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Our 2021 Australia Day heroes



Churchill's Australia Day awardees from left: Dominic William Hart, Hudson Berechree, Darrell White, Cooper James Gray, Kydan Makepeace.

The Lions Club of Churchill and District President Reg Grissotto, welcomed everyone to the Churchill Town Hall where the Australia Day awards were held this year due to the very wet conditions. It is the first time in the history of these awards that it has rained.

A sign in - sheet was sent around to observe COVID restrictions.

Darrell White was invited to give the welcome to country. Following this the Scouts

pretended to do a flag raising while our National Anthem was sung.

Cathie Halliwell, part time supply minister for the Co-Operating Churches, led the gathering in a prayer for the day and the future.

Each of the award recipients was called forth by Bob Lowick MC for the occasion, and their merits for the award presented.

Adapting quickly to the changed

conditions, the Lions cooked the breakfast in their shed and brought it to the hall for the completion of the event. President Reg quickly organised the tables and the food was brought in. The food was well received.

A special thank you must be given to the lady who helped with setting up the hall for the event and made sure cleaning and clearing up was completed.

Also thanks go to the two first aiders in

attendance.

It was a very happy occasion despite the weather and the quick change of venue, with family celebrations and catching up with those we know.

Mayor Sharon Gibson was invited to introduce the Citizen of the Year.

She spoke not only from the notes supplied but also from her personal experiences of working on Council with Darrell White.

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100 years ago



by Leo Billington
 Following our experiences during 2020, some of which have been enjoyable, others extremely challenging and all in-between, what was happening around our local area 100 years ago?

The following excerpts are all from 1920 by courtesy of the then Morwell Advertiser.

In June 1920, at its monthly meeting, the Morwell Shire Council agreed "that this Council enters its emphatic protest against the method adopted by Federal Members by increasing their salaries

without first consulting the taxpayers."

At the same Council meeting, there was a letter received from F. Gardner, giving a week's notice of his intention to give up the sanitary work at Morwell.

The same Council meeting was very quick via a motion from Councillor Dunbar, seconded by Councillor McKay "that the application of A. Nichols at £1/19/ per week for sanitary work in Morwell be accepted."

Life in Morwell therefore continued as normal!

Locally, there was always a steady and profitable

business buying and selling horses. In some cases, a good horse was advertised as "Standing this season". One notable stallion was pure bred, according to its "proprietors".

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Land sales were being lauded, particularly for housing. In April, at public auction, "Lot 41, section 1, corner of Hazelwood Road and Ann Street", with a sizeable frontage to Ann Street was for sale. Likewise, the same auction offered land between Travers and Keegan Streets for sale.

Hazelwood North residents promoted their big day - a Thursday sports meeting encompassing plenty of action and entertainment. Winner of the Maiden Plate earned £1/6/, second 10/. In addition to horse racing, events included "Running High Jump, Throwing at Wicket, Wheelbarrow Races, Guessing the weight of sheep, Stepping the Chain

and Tossing Sheaf distance." Sideshows were there as well.

It was later reported that "The weather was all that could be desired and as a result there was a large attendance, and everyone present spent quite an enjoyable time." Under the auspices of Hazelwood's Football Club, the occasion was held on the football ground in Maxwell's paddock.

During October, record prices for local dairy cattle were: £52/10 for one cow, and in that month, 672 cows and heifers averaged £18/10/4; according to figures released by Theo B Little & Co (Gippsland Stock and Station Agents).

At a January 1920 Foundation Day cricket match between Morwell and Boolarra, it was an easy win for the latter team. Competition was intense, spirited and seemingly good-natured. Nonetheless, it was reported that the new pitch "played well but the outfielding was rough and the ball frequently beat the players."

As shown in the accompanying photograph, Foundation Day in Morwell was quite a ceremonious occasion when everyone gathered at the recreation reserve.

RAINFALL

Churchill Rainfall December 2020

Churchill had another below average monthly rainfall totalling 39.5 mm for December, the third month's rainfall for the year less than 50 mm. The Churchill rainfall total for 2020 was 834.5 mm.

Since recording Churchill Rainfall from 1992, there have only been two November/December rainfall totals lower than 2020. In 2002 - 71 mm and in 2006 - 67 mm.

January 2021

The Churchill rainfall to January 31, was an average 60 mm.

Rain at Hazelwood South.

Contrary to all the news about heavy rain and floods for other parts of Australia, for December Hazelwood South again had below average rainfall with only 39 mm and 62% of the average for December. With a wet start for 2020, the average

for 2020 is 113% of the yearly average. Despite the very low rainfall in November and below average for December the grass remained green past the end of the year, helped by moderate temperatures in December and heavy morning dew.

The Hazelwood South rainfall was 75% of the Latrobe Valley forecast for December. The trees had dropped a lot of leaves, but remain in good condition on the remaining ground water. January had few hot days, as expected during La Niña. The 70 mm of rain was a welcome 131% of the average for January. During January the grass started to brown off a little, but 21mm of rain at the end of the month, greened the grass and improved the soil moisture. February started with green grass, near full tanks and no serious concerns for bushfires.

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This tube is then pressurised with air, so as to take the shape of the original pipe.

Hot water or steam is then used to cure the resin so it sets to form a tight-fitting, jointless and corrosion-resistant pipe-within-a-pipe. Service lines to the property are then restored internally using a robotically controlled

cutting devise.

This process is one of the most widely used processes for pipe rehabilitation world-wide.

To do this work there are three specialised trucks equipped with generators, compressors and other small tools and equipment.

There will be white

steam coming from a pipe in the manhole. It is not smoke. It will have an odour created by the resin containing a chemical called styrene or melting plastic.

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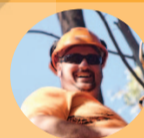
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Churchill Police Report

Welcome to 2021, and here's hoping that it is a better year than 2020 for everyone!

For the month of January, Churchill has had 36 reported incidents, and unfortunately again, nearly 50% of these reports relate to Family Violence.

The Churchill response area covers the smaller communities of Jeeralang, Jeeralang Junction, Jumbuck and Hazelwood South.

This is both a good thing, in that people are now more than ever, prepared to report

incidents of family violence, and holding perpetrators to account.

The sad thing is that despite best efforts, it is still occurring on a regular basis.

There were a number of incidents relating to persons found offending (drugs, damaging property and behaviour offences).

On January 3, a vehicle was reported stolen from a driveway. The vehicle had been left in the driveway with the keys in the ignition while the owner of the vehicle was removing

shopping from the back of the car and into the house. This was a very opportunistic crime, and a reminder to always leave your vehicle secure, even if you are leaving it for a short time.

Of concern was a report of a small grass fire at the Churchill football ground on the fence line adjacent to Switchback Road. Investigations have been unable to establish the cause of the fire, but it is not too much of a stretch to suggest that it may have possibly been started from

a discarded cigarette butt. I realise that weather has been very kind to us in terms of this year's fire season, but we are nowhere near out of the woods yet.

We still have another month of summer to go, and it is likely that we will get a stretch of hot weather.

For the Boolarra response area, which covers Yinnar and Yinnar South, Boolarra and Delburn, there were six police reports recorded.

Of these six reports, five were related to family violence incidents.

The sixth report was a burglary on an unoccupied premises in a remote area.

With the resumption of school, I would urge everyone driving vehicles to take particular care around our schools, especially the primary schools.

We need to remember that this is an exciting time for prep students starting their school life, and that children in general do not yet have the skills and knowledge to safely navigate roads and vehicle movements.



We are blessed to have a school community that caters for our students as they do. Let's support them by modelling good road and traffic behaviour.

Regards to all
Phil den Houting
Sergeant 22664
Station Commander
Churchill Police

Family Violence

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What might the police do?

It's common — but not always the case — that people will call the police when they hear sounds that make them think someone is being hurt. If your life — or someone else's life — is at risk, call 000. WIRE can assist with exploring alternative ways to support your safety if you would prefer to not involve the police. Police might attend a property to perform a welfare check. During a welfare check, the police check that you are unharmed and might ask questions about what has been happening recently. This can provide some safety for you and some accountability for the person using violence.

Responding to an incident

The police have the power to search for and remove weapons, arrest and charge an offender, issue a Family Violence Safety Notice, and apply for an intervention order on your behalf. A Family Violence Safety Notice (FVSN) can be issued by Victoria Police to protect you at any time. This temporary notice protects you from being contacted by the person using violence. The FVSN lasts five business days from the time it is issued. This means that if a FVSN is served on a person using violence, any people that have experienced the family violence may be protected under this legislation while waiting for the first mention date to be heard in court for an Intervention Order. Importantly, the Family Violence Protection Act states that a FVSN starts when the notice or a safety notice form is served on a respondent. With FVSNs, the police have the power to add children as Affected Family Members (AFMs) if they suspect the child has been at risk of experiencing family violence by the person using violence. Everyone deserves protection, Victoria Police now has a family violence

Code of Practice. This means officers are obliged to take reports of family violence seriously and to act to ensure your safety. All victim-survivors of family violence are entitled to the same protection under the law, irrespective of their age, religion, ethnicity, sexuality, gender or occupation. There are LGBTIQ Liaison Police officers who are located in many police stations across Victoria and actively liaise with their local LGBTIQ groups. You can speak to an officer by contacting the GLLO program on (03) 9247 6944.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, you can request the support of a Police Aboriginal Liaison Officer (PALO) at your local police station. Although everyone is entitled to this protection, research suggests police have treated some groups of people differently, for example, people who use drugs and alcohol, who are sex workers or have a previous criminal record. In some cases, the victim survivor has been misidentified by the police as the person using violence. Police in some local government areas may also respond differently from other local government areas. However, since this Code of Practice was implemented, the way police have responded to family violence is improving.

What happens next?

Victoria Police is required to complete a Family Violence Report, also called an L17 report, after they attend a family incident. It includes information on the incident itself, the affected family member and other party, hazards/risk factors present at the time of the incident and any actions taken by Victoria Police following the incident. The report requires police to identify the primary aggressor and it is at this point that misidentification may occur in a small number of cases, especially if you were using resistive violence to respond to the controlling

behaviour or violence you were experiencing, or if the person who was hurting you takes control of telling the story to police and you are either unable to speak or afraid to speak about what was happening. The police will also share the information on the Family Violence Report with services, so you may be contacted by organisations you weren't aware of before the incident, including services assessing the safety of any children in the home.

What can the legal system do?

The legal system can be used to get a Family Violence Intervention Order, a Magistrate's Court order designed to protect you and your children from another person's threatening behaviour. Useful links - Family Violence Intervention Orders: www.legalaid.vic.gov.au/find-legal-answers/family-violenceintervention-orders - Magistrates' Court: www.mc.vic.gov.au/intervention-orders.

Not all lawyers understand family violence. Before engaging a lawyer or law firm, check that they are familiar with family violence and the impact it has on your life and those of your children. It is important you feel your lawyer has your best interests at heart. The best way to get legal advice and use the law to protect yourself is to contact a community legal service such as the Legal Aid, or a lawyer who has a good understanding of family violence. You can also visit free online Victorian legal resources and websites.

Intervention orders.

You can apply to take out a Family Violence Intervention Order any time you feel threatened or unsafe. Children or other family members are not automatically included in an Intervention Order. To include a child as an affected family member (AFM) in an Intervention Order (IO) the applicant needs to specifically apply for this to happen. If your child is protected by an Intervention

Order, their school is enabled to call the police if they are aware of a breach of the order.

You can apply for an order even if you are still living with your partner. Be aware that the intervention order can take time to put in place.

At the Magistrates' Court

The Magistrates' Court has a specialised Family Violence Court Division established to improve court responses to family violence. This service offers specialist support workers, as well as additional security and outreach services. It's a good idea to get support as you move through this process by inviting a friend, family violence worker or someone from the Court Network to accompany you to the Magistrates' Court. The Law now makes it easier for an applicant to give evidence against the person who uses violence — for example, people using violence are restricted from cross-examining the people they are/were abusing. If the

person using violence is self-represented, arrangements will be made for Victoria Legal Aid to represent the accused for the purpose of cross-examining the victim-survivor. These laws also assist victim-survivors to stay in their own home if they wish, by requiring the person using violence to leave the home in appropriate circumstances and making it easier for you to change tenancy arrangements. By remaining safely in the family home, victim-survivors can avoid the

disruption, dislocation and uncertainty of trying to find new accommodation.

Useful links

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STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



Whilst cleaning out an old album, part of an auction lot, I came across a South Australian stamp postmarked 'Port Darwin N.T. S.A.' Now I know where Darwin is and have a rather sketchy knowledge of the history of the region but curiosity set in and I looked it up on my computer to flesh things out.

Yes, the aboriginal tribes had arrived there or thereabouts sixty thousand years ago and lived there successfully for all that time. It was a pretty easy life with an abundance of seafood on the coast and edible creatures on the mainland and they lived undisturbed by the outside world for thousands of years.

Yes, the first mention of Australia is in a Chinese source which talked about 'The Land of Parrots (or Cockatoos)'. This implies that the mainland had been visited by the peoples of the islands north of Australia before Europeans arrived in 1524. We know that these Macassar men as they are known visited here to annually harvest trepang, a

sea-slug. Evidence of their camps can still be found along the north coast by the tamarind trees that grow there. They are not a native plant, and their fruit was a staple of the Macassar men. They were able to live harmoniously with the aborigines and some tribal languages along the coast contain the odd Macassar word.

Yes, the north coast was visited by the Dutch from 1524 on, and the place names on the map are evidence of that. Arnhem Land and the Gulf of Carpentaria and Groote Eylandt are three that spring to mind. But the Dutch did not settle.

After the English arrived in 1788 there was interest in establishing settlements in the north but it was not until 1824 that Fort Dundas was set up as part of the colony of N.S.W. However, trouble with the locals, cyclones and the climate forced its closure in 1828.

A second colony was set up at Fort Wellington on the Coburg Peninsula in 1827 but it was abandoned

in 1829. A third settlement named Port Essington was begun in 1838 and an immigration scheme was implemented but disease and the climate saw to its demise in 1849. The whole Territory was annexed by the colony of South Australia in 1863 and a fourth attempt at settlement was made in 1864 but troubles with the locals saw it disband in the following year.

The Overland telegraph line was the key to the fifth try and it led to the settlement of today's Darwin in 1869.

