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Mobile vaccination van visits Gippsland towns



Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) recently teamed up with the Royal Flying Doctor Service to provide nearly 200 COVID-19 vaccinations at caravan parks and neighbourhood houses across Drouin, Warragul, Moe, Morwell, Traralgon, Gormandale, Bruthen and Churchill.

A can-do attitude and modified work car helped the team at LCHS to get the COVID vaccinations in arms. Staff used a portable fridge to keep the vaccinations at the required temperature.

The outreach vaccination program, led by Manager Paediatric and Youth Hub Selina Northover, ensured Gippsland's most vulnerable and remote residents were protected against COVID-19.

“When the project was shared with me I was keen to be involved. Every immunisation is a good immunisation, and we were able to reach people who may not have otherwise been vaccinated,” Ms Northover said.

“We ordered extra vaccines to arrive at our Morwell centre, where we run

a COVID-19 vaccination clinic every Wednesday, and set my work car up like a mobile vaccine van,” she said.

“We loaded my Engel refrigerator into the back and were able to monitor the temperature of the vaccines with all of our usual equipment. It was a creative solution.”

Ms Northover and her team also visited a number of homes across Gippsland to vaccinate people who were unable to travel.

“Many people weren't able to come out and see us in the community. This could have

been because they don't own a car or due to an existing medical condition such as anxiety or agoraphobia (fear of leaving the home),” Ms Northover said.

“We built relationships with the Gippsland community and tailored our outreach to suit their needs.

“Moving into this year, we have handed the baton to another team at LCHS, who will be able to continue this valuable work into 2022, which is a great thing for all of those in Gippsland's more remote regions.”



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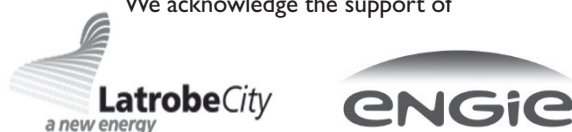
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A very productive working bee was held in December where many fallen branches were cut up and put on piles to burn. It was full on for four hours with only

a small break for a welcome drink and some delicious food. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers.

Although a regular working bee is not scheduled

for January, work was still completed. Council had dropped excess mulch in piles at our garden beds so some of our eager beavers donned gloves and took up rakes to spread it.

Later the Gippsland Interchange group returned and they too helped with mulch spreading. Des also helped spread the mulch so it could be dealt with more easily. We also thank Des for mowing two areas which had

not been mowed.

Walking through the park it is a pleasant experience to take in its beauty, views, admire the growth of trees and watch the birdlife as you traverse the paths.

The numbers using the park have grown and we are thrilled that our work to develop the park and keep it looking great with the help of council's mowing team, so that it can safely be enjoyed along with its facilities.

Rainfall

Churchill Rainfall

The December rainfall for Churchill was the lowest for the year, with only four days of rain adding to a total of 23.5 mm for the month. It was the second lowest December rainfall in 30 years for Churchill; the lowest was 20 mm that fell in 1997.

The 2021 total rainfall recorded for the year was an above average 885 mm.

Rainfall for January 2022

has been about average, thanks to late rainfall of 18 mm in the last week, for a month's total of 50 mm. much lower than many nearby towns in our region.

Rain at Hazelwood South

December ended on a low. After a year of above average rain, December only had 32mm of rain and had only 51% of the average for Decembers.

Hazelwood South had

24% less rain than the Latrobe Valley weather station. Low evaporation and moderate temperatures left the grass green and the weeds growing. The year of 2021 was the second wettest in 35 years and June 2021 was the wettest month in 35 years.

In January La Niña produced much rain over most of Australia, but Hazelwood South

was missed by most thunderstorms, and only received 56mm, 5.5% above the average for January. Hazelwood South had 53% less rain than the Latrobe Valley weather station.

The grass remained mostly green, from the cooling effect of La Niña and lower evaporation. Mowing and weeding continued throughout January.

A Tribute

Churchill & District News would like to pay tribute to Carol Kavanagh who was secretary of the Churchill & District Lions Club. She would email in her bright and breezy article to tell of the Lions activities for the previous month. She was a great salesperson for the Lions BBQs, promoting their activities and the great work they do as well as enticing new members to join. We will miss her interesting contributions, written in her own unique style. It was the day before

Carol died that she submitted her last enthusiastic report.

Her determination and momentous effort to get it finished after returning home from hospital feeling very unwell, was doubly appreciated by the paper and her club. Our thoughts are with her partner Peter and their family and the Lions Club members having lost a bubbly, energetic secretary who has done so much work for them over the last few years.

Rest in Peace Carol.

Aaron Pearce

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Church News



Message from the Lectern

Greetings for the New Year!

I pray that all in our community will have a year of blessing and fulfilment where we can reconnect with family and friends who we have missed so dearly in the last few years.

Throughout January we celebrate the season of Epiphany.

As a recap, the Christian calendar is divided into spiritual seasons. Epiphany is the time in between Christmas and Lent where Jesus is revealed as the Messiah.

We remember the wise men / magi / three kings who remind us that Jesus is for the whole world.

They often get lumped into the nativity scene at Christmas but they are a season all to themselves.

They would not have arrived until well after Christmas.

Jesus was probably about two years old at the time.

The magi were people of wealth (just see their presents!) who watched the stars and knew that

something pretty special had happened.

Tradition says they were priests from Persia and wise men.

Tradition also says there were three, which is mainly based on the three gifts, but we don't know for sure.

Here is a summary of what I have learnt over the years: there are clues in the Old Testament, prophecies about the special visitors.

For example Isaiah 72:10 (in the original Hebrew) are kings of Tarshish (Spain) and kings of Sheba and Seba (Ethiopia).

Caspar was Asian, old – with grey hair and a beard, he brought the gift of gold.

Melchior was European, Spanish, young as he did not have a beard and brought the gift of frankincense.

Balthasar was African, Ethiopian, middle aged and brought the gift of myrrh.

These three represented all of the places in the known world (at that time) and were examples how the message of Jesus would spread throughout the world.

That last bit is what we



sometimes forget. They visited, gave gifts but then returned to share about Jesus in their homelands.

They were missionaries before that term even existed.

They were preparing the people for those who would come later like the Apostle Paul.

Epiphany is to remind us that after having an encounter with Jesus we are to go and share the good news.

Tell people why having a relationship with God is important to us in our daily lives.

It does not mean that things will always be rosy but we do have an anchor when the storms of life hit us.

I encourage you to spend some time thinking about how baby Jesus became the man on the cross at Easter and if you want to know more but have never known how to ask, search me out and we can have a cuppa and a chat. Blessings, Cathie.

Co-Op Snippets

Our church has had a special Christmas/New Year period with some wonderful services thanks to our Part Time Supply Minister Cathie Halliwell. Cathie puts so much effort into preparing her services which are so appreciated. We had a bumper crowd at the Crib Service with fifty in attendance.

Special thanks goes to the Yinnar South Fire Brigade who called at the church with Santa on board to share lollies with the children.

They help Churchill brigade each year to do a lolly drop throughout the town.

