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This year has been a continuation of 2020 COVID restrictions and uncertainties with the Delta variant causing further havoc.

Life has changed for many as they strive to stay safe. Staying home has become the norm with anxiety associated with going out and mixing. Catching COVID or being in a Tier 1 site has grave implications for people whether families, individuals or businesses. Keeping up with changing restrictions is also a worry as the consequences for noncompliance are severe.

Border closures at short notice and lockdowns have frustrated our usual freedom to move.

Vaccinations and being "double vaxxed" have become the pathway to freedom and being able to be part of the community again. This excludes some.

This has been our way of life this year and mostly it has been a challenge to be endured.

At Churchill & District News we have continued to bring you the monthly edition, mostly working from home. We are grateful that technology has enabled us to produce the paper.

We are even more grateful to our loyal advertisers who each month have taken another ad to allow us to pay our expenses. Thank you so much.

To our regular article contributors another heartfelt thank you. The content of your articles is proving interesting and worth the read. We have lots of positive feedback about the content of our issues.

We would like to make special mention of our schools. Despite lockdowns, remote learning and doing so at a moments notice, we have had our schools contribute regularly also. Churchill & District News would like to salute our teachers, school staff and students for the difficulties you have had to overcome.

Thank you to all those who have helped Churchill & District News this year with sponsorship and donations. To the businesses who allow our papers

to be dropped off for people to collect where they are no longer delivered, and contributing information required, including on the technical side. Thank you for your positive feedback and encouragement.

From our team we send our greetings and best wishes to you all for a Happy Christmas and a safe, carefree and satisfying 2022.

To market, to market . . . AT LAST!



After all this year's lockdowns and COVID restrictions it was really wonderful to see a great turn-out for Churchill's Shop Local Christmas Market.

Thank you to all the folk who attended; we hope you had an enjoyable time!

An extra special thank you to those who Shop Local in Churchill – perhaps you were lucky enough to win one of the numerous \$10, \$25 and \$50 vouchers that were given away to randomly selected customers of our local retail businesses on the day.

We were delighted with the number of stall-holders who booked a site; our market wouldn't be a success without you. We hope you had a good day and your crafts and gifts sold well.

We'd like to thank all those who donated goods, sponsorship

money and/or volunteer hours to our festive market. The list is long and shows that community spirit is strong!

Thanks to: Lions Club of Churchill and Boolarra CFA for cooking all those sausages. Gippsland Water for their sponsorship. Russell Northe for his support and attendance. Darren Chester. AA Accounting for contributing to our costs. Our local traders, including Ritchies IGA and Woolworths. Latrobe City Council for its on-going financial support for our Shop Local program.

The Churchill Shop Local Program is a partnership between

Churchill & District Community Association (CDCA), Churchill Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) and Churchill & District News (CD News). Our people put in many hours to make this event successful.

We covered the dollar value

of the shopping vouchers that were given out at the market so that retailers are not out-of-pocket for these vouchers. It's a win for retailers and a win for customers!

Ed: Pictures and report in February's issue.

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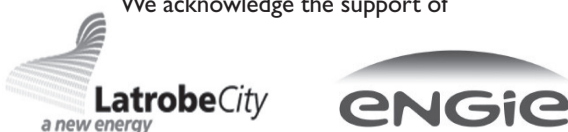
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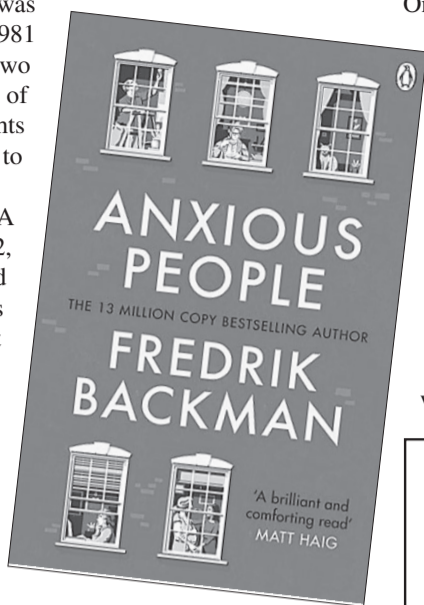
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Anxious People

by Fredrik Backman



Fredrik Backman was born in Sweden in 1981 and is married with two children. He dropped out of college and worked nights and weekends in order to write during the day.

His works include "A Man Called Ove" 2012, "My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She is Sorry" 2013, "Britt Marie Was Here" 2014 and "Anxious People" 2019.

He has also written two "Bear Town" stories as well as short stories and novellas and some non-fiction.

The story begins with an attempted armed bank robbery and a hostage drama.

The bank robber is desperate to find the rent money in order to retain access to the children of the marriage.

However it is a cashless bank, and in a panic the bank robber runs through the nearest open door, which happens to be a real estate viewing.

Naturally the people viewing the property are terrified and in the course of the novel we are introduced to each of them and hear their stories.

However it soon becomes apparent that the

robber is more in need of help than they are and a really heart-warming story unfolds.

In the meantime, at the local police station the father and son team need to deal with the hostage situation.

The father is an old-fashioned policeman and the son much more technical and focused, wanting to solve the crime without the intervention of Stockholm police.

Despite this they have great love and respect for each other.

Eventually the hostages are released but the robber has disappeared.

A shot is heard but there is no dead or injured body.

Only one of the policemen knows what really happened.

This is a really quirky and amusing story, largely about people doing the wrong thing for the right reasons.

The book received mixed reactions in our group.

Some found the writing chaotic and

frustrating, others felt this was the author's strategy and essential to the story.

It spoke of the good in people, couples sacrificing for each other, especially the love in a parent-child relationship as well as inclusiveness. There were some hilarious moments and our stereotypical views were challenged. All in all this was an unlikely story, but "feel good".

Ask your pharmacist

Diabetes

By Andy Gergis

Today we will talk about diabetes and I will focus more on type 2 as it is the most common type and the fastest spreading in Australia and worldwide. It is estimated that 1.2 million Australians have diabetes and another 2 million are at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Diabetes is a serious condition which requires daily self care and can have a significant impact on quality of life and can reduce life expectancy. A person is diagnosed with diabetes when their body cannot maintain a healthy level of blood sugar. There are three main types of diabetes: Type 1 (usually occurs in childhood) Type 2 (the most common type of diabetes) Gestational diabetes (affects pregnant women) Diabetes if not managed can have serious complications including heart attack, stroke, kidney disease, limb amputation, depression and blindness. It is the leading cause of blindness in working age adults, it is also the leading cause of kidney failure and dialysis and increases the risk of heart attacks and stroke by up to four times. Diabetes is a major cause of limb amputations, and is a

leading cause of kidney failure and dialysis.

Depression, anxiety and distress occur in more than 30% of all people with diabetes.

Type 2 diabetes is increasing at the fastest rate due to increasing consumption of sugary drinks and food with high sugar content.

Common symptoms include: Being more thirsty than usual. Always feeling hungry. Passing more urine. Feeling tired and lethargic.

Blurred vision. Having cuts that heal slowly. Itching, skin infections.

Unexplained weight loss (type 1).

Gradually putting on weight (type 2).

Feeling dizzy. Mood swings. Headaches.

Leg cramps.

If you have any of these symptoms talk to your doctor or pharmacist. Early diagnosis, optimal treatment and effective ongoing management can reduce the risk of diabetes-related complications.

In our next issue, we will talk about how to avoid being at risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rainfall

Churchill Rainfall for November 2021

The month's rainfall was 83.5mm which was above average.

The year's total so far is now 861mm.

Rain at Hazelwood South

November ended with little rain, but still totalled 76mm, 2% over the average. The dryer end made weeding and mowing a priority, and was a sudden introduction to summer. The Latrobe Valley weather station had

15% more rain than Hazelwood South, mostly from one thunderstorm which missed Hazelwood South.

It is still possible for 2021 to be the wettest for 35 years. La Nina provides an outlook for a cooler and wetter summer than usual.

Season's Greetings to everyone and all the Best for a Healthy and Happy 2022.

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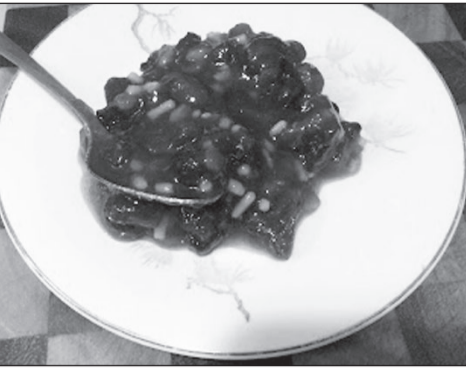
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Cooking with Noelene

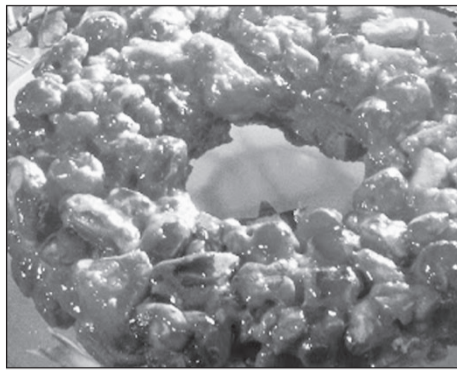
Fruit mince



To make your own fruit mince, combine 1/3 rd cup each finely chopped raisins and soft brown sugar, 1/4 cup each chopped sultanas and mixed peel, 1 tbs of currants, 1 tbs of chopped almonds, 1 small grated apple (peeled), 1 tsp of lemon juice, 1/2 tsp each of finely grated orange rind, lemon rind, mixed spice, a pinch of nutmeg, 25 gm of melted butter or margarine and finally 1 tbs

brandy. Spoon into a sterilised jar and keep in a cool dark place for up to 3 months. This recipe makes 1 and 1/4 cups, but can be easily doubled or tripled.

Stained glass window cake



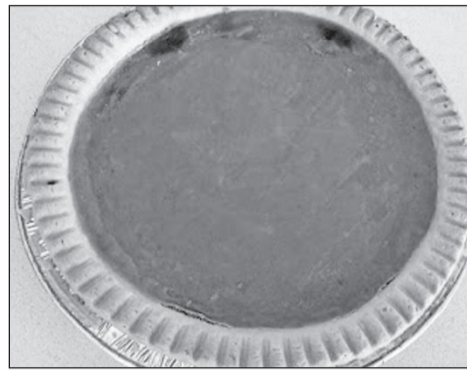
Preheat your oven to 160 deg C. Grease a 20 cm ring pan liberally with cooking spray, making sure it is well covered. Place a mix of 1 cup glace cherries, 1/2 cup of crystallised

ginger chopped, 1/4 cup of mixed fruit, 1/4 cup of chopped dried apricots in a large bowl. Add 2 tbs of apera alcoholic aperative and leave to soak for 1 hour. Now stir in 2 cups of mixed whole nuts. Add 1/2 cup of plain flour mixed with 1/2 tsp of baking powder to the bowl. In a separate bowl whisk together 1 egg, 2 tbs of soft brown sugar and 60 gm of softened butter. Once mixed add this to the bowl with the fruit, nut and flour mixture. Stir to just combined, do not over beat. Spoon into the prepared pan and smooth the batter with the back of a wet wooden spoon.

Bake in the prepared oven for 1 hour to 90 minutes, check with a skewer at 45 minutes. The cake will be cooked when the skewer inserted comes out clean and the cake is firm to touch. Leave the cake to cool in the pan for 20 minutes, before turning on to a wire rack, to cool completely. While cooling, microwave 1/4 cup of jam with 1 dsp of apera, until it is in liquid form.

Brush the jam mixture over the top and sides of the cake while the jam mix is still warm. The cake will keep for 3 months in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Granny's sweet potato pie



My eldest son Marc arrived at my door with a pie in hand. Food is a lot of things to different people. Marc and his partner Tasha had prepared a sweet potato pie. Marc's Granny made this pie and it was Marc's favourite as a child.

Preheat your oven to 160 deg c. Use a 23 cm (9") shortcrust pastry flan. Prick the flan all over with a skewer and bake the flan till it is lightly golden, remove. Increase the oven heat to 180 deg C. Boil 2 medium sweet potatoes (peeled and cubed) until tender. Drain and mash, measure out 2 cups of sweet potato, now mix in 3/4 cup of light brown sugar, 1 dsp of ground cinnamon, 1 tsp of ground ginger, 1/4 tsp of salt, 1/2 tsp of allspice, 2 tbs of butter/ marg, cook for 5 minutes mixing well to combine. Use a stick blender to make a smooth mixture and allow to cool. In a separate bowl add 1/2 cup of evaporated milk plus 2 tbs, 3 eggs lightly beaten, 1/3rd cup of castor sugar, 1 tsp of vanilla extract and stir until smooth and evenly combined.