My stamp came from that small township some time before 1911 when the Northern Territory became part of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Darwin grew only slowly and it was still only a small settlement when World War II began and its strategic significance was realised after the bombing by the Japanese in 1942.

Today it is a thriving city, despite the best attempts of Cyclone Tracey in 1974 to wipe it off.



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Church News



Chaplain

I recently read an article which asked about our future planning.

It mentioned what our income might be in five years; our health in three years; and whether it would be safe. However it went on to talk about a future-future plan, mentioning that many Christians who believe in eternity only believe in a positive one.

The bottom line of the article was about the human sentiment of only seeing eternity in such positive ways. The idea of not seeing the negative side of eternity was shown to be irresponsible, with 'where will we be in eternity?' posed as the most important question to ask ourselves, as the subject is too often not considered, and it is not discussed dispassionately as people are reluctant to consider the warnings.

I also recently read about a word used in business documents and agreements in the Greek setting which translates to our word 'deposit' or 'guarantee'. In the Greek setting, it's a part-payment for something with the idea that the rest would be paid in full later. In a modern setting, it equates to imperfect knowledge as an instalment that leads to a guarantee of more to come.

I see these two connected, in that we do not know all we may need to know about the future, about eternity, but we have a foretaste of it all in the unambiguous teaching of Jesus Christ, which often spoke of the finality of our eternal destiny.

It is sad that many prefer not to take this matter seriously enough, when eternity is shown to be where we'll be, and not just in five



or ten years...when we have a guarantee of being in the positive eternity through faith in Jesus, who told us so much about it.

So, future planning should include where we're going to spend eternity. But it's not just about going 'up' or 'down', but more about 'with' or 'without'...with being with Christ now, the guarantee of being with Him in eternity!

Worth thinking about!

Co-Operating Church Snippets

During Advent Cathie Halliwell, our part time supply minister, ran a four week Bible Study based on 'The Nutcracker' by Tchaikovsky. Early December she asked the children to be part of the service and dressed them as characters from the Nutcracker which was very effective.

A decision was made to return to services inside the church. With social distancing, signing in, sanitiser and mask wearing we have stayed safe and enjoyed being together while apart, exchanging news and catching up with our dear

church family.

To complement the council decorated shop window, we placed a nativity scene and other displays telling the Christmas Story in the windows of the old video shop. We thank centre management for arranging that for us.

Christmas services went well. Cathie took the Christmas Eve children's service with a difference so that COVID 19 restrictions could be observed.

Christmas Day service was a happy time with lovely words emphasising the wonderful gift of life and



love which God gave us in Jesus.

Cathie was invited to say prayers at the Australia Day ceremony in Churchill.

Churchill Christian Fellowship

For several months through 2020, Churchill Christian Fellowship recorded Sunday services at Moe and then uploaded to Facebook, YouTube and the church's website. When we were allowed to return to Sunday afternoon meetings

at the Community Hall, we experimented with a program called Church Online, which involved replaying the 2pm service online at 7.30pm. This didn't work as well as we hoped so we are back to Facebook, YouTube and website.

In January, our Tuesday evening meetings had more of a social flavour, with a movie night, a 10-pin bowling night and a couple of BBQs. Now we are back to Bible study. Give us a call if you are interested.

What a blessing to be able to use the Community Hall! Anyone and everyone is welcome to come and check us out at 2pm every Sunday. You will still have to sign in, use sanitiser and maintain social distancing but, hey, we're all getting used to such things now!

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by Cathie Halliwell

Christmas is a distant memory, children have returned to school and workplaces are back to normal, well our new COVID normal anyway! Since writing last, in our liturgical calendar we have been through Christmas, the season of Epiphany and Lent is upon us, our time of preparation for the coming of Easter. I am sure no one has missed that. I get very frustrated that hot cross buns are on shelves in the supermarkets on Boxing Day and Easter eggs are shelved before the end of January. This rush to put out stock misses the entire point of preparation. How different would it be if sack cloths and ashes were displayed instead of chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate?

I want us to journey back to the end of Epiphany, the time when the Magi visited the Christ child after journeying for a long time. It was not a quick trip. Many of us have little comprehension of travel in the first century. Their journey took years, not hours in our modern modes of transport. Imagine the resolve of someone who would travel years to an unknown destination based on an instinct that

something important had happened. Have you ever had to wait years for something? Waiting, when all around you think you are crazy. Waiting, when you question and doubt yourself that you have made the right choice. The attributes of the Magi are resolve, determination and a deep sense of faith. Faith in God when those around you tell you to give up.

Our society as a whole seems to have lost the ability to pause in silence and wait. Silence always needs to be filled with something. Try getting a teenager to turn off their music for an hour. Have you ever tried to sit still silently? How long can you last? It is a skill, a discipline. Training ministers are taught how to be silent, some people may call this meditation. It is a skill that needs to be learned because without the ability of removing distractions, how are we to see the important, hear the still small voice of God. Throughout scripture, important messages are found in a "whisper of God".

In 2020 in a lot of ways we were forced into a different pace of living. Circumstances meant that there was more time when we were at home, a quieter type of life, more time to

think, more opportunities to think, whether we chose to or not. Peace can be found in silence. The path to peace starts deep within ourselves. It is only possible if we choose to make the time and space needed. To take the time to figure out who we are, who we want to be, how we want to live. It is a spiritual journey that may take years but as Christians we have resources to help. We have the Word of God, the fellowship of others on the journey and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

As we journey through Lent, take time to prepare your heart, mind and spirit. Take times of silence to reconnect with who you are as a beloved child of God. Take space to focus on what is truly important to you and what can be a distraction. Take a chance to be surprised by God in hearing the smallest whisper. Take every opportunity to notice the blessings we often take for granted and give thanks. Take the big brave step of looking around at others, and our community, and offer help where it is needed. Take advantage of the 40 days we have to deliberately ponder, question and listen.

May God Bless you all as we journey through Lent.

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'The Lost flowers of Alice Hart' by Holly Ringland

Holly Ringland grew up in tropical south east Queensland. When she was nine years old her family spent two years travelling through North American National Parks.

This created an interest in cultures and stories. She spent four years in the central Australian desert living amongst indigenous communities.

In 2004 she moved to England where she obtained an MA in Creative Writing from Manchester University in 2011. She now divides her time between the UK and Australia.

She has been published in various anthologies and journals and in 2019 received the ABIA for General Fiction. "The Lost Flowers of Alice Hart" 2018 is her debut novel and she has two more books in the pipeline.

Alice Hart is nine years old and lives with her pregnant mother Agnes and abusive, manipulative father Clem. She and her mother are forbidden to leave the property and she does not attend school, although she is an avid reader.

Her best friend is her dog Toby, made deaf by one of her father's angry outbursts. She has read about fire and wonders if setting her father alight might renew him, like the phoenix.

After a violent episode her father always retreats to his locked shed and Alice is curious to know what goes on there.

When he is out one day she takes the key and enters the shed which is dark, so she lights a lamp. She sees many wooden sculptures of an old woman and a girl.

She decides to take some small figurines and practice lighting a fire. When her father arrives home she rushes to the house and forgets to blow out the lamp.

When he sees the shed door open he savagely attacks Alice.

There is a fire and Alice awakes in hospital to find that both of her parents have died and she has survived both the fire and the beating.

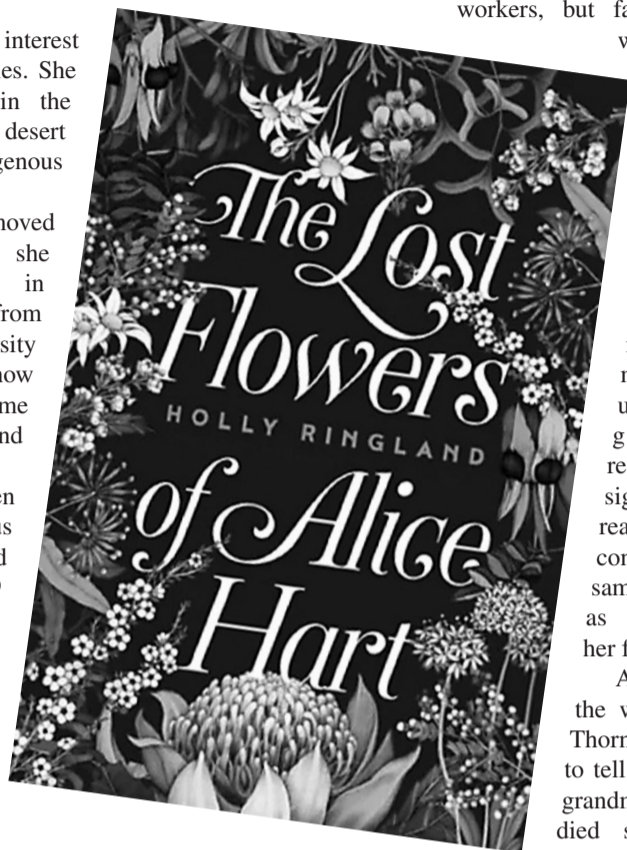
Unbeknown to Alice the unborn baby has survived.

After a long period of recovery Alice is taken to live with her paternal grandmother, June who is her guardian but unknown to Alice.

June has had the baby adopted out. Alice is devastated and does not

speaking for many months, such is the trauma she has experienced.

June owns and runs Thornfield, a native plant farm, which is also



a refuge for women who have experienced hardship and pain.

The employees are extremely kind, patient and encouraging to Alice, and she has befriended the resident therapy dog, Harry.

She also meets a local boy, Oggie, when she goes to the river for a swim and they become friends. Alice is enrolled at school and this cements her friendship with Oggie even further.

Alice eventually finds her voice and June decides to teach her the business, to learn the language of flowers.

June has followed the Victorian tradition of attributing meaning to each of the native flowers. Because she is reluctant to tell Alice the dark family history June uses flowers to speak the unspeakable.

Tension builds because Alice senses there is much that June is keeping from her.

At eighteen years old, Alice is in love with Oggie and he wants her to leave with him.

Alice packs her bag and waits for him but he does not come, and she believes he has gone without her.

She settles down to become the manager of Thornfield, using flowers to express her words she cannot say.

At twenty-six she finds the truth about why Oggie left without her and leaves Thornfield in a rage, heading inland.

She finds a sick puppy and takes it to the vet in an outback town, then

collapses due to dehydration. Fortunately the vet calls for help and Alice recovers.

She gets a job as a ranger in the National Park and makes friends with other workers, but falls in love with Dylan, well known as an abuser of women. Their

relationship becomes more and more toxic until she gradually reads the signs and realises she is confronting the same situation as living with her father.

After two of the women from Thornfield come to tell her that her grandmother has died she decides to return home and meets the brother she knew nothing about.

The story ends at Thornfield.

Everyone in our book group enjoyed this book. It was easy to read and the characters were well drawn and mostly likeable. Those who were not likeable were despicable.

The women who worked at Thornfield were all carrying hurt so they were able to understand the grief and loss that Alice suffered, but also that which June had to deal with.

They also understood why June betrayed Alice, thinking she was protecting her, although they didn't condone it, as they were able to take a more pragmatic view.

The story highlighted the fact that abusive relationships are often self-perpetuating - Alice had spent her early years in such a relationship and she very nearly found herself, as an adult, in another.

Those of us who are gardeners especially enjoyed the lovely sketches at the start of each chapter, with botanical names and a description of the plant with its attributed meaning.

The meaning of the flower gave a hint as to the contents or theme of each chapter.

The first half of the book was heart rending, the conclusion a bit predictable, but generally this was a good read.

Hazelwood Cemetery

by Leo Billington

On Monday, March 10, 1879, The Gippsland Times announced that "ten acres were reserved at Hazelwood for cemetery purposes."

That was 142 years ago almost to the day.

Two years later, in their Saturday, February 12, 1881 editions, The Australasian and The Argus informed their readers that "The following appointments have been made: John Fitzpatrick, David Donaldson, John Tinker, Lewis Samuel, and David Turner, to be trustees of the cemetery at Hazelwood."

Then six years later in April 1887, the Victorian Government Gazette announced that G Firmin, A Donaldson and A Nadenbousch were officially appointed as trustees for "the land temporarily reserved as a site for a cemetery at Hazelwood."

Three years later in August 1890, even Victoria's Health Department regarded the cemetery as "only a reservation."

I can only imagine local residents were confused as to whether the ten acres was reserved for a permanent cemetery or was it only a reservation - sounding like a final decision was still being considered somewhere in Melbourne.

It's more intriguing to note early burials in May 1879, June 1879 and July 1879. Somewhere in historical Health Department files is a letter indicating that a child was buried on the cemetery site in September 1878. There is speculation that other burials were likely to have taken place before the site was officially declared a cemetery.

It was about late 1884 when local agitation drew public attention that

"the reserve has not yet been properly cleared, nor decently fenced, although palings have been taken there for that purpose." (Traralgon Record Friday, October 3, 1884).

In December 1893, a



tender was advertised in the Morwell Advertiser to erect "about nine chains of picket fence (hardwood)."

At their July 1895 meeting, the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust agreed to "erect some fencing if the Morwell council would clear the land."

One year later, the Morwell Advertiser (October 1896), told its readers that the Trust was "making good progress with the fencing contract." This certainly was a drawn out project.

Then, at that same meeting, presumably to hasten erection of a hardwood picket fence, a committee was formed to "inspect the carrying out of the fencing contract."

During those 15 years, when seemingly very little was done to create a proper cemetery, burials continued, while the Health Department was not overly concerned about an apparent lack of a detailed plan for placement of graves.

I was reminded about

this bit of protracted history during January when signing a flurry of legalistic paperwork to have extra land, currently adjoining the cemetery's southern boundary, officially gazetted as Crown Land.

Known as Crown Allotment K2 in the Parish of Hazelwood, transfer of K2 (as we know it) commenced its journey from the former State Electricity Commission of Victoria almost 32 years ago. In those early days, forward planning by the Trust deemed it necessary to procure extra land to meet a future demand for interments.

Hopefully, there will be a successful outcome in time for the March 2021 edition of this newspaper.

Everything comes to those who wait. Being patient is an admirable quality to have. Patience is a virtue.

But, a deeper analysis suggests there's something about waiting that denotes a refrain from action!



