friends of Morwell National Park



A big thanks goes to Tamara who wrote about and took photos at the last activity.

### February Activity Report

After gathering at the Junction Road carpark and sharing our experiences of Friday night's violent storm (around 80 mm locally), we focused on the day's task of track clearing.

First we attended to a large, messy fallen branch near the firebreak end of Fosters Gully, and admired a number of flowering autumn bird-orchids on the way back. Harry, Joan and Chris completed the Fosters Gully loop and came across a very solid, dead blackwood over the track, but this one was a bit big for us to tackle. We noted that the sign at the start of Fosters Gully Walk was flat on the ground, due to both of its wooden posts having

rotted at the base.

We proceeded around the Stringybark Ridge loop, clearing small logs and spindly wattles hanging over the track. We found a comfy log near the top of the hill to sit on while we ate lunch and discussed the breeding behaviour of koalas, and the difficulty in distinguishing messmates from yertchuks when their bark is burnt.

At the south-western corner of the loop, the sign at the junction had been burnt during the fire in March last year, and the track was almost obscured by new growth. Walkers were seen taking the track to West Boundary instead, thinking they were heading towards the carpark; we intercepted a bewildered bunch on one of the small tracks linking West Boundary to Stringybark and pointed

them in the right direction.

A single, mysterious plant with broad, sticky leaves was observed not far from the missing sign – although it looked quite out of place, Ken thought it may be a native plant in the daisy family.

At the edge of the burnt area, we found some pale grass-lilies and blue pincushions flowering, and the remains of flowers on a

holly lomatia. Ken said the grass-lilies were flowering well out of their normal season, and he had never seen a lomatia flowering before in the Park, even after a planned burn undertaken some years ago.

Nice views of a foraging wallaby were enjoyed by some as we ambled back to the carpark at the end of the day.



# Al-Anon

## Being honest with myself

When I came to Al-Anon, I was seeing my family through the eyes of one affected by the family disease of alcoholism without recovery. Today I have choices, thank goodness. Today and every day I have the Al-Anon tools for living, a far cry from the deep-seated tears of cold loneliness as a child of an alcoholic. In those days I had desires for life though little reason, or even contact with my sensibilities, to grow into a healthy happy human being. My life is certainly worth living!

Every day my story changes. Every time I practise the principles of the program and useful suggestions I've taken from members, I re-discover a life, my life. Some of the beauty has been learning to

allow myself to be hugged and hugging others. At first this was a physical appreciation. Now I know I can do it in my heart and mind too. The recovery of other members has led me gently to this, if I am open to receive care.

One of the best pieces of suggested advice I received (passed on by one of these wonderful recovered members) which sums up a lot of the Al-Anon program I continue to practise is- "Say what you mean, mean what you say, but don't say it mean".

I have found I am part of a life greater than I have ever known. I thank God for working through our shared fellowship, and I thank myself for staying open to the beauty of receiving it all. Life, in my heart, mind and body.

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A Churchill &amp; District History Series

# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## A nostalgic piece of early history – And the circus came to town

By Leo Billington

Morwell has a town common. Various definitions provide us with one constant – a town common [or a common] is a tract of land owned or used jointly by the residents of a community, usually a central square or park in a city or town.

There are not many town commons in Victoria – if any at all.

Up until about the late 1980's Morwell's town common was invariably a location for visiting circuses to set up their tents. Once the Mid Valley Shopping Centre opened in September 1982, part of an available lawn area provided another option.

It's recorded that perhaps the first circus to visit Morwell was Matthew's Circus, in March 1886. The event was described as "bringing a dash of the exotic into the lives of those who crowded into the big tent for the evening performance".

Matthew's Circus toured Gippsland during February 1886 and while in Sale, used the Gippsland Times for promotion:

### WORLD CIRCUS!

**A Circus worthy of the name coming to Gippsland,**

**And will positively exhibit at TRARALGON, Monday, March 1.**

**MAFFRA, Tuesday, March 2nd.**

**And commencing at SALE, Monday & Tuesday, March 8 & 9.**

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**J. G. Burns, contracting and advertising agents.**

*Gippsland Times Friday 26 February, 1886*

Earlier on, in January 1879, the Gippsland Times advertised that "Woodyear's Circus and Barlow's Canidrome will visit Sale shortly".

(Woodyear's Electric Circus). Madame Woodyear was the proprietor.

Being a larger settlement at the time, Sale was deemed the best destination for circuses. The Gippsland Times advertised in November 1885:



### Return Visit

**OF ST. LEON'S NEW CIRCUS!!  
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**Positively One Night Only!**

**Million Prices-2s, 3s, 4s.**

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**STRATFORD, MONDAY, NOV. 30.**

Soon, other circus families started to tour in Gippsland. In March 1887, Wirth Brothers Circus visited Sale.

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*Gippsland Times March 1887*

Sells Bros. promoted as the "great American circus" toured Gippsland during January and February 1892 for a fortnight. The metropolitan press referred to it as the "most wonderful circus that has ever been in Australia".

Fitzgerald's Great Palace Circus, complete with "an equine paradox and congress of wonders" performed in Morwell on Wednesday, November 8, 1890.

This circus promised "beautiful equestriennes, in addition to male performers, who are all stars of the brightest magnitude." On show was a troupe of four milk-white Arab horses, "fearless vaulter, great leapers, funny clowns".

Fitzgerald's circus returned to Morwell in November 1899 promoting "The lion and elephant tricycle performance as a leading feature, and the performance will conclude with the Grand National Steeplechase".

The Morwell Advertiser boasted that "There is no necessity to further eulogise the circus as the word Fitzgerald Bros. is almost a household one in the district, and the same performance will be given in Morwell as in Melbourne. The whole show arrives with its own special train".

In November 1901, Hyland's Circus appeared in Morwell. Fitzgerald's Circus, renamed Fitzgerald Bros. Circus and Menagerie returned in October 1903 and apparently gave "an excellent (evening) performance".

Barton Bros., promoted as a "first class circus" visited Morwell in February 1905. One performer apparently walked "a ladder of sharp

Swords"; and there were "highly trained trick ponies". Barton Bros returned in March 1922.

Wirth's Circus, touted across Australia as the "Greatest Show on Earth" first appeared in Morwell in November 1905. Morwell's hospitality and keen audiences were so strong an attraction that this family circus returned in November 1912 - then again in January 1917 and November 1918, then December 1922, - and in subsequent years: 1924, 1926, 1928, 1932, 1936 1940, 1941, 1942 and 1951.

Their 1905 mammoth show to Morwell was promoted as a "circus-zoo hippodrome-museum combination and more:

A parade will take place after the arrival of the special trains in the morning, and during the day the elephants may be seen at work unloading trucks, pulling

up the tents, and otherwise assisting in the operations. The menagerie and museum will be open at a low charge from 4 till 5 o'clock, with band in attendance, so that the schools may have the full educational benefit of a visit to so valuable a collection of Nature's curios. The full performance will commence at 8 o'clock,



the menagerie and museum being open an hour earlier.

Eroni Bros. Circus came in December 1907, returning in December 1911, this time re-branded as "Eroni Bros. Mammoth Circus and Menagerie". They arrived by rail to Morwell and set up their tent in Station Street, behind the railway station.

Other circuses to erect their large tents in Morwell included Torellis Circus in December 1924, St. Leon's Circus in October 1914, (even had a street parade with a car supplied by Billingsley and Co.), Colleano's "huge circus" with 25 star acts in November 1920, Sole Bros. located their tent opposite the railway station with trapeze artists and "animals from all parts of the globe".

Sole Bros. returned in 1934 with "an amazing lion act". Perry Bros. "great circus and zoo" was in Morwell during February 1928 and Ashton Bros. Circus played in Morwell in October 1930. Ashtons also set up in Yinnar and Mirboo North during this visit.

One of Ashton's attractions was the "wizards of the wire". They located near the railway station and promoted "the largest Elephant in the World, weighs 4.4 tons." The circus arrived by 'special train' with over 45 "highly trained horses".

Ashtons returned in February 1931, and the Morwell Advertiser reported "Among the trained animals were boxing ponies, - jumping dogs and huge elephants, whilst aerialists, wire walkers, jugglers, tumblers and others were very clever".

