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### ANZAC DAY SUPPLEMENT



# Sculpture culture in Yinnar

## SCULPTURE CULTURE COMES TO YINNAR.

2021 Gippsland Sculpture Exhibition 21st March - 9th May



John Abery, "Would You Like To Meet My Old Teddy".



Peter Cook, "A pail of dripping taps".



Iona Herrginer, "Bush Courier".

Recently some members of the Churchill & District News team went to visit Yinnar to see their sculpture display.

There were some wonderful sculptures arranged along the main street as well

as a diverse range of items inside the arc gallery building. The items showed the skill, imagination, patience, time, energy and design. There were many murmured compliments as we walked and talked.

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**Book Review**

**"The Mother-in-Law"**

by Sally Hepworth  
 Sally Hepworth was born in 1981 and is based in Melbourne where she lives with her husband and three children.

She was educated at Monash University Clayton and has written six novels. Her most notable is "The Secrets of Midwives" 2015 but her other works include "The Good Sister", "The Family Next Door", "The Mother's Promise" and "The Things We Keep".

She has lived around the world where she worked in event management.

Her books have received many awards and have featured in media outlets around the world.

The story opens with a police car pulling up outside the home of Lucy, Ollie and their children on what seemed like a previously normal day. Two police officers break the terrible news that Ollie's mother Diana has been found dead. The story then goes back to ten years previously and follows the story of Lucy and Oliver courting and then marrying.

Lucy's mother has passed away and she is hoping for a close relationship with Diana.

However Diana is very business-like and quite aloof and here begins the tension between the two women.

The story goes back

and forth in time and we hear the story from Lucy's perspective and also Diana's.

Diana is a self-made woman, she has two children, Ollie and Antionette, or Nettie as she is called, and Tom is her husband, to whom she is devoted.

She runs a charity for refugee women to whom she shows great compassion.

However she is quite tough on her children, and even though she knows Tom helps them out when they ask, she is quite resolute in expecting them to stand on their own two feet.

Whilst Diana dearly loves her grandchildren, she is very judgemental about the way Lucy raises them and this comes to a head when, against Lucy's wishes, she takes her eldest grandchild swimming, and while Tom is caring for the baby he drops her, causing serious injuries.

Lucy is furious and gives Diana a shove, which is a turning point in their relationship.

In the meantime Nettie and her husband have exhausted their funds for the IVF Program that Nettie has been undergoing and ask Diana for help.

Diana refuses because she believes that Nettie's husband is having an affair.



As a result Diana is very unpopular, but holds firm to her values.

We learn that the reason Tom dropped the baby is that he is unwell and he passes away.

Diana is devastated and goes into deep depression, deciding to commit suicide, so she enlists Lucy's help to obtain bitcoin to purchase the necessary drugs.

When Diana is found dead a suicide note is found in a drawer, but things don't add up and everyone is under suspicion.

There is quite a twist at the end.

This story was told in two voices and also went back and forth in time.

However it was always clear who was speaking and whether it was past or present.

Most of our group enjoyed this book.

It was easy to read and whilst everyone thought Lucy was a likeable character Diana was a polarising figure.

Some saw her as standing up for her principles whilst others saw her as too harsh, especially in regards to Nettie.

By refusing Nettie, who desperately wanted a baby, Diana may have thought she was protecting her.

Another criticism was that there was not much dialogue in the story.

Perhaps that was the point.

Diana's word was final and she didn't enter discussion about anything, which was why there were so many tensions and missed opportunities to better understand each other.

The story also touched on depression and the ability to procure all kinds of drugs online, but also the dark secrets that families sometimes keep.

**Rainfall**

**Churchill Rainfall**

The rainfall for Churchill was 46.5 mm for the month of April.

The total so far for 2021 is now 207.5 mm, the second highest rainfall in four months since 2015. Last year, rainfall to the end of April was 352 mm.

**Rain at Hazelwood South**

April's rain was a little

below average with 56mm and 90% of the average.

Hazelwood South had 24% more rain than the Latrobe Valley Airport BOM records.

The chainsaws and fire wood season has commenced and the ground water has not replenished.

The grass is green but not growing much.

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# Churchill Fire Brigade



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L to R: Dartagnan Simpson, Luke Robinson, Matt Lindsay

### ANZAC Commemoration

Members of the Churchill Fire Brigade attended the Churchill ANZAC day service along with other community members to commemorate all Australians and New Zealanders who have served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations around the world, and to pay tribute to the contribution

and suffering of all those others who have also served.

### Brigade Elections

The brigade recently held their biennial elections, with the results being shown below. Officers are elected for a term of two years, which will commence on July 1, 2021.

Captain: Shane Renwick  
1st Lieutenant:

Steven Barling  
2nd Lieutenant: Andy Halnon  
3rd Lieutenant: Graeme Renwick  
4th Lieutenant: Luke Robinson  
Communications: Chis Gallagher  
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## Hazelwood Power Station site rehabilitation

It's difficult not to feel nostalgic when driving around Hazelwood Power Station after it has played such an important role in developing Latrobe Valley and Victoria.

Deputy Leader of the Nationals and Shadow Minister for Water, Steph Ryan and I toured the facility and received a briefing on the rehabilitation works recently.

Rehabilitating the site is an enormous job, but it was positive to learn 99% of demolition material is being recycled.

We received a briefing on mine rehabilitation, stabilisation and water allocations. The plan for Hazelwood Pondage is for ENGIE to rehabilitate and return the land to agriculture.

## The Today Show comes to town

The Inquiry into Power Station closures and job losses has sparked interest from the media including the Today Show, with my team and I facilitating a day of filming in the Latrobe Valley recently.

Visiting a number of locations across Moe, Newborough and Yallourn North, we enabled locals to share their experiences post Hazelwood closure and reinforce the need for a better approach and comprehensive plan for the future.

Interviewees included current and past employees of Yallourn Power Station, community members, Safetech, small business owners and the Yallourn, Yallourn North Football Netball club.

Let us hope on the cutting floor, the Today Show segment recognises that

Latrobe Valley is a fabulous place to live, work and raise a family.

The Today Show also sought comment from Environmental Justice Australia and local climate change advocates.

## Trafalgar Holden Museum

If you're a history buff and a car enthusiast, then the Trafalgar Holden Museum is a must see. If you're a Holden car buff - then this is your mecca!

Keen to support local entrepreneurs, on an invitation from Neil Joiner I attended the opening of Trafalgar's Holden Museum in its' new location.

Joining volunteers and locals, we celebrated the opening of the museum's new building which houses the fascinating exhibition of pre car memorabilia including a camel saddle.

Do yourself a favour and take time to visit this wonderful museum in Trafalgar, located on 74 Waterloo Road. It's opened every day 10am - 5pm. It's well worth the drive and visit!

## Visiting Victorian Sustainable Products

My recent visit to Victorian Sustainable Products highlighted the value of timber milling and manufacturing jobs in Gippsland.

The tour of Victorian Sustainable Products' Fumina South mill (near Hill End) afforded me a comprehensive understanding of the business operations and an opportunity to talk with employees.

Victorian Sustainable Products is a Gippsland success story showcasing how a business can creatively



adapt its manufacturing to support and supply important Australian industries.

The mill employs 15 locals and specialises in tree stakes and point pegs used for land rehabilitation, the horticulture industry, real estate and the building industry.

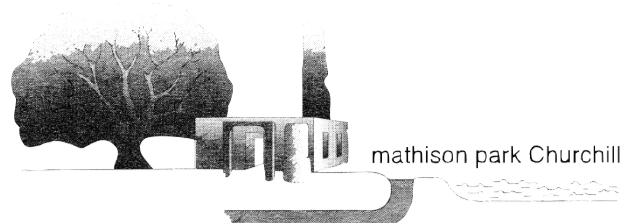
Hardwood supplying the mill is sourced from native and plantation timber.

Victorian Sustainable Products is an example of an established business that we are backing to rebuild Victoria's local manufacturing capabilities. COVID-19 exposed massive shortcomings in our local economy, particularly when it comes to manufacturing.

Victoria and in particular Gippsland used to be the manufacturing heart of Australia. As our recovery from COVID continues we have the opportunity to bring manufacturing home to Victoria - where it belongs.

Business owner, David Taylor informed that there will be no timber available for his manufacturing operations from 2032 as hardwood plantation timber supplies will be unable to meet demand.

Without a local resource to produce stakes and pegs, these products will be made from imported third world rainforest timber or non-biodegradable materials such as plastic or steel.



An appreciated turn out of volunteers produced a rewarding result. Andy went to complete some much needed weeding of the bed along the long boardwalk.

Wally went to prepare places for some new trees. Barry used his chainsaw to cut up fallen trees and branches, Jim brought his

trailer to collect the bark, branches and other debris which Max, Jim, Richard and Steve raked into piles.

The trailer loads were off loaded on to the large burn pile. Other cut branches and logs were also added.

At 12 noon the rain began to gently fall calling an end to our three hours of

solid work. A great outcome which has made the park behind the old house much tidier.

The following Thursday the Gippsland Interchange crew were back to help clean up the continuous fall of bark and branches.

It is a pleasure to have them come and help.

## Churchill / Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

# It's all a scam

Has someone tried to SCAM you lately? The common scams these days are either emails or phone scams. A few tips on recognizing scams are as follows.

When someone tries to scam you with an online email bill, they often don't use your name or account number but they send you a bank account to deposit money into.

Often they will advise you that you have a parcel being delivered by Australia Post and that a sum of \$1.99 is due.

They ask for your Credit card details and proceed to rob you of a considerable amount of money.

Check their email address first and you will notice that it is usually from overseas!

Phone scams are very common. When you

answer the phone, you may notice a silence for a few seconds before a foreign person speaks to you.

You will often hear a lot of voices in the background that signals they are in some sort of a call centre.

You have every right to hang up on these calls. NBN scams are fairly common at the moment and they advise you that your phone line will be cut off if you don't pay a fee. Ignore and simply hang up. Better to be safe than sorry!

Check out Scam watch for up to date details of the latest scams, [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

Stay safe and help family and friends avoid being scammed. Elderly people are at high risk of scams, so be on the lookout.



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# Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington

## An unmarked grave

As a youngster, I met Uncle Roy several times.

He lived some miles away, a distance seemingly extended by occasional trips in an old 1953 Ford Prefect with its revolutionary semaphore trafficators.

Uncle Roy never married. He lived on a dairy farm with its address being Wonyip, near Christies. That's what his war records show.

His property was inherited from parents, Beatrice and Robert Lee.

Actually, it's more correct to record that Roy remained on the farm after returning from war service overseas.

Born on June 30, 1892, Roy Lee was the second born of six children – two girls and four boys. One of those girls was my nana. Roy Lee was my father's uncle.

According to his war records, Roy was born at Glen Forbes, initially educated at Grantville and Bass. At age 10 years, Roy's family moved to Toora. Farming was tough and Roy's schooling was stopped.

His father, Robert, upon securing about 150 acres of tough country in the Strzelecki Heartbreak Hills, shifted the family to Wonyip near Christies. Truth is, the address was McLeans Road, Christies, Wonyip being some miles further south. Anyway, the mail always got through.

Robert and his four sons toiled long hard days through every season to eventually establish Bonnie Vale. Cows were milked, pigs were fattened, a three-acre orchard was envied by neighbours as was the two-acre potato plot.

Prosperity was shining on the Lee family. By 1913, Bonnie Vale was considered a mansion. Boasting milled timber, wooden floorboards, bricks, and a front door brass plaque, visitors were invited to share periodical social occasions.

(I vividly recall the hardwood kitchen table which could comfortably seat up to 30 people.)

To earn extra income, Robert (Bob) and his two eldest sons – Robert and Roy were eagerly sought after as road making contractors. They even became experts in bridge building.

Being the closest newspaper, the Toora and Welshpool Ensign and South



Gippsland Observer on Friday, July 7, 1916, told its readers that "two more hill recruits, Bob and Roy Lee have joined the colours."

At age 23 years, Roy Lee enlisted for World War 1 at Melbourne on July 4, 1916. Listed as Roy Edward Lee, Service Number 6119, and occupation as a road contractor/bridge builder, he embarked from Melbourne aboard the SS Ulysses on October 25, 1916. Arriving in Plymouth about two months later, there was some initial training in and around London.

