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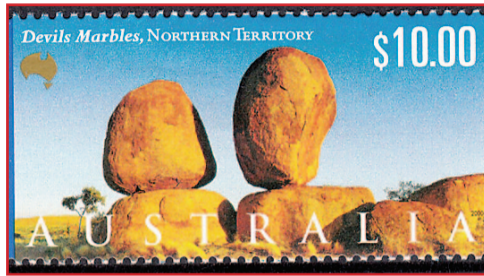
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Shop Local May Day Market



What glorious sunshine we woke up to on Saturday May 1. The day of our May Day Market! Just the weather to be outdoors and visiting the Churchill Shopping Centre.

A last-minute decision was made to have our Market Stalls outdoors – some at West Place and some around Hazelwood Village. Stall-holders were pleased to be out in the warm weather and it certainly added to the atmosphere!

It also made it easier to comply with safety precautions against COVID - had we held the market indoors at the Town Hall as planned, we'd have had to limit the number of folk able to enter and browse at any one time.

Instead, people were able to browse the stalls at their leisure, line up with their children for the free face-painting at Hazelwood Village, listen to the music provided by Bryce Wright at West Place (and later at Hazelwood Village); grab a free sausage or two from either of the two BBQs and make their Saturday morning purchases at our local stores.

It was great to see so many people turn out on the day, do their shopping (even the Lifeline Store opened specially for shoppers that Saturday!), have a coffee with friends or just gather outside to catch up with friends.

There were extra smiles too, from the people who won shopping vouchers to spend at Churchill businesses!

In total, the team from Shop Local gave away four \$50 supermarket vouchers, five \$50 vouchers to use at Churchill Private Dental Clinic and 20 x \$10 vouchers to be used at a range of Churchill's retail outlets.

Every business in the Churchill CBD benefited from at least one free voucher to be used in their store, encouraging locals to support our local stores.

The majority of these vouchers were paid for from the funding the Shop Local Program has received.

Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch cooked

the Sausage Sizzle at Hazelwood Village and had a steady stream of vehicles arrive to have their number plates fitted with anti-theft screws (for a small donation). They were pleased, as we were, to see so many people turn up to have this simple fit-out done to help prevent number plate thefts.

Abigail and Rebecca from Churchill Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) set up a BBQ opposite the Post Office at West Place and a steady stream of people partook of the free sausages. Many thanks to them for all their hard work on the day and in the lead up to this event, organising the Craft Market and being the contact people for inquiries, volunteer helpers and all those involved.

Churchill & District Community Association (CDCA) successfully applied to Latrobe City Council's Business and Economic Development Unit for funding to support our planned Shop Local events in 2021.

This funding, along with some of CDCA's own reserves, is being used for the costs of providing free entertainment and sausage sizzles and to cover the costs of the free shopping vouchers so that businesses are not out-of-pocket.

A special shout-out to those Churchill businesses that supported the May Shop Local event with donations – AA Accounting, Churchill Private Dental Clinic, Ritchies IGA, Woolworths and Churchill Hotel.

The Churchill – Shop Local program is a partnership between CDCA, CNC and Churchill & District News that aims to support Churchill businesses and encourage residents to Shop Local.

Our next Shop Local event will be the Winter Market (a week before Fathers Day) on the morning of Saturday August 28. Contact Churchill Neighbourhood Centre on 5120 3850 if you wish to book a stall for the Craft Market.



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Missing Links
 A couple of CDCA Committee members recently took a walk in Churchill with Darren Chester (Federal Member for Gippsland) and Melina Bath (State Upper House Member for Eastern region).

We met in the car park outside the Churchill Hub and walked across Eel Hole Creek and up to the Leisure Centre, then along Northways Rd past the Regional Synthetic Sports Field to Kurnai College; alongside the road to the southern entrance of Mathison Park and back along the Creek pathway to McDonald Way, returning to the Hub past the Churchill CFA station.

Under discussion were a number of potential pathway projects for Churchill – footpath and streetlights along Northways Road from the College to Monash Way; a recreational path along McDonald Way to link the University to Mathison Park and Mackeys Rd and a long-term plan to complete missing footpaths (of which there are many) in Churchill's residential areas.

Also discussed was the Council adopted 2013

'Churchill East West Link Masterplan' which was to provide more accessible pathways between the Leisure and Education Precincts on the eastern side of Churchill to the Churchill Hub and Town Centre. Council unsuccessfully sought funding for elements of this Plan in 2018 and has since not attempted to advance the Masterplan further.

This meeting and walk arose from a conversation with Melina Bath, who was keen to discuss incomplete or missing infrastructure projects in Churchill when she met with Latrobe City Council officers.

CDCA was also to raise our on-going concerns over the barbed wire fence along Monash Way, however we were recently contacted by Council to advise that funding had been secured to upgrade this fence and construction would commence this year.

Both Darren and Melina seemed appreciative of our instructional walk and talk and, with a greater understanding of what CDCA terms Churchill's "Missing Links" (paths), promised to advocate to

Latrobe City Council on our behalf.

Our on-going partnership projects with the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and Churchill & District News are proving very successful!

Judging from the turn-out and all the positive feedback we've received, our joint Shop Local May Day Market was a success and we've begun working on our next event – our Winter Market, which will be held on Saturday August 28, at the Churchill Shopping Centre.

Last month we launched our latest recycling initiative – pens, biro's, textas, marking pens and hi-lighters. These can all be dropped off at the Churchill Community Hub for recycling. These items have started to fill the tub provided, whilst our other tubs continue to be filled with the assorted waste products we can have recycled e.g. toothbrushes and tubes, clean aluminium foil, x-ray films, bread tags and so forth (see the advertisement in this issue of the News for the full list!).

Our June meeting was held at the Hub. Attendees are required to either scan the QR Code provided at the Hub or write their contact details on an attendance sheet. It's very important that we all get used to doing

this when we attend venues for 15 mins or longer; this enables rapid Contact Tracing in the event of an outbreak of COVID 19.

It is evident from recent events that there continues to be outbreaks, whilst the vaccine rollout to the general population is going to take some time to complete. If we do, unknowingly, attend a venue where we may have been exposed to an infectious person, it is reassuring to know that Contact Tracing will be rapid and those exposed will be alerted quickly.

This year CDCA meetings are being held on the first Thursday of every second month. Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday August 5, 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.

Rainfall

Churchill

The Rainfall for Churchill was 66mm for the month of May. There were 15 days with rain. The day with the most amount of rainfall was May 17 with 13mm. The total amount of rainfall so far for 2021 is now 273.5 mm.

Hazelwood South.

May had 72mm of rain which was 12% above the average. Hazelwood South

had 36% more rain than the Latrobe Valley weather station. The soil moisture and ground water remain low. Despite the green grass, the garden can still benefit from some more watering. Firewood usage is high due to the cold nights and frosty mornings. It is the chainsaw time of the year, and the Winter Solstice is fast approaching.

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Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc.

Winter has come early and it is cold, fires are roaring, heaters are on and power bills will be shooting sky high.

As you are snuggled in bed or in front of that roaring fire, think of us dedicated Lions who are already set up and ready to go at the ever increasing Bunnings sausage sizzles – come on down and grab a freshly cooked sausage with onions on freshly baked bread – yummy!

Two of the primary schools are participating in the Lions Primary School's Peace Poster Competition, with the theme this year being 'We Are All Connected', it's going to be wonderful to see the children's interpretations and the amazing paintings they present us with each year. I know I'm always in awe, as are the judges and we can't wait for this year's entries.

Again, with the ever lifting COVID restrictions we are able to get out there and do what our Lions love to do – catering functions. We were contacted by Nick Iacovou, the Managing Director of Omega network in Morwell, who wanted to put on a slap up lunch for around 150 workers at APM in Maryvale in two days time!

'Not a problem' says Secretary Carol Kavanagh who then rings President Reg Grisotto and away we go, within a couple of hours we are fully organised with a full crew and the food organised.

Friday morning was cold with a very thick fog as we all assembled at our shed, loaded and hooked up the vehicles to convoy to the APM (still in a thick fog).

With Churchill Lions it's always a no fuss situation so



Catering at APM for Omega Network (L - R) Lions Peter Savage, Carol Kavanagh (Secretary) Bill Hurenkamp, Reg Grisotto (President), Ray Medew and Peter Tait, behind in the cooking van is Robin King, Allan Kelly and Dave Cranwell. In the centre is a Supervisor from APM and Omega's Nick Iacovou.

within no time whatsoever, we had the vans organised in place, marquee and tables set up, the generator running for power and as the three guys were cooking in the van the sun managed to burst through.

The workers started to arrive over two staggered lunch breaks and were quite surprised to be served huge hamburgers with the lot, sausages with onions and bread, plus a vast array of cold drinks as by then the day was starting to get quite hot, so to say it was all appreciated would be an understatement!

Once finished, it was packed up, clean up and away we all drove in convoy again back to the shed to unhook, unload and sit for a yack.

Churchill Lions would like to say a special thank you to Nick and Omega Network for giving us the opportunity to help out by supplying all the hard workers at APM with a great lunch.

As with every occasion

there is always food left over but we ensure nothing ever goes to waste, and Nick told us just to take it all. One of our Members, Bill Hurenkamp took all of the food that was left down to the Soup Kitchen that night to help contribute.

He said it was just wonderful. There was not a scrap of food left at the end of the night and everyone went away well fed. One can only say it really touches your heart to know that we can help out in so many ways.

Another item that we know everyone is just bursting to know about, of course is the Churchill Lions Fishing Competition! Due to COVID and the restrictions it has been postponed on us it has been postponed time after time from last year through to this year.

We have decided to try for the first Saturday in December which will be December 4, so put that date in your diaries

and keep everything crossed that nothing can prevent it from going ahead.

Keep watching this space for more details as the time grows closer!

In September the Lions

Skin Cancer Testing Caravan will be rolling into Churchill so keep an eye out for more details here in CDN, flyers in the shops and advertising everywhere – it's free - but you will need to book, so

Libraries can help with electricity discount

Latrobe City Council Libraries are leading the charge to help people on a Pensioner Concession Card and some Health Care Cards to access the Victorian Government's \$250 electricity bonus.

To obtain the grant, people need an original PDF (electronic copy) or a hard-copy version of their electricity bill and a Centrelink Reference Number (CRN) - which is found on your concession card - or your Department

of Veterans Affairs card number to submit through the State Government's Compare Energy website. Latrobe Libraries can assist eligible recipients to scan in the required documents and walk them through the application process using library computers.

"During COVID restrictions the Library staff responded to the needs of our community and again, that is what they are doing," Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Sharon Gibson

don't miss out, come along and get checked out.

We hope everyone is safe, happy healthy and well and stays that way.

Please remember to keep on saving and collecting the following – your trash really is someone else's treasure! Your old reading glasses - Lions refurbish them and send them over to third world countries where people can't afford glasses.

Used postage stamps - Lions bag them up and sell them to provide children's walking devices.

Bread tags - these help to provide children's wheelchairs.

Don't forget - if on your computer, have a look at our Facebook Page Lions Club of Churchill Community Activities and Lions Club of Churchill & District. If you would be interested in finding out about maybe joining, leave a message, they will be answered asap, or email churchill.lionsclub@gmail.com

said. The electricity bonus is a once-only \$250 power saving bonus and is available to eligible people from now until the end of the year. The bonus is available to holders and recipients of a:

- Pensioner Concession Card
- Jobseeker
- Youth Allowance
- AusStudy • AbStudy
- DVA pensioner
- DVA Gold cards. More information is available at www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au

A message about Recycling at the Churchill Hub



DON'T BIN THEM - RECYCLE THEM AT THE HUB!

Look for the bin outside the Neighbourhood Centre office



- Toothbrushes, Toothpaste Tubes & Dental Floss Containers
- Pens, Biro's, Textas, Marking Pens and Hi-lighters
- Bread Tags (the little plastic squares)
- CLEAN used aluminium foil
- X-rays • Mobile phones & chargers
- Printer cartridges • Household batteries
- All small e-waste items

(Note: The Hub is no longer accepting milk bottle lids or any other sort of container lids for recycling – sorry; we can longer recycle these items through our program)

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



Darren Chester

Federal Member for Gippsland



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Family Violence

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How to respond to a disclosure

If you are a friend, family member, neighbour or work colleague of a person who you are concerned is experiencing family violence, you can contact WIRE or 1800 RESPECT. There, you can talk to a support worker about how you might have a conversation with the person or what might be the best way to support them.

Some useful tips for responding to a disclosure:

- Take the disclosure seriously. People who use family violence can be very skilled at making other people think of them as 'good' and even 'kind' people. When a person trusts you and discloses what is happening, your job is to believe what the victim-survivor tells you about their experience.

- Be an active listener. By listening to their story, you are giving the person experiencing violence the space to work through their options and what they can do. Active listening means you avoid passing judgment, minimising the person's experience, blaming them or not believing them.

- Refrain from telling a person what to do – they are the best person to judge their own safety.

- Consider the reasons why the person may not have talked about the violence to you before. What are the possible consequences they fear might happen if they talk to someone about what is happening?