Holden's "BIG CIRCUS" was here also in October 1930. Perry Bros. arrived in February 1932 with their "Colossal Combined Circus and Zoo". The "Incomparable Sloggetts' Combined Circus and Variety Show" appeared in April 1932 under their "huge canvas theatre".

Cell Bros. circus and menagerie "with a performing elephant herd" set up next to the Morwell Advertiser office in Commercial Road in December 1937. Perry Bros. returned in November 1941 promising to be more "magnificent than any other circus touring the Southern Hemisphere".

Onward they came to Morwell – Goldwyn Bros. Circus and Zoo arrived in September 1944; Tex Morton arrived in January 1947 and set up in Shaw's paddock with a range of performers including high wire walkers, a monkey steeplechase and a sharpshooting act; Thorpe McConville's Rodeo Circus visited in January 1949, followed in October 1950 by Perry Bros. with "stunts that are indescribably

thrilling".

Bullens Bros. Circus (combined with a zoo) located themselves near Morwell's sale yards in September 1952. Their main attraction was the "Five Cordells, high flying trapeze artists who perform their thrilling turn at the dome of the big top, with net beneath".

Bullens returned in November 1954, locating on the town common in Chapel Street. This visit was promoted as "the mightiest tour of Australia with lions, leopards and bears." There were even seven performing Himalayan grizzly bears.

In November 1954, the Morwell Advertiser reported:

### Bitten by Monkey

**The circus hit town yesterday and hundreds watched the tents being erected in Chapel Street-and the animals at work and being fed. But in the excitement, Ian McDonald, aged about four, of 37 White Street, fell over and hit his head on a pole, and was taken by Latrobe Valley and District Ambulance Service for treatment.**

**And a six year old girl received medical treatment for minor lacerations when bitten on the hand by a monkey. It is understood that the girl was feeding the monkeys and put her hand too close to the cage.**

It's marvellous what little stories come out of Morwell in those early days. On Friday, July 20, 1923, the Morwell Advertiser reported on a situation regarding a circus visiting town. One of their dangerous, quite hyperactive lions was left in the Morwell Mechanics Hall [Tarwin Street] all night, presumably as a safety precaution. It was noted the lion "caused a great deal of annoyance to residents in the vicinity who were kept awake by the often repeated roars of the animal".





# Russell Northe



### School leaders

Now that the school year is well and truly underway I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my heartfelt congratulations to all Churchill school leaders for the 2020 year.

To represent your school in a leadership role is a great honour and privilege and I am sure all appointees will do their school and school community proud as they fulfil their role.

I would like to acknowledge the School Captains and Vice-Captains as follows: Arabella, Lila, Hudson, Grace and Jenny at Churchill Primary School and Chantelle, Liam, Hannah and Riley at Churchill North Primary School.

At Lumen Christi Primary School congratulations are in order to Tia, Cooper, Zya and Sam, whilst at Kurnai College Churchill campus their leaders include Lance, Claire, Connie and Jasmine, and at Kurnai College University campus Riley, Chloe, Jeremy and McKenzie have been selected to represent their College.

To Junior School Councillors and House Captains along with all other School leader's congratulations and well done for being elected to represent your School and the Churchill community in 2020. I'm sure you will all do a fabulous job!!

### Henshaw family

Life is terribly unfair at times and I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who has supported Dean and

Tracey Henshaw following an awful event whereby a fire recently destroyed their family home.

At such a difficult time it is heart-warming to observe family, friends and the community come together to provide assistance.

The family has endured a lot in recent times with Dean being very unwell and hospitalised, which in turn has placed a strain on the family emotionally and financially.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank first responders who attended on the day and did the best they could in difficult circumstances.

If you did wish to support the Henshaw family then further information can be found on Facebook at the "Think Big for the Henshaws" page, which also includes a link to a Go Fund Me page where financial donations can be made.

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### Battery recycling plant

I recently attended a community conference held by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to discuss the proposed Chunxing Battery Recycling facility earmarked to be constructed at Fourth Road, Hazelwood North.

This event held at the Churchill Hotel in late February was extremely well attended by many members of the community who had raised a number of

questions and concerns relating to the proposal.

The project is still under consideration by the EPA and it is imperative that community views are considered when a determination is made. Whilst the community conference was very important for the community to have a voice and raise questions, it was also a good opportunity to catch up with some of the Churchill Hotel staff during the evening who were great hosts!!

### Latrobe Valley Yacht Club

Unfortunately it was disappointing to learn that the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club has essentially had to relocate to Lake Wellington to ensure the Club has a future.

The Yacht Club has been an iconic feature of our community at Hazelwood Pondage for decades and it's sad to learn of this news. I know the Club has been exploring options and fighting to find solutions to remain at a more local location; however no viable option was able to be found.

It is so frustrating that campers, recreational users and the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club along with other groups and users of Hazelwood Pondage have been let down by the State Government who failed to intervene or show any interest in retaining the Pondage for locals and visitors to enjoy. I thank Don McCowat and all members of the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club for their efforts and wish the Club well in their future endeavours.

# Delight from Maryvale Private Hospital

Maryvale Private Hospital apprentice chef Benjamin Berry, has earned himself a place at the table of some of the finest restaurants in the state as a finalist in a national competition designed to encourage, reward and recognise future culinary leaders.

Ben, 19 and an apprentice at the hospital since June 2019, is one of 32 finalists from around the country in the Proud to be a Chef competition.

He spent four days attending master classes and sampling fare in fine dining establishments in both Victoria and Tasmania, after entering a unique spiced-lamb dish. His dish, developed under the guidance of the hospital's Executive Chef Emily Connell, is a cumin-crusted lamb back strap with celeriac puree, saffron-poached eschalots, baby Dutch carrots and saffron sauce.

On the final day of his culinary adventure, he competed for an international scholarship by creating his dish for the judges. "I was pretty happy to be announced as a finalist. It'll be great for my career," Ben said. "I'd like to travel eventually, especially through Europe, broadening

my skills as I go. I want to cook around the world!"

Cooking is in the blood it seems, with Ben, a Churchill resident, deciding on a career in the food industry after getting an early start in the kitchen at several cafes run by his mum. When he landed an apprenticeship with Maryvale Private Hospital, in Morwell, his cooking repertoire grew. "Since coming here he's really learnt restaurant-quality cooking and fine-dining skills," Emily said.

"Everything from home-made icecream through to pastries, meat and even butchery," Maryvale Chief Executive Officer Kerry Snare said the hospital was delighted with Ben's achievements. "He has a genuine passion for the food industry and is committed, hard working and a great team player," she said.

"We're delighted he has made it to the top 32 and we are excited to see where this competition might take him." Maryvale is a private, not-for-profit hospital that provides medical and surgical services and employs more than 150 staff.

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# Hazelwood Rotary Club

Connecting with community

By Leo Billington

A recent article written by Ian Renshaw, Partnership Director, Rotary Club of Seaford is worthwhile repeating here. Although Ian's words refer to Rotary and its logo, they are closely related to all forms of branding and imagery highlighted by logos. The term "brand" first emerged many years ago as a way for cattle to be identified by their rangers when wondering on unfenced land.

Then, over 150 years ago, when brands started to emerge more, a brand differentiated its product features from generic competitors.

"The Dictionary of Brand" defines a brand as a person's perception of a product, service, experience or organisation.

Given this, a brand means different things to

different people at different times. A brand is basically an emotional, sensual, and physical imagery that comes to mind when one thinks of an organisation, individual product.

Where does Rotary Branding fit into the above? Rotarians/Rotary Clubs can assist in making a strong Rotary Brand – a combination of a Club Name and the Rotary Wheel by adhering to the Rotary International (RI) guidelines (2013), which are in the Brand Centre. I stress the Rotary Wheel – superbly designed, unique, and worn by many Rotarians daily around the world, is not just the Rotary brand – it is the logo and part of the brand. Just like McDonalds Fast Food Restaurants – the Golden Arches are the logo of McDonalds' brand.



The brand is the Rotary Club name and Rotary wheel which determines a strong brand, must be utilised by the club on all promotional material – website, Facebook posts, banners, newsletters, email signatures, A frames, advertising and sponsorships.