Records show Roy Edward Lee was a sapper in the 2nd Tunnelling Company. Within six months of leaving the serenity of Bonnie Vale Roy Lee went to France in early January 1917. For this quiet unassuming young man, such a traumatic experience is difficult to imagine.

Tunnelling work was tough – as were all other wartime experiences and expectations. Based in and around Rouen, the 2nd Tunnelling Company was responsible for the construction of tunnels and mines for offensive action against the enemy, detection and interruption of the enemy's counter-mining efforts. This required construction of underground dugouts to accommodate large groups of men, in many cases whole battalions of 1,000 men including Battalion Headquarters.

Roy was repatriated from France to England (to the Harefield Hospital in County Middlesex) having been gassed. His parents were notified in the usual army style, straight to the point brief communique:

Dear Sir, I now beg to advise you that Sapper R

E Lee has been reported – admitted to 5th London General Hospital 19.3.18 suffering from the effects of gas....

Roy Lee disembarked in Melbourne on September 5, 1919 and eventually returned to Bonnie Vale.

Uncle Roy loved dairying – through all seasons. I never knew him to have a vehicle. Neighbours helped out. His was never really a solitary lifestyle. An occasional visit to Toora and or Yarram sufficed.

He adored his dogs. Man's best friend was Roy's best mate. Either asleep under that massive kitchen table or stretched out in front of a huge, open wooden fire, it was a dog's life. Pure and simple. Milking time meant some outside work. Sleeping filled in spare hours.

In mid-winter 1961, a Morwell based policeman knocked on our front door at home. I heard most of the conversation – Uncle Roy is missing, and a search party is systematically combing the nearby thick bush and rugged terrain. My father was quick to leave home.

Cold weather, belting rain and freezing temperatures hampered any positive success in that first night. The second night found Roy Lee dead, resting under a huge log, presumably to shelter from the weather – with his dog. He had left home to search for his beloved dog.

Roy Edward Lee is interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery – in an unmarked grave. He was 68 years old; just short of his 69th birthday.

For someone who endured wartime tunnelling, being gassed and tough farming, to finish up in an unmarked grave is such a travesty.

I'm sure there's more to Roy Lee's life-story, but opportunities to learn more have now gone. You see, there were some family topics and stories which were taboo – kids never asked, and kids were never told. So much family history was strictly off-limits.

Roy Lee's grave has now been rightfully acknowledged with a wooden cross.

# Churchill Neighbourhood Centre



## How about joining us in one of our classes or activities?

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Thank You

We want to say a big thank you to Katie from the Barber Shed, who has moved back to New South Wales.

Katie has been cutting our hair and listening to our news for almost 15 years, in one of the first two shops that opened in the new centre, West Place.

Luisa, Katie's colleague for seven years, tells us that Katie, already a mum of two small children when she

started the business, called the Barber Shed her 'third baby'.

Katie and Luisa volunteered their time to perform a public hair cut at the Churchill Community Festival to raise money for Shave for a Cure in 2018. We will miss you, Katie!

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C. S. Lewis (1898-1963) is quoted as having seen a beam of light in his tool-shed and seeing the dust particles floating in the beam. When he shifted his position to where the beam of light was falling on his eyes, he saw along the beam. Through the crack in the door he could see the leaves on a tree moving, and the sun beyond.



Lewis (in 'Meditations in a Tool-shed', from a collection of previously unpublished essays in 'God in the Dock' 1970) likened this to how we should consider everything in life.

So, 'looking at' and 'looking along' are different. It's the difference, he said, between contemplating and enjoying...between seeing from the outside (contemplating) and seeing from the inside (enjoying).

So, when Lewis says "The fact which is in one respect the most obvious and primary fact, and through which alone you have access to all the other facts, may be precisely the one that is most easily forgotten - forgotten not because it is so remote or abstruse but because it

is so near and so obvious. And that is exactly how the Supernatural has been forgotten" (in 'Miracles' 1947), he is referring to knowing God from the inside, through enjoying Him, not from the outside, just contemplating Him.

Knowing God, according to Lewis (in 'Reflections on the Psalms' 1958) is more like "breathing a new atmosphere" than it is like "learning a subject".

Michael Ward commenting on Lewis (in 'The Narnia Code' 2010) pointed out that we can't examine raindrops on a window in order to quench our thirst.

We certainly know God best by experience.

Worth thinking about!



It was so very special to be able to invite the children from Grades 1-4 of Churchill Primary School back to the church for Easter Club.

They came willingly and were very well behaved and respectful.

Our supply minister Cathie, helpers and school had agreed about which COVID restrictions needed

to be in place and those were observed gladly.

What made it so special was that 2020 saw the cancellation of both Easter and Christmas Club programs.

But this year Easter services were again held with good attendances.

We always value this time of the year as we share

it with our Catholic friends.

Tenebrae, the Service of Shadows was held at Lumen Christi with Co-Operating parishioners taking part.

Good Friday was held at the Churchill Co-Operating Church with Lumen Christi parishioners in attendance.

We then did the Walk of Witness between the two churches.

Easter Day was celebrated with joy at the remembrance of the risen Jesus the saviour of the world.

Cathie represented our church at ANZAC Day service in Churchill saying some special prayers for the occasion.

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**headspace Morwell expands services for young parents-to-be**

Expectant parents who are younger than 25 can receive health and parenting advice, help getting to and from appointments, and support from other young pregnant people at headspace Morwell.

The youth mental healthcare centre is introducing a Healthy Parents, Healthy Babies service to help young parents gain knowledge and confidence when caring for themselves and their child.

The Healthy Parents, Healthy Babies program is delivered by an outreach worker from Latrobe Community Health Service, who'll be at headspace Morwell on Monday afternoons.

"Preparing for a baby is a life-changing experience, and can be quite daunting – no matter how old you are," headspace Morwell centre manager Michelle Francis said.

"We want young people to know we are here, ready to help them with pregnancy or parenting advice. Our outreach

worker can help book appointments, refer you to services, and even source supplies like cots, prams and bedding."

The Healthy Parents, Healthy Babies program is one of three services the centre has introduced this April.

A doctor is at headspace Morwell every Friday, and a registered nurse is available every Wednesday afternoon.

"At headspace Morwell, we're all about caring for your mental wellbeing, which we know can suffer if we're not doing too well physically or in other aspects of our lives," Ms Francis said.

"We introduced a nurse for the first time last year, and we're excited to welcome them back now COVID-19 restrictions have eased."

"We're also really happy to provide GP appointments every Friday – young people can get physical and mental health advice and treatment, all from the one place."

The Healthy Parents, Healthy Babies program is available for Latrobe Valley young people who are

pregnant and aged between 12 and 25.

The service provides support throughout pregnancy and up to the first eight weeks of the baby's life.

The registered nurse can provide sexual health advice and education, pregnancy testing, sleep education, wound care, and advice about chronic health conditions such as endometriosis.

The nurse can also make referrals, coordinate a young person's care, and advocate for them.

Doctor's appointments are bulk-billed and available for all headspace Morwell clients every Friday.

To book an appointment or to enquire about any of these services, phone the centre on 5136 8300 or stop by the centre at the corner of George Street and Hazelwood Road, Morwell.

**Eel Hole Creek Pathway**

What a wonderful asset the walking track along Eel Hole Creek is!

It is well utilised by joggers, dog-walkers, bicycle riders and many folk just out for a stroll.

The pathway leads all the way from Glendonald Park, down Philip Parade to the Creek and then meanders along the Creek to Mathison Park.

All sections are quite well maintained, providing a safe and pleasant course for individuals and groups.

CDCA members have, however, raised concerns about the section of Eel Hole Creek behind Ikara Way.

Several houses back on to this section of the Creek and there's a lot of dead timber and debris that would fuel a fire in this area.

A number of invasive species of plants are also taking over, blocking the light to smaller native plants and choking shrubs.

An informal inspection revealed blackberries, ivy, large numbers of a type of pittosporum shrub/tree and several other introduced species.

This section of the Creek provides shelter to a number of wombats and koalas that are occasionally sighted in the area.

Numerous native plants, including tall eucalypts, acacias and small correas are also growing here and this section of Eel Hole Creek is quite possibly the only wild bushland in Churchill.

CDCA invited Latrobe City Council Environment Officer, Sean-Paul Smith,

to attend our April meeting and discuss what steps might be taken to reduce hazards whilst retaining or improving the biodiversity of the area.

Some of the ideas discussed included some roadside weed spraying, removal of dead brush and litter and a community tree-planting activity.

CDCA decided to further liaise with Council in an attempt to clean up and beautify the area without unduly disturbing wildlife.

More information (as plans are made) will be provided to the community via our monthly columns in the News or on our Facebook page.

We hope many locals patronised the Churchill - Shop Local 'May Day Market' held on Saturday May 1.

A lot of volunteer hours from CDCA, Neighbourhood Centre and Churchill & District News went into putting on this event in an effort to bring more trade to our local shopping centre and encourage folk to spend at Churchill businesses (rather than in other towns).

We're planning to hold a Winter Market as our next Shop Local event on Saturday August 28, (a week before Fathers Day).

Again, we'll have craft stalls upstairs at the Town Hall and free sausage sizzles and entertainment at the Shopping Centre.

We'll have a number of free vouchers to give away to randomly selected customers of Churchill retail businesses, just as we did at the May Day Market.

There were four x \$50 supermarket vouchers and 20 x \$10 vouchers to spend in-store at various small retailers handed out to patrons.

At our April meeting we also discussed the need to upgrade the lighting of the town symbol and have accurate historical signage there and in other places around town.

There was a brief discussion on the naming of Churchill Township (not Hazelwood as originally planned) and a further discussion on a variety of topics, including the desirability of preserving the Hazelwood lettering (signage) from the former power station and relocating it to Churchill.

There's always plenty on the agenda at CDCA meetings and residents are very welcome to raise local issues of concern which we may be able to address.

In 2021 CDCA meetings are on the first Thursday of every second month.

Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday June 3, in the Churchill Community Hub.

All local residents are welcome. Note that some COVID 19 restrictions may apply.

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.

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## Home deliveries – why so revolutionary?



By Leo Billington

Earlier this year, business analysts and social commentators were virtually ecstatic revealing home delivery would be the way of our future.

Home delivery is being touted as a major change – it will dictate our lives as consumers. Upgrade your computers, show allegiance to Amazon or Kogan, perhaps even to Woolworths or Coles. Bunnings are getting in on the act too. All so new and exciting.

Well-known broadcaster and writer, Richard Glover, has suggested, tongue-in-cheek, that Amazon conceived home delivery and “propelled it to skyrocketing popularity.”

Glover nails reality writing that home delivery was more common, back in the good old days, than now. A bold statement perhaps, although memories still abound recalling those home-delivery days – and computers weren’t even invented. No need for those things!

Soft drinks for one were home delivered – Tarax, Slades, Loys and Ecks. Locally, 7X was the whizzbang brand, bottled and delivered out of a factory located in Morwell. A small fleet of red Bedford trucks would rush around town, with bottles of sugary water in glass bottles rattling to herald arrival at the front gate. “Your order please; I’ll be back next week to take another order thanks.” A dozen bottles were left behind for devouring within seven days. Great stuff. Excellent customer service.

Back years earlier, prominent Morwell bakery, Rutherfords, would deliver bread, a fresh white high tin loaf more than likely. Their horse drawn bread carts were quite familiar in Morwell as bread was delivered straight from the bakery in Commercial Road, Morwell. Horse and carts would assemble at a bakehouse



accessed from George Street ready to depart on their morning rounds. The smell of fresh bread was heavenly. Occasionally, a hungry child might be thrown a bread roll as a reward for asking nicely.

We don’t ask computers to be nice.

Morwell residents would have milk delivered either by Darlings Dairy or Forbes Dairy.

Darlings delivered glass bottled milk to our place for many years – and, sometimes a quart bottle of cream. Dempsey’s Dairy was another which home delivered.

Not all that long after settling in Morwell, we became used to groceries being delivered by Mahonys. Jim and his sons ran a corner store in Jane Street and prided themselves on home deliveries.

Generally, they visited twice a week – first to collect an order (written on paper) and secondly, a day later to deliver an order. Sometimes an order was delivered when collecting the next grocery order.

There were never any computer glitches.