Pour the egg mixture into the warm sweet potato and mix until smooth. Pour into the pie crust. Bake for 10 minutes on 180 deg C and then reduce to 160 deg C and bake for 50 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool completely. You can serve with whipped cream. Thank you Marc and Tash, Granny would love that you remembered.



Glazed fruit flan

I used a 23cm (9 ") shortcrust flan, which I pierced and blind baked in a medium heated oven 160 deg C till golden. Then I arranged 500 gm of fresh strawberries over the base of the pastry case. Combine 185 gm of castor sugar in a saucepan along with 2 tbs of cornflour, 2 tbs of corn syrup and 1 cup of water. Bring this mix to the boil and simmer for 2 minutes. Stir in 2 tbs of strawberry jelly crystals, cool slightly, then pour the glaze over the strawberries and chill in the refrigerator to set.

Simply the best lemon tart



I found this recipe printed as the simplest and best lemon tart. This is how the original recipe was written.

Line a pie tin with baking paper, then shortbread pastry. Bake at 200 deg C for 15 minutes. Beat well 300 ml of cream, 5 eggs, 225 gm of castor sugar with 185 ml of lemon juice. Bake at 200deg C till set, about 30 minutes. Serve hot or cold with ice cream.

This is how I interpreted the recipe. I used a premade sweet pastry base, the amount of filling makes 2 x 20 cm tarts. Preheat your oven to

180 deg C and place the pastry cases in the oven for 15 minutes. Remember to prick the pastry with a fork or skewer. Place 5 lightly beaten eggs into the bowl of your mixer and add 225gm of castor sugar and beat until the sugar is dissolved.

Then I added 300 ml of cream and 185 ml of lemon juice. I divided the custard filling between the 2 pastry shells and baked them in the preheated oven for 35 minutes, at this time they were set. I intend serving my tarts with cream.

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Next CDCA meeting: Thursday, February 3, 2022, 7.00 pm,
Churchill Town Hall (downstairs), Philip Parade, Churchill



Church News



Chaplain

We may have heard someone say, 'that's not fair'.

Fairness is often referenced as treatment without favouritism or discrimination.

Perhaps we have also heard or read about the school teacher who explained to children about fairness by using band-aids.

The idea was that children were asked who had ever scraped their elbow, and when children put up their hands one was chosen to have a band-aid on their elbow. Then, the children were asked who had ever bumped their head, and when children put their hands up one was chosen to have a band-aid on their elbow (not a typo, keep reading). Then the children were asked who had ever hurt their knee, and when children put their hands up one was chosen to have a band-aid on their elbow!

Each time the teacher asked the child how they hurt themselves and sympathised with the child before placing a band-aid on their elbow, despite the children's



confusion on the second and third occasions.

At the end, the teacher explained that even though each child had received the exact same thing and were treated in the same way, it wasn't helpful in each case. The conclusion was that being fair means that not everyone gets the same thing...it means that everyone gets what they need to be successful.

Worth thinking about!



Co-operating Church Snippets



Hurray, we are open again for up to thirty double vaxxed people and how good it is to see members of our church family.

We have enjoyed finally having George Telford take a service. Both previous times scheduled we were in lockdown. Ruth C gave a very meaningful talk to the children and then provided them with some activities which they enjoyed doing, and sharing with the congregation both from Churchill and Boolarra/Yinnar.

Reverend Kathy Dalton, an Aboriginal priest delivered the Anglican Holy

Communion Service. It was lovely to have Kathy return as two of her previous services were cancelled due to lockdowns. Nyree gave the appropriate children's talk which featured talk about Halloween but which focused

on us being our true selves inside, not our make believe selves on the outside.

Reverend Deacon Peter Batten came for All Age Worship. He had us sitting around tables talking about what we could talk about in the past, present and future,

before recording these ideas on triangles.

Boolarra/ Yinnar congregation joined us.

We look forward to being able to share our Christmas services together and invite the community to gather with us.

Christmas Service Times

Lumen Christi
Christmas Eve December 24 at Lumen Christi. Mass will be celebrated at 8.00pm.
Christmas Day December 25. Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am. (On this day there will be only one Mass - no Masses at Yinnar or Boolarra)
Bookings will be essential

for these masses. Bookings can be made by contacting the Parish office on 5134 2849.
Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar
Blue Christmas for those who find Christmas a difficult time. Thursday December 16, 7.30pm at Boolarra church.
Carols and lessons Service

10am Churchill.
Christmas Eve December 24, Crib Service at 6.30pm Churchill. Anglican Holy Communion 8pm at Boolarra.
Christmas Day December 25, Churchill 10am and Boolarra 10am.
Churchill Christian Fellowship to be advised.

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Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

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Message from the Lectern

By Cathie Halliwell
The Gift of Perpetual Hope
As I sit to write this last article for the 2021 year, I am also reflecting on Sunday's message for the first week of Advent. The theme of this week is Hope.

As I look back on 2021, it has been a hard journey, full of challenges and the unexpected, not to mention the impact COVID has had on all our lives.

Those who know me well often have asked this year "how have you coped with all of that?" My response is always "with faith and hope".

These are more than mere words - it becomes a way of life when we are gifted grace from God. My God is my anchor, holding me fast deep down, even if the boat is rocking like mad in the waves. Hope is an inner

peace that can overcome all of the stuff we have to deal with in this journey of life. It is one of those amazing things that gets us through the seemingly impossible.

Our faith, our spiritual journey, the core of our being is a constant.

It doesn't mean that there won't be challenges, in fact from what I have experienced those with the greatest faith have the greatest challenges.

Our faith is that deep calm, that voice in the distance reassuring us that we can get through and it will all be ok in the end. The deeper our relationship with God the louder that voice seems to get, or at least it can be heard clearer above all the other chaos in our lives.

As we enter into the most holy time of our Christian

Year, take a moment to focus on what is truly important in our lives. It is not the presents and extravagant meals.

Christmas is about remembering the birth of our Saviour, sharing that joy with those we love and treasure the most.

Christmas is the start of the journey that took Jesus to the cross, giving us the greatest gift of all - a personal relationship with our God that nothing in this human world can destroy.

The gift of grace, hope, joy, peace and love that are so much more than a cliché line on a Christmas card. I pray that our community will experience the depth and breadth of those gifts in the coming new year.

Blessings and Peace to you all.



Upcoming exhibitions at Latrobe Regional Gallery Morwell

SCENT

December 18, 2021 to March 20, 2022

Gallery 1 and 2

A beautiful and ethereal exhibition featuring over 100 many and varied perfume bottles in the Latrobe Regional Gallery Ingrid McGaughey Glass Collection. This unique collection is on show

in its entirety for the first time.

The collecting of glass in the Gallery's collection reflects the teaching of glass making at Churchill in the 1980s and 1990s. Glass became a significant medium with the establishment of Budgeree Glass in 1978 by Nick Mount and Tony Hanning.

Fragrance is literally invisible so to celebrate the scents, artists have designed and embellished perfume bottles since the 15th century BC. Glass blowing was invented in Syria before



being taken up, centuries later in Venice where glass blowers produced vials and ampoules to hold perfume.

LEAN

David Cross

January 15 to April 3, 2022

Gallery 3

The art of David Cross evokes the fairground jumping castle.

The artwork 'Lean' looks gallery white in a gallery white space, yet the noise of the air pump informs you this is not a place of contemplation. This is sculpture to be jumped on. This is sculpture that activates you.

'Lean' is a series of four seemingly identical, inflatable sculptures that audience members can stand on, sit on, enter, or literally lean against. Play, falling and failing are all part of



the audience participant's individual art performance. David Cross makes art that allows for risk and pleasure.

What happens when

the audience enter each structure is not uniform for the experience of entering each artwork is not the same. Adventure, risk and sharing

your experiences with others is central to the conception of the artwork. Come with a friend - and you need to take your shoes off.



FIBRO FAÇADE

Catherine O'Donnell

January 15, to April 3, 2022

Gallery 6

Often overlooked, the fibro home is found all over Australia, including in Morwell. This type of housing was used for social housing estates, as they were low-cost housing solutions and for some,

holiday homes. Catherine O'Donnell reveals these buildings as an altruistic, beautiful, impractical refuge through her large-scale drawings.

For the artist, these homes, with their simplicity of form, are not just beautiful but the embodiment of the utopian ideals of European modernism.

O'Donnell's huge

drawing offers a fresh way of viewing these oft-derided homes.

O'Donnell's draughting skills are very impressive. This drawing goes beyond a static replication of the house but imbues these with a pathos and resonance that remind us these are homes. The screen door is ajar, the curtains pulled back - someone is home.

CNAV Award

This year has been the year of extreme weather events from which we are still recovering.

Churchill & District News entered the Community Newspaper of Victoria award program, and is proud to announce that we were a finalist in the Best Feature Story category of the awards.

We received a 'Highly Recommended' award for our coverage of the weather event in June. Our thanks go to Colin Brick, Leanne Potter Kevin Egan, Hancock Victoria Plantations, and all those who contributed

comments and photos to make this a special supplement.

The judge loved the dynamics of the feature and lauded us for giving it a special supplement and front page exposure. He loved the layout and that we had reports from all areas of our distribution, outlining the specific things in each community. He said those who had contributed the written sections did so beautifully, creating an emotional connection with the readers, allowing all readers to share what people went through.



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Wooreen Energy Storage System

This is an introduction to the proposed Wooreen Energy Storage System Project, to be built and operated by EnergyAustralia who own and operate the Jeeralang and Yallourn power stations.

Wooreen is proposed to be co-located with the existing EnergyAustralia Jeeralang power station at Bonds Lane at Hazelwood North. The proposed location has been selected for our battery development, based on land availability and optimal connection to the grid via the Jeeralang Switchyard and Hazelwood Terminal Station.

Wooreen Energy Storage System will be constructed on the traditional lands of the Brayakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation. EnergyAustralia respects and acknowledges their continued connection to Country, culture and community. We are extremely grateful to Gunaikurnai Elder Aunty Doris Paton, and with the help of the Traditional Owners, the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation, (GLAWAC), for their blessing to officially name our battery project Wooreen, which is Gunaikurnai for the word, "light".

What we have committed to

EnergyAustralia has committed to building a four-hour utility-scale battery of 350 MW capacity, which is scheduled to be in operation before the end of 2026. The project will provide an economic boost for the Gippsland region.

What do utility-scale batteries do?

Utility-scale batteries store low-cost electricity, such as excess renewable energy. When demand for power is higher and there is less low-cost renewable energy available, such as at night, the stored energy is available for use. This helps keep costs down for customers.

What will we notice?

Modern utility-scale batteries use purpose-built containers that can be painted, positioned, and screened for minimal visual impact. Lithium-Ion technologies have no noticeable vibration, emissions, and negligible close-proximity sound.

You may have noticed some activity at the site. This is specialists undertaking site planning works.

What's next?

In September, expressions of interest were sought from businesses that can engineer, procure and construct our new battery storage facility. Our preferred contractor will help to maximise local participation within the Latrobe Valley and broader Gippsland region by drawing on the expertise of neighbouring suppliers and construction personnel. The successful contractor is expected to be announced in the first quarter of 2023.

In the interim, EnergyAustralia will:

- continue undertaking feasibility studies and consultation with key stakeholders
- progress planning and environmental investigations, with a planning application expected to be made to the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning in the first quarter of 2022
- continue to hear from members of the local community about the Wooreen project. We understand that any project we pursue must be good for the community and the environment.

We would like to hear from you

If you have a question, comment, or idea about this project, please reach out by emailing David Burt, EnergyAustralia's Latrobe Valley Community Relations Lead at: community.wooreen@energyaustralia.com.au



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Connection



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construction



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jobs during
construction

Plants in my Garden



By Mike Beamish

Species:
Blechnum nudum
(Lomaria nuda in some other jurisdictions).

Family: Blechnaceae.

Derivation:

Blechnum: From a Greek word, blechnon, which was a name used by Dioscorides for the fern Dryopteris filix-mas.

nudum: From Latin nudus, meaning naked or bare.

Common Name:
Fishbone Water Fern.

Distribution:
Common and widespread from coast to mountain tops, particularly along streams, in Tasmania, South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

Description:
The rhizome is thick and erect and in old plants can form a black, fibrous trunk to a metre in length. Sterile fronds are erect and spreading to 1.2m in length, with narrow, straight pinnae to 5cm long (longest in the middle of the frond) and entire margins. Occasionally, plants with bipinnate (crested) fronds are encountered. Fertile fronds have much narrower pinnae

and arise from the centre of the clump of sterile fronds.