List of services

WIRE
 An information and referral service for women, nonbinary and gender diverse people in Victoria 1300 134 130 Monday to Friday, 9.30am-4.30pm support@wire.org.au www.wire.org.au
 Family violence support services, resources and support groups
 Safe Steps Family

Violence Response Centre (formerly Women's Domestic Violence Crisis Service of Victoria)

A state-wide crisis line that can connect you with local services or provide temporary accommodation and support 1800 015 188 www.safesteps.org.au

1800RESPECT
 A 24/7 counselling service for people experiencing family violence and/or sexual assault 1800 737 732 www.1800respect.org.au

Victims of Crime Helpline 1800 819 817 / 0427 767 891 (for text messages) vsa@justice.vic.gov.au www.victimsofcrime.vic.gov.au

Victoria Sexual Assault Crisis Line 1800 806 292 ahcasa@thewomens.org.au www.casa.org.au Domestic Violence Outreach Services Call WIRE (1300 134 130) for contact details in your area Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria www.dvrcv.org.au/talk-someone/victorian-services

The Lookout lists family violence and support services in your area www.thelookout.org.au/ service-directory

Men's Referral Service 1300 766 491 mrs.org.au

Women's Legal Service Victoria 1800 133 302 / (03) 8622 0600 (open 6:30-8:30pm Tues & Thurs) www.womenslegal.org.au

Court Network
 Can provide non-legal support whilst in Court 1800 681 614 www.courtnetwork.com.au admin@courtnetwork.com.au

Everyday Law www.everyday-law.org.au

Federation of Community Legal Centres

To find a community legal service in your area (Victoria) (03) 9652 1500 www.communitylaw.org.au

Victoria Legal Aid 1300 792 387 / (03) 9269 0120 www.legalaid.vic.gov.au

WIRE Women's Information Booklet
 Transitional Housing Services

Call WIRE (1300 134 130) for contact details in your area

Tenants Union of Victoria (03) 9416 2577 www.tuv.org.au

Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT)

For residential tenancies: 1300 018 228 / 03 8685 1462 vcat@vcat.vic.gov.au

Women's Homelessness Prevention Project at Justice Connect (03) 8636 4400; justiceconnect.org.au/our-services/homeless-law/womens-homelessness-preventionproject/

Ask Izzy
 A gateway to services relating to housing, meals, healthcare and more askizzy.org.au

Police, ambulance Call 000 for immediate assistance

Centrelink Crisis Payment 132 850 (Newstart Allowances) 136 150 (Family and Parenting Payments) www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/crisis-payment

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

To speak to a Disability Family Violence Liaison Officer: (03) 9843 6304 / 0437 741 920 disabilityfv@dhhs.vic.gov.au

Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre

To get confidential support and information if you are living with family violence services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/ family-violence

Telephone Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National)

Provides an interpreter to help you contact family violence services 131 450 www.tisnational.gov.au

Djirra

Provides culturally safe and holistic support, and specialist family violence legal assistance and representation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people affected by family violence and sexual assault. 1800 105 303 www.djirra.org.au



Paris - Brest

Paris - Brest is named after a famous 19th century bicycle race run between the French cities of Paris and Brest and is supposed to represent a bicycle wheel. I'm going to get the class to make a Paris Brest when we return to class in Term 4. Preheat your oven to 200 deg C. You will need 2 baking trays (flat trays) and line with baking paper. Mark out an 8 inch (20 cm) circle on each baking paper sheet. Now let's prepare the choux pastry. Bring 60 ml of water, 20 gm of butter or marg, a pinch of salt and a 1/2 tsp of castor sugar to the boil in a small saucepan. Remove from the heat as it starts to boil and stir in 35 gm of plain white flour with a wooden spoon. Place the saucepan back on the heat and cook stirring to dry out the ingredients for 1 minute. (The mixture will pull away from the sides of the saucepan). Add 1 lightly beaten egg with an electric beater until smooth and supple. Fill a piping bag fitted with a wide nozzle and pipe around your circles on the baking paper. Brush the circles with a lightly beaten



egg to give the choux pastry good colour. Place the choux pastry rings in the hot oven for 15 minutes with the door propped open a crack with a spoon. When the pastry has risen well, reduce the oven to 180 deg C and cook for a further 15 minutes with the oven door completely closed. Turn the oven off and open the door of the oven, allow the choux pastry to cool in the oven, then slice in half horizontally.

Now mix together 300ml of thickened cream with 60 gm of castor sugar, 1 tsp of vanilla extract and 120 gm of mascarpone cheese. Beat together until well thickened. Fill one half of the ring with the cream mixture. Put the top ring on the cream and sprinkle with a light cloud of icing sugar.

Beef Wellington

Ask your butcher to trim a 750 gm thick beef fillet, and when you are ready to prepare the dish preheat your

Cooking with Noelene

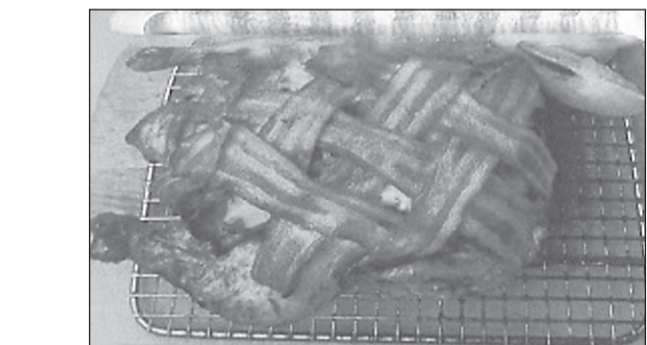
oven to 230deg C. Season the fillet with cracked pepper. Heat a fry pan adding 60gm of butter and 1tbs of rice bran oil.

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



fillet to a wire rack and cool completely. Now you need to sauté 60 gm of sliced mushrooms and 1 peeled and thinly sliced onion until tender, set aside to cool. Spread the cooled fillet with 90 gm of a good liver pate, I use liverwurst (my choice) and top with the duxelles

(onions a n d mushrooms) Use puff pastry sheets joined together. Place the fillet on one half and fold the other half over, press edges to seal. Trim excess pastry.



Brush pastry around the fillet with a lightly beaten egg and the excess which you should use to trim the top of the pastry. Now chill for 30 minutes then place in your preheated oven for 15 minutes or until the pastry is golden. This will be a perfect medium rare - if you like it more well done, cover the beef Wellington with baking paper and cook an extra 10 minutes.

Roast leg of lamb Greek style

Preheat oven to 160 deg C. Wash 2.3 kg leg of lamb, pat dry and set on the rack of a roasting pan. Slice

6 cloves of garlic and mix with 1 dsp of salt, 1 tsp of cracked pepper and 2 tbs of dried oregano. Make incisions in the leg of lamb with a sharp knife, insert seasoned garlic slivers which are best dipped in oil. Mix 1/4 cup of melted butter with 1/4 cup of olive oil, now rub over the surface of the lamb joint. Pour the juice of 1 lemon on


top. Cover pan and cook at 160deg C for 1 and 1/2 hours. During the roasted period add 1 cup of water to the liquid in the pan, baste often until meat is browned and done to taste. Half way through cooking period, small peeled onions and or washed whole potatoes may be placed in pan around the lamb.

Roasted chicken with prosciutto and sweet paprika

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Finely grate the zest of 1 orange into a small bowl. Stir in 1 tbs of ground paprika, 1 tsp of cracked black pepper, 1 tbs of coarse salt with the grated orange zest. Massage 1 dsp of rice bran oil all over the skin of the uncooked chicken. Rub

some of the paprika mixture into the cavity of the chicken, massage the remaining mixture all over the chicken. Slice the orange into quarters and place in the cavity of the chicken.

Place the chicken on a wire rack over a roasting dish. Roast for 45 minutes, basting occasionally with pan juices. Criss cross about 7-8 long slices of prosciutto over the breasts, continue cooking for about 20 minutes until the prosciutto is crisp and the chicken cooked through. Let rest for 10 minutes before serving.



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Australian Rotary Health (ARH) was established 40 years ago. ARH provides scholarships for rural medical and nursing students and Indigenous health scholars; ensuring that the next generation of Australians have access to vital health services and information.

Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington

Another Unmarked Grave

A state government funded program supporting a consultancy to develop and set up to operational standard, digitalisation of all burial, ashes placements and internment records at the Hazelwood Cemetery, is now complete.

All the relevant data is now recorded in Microsoft Access file format, which is now officially owned and managed by the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust.

Approximately 25% of interments in our cemetery, now over 140 years old, are recorded as “unmarked”. It’s understood this figure is a close average for Victorian country cemeteries.

Identification of unmarked graves is slow work, for various reasons. Generally, identification is sometimes, a logical next step if and when a recollection, a story or even an old newspaper editorial prompts a lead.

Our new database will assist further in acknowledging our unmarked graves.

The consultancy has mapped all identifiable graves; underscoring that it’s important for Trusts to open their registers to the public and make online information accessible.

Using our new database,



another unmarked grave has recently been sighted.

A child of 11 months, John Noy, according to an obituary in the Morwell Advertiser, Friday, June 17, 1898 “was attacked with measles a few weeks ago from which it never recovered, and quietly passed away on Sunday morning last (June 12, 1898)”.

Young John was the youngest child of Mr W Noy. Extensive research indicates this was Mr Walter Noy, who first came to Morwell in about 1885.

For several years between 1897 and 1901, Walter established a general carrying business in Morwell.

At his closing down

auction in October 1901, he listed Horses, Drays, Buggies, Harnesses and Saddles, Bridles for sale.

It seems as though Walter moved to Briagolong and then many years later, he lived in Elwood.

John Noy is interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery, but his presence is unmarked.

He is in a marked grave (please see accompanying photograph) – that of Elizabeth Noy who died on June 30, 1918.

Elizabeth, aged 51, was the wife of Harry Noy (then station-master at Cobram) and her death notice lists her as mother of Alex, Harry, Lizzie and Ada.

Latrobe Health Advocate

By Jane Anderson

Thank you to the Churchill & District News for allowing me to share this update with the community and its readers.

There has been plenty of activity around my office in the last few months, as reflected in our most recent quarterly update for the period January to March 2021.

The top aspiration spoken about this quarter was safe environment, followed by community engagement. A lot of the conversation around these two aspirations was linked to concerns about the use of a lead acid battery (ULAB) facility in Hazelwood North. People have been calling on the government to further acknowledge and respond to the concerns of communities. They have expressed concerns about the health and safety impacts of the facility and there are doubts being raised about the economic benefits for Latrobe.

Palliative care was also again among the top aspirations. Communities have told me hospitals are noisy places and there is a shortage of palliative care specialist doctors in

Latrobe. People are looking for a dedicated space where the physical design and atmosphere is family friendly, quiet, serene, and peaceful.

This quarter I was also able to board buses across Latrobe Valley to talk to communities about the value of social connection. After a 12-month break due to coronavirus restrictions, I heard from community members whose voices are often not heard. Some of the themes that emerged include the importance of having a variety of events and activities available, and people said that children, clubs, food, coffee, and local groups can be great enablers for social connection.

Insights from my engagement with young people in Latrobe were also recently published and made available on our website. The young people I met expressed a desire for their voices to be heard and their concerns and suggestions acted upon. Young people have talked to me about feelings of belonging, enjoying good mental and physical health and having the support of a community that is there for them. I am now focused on the system



Latrobe Health Advocate

changes that need to occur to improve the mental and physical wellbeing of young people in Latrobe.

As part of my 2020-21 Statement of Intent I am now seeking opportunities to hear from older people aged 60 and over in Latrobe. I would like to hear about how the Advocate, local services and governments can best engage with older people, how those engagements can be meaningful and lead to improvements in health and wellbeing for older people in Latrobe. If you would like to share your experiences with me, please contact Kylie on 1800 319 255 and we’ll make a time for us to catch up. This can be done face to face, over the phone or via a video chat. I look forward to hearing from you.



By Leo Billington
Has Morwell ever understood its history?

Recorded in 1980 and released the following year, former band, Split Enz scored a musical hit with their hit single, ‘History Never Repeats’.

Others have used these words, suggesting that by studying the past we can understand the repeated mistakes of others and avoid making similar errors.

In April 2014, well known Traralgon resident, David Langmore, provided a comprehensive written submission to the then Hazelwood Mine Fire Enquiry.

Towards the end of 2013, David had written and published what is regarded to this day, the most revealing account of years of ‘uses and abuses’ of town planning in the Latrobe Valley.

David’s submission illustrates some bureaucratic thoughts, which in hindsight (hindsight is always wonderful) could be fodder for a well-scripted hypothetical. Reading past histories detailing an awkward relationship between the Morwell Shire Council and the State Electricity Commission of Victoria (SECV) during the late 1940’s is akin to ambitions “smothered in a word salad.” (Statement attributed to journalist, Dennis Atkins.)

There was a report made public in December 1946. Well, it was made available to those ‘in the know’.

Titled “Further Development of the Briquette Industry. Based on the Brown Coal Resources of the Latrobe Valley”, it was compiled by the SECV, recommending a new brown coal open cut at Maryvale South.

It was a 20 page report announcing a new open cut with a depth of about 130 metres.

There was no mention of a buffer zone between the Morwell township and the

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proposed open cut.

SECV plans showed an approximate 400 metres buffer zone.

Several months later, in 1947, another report found the light of day – ‘Latrobe Valley Development’ – prepared and written by consultants, Frank Heath and Bill Gower, for the SECV. It soon became known as the ‘Heath Gower Report’ and recommended “that in order to take into account the effects of possible land subsistence, a distance of 1.61 kms (one mile) has been laid down as a limit for safety and freedom of operation.”

Heath and Gower also recommended that “the town of Morwell should eventually be removed to enable the mining of coal beneath the town and that a new replacement town, New Morwell, should be established to the east of the existing town.”

Hence a “political war” was waged. Morwell’s future was clothed in uncertainty. Opinions flowed freely and frequently. Morwell Shire Councillors twisted and turned.

Local real estate agents saw a golden horizon. The Morwell Chamber of Commerce jumped about.

There was a stream of correspondence from Council begging, exhorting the then Victorian State Premier, John Cain Senior to visit Morwell and clarify Morwell’s future development.

Eventually, in August 1947, the Premier announced his government’s opposition to establishing a new town.

Morwell’s future growth was then determined – it would be retained and expanded in a north-easterly direction; away from the open cut area.

David Langmore wrote a book, ‘Planning Power; the uses and abuses of power in the planning of the Latrobe Valley’.

First published in 2013, it’s a compelling read, even

if to highlight repeated planning mistakes of others and avoiding making similar errors.

New Morwell never happened. Land was identified to the south-east of Morwell, approximately opposite today’s Princes Freeway, as it passes over the main Melbourne railway line.

This new town was to have a new fire station. Even a medical facility incorporating ambulance services. New schools were envisaged.

During these years, Morwell’s community was also engaged in mountains of public debate about a suitable location for a new fire station. The original station, opposite today’s Morwell Post Office, was in need of urgent repairs.

For instance, in January 1946, the Country Fire Authority advised the Morwell Shire Council of three priority sites for a new station – at the rear of the Morwell Town Hall in Hazelwood Road; in Commercial Road approximately where today’s Westpac bank is located; and in Collins Street, west side on a corner block.

Ironically, Council voted in favour of negotiating prices for options two and three.

Wouldn’t you know it – the Collins Street site is being developed today for a new fire station!

In case we wonder about the ‘Heath Gower Report’, it is written that its contents were not officially sanctioned by the SECV. It was in effect, apparently a personal opinion.

We can only sit and wonder about a New Morwell and the potential scope for innovative town planning.

The accompanying aerial photograph shows town planning for Morwell in the early 1950’s, seemingly a forerunner of today’s ever-expanding suburban developments in and around Melbourne.