Both Churchill and Boolarra churches were arraigned with a lovely display of Christmas items decorating the inside at Churchill and outside at Boolarra. Following the Crib service there was Anglican Holy Communion at Boolarra. Christmas Day there were services held at both Churchill and Boolarra. Boxing Day there was a service at Churchill.

Our January services have alternated between the Churchill church and the Boolarra church.

We were not able to have the children come to the church for Christmas Club last December due to COVID constraints. However two congregation members printed activities, and with the Bible Society Christmas story books for children sourced by another member, packed goody bags for those children whose parents gave them permission to do the activities at the school which the school scheduled in their timetable. We were greatly thankful that this could take place.



The local Community Association in partnership with the Neighbourhood Centre and Churchill & District News ran a Shop Local event. Our church had a stall and did quite well financially but also as an outreach occasion.

Coffee Connections was held for only the second time last year in December with a Christmas theme. Those who attended were very happy to

be together again and share their memories of Christmas as a child.

Sadly one of our well-loved parishioners died just after Christmas. Judith Bell was farewelled at a fitting service where her wonderful, long and productive life was justly celebrated by a large crowd of people who had benefitted from Judith's love and encouragement over many years.

Chaplain

There are many such stories, but let's not forget some famous descendants of prisoners too, including Mary Wade who was transported here for stealing. One descendant of Mary's is former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

All this just shows that a person is capable of change.

Lots of people are said to not like change, preferring routine, but many welcome new things (new year, new technology, etc). We may even want to change an aspect about ourselves.

So maybe it's not change but being changed that's disliked. Or it's that we don't want to change, because it can be uncomfortable.

Yet change cannot always be bad (being free of the label of 'convict' for

I find it fascinating to look at Australia's so-called 'criminal' past...as in the over 162,000 prisoners who were shipped here...and the fact that it's said that 20% of our population today are descended from them.

However, many achieved great things.

For instance, some \$20 and \$10 notes have famous ex-convicts on them. Mary Reiby (on the \$20 note with John Flynn) was a horse thief. The Bank of NSW was started in her house hence she appears on a \$20 bank note. Francis Greenaway (on the \$10 note with Banjo Paterson) was a forger who went on to design buildings, many of which were churches, but he also helped design Sydney's Supreme Court.

instance).

A positive change is often seen as the basis of the Christian Gospel, but such a change may be viewed as too invasive (the 'I will have to change too much' thinking). It's often better to see it as changing direction, because changing direction is the essence behind the word repentance.



Worth thinking about!

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Churchill Fire Brigade



Fire Danger Period Now in Force – Latrobe City

The Fire Danger Period is when CFA restricts the use of fire in the community. This is to help prevent fires from starting. Despite the weather having cooled somewhat, and a bit of rain, our recent mini heat wave has dried out our landscape significantly over the last few weeks.

The Fire Danger Period is in force until May 1, 2022 unless lifted by published notices earlier.

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

To understand more about what you can or can't do, check out the CFA website:

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Ready Kit.

You should consider the information in the kit carefully, as the kit is just one of the tools you can use to ensure you are prepared for bushfire. For more information, CFA recommends:

Attending a local Fire Ready meeting or a bushfire planning workshop in your area. These are often run online at present because of the COVID19 restrictions on gatherings.

Joining or establishing a neighbourhood Community Fireguard Group

Requesting a site visit from CFA to help assess your risk. To find out more about these options visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Notice



DECLARATION OF THE FIRE DANGER PERIOD

The Fire Danger Period will commence at 1am on Monday 10th January 2022 for the Latrobe City Council Municipality

CFA's Chief Officer has advised that the Fire Danger Period for Latrobe City Council area will commence at 1am on Monday 10th January, 2022.

CFA declares the Fire Danger Period at the onset of warmer weather when fires in the open air are legally restricted.

This is to help prevent fires from starting as dry vegetation and hot weather increase the incidence of fires accidentally starting and spreading.

Certain restrictions on the lighting of fires are in force during the Fire Danger Period.

The CFA website provides information on what people can and can't do during the declared Fire Danger Period and days of Total Fire Ban.

Residents who suspect illegal burning off during the declared fire danger period should report it to the Police on Triple Zero.

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Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington
More snippets of interest
 Over the past several months, more old graves, some easily identified, others unmarked, have produced fascinating histories.

For instance, an unmarked grave remembers John Amey who died in June 1894 at his Morwell residence. His obituary was recorded in the Traralgon Journal (June 8 1894) -

“On Saturday last Mr. John Amey died at the advanced age of 83 years.

The “Standard” says: - The name of John Amey has been familiar as household words” to residents of South Gippsland for a very long series of years; for even before the railway was so much as thought of, his homestead on the west bank of the Franklin was the halting place of many a traveller on the road from Port Albert to Foster.

Rough and ready in manner, but straight as a dart in money matters; the discoverer and trial surveyor of Amey’s Track, north of Foster, and projector of Amey’s Tin Mine at the Franklin, had a host of friends in South Gippsland, and his name will be remembered as that of an

ardent enterpriser and firm believer in the future of the district.

During the past twelve months he resided (with his second wife) at Morwell, where his death took place on the 2nd instant.”

Family members are now currently planning for a plaque to be placed at John Amey’s grave.

Ironically, John Amey is buried immediately opposite his second wife, Barbara, who passed away on March 20, 1896, aged 64.

Mr Angus McDonald passed away on August 29, 1935, aged 69 years. His obituary (Morwell Advertiser September 5, 1935) remembered him as “one of the earliest pioneers of the district and a most highly respected townsman.”

Angus came to Morwell and district before the railway line was opened through to Sale.

He farmed at Hazelwood South for about 30 years before settling in Morwell.



Apparently, his farming was profitable, the property being well-known as Glendonald.

In Morwell, Angus immersed himself in business and community affairs.

This included being a land agent, conducting an auction mart, running a general store and bakery, town Councillor, Morwell Shire President (1912/13), member of – Morwell Mechanics Institute Committee, Board of Management of the Morwell Presbyterian Church, foundation member of the Morwell Bowling Club, Hazelwood Cricket Club, Hazelwood Football Club and the Morwell A.N.A Branch.

In December 1935, offered at auction were some of his properties – 352 Acres at Hazelwood South and several “valuable township properties.”

One of these was at the corner of McDonald Street and the former Princes Highway (known then as Station Street).

The family grave headstone also records the death of Donald McDonald who was killed at Rabaul early in December 1943.

Flight Sergeant Donald McDonald was born in Morwell on August 18, 1913. He enlisted in the RAAF on March 28, 1941.

As part of Air Operations (No. 8 Squadron Beaufort aircraft A9-262), on December 4, 1943, aged 30 years, as one of four crew members, Donald was killed. RAAF records show his body was “unrecovered.”

(A9-262 was one of six No. 8 Squadron Beaufort aircraft detailed to conduct a torpedo strike against enemy shipping in St George’s Channel off the north coast of New Britain.

In poor weather, three of the aircraft including A9-262 made the target area but contact with A9-262 was lost at about 19.36 hours while making an attack on enemy shipping.)