Why? To create a strong brand Rotarians/Rotary Club use the club brand with discipline and consistency to build the Rotary culture, trust and awareness in the community. If Rotarians want to be recognised as the premier service club in their communities then strong, consistent branding is a must if this key strategy is to be achieved.

For those interested to join Hazelwood Rotary, please don't hesitate to contact Ray Beebe on 0408 178 261.



## STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



## A story in a stamp

Edward John Eyre was born in England in 1815 and came to Sydney as a teenager. He gained experience as a bushman by working on sheep farms and went out on his own at the age of 18 as a sheep farmer with a flock of 400 lambs. In 1837 he set out for the fledgling colony of South Australia from the Monaro district, droving 1,000 sheep and 600 cattle with eight stockmen. The venture was a very profitable one as the new settlers were short of stock.

He settled in Adelaide and went out on exploring expeditions to the north of Adelaide looking for arable land. He explored the Flinders Ranges and on his third expedition he discovered Lake Eyre. His next foray was around the Eyre Peninsula.

His next planned expedition had a much grander goal. Setting out from Adelaide in 1840 with another man, George Baxter and three aboriginal guides, he planned to travel overland to Albany in Western Australia. They went past his furthest previous expedition point on Eyre Peninsula near where Ceduna is today and went on westwards in the heat of summer.

However, they soon



reached the country of a different aboriginal tribe and two of the aborigines, fearful of the local tribe, murdered Baxter and ran off with most of the supplies. Eyre decided to push on with the loyal aboriginal Wylie, who had saved him from the murderers. Sticking to the coast, Wylie and Eyre struggled on, finding just enough food and water to keep them going. Finally, when they were at their last gasp they encountered the French whaling ship the Mississippi, captained by William Rossiter. Eyre named the bay Rossiter Bay after him. The town of Esperance is nearby today.

They were able to recover their strength and pushed on westward. The country gradually improved and they reached Albany in 1841 after walking over 3,200 kilometres of harsh desert country in

summer, a remarkable feat.

After this expedition Eyre went back to England and Wylie disappears from historical sight. Eyre held posts of Lieutenant Governor and Governor of three British colonies before retiring to England where he died in 1901.

In 1991 Australia Post issued a stamp and miniature sheet honouring Eyre and an earlier navigator, Captain George Vancouver, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the discovery of the site of Albany in Western Australia. Albany later became the first white settlement in Western Australia, predating the settlements in Fremantle and Perth by two years.

George Vancouver began his naval career as midshipman on Captain Cook's second and third expeditions, exploring the Pacific coast of North America. In 1791 he headed an expedition of discovery into the Pacific and it was on this voyage that he landed at the site of Albany on King George's Sound. He unsuccessfully tried to make contact there with the aborigines, before sailing off to the east to continue his explorations in the Pacific.

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### A message about Recycling at the Churchill Hub

## Recycle Bread Tags at the Hub



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Collection of plastic milk & juice bottle tops suspended until further notice – the recycling facility has been overwhelmed! You can continue to save these plastic bottle tops at home until we source an alternative recycling facility to send them to.





# Churchill Fire Brigade



## Churchill Hotel Bushfire Relief Fundraiser

The brigade was privileged to be able to attend and participate in the Bushfire Relief Fundraiser held at the Churchill Hotel on Saturday February 22. Members assisted in collecting admission fees on entry to the venue, and had a great day interacting with our community during this wonderful event.

Entertainment was provided by a range of musicians who donated their time, with many prizes awarded and raffles held throughout the day. Local businesses were also great in supporting the event through the donation of prizes or equipment for use on the day.

A very big thank you to the Churchill Hotel, and all who attended the event, as

over \$10,000 was raised for bushfire relief.

## House fire

On Sunday March 23, the brigade attended a house fire in the Glendonald estate in Churchill. Firefighters found the house fully involved when crews arrived at the scene.

Initial priorities included crew safety, and to conduct a search of the premises to ensure there were no persons trapped inside. No persons were found, so efforts could then be concentrated on extinguishing the fire. With support from Morwell and Yinnar fire brigades, the fire was quickly knocked down and extinguished.

Other risks firefighters had to deal with on the day were the possibility of asbestos in the premises,

and wearing the thick structure firefighting clothing in the over 30 degree heat. Ambulance Victoria and the Yallourn North CFA Rehab unit attended to monitor firefighter health and welfare throughout the firefight.

After a thorough investigation of the scene, no evidence of asbestos was found so crews completely extinguished the fire and headed back to the fire station to clean the used equipment, hoses and take a well earned rest after three and a half hours of outstanding effort.

Thanks to all firefighters, volunteers and staff, for their amazing efforts to extinguish the fire.



Photos Rob Bonfield Photography



# Federation UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA



Gippsland Head of Campus Leigh Kennedy, student Jessica Alexander and lecturer Dr Anne Baker

New allied health students celebrate O week at Federation's Gippsland campus

A new generation of Gippsland-trained allied health professionals have just commenced their studies at Federation University Australia's Gippsland campus. Orientation Week (O Week) got underway at Federation University recently with more than 470 new students beginning their studies at the university's Gippsland campus.

O Week gives students the opportunity to find out more about life at university, support services and their studies.

To help with the transition, new students are also allocated a mentor from their study area.

Among the students enjoying O Week activities was the first cohort of students to study the university's new occupational therapy bachelor degree.

Twenty-two students have enrolled in the new allied health program, including a mix of school-leavers and mature-age students. The occupational therapy degree was launched in response to the increasing local demand for allied health workers in Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley.

The course will place a special focus on occupational therapy in rural and remote settings, and students will undertake more than 1,000 hours of work placement in local hospitals, clinics, community health services, aged care facilities and vocational rehabilitation centres.

Three new lecturers will deliver the occupational therapy program, with a fourth to start later in the semester. They bring a combination of clinical and academic experience to their new roles.

To support the delivery of the occupational therapy program, \$5 million has been

set aside to develop specialist allied health laboratories and teaching spaces at the Gippsland campus.

Construction is due to commence in July, with works expected to be completed in January 2021. Gippsland Head of Campus Ms Leigh Kennedy said "We are excited to welcome our new students to the campus as they take the next step in their career pathway.

It's great to be able to offer courses like the new occupational therapy degree that align with the needs of the Gippsland workforce." Occupational therapy student Jessica Alexander said "As an allied health assistant, I've been wanting to take the next step in my career for a while, so when the Gippsland course became available, applying was a no-brainer. Studying locally will allow me to stay close to my family in the place I want to live.

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First Monday of the month (2nd of March)  
Spikeball, table tennis, badminton



**TRARALGON EAST WEEKLY NEW EVENT!!**  
5-6pm at Traralgon East Community Centre  
MONDAYS  
Volleyball, soccer, dodgeball, + more!



**MOE WEEKLY**  
3:30-5pm Moe Library  
TUESDAYS with Latrobe Youth Space  
Dodgeball, spikeball, table tennis +more



**BOOLARRA WEEKLY**  
4-5pm Boolarra skatepark (Town Hall if poor weather)  
TUESDAYS Basketball, dodgeball +more



**YINNAR FORTNIGHTLY NEW EVENT!!**  
6-7pm Yinnar Bicentennial park  
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month  
Dodgeball, footy +more



**GLENGARRY FORTNIGHTLY NEW EVENT!!**  
4-5pm Glengarry Park  
1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month  
Basketball, dodgeball, soccer +more



**TOONGABBIE FORTNIGHTLY NEW EVENT!!**  
6-7pm Toongabbie skatepark  
1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month  
Footy, dodgeball, frisbee +more



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**YALLOURN NORTH WEEKLY**  
Yallourn North skatepark  
Pool rec room if rain/hail and not too hot  
Over 36 degrees the event will be cancelled  
THURSDAYS 4-5pm dodgeball, footy +



**TYERS FORTNIGHTLY NEW EVENT!!**  
6-7pm Tyers Community Park  
2nd & 4th Thursday of each month  
Soccer, footy, dodgeball, frisbee +more