McRoberts and Sons, that long standing stalwart of Morwell’s business centre, delivered bags of briquettes. Two or three bags as required, depending whether it was winter or otherwise. I recall Mr Bill McRoberts lugging individual bags on his shoulders up our

driveway. Occasionally he used a hand trolley.

For several years, and before a proper sewerage system appeared in our end of town, a “night soil” man would come along, do his thing and move on. “Night soil” is a historically used euphemism for human excreta collected from the outhouse.

Computers would never be able to perform this type of home – based service delivery.

A man selling fruit would arrive on a regular basis when pears, apples, and apricots were plentiful from northern Victorian orchards. Driving a faded yellow 1950s Chevrolet, weighed down with wooden boxes of fruit, he would park, then walk along calling “apples and pears today.” Sales were eagerly made.

His twice annual visit was never a threat. It was never an intrusion. He was honest. Cash transactions always.

No giving credit card details to a computer.

There were other home deliveries – ice for grandma’s old ice chest freezer (a large block of ice that may have lasted up to three days); firewood, generally known as mill-ends, could be ordered for home delivery; the chemist boy was another – a young lad, keen to earn pocket money, would deliver chemist shop items after school had finished.

Let’s not give Amazon all the credit.

In an editorial written in August 1940, the Morwell Advertiser told its readers that Rutherford’s bread was baked “under the most scrupulous hygienic conditions.” Therefore, “Be sure that your table is served by only the very best, from the better baker and pastrycook - Mr J. R. Rutherford.”

No need for Facebook or Instagram back then.

I remain interested in other examples of local home deliveries.



The Yinnar Community Garden is looking great. For more information contact them by email at yinnarcg@gmail.com

Trafalgar Holden Museum is located at 74 Waterloo Road, Trafalgar and open daily. Call in for an interesting visit and learn the history of the Holden vehicle in Australia.

A successful morning market was held at the Churchill shopping centre during May.

Another market will be held on Saturday August 28. Come along to find great bargains and chat with friends.

The next Churchill and District Community Association meeting is to

be held on Thursday June 3 at 7pm at the Churchill Community Hub. All community members are welcome to attend.

The Hazelwood Perspective Art Group is holding a free exhibition at Hazelwood North Hall on May 29/30. The exhibition will be open each day from 11.00 to 3.00pm.

## Latrobe Health Advocate

I am pleased to provide this update to the people of Churchill as my office looks back on activities of recent months. I recently made a submission to the 10-Year Social and Affordable Housing Strategy in Victoria. Last year my office engaged extensively with people experiencing financial stress in Latrobe. People told me it was vital all the social determinants of health be considered when working towards the provision of social and affordable housing. I heard that having a safe place to call home was key, but other determinants such as access to local amenities and services that empower people to achieve their own health and wellbeing aspirations were also vital. All these insights, and more, helped shape my submission to the 10-Year Social and Affordable Housing Strategy in Victoria. My office has also recently made a submission to the Victorian State Disability Plan 2021-2025. Throughout COVID-19 I heard from people living with disability about the difficulties of navigating the complex systems around them to find access and the supports they need. The people I met living with disability in Latrobe Valley were clear on a common theme – that they know themselves and their needs best. It is important to them that their experience is valued and respected, and it guides the people and supports around them. I welcome the opportunity to contribute to the development of the Victorian

State Disability Plan and thank those who helped inform my submission by sharing their concerns, aspirations and suggestions.

It is also clear Latrobe Valley communities are experiencing an economic transition. As Victoria and the world move towards renewable energy, the local economy is changing. The recent announcement that Yallourn Power Station will close by 2028 has understandably prompted many to ask questions about our future. It is vital that local communities are supported during this time. Current and future Latrobe Valley residents must be afforded the opportunity to contribute to economic development decisions that will directly impact them, now and for years to come. Chunxing Corporation recently announced it had established a ULAB Community Liaison Committee (CLC). The CLC is comprised of a variety of stakeholders, including seven community members. The aim of the CLC is to build understanding and confidence in the operation of the ULAB through the provision of progress updates, information, monitoring data and site tours.

As part of my 2020/21 Statement of Intent, I also want to hear from people who are experiencing or have experienced family violence. The aim of these conversations is to:

Design, develop and implement ways of engaging that support people who have



Latrobe Health Advocate

experienced family violence to participate more fully in systemic change to improve health and wellbeing.

Consider that the purpose of engagement and the engagement itself may be different for different people.

Focus on community conversations and engagement questions that are specific to people who have experienced family violence and update the engagement model to reflect experiences and engagement preferences.

Analyse community voice to determine systemic issues for people who have experienced family violence in terms of service innovation and improvements.

Advocate to governments, agencies, service providers, businesses, industry, community members and Latrobe Health.

Meetings can take place in a group or on an individual basis, and all conversations with me are strictly confidential.

If you are interested in meeting to share your perspective, please contact Kylie on 1800 319 255 or email info@lhadvocate.vic.gov.au and we’ll organise a time to catch up.



# Plants in my Garden



By Mike Beamish

## Species:

*Eucalyptus kitsoniana*

Family: Myrtaceae

Derivation:

*Eucalyptus* – from Greek eu, meaning well, and calyptos, meaning covered, referring to the operculum on the flower buds, which fall off when the flower opens.

*kitsoniana* – named after A.E. Kitson, a 19-20th Century geologist in Victoria.

Common Name:

Gippsland Mallee or Bog Gum.

## Distribution:

Endemic to Victoria, where it mainly grows on the South Gippsland coastal lowlands from Yarram west to Wonthaggi, on Wilson's Promontory, on Cape Otway and around Portland and Mt Richmond. Collections from further inland require verification.

## Description:

Single-trunked small tree to 8m in height or a multi-trunked mallee. Bark is smooth, yellow, cream or grey and often sheds in ribbons. Adult leaves are thick, glossy green on both sides, densely veined with numerous oil glands and up to 18cm long and 4cm wide. Juvenile leaves tend to be sessile (stalkless) and more orbicular to 10cm long and 8cm wide. Flowers occur from late winter to early autumn and grow on flattened peduncles in

the leaf axils in bundles of seven buds. The stamens are creamy in colour and the bundle is about 30mm across.

## Opinion:

I was hoping for the mallee form when I purchased this plant, I think from the South Gippsland Flower Show prior to when I started keeping records back in 2004. Of course, I got the single-trunked, illiterate form that promptly grew into a giant, at least a couple of metres taller than its description indicated. Of course, being the unintelligent and inexperienced gardener that I was back then, I planted it in exactly the wrong spot for a 15 metre gum tree, too close to the house, right next to the vegetable garden and underneath my telephone cable. Duh! The roots invaded the veggie patch and proceeded to lift the adjacent garden edging and footpath, some of the canopy kept on dying back and threatened to drop branches and the 60cm diameter trunk developed borer damage at the first fork, about 4m off the ground, which frightened us into thinking the tree could land on the roof of the house at some inopportune time, although I'm not sure when an opportune time would be. So, when we made the decision to utilise some tree-loppers (yes, those tree-loppers), this tree was one of

the targets.

The lopping was done in the late summer of 2019, just before the pandemic set in and, ignoring all the dramas with those tree-loppers, the bulk of the tree was removed to leave a stump about 45cm tall. We placed a tub on top of the stump to improve the aesthetics while we waited for the tree's response.

It took a while, but eventually a few epicormic shoots revealed themselves around the perimeter of the stump.

Now we can no longer see the tub clearly, the shoots have grown to about a metre tall, and we have the multi-trunked mallee form that we initially wanted. There is no guarantee that we will keep this plant, but we will keep assessing its progress over the next few months and keep our fingers crossed that the coppiced version won't be as much of a nuisance as the original.

As for propagation, cuttings don't usually work with Eucalypts, so seed or grafting is the way to go. I doubt that this species is attractive enough to be bothered with the time and effort of grafting, so seed it is. My amateur attempts at propagation utilised the area in the veggie garden beneath the original tree, so over the years various Eucalypt seedlings have self-sown into my nursery pots. One of these was planted into a mate's garden in Mirboo North and has proven to be a Bog Gum showing the same symptoms of steroid abuse as my original. So my tree is fertile! I collected some capsules before the tree-loppers did their thing and the seeds obtained were sown in March 2020. Germination was quick and ten of the batch survived the winter and spring to be potted up into tubes in January 2021. Would anyone like an illiterate small gum tree for their garden, assuming they survive the disturbance?

Sources: Online – Flora of Victoria.

Costermans – Trees and Shrubs of South-eastern Australia.

Elliott & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Vol. 4.

# Russell Northe MP

It was terrific to see a number of local ANZAC Day dawn and day services being hosted on Sunday April 25 this year including in the township of Churchill. Anzac Day commemorates the Australian and New Zealand forces that landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey on April 25, 1915 during the First World War.

However, in more recent history this special day has also provided us with an opportunity for our community to reflect upon and pay our respects to all our defence personnel who have served Australia in times of conflict, and in peace keeping duties on home soil and abroad.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, 2020 was a different year in the commemoration of ANZAC Day events so it was pleasing to observe strong attendances at a number of services across the Latrobe Valley and the Gippsland region this year.

ANZAC Day is always such an iconic event on our calendar and I for one have been thrilled to see the increase in interest and attendance at our local services in recent years.

I also want to say thank you to our local RSL Clubs, our community service organisations such as the Hazelwood Rotary Club, and those community groups and volunteers who hosted ANZAC Day events this year.

Once again, our thoughts

are with those who have served our great country with such distinction in both the past and the present as we remember their dedication and sacrifice.

Lest We Forget!!

Another major event on our calendar is Mother's Day and I do hope that all mums across our community had a wonderful day in celebration of how special you are to your loved ones.

We are blessed to have so many extraordinary mothers and women in our midst and hopefully Sunday May 9 was a day of great celebration and an occasion whereby there was much spoiling of our mums who are so valued and cherished.

More generally, it's been pleasing to see in-person events and entertainment returning, following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

I know Federation University Churchill has already hosted some outstanding graduations and I certainly pass on my congratulations to all graduating students.

It hasn't been an easy time for students at any level during the past 12 months or so due to COVID-19 restrictions but hopefully the remainder of 2021 operates more smoothly in this context.

Of course, COVID restrictions hit many local businesses extremely hard.

I am pleased to note that the highly regarded Gippsland Business Awards are returning again this year



after being postponed in 2020 for the first time since their inception some 23 years ago.

Federation University is a major supporter of these important awards which will be celebrated at a gala dinner on Friday August 27.

Nominations for various categories are now being accepted, including across the areas of Accommodation, Food and Wine Producers, Health and Well-being, Hospitality, Manufacturing/Export, New Business, Retail, Business and Professional Services, Beauty and Personal Care, Mechanical Trades and Construction, and Tourism Activities and Attractions.

I also understand a new award will be presented to recognise a finalist whose business was able to adapt to the challenges that were presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nominations close on May 21, and submissions and information can be undertaken and found on the Federation University Gippsland Business Awards website: [www.gba.org.au](http://www.gba.org.au)

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# Cooking with Noelene



## Lime ricotta muffins

Lemon juice and rind can be substituted for the lime, a bundt pan or 23 cm round pan can be used to

Pour the batter in to the prepared pan, bake for 50 minutes if using a cake pan or bake for 25 minutes or until a skewer inserted in



make a ricotta cake. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C, grease and sprinkle with fine polenta your cake pan or muffin tray.

In the bowl of your mixer cream together 170 gm of butter / marg (room temp) with 1 and 1/2 cups of raw castor sugar until well combined.

Add 470 gm of ricotta (room temp) and mix for 5 minutes or until light and fluffy.

Now add 3 eggs, one at a time each lightly beaten followed by the finely chopped zest and juice of 1 lime along with 1 tsp of vanilla extract.

Add 1 and 1/2 cups of plain flour mixed 1/2 tsp of salt and 1/2 tsp of bi carb of soda.

the cake / muffins comes out clean.

Cool in the pan for 10 minutes before removing and cooling on a wire rack.

When cool, dust with icing sugar.

## Tips for the best home roasted chicken

Simply wipe down the whole chicken with paper towelling and fill the cavity with lemon and orange wedges mixed with garlic and drizzled with peanut oil.

Spread the whole chicken body with vegemite, set in a well preheated oven and cook for 1 hour or till juices run clear when a skewer is inserted.