Russell Northe

Well it’s hard to believe that we are already into February of 2022. I do hope that residents in Churchill and district had a great Christmas and festive season and that 2022 is kind to all. There have been numerous events across Latrobe City during the January period and its pleasing to see some normality resume in the midst of COVID and the Omicron strain of the virus.

Australia Day in Churchill is always a great occasion and I’m advised this year was no exception. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Churchill event this year as I was attending services in other towns, but I did want to make mention of a number of people who were recognised for their service and contributions to our community and subsequently acknowledged at the Churchill Australia Day service. Margaret McQuillen was announced quite rightly as Churchill’s Citizen of the Year for her outstanding service over many years to organisations such as the Lumen Christi Parish, St Vincent De Paul Society along with other local community groups and charities. Her support of vulnerable people is testament to the type of person Margaret truly is.

Leandra McLauchlan was announced as ‘Young Citizen of the Year’. Leandra has played a key role in the development of junior hockey players in the region in addition to being a fantastic player, leader and role model amongst the hockey fraternity. Congratulations Leandra you are a deserving recipient of this award. Likewise and not to be outdone, Jenna McLauchlan was also declared as Young Citizen of the Year for her significant contribution to hockey where she too has been a fabulous player, mentor and role model to other players and in particular juniors coming through the ranks. Well done Jenna!!

We thank the Churchill Lions Club for their hosting of the Australia Day event and one of the great initiatives the Club undertakes on Australia Day is to announce Student Citizens of the Year across schools in Churchill and district. These students are recognised for their commitment to their education, respect for school values and other students, and for their compassion and willingness to help others. This year it was pleasing to see the following students receive Student Citizens of the Year awards. Hayden Dent from Kurnai Junior Campus Churchill; Mia Fede from Churchill Primary School; Chase Hickman from Hazelwood North Primary School; Paul Bonnici from Churchill North Primary School, and Edward Fairbrother from Lumen Christi Catholic Primary



School.

Speaking about schools, it’s worth noting that the education sector inclusive of principals, teachers, staff, volunteers, parents and students has done it pretty tough the last couple of years particularly with significant tracts of remote learning occurring along the way. Hopefully 2022 is a much smoother ride for all and we wish everyone well for a successful school year ahead. With school back it’s also a timely to be vigilant on our roads in and around our school communities and adhere to relevant speed limits where applicable.

The wonder of Al-Anon

Have you ever marvelled at the power of Al-Anon to attract and to hold persons of such varying backgrounds, ages, races, creeds and stations of life?

A very powerful religion frequently does this, but Al-Anon is not a religious organisation. We do believe in a “Power greater than ourselves” but each of us may relate that greater power to whatever we choose.

I find it natural to think of this greater power as God and, through the appropriate steps, have been able to come closer to Him and at times to sense His will for me.

At various groups with which I have been associated, I have known others who were completely agnostic and some were atheists. They had success with the program too.

One substituted the group conscience as her greater power, another used “all outdoors” as more powerful, while a third thought of a diesel locomotive as a higher power.

Although none of these concepts is religiously motivated, the three members holding to them could frequently give me glimpses into depths of the program which I had missed.

While Al-Anon is not a religious program, it definitely IS a spiritual one.

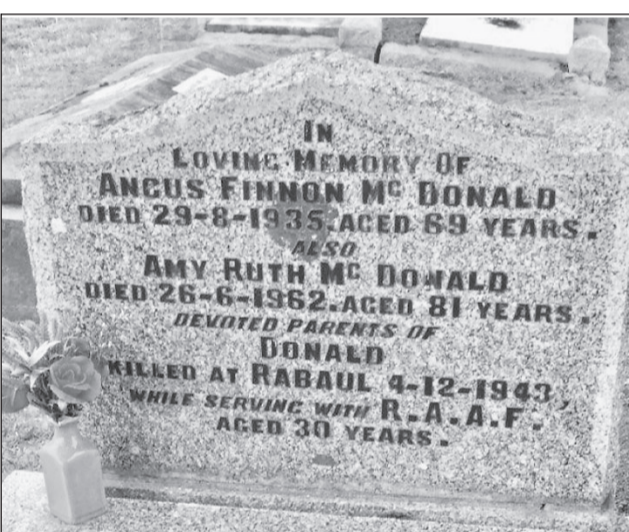
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We are free to pick and choose what we wish from the various aids the program offers.

The emphasis is all spiritual in that it is centred upon discipline of self, self-improvement and growth, under development of concern for others and practical ways to help them.

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Churchill North Primary School news

This Friday pupils, teachers and interested parents will be taking part in a tree planting day to replace trees and shrubs which have not been taken from the previous planting, and to add new plants to improve and beautify the school grounds. Parents, brothers and sisters are invited to come along about 11.00 am and stay on for a barbeque lunch.

Interesting ideas

There has been a good deal of comment regarding the Churchill Citizens' Association suggestion that some Churchill streets could be used as children's playgrounds. The opinions received are about equal for and against the idea. It seems that children do play in the streets even within 100 yards of a park area, legal or not.

Speed boating

Last Sunday saw the Hazelwood Power Boat Club wind up its boating season with an action packed 15 event program in ideal weather conditions, something that is hard to come by at the pondage.

Kevin Bremner suffered the traditional ducking for his first win when he stayed ahead of the opposition to gain line honours in the 2nd B Grade handicap.

All in all racing was great, drivers enjoyed themselves and so did the crowd.

Fire brigade banter

I don't know what has happened to all you Churchillites, as no one seems to be having any fires at all lately. If something doesn't happen soon the

brigade boys will not recognise the siren if it goes off!! Seriously, it is great to see such a responsible attitude, as the ideal situation is no fires at all. Well done!

One thing that stands out with the type of person who usually becomes a fireman is his desire to help his fellow man. This is more than evident in the local brigade.

On Anzac Day a couple of members offered to come around and help me start digging the garage foundations. "Beauty," I said. On the day not just a couple but Blackie, Stocky, Crooksay, Longy, Cuddles Doherty, Brian Watson, Geoff Lindsay and Wadey, came along with picks, shovels and even Geoff's truck turned up. We didn't get finished but, boy, I would certainly be a lot further behind had it not been for the much appreciated turn up. The barbeque and refreshments during and after were quite nice too.

Vaccination news 1978

The aim of your Community Health Centre is to keep every member of the Community well, in other words to prevent illness. Come along to the local Health Centre and keep your children's vaccinations current.

The recommended program was to have a Triple Antigen vaccine against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough. Also recommended was the Sabin vaccine for protection against Poliomyelitis.

Reply to a submission

"The concept of routing a highway through the centre of a town is not new and considered by many planning

authorities, both here and overseas to be the correct approach. The provision of a bypass makes access from the town to the highway more difficult and lengthy, but as the town grows the residential areas eventually jump the bypass presenting similar problems as existed initially.

In the case of Churchill, there are no plans to divert the Midland Highway around the town. The Churchill planning scheme was developed on the basis of the Midland Highway in its present location and adequate provision of land was made to enable its construction up to freeway standard.