**MORWELL WEEKLY**  
3-4:30pm Midvalley West Court  
@ YouthSpace FRIDAYS  
Badminton, table tennis +more



**BOOKINGS REQUIRED- SEE BACK!**  
**SKATE CLUB WEEKLY**  
4:30-5:30pm Morwell Skatepark  
MONDAYS & FRIDAYS  
Group & private skate and scoot coaching



**CHURCHILL YOUTH GROUP WEEKLY**  
6-8pm (during term) Churchill Town Hall  
FRIDAYS with Latrobe Youth Space  
Dodgeball, badminton, table tennis +more



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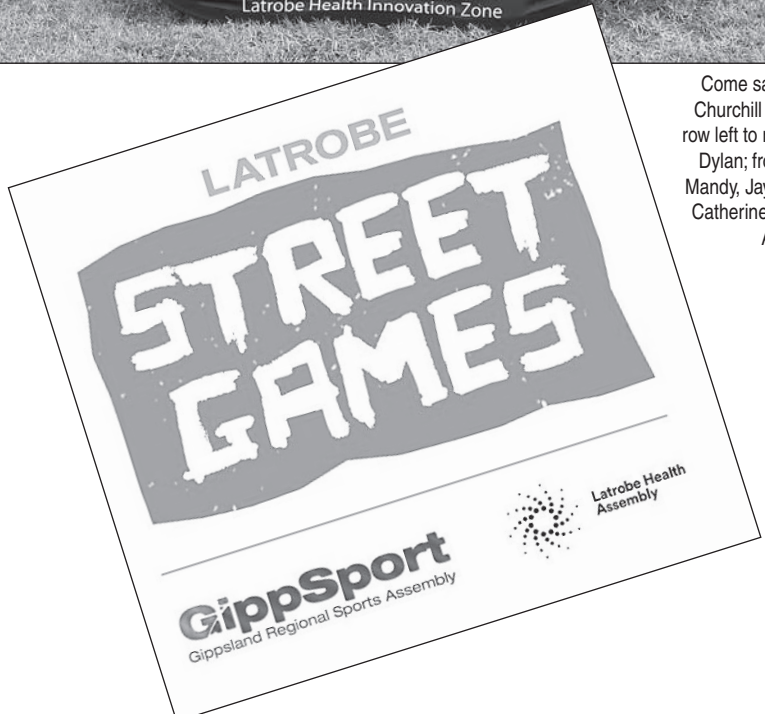
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# Streetgames March events



Come say hi to our crew at Churchill streetgames! (back row left to right: Tom, TJ, Monte, Dylan; front row left to right: Mandy, Jay, Jasmine, Den, and Catherine; missing from shot: Ami, Chris)



Churchill youth group is a free hangout space for local teens and young adults and is running each Friday at the Town Hall from 6-8pm.

Latrobe Youth Space has partnered with Latrobe Streetgames to bring youth workers, coaches, and a variety of activities, games, and social sport such as UNO, badminton, and dodgeball. The group is free, fun, with free food, plenty of stuff to do and a great vibe.

Bring your friends and come hang out!

School holiday times might differ so check back on Latrobe Youth Space facebook page for more info during school holidays.

## What is Latrobe streetgames?

Latrobe streetgames is about getting out, having fun with your mates, and getting active.

- It's totally free
  - No booking required (except for Skateclub)
  - No fancy uniforms or equipment required (if you can, comfy clothes and closed toe shoes)
  - A good place to hang out, have a go, and meet other teens and young adults!
- What Latrobe streetgames is not?
- We're not about skills and drills, no matter what your skill level you can come and join in, feel welcome, and have fun
  - We're not high pressure

and we're not a competition (friendly competition is fine if that's your thing, but it's not about winning or losing to us)

- We're not a boot-camp (if you get fitter great, but it's primarily about having fun and connecting with friends)
- We're not about overdoing it (if you like to go all out that's totally fine, but we encourage you to pace yourself and we take regular breaks as a group- we want you to be able to move the next day haha)

We strive to choose locations and styles that are as accessible as possible, and our coaches are welcoming to all groups, including people who are LGBTIQA+, culturally and linguistically diverse, those living with disabilities, and heaps more.

For more accessibility information about your town's event please get in touch!

Check out our website @www.latrobastreetgames.com.au, facebook @Latrobe Streetgames, or instagram @latrobastreetgames for more information!

We can't wait to see you at one of our events!

Come say hi to our crew at Churchill streetgames!



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# Planned Burns



## Targeted planned burning program starting soon in Gippsland

This summer's devastating bushfires have had a significant impact across East Gippsland and it's important Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) continues to look forward to progressing further works to protect our communities and the environment across the region.

With current cooler conditions and suitable moisture levels, FFMVic firefighters will start the autumn planned burning program in targeted locations across Gippsland in coming weeks.

FFMVic Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Beth Roberts said although the region is on the tail end of an enormous fire season in the east, FFMVic's community protection works must continue all year round,

when it's safe to do so.

"Bushfires starting in our landscape are inevitable, but we are implementing a variety of works to lessen the intensity and spread when they do, such as planned burning, building and maintaining strategic fire breaks, clearing, mowing and slashing," Dr Roberts said.

"We know the proven benefits of clearing fuel loads under controlled conditions, with previous planned burn sites slowing fire spread at a number of locations in East Gippsland this summer.

We'll be utilising the hundreds of skilled firefighters on deck this season to conduct the burns which are carried out under the current cooler, damper conditions to lessen the impact on the environment, when it's safe to do so.

In the west and central parts of the region our firefighters will be focusing

on asset protection burns around towns including Mirboo North, Neerim, Erica, Yarram, Won Wron, Loch Sport, Heyfield, Coongulla, Briagolong, Glenaladale and Dargo.

Smoke from planned burns may cause concern for some people, so thank you for bearing with us while this important work is carried out," Dr Roberts said.


The planned burn program is undertaken across public and private land with FFMVic working in partnership with CFA, local government and landholders, as well as the Bureau of Meteorology to assess weather conditions such as humidity, temperature and wind speed.

To find out when and where planned burns are happening near you go to [www.vic.gov.au/plannedburns](http://www.vic.gov.au/plannedburns) or call 1800 226 226.



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# Lions Club of Churchill



Above - Water Day - Latrobe/Gippsland Water Promotion.  
Below - The two guest speakers for Diabetes with President Geoff.



Above - Lions ready to go to the Maltese Festa.  
Below - Sue Hanson being inducted by President Geoff Brick and Ray Medew



CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

## SPORT

"Connecting Your Community"

### Braves Baseball

Churchill Baseball Clubs pre-season is in full swing as players reported for training last month.

New Club Coach, Brad Jones, says "Pre-season training numbers are promising." A number of new and returning faces have adapted to the change from Shane Gill well.

The juniors will be starting up later this month with their first session being the Come and Try at the club's Open Day. This will be held on Sunday March 22 at the club's home ground, Andrews Park West.

The junior program tasted success over the last several years culminating in winning all junior flags in 2019. The Under 13 and Under 16 are expected to carry their form into the 2020 season as they aim to go back-to-back. A number of these juniors have played in Melbourne over summer to hone their skills



and have been invited to train with the charter team, Southern Mariners.

Helping start the season strong is the effort the Braves have put into fundraising during the 2020 pre-season. The Braves ran a Bushies bunraiser over a couple of weeks in February and hosted a Bunnings BBQ over Labour Day weekend. These events raised over \$1500 for the club.

For anyone interested in finding more about baseball in Churchill, contact our new Club President Gregg Duncan on 0418 320 057 or reach out on our Facebook page.

The Lions Club of Churchill and District is enjoying getting into the swing of things for 2020.

It started with the Bunnings sausage sizzle

on Sunday February 9 and followed up on Thursday 13 with another sausage sizzle for the Latrobe Health Assembly.

The Gippsland Water

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

## SPORT

"Connecting Your Community"

### Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Saturday 8/2/20. Stroke. A Grade - P. Smart (9) 80 71. B Grade - M. Allen (23) 86 63. C Grade - J. Sterrick (31) 102 71 C/B. Scratch - P. Smart 80. DTL - B. Sebire 71, R. Zomer 71, M. Baker 72, J. Banfield 73, W. Barnes 73, NTP - 3rd T. Davies, 12th D. Byers, 14th B. Cleland. Birdies - 3rd R. Davies, D. Byers, R. Madigan, P. Junker 14th, B. Cleland.

