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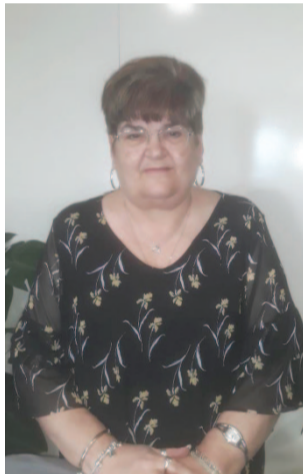
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Salute to our volunteers



Andy Webb



Faye Last



Anne Crawford



Margaret Guthrie



Rosslyn Jackson



Graeme Renwick

Without volunteers many organisations would not function and so much community work would not be done. This is a thank you salute to some of the volunteers and the organisations they represent.

Well done and thank you.

Andy Webb Mathison Park.

Andy volunteers in Mathison Park because he loves it and considers it a great community asset which needs maintaining. You meet nice people and hear lots of praise about how good the park is. Andy hopes the park will receive a new playground soon.

Faye Last Hazelwood Rotary

Faye is passionate about community service. She likes to serve people and help out when possible. She is a regular attendee at Rotary BBQs.

Bob Lowick Churchill Lions

Bob says the gift of giving is the greatest gift of all. He has responsibility for organising the Australia Day awards and helping where needed. With wife Sue they are dedicated Camp Quality volunteers.

Anne Crawford Churchill

Neighbourhood Centre

Anne loves her volunteering at the CNHC where she fills the role of treasurer for the Board. As a quilting devotee she loves to help the ladies with the quilting machine. Anne also helps with fundraising and the Quilt Show. Volunteering makes her feel good and it is an opportunity to meet people.

Margaret Guthrie Churchill & District Community Association

Margaret began volunteering when she first moved to Churchill as a way to find out about the community, meet people and make friends.

She has been a member of CDCA for a long time, many of those years as President. She has seen the growth and renewal of the town and been pleased to be part of the oversight of planning to ensure good outcomes result. The Shop Local Campaign has been a great way to meet the community and promote shopping in Churchill.

Rosslyn Jackson Churchill Community garden

Rosslyn is a dedicated worker in

the Community Garden situated behind the Hub. She helps to collect the food scraps and occasional coffee grounds for composting and worm farm feeding to help the garden produce well. Produce is used in the CNHC cooking classes and the preschoolers and day care children visit it.

Graeme Renwick Churchill Fire Brigade

Graeme has been a volunteer for nearly all his life; first in Scouts then the SES at Trafalgar and Moe.

His son joined Churchill Fire Brigade as a junior and Graeme would drop him off each time.

The captain spoke to him one night and said you drop your son off, why don't you join as well. He did and has been a member for over 20 years. Graeme derives great satisfaction in "putting in his two bobs worth"; doing something for the community, not to receive accolades but to help.

Robert Burns promotes Latrobe City

Latrobe City Council has commemorated the contribution of a volunteer who has given 20 years of

service. Robert Burns of Churchill has volunteered with Latrobe Visitor Information Centre at Traralgon since 2001. Council staff and volunteers acknowledged his dedication with a celebratory cake during National Volunteer Week recently. Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Sharon Gibson said staff believe Robert has helped 10,400 visitors and locals to explore Latrobe City and surrounds over the years.

"He is dedicated, reliable, knowledgeable and a great asset to the team. Many people have been able to see our wonderful City in greater depth thanks to Robert's expertise and passion," she said.

Robert's favourite destination within Latrobe City is the Gippsland Immigration Park at Kernot Hall, Morwell for the inspirational stories told by signs around Morwell Lake.

"I enjoy reading about where the immigrants came from and how they've made a new life in Gippsland, as well as discovering stories about the region's indigenous history," he said.

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"Dark Emu" by Bruce Pascoe

Bruce Pascoe has Aboriginal ancestors on both sides of his family, the Palawi people of Tasmania, the Bunurong people from Victoria and the Yuin people from the south coast of New South Wales. He trained as a teacher and is the author of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, essays and children's literature. He is the author of "Convincing Ground" 2007 and "Dark Emu" which was first published in 2014. He has written "Young Dark Emu" as a teaching resource and a documentary is being made. Bruce Pascoe lives at Gypsy Point.

This book is aimed at dispelling the theory that at the time of European settlement the Indigenous inhabitants were merely hunters and gatherers but in fact led a peaceful, more settled and sophisticated life in harmony with the land.

The idea that the Aborigines were nomadic coupled with a sense of superiority made it easy for the early settlers to take the land.

The book is based on extensive research and the use of journals of the early explorers such as Thomas Mitchell and Charles Sturt and letters from settlers and pastoralists, which he quotes verbatim.

Pascoe says that there is evidence that the Aborigines were cultivating various food plants such as yams and various grains and Mitchell describes what

he saw to be hay ricks as well as seeing seed made into a kind of paste. The explorer Grey describes seeing wells near plantations of yams and huts plastered over with clay. One of John Batman's party sketched a line of women digging for yam daisy and in 1841 the Chief Aboriginal Protector noted the same sight. By the late 1840's the digging was unknown and the yam daisy had largely disappeared due to the effect of the hooves of horses, sheep and cattle and the fact that the sheep had eaten the plant down to the roots. Grains were grown in the drier interior whereas now we grow them on our more fertile land. There have been experiments to reintroduce grains used by the Indigenous people as they are perennial as opposed to the annuals we currently grow, and therefore would be better at storing carbon in the soil.

Pascoe asserts that these grains were actually cultivated and excess seed stored for future use.

Aquaculture was well established before the first colonists arrived at Lake Condah as well as on the Darling River.

There is evidence of fish nets and fish traps from one side of the country to the other with Sturt noting that he saw weirs and sluices on almost every flowing river.

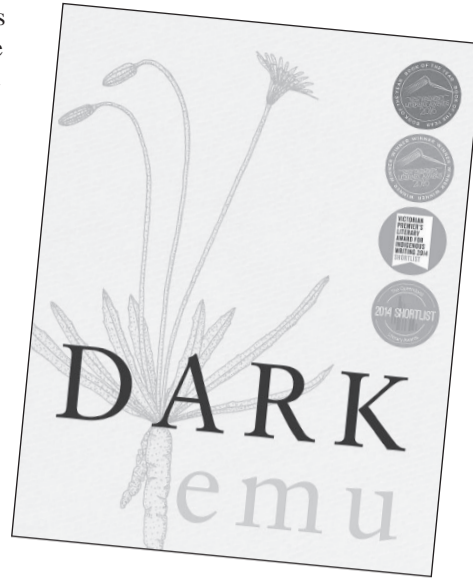
Houses and villages were observed throughout the length of Australia which

Pascoe argues the movement toward a reliance on agriculture. The use of "fire-stick farming" increased the productivity of the environment with low intensity burning on a rotational basis, enabling plants and animals to survive in refuges.

The culture of Aboriginal society was governed by rites and ceremonies, morality resulting from the Dreaming. Virtually all behaviour was an expression of a well-developed sense of moral conduct, the understanding of the relationship between people and the land. Instead of individually owned small areas, clans cooperated to prepare large areas for food production.

Pascoe suggests re-educating the nation and utilising the root vegetables and grains of Aboriginal Australia and he references a trial at Mallacoota to grow yam daisies.

He believes the acknowledgement of the level of development at settlement may hold the keys to future prosperity. By restoring Aboriginal pride in the past and learning from



them, it may help remove the despair faced by many Indigenous people today. Encouraging full participation in the future of the country will release Aboriginal people from "the shackles of colonialism".

This was not an easy book to read, a little like reading a text book, and most of our group did not finish it.

However it did generate lively discussion about the proposals put forward in the book. Those who did finish the book found it extremely interesting and well documented. While it has been widely criticised by some academics it has been highly acclaimed by others.

Regardless of which view you take it presents an alternate view of our early history, and with the proposed changes to the school history curriculum it should be essential reading.

Rainfall

Churchill Rainfall

The rainfall for Churchill was 47.5mm for the month of July. There were 22 days with rain. The day with the most amount of rainfall was July 21 with 8mm. The total amount of rainfall so far for Churchill 2021 is now 443mm.

Rain at Hazelwood South.

July had a little below average rain with 64mm and

82% of the average for July. Hazelwood South had 72% more rain than the Latrobe Valley weather station. From the start of January to the end of July has been 45% wetter than average. Chainsaws are busy preparing for the summer months and it is time to prepare the garden for the summer crops, and start weed control.

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No Certainties



It is a bit difficult to be confident that planned activities will proceed, given the on-going pandemic and repeated lockdowns!

CDCA is very much hoping that our planned Shop Local Winter Market will still be held on Saturday August 28 at the Churchill Shopping Centre.

Just like our Mothers' Day Market in May, we have booked some entertainment, organised some volunteers to cook sausages and the Neighbourhood Centre is managing inquiries about market stalls.

We hope we will have lots of stalls for folk to browse and fine weather to attract people to venture outdoors.

We also plan to hand out vouchers to spend in-store at various Churchill shops. These vouchers will be given away to randomly selected people shopping in Churchill on the morning of Saturday August 28.

Except, of course, if a COVID Lockdown is upon us, or COVID Restrictions do not permit people to gather outdoors. We cannot be certain!

One way to check if the Winter Market is on is to visit the 'Churchill Shop Local' Facebook page. Just type in Churchill Shop Local to the Facebook search function and you will find the page. We will be posting there in the days preceding the planned Market, so you will be able to check if it's on.

It's the same with meetings of Community Groups like CDCA - you can plan ahead, but there is no certainty that you will be able to have your meeting face-to-face at a booked venue. CDCA has recently held its meetings in Studio 1, downstairs at the Town Hall (part of the Churchill Hub precinct), but perhaps our next meeting may have to be held on Zoom or postponed to a later date.

Our plan this year was to meet on the first Thursday of every second month, so our next meeting should be on Thursday October 7.

It is just a bit difficult to say where Victoria will be then; who knew we would be having our fifth COVID Lockdown in July? Will we have another later in the

year? Of course, we all hope that we won't!

CDCA has received funding from Latrobe City Council for our next project - a picnic setting that will be placed in the grassed area between McDonald Way and Northways Road, near the recreational pathway adjacent to the wetlands. Our plan is to have this constructed at the Churchill Men's Shed (open every Monday morning until about 1pm), but lockdown has to be lifted and restrictions eased before the project can begin.

If you would like to know more about CDCA, have a look at our website: www.cdca.org.au.

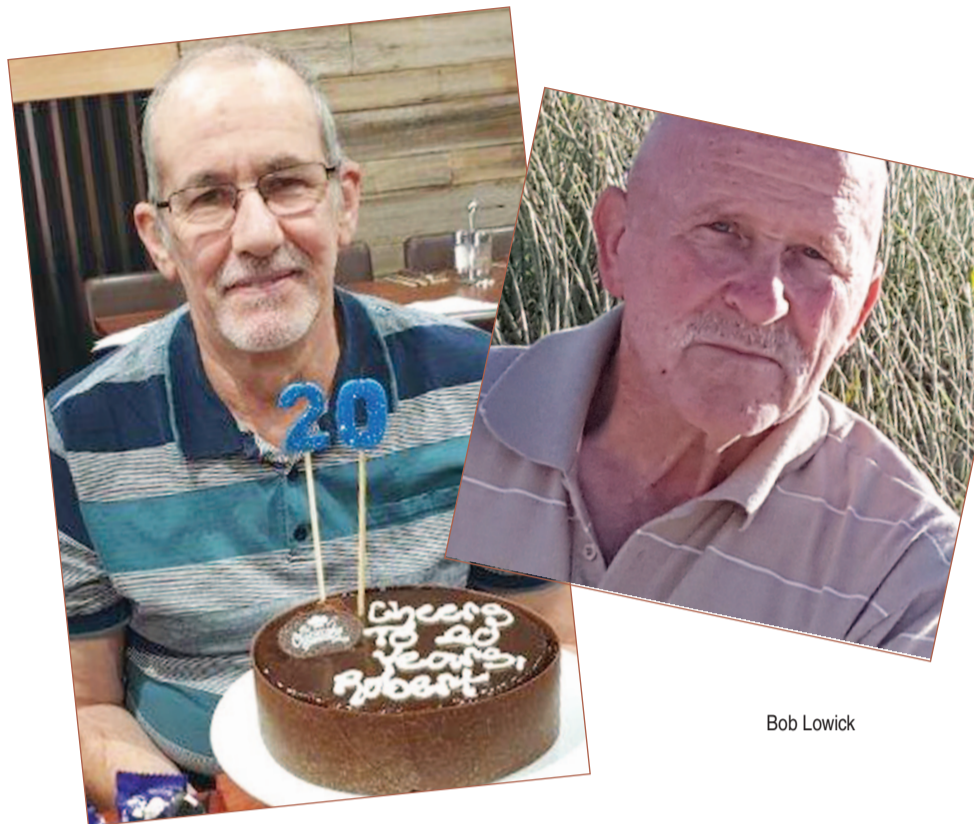
We're also on Facebook - search for Churchill District Community Association - leave a message if you wish to contact CDCA or you can write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

If you're thinking like us that "Nobody knows what's going to happen" (to quote the cartoonist Leunig), remember that "Nobody ever knows."

This makes life interesting".

Salute to volunteers

continued...



Bob Lowick

Latrobe Visitor Information Centre volunteer of 20 years, Robert Burns, celebrated his service with a cake

As a volunteer, Robert has taken part in familiarisation tours of the region.

"I enjoy helping people and telling people about the area. I'm surprised how many people do not know about the area, even the locals," he said.

People wishing to volunteer can email visitorcentre@latrobe.vic.gov.au

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Chaplain

Institutional apologies have been needed and been well received over many years now ('Truth and Reconciliation' in South Africa; 'National Sorry Day' here; etc).

The point behind an apology, in general, is to say that it will not happen again - to, in one sense, turn from going that way to going the other, better way.

This is a complex subject (and as such I am only scratching the surface here) but assuming that not only has wrong been done but also that it must be put right, is an interesting point in an age of what's called 'moral relativism'.

This, defined, is the idea that there are no universal or absolute set of moral principles.

If I started this stating that repentance was needed, perceptions may have been different than looking at the need to turn from the wrong



to the right.

Repentance, by definition, is exactly that - but our societal assertion that sin is no longer a valid term, means that wrong is being re-defined, with 'morally neutral' individuality coming to the fore.

What, then, is the outcome of such a paradox? Especially the paradox of when institutions apologise, is the individual perceived as exempt from doing so?

Such accountability presupposes moral absolutes, yet 'moral relativism' aims to dispose of them. Logically, apologies (repentance) are meaningless without moral absolutes.

Worth thinking about!

Victorian Council of Churches Covenanting Together Seminar

Earlier in the month I had the privilege of speaking about our church at the Victorian Council of Churches Covenanting Together Seminar. I would like to share parts of my speech where I was asked to speak about our life as a co-operating church.

Our church has been co-operating since its inception.

It has been part of our identity for the last 56 years. Our church is a very different sort of place, our cooperation is rather unique in its living out. It is difficult to fully understand our current context without understanding our past.

One quote from the past can sum up our co-operation:

"Ought it not be possible for several of the denominations to share together in the appointment of one minister. There would be many problems associated with such a venture, but these could be faced together" (Mr. James A. Knife, 1964)

In the early 1960s, none of the denominations could afford to build their own church and support ministry in the new town of Hazelwood, which would later have a name change to Churchill.