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Cooking with Noelene



Chicken dim sims in a spicy peanut sauce

I have been spending a lot of time in my garden and having to come up with filling, flavoursome meals that are easily prepared.

Chicken dim sims in a spicy peanut sauce ticks all the boxes.

I used a 660gm packet of mini dim sims (defrosted).

I then added a 440gm can of condensed cream of chicken soup to a frypan along with 3 tbs of peanut butter, 2 spring onions sliced, 1 tsp of chilli powder and a sprinkle of cracked black pepper.

Stir until smooth, slowly bring to a simmer and then add 1 cup of frozen peas and baby carrots, again bring back to a simmer.

Finally add the mini dims, cover the pan and cook until the dim sims are heated

through.

I served these over mixed baby salad leaves.

Delicious.

Fruit salad and chia icy poles

Place 1/2 medium banana peeled, in your processor along with 1 cup of seedless watermelon cubes and 1 tsp of chia seeds.

Process to smooth. Equally divide the 'fudge' between the moulds filling them 3/4 full.

Now peel and core 1 kiwi fruit, add 1/2 peeled banana and 1 tsp of honey and process till smooth.

Top the moulds with the kiwi mixture.

Place in the mould handles and freeze to set.

Creamy lemon and lime dressing

This is for Robyn - this creamy lemon and lime dressing will enhance and

liven up your favourite greens, and the added chia will keep the feeling of hunger away even though you have only eaten a salad.

In a small bowl, mix together the zest and juice of 1 lemon and 1 lime, 1 dsp of honey.

Now whisk in 3 tbs of olive oil.

You can add a few drops of siracha (optional) Stir in 1 tbs of chia seeds.

Gradually whisk in a 1/2 cup of sour cream and season with ground pepper and a pinch of salt.

Chicken Noodle Soup

I love this version of chicken noodle soup as a main meal.

In a 3 litre saucepan, combine 1 litre of chicken stock, 2 cups of water, 2 cups of chopped celery, 2 cups of

finely chopped onion, 2 tbs of chopped parsley, 1 tsp of dried sage, 1 tsp of dried thyme leaves.

Over a medium heat, heat to boiling, stirring occasionally.

Reduce heat to low, add 3 cups of chicken tenderloins, simmer until vegetables and chicken are tender, stirring occasionally.

Add 2 cups of egg noodles and heat through till noodles have softened.

Mexican Wedding Cake

This is delicious.

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Lightly grease 28 cm x 18cm slice tray.

Place 2 cups of plain flour in a large bowl and add 1 x 450gm can of crushed pineapple in natural syrup, 1 and 1/2 cups of castor sugar, 2 lightly beaten



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Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc.

Welcome to 2021 and the Lions sincerely hope that everyone has had a safe Festive Season and is ready to face the year ahead – speaking of that, the Lions are already on the move!

What better way than a Bunnings BBQ? With the first one on January 23, we now have prime position right in front of the entry and exit doors. Our members are used to the new COVID safe serving system and we were to be found there every couple of weeks since, serving our fantastic sausages, having fun and chatting with all the public, so please - don't forget to come on over and see us at Bunnings Mid Valley.

Yet again due to COVID, we have unfortunately had to postpone our Family Fishing Fun Day at Lake Hyland planned for February 27, 2021. We are now aiming for April - so again keep your eyes peeled for all the details which will be here in CDN and on our Facebook page 'Lions Club of Churchill Community Activities'.

In the last issue for 2020, I made mention of our Lions Licola Wilderness Village, well we are thrilled that the Camps have recommenced again and in January our Member Lion David Lyne organised for four children to attend the January Camp, driving them to the bus in Traralgon and picking them up again when they returned home. Lion David said they were more than excited, that they had had the best time, made some great friends and it was an experience they would never forget. Fabulous news!

How could we forget towards the end of January

that incredible run of hot days where 40 degrees plus seemed to be the normal - and then our big day arrives **Tuesday January 26 - AUSTRALIA DAY!**

The heavens opened and there in the Churchill Hotel carpark, the Lions were drenched in the downpour. After some consultation we decided it was time to head for Churchill Town Hall. Word spread quickly and soon after everyone had either signed in or used the QR Code, adhered to the social distancing and made use of all the hand sanitiser.

President Lion Reg Grisotto welcomed everyone, inviting all to join in singing the National Anthem, this was followed by the Scouts flag raising ceremony and then Lion Bob Lowick claimed the stage and introduced the individual students who were to receive a Certificate for the Young Citizen of the Year.

At times, to great amusement Lion Bob Lowick read out an interesting summary of each student before presenting them with their Certificates.

The recipients for the Young Citizen of the Year were:

Churchill Primary School – Hudson Berechree.

Churchill North Primary School – Domenic Hart.

Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School – Cooper James Gray.

Hazelwood North Primary School – Kyden Makepeace.

Finally – the big moment arrived and following a glowing summary of his achievements and caring nature – The Citizen of the Year was announced to



very loud applause - Darrell White.

Taking the stage, Darrell thanked the Churchill Lions Club for all the excellent work they do and their amazing contribution to the Community. His speech was very interesting, enjoyed and applauded by all present.

Darrell was then presented with his Certificate and along with all the student recipients was very generous with his time for all the photo shoots, some with all his family who were present for the occasion, as people lined up to get their happy snaps.

It would be remiss not to mention our very talented Member Lion Bill Hurenkamp, who designed and made the very impressive Certificates that were presented to Darrell and all the students.

Then it was time for the Lions famous breakfast as everyone lined up for either a bacon and egg sandwich or sausage and onions in bread, thoroughly enjoyed.

Some came back for seconds and at the end there was not a crumb left. As people started to leave the Lions got busy packing up and cleaning up, with the help of the Shire cleaner, Thank you Lydia.

Spick and span the Lions departed for their Den to unload, enjoy a well deserved cuppa and discuss the next upcoming functions.

One important one was of course a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle day on February 13, where we knew it would be busy, probably ladies buying Gift Cards for the next day - Valentines Day!

Along with a new year also comes our thoughts – is there anyone out there who is looking for something new to do? Is anyone interested in joining a great group of people who enjoy helping out the communities and joining in great functions the Lions get involved with?

If you say yes or even think maybe – please give us a call, send a message, send us an email – we promise they will be answered asap!

Secretary : Lion Carol Kavanagh 5182 6995 or 0411 842 912.

Message on Facebook : Lions Club of Churchill Community Activities.

Email : churchill.lionsclub@gmail.com

Russell Northe MP



A big welcome to 2021 and I trust all residents of Churchill and District had a fabulous Christmas and New Year period. I think we all hope that 2021 brings with it more certainty and positivity and less COVID-19. The COVID-19 situation continues to be quite volatile with rules and restrictions ever evolving and subsequently it's important to keep abreast of up to date information which can be found at the following website: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/>

On January 26, a number of local Australia Day ceremonies were hosted right across the Latrobe Valley and wider Gippsland community. Australia Day is a wonderful opportunity to not only celebrate how blessed we are to live in such a great region, but recognise the extraordinary feats and contributions of many individuals, groups, organisations and events.

In addition, we also welcomed some of our newest citizens on this day which is a very special occasion for those individuals and their families.

This year I was able to enjoy the festivities at Churchill and in Morwell at Latrobe City Council's official Australia Day awards ceremony. As always it was a sensational day and thoroughly enjoyed by all those in attendance.

In early January, we received news that the Victorian Planning Minister had called in and approved a proposal to construct a battery recycling facility in Hazelwood North much to the angst of many local residents. The proposal had been opposed by Latrobe City Council and was due to be heard in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), however the Ministers intervention prior to the matter being heard in this forum stunned

local residents. Below is a statement I released on this same matter at the time.

Statement – Proposed battery recycling plant Hazelwood North

"Information released today that outlines the Victorian Planning Minister has approved a battery recycling plant in Hazelwood North will be met with disbelief and anger from many local residents. The Minister needs to explain to the local community how and why he approved the project prior to it being heard in VCAT. It was understood that following Councils decision to oppose the project, that an appeal to VCAT could be made by the proponent if they wished to contest that decision. At no point did the Minister or the Government communicate with the community that the proposal was in fact sitting on the Ministers desk and that he would provide approval prior to the end of the normal legal process. To deny the community the opportunity to raise legitimate concerns and issues in VCAT is a slap in the face to many local residents who have in good faith involved themselves in the process from the very start. Rather than conveying the decision to Council and for the sake of transparency, the Minister must now provide a statement to our local community as to why he called in and approved this project without community consultation and

without the opportunity for it to be contested at VCAT. The Government must also advise what if any financial supports it has or has not provided for this project".

Further to the above, I and others including the Latrobe Valley Health Advocate have subsequently written to various Ministers such as the Minister for Planning and Minister for Health seeking an explanation as to how and why due planning and legal processes were not allowed to complete their full duration, particularly given the level of consternation by residents in the immediate vicinity of where the plant is proposed to be built.

In some positive news, it was terrific to recently learn that Alinta Energy is proposing to open a new customer contact centre in the Latrobe Valley which is due to commence operations in the middle part of this year.

It is hoped that this venture will provide numerous employment opportunities for local residents whilst supporting Alinta's some 600,000 Australian east coast customers. From my perspective it is pleasing to see such investment in an Australian onshore call centre and which I'm sure Alinta customers will also embrace.

Finally, as school returns I wish all students, teachers, staff and families of Churchill Primary School, Churchill North Primary School, Lumen Christi Primary School, Kurnai College Churchill campus and all our other local school communities all the very best for the year ahead.

To drivers, please remember to be vigilant and safe around school precincts when they return and abide by the speed limits that apply. Stay safe and all the best for now.



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Latrobe Regional Gallery

Da Vinci exhibition is coming

The machines and art of one of the world's greatest minds – Leonardo Da Vinci – are coming to Latrobe City. Latrobe Regional Gallery at Morwell will host the exhibition Da Vinci Machines from February 26, 2021 to April 25, 2021. The Da Vinci Machines exhibition will feature more than 60 interactive machines created from original Da Vinci drawings of iconic inventions such as the bicycle, scuba suit, spring-powered car and flying machines.

Among Da Vinci's innovations are automatons (the precursors to robots), nautical, hydraulic and architectural tools, ground-breaking applications of civil engineering and fear-inspiring machines of war like the tank. An addition to the exhibition is a set of life-size replicas of iconic Da Vinci paintings. Eastern Victoria MLC Harriet Shing announced state funding for the exhibition, which has enabled entry to be free as a gift to the community after the challenges posed by the

COVID-19 pandemic.

"Da Vinci Machines is an immersive experience for all ages that takes you inside the mind of the world's most famous artist and inventor. I am so pleased that this exhibition will be accessible to all, and will enable visitors to spark their curiosity at Latrobe Regional Gallery to discover art, invention and our industrious spirit," Councillor Gibson said. "This exhibition has been chosen to appeal to Latrobe City residents, and also visitors from across the region and even Melbourne. Da Vinci is well known and appeals to many people, from machine and motor enthusiasts, to makers, art lovers, children and families."

The broad appeal of the exhibition gives people who have never been to the Gallery before a reason to visit. The exhibition will be complemented by a schools program, families program and public program.

Additional support from the Latrobe Valley Authority and the Department of Transport will ensure everyone can access this opportunity.

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group



Droning on about Weeds

As we've been working on and talking about our Landcare Group's Billys Creek re-veg project, we've become aware that drones now exist that can spray weeds in steep and inaccessible places.

The same machines can also broadcast seed into previously sprayed blackberries.

We understand that Parks Victoria own one, and there's a good chance that they'll be using it over the next few years in Morwell National Park.

The plan is to spray blackberries and broadcast seed into them as we've been doing from the ground further upstream on our re-veg block. Our group has offered to help the rangers and the Friends of the Park group with seed collection next summer.

The licensing and safety regulations for drones are pretty formidable, but we're hoping to find out the cost of hiring one so that we can know what to wish for. We're sure that once the technology becomes more widely available, landholders on steep and inaccessible country will find it a very useful option.

We had very good fun

a few weeks ago when one of our members flew their (photographic) drone over our Billys Creek re-veg block. The block is so steep and remote that exploring it on foot is only for the very fittest and most agile of our members. From where we were, we could see the point on the other side of the creek where we took photos from the ground last year. The drone was able to fly down and take a closer look along the creek valley to locate this year's blackberry eradication and re-veg sites.

We saw blackberry patches with the drone, and also quite a bit of ragwort in the cleared areas on both sides of the creek.

Yes, it's true, everybody's favourite (?) plants are flowering now and easy to identify.

Is it a weed?

There are a few introduced weeds that are quite closely related to, or look like Australian native species. Quite a few garden plants can easily become weeds if not managed carefully.

For example, ragwort is flowering now, and so are native fireweeds. They both have yellow daisy-like flowerheads and they flower at roughly the same time.

Nobody likes ragwort, but fireweeds have their uses.

We're experimenting with them as a tree-guard substitute as they are thought to disguise more palatable species in revegetation projects where browser guards aren't affordable or practical to install.

How to tell the difference? Look at the leaves. Ragwort is the one with complicated leaves. Fireweeds usually have single long skinny leaves.

Flora of Victoria has plenty of images that will help in identifying fireweed, and, if you don't have ragwort, you won't need to see or smell it and can feel truly blessed.

<https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/b9aa71cc-8714-4af4-9a86-80ca75056dce>

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Ragwort is classified as a noxious / regionally controlled weed. If you are a landholder, the Catchment and Land Protection (CaLP) Act 1994 and Regulations 2002 requires that you control it. Fortunately our soils around here don't seem to grow it as well as one patch we once eradicated.

It was growing on red soil with higher rainfall. The ragwort plants were almost as tall as us. There were lots of them. We called it "The Golden Triangle". It took a few years, but persistence paid off.

By the way, it will always take a few years. I was told once that the seeds persist in the soil for up to 43 years. However, if you keep at the elimination program, it's very satisfying to no longer have it.

It's better to control ragwort in spring when it's at the cabbage stage before it grows a stalk and flowers. If this step escaped you, and you are doing it now, physically removing the seedheads and bagging them securely will prevent the spread of seeds before you spray or remove the plant.

There's an excellent guide to weed identification and control methods on the South Gippsland Landcare Network's web site.