Churchill Citizens Association

It is disappointing to hear that the efforts of Morwell Shire Council to obtain a Government grant for the proposed Churchill Leisure Centre has been unsuccessful this year. Let us not despair, No doubt that this will eventuate in due course.

Where do you think would be a good place to re-establish the Morwell 10 pin Bowling Alley? Is there sufficient potential in Churchill to attract it here? The land is certainly available, perhaps as part of the Leisure Centre Complex?

A letter to parents

So, to all parents in Churchill who would like something to do on Monday nights, bring your kids down to learn to dance, stay and watch, and next time try a little family togetherness, you might find your kids appreciate it.

Front fences in Churchill

I am pleased to advise

that the Commission has completed a re-examination of all aspects of its policy regarding front fences. The Commission still supports the concept of open street scape planning and will continue to develop its estates without front fences.

Corner shops

The Housing Commission has declared itself to be in favour of the establishment of Corner Shops in Firmin's Road and Coolabah Drive.

It will offer the two sites for sale by tender to persons prepared to build and operate shops in the near future.

Ping-pong-a-thong

The Co-operating Churches Youth Groups are to hold a Ping-pong-a-thon from 10am Saturday December 9, to 6.00pm Sunday. Table tennis will be played continuously except for an hour Sunday morning when the groups will be taking part in the Sunday service.

The project the groups are supporting is the World Vision project to build wells for the drought stricken area of Bolangir in India.

A meagre outing

So far only \$4 has been given to provide an outing to thank the Churchill boys and girls who deliver the Churchill News. As there are 28 children it will be a very meagre excursion.

It was hoped to take the children to the new roller skating rink at Traralgon and to conclude the evening with a Kentucky Chicken supper.



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Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: Anigozanthos manglesii x flavidus.

Family: Haemodoraceae.

Anigozanthos: The derivation is obscure, as La Billardiere did not explain it when he described this genus. The most likely option is from the Greek anisos, meaning unequal, and anthos, meaning flower, referring to the irregular corolla of the flowers, with the g added for euphony.

manglesii: After Robert Mangles, the brother of Captain James Mangles and an English horticulturalist in whose gardens the type specimen was grown from seed transported from WA.

flavidus: A Latin word meaning yellowish, referring to the flower colour.

Common Name: Hybrid Kangaroo Paw.

Distribution: This is a presumed hybrid of garden origin and thus doesn't have a natural distribution. That's not to say there aren't similar hybrids in the areas where both the parent species co-exist, namely between Mandurah and Albany in south-west WA.

Description: Some Kangaroo Paws (such as A.flavidus) are vigorous, clumping perennials with strap-like leaves to 1m long and 4cm wide, with branching flower stems to 2m tall. Others (such as A. manglesii) are not so vigorous, tend to be short-lived in nature, have shorter leaves to 0.5m long and 3cm wide and shorter unbranched flower stems to 1m tall. The former generally has yellow-green tubular flowers to 4cm long, while the latter has bright red and green tubular

flowers to 7cm long. My plant is somewhere in the middle of these two, with clumping strap-like leaves to 75cm long and 3cm wide, semi-branching flower stems to about 1.5m tall and small dull red tubular flowers with dull green throats to about 4cm long. My plant is definitely not short-lived!

Opinion: Why am I calling my plant a hybrid? Cos it is! Many years ago in the foggy past I had a massive Yellow Kangaroo Paw planted in my backyard, which did well for a number of years until gradually disappearing into the overgrowth (yes, I'm guilty of being terrible at pruning for decades). It may well still be there, struggling along, but I haven't seen it for years and suspect it has succumbed to the lack of light. Around the time it was in its prime, I also had a Red and Green Kangaroo Paw in a pot, sitting on a bench a few metres away, back when I was still hoping I could keep one alive for more than a year. Plant romance must have occurred at some point, as a seedling appeared underneath the bench, which looked very much like a Kangaroo Paw. I dug it up, as it wasn't in a position where I wanted it to be, and moved it to its current position on the western wall of the house, where it has never looked back.

It is currently nearly a metre wide and tends to die



off in the middle (as a lot of Kangaroo Paws tend to do), sending up new leaves each season around the outside of the clump. With the new leaves come the new flower stems, all a bit untidy, but very attractive to any honeyeaters nearby. It's not unusual for the big wattlebirds to clump onto a stem, with their weight enough to bend the stems down onto the neighbouring path, where they stay for me to trip over next time I wander by. The flower stems hold their colour for a long time, well after the individual flowers have finished, but eventually I get tired of falling over them and prune them all off ready for the following season.

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.

Sources: Elliot & Jones - Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 2.

Sharr - WA Plant Names and their Meanings.

Online - FloraBase: Flora of WA.



STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



Rainbows on stamps

I have been challenged to do a column on rainbows on stamps and consequently have been pondering the subject for a while. Of course, there are a number of stamps which include the rainbow in the design, but I would like to take the idea of the rainbow and the significance it holds in different cultures worldwide.

Firstly, let us look at the rainbow in terms of the scientist, who will tell us of its structure and the reasons behind this. They will tell you that a rainbow is formed by white light passing through air, which contains a large amount of water vapour which breaks the white light up into bands of different wave lengths, which allow light of a particular colour to pass through. Human vision can only see seven of these in the order of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. The phenomenon can be seen after rainstorms and near large waterfalls. Now let us look at the rainbow through more primitive eyes.

To the oldest living culture, that of the indigenous Australians, the rainbow provided the foundation of their belief structure where the rainbow took the form of a serpent which was responsible for the creation of the land on which they lived. The

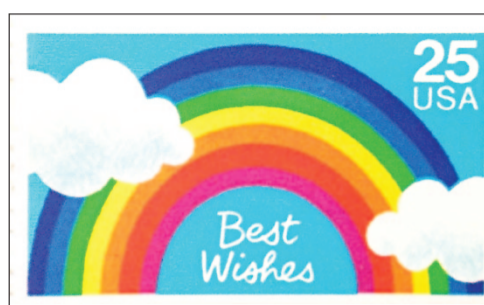
Rainbow Serpent had the ability to create all the landforms providing a platform for all things to live. The spirit of the Rainbow

Serpent was able then to create the beings which populated the land from the lesser spirits which inhabited the spirit world. Amazingly, the belief in the Rainbow Serpent was universal across all Aboriginal tribes from the Kimberleys to southern Tasmania. The only differences came in the stories of the creation of creatures which are native to different areas, creatures such as the lung fish which is found only in Queensland and the sand gooper, native only to Western Australia.

To the Judean-Christians and Islamic religions, the rainbow is symbolic of God's promise that the world would never again undergo a catastrophic cleansing after He used the great flood in the time of Noah.

The Irish, being a much more pragmatic race of people, used the ephemeral end of the rainbow as the hiding place of the gold of their little people, the leprechauns.

Indeed, the rainbow myths are probably the most common throughout



the indigenous tribes across the world, each trying to bring reason to a natural phenomenon.

If we really think about it, the colours of the rainbow form the basis of painting and decoration which brings so much pleasure to all of us.

The colour grouping of the rainbow is also used by the gay community to show the harmonious grouping of their several manifestations.