Tuesday 18/2/20. American Foursomes. Winners L. Casey (41) and M. Dear (14) 20 5/8 68 3/8. NTP - 3rd V. Reid and J. Beck, 5th L. Casey and M. Dear.

Tuesday 11/2/20. Stableford. Winner - M. Mc Conville (29) 39. DTL - V. Verheyen (29) 35 C/B. NTP - 3rd L. Bren, 5th J. Beck, 12th M. Dear, 14th S. Caldwell. Birdie - 3rd M. Dear.

promotion 'Pop-Up' event to encourage refilling free drinking water was held at the Churchill Hub and was a fun day. Well attended, lots of kids and free water bottles for all, to encourage everyone to refill their bottles instead of throw - away plastic ones.

A comment left on our Facebook Page said, 'It was a nice day but the sausages were really great'!

At our next Club meeting we were thrilled to induct a new member Sue Hanson, who was sponsored into Lions by her brother-in-law, Charter Member Lion Ray Medew. During that same evening we enjoyed a visit from two excellent guest speakers - Ian Harmer and Nataly Capra from Latrobe Health Services, who gave a very interesting and informative talk about Diabetes Types 1 and 2 followed by a Q and A time, with plenty of material, simply and well written to take home.

Next up came Saturday

22, at Kernot Hall for the Maltese Festa - and what a magnificent day the weather turned on for it - just perfect, sunny at around 24 deg.

We were all set up early and enjoyed sitting watching as the people slowly started drifting in - then all of a sudden the place was packed! Everyone just having the best time with food, drinks, music, live entertainment and fabulous family fun.

To say we were kept busy is an understatement as by mid afternoon we sold out of hot dogs, then potato cakes and finally everything! It was a great introduction for a new prospective member Brooke Jackson who joined in, worked hard and said she'd had a really good day.

In between all these activities, Alan from Churchill Lions and Catriona from Traralgon Lions travelled together to Bruthen where they continued to deliver some much needed supplies to Blaze-Aid. We will continue to help them as needed.



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# Latrobe Community Health Service



## Sexual health advice, pregnancy tests, sleep education now available at headspace Morwell

Young people seeking sexual health advice, support with a chronic health condition such as endometriosis or who need their wounds checked, can now visit headspace Morwell.

The one-stop-shop for young people has welcomed a registered nurse to its centre to offer free general health advice, check-ups and referrals to GPs.

A growing body of research shows our mental health and physical health are closely linked. People with chronic physical health conditions may experience depression or anxiety, and those living with mental health issues are at higher risk of physical health conditions such as migraines, insomnia and obesity.

“If you’re someone with a physical health condition, chances are your mental health may be suffering too, or vice versa,” headspace Morwell centre manager Michelle Francis said.

“It’s really important we’re looking after our mental wellbeing as well as doing the right things by our body. But

if you’ve got both mental and physical health conditions, it can be really time-consuming and confusing to get to all the health professionals you need to see,” Ms Francis said.

“By having a nurse available for young people who are just dropping into our centre or who are already seeing one of our youth workers, we hope to provide a truly integrated health service that looks after the whole person – both their mental wellbeing and their physical health.”

A registered nurse is based at headspace Morwell every Wednesday afternoon from 1pm until 5pm.

The nurse can provide sexual health advice and education, wound care, medication support, referrals to GPs, pregnancy testing and sleep education.

The nurse can also give information and support for chronic conditions such as chronic pain, migraines, polycystic ovary syndrome, fibromyalgia and endometriosis, and give advice about care coordination.

Young people can drop into the centre to see the nurse, or they can book an appointment in advance.

To find out more, phone headspace Morwell on 5136 8300 or visit the centre at the corner of Hazelwood Road and George Street, Morwell.

## Free peer support groups are running in Morwell

Latrobe Valley residents who live with chronic conditions are encouraged to attend free peer support groups in Morwell.

Support groups play an important role in providing up-to-date information for those living with a chronic condition and their families, carers and friends. They also act as a safe space to share advice, meet new friends, empower others and learn.

Latrobe Community Health Service runs three different support groups, which are available for people who either live with or support someone who has Type 1 diabetes, Type 2 diabetes or respiratory conditions.

For more information and to confirm dates/times, phone 1800 242 696 or pop into Latrobe Community Health Service at 81-87 Buckley Street, Morwell.

Photo caption - Registered nurse Barbara-Anne Edwards is at headspace Morwell every Wednesday afternoon.

# Book Review

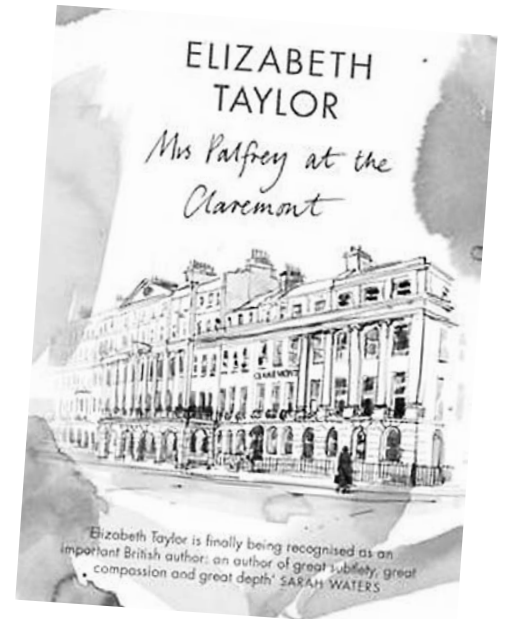
## “Mrs Palfrey at The Claremont”

The British author Elizabeth Taylor was born in Reading, Berkshire in 1912 and prior to her marriage in 1936 worked as a governess and librarian. For most of her married life she lived in Penn, Buckinghamshire. Her first novel, published in 1945 was “At Mrs Lippercote’s” and this was followed by eleven more novels as well as many short stories, which were published in periodicals and collected in five volumes. She also wrote a children’s story “Mossy Trotter”. She died in 1975. “Mrs Palfrey at The Claremont” was published in 1972.

The story is set at the Claremont Hotel in London, an establishment where a number of elderly people live permanently – a step away from a nursing home. Mrs Palfrey moves in on a bleak Sunday afternoon and is determined to make the best of the situation. She feels like the new girl in school, unsure of where to sit and what is expected of her but she soon learns the rituals of life at the Claremont. To help her fit in she decides to get some knitting like the nervy Mrs Post, and knit a jumper for her grandson.

There is a certain competitiveness amongst the residents and one of the talking points is how many visitors one has. Mrs Palfrey realizes that the grandson she has talked about has not visited. Mrs Arbuthnot, crippled with arthritis, presses her about having no visitors, and after letters to several distant friends with no satisfactory response, she is getting desperate.

By chance, on one of her walks she has a fall on the wet footpath and Ludo, a young writer from a nearby flat, rushes out to help her. He



cleans

her knee, offers her a cup of tea and hails a taxi. Mrs Palfrey wants to thank him so returns to his flat to invite him to dinner at the Claremont. She decides it would be a good idea to pass him off as her grandson, Desmond, and he agrees to go along with the plan.

Life goes on at the Claremont and we discover the idiosyncrasies of the other residents, such as the flamboyant and alcoholic Mrs Burton and the surly Mr Osmond. When Mrs Palfrey’s actual grandson Desmond comes to visit, she is highly embarrassed and she takes him for a walk in the rain rather than invite him in. He writes to his mother in Scotland, who shows little interest in her mother, declaring that his grandmother has gone dotty.

Over time the residents form friendships and alliances and to her surprise, Mr Osmond who has always seemed on the outer, asks Mrs Palfrey to accompany him to a Masonic Ladies Night. She is horrified when he asks her to marry him, but mischievously writes to her daughter to tell her the news.

When

Mrs Palfrey has a fall and is taken to hospital Desmond comes and sits by her bedside but she is unaware of him and eventually he leaves. When Ludo comes to visit her at the Claremont he is told of the accident and immediately goes to the hospital and makes arrangements for her to be made more comfortable. Her daughter does eventually come to visit her but rather too late.