May 1964 saw the beginning of a process that would bring about co-

operation between many churches prepared to work together with one full-time minister to act on their behalf. The special situation was seen as not only a pastoral one, but also as guiding the growth of the new community of Churchill - the church would be involved in all matters relating to community life.

This would be a unique occasion where the church could grow with the community rather than be an adjunct to it, or only coming in when the community was already established.

Following all of the discussions, a formal agreement was made between the Anglicans, the Methodists, the Presbyterians and the Churches of Christ. In 1965, the first minister of the cooperation was employed, and along with his family, they were the second resident family of our town.

The ministry at Churchill has been based on a respect of the traditions of each of the parent churches but living as one people of God. The ministry placement rotates between the denominations and our monthly worship pattern reflects the worship traditions of each.

In 2016 we formally joined with the Cooperating Churches of Yinnar, Boolarra

and Yinnar South, which was a cooperation between the Uniting Church and Anglican Church.

Our ecumenical endeavours go well beyond our own Church. We have a very strong relationship with the Lumen Christi Catholic Church literally down the road.

We have joint services during Holy Week and have regular prayer and bible study groups with members from both churches. We also share the hosting of the World Day of Prayer in the towns of Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra. We have a relationship with the Churchill Christian Fellowship also and they have joined us for our Walk of Witness on Good Friday in times past, and a representative of their church joins our ecumenical group to organise Community Carols by Candlelight.

As I mentioned before our cooperation is unique, we are all one people of God worshipping and bringing Jesus to our community through our mission activities. The technical denominational membership of our people is not how we see our identity. We are



Cathy Halliwell

a community of faith who come together. It doesn't matter which denomination you identify with you have a place here. People who have come from different traditions or backgrounds can have a home here. We have Lutheran, Baptist, Salvation Army, Coptic, Catholic and other worshippers who feel they have space and are part of this faith community.

No denomination has any more importance than any other. This is evidenced in that the community clearly sees us as the Churchill Church not the Anglican or Uniting Church in Churchill. We are a unique expression of God's love. We are a warm, welcoming and caring church family and we know there are other churches that yearn for that expression of the love of Christ that exists here.

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Co-Op Snippets



Our month started with Anglican Holy Communion led by Rev Bruce Charles.

Bruce has been a regular leader for this service for several years now.

His sermons are very thought provoking. It was NAIDOC Week and it was celebrated.

The children's talk was

based on respect for our Aboriginal first nations people and how they cared for the land.

Ian C and his team took the All Age Worship service for the second Sunday.

Ian's theme was how important it is to thank God for all our blessings and for being with us through the

tough times.

It is a way to honour our creator and preserver.

It has been a lockdown second part of the month again so services at church have been cancelled, but Cathie, our part time supply minister, has been emailing or posting the service on our church Facebook page.

Church Times

Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Sunday Service: 10.00am
Willams Avenue,
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Tel: 5122 1480



Churchill Christian Fellowship
Sunday: 3.00pm
Churchill Community Hall
7.30pm MidWeek
Bible Study/Fellowship meeting
0409 173 747

Lumen Christi Catholic Church
Williams Avenue, Churchill
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Sunday: Mass: 9.00am
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2nd and 4th Sundays:
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Boolarra

Churchill Fire Brigade



There was an increase in the number of Victorians who died in house fires in 2020, a new report reveals, prompting an urgent smoke alarm warning from CFA.

Country Fire Authority and Fire Rescue Victoria data reveals 22 people died in preventable Victorian house fires in 2020, an increase from 16 the year before, and above the long-term annual average of 18.

The majority of the fires started at night, between 9pm and 6am, with 72 per cent starting in living areas and bedrooms.

Of note, half of the 18 properties where the fires broke out did not have working smoke alarms.

Firefighters say these tragic deaths reinforce CFA firefighters' recommendation to install interconnected smoke alarms in all bedrooms, living areas and hallways.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said installing interconnected smoke alarms would ensure that when any alarm activated, all smoke alarms in your home would sound.

"There is a clear increase in fatal fire risk in the rooms where people sleep and rest, with our data showing that over the past decade, fatal fires have most commonly started in bedrooms and living areas," he said.

"We know only one in five Victorians have a smoke alarm in any bedroom and around 60 per cent have a smoke alarm in any living area.

We want people to be aware there is a real and dangerous threat of fire in bedrooms and living areas because that's where we most commonly see fatal house fires start."

Churchill brigade Captain Shane Renwick said these heartbreaking and preventable deaths demonstrated why it is so important for Victorians to have working smoke alarms in their homes.

"Working smoke alarms offer you the best chance of surviving a fire, and without one your risk of dying in a house fire dramatically increases," Captain Renwick said.

"We know most fatal fires start at night, and the smell of smoke will not wake you up, so it is crucial you have smoke alarms in all bedrooms, living areas and hallways.

For the best protection, smoke alarms should be interconnected so that all alarms sound in the event of a fire."

In the past decade, Victorian firefighters have responded to more than 32,000 residential fires.

Statistics show that in the past ten years, the kitchen was the most common room of fire ignition for non-fatal incidents, however fires that caused serious injury or death most commonly started in lounge and bedroom areas.

Victorians can purchase interconnected smoke alarms at most local hardware stores. Some are connected wirelessly, which don't require hardwiring by an electrician.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/silenceisdeadly

Victorian fire fatality data from 2019 and 2020 revealed:

In 2020, 22 people died as a result of a preventable fires across 18 incidents.

This was above the long-term Victorian annual average of 18.1 fire fatalities (2003-2017)

Ten of these fire incidents started in the lounge area.

Three of these incidents

started in the bedroom area.

One started in the dining area, one started in the garage area and the remaining three started in other or unknown areas.

Smoke alarms were confirmed as being present at only nine of the 18 incidents.

There were 15 single fatality incidents, two double fatality incidents and one triple fatality incident.

In 2020, 67 per cent preventable fire incidents occurred between 9pm and 6am.

In 2019, 16 Victorians died in 16 preventable house fires.

A new fire services survey of 428 Victorians revealed:

* Only 19 per cent of people had smoke alarms in any bedroom.

* 62 per cent of people had smoke alarms in any living area.

* 76 per cent of people had smoke alarms in any hallway area.

* Only 15 per cent of people had interconnected smoke alarms in their home.

* 62 per cent of people believed most fatal residential fires start in the kitchen area.

Smoke alarm tips:

CFA recommends that additional smoke alarms are installed in every living area and bedroom.

Smoke alarms should be interconnected so that when any alarm activates, all smoke alarms will sound.

Legislation requires smoke alarms to be installed

outside every sleeping area and on each level of a house.

The latest research by Fire and Rescue NSW indicates that in all their tests where the fire started in the bedroom with the door closed, the hallway smoke alarms did not activate.

Smoke alarms should be interconnected so that when any alarm activates, all smoke alarms will sound.

All smoke alarms, including 240v hardwired, should be replaced every 10 years.

Fire services also recommend the use of smoke alarms powered by a 10-year lithium battery.

Replaceable batteries in a smoke alarm need to be changed yearly.

Smoke alarms should be tested monthly as per the manufacturer's guide, by pressing the test button on the alarm and waiting for the test alarm to sound.

Smoke alarms should be cleaned at least once a year with a duster or vacuum cleaner to remove particles that will affect smoke alarm performance.

Smoke alarm battery checks for some of our elderly residents have been delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions and recent lockdowns. We'll be in touch with our regular clients and make arrangements for changing batteries as soon as we can once lockdown ends and we can safely visit homes again for this regular activity. If you are a senior and would like your smoke alarm checked please contact us on our Facebook page Churchill fire brigade or email churchillfb@gmail.com

Big Bash League cricket to debut at Moe

Some of Australia's best cricketers, including Australian women's captain Meg Lanning, will be playing at Moe on October 23 and 24, 2021, when the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) is hosted at Ted Summerton Reserve. This is the first WBBL game to be played at Moe and comes after the reserve successfully hosted men's Big Bash League matches in January and December 2019.

The match will see the Melbourne Stars play Brisbane Heat on October 23 and Hobart Hurricanes on October 24 in a regional festival supported by the Victorian Government, Visit Victoria and Latrobe City Council.

Council is proud to be hosting the WBBL games and to present the outstanding facility that is Ted Summerton Reserve for the benefit of the community.

Moe remains the only venue east of metropolitan Melbourne to have hosted Big Bash games and is one of just three regional venues to host such matches. Council is delighted to once again be hosting a national cricketing event.

The community loved coming out to watch and support the Big Bash league on previous occasions, and I have no doubt that they will be

welcoming again as they watch some of the best cricketers in Australia take to the field in Latrobe City,

Council Mayor, Councillor Sharon Gibson said. "This is an opportunity to showcase the marvellous sporting facility that we have in Ted Summerton Reserve and for the people of Latrobe City and broader Gippsland to enjoy elite sport close to home."

Melbourne Stars Interim General Manager Blair Crouch said previous Big Bash games at Moe had been well supported and the club was excited to meet more fans and members from across Gippsland.

"As a club we've had terrific support from across the Gippsland region.

Having successfully hosted BBL matches in Moe before, we're really looking forward to bringing WBBL to the community for the first time," Mr Crouch said.

"Led by our captain Meg Lanning, I know the players are excited about the opportunity to play in regional Victoria and inspire the next generation of cricket fans. The reserve is a top class facility that has provided a great platform for the competition in regional Victoria." Ticketing details will be announced in due course.

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Looking out for those SCAMS

This month, we are looking at Scams. from all walks of life during this crisis.

With the Pandemic giving the community a hard time, there are a number of scams going around and taking advantage of the most vulnerable people. Investment scams, dating and romance scams, payment redirection scams and shopping scams are currently very common.

Australians lost over \$851 million to scams in 2020, a record amount, as scammers took advantage of the pandemic to con unsuspecting people.

Unfortunately, scammers continue to become more sophisticated and last year used the COVID-19 pandemic to scam and take advantage of people. If you get emails requesting information about your credit card or bank details, do not respond.

Often, these scammers don't use your name on the emails. Also, check to see who sent the email in the first place. The email address may be from overseas.

In the mean time, stay safe, and try not to get scammed.



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Churchill & District News FLASHBACK

1970 * Flashback * 1970 Broken glass mystery!

Who had a smash in Howard Avenue and distributed windscreen glass in Howard Avenue, and Coleman Parade?

Answer – A school bus broke a large side window and as it moved away left a trail of broken glass. The Shire swept some of it up within two hours.

New advertisement

There is a new advertisement in this issue, on page 7. Many people are ignorant of, or dubious about such practice. It is not the place of the editor to express an opinion about this. However it is his job to draw attention to every new amenity in our town. The rest is up to you.

Waratah's hike

We left Churchill and went past Yummy Palace and Puffers Post then went over Hurricane Hill and along Hiker's Road. We passed Gamma Lake, Alpha Pond and Beta Dam. We then turned up Lovers Lane and stopped for a yummy tummy at Shady Rest. We continued down Lovers Lane until it rejoined Hikers road.

We stopped for a rest at Quarry Centre then went down to Players Paradise where we had a tracking game that led down to Crackenbush Creek. While we were there, several Flick Flacks passed over Homicide Way and round Suicide Curve. On the way back we stopped for a mumble jumble at Jummy Palace before returning to our Affable Aces.

Signed Waratah Patrol 1st Churchill Guide Coy.

Editors comment. This can all be found between

Churchill and Billies Creek. Vandalism

This word has reared its ugly head again. Some people seem unable to leave other peoples' property alone. There are unhappy people and unhappy kids who steal in order to have money for pleasure, thinking that will make them happy. What they need are parents love and adult acceptance. Merely breaking windows, locks, and defacing property seems a pointless pastime, perhaps these kids too lack love at home. Even if you don't like soccer, there is no need to show it in this way.

What will happen to the Scout Hall when it gets erected in the bush in Manning Drive? We hope not the same treatment. And remember they need your paper and bottles in order to get this hall, and to maintain it.

Invitation

Glaxo Allenburys Pty Ltd, invite you to attend a screen of films on the subject of Bovine Mastitis and Immunisation of farm livestock. The screenings will be held at Churchill Hall.

Churchill pool room

A pool room including amusement machines may be commencing in Churchill if there is sufficient demand. If you anticipate using this facility please advise us by writing a letter to "Pool Room, Churchill." Any old age pensioner or other person interested in managing the business should also write to the above address stating their availability.

Water rates taxable deduction

The Commissioner of Taxation allowed a

deduction of water rates at \$50 per annum from taxable income during the year 1968/69 when claimed as a payment to Latrobe Valley Water & Sewerage Board via the Housing Commission. Retrospective claims are generally permissible.

Therefore it may be assumed that past residents who purchased houses early in the development of Churchill may be eligible to claim up to \$150 deduction.

Churchill enters 6th year

Through the year 1966 the town grew steadily from Howard Avenue down to Firmin Road. In August 1966 the Citizens Association was formed and the Womens Community Group.

The latter half of these five years has been a time of frustration and concern as building of further homes has ceased and attempts to obtain halls, tennis courts and pubs have been delayed. However as we enter the second five years of Churchill's history or existence there is a ray of hope!

The Housing Commission is building new houses at the moment in Williams Avenue. The College is due to start next year, ready for 1972. The Churchill nursery is extending its facilities, and there is a rumour that one of our shops is going to double its floor space. Thus with hope we enter this second five years of life in Churchill.

Look here next month for Flashback from the year 1971 copies of Churchill & District News.

Vale Nabil Samaan

By daughter Maggy

On August 14, 2020 we said goodbye to our beloved Nabil Samaan. You were so dear to all of us. Unfortunately, no words can express what we wish to say - the only two words that come close are thank you.

Nabil Samaan was born in Egypt on July 16, 1947. He studied engineering at one of Egypt's biggest universities, Ain Shams University. Nabil was married in 1978. In 1981 Nabil and his family started a life in Sydney Australia. Then in 1986 he was offered a Lecturer position at the Gippsland Institute of Technology (which later became Monash University and now Federation University).

Nabil loved living and working in Churchill. He especially loved the people and the opportunity to teach. Nabil was a teacher at heart - that is what he loved to do and it was his gift. He wanted to make sure that his students would learn and have the opportunity to grow professionally. Nabil was awarded the Teaching of Excellence Award in recognition of his teaching skills. Many of his students made contact with him after

retirement.

Nabil lived a full life. He travelled, taught, laughed, maintained kindness and integrity in all he did. Even after retirement when the family returned to Sydney, Nabil always wanted to stay



in Churchill so he kept the family home. He would come down to meet his friends and enjoy the area. Churchill was very special to Nabil - it was the people, ability to chat and just the goodness that comes from living in a small town.

The family wish to thank their neighbours in Churchill for all their support over the past few months.

Thank you for being a wonderful husband and father.

Thank you for the chats. The long and short ones. We truly miss hearing

your beautiful voice and your infectious laugh. No matter how big or small our problems, you were always there in our corner.

Thank you for the glorious stories. You were an amazing storyteller.

Thank you for your wisdom that you always shared with us.

Thank you for being a great teacher. Both your family and students will be eternally grateful for the lessons you taught. Whether it was in the classroom or outside you always made people achieve their best. Your family and students will be eternally grateful for the lessons you taught. You were everything that people look for in a teacher - kind, caring, compassionate and worked with integrity.

Thank you for your love. We are so lucky to have received such unconditional love.

We long for the day that we shall meet again in glory. Until then, let us thank you for the tremendous contribution you made to our lives. Above all it is a blessing and privilege to have you as husband to Afaf, father to Maggy, Meena, Jackie, Daniel and grandfather to Esther Samaan.