These simple steps will give you a perfectly coloured and flavoured chicken.

## Choux pastry eclairs

I had not made profiteroles for a long time before today.

They are really easy to make, its all about the choux pastry, which is a soft pastry which is shaped by a spoon or can be squeezed from a



pipng bag.

When it is cooked, it swells into crisp golden shells. Choux pastry must be cooked and dry right through, a well cooked shell should be golden brown, firm to touch and light as a feather in your hand.

Preheat your oven to 220 deg C. Place 125gm of marg/ butter in a medium saucepan with 1 tsp of castor sugar, 1/2 tsp of salt and 1 cup of water.

Slowly bring to the boil, then immediately remove from heat and tip in 1 cup of plain flour and stir vigorously with a wooden spoon.

Return to heat and continue to stir until it is

coming away from the side of the saucepan.

Remove from heat and cool a little. Beat 4 eggs together in a separate bowl.

Add the eggs a little at a time with your electric

beater until thoroughly incorporated.

You do not need to add all the eggs, the dough is ready when it is shiny and holds its shape on a spoon.

Spoon tbs full of the pastry onto an oiled and lined oven tray.

Place in the very hot preheated oven, so that the pastry puffs quickly, then reduce heat to 180 deg C so that the pastry will cook without over browning.

The secret to perfect choux pastry is to leave the cooked shells in the turned off oven with the door slightly open for 20 minutes to ensure that they are thoroughly dried out.

Remove from oven and carefully slice in half.

Fill the cooled shells with custard made by mixing 100gm of custard powder with 300ml of cream with an electric beater, beat for 2 minutes until the filling thickens.

Finish with 50 gm of dark chocolate melted and drizzled over the top of the puffs. This amount of ingredients will make enough dough for 12 eclairs.

## Chicken and vegetable Orientale

I had left over cooked chicken meat which has been stored in the refrigerator, the following is what I have prepared for tea.

Preheat your oven to 160 deg c.

I added 1 peeled and

sliced onion to an ovenproof dish, 3 cups of sliced and mixed vegetables (carrots, broccoli, capsicum, cauliflower, beans,(1/4 cup of sliced black olives optional extra).

750gm of cooked chicken pieces, sliced into strips.

Drizzle over a tbs of rice bran oil and stir through.

Add to the mix 1 x 440 gm of condensed cream of chicken soup, stir through 1 tbs of water, 2 tbs of soy sauce and season with cracked pepper.

Cover and place in preheated oven for 30 minutes or until the vegetables are tender.

Serve the chicken and vegetable Orientale over rice or grain of your choice.

Serve with extra soy sauce in a small bowl to the side.



# Hazelwood North Community Hall



Hazelwood Perspective Art Group members proudly displaying their work, in readiness for the weekend, May 29, 30.

By Leo Billington

## A community focus on art

The Hazelwood North Community Hall received a significant make-over during 2018/2019 and is now benefitting from community – wide use.

Managed by a local committee on behalf of Latrobe City Council, the hall is used by a suite of regular user groups including playgroup, a fitness group, rock ‘n roll dancing and an art group.

Over the weekend of May 29, 30, from 11.00 am through to 3.00 pm each day, the Hazelwood Perspective Art Group will conduct an art exhibition to display and promote their works.

According to key contact, Madeleine Chandler, the Hazelwood Perspective Art Group has continued on from the tutorship and mentoring from local art legend, Bill Roberts.

“Bill was undoubtedly a strong influence with our art group.

We have continued onwards, more so as a social group, but remaining true to Bill’s teaching.

We currently have ten members, who will be displaying over 40 exhibits on easels and hanging within the hall. Visitors are most welcome to view our artistry and sales are welcome.”

During Bill’s time with the group, several exhibitions

were conducted, the last being about five years ago.

As Madeleine explained, the art group’s initial mentorship installed an understanding of the seven elements of design – shape, line, direction, colour, texture, size and value.

That early learning provided an essential foundation upon which Hazelwood Perspective Art Group now prides their artistry.

On show will be a mix of pastels, multimedia, prints, oils and acrylics.

The hall is located in Church Road Hazelwood North, opposite the Hazelwood North State School.

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# Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group



We've been busy this autumn with another session on eradicating sycamore maples at the Budgeree Bushland Reserve, and getting our Billys Creek areas re-vegetation ready for seeding.

We're hoping to be successful in an application for funding to install an electric fence to exclude deer, other browsers and wandering stock from a section of the area of pasture that we'll be seeding, so that we can see what comes up and protect it while it grows.

This year we'll be filling in a few gaps along Middle Creek where some of what was planted has died, but we'll wait until next year to extend and further develop the planted area.

By the time this is published, we hope to have attended the Yinnar Community Market in early May and started meeting people again.

We wrote about carbon sequestration last month. There's more here about how it can work with regenerative farming practices.

## Carbon Testing and Regenerative Agriculture – a local story

For Bec and Matt from Yinnar Pastoral, the desire to farm beef cattle in a way that not only protects, but also enhances the environment is a passion that has developed into a lifelong commitment. The couple purchased a farm and moved to Yinnar in late 2019 with the intention of producing beef that is not only ethically farmed and nutritious, but also helps to maintain and improve the environment in which they farm – including soils, waterways and air.

One way in which

farmers can actively demonstrate that their farming practices are benefiting soil ecology is through carbon testing – i.e. monitoring the rate of increase in soil carbon over time.

In theory, soils with a healthy, functioning microbiology (bacteria, fungi and other bugs) will build in soil carbon over time, as the microbiology not only assists with breaking down organic matter into the soil, but also enables the transfer of carbon produced by plants (via photosynthesis) into the soil via roots.

Soils have an incredible capacity to store (and 'sequester') carbon, and this carbon originates from CO2 in the atmosphere – therefore providing an achievable means by which landholders can contribute towards greenhouse gas reductions.

As an added incentive, there are government and private schemes available to enable farmers to trade their carbon – so in essence, to get paid for sequestering carbon from the atmosphere.

Emerging evidence in regenerative agriculture suggests a number of practices can help build soil carbon, including:

Time controlled grazing management, ensuring grazing intervals are of short duration followed by long recovery periods, and avoiding overgrazing and soil pugging;

Avoiding soil disturbance wherever possible – i.e. utilising direct drill seeding methods rather than cultivation when renovating pasture;

Minimising the use of herbicides, as these can be harmful to soil microbiology;

Minimising the use of synthetic fertilisers such as manufactured nitrogen-based fertilisers, as these are emissions-intensive to produce and excess nitrogen can also volatilise, further contributing to greenhouse gases.

Additionally, excess nitrogen can leach into waterways, leading to algae outbreaks, and may also inhibit a plant's ability to develop extensive, self-sufficient root systems;

Integrating trees for multiple benefits such as shelter for livestock and soils, firewood, agroforestry and habitat for wildlife.

In March, Bec and Matt had their 400 acre farm tested for soil carbon levels, a procedure known as baselining which establishes the current carbon levels within soils across the farm to 1 metre depth.

Sampling was undertaken by Peter Ronalds of Inspired Ag Solutions using a ute-mounted percussion drilling rig. Soil cores were collected at 36 locations and split into two samples ranges: 0- 30 cm depth, and 30-100 cm depth and are being analysed by Southern Cross University.

Due to the popularity of carbon testing, results won't be known for several months.

However the couple is excited to have started the clock on the process, and look forward to trialing a number of farming methods to improve their soil productivity.

Jay Duncan (Secretary) and Bec Turnbull (Member) Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group

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

# Red Cross BBQ



Morwell and District Red Cross BBQ at Bunnings Morwell in March raised over \$450 towards the annual Red Cross Calling appeal.

These funds go towards

supporting the everyday work of Red Cross, assisting the most vulnerable people in our community and overseas.

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Pictured are some of the Red Cross members working on the day.

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# Friends of Morwell National Park



## April Activity report

For this activity we had Ken, Matt, Tamara, Rose, Darren and Mike. We had apologies from Joelle and Cathy. Mike was only with us for the catch - up in the picnic area since he was on call for work. Wendy joined us later.

For the activity we were able to all get into one car to drive around to the Brewster Road entrance.

We walked down the Silvertop Hill track to see good growth after the 2019 bushfires. It is great to see an area which was normally

sparsely vegetated, thick with new saplings.

The Silvertop Hill Side track is overgrown and has had burnt trees from the bushfire pushed across it.

The fire recovery team has blocked this track, thinking that it was an access track they created not one that was there before the bushfires.

Without heavy equipment it is not possible to make this a vehicle track again, but it may be possible to make it into a walking track by going around these felled trees.

We will work on this at

the next activity.

At the base of the hill we arrived at Muttonwood Track. This is still a formed track and needed many seedling removed from the track itself.

Given another year the track would have been too overgrown to be able to walk it. This has now been cleared to the park boundary where a large blue gum has come down blocking the path. This fallen tree is beyond our capabilities to clear.

After Muttonwood Track was cleared we walked back

up the hill. The progress for some was slow so lunch was held half way up the hill.

Wendy joined us for lunch and then after lunch Matt used the chainsaw to cut a tree from across the main Silvertop track.

Matt and Ken then walked the side track (navigating around the fallen trees and larger regrowth), while the rest returned the gear back to the vehicles and then walked the boundary track from the Brewster Road gate.

All tracks and the park boundary were slashed at the

beginning of summer so this was the easier leg to walk.

The two groups met at the park boundary and observed where the track dips over the crest of hill snaking through the larger trees.

Investigating and clearing the remainder of this park boundary track will be looked at in our next activity. There is also a small patch of bluebell creeper near the gate which needs to be removed.

After the bushfires some new plant varieties and weeds have appeared in the park. Some plants like the

one shown, have germinated after the bushfire and add to the biodiversity of the park, while some new weed varieties (like the bluebell creeper and inkweed) have come in on fire vehicles.

## May Activity

Sunday May 16, 10.00am

The group will meet in the Kerry Road car park to complete track maintenance on the Silvertop Hill side and boundary tracks.

You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

## Al-Anon - Choices

My life before Al-Anon was a frantic search for happiness. I tried it all - being a prize student, a model employee and a perfect friend and daughter. I was always left wondering when I would catch up that extra half step that seemed to be missing. I became tough and hardened to life, confused by inability to create change in my family or find happiness for myself.

Al-Anon has been my

source of softening my road to happiness. At my first meeting I learned about my powerlessness over the disease of alcoholism, and the confusion that it had caused in my family. Hope was in sight. I had found a home here with people who listened and tools for recovery.

As I journey through the program there are times when I forget the first spark of hope, and once again

happiness seems elusive. Al-Anon provides a choice for me in those situations. Prior to the program I had no sense of personal choice. I was surviving as best I could.

Today, and each day I work my program, I am reminded of my choice to live rather than just survive. It's a choice to reach out to my sponsor, to really live the first Three Steps and in doing so, let my Higher Power set the pace for my recovery.

The program has taught me to choose new behaviours and reactions.

The tools for this process include listening to the experience, strength and hope shared at meetings, sharing with my sponsor and other program members, being committed to working the Steps and reading Conference Literature. Each tool is a blessing from my Higher Power. I am truly no longer alone. My search has become less frantic as I surrender to the process of the program, as I let life unfold while placing my trust in a Higher Power and his messengers - the members of Al-Anon.

One of the greatest gift of the Al-Anon program is learning that we have personal choice and that there are tools to lift ourselves out of despair and put us on the road to happiness.

## Bendigo Bank

### The difference a Community Bank makes

Many of you will have heard of the forthcoming closures of the Morwell and Korumburra Bendigo Bank branches and may have concerns about the future of the Community Bank Mirboo North & District.

The Morwell and Korumburra branches are corporate branches run by Bendigo Bank and these closures are part of an ongoing review by the bank of their corporate operations.

In Mirboo North, a Bendigo Bank agency was established by the community some twenty years ago when Mirboo North was left without banking facilities. Ten years ago, the community felt it was time to convert the agency to a fully-fledged banking facility under the Community Bank model

operated by Bendigo Bank.

The Community Bank Mirboo North & District is operated by Strzelecki Ranges Community Enterprises Limited (SRCEL), which administers the branch under a franchise arrangement with Bendigo Bank. SRCEL is owned by local shareholders and managed by a group of local volunteers (the Board), on behalf of the community.