Most members of our group enjoyed this book which is easy to read and beautifully written. The characters are well drawn and very believable, and whilst the topic of ageing and living out the final years can be a bit depressing, there are many subtly humorous passages, especially the escapades of Mrs Burton. Elizabeth Taylor’s portrayal of the later years is very perceptive, touching on the stoicism, the fixation on marking the passing of time, the need to “save face” and have something to look forward to, and the importance of rituals. This is a small book but a real little gem.

## Darrell White OAM



### Establishment of Youth Centre, 497 Princes, Morwell

Latrobe City Council, at its recent March 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting, considered an application for the establishment of a new Youth Centre in Morwell, to be situated at 497 Princes Drive, Morwell.

The Youth Centre, which will be funded through the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is planned to cater for up to 50 patrons aged between

12 and 25. It is anticipated that participants will come from, not only Morwell, but also from surrounding neighbouring towns and rural districts.

It is understood that activity spaces within the building will include an art room, pool table, table tennis, a TV space, study area, quiet areas and a lounge.

Council resolved to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a permit for the use, subject to a range of conditions that must be completed to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

### Development of Land for Accommodation (RV Stop) 31-35 Main Street, Yinnar

Also at its March Meeting, Council resolved to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit for the Yinnar and District Community Association (YDCA) application to provide an

overnight stopover space for RV’s at 31-35 Main Street, Yinnar, again subject to an extensive range of conditions.

Among the elements of Council’s resolution it was identified that before the use commences, a Management Plan to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted by the YDCA to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved the Management Plan will be endorsed and will then form part of the Permit.

Included as part of the broad array of conditions, are the conditions that not more than eight RV’s may be permitted on site at any one time, and the length of time visitors may stay is a maximum of 48 hours.

This Permit allows for the use of the land to be operated only by the YDCA to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

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

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1st Churchill Scout Group  
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3,500 Cub Scouts and their  
1,000+ leaders and helpers in  
attendance.

### Scouts (aged 11 to 14 years)

We are excited to announce that our Scout Troop has reopened after a period in recess and has already invested our newest members. They have been busy practising their Scout craft including learning how to build fires, constructing a catapult and working together as a team. All this skill building will culminate in our first Troop camp in early Term 2.

### Venturer Scouts (aged 15 to 18 years)

Our Venturers have been exceptionally busy, starting 2020 off with a unit trip to



Adelaide for nine days. Seeing the pandas at the Adelaide Zoo, bringing in the new year at the Adelaide City NYE celebrations, a treasure hunt around the city with local Venturer Scouts and a day at the beach were among the highlights. Recently our Venturers attended Anything Goes at Lardner Park, the largest annual Venturer Scout event in Australia, with over 1,200 Venturer Scouts and 600 Leaders in attendance.

### Rover Scouts (aged 18 to 25 years)

The Rovers have started their year with their traditional attendance at Surfmoor, a large camp for Rover Scouts at Anglesea over the Australia Day long weekend, supporting the Venturer Scouts at AG and for many, assisting in writing Strzelecki Showtime’s original 2020 musical.

1st Churchill Scouts currently has limited vacancies in the Joey Scout and Cub Scout sections, and vacancies in Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Group Leader Tammy Napier at groupleader@1stchurchill.com.au or 0412 506 620, or visit www.scoutsvictoria.com.au.



Food carving - Scouts carved animals with left-over camp food



Adelaide Hippo - The Hippo at Adelaide Zoo was happy to meet the Venturers on their trip.

Catapault - New Scouts learning their knots by building a catapult.





# Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists



Red-browed Finch (firetail) by Peter Ware

## Australia's best birdwatching locations

Tim Dolby is a well-known Australian birdwatcher, who leads tours for international bird tour companies. He is a former Convener of 'BirdLife Australia' and the author/editor of several best-selling Australian bird books including 'Finding Australian

Birds: A Field Guide and Where to See Birds in Victoria'.

At the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, March 27 at the Uniting Church Hall, Old Sale Road Newborough from 7.30 pm, Tim's illustrated talk will be about Australia's top ten birdwatching spots. His

selections representing the diversity of habitat around our country.

The following day's birding excursion will be to Mathison Park, Churchill and the Morwell National Park.

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

# Plants in my Garden



By Mike Beamish  
**Species:** *Eremophila glabra*  
'Steep Point'.

**Family:**  
Myoporaceae

**Derivation:**  
*Eremophila*: From the Greek *eremos*, meaning 'solitary' or 'lonely', but in this case referring to 'lonely places (deserts)', with the suffix *-phileo*, meaning 'to love', thus "desert lover", referring to the preferred habitat of most species.

*glabra*;  
From the Latin word *glaber*, meaning 'without hair'.

**Name:** There are a number of common names applied to this species, tar bush and common emu bush being the most used.

**Distribution:**

This species can be found in all mainland states and the Northern Territory, from the coast to the arid interior. However, the species is divided into nine subspecies, three of which occur in the vicinity of Steep Point, these are subspecies *albicans*, *psammophora* and *tomentosa*. Judging from the leaf shape, my specimen is subspecies *albicans* (a Latin word meaning 'being or becoming white'), which has a distribution endemic to WA, but is common from the Shark Bay area right through the South West Botanical Province to the south coast, extending into the Eremaean Province, Mulga Region, Austin District north of Kalgoorlie.

**Description:** A low spreading

to erect shrub up to 1m tall. Leaves are narrowly elliptic to oblanceolate, silver-grey to grey-green, sparsely to densely hairy and up to 40mm long and 8mm wide.

Flowers occur singly in the leaf axils at any time of the year when conditions are favourable, on pedicels to 5mm long. Five triangular sepals to 8mm long surround the corolla, which can be 30mm long and varying in colour from yellow-green to yellow to orange to bright red. The corolla has four upper lobes close together and one lower lobe, all of which are covered in glandular hairs. Four stamens and the style protrude from the end of the corolla tube, perfect for keeping the honeyeaters interested.

**Opinion:** The conditions between Steep Point, WA and Boolarra, Victoria couldn't be more disparate. There it is sand over limestone, hot and arid in summer, cooler but still arid in winter, while here it is dark clay loam soil, cold and wet in winter, warm and humid in summer, perfect for killing grey-leaved *eremophila* plants. That's why I've planted it on the western side of the fence that divides my front garden from the vegetable garden in the backyard, in the vain hope that the fence will retain and reflect enough warmth to prevent too much moisture from building up and settling on the leaves, causing fungal dieback issues. It seems to be working so far, but it has

been a warmer, drier year than normal. My specimen is only a couple of years old, having scored it as a gift when Cathy and I attended the inaugural meeting of the *Eremophila* SG Victorian Chapter in Melbourne in February 2017. It is still only about 30cm tall, but has spread about twice that distance and is a bit leggy because the lower leaves shrivelled up over last winter.

The tips are still growing strongly though and flowers keep popping up at regular intervals, eye-catchingly red against the grey leaves and light tan fence and mulch.

I water it regularly over the warmer months, but try to avoid getting the foliage wet when I do so. Fingers crossed it hangs in there long enough for me to get some cutting material off it.

**Sources:** Sharr – WA Plant Names and their Meanings.

Elliot & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 3.

Chinnock – *Eremophila* and Allied Genera.

Boschen, Goods & Wait – Australia's *Eremophilas*, etc.

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

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## BOOLARRA PRIMARY

### Back to school

This year, I want to finish my writing goal of correctly writing both upper and lower case letters. I am ready to work hard to do this.

Nate

### The Swing

At Boolarra P.S we got a new web swing! It is awesome, everyone loves it. Everyone takes turns and shares. It was cool watching it get made because there was lots of rubber and plastic used. It took weeks

machines. I think it is really good that we got the swing for Cooper because now we can play with him on a piece of play equipment. It is really good for everyone as well because we all really enjoy the spider swing.

Brendan

### New furniture

I'm happy to be back at school. Miss Stacey and Mr Holt have been decorating the classroom. I love being a Grade 3 and I love the colourful tables. But my favourite is

My mum drove me to the pool. I had to swim backstroke first, which, I am not the best at but I worked really hard to finish the race. I was happy to finish the race and I didn't come last!!! When we were done, they gave us our score



for it to get made. They decided to put it right next to the LTC building. The rules are 'don't go too high and one to three people at a time'. When

using the whiteboard table when we do our work!