Yinnar Community Garden

On May 22, the Yinnar Community Garden held an on-site Hugelkultur workshop.

Hugelkultur (meaning hill culture or hill mound) is a no-dig raised bed with a difference which holds moisture, builds fertility, maximises surface volume, and makes a great space for growing plants.

We achieved amazing results in a short amount of time - thank you to everyone who attended and contributed materials, to the Yinnar General Store for

donating newspapers, and a big thank you to Yvonne for leading the workshop. After building the Hugelkultur we had a mini-apple tasting with some apples purchased from Petty's Orchard in Templestowe. The heritage apple collection at Petty's Orchard includes approximately 280 varieties and is maintained solely by volunteers.

The tasting included Red Winter Pearmain, Blue Pearmain and Queen Cox, with Blue Pearmain the clear favourite.

Next in the pipeline for the YCG this year is the establishment of a Bush Garden that will feature Gunai Kurnai indigenous plants.

The reflective space will be on the native title land at the rear of the YCG and is supported by GLAWAC and a community development grant from OSMI. For the latest news and events and how to join, email yinnarcg@gmail.com or search for the "Yinnar Community Garden" Facebook page.

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St Matts

Gippsland Performing Arts Centre

Centre



Original Yinnar Church of England, "St. Matthew's".

The story of St Matt's Op Shop began in 1890. Contrary to what you might assume, the church building which currently houses our Op Shop was not originally called "St Matt's". In fact, this building only became known as "St Matt's" when the Op Shop opened two years ago. The church we are named after, the St Matthews Church of England Yinnar, was established in 1890 on land donated by Mr George Firmin further up the road from the current Op Shop. That church building now has a new home in Warragul at Our Lady of Sion school, after being relocated in 2007.

Matt's Op Shop is the former Yinnar Methodist Church which opened in 1934. Prior to this, Methodist services were held in the St Matthews Church of England for some years, so our histories are intertwined. We have named our Op Shop "St Matt's" as a tribute to the strong link between our churches, and in memory of this part of Yinnar's history.

In 1978, the Yinnar Methodist Church became part of the Uniting Church, and fifteen years ago it joined the Co-Operating Churches of Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar. The church has seen many weddings, funerals and christenings and it was

with mixed feelings for some people that it was decided to use the church as an Op Shop. However we are happy we can continue the work of God in the community through local outreach.

Thanks to Lloyd Wicks of the Yinnar Historical Society for providing photos and information for this article. Lloyd's Mum Mrs Wicks used to play the organ at the Yinnar Methodist Church. The Yinnar Historical Society holds an Open Day on the first Sunday of every month from 11am to 2pm in the Railway Goods Shed at Centenary Park, Main Street Yinnar.

The current home of St

Lifeline Op Shop toy sale

The Lifeline Op Shop will be open from 9am-12 noon on Saturday August 28 for the Shop Local

campaign.

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The focus has shifted to inside the building as work continues on the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre at Traralgon.

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester said with the structure now complete, works to fit out the shell were underway.

"The auditorium has been designed with acoustically designed contours which are being framed to ensure best sound possible for all patrons," Mr Chester said.

"The balcony is being prepared to have specialist theatre seating installed and the rigging system, above the stage, which will control the sets and lighting onstage is almost complete.

Works to the dressing rooms and back of house are well underway too with painting and the laying of the floor to take place over the next few weeks."

Mr Chester said once completed the facility would be a great asset for the region.

"Not only will this be a fantastic facility for locals to utilise, but also a drawcard for larger professional groups to visit and perform locally," Mr Chester said.

"Major projects like this one which improve community infrastructure, support local jobs and the economy not only during the construction stage, but into the future as well."

Mr Chester secured \$10 million for the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre. The State Government is contributing \$10 million and Latrobe City Council is contributing \$18.5 million.

Construction is expected to be complete late 2021.



Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester said works to fit out the interior shell of the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre were underway. Please note: Mr Chester is pictured prior to the stay at home and masks requirements being implemented.

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New research funded by Australian Rotary Health (ARH) reveals that there may be a critical period of 90 days to prevent suicide clusters in young people, after someone they know has ended their life.

Computer takeover scams on the rise

So far this year scammers have stolen more than \$7.2 million from Australians by gaining access to home computers, an increase of 184 per cent compared to the same period last year.

According to the ACCC's Scamwatch, almost 6,500 Australians have reported phone calls from scammers trying to convince them to download software that gives access to home computers and their bank accounts.

Commonly called remote access scams, scammers pretend to be from well-known organisations such as Telstra, eBay, NBN Co, Amazon, banks, government organisations, police, and computer and IT support organisations.

They create a sense of urgency to make you give them access to your computer via remote access software.

"Remote access scams are one of the largest growing scam types in Australia.

Scammers take advantage of the digital world and the fear of fraud and cybercrime to access people's devices and steal their money," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"These types of scams target and impact all people and can be convincing. People aged 55 and older lost over \$4.4 million, accounting for almost half of total losses. Young people reported losing on average \$20,000 and eight Indigenous Australians, some in remote communities, lost a total of \$38,000."

Scams of this nature will often be an unexpected phone call saying you've been billed for a purchase you didn't make, your device has been compromised, or your account has been hacked. Sometimes they start with an SMS, email or pop up on a screen from a scammer seeking urgent contact to fix a problem.

The scammer will pretend to assist you or ask you to assist them to catch the scammer. They will tell you to download remote control software such as AnyDesk or TeamViewer. Once the scammer has control of your computer or device, they will ask you to log into applications such as emails, internet banking or PayPal accounts, which will allow the scammer to access your banking and personal information to impersonate



you or steal your money.

While remote access tools have been around for years to help IT support personnel in their work, scammers are also taking advantage of the ability to remotely access people's computers or smart phones.

"It is really important not to let anyone who contacts you out of the blue access your devices, as once you give them access, you have no way of knowing what the person will do to your computer or what programs they may install," Ms Rickard said.

"If you receive contact from someone claiming to be from a telecommunications company, a technical support service provider or online marketplace, hang up.

If you think the communication may have been legitimate, independently source the contact details for the organisation to contact them.

Don't use the contact details in the communication. Also, don't click on any of the links.

Remember, your bank

will never ask you to give them access to your computer or accounts, nor will they ask for the codes to verify transactions.

You should never provide those numbers to anyone except to verify transactions you are making in your mobile banking app or through your online banking," Ms Rickard said.

The ACCC is working with the private sector to disrupt these scams including by sharing information with telecommunications carriers about the phone numbers used to call Australians so they can trace and block calls.

People who think they may have been scammed should contact their bank or financial institution as soon as possible.

If they installed any apps or programs, they should also delete them from the device. Support in recovering from these scams including how to check if your identity and computer is secure is available through IDCARE on 1800 595 160 or www.idcare.org.

GERF Appeal

The Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund (GERF) closed its current Flood and Storm Appeal on Friday July 23, following a record distribution of funds.

GERF President Andy Tegart announced that the decision to close the appeal was based on confirmation that most of the property impact assessments had been completed by Municipal Recovery Managers in affected regions.

"We've distributed \$627,000 in donated funds to 268 eligible families across five municipalities in Gippsland," Mr Tegart said.

This is a new distribution record for a flood event supported by GERF since its inception in 1978.

"This record would not have been possible without the generosity of individuals, families, community groups and corporate donors in Gippsland and other parts of Victoria," said Mr Tegart.

"This has been an unusually widespread event, with recipients spread across five of the Gippsland municipalities.

We are extremely grateful to Gippslanders for their ongoing support for GERF activities and extend a huge thank you to them," said Mr Tegart.

"Those who have been the recipients of emergency relief funding have also expressed their gratitude for financial assistance at a difficult time," Mr Tegart concluded.

Although the Flood and Storm appeal is closed, GERF accepts donations at any time and will continue to support those impacted by natural disaster. Donations can be made via Direct Transfer - BSB 083 932 A/c No. 740196862, PayPal at www.gerf.org.au, or at any at any branch of the NAB across Australia. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Distribution breakdown by location: Bass Coast - 1 - \$4,500, Baw Baw - 12 - \$20,000, Latrobe - 222 - \$535,500, South Gippsland - 5 - \$10,500, Wellington - 28 - \$56,500, 268 - \$627,000.

The emergency relief funds distributed to residents, farmers and businesses will greatly assist in providing a helping hand to restart their journey of recovery.

The Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund was established in 1978 as a not-for-profit charity operated by volunteers for Gippsland communities affected by natural disaster events.

Morwell and District Red Cross Branch Annual General Meeting

Morwell and District Red Cross Branch held their Annual General Meeting recently. Chairman, Anne-Maree Vella delivered a detailed report on the fund raising and social activities conducted from July 2019 to July 2021. She thanked all members for their outstanding efforts throughout the difficult two year period.

Executive positions were declared vacant and following nominations, office bearers were re-elected to their positions.

A number of additional highlights featured during the afternoon.

Carissa Beavis, Bushfire/Drought Recovery Project Officer with Red Cross Emergency Services, was guest speaker at the meeting.

Carissa outlined her role with Red Cross and provided an insight into the events at which she has represented Red Cross in support of members of the Gippsland community who have been affected by drought and bushfire.

Handmade quilts and hand knitted teddies have been presented to bring comfort to adults and children alike as they emerge from the devastation of drought followed by the tragedy of bushfires.

Carissa has facilitated

Farm First Aid courses, with a focus on mental health, self-care and well-being. She also spoke of outdoor theatre events that brought community members of all ages together in a social context in the far reaches of East Gippsland. During her presentation, Carissa highlighted the seven fundamental principles of Red Cross, (Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality), and related these principles to the work that she undertakes.

Chairman Anne-Maree Vella had the pleasure of presenting Red Cross member Sheryl English with her 30 year, long service award as proceedings continued. Sheryl joined Traralgon Red Cross Branch in 1988 and served as secretary and later treasurer for many years.

She remained a member there until, in recent years, the branch members decided to become Friends of Red Cross. Sheryl subsequently transferred to Morwell and District Branch in 2020.

During the Annual General Meeting, the branch "Winter Warmers" raffle was drawn. The raffle was held to raise funds for the 2021-2022 Red Cross International Project - "Strengthening

Gender Protection and Inclusion Initiatives in the Pacific." First prize consisted of a hamper of non-perishable foods and hand knitted items such as beanies and scarves that would warm heads, hearts and tummies during the cold winter months. All goods were donated by members of Morwell and District Red Cross Branch.

First Prize was won by Kathy Pavey. Second prize was a beautifully crocheted rug, made and donated by branch member Val Giles. The rug was won by W McIvor.

The impressive amount of \$420 was raised by the raffle.

Many thanks to all who donated goods and purchased tickets.

Branch members are always interested to hear of the work that Red Cross Emergency Service volunteers undertake.

Sheryl English, Divisional Operations Officer for Red Cross Emergency Services, Central West Gippsland, gave a brief account of the outreach activities and the relief and recovery centre support that volunteers performed following the recent severe floods and storms in the area.



Teams were deployed throughout Latrobe and in parts of Baw Baw Shire to support communities and individuals affected by the floods and storms.

Morwell and District Red Cross Branch members look forward to continuing their work in support of the world wide Red Cross organisation.

When circumstances permit, meetings will be held, plans will be made, events will be conducted and funds will be raised to enable Red Cross to continue in the tireless humanitarian work of supporting vulnerable members of our local, national and international communities.

Councillor Melissa Ferguson

It has certainly been a trying time of late for many.

From dealing with the flood and storm damages and straight into a snap COVID-19 lockdown period.

It is a trying time for individuals and businesses.

I am sure you all share my sentiment when I am thinking of how these events affect everybody.

There have been gradual positive developments in our ward too over the past few months.

I would like to thank the Community Recovery Committee for their wonderful job assisting in recovery from the flood and storm events.

Hopefully they continue their great work well into the future.

We recently have seen the success of the Churchill Rams upgrading their change rooms, the long awaited upgrading in the Churchill Tennis clubrooms which had fallen into disrepair, the trialling of traffic slowing



additions in Yinnar Main Street, which was very concerning for children's safety and new lighting for the Boolarra Football ground oval replacing old non-working lights.

With more projects steadily moving up the list, I look forward to working with Council further for our ward.

I hope that with each improvement South Ward residents enjoy having a true voice and place among the Latrobe City.

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CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS
"Connecting Your Community"

Latrobe Health Advocate

A big thank-you to the Churchill & District News for inviting me to contribute to this community newsletter.

As Victoria enters another lockdown due to an outbreak of COVID-19 we are reminded that the pandemic continues to have far-reaching health and economic impacts on Latrobe communities.

Throughout the pandemic I have heard from communities and businesses about issues including digital connectivity, access to services, mental health and wellbeing, food insecurity, financial stress and social connections.

Social connection was the focus of a recent afternoon tea and community workshop as part of the Human Connections project. Together with our project partners – the Latrobe Health Assembly, Latrobe City Council, the Latrobe Valley Authority and Victorian Government – we gathered with stakeholders and community members to learn about the value of social connections.

The workshop helped us learn more about what enables and obstructs social connection, and the different ways in which people connect with their communities.

Feedback and input from guests has enabled us to reflect on how we can enhance our sense of belonging and how we can inform systems change to ensure a greater sense



of belonging for Latrobe communities.

I am also seeking out conversations with people who have had experiences with local palliative end of life care services in the past 12 months.

Palliative care was identified as a priority for my office in our 2018/19 Statement of Intent, and we have undertaken significant research, stakeholder and community engagement that resulted in a report to the Victorian Minister for Health, outlining 12 recommendations for systems reform.

As part of my next progress report to be provided to the Victorian Minister for Health, I want to hear about recent experiences of carers, volunteers, families, and those who may soon require end of life care. The aim of these conversations is to hear about people's recent experiences and use them to help form the basis of an update report and advice for the State Government.

To organise a time to catch up and discuss your experiences with palliative and end of life services in the past 12 months, phone Kylie on 1800 319 255 or email info@lhadvocate.vic.gov.au

Stroke survivor thanks exercise for changing his life

John Akkerman allows exercise to "interrupt his day".

The Latrobe Valley man had a stroke during an operation five years ago, and ever since he's been working towards getting mobility back in his right leg.

"I was having a triple bypass and while I was on the table I had a stroke. I didn't know anything about it and I woke up the next morning and they said, 'Hello, you've had a stroke and you're paralysed on the right-hand side,'" John said.

John spent three months in hospital and was later referred to Latrobe Community Health Service to continue his rehabilitation.

Latrobe Community Health Service provides affordable exercise physiology services across the Latrobe City.

Exercise physiology is the prescription of exercise to help people manage long-term health conditions like diabetes, lung and heart conditions, and cancer. It can also treat mobility, balance or pain issues, such as those experienced when recovering from stroke.

Exercise Physiologist Jordan McMillan has been working with John in one-on-one sessions for a year now. With Jordan's

supervision, John rides a stationary bike, stands up and sits down unassisted from a chair, and completes sets of stepping up and down from a low platform.

"The exercises we go through with John are repetitive – we want him to do the same exercise each week to help with that muscle memory," Jordan said.

"John has been fantastic throughout his one-on-one exercise program. He has been really determined to work at his goals, and he's achieved his first one.

We review his program together every 12 weeks, and then we set new goals and come up with new exercises to help him reach them."

John's exercise program consists mainly of leg exercises, which he believes has helped his right leg move more naturally.

"When I walk I'm on the verge of, 'it's just another leg like this one,'" John said.