Co-Operating Snippets

The church held a stall at the shopping centre on May 1 as part of the Shop Local promotion. Representatives from Churchill & District News and Churchill & District Community Association greeted shoppers and gave away vouchers for use in Churchill shops as they were there shopping in Churchill.

A big thank you to Marion for taking the time to pick and make into a posy, her white chrysanthemums for Mothers' Day. It made our Sunday service taken by Ian C even more special.

On Leprosy Sunday, which was also Pentecost when Christians remember the giving of the gift of the Holy Spirit, we had Anne come to speak of her experiences of working with the Leprosy Mission.

Here is what she said

Pentecost – Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Acts Chapter 2 readings

To me, the story of Pentecost is about God breaking down barriers and distinctions, by affirming all people and languages. Acts Chapter 2 tells the story of how the Holy Spirit supernaturally enabled Jesus' disciples to speak many languages that they didn't know. As Jews, they were used to thinking of themselves as special, as set apart and different from everyone else. The coming of the Holy Spirit on them at Pentecost must have shattered their 'us' (Jews) and 'them' (everyone else) mentality.

As humans, we all find it easy to 'other' sometimes. Politicians do it when they want us to think we should



fear or condescend certain people. So they call some people 'illegals', 'queue jumpers' or 'dole bludgers'. This labelling and 'othering' is easy to do, especially when we can't see common ground and we don't actually know the other people. Life can certainly feel simpler and safer when we just focus on those who are near us and who are like us.

However, Pentecost suggests that isn't the way God intends for us to live the fullest, best life He intends for each of us. In Genesis 1:26 God said 'let us make mankind in our image'. Jewish and Christian faiths were the first in the world to ever declare that all human beings are equally valuable because every single one of us is created in God's image.

When you see photos of people in India and Africa who have leprosy, do you find it hard to identify with them? Do you wonder what we could possibly share in common? Does it not feel

important, because we won't ever meet or speak to them?

Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed by stories, especially about people who are so different and distant from us? My husband and I hardly ever watch the news these days. When I do, I notice that I feel like I can't take in all the tragedy happening in places like Gaza and Israel, or India. Sometimes I don't have the energy or brain space to even listen. Do you also sometimes feel overwhelmed? I wonder if it's more common since COVID, because we're all suddenly managing more complicated lives.

I have been deeply blessed and privileged to meet many people from families affected by leprosy.

I was born and raised in Morwell, where my family were very involved in the Baptist church. For as long as I can remember, I loved hearing stories about missionaries working



overseas, and dreamed of doing the same 'when I grew up'. That is why I studied Physiotherapy. I spent a few years working here at the old Moe and Traralgon hospitals, and the current hospital when it was first built. Then I joined 'The Leprosy Mission' in 2000. I worked as a physiotherapist in India for four years, then was transferred to Ethiopia in 2004.

All up I worked five years in Ethiopia, but was home very sick for two years, with ME/CFS or Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, commonly called chronic fatigue syndrome. I studied a Masters degree in Health Science education while I was recovering. It really helped me, as I ran many training courses in both Ethiopia and Nepal. Doctors, nurses and other medical staff came from all over Asia and Africa for two or three weeks long training courses in leprosy disabilities. I left Ethiopia in 2012, and now its six years since I last ran a leprosy training course (in 2015).

Earlier I rhetorically asked what we could possibly have in common with people in Asia and Africa who are living with leprosy.

When I first started working for the Leprosy Mission, I knew that leprosy was slightly contagious, so I ran a small risk of 'catching' leprosy myself. I've never had leprosy, yet I can identify much more strongly with my leprosy patients because of my ME/CFS (chronic fatigue syndrome).

I think that as most of us have had experiences during this global pandemic, which help us identify in some way with people affected by leprosy.

Can you guess what it is about ME/CFS that I found is similar to leprosy? Stigma. Leprosy is a bacterial

infection that is completely curable. Yet the biggest problem it still causes people today is not physical illness, but stigma. There remains a lot of misunderstanding and fear about leprosy, even in countries where it is much more common than Australia.

Have you ever been misunderstood or rejected by others because you had an illness? When I was diagnosed with CFS, a lot of people, even medical doctors misunderstood and said things like 'you're just burnt out', 'you're homesick', 'you don't exercise enough', or 'you're depressed'. Since COVID began, have you been in the supermarket when somebody else coughed? Or perhaps you yourself have asthma, emphysema or something that gives you a chronic cough? If so, you'll know what stigma, fear due to misunderstanding, and rejection feels like!

Here's something else we've all shared in common with people who are affected by leprosy, since the COVID pandemic, isolation from family and friends. Many patients tell stories of their parents, children, husband or wife deserting them when they were diagnosed with leprosy. In some countries, leprosy remains a valid legal reason for divorce! Can you imagine how that separation feels when it is personal and permanent, rather than due to a global pandemic?

Lastly, financial insecurity is something else that some of us may have experienced recently, for reasons beyond our control. It is a consequence of leprosy for many people, especially if they require hospitalisation or management of leprosy complications and disabilities.

The Leprosy Mission works hard to address all these difficulties that

people face when they are affected by leprosy. As a Christian mission, staff care for patients as whole people who don't just need physical healing with antibiotics, surgery and exercises. They may also need counselling, advocacy and community education to address their mental, emotional and spiritual needs. Simply providing medical treatment would be like Ezekiel stopping after his first prophesy to the dry bones. Simply becoming whole physical bodies was not enough. Like those bones that symbolised the nation of Israel, and like people affected by leprosy, you and I fail to truly be alive unless we have God's Spirit living and active within us. TLM staff love telling patients that Jesus' life, death and resurrection opened that opportunity to us all.

We can each have an intimate relationship with God, so intimate that God's Holy Spirit dwells within us. No matter who we are, where we live, or what language we speak.

Isn't that a great message to share with those close to us, as well as those in distant places we will never have the chance to personally meet!

Thank you for supporting TLM. They value your prayers as much as your donations. Especially at this time for staff and patients in countries like India, where some have died, and others are recovering from COVID. Pray that medications and treatment for leprosy won't be stopped by COVID restrictions. Remember also places like Timor Leste that is recovering from recent catastrophic flooding while COVID cases rise. Another great way to support TLM is to buy gifts from their online shop. Some things they sell are made by people affected by leprosy. All profits fund TLM programs.

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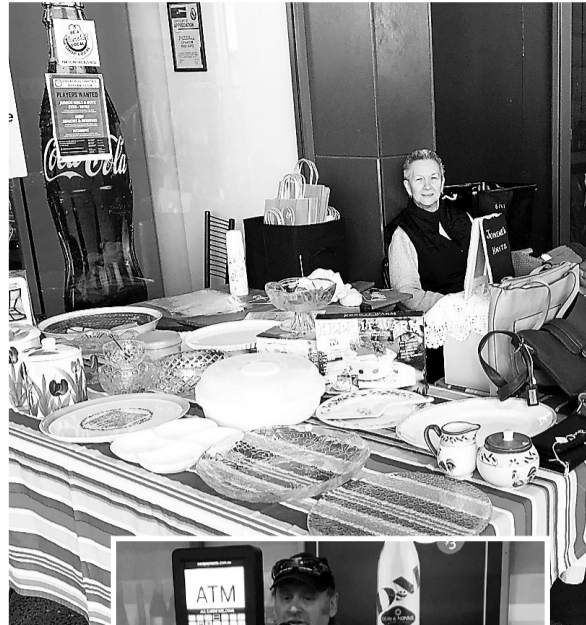
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Church News

Chaplain

Science, by definition, is said to be the intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behaviour of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment.

I recently read an article about so-called 'useless organs' (wings on birds that don't fly; the human appendix, etc).

Science of old could not find a function for these (and other) such organs, so presumed there was none. But much has been learned about these organs since.

Wings of flightless birds (ostrich, emu) have been shown to be useful for balance, for cooling in

summer and warming in winter and for sheltering chicks, as well as for protection of the rib cage.

The human appendix (similar to the tonsils) has been shown to house tissue that helps control bacteria (as tonsils control infections).

The article I referred to, pointed out that science often saw these organs as being evidence of a previous function and that removal not having any obvious side effects as showing that its function today is 'useless'.

The article also stressed that the peak of the function of the appendix was most likely to be in the early stages of childhood and stated that it's not possible to say an



organ is 'useless' because a use may be discovered at some later time.

Whilst I'm not scientist, what science once called 'badly designed' and 'useless' organs, is really evidence that we humans do not know everything there is to know.

Worth thinking about!

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Friends of Morwell National Park



May Activity Report

For this activity we had Ken, Mike, Cathy, Beryl, Tamara, Rose, Graeme and Darren.

We had an apology from Gordon.

Matt surprised us by joining the group for the catch up in the picnic area.

Most discussion was around the recent activity with Lavalla College where the students in groups completed diversity surveys in and around the park.

Sadly one of the nesting boxes was found by a group of students at the base of a tree.

This will be another box which needs to be reattached to the tree at a future activity.

The day's original plan was to work on Silvertop Hill, but with wet weather forecast the group decided it would be better to clear encroaching undergrowth on Fosters Gully Track.

The required tools were collected and we walked into Fosters Gully.

The group worked along Fosters Gully track removing branches and undergrowth that had come in from the sides of the track.

Broken branches overhanging the track were also removed.

An indication of the amount of vegetation that needed to be removed is that the whole group worked at a similar pace to Ken on his crutches.

When you start there is a lot adjacent to the track to remove. Rose learned from Graeme about layering with the hedge trimmer.

A fallen tree (which was reducing the track's width) was removed by Parks staff which was good since the chainsaw was blunt and needed a new chain.

The one little tree it was used on would have been cut quicker by a butter knife!



Around 12.30 the group reached Lindon's Clearing and decided that returning to the picnic area for lunch was wiser than trying to finish the rest of the track before eating.

The group walked back while Rose collected Graeme who had continued further down the track.

During lunch the first few drops of rain fell.

We had done well in the morning to have no rain, but this little bit was the indication of what was to come, so we wisely finished for the day.

June Activity

Sunday June 20, 10.00am

The group will meet in the Junction Road car park to investigate the direct seeding test plots and complete track maintenance on the Blue Gum Hill track.

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

Surveying with Students

On Wednesday May 12, five members of the Friends assisted a class of Year 11 Environmental Science students from Lavalla Catholic College in Traralgon.

The purpose of the activity was to help the students with the identification of plants and animals during the student's biodiversity surveys of three sites within and adjacent to Morwell National Park, and provide general guidance and background information during the day.

We all arrived at the Junction Road car park ahead of time and made our introductions.

The first site on the agenda was the Billys Creek Picnic Ground, managed by Latrobe City, opposite and across the bridge from the car park.

Here the students were introduced to their assignments and given pointers of the methods

to be used during their surveys, namely setting up a 100 square metre (10m x 10m) zone, listing the main organisms within, then laying out a 1m quadrant within the zone three times for a more thorough survey of the biodiversity contained.

As the revegetation work around the picnic ground was carried out by the Yinnar/Yinnar South Landcare Group, Jay and Joelle provided the students with the background information for this site.

The next site on the agenda was within the Billys Creek section of Morwell NP.

We wandered a few hundred metres down the track towards the weir.

On the way, a white-throated tree creeper did its thing, running up a vertical trunk where the kids could get a good look at it.

At the second power line easement, Gordon gave the students a brief rundown of the history of Morwell NP, then the students split into their three groups and each selected a 10 metre square to run their surveys.

The Friends picked a group to tag along with and made themselves available for any questions the students could come up with.

None of us were able to identify every plant and critter that we came across, but at least we could give the kids a few pointers on how and where to follow up on some of their observations, such as the Friends publications, other identification books and online services such as Flora of Victoria, ALA and iNaturalist.

The bus returned to transport the group to the Kerry Road car park, where we enjoyed a well-earned lunch break.

Then it was back to the business at hand; we walked a few hundred metres along the Foster's Gully Nature Walk until we found a spot

that would accommodate three 10m squares and the students did their thing.

Some interesting organisms were found by the kids, several types of fungi such as little toadstools of various colours, red, green, brown and yellow, a couple of different brackets and some vegetable caterpillars.

A couple of spiders, a couple of caterpillars and all the different plants.

We tried to highlight the differences between the three sites: the first being mainly grassy weeds with a couple of remnant trees nearby and some revegetation along the creek to offset the willow removal.

The second having more large trees, mostly planted but very little understorey and lots of weedy growth; and the third mostly natural, with dense overstorey, denser midstorey and a mix of open and dense cover on the ground, depending on light penetration, and much fewer weeds.

Hopefully, some of it sank in!

The students finished their surveys a little early, so we decided on a quick walk to Lyndon's Clearing.

Cathy located a few butterfly orchids to show to the kids, but we couldn't find a koala to save ourselves, to highlight the importance of reserves such as Morwell NP to endangered species such as the Strzelecki koala.

We gave them the lecture anyway, before they rushed back to the car park in time for the bus ride home.

Jay and I were the last ones out, perhaps five minutes after the main group, and we were treated to the sight of a male superb lyrebird in full regalia, crossing the track not far from the toilet and commencing his songs and mimicry as we approached the car park.

Sometimes it pays to take your time!

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Parkrun is held in Churchill every Saturday morning and over time has completed 241 events. They have had an average of 74 starters complete the 5 km run each week. The outing is held on a scenic route along Eel Hole Creek. See their website for more information.

Churchill and Hazelwood South Soccer Club had a huge win thanks to a \$1,082,089 funding boost from a Government Community Sports Infrastructure Program. The new facility to be built will provide new change rooms, toilets, new programs, and to be able to host matches and other events.

A new local history book titled "Woods, Roos and

Cougars" written by Gavin Wigginton is now available for purchase at the Churchill Newsagency. This book gives an historical account of the Hazelwood Churchill football and netball clubs since 1890.

Latrobe Regional Gallery upcoming Winter Program invites you to get curious. It is full of exciting opportunities to spark your curiosity and creativity. Four exhibitions will be on show until August 8. Check for further details at their website latroberegionalgallery.com

New nappies donated

Although we did not have a public appeal this year for unused, left over nappies Churchill News has again donated over 350 nappies to

the "Nappy Collective." The nappies collected here in Churchill have been donated to our local Maternal Child and Health Centre and Anglicare, who will pass them onto families where they will be a most welcome and useful gift. Our nappies have been a small part of the "Nappy Collective" total of over 1 million nappies being donated each year to keep small bums clean, happy and healthy. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this collection.