Pat

and put us into sections while we waited for our next race. It was a great day!

Chelsea

pancakes that I ate. I was lucky and got to eat three pancakes! The pancakes were really big and it was awesome. We should do this every week.

Jake

### School leadership

It was a great privilege to be elected as the 2020 school Captains this year. We have always wanted this job, and we are excited to pursue this important role. The cool jobs that we get to do are running assemblies, help set up events, set a good example to others, and at the end of the year we get to interview the next school Captains for 2021. Being school Captain takes responsibility and we highly recommend the role to others willing to take it after us. Looking at previous school Captains, we were inspired

by their dedication to this amazing school, and we chose to extend this dedication by doing it ourselves. This gave us something to be extra proud of, and gave us an opportunity to end the year with a smile on our faces. Another asset to being the school Captains is that we get to be on the student leadership team where we get to promote students' voices so the school can be the best it can be. This makes us super confident about the school's bright future! We love being at Boolarra Primary School, and being a leader makes it better! We encourage others that are up to it to follow in our footsteps, as every school Captain before us has, and make Boolarra Primary School even better!

Isabella and Bree



there are lots of people in line, you can play in the playground while you are waiting, or you can go on the oval or play some basketball. The swing has been mentioned for years and we finally got it!!! Everyone was so surprised when we heard we got it. It is awesome and we love it!

Ryder

When the swing was getting built, it was fun watching them because they were using digging

### Swimming

When we got there, it took a long time to start. There were lots of kids and I mean LOTS. Most of the other kids had goggles. Unfortunately, I kept hitting the wall which was a little funny. I was swimming my heat and I came third which I was really proud of! After all of the activities, Boolarra Primary School came fourth out of about eight schools. I had a great day! Jackson

### Pancake Tuesday

Today we had some helpers come into school and make us pancakes. They were so big and delicious! We got to put maple syrup on them! I hope we get them again soon.

Cooper

Today was really fun. I really liked all the





# SCHOOL NEWS

## CHURCHILL PRIMARY

### Great start for Foundation students

Starting school is a special time in every child's life and this year we welcome 25 Foundation students to Churchill Primary School. It's lovely to see that, whilst there were perhaps some nerves to begin with, all of the children are settling in extremely well and they're enjoying the start to their learning journey. The Preps join Grade 1 students in two composite classes with Ms Williams and Mrs Reidy as their teachers, and are

assisted by Education Support staff Lisa Kimpton, Gabby Maynard and Lorraine Butler.

Our Grade 1 students have been fantastic role models for our new students, showing the Preps what to do and leading by example.

Our Grade 6 students have also been helping make our newest school members welcome and have been participating in 'Buddy' activities with the Foundation students. This is a great program that encourages younger students and puts

them at ease around the 'bigger kids', as well as giving them a familiar face that they can look out for in the playground and during whole school activities.

We look forward to watching our new students grow throughout their time at CPS.

### Awesome attendance

A big focus over the past year and also moving forward for everyone at CPS has been on attendance and the impact that missing too much school can have

on a child's education. It is our goal to improve our overall attendance across all year levels and each grade competes for the best daily attendance. Award certificates are given to the grades with the highest percentage of attendance each day and at the end of the week the attendance is tallied and the grade with the highest overall percentage of attendance for that week receives a special lunch of hot chips. Teachers also have special incentives in their own grades (such as working

towards class parties etc.) and any grade that can manage to have 100% attendance for five days in a row will receive an extra special reward.

Congratulations to Grade 45A (Mr Maynard) who have already accomplished 100% attendance over five days and were treated with a special trip to the Leisure Centre where they celebrated as a cohort in the swimming pool!

### 2020 School Captains

Congratulations to our new school Captains for 2020!

### School Captains

Arabella Altavas  
Lila Kerslake

### Vice Captains

Jenny Baker  
Hudson Berechree  
Grace Johnson

These students were chosen as school leaders by their peers and through interviews with the Principal at the end of last year, and we are sure they are going to serve the school and our community well throughout the coming year.



CPS 2020 Foundation students enjoy working with their Grade 6 "Buddies".

Hamish, Cody and Jessie from Mr Maynard's grade enjoy time in the pool as part of their attendance award.

CPS School Captains Grace, Jenny, Hudson, Arabella and Lila



# SCHOOL NEWS

## HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

### Hockey Clinic

Recently Hazelwood North Primary School was lucky enough to have a kind lady named Anita come to teach us about hockey. Anita taught us about the main hockey skills. Some of the main hockey skills were,

dribbling, tackling and controlling the ball, also how to hold the hockey stick correctly. Anita was very organised with all of the equipment.

After everyone had learnt the skills, we started a game called 'rob the nest', where

you and your team have to rob the nest one at a time with your hockey sticks. When all of the balls are gone you have to rob the balls out of the other team's nests. When the timer goes off you and your team have to count your balls to see

who wins. The next game we played was called hocktopus, where you are split into two teams depending on how many people on each team. Whoever is leading the group will call out one number and you have to play against the other

person from the other team, you could also call out two numbers so the two from the same team have to pass before shooting. It was so much fun!

### Yinnar and District school swimming

At the Yinnar and

district swimming, about seven people represented our school in backstroke, relay, freestyle, butterfly and breaststroke. The first pool was the one in Churchill and the ones who made it through went in the pool in Moe, Moe's pool was outdoor

and freezing! There was a really, really, really, REALLY! deep pool and its deeper than one of the school buildings. We all had so much FUN!

By Abbie Seymour and Brooke Long



# SCHOOL NEWS

# CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

*Inquiry in 1/2 H and 2/3M*  
 In Term 1 Inquiry, the students in Grades 1/2 H and 2/3M have been investigating the different ways we can help stimulate growth in various types of plants. Students have been making predictions about their class plants and are very excited to see them growing. All of the students are incredibly passionate

about how they can help take care of the plants, making sure they are being watered and are getting sun. Students have been so passionate about this project that they have been making sure they are taking care of mother nature, using their recess and lunch times to pick up rubbish as it is 'not good for the plants to grow with

rubbish'. It is great to see such love for the eco system from so many students at Churchill North Primary School.  
*Lunchtime Links*  
 Every lunch time four of the students from Grades 5 and 6 coordinate lunchtime links. This involves organising and running an activity for the students of the school to participate in during

lunchtime. One of their favourite games is 'Knights and Dragons'. During this game the students work together to win the match, one team, the knights, chase the dragons and put them in jail. The students love participating in lunchtime links and the success of the program needs to be credited to the students putting in the

time and effort to coordinate such enjoyable activities for the school.  
*This year's new foundation students*  
 There has been excitement all through the Foundation/1 class at Churchill North Primary School as the new students settle into their school routine! The Foundation students say that

school is awesome and that they are loving playing with their friends and enjoying all of the learning they are doing! We are looking forward to watching their journey as they grow through the term, supporting their learning and making sure they have the best time at school!

# SCHOOL NEWS

# YINNAR PRIMARY

*School and Vice Captains for 2020*  
 Our 2020 School Captains are Grace and Jay. Our Vice-Captains are Molly and Bailey. It is a pleasure to have this opportunity and we are very excited to see what 2020 brings for us.  
 Hi my name is Grace, I am one of your 2020 School Captains. I enjoy playing

sports and having fun with my friends. I am very happy to have this opportunity as one of your School Captains. Please don't be afraid to approach me if you have a problem. This year I am excited to organise and run Yinnar's Got Talent. I would also like to clean up Gumnut Village by replacing the chairs and painting them to make it more fun.