John's first goal was to walk completely around the Kernot Lake in Morwell. Now he's able to do that, his next goal is to have fewer rest stops and attempt longer walks.

"I know if I stay home, I'll do nothing and within three months I'll be back where I started," John said.



Latrobe Community Health Service Exercise Physiologist Jordan McMillan with stroke survivor John Akkerman.

"Exercise has changed my life. Nobody talked about exercise in my family, and now I swear by it, and I allow it to interrupt my day," he said.

"Jordan's been very helpful, and I couldn't have

done it without him, really."

Latrobe Community Health Service provides exercise physiology appointments in Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill. To find out more, phone 1800 242 696.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc



Well, I'm sure you're all feeling it – WINTER – it struck early and it seems to be getting longer and colder!

As we go in and out of Lockdown yet again – we continue to do whatever we can when we can.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzles are on and off as we do the ones we can, so don't forget, come on down and grab the best snag in town, with or without onions and any choice of sauce you like, all served with big smiles and a chat if you have time.

We have a few catering functions coming up so we're all fired up for them when the days arrive.

We welcomed the Lions coordinator of the Skin Cancer Caravan Program, PDG Ian Gratton at one of our meetings who gave a talk about the inception, travels and life so far of the

caravan, also thanking Churchill for welcoming and hosting the upcoming September leg of it's journey (the two day stop was booked out in about four hours).

Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions the bus will no longer be coming this time, as the skin cancer specialists are in lockdown in Melbourne and isolating.

Five of our Members visited Traralgon Lions for their 55th Changeover

Dinner (President Reg and Lady Lion Marilyn Grisotto, Secretary Carol Kavanagh, VP1 Peter Savage and Lion Allan Kelly) as always, we had a fun night, well done Traralgon Lions.

We'd like to send out our best wishes to some of our Members and or partners who have been a bit on the – not so well list – some having a short stay in hospital (Judith Bell, Carol Kavanagh, Peter McShane and Linda North) good to know they're all well on the

mend.

Don't forget - if on your computer, have a look at our Facebook Pages Lions Club of Churchill Community Activities and Lions Club of Churchill & District, you will be able to read about all the things we've done and are going to do, along with heaps of great pictures. If you would be interested in finding out about maybe joining, leave us a message, they will be answered, or Email : churchill.lionsclub@gmail.com

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Heroes of black summer brought to life in children's picture book

Children and families in fire-affected regions will benefit from a children's picture book telling the stories of heroes who helped protect East Gippsland during and after the region's terrifying 2019-20 summer of bushfire. 'Heroes of Black Summer' was written by Kylie Miller and Craig Sheather to help children process the trauma they experienced during the fires. It was illustrated by Karen Erasmus and published by Australian Geographic.

The book was published with support from a One Good Community Wellbeing Grant through the Gippsland Primary Health Network. The authors hope 'Heroes of Black Summer' will promote resilience in children, while strengthening the connection between children and adults as they read and heal together.

More than 58 per cent of East Gippsland was burnt in the fires, which raged for three months and has had a devastating and long-lasting impact on the community. The pair was inspired to write the book after Craig met Kylie at her burnt Wairewa property while covering the fires for Australian Geographic magazine. "I had written a children's picture

book, 'The Incredible True Story of Sparky the Wonder Puppy', about a puppy's miracle survival during the fires in Victoria's north-east," Craig said. "I suggested Kylie share similar positive stories about East Gippsland using the stories I was covering for the magazine." 'Heroes of Black Summer' captures moments such as:

- the rescue of endangered species by experts from DELWP and other agencies
- a Royal Australian Navy operation to rescue people from the beach at Mallacoota
- Bairnsdale police officers saving an injured kangaroo from the flames
- a Mallacoota man rescuing stranded hikers in his boat
- a pay-it-forward scheme set up by Nowa Nowa General Store to share donations
- volunteers preparing meals in Sarsfield using food donated by local businesses
- a Bruthen wildlife carer who took in burnt and



- homeless wildlife
- a young hunter who rescued injured and hungry koalas in Mallacoota
- two Sarsfield brothers who lost their home then built fences as Blaze Aid volunteers
- Canadian firefighters who helped repair damage at Buchan
- Parks Victoria habitat experts who surveyed the damage by air
- TV stars who helped

with construction projects at Mallacoota. Kylie's own experience of receiving a lime tree donated through the pay-it-forward scheme and planting it in her burnt-out Wairewa orchard is also included. Kylie said the

all the generous people and businesses who donated. Many of them had been impacted by fire themselves and their generosity was overwhelming. By writing this book, we hope to

most challenging thing was reducing the number of heroes they could include. "It was impossible to include everyone who gave so much to our community during that awful time," Kylie said. "From the CFA firefighters and volunteers who were out there day-in-day-out for months, police, emergency workers, charities and service organisations, government agencies, and

say thank you and give something back ourselves." Gippsland Primary Health Network Chief Executive Officer, Amanda Proposch, said books could be important resources to help children to deal with trauma, including the experience of bushfire. "We were delighted to support this project through a One Good Community Wellbeing Grant and hope 'Heroes of Black Summer' will provide our communities with a helpful resource to manage stress, anxiety and depression to support healing and recovery," she said. The authors are donating 500 copies of the book to children and communities impacted by bushfires across the region, and 25 per cent of proceeds from sales will be donated to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund. 'Heroes of Black Summer' is available at all good bookshops or online at major book retailers. Please contact Kylie Miller at kylie@cupcakecommunications.com.au or 0411 650 250.

Researchers to train next generation in supporting older Australians

Federation University Australia researchers are partners in a new training centre working to help improve the quality of life for older Australians.

The Australian Research Council (ARC) Training Centre for Optimal Ageing will train the next generation of researchers to understand, detect and improve psychosocial factors that support mental activity, physical health and social connectedness.

Federation's digital health and mental health expert Professor Britt Klein and healthy ageing expert Professor Colette Browning will join a team of chief investigators as partners in the Centre led by Monash

University. The ARC Centre for Optimal Ageing will support the digital transformation of industries supporting the ageing population using technologies like artificial intelligence to help Australians live enriched, healthy and independent lives as they age.

It is among 16 new research hubs and training centres set up across the country with funding from the Commonwealth Government.

By 2060, 25 per cent of Australians will be aged 60 years or older and the ARC Training Centre for Optimal Ageing will train a cohort of early career researchers to be experts in understanding

the key factors in healthy and independent ageing.

The project will run until 2025.

Federation University Professor Britt Klein said "Co-designing 'smart' digital community platforms for older Australians, with older Australians, researchers and industry partners, will hopefully afford greater choice and a tailored support platform to increase social connectedness, especially for our Australian elders in rural and remote locations.

We are delighted to be partnering with Monash University and the numerous industry partners on this important ARC Training Centre for Optimal Ageing."

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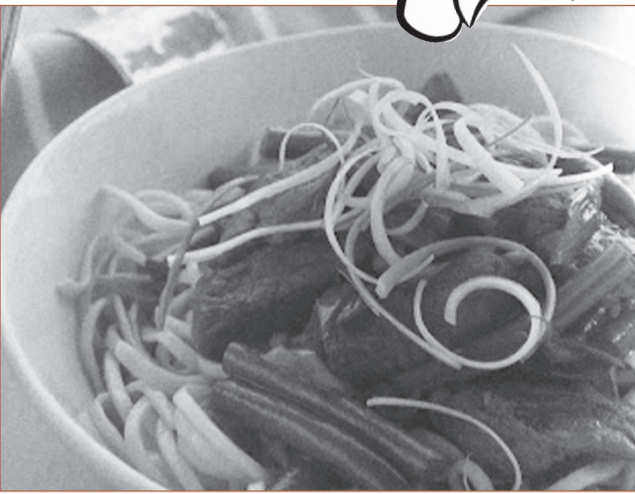
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Cooking with Noelene



Chinese spare ribs

Today I purchased 1 kg of pork ribs from the supermarket meat department.

I sliced the ribs to separate them and placed them in a large ovenproof dish.

I then mixed 4 tbs of soy sauce with 3 tbs of muscavado sugar, 1 tbs of peanut oil, 1 tbs of minced garlic, 1 dsp of Chinese 5 spice powder and 1 dsp of minced ginger in a bowl.

Then I poured this over the ribs, covered the dish with cling film and then placed in the refrigerator to marinate for 6 hours.

The longer you marinate the better the flavour. I preheated the oven to 180 deg C.

Make sure the ribs are well covered on both sides with the marinade.

Bake in the preheated oven for 30- 40 minutes.

To serve garnish with shredded spring onion (optional). These are so good !!!

Chocolate mousse

Break 300gm of plain

dark chocolate into small pieces, place in a heatproof bowl along with 1.5 tbs of butter/ marg.

Place in a microwave and melt in 30 second bursts, stirring until smooth. Stir in 1 tbs of brandy and leave to cool slightly.

Add 4 egg yolks and beat until smooth. In a separate bowl, whisk 4 egg whites until stiff peaks have formed.

Now fold the stiffened egg whites through the chocolate mixture.

Divide the chocolate mixture between 4 small serving bowls.

Transfer to the refrigerator and chill for 4 hours until set. To serve dust with cocoa powder.

Chow mein

Boil 250 gm of egg noodles in water according to packet instructions, then drain and sprinkle with 1 tbs of rice bran oil.

I sliced 250 gm of cooked pork fillet into thin shred (alternatively you can use chicken tenderloins).

Heat 3 tbs of rice bran oil in a large pan or wok, add the noodles with 1 tbs of soy

sauce, remove to a warmed serving bowl and keep warm.

Add an extra 2 tbs of rice bran oil to the pan /wok with the pork/chicken and add 125 gm of French green beans, (trimmed) along with 1/2 tsp of salt, 1 tsp of sugar, 1 tbs of Chinese rice wine, 1 tbs of soy sauce and 1 spring onion finely chopped.

Stir the mixture in the wok / pan adding a little chicken stock if necessary, now pour this mixture over the noodles and sprinkle with sesame oil and 1 spring onion finely shredded.

Chow mein can be served either hot or cold with or without chilli sauce.

Tea is looking good tonight !!

Pear and walnut slice

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Spray and line a 11' x 7" slice pan.

Place 2 medium pears peeled, cored and finely diced in a bowl along with 100gm of dried apricots finely diced, 75 gm of chopped walnuts, 1/2 cup of plain flour and 100gm of soft brown sugar and mix together.

Melt together 25 gm of butter/marg with 1 tbs of honey, then gently stir through the flour and pear mixture along with 1 beaten egg.

Pour this mixture into the prepared slice pan and bake for 40 minutes or until golden and cooked through.

Leave to cool in the pan before slicing. Sprinkle with icing sugar to serve optional.

Steamed jam pudding

Combine 125 gm of self raising flour with 60 gm of castor sugar in the bowl of your mixer, along with 60 gm of suet.

Pour in 1 lightly beaten egg mixed with 3 tbs of milk. Mix on a slow speed until evenly blended.

Grease a 2.5 cup pudding basin. Place 3 tbs of apricot jam on the bottom of the basin.

Now spoon the batter on top. Cover with a lid or greased foil and steam for 1.5 hours.

Invert on to a serving dish and spoon over 3 tbs of apricot jam. Serve with cream and or ice cream.

Hazelwood Rotary

by Leo Billington

Being a Rotarian means to be actively involved in our community

New member

Hazelwood Rotary recently welcomed a new member, Father Ajin Albarnas, who has been appointed as assistant priest for St Michael's parish in Traralgon.

Ajin arrived in January 2020 from his home state, Kerala, southern India. His initial introduction to Australia, and Victoria was staying a short while in Melbourne, then on to Warragul and Yarram for further introductory training. February saw Ajin take up residency in Traralgon.

After ordination in 2015, Ajin's first official appointment was as rector, training others for the priesthood in his home town, Poonthura.

Talking with Ajin, there is an obvious liking for cricket – being a handy left-hand batsman. He is now learning to perfect his tennis skills and claims that Kerala is "God's own country" being on India's tropical Malabar Coast, with nearly 600km of Arabian Sea shoreline. It's known for its palm-lined beaches and backwaters, and a network of canals welcoming tourists from everywhere around the world.

Ajin was well aware of Rotary due to its community work throughout Kerala in some cases where other clubs have joined forces with local clubs. For instance, recently the Rotary Club of Madras donated two 8-foot refrigerated trucks able to transport two million doses of vaccine, and Rotary Clubs in Kerala State have reported nearly 51,000 free vaccinations through Rotary Centres and camps over the last

three weeks.

Guest Speaker John O'Connor:

Recently O'Connor Transport Managing Director John O'Connor, was a keynote speaker, the first in a program to learn more about our long-standing local businesses.

John's father commenced business in 1974 primarily as a sawmiller and carting agricultural lime. While logs and lime underpinned the business initially, general transport and landscaping requisites soon took over.

During the 1980's, home and municipal scale gardening became popular. Products such as soil, mulch and sawdust became

significant market segments. Garden shows and open garden visitations for instance, reinforced this demand.

Hence, recycling pine bark and sawdust, alongside transporting industrial limestone became significant foundations for future business growth.

In 2007, O'Connor Transport diversified into investing in blower trucks, through another family owned company, Mulchexpress.

John provided an excellent insight into his family's 40-year-old business illustrating how consumer behaviours and market forces interact intrinsically with each other.



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Father Ajin being inducted as a member of Hazelwood Rotary

Northe calls for Hospice Care Facility in Latrobe Valley

Member for Morwell Russell Northe is calling upon the State Government to establish a dedicated Hospice Care Facility in the Latrobe Valley region by utilising the now vacant Hazelwood House in Churchill.

Hazelwood House closed its doors in December 2019 despite the local community advocating for the facility to be repurposed in some form. Residents of Hazelwood House were subsequently transferred to another aged care facility in Traralgon rendering Hazelwood House vacant.

Since that time Latrobe City Council has taken over the precinct and recently released an expression of interest process.

“We have a perfectly suitable 38 bed facility in our local community that could easily accommodate a much needed Hospice right here in the Latrobe Valley area” said Mr Northe.

Mr Northe said there was also strong support from a number of organisations and community members for a Hospice in the region.

“In 2019 Latrobe City Council moved a motion asking the Health Minister to work with them on a suitable location for a Hospice and to provide funding for the construction of such a facility as soon as practical” Mr Northe said



Latrobe Health Advocate Jane Anderson has also identified that improvements to end of life palliative care were urgently needed. After undertaking extensive stakeholder and community engagement, the Latrobe Health Advocate identified twelve recommendations for action with the establishment of a Hospice being the number one recommendation.

“I have had many conversations with local residents over a period of years on the concept of a dedicated hospice for our community.

We currently have the already established Hazelwood House which is an ideal setting for a Hospice currently sitting idle so it makes sense to at the very least explore what is a unique

opportunity” Mr Northe said.

Mr Northe has previously written to the Health Minister advocating for a dedicated Hospice in the region and is currently awaiting a reply to his correspondence.

“Surely with Hazelwood House available the State Government could at the very least explore this option and consider a Hospice at this locality” added Mr Northe.

Al-Anon

Whats best for me?

Alateen is a fellowship of young people whose lives have been affected by someone else’s drinking. Alateen is Al-Anon, a part of Al-Anon Family Groups.

When I first came into Alateen my father was still drinking.

That was two and a half years ago. My mother was in Al-Anon and she made me go to Alateen. None of my friends from around our neighbourhood have problems in their homes because of alcohol.