The same or similar information is in a booklet available from Latrobe City offices. Our group also has



copies of the booklet to give away.


<https://www.sgln.net.au/south-gippsland-weeds/weed-identification/>

As the website weed list is alphabetical, the first entry you'll come to is Agapanthus. The authors seem a bit optimistic in suggesting "hand digging" as a control method. I seem to remember that getting rid of them from our garden involved having to hire a backhoe operated by enthusiastic young men with scant regard for garden taps and other inconspicuous infrastructure.

If you can at least remember to cut off and bag Agapanthus seeds when they form, you'll be able to prevent them from spreading into the bush or neighbouring paddocks of roadsides.

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CDCA

Churchill & District Community Association Inc.



working partnership with both the Neighbourhood Centre and the News. We were all delighted to support the 'Shop Local' Christmas event organised by Latrobe City Council last December.

Council chose the date and booked some entertainment, while our organisations organised local publicity, market stalls and photos.

Many thanks to Abigail and Rebecca from the Neighbourhood Centre who worked particularly hard to ensure the success of this event.

It was they who cooked the popular free sausage sizzle on the Saturday morning, while it was CDCA which paid for the food.

CDCA was delighted that Council fixed the lighting of the Churchill spire in time for Christmas. Did you notice that for a short time it was lit with red and green? Thanks to the folk who lobbied Council to get this done!

It's been a fairly quiet time for CDCA over the summer holiday break, but there's always a job or two to be done.

We were pleased to be able to provide a letter of support to Churchill Soccer Club for their funding application to upgrade facilities, particularly female change rooms, at their grounds.

We also wrote to Council late last year to request that the dilapidated fencing along the western side of Monash Way be removed or replaced. We've received a response from Council to say that this project - a rehabilitation of the Monash Way fence



from Switchback Road to the Walker Street access road - will be considered as a "candidate project" during 2021 undertaken from funding received from the Federal Government's Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.

Our first meeting for 2021 was held on Thursday February 4 with special guest our new Ward Councillor, Melissa Ferguson. We held a short round-table discussion with Councillor Ferguson about some of the issues affecting Churchill and district. We will bring you more information in the next issue of Churchill & District News.

In 2021, the CDCA Committee has decided to trial a different meeting night (to fit in with various

commitments some of our member have) - so we'll be meeting on the first Thursday of every second month.

Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday April 1, in the Churchill Community Hub. All local residents are welcome, but please note that, due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance is capped. Please contact CDCA if you wish to attend - email mgcdca@hotmail.com

You can find more information about CDCA on our website: www.cdca.org.au.

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



posted off to TerraCycle.

This TerraCycle program is a partnership with Colgate - but any brand of oral care product is acceptable. Tubes, brushes and containers are separated by composition, shredded and melted into hard plastic to make new recycled products.

For more information about TerraCycle and its many and varied recycling programs, visit <https://www.terracycle.com/en-AU>

During 2021, we will be aiming to introduce even more new recycling initiatives at the Hub. Look for announcements in Churchill & District News or check the labelled tubs at the Hub.

Please note that, from time to time, some items will no longer be accepted for recycling at the Hub as programs end or avenues for recycling close. We are no longer accepting P5 plastics, old bras or container lids.

CDCA enjoys a close

local residents.

Located outside the Neighbourhood Centre office in the Churchill Hub, we now offer a collection point for your old toothbrushes, etc. Please ensure your items are dry and containers and tubes are empty before you leave them in the tub provided.

We are registered with TerraCycle and once we have a sufficient quantity, your used oral care items will be

New Recycling Initiative

Recycle your old toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads (but not the handles), toothpaste tubes and caps and dental floss containers at Churchill Community Hub!

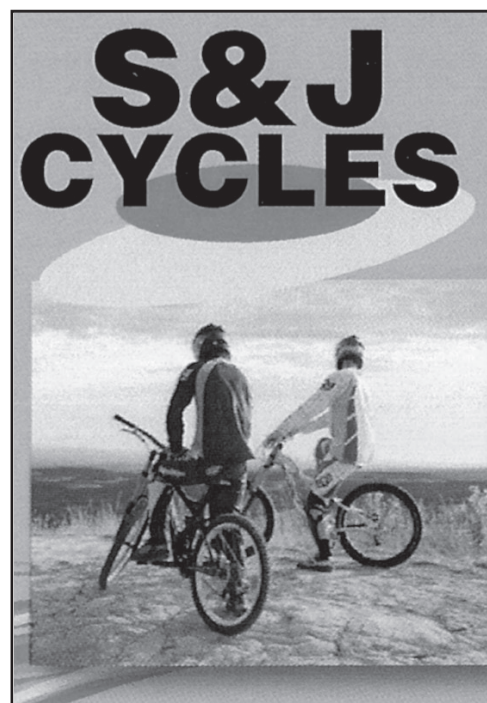
CDCA, in partnership with Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and Churchill & District News, is pleased to announce another recycling opportunity for

Jeeralang North Hall

Jeeralang North Hall Committee met at the end of January. At that meeting they discussed whether to re-start the old time dance

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booked, working in with the committee with regards to COVID -19 restrictions under which they must operate.



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Festival

In December the Latrobe City Council sponsored a festival in the Churchill Shopping Centre on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

The Neighbourhood Centre took bookings for craft stalls and a good response was achieved.

There was Duena Choir singing on the Friday evening.

The Neighbourhood Centre cooked a sausage

sizzle on the Saturday morning.

The Council also ran a shop window decoration competition for each Valley town.

Churchill's Scissori was the winner in Churchill. Congratulations to them for a great effort.

The Co-Operating church displayed a nativity scene in the old video shop.



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Latrobe Community Health Service

Finally able to visit your parents after a challenging year with COVID-19? Look for signs they might need help at home.

Now that life is a little more normal, visiting your parents will no doubt be a top priority. With the excitement of finally being in each other's company, it can be easy to miss signs your parents might need some extra help to stay living well at home.

Here's what to look for when you visit:

Their personal appearance

Noticeable weight loss, poor personal hygiene and a general unkempt appearance (unironed clothes, unshaven face or un-brushed hair) are tell-tale signs your parents are struggling. Getting in and out of the shower, doing the laundry or preparing meals might have become too physically demanding for them. Look out for noticeable bruises on arms and legs, as these can signal trips and falls.

The state of the home and backyard

Piles of dirty laundry, overgrown lawns and gardens, dirty windows and a build-up of dust and clutter can be red flags, especially if your parents are usually house-proud. Again, day-to-day tasks like housekeeping might have become too physically challenging for your parents.

Mail piling up, bills unpaid

If your parents' memory or eyesight has deteriorated, once simple tasks like collecting the mail or paying bills can become a burden. It might be worth setting up auto-payments to avoid electricity and water getting switched off.

Food in the fridge has gone off, or there's depleted stock in pantry and fridge

This is a sign that carrying groceries or even getting to the supermarket is becoming too much.

Perhaps your parents don't have the energy to prepare nutritious meals, or they've burnt or cut themselves cooking dinner before and are afraid of hurting themselves again.

Ask your parents how often they go grocery shopping and whether they're still cooking their favourite meals.

This might prompt them to consider the challenge of cooking, and ask for help.

Damaged bathroom fixtures

Loose towel rails or ripped shower curtains can indicate your parents are using these bathroom fixtures as a support to hoist themselves up, or prevent themselves from falling.

An occupational therapy assessment can determine whether bathroom modifications are needed to keep your parents safe.

Loss of licence, or lost confidence in driving

If your parents are no longer legally allowed to drive, or they don't feel comfortable sitting behind the wheel, it can be much harder for them to attend appointments, go grocery shopping or stay connected with their community, which is key to mental wellbeing.

Ask your parents how they get into town these days and get them thinking about taking public transport, asking family and friends for a lift or joining local planned activity groups when it is safe to do so.

They no longer do the things they once loved

Are your parents keen to return to the Lions', bridge, bowls, craft or golf club? Have they caught up for coffee and cake with their closest friends? If not, consider whether COVID-19 is behind this or if something more worrying is going on. Getting out of the house might be a physical burden. Have a candid conversation with your parents and discuss how they can maintain social and community connections in a COVID-safe way.

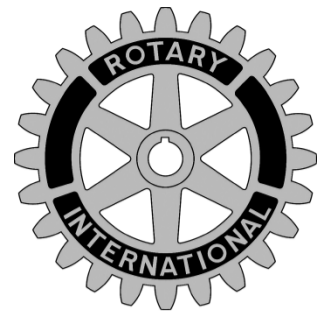
If you've noticed any of the above changes in your parents, it might be time to consider how to raise the issue with them and look at what help is available. If you have siblings, raise your concerns with them first. Swapping notes may help build a fuller picture of how your parents are coping.

The official guide to home help is the Australian Government website: www.myagedcare.gov.au

This provides useful information on how the government funds in-home care services. If you decide to proceed with some help for your parents, you will need register them there. Another option is to have a chat with someone who can give you some easy-to-understand advice.

Latrobe Community Health Service has been providing in-home care services for more than 20 years, and we know the aged care system inside-out. If you would like a general chat about options for you and your parents, give us a call on 1800 242 696 or request a call back or our website: care.lchs.com.au

Hazelwood Rotary Club



by Leo Billington
Over several years, Hazelwood Rotary has supported the Rotary Junior Community Award.

This program was initially trialled across four Bairnsdale schools in 1997 and carefully monitored before promoting it to other schools and Rotary Clubs. It became very obvious that the Award was achieving everything that was hoped for, and a great deal more by the end of the first year, and the Rotary Club of Mitchell River became, and still is, the major sponsor.

The program engages Year 6 students in four main areas of endeavour to be completed over a

school term – Community Service, Social Experience, Physical Recreation and Skill Development. The students with the aid of parents and teachers design a program they feel they can achieve and keep a diary of their progress.

Local schools – Yinnar South and more recently, Yinnar Primary - have involved their students in this wonderful program auspiced by Hazelwood Rotary.

Notwithstanding a challenging pandemic year, students from Yinnar Primary managed to successfully complete all four main areas of endeavour.

In an arrangement with Hazelwood Cemetery Trust,

one student volunteered to clean headstones as a community service. This student was applauded for his initiative and diligence to complete agreed tasks.

Mainly selecting headstones where stubborn, unsightly moss and lichen marks had existed for various decades, a cleaning regime over 10 weeks gave surfaces a clean appearance whereas they were quickly losing their appeal. Structural moss and algae leave hard surfaces with an unsightly green tinge. By holding moisture against the stone, granite or other material surfaces, lichens but more so moss, speed the wear of the surface.

For both Hazelwood Rotary and the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust, students completing the award program are dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship.

Latrobe Health Advocate

As we move into the new year it's important that we stay vigilant and remember the small things that keep us safe and ready for our COVID normal.

Practise good hygiene and regularly and thoroughly wash your hands.

Maintain physical distancing, keep at least 1.5 metres away from others.

Carry a face mask when you leave home

Wear a face mask when required.

If you feel unwell do not go to work. Get tested at a nearby testing location. Return home immediately and wait for your result.

The new year has also brought with it some local challenges. Over several months, people have shared with me their concerns around the ULAB project that is currently proposed for Hazelwood North. I can see the effect that this proposal is having on some members of the community and I want to acknowledge the feelings of distress and fear that people may be experiencing. People are aware that exposure to lead is harmful to human health and that there is no known safe level of lead exposure.

Understandably, local communities want to be informed about industrial developments that are

occurring and they want to know about potential health and environmental risks. They are seeking reassurance from government and industry that their health and wellbeing will be protected and that local and State Government decision making processes will have an appropriate degree of transparency.

I have written to the Minister for Health and provided my advice to government, including the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change. Details of my recommendations can be found in my public statement at: <https://www.lhadvocate.vic.gov.au/publication/public-statement-re-ulab-jan-2021/>

It is clear to me that local communities want to work towards a thriving economy



where jobs are created, and the region can prosper. They want to achieve this without compromising community health and wellbeing. I will continue to advocate for the communities' voice to be heard and for the system to effectively support the health and wellbeing of people in Latrobe.

Churchill / Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

Tips to help you stay well during hot weather

Drink plenty of water

One of the best ways to avoid heat-related illness is to drink plenty of water. It's important to keep drinking water even if you don't feel thirsty, because this can prevent you from becoming dehydrated.

Keep your body cool

Keeping as cool as possible can also help you prevent heat-related illness. Make sure you stay out of the sun. Drinking cold drinks and eating smaller, cold meals.

Keep your house cool

You can help keep your house cool by shutting curtains and blinds during the day. If you don't have air-conditioning, go to a cool place. Stay in the coolest room in the house and use the stove and oven as little as possible.

Take care of others

Visit or call elderly friends, neighbours or

relatives at least once a day. Check they have water in the fridge and encourage them to drink it.

Children also need to be reminded to drink water, children or animals should never be left alone in a car, even if the air-conditioner is on. Ensure animals have water and plenty of shade if they are outside.

Have a plan

Keep an eye on the weather forecast and know who to call if you need help. Ask your doctor if you have any health conditions that mean you are at greater risk of heat-related illness immediately on triple zero (000).

Stay safe in the sun

If you need to go outside in the sun, it's important to protect you and your children's skin. If you avoid sunburn, you reduce the risk of skin cancer, which is one of the most common cancer types in Australia.



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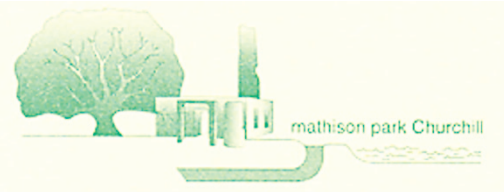


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Mathison Park clean up



With the help of the Churchill Fire Brigade we were able to have some working bees to burn our rubbish piles and clean up the park ready for all the summer visitors. A big thank you to the Churchill Brigade members who turned out to help us. They have provided some valuable advice to us.

The little bridges were replaced on the east side with large pipes under the

stones to help with drainage. The little team worked really well to complete the task on the day thanks to Reg's prior organisation. Another person removed weeds and grass growing around small trees in the same vicinity at the same time.

A new bird's nest swing has been installed following the disappearance of the original one. It has been well used.

Council has provided a truck and trailer load of new mulch which has been spread under the play equipment to ensure safety.