Under the Community Bank model our aim is to return about 80% of our profits to the community. We do this via grants, sponsorships and donations, the other 20% pays a dividend to our shareholders. In just over ten years of operation SRCEL has paid out \$1.45 million in sponsorships, grants, community support and dividends to the districts of Mirboo North, Yinnar and

Boolarra.

SRCEL has operated the local Community Bank profitably and continues to do so even in current times with very low interest rates and thus, low margins.

We all win as a community by maintaining our current customers and gaining the support of new ones! Joining this attractive banking service will not only look after your daily banking needs but, also deliver great benefits to the community you live in. We look forward to (with your help), remaining a sustainable community enterprise for many years to come!

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## STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



### 'Faith in Australia'

We have just witnessed the beginning of the Trans-Tasman bubble, the first post-COVID tourist flights between Australia and New Zealand. They have started well and it is to be hoped that they will continue to do so for the sake of the tourist and aviation industries, and that the bubble will gradually expand safely to other countries.

However, this is not the first aviation sensation between the two countries. The other was in 1933-34 and it was centred around Air Mail. International aviation was still in its infancy and long international air flights were setting the first records in that field. Long flights over oceans were perilous endeavours as the aeroplane was still in its early stages of development and was not to be relied upon completely. The aircraft were light-weight and relatively flimsy and their range was limited and many attempts had disastrous results. This did not deter the intrepid pilots and aircrew of the time.

'Faith in Australia' was the name given to an aircraft purchased by Charles Ulm, one of Australia's aviation pioneers after his separation from Charles Kingsford-Smith and Australian National Airways. His initial goal was a flight around the world but this ended in Ireland when his aircraft sank into dry sand on take-off in Ireland. With sponsorship from Lord Wakefield, the founder of Castrol Oils, he repaired his plane and flew back to

Australia in a new record time. His next venture was to fly to New Zealand. He carried a small box of



airmail on this flight, mainly postcards picturing the crew. Ulm signed most of these personally.

The flight took off from Richmond aerodrome in N.S.W. with the crew of pilot Charles Ulm, co-pilot Scotty Allen and R.T. Boulton, engineer/radio operator. They landed 16 hours and 20 minutes later in New Plymouth, New Zealand. As well as the first mail, the plane carried the first female passengers from Australia to N.Z., Ulm's wife and his secretary. While in New Zealand, Ulm and his crew barnstormed around the country, including the first non-stop airmail flight from Auckland, North Island to Invercargill, South Island. The return flight to Australia left Murawai Beach in Auckland on February 17, 1934 and arrived in Sydney

14 hours and 10 minutes later. It carried considerably more air mail items, 39,722 in all. Many of these were on special covers to collectors in all parts of the world. These would finish their journey by sea. They each carried the overprinted 7d Air Mail stamp of N.Z. The overprint was in three lines and read, TRANS-TASMAN/AIR MAIL/FAITH IN AUSTRALIA. They also carried a special circular cachet on the left of the envelope. Three further flights carrying airmail were made in 1934 but a 1935 attempt failed and regular official airmail flights were discontinued until 1940. New Zealand issued an overprinted 7d stamp for the flight and Australia issued a stamp featuring Charles Ulm and the N.Z.-Australia cover to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the flights.

## Boiler No 3 demolition



House 3 at the former Hazelwood Power Station was successfully felled on April 28 at 2pm using explosive demolition methods.

The controlled collapse took place as scheduled.

The structure and dust suppression measures behaved as modelled, ensuring the safety of all site personnel as well as the local

community.

Immediate inspection by thermal imaging drones was undertaken to monitor for any hotspots. The site was continued to be monitored for the next 24 hours.

Extensive fire suppression systems were put in place in the lead up to the works as a precaution and worked well.

Dust, noise and

asbestos monitoring results were available within the following 48 hours

The controlled engineering collapse using explosive demolition of the single dredger remaining in the mine area is expected during May 2021 and the two remaining boiler houses are scheduled for demolition between June and September 2021.

## SCAMWATCH

### Payment redirection scams cost Australian businesses \$14 million

Australian businesses reported over \$14 million in losses to Scamwatch due to payment redirection scams last year, and average losses so far in 2021 are more than five times higher compared to average losses in the same period last year.

Total losses are much higher as these scams are reported to a range of different organisations.

In a payment redirection scam, also known as business email compromise scams, scammers impersonate a business or its employees via email and request that money, which usually is owed to the legitimate business, is sent to a fraudulent account.

"Payment redirection scams impact businesses across many industries, including real estate, construction, law, recruitment, and universities," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"Scammers tend to target new or junior employees, or even volunteers, as they are less likely to be familiar with their employer's finance processes or the types of requests to expect from their supervisors.

We recommend organisations ensure their staff are well trained in the company's payment processes and remain aware of payment redirection

scams," Ms Rickard said. Payment redirection scams can take several different forms. In some instances, scammers hack into a legitimate email account and pose as the business, by intercepting legitimate invoices and amending the bank details before releasing emails to the intended recipients.

In one instance, a victim lost \$16,500 in a single transaction after a scammer used a staff member's email address to send an invoice to a customer with 'updated bank details', redirecting the payment to the scammer's personal bank account.

Other times, payment redirection is done by spoofing, when scammers impersonate CEOs or other senior managers using a registered email address that is very similar to that of the genuine email address. The scammer will then request that staff transfer funds to them or make a payment to a third party on behalf of the business.

Scamwatch has also received reports of scammers posing as staff members, where they request the employee's salary be paid into the scammer's bank account.

"An increasing number of reports are coming from sports and community clubs which reported more than \$55,000 in losses to payment redirection scams last year. It is likely we will see similar figures this

year, with \$18,000 already reported lost so far in 2021," Ms Rickard said.

Scammers posed as the president or treasurer and requested staff to action payments for 'equipment' or other business needs, but the money went straight into the scammer's bank account.

Other businesses or individuals have also inadvertently paid a scammer as a result of a payment redirection scam.

"It can be difficult to recover money lost to a payment redirection scam, so prevention is really important," Ms Rickard said.

"Don't deviate from your organisation's payment procedure, even if the request you have received appears to come from your CEO or a senior manager.

If you have received a request that creates a sense of urgency, don't rush. Take the time to consider and check whether an email is real, including by looking carefully at the sender's email address, before acting on instructions," Ms Rickard said.

"Whenever there is a request to change payment details, always check with the organisation using stored contact details, rather than those in the requesting communication."

If you have been the victim of a scam, contact your bank as soon as possible and contact the platform on which you were scammed to inform them of the circumstances.

To report a cyber crime visit the business reporting page (3) at cyber.gov.au.

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## SPORT

### Churchill & Monash Golf Club

#### Saturday 3/4/21 - 4ball

##### Ambrose Dropout.

Winners - Grubb Ryan Covers Dale 54.1. Runners Up - M. Wright B. King Pumpkin N. Sparks 57.6. DTL: T. Lio. A. Quinn. C. Gillfilan. K. Hills. 58.25. S. Testa. M. Thompson. J. Tobin. M. Metz. 59. NTP - 3rd. J. Winters, 5th M. Harvey, 12th J. Sterrick, 14th R. King.

#### Tuesday 6/4/21 Stableford Stroke.

Scratch - S. Turner 90. Winner - A Grade: S. Turner 69. Winner B Grade - S. Wood 66. DTL - M. McQuillen 73 and Carol Barnes 73. Putts - S. Turner 22. Birdie - S. Turner 3rd. NTP - 3rd S. Turner, 5th S. Caldwell, 12th S. Turner, 14th S. Turner.

#### Saturday 10/4/21 - Stroke.

A Grade - B. Barnes 82 (11) 71. B Grade - G. Spowart (23) 92 69. C. Grade - C. Qaring 93 (25) 68. Scratch Winner - B. Barnes 82. Runners Up - M. Wright, B. King, Pumpkin N. Sparks

57.6. DTL: R. Sands 69, T. Lio 70, R. Zomer 70, D. Taylor 71, T. Sterrick 71, J. Mc Cafferty 71, P. Flanigan 71. NTP - 5th S. Sanders, 14th R. King. Birdies - 3rd M. Dear, 14th R. King, 14th M. Soppe.

#### Tuesday 13/4/21 Stableford.

Winner - M. Mc Conville 33pts. DTL - L. Brent 32 Pts. NTP - 3rd M. McQuillen, 5th S. Caldwell, 12th M. Ryan, 14th M. McConville. Winner of Monthly Medal for April - S. Wood 66.

#### Saturday 17/4/21 - 4 Person Ambrose.

Winners - G. Harvey, D. Burrige, G. Barnes, P. Flanigan 55.75. Runners Up - S. Caldwell, D. Caldwell, K. Hills, C. Stevens 57. DTL - A. Auld, B. Kilday, T. Collins, B. Cleland 58 1/2. R. Scurlock, G. Beyer, R. Madigan, M. Smith 58 7/8. NTP - 3rd. P. Chapple, 5th R. Dent, 12th G. Blizzard, 14th P. Junker.

#### Tuesday 20/4/21 - WBBB Royal Womens Hospital.

Winner - M. McQuillen

and C. Barnes 48 Pts. DTL - M. McConville and J. Blizzard 42 Pts. NTP - 3rd C. Stevens, 5th M. McQuillen, 12th C. Barnes, 14th S. Caldwell. Birdie - 3rd. C. Barnes.

#### Saturday 24/4/21 - Monthly Medal.

A Grade - G. Beyer 1077 67 and Medal Winner. B Grade - C. Thompson 2190 69. J. Jeffery 32 104 72. Scratch - G. Beyer 77. DTL - H. Martin 70, J. McCafferty 71, A. Quinn 72, D. Burrige 72, J. Barnes 73, C. Hogbin 73, T. O'Rielly 74 C/B, Mamun 74 C/B. NTP - 3rd. B. Barnes, 5th D. Byers, 12th J. McCafferty, 14th D. Burrige. Putts - G. Beyer 26 C/B. Birdies - 3rd. D. Ellwood, B. Barnes.

#### Tuesday 27/4/21 Stableford.

Winner - M. Dear (12) 36. DTL - S. Turner (21) 32. NTP - 3rd C. Barnes, 5th M. Dear, 12th J. Beck, 14th S. Caldwell.



# Vale - Reg Selwyn



Reg was proud of the life he had lived, proud of his war service, proud of the way he looked after Jean till she passed. Raelene said she was very proud of her dad - "Dad was satisfied with his lot in life".

Reg's grandchildren loved and cherished him. They all remember Christmas Day at Yinnar sitting out on the front lawn after lunch, all excited waiting for Grandad to call out their name. He was surrounded by presents and not just from him and Nanna Jean but he handed out all the presents from all the aunts and uncles too. In a loud voice he would call out each name.

He had as much fun giving out all the presents as they did opening them. They also went out to Martin Walker Reserve some years playing cricket and riding around on mini bikes,

including Grandad. They all felt like his favourite. He took them mushrooming showing them which ones not to pick. He took them to his secret spot to catch fish and crayfish, which he still did until a few years ago when he also took his great grandchildren.

Most of his grandchildren went fishing or camping with him at some stage growing up, and a couple even joined him in some other of his favourite things...duck shooting and deer hunting.

Grandad was a great role model to them all as they saw how much he loved and supported Nanna. Many grandchildren recall taking turns helping when Nanna had her stalls at the Morwell Sunday Market and at Martin Walker Reserve. Grandad was always there. He would always help her unpack and set up, then come back at the end of the day to pack up

again.

After his great grandchildren came along was when Grandad started to talk more and more about his life, especially sharing his experiences during the war. He was invited to schools and Scout groups, where he would talk about what the conditions were like during the war and try to help them understand a bit more about what he experienced.

I remember he'd tell us he was amazed at how many of the younger folk were interested in what he had to say.

Anzac Day was a very special day for their family as they proudly watched their Grandad march down the Main St of Yinnar, then later years also at Morwell. Over the years he has had three generations of his family march with him at some stage.

He loved that so many of the kids wanted to march with him. He knew how proud they all were of the sacrifices he made. Grandad never took anything for granted and was always so surprised and happy when many family members got up early to join him for the Dawn Service every year. Last year there were no Anzac Day services, so he was even more surprised when some of his family just turned up in the street, out the front of his house, for their own special Dawn Service with him.