Thought for the day - Changing one thing for the better is worth more than proving a thousand things are wrong.

Next edition of Churchill News will be printed on July 15.

Book Review

"The Giver of Stars"

by Jojo Moyes

Pauline Sara Jo Moyes, who is professionally known as Jojo Moyes is an English journalist who has also written novels and screenplays. These include "Still Me", "After You", "Me Before You", "The Peacock Emporium", "The Horse Dancer", "Paris For One and Other Stories", "One Plus One", "The Girl You Left Behind", "The Last Letter From Your Lover", "Silver Bay" and "The Ship of Brides". She lives in Essex with her husband and three children.

"The Giver of Stars" is a book of historical fiction, set in the treacherous but beautiful Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky during the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt. His wife, Eleanor wanted to improve literacy and inform the rural population and so the WPA's Packhorse Library of Kentucky began. The women either borrowed or used their own horses or mules and went out in all weather. The program ran from 1935 to 1943 during which time they brought books and magazines to hundreds of thousands of rural inhabitants.

The story opens deep in winter with Margery O'Hare, a skilled and competent horsewoman who has lived in the mountains all her life. She comes from a notorious family due to a feud with another hill-billy family, but has no interest in continuing the animosity. She is dedicated to expanding the service of the library and is high in the mountains when she is threatened by a drunken Clem McCullough. He tries to pull her from

Charlie, her mule, and she hits him with a book and makes her escape.

We then meet Alice Wright, an English girl who recently married the wealthy and handsome Bennet Van Cleve, son of the local mining boss Geoff Van Cleve. Alice was treated with suspicion by the locals due to her accent and was finding married life less than satisfactory. When at a public meeting she heard about the mobile library she decided she would go along to help. Margery was the leader of the group and she showed Alice the route to take and which homes to keep away from as there were a number of moonshiners in the mountains.

The story describes the growth of the group and the close bonds that develop between them, but also how Alice is able to make friends and grow to love the mountains. However, her personal life was deteriorating and culminated in her being beaten by Bennet's father. She took shelter with Margery and her lover Sven, and a deep friendship blossomed. It was also clear that Fred Guisler, whose building the library was housed in, was in love with Alice.

There had been trouble in the local mines and Margery had been putting out fliers with the library books to warn people in the mountains that Van Cleve was attempting to take their land for mining leases. Added to the fact that she was sheltering Alice and his son's loss of face he decided to undermine all the librarians activities.

When in summer the melted snow reveals the body



of Clem

Mc Cullough, Margery is accused of murder. By now she is pregnant and is put in jail where the baby is born. The librarians do all they can to support her, and a tip from an unlikely source has an impact on the proceedings.

This is a story of power and greed, of the oppression of women and workers, the best and worst of men and a group of strong women.

Everyone in our group thoroughly enjoyed this book. Most of us had never heard of the Packhorse Librarians so it was interesting from that point of view, but it was also a really good story with well-drawn characters.

There were some amusing moments, and the loyalty and compassion of the women was uplifting. The story raised many issues such as the poor treatment of the workers, racial discrimination, the stereotypes of the time, the degradation of the land and the corruption of local government and the law.

It was also interesting that at the start of each chapter there was a quote, some of which were extracts from journals of the time, and these often gave good background information and an insight into the rights of miners.

The book was easy to read and all the ends were tied up, perhaps a bit too neatly at the end.

Plants in my Garden



By Mike Beamish
Species: Lomatia myricoides.

Family: Proteaceae.

Derivation: Lomatia:

From Greek, loma, meaning a fringe or border, referring to the papery wing that surrounds the seeds.

myricoides: From the genus Myrica and the Greek suffix -oides, meaning similar to. Thus, the leaves were thought to resemble those of Myrica.

Common Name:

River Lomatia, Long-leaf Lomatia.

Distribution: Common along streams and slopes in mountain forests, from the Dandenong Ranges near Melbourne, Victoria, east and north along the ranges to about Newcastle, NSW.

Description: A shrub to 5m tall, with glabrous green leaves, paler beneath, to 20cm long by 2cm wide and usually with broadly toothed margins. Fragrant flowers appear over summer, in axillary or terminal racemes to 10cm long, crowded with creamy individuals about 1cm across. Seed capsules are thin, woody follicles to 25mm long, containing many papery winged seeds.

Opinion: I've been dabbling with this species for at least 20 years, usually without a great deal of success. I first planted some seeds in May 2001, none germinated. Then I tried some cuttings in September 2002, some of which struck

roots and resulted in a planted specimen in 2004, which only lasted a couple of years before dying. More cuttings in November 2002 resulted in the gift of a plant to Colin in 2004, no idea if this plant is still alive. Some more seed was sown in 2004, again with no germination recorded.

It's possible that some did germinate but either damped off or didn't survive to potting up. Then there is a gap in my magnificent record-keeping until more cuttings were taken from my garden in May 2018, some of which struck but didn't survive potting up (maybe due to that urea fertiliser problem raised in recent newsletters).

However, I must have made some more attempts with either cuttings or seed at some point, because there is a specimen in my back yard that I grew and planted, and which must have been large enough for cutting material in May 2018! There is also a specimen in my Mum's garden of the same size and vintage.

My specimen is now approaching 2m in height and is crammed into a narrow space near my compost bins at the bottom of the back yard. It has flowered nicely over the last couple of years and like its close relative Lomatia fraseri, the Forest Lomatia, the flowers have a lovely caramel vanilla fragrance

that wafts around in warm, humid weather. I presume the River Lomatia likes more moisture in the soil than its relative, given its natural habitat of stream-sides up in the mountains, where it appears to have its roots periodically inundated. Maybe that's why I've lost plants in the past, too dry for it in my garden over the warmer months. If I should happen to be blessed with some seed capsules off my plant down the track, I'll have another go at sowing them and keeping them alive through potting up. It shouldn't be that difficult; the Forest Lomatia self-seeds all over the place every year, though it too doesn't like the disturbance of lifting or re-potting.

The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group hosts regular meetings, activities and/or excursions, generally around the second weekend of each month. Visitors are welcome to join us. For more information please contact Mike by phone 0447 452 755 or email mcandcjb@gmail.com.

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FLASHBACK

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Residents of Churchill sometimes donated \$1 to help The News with costs of producing this paper in 1968. Each donor was acknowledged with a "Thankyou" in the paper.

There were public telephones in Churchill in 1968.

The News was asking residents to not rip pages from the telephone books that were kept in the phone box, so they would be useful to everyone.

Thursday was the day residents were asked to keep all their dogs chained up, till all the garbages had been collected.

Investigations revealed that Switchback Road was to be used as a divided highway. Notices at each end made that clear, and signs were soon to be erected along the road.

It would be an offence to travel in the wrong direction

on any part of the divided highway, however short the distance. Residents of McInnes and Heesom Crescents had to get used to turning left. Residents were warned that Police would be watching soon.

A notice to householders in Churchill

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School News - In November the monthly meeting of District headmasters was held at Churchill State School for the first time.

About 20 senior headmasters from Sale to Morwell districts attended. They showed considerable interest in this new school and the fine amenities provided.



International Postage

International postage rates have been with us as long as we have had a postal service. They were based on weight and mode of transport, either surface mail or airmail. As time went on, surface mail became too slow and international airlines grew in number, so most overseas mail went by air.

In 2000 the government of the day saw fit to include a GST component in the price of postage which allowed an annual increase to the cost of posting a letter. This has been in place since and has largely seen the demise of personal letters in the postal service. Luckily we have had the convenience of e-mails to replace personal letters.

However, UPU rules stipulate that GSTs cannot be applied to international mail, so we saw the advent of the International Post range of stamps. The first issue consisted of eight stamps ranging from 50c to \$10.00. They featured iconic views of landmarks from each of the states and the Northern

Territory. Since then, there have been a number of issues with the same motifs and they have had the same shape, a long horizontal rectangle. Australian animals have also featured regularly as designs.

Beginning with the Sydney Olympics range of issues, an International Post stamp was included, featuring the Olympic flag, torch and rings and the Sydney Opera House. A number of issues since have seen the same practice continued with a higher value or values showing the words International Post at the side. They usually are the same shape and size as the other stamps in the issue. The interesting thing about International Post stamps is that they cannot be used on mail within Australia because they do not have the GST component paid. The only way a collector can collect them is buying mint copies or getting used copies from overseas. Consequently, the used stamps command an equal or greater price than

STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



the mint stamps. As such, they have become a popular group to collect.

Australia Post has yet to include International Post stamps with issues from Australian Territory stamps. FRAMAS. Another sub-group of stamps issued by Australia Post was the FRAMA type of stamp, which were sold at coin-in-the-slot machines situated on walls of the larger post offices. They were introduced in 1984 and there were about 200 machines in use. You could buy stamps at the standard letter rate and get change, or you could get

any value from 1c to \$9.99 with no change. Over the years there were several designs but the stamps were the same size throughout, rectangular and without perforations and the GPOs in each state and territory included the postcode. There were overprints for the Americas Cup and the Sydney Olympics on the current designs. They were discontinued in 2002 because of declining use and increasing maintenance costs to the machines. If you know where to look, the cover plate over the machines can still be found on some post offices.



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Celebrating Families at arc Yinnar Gippsland



The Gippsland arts community brought a creative spin to the word 'family' at the Doing Family Exhibition that took place recently at arc Yinnar in Gippsland.

The Doing Family Exhibition included over 20 Gippsland artists who shared very personal accounts of their own family experience, including some who are confronting childhood memories of family violence, mourning broken relationships, and experiencing loss of family connection.

The exhibition expressed the diversity of Gippsland families and explored their concerns, complexities, and loving relationships, including their experiences with the family law system.

Visitors to the Doing Family exhibition also found out more about how family law processes and services work at the Family Law Pathways Network information kiosk. The kiosk served as a hub providing information on the support and resources available to help families and couples going through separation and other life pressures.

"Many find the separation process complex, confusing and overwhelming," said Kate Zizys, who works within the Gippsland Family Law Pathways at Better Place Australia. "One of our roles is to help families navigating the family law system realise that there is more than one pathway available."

Often, separating couples will find themselves in high-conflict situations with disagreements over children, parenting arrangements and property. The hub provided information for individuals and families who are trying to overcome family violence, problem gambling and drug and alcohol issues. Visitors can also find information for parents about children regarding their rights and the law, and access counselling help around any mental health struggles they may have.

The Family Law Pathways is a national program for professionals working with families who are separating, or have separated. These networks operate in Victoria, across Melbourne and rural centres, including Gippsland.

Kate recognises how stressful the process of separation can be for couples when combined with the complexity of the family law system. "The one-stop information hub allows us to reach out to the community and a chance for us to refer them to the right services.



Our work helps provide families and couples with the support they need to navigate an incredibly challenging period in their lives – it also helps make the entire process a little easier for them."

The theme 'family' was also an opportunity for members of the professional family law sector including mediators and legal professionals, to discuss current and emerging issues in the local Gippsland community.

Speakers at a recent event held in the exhibition space included Penelope Swales from Joining Up Justice in Gippsland, Rachel Carson from the Australian Institute of Family Studies and Antoinette Braybrook from Djirra.

The exhibition was part of a broader community engagement project co-funded by the One Good Community grant, provided through the Gippsland Primary Health Network. Other funding organisations include Better Place Australia and the Gippsland Family Law Pathways Network.

Community and professional sector events ran during Victorian Law Week held by the Victoria Law Foundation and supported by the Victorian State Government.

Winter warning to check chimneys

Firefighters are urging residents to keep themselves safe by checking and maintaining their fireplaces, chimneys, fireboxes and flues.

As the cold takes hold each year, the Victorian fire services see a large number of chimney fires from both fireplaces and wood heaters.

In 2020, Country Fire Authority (CFA) and Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) responded to 192 chimney fires, more than half of which (104) occurred during the winter months.

CFA Churchill Captain Shane Renwick said winter is the perfect time to curl up in front of a warm fire, and with a few small tips our community can enjoy the activity safely.

"Chimney fires can quickly turn into house fires so the few minutes spent now could be one of the most important fire safety actions you take this season," he said.

Captain Renwick urged all households to have chimneys professionally cleaned annually to avoid the build-up of creosote – a highly flammable black tar-like residue – that could clog chimneys.

"Creosote is not only caused by general use, but it can also build up quicker if you are using incorrect fuels, such as green wood or treated timbers, so make sure you only burn dry, clean wood to reduce the risk of fire starting from a fireplace or wood heater," he said.

"Residents could also use a



torch to check for creosote build-up or obstructions, and we urge everyone to always extinguish their fire before going to bed or leaving the house," Captain Renwick said.

It is also important to ensure gas heaters are being used safely and correctly. Everyone is urged to have their gas heaters inspected and serviced by a qualified technician every two years to avoid a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.

"The colder months are some of the riskiest times of the year for fires in the home, and most of these fires can be prevented," Captain Renwick said.

"Taking a few moments to check your heaters and fireplaces before winter sets in could mean the difference between life and death for your family.

It is important to remember that no matter the season, having interconnected smoke alarms in all bedrooms and living areas can provide

vital seconds to allow you and your family to escape in case of a fire," Captain Renwick said.

Chimney and heating tips

Have chimneys cleaned annually and gas heaters inspected and serviced every two years.

A secure guard or fireproof screen should always be used to prevent sparks and wood from falling out of the fireplace and causing a fire or burn injury.

Never dry clothes or have flammable items such as curtains close to a heater or open fire – make sure they are positioned at least one metre away and constantly monitored to reduce risk of a fire.

Children and pets must be supervised near all types of heating. Maintain a safe distance between children and heating.

Always extinguish any open flames, and turn off heaters before going to bed or leaving the house.

Upgraded classrooms and facilities for Churchill Primary School

Churchill students now have better classrooms and school facilities to learn in, thanks to the Victorian Government.

Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing recently visited Churchill Primary School to open its \$2.634 million upgrade, which includes general-purpose classrooms, an admin suite and student and staff toilet facilities.

The Government has invested more than \$9 billion to deliver more than 1,600 school upgrades, supporting over 10,000 construction jobs for Victorians.

A total of 100 new schools will open by 2026 under the Government's school building boom, ensuring every child has a great local school and a great start in life.

This building boom will continue over the coming years, with the Government having already appointed builders to start delivering 14 new schools that will open in 2021.

The Government is building the Education State so that every student can access a great local school and a quality education.

Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing said "The right facilities are so important for students, staff and teachers – and these new spaces provide a bright, modern and fit-for-purpose learning environment that is

accessible to everyone across this growing part of the Valley.

I'm really looking forward to seeing this wonderful and well-loved school community get the most out of these upgrades."

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Hazelwood Rotary



by Leo Billington Plenty of activities enjoyed by Rotary

Hazelwood Rotary recently held their famous, successful annual Mother's Day gift wrap, at the Mid Valley Shopping Centre.

For almost 18 years, this annual occasion raises funds for redistribution throughout local community organisations.

Our most recent Bunnings Morwell sausage sizzle saw a huge crowd queue for the best cuisine ever experienced. This successful fundraiser – as always – is supported by Bunnings Morwell management and for this we owe our thanks. These occasions provide a great opportunity to meet our local community, giving rise to plenty of discussions. Delicious sausages also generate plenty of camaraderie.

During May, Hazelwood Rotary has hosted two guest speakers, each with a vastly different story to tell.

Hunter Hadley, is our nominee for a Rotary Shine On Award. This is to recognise outstanding service, to the local and wider communities, by persons with any disability – chronic, physical, intellectual or a mental health disorder.

Hunter outlined his journey through life and his strong advocacy for other people with a disability. He displayed passion,

determination and a wealth of knowledge through lived experience which he uses to advocate for all people with disabilities.

Ian Needham, Stakeholder Engagement Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project, was another guest speaker. Ian chaired a magnificent question and answer session backed up with a brief video showing demolition works at the Engie site during calendar year 2020.

With crystal clear photography from all angles, Ian's video provided a clear illustration of modern demolition technology used on sites such as at Hazelwood.

The Santos Science Experience – sponsored by Rotary Australia

The Santos Science Experience provides a nationwide STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) outreach program for Years 9 and 10 students.

The Rotary Club of Doncaster and Monash University first initiated the program in 1990. Since then, 21 years ago, Australian Rotary Clubs have played a major role in further development of the program.

Hazelwood Rotary is one of these clubs and is now encouraging local students to apply.

Federation University Gippsland is one of 35 Australian universities and tertiary colleges participating

this year. From September 21 to 23, Federation University Gippsland will provide STEM activities encompassing chemistry, animal and environmental sciences, health sciences, biomedical science, IT and engineering. A field trip day is also included to highlight exciting career opportunities.

The cost is \$190 per student and Federation University Gippsland has 25 student places available for this innovative, highly regarded program.

For students and teachers wishing to learn more, please contact the following person by close of business, Friday, July 16, 2021: Ray Beebe, Secretary Hazelwood Rotary Club, 0408 178 261.

Rotary bowelscan kits available now!

Kits are now available at both the Churchill Pharmacies. In Churchill, this annual Rotary service activity to detect signs of possible bowel cancer is provided by Hazelwood Rotary Club. Kits cost \$20 and include full instructions, sample collection brushes, sample retention card and a pre-paid mailing envelope.

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



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The Gippsland Interchange crew had worked so effectively over the weeks that several piles of bark, leaves and branches had been accumulated. With the supervision of the two park committee folks the small fires were burnt. One of the crew is in a fire brigade and he wore his turnout gear to look the part. The crew also were able to toast marshmallows. Another week they helped to spread the stones for work being done on drainage at the playground.

Our monthly working bee was very successful with a

record number of volunteers attending. It was wonderful to have Connor join us for the first time and to welcome back Colleen who has had some time off.

Holes were dug for new trees to be planted, tree guards and stakes were removed from unsuccessful plantings and a lot of whippersnipping was done around the remaining viable plants.

Four piles of fallen branches, leaves and bark were successfully burnt, the conditions on the day being very good for the work.

Other areas which need a clean-up were explored and noted for future working bees. It was an excellent day's work and we were thrilled with what had been achieved.

We are proud and grateful to announce we have been successful in obtaining a grant to purchase an equipment trailer for use in the park on working bee days. We acknowledge the Federal Government and in particular, Darren Chester for supporting us in that submission. We are very pleased and happy to have this facility for our use.



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A new youth space for the Latrobe Valley

Young people across the Latrobe Valley now have access to a purpose-built youth services hub in Morwell to connect with community, education and employment opportunities.

Minister for Youth Ros Spence joined Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing to open the Zone, a permanent home for Latrobe Youth Space.

The Victorian Government has provided \$5.6 million since 2017 to support Latrobe Youth Space to deliver services connecting young people to employment, training and community life in the Latrobe Valley.

Government funding supported Latrobe Youth Space's move to the Zone - a multipurpose space designed in close consultation with local young people, featuring kitchen facilities, a green screen room, a parents' area and quiet study spaces.

Programs run out of Latrobe Youth Space include a young parents' group, a rainbow club for LGBTIQ+ young people, learner driver training for recently arrived young people, and sport and recreation activities.

Latrobe Youth Space is managed by a consortium

of local youth service organisations to best meet the needs of young people living in the Latrobe Valley. It is advised by a youth governance committee to ensure its programs and supports are tailored to the young people it services.

More than 20,000 young people have participated in Latrobe Youth Space activities since it opened in 2018.

Through initiatives such as Latrobe Youth Space, the Government is working to ensure young people living in rural and regional Victoria have access to a full range of supports to achieve the same employment, education and wellbeing outcomes as their metropolitan peers.

Minister for Youth Ros Spence said "It's so important for young people to have a safe space to get support and feel part of their local community. I am delighted to see so many young people benefit from the youth hub that the Victorian Government has supported.

These upgrades will ensure young people can enjoy these dedicated spaces for many years to come."

Gippsland Muslim Community celebrates Ramadan and Eid in congregation



After not having any functions in 2020 due to COVID-19, the Gippsland Muslim community was able to get together over the holy month of Ramadan which concluded on May 13.

Ramadan is the holiest month for the worlds Muslims. It was during Ramadan that the Quran was revealed. Throughout Ramadan, Muslims engage in prayer, fasting, and charity giving. Daylight hours are spent fasting from food and drink and the fast is broken

at sunset.

This year the Muslim community of Gippsland came together on two weekends to break their fast in congregation. The breaking of the fast is called Iftaar. During these Iftaars the community was able to gather and invite friends to share an evening meal.

The two community Iftaars were organised by GAMCI (Gippsland Australian Muslim Community Incorporated) and UMSLV (United Muslim

Sisters of the Latrobe Valley) and were held at Kernot Hall. The Iftaars included many non-muslims and these guests were local politicians and members of the Latrobe City Council; representatives from the Gippsland Ethnic Communities Council; local schools; Federation University; Victoria Police, as well as neighbours of Muslim families. The opportunity for local community people of all faiths, to partake in Ramadan alongside Muslims, provided

an opportunity to gain an insight into Islam and religious practices.

The end of Ramadan was celebrated with the traditional Eid Dinner again at Kernot Hall on Saturday evening May 15. Young children received gifts and parents, friends and families come together to celebrate and share the completion of a month of blessings and joy. The many children were kept entertained by Latrobe Streetgames.

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Australians have already lost over \$288,000 to vehicle scams in the first quarter of this year, more than all losses reported to Scamwatch in 2019, and scammers have now begun impersonating defence personnel to con their victims.

In a vehicle scam, scammers post fake online listings offering to sell in-demand cars at well below market value to lure potential buyers looking for a second hand vehicle. Scammers seek payment to secure the car for the buyer but never deliver the vehicle. Vehicle scams are commonly hosted on sites such as Facebook Marketplace, Autotrader, Car Sales, Cars Guide and Gumtree. "As second hand car sales increased during the pandemic, unfortunately so did vehicle scams. If current trends continue, Australians could lose much more to vehicle scams this year than the \$1 million lost in 2020," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said. "We want to raise awareness of these scams to reduce the number of people who may be vulnerable to them."

A new technique we are seeing is scammers pretending to be defence personnel. In 97 per cent of reports received this year, the scammer claimed to be in the military (navy, army and air force), or to work for the Department of Defence, and said they wanted to sell their vehicle before deployment. This sought to create a sense of urgency with buyers and explained the unusually low listing price of the vehicles, and why buyers could not inspect them prior to payment. Email addresses that do not bear the legitimate defence email format of @defence.gov.au may be an indication of a scam, but even the correct email format does not guarantee the car ad is not a scam, as scammers are able to spoof email addresses. It is best to look for all warning signs to avoid being

scammed. "A price that is too good to be true should be a warning sign for potential buyers. If a classified ad offers a vehicle at a very low price, the ad might not be legitimate. For example, one Scamwatch report noted a listing that advertised a car for nearly \$10,000 below its market value to entice buyers looking for a bargain." Vehicle scammers often seek payment via a third party website. A large number of reports to Scamwatch mentioned the use of escrow agents, a third party who is supposed to 'hold' the money from the buyer until goods are received, before releasing the funds to the seller. Other commonly requested payment methods include eBay, direct bank transfer or international money transfers. "If the seller claims to be unavailable and insists on payment before meeting the buyer or allowing them to pick up their new car, this should raise suspicions," Ms Rickard said. "It is relatively common for scammers to claim that they are travelling or moving away to avoid meeting buyers before payment." "Always try to inspect the vehicle before purchase and avoid unusual payment methods. If you have any doubts, do not go ahead with the deal," Ms Rickard said. In addition to losing money to vehicle scams, around 20 per cent of consumers who reported vehicle scams have lost personal information, after providing their address, phone number and copies of their driver's licence to the scammer.

To protect your identity, never provide your personal details to someone you have only met online. "Fortunately, over 80 per cent of people who reported vehicle scams to us managed to avoid losing money by identifying the scam early. We encourage consumers to trust their instincts. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is," Ms

Rickard said.

Further help for consumers

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. If you have experienced a loss online and believe the perpetrator is located in Australia, you can also report the scam to ReportCyber (3). ReportCyber triages reports and allocates them to the relevant law enforcement authorities for further action. Victims of identity theft, or cybercrime can contact IDCARE, a free government-funded service that will work with you to develop a specific response plan to your situation and provide support. You can contact IDCARE on 1800 595 160 or visit www.idcare.org (4). Scamwatch received 346 reports of vehicle scams between January 1 and March 31, with \$288,459 in losses reported during this period. This compares to over 1,000 reports and more than \$1 million lost in 2020, and 330 reports and about \$245,000 losses in 2019. People aged 18-24 have lost the most money to vehicle scams in 2021 so far, \$79,210, or 27 per cent of total losses. People aged under 35 lost 35 per cent of the total losses reported to vehicle scams so far in 2021. People aged 65 years and over reported lower losses than all other age groups. New South Wales has the highest number of reports (114) and losses (\$97,297) to vehicle scams, while reporters from the Northern Territory and Tasmania have not reported any losses this year to date.

Some examples of the fake Department of Defence emails that have been used in recent vehicle scams include: @airforce-raaf.org @royal-australian-defence-gov.com defence@royal-australian-air-force-gov-au.com

Exhibition celebrates migrant and refugee women who call Gippsland home

A photographic exhibition that captures the lived experience of migrant and refugee women launched at Latrobe Regional Gallery in Morwell in May.

Latrobe Community Health Service commissioned renowned Gippsland-based photographer Lauren Murphy, to explore migration to the region in a series of photographic portraits.

Using digital and medium format photography – captured via film, environmental or doubly exposed photographs, Lauren captured the profiles of eighteen remarkable women.

Each image is accompanied by a long-format text that introduces the viewer to the woman in the photograph.

"This series, 'Our New Home', challenges common misconceptions of what it means to be culturally and linguistically diverse in Gippsland," Ms Murphy said.

"Each woman who features in 'Our New Home' has experienced migration and settlement differently, and each experience is one worth telling.

Through these portraits, I hope to demonstrate the resilience, strength and pride these refugee and migrant women share".

Ms Murphy photographed each woman in their domestic environment, while LCHS' communications advisor and former journalist Emma Watson, interviewed them and drafted their written profiles.

Exhibition participant, Rohingya refugee and Morwell resident Amina Khatun, said the project created an opportunity for Gippslanders to get to know her community.

"Not many people know much about where Rohingya people have come from. This exhibition creates awareness", Ms Khatun said.

"It feels amazing to be



involved in this project. My grandma had never taken her photo before, and to be able to do that as part of 'Our New Home', well that's a special memory as well".

"Our New Home' is open at Latrobe Regional Gallery until August 1.

Entry is free.

"Whether you're a fifth generation Australian, or your own family migrated to the region, I encourage you to go along to the gallery to meet these women and learn about others' life experiences", Ms Murphy said.

"This feels like some of the most meaningful photography I've undertaken, and I'm incredibly grateful to Latrobe Community Health Service for funding this

important work".

Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Sharon Gibson said Latrobe Regional Gallery was pleased to host such an insightful exhibition that was as educational as it was artistic.

"There are people from many ethnicities who now call Latrobe City home and this exhibition honours the contribution these newcomers are making to our community, while celebrating where they have come from. We are a richer community for them being here", she said.

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This year's State Budget has recently been delivered, and I wanted to provide a rundown of what this budget offers for the Latrobe Valley and for Churchill.

The focus of the Budget this year was around creating jobs and caring for Victorians – two concepts that sound quite simple but are both incredibly important for Victorians, especially for people living in the Latrobe Valley right now.

It's no secret that the Latrobe Valley needs a long-term plan that will support its' recovery and transition. There are lots of ideas about what that will look like, and it's fantastic to see a lot of those ideas coming directly from the communities. One of the big steps this government is taking to invest in regional communities like the Latrobe Valley is through improving access to essential services.

We've committed \$252 million towards public and emergency housing, \$759 million towards training additional paramedics and support staff, \$556 towards expanding community hospitals and clinics, and \$1.6 billion towards

upgrading and expanding our schools. Whether it's mental health support, housing support, or emergency care, regional communities deserve to have equitable access to those life-changing services, and this Budget aims to provide that.

The findings from the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System showed that the system needs to be supported, and we're responding to that challenge by delivering \$3.8 billion to transform our mental health system from the ground up. This transformation will involve improving access to mental health support in regional communities, so that people are able to get the help they need without having to travel to Melbourne and spend time away from their families and communities – an issue that was noted in the Royal Commission, and something that I have previously been vocal on for many years as Parliamentary Secretary for Mental Health.