The Gippsland Interchange crew was back in January and helped with a clean-up of fallen branches. Fallen branches are a constant part of the park work and we appreciate the help of our friends from Gippsland Interchange.



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A message about Recycling at the Churchill Hub

New Things to Recycle at Churchill Hub: TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE TUBES & DENTAL FLOSS CONTAINERS!
 Look for the new bin outside the Neighbourhood Centre office



- PLUS ANY OF THESE ITEMS**
- CLEAN used aluminium foil
 - X-rays
 - Printer cartridges
 - Household batteries
 - Mobile phones and chargers
 - All small e-waste items

(Note: The Hub is no longer collecting old bras or P5 containers – thanks to all those who brought them in – sorry; we can longer recycle these items through our program)

“Don't forget you can recycle your “scrunchable plastics”, too – put them in the bin provided by Red-cycle outside Woolworths (near bottleshop entrance).”

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Friends of Morwell National Park

January Activity report

For the activity we had Cathy, Ken, Matt, Tamara, Rose, Wayne, Graeme, Beryl, Joelle, Gordon and Darren. We had an apology from Mike. For the activity we also had David and Anas along for the day. They had both travelled separately from the suburbs of Melbourne to look around the park and (hopefully) look at some sugar gliders.

The group was greeted by the sight of earth moving equipment in the car park. Graeme and Wayne had come with plans to replace the broken culvert just inside the Billys Creek entrance. The culvert has been broken and falling in for a period of time. They, along with Matt and Rose, worked on digging out the broken pipes and

replacing them with a new culvert and crushed rock. Big thanks goes to Graeme for organising all of this and providing the materials used.

This is an excellent long term solution to a problem which had been bad and getting worse over time.

Parks, as part of the bushfire recovery program, will make a comprehensive list of plants, animals and weeds found in the national park. Matt reported that the work upon the plant, weed and animal surveys and the resulting report continues. Parks has allocated somebody to work on this two days a week.

Parks has run another round of the Junior Ranger program with a night walk around Fosters Gully. A new snail species (the cannibal

snail) was located on this walk. This siting still needs to be confirmed.

Tamara had looked over the recent butterfly orchid survey and compared the results with previous years. The 2020 results of 59 plants with 19 in flower was slightly more than the 2019 results. 2020 was generally a good year of ground orchids with good growth and an abundance of orchids.

Sadly this was not reflected in the butterfly orchids.

The number of plants and the plant sizes has varied from year to year and has been independent of periods of drought. The butterfly orchid survey has now been done over the last 30 years. The 2020 figures are about 50% of the figures from a

decade ago and around 30% of the orchids from around the 2000s. Sadly over the years the number of butterfly orchids is clearly decreasing.

Since we had a healthy group size, Joelle decided to pull some weeds while the rest of the group started upon investigating the nesting boxes.

Throughout the day around the nesting boxes saw some interesting animals. The most interesting find was a large stick insect (Genus Tropicoderus) and another was a cowboy beetle which flew around the car park. Throughout the day many different mobs of kangaroos and some wallabies were also seen.

The survey started slowly with no sugar gliders found in the boxes closest to the car

park. After an hour of using the pole mounted camera to look inside each box, the camera stopped working, with what was being seen through the camera not showing on the screen. Cathy and Anas returned to the car park to collect the second camera. Fortunately we received the second camera in 2018, so now we could use it to continue the survey. With no sound available in this camera, it will make it harder to check the recordings.

The group continued around the boxes, noting a few that needed repairs or replacement (to be done at the next activity). With over twenty boxes to inspect, the main group was joined by Matt, Rose and Joelle for a lunchtime break. After lunch

the group finished examining the remaining boxes. Over the day the number of sugar gliders was less than the last few surveys. Fewer boxes were being used but in two of the boxes - three Agile Antechinus were found. Finding them in the boxes is less common, so they were a nice find.

February Activity

Sunday February 21, 10.00am

The group will meet in the Junction Road car park to complete some repairs to the nesting boxes and collect some seed for planting later in the year. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

Photos by Anas Halima and Ken Harris



Above - Chondropyga gulosa
Below - Tropicoderus



LATROBE STREETGAMES

1 - 28 Feb 2021

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	WED 3.30-4.30 Mid Valley Shopping Centre 5.30-6.30 Street Soccer Morwell Park, Vary Street	
THU 	3 Tips & Tricks (virtual) 3.30-4.30 Moe South St Primary School	5.30-6.30 Yallourn North Skatepark
	SUN 11-12 Callignee Hall (2nd & 4th Sunday from 14 Jan)	

Latrobe Youth Space will be attending the following events. Come along for some freebies and giveaways

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Looking Back... 200 DIGITAL ISSUES



Welcome back for another look at more memories found in past digital editions of Churchill & District News.

Issue 160 May 2017

Digital issue No 160 began with our very own ANZAC day remembrance service here at Churchill with a large attendance of the public. Don George, Vietnam veteran and Morwell RSL Vice President, was MC on the day.

Latrobe Dairy Farmers invited local farmers to an information and wellbeing day held at Yinnar. They would have access to information, talk with financial counsellors and other service providers, then relax and enjoy a coffee.

Mathison Park was in dire circumstances with a lack of helpers at working bees. More people were

needed on committee to help plan the ongoing development of the park.

Issue 163 August 2017

In August 2017, Lumen Christi celebrated in style its 40th Year Anniversary. More than 160 parishioners, former residents, school Principals, nuns, clergy and members of the Co-operating Churches crammed into Lumen Christi Parish Centre to help celebrate.

Churchill district resident Sheina Renton was involved as a member of Churchill Community Garden since its inception in 2014. Since then she has worked long and hard on development of the successful garden.

The fire brigade was telling us to clean up and get ready for summer. It wouldn't be long before the warmer weather would quickly dry the grasses and

trees.

Issue 166 November 2017

Historic Week celebrated at Yinnar Museum

Front page news for issue 166 in November 2017 tells of approximately 120 visitors who visited the Yinnar Museum during history week. They saw many displays of old artefacts, photos, clothing, farm goods and tools, to name but a few.

The winner of the 2017 Federation Business Awards for New Business was the Boolarra Community Hotel. The Boolarra Community Hotel has been described as one of the best new businesses in Gippsland with an innovative legal structure developed to underpin the business.

The Morwell Historical Society with Rob de Souza Daw and the Morwell RSL, worked together to unveil an

honour roll to the memory of those who enlisted in the Boer War from the former Morwell Shire, 115 years after the event.

Issue 169 March 2018

Issue Number 169 told stories of Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group that was busy preparing for another attack on rabbit numbers in the district with sessions on best practice in rabbit control.

The Friends of Morwell National Park report was sourced and edited from their earlier newsletters giving us both past information and updates on the current work being done at the park.

Issue 172 June 2018

Our issue No 172 in June 2018 described the monthly market at Yinnar hall as an awesome success. They estimated that over 650 persons came to visit. There

were 35 wonderful stall holders present.

There were 200 students who graduated recently from Federation University, many of them from local families.

Issue 175 September 2018

Issue number 175 advised us how we could recycle waste products.

Churchill Community gardeners have been collecting food scraps from businesses in Churchill. These scraps are then fed to the worm farm or added to the compost bays.

Residents can drop off used home-printer cartridges at the Hub which will be recycled.

The Quilt Show photography exhibition was launched this month. This year's theme was Animalia, anything and everything to do with animals, insects, bugs, butterflies and birds.

Issue 178 December 2018

Churchill Primary celebrated their 50th birthday in December 2018 with great photos in issue 178.

Hazelwood Cemetery is now 140 years old having been established to service the area encompassing Morwell, Yinnar and Hazelwood.

December saw the final worship service held at Yinnar Uniting Church. It was then to become an Opportunity Shop, a place where people can come for a bargain, find companionship, a listening ear, and feel welcome.

In April 2021 CDNews will celebrate the printing of our 200th electronic edition. If you have enjoyed this trip down memory lane, visit our website at cdnews.com.au to read a copy of any of these papers.



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Vale - Judy McKenzie



Judy was born in Oakleigh on September 4, 1942 and died on October 19, 2020.

After leaving school in 1956 she worked in a haberdashery, then joined the Public Service.

In 1963 she married Ian at St Albert's Church in Mulgrave, then in 1964 she and Ian moved to Moe to raise a family.

Adrienne and Robert were born whilst they were living in Moe and the family then moved to Churchill in 1967.

Their youngest child, Kathryn was born after their move to Churchill.

They were one of the first one hundred families to settle here.

Judy was always

interested in nature, so in 1975 the family moved to a rural property in Hazelwood South.

Judy fully embraced the move and soon populated the paddock with a donkey, two cows, two chickens, one sheep, two cats and a dog.

When her much loved grandchildren, Connor, Sophie and Liam came along, she loved nothing more than to see them exploring the natural world and coming in exhausted at the end of the day.

Judy was well known in art circles and enjoyed many disciplines including painting, printing, sewing, knitting and craft. She was not only very creative, but adventurous and fun-loving



too.

On a residential art school held at a camp on the Mitchell River, Judy allowed herself to be rowed across the river and come back on a flying fox – unfortunately she then had to be taken to Heyfield hospital for repairs!

As an avid reader, Judy organised the books for the Yinnar Book Group for many years, which in the early days meant picking up the heavy boxes of books from the railway station, distributing them to members, then after each meeting collecting the books and returning them to the Council of Adult Education.

This task became much easier in recent times as our local libraries have a lending scheme for groups, meaning books can

be returned locally, and individually if necessary.

The group always had supper afterwards, and we all looked forward to Judy's stories, often about adventures she had had while travelling on the train to Melbourne for medical treatment.

Judy was also very involved with the Morwell Brass Band where she took on many roles including Secretary and taking care of fundraising, where she often donated some of her art works.

She also organised a music camp and was "house mother" to participants.

Judy was always very community minded and played a significant role in the establishment of the Churchill Community Health Centre in 1974.

With three days to pull together a submission and over Easter, the group was successful and received funding – the first in the Latrobe Valley.

Judy worked as Assistant Administrator of the Health Centre but in 1985 had to retire from



full time work due to health problems.

Judy was also a former member of the Churchill Citizen's Association and contributor to the Churchill News.

Everyone who knew Judy knew how she loved to cook.

Her family remembers the delicious and varied meals she cooked for them, and to members of the book group, her suppers were legendary.

If you did Judy a favour, she would always want to repay you with a bottle of sauce or a jar of chutney, all homemade of course.

It was only natural therefore that Judy enjoyed being a member of the Morwell Gourmet Club,

a group of women who meet regularly at local restaurants to enjoy a meal together.

Despite her failing health, Judy made the brave decision to stay at Hazelwood South and was positive until the end.

Judy is remembered lovingly by her family and many friends as a person who was joyful, who made friends easily and always showed interest in other people, who was supportive and encouraging, was well informed, valued fairness, held progressive attitudes and made light of her circumstances.

She was known for her beautiful smile and will be sadly missed by many.

Grants available to preserve local history

Member for Morwell, Russell Northe is encouraging local historians and community groups across the Gippsland region to apply for a share in \$350,000 to preserve, record and share Victoria's rich history.

"The latest round of the Local History Grants Program is now open and accepting grant applications of up to \$15,000 per project, and this provides a great opportunity for local organisations and community groups to modernise, maintain and restore our rich local history" Mr Northe said.

"The previous round of the Local History Grants Program as managed by Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) saw 53 community groups across

Victoria share a variety of local history projects" Mr Northe continued.

Projects that may be eligible for funding include:

- Online projects that provide local history information or resources including exhibitions and websites
- The design and production of interpretation panels and signage for heritage sites and walks
- Cataloguing of objects and records
- The recording of oral histories
- The preparation of local history e-publications

"The Program supports the efforts of the many community groups and organisations that collect and preserve the materials and memories from

Victoria's past.

It aims to encourage collaboration and partnerships between volunteer groups to undertake projects (e.g. oral history, digitising, and interpretation) as well as to develop skills and resources to support community collections" Mr Northe said.

Community groups can apply for funding from today via the following website: <https://prov.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards/local-history-grants-program>

Applications close at midnight on Tuesday March 9, 2021.

If you would like more information about the program via the online information session, then you can register your interest on the PROV website.

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Hazelwood Rotary Club

Contact: Ray Beebe, Secretary 0408 178 201

MEETINGS:
Mondays 6.30pm - 8.00pm

MORWELL BOWLING CLUB

ALL WELCOME

The Four-Way Test is Rotary's code of ethical conduct –

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Churchill Fire Brigade – Fire Danger Period in Force



WARNING LEVELS

There are three different levels of warning:

Advice

Community information

Emergency warning



- You are in imminent danger and need to take action immediately. You will be impacted.

Warning (Watch and Act)



- An emergency is developing nearby.
- You need to take action now to protect yourself and others.



- An incident is occurring or has occurred in the area. Access information and monitor conditions.
- Can also be used as a notification that activity in the area has subsided and is no longer a danger to you.

Additional messages that may be issued are:

Prepare to evacuate /



- An evacuation is recommended or procedures are in place to evacuate.



- A newsletter containing updates for communities affected by an emergency.
- Can also be used as notification that an incident has occurred but there is no threat to community.

What to do if you hear a warning

- Stay calm. Stop what you are doing and pay attention.
- If you don't understand the warning, get someone to explain by asking neighbours or friends.
- Follow the advice of warnings immediately. People die or are put in danger because they don't respond right away.
- Keep in contact with family members. Make sure they know what is happening and what you plan to do.
- Stay informed. Keep listening for more information in case the situation changes.

The Fire Danger Period is when CFA restricts the use of fire in the community.

This is to help prevent fires from starting.

Despite the weather having cooled somewhat, and the welcome rain, the Fire Danger Period is still in force until May 1, 2021 unless lifted earlier.

During the fire danger period, there can be no burning off in the open air without a permit.

To understand more about what you can or

can't do, check out the CFA website: <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can>

Fire Danger Ratings Understanding Emergency Warnings

Warnings will be issued when an emergency is likely to impact you.

They provide you with information on what is happening and our best advice on what you should do.

Our aim is to provide you with as much information as

we can - to help you to make good decisions to protect yourself and your family.

The warning level is based on severity, conditions and the likelihood that the emergency could impact on the community, so the first warning issued could be an Emergency Warning - the highest level.