Opinion: My specimen struggles in its position in the backyard, on the southern boundary fence and up against the brick wall of the garage. In the warmer months it receives morning sun, but is shaded by the garage in the afternoons. I think it is still too warm and



dry for it there, as the fronds suffer from browning off over summer, but recover again over the cooler months.

My specimen is a rescue plant which came from the gutter on a local roadside, where it was going to be destroyed the next time a roads maintenance crew

decided to clean out the drains. Transplanting was obviously successful, as I still have the plant a couple of decades later.

Last season, the fern produced some fertile fronds for the first time, quite obviously different, smaller and narrower than the normal sterile fronds.

They must exude something that is attractive to small critters, as ants and leafhoppers seem to congregate on them, more so than the sterile fronds. The second photo shows a pair of small, black ants and a Passionvine Hopper Scolyopa australis.

Sources: Elliot & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, V2.

Jones & Clemesha – Australian Ferns and Fern Allies.

Sharr – WA Plant Names and their Meanings.

The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group hosts monthly activities, excursions and /or meetings.

Interested persons are welcome to join in, please contact Mike for more information, email mcandcjb@gmail.com or phone 0447 452 755.



STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



Seashells

Anybody who has been to the seashore has been fascinated by the beauty of the seashells scattered on the sand. It would be impossible to put an accurate approximation on the tons of shells that have been gathered in buckets and brought home from holidays. There are always more left behind than were taken, yet they are the remnants of the protective covering of living creatures. You can find these invertebrates clinging tenaciously to rocks on the foreshore, hiding in rockpools at the base of headlands or in the wet sand at the water's edge, each protected by a shell.

The seashell is made of calcium carbonate and it is one of nature's ways of capturing carbon from the natural world. The material is long-lasting and makes up a significant part of a beach, along with sand, as they erode into smaller and smaller parts.

There are several families of seashells. The ones we are most familiar with are

the bivalves because they are a food source for people all over the world. They are commonly called the clam family and include mussels, oysters, scallops, and the humble Australian pipi. The biggest of these is the giant clam, usually found on coral reefs in warmer waters. They are, as the name implies, a shell of two halves with a hinged joint, allowing them to open to feed on microscopic creatures inhabiting the water.

The second family is the gastropods, or snails. The shells come in a variety of shapes from the circular to the pointed, but they all are based on the spiral. The creature within has a single foot that can be used to close the entrance of the shell and the creature is elongated and twists itself up the spiral. They can grow the shell from the inside until it is quite large. They are the only type of shell that travelled from the sea to the land.

The third group are the tritons or butterfly-shells and the fourth is the cephalopods or octopus family. The only

cephalopod producing a full outer shell is the nautilus, but others like the cuttlefish produce an inner shell, the beginning of nature's move to vertebrate creatures with

backbones. Man has made use of the shell in a number of ways over time. After eating the inhabitant, man used them as a cutting and scraping tool. They were used to store fresh water.

They were made into decorative items as adornments or as part of ritual costumes. They were used as signalling devices or musical instruments. Some tribes used them as currency.

Some adorned buildings. Some were used for craft projects and to make buttons. Their most common use today is shellgrit, fed to chickens as a digestive aid and a shell-hardener. Shells are collected by a conchologist and can be bought on-line to save people the trip to the beach.

Many countries have featured seashells on sets of stamps because of their attractive appearance.

A message about Recycling at the Churchill Hub



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



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

The Hub Foyer area will be closed for a few days over Christmas & New Year, but you can drop off your recyclables throughout January, once the Hub reopens."



Darren Chester

Federal Member for Gippsland

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Authorised by Darren Chester MP, National Party of Australia, 126 Franklin Street, Iraralgon VIC 3844



The electricity pole in the old car park off Mackeys Road has been hit many times by those who have backed out of a parking spot without remembering the pole is behind them.

The committee has been concerned about this and when Ausnet had no plan to relocate the pole the red and white diagonal stripes were ordered and added to the pole. We hope that will alert drivers to its existence and save them embarrassment and expense.

Piles of collected fallen branches and other debris were burned mid-

week. Again our wonderful volunteers along with the Gippsland Exchange crew did a marvelous job.

Our working bee was postponed from the second Saturday to the third Saturday due to the heavy rain. Some volunteers were unable to come but those who did worked hard at whipper snipping the banksia bed near the long boardwalk, weeding there and in the long beds on the east side of the lake. Great piles of weeds were removed and transported to our rubbish piles. We proudly surveyed our work acknowledging how

much better it looked. Wally continued his fence removal project.

The grant we received from the Federal Government for a trailer and equipment to use at our working bees to make life much easier for the volunteers, has finally been collected and the equipment purchased.

COVID restrictions made finalising the grant accountability very difficult. However it is all done now and we are much relieved and happy to have this handy facility.

A hearty thank you to



Tubby's Timber and Tree Service for their generous donations of excess mulch to re-do our garden beds. It is an amazing contribution to the park.

The gazebo

near the playground was refurbished some years ago by the Rotary Club of Hazelwood and District. Now the volunteers have added a table and chairs

to the facility as we have noticed how well the park is being used by people



LATROBE CITY COUNCILLORS & STAFF EXTEND

Season's Greetings

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE RUNNING LIMITED SERVICES DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON

SERVICE CENTRES & LIBRARIES

Latrobe City Council corporate headquarters and libraries will close on Friday 24 December and reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

LATROBE LEISURE

Visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/leisure

Indoor Leisure Centres

- 24 December: 6am to 5pm
- Christmas Day and Boxing Day: Closed
- 28-31 December: 6am to 12noon
- 1 January: Closed

Normal operating hours commence Sunday 2 January 2022.

Outdoor Pools

Outdoor pools are closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Normal operating hours apply all other days.

Visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/outdoorpools

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

The Visitor Information Centre is open 7 days a week, 10am to 4pm except Christmas Day.

Phone 1800 621 409
www.visitlatrobecity.com

EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

Traralgon, Moe and Carinya Early Learning Centres will close at 12.30pm on Friday 24 December and reopen on Tuesday 11 January 2022.

LOST OR STRAY ANIMALS

If you find a lost or stray animal, please call the emergency after hours number 1300 367 700. Normal pound operating hours will resume Tuesday 4 January 2022.

For injured wildlife, please contact Wildlife Victoria on 03 8400 7300.

IMPOUNDED PETS

The pound is open for the release of impounded pets from 10am to 12noon on both Tuesday 28 December and Friday 31 December from Driffield Road, Morwell. Please note, EFTPOS only for release fees, no cash.

Outside of the advertised open days, we will meet your request for release if there are urgent circumstances.

Non-urgent release requests will be considered. Please call 1300 367 700.

Impounded pets may be viewed on Council's impound register online at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/lost_pets

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH CENTRES

Restricted hours during Christmas and New Year period. Please contact the central booking number on 5128 6128, should you need an appointment.

IN HOME CARE SERVICES

In Home Care Services will close 5pm Friday 24 December and reopen 8.30am Tuesday 4 January 2022.

As there will be home care service provided during this time, if requested we will try to arrange a makeup service either prior to or after the Christmas closure period

During the closure we will be providing limited personal care and Respite care services, for clients who have re-arranged this service.

For enquiries during this closure period please contact the emergency after hours number 1300 367 700.

Darren Chester

We all need to keep working together to make it a great Gippsland Christmas.

The past few years have tested our resilience with drought, fires, storms, floods and the coronavirus but we are approaching the end of 2021 in much better shape as a community than many other regions.

We have a great deal to be hopeful and optimistic about as we recover from these difficult challenges.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made a contribution to keeping our region functioning in these strange times: from the health workers to the truck drivers, from the farmers to

the power station crews.

We are blessed to have so many hard working volunteers and professional staff in a wide range of industries who serve our community and look after our needs, every day of the year.

Thanks to everyone for maintaining your good humour, hard work and determination to make Gippsland an even better place to live, work and visit.

As the countdown to Christmas Day begins, I will be promoting Gippsland and Latrobe Valley businesses every day until Santa visits.

I will be putting locals first, and supporting those businesses that support our

community. Remember, by shopping locally, taking a break in Gippsland and using local service providers, you are helping to support local jobs.

It hasn't been easy for many business owners during the pandemic but we have shown great spirit as a region and we have a lot to look forward to in 2022.

Throughout Gippsland there are some great infrastructure projects underway which are creating jobs and improving our region for locals and visitors.

I look forward to the completion of these important projects and helping the community to keep securing new job



opportunities, and delivering more initiatives that make a difference in our region.

Please keep safe these summer holidays and enjoy some peaceful time in the company of family and friends.

Merry Christmas Gippsland.



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Al-Anon

"Joy to the World", "Oh Come All Ye Faithful", "The First Noel". No matter how many times we have heard these carols, they always bring a catch in the throat, a quiet inner thrill. Something about the Christmas season makes every happiness happier. However that same something deepens into sadness if we are troubled.

Over the years, many of us have been troubled at

this season. Christmas cheer had been too cheery for our loved one and our house was filled with spirits instead of spirit. If you are among those in distress today, take heart. What if you have to be Father and Mother Christmas both? What if you unaccustomedly, have to carve the Christmas turkey? Most of us have done it and survived.

If you are in Al-Anon

you have hope. You know that alcoholism is a disease, not a disgrace. You know that AA has worked its miraculous change in well over 300,000 people. Why shouldn't it work for your partner? Even if AA is resisted now, it may not always be so.

Should such a Christmas ever again come to our house, I believe I would say to myself, "I will be like

Scarlet O'Hara in 'Gone with the Wind'- I'll worry about it tomorrow." I hope I would detach myself enough from the turmoil so that some of the Christmas spirit would conquer the sadness.

I deeply hope none of us has a less than perfect Christmas. If, unhappily, this is not true for all, my special Christmas thoughts and prayers will be with the troubled ones.



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2021/22 Churchill Businesses CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS

AA Accounting

Closed Dec. 23. Re-Opening Jan 9

Café Alpha

Christmas Eve (Fri) (24) Open
Closed December 25 - January 4

Churchill Fish and Chip

Christmas Eve (Fri) (24) Open
Christmas Day (Sat.) (25) Closed
Boxing Day Sunday 26) Closed
1st January New Years Day Closed
Please check the Facebook page or shop window for other opening times

Churchill Discount Chemist

Christmas Day (Sat.) (25) Closed
1st January New Years Day Closed

Churchill Discount Pharmacy

(near IGA and Hazelwood Health)
Christmas Eve (Fri) (24) Open
Closed Christmas Day (Sat.) (25) to Tuesday 28
31st New Years Eve: Open
1st January New Years Day Closed

Churchill Chinese

Christmas Eve (Fri) (24) Open
Christmas Day (Sat.) (25) Closed
Boxing Day Sunday 26) Closed for lunch
Open for dinner at night.
Public Holiday-Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 Closed
31st New Years Eve: Open
1st January New Years Day Open evening only.

Hazelwood Health

Christmas Day (Sat.) (25) Closed
Boxing Day Sunday 26) Closed
Public Holiday-Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 Closed
31st New Years Eve: Open
1st January New Years Day Closed

Churchill Noodle Bar

Christmas Eve (Fri) (24)
Christmas Day (Sat.) (25) to Jan 2 Closed

Churchill Newsagency

Christmas Eve (Fri) (24)
Christmas Day (Sat.) (25) Closed
Boxing Day Sunday 26)
Public Holiday-Monday 27 Closed
Public Holiday-Tuesday 28 Open 8am-4pm
31st New Years Eve: Open
1st January New Years Day Closed
Closed Mon 3 Jan

Churchill Hot Bread

Christmas Eve (Fri) (24)
Christmas Day (Sat.) (25) Closed
Boxing Day Sunday 26) Closed
Public Holiday-Monday 27 Closed
Public Holiday-Tuesday 28 Closed
31st New Years Eve:
1st January New Years Day Closed
Also January 2 and 3

Lifeline

Christmas Eve (Fri) (24)
Christmas Day (Sat.) (25) Closed
Boxing Day Sunday 26)

Public Holiday-Monday 27

Public Holiday-Tuesday 28
31st New Years Eve:
1st January New Years Day Closed
Closed Dec 17. Open Jan 10

Pizza HQ

Christmas Eve (Fri) (24)
Christmas Day (Sat.) (25) Closed
Boxing Day Sunday 26)
Public Holiday-Monday 27
Public Holiday-Tuesday 28
31st New Years Eve:
1st January New Years Day Closed

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

The office and foodbank will close on Thursday 23 December 2021 at 4pm and re-open at 9.30am on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Churchill Post Office

Christmas Eve (Fri) (24)
Christmas Day (Sat.) (25) Closed
Boxing Day Sunday 26) Closed
Public Holiday-Monday 27 Closed
Public Holiday-Tuesday 28 Closed
31st New Years Eve:
1st January New Years Day Closed

Smart Saver

Christmas Eve (Fri) (24)
Closed Christmas Day (Sat.) (25) to Tuesday 28
31st New Years Eve:
1st January New Years Day Closed to Monday 3 January

Scissorsi

Christmas Eve (Fri) (24) Open to 4pm
Closed Christmas Day (Sat.) (25) until Wednesday January 5

IGA

Christmas Eve (Fri) (24) 8am- 8 pm
Christmas Day (Sat.) (25) Closed
Boxing Day Sunday 26) 9am - 7pm
Monday 27 to ursdays 30
8am - 8 pm
New Years Eve: 8am - 7pm
1st January New Years Day 8am - 7pm
2nd Jan 8am-7pm 3 9am-7pm Jan 4
8am-8pm

Dentist

Christmas Eve (Fri) (24)
Christmas Day (Sat.) (25) to Monday 27 Closed
Public Holiday-Tuesday 28 Open
1st January New Years Day Closed
Back on Tuesday January 4

Sight and Sound Engineering

Christmas Eve (Fri) (24)
Christmas Day (Sat.) (25) Closed
Boxing Day Sunday 26)
Public Holiday-Monday 27
Public Holiday-Tuesday 28
31st New Years Eve:
1st January New Years Day Closed

New Churchill Motors

Christmas Eve (Fri) (24) Open
Closed Christmas Day (Sat.) (25)
Re-open Monday January 17



Hazelwood Cemetery



By Leo Billington
Snippets of Interest –
Continuing

In the November edition of this newspaper, I wrote that early photographs of the cemetery are unfortunately scarce. Perhaps earlier Trusts were too embarrassed. Recently one photograph turned up showing damage to the sexton's shed from falling timber. Rumour has it that "a local" and his bulldozer decided a number of trees had to be cleared before an important funeral.