Family was everything to Grandad, his face just lit up and got so happy seeing his great grandchildren and it was even more so with his great great grandsons. Five generations, so many memories...he was the best Grandad in the world.

Reginald Arthur Selwyn (Reg) Born in Bairnsdale to Lillian and Maurice Selwyn, son of a blacksmith and one of eight brothers and sisters. As with many of his age, Reg had basic schooling but even so he was extremely good at English and maths. On recounting those school days Reg said that together with some of his siblings, they would ride the horse to school. There were other times he had to walk the four miles.

From seventeen years old Reg worked at various places beginning at the APM, followed by the water authority clearing the creeks and waterways. Then with his brother Maurie, they started a trucking business before Reg began working for Nestles milk factory, progressing his way up to head mechanic and remaining there for most of his working life, finishing at Hazelwood Power Station.

It was during the war that Reg and Jean married in Rosedale. When he came back from service they moved to Hazelwood Flats, now Hazelwood dam, then moved to Yinnar for many more years, spent a few years in Lucknow then came back to Churchill.

They had a long and very happy marriage. Reg was Dad to Terry, Jill, Ann and Raelene, and father-in-law to

Lee and Joe. He achieved the status of grandad to thirteen, great grandad to twenty-six and great great grandad to two grandsons.

Reg loved the bush, camping, fishing, shooting, he was a hunter gatherer and a great gardener, often supplying family and friends with lots of home grown vegies. For a long time Reg had a boat and he would take his family over to Corner Inlet fishing.

Reg never needed a lot. As a young man Reg did boxing, played cricket and football passionately following them throughout his life. He was a devoted Richmond fan as his house, decorated with Richmond memorabilia, showed.

He was an active member of his community - proud and hardworking RSL member at both Morwell and Yinnar, Yinnar fire brigade captain, President Yinnar Hall Committee, Adviser to Young Farmers and later in life other community organisations.

Reg had a zest for life, taking every opportunity to live life to the fullest. He was often off on an adventure and in his early days after retirement he and Jean would take off for months visiting different parts of Australia. The family all remember the slide nights when they came home.

## Hazelwood Rotary



by Leo Billington  
**Recognised for service above self**

The motto of Rotarians is "Service above Self". It reminds Rotarians and others to think of how they can help others instead of selfish thoughts. Hazelwood Rotary is a shining example illustrating how this world class motto is manifested.

Recently, Hazelwood Rotary presented four new recipients with the Paul Harris Fellow medal.

Rotary started with the vision of one man, Paul Harris on February 23, 1905.

Continuing the legacy of Paul Harris, the Paul Harris Fellow program recognises individuals who have contributed to our wider community over many years.

Their devoted service is a true reminder of the Rotary motto. Established in 1957, the number of Paul Harris Fellows granted world wide, reached the two million mark by 2018.

The four recipients were Sue Scholes for her long term involvement in scouting and always showing a ready preparedness to assist with Rotary activities whenever called upon.

Faye Last for a dedicated long term role in scouting and her diligent, unwavering assistance for every Bunnings sausage sizzle. Barbara Beebe for her extensive involvement with Rotary Inner Wheel, Red Cross and scouting

over many years. Lyn Billington for her massive 20 plus years on the Mitchell House Board of Management, plus voluntary work with the former Hazelwood North Uniting Church. All recipients are volunteers, showing on-going commitment, teamwork, a strong work ethic and compassion. The accompanying picture shows newly inducted and past Paul Harris Fellows in Hazelwood Rotary.



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# Yinnar Community Garden



Photos taken by Catheryn Thompson and Margie Mackay. "Bush Tucker Feast on March 27, 2021".

The Yinnar Community Garden AGM was held on March 27, 2021. It was followed by a Bush Tucker Feast to celebrate our 10th birthday. Thirty people attended bringing with them dishes that featured a native bush food flavouring. The food was laid on a long table and Cath thanked 'Food for all Latrobe Valley' an initiative of the Latrobe Health Assembly, for funding the event.

We held a sharing circle where people talked about how they'd incorporated bush flavours into the foods that they'd brought along. Many

people had received Brushtail Bush Foods packets of lemon myrtle, mountain pepper-leaf and mountain pepper-berry, native mint and native thyme. Some had even experimented with strawberry gum. It was a great way to celebrate the tastes of the bush and what grows in Gunai Kurnai country. There was a huge variety of mains and desserts, breads, a murnong and sea-celery taster, roo burgers, native spice, vegetarian patties and biscuits, native spinach pesto, salads with kangaroo apple, lillypilly jam cakes, Guerny's Pear Cider and mulled wine and much

more. We toasted to a decade of volunteering and an array of grants that have co-created this artistic, organic and inspirational garden. A special thank you to Paul Jamieson for picking up his guitar and singing beautiful melodies that warmed our hearts during the celebration. Paul even got some people dancing!

For more information on the Yinnar Community Garden and how you can join, email [yinnarcg@gmail.com](mailto:yinnarcg@gmail.com) or search for the Yinnar Community Garden Facebook page.

# Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc

## Anzac Day – lest we forget

How wonderful that this year we were again able to celebrate such an important day on the calendar, which was only mildly interrupted by a couple of light showers of rain. After the Commemoration Ceremonies which included a wreath laid by our Lion Geoff Brick, around 130 people enjoyed the Lions usual fabulous breakfast along with tea and coffee.

Now that things are – more or less - starting to get back to some sort of normal, its great to know that we can start to get busy with events. Again we have to report that Bunnings Morwell are up, running and keeping us busy with our fantastic sausage sizzle, so don't forget to come and see us for the best sausages fresh cooked on the BBQ!

We are again thrilled to welcome yet another new Member, in Linda Starke who was sponsored into the Club by long time Member Lion Bob Lowick – welcome to our Club Lin.

This swells our numbers to 32 members, a very healthy, happy Club.

Speaking of happy, our Club was more than happy to congratulate Lion Bob Lowick and his lovely wife Sue, on the occasion of their 50th Golden Wedding anniversary.

The fun party took place at the Traralgon Winery and at the end of the speeches our President Reg Grisotto brought the house down when he presented Sue with a huge Gold Medal of perseverance, which Sue wore with pride for the rest of the day!

On a different note, it would be very remiss not to send our best wishes to Lion Judith Bell and Lion Geoff Brick's partner Peta Tyler who are both on the not so good list.



Thinking of you both, Judith and Peta.

Another Lions project is the Primary School's Peace Poster Competition, the theme this year is 'We Are All Connected', so find out if your school is participating and encourage your kids to enter.

Another way anyone can help out in a small way, is by collecting things that often just get thrown out.

Your old reading glasses - Lions refurbish them and send them over to third world countries where people can't afford glasses.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## KURNAI JUNIOR CAMPUS

During Term 1 Kurnai College, Churchill Campus was chosen as one of the only schools in Gippsland to partake in a Blue Light Victoria Program called Blue EDGE. Blue EDGE is a program that has a partnership with Victoria Police to deliver holistic programs that foster and develop relationships between Victoria Police and young members of the community. Blue EDGE aims to Educate, Develop, Grow and Empower participants with local Victoria Police representatives by combining physical training, mentoring and life skills twice a week.

Fifteen students were selected by Kurnai College Advocate Thomas Kindellan to partake in the program for ten weeks during Term 1, alongside Morwell Proactive Police representatives Tiago

and Kate. They were put through their paces by Sky Fitness' Tamekia for 45 minutes each Wednesday and Friday morning. At the end of each session all participants finished with a breakfast supplied by Vintage C'hill and a tailored debriefing focusing on life skills, discipline and team cohesion.

Churchill Campus Principal Cleo Lazaris stated that the program had been a wonderful success and in addition to Kurnai College's extra curricula program, during an end of term Campus Assembly. At the Assembly Tamekia from Sky Fitness also told participants that she was incredibly proud of the improvement in their physical health and the participant's resilience throughout the program.

A highlight for program participant Eleanor McEwen

(Year 8) was the week that a Melbourne Victory representative took the group sessions and gave an insight into what working at a professional sporting club was like. "He taught us about the importance of building positive relationships with others and working as a team." Eleanor said, "It was such great fun and the Final Celebration Day at the Summit (in Moe) was even better!"

Mysen Pollard (Year 8) agreed with Eleanor in exclaiming that the Celebration Day was an awesome day. He was proud of himself for partaking in the program and stated that "The training got easier as I got fitter each week." Mysen also continued saying that the final day of the program at The Summit was very fun and he was "sad that he couldn't partake in the

program again next term."

Thomas Kindellan, Kurnai College's Student Advocate Leader said he was excited for the program to continue with new groups set to start the program in Term 2. Thomas continued saying that for Kurnai College to be selected as the only school in our region to participate in a program like this is a great opportunity for students at our campus to build positive relationships with the Police.

Kurnai College wishes to thank the Blue Light for giving its students the opportunity to participate in such high-quality programs that foster the development and relationships of the young people in our community and Victoria Police.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## YINNAR SOUTH PRIMARY

### Athletics

What an exciting day it was at the Yinnar and District Athletics Day. After being initially postponed due to poor weather our Athletics Day went ahead in the last week of Term 1 with a beautiful sunny day. All

our students performed in their events at an outstanding level and we are so excited to announce that our school came in as fifth on the day. Being a small school means that sometimes we do not have enough students to compete in certain events.

Despite not having enough students for the age group, two of our Year 3 students, Charly and Lottie joined Willow in Year 6 to compete in the relay with Willow running two legs of the race. This meant these girls had to run in a higher age group against teams of Year

6 students. They showed so much determination and were incredibly close to placing. We know big things are to come for these three girls and we cannot wait to see what they can achieve.

### Responsible Pet Ownership

We had people from the Responsible Pet Ownership program come out and teach our students about the importance of looking after our pets, and how to introduce ourselves to new animals. It was great to see our students respond so well to the program. We had some time to play with our new puppy friend and to

learn some valuable skills to be safe around animals.

### Awards and Certificates

We have a strong focus here at Yinnar South Primary School around learning growth. We understand that our students start from different locations in our learning journey and we love to celebrate improvements in our learning. To finish this term we celebrated several awards with Charly (Year 3) getting the Term 1 Numeracy award for showing a year and a half learning growth in just five weeks. Xavier (Foundation) received the Term 1 Literacy award. He has been working hard on his reading and has shown just under a year's growth throughout the term. We were also very lucky to have received some leadership certificates from Russell Northe for our school leaders this year, and these were awarded to Dylan (Year 2) and our School Captain

Willow (Year 6).

### Term 2 Cooking

Upon returning to school we have started our cooking program with some trusty ANZAC Biscuits. The students from Foundation to Year 6 participated in the baking of these biscuits in the lead up to ANZAC Day. Students have been exploring the spirit of the ANZAC and were very impressed with the ingenuity of the soldiers in making these biscuits, that have stood the test of time and still taste delicious.





# SCHOOL NEWS

# CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

On March 16, Churchill North Primary School was lucky to be able to spend the day at Gumbuya World! The children were all so excited to spend the day swimming, feeding the animals and going on all of the rides as well as getting a lovely lunch supplied by Gumbuya World. You can see the excitement on the students faces!

Churchill North Primary would like to thank all of the parent helpers who came along on the day and Gumbuya World for

hosting us for the day! All of the students and staff had a wonderful day and appreciated all of the help!

*Churchill North Primary School is back for Term 2*

The holidays are over and students are already working beautifully in their classrooms. The Grade 2/3M students have been practising their maths strategies and focussing on doubling while the Grade 5/6SW students have been researching about Anzac Day. The Grade 5/6R students enjoyed a sport

lesson with Miss Wood where they played a game of frisbee golf and perfected their throwing technique.

Zoey loved knowing the names of the strategies in addition, while Chloe loved the strategy of using our place value knowledge to add the ones together and then the tens together. Shayla enjoyed working on her doubling as she found it made working out the near doubles so much easier.



# SCHOOL NEWS

# KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

### Sports news

Kurnai senior boys and girls volleyball team played with great sportsmanship at the Wellington Division Interschool Finals on Friday March 26. Congratulations to the boys' team who won all of their games and have now qualified to play at the Gippsland championships on May 7. Well done boys!