Closer to home, the Latrobe Valley received some fantastic funding announcements: \$10 million

will go towards developing a Food Manufacturing Precinct in Morwell, which will encourage new manufacturing investment and provide new job opportunities for the Valley. Women's Health Services will be getting a \$2.4 million funding boost, and \$14.6 million in funding will go towards Good Money financial services, who do fantastic work helping vulnerable people with their finances and providing an alternative to pay day lenders and loan sharks.

Beyond that, there are a number of grant programs that have been allocated, new and additional rounds of funding such as the Inclusive Schools Fund, Distillery Door Grants, and the Music Works Grants. Please contact my office if you are interested in applying for any of these and need assistance!

This budget provides positive and much needed initiatives for the local community, and I'm proud to be part of a Government that is prepared to tackle big issues like mental health and deliver real support for the people who need it most.

Vale Dick Chessum

Churchill.

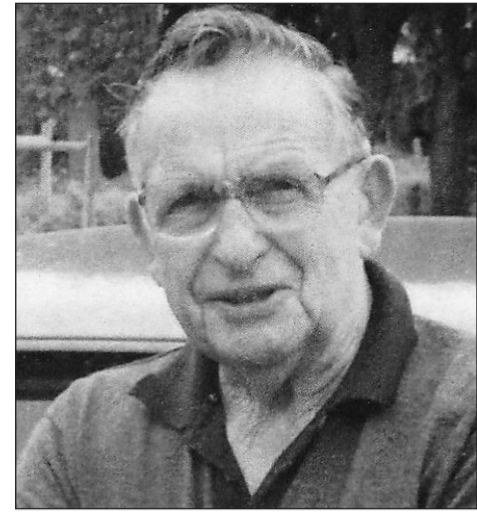
Churchill was in the early days of construction in those times. They lived there for some years and had one more child making five boys in all.

Around 1972, Dick bought a block of land in Churchill, where he built his own house. He was not a qualified builder, but built the house in Churchill, and one at Lochsport with ease.

Dick was a very active around town as was Mabel. They both played A Grade tennis and were very good golfers. Dick was awarded Life memberships at both the tennis and golf clubs for his efforts in establishing them both.

Dick achieved many successes including being a good rifle shot, and a racer of midget cars- a man of many talents.

Unbeknown to a lot of people he could play nearly every musical instrument, all self taught of course, including guitar, piano, piano



accordion, saxophone, mouth organ, banjo and fiddle. He was also an active member of the Traralgon Probus Club where both he and Mabel enjoyed many trips, golf days, meetings, and had a lots of friends there.

Mabel, or Billy as she was known, died in 2005 and that left Dick on his own for fifteen years but he battled on and eventually died in November 2020.

They leave behind a legacy of five boys and their families, ten grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. As you can see they had a very happy and successful life, making lots of friends along the way and will be sadly missed.

Hazelwood South Reserve scores \$1 million towards new facilities

The Hazelwood South Reserve is set for a major transformation, thanks to a \$1,082,089 funding boost from the second round of the Victorian Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program.

Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing recently announced the project was one of 42 initiatives that secured funds in the second round of the program.

The funding will go towards the construction of a new unisex change facility, which will include four unisex change rooms, umpires change rooms, a first aid room, as well as publicly available toilets.

The facility will provide a perfect base for the Churchill Soccer Club to

develop new programs, train, host matches and events.

The project is expected to create new full-time jobs during the planning and design phase, and additional jobs when construction commences.

By working with local government authorities and sporting clubs and organisations, investment from the second round of the program is expected to create 600 local jobs and drive local economic activity worth more than \$180 million.

A total of 70 projects have benefitted from a share of \$178 million from the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program, part of the Government's \$1.05 billion investment in community sport and recreation infrastructure since 2014.

For more information about the program and details on projects, go to sport.vic.gov.au.

Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing said "This funding is a big win for Churchill and Hazelwood South. It is a club which I've been proud to work with and support - the new facilities will provide a modern, inclusive and accessible facility.

Congratulations to the Churchill Soccer Club, and to players, umpires, supporters and the community on their positive and detailed requests for assistance - this boost will go a long way to support the growing number of people - particularly women and girls - keen to get involved in local sport and recreation."

Latrobe Regional Gallery

Da Vinci Machines

We have been pleased to welcome so many new visitors to the Gallery.

Da Vinci Machines was a roaring success with over 9,500 visitors in just eight weeks. We're thrilled that at least 5,000 of those visitors were from right here in Latrobe City.

Our upcoming Winter Program invites you to get curious.

Our world is changing fast and to really understand it we might have to pause, notice and ponder what this place is all about - galleries are a great place to do that.

Our New Home

Lauren Murphy

May 15 to August 1

This exhibition is a project by photographer Lauren Murphy, auspiced by Latrobe Community Health Service. The show features photographs of refugee and migrant women in Gippsland

in their domestic or familial environment. The aim is that the exhibition serves as a reminder to pause and consider another's life journey, as no two experiences are the same.

From Australia: An Accumulation

May 22 to August 8

From Australia: An Accumulation features new print commissions from some of Australia's most renowned contemporary artists, alongside selected works from the seminal print portfolio 'Aus Australien', produced by René Block in 1988.

Cloud Machines

David Haines and Joyce Hinterding

May 29 to August 8

Artists Haines and Hinterding are interested in the unseen, invisible natural phenomena. Their work has seen them create ultra-low frequency antennas to hear

the electrical activity in the atmosphere, fly a balloon to the edge of space, and create a scent that recalls the first rain.

LRG Winter Program

The Winter Program is full of exciting opportunities to spark your curiosity and creativity. Our new LRG LIVE events invite you to experience surprising live performance in the gallery. Our Open Days initiate creative action and inspiration across all gallery spaces for the whole family to enjoy. Sunday Life Drawing will provide a weekend wind-down for those wishing to explore new techniques or skills, and Artist Workshops offer access to professional techniques and insights. Visit our website for more information about our public programs! We look forward to seeing you soon.



Morwell & District Red Cross Branch

Members will meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm at Morwell RSL, Elgin Street, Morwell. New members are welcome to attend. For further information contact the Secretary. **Phone 5163 1565**



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CDCA meets on the 1st Thursday of every 2nd month at the Churchill Hub.
Next meeting -7.00 pm Thursday 5th August.
All local residents welcome.

Contact CDCA via our website - www.cdca.org.au or find us on Facebook!

Remembering Gilbert

**The Gippsland teenager
who served on the Western
Front**

(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are warned this story contains an image of a deceased person)

Gunai man Gilbert Theodore Haxle Stephen enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force on May 28, 1917. He served on the Western Front until the end of the war.



Born in 1899 at the Ramahyuck Aboriginal Mission in Gippsland, Gilbert Stephen was the youngest child of Emily and Harry Stephen. Once Ramahyuck was closed in 1908, the family was moved on to the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Mission.

When war broke out in 1914, Gilbert was 15 and working as a labourer alongside his older brother Alfred, to help support his mother and siblings. In 1917 Gilbert followed in the footsteps of Alfred and successfully enlisted. It was the second attempt for the 18 year old, who like many teenagers, inflated his age to 21 years old. In May 1917 Australian regulations had been reviewed allow the enlistment of 'half caste' Aborigines (as per the terminology of the day).

Gilbert arrived in England in October 1917, as part of the 25th reinforcements for the 5th Battalion. He was located at a military camp in the English town Sutton Veny, but suffered frequent episodes of illness due to the damp and

cold winters, and poor living conditions at the Military camp, which exposed many young men to respiratory diseases.

Like many young soldiers seeking the adventure of a lifetime, Gilbert frequently went AWOL and was punished accordingly. He was discharged from the 5th Battalion and sent to the 1st Training Battalion. In August 1918, Gilbert spent some time in a British prison and his military payments to his mother were halted.

In March 1919, while waiting for return to Australia, Gilbert contracted pneumonia. On return to Australia, his health had declined, and he died on September 14, 1919 at a Military hospital in Caulfield at age 20. Gilbert was buried in the Brighton Cemetery, his family is believed to received a military gratuity payment, a Memorial Plaque and Gilbert's British War Medal. Gilbert's name is featured on the Lake Tyers Honour Roll.

(Image and information sources from The Australian War Memorial)



From May 28 the only Contact Tracing App in retail stores approved by the Victorian Government is the Victorian Government QR Code Service.

There are significant fines for businesses that do not comply with the requirement to register and display their QR Code.

Businesses that can reasonably expect that customers are going to spend more than 15 minutes in-store, such as cafes and restaurants, hairdressers and clothing stores, clinics and other indoor venues should provide a QR Code and actively encourage customers to scan upon entry.

QR Codes are an important means of assisting Contact Tracing if there is an outbreak of COVID-19.

Large stores such as supermarkets are strongly encouraged to have a QR Code for customer check-in. There's no charge

to businesses to use the Victorian Government QR Code Service. It's a simple matter to visit the website - <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/qr-codes-and-digital-record-keeping-contact-tracing> - register your business and download/print the QR Code to display at your business's entrance.

Staff at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre have recently assisted a couple of retailers to obtain their QR Code and can also arrange for printing and laminating ready for display.

More information about QR Codes and their use can be found at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/>

DHHS teams are visiting businesses across Victoria to check on compliance – it would be a shame if any of Churchill's local businesses were to incur a fine for not having a QR Code.

Margaret Guthrie
President, CDCA

St Matt's Op Shop



With the Victorian snow season set to commence soon, St Matt's is bringing out the winter woollies. We have warm scarves for \$1, winter coats priced between \$2 and \$5, and woollen beanies, gloves and cosy

knitwear all of great quality at bargain prices. If the snow is not your cup of tea, we have a wonderful selection of books for you to curl up with by the fireside. St Matt's is also a great source of winter food inspiration, with



all cookbooks priced at 50c each.

St Matt's Op Shop is located on Main Street Yinnar in the Uniting Church building next to Smee's Garage. We are open on Mondays from 10:00 am

- 3:00 pm, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. For the latest news and sales, follow the "St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar" page on Facebook.

New Community Banking service opens at Fed Uni Churchill

Federation University Churchill Campus together with the Community Bank Mirboo North & District, are pleased to announce a new banking service at the campus.

Alan Bannister, Business Development Manager at Mirboo North, will be available on Thursdays between 9.30 am and 5 pm to discuss your banking needs in the Student Lounge.

With a wealth of banking experience, Alan has seen 50 years' service in the finance industry! Alan was the inaugural Branch Manager at Mirboo North when the Community Bank was launched in July 2010

Al-Anon

The purpose of Al-Anon is to help families and friends of alcoholics by offering hope and friendship, better understanding of the effects on themselves of someone else's drinking and an opportunity for spiritual awakening through the shared experiences described in the Twelve Steps.

Members share their experiences strength and hopes which is vital in helping members find growth and serenity through the Al-Anon program. "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference".

and has recently moved to his new role to further promote the bank and make its services even more readily available to the broader community.

Community Banking is a unique form of banking where 80% of the branch's profits are returned to the community for many worthwhile projects. It is a full banking service backed by Bendigo Bank, one of the largest retail banks in Australia.

The Community Bank Mirboo North & District has returned more than \$1.45m in community benefits since opening and is now looking to extend this further through

its association with Fed Uni in Churchill.

The Community Bank is proud to have introduced its own scholarship program to assist regional students to further their tertiary education with applications considered in December each year.

Local students are encouraged to apply via the website. We are looking to expand this further by supporting Fed Uni's scholarship program with worthwhile donations each year. The more business we do via Fed Uni, the higher the amount we can return for scholarships and research programs.

Alan will be able to assist you with competitive banking products such as home loans, student personal loans, everyday accounts and general banking needs.

We encourage all staff and students to take the time to call in and see Alan and discuss what's important regarding your banking needs.

Enjoy the new banking facilities on campus and know that your support will in turn benefit the student body.

We are open to the public but we are non transactional. Simply for inquiries, loans - home loans and personal and new accounts.

Churchill & District Lions Club

Meet
1st and 3rd Wednesday
of each Month



Contact Secretary
Carol Cavanagh

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Shop Local MAY DAY MARKET in pictures



Churchill / Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

Wet weather conditions

This month, we are looking at road conditions with the wet weather. Road conditions can change rapidly when winter comes along. Pot holes can form very easily which can damage the tyres on your vehicle. Some cars now have "Low Profile" tyres which means that there is less rubber between the road and your wheel. If the road develops a pot hole with jagged edges, or the side of the road gives way, "Low Profile" tyres tend to get damaged a lot easier. A rapidly deflating tyre can upset the handling of the car, especially at high speed leading to an accident. If you find newly formed pot holes or other associated road damage around town, you can report it to the necessary authorities by using the "Snap Send Solve" App on your phone, and it may be repaired fairly quickly. Attaching a photo and an accurate description of the location of the damage can increase the chances of a quick repair. Some roads may come under the control of the local Council, and some may come under the control of Vic Roads. "Snap Send Solve" will be able to work out who is responsible. Wildlife are also a problem, and may cross the road in front of moving vehicles. Take care on the roads and travel to the conditions in inclement weather.

FOR EMERGENCIES, RING 000
FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE, RING 000

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

SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL PRIMARY

F-2 Mossvale Park excursion

As part of their learning curriculum, studying the topic of weather, students in grades F-2 had a fabulous day on Wednesday April 28, at Mossvale Park!

Autumn is a wonderful time of year to showcase seasonal change and students enjoyed exploring, playing in the leaves and gardens as well as having a yummy BBQ lunch.

When asked what their favourite thing about the excursion was, here are some of their answers:

"My favourite part was when I found a huntsman." - Bailey

"I liked raking and playing in the leaves, we got to get buried in them." - Tahlia

"I enjoyed taking photos with the iPads." - Will

"I liked putting the leaves on my head." - Caroline

"The wombat hole was my favourite." - Drew

"My favourite part was playing on the playground." - Riley

"I liked going on the slide." - Jack

"I liked eating the

sausages." - Seth

"I liked rolling down the hill." - Charlie

"I liked taking photos." - Joseph

New building officially opening

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

Ms Shing was given a tour of the new facilities and grounds by our school Captains and then addressed all our students and staff in a special ceremony which

ended with a huge count down before the official ribbon cutting ceremony.

This is what Harriet had to say about it,

"The wonderful students, staff and teachers at Churchill Primary School have brand-new architect designed modular classrooms, offices, reception, sick bay, bathrooms, and smart technology at last!

On top of this there's a new playground, sandpit and grassed area as well!