Hi my name is Jay, I live in Yinnar South with my mum, dad, brother and sister. I am one of your 2020 School Captains. I enjoy playing sports and being outdoors. This year I would like to replace the broken logs bordering the playgrounds with some new ones. This is a great opportunity for me to work on the GRACE core

value, Curiosity as I would like to be more curious during tasks and activities.  
 Hi my name is Molly and I am one of your 2020 School Vice Captains. I enjoy playing netball and basketball and hanging out with my friends I live in Yinnar with my mum, dad, sister and pets. I am very excited to see all of your acts in Yinnar's Got

Talent this year. I have an idea to reduce the school's plastic use. I would like to do a challenge where children are encouraged to bring rubbish free lunches. I have many ideas and can't wait to share them with you.  
 Hi my name is Bailey and I am one of your 2020 School Vice Captains. I enjoy playing footy, going on my bike and

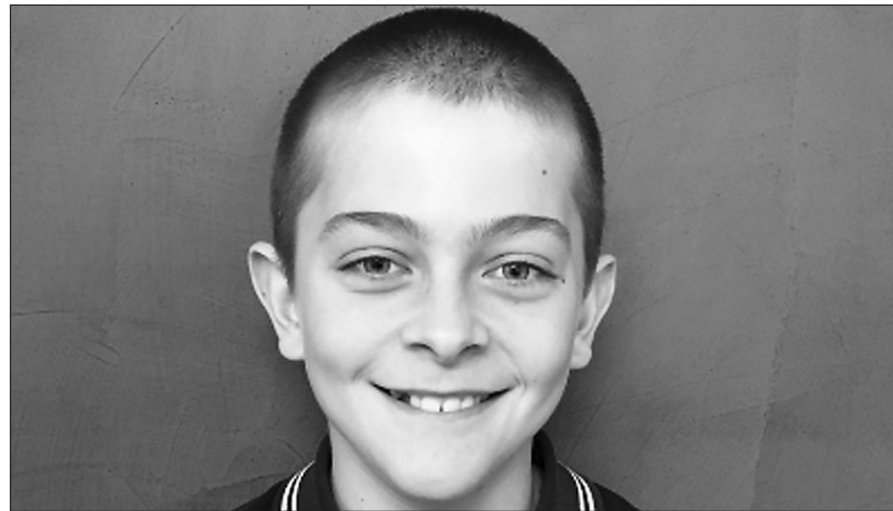
playing with friends. This year I am looking forward to improving this school in the best way I can and being a role model for everyone. I would like to replace the seats at the back of the oval and paint them so they can be more comfortable and aren't an eyesore in our school.



Grace and Jay, School Captains



Molly and Bailey, Vice Captains



# SCHOOL NEWS

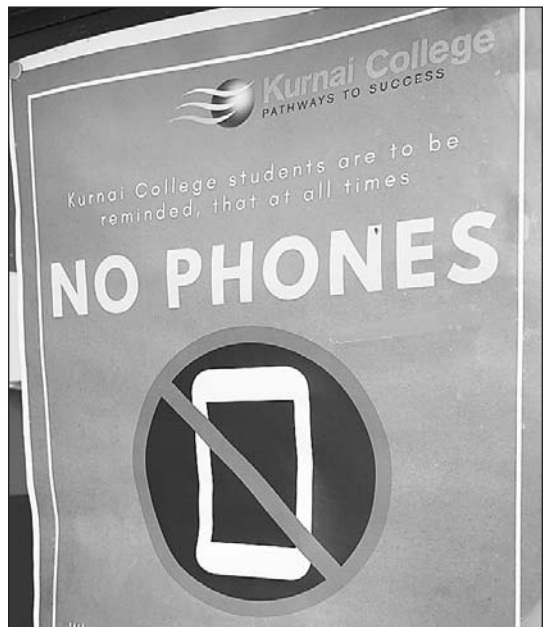
# KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

*Mobile phone ban at Kurnai College, University Campus.*  
 As a part of our English class Tayissa and Jorja interviewed people about how they feel towards the current phone ban in place.  
 Darren, the librarian, thinks the phone ban is a good idea. He has noticed that people have become less distracted and they're looking at books more. They aren't staring at their phones and are interacting more physically and verbally.  
 Christian Fletcher, a teacher's aide, loves the idea of the phone ban. She has noticed that students are more

engaged and doing more work. There has been lots more talking with the students and everyone is completing work.  
 An anonymous student says that the phone ban is a good idea and that with it in place she has been getting less distracted in classes. She has also noticed other students are less distracted, and she said that she has been able to complete more tasks during class.  
 Mr Block, our Principal, said that he thinks having the ban in place is a good idea, and has noticed when walking past classes, he has seen fewer

students with their heads down on their phones. This year has seen more students interacting and not having their heads down anymore, and he has also seen fewer teachers on their phones.  
 Joss, a student, says he personally doesn't like the idea of it but understands why the phone ban has been put into place. He said that in classes students aren't on their phones.  
 Ms Enders, a teacher, believes that it's a good idea, she said that students are more focused on the here and now and they are less bothered by what's happening on their

phones. At first some students were anxious and stressed out about the ban but now they're more relaxed.  
 Anthony Rodaughan, Principal of Kurnai College, said he thinks it's a really good idea. He said that last year phones created a big issue as students were taking and making calls in class and arguing with teachers when they were asked to hand them to the teacher. He said that this year with the ban it's good for student to learn to live without them. He has noticed that students are interacting more and becoming more independent without them.





# SCHOOL NEWS

## YINNAR SOUTH PRIMARY

### Phonics Program

What a busy start to the school year. We have started a comprehensive phonics program in all our classes since the beginning of the term and the results so far have been astounding.

We have seen marked improvements in handwriting, reading skills, speaking and listening, spelling and of course phonics. All our classes start each morning with phonics to help embed the skills around letter sounds into our literacy understanding.

All students have said

they are enjoying the program and are getting a lot out of the routine and repetition of the program.

### Athletics

We have been lucky to get a grant from Sporting Schools which has allowed us to have Athletics Australia come out and run athletics programs in our school.

This has allowed students to get more active meeting the required five hours of physical activity per week that is recommended to improve both physical and mental wellbeing.

This has also allowed

us to improve our athletic skills in preparation for the athletics day on March 19.

### Cooking/Lifestyles

Our cooking program is back up and running this term with both our juniors and seniors having the opportunity to learn essential skills in the kitchen. So far this term we have cooked nachos, salads, biscuits, muffins and a range of other things.

Every Wednesday one of our classes cooks lunch and dessert for the entire school. We also eat together, building our sense of community.

### Bunnings Thank You

A huge thank you to Bunnings for the donations of a huge number of plants that have gone a long way in getting our school looking beautiful once again. They were a wonderful addition and the students learned a great deal in planting them and maintaining them.

Small schools like ours really appreciate all the donations that we receive as they are significant in helping our schooling community. If you would like to donate to our school please do not hesitate to get in contact.

### Working Bee

Recently we held a working bee at the school. It was so fantastic to see so many families and community members who came along and donated their time.

We got so much completed in a very short time and the school is looking absolutely beautiful. We will be having another working bee in Term 2 so please keep an eye out.

### Upcoming events

For the rest of this term we have quite a few events so it will be quite a busy end to the term. See a list of activities below:

- Responsible Pet Ownership incursion
- Heritage Manor Aged Care excursion
- Athletics day
- Soccer clinic
- Student lead conferences
- Enrolling in Yinnar South Primary School

Yinnar South Primary School is currently taking enrolments.

If you are interested please contact the principal Nikki Davies on (03) 5169 1540 or

0418 804 599 to arrange a time or to discuss your child's enrolment.



Top left: Donation of plants from Bunnings  
Top right: Cooking Class  
Bottom Left: Athletics  
Bottom Middle Maths class  
Bottom right: Phonics class

# SCHOOL NEWS

## LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY



Year 6 School Leaders with Principal Mr David Cooper and Father Solomon  
Back from left - Leah, Ava, Zya, Tia then front - Sam, Logan & Cooper



Back left - Cooper, Camryn, Ryan, Pippa, Hannah, Shaquille and Father Solomon.

Staff and students of Lumen Christi Primary School, recently celebrated their opening school Mass. The Mass coincided with National Apology Day. The school displayed Kevin Rudd's

Apology plaque, as well other Aboriginal symbols, candles and literature. The student leaders were presented with

their school badges and members from each class came forward to receive a blessed candle for use in their

classroom. Father Solomon led the Mass and great support was received by parishioners and new families. The Year

6 leaders baked special treats and then served them at a special morning tea for staff and parents after the Mass.





# OPEN DAY

Saturday, March 30

11am start

Andrews Park West



## COME AND TRY BASEBALL