### Urban Surf

VCAL Sport and Recreation students participated in a surfing session at Urban Surf in Tullamarine on March 23. Students have been completing a water and surf safety unit which includes exploring the differences between natural and manmade outdoor

environmental experiences. This was the second surf experience for this unit, with the first being at Sandy Point beach. All students showed vast improvement in their surfing and surf awareness skills, with a successful day accomplished.

### Tutoring Learning Initiative

We are happy to announce the commencement of the 'Tutoring Learning Initiative' sponsored by the state government. This tutoring program is targeted to support students whose learning has been disrupted by the COVID 19 pandemic. Four external and two internal tutors have been secured to support 36 students.

### Yakult Factory Tour

The Year 12 Business Management class visited the Yakult Factory in Dandenong, as part of their studies for 'Operations'. The Japanese-owned company sells Yakult (a fermented milk drink) across forty countries, with the factory in Dandenong making all the Yakult for the Australian and New Zealand market.

Students were able to see the entire production process, beginning with the large vats that conduct several processes to turn water, skim milk powder, sugar, flavouring and bacteria into Yakult. From there, students observed the bottles being manufactured on site, labelled, packaged into five

and ten packs, and finally secured onto crates ready for delivery to supermarkets. Students also learned about the quality control conducted on site and were able to get a peek into the laboratory where samples of Yakult are randomly tested.

### Year 10 VCAL

Year 10 VCAL students have worked hard raising money by washing cars for a trip to Farm World. The Farm World experience was a success with students appreciating the opportunity to experience something new and to learn about farming. Students also hosted a morning tea of delicious hot cross buns for campus staff. This was a very enjoyable way to

raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital, Good Friday Appeal. Students are also working towards the challenge of raising money for a men's mental health organisation by taking part in a day that will see them ride a three wheeled Human Powered vehicle for a full day.

### Parent Teacher

It was fabulous to be able to welcome parents, guardians, host parents and students back on to face to face Parent Teacher conversations. This is always an invaluable opportunity to share information on student learning and progress and to discuss methods for supporting students in

their studies. Attendance was pleasing and the complimentary bbq was delicious.

### 2019 Kurnai Dux visit

It was fabulous to welcome back our 2019 Dux Chloe Radford when she visited the school to share her experiences and advice with our current year 12 students. Chloe spoke about her organisational methods for achieving success as well as her tips for balancing schooling and life.

Our current students gained a lot from this experience and we wish Chloe all the best for her studies at the University of Melbourne.





# SCHOOL NEWS

## CHURCHILL PRIMARY

### Excitement Plus

Churchill Primary School's old playground was removed over the summer holidays and a new and improved playground was ordered to coincide with our brand new building.

Unfortunately it took a little longer than expected which meant students had to use their imaginations to have fun in other ways during Term 1.

Imagine the excitement when students returned to school after a two week break on Monday April 19, to find they had brand new equipment to explore and play on.

Over the school holidays our brand new playground had been installed and there was a very excited buzz in the air!

There is also a new sand pit area that has been

established between our two main buildings and there were smiles and beaming faces everywhere.

We certainly look forward to lots of fun being had on our new playground equipment over the coming years.

On Friday May 7, our new building was officially opened by Harriet Shing, MP for Eastern Victoria.

*ANZAC Day*

On Sunday April 25, our school Captain, Sara A, represented CPS at the Churchill and District ANZAC ceremony.

Sara laid a wreath in honour of the ANZACs who had fought in battles long before she was born, and then gave a lovely speech about what ANZAC Day means to her.

Sara did a wonderful job and showed the 130 people

who attended the event exactly why she was chosen to be a leader at our school. Well done Sara – Lest We Forget!

### Enrolments welcome

Enrolments are now open for kinder aged children who will begin their school journey in 2022.

Prospective families are encouraged to phone the school and book a tour of our facilities to find out what

Churchill Primary School has to offer for your child, phone 03 5122 1343.

Take advantage of our early enrolment scheme to be eligible for a free uniform pack (valued at over \$60) by enrolling your child before July 30.

Our Ready, Set...PREP! program will run once again in Terms 3 and 4 for all students enrolled to start in 2022.



Kai S, Logahn B, Ryan S and Masey W playing on the monkey bars



Sara A represents CPS at the Churchill ANZAC Day celebration



Harvey M, Kobe M, Jordi P and Rhys E on the balance beam

# SCHOOL NEWS

## BOOLARRA PRIMARY

### Easter Activities

by Ryleigh and Ruby

Last term we finished with fun filled Easter activities.

We started off in our house groups and moved to different activities run by our House Captains. The activities were games outside, decorating laminated drawings of eggs, paper planes and lastly we traced bunnies. We really enjoyed all of the activities, but particularly tracing the bunnies and outside games.

### Outside games

We played two games. The first game was dodge the eggs, which is just like dodge-ball but the balls were eggs. The second game was rock paper scissor Easter edition with rabbits and chickens.

### Tracing bunnies

Our other favourite activity was tracing bunnies with chalk. You could trace them in rainbow or just one colour. But most people did it in rainbow, except for us.

At BPS (Boolarra Primary School) we had Easter games and activities.

First, we split into house

groups and blue house went to do Easter sun catchers. You make them by an egg colouring picture.

Next we went to Easter sports. We got marshmallow bunnies every time we won a game.

We did a couple more activities, like chalk bunnies but at the end of the day we did the egg roll. It was fun but I lost. The winner got a raffle ticket.

It was very fun and I enjoyed it a lot.

By Matilda and Isabelle

### Cross country

On April 26, Boolarra Primary School did a Year 3-6 cross country around our oval. The 3/4s had to do 2km which is six laps around our oval and, the 5/6s had to do 3km which was nine laps. But we decided to put a twist on it.

You had 30 minutes to run as many laps as you could and after that it was a house competition to see who gets the most points. Kallarnie and Logan came first place in the whole school and got sixteen laps. Laura came as the third fastest group and got 12 laps.

We would say the whole school pushed themselves really hard and some are very proud. In the end Irving came fourth, Penuluna came third, Morrow came second and Strzelecki came first! We got Zooper Doopers and went outside to talk to our friends before the end of the day. We had so much fun!

Kallarnie and Laura.

### Why Boolarra Primary

*School is the best.*

The school kids never get bullied. It doesn't get too crowded. The teachers and children are kind. The students always listen all the time and every time. We set goals and when we achieve them the teachers make it fun.

Sometimes we even get to let off party poppers. We get rewards if we do well like icy poles. We get to learn about Zones of Regulation and this helps us to understand how we are feeling. Kids help others when they get hurt. The kids get helped by the teachers if they don't do the right thing.

By Scarlett and Ivy-Rose





# SCHOOL NEWS

## LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY



Holy Week is one of the most important times in our Catholic Church and a true tribute to our faith history and the Catholic identity of our school.

It is time to reflect on and remember the events in Jesus' life.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Sunday.

Every year, the students from Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School re-enact the Passion Story, this year being super special as last year the event was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Students from Year 5 / 6 lead the story, with years P - 2 involved in waving palms as they sang, 'Sing Hosanna' by Michael Mangan.

One parent said; 'It was very moving and I loved the personal reflections for students and people in general'.

'Jack was exceptional as Jesus', said local parishioner, Catherine Campbell, 'it gets better every year', she said.

### *Honouring our Anzac Day Service at Lumen Christi Primary School*

The whole school community of Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School, gathered to honour all Australians who have served in times of war or service for our country.

The annual Anzac Service usually occurs outside in the school's Anzac rose garden, but was moved indoors due to the rain.

This didn't detract from the ambiance and reverent atmosphere at the service.

As the whole school gathered, they paid tribute and remembered our Anzacs, they listened to prayers and poems and reflected on the great attributes of all our past soldiers, service men and women; and all those who currently serve our country.

The Year 5 / 6 students and school leaders lead the service, with every class placing their own class wreath as a symbol of respect for our diggers past and present.

Ayra from Year 1 said, 'I loved making my wreath and placing it at our prayer table to remember our soldiers'.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

We have all returned after the school holidays ready for a busy and productive term of learning at Hazelwood North Primary School.

### *House Sports Day*

Following on from our section last month about our house sports day, there is a photo of our age group champions for the day. These students were the highest scoring individuals for their age group.

### *Athletics Day at Yinnar*

Towards the end of last term, all students travelled to Yinnar to compete in the District Athletics day. Many students were very excited for this day, with some of our younger students equally as excited to be travelling on a bus for the first time! It was great to see our students trying their best, displaying good sportsmanship, and trying to improve each time.

We are proud to say that our efforts paid off as our school came second! Thanks to Mrs Hughes for all her hard work in PE to teach the students correct technique, how to listen to and use feedback and not giving up! Well done HNPS!

### *ANZAC Day*

As ANZAC Day fell on Sunday this year, we took time to reflect and learn more about this day on Friday



April 23. The F-2 classes listened to stories about ANZAC Day, and then wrote about what they had learnt.

Some of our senior students learnt about the significance of the ANZAC biscuits, and were lucky enough to have Mrs Jones teach them how to bake them.

It was a yummy treat on a cold afternoon. Hazelwood North Primary School held an ANZAC Day service on Friday April 30, when our senior students returned from camp.

In Art some of our younger students have been learning about symbols that help commemorate ANZAC Day.

Each student crafted paper poppies to decorate their painted wreath.

### *Cross Country*

On Thursday April 22, all students participated in our school cross country event. It was great to see (and hear) so many students encouraging their peers to try their hardest and complete as many laps of the school as they could.





# St Matt's Op Shop, Yinnar



St Matt's volunteers Beth and Liz.

St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar could not run without the help of our wonderful volunteers. I spoke to volunteers Beth and Liz about why they like working at St Matt's.

Beth has been working in the Op Shop for about 12 months now. She said she loves the bargains and the chance to meet local folks.

Her favourite thing about working here is the faces of the children when they have picked up something they really love.

Beth said five words that describe St Matt's are

"friendly, clean, cheap, exciting, variety". She told me one time a customer came in looking for a lemon squeezer and we didn't have one, but then two or three days later some donated lemon squeezers arrived! So it is always worth checking back again later if we don't have the item you are looking for.

Liz has been working in the Op Shop since its opening two years ago. She likes the friendly atmosphere and the opportunity to find a treasure trove. Some of her tasks are to sort clothing,

clean the shop, and to arrange and organise items. She said the favourite items she has sold were some lovely crystal glasses. Liz told me mothers have said that they find St Matt's very welcoming for children, and that they can let their children browse freely here.

New volunteers are always welcome at St Matt's. You will just need to obtain a Working With Children check in compliance with government regulations. Drop in for a chat, or send us an email to [stmattsyinnar@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsyinnar@gmail.com).

# Councillor Melissa Ferguson

It has been an honour serving the South Ward Communities since my election in October 2020. I have enjoyed meeting many of the active community members who diligently work voluntarily in the background, developing our townships and preserving our open green spaces for all to enjoy.

I have happily accepted invitations to regularly attend the Mathison Park Committee, Yinnar and District Community Association and the Churchill and District Community Association meetings, and am enjoying watching their achievements and aspirations for the future of our towns.

I had the privilege of attending the CDCA Memorial seat unveiling, which was in honour of the legacy of the late Rob Whelan. This was a particularly moving event where the offering of healing via a smoking ceremony was presented to attendees and the Whelan family by the Gunai Kurnai people. A very powerful moment of recognition for all of the Churchill community and its unity.

As we move ahead into 2021 and resume our normal lives from the pandemic,

I would like to encourage people to seek out the committees I have mentioned and consider joining as a volunteer. Although they are already extremely effective groups, they all share one theme in common. That is that they need a diverse mix of new young and old volunteers. Please feel free to enquire via Council or



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## Churchill



An estimated 150 people turned out for ANZAC Day in Churchill despite the possibility of showers. Yes there were one or two, but between the showers the sun shone and the ceremony continued.

COVID restrictions were in place and the crowd was very respectful in observing them.

Don George, senior Vice President of the Morwell RSL was the MC.

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood, Don and several others ensured the program was organised. The Churchill & District Lions Club cooked the gunfire breakfast which was hungrily devoured by those present following the ceremony.

Don began by setting the scene for ANZAC.

“We are gathered here today to remember the courage and sacrifice of all members of the Australian Defence Force. But especially those men who became known as the first ANZACs.