Well, as luck would have it, recently a bundle of early photographs was unearthed. As we say, "a picture is worth a thousand words."

Moreover, these photographs clearly depict a forlorn cemetery desperate for some tender loving care.

Three photographs, unfortunately not dated, accompany this editorial.

One shows a main internal road, facing northwards

towards Morwell. The historic granite gateway is clearly recognisable in the background. Easily visible on the immediate right-hand side is a green area, which is now our lawn memorial section.

Another photograph, rather embarrassingly so, would make any bulldozer green with envy, perhaps! Another opinion might ask why a need was there for so much destruction in such a brutal manner. A third photograph shows what resulted.

It is not certain this destruction was created by "a local" and his bulldozer working before "an important funeral."

What is certain is that Hazelwood cemetery has come a long way down since those heady macho days of the 1970's.

On a brighter note, copious plantings of roses are now proving their worth – plenty of colour, plenty

of admirers and plenty of congratulatory remarks.

The autumn trees boasted their vibrant colours as autumn came along. These trees will only get better over the forthcoming years.

Remember, until these trees were planted, not that long ago, all that greeted visitors were the Italian pencil pines and a scattering of self-sown gum trees. Regrettably, some succumbed to a bulldozer.




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Deliveries and "Safe-place" online ordering

This month, we are looking at parcel deliveries for Christmas.

Many people have been ordering items on line for birthdays and Christmas and with the issues caused by the Pandemic, some items take a fair while to arrive.

If you can't track the arrival of your goods, it is hard to know when to be at home for the safe arrival of these goods.

Sometimes, the delivery company might leave the goods in a safe place if nobody is home.

That safe place may be at your front door, and visible to passers-by.

It may pay to let your neighbours know that you are expecting the arrival of goods at some stage, and reciprocate the offer if they have goods coming as well.

It could help if you have a security camera in the area where the goods are left and regularly check to see if the delivery people have been on site at any stage.

If you have regular deliveries from a particular company, you can advise them of a safer place to leave parcels other than your front door.

Don't encourage theft at any stage and watch out for your community.




hohoho

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year

Thank You to our loyal customers for your support during difficult times.

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

Churchill Newsagency **NEWSPAPER**
Shop 2, Hazelwood Village. Phone 5122 1241

Russell Northe

It's hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of 2021, and what a year it has been!!! COVID has been a constant in our lives for the best part of 21 months now and in this time there have been many significant challenges along the way, particularly for so many local businesses and their employees. As we enter the Christmas period please keep this in mind when purchasing Christmas gifts by shopping locally when and where you can. Let's get behind and support our local businesses who in turn employ local people and who invariably support our local schools, community groups and sporting clubs.

traders.

It has also been a challenging time for our students and I send my best wishes to all who are doing or who have completed exams in recent weeks. One of the highlights of my year is to offer all local schools the opportunity to present one of their students a Russell Northe "Values Education" award. The award is intended to go to a student who tries their best at school, who is friendly and courteous to other students, and who is a good role model. Congratulations to all those who were nominated for not only my award, but other school achievement awards in 2021.



not just a transition for transition sake. There needs to be real jobs for real people that enables individuals, families and businesses to remain living and working in the Latrobe Valley for generations to come. At the moment there is a long way to go but hopefully the Committee will come up with some innovative recommendations that will sustain our community well into the future.

In closing I send everyone in the Churchill community and surrounds my sincere best wishes for Christmas and the festive season and I also thank the Churchill & District News team for producing their publications and allowing myself and others to provide some commentary about our activities and thoughts.

I do commend the Churchill & District Community Association, Churchill Neighbourhood Learning Centre and Churchill & District News coming together to launch their own shop local Churchill initiative. It was a privilege to be involved in the launch on December 4, and whereby a great day was had by all with the obligatory sausage sizzle, entertainment and free shopping vouchers on offer. I really do hope this initiative makes a real difference to Churchill

At the moment an active Parliamentary inquiry into the closure of Hazelwood Power Station and future closure of Yallourn Power Station is being held. Some local public hearings have already been hosted and I have been pleased to provide my own submission to the inquiry. For me, the lessons learnt from Hazelwood closing also need to be applied to Yallourn. There has to be a fair and just transition to all those who will be impacted by Yallourn's closure and

Coal Valley Male Chorus

The Coal Valley Male Chorus has resumed its' weekly rehearsals at 5 p.m. Tuesdays, at Morwell East Senior Citizen's Centre, Vary Street. Interested? Drop in and check us out.

Ray Beebe,
Secretary CVMC

Churchill Laundromat Closed

After fifteen years the Churchill Laundromat has closed. Rosemary Twyerould would like to thank everyone for their continued support over the last fifteen years.

She says she will miss the social interaction and community engagement she has enjoyed during those years.

"My life has taken a different path and I look forward to semi-retirement," she explained.



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Where we live



Balfour Place

Balfour Place was named after James Miller Balfour, Member of the Legislative Council for Gippsland for the years 1936 to 1943. Balfour Place is in the town shopping centre area.

Williams Avenue

This avenue was named after David Guildford



Williams, a Councillor for the Hazelwood Riding 1927 to 1949. He was president 1928/1929 and 1940/1941. Williams Avenue is in Medew Estate.

McCarthy Street

McCarthy Street was named after Lieutenant Lawrence Dominic McCarthy, 16th Australian

Battalion, AIF for his bravery near Madam Wood, East of Vermandovillers, France on August 23, 1918.

McCarthy Street is situated in Sanders Estate

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The Lucas Mill Timber Milling project in East Gippsland, initiated by local Rotary and Lions clubs, is now working successfully over recent months to deliver a new and practical on-farm timber milling business for farmers who have fallen timber on their properties and no fences due to the 2020 bushfires.

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St Matt's Op Shop, Yinnar



After a rocky 2021 with multiple closures and reopenings, St Matt's would like to thank everyone for their custom, their donations, and their friendship over the past year. All our volunteers have enjoyed being able to chat with customers again, as well as helping them find that lucky bargain. Even allowing for COVID, the significant funds raised by St Matt's this year have allowed us to support the ministry of the Co-operating Churches of Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra, to fund building maintenance, and to support our community including the Yinnar Primary School.

St Matt's final day of trading this year will be Thursday December 23. We will then close for the summer holidays, and reopen when school goes back at the end of January. For the latest information about our opening hours and sales, look for "St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar" on Facebook.

Churchill Fire Brigade



Understanding Warnings

You should never wait to receive an official warning before you leave. Fires can start quickly and threaten homes and lives within minutes.

Warnings are issued when a fire has started and you need to take action.

Make sure you understand the three levels of warnings and what they mean. The three levels of warnings are

- * **Advice**
- * **Watch and Act**
- * **Emergency Warning**

Don't expect warnings to be issued in any particular order. The first warning you could get could be an Emergency Warning.

There are three different levels of warnings:

	ADVICE - An incident is occurring or has occurred in the area. Access information and monitor conditions.
	WATCH AND ACT - An emergency is developing nearby. You need to take action now to protect yourself and others.
	EMERGENCY WARNING - You are in imminent danger and need to take action now. You will be impacted.

Additional messages that may be issued are:

- ALL CLEAR** - Emergency activity in the area has subsided and is no longer a danger to you.
- COMMUNITY INFORMATION** - A newsletter containing updates for communities affected by an emergency. Can also be used as notification that an incident has occurred but there is no threat to community.
- PREPARE TO EVACUATE / EVACUATE NOW** - An evacuation is recommended or procedures are in place to evacuate.

HOW WE WARN THE COMMUNITY -

Online - CFA's warnings and incidents are posted on the VicEmergency website; the key source for all emergency warnings and incident information in Victoria.

VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. Callers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech/communication impairment can contact VicEmergency Hotline via the **National Relay Service** on 1800 555 677.

If you don't speak English, call the **Translating and Interpreting Service** on 131 450.

Radio and TV - ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations and Sky News TV.

Social Media - on Twitter @CFA_Updates or @VicEmergency and Facebook

at facebook.com/cfavic or facebook.com/vicemergency

VicEmergency App on your mobile device.

Keep an eye on conditions outside. You might be aware of a fire before the emergency services.

If you see flames or a column of smoke, always call 000 immediately.

Telephone Alerts

A Telephone Alert is one way emergency services can alert the community to official warning information using the National Emergency Alert system.

Incident Controllers can authorise the use of Telephone Alerts to inform the community of any likely or actual emergency within a defined area.

Telephone Alerts are not used in all circumstances, and depends on the nature of the incident. You should not wait to receive a Telephone Alert before you act.

If you receive a Telephone Alert you must follow all instructions given, and stay informed by checking official warning sources.

Alerts can be received via:

- * Voice messages (to landlines)
- * Text messages (to mobile phones)

Alerts will begin with "Emergency, Emergency" and will only be received if your landline (based on its billing address) and mobile phone (based on its billing address and the handsets last known location) is within the defined area and has service.

Sirens

Standard Emergency Warning Signal (SEWS)

A distinctive siren sound may be played over the radio or TV before an alert message is broadcast.

Community Alert Sirens

Community Alert Sirens are used as part of Victoria's warning system for all hazards - including flood, fire and storm. Not all communities have a siren. For more information and locations see Community Alert Sirens.



Churchill & District Lions Club

Australia Day Celebrations to be held in Churchill Town Hall from 8am on Wednesday January 26.

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So as we reconnect with family and friends to celebrate the festive season, please look out for each other, support local businesses, show your appreciation and respect for retail and hospitality workers wherever you can, and make sure to take extra care on the roads.

Wishing you all a joyous, restful and safe Christmas with your loved ones, and a happy and prosperous 2022

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Community help to roll-out koala pamphlet



The Strzelecki Koala Action Team (SKAT) recently held an online 'Pamphlet Launch' (11/11) in hope to build community will and support to ensure long-term protection and survival for your local, genetically important koala population. Friends of the Earth Melbourne, which surveys for scats in the local region, believe there may only be 2,000 animals across the Strzelecki Ranges and South Gippsland region.

SKAT's pamphlet provides a snapshot into the key threats for the Strzelecki (South Gippsland) koala, the history of koalas in Victoria, recent key findings, and it mentions how folk can look for koala scats (poop). Most often koalas are sleepy during the day and nestle into the forks of the branches amongst the eucalypt foliage which, at a height, can make

it quite difficult to spot a koala, that's why we tend to look down on ground around the bases of eucalypt trees for their droppings. This pamphlet encourages people to search for scats and email them in to anthony.amis@foe.org.au so we can consolidate a richer understanding of the koalas' distribution, population and characteristics which are added to the Strzelecki Koala Map.

Over the holiday period scat-finding could be a fun activity for tourists, kids, grandkids and community members who want to help and learn how to search for koalas. Do you know of any AirBnBs, accommodation providers, learning centres, cafes, shops, etc. that would be happy to display a pamphlet within the Strzelecki Ranges or South Gippsland region?