Getting back to the original subject, the rainbow can be found on stamps from the USA, Finland, South Korea and many more. Many have the colours upside down, but that is part of the allure of the rainbow. It looks good both ways.

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Friends of Morwell National Park

Over the holiday period the Friends group has had two activities.

For the last activity of 2021 we started with some seed collection which was followed by the Christmas barbeque. For the morning activity of seed collection we had Rose, Jay, Joelle, Beryl, Wendy, Tamara, Matt, Ken, Peter and Darren. Gordon visited for the pre-activity meeting. We had apologies from Ranger Gabrielle, Mike, Cathy, Anj and Graeme.

The morning began with a staggered start. In preparing for this activity a seed collection permit was required. Leading up to the activity the permit process was worked through and fortunately the permit came through a few days before the activity.

It was great to have the permit but this led to a rush to get the seed collection activity organised. Matt had suggested a 9am start to allow some extra organisation time. Most of the group drifted in between 9 and 10am.

Lists of species to collect along with their best collection sites had been compiled by Ken. As expected many species were yet to be in seed since the wet spring had delayed seed development. The weather forecast for the day was for rain, so this was also a factor in the planning. A targeted approach to seed collection was devised. Jay briefed the group on how collection should occur and referred to a list of instructions she was unable to print.

The group split up to investigate the seed viability in different parts of the park. The missing bridges across Billys Creek were also a factor which made it difficult to get to the sections of the park beyond the weir and around Blue Gum Hill. Matt and Tamara investigated the west boundary, while Joelle and Ken, and Rose, Jay and Wendy in separate groups went to the Billys Creek area. Beryl, Peter and Darren collected from the beginning of the Fosters Gully Track. A brief storm

blew in just after we started so everybody needed to find a dry place to wait out the storm. This was enough to wet all of the fluffy seeds. A big thank you goes to Wendy

Anita was able to juggle her schedule to come along for her first activity. Rose had two grandchildren along to help out. We had apologies from Gordon, Beryl and

This camera had no audio available so we needed to identify each box visually, by showing each box number, before viewing each box.

Anita drove her 4WD in to carry lunches, camera equipment and to recharge the camera. A number of boxes had come down in the June storms, where the trees the boxes were attached to came down or were knocked down by other falling trees.

Four fallen boxes were found and at least two more are missing under fallen trees. At the next activity we will work on replacing these fallen boxes and make repairs to others.

During the activity we found that the camera lost charge quickly and this meant that it needed to be recharged often. This slowed the groups' progress. It was decided a powerbank should be investigated since the camera can be used while being charged. We should also look into wireless pole mounted cameras, since they are the next stage of this technology and will improve the recording process.

At two of the nesting boxes, the sugar gliders were active and came out when we came to inspect the box. One sugar glider came out and climbed the tree while another poked its nose out

of the hole.

Over the day we did not survey all of the nesting boxes. Towards the end of the day we found a badly injured kangaroo. We guessed that it had been hit by a car on one of supporting roads. We finished the day by dealing with this kangaroo.

The boxes around Braniffs Road and up the Butt Butt track were not surveyed and will need to be done next month. The number of animals found in the boxes was less than in previous years. Around 30 sugar gliders, one ringtail possum and a few Agile Antechinus were observed throughout the day.

February Activity

Sunday February 20
10.00am

The group will meet in the Junction Road car park to complete a variety of activities. We need to finish the annual survey of the nesting boxes (started last month), make repairs and replacement to other nesting boxes and collect some seed for planting later in the year. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

If you are to be involved in seed collection, Jay has put the following equipment list together for seed collection: secateurs, loppers, old pillow cases, flexible tubs, plastic bags, paper bags, clothesline, clothes pegs, clipboards, 4B pencils and blank plant labels - rounded.



who is going to store and collate the collected seed. Thanks to her for taking on this difficult job.

With the rain earlier in the day and more to come, the lunchtime barbeque was wisely moved to Matt and Kerry's house. When the groups finished they moved towards the BBQ. Thanks to Matt and Tamara who collected the lunch treats, Matt who cooked and Matt and Kerry who hosted everybody from the earlier activity. Faye was also able to join us for lunch. Thankfully when the rains returned we were all safely under cover. Beryl's lemon cheesecake was again well loved by all.

For the first activity of 2022 we had Jay, Joelle, Ken, Mike, Cathy, Graeme, Rose, Peter, Darren and Ranger Gabby. Matt came for the morning meeting and to get the activity started.

Tamara.

Over the school holidays there have been a few junior ranger programs. The bush detective sessions encourage children to learn the secrets of the bush by tuning the senses to discover who is hiding out of sight. Matt and Ranger Gabby took a small group around Fosters Gully on the Saturday before our activity.

For the day's activity we had two tasks to complete. The first was to complete the annual nesting box survey and the second was to collect seed for future planting. The group met in the carpark to plan the day ahead. In splitting the group, it was decided that Jay, Joelle, Peter and Gabby would work on seed collection. Jay and Gabby drove around to the Braniffs Road entrance and collected seed around the Pipeline track. Joelle and Peter collected along the Weir track.

The rest of group worked on the nesting box survey. Before the activity Matt had tested the pole mounted cameras and found problems with the first one so we were limited to the second backup camera. We had not used this camera before and found that it was not holding charge well. Matt located a charger so we could charge the camera battery from a car cigarette lighter.



Churchill / Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

Who do I call . . . ?

In the past month, we have been called by various people in town regarding matters that need to be relayed to the Police.

So, what does Neighbourhood Watch do?

1. Neighbourhood Watch is in the community to advise people about safety in and around the home.

2. We raise awareness about issues in our neighbourhood, and bring people together about what we should do to fix problems in the community.

3. We start projects in order to help people of all ages to show respect to the law. i.e. Art projects for schools to lessen graffiti issues around town and number plate securing days to prevent theft of

number plates and sausage sizzles to raise money for various events.

4. We note and report various issues around the district, like, graffiti, faulty street lighting, damages to street signs, broken telephone pits, road damage etc etc.

So, who do we call for Police assistance?

If you have an emergency, and need police assistance and attendance, simply call 000.

If you need to report an issue that does not need police attendance, call 131 444

If you are on Facebook, look up Neighbourhood Watch Latrobe Inc and hit the like button.

Till next time stay safe and enjoy life.



Morwell & District Red Cross Branch

Members will meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

New members are welcome to attend
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Churchill CHATTER

Congratulations

Well done to all those who lit up their homes over the Christmas season for all to enjoy. Congratulations to the local winners of the "Light up Latrobe" competition.

Churchill winners were the Lifeline shop in business section, and 2 Laughton Rise in the residential section. Other district town residential winners were 15 Littleton Avenue Yinnar and 19 Limonite Road Boolarra. Congratulations, they all looked so beautiful.

Street decorations

Thank you to Latrobe City for four Christmas banners placed in the roundabout on Monash Way and about another 20 decorations placed on poles spread around in Woolworths and IGA car parks, Philip Parade and Georgina Place.

Fire Brigade

Fire restrictions commenced on January 10 this year in Latrobe City. Ensure you know what these restrictions mean and that you comply with them.