It was such a joy to help School Leaders Sara and Xaiden, Principal Jacque

Burrows, Gail Harding, parents and representatives from the Building Committee and School Council, Anthony from the Grove Group, Sensum Project Managers and the Victorian School Building Authority to officially open the \$2.634m facilities."

Harriet Shing MP enjoyed looking at pictures of CPS old building being demolished with school captains Sara A and Xaiden H

We would like to

congratulate all of our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students who recently sat the Naplan tests over three days.

The students were treated to special breakfasts in the staffroom each morning before sitting the Naplan and we are very proud of our students for being positive learners and trying their best on the tests.

Sitting these tests can be daunting for some students and we are pleased to say that everyone who participated put in a great effort. Well done!



SCHOOL NEWS

Kurnai College, University Campus

Licola Wilderness Village working bee

Selected VCAL and VCE students and staff completed another successful working bee at Licola Wilderness Village.

Tasks that were completed ranged from refurbishing decking to repairing a mini golf course.

Students were able to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the beautiful Licola region as well as contribute valuable time and effort towards a worthy cause.

Senior Girls AFL

Senior girls competed at the interschool AFL district finals on Monday May 10, in Sale. The girls came out strong and were quickly identified as the team to beat.

Sadly, half way into their first game they were struck down with some serious player injuries which had a big impact on the outcome of the day.



Overall, the girls and their coaches Zachary Carlson and Tristen Waack did a wonderful job representing the college and we are very proud of their efforts.

VET Rock Climbing

VET Sport and Recreation are currently completing units on top rope climbing and belaying.

Students participated in rock climbing at the Hardrock Climbing Gym on Wednesday May 5. It was a successful day with each student completing their rock climbing and belaying assessment on the day.

VCAL Catering

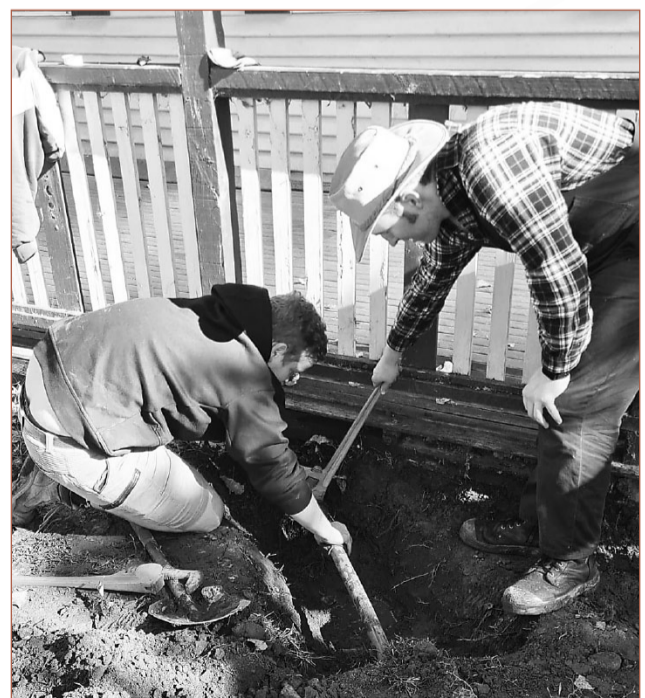
The VCAL Catering team did a wonderful job preparing Mother's Day

hampers full of sweet treats.

Boxes were sold to staff and students and made a delicious surprise for our Mums.

Hello Day Campaign

The Hello campaign is a Latrobe Health Assembly initiative that focuses on the importance of social connection to enhance well-



being.

This campaign is about encouraging people across Latrobe Valley to say 'Hello' and foster a connected, healthy and caring community. As part

of this promotion students and staff were involved in creating a human 'Hello' that was photographed using a drone. Our staff and students celebrated Hello Day on Thursday May 27.

SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY

It has been a busy month at Boolarra Primary School with a netball competition, a trip to Mirboo North Secondary College for a woodworking masterclass, a footy clinic with the Boolarra Football Club, 'Do it for Dolly Day' and an excursion to Traralgon for a performance of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Our students embrace every opportunity to develop their skills and open their minds. We can't wait to see what next month brings! Below are several articles from students about their experiences this month.

Ms Smith, our Design and Technology teacher, organised this whole day with the Mirboo North Secondary College's legendary woodwork teacher Mr. Zizic. Mr Ziz volunteered his time to help us achieve our goal.

First up, we learnt that we can use a sander to sharpen a pencil! Mr Ziz told us that they were the only thing the sander machine was good for.

Next, he taught us how to use a ruler, which was most likely the hardest part of the day. We had to measure and mark where we had to drill in millimetres.

Next, we had recess and were surrounded by giant high school students asking lots of questions, like, 'Where were we from?' 'Why were we here?' When that was over we got to use the pedestal drill, which was about 80 years old and was much quieter and drilled smoother than the Bosch drill.

"I think the Bosch drill had too much unnecessary power," commented Brock.

We all worked as a team to drill the holes, swapping machines and jobs as we worked. Whether we were

holding the wood, making sure it lined up or using the cordless drill. We also used the pedestal drill to make circles in some wood to use for the handles. We also had to sand them down and drill the holes bigger in the middle so the dowel would fit through.

Finally, lunch time was here! The grass was dry, so Jake and Ryder were able to roll down the hill. We got to see some of the Year 7s that attended our school last year and some of the hang out areas.

After lunch Brock had the job of measuring and cutting the dowel to length for the cams. We cut some more circles and Ryder was very busy sanding them. We got to put a cam unit together as a tester and trial it to see what needed to be fixed. The circle needed to be sanded more, to help with the turning of the cog thing.

We all had a fantastic day learning new things and having fun. We look forward to going to high school next year and doing woodwork. Thanks Ms Smith for choosing us wonderful young lads to go and make these.

Written by Ms Stacey, Ryder, Brendan and Brock.

Do it for Dolly Day
"Can I hang the blue paper chains we made yesterday Mrs C?" asked Jasper with excitement.

"No problem. Don't forget the Dolly posters too," replied Mrs C.

It is a sea of many shades of blue as the students arrived at Boolarra Primary school on May 14. Dolly was a teenager who had sadly taken her life after experiencing repeated online bullying.

Her parents started this special day to raise awareness of bullying and cyberbullying.

Yinnar South Primary joined us in our Learning Centre as we waited for the fabulous Boolarra policeman, Matt to arrive.

Excited whispers fell across the sea of blue as Matt walked in. He talked to students about how - once is rude, twice is mean and thrice is bullying.

At 11:00am we made special anti-bullying wristbands. After recess two ladies from Bunnings came in with rocks and paint and glitter to help us create rocks with special messages of kindness for our school garden. (I wrote 'care' and

'there's no room in the world for bullying' on mine).

In the meantime, the Yinnar South CFA truck arrived and gave kids a tour of the truck and a talk about community spirit.

At 2:00pm we all went out on the oval and made a big butterfly shape (the symbol for 'Do it for Dolly Day') and Brendan's mum took photos with her drone.

At the end of the day we all sat down for the raffle draw - there were heaps of prizes! Overall the school raised over \$1500 for the cause.

Finally, at the end of the day, we all got a delicious #DoItForDolly biscuit. The blue from the biscuit stayed on our tongues for ages but hopefully the messages about kindness and caring for our peers will stay in our hearts forever.

Written by Ruby Franklin, Grade 6.

Netball Winter Sports

On May 12, ten excited girls travelled in cars to the Yinnar and District footy/netball school competition. In Mrs Cascianelli's car we listened to Queen and AC/DC and had a sing-a-long. Travelling in Mrs C's car were Georgia, Ruby F, Ruby

M and Scarlett. The other players, in Mrs. Stacey's car, were Asha, Kallarnie, Tilly, Billi, Violet, and Ryleigh.

When we arrived in Yinnar, we dropped our bags and began warming up. Then we all got in our positions and the game began.

Our first game was versus Churchill and we won! The game was fun. We would maybe say the first game was our best play.

On our second game we played Yinnar Primary School.

It was very nerve racking as some of our girls didn't have high hopes, but as soon as we started everyone had a great time. We know we tried our best but, sadly, we lost. We knew they were our toughest competitors though.

For our last game, we played Lumen Christi. The game was pretty quick because the girls were still learning to play. They put up a good fight though. We won by 24 goals. We came second and Yinnar won.

We all enjoyed the day and competition. We are very proud of our achievement and can't wait to play again.

Written by Kallarnie, Billi, Asha and Georgia



Netball Comp - Front from left: Violet Morrison, Scarlett Murden, Billi Franklin, Ruby Marcus, Matilda Windsor
Middle from left: Ryleigh Cardona, Kallarnie Francis, Ruby Franklin.
Back from left: Georgia Cardona, Miss Stacey [coach], Asha Mills.

Leading Senior Constable Matt Ryan and Asha Mills

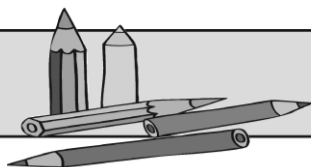
Marley and Salem at 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'



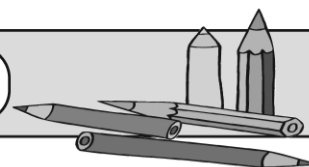
Footy Clinic

Woodwork - From left: Brock MackMatthews, Jake Gatt, Ryder Kuipers, Brendan Richards

School News



LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY



Lucas and Harrison from Foundation carrying their class wreath

Recently in the Lumen Christi library we joined with schools from across the country for National Simultaneous Storytime. This event is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). This year ALIA along with Scholastic, the Australian Space Agency and the Office of the Chief Scientist joined us for an intergalactic experience with the NSS 2021 song with many children and schools from across the USA.

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 21st successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

The 2021 chosen book

was 'Give Me Some Space', written and illustrated by Philip Bunting. The book was read by astronaut, Dr Shannon Walker from the International Space Station. She was very engaging, reading with enthusiasm as her book floated in her space shuttle.

"I love her rocket", said Saul from Year 1. The children also got a chance to make astronauts in art to go with the theme of space. They made collagraphs using different materials and textures then rubbed over them to make a print of their astronaut.

During National Reconciliation Week recently, the whole school gathered together to remember and respect the first people of our land.

The students reflected on our past wrongdoings as a nation, those taken away from their families and those who had lost their homes. We celebrated the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and prayed for reconciliation and peace as one people of our beautiful nation.

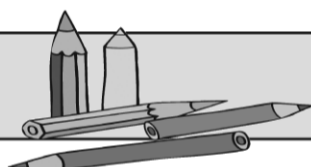
Parish priest, Father Solomon Okeh, joined the school prayer service and led prayers of reconciliation. The National Reconciliation Week Theme was 'More than a word'. Each class placed a reconciliation wreath, made of Australian native plants, with their names placed on them. They placed these at the centre of the room to affirm and pledge their support for reconciliation.

Cooper from Year 6 said, "I'm proud of my background and heritage". Another student placed family totems, artwork and clapping sticks made by his great grandmother as a connection to his family story.

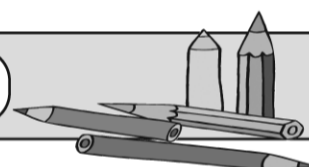
These were displayed at the centre of the room for all to view and reflect on during the service.

Finally, the children read the book, 'Finding Our Heart', by Thomas Mayor; a book about the Uluru statement and the campaign for voice treaty and truth. The children were captivated by the story, told by Thomas, about his own personal journey for fairness for our first nations people.

School News



CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY



Churchill North Primary School celebrated Walk to School Day on May 19, with children lacing up their sneakers and hitting the footpath. This national initiative aims to encourage children to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle by simply including a walk a day. Special thanks to Maryanne for coordinating this event and to the police officers, Lorry and Alison for attending and participating, as their presence was a true highlight for the children. The walk gave all in attendance a unique opportunity to come together and share the excitement

of the children as they challenged themselves to do another lap for another sticker.

Also, on May 19, some of our JSC representatives - Shilah KE, Ava B, Ebony A, Maddy N and Bella W, attended our School Council Meeting to discuss their roles and responsibilities. Students took it in turns to explain the responsibilities of being a JSC representative and spoke with clarity and confidence. Their reasons for being a JSC representative were heart-warming. They 'wanted to bring joy, wanted to improve the school and

wanted to make the school a better place for students to work'. JSC reps talked about their fundraising actions in Term 1 and the goals of the JSC fundraising efforts this year of providing more designated areas for playing handball and to rejuvenate the friendship chair. In conjunction with the School Council, those JSC members present have developed a plan moving forwards to investigate more sports equipment for our school. The development of our student leaders is in full swing here at Churchill North Primary School.



SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

3/4 Carnival Games

On Friday May 7, the 3/4s made a carnival for the F's to 2's. In maths we were focusing on chance. We made games to show chance. We had to explain the chance to them and if they play and get the correct shot they win a prize. By Milla Alesi.

Maths Carnival

The maths carnival took place on May 7, 2021. We made chance games and prizes. My game was spin the wheel, it had a red and yellow pattern. I learnt that the chance of getting a yellow was 40%, lines was 8% and red was 52%.

By Riley D Grade 3/4A

Swimming

This week we were at swimming and we were doing swimming lesson. On Wednesday we went in the pool with clothes on in the water and I liked it. I learned how to put my tummy up to help me float.

By Taj Makepeace

Swimming

This week we went swimming. On Wednesday we had to swim in our clothes. I learnt how to save someone if they were drowning. The hardest thing I did was to stay on my back without moving for 20 seconds. I liked when I did a minute of swimming around

the pool.

By Lucas Galea
Camp

5/6'S at Melbourne Hazelwood North Primary School 5/6 students caught the train down to the Southern Cross train station, where we later caught another train down to Ballarat. There we experienced how life was like in the past at Sovereign Hill. We also learned about the history of the Gold Rush, panned for gold and European culture.

Science Works: Lightning show

At Science Works we saw the lightning and electricity show which explained what lightning is, friction, conductors and how to be safe around lightning and electricity.

It was a lot of fun to watch and learn a bit more about lightning and electricity!

Science Works: Environment and Sport centre

I was fascinated seeing future cars, live mini earths and creating my own car. I also especially liked being a virtual goalie racing against Kathie Freeman and playing lots of little side games such as 'How high can I jump?' 'Do I have accurate hand-eye co-ordination?' and many

more.

Eureka Tower:

Eureka tower was one of my favourite highlights at camp. I went on the edge of the 88 storey tower and it was frightening! There were a few side activities such as the silent disco and the virtual headset. We all had an amazing time.