There are more than 20 enthusiastic folk across the South Gippsland region who have offered their invaluable help with distribution. If you can help or know of anyone who would like to, you can print either a coloured or black and white pamphlet online.

If you would like more information or plan on distributing a large number of pamphlets please get into contact with Michelle via michelle.baxter@foe.org.au.

Help us to champion your local furry neighbour and be the voice that they need to secure and sustain their healthy long-term future.

The SKAT team has been thrilled with the amount of firing hands that have shot up, and we hope that this will transpire into a beacon of hope for your small koala population.

Churchill Lions



Wow – already Christmas – where on earth did the year go – well I know for us Lions, once we were able to start back to some sort of normal, it became really busy.

Firstly we were honoured to host our first District Governor Elect Kim Ainsworth, for the District Governor's visit together with our Zone Chairman Geoff Anderson. To say we had an informative fun night is an understatement! President Reg Grisotto and first DGE Kim exchanged bannerettes as President Reg explained ours is now a collectors' item as all the landmarks featured on it are gone (power station etc.).

As usual our Bunnings BBQs continue and it's heart warming to know how much we were missed during the Lockdowns as we keep getting comments like 'so great to see you guys here', 'just can't go past the Lions Sausage Sizzle when we're here shopping'. Some people even come over just to grab a snag, some even between 8 and 12 when they aren't even shopping, they just say - easy tasty lunch!

Sadly Derby Day was cancelled but we were in full swing at the Traralgon Cup Day, all hands on deck as we not only catered but



President Reg Grisotto with first VDG Kim Ainsworth.

helped out manning gates and anything else that was needed of us. It was a long fast busy day but everyone had a great time.

Then of course came Christmas catering events one after another, just pouring in – yay we are back to normal and loving it.

Our Christmas Cakes sold out like hot cakes as did the Christmas trees, they were in high demand with people passing and buying them but also orders coming in thick and fast, the guys were run off their feet keeping up with them!

Remember if your are looking for something worthwhile to be involved in – Lions are always interested in gaining some happy helpful Members who want to join a great bunch of people doing great things in the community.

Contact President Reg Grisotto 0407 513 556. On that note we would like to wish everyone a fantastic merry, happy, joyous but above all a safe Festive Season and we'll be back with more Lions news in the New Year.



Latrobe Community Health Service wishes you a

*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year.*

Our Churchill centre will be closed on:

- Monday, 27 December ■ Tuesday, 28 December
- Monday, 3 January

On all other weekdays, we are open Monday to Friday from 8.15am-5pm, except on Christmas Eve, when we will close at 3pm.



Churchill CHATTER

SCAMWATCH

Watch out for fake online deals

Community Health

A very successful "drop in" community health project was held in November at Westplace shopping centre Churchill.

The project was supported by Gippsland Primary Health Network (PHN), Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) and Federation University.

The service was attended by a qualified nurse at all times. Student nurses from Federation University helped when available, for the practical experience.

Many district residents visited the centre to partake of a health check and have a discussion about health issues that concerned them. The visitors had their blood pressure, blood glucose levels, waist measurement, body mass index, vital signs and blood cholesterol levels all checked.

Results of the health check were available immediately. Patients

discussed with the nurse any issues about their health. If it was deemed advisable the nurse recommended that further advice be obtained.

Aims of the health checks were to distribute advice to the community as needed, and to have participation in early detection and prevention of disease, and to increase the chances of effective treatments.

Lake Hyland fishing

Lake Hyland has been restocked with many catchable sized fish in the past months. Eight hundred rainbow trout and 800 bass have been added to the lake. Do hope that you managed to beat the birds and catch some.

Westplace shopping centre

Churchill's Westplace shopping centre has been sold. The buyer, Revelop is an independent privately owned Sydney based

property development company specialising in commercial properties.

Churchill Taxi Stand

It would be helpful if the taxi stand in Churchill shopping car park had a permanent notice stating it was a taxi rank and phone contact numbers!

Oak Hill subdivision

Four house frames have been started. This subdivision is going ahead very quickly now that the site works are completed and all blocks of land have been sold.

Local Fire Brigade

Churchill fire brigade volunteers have had a busy time with 85 callouts this year. Despite our wet start to spring and summer, the country will dry out quickly with warm summer winds. Please be careful with fire, we do not wish extra work for our volunteer fire fighters.

Thought for the month

About the only way to stay young, is to live honestly, eat sensibly, sleep well, work hard, worship regularly and lie about your age!

Christmas market

A very successful Christmas market early in December was held in Churchill. Lots of Christmas bargains were gathered up by eager shoppers. Many of these will be wrapped and given with love to family and friends during the Christmas season.

Christmas greetings

To all readers who have enjoyed Churchill & District News this year, thank you for being a regular reader and we look forward to being with you next February 2022.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

Australians have already lost about \$12.9 million to online shopping including classifieds scams so far this year, and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission is urging consumers to watch out for dodgy deals as pre-holiday sales approach.

"This is a very busy time of year, and scammers often try to take advantage of unsuspecting shoppers rushing to organise gifts," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

In an online shopping scam, scammers create realistic looking fake online stores selling items at heavily discounted prices, however the items are fake, or never delivered to buyers.

Scammers have also created fake stores on social media platforms or post fake advertisements on legitimate classifieds websites. They may request payment or offer discounts for payments made through direct bank transfers or cryptocurrency.

"Before you buy, it is important to be aware of the possibility of scams. While some scammers try to make online stores look legitimate by requesting payment via PayPal or credit card, always double check that the real PayPal platform is being used. Be suspicious of too good to be true offers and any sellers that ask you to pay by bank transfer, gift cards or cryptocurrency," Ms Rickard said.

"Research the seller and make sure you know from whom you are buying. Search online for the product or company name, plus "complaint" or "scam" to see what other people are saying. If you are buying from a social networking site, check the seller's history and read

reviews from other people who have dealt with them.

When you are paying, avoid arrangements that ask for up-front payment via bank transfer, or payment through digital currency, like Bitcoin. Always try to use a secure payment service such as PayPal or credit card transaction," Ms Rickard said.

If you are waiting for your parcel, remember that scammers also take advantage of people expecting deliveries.

"Australia Post and other parcel delivery companies will never email, call or text you asking for personal or financial information or a payment. Many delivery companies have apps where you can track your parcels rather than clicking on links in messages or emails," Ms Rickard said.

The number of reports involving a financial loss has decreased this year, indicating that more people are able to recognise and avoid online shopping scams, however those who are losing money are losing more, with an average loss of more than \$1,450, compared to \$1,190 last year.

Some of the more significant losses reported to Scamwatch during the year relate to high value purchases:

Pet scams were the most reported when it came to online shopping scams and were also the most financially damaging. Scamwatch received over 2,800 reports and almost \$3.5 million in losses so far, a 78 per cent increase compared to the same period last year.

Vehicle sale scams resulted in big losses at more than \$1.9 million, while

other common products included caravans, shipping containers and electronics such as laptops, phones, and gaming consoles.

Shipping container scams were a new trend this year, fleecing consumers of over \$676,000. They were popular on marketplaces and classified sites, but scammers also created fake websites and pretended to have real Australian Business Numbers. Scamwatch has taken action to get some fake websites removed.

People who think they have been scammed should contact their bank or financial institution immediately. If the scam occurred on a social media platform, contact the platform and inform them of the circumstances surrounding the scam.

They can also make a report to Scamwatch and find more information on where to get help on our website.

Know your consumer rights

The ACCC is also urging people to be aware of their consumer rights if something goes wrong, even if the item was purchased during the sales season.

"If you are having an issue with your product, you should first contact the retailer. They cannot refuse to help by sending you to the manufacturer. Your local state and territory consumer protection agency can provide more information about your rights, and may also be able to help negotiate resolutions between you and the seller."

More information about consumer guarantees is available on the ACCC's website.



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Next CDCA meeting scheduled for 7pm,
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Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Saturday 6/11/21 - Stableford - A Grade - B. Downie (9) 35. B Grade - D. Dunne (20) 43. C Grade - A. West (29) 40. D Grade - P. McGann (31) +3. DTL - A. Auld 37, J. Banfield 37, T. Collins 36, F. Keighran 35, P. Flanigan 34, V. Reid 34, A. Sharrock 34, D. Radnell 33C/B, M. Allen 33 C/B, C. Waring 33 C/B. NTP -3rd A. Auld, 5th D. Ellwood, 12th R. Dent, 14th P. Ritcher. Birdies - 12th F. Keighran, R. Dent, 14th R. King.

Tuesday 9/11/21 - 1st Round Ladies Championships and Monthly Medal - Scratch Winner - M. Dear (15) 96. Monthly Medal Winner - S. Caldwell (24) 76. Putts - J. Blizzard 26. DTL - V. Reid (31) 76. NTP - 3rd S. Turner, 5th M. Dear, 12th C. Barnes, 14th V. Verheyen.

Saturday 13/11/21 - 1st Round Mens Championships.

Scratch Winner B. Barnes 83 C/B - A Grade - A. Quinn (14) 83 69. B Grade - L. Watkins (20) 94 74 C/B. C Grade - L. Anderson (36) 103 67. DTL - B. Barnes 71, B. Kilday 74., As. West 75., P. Watkins 75., Ad. West 75, D. Dunne 75, D. Ellwood 74, B. Downie 74, D. Byers 73. NTP - 3rd. G. Barnes, 5th A. Quinn, 12th S. Sanders,

14th C. Hogbin.
Tuesday 16/11/21 - 2nd Round Ladies Championships and Star Medal - Scratch Winner - M. Dear (15) 97. Star Medal Winner - M. Dear (16) 81 97 C/B. Day Winner - M. Dear (16) 97. DTL - S. Caldwell 81. NTP - 3rd S. Caldwell, 5th L. Brent, 12th V. Verheyen, 14th V. Verheyen.



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Motor cycle club

At last the Churchill Motor Cycle Club has a proper place for its members to ride their machines. In March verbal permission was given by the Housing Commission Victoria and the Morwell Shire Council to the Churchill Motor Cycle Club, allowing its members to ride their machines on that land which is north west of and adjacent to Birch Drive which runs off Switchback Road Churchill.

Made it

We have now made it through one complete year of having a Community Hall "under construction."

School elections

I regret any upset to persons in Churchill who objected to the wording of the article in the last edition of the "News."

The elections will be held on the 28th and I have published on page 4 of this edition the regulations by which the school committee conduct the elections.

School of dancing

Karen Issell is contemplating opening a School of Dancing which includes ballet, modern dancing, tapping and national.

Classes will provide an interest for not only graceful and talented children of all ages but also provides physical fitness and teaches a child poise and posture.

Coffee shop

After a long period of appealing to parents to show an interest in the Coffee Shop, the young people decided to close last week when they had still not received any offers from fathers willing to spend a night at the centre.

So it's back to you parents, with a reasonable number of offers your commitment would only be perhaps three Saturday nights a year.

Acting premier visits

The famous poem ending with the words "not with a bang, with a whimper" could well be applied to the visit of the Acting Premier of Victoria, to Churchill on June 14.

Certainly an opening ceremony for the new Hall was performed but in total isolation from the residents of Churchill. Not only were they not consulted about the arrangements but there was not a single resident among those forming the Official Party.

The Shire President welcomed those present on behalf of the "Citizens of Morwell" and displayed concern at the smallness of the crowd. Why should there have been people there when the residents were totally ignored during all the arrangements?

New health centre

Recent comment in the Latrobe Valley Express concerning "a small hospital" in Churchill highlights the lack of real understanding of the project for a Health Centre in this town. It is most unfortunate that some Churchill residents claim ignorance of the proposals as full details have been published in this paper. A copy of these details is available for perusal in the Churchill Pharmacy.

The proposed centre will need and deserves the support of the whole of our community.

Unusual paper shortage

Please note that while the paper shortage exists it may be necessary to cut down some material. Every effort will be made to include the maximum number of articles.

Student accommodation

The residents of the student flats in Churchill would like to let the parents of Churchill know that many of their children are becoming nuisances and extremely annoying for a number of reasons.

Churchill Police

Is it to be assumed that the Victorian Police Force places no importance on crime prevention? Having appointed an officer to Churchill and that officer having been active in patrolling the town, the hierarchy apparently decided that no crime was occurring and returned the officer to the Morwell roster.

We now have seen an outbreak of theft again in Churchill which will perhaps place the hierarchy of the force more than the lower rate during preventative activity. I for one see far more purpose served through prevention than the after fruitless investigation of crimes.

Churchill Citizens Association

This association has been very busy with reports presented from the secondary school, Health Centre, primary school, a second kindergarten, shopping centre, student housing and the Housing Commission Tenants Union.

Boolarra forests

I write on behalf of the Boolarra Preserved Forest Conservation Group, which has been formed by a number of people who wish to preserve the forest in its natural state.