ARC Yinnar

The first exhibition for the year "The Summer Show" was opened last month.

Go to Yinnar, spend time at the exhibition, visit Matchbox Gallery, picnic in the park, visit the Community Garden and enjoy a great day out.

Kindergarten demolished

The old Andrew's Park Kindergarten in Maple Crescent was demolished in January 2022. It is sad to see infrastructure like this removed from our town.

CDNews website

Our website has had an overhaul. It is quicker and easier to read. Have a look at the revamped front page to easily find more information quickly. Look at the new design of the "directory page." If we have missed your Club's information and you would like to be included send an email to cdneditorial@cdnews.com.au

Quiet time at Woolies

Do you know that Churchill Woolies have a Quiet Time each Tuesday?

During Quiet Hour all

Woolworth stores will lower lights, turn down music or radio, and turn off oven buzzers for an hour from 10.30am to 11.30am every Tuesday.

A low sensory Quiet Hour shopping experience is designed to reduce anxiety and sensory stress for customers with specific needs.

Lower speed

Speed limits will be reduced to 40 kilometres per hour across the central business districts of Moe, Morwell and Traralgon to reduce road trauma and save lives.

When the roadside signs are in place motorists can be fined for travelling at more than 40 kmph.

Thought for the month

If you had everything figured out today there would be nothing to learn tomorrow. Enjoy being a work in progress.

Next edition

Latrobe Valley Express has changed it's printing day to a Wednesday, look out for your next Churchill Chatter on Wednesday March 23.

Strzelecki Koalas



By Marie James

This is a Strzelecki Koala. It is unique and very special because unlike most koalas in Victoria it has a diverse genetic makeup. The Strzelecki Koala's genes are more likely to better help the species survive any future environmental events but only if it is helped now.

Recently fires and storms in the Strzelecki Ranges and through South Gippsland have affected the habitat and lives of our Strzelecki Koala.

I wonder why this Strzelecki Koala is hiding in the bushes near the Morwell National Park?

Where is it going? Perhaps it wants to find a better tree to laze in or to look for a mate?

It is not often that people see a koala on the ground. Koalas need to walk around their habitat, to visit their favourite trees and to find a mate when it is mating

season, which is November to February.

Koalas are in great danger whenever they are on the ground. This Strzelecki Koala is sitting near a road so it could get run over. It is no longer in the National Park so dogs and feral animals could attack it. This koala is also near a farm and cattle have been known to harm koalas when they cross pasture land. Koalas, like other native animals, need vegetation corridors to help provide safer travel.

How can we help this koala and other Strzelecki Koalas?

1. Whenever travelling on roads in the Churchill and its' surrounding district watch out for koalas crossing the road. Koalas are nocturnal animals so they mostly travel at night but can also roam during the day. SLOW DOWN AND BE AWARE!

2. If you see an injured koala, assist the animal. Contact the Wildlife number for help.

(03 84007300 or wildlifelifevictoria.org.au)

3. If you see a Strzelecki Koala around your neighbourhood or scats from a koala let the SKAT team know about it by emailing your information to anthony.amis@foe.org.au This team is collecting data about the Strzelecki Koala and needs your help to get more protection for our precious Strzelecki Koala. Please look at their website for other things that you can do.

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Some fun stuff: How many different words can you make using the letters in "STRZELECKI KOALA" ?

What value would each of your words be if A=1 to Z=26?



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The Lyrebird Walk

By Mike Beamish

Looking for a place to visit over the summer months? Somewhere cool and green on a warm day? Somewhere nearby where you can get back to nature and ignore the hustle and bustle for a few hours?

Why not head off to the Lyrebird Walk, a lovely little park accessed from the Strzelecki Highway, a few kilometres north of Mirboo North and straddling the headwaters of the Little Morwell River?

Here you will find some picnic tables adjacent to the carpark, with the stream nearby and an information board showing you the options for a couple of walking tracks through the Reserve and the adjacent forests.

No toilets though, but it is only a few minutes' drive to Mirboo North for those who can't hold on or would kill for their morning coffee.

You don't even have to leave the picnic ground to get your nature fix. Birds are abundant in these forests, and you are likely to see several species from the driver's seat of the car – crimson rosellas, superb fairywrens, laughing kookaburras, pied currawongs and magpies like to frequent picnic grounds!

To see (or hear) a greater variety though, it is best to take a wander along one of the tracks. If you are not feeling energetic, then just meander along the stream and back.

But if you have energy to burn, take one of the longer loop tracks up the hill and you will increase your chances of seeing something a little less common, maybe a golden, olive or rufous whistler, or a king parrot, a gang gang cockatoo, a sacred kingfisher, an eastern whipbird or yes, you guessed it,

a superb lyrebird!

Many critters live in these forests, too – wombats, brushtail and ringtail possums, sugar and greater gliders, koalas, eastern grey kangaroos, swamp wallabies and very rare marsupials such as tiger quolls, bandicoots and antechinus.

However you are unlikely to see most of these in daylight hours, as they are mainly nocturnal as well as very shy. Spotlight walks may well be your best chance if you wish to track these down.

Don't forget the plants! Fern gullies are part of the forest, with hairpin banksias on the slopes and many species of colourful wildflowers to be found in all seasons.

Keen eyes should be able to spot some of the late summer-flowering orchids that grow in this area – the rosy hyacinth orchid (*Dipodium roseum*) will be the most obvious, with its bright pink flowers on brown or green stems up to a metre tall standing out in the undergrowth.

More difficult to find are the two species of tongue orchid (Large *Cryptostylis subulata* or Small *C. leptochila*) that can also be quite tall, but will blend into the shrubbery.

They both have leaves that look a bit like gum-leaves growing directly out of the ground, so these might be easier to see.

Lastly, there is the tiny elbow orchid (*Thynniorchis huntianus*) which doesn't have leaves and is very cryptic, looking like a small hairy insect dangling from a twig.

You might find these scattered in the leaf litter in open areas beside the track. Good luck!



Hairpin Banksia



Large Tongue Orchid



Rose Hyacinth



Small Tongue Orchid

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A magnificent bright, sunny, warm morning welcomed the eager crowd at the Churchill & District Lions Club Australia Day awards in the Churchill Civic Space at 8am on Australia Day. A Lions member and two Traralgon Rotary ladies did the COVID check-in procedures. Bill Rowley, well known guitarist, played a selection of Australian country music while the crowd gathered, as well as at intervals throughout the program.

Lions Bill Hurenkamp and President Reg Grisotto welcomed the crowd to the celebration and asked Cathie Halliwell, part time Supply Minister to the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill to say prayers. Cathie delivered a most fitting prayer for the occasion. Following, Bill read an acknowledgement of country. The awards were then presented to the winners after their achievements were read out. Our young people have done

extremely well considering their interrupted last two years. They are a credit to their parents and schools and we can be proud of these future leaders of our community. Margaret McQuillan who was our Churchill Citizen of the Year spoke after her presentation, thanking the Lions for the amazing work they do. Margaret said she worked with several agencies to carry out the work in which she was involved. A special thank you went to her family who

made sure she attended, ringing the night before, by promising a surprise the following day. The surprise was of course her presentation. The family had come from a long way to share the special day with her. The Lions famous breakfast was then served with efficiency to the hungry participants. Many people lingered to catch up with those they knew and congratulate the winners on their awards.