I didn’t want them to know about my home. My parents used to fight a lot.

My dad never went with us to places. He used to just go to the bar. My mum would be mad with him and yell at him and me.

He used to just yell at us for no reason so he could take off by himself.

I go to Alateen for many reasons. One is because it helps me deal with the problems I have like this one.

One day on the bus my best friend and I were in a fight and she said to me, “At least my father doesn’t get drunk ten times a day”.

I started to cry because she had never said anything about the problem in our house before. After we got

off the bus, she called me and said that she was sorry.

I accepted it but I was still sore at her.

One of my Alateen friends was on the bus and she told me that she knew how I felt. Another girl, who I didn’t know had problems at home too, called up my best friend and told her not to say anything to me about my problems or talk to me until she can say something nice.

My mum has a lot of friends in Al-Anon and I have friends in Alateen and we do lots of things together.

It makes it easier for me to be around other kids who have the same feelings as I do.

My dad stopped drinking about two and half years ago because he became real sick from alcohol. The doctor told him he couldn’t drink any more.

He doesn’t go to AA and a lot of times he yells for no reason but I understand that he doesn’t have a program and hasn’t learned all the good things I’ve learned from my program.

I hope someday he does, but for today, I can only do what’s best for me and that’s to keep coming to Alateen and try to be the best person I can for myself.



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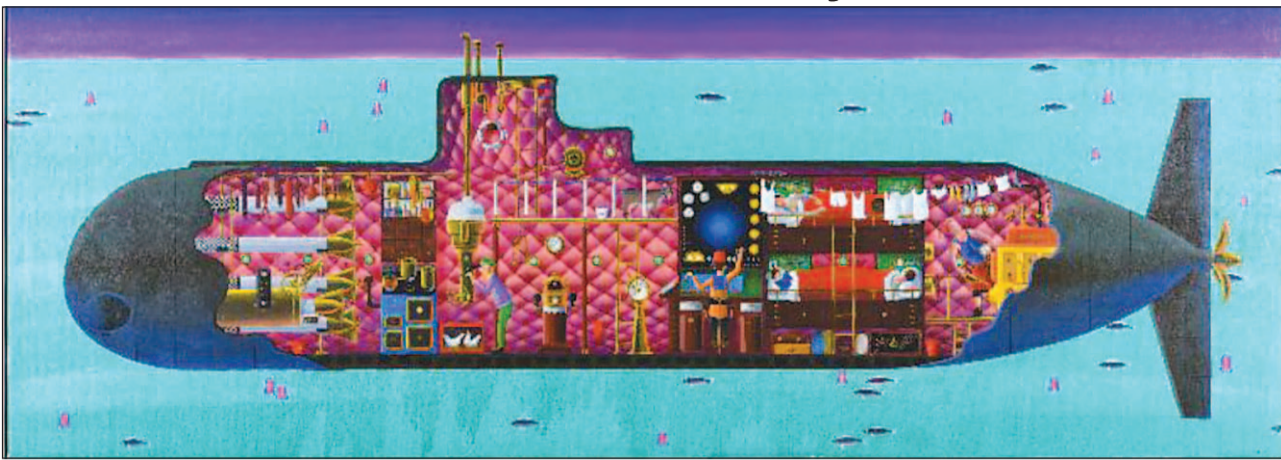
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Latrobe Regional Gallery celebrates 50th birthday

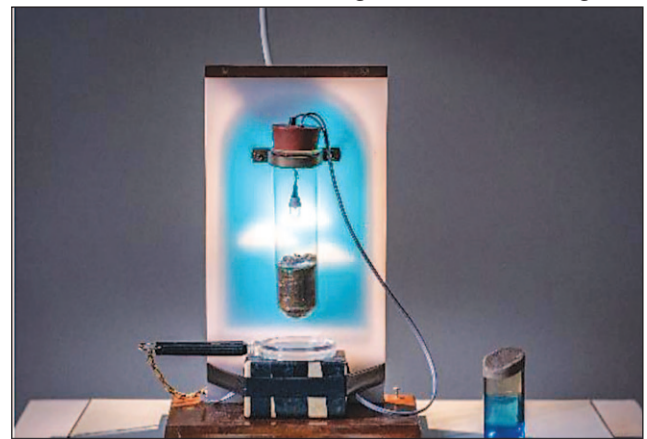


One of Victoria's largest regional galleries, Latrobe Regional Gallery at Morwell, turns 50 this year. The Gallery is planning a large exhibition, drawn from its collection, borrowings and commissions to celebrate the milestone. The artists included in the exhibition are all vital to the past and future of visual art in the Latrobe Valley and the wider Gippsland region.

The exhibition will be held from August 28 to November 7, 2021. A fiftieth anniversary provides an opportunity to mark historical successes and cast eyes on the future; the exhibition '50 Years, 50 Artists' hopes to do both of these things. "Latrobe Regional Gallery presents this exhibition as an opportunity for locals and visitors to the gallery to connect with works that acknowledge the changing face of our region through the many interpretations from artists over the years," Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Sharon Gibson said. Among the artists whose works will be on display are Rosalind Atkins,

Rodney Forbes, Janina Green, Euan Heng, Nick Mount, Patrice Muthaymiles Mahoney, Jennifer Mullett, Heather Shimmen, Colin Suggett and Bill Young. Four artists have been especially commissioned to create new work for the exhibition. Lesley Duxbury, Steaphan Paton, Louisa Waters and Kate Zizys will have new work addressing ideas relevant to life in central Gippsland.

A special calendar of public programs and events has been tailored to complement this show and encourage participation from all ages and skill levels for the whole family. A major publication is being produced to accompany this important event.





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CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS
"Connecting Your Community"

Hazelwood Rotary Rotaract stands for "Rotary in Action"



Rotarian Jenny Rutherford thanking Geoff Chilver.

By Leo Billington
Rotaract clubs bring together young people, ages 18 to 30 to swap and discuss ideas with community leaders, develop leadership and professional skills, while having fun through service.

Throughout communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service.

Hazelwood Rotaract Club was active up to the early 1980's, boasting a strong membership of young people.

Recently, our guest speaker, Geoff Chilver, recalled his active membership of the Hazelwood Rotaract Club,

remiscing about their activities: with winery tours, wine and port bottling, Dial a Santa, raft races, Mad Hatters Tea Party and various other fun activities, plus community service jobs.

Geoff (a member of the Warragul Rotary Club), also mentioned Interact, a service club for youth ages 12 to 18 who want to connect with other young people and have fun while serving their communities and learning about the world.

Clubs, which meet at least twice a month, are sponsored by local Rotary clubs. Interact was founded in November 1962.

Another Rotary supported program is Bowlescan and kits are valid until end of February 2023. These kits are available at the Churchill pharmacies. Bowlescan testing kits are affordable, easy to use and include testing by approved pathologists as well as notification of results. They are simple and non-invasive and require no food or medication restrictions.

A member of Hazelwood Rotary has joined in with the Police Blue & Green team 4WD Club. Presently, they are here to volunteer to assist with flood clean-up, and have recently been working in Yinnar South.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Saturday 06/7/21 - 14th M. Dear- Putts - S. Stableford. A Grade - J. Caldwell 29.

Saturday 10/7/21 - Stroke. A Grade - Barnes (17) 39. B Grade - R. Welsh (25) 37. C Grade - P. Watkins (32) 40. DTL - P. Bolding 39, R. Dent 38, A. Auld 38, R. Harvey 36, B. Cleland 36, B. Kilday 36, A. Quinn 35, P. Smart 35, S. Sanders 34 C/B. NTP - 3rd. R. King, 12th C. Waring, 14th P. Smart. Birdies - 3rd R. Dent, 12th B. Cleland.

Tuesday 6/7/21 - Monthly Medal. Scratch Winner - M. Dear 94. Medal and Handicap Winner - S. Caldwell (21)76. DTL - V. Verheyen (30) 80 C/B. NTP - 3rd V. Verheyen, 5th M. Dear, 12th S. Martinac,

Saturday 10/7/21 - Stroke. A Grade - Mamun 11 (11) 76 65. B Grade - L. Watkins (23) 91 68. C - Grade - M. Harvey (27) 89 62. D - Grade - A. West (35) 101 66. Scratch Winner - Mamun 76. DTL - G. Beyer 67, A. Auld 69, G. Waring 70, I. Heppleston 70, T. Lio 70, M. Hutchinson 71, B. Kilday 71, C. Cumming 71, C. Porto 71, J. Barnes 71, P. Smart 72 C/C. NTP - 3rd A. Sharrock, 5th P. Smart, 12th C. Porto, 14th R. King. Birdies - 12th C. Porto, 12th T. Sterrick.



Tuesday 13/07/2021 - Doris Chambers 4 Foursomes Stableford - Winners - V. Verheyen and M. McQuillan (34) 33. DTL - S Caldwell and VReid (25) 30. NTP - 12th M Ryan .

Russell Northe

By the time of publication I hope our community is out of COVID lockdown five which unfortunately impacted Victorian communities including regional communities in July. My office has certainly received substantial feedback from local residents and businesses about how the COVID situation is impacting them and how it is being managed.

I know parents have been worried about their children missing out on school, sport, employment and other activities off and on for the past 18 months.

Likewise businesses have been hit hard once again with many forced to close their doors or open at only a limited capacity.

The State Government has announced some supports however it still seems that some businesses are missing out on receiving any assistance which is extremely disappointing to say the least.

This is an issue I have raised directly with the State Government on multiple occasions. For further information on business support and assistance please visit the Business Victoria website: <https://business.vic.gov.au/>

COVID testing is an important element of managing any coronavirus outbreaks and I know there has been a level of frustration that there is

limited availability to get tested locally on weekends or after hours. The "Where to get tested" website contains various information on when and where testing is available in local communities and I encourage people to get tested should they display any COVID symptoms. Please see the following website for further detail: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/covid-19-testing-sites>

COVID vaccinations have also been another topic of conversation in recent weeks.

There are a number of ways people can receive their COVID vaccination and if one has any concerns or questions it is best to speak with your GP about same.

A local vaccination centre has been established at the Traralgon Racecourse.

Much like the concerns raised with respect to testing availability, a number of people have expressed that they would like to see the vaccination centre open for long periods including at weekends.

I'm not certain if there has been a resourcing or vaccination supply issue but I have subsequently alerted the relevant authorities that having greater access to vaccinations is something many people have raised with me.

Further information can be found on the vaccine program at: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine>



The future of Hazelwood House aged care facility has been in limbo for some time with Latrobe City Council undertaking an expression of interest process recently.

I have taken the liberty to write to the State Government suggesting that Hazelwood House be considered to be utilised as a dedicated hospice.

There is a real need to enhance palliative care services in our region including the Latrobe Health Advocate recommending to the State Government that a hospice be established in our region. Many community members have approached me over the years also calling for a dedicated hospice and personally I believe Hazelwood House is a good fit.

I know many Churchill residents also wish to see Hazelwood House remain as a healthcare facility in some form, given the facility was initially established by the community to provide residential aged care support.

Lion's skin cancer caravan not visiting Churchill!



This very big and very impressive caravan was going to be visiting Churchill in September, hosted by the Churchill & District Lions Club.

Let's tell you a little bit about this amazing Lions project:

In 2019, the Lions V District Cancer Foundation decided to take a leading role in improving skin cancer awareness through screenings, information and support - and in 2020 they began gathering funds to build, resource and operate a Mobile Skin Cancer Screening unit.

Australia has one of the highest skin cancer (Melanoma) rates in the world and as we all know we do not 'slip, slop,

slap' enough or take other precautions to protect ourselves from the harsh Australian climate.

Thus, the inception of the Lions Skin Cancer Huge Mobile Caravan that was proudly launched by the Governor of Victoria, the Honourable Linda Dessau AC in 2021.

This represents a major and significant project for all Victorian and Southern NSW Lions Clubs.

Each Skin Check Unit visit will be hosted by the local Lions Club, and the van will be operated by fully trained, certified and professional volunteers.

With a few teething problems over the first couple of trips, as is to be expected, all is well.



The Lions Club would like to say thank you to the public for the amazing response to this visit, so as the information was put out, the phones went crazy and we were booked out in about four hours.

Unfortunately due to COVID, the caravan will not be able to visit Churchill as planned.

Phone Secretary Carol on 0411 842 912 with any questions.

Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species:

Eremophila 'Augusta Storm'
(E. glabra x E. veneta).

Family:

Scrophulariaceae (was
Myoporaceae).

Derivation:

Eremophila: From
Greek, eremos, meaning
desert or lonely place, and
the suffix -phileo, meaning
to love, thus a lover of deserts
or lonely places.

glabra: From Latin,
glaber, meaning without
hair, perhaps referring to the
gynoecium (female parts of
the flower).

veneta: A Latin word
meaning bluish green and
referring to the flower colour.

Common Name:

None.

Distribution: This
plant has no known natural
distribution; it is a hybrid of
garden origin.

E. veneta occurs in the
Avon district of South-
west WA, around Corrigin,
Gnowangerup, Kent,
Kondinin, Kulin and Lake
Grace, where it overlaps with
E. glabra subsp. albicans,
so it is possible that some
similar natural hybrids exist
in these areas.

Description: A small
shrub up to 1m tall and broad
with silvery-green foliage
and tubular, purple flowers
to 25mm long at any time of
year, with flushes usually in
autumn and spring and after
rain.

Opinion: A lovely
little plant when it is at its
best, but it does the same
thing that a lot of other Emu-
bushes do in my garden,



it loses most of its leaves
behind the growing tip so
that the end result is a leggy
plant with bare branches and
a little tuft of leaves at the
tip.

I presume this is a
reaction to growing the plant
in conditions nothing like its'
usual habitat; that is, cooler
and damper Boolarra versus
warmer and drier wheat-belt
WA.

How to counteract this
tendency?

Provide more light,
warmth and air movement
around the plants, regularly
tip prune to slow down the
growing points and
encourage bushiness.

I do try, but I'm not
winning.

My specimen is planted
in the northern bed, up
against the fence that divides
my front and back yards,
in a line of four different
Eremophila species.

My theory was that they
would receive plenty of
direct light during the middle
of the day, though not much
in the mornings and late
afternoons.

The fence would reflect
light and warmth back onto
the plants, but would also

restrict air movement a bit,
perhaps too much.

The theory hasn't worked
as hoped; three of the four
plants have dropped most
of their leaves and Augusta
Storm is virtually prostrate
with bare branches up to
60cm long, ending in a
nearly invisible tuft of leaves.

It still flowers, the
honeyeaters still love it, but
aesthetically it's a failure.

Maybe treating it as an
annual, or biennial at most, is
the way to go.

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com or phone 0447 452 755.

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Exciting news

Local MP Darren Chester has supported Mathison Park Community Asset Committee to receive a \$2,500 grant. Mr Chester said the committee was using the grant to purchase an equipment trailer and tools to help the volunteers. "The new trailer will help the volunteers to move equipment around the park during working bees," Mr Chester said. "Mathison Park is a wonderful community asset for Churchill and I congratulate the committee on the work they have done to keep the park maintained. Mathison Park is popular with walkers and cyclists, with people travelling to experience the lake, walking track and bushland setting, a popular picnic and fishing spot, with a playground and fitness stations. The Mathison Park Advisory Community Asset Committee has more plans for the future to make this space an even better place to visit. Thank you to the

wonderful team of volunteers who give up so much of their time to give back to their community."

We are grateful to Darren who has been very supportive of our park over the years and say a huge thank you to him and the Federal government. You will soon see the trailer being used by our volunteers.