If you saw the Forests Commission maps you would be dismayed at the amount of eucalypt forest in South Gippsland that is to be destroyed in order that pines may be grown for commercial purposes.

District roads

The lights at the Princes-Midland Highway intersection are now in operation. They are most welcome in the interest of safety at that most dangerous situation. It can only be hoped that the Council does not proceed with the idea of creating a 'T' intersection of Commercial Road and Midland Highway now that our safety hazard has been reduced.

Typical - the S.E.C. cuts the old Midland Highway and the Jeeralang road with the roadworks in progress like a rally track. If you want to lessen the risk of holing your sump and shredding your tyres I advise an alternate route even if a mile or so longer.

CDNews volunteers wish all readers a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Silica gel sachets perfect for re-use at home

Do you find small silica gel sachets in your parcels, boxed goods, medicine containers and in all sorts of packaging that comes into your home? Do not throw these into the bin - they can be re-used at home for so many useful purposes.

Silica gel is used as a desiccant, or drying agent, and it works by absorbing moisture - it can absorb up to approximately 40% of its weight in water.

It is not a toxic substance, unless it is blue, which means it has been treated with cobalt chloride which is damaging to animals and the environment which is why it has been banned in the European Union.

The problem with sending these sachets to landfill where it ends up if you throw them in the bin is the sheer quantity - Australians send millions of these to garbage tips around the country! - and the fact that the packaging is made from, or lined with, plastic to keep the moisture in.

Here is what to do with them:

To prevent mould and mildew add a few silica gel packs to your tent bag or the bin where you store camping gear.

Add a few packs to dresser drawers and storage bins of seasonal clothing.

Damp running shoes or stinky hockey gloves? Throw a silica gel pack into each one.

Try adding a few to your recycling cupboard or bin to cut down on funky smells.

Dry a wet watch or smartphone by placing them together in a container or resealable bag and leaving for 24 hours. The longer you allow the moisture to be absorbed by the silica sachets, the more chance your item will work again.

Add silica gel packs to camera cases and bags, and albums or envelopes of photographs to keep dry and aid in preservation.

Add them to filing cabinets, drawers, accordion files or paper envelopes containing sensitive or old, delicate documents.

Add packs to the cupboard where you store seeds or drop them into seed envelopes.

Inhibit tarnishing by tossing a few silica gel packs into your silverware drawer or jewellery box.

Add packs to tool boxes to prevent tools from rusting.

Add them to jars of dried herbs, like lavender or peppermint used in do-it-yourself projects and recipes.

Add them to glass jars or resealable plastic bags you use to store homemade snacks and baking e.g., apple or kale chips.

Stop powders clumping! Toss silica gel packs into spice jars and salt containers.

Drop silica gel packs into musical instrument cases to absorb any moisture and prevent damage.

Place packs on a vehicle dashboard in the winter to remove moisture from leaky windows.

Try putting a few on the sills of indoor windows with condensation.


These sachets do have a limit on how much moisture

they can absorb, but it is very easy to dry them out again and again to continue using. You can place them on a tray outdoors on a hot day in the sun for a few hours, or simply dry them in the oven on a slow heat at 105 - 110 degrees Celsius for up to three hours.

Allow them to cool before storing in an airtight container until you are ready to use them again.

The silica beads inside sachets are a choking hazard which is why packs are often marked "do not eat" and sachets should be kept out of reach of children and pets. Damaged sachets should be carefully disposed of with your household rubbish destined for the tip.

The information contained in this article has been compiled using publicly available information sourced from the websites of the "David Suzuki Foundation", "Earth 911" and "Planet Ark". Churchill & District News does not take responsibility for the accuracy of the original information.



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Did you know...?

1950's/1960's road transport services

By Leo Billington

During the post-second world war years in Morwell, businesses providing road transport services seemed to proliferate. Early businesses included D J McCormick, based in McDonald Street; Bill Doyle, Mary Street; Rhodes and Perkins, New Street; Palmers, Latrobe Road; Mortimer Brothers, Chapel Street; Kennedy Haulage, Driffield Road; Jim Catterick, bus service; S Broadbent, Princes Highway, Morwell; Fred Murray, Quigley Street – specialising in furniture removals and storage; H Smith, Churchill Road, and there were more.

One company that expanded as Morwell and its surrounding district grew was Howes and Medew. Providing local and interstate transport services, the company was eventually acquired by Mayne Nickless (remember them?) in 1972. For road freight services, Mayne Nickless became Intermodal, then Interlink and finally found a new home under Toll Transport in the mid-1990's.

McDonald Street

The A V Jennings Construction Company Pty Ltd was awarded its largest building contract when in 1948, Moe and Morwell required 1500 homes. In 1949, another lucrative contract was obtained with the then Housing Commission to provide 250 homes in Morwell over a three-year period. The company established its office and depot in McDonald Street, approximately on a site where the former Morwell swimming pool was located. Most building activity was concentrated east of this site.

In July 1951, Morwell Shire Council was given an assurance that McDonald Street would be constructed.



Constant lobbying to the Victorian state government highlighted growth of a new housing commission area, increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and absence of footpaths.

It was also pointed out that residents were "concerned at the hardships suffered by the housewives on the Housing Commission Estate in negotiating this hazardous outlet to the Morwell shopping area."

Actually, work in Morwell's Housing Commission Estate to construction of 8,347 feet of streets comprising forming, grading, and surfacing, together with the construction of footbridges, kerbs, channels, and sub-surface pipe drainage commenced in October 1948. The Country Roads Board (CRB) undertook this work and on June 30, 1949, the street and pavement construction was 90 per cent complete, kerb and channelling 20 per cent and pipe drainage 80 per cent.

Hence, a housing estate was quickly developing with new infrastructure and houses, but the main thoroughfare – McDonald Street – was basically an unmade track.

The CRB established their works depot at the Spry and McDonald Street corner, the present site of Morwell's fire station. Two houses were provided for CRB managers. One of these houses was relocated to Hazelwood North in 1969.

Readers may remember the McDonald family home

once sited where today, sits a United petrol station. The house, rather grand in style, now enjoys a picturesque existence at Flynn.

Tunnel under the railway

Daily, thousands (perhaps even more) of vehicles whizz past a half-circle shaped concrete tunnel literally "poking its nose out" from under the former narrow-gauge coal railway line as it passes Morwell's western boundary.

This tunnel once played a significant role in Latrobe Valley's social, cultural and economic development.

There was a footpath linking Avondale Crescent to the then White City. Previously, the railway line transporting coal from Yallourn to Morwell, when constructed, cut access to the Driffield farming area via Driffield Road at Avondale Crescent.

When the White City was established, the tunnel gave safe pedestrian access under, and not over, the railway line. The tunnel remains as testimony to the post-war development of Latrobe Valley and Morwell in particular. The footpath has long disappeared.

White City (so named because all houses were painted white) was located with its delightful English named streets. This small settlement was a marriage quarters settlement, with construction work commencing in May 1951.

For the record, Driffield Road Morwell has long lost its "kids playing on the street" and happy families image. Before the narrow-gauge railway appeared, Driffield Road was an official Stock Route – meaning cattle could be herded along it on their way, to or from farms, using railway cattle yards at the top end of Latrobe Road.



Lifeline

Gippsland

Lifeline Churchill had a very successful Toy and Christmas Sale recently thanks to all the fantastic community support.

Our sale had people queued up before the doors even opened, and thank you to those who purchased trolley loads of toys or just one thing. A very special mention of thanks to the Antonelli family for their generous offer of the video shop which was an excellent location for our sale.

We appreciate all the support from our Lifeline Warehouse crew and the Yinnar South Fire Brigade for the loan of tables and of course you, the general public who continue to donate their goods to Lifeline, a huge thank you; we could not do it without you.

We know there are lots of very happy parents finding such bargains amongst the rows and rows of toys etc. It was a delight to watch the littlies getting so excited amongst the vast array of

toys, priced from five cents upwards. The Churchill shop volunteers had spent many hours getting the goods ready, cleaning, putting in batteries to make sure the toys worked, and packaging them all up in readiness for the sale.

If you are new to Churchill and have not visited our Churchill shop, pop in and have a look at our range of stock i.e. books, toys, kitchen ware, linen, shoes, clothing, craft items, all sorts of things, some items we can't even guess what they are!

We are at Shop No. 12 in the Hazelwood Village shopping complex, just along from the IGA supermarket. We are open each weekday, apart from public holidays, between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

The last eighteen months have been very hard dealing with the pandemic, lockdowns and restrictions affecting our community and our businesses, including Lifeline's ability to keep our shops open. Lifeline

Gippsland greatly values the support received throughout this time from those who generously donate clothing, footwear, furniture etc. and the support of our customers, not only in their Churchill shop, but across all of our other Lifeline shops in Morwell, Traralgon, Sale, Lakes Entrance and Wonthaggi.

We also acknowledge and are very grateful to the organisations and work places who generously support Lifeline Gippsland through financial or other donations.

The Churchill shop will close for the Christmas break on Friday, December 17, and reopen on Monday January 10, 2022. Our 13 11 14 Crisis Support Service will continue to operate 24/7 throughout the Christmas/New Year period, even on Christmas Day.

Thank you to each and every one for your support, may you have a wonderful Christmas and a truly great 2022.

Latrobe
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Steps to better health

Latrobe Valley steps to better health

One hundred teams from across the Latrobe Valley have completed 239 million steps in the 2021 Latrobe 10,000 Steps Challenge.

More than 800 people took part in the competition, which Latrobe Community Health Service runs every year to encourage people to walk, run or exercise the equivalent of at least 10,000 steps every day.

The highest stepping team, aptly named 'Catchmeifyoucan', stepped 6,731,447 steps between Monday October 18, and Sunday November 14. On October 27, step challenger and Catchmeifyoucan team member Santa Ersta achieved 122,295 steps – the equivalent of almost 100km – in the one day.

Challenger organiser, LCHS Health Promotion Officer Veronica Abuan, said it was fantastic to see so many people get around the competition and motivate one another to move more.

"Given the past two years we've experienced, we really wanted to help people enjoy being active and take notice of how exercise made them feel," Ms Abuan said.

"It was great to see participants getting around

one another and sharing their favourite way to stay active. While increased physical activity is the obvious goal of the challenge, we also hope some people saw improvements to their mental health."

LCHS runs the competition using the 10,000 Steps website and app – a free program by CQUniversity Australia. Workplaces, community groups, sporting clubs, and groups of friends can run their own challenges year-round by signing up at www.10000steps.org.au

"Research shows when partnered with a healthy diet and good quality sleep, regular exercise can not only prevent depression and anxiety, but also reduce the risk of developing heart disease, type 2 diabetes and

stroke," Ms Abuan said.

"Whether you're doing 4,000 steps a day or 10,000, what's important to know is more is better than less, and some is better than none.

We always recommend people consult their own healthcare professional to set goals that are suitable for them. By setting goals and challenging yourself, you're sure to reap the benefits of a healthier, more energetic you."

Latrobe Community Health Service's Health Promotion team works alongside early childhood settings, schools, and workplaces to create healthier environments where we live, work, and play.

If you want to find out more, phone 1800 242 696 and ask to speak with a Health Promotion Officer.

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Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare News

By Jay Duncan,

Propagation and Sustainable Gardening Workshop Series

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group has been working with Yinnar Community Garden and Food for All Latrobe Valley to bring a series of sustainable gardening and bio-diversity workshops to Yinnar. Latrobe City Fire Recovery has funded the workshop series, and Sustainable Gardening Australia is presenting them.

COVID restrictions got us off to a bumpy start. After several workshop dates being cancelled, the first day of workshops was finally held on November 14 with strict COVID protocols in place.

It was well worth it! We learned first about attracting native bees and butterflies to gardens.

It might be worth giving a quick summary here of why Landcare groups across Australia are becoming interested in increasing the presence and abundance of native pollinators such as native bees, wasps, ants, butterflies and moths. A later workshop in the current series will look at the role of native birds.

The Varoa mite parasite has destroyed honeybee colonies everywhere else in the world except Australia. It is a bit fanciful to think that bio-security can keep this parasite of bee hives and European honeybees out of Australia indefinitely.

About 70% of all food crops in Australia are currently pollinated by feral honeybees i.e. European honeybees that have swarmed and not been captured by beekeepers. These are the bees that have made colonies in hollow trees, house walls, sheds etc.

When the Varoa mite arrives, bee keepers will have to work hard, but will be able to manage their beehives to deal with it. Feral European honeybees are forecast to be wiped out. This means that there will be a serious gap in pollinator resources, especially in areas of monoculture i.e. only one crop or pastured area growing over many hectares of land that has been cleared of all remnant native vegetation.