Citizen of the Year - Margaret McQuillen



Margaret is a longtime citizen of Churchill who quietly goes about helping and doing good for others without fanfare or looking for public recognition. Margaret has a strong commitment to serving her community and performing charitable work that helps and makes other people's lives better. Whether it's helping struggling needy families, helping international

students, her work with Vinnies or the Church, or assisting with catering at the Churchill Cricket and Golf Clubs, Margaret is happiest when assisting and helping others. Margaret was born in Benalla growing up with three brothers, moving to Maffra, then Morwell and finally Churchill where she still lives today. Margaret managed a busy life supporting and raising her family, a daughter and three sons as they were growing up, assisting with all the sporting clubs in which they were involved, juggling a number of spare time jobs. Doing community service and charitable work at the same time with boundless energy is a remarkable commitment. Her strong commitment to the charitable work of the St Vincent de Paul Society is legendary. Margaret's

resolve is that no family in Churchill who is destitute or in danger of eviction will go hungry or become homeless. Her ability to interact with social workers and support agency staff usually ensures a solution even in the most challenging circumstances. Margaret joined Vinnies in 2006 and has been a very active and prominent member since joining, including four years as President. In addition to providing assistance to needy families, she assisted Indian students at Federation University to find accommodation in the Morwell and Traralgon area. To enable them to find part time work as well as accommodation she also found them furniture and food supplies. Margaret makes a huge contribution to her Lumen Christi Church Community where she does anything

from planning and implementing audio visuals, decorating the church, washing the linen used at mass, polishing the brassware and cleaning the toilets. Most people would have no idea of the amount of work she does at the church and still commits to serving the whole Churchill community. She was also a very active member of the 2009 Churchill Fire Recovery Committee. Her empathy with people and her willingness to assist those in need were ideal qualities in those circumstance at that time. It is a wonder with all that she does to help others that she still finds the time to play golf at Churchill where she is an active Club member and who represents Churchill in the Ladies Competition. A truly remarkable woman. Congratulations Margaret



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Young Citizens of the Year - Leandra and Jenna McLauchlan



Jenna McLauchlan, 15 years of age and her sister Leandra, aged 13, are both exceptionally talented young women. They are both accomplished hockey players, and are also extremely valuable members of the community and contribute immensely off and on the hockey field.

Both girls started playing hockey from an early age and now play in the Churchill Hockey Club senior teams despite their age, and hold themselves with poise, maturity, and determination. In addition to their tireless training to excel and develop their skills on the pitch, they are extremely involved in developing the junior competition at Latrobe Valley Hockey Association, spending time mentoring and umpiring junior players in the Under 7s and under 10s competitions, taking the time to share their knowledge and skills with the younger players.

Leandra and Jenna also give support to the senior women and men at the Club and support the coaching teams by keeping stats and often unofficially 'keeping an eye out' for younger children on the side lines, so that their parents can play hockey. This has contributed immensely to the family friendly and supportive culture at the Churchill Hockey Club and has helped in giving confidence to the many returning players and officials who have come back to playing hockey at the Club again.

Jenna played in the girls Under 15 Gippsland Bulls team last year, at the Junior State Championships during the July school holidays. Their team won the gold medal, winning 2-1 against the Central Flames. It was the first time a Gippsland Bulls team had won a gold medal at the Junior State Championship, which also won the Best and Fairest player award.

Leandra tried out at the Victorian Hockey draft camp and was selected for the Under 13 Victorian girls Hockey Academy. At the Victorian Hockey

Academy, she has been training at the State Netball and Hockey Centre in Melbourne under development coaches including Phil Burrow's (New Zealand Black Sticks champion) training.

Leandra also played in the Junior State Championships for the girls Under 15 Gippsland Bulls team and was voted best and fairest winning the award for most goals scored.

Leandra has qualified and will be training and educating programs at this year's Victorian Hockey Under 15 Academy and vie for U15 State Team selection in February.

Both Jenna and Leandra are exceptional young women, with promising futures as representatives in state and local hockey teams. Both girls are highly regarded by their coaches, are leaders and role models to other players and give their time to assist and help others in their community

Well done girls

Kurnai College Junior Campus - Hayden Dent



Hayden was nominated by his school Kurnai College Churchill Junior Campus where Hayden attended and completed year ten last year. He is looking forward to going back to complete Year 11 this year at the University Campus.

Hayden is a confident well-spoken and very likable young man whose main interest is to complete and do well in his academic studies with a very keen interest in science.

Last year Hayden completed work experience in disability services in which he excelled and enjoyed. He is presently working part time at McDonalds in Moe but hopes to get a transfer closer to home, as does his dad.

Hayden has many interesting interests which include animal welfare, an area that Haden wants to pursue on completing his academic studies. He loves drawing and art, finding and collecting rocks and story writing. Hayden has begun writing a story about

science fiction characters and about life going into the future. It may take him some time to complete, but it could make for some very interesting reading one day.

Like most young students Hayden has his own computer workstation where he does his work, but he also loves being outdoors and can be often seen walking around Lake Hyland.

Hayden is a young man who knows where he wants his life to go, he has great support from his family especially his older brother and is a very worthy recipient, a role model for other young people and to our community.

Well done, Hayden,

Churchill Primary School - Mia Fede



Mia was nominated by her school Churchill Primary School. Mia will be starting Grade 6 this year and is looking forward to the year ahead.

Mia is a lovely girl, the eldest of four siblings. She is confident, polite, and well spoken. She plays sport and is an active member of the community and is always a fantastic participant in school events.

Mia is sporty, loves the outdoors, likes music and dancing and plays netball, which she started when she started school.

She plays for Yinnar and last year won the coveted Best and Fairest player award. Mia loves riding motor bikes, having her own which she received for Christmas last year.

She also likes biscuiting behind the boat (sitting on a towable craft) on family holidays on the river at Moama.

Mia also likes to help out whenever she can, whether it is at home helping mum with her new baby brother or at school helping the teachers or helping other children in class to teach music and dancing.

Mia is a popular and respected student who last year was elected Student Representative at Churchill Primary where she had to interact with teachers and other students, attended meetings

to discuss and resolve student and school issues which she did with confidence and poise.

Mia is a role model for other students and a leader and has been elected School Captain for this year.

Well done Mia

Churchill North Primary School -



Paul Bonnici

Paul was nominated by Churchill North Primary school where he completed Grade 6. Paul is the youngest of three and has an older brother and sister.

Paul likes the outdoors, loves fishing and is usually the first one to catch a fish when out fishing with the family. "There is nothing like catching a big flatty".

He likes being hands on, fixing things and helping dad fix things around the house. Paul enjoys Taekwondo where he is nearly a Black Belt, also helping out with teaching junior students.

He especially enjoys music and uses this to contribute to the community.

Paul is a kind and compassionate person who is always willing to help others. Paul is a member of the Morwell Brass Band helping to teach music.