Do not rely on an official warning to leave. Emergencies can start quickly and threaten you within minutes.



Stay aware of the Fire Danger Rating and know what to do.

The Fire Danger Rating predicts how a fire would behave if one started, including how difficult it would be to put out. The higher the rating, the more dangerous the conditions. The rating is your trigger to act, so to stay safe you need to stay aware of the Fire Danger Rating in your district. During the Fire season, the Fire Danger Rating will feature in weather forecasts, be broadcast on radio and TV and appear in some newspapers. It can also be found on the of CFA and VicEmergency websites or by calling the VicEmergency Hotline **1800 226 226**

	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHAT SHOULD I DO?
CODE RED	These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire. Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions. The safest place to be is away from high risk bushfire areas.	Leaving high risk bushfire areas the night before or early in the day is your safest option – do not wait and see. Avoid forested areas, thick bush and long, dry grass. Know your trigger – make a decision about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – when you will leave – where you will go – how you will get there – when you will return – what you will do if you cannot leave
EXTREME	Expect extremely hot, dry and windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. Spot fires will start, move quickly and will come from many directions. Homes that are situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, that are well prepared and actively defended, may provide safety. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider staying with your property only if you are prepared to the highest level. This means your home needs to be situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, you are well prepared and you can actively defend your home if a fire starts. • If you are not prepared to the highest level, leaving high risk bushfire areas early in the day is your safest option. • Be aware of local conditions and get information by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or Sky News TV, going to cfa.vic.gov.au, emergency.vic.gov.au or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.
SEVERE	Expect hot, dry and possibly windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it may be uncontrollable. Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – check your bushfire survival plan. • If you are not prepared, leaving bushfire prone areas early in the day is your safest option. • Be aware of local conditions and get information by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or Sky News TV, going to cfa.vic.gov.au, emergency.vic.gov.au or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.
VERY HIGH	If a fire starts, it can most likely be controlled in these conditions and homes can provide safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check your bushfire survival plan.
HIGH	Be aware of how fires can start and minimise the risk. Controlled burning off may occur in these conditions if it is safe – check to see if permits apply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor conditions. • Action may be needed.
LOW-MODERATE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave if necessary.

SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL PRIMARY

A great start to 2021!

We've had a wonderful start to the new school year at Churchill Primary School. This year we've welcomed 30 new Foundation students and ten students in other year levels to our school and everyone has settled in well!

We also welcome two new teachers, Mrs Krystle Ing in Grade 3/4 and Miss Skye McDonald in PE and Science, as well as a fourth year student teacher intern, Miss Liana Robbie, to our

team of staff.

All classes have resumed with a sense of calm and everyone is happy to be once again learning face to face within the school environment.

Our lucky senior students (Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6) are enjoying the new learning spaces and classrooms in the new building that was officially completed on December 17 last year, and our office staff have also relocated and are enjoying

the new area.

School Captains

At the end of last year our Grade 5 students were given the opportunity to submit an application for the role of School Captain in 2021.

The application process consisted of a written application, an interview and having to give a speech to the senior school body. The positions were then voted on by their peers, with the results being considered

alongside their interviews. The following students were successful: Congratulations to our 2021 School Captains Sara Anderson and Xaiden Hudson. They will be assisted by our 2021 School Vice Captains Dakota Selzer and Kayla Stevenson.

The school leadership application process will continue over the coming weeks of Term 1 with the roles of House Captains and School Representative Council being eagerly sought

after by many students in our higher grades. Good luck to everyone who applies

A New building to celebrate the start to a new year!

As per the Victorian Government's election promises, Churchill Primary School now has a brand new building that has replaced the original Block A that had been built in 1968.

Our new building comprises four large classrooms and learning areas as well as new

administration offices, sick bay, staff room and student toilet block.

It has been so wonderful to start the new school year in a lovely new building with fantastic new facilities and state of the art equipment!

Our old playground was removed during the school holidays and this will be replaced with new equipment over the coming few months, which will conclude our school upgrades for a while.



Photo 1: 2021 CPS Foundation students
Photo 2: Miss Skye McDonald and Mrs Krystle Ing join the staffing team at CPS
Photo 3: 2021 CPS School Captains Sara Anderson and Xaiden Hudson along with Vice Captains Dakota Selzer and Kayla Stevenson are pictured at the new entrance to our new school building
Photos 4, 5, 6: Churchill Primary School's new building!



SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR SOUTH PRIMARY

Christmas Concert and Graduations

We finished the 2020 school year with a wonderful production of 'The Muppets Christmas Carol' with all students performing outstandingly. It was a fabulous turn out with parents and the local community supporting our production.

On the same evening we also said goodbye to our three Year 6 graduates, Max, Dan and Alexcis. It has been wonderful watching you grow and develop into the young adults you have all become.

For those who left us at

the end of the year we wish you all the best for 2021 and beyond.

School Leaders for 2021

We are excited to announce our school leaders for 2021. We have had students apply to the leadership program from a variety of different year levels and we are looking forward to seeing their leadership skills develop throughout the year.

We are excited to announce that the three members of the leadership team are Willow, Dylan and Indi. We are certain they will bring a variety of different points of view to the school

and cannot wait to see what they can achieve.

Solar Panels

In 2019 we worked extremely hard and were able to obtain a 5 star accreditation in sustainability from Resource Smart. We are extremely proud of this achievement and others in the community are noticing too. We were extremely lucky to have this achievement recognised by RACV Solar who made contact with the school and kindly offered to donate some solar panels to our school to assist us with our sustainability journey. Over the Christmas break our

solar panels and inverters have been installed and we can already see the improvements this is going to make to our electricity bills and also our environmental footprint.

All of us from the Yinnar South Primary School community would like to extend an enormous thank you to RACV Solar for their contribution to our school and for recognising all the hard work we undertook to get our 5 star accreditation.

Enrolling in Yinnar South Primary School

Yinnar South Primary School is currently taking enrolments for the 2021

school year.

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

We have highly trained teachers who develop outstanding activities for students that support all learning styles while reinforcing the Victorian Curriculum.

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

We believe in stage not age and work to extend and assist individual students where needed.

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

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

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

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

Please contact Nikki Davies on (03) 5169 1540 or 0418 804 599 to arrange another time or to discuss your child's enrolment.



Left - Making our own volcanoes in the Junior class
Right - We're going on a Number Hunt, we're going to catch a big one



We wish to apologise for the error in December's copy of Churchill & District News. The correct photos are displayed below.

SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

Christmas is a time of receiving, but at Lumen Christi, it's also a time of giving. The children recently raised funds to buy gifts to support the local St Vinnies Society of Churchill. The children dressed in Bethlehem style clothing to reflect on the season of Advent. The children then donated a gold coin to go towards purchasing a class gift. Ava from Year 5 said, "I wanted to bring \$10.00 so we could buy a really good gift". Some classes purchased lego, games and puzzles. Izzy from Year 2 said, "I donated 10 dollars too because I like to help

other children who don't get much". The gifts were distributed at Christmas time, along with blue bags put together by the members of the St Vincent De Paul Conference of Churchill. The bags were filled with food for local families in need. Mrs Campbell from the St Vincent De Paul Conference of Churchill said, "Every year the school contributes something and this year the toys will definitely add some Christmas cheer to many families".

The end of year was certainly a celebration at Lumen Christi with parents finally back on school

grounds attending an outdoor Nativity play. Children from Foundation and Year 1 reenacted the Christmas story. The following day, the whole school again gathered outdoors to sing Christmas carols and rejoice surviving a challenging year.

A special farewell was also given to staff, particularly, Noreen Webster who has been a staff member at the school for 25 years. Mrs Webster stated, 'Lumen Christi has given me security, love and support to both me and my family over the past 25 years. It's part of me'.



Churchill Bowls*"Connecting Your Community"*

The Churchill Bowls Club has been a successful recipient of a Latrobe City Council 2020 Minor Capital Works Grant, to the value of \$6000 to remove the grassed area around the perimeter of our synthetic bowls green. The money will fund our project of replacing this grassed verge with concrete paving. The project will have a number of positive benefits such as, freeing up financial and human resources which can be redirected more efficiently and effectively into other areas.

The club thanks Latrobe City Council and Councillor Darrell White for their foresight, generosity and assistance in awarding our club the funding to undertake this important project.

After being in lock down for a large part of 2020 due to the strict COVID 19 restrictions, the rules were relaxed slightly later in the year allowing us to conduct our club Singles and Pairs championship events which were completed prior to Christmas.

The Women's Singles was won by S. Turner who played M. Newton in the final and went on to win an entertaining match. The Men's Singles winner was W. Brown who played C.

Thomas in the final and went on to win a nail biter to get up by one shot. Woman's Pairs winners were M. Newton, S. Turner and runners up G. Turpin and D. Thomas. Men's pairs winners were C. Thomas and S. Jones with runners up P. Dodds and B. McLure.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Our 2020/21 Pennant season also got under way in November with our club now elevated to Division 5 after winning the 2020 Division 6 Grand Final. We expect tougher competition this year as we enter a higher division, however we are confident with the experience and knowledge gained over the past few years, that our players will rise to the occasion.

The club has recruited well this season, picking up some talented new acquisitions, these players are already showing great promise as they represent the Churchill Bowls Club in our Division 5 and Division 6 Pennant teams.

The Churchill Bowls Club entered a team in the West Gippsland Bowls Divisions State Fours competition in January, winning their way through to the final against the Morwell Bowls Club. In a real thriller,

Churchill got up on the last end to win by one shot. This was a great win for our club and for Churchill. The club will now go on and play the winner from South Gippsland later in the year.

The 2020 Churchill Bowls Club Singles winner W. Brown represented the Churchill Bowls Club in the West Gippsland Champion of Champions Singles event held at Traralgon, however his opponent A. Grubb from Newborough was too good on the day winning a close match 25 to 22.

The club will be running its popular Winter triples events again this year commencing in April and running through to September, under the auspices of M. Newton. This has become a popular event and attracts teams from across the Gippsland area.

Our popular Thursday night indoor bowls commenced on February 4 and is open to the general public. If you're looking for some social interaction and a fun night out, come along and be part of the action. To enable games to get underway by 7.15pm it is requested participants be there by 7pm. The night generally concludes around 9.30pm. Cost for the night is \$5 with a light supper served



The winning team - Players names from left to right - H. Kennedy, B. Brown, V. Hargreaves and C. Thomas

with tea or coffee.

Anyone interested in joining the Churchill Bowls Club can contact W. Brown

on 5122 1860 or email churchillbowls@hotmail.com Membership packages consist of Full Membership

\$120.00, Social Membership \$50.00, Carpet Bowls Membership \$25.00

Braves strong with change coming

On Monday January 25, the Churchill Baseball Club held its Annual General Meeting.

The Braves look forward to hitting the ground running in 2021 after an interrupted 2020 campaign.

To close the meeting, the committee decided to put forward a motion on whether to replace the Native American imagery from their current logo.

The motion will be voted on at their next AGM following the 2021 season. This gives ample time for the Braves to come to a major decision that isn't being taken lightly.

Other changes from the AGM see Gregg Duncan stepping back into the Vice President position, which allows for Sam Gillett to take on the Presidency this season. Georgia Larkin will remain as Secretary.

There are also new faces around the committee of the club as Hayden Jarrett enters for the first time and Renae Steer steps up into some official positions.



Brad Jones will remain A Grade coach and Gary Larkin will take back control of the B Grade.

The C Grade will be co-coached by Sam Gillett and Renae Steer.

The C Grade squad will see an influx of talented juniors from the 2019 Under 16 premiership side, and the selection of their winning coach to take the reins of this squad should help with the transition into senior baseball for the first time. Renae Steer will also step up to co-coach in the role and gain experience. She is the first woman appointed to coach a senior side in the Latrobe Valley Baseball Association.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Saturday 30/11/20. Final Round C'ships - Stroke-Monthly Medal- Star Medal. Day Winners - A Grade - M. Brereton (10) 81 71. B Grade - M. Allen (23) 95 72. C Grade - D. Barrett (27) 99 72. Scratch Winner - M. Brereton 81. Championships Winners - A Grade - R. Scurlock 220. B. Grade - G. Spowart 221. C Grade - W. Sutton 224. Scratch Champion - R. Scurlock 244.

Star Medal - G. Beyer 72. DTL - G. Beyer 72, A. Quinn 73, R. Madigan 74, I. Heppelstone 74, T. Lio 74, G. Spowart 75, C. Cumming 76, C/B. NTP - 3rd R. Madigan, 5th D. Caldwell, 12th G. Beyer, 14th G. Beyer. Putts - B. Cleland 24. Birdies - 3rd M. Hutchinson, 12th G. Beyer.

Tuesday 1/12/20. Stroke - Monthly Medal. Winner - V.

Reid (35) 66 Net. Scratch Winner - M. Dear (16) 97 Gross. DTL - L. Brent (26), 73. NTP - 3rd J. Blizzard, 5th M. Dear, 12th M. Mc Conville, 14th S. Caldwell.

Saturday 12/12/20. Christmas Breakup 4 Person Ambrose - Winners - M. Lugton - D. Byers - B. Skinner - E. Lugton - 53.9. Runners Up - Magoo - Marks - M. Bianconi - B. Barnes 54.9. DTL - C. Thompson - K. Hogan - J. Barnes - R. Zomer 55.4. NTP - 3rd J. Sanders - 12th L. Brent - G. Beyer - 14th M. Dear.

Tuesday 15/12/20 Stableford. Winner - S. Turner 41 Pts. DTL - M. Dear 39 Pts C/B. DTL - L. Brent (26) 73. NTP - 3rd S. Turner, 5th M. Dear, 12th M. Dear, 14th M. Dear. Birdies - 5th L. Brent.

Saturday 9/1/21 Par. A Grade - D. Byers (16) +5. B Grade - M. Allen (20) +6. C Grade - S. Turner (25) +3. D Grade - R. Davidson (30) +4. DTL - M. Bianconi +3, V. Monument +1, G. Walsh Sq, B. Barnes Sq, R. Madigan Sq. NTP - 3rd R. Schurlock, 5th M. Soppe, 12th W. Forsyth, 14th P. Smart. Birdies - 3rd. B. Cleland, 12th W. Forsyth, J. Murdoch 14th, P. Smart.