Luckily we were able to hold our July working bee successfully before the rain set in on the second Saturday of July. There were sufficient volunteers to have three work areas. There was a lot of pathway damage caused by the extreme weather event, so one group concentrated on spreading and whacking the areas of need.

The second group worked to clear fallen trees and branches, the result of the extreme weather event.

The third group continued to remove old fencing.

It was great to have everyone come together for morning tea and a chat.

Those walking on the new path up the west hill will have noticed a flock of King Parrots busy in the trees.

After some months waiting we have another red topped bin installed in Mathison Park next to the large picnic shelter. This is a most useful addition to the facilities and we thank council for arranging it.

We were thrilled to have three people from the Walk Jog Run group who use the park frequently, come along to contribute to our efforts. It was wonderful to welcome Jeff, Verity and Bruce who worked with enthusiasm. They enjoyed the task and we hope they will become regular attendees.

To be a volunteer you need to go on the Latrobe City Council website and fill out the volunteer application form.

Working bees are held each month on the second Saturday and more help is always necessary for such a huge area of 72 hectares.

THANK YOU

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To the thousands who have worked around the clock to rescue, respond and recover from the worst storms and flooding that many of us have experienced.

To everyone who has donated care, time, money, resources, elbow grease or friendship to those who have been struggling - thank you.

Recovery efforts continue and all levels of government are working to support local communities as they recover and rebuild over the coming weeks and months.

My office is here to help as this work goes on.



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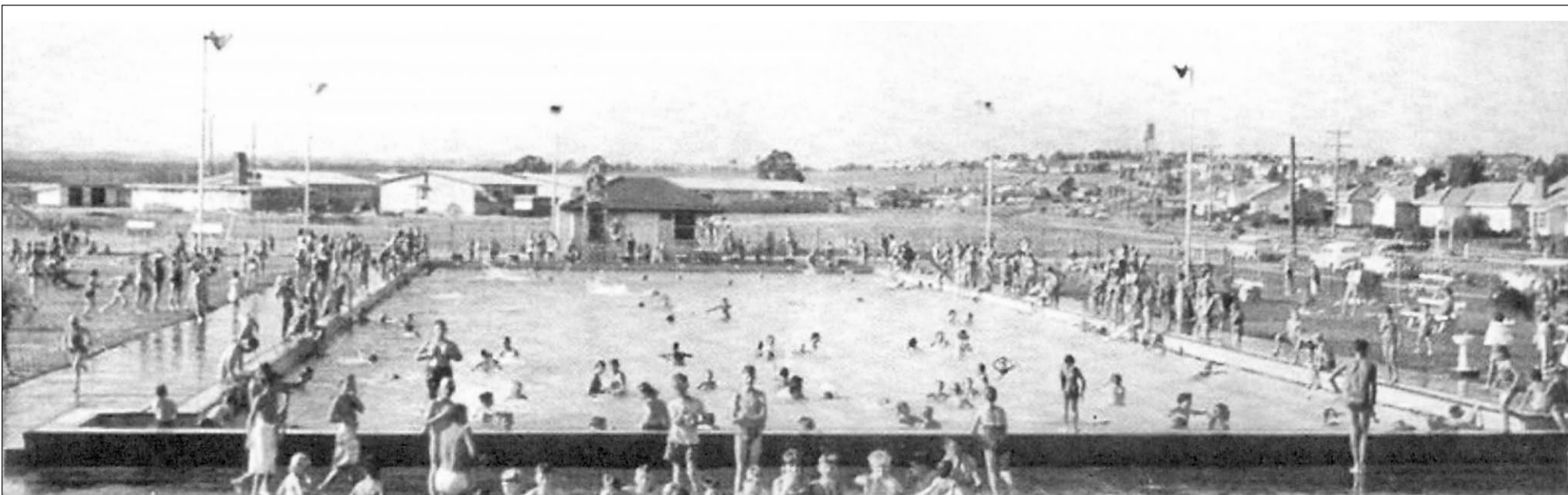




A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



By Leo Billington
Is our national identity caught up in swimming? Morwell's first swimming pool was opened in 1925 in Alexandra Park beside the Bowling Green and the Band Hall, parallel to the railway line, about where the Skate Park is now located. This pool closed in 1954 when a new Olympic swimming pool was built in Sir Norman Brookes Park in McDonald Street on land supposedly donated by APM.

It seems that this convenient, though narrow open area was called "Alexandra Park", no doubt so named after Queen Alexandra, consort of King Edward VII, although she never visited Australia.

The Olympic swimming pool in Sir Norman Brookes Park was built in 1956. Sir Norman Everard Brookes was an Australian tennis player. During his career he won three Grand Slam singles titles; Wimbledon in 1907 and 1914 and the Australasian Championships in 1911. Brookes was part of the Australasian Davis Cup team that won the title on six occasions.

In 1921, Brookes was appointed Chairman of Directors of the Australian Paper Mills Company. Perhaps here lies the story that land was donated for a new swimming pool. More about this aspect later.

In March 1903, the Morwell Advertiser drew attention to safe swimming by quoting an unnamed English journalist "that the English law should make swimming compulsory – the duty of parents and school teachers is clear."

At a general meeting of the Morwell Progress Association on October 30, 1908, it was recommended that "procurement of swimming baths" be a high priority.

One month later, and despite apparent unwillingness to acknowledge "Mirboo North's greatness", the Progress Association was humble enough to lobby for a local swimming pool.

Yet, on December 26, 1908, the Association decided to make a start on a local swimming pool. Volunteers lined up – "several were bringing

horses and chains. All interested were asked to lend a hand in snagging etc."

The volunteers met at the Morwell River, close to railway bridge, for the purpose of snagging and clearing the river for the benefit of the local swimmers, as well as those who were unable to swim, and were willing and anxious to learn. They provided horses, harness, ropes and chains which were very necessary for the purpose of removing sunken logs from the bed of the river, and, it was reported that "good work was done."

Prior to 1925, there was plenty of community support for safer swimming baths. In October 1920, the Morwell North State School proudly announced their new teacher, Mr Keamy was extremely supportive of establishing swimming classes. In his previous teaching appointment at Barmah, he saved students from drowning, and subsequently was awarded a bronze medal of the Royal Humane Society of Australia.

In March 1923, at a state school picnic held at

Blossom Flat, on the banks of the Latrobe River, some children were bathing in the river at a sand bank, when Ruby Douglas, of Brown Coal Mine, a girl about 14 years of age, who was unable to swim, got out of her depth, and was carried down the stream by the current. Ruby was saved, but only after considerable efforts from other children and adults.

A similar occurrence happened at the same spot a few years before during a school picnic, when, as a local paper reported; "a local boy got out of his depth and would no doubt have been drowned but for the plucky rescue made by Master Frank Holmes, then only nine years of age, who swam in and saved the lad."

For about 17 years, the Morwell Progress Association maintained their momentum to secure a location for safer swimming baths. Their work in 1909, as it was reported; "resulted in there being a rather fine swimming or bathing place, which will be further improved as soon as funds are available, by the erection

of steps, spring-board, and a dressing room for ladies; it being contemplated to set apart two days in each week for their exclusive use. It is noted that Mr Donald Waldon played a key role in pushing for a safer location in Morwell."

Mr Waldon's son had also a very narrow escape from drowning in August 1887. The boy was trying to get a dog out of a large waterhole, when he fell in himself. Happily, he was rescued, but the dog drowned.

At the new swimming pool, the hours for children were fixed from 3.30 till 4.45; ladies only, Tuesday and Thursdays - 6 till 7pm. The baths to be closed on Sundays, from 9 am till 12 noon and from 6 till 8 pm. The pool was to be cleaned out and washed with lime. It was decided that baths be refilled with fresh water at frequent intervals.

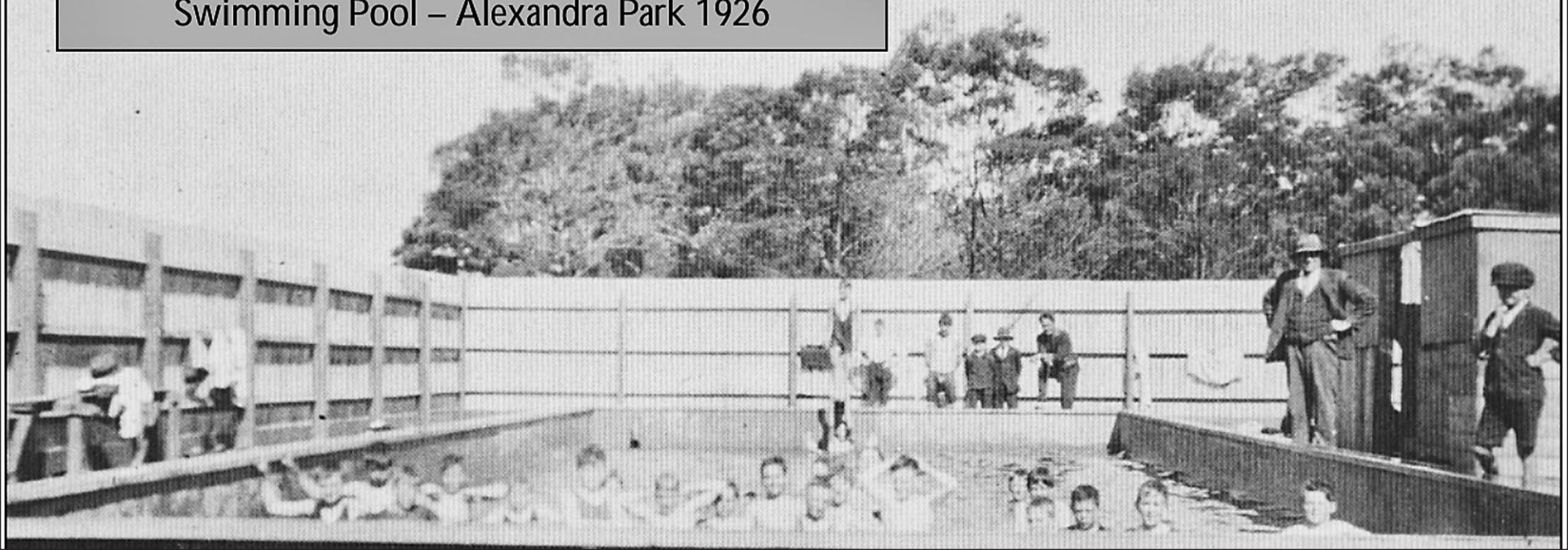
To achieve an Olympic size pool for Morwell, during 1954, every family in Morwell and district was asked to donate £2 towards the £5,000 required from the

public to build a £22,500 Olympic swimming pool. The pool appeal committee pledged itself to raise the £5,000 within a year.

Morwell, by 1954, seemed to lag behind in public amenities according to The Argus (August 31, 1956). In editorial, Morwell was "a town that has had its population increased from just over 3,000 to nearly 12,000 in the last six years, is beginning to catch up on its amenities. Work began yesterday on an Olympic swimming pool that will cost £33,000. Already £24,000 is in hand, made up of public subscriptions, council contribution, and grants. It will be a 50-metre filtered pool with a waders' pool."

Ironically, Morwell was lagging behind in other aspects – after almost 10 years of arguing, in October 1952, it was announced that a new fire station would be built in Church Street. Similarly, during the same time, arguments surrounded a need for a dedicated ambulance station. Poor of Morwell.

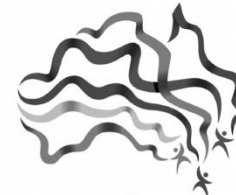
Swimming Pool – Alexandra Park 1926





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Australia Day

2022 NOMINATION FORM

Nomination for: Citizen of the Year Young Citizen of the Year School Student Citizen of the Year

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Background information about your nominee:

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Nominations can be lodged at any time; however nominations for the Lions Club of Churchill & District Australia Day 2022 awards close on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 5.00 pm.

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Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington
Historical graves with a story

In previous editions of the Churchill & District News, I have written about unmarked graves in our cemetery. Locating these graves is deemed a challenge mainly because of a wide variety of reasons for decisions for graves to be unmarked.

Notwithstanding unmarked graves, Hazelwood Cemetery also holds other fascinating and intriguing background stories about burials.

For instance, William McRae Murdoch – popularly known as Willie – was accidentally killed whilst riding home on horseback from Traralgon. He was assistant station master at Morwell at the time. It was whilst returning that his horse ran him against a tree, and he was killed almost instantly. He was a most popular young man and his sudden death cast quite a gloom over the town and district.

William died at his parent's residence and was interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery in December 1885.

William's younger brother, Neil is also remembered at Hazelwood. Interestingly, Neil died from burns at their parent's property near Mount Cottrell on October 26, 1872. He was initially buried in the Bacchus Marsh Cemetery – headstone dated July 28, 1872.

Neil's name now appears on William's headstone – with the date shown as July 26, 1871. Apparently, according to thorough research by others, Neil's death certificate shows the



year as 1872.

This fascinating story underscores the fallibility of human memory and, subsequently, how history is recorded.

At 2.5 years of age, young Mahomed Josfet Khan drowned in a pond on a Morwell farm while apparently chasing some ducks. Hazelwood Cemetery Trust records show he was buried on October 21, 1916. Muhammed (alternative spelling) was born in Morwell, and as a regular visitor to his grandfather's Morwell farm, "the little chap was last seen alive at about midday, on Saturday, when he was playing among some ducks, of which he was very fond." His body was recovered the following day.

Mahomed (Muhammed) lives on in the strong memories of his family 105 years later.

On December 4, 1903, the Morwell Advertiser carried an article with a headline, "Suicide or Accident?"

It was about an Indian hawker named Young Yarra. The item read:

"Suicide or Accident? Indian Hawker Killed.

A sad fatality occurred in the local railway station yard, about 9 o'clock on Wednesday evening, when an Indian hawker named Young Yarra, was run over by the passenger train which leaves Melbourne at 4.08. The unfortunate man was seen to cross the street in front of the mart, whilst the train was standing in the station and immediately after the train passed his

dead body was observed on the line, the wheels of train having passed over his neck. Whether it was a case of suicide, as some suppose, or purely an accident has not been definitely settled, no conclusive evidence being forthcoming.

A magisterial inquiry was immediately held before Mr J. Hall, J.P., when after hearing the subjoined evidence, an open verdict was duly returned to the effect that deceased was found dead upon the line there being no evidence to show how he got there.

He was a native of Punjab, India, about 38 years of age, was married and had three children.

After the inquiry the body was placed in a coffin by the deceased's country-men, and interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery, the burial service being conducted by an Indian minister."

Young Yarra lies in an unmarked grave, not a respectful ending to him being buried so far away from his home and family.

Churchill CHATTER

We do hope that all our readers are safe and getting through these Lockdowns okay. By the time this is in print we hope the Lockdown is only a memory and we are all back to our usual activities. Let us know your story of what you have been doing to keep busy and amused throughout this time.

Help help!

This is your space. Help us fill it each month with interesting bits of chatter from Churchill and district. Send us a few lines about what is happening with your group. What time and day does your group meet, who made a hat trick, or broke a record last week? Let us know about your coming garage sales and stalls. Give us a few lines to help you out and let others know about what is happening at your place? Send details to Churchill Chatter cdneditorial@cdnews.com.au

Sports diary
The Australian Netball Championships will be held

at Traralgon Indoor Sports Stadium from September 13 to 19. There will be ten teams and this is the first time it will be held at a regional location.