European honeybees are very efficient pollinators and will fly more than 3km from their hives. Australian native bees in southern Australia are solitary. Research into how far they will fly from their nesting sites varies, but a good guess is up to about 200m.

Landcare members and friends who are farmers,

gardeners or orchardists are interested in making sure native pollinators have food and breeding resources close to where food crops are grown.

Landcare members and friends who are interested in bio-diversity and conservation of the natural world are interested in native insects as a key part of the food web. When the feral honeybees currently living in the bush die, the tree hollows that they now occupy can again be available for native fauna. As long as we can keep our own species' food resources going, we will all be able to enjoy that.

The afternoon workshop was about growing native plants from seed. Usually this workshop would be hands-on, but this was difficult to do with people needing to be spaced out around the venue. David Sparks, our presenter talked about various ways to break dormancy in the various native plant seeds.

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group's greenhouse was damaged by storms, and COVID lockdowns have slowed down fixing it. We are keen to get back to propagating, and will also be collecting seed this summer. When we get organised, we will be inviting others who would like to be involved to join us.

Future workshops in our series will look at aspects of organic gardening and native plants, attracting birds, frog habitats, gardening for climate change and more.

Billys Creek project and our Browser Exclusion Fence

The funded revegetation project that our group has been doing in the Billys Creek Valley at Jeeralang has now finished. We plan to keep going until we have our planned forest and wildlife corridor. This year we have HVP Stewardship Forestry helping out. After that we will rely on our own resources and/or look for more support.

We have a lot of people who want to visit the site for a look-see, but the wet weather and June storms have given us a landslip to prevent direct vehicle access. Our walk-in route along the Grand Strzelecki Track is also washed away.

When the ground dries out, we will see what we can do about using an access route through private property to do some show and tell. Otherwise, we will need to look to the sky and try for a drone's-eye view.

Our final flourish for the project was to successfully apply for a Gallagher



Electric Fencing Grant through Landcare Australia. This means that a small portion of the total site will be free from the ravages of feral deer and wandering stock, allowing locally indigenous vegetation to flourish.

Our new browser-exclusion fence is something to behold! All the materials had to be carried in down a steep slope on a narrow foot track.

Thank you Gallagher Australia, and well done to Liam, Ian and crew from Grand Ridge Environmental Services and to Rebecca Turnbull and Graeme Busch from our group who managed this fencing project within very tight time and budget constraints.

I have been managing the Billys Creek project for our Landcare Group since we first planned it in 2017. The end of the project means that I have called time on being group secretary. Our new executive is sorting out its responsibilities and will be finalising how they distribute tasks in the next few weeks.

You can expect more variety in our group's

Churchill & District News correspondents over the coming year.

Best wishes to all and

thanks for the great work the Churchill & District News team does for our community. It is always

a pleasure to work with you <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/westgippsland/yinnar-south/>

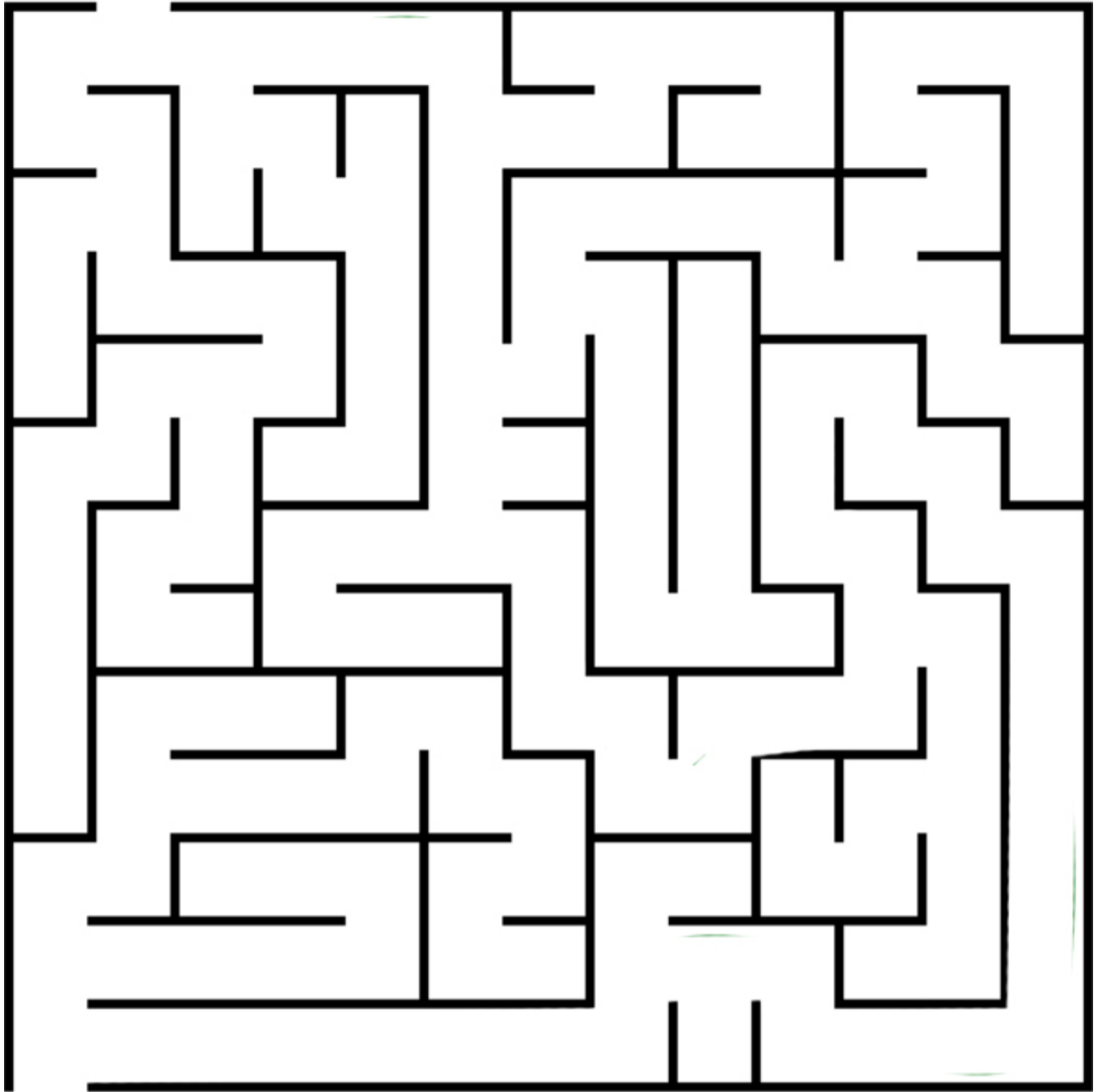
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November Activity Report

For this month's activity we had Tamara, Matt, Mike, Cathy, Gordon, Anj, Esmee, Darren and the Hatherly family. Joelle rode in on her bike for the pre-activity meeting. Matt and Tamara had started early upon the Orchid survey and had surveyed the first two plots before we met together.

The agenda for the day was to complete the Butterfly Orchid survey and some track maintenance. Gordon welcomed the group to the day's activity and Matt went through the JSA for the day. Above the car park a koala watched our progress.

After that the equipment was collected and prepared for use.

It was found that the chainsaw was leaking bar oil from the chain saw body – so we did not use it. The group headed to Fosters Gully. Matt and Tamara returned to the Orchid Survey while the rest cleaned up the Fosters Gully track.

A number of Butterfly Orchids was found along the

track. The group clearing Fosters Gully, enjoyed finding and identifying many orchid species and investigating many treasures beside the track.

There is still one tree across the track at the end of the Fosters Gully loop that needs a chainsaw for it to be removed. Another tree has come down across the first access track to the storage shed, which will be more work for a chainsaw.

Matt and Tamara completed the Butterfly Orchid survey finding that they have rebounded well after a poor year last year.

The orchids are generally healthy displaying many flower spikes. Sadly the storms have resulted in one of the plots being mostly lost in a land slip.

One photo shows Matt in the centre of the original 10mx10m plot. Only one plant with three orchids has survived in this plot. The results from the other plots were better.

The groups met up for



lunch back in the picnic area. We were entertained by a friendly pair of Lewin's Honeyeaters seeking food scraps. They were under our

feet and occasionally sitting on us.

December Activity

Sunday December 19, 10.00am – Kerry Road

The group will meet in the Kerry Road car park to collect seed that will be used for plantings in future activities. You will need to

bring clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.



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SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY



Goodbye to Our Grade 6 Students

As the year draws to an end, all the students and staff, wish our Grade 6 students a fond farewell. We thank you for your contribution to Boolarra Primary School.

At the end of Year 12, I imagine I will be....

Have an apprenticeship with an electrician. - Seb

Become a pro-gamer! - Georgia

Doing Maths at university - Bailey

Go to university and become a teacher and an author - Asha

Get a plumbing apprenticeship - Brendan

I want to go to university to do Biology - Matilda

I'd like to travel to Germany - Kallarnie

Clay shooting! - Brock

I'd like to go to college or be a chef! - Gage

Marine Biology at university - Jasper

I want to go to uni - Laura.

Art at Boolarra

This semester the F to 3 students have been exploring

sculpture. This week they created 3D paper works of art. They experimented with colour, shape and different ways of attaching the paper to make their creations. The end results are fabulous!

Welcome to Our 2022 Preps - Kinder Transition

On November 16, the Grade 5s went to visit the Boolarra Kinder kids who are coming to our school. We went there to figure out who will be each other's buddies.

Ryder M helped one of the teachers and Jack M put together a shelf. Ryder K built duplo with Jack S. Then after around 45 minutes we ate our snacks and then we had to go.

A week later on November 23, we walked back to the Kinder to do a crafty activity with the kids.

When we got there, we read 'Where is the Green Sheep?' After we read the book we got an outline of a sheep from the book.

We glued cotton balls on for the woolly part and then sprayed it with colour. When

we were done we got to have free time. Ryder M played with Jack M with duplo and they made lots of really cool houses. When Ryder K was done he cleaned all the tables around four times. When Katlyn was done she played with the toy horses with all the girls. It was great fun.

Ryder M, Ryder K and Katlyn I went to the Boolarra Kinder to meet the kids that are coming to our school. We read a book with Ms Smith who was my first teacher in Prep. Then we made the green sheep from our story, 'Where is the Green Sheep?' There was a girl named Billie and she was nice. Jack S told me some jokes. We said goodbye and walked back to school.

Cooper *Boolarra Production - Kids in Space* On Monday November 22, Boolarra Primary School filmed our production called "Kids in Space". It was very fun, but sadly we couldn't do it live due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Isabelle and Matilda In the production, we had to sing songs. The songs were called, 'It's a Droids Life', 'Black Hole', 'Double Trouble', 'Bubble Gum', 'Space Boogie', 'Perpetual Motion', and 'That Eye, The Sky'.

Each class had different songs to sing and we all sang the finale together.

Logan

To share our production with our families and friends, we decided to film it.

Thank you to Tammy Murray for filming it on the day and editing. We have been practising for about two terms and it was exciting on filming day. It was totally worth it because it was a lot of fun.

Toby G The production was about a boy, Cumulo Nimbus, who waggled school and ended up in the black hole.

This is where he meets the crazy Professor. Cumulo hears about the space pirates and wants to join up.

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SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY

We are over halfway through the term and our calendar is filling with special events and activities for the final weeks of the year. It has been wonderful to have our students back onsite as we slowly return to more of the usual school days and activities.

Staffing and Grade Structure for 2022

Currently for next year we have 235 enrolments and will have 10 classes. Three of our current staff members, Mrs Linton, Ms Twomey and Mrs Burslem will be taking leave from the school in 2022.

I am extremely delighted to announce that we have recently appointed Sarah

Mayo and Ebony Nicholls as graduate teachers to the school and Jayme-Lee Griffin to the Performing Arts role. All three teachers are looking forward to being a part of the Yinnar Primary School team.

Transition Days

Our 2022 Prep teachers have visited the Kinder and have found it ideal in getting to know the students in their current context.

The teachers said that this has given them time to engage with the students on a more relaxed level before they attend the school setting.

We had two transition days towards the end of November and then the State-wide Transition day

was on Tuesday December 7.

Our secondary school transition sessions have also been disrupted due to the COVID guidelines. The Grade 6 students will also get an opportunity, much like the Kinder students, to attend onsite their future secondary school, on state - wide transition day.

Prep-2 Adventure Evenings

This year the P-2 teaching team decided that due to the large number of students in their team and keeping COVID safe, to have two separate Adventure Evenings.

The 1/2 event was a huge success with students enjoying dinner at school, a town walk, a disco and a fun

day back at school the next day.