Tuesday 12/1/21. Monthly Medal. Scratch Winner - S. Turner 96. Medal Winner - S. Turner C/B (24) 72. DTL - C. Barnes 72. Putts - V. Reid 28. NTP - 3rd M. Dear, 5th M. Dear, 12th S. Turner, 14th S. Turner.

Saturday 16/1/21. Ambrose President/Captain Day. Winners - R. Scurlock, P. Smart, R. Madigan, V. Verheyen 55.4. Runners Up

- J. Sanders, T. Sterrick, D. Byers, M. Bianconi 56.4.

Winner President Team 60. DTL - P. Bolding, S. Sanders, R. Sands, T.O'Reilly 56.9, A. Quinn, T. Lio, F. Kieghran, B. Peters 57.1, I. Heppelston, B. Cleland, D. Randell, J. Barrett 57.2, R. Zomer, B. Mangan, M. Hutchinson, V. Reid. 57.4, A. Auld, P. Chapple, T. Collins, B. Kilday 59.75. NTP - 3rd P. Chapple, 5th S. Sanders, 12th H. Martin, 14th D. Taylor. Birdies - 3rd. B. Cleland, 12th W. Forsyth + J. Murdoch, 14th P. Smart.

Tuesday 19/1/21 Stableford. A Grade Winner - L. Brent (25) 33. B Grade Winner - B. Beebe (34) 35. DTL - J. Blizzard (34) 35 - V. Reid (30) 32. NTP - 3rd M. Mc Quillen, 5th E. D'Alterio, 12th J. Blizzard, 14th V. Reid.

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Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: *Grevillea barklyana*.

Family: Proteaceae.

Derivation:

Grevillea barklyana: Named after Charles Francis Greville (1749-1809), a founder of the Royal Horticultural Society and who introduced and grew rare plants at Paddington, London.

barklyana: Named after Henry Barkly (1815-1898), Governor of Victoria from 1856 to 1863.

Name: *Gully Grevillea*.

Distribution: Endemic

to Victoria, confined to several small populations along the tributaries of the upper Bunyip River, north of Labertouche, West Gippsland.

Description: A large shrub/small tree to 10m tall, with large, flat leaves to 27cm long and 12cm wide, glabrous (hairless) green above and whitish underneath with short, curly hairs. The leaves may be entire or with up to seven triangular lobes, mainly on juvenile foliage. Flowers occur in spring, in one-sided, toothbrush-like racemes to

10cm long, and are pale pink with darker pink styles.

Opinion: Colin Jackson gave me this plant in February 2018 as a cutting from his large specimen in his Jeeralang Junction garden. I subsequently planted it in my northern bed, in plenty of shade underneath established banksias, hakeas and white cedars, though in an open area beneath the other plants. I took great care to make sure it obtained plenty of moisture, ridiculous though that sounds in 40 inch annual rainfall Boolarra, as

it can get quite dry here in summer and autumn most years and the species comes from an area that receives more rain than Boolarra most of the time. The plant has not needed extra water since autumn 2019, the local rainfall has taken care of it since then. It is now about 60cm tall, with three main leaders and is slowly but surely putting on new growth. I'm hoping for more flowers sooner rather than later.

I was very surprised to find the unusual flower in late October 2018, as it is

not the normal, horizontal, one-sided, pink toothbrush that you would expect to see on this species, but a paler version arranged all the way around the vertical terminal shoot. I don't know whether this is just the result of a confused, cutting-grown plant or maybe Colin's plant is not the true species, but of hybrid origin that is reportedly prevalent throughout the nursery industry (over to you, Col). I hope it is the true species, as the wild population is in danger from climate change and poor management

practices resulting in ignorant vandalism.

Sources: Sharr - WA Plant Names and their Meanings.

Elliot & Jones - Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 5.

Olde & Marriott - The *Grevillea* Book, Volume 2.

Costermans - Native Trees and Shrubs of South-eastern Australia.

For more information on the Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group, please contact Mike on 0447 452 755.



There is hope

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The Drinking Behaviour

By Sharon Anderson
Psychologist and hypnotherapist

Families exposed to the unpleasant and sometimes aggressive behaviour of a loved one after they have been drinking heavily, find it difficult to decide if their loved one is, in fact, an alcoholic. This is made more difficult, when, in many cases, the drinker is in denial. They can be very convincing and often have good reasons to blame everyone or everything for their drinking behaviour. The diagnosis is

not important. The bottom line is that the drinking behaviour and subsequent difficulties are causing you to feel distressed and are affecting your life.

A much respected colleague who taught me much about A.A. claimed that it is not how much or how often the person drinks, but rather, the effect that drinking has on his/her life, that is the indicator of alcoholism. If alcohol has affected that person's livelihood, relationships, health or legal status then it is a significant problem. But it is not just the problem of the alcoholic. It is the disease that affects every family member and every

friendship/relationship.

The wonderful thing about AI-Anon is that working the program enables family members and friends to find ways of disconnecting emotionally from the problem, allowing the alcoholic to find ways of managing the disease themselves. This also enables the family and friends to focus on their own lives and health and to recover from the often destruction of living with alcoholism.

As a professional I find that the principles of the AI-Anon program (and A.A. program) help my clients cope with many dilemmas and emotional distress in their lives.



A single ember can spread bushfires as far as 30km.

Burning embers from bushfires can travel up to 30km, starting new fires in seconds, destroying homes and making escape impossible. If the Fire Danger Rating is ever extreme or above, don't hesitate. Leave early.

How well do you know fire?

Plan. Act. Survive. Go to emergency.vic.gov.au



Churchill

Citizen of the Year Darrell White OAM



Darrell can be called 'one of the locals' – growing up on a dairy farm at Hazelwood, attending Hazelwood Estate State School, then Yallourn Technical School. He began his working life, like many others in the Valley, with the SEC as an Administration Clerk. He went on to work at L M Ericssons in Morwell as Office Manager and a Personnel/Training Officer for 12 years and then Manager of the Morwell Community Health Centre for 16 years.

Darrell had to ride a push bike from the farm to work at the SEC in Morwell until he saved enough money for a car!

Darrell has been contributing to the Churchill and district community since 1966 when he and wife Diane were one of the early residents in the emerging town of Churchill. Their children, Jeffrey, Sussan and Rodney soon arrived and the family became involved in school and sporting activities and joined with other families in setting up these activities.

Darrell has always considered that participation in sport is a great way for connecting the youth of the town and Darrell and Diane fully supported their children in their tennis, football and basketball activities. Like other young families in Churchill, it was a very busy time with training and competition games for three children.

Darrell began his volunteering in sporting administration as President of the Morwell Tennis Club for nine years where he received Life Membership. On moving to Churchill, Darrell volunteered at the Churchill Tennis Club and became President for 12 years. A feature of this time was the New Year Tennis Tournament with Darrell as Tournament Director and entries were received from all over Gippsland and some from Melbourne. Darrell received a Life Membership at the Club.

With the boys playing football, Darrell volunteered at the Churchill Football Netball Club and took on a leadership role as President on ten occasions between 1988 and 2000, and received a Life Membership.

Darrell was host on local Radio Station 104.7FM of the Saturday morning Churchill Football Netball Sports Program for over 20 years bringing news about the Football Netball Club during winter months and the local cricket club in the summer.

Darrell continued a White family association with local government when he was elected a Councillor of the Shire of Morwell in 1981. Darrell's Grandfather David was elected to represent the Hazelwood Riding of the Shire of Morwell Council in 1919 and continued to serve until his death in January 1956. Darrell's father Keith, was elected a Councillor at the subsequent By-Election and was a Councillor for 20 years.

Following the amalgamation of Latrobe Valley Councils in 1994, Darrell continued as a Councillor from the first election in 1997 to 2020. Darrell was Mayor on four occasions – the inaugural Mayor of Latrobe Shire in 1997/98 and then Mayor of Latrobe City (status changed to City in 2000) in 2004, 2011 and 2018.

Darrell is a man of integrity with a passion and dedication to serve the community and to deliver outcomes to improve the quality of life and services for all residents. He has always been willing to listen to the concerns and grievances of ratepayers and pursue solutions to their satisfaction.

With tenacity he has persisted at the Council table for the allocation of funds and government grants for the upgrade of infrastructure and facilities at Churchill. These include the revamped Town Centre, the Churchill Hub, the refurbished Churchill Leisure Centre and the Regional Synthetic Hockey Field and Pavilion. Darrell has always seen the importance of the ongoing relationship with Federation University and previously Monash University, which has resulted in a financial partnership in the development of some of these facilities. Darrell has also provided support to the Mathison Park Committee and the operations of the Churchill Hub.

Darrell's experience at a local administrative level led him to become involved in the Latrobe Valley and Gippsland level of these sports.

In 2006 Darrell received Tennis Victoria's Highly Commended Service Award in recognition of his involvement in tennis administration, coaching and playing over 50 years. This recognised his role at the Morwell and Churchill Tennis Clubs, as President of the over-arching Latrobe Valley Tennis Association for 14 years with a Life Membership, as well as President of the Central Gippsland Region of Tennis Victoria on 14 occasions.

The highlight of Darrell's tennis playing days was when he was part of a Latrobe Valley 'A' Grade Country Week Champions team which consecutively won on seven occasions from 1964 to 1970 – the team consisted of Darrell, Murray French, Dick Wilson, and Mike Andrijczak, Robert Goldie, Paul Bruce in different years.

Darrell has had a long involvement with the Gippsland Academy of Sport and was the inaugural Chairman in 1997 to 2012 – 16 years. Darrell is a member of the Board and the Darrell White Special Achievement Award is presented annually to a Gippsland Athlete involved in an Academy program in recognition of their high achievement in a team orientated sport.

In December last year, Darrell was inducted into the Gippstar Hall of Fame in recognition of his outstanding contribution over many years to the development of the Gippsland Academy of Sport.

Darrell's other involvements have been as President of the Churchill Jaycees, President of the Morwell & District Y.M.C.A., Chairman of the re-opening and operation of PowerWorks, Wirilda Environment Park Committee, the community health and welfare sector, and Latrobe Valley and Gippsland tourism.

In the Australia Day 2018 Honours List Darrell was awarded the Order of Australia Medal OAM for service to Local Government in Victoria, and to sport. This award recognised Darrell's significant contribution to the community as a Latrobe City Councillor and to the various organisations in which he has participated over many years. Darrell served as a Councillor representing the

Churchill and district community for 32 years.

Darrell's participation in these many community organisations and his role as a Councillor would not have been possible without the support and understanding of his wife, Diane, and children Jeffrey, Sussan and Rodney. Diane also actively volunteered in local community groups, including the Churchill Tennis Club and Churchill Football Netball Club.

In response Darrell thanked the Lions Club of Churchill for their fantastic work for the day and for the many other occasions in which they are involved and serve the community. Darrell said he thought of himself as a Latrobe Valley person and a representative for the whole council area. He has enjoyed carrying on the family tradition of serving to ensure community development and support going forward so the area could grow and have jobs diversity and employment. He thanked his family and the community saying he had considered it an honour and a privilege to serve. On finishing Darrell had a message to the young people present- be positive and don't wait, act now and be pleased to give back to our wonderful community.

Hazelwood North Primary School



Kydan Makepeace

Kydan attends Hazelwood North Primary School and has been nominated by his school for the Churchill Lions Club Australian Day Citizen award for 2020. He is described as a very friendly and caring young man who is always eager to help out and assist students and teachers and this synopsis provided by his school teachers Kelly Alexander and Dale Simmons, is a summary of his attitude and achievements over the past 12 months and more.

Over his primary school years, Kydan has demonstrated great maturity and responsibility. He has taken a particular interest in maintaining our school gardens and general infrastructure.

Kydan has also used his initiative to organise rosters for sports shed monitors and icy pole sales, as well as tidying computer trolleys and stationary cupboards when the need has arisen. When he notices an issue, he is the first to volunteer his time to address it.

In the classroom Kydan is always responsible and helpful, assisting others who may be having difficulty with learning tasks, and also ensures that no one is left out in groups situations. Kydan leads by example and always embodies our school's core values of responsibility, resilience, challenge, curiosity and collaboration.

In the playground, when not assisting

with maintenance tasks, you will often find Kydan leading activities for younger students, such as the Ninja Warrior course he created with a couple of his classmates this year. Kydan is always supportive and encouraging to others, and has been a great mentor for some future leaders of our school.

In recognition of his leadership capacity, Kydan was elected as one of our Student Voice leaders for 2020. Due to going in and out of Remote Learning over the course of the year, the Student Voice group was not able to be run as planned, but Kydan took this in his stride and made the most of the situation.

Along with other school leaders, Kydan organised whole school activities for events such as Fun Day Friday and NAIDOC Week, which were well-received by the students and teachers at school.

Overall, Kydan has shown great citizenship in his time at Hazelwood North Primary School. The leadership and collaboration skills he has developed will stand him in good stead as he moves into secondary school.

Kydan has grown up doing gymnastics from three years of age and competed for Energetic Gymnastics in Traralgon up until March last year before moving to Reach Gymnastics in Pakenham in order to further pursue his training and competition opportunities through this Melbourne based Club.

Kydan represented Energetic Gymnastics at numerous competitions including local club championships, regional championships, state qualification events and Victorian Championships Finals. Through being a member at Energetic Gymnastics he also gained experience in team performances and competitions such as the Energetic Spectacular and the Victorian Team Gym Championships.

In recent years he was selected for the Gippsland Sports Academy Gymnastics Program.

As a member of this regional squad he attended additional gymnastics training sessions and extracurricular sports science and nutrition workshops with high performance coaches and athletes. During these sessions Kydan was very responsive to physical testing which included strength, conditioning and flexibility activities. He also demonstrated an ability to adapt to a different training environment and respond to feedback from a team of coaches as well as his personal coach.

Kydan has held the leadership role of Squad Captain at Energetic Gymnastics. He has also been the recipient of the Gymnast of the Year Award.

Through gymnastics Kydan has developed his goal setting and leadership skills. He works steadily and consistently to overcome challenges and achieve his goals. Kydan maintains a positive and can-do attitude which influences others around him in a positive way.

Kydan has been awarded a Gymnastics Scholarship at St Paul's Anglican Grammar School going into Year 7 this year.