The Women's Big Bash League cricket will be playing at Ted Summerton Reserve at Moe on October 23 and 24. The Melbourne Stars will play on both days.

Great clean up
Chain saws and their owners have been extremely busy this past month still clearing the wreckage from the huge storm which passed through the district on the night of June 11. Many huge trees caused serious damage to fences and buildings throughout the district which need many repairs.

Releasing balloons
Regulations came into effect on July 1 this year to forbid the release of balloons into the atmosphere. Individuals can now be fined a whopping \$991 for the act while companies can be forced to pay up to

\$4956. Balloons are one of the most harmful pollutants to wildlife. When they end up in the ocean they can be mistaken by birds and other wildlife for food and swallowed. This will eventually kill them as they cannot digest the plastics.

Latrobe Regional Gallery in Morwell is celebrating it's 50th birthday.

The Gallery is planning a large exhibition of items from it's collection, including items from previous employees of the university.

The exhibition will run from August 28 to November 7.

Thought for the month:
Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain.

Next edition of CDNews will be available on September 17.

Federation undergraduates more likely to get jobs

Federation University Australia undergraduates are more likely to get a full-time job than those from any other Victorian university, according to the Good Universities Guide 2022 ratings that were released recently. The guide, which rates universities across Australia each year, also rated Federation number one in Victoria for undergraduate student support and skills development, reflecting the University's strength in supporting students to develop the key skills employers are looking for.

Federation was also ranked as the number one university in Australia for First Generation Student Enrolments. Welcoming students who are the first member of their family to attend university and supporting them to succeed at their education and in life is a key priority for Federation. As Victoria's premier regional university, Federation has a close connection to our communities, with a focus on transforming lives and enhancing communities through education, creating jobs and driving economic growth in our regions. The number one ranking in Australia for First Generation Student Enrolments reflects this, along with top rankings in

Victoria around student support, social equity, skills and employment. This includes:

- Number one in Victoria for Social Equity
- Number one in Victoria for Skills Development (undergraduate)
- Number one in Victoria for Student Support (undergraduate)
- Number one in Victoria for Skills Development (postgraduate)
- Number one in Victoria for Full Time Employment (undergraduate)

These results build on Federation's performance in the prestigious Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2021, released in June, with the University ranked in the top 201-250 young universities in the

world. Federation University Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Duncan Bentley said "As Victoria's premier regional university, we work closely with local industry to understand exactly what they need and support our students to build the skills employers want. These outstanding results are a clear demonstration of that. We are part of our regional communities and have a vital role to play in giving local students from a broad range of backgrounds, many the first in their family to attend university, the opportunity to fulfil their career aspirations and transform their lives."



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Harriet Shing

The past few months have been really tough, in many ways, for communities, businesses and families across the Latrobe Valley. From fires, storms and floods, to the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, it's been an incredibly tough 18 months.

Around 20,000 Victorians have been isolating around the state following the outbreak of the Delta variant that led to the most recent lockdown. We continue to worry for those in NSW who are seeing further growth in cases across their own state.

The highly infectious Delta variant has made it more important than ever to get the vaccination that's right for you, to continue to use QR codes and practice social distancing, and to get tested and isolate at home immediately if you have any COVID symptoms.

It has been incredibly encouraging to see businesses in Churchill and across the Valley rise to the challenge of implementing QR codes and mandatory check-ins as part of Covidsafe requirements, and my office has worked with many local businesses to set up codes and arrange backup systems for those without the ability to scan-in.

It may seem like a small thing, but we know that the information collected from checking in has been a crucial part of our success in contact tracing and managing exposure sites over recent weeks.

However, despite our incredible progress, nobody denies that these lockdowns have been incredibly tough. From remote learning to the impact of isolation and the blows to businesses and workers, it's unlike anything we've ever experienced.

Support, care and resources are available, including top-up payments via the Business Costs Assistance Program or Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund. Commonwealth and Victorian Government support payments for workers across the entire state who have been affected by public health restrictions will be eligible for Commonwealth Support payments. There are also payments available for eligible workers, people who are isolating while waiting for a test result, or who need to quarantine.

It is a huge relief that the Federal Government has now agreed to additional funding, and like many others, I am also glad to see that micro businesses not registered



for GST are now also able to access Disaster Support payments.

Finally, it has been great to see so many households continuing to take advantage of our Victorian Power Saving Bonus, which supports pensioners and eligible Health Care Card holders with a one-off payment of \$250 to help with energy bills. The Bonus is open until January 31, 2022 and you can apply online through Energy Victoria. If you do not have an email address or access to the internet, please visit my office at 216 Commercial Road, Morwell, where my office staff can help you to apply.

Please continue to stay safe, look out for each other, and to celebrate the best of our communities - remember that there are better times ahead, and we will get through this, together.

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group



Surveying the site for our deer-exclusion fence at Billy's Creek with Ayden from Gallagher.

'Heal Country!' was the theme of the 2021 NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Observance Committee) Week which took place in July. Here on the traditional lands of the Braiakaulung clan of the Gunai Kurnai nation there is certainly a lot of old and new damage to both country and to community to heal.

In between lockdowns and stay at home orders, our Landcare Group is plugging away at our re-vegetation projects in Billys Creek and in Middle Creek.

Last month we reported flood damage to the Middle Creek project. This month we can report fallen trees and a bit of a landslip impeding access to the Billys Creek block. Oh, and three of the bridges on the foot track through the National Park are washed away.

Looking on the brighter side of life, we've just been notified that we were successful in getting a grant from Gallagher and Landcare Australia to install a browser-proof electric fence on a section of our Billys Creek block. This presents both a great opportunity and a humungous challenge. By next month, we should have more to report.

We saw in the photos of storm damage published by Churchill News that landslips as well as fallen trees have been a consequence of the recent storms in the hills around Budgeree. Down here on the flatlands of Yinnar, it's been a lot of erosion of the banks of our creeks, rivers and streams.

For landslips, the place to plant vegetation to arrest the progress of a landslip is on the toe of the slip. If the stock grazing in the area are tame enough, a portable electric fence should work to isolate the area.

Then, fibrous rooted plants such as Blackwoods, Silver Wattles, Sedges, Hop Goodenia, Sweet

Bursaria, Burgan and Sweet Pittosporum will all be useful to both remove moisture and to stabilise the soil.

Local species of Eucalypts added to this understory layer will provide food for the many creatures that depend on native vegetation for their survival.

Our group can help people out with seed or seedlings to help with repair, but supplies of tubestock this year are limited.

If we know by October what's needed, we'll be very happy to grow plants or collect seed for anyone who needs them for re-vegetation planting next winter.

The sheer number of large old trees lost in the storms is heartbreaking. Apparently it was the atypical wind direction that was the final straw for old trees that have survived this far. It's not comforting to understand that these unusual winds were due to the rising water temperature in the Tasman Sea.

This is of course due to the lack of action on global and national emissions from our continued use of and reliance on fossil fuels.

Another catch cry we've heard recently is Repair the Earth, Restore the Oceans. We'll let Prince William's newly announced Earth Shot prize set out the goals for restoring the earth. The five earth shots are:

- protect and restore nature,
- clean our air

revive our ocean,

build a waste-free world

fix our climate

According to the prince:

"The Earth is at a tipping point and we face a stark choice: either we continue as we are and irreparably damage our planet, or we remember our unique power as human beings and our continual ability to lead, innovate and problem-solve. People can achieve great things. The next ten years present us with one of our greatest tests – a decade of action to repair the Earth," (quoted in The Guardian)

All our waterways will end up in the ocean eventually. To restore our local streams and rivers to health, we can take action.

Our group has local provenance seed and can grow tubestock for anyone who wants to try re-vegetating.

A large willow infestation is best managed by the CMA, but smaller amounts will respond to drill and paint or cut and paint eradication which is best done when the sap in the plant is moving. Spring is OK, but early autumn is thought to be better.

From time to time there are grants available for waterway improvement work, so if anyone has a project that they may need help with, expressing interest early is a good plan.

Record number of teams

The new-look Australian Netball Championships will welcome a record ten teams to Traralgon's Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium from September 13 to 19.

This marks the most teams to compete in this competition, with the Australian Netball League (ANL) previously hosting eight teams.

All state and territory-based member organisations and the eight Suncorp Super Netball clubs were given the opportunity to submit a team.

In a first for the competition, the Giants Netball Academy and the QBE Swifts Academy, with support from Netball NSW, have entered teams.

ACT Netball and the Giants Netball Academy were previously combined as the ACT Giants, however this year the Capital Darters

will enter as their own team.

The competition will also welcome 2019 ANL premier Victorian Fury, which is closely aligned with the Melbourne Vixens.

Tasmania and Collingwood will be competing as separate entities this year, with the two clubs previously combined as the Tasmanian Magpies.

The Sunshine Coast Lightning, which was formerly aligned with the Northern Territory (NT Storm), will be entering their own team for the first time. Northern Territory will not be competing in this year's competition.

Across the country, the Western Sting in affiliation with the West Coast Fever will make their way to Victoria, alongside the Southern Force from Adelaide.

The final team on board is the Queensland Sapphires, which is closely associated with the Queensland Firebirds.

Tasmania and the Capital Darters are the only teams not aligned with a Suncorp Super Netball affiliate.

Netball Australia Executive General Manager of Performance, Stacey West, was delighted to announce a record ten teams would compete in the event.

"We have had an overwhelming response from our member organisations and Suncorp Super Netball clubs to compete in the new-look Australian National Netball Championships," West said.

"This competition is a major development opportunity and provides a key transition pathway for athletes, coaches, umpires and officials to the world's best netball league.

We are also excited to hold the event in Traralgon this year - the first year it has been taken to a regional location."

The Australian Netball Championships takes a new format this year, after the 2020 ANL competition was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

This year's competition is being delivered in partnership with Latrobe City Council.

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Latrobe Street Games



The Big Sports Day pop-up event was a Youth Week celebration hosted by Gippsport Streetgames along with event partners YSAS, Headspace, Quantum, Optus, Latrobe Youth Space, Save the Children, CMY, Whitelion, Mid Valley Shopping Centre, and Latrobe City Council. The event was held on Thursday July 1, at Midvalley Shopping Centre and ran from 3pm to 5pm consisting of a range of different sport activities. The event was funded by Latrobe City Council and the Victorian Government's Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) funding.

The activities included an inflatable soccer pitch, inflatable soccer dart board, big connect 4, big billiards plus many more sporting activities.

COVID marshals were put in place to maintain COVID protocols such as QR check ins, equipment was sanitised and wiped down after use and participants were making sure to sanitise their hands before and after activities.

The event was very successful engaging over 150 participants from multicultural backgrounds across all ages including parents. The participants were engaged in all the activities provided, rotating around the area, enjoying

themselves with smiles on their faces and socialising with new and familiar faces making friends while being active.

The participants thoroughly enjoyed the games especially the inflatable soccer pitch along with kicking velcro soccer balls at the inflatable dart board to try and hit the 50 points in the centre. The participants found a good variety of engaging sports and games that kept them entertained and having fun.

Photos were taken throughout the duration of the event to capture such a successful event, and show bags were given out at both the entrance and exits.

Latrobe Streetgames delivered a Skate Park Competition in Morwell on Sunday July 11, as part of Youth Week. It was the first comp back since September 2019 so it was very well received by the community.

It was a foggy start to the morning however by late morning, the fog had cleared and it turned out to be a nice sunny day.

We had lots of participation from skaters around Gippsland. It was great to see everyone come together, show off skills and help each other and cheer on each other.

We're seeing a new generation of riders with parents supporting their kids

to become part of the skate community.

Riders of all ages and skill levels were encouraged to enter the competition with categories in skate, scooter and BMX. We even had a roller skater join in the competition.

Skate Park Competitions are a great way to bring the community together and help build and maintain our positive skate culture.

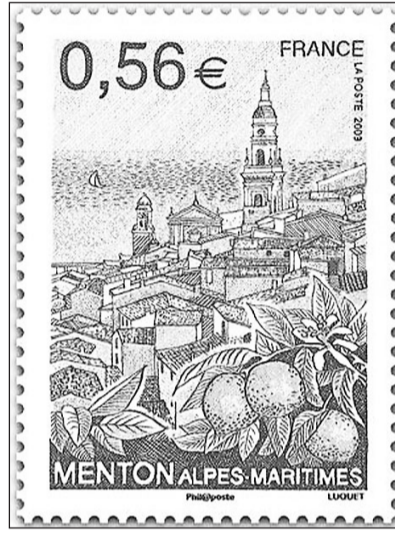
Congratulations to the following category winners:

- Skate Under 12s
- 1st Louis
- 2nd Lockie
- 3rd Huxley
- Opens
- 1st Tommy
- 2nd Hayden
- 3rd Caleb
- Scoot Under 12s
- 1st Lockie
- 2nd Louis
- 3rd Caleb
- Under 16s
- 1st Lincoln
- 2nd Brodie
- 3rd Justine
- BMX Under 12s
- 1st Jake
- 2nd Annabelle
- 3rd Caleb
- Opens
- 1st Brodie
- 2nd Jack
- 3rd Andy
- Roller skate Open female
- 1st Isabella



French tourism issues

I have been watching the Tour de France again this year, not for the cycling but for the marvellous travelogue it delivers year after year. France is a relatively large country compared to other European countries and has a wealth of natural beauty as well as a long cultural history. Consequently, there is much to see on the tourist trail.



The Emperor Napoleon I divided up the country into 100 Departments for administrative purposes, 98 being inside the country's borders.

These replaced the old regional states which had existed since the Middle Ages and still play a part in the cultural life of France, many towns preferring to relate to the old country. Regional cooking, wines and cheeses are also part of the allure of France.

The tourism stamps largely feature buildings and structures which are significant in the multitude of French cities, towns and villages and in the surrounding countryside.

In the northwest are the solid old structures of Brittany and Normandy, in the northeast the industrial towns with their elegant churches.

On the central east coast are the multitude of chateaux of the Loire Valley, in the south the hilltop fortresses of old, whole or in ruins,

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providing sanctuary to the villages nestled in the valleys below. In the southeast and east are the old Roman towns and the southern Alps with their Italian influence.

In the centre of the country is the wild mountainous region of the Massif Central.

Scattered throughout are the signs of more ancient settlements going back into prehistory. The Lascaux caves, the alignments at Carnac, standing stones and dolmens hidden deep in ancient forests add to the magic of the countryside.

The magnet for many is Paris, the city of romance with its palaces, cathedrals, public buildings, museums and galleries

boulevards, and threading through it the river Seine, crossed by a multitude of bridges.

Paris is a world unto itself, as most provincials will tell you.

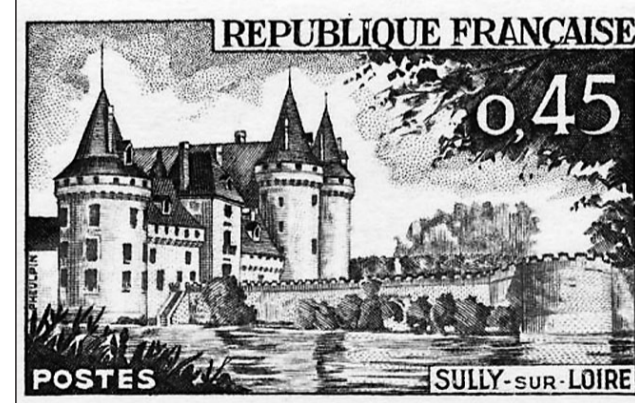
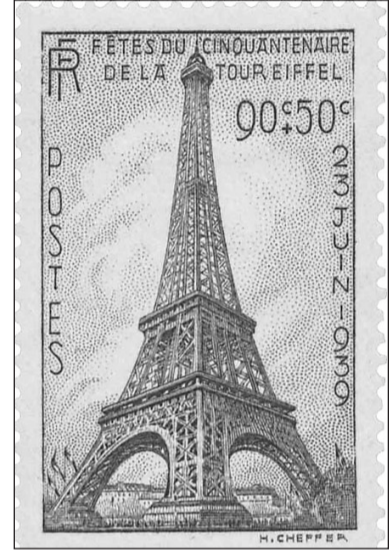
The secret of French tourism is the road system. Before World War II, French roads were looked on as a challenge to all, but a wise decision by the government in 1945 saw all the Marshal Aid money go into the road renewal.