The Prep evening was also a very enjoyable night with some very excited Preps participating in their first school camp style experience, and enjoying some dinner together followed by some fun games and music.

I am very grateful to our extremely busy teachers (in the midst of report writing) who made this possible.

Yinnar's Got Talent

Our school leaders Cooper, Zara, Gracie and Levi have been busy with this years Yinnar's Got Talent. The leaders have had to contend with the added complexity of holding

the event during COVID-19 restrictions.

We have been very impressed by their organisational skills and their commitment to give up their recess and lunchtimes to run this fun event.

We are equally impressed by the contestants - those children willing to step out of their comfort zones to perform in front of their peers.

The contestants are displaying their growth mindsets as they willingly receive and act upon feedback given by the student judges in order to improve their next performance.

Immigration Museum Excursion

by Penny

First we went to the bus at the gate. Josie was my bus partner. Next when we got to the duck pond we split into four groups.

Then we went to the Aboriginal Trail. We saw some pictures and on the other side was the story.

Finally we went to see photos on a wall and went to the park. Most of the time I went on the spinner and on it you spin up and down. We had lunch there too.

Miss N's mum came and gave us SUPER DOOPERS. We had five minutes to eat them and then we went to the bus.



SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Year 12 Graduation

It was fabulous to be able to celebrate the Year 12's graduation on Friday November 19. A total of 113 VCE and VCAL students graduated.

The theme was 'Under the Stars' and the night was full of glamour and celebration with students and staff dressed in their finest. The food was delicious, the speeches were

entertaining and the venue was beautifully decorated. Photo opportunities were plenty with a golden moon, golden couch and twinkling stars.

Academic awards were given to students who had achieved excellent results and every student received a Kurnai leaving present.

Photo credits Autumn Lace Photography.



SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR SOUTH PRIMARY



Derek sheep shearing

As we head into the final term of the 2021 school year we have had quite a busy time.

We have been finishing up the final process of our four yearly review, and we have developed a clear path moving forward to see even better improvements to our schooling environment and our students learning outcomes.

We cannot wait to get this into action in 2022.

Welcome Sarah Bundy

We are incredibly excited to announce that Ms Sarah Bundy will be joining us for

another year as the junior classroom teacher.

Sarah joined our school during Term 4 as our wonderful Ms Sarah Quilty went off on maternity leave. Sarah Bundy has been an excellent addition to the school and has quickly developed relationships with all students to create fun and engaging lessons in the classroom. We are so excited to have her on board again for next year.

Sheep shearing

This week we were incredibly honoured for our Chaplain Derek brought two



Xavier handing out fresh produce from our kitchen garden to our incoming Foundation students

of his sheep to school today. While he sheared the two sheep he taught us about shearing and grading wool, animal welfare, climate and conditions.

It was a very sensory experience with some new smells, textures and sounds! It is fantastic to be able to use our ripper calf shed to teach our kids more about animal husbandry and the agricultural industries. Thank you, Derek, for this very special opportunity.

Preparing for the school concert

We have been busily

preparing for our school concert and Grade 6 graduation that we will be holding in the final week of this school year.

For our production we will be doing a combination of a play and concert where we will be looking at some traditional Australian stories, such as Wombat Stew and Waltzing Matilda with a play that has been completely written by our senior class.

We are so excited to see this production come together and can't wait to see all these amazing props in action.



Foundation students Isaac and Jesse with their bug hotel

Bug Hotels

In Sustainability and Genius Hour, we have explored our forest and conducted bug audits, observing with whom we share our school. We have been watching the bees, bugs and beetles in our ever growing garden and set about making some bug hotels.

There was excellent team work and collaboration. Initial ideas were workshopped until their bug hotels looked good enough for the queen bee.

Setting the Foundation

On Mondays from

2:15 to 3:15pm we have been welcoming our 2022 Foundation students as part of our transition program to make their start to schooling as successful as it can be.

It has been wonderful to have these new students at school, engaging with transition and having the opportunity to meet with their other classmates and their teacher for next year.

Yinnar South Primary School is still taking enrolments for 2022 so if you think that we might be the right school for you please contact (03)5169 1540.

SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

On Friday November 5, the children and staff from Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School had some fun and came to school in odd socks or crazy socks. In return, the children were asked to donate a gold coin to support CARITAS. CARITAS Australia works

to eradicate poverty and injustice. It is an Australian charity that is committed to tackling poverty and inequality in Australia and overseas.

This tied in perfectly with lessons about Catholic Social Teaching being the mission of the school this

term; that is, to bring dignity and hope to all children less fortunate than us. "It was so great to be back at school with my friends and being able to donate to the poor" said Hannah from Year 5.

Student of the Week prizes were 'Socks' to fit the theme of the day.

Right - Mason received the most creative sock award and received a pair of socks from Principal, Dave Cooper



Charlotte, Ilah, Klacy and Addison with Principal, David Cooper



Left - Year 5 / 6 girls with their socks - Maize, Camryn, Maila and Hannah

SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL PRIMARY

Happy Birthday Winnie!
Everyone at Churchill Primary School would like to say a big HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY to our amazing and much-loved therapy dog Winnie! Winnie celebrated her birthday on October 24 with plenty of walks, treats and belly rubs.

Book Week dress ups
Due to all the lockdowns

and interruptions to onsite learning Churchill Primary School celebrated Book Week a little late this year, but it was better late than never! Students enjoyed a fun filled day of exploring new books and participating in book related activities. Of course, many of our students and staff came dressed as their favourite characters

from books.
Remembrance Day
Churchill Primary School commemorated Remembrance Day with a minute silence across the school at 11am and the sound of 'The Last Post' playing over the loudspeakers. All classes learnt about the origins of Remembrance Day and how it has changed in its

103 year history. Students read books and completed some beautiful activities. **LEST WE FORGET!**

Welcome to our new 2022 Prep students

We are so excited that our newly enrolled Prep students for 2022 have finally been able to join us for our Ready, Set... PREP! transition program. It has been lovely

to have the chance to meet them all before they start their learning journey with us in 2022. Miss D'Alia is looking forward to getting to know everyone and can't wait until school starts next year and they can join us every day!

If you have a kinder aged child at home who will be ready to go to school next

year, please phone the office on 03 5122 1343 to request an enrolment pack.

School tours can also be arranged for parents wishing to come and see for themselves exactly what our school has to offer for their child's individual needs and learning journey.



Right - CPS therapy dog Winnie celebrates her first birthday!
Top right - Jackson V, Sienna T and Mia J dressed up for Book Week
Above - Some of the staff covered the classic story of Snow White with Lorraine and Mrs Burke as dwarves, Mrs Duncan as Snow White and Allana as the old lady with the poisoned apple.
Far right - Isla G with her Remembrance Day artwork

SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

What a busy start to Term 4 we have had, and while we have had some interruptions to the normal routines with assessments and the like for report writing, life at CNPS has been business as usual for the children.

The students in the 5/6 Grades have been working on a geometric stitching project where each student planned their design, chose their colours and prepared their board to stitch on.

As you can see from the pictures, they are all very happy with the finished work.

The students in 3/4 have been hard at work learning about and writing their own Diamante poems, they are in the beginning stages of the drafting process.

All students from Foundation to Grade 6 have had the opportunity to join a game of dodgeball at lunch time in the beautiful weather. What a happy bunch

of community members we have here at Churchill North Primary School.

The joy just kept on growing as this term we have held our annual book fair.

Students have enjoyed creating their wish list, bringing in their money and being able to shop for themselves or with their parents before and after school.

The colouring competition with prizes for the winners

has added yet another enjoyable aspect to the exciting venture of Book Fair. What a wonderful way to finish off the year with the book sales helping to earn points towards new books for the school, helping to build up the resources within our newly renovated and updated cataloguing system within our library.

As the year draws to a close and rooms start to be pulled down for the end of

year cleans, one can't help but reflect on the year that was.

While the pandemic offered some interesting challenges, the staff and students at CNPS have truly rallied together to support each other and their community with a great deal of shared responsibility, co-operation, team-work, respect, trust, listening, patience and courage.

These school values

are indeed made evident on a daily basis at Churchill North Primary School and it has been a pleasure to have served this school community in 2021.

The staff and students at Churchill North Primary School wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

We hope your school holidays are filled with great adventures and safe and happy family experiences.





Battery Storage Facility for Renewable Energy

CDCA's November meeting was most interesting! Guest speaker, David Burt, from Energy Australia, gave a presentation on the proposed Battery Storage Facility to be constructed alongside the Jeeralang Power Station in Bonds Lane, Hazelwood North.

Energy Australia owns this land and, with more and more projects to harness renewable energy being proposed for the region, sees this site as being ideal for the construction of a Battery Storage Facility that would eventually be connected to the electricity grid.

The adjacent gas-powered Jeeralang Power Station, already connected to the grid and used to meet peak demand periods means that much of the infrastructure is already in place to enable a Battery Storage Facility to also be connected.

This project is in its early stages and much planning and community consultation is yet to be done. The project is to be called the Wooreen Energy Storage System (Wooreen being a Gunaikurnai word meaning 'light').

Consultation with Latrobe City Council and the Gunaikurnai Land

and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) has already commenced. Energy Australia expects to make a planning application to the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning in the first quarter of 2022.

In September of this year, Energy Australia opened Expressions of Interest for businesses able to engineer, procure and construct the proposed facility. There will be various approval processes to be met prior to construction commencing.

Whilst there will not be many long-term jobs created for the operation of the Facility, there will be construction jobs and the opportunity to skill up a work-force in preparation for more Battery Storage projects to be constructed in the future.

The Wooreen Energy Storage System is scheduled to be commissioned by the end of 2026, ahead of Yallourn's closure in mid-2028.

CDCA will be taking a break from meetings until early 2022. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 3, 2022 at 7pm, downstairs in the Town Hall.

We plan to have another Guest Speaker at this meeting also. Our meetings provide an opportunity to hear about some relevant

aspects or issues pertinent to our local community.

Next year's guest speakers will likely include a representative of the Hazelwood Mine Rehabilitation Authority, a member of the Latrobe Health Assembly and/or the Latrobe Health Advocate. From time to time we also have Officers from Latrobe City Council attend, in order to discuss particular issues of concern to CDCA members (and the wider community).

CDCA hopes that locals continue to 'Shop Local', support our retailers and patronise our Shop Local markets. We plan to have more markets in 2022, as we have received plenty of positive feedback in support of these events at our shopping centre.

In the meantime, have a safe and happy festive season with friends and family. Celebrate and keep COVID-safe!

Now that so many are vaccinated and restrictions have eased, it is up to all of us to act responsibly and do what we can to prevent ongoing transmission.

Let us hope that 2022 brings news of reduced COVID-19 cases, fewer hospitalisations and deaths, fewer Tier 1 exposure sites, isolation requirements and closures and a much more relaxed and less restricted lifestyle for us all.

Hazelwood Rotary



By Leo Billington Constantly providing opportunities for youth.

The Rotary Junior Community Award (RJCA), was established by the Rotary Club of Mitchell River in Bairnsdale 25 years ago.

Hazelwood Rotary has been involved for almost ten years, supporting Year 6 students from Yinnar South and Yinnar Primary Schools.

The Rotary Junior Community Awards is a non-competitive award for Year 6 students that gets them involved in the community.

The students work through a list of activities which are designed to increase knowledge about community values and give satisfaction in volunteering.

The Award, sometimes described as a junior Duke of Edinburgh Award, promotes positive values (based on Rotary's ideals), leadership, confidence, self-worth, knowledge, life skills, and

opportunities to engage with the community.

Students involve themselves in four main areas of endeavour, to be completed over the school year – Community Service, Social Experience, Physical Recreation and Skill Development.

The students, with the aid of parents and teachers, design a non-competitive program they feel can be achieved, while keeping a diary of their progress.

Hazelwood Rotary is keen to hear from Year 6 students who may wish to learn more about this program as it is conducted through 2022.

The 2021 Kurnai College student awards once again received significant support from Hazelwood Rotary. Successful students always show their appreciation during such an occasion.

2021 Christmas Wrap at MidValley

Now entering its' 20th



year, Hazelwood Rotary will be co-ordinating the annual Christmas Wrap at MidValley.

Gifts of all shapes and sizes are welcomed to be wrapped – for a donation, towards Hazelwood Rotary's funding distribution for other community groups.

Guest speaker

Recently, Hazelwood Rotary hosted Chunxing Corporation Project Coordinator Robin Krause. Robin explained in great detail, the essential components of the company's proposed battery recycling plant.

Bunnings sausage sizzles

Hazelwood Rotary continues to maintain its strong reputation cooking highly desirable sausages – with or without onion – at Bunnings in Morwell.

Such occasions are vital fundraisers to underpin extensive community work accomplished by the club.



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