ACMI: Discs

At ACMI I learnt a lot of new knowledge about animation and film history. Let's start with our ACMI chips: all students were given a small circular disk that you could tap and then save your favourite parts of ACMI, and learn more about them later on their website.

ACMI: learning and film history

We explored the whole of ACMI and here are a few of the things that I found interesting; all of the different old cameras from all over the world, how long and how many different frames the animators had to draw and lastly how big the cameras were back then compared to tiny iPhone's today.

Written by Brooke Long Country kids in Melbourne?

On April 26, 2021, a Monday morning, HNPS arrived at the train station. 'Goodbye' our families

well wished us though we were returning on Thursday. Whoah it was so busy in the Southern Cross station. We finally got on another train to Ballarat and then got on a bus to Sovereign Hill where we finally got to relax for five minutes then we had to go to the gold pour. Dinner was butter chicken and after was the Aura show. Night time.

Morning time. In the morning we had breakfast - continental. Then we explored Sovereign Hill in our teacher groups.

On to the playground, lunch was a roll with ham and salad. But just as we were leaving a devastating incident happened on the steps to the play pirate ship, a young boy named Jackson Amos tripped down the stairs.

He dislocated his wrist and fractured two of his bones in his forearm. We packed up our stuff and then got onto the train to go to Melbourne

By Lucy Thompson Hazelwood North Kids Travel 350km's for an Exhilarating Camp Sovereign Hill

The 350km trip was well worth it for when we arrived at Sovereign Hill Living Museum, we were greeted

by a man showing us how to purify gold. We then rested for we had an exciting Aura show after dinner. It showed what Sovereign Hill is all about -the Gold Rush. The next day we browsed the shops and did many things like Candle Stick Making, Gold Panning and shopping. It was all good until a certain student broke their wrist. He was out till the next day.

Soda Rock Café

The train ride back to Melbourne was cancelled so we were in an awesome bus. We then dropped our bags off at the Claremont Hotel and were off to Soda Rock Café. That was an American-styled diner and the staff were on roller skates.

Science Works

The next day we went to Science Works. There was a Light, Energy, Action Game Show and also a Sports Science centre along with a What the Future will be like part too, so obviously it was quite fun.

Eureka Tower

We then went back and rested for a while for we were going to Eureka Tower! We went all the way up to the 89th floor and this is what we did - "The Edge", which was exhilarating and also the open air balcony. The night was finished off by

a silent disco 280m up.

ACMI

The next day was our final and one of the best. We went to Federation Square and went to ACMI which stands for Australian, Cinematography and Moving Image.

It was so awesome and you got a cool disc that collects things you are interested in so you can learn more about the things you are interested in at home.

Hosier Lane

Also we visited Hosier Lane which was very cool and must have taken years on end to create. That was the end. All that was left was the trip home. So that concludes our trip.

Journalist: Jackson J. Amos

Hazelwood Kids Go On Camp

On Monday April 26, 2021 Hazelwood North Primary School departed from Morwell and Traralgon train stations to go on a Melbourne/Ballarat camp for 5/6 students.

On Wednesday April 28, 2021 Hazelwood North went to Eureka Tower, then they went on The Edge. The Edge is an 8 Dollar Ride that takes you 89 storeys high and it makes you scream with fear.

By Mason



SPORT

Churchill Football Netball Club celebrates 130 years of history in style



The Churchill Football Netball Club has celebrated the 130 year history of the club with two significant events held on May 1 and 2. The first of these events was the official launch on the Friday night of the long awaited and eagerly anticipated 600 page history of the club entitled "Woods, Roos and Cougars".

Since the club's origins in 1880, it has morphed through several changes of name and guernsey colours to finally become the current Churchill Football Netball Club.

Authored by English born local resident and now great supporter of the club, Gavin Wigginton, the comprehensive book is a collection of history, game results and statistics as well as individual and family profiles which are fascinating reading for any club supporter or football or netball follower.

Gavin, who settled in Australia in 1986, was a survivor from the Black Friday bushfires of 2009, which devastated Calignee and destroyed his house.

He then moved to Traralgon whilst he was rebuilding and became involve as a supporter and sponsor of the Football Netball Club. An

accomplished author of several published books, he is a meticulous researcher, as any reader of this book will see, and spent nearly three years researching club and, newspaper records, interviewing around 150 people and listening to many anecdotes before producing this historic but very readable book.

The task was made even more challenging because of two fires over time which destroyed club premises and records.

The book also recognises the part played by netballers in the history of

the club beginning in the 1990s and leading up to the amalgamation of the netball and football in 2000 to become the Churchill Football Netball Club.

Mark Anwerth, President of the Hazelwood Churchill Past Player and Officials Association which commissioned the book and paid for the cost of publication, interviewed Gavin at the book launch and thanked him for "his generosity, spirit and tireless work in putting together

the special piece of history." Many current and past players from earlier eras attended the launch.

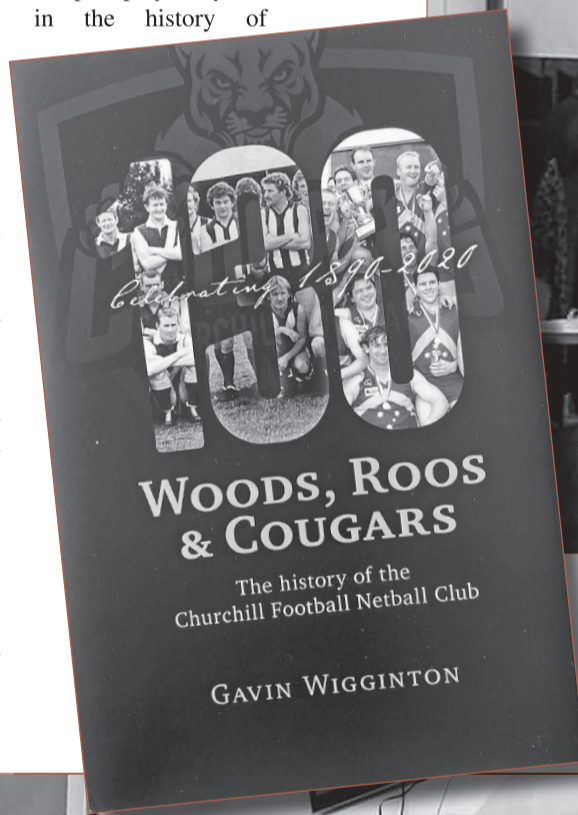
On the Saturday night, 175 club supporters and greats from the past, gathered in the clubrooms for a formal dinner and the unveiling of a unique mural painting depicting 60 of the most significant characters on and off the field over the years since 1960. This spectacular work by local artist and former player, David Shields, will hang permanently in the

Members bar and honour football and netball players, officials and volunteers who made very worthwhile contributions to the Club. David, too, had spent a great deal of time creating this work and included many humorous and moving details relating to characters in the painting. The evening, which was hosted in a very professional manner by emcee and local radio personality Barry Whitehead, included a presentation to David of a copy of the

painting signed by all those who were included in it. Many past players and officials travelled from Melbourne and interstate to be present at the function which was described as

"like a giant club reunion and premiership celebration rolled into one."

The book is now available from Churchill Newsagency while copies of the book and prints of the painting can be obtained by emailing cfncc.secretary@hotmail.com



Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Saturday 01/5/21 – Stableford

A Grade M. Soppe 19 35 C/B, B Grade C. Waring 24 39 C/B, C Grade V. Monument 25 39, J. Jeffery 32 104 72. Scratch G. Beyer 77. DTL A. Auld 39, I. Hepplestone 37, J. Jeffery 36, B. Sebire 35, J. Sanders 35, L. Watkins 35. NTP 3rd. B. Sebire, 5th I. Hepplestone, 12th R. Timbs, 14th A. Auld. Birdies 3rd. G. Blizzard, 12th R. Timbs.

Sunday May 2 Churchill Plate

Winners I. Hepplestone-C. Waring- P. Flanigan- C. Cumming 107. A Grade J. Sanders 38, B Grade P. Flanigan 39. DTL K. Hogan 37, C. Thompson 37, I. Hepplestone 37, J. Barnes 36, R. Sands 32, C. Waring 31. NTP 3rd J. Bransgrove, 5th R. Parsonage, 12th P. Flanigan, 14th M. Lewis.

Saturday 08/5/21 – Canadian Foursomes

Winners L. Watkins and A. West 60 C/B, Runners Up

G. Harvey and D. Burra 60, DTL M. Hutchinson and B. Barnes 64.5, G. Barnes and G. Byer 66.5, T. O'Reilly and T. Davies 66.5, D. Byers and P. McGann 67, T. Sterrick and S. Sanders 67.5. NTP 3rd. J. Banfield, 5th A. Quinn, 12th T. O'Reilly, 14th R. Dent.

Tuesday May 11, Monthly Medal

Medal Winner V. Reid (28) 72, Scratch Winner V. Reid 100. Putts V. Reid 28.

Saturday 15/5/21 – Stableford

A Grade A. Quinn (13) 35, B Grade D. Dunne (22) 39, C Grade L. Watkins (26) 42. DTL R. Timbs 36, K. Hogan 34, B. Cleland 34, T. O'Reilly 33, P. Flanigan 32 C/B, T. Collins 32 C/B, S. Caldwell 32 C/B. NTP 3rd D. Burrige, 5th J. Barnes, 12th R. King, 14th T. O'Reilly. Birdies 3rd D. Burrige, 12th R. King.

Tuesday May 18, Stableford

Winner S. Caldwell (21) 30, DTL V. Verheyen (28)

28, NTP 3rd M. Ryan, 5th V. Verheyen, 12th L. Brent, 14th S. Caldwell.

Saturday 22/5/21 – Par

A Grade P. Smart (10) +2, B Grade T. Sterrick (19) +3, C Grade C. Waring (23) +4, D Grade P. McGann (31) +3. DTLR. Timbs +2, A. West +2, P. Watkins +2, J. Jeffery +1, R. King +1, P. Junker +1, S. Caldwell +1, D. Burrige +1, A. West +1, M. Hutchinson Sq. C/B. NTP 3rd. S. Caldwell, 5th B. Barnes, 12th D. Burrige, 14th P. Junker. Birdies 5th B. Barnes, 12th V. Reidm 12th R. Zomer.

Tuesday May 25 Ambrose-Volunteers Day

Winners G and J. Blizzard, M. Ryan, T. Sterrick 58¾, DTL S. Sanders, S. Caldwell C. Stevens 62.2. NTP Ladies - 3rd C. Barnes, 5th V. Reid, 12th M. Dear, 14th M. Mc Quillen. Men - 3rd M. Hutchinson, 5th K. Hills, 12th K. Hills, 14th K. Hills.

Protect yourself and your family from asbestos exposure

Latrobe City Council is urging residents to reduce their risk of being exposed to asbestos in their homes. Nearly three in four homes in Latrobe City are likely to contain asbestos, which is significantly higher than the national average of one in three homes.

Asbestos is a fibrous building material that was used in many homes built before 1990 - especially in the eaves, ceilings, internal and external wall cladding, as well as under tiling and linoleum.

Breathing asbestos fibres can cause a range of life-threatening diseases including the cancer mesothelioma, lung cancer and asbestosis. Australia has one of the highest measured incidence rates of mesothelioma in the world. Each year in Australia, between 700 and 800 people are diagnosed with the rare and aggressive cancer.

"Asbestos is an extremely dangerous substance that poses a risk to the lives of our treasured Latrobe City residents", Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Sharon Gibson said. "By exercising caution

and being informed, people can stay safe. What people might not know is that Latrobe City Council's staff can answer questions and provide information to assist our community in reducing their risk of coming into contact with asbestos when undertaking renovations around the home. For homeowners looking to undertake smaller asbestos removal tasks, Council offers the 'Asbestos in the Home Removal Kit'. The kit, developed in consultation with the Asbestos Council of Victoria/Gippsland Asbestos Related Diseases Support, helps residents to carry out small domestic asbestos removal tasks in a safer manner. Each kit is accompanied by a free awareness and information session, along with a disposal voucher for the Hyland Highway landfill", Councillor Gibson said.

The kit contains all the necessary personal protective equipment people need to remove up to ten square metres of asbestos-containing materials. As a member of the Latrobe Valley Asbestos Taskforce, Council supports the

Taskforce's Year One recommendations released late last year, all of which are aimed at reducing the risk of asbestos exposure and saving lives. The taskforce's recommendations to the State Government were:

- Asbestos removal only permitted on residential properties in prescribed circumstances
- Compulsory asbestos awareness training for specified occupations
- Notice of intent to undertake demolition work to be made compulsory
- Provision of an asbestos status certificate/report compulsory on the sale or rental of a residential property built before 1990.

"Latrobe City Council urges the government to consider the taskforce's recommendations seriously when developing future policy around the handling of asbestos", Councillor Gibson said. To find out more about the 'Asbestos in the Home Removal Kit', phone 1300 367 700. If you have any complaints about the removal of asbestos, please phone the Latrobe City Council Health Services Unit on 1300 367 700.

Plasma power day to provide blood boost



The Traralgon Blood Donor Centre is hosting a special plasma power day to encourage more donors to donate plasma.

Lifeblood spokesperson, Sarah Lacey, explained what the plasma power day will mean for Lifeblood.

"We're extending the hours and chatting to donors about plasma's 18 life-giving uses, all wrapped with a bit of fun and tasty treats!" Ms Lacey said

The plasma power day comes as the Traralgon Donor Centre needs to collect 60 plasma donations from locals every day.

The donor centre is inviting locals who don't currently donate, or haven't

for some time, to book in to donate during the plasma power day on June 23 and encourage more donors to meet the team.

One in three Australians will need blood in their lifetime, yet only one in 30 currently donates, so there's never been a better time to roll up your sleeves and give the gift of life.

The donor centre needs more than 200 additional donors over the next four weeks.

Those who may be unable to donate on June 23, are welcome to come in before or after the plasma power day to make their donation.

Over the last month a third of donors cancelled

their donation booking at the last minute which meant Lifeblood didn't have time to find someone to take their place.

Lifeblood needs more new donors than ever to join regular donors.

If donors need to cancel or reschedule their donation please contact Lifeblood as early as possible so we can find someone to take your place.

The Traralgon Blood Donor Centre is located at 20 Seymour Street, Traralgon and is open six days a week:

For opening hours and to book a donation visit lifeblood.com.au, call 13 14 95 or download the free Donate Blood App.

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