Every road, down to the meanest single lane country

lane was rebuilt with great care and attention so that driving in the countryside is a pleasant experience, allowing the proper attention to be paid to the beauty of the roadsides, even by the driver.

Watch out for cyclists however.

The first tourist publicity set was issued in 1960 and issues followed almost yearly



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SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY

It was lovely to see students excited to be back at school after the holiday break. There were smiles all round and a lovely atmosphere in each of the classrooms.

The staff had also eagerly returned to school with energy and a focus for learning.

Unfortunately, this was short lived as we entered into lockdown 5 before the end of week one. This of course changed our whole focus and sent us urgently organising an 'at home' program for our students. As we all know the lockdown was extended a further week. We are excited to learn just now that all students will be returning to school this week - let's hope it can stay this way for the remainder of the year!

Please remember COVID restrictions when visiting our school. All visitors to the school (including parents) must wear a face mask when indoors, carry a face mask outdoors and sign in using the QR code service provided or the sign in register.

Our students have been looking at Environmental

issues on a fortnightly basis and are thoroughly enjoying the experience and look forward to the sessions with Mrs Peters.

The main aim of our environmental studies is for the children to become aware of their surrounds and look at ways we can help look after our planet.

Students have been busy outside over the past semester trying to improve our yard. Most weeks there are optional activities that children can choose to do. These have included weeding, raking leaves, planting succulents and moving mulch piles to make our playground area safer and our gardens resistant to weeds.

Several students in the older grades have started making bird boxes that might encourage native birds into our school ground.

We have some exciting projects happening around the school including the refurbishment of Gumnut Village. We look forward to showing you the end results later in the year.

We asked some students

what they did and didn't enjoy about remote learning:

Ivy said that she 'enjoyed having more variety in her work and being able to do it when she wanted'. Ivy has missed her friends and is looking forward to seeing them again and having others to play with when everyone comes back to school.

Jackson said that he 'liked being able to do his work when he wanted and being able to go outside and play'. Jackson didn't like being at home all the time and missed his friends. He is looking forward to seeing all his friends again when school returns.

Alex said she 'loves being able to sleep in and watch the Olympics and having free time when her home learning is done'. She also likes being able to call her friends and talk to them when she is not at school. She is looking very much forward to everyone coming back to school.

Brock said that 'remote learning was much more fun', but he could not wait to see his friends back at school.



Students working hard during Environmental Studies including Mikayla, Jack, Amelia and Charli



Amy working hard during home schooling.



CHURCHILL PRESCHOOLS

Preschool children support people living with Motor Neurone Disease

It's not every day that children across Latrobe City Preschools get to throw buckets of icy water over the heads of their teacher and educators.

That's exactly what the children at preschools across the city did recently - all in the name of raising awareness of the debilitating diseases, Frontotemporal Dementia and Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

As part of the activities, some children received a Fight MND beanie with their names individually embroidered, ate MND biscuits made by Tracey B's Biscuits, dressed in blue and enjoyed blue-themed activities throughout the day. "I have nothing but praise

for our preschool children who have supported such a worthy cause. Having been on the receiving end of a bucket of icy water in the past for charity, I also praise the teachers and educators for braving buckets of icy water for this worthy cause," Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Sharon Gibson said.

Other preschools that participated in the day with Ice Challenges and dress-up themes were Pax Hill at Traralgon, East Newborough, Glendonald at Churchill and Moe Early Learning Centre.

People wishing to donate to MND Victoria on behalf of former Latrobe City Preschools staff member Sue Bruerton can do so at <https://www.mnd.org.au/my-fundraising/213/supporting-mnd-for-sue>



Early Childhood Teacher Susie Lissa was a good sport as she allowed children to tip icy water on her at Glendonald Preschool at Churchill.



SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

School Sport – Interschool Senior netball and soccer
 On Wednesday July 14, the intermediate and senior netball and soccer teams competed in Sale at the Wellington district sports. All students who represented the College on the day played hard and with good sportsmanship, exhibiting all four of the Kurnai College's pillars. Unfortunately, no netball teams qualified for the next round. However, a big congratulations must go to the senior girls,

intermediate boys, and intermediate girls soccer teams who have qualified for the Gippsland finals.
Thanking Our Emergency Services
 As part of their VCAL Community Engagement component VCAL students presented our local Victoria Police and SES workers with professionally presented grazing boxes to thank them for their efforts in response to the devastating storms. The boxes were produced by students as part of their

VCAL catering class. These gifts were appreciated by all those who received them.
VCAL students help out at Yinnar and Yinnar South Primary schools.
 VCAL students have been busy constructing a cubby house for students at Yinnar South Primary school. Year 10 VCAL students have also been working hard constructing a sensory garden at Yinnar Primary. Students and staff are to be congratulated on all the hours they spend

working to give back to the community, while at the same time developing valuable landscaping and building skills.
Year 12 VCAL Personal Development Nursing Home Project
 As part of the Year 12 Personal Development strand in VCAL our students are required to complete a complex project. As our students reflected on their own experiences over the last 18 months, they also explore groups within the community

who had experienced challenging times through COVID-19. Students quickly identified that residents at Heritage Manor in Morwell had experienced some challenging times, particularly with all the past and previous restrictions that have limited or excluded visitors from being able to attend the nursing home. With this in mind our students decided they wanted to give back to our elderly residents.
 Students then worked out

a way they could just provide a small amount of kindness by designing individualised morning tea packs. The idea was to give them a small gift that would allow them to know others were thinking of them.
 On Friday June 25, our senior VCAL team visited the nursing home and handed out the morning tea packs to the residents. They were received with great joy and pleasure from all residents and staff.



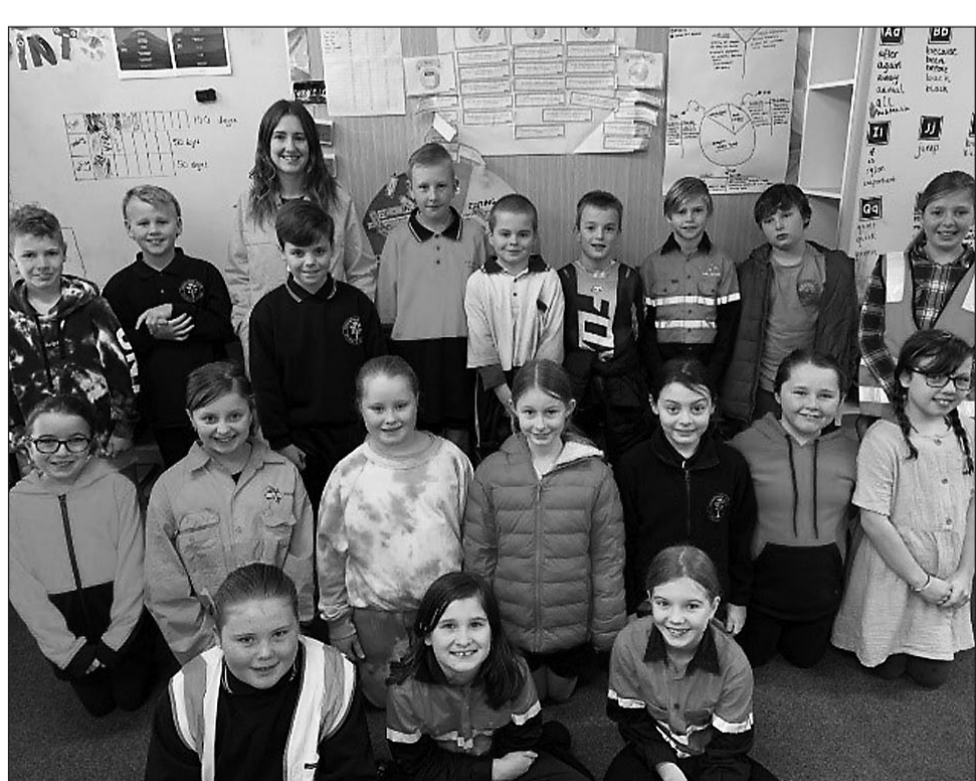
SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

What a whirlwind beginning to Term 3 we have all had. Time and time again our students show such resilience and adaptability to the ever-changing delivery of their education. They can now firmly be called online learning champions! Before returning to home learning our students were able to be involved with some special events at our school, these include a fundraiser put on and organised by our brilliant student voice team, a visit from Bully Zero and even though it was spent at home, a fantastic day celebrating NAIDOC week.

know is being targeted by a bully and how to recognise if perhaps you might be acting like a bully. Our students were respectful and honest in their discussions.
Charlotte Ing NAIDOC week!
 This year NAIDOC week fell on the second week of the school holidays so as a school we planned a full day of activities and learning for the first Friday of term. Throughout the week classes learned about the history of NAIDOC week, why it is celebrated each year and its' important message of bringing everyone together and celebrating the many achievements of Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander people. This year's theme was 'Heal Country' and although we weren't able to have the day at school as planned, students at home and onsite really dived into

what it means to look after our beautiful country, how our first people care for country and all those that live here.
Chase Hickman SES Fundraising Day!
 Our wonderful Student Voice representatives are always organising and planning ways to give back to our community. At the end of Term 2 they ran a whole school fundraiser for our local SES members. Students and teachers came dressed in their very best hi - vis or work gear to show our support for the workers and volunteers who look after our community when we need it the most. Our Student Voice team ran activities in the afternoon teaching students about the heroic work these volunteers do and the school looked incredible all lit up!



SES Fundraising Day

SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

The beginning of Term 3 has seen families, students and staff alike return to Churchill North Primary School energised and ready for another term full of fun and learning. In this our first week back at school, the senior students have enjoyed investigating the new playground that was completed during the school holidays, while the juniors have embarked upon a journey of discovery into the art of writing a procedural text. There were smiles all round as they enjoyed making and of course eating fairy bread.

The Grade 5/6 Students at Churchill North Primary School have developed a community partnership with the residents at the Medical Aged Care Group (MACG) in Traralgon. Our students have been assigned a buddy to whom they write letters and during our excursions, students converse with the residents. The students have built really strong connections, shown on the faces of students and residents alike. It's amazing to see the joy the residents have brought to our students lives and the joy our students have brought to the resident

lives. We look forward to continuing this partnership throughout the rest of the year.

The buzz is in the air, a mixture of excitement and nervous energy, as Grade 2/3M embarks upon their exciting adventure to the local pool. Some of these students missed out on swimming last year due to the COVID-19 outbreak, while others were just thinking that they would miss out this year for exactly the same reason. Our first trip to the pool was a complete success. We saw students trying new things by dunking

their heads below the water, and having a go at swimming by pulling themselves through the water with their arms. The smiles on the faces of these students was a pleasure to behold. The excitement didn't dwindle as we climbed onto the bus for the trip back to school just in time for lunch, but the joy at the thought that they would get to do it all again was keeping the students' energies high.

So it is with great pleasure that we at CNPS welcome back all our families to another full term of fun, laughter and learning.

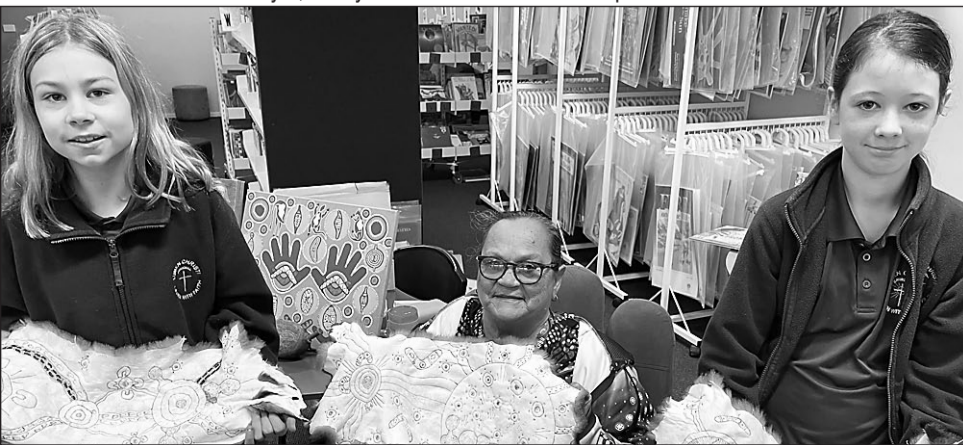


SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY



Above - Ellie, Blake, Auntie Helen and Shaquille holding artwork and the Boab nut carvings
Below - Shayla, Auntie Helen and Bella with her possum skin artwork



NAIDOC Week fell during the school holidays this year but that didn't stop Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School remembering the first people of our land. They invited local Aboriginal Elder, Helen Treadgold, or as the children call her, Auntie Helen, to visit the school.

The theme this year was: "Heal Country". "Country is the true identity of our First Nations people. It sustains life in every aspect for them spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and culturally", said the school spokesperson.

The "Heal Country" theme befitted the hardships faced by Auntie Helen in her early years and the skills she picked up as part of her own healing. She spoke about how she overcame many hardships and personal challenges by finding a passion for art. It wasn't until her fifties that she did a TAFE course in Churchill. This course unleashed her

artistic talents and gave her a new passion. Through art, she connected with her Aboriginal story and started to paint Aboriginal themed artwork. She uses various mediums as well as possum skins to tell stories and paint murals.

Helen has artwork displayed at the Latrobe Regional Hospital, Latrobe City Council offices and Latrobe Community Health. Latrobe City Council have recently commissioned her to complete a series gathering stories on three possum skins that will be displayed for the public this year.

She has also been commissioned to paint for many people around the world including Japan where they requested carved artwork on the Boab Tree nuts. Auntie Helen shared her carved Boab Tree artwork and the story of the Boab Prison Tree and the connection to her family in WA.

The children of the school during their religious education and NAIDOC Week classes, learnt about respect and the human dignity of every person despite their race, colour or religion.

They were taught to embrace diversity as this makes for a richer country and stronger country. "Country is family, kin, law, ceremony, traditions; just like our Catholic Church, traditions and stories hold close to our heart," the school spokesperson said. A whole school Mass was then dedicated to our Naidoc Week theme which showcased some of Auntie Helen's artwork.

Auntie Helen is planning to visit the school again once restrictions have eased and paint a school mural with her grandchildren who attend the school.

Friends of Morwell National Park



The park remains closed after extensive storm and flood damage and we have entered the fifth statewide lockdown, so the planned July activity was not held. With no activity there will be no activity report this month.

In August, we would normally have the AGM along with a separate August activity. The park is currently closed and we are in lockdown until at least July 27. It is likely that we will not be able to meet for the AGM on August 1 (as planned). If we are able to get together for our scheduled August activity on August 15, we will try to have the AGM then. If we can have the activity we will meet outside (so rug up and bring a seat) and then go for a walk to survey the damage.



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