When those men landed at dawn on April 25, 1915 on the Gallipoli peninsula under heavy enemy fire, they could not have known that 106 years later Australians in every

community, town, and city would gather together to pay their respect to the sacrifices they made. On that first day many paid the supreme sacrifice, for on the first day 16,000 ANZACs landed at Gallipoli, 2,000 were killed or wounded.

For the first ANZACs it was a baptism by fire as none of the ANZACs had seen combat before.

That small cove and beach was not heard of by many Australians living at home in 1915, and little did the troops know at the time that their landing on that little cove, now known as ANZAC Cove, would go down in Australian history, for at dawn on April 25, 1915 a legend was born, that legend is ANZAC.

The courage, loyalty, honour, and mateship that the first ANZACs showed in WW1 is what shapes the Australian defence force today.

This year we celebrate the 100th year of the formation of the Royal Australian Air Force or RAAF as it is known.

The RAAF was formed on March 31, 1921, and is the second oldest independent Air

Force in the world. Military aviation came of age in World War 1, first with air ships then planes, and it was at this time that the Australian Flying Corps was formed. The king then gave consent to use the word Royal so on August 13, 1921 the RAAF was formed.

Members of the RAAF have served in many parts of the world in conflicts and on peace keeping missions, and humanitarian aid missions.”

Members of the Australian Air Cadets and their staff turned out in their uniforms, to be the flag attendants.

Christine Johnson then spoke for our First Nations people.

Christine welcomed everyone to country and spoke of being a member of the Brayakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai Nation which spans from the Snowy River to the Mitchell River, Sale, Providence Ponds, Avon and Latrobe Rivers; west of Lake Wellington to Mounts Baw Baw and Howitt, the coast of the Ninety Mile Beach to Memmon Creek near Warragul.

Christine stated that for her ANZAC Day was a time to pause and reflect on those

service men and women who served for our country. Those who will not be forgotten and for those men and women who serve today.

There were twenty-one wreaths and bouquets laid in a respectful order to the accompaniment of the Latrobe Brass Band playing hymns.

The Latrobe Valley Aero Club made a fly over of three planes.

The Youth Leaders of our local schools were then invited by Councillor Melissa Ferguson to speak about what ANZAC Day means to them.

Following is what they said.

Churchill P.S.

Sara Anderson  
ANZAC Day is a very special day to me because it’s about soldiers, who fought for our freedom. Over 56,000 people died for us and I am grateful for everything they’ve done. I always pay my respects to them. On this particular day everybody gets to show how appreciative and thankful we all are to those who have died for everyone and for the world peace they brought to us. Thank you.

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### Churchill North P.S. Pearl Doherty

What does ANZAC Day mean to us? Well, I believe this is a fundamental question that all Australians should answer proudly and with respect. Our soldiers fall that we might stand tall; we stand that we might have freedom. Good morning everyone. We are Churchill North Primary School Captains, and today, we have been asked to speak a bit about what ANZAC day means to us. On behalf of our school, we would like to thank the people who made this event possible and for the invitation.

To me, ANZAC day is a very special event and day when we commemorate the fallen and living Australian and NZ soldiers who fought for our countries. ANZAC Day is a day that we as Australians can come together, put our differences aside, and pay respect to the people who fought for us. Some people had to lie about their age to fight in the World War. Personally, I can't even imagine myself fighting in a war at 15 or 16 years of age; for that, I'm thankful for the courageous soldiers who did.

Many might refer to our dead soldiers as fallen heroes, but to me, they live on, and the effects of their sacrifices endure. They live on in the freedom we enjoy, they live on in our minds, and their sacrifices remain permanently printed on the tablets of our hearts, and we will never, never forget them.

Thank you, our soldiers, for your sacrifices! Thank you, our fallen heroes, for helping us to stand! Thank you, our dead yet living heroes! We will never forget you!

Our soldiers will always be remembered in our hearts not only on ANZAC Day but also every day as we enjoy the freedom in our dear country.

We say a big thank you to all gathered here today to celebrate and remember our heroes. May we never forget their sacrifices. Thank you all.

### Mahaliah Kickett-Eades

To me it also means to remember all of the soldiers who have sacrificed their lives for our country. That's why we have our one minute of silence.

### Marley Robertson

To me ANZAC means all of the brave

soldiers who fought for our country and to take a minute of silence to think of them.

### Tahliah Hobbs

We are gathered here today to remember those brave soldiers who helped set us free. This is the day they risked their lives fighting in the battle fields in places far away. Australians and New Zealanders stood side by side. Many died and some went home. Lives weren't the same. The ANZACs were heroic in body and name. Thank you for setting us free. Lest we forget.

### Kurnai College Junior Campus Elizabeth Cassar and Blake Billing

We gather to remember those who served to defend our country and commemorate the ultimate sacrifice the ANZACs made to protect us. The acronym ANZAC does not only stand for the "Australian New Zealand Army Corps" but brings on a spirit of loyalty, selflessness, courage, and determination. This spirit is still shown today when Australians come together in times of hardship to make sure others know they are not alone.

If the ANZACs had not put their lives on the line, Australia may not have been the place then that we call home today. But the heroic actions of the ANZACs gave us the liberty of not having to worry about being drafted off to war or fighting for one's country, but we can appreciate the privilege of freedom, that is now taken for granted. Now is the time to think about those who have served in Australia's armed forces, those who continue to serve, and those who have lost their lives.

### Lumen Christi Camryn Masters

Hi I'm Camryn and I'm from Lumen Christi Churchill Primary School. I am so thankful for being able to talk about this important day today. I will be talking about ANZAC Day, why it is so important and what it means to me.

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The ANZACs landed on the Gallipoli peninsula on April 25, 1915, in the cover of darkness. The ANZACs fought for *Continued over . . .*



# ANZAC DAY 2021

Lest We Forget



eight months straight, even when it was impossible. Over 11,000 ANZACs' lives were lost and I am forever grateful for the ANZACs who stood, fought and died.

To my family, ANZAC Day is an important day to not just remember the First World War, but to remember every war, and think about all the lives that have been lost. The ANZACs were brave, loyal, fierce, and passionate about standing against wrong, and I believe that all of these qualities have helped shape Australia into what it is today. As we remember the ANZACs on ANZAC Day, we should be inspired to have these qualities ourselves.

My great-grandmother was born in a German-occupied concentration camp in southern Poland, and escaped to Australia with her mother. This story is similar to the story of millions, and I'm so proud that the ANZACs set an example for all future Australian and New Zealand soldiers so that our countries continued to fight against wrong.

Thank you for having me here today, as

we remember the ANZACs 106 years later.

Cathie Halliwell of the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill said some prayers.

Don George read the Ode to the Fallen as the crowd respectfully stood. Joseph Bonnici played the Last Post and Reveille with a minutes silence between.

Peter Townsend was then invited to speak about the personal significance of ANZAC Day to him through his experience as a parent whose son has served in a war zone. He began by reading the ANZAC Requiem.

Our family has always been very close and traditional. Dad and mum, three sons and a daughter. One in all in. We did nearly everything together. Everything was shared and discussed. No secrets.

Our third son, Luke wanted to join the Army from a very young age. At age 18 he was accepted. Luke went to Kapooka for his recruit training. Upon successful completion the whole family journeyed to Kapooka to see him in the March Out Parade.

We were so proud!

From there Luke was posted to various

locations throughout Australia. All the while keeping in touch as much as possible.

One posting was Townsville, and whilst there he changed to a specialist corps.

Suddenly things changed. There was less correspondence, and less information of his whereabouts and activities.

We knew that Luke was sent overseas to various conflict zones and hotspots but that was all.

We would read newspapers, listen to the news – anything that might indicate where he was or what he was doing.

If we heard of a tragedy somewhere, we would immediately wonder if it was our son.

People would often ask, "How's Luke getting on?" We would answer, "Oh, he's great thanks. Doing well".

Deep down we would have a horrible, gut wrenching feeling and would try not to show this anguish in any way.

We did a lot of praying. Believe me.

Eventually, after about 10 months he came home.

Excited and proud, we met with much kissing, hugging, handshakes and a few

tears. But after a few days we realised that he'd changed. No longer our little boy, but a man in his own right.

It soon became evident that in this change, we had lost the son that we had and it would never be quite the same.

Many times we heard, "You don't understand". What was going on? He had to come back into the family fold! We had a number of cross words. Things shouldn't be like this. Was it PTSD maybe?

Luke had seen things and done things that we couldn't dream of.

He seemed to be living two lives – in a conflict zone with his army pals, the other, at home with his family. I had to give a lot of ground and so did he, and this took time.

Luke finally left the Army, but civilian life didn't suit him. He couldn't settle. He was unsure of things, very unhappy.

We suggested that he go away and sort his life out – and to his credit he did.

Luke joined the British Army and did two more tours of duty in other conflict zones.

Luke is now a husband and father of  
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three. He has settled down to family life proud of his achievements during this time. BUT, we do not dwell too much on the past and only talk of the good times and memories.

We are not alone in our feelings. In the last 120 years, well over 1 million Australian Service personnel left their families to serve overseas.

Many never came back. In this we are very humble and grateful, for our little boy did come home. Thank God."

The Brass Band played the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems as the crowd stood.

Don and Leo then thanked Peter Gray of Ampworks for the amplification equipment, St John's Ambulance volunteers who had

come from Seaspray, the Australian Airforce Cadets 424 Squadron, Latrobe Valley Aero Club for the flyover, Churchill & District Lions for the gunfire breakfast, and Wendy Hrynyszyn from Latrobe City Council for her support.

Breakfast was served as well as tea and coffee with ANZAC biscuits courtesy of the Rotary Club of Hazelwood and District.

It was a special occasion of celebration, remembrance and social gathering as many people stayed to chat and catch up over an egg and bacon sandwich, sausage in bread with onions or a cuppa and biscuit.

A big thank you to the Rotary Club and Morwell RSL for organising the ceremony and all that went with it under COVID restrictions.

It was well received with many positive comments expressed.

### Service at Churchill Soccer Club.

In the afternoon Don George and Ian Johnson conducted a service at the Churchill Soccer Club. The club had been selling ANZAC items.

To begin the match and service the two teams, stood in two straight lines and listened to the service.

The comments made to start the service are as follows

"Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls welcome to this 106th anniversary of the landing of the ANZAC's on the Gallipoli peninsula at dawn on April 25, 1915. My name is Ian Johnson and it is my honour

to conduct the 2021 ANZAC Service. Those brave ANZACs that landed at dawn under heavy enemy fire, could not have known that we would be gathered here today 106 years on to remember their sacrifice.

We are here today to honour those first ANZACs who paid the supreme sacrifice and to honour their memory. The courage, loyalty, honour, honesty, mateship, and fair play that the ANZACs showed during World War One and World War Two, are the code that today's Australian Defence Force lives by."

The service Ian Johnson and Don George did at the Churchill Soccer ground was along the same routine as they did in Churchill. Ian read the Ode and George read the ANZAC Requiem.

## Yinnar

It was a welcome return to our day of remembrance and although the weather turned cold and drizzly, it did not dampen the Anzac spirit.

The dawn service was attended by almost 200 people. Our local ex-serviceman Captain Luke Townsend conducted the ceremony with the usual formality.

Breakfast was supplied to the attendees by the Yinnar and District Lions Club. Tea and special coffee in the RSL hall once again served by our stalwarts Jenny Smethurst and Sonia Williams and enjoyed by all.

The main parade set off at 9.20am, led by the Caledonian Pipe Band, it was great to see all the young marchers from the local schools.

Once the march reached the Cenotaph, the formalities were again conducted by Captain Townsend with assistance from local Vietnam veteran Kevin Burrows. Kevin read a brief eulogy for Reg Selwyn, Yinnar's last World War 11 veteran who recently passed away.

Wreaths were then laid by various groups and individuals.

Captain Townsend then spoke of his war



experiences and also about visiting Villiers-Bretonneux with his family.

The closing ceremony was very moving with the inclusion of bugler Tina Thompson from the Morwell Citizen's Band.

Despite the miserable weather and the COVID restrictions, the day was a fitting tribute to our service men and women and the sacrifices they have made.



The first photo is of bugler Tina Thompson and Captain Luke Townsend at the Cenotaph. The 2nd one is of the march.