This young man never seems to stop – He was recently awarded the Billington Rotary Family Leadership Civic and Citizen award.

At home he helps with house work for Mum and Dad without prompting – mowing as required three acres of grass.

He also competes in Little Athletics for Moe and plays football for Tedas Under 12 team, and his team won the Under 10 and Under 12 Grand Final.

Kydan thanked his family and school.

AUSTRALIA DAY 2021

Churchill

Lumen Christi Primary School



Cooper James Gray

Born at Traralgon on January 20, 2009.

This young man currently attends Lumen Christi Primary School and was nominated by the Principal Mr. Cooper and teaching staff as Australia Day Citizen.

He was named after the Cooper Mini Car and his middle name of James was derived from the Lead Singer of the Band - Metallica.

He has grown into an intelligent young man - last year he was elected as School Captain which was his ultimate goal, recording a landside vote which resulted in his photo being published in the local paper on Remembrance and Armistice Day as well as for representing Churchill Under 13 baseball team.

All his family respect service men. His Grandpa and Dad are his main heroes.

He will not tolerate bullying in any form. He also supports the underdog and will not back off when he believes he is right.

Cooper has battled issues during his life such as Autism, but nothing seems to stop him. He is his own man who has structures in place.

He loves fishing and sport and is helpful at home.

He was awarded the Russell Northe School Award for his efforts.

Cooper thanked those responsible.

Churchill North Primary School



Dominic William Hart

Prior to commencing school, he attended Kinder at Glendonald Kinder and then attended Churchill North Primary School to Grade 6.

He is described as shy, polite and conscious of other students at his school, and exhibited concern and compassion for anyone who had no lunch to eat at school. Dominic frequently shared his own lunch with other students who had no lunch at all or were in need of breakfast before school. He would pack extra lunch for students who had none.

He had no problems helping when he could and always tried to do what he could.

Mum also states that when he first arrived at Churchill North, he was very anxious but now loves it. He has developed into a loving kid with a great heart and his teachers helped him to show his true colours. He takes care of his mother's needs when he can.

Teacher Mr. Rogers from Churchill North says that Dominic is an awesome person.

He loves music and plays a guitar and now wants to learn drums at Kurnai High School.

Until recently he was terrified of water and swimming, now he loves the water and has swimming lessons. He is no longer a stand-offish shy boy. He is maturing very quickly after becoming aware of how teachers see him developing for the future.

Dominic is now developing further his creative side and moving into learning to follow instructions with great success. He now has quite a few Leggo kits which he completes with pride.

His school reports indicate that in term three and four Dominic continued his hard work and outstanding behaviours in the classroom. He also showed great responsibility within his leadership role as the School's Bus monitor and would always remind his teacher that the job needed to be done.

It was really pleasing to see Dominic come out of his shell with his peers through the second half of the year and further showed a strong understanding of character strengths and what strengths make an individual resilient. Initially he asked for help first but now looks first for ways to resolve challenges independently before seeking help.

These reports and comments clearly show his progress and development from a shy boy to a young confident man. It is now clear that he is understanding a direction he needs to develop to further enhance his education and personal persona for the future.

Dominic thanked his family and the school.

Cricket Club.

This young man is not backward in seeking support for anything that he chooses to become involved in. The reason that Churchill Primary School has nominated Hudson Berechree for the Australia Day award is because he is viewed as an all-round superstar. He was school Vice Captain in 2020, displayed excellent leadership skills, and upheld his duties throughout the remote learning periods as well, where he frequently recorded messages for online assemblies. Hudson has a huge interest in politics very rare in a child of his age.

In the classroom and yard, Hudson is an excellent role-model. He is polite, caring and friendly and is inclusive of everybody. He follows the school values at all times, whether he is at school or in the community and he consistently display good manners.

He stands up for what is right and will let an adult know if something is happening that should not be.

Because of these attributes, Hudson is well-respected by other students, teachers and members of the community and he has developed a sense of community in the classroom with his inclusiveness and acceptance of everyone. Hudson promotes school pride in the community.

Not only is Hudson a respectful and polite student, but he is an excellent learner. The effort that he puts into his work is always at a high standard and he challenges himself and strives to improve; this is evident not only in his work, but in everything that he does.

Hudson would like to be the youngest ever Prime Minister.

He is resilient. His home studies in 2020 were all completed and he then sought extra studies to complete. He also loved dressing up as Easter Bunny and distributing Easter Eggs to staff at Latrobe Regional Hospital. He also dresses up as Elvis Presley to cheer patients up.

As Hudson gets older and matures it is becoming more apparent what a wonderful, caring thoughtful, and generous person he is becoming.

Hudson thanked his school and his family.

Churchill Primary School



Hudson Berechree

Hudson is a young sportsman having played football with the Cougars Footy Team and cricket for Cobras, the Churchill Junior



Churchill Australia Day First Aiders



Churchill Australia Day Flagraisers, Churchill Scout Group



AUSTRALIA DAY 2021

Boolarra

By Colin Brick, OA
Boolarra Community Development Group

Australia Day 2021: The big wet!

After a topsy-turvy COVID inspired 2020, it continued on into 2021 with a 40 degree day followed by steady rain on Australia Day morning. In over fifteen years of running the Australia Day breakfasts, this is the first day we have had rain, so we can't really complain. A last-minute decision was made to relocate to the Boolarra Memorial Hall, due to the rain. Our thanks to the hall committee, who always ensure the hall is on standby for use if needed, and allow the use of their foldup tables even when the event is staged in the park.

At 8.30, with steady rain continuing, the cooking only just starting, and no one but volunteers there, I was thinking we were going to have a very subdued and bedraggled celebration. However the people started turning up and by 9am we had a very respectable turn-out and we finished up with around 140 people turning out to enjoy the perfect weather, an egg and bacon sandwich and a chance to have a chin wag with friends they don't run into often. It was great to meet a number of the new residents to town in such a relaxed atmosphere. Everyone was very upbeat about the weather, as good rainfall at this time of year is always appreciated, and I think people were happy to be past the sweltering conditions of the day before.

Due to the conditions, we didn't have the normal kids games, although a few of the younger ones were fascinated by the cascade of water from the guttering onto the hall verandah, which kept them entertained for quite a while. As the weather cleared slightly, Garryelle Rose had the excellent idea of organising a lolly-hunt for the children, and that worked a treat. The older crowd members were kept on their toes by Australiana Trivia questions. The volunteers on the BBQ started at 7.30 to ensure the hungry masses were very well catered for, with some on the fly decisions to relocate, and how and where to set up. A special thanks to the Rotary Club of Traralgon, who provided some financial support and also the help of five volunteers; they were greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the footy club, especially Russell and Jackie McGlade, for providing the BBQ. Well done also to Chris Wareham for bringing the Koffee Kart along and providing free coffees to the masses.

A big thank you also to the staff at Latrobe City, especially Wendy Hrynyszyn, for their assistance in working through the approvals maze to stage the event in a COVID-compliant manner. A number of Australia Day events in Latrobe Valley were unable to proceed this year because of the additional regulations, and Wendy did a mighty job in assisting us, and other towns, through the hoops, and Latrobe City also supplied a range of extra signage, registration forms and even a cleaner for the day.

Boolarra Community Awards are nominated by people in the community who like to take the opportunity to recognise the efforts of people who have in their own individual way worked for the benefit of the community. Last year was a very unusual year as we all know, and very many of our normal activities were curtailed by the COVID related restrictions. This was reflected in the fact that instead of our normal eight to ten community award nominations, we only had



Sindy Van Eede

one this year.

Sindy Van Eede was nominated for her efforts, and as a reflection on the efforts of the whole committee of the Strzelecki Community Alliance, in raising public awareness of their concerns about the potential impacts of the proposed Delburn Wind Farm. This has been a divisive issue in the wider local community, and the Boolarra Community Development Group maintains a neutral stance on the issue. However, we recognise it is important that there are groups able to articulate their concerns on both sides of the argument, and able and willing to coordinate the activities of their supporters, and we appreciate the efforts of Sindy and other concerned community members.

Finally, I'm pleased to advise that assisted by the sterling efforts of Neil Cartwright and Dee Stephenson, we were able to provide a rousing delivery of the Australian National Anthem, even incorporating the new word, to close the day.



Australia Day Churchill - Darrell White and his family join in the celebrations



AUSTRALIA DAY 2021

Yinnar



Melissa Ferguson, Jessica Hoghton, Glenys Webster, Merrin (and Maple) and Matt Dennis, Russell Northe.



Yinnar Primary School leaders – Cooper Walsh, Zara Rogalsky, Levi Flake and Cooper Welsh

Yinnar and District Australia Day

After 18 years of celebrating Australia Day in Centenary Park, the heavens opened up this year forcing an early opening of our Memorial Hall. A big thank you to the Hall committee. The rest of the event went ahead without a hitch with just over 100 people attending.

The Yinnar & District Lions Club once again provided a great free breakfast with the Historical Society providing tea and coffee.

Jay and Patrick McGown kept the crowd

entertained with their singing.

The flag was raised by Cub leader Jess Cook, Cub Rory Brown and Scout Timika Bruce. This was followed by the four Yinnar Primary School leaders – Cooper Walsh, Zara Rogalsky, Levi Flake and Cooper Welsh, who delivered the message “What is Australia Day?”

Our distinguished guests Russell Northe MLA and Councillor Melissa Ferguson addressed the crowd and then assisted in the presentations of awards.

The Citizen of the Year was awarded to

Glenys Webster for her outstanding work in obtaining funding and initiating the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall. Glenys also started the Health and Wellness classes in the Hall which are well attended every week. Both these projects have made a major impact on the community.

The Young Citizen of the Year was awarded to Jessica Hoghton for her leadership skills, sporting skills and academic achievement. As well as captaining basketball and netball teams, Jessica has recently been elected Captain of Kurnai

College University Campus.

The final presentation was a special Community Service Award presented to Matt and Merrin Dennis from the Yinnar General Store. The award acknowledged their outstanding work during COVID in assisting those in our community who were struggling, by providing care packages which Matt then delivered. They also provided a free food swap and book exchange at the store.

Another great Australia Day event albeit under “unprecedented” circumstances.

Latrobe City Council

Latrobe City Council Awards Citizen of The Year



Richard (Rick) Teychenne

Rick is the President of the Boolarra Folk Festival Committee and leads his team with courtesy, respect and professionalism. Even during the Yinnar South Bushfire of 2019, he was calm, resourceful and led the committee with an understanding way and with a focus on safety.

He contributes hundreds of hours to the preparation of the Boolarra Folk Festival.

Rick was instrumental in organising and conducting the Ten Year Anniversary event of the Black Saturday and Delburn fires, despite losing his own family’s property in the 2009 fires.

Rick supports many locals who have lost their homes to fire, including people affected by the 2019 Yinnar South fires. His wealth of knowledge and experience has come from tragic events, but he willingly assists all people where he can.

Recognition Awards.
Latrobe City Australia Day Recognition Award
Young Citizen of the Year

Megan Cannon

Megan is an amazing person, who came to Latrobe Youth Space as a shy young person and has grown since. Megan was a participant in the Latrobe Youth Film Festival in 2019 and throughout that process showed great leadership qualities.

Megan helped and supported the other young people participating and became a strong member in the Movie and Drama Club. Megan attended weekly and was both a support and inspiration with her creativity in the group.

Megan is a wonderful advocate for all young people and lives the Latrobe Youth Space values such as inclusivity, trust, leadership, integrity, unity, respect and collaboration.

Megan volunteered for the Latrobe Youth Space and her passion led to some paid work as her enthusiasm for empowering the youth in the community is outstanding, especially in the creative arts. Latrobe Youth Space employed Megan to run the Movie and Drama Club heading up the 20/21 Latrobe Youth Film Festival Online which started in October.

Latrobe City Australia Day Recognition Award
Senior of the Year



Kathleen Hunter

Kath has an outstanding 63 year continuous membership of Morwell and District Red Cross, a wonderful 30 year record of voluntary service to St Vincent de Paul Society, 34 years of membership to the Morwell Golf Club, a 12 year membership of Maryvale Probus Club and seven plus years of attendance to Life Fit exercise classes at the Churchill Leisure Centre.

Kath is an active, keenly interested member of Morwell and District Red Cross Branch, and for many years a highly skilled

volunteer with Red Cross Emergency Services. She was a member of the Counter Disaster Catering Group and volunteered at many natural disasters and emergencies until 2012.

Kath conscientiously carried out her duties as a Single Incident volunteer and purchasing officer, assisting families in crisis following house fires and similar traumatic events and has mentored volunteers new to the role.

She has helped in the Traralgon Red Cross Shop and assisted with Red Cross Calling door knock appeals.

She volunteered at the Blood Bank at the local hospital and medical clinics, providing suppers to the donors and assisting the blood collection team. Kath volunteered at Red Cross House in Morwell, helping to coordinate the loaning of medical aids such as crutches and wheelchairs.

In an official role, Kath was Region Secretary from 1985–1989 and again from 1994–1996. She now assists with Red Cross fundraising events, such as high teas, gift wrapping at the Mid Valley Shopping Centre and sausage sizzles at Bunnings Warehouse,

Morwell. In 2015, Kath was presented with the Red Cross Outstanding Service Award, and deservedly so.

Latrobe City Australia Day Recognition Award
Event of the Year

Boolarra Folk Festival

The Boolarra Folk Festival brought more than 10,000 people to the small town of Boolarra in February/March 2020. The event celebrates music, craft, good food and great company. The weekend event showcased local musicians and the community of Boolarra and surrounds.

The 2019 event was affected by the Yinnar South, Budgereee, Jumbuck bushfire. To have 10,000 people return to Boolarra in the following year with confidence is a credit to the organisers and the resilient community.

This free festival was the 19th Boolarra Folk Festival held.

The Boolarra Folk Festival is planned and implemented by a dedicated team of volunteers, who work all year to complete planning requirements and ensure this iconic festival is an enormous success.



Left to right: Kylie Dubrich-McLoughlin who accepted the event nomination for Latrobe film festival red carpet event, Erin Byrne, Catherine Webb, Megan Cannon (centre front), Danni Frantz, Fiona Sorensen, Britney Noonan, Adult Citizen Category. All part of the old Latrobe Youth Space (Latrobe Youth Space is now being run by a new group of people who won the tender).