Last year he also gave his time to play at the Churchill ANZAC Day service, alongside his family, where he played the trumpet. After the recent floods Paul helped neighbours and others cleaning up and fixing fences.

He was also an active helper at his church where he serves as an altar boy.

Paul is a popular student who sets high standards, upholds school values and was elected a House Captain by his peers and teachers last year.

Paul is a leader and a role model for other students and contributed to his school community by assisting in school activities and assisting teachers when required also helping out with music lessons.

Great work Paul

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Lumen Christ Catholic School - Edward (Eddie) Fairbrother



animals. Eddie likes to help out at home fixing things and learning how to do different things. He is confident to drive the front-end loader under Dad's close supervision.

Eddie was a popular member of the Lumen Christi school community being elected School Vice-Captain last year, where he had to attend meetings with teachers and other student representatives to discuss and resolve school and student issues, and assist and carry out different tasks with the School Captains. His biggest regret is not being School Captain because the School Captains get to do more.

Eddie is always willing to help and assist other students, helping the teachers when required such as setting up morning assembly and always looking out for the younger junior students. Eddie is a role model to other students in the way he conducts himself at school not only academically but for his care and his desire to help others and make a difference.

Congratulations Eddie

Eddie was nominated by Lumen Christi Catholic School Churchill where he completed Grade 6, and this year will attend Lavalla College to start his secondary education.

Eddie has three brothers and five sisters. He is a confident polite young man who likes playing soccer, swimming and riding his bike. Like most kids he likes to play computer games and being outdoors especially on the family property, helping out feeding the sheep, pigs and other

Hazelwood North Primary School - Chase Hickman



At school Chase gets involved in school activities such as the Jump Rope for Heart to raise money for the Heart Foundation. Chase jumped and skipped for nearly seven hours exhausting his mother. But that didn't matter as he was determined and committed to raise as much money as possible, which he did with a whopping \$1,200 dollars.

These words are from his Principal. "Chase is a motivated, responsible and cheerful member of his class. He displays an amazing level of enthusiasm for every learning task that he completes. Chase shows a genuine interest in all areas of the curriculum, and he is a diligent and conscientious worker. During Remote Learning, Chase completed all his learning tasks to a very high standard, his attitude towards learning remaining extremely positive. The videos that he uploaded showed the care and thought that he puts into each task. He sets an example for others with his outstanding behaviour, both within and beyond the classroom and is a wonderful role model. He can be relied upon to complete additional jobs with minimal supervision, is trustworthy and he always tries his best."

Congratulations on winning this special award Chase!

Chase is the Lion's youngest winner being in Grade 1. He was nominated by his school Hazelwood North Primary School. Chase has an older brother and a new baby sister. He likes to help out at home and at school, is kind, caring and committed.

Chase likes the outdoors and loves horse riding which he has been doing for two years now. He has his own horse named Teddy, which he was given at Christmas. Chase likes being the little cowboy riding and looking after Teddy.

Chase likes swimming, does Ju Jitsu and likes art and being creative. He likes to fix things, helping out around the house and being responsible especially with Teddy his horse, making sure Teddy is fed and comfortable and safe.



Traralgon Rotary ladies helping with sign in.



Bill Rowley played Australian songs before and throughout the program



Churchill Lions Club cooked breakfast.



Bill Hurenkamp and Reg Grisotto





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Australia Day Boolarra

After a topsy-turvy COVID inspired 2021, and a number of cases in the local community we weren't really sure what to expect for Australia Day this year. There was a lot of additional regulatory oversight required to stage the event this year, and considerable angst in the community about the pros and cons. The week before Australia Day our committee had around half an hour of debate on whether we should proceed, before finally deciding to go ahead. It is the mark of a good committee that even those who spoke against the proposal gave it their full-blooded support once the decision was made to go ahead. Things were a bit shaky to start with, as the in situ BBQ's in the park were not operating, and Chris was having trouble with the Koffee Kart. A couple of quick phone calls and the CFA came to the rescue with their mobile BBQ trailer. Thanks, Rob, for organising that at extremely short notice. Thanks also to the footy club, especially Russell and Jackie McGlade, for providing their BBQ. Given the community COVID concerns, and the run of hot weather we had been experiencing, we weren't sure what our numbers would be like, and we had catered for a crowd of 80, well down on our normal numbers. So we were very pleased to have around 90-100 attendees.

Jenny Clark did a great job at short notice running the kids' games, with sack races, gum-boot throwing and egg and spoon races keeping the younger cohort entertained. Interestingly, this year we supplied primarily fruit juice packs, rather than soft drinks, and they were much preferred by the kids. The older crowd members were kept on their toes by Australiana Trivia questions.



Surprisingly, no one was aware that Novak Djokovic had been appointed the new batting coach of the English Cricket side, because the poms were so impressed it had taken Australia two weeks to get him out!

The volunteers on the BBQ started at 7.30 to ensure the hungry masses were very well catered for, with some on the fly decisions to relocate, and how and where to set up. A special thanks to the Rotary Club of Traralgon, who provided some financial support and also the help of several volunteers, including two COVID marshalls; they were greatly appreciated. Well done also to Chris Wareham for bringing the Koffee Kart along and providing free coffees to the masses.

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

of extra signage, registration forms and even a cleaner for the day.

Boolarra Community Awards are nominated by people in the community who like to take the opportunity to recognise the efforts of people who have in their own individual way worked for the benefit of the community. 2021 was a very unusual year as we all know, and very many of our normal activities were curtailed by the COVID-related restrictions. This was reflected in the fact that instead of our normal 8-10 community award nominations, we only had four this year.

Matt Ryan was nominated for his hard work and commitment over many years to the community of Boolarra. In 2016 Matt took on the role of Treasurer for the Boolarra Link, and has done a wonderful job in improving the efficiency and processes associated with advertising and accounts for the Link. The Link is a very important asset to the town and it is the hard work of volunteers such as Matt that enable it to continue.

Boolarra Community Development Group, on behalf of the entire Boolarra and District community, recognised the significant contribution of Roger

Pither for his dedicated and professional support of the Boolarra Community Hotel for many years, working to enhance the amenity and continuity of the pub as an asset for the wider Boolarra community. Ross Bramley has been recognised for his willingness to provide his time, expertise and equipment, without fanfare or fuss, to help out people and organisations in need within the community, and always with a smile. Ross is the classic quiet achiever who is the backbone of small communities such as Boolarra.

Finally, this year Boolarra lost one of its community stalwarts, after Sue Warren passed away after a long struggle with ill-health. She has been recognised today for her hard work and commitment over many years to the community of Boolarra. Sue was the backbone of the Multipurpose Building through her role as Secretary. Sue also coordinated the Red Cross activities in Boolarra for many years. Unfortunately Sue's husband David was unable to attend as he was rostered on to work, but her son Ben made the trip down from Melbourne to accept the Community Recognition Certificate.

Finally, I'm pleased to advise that assisted by the sterling efforts and musical support of Alex Stevenson and Dee Stephenson, we were able to provide a solid delivery of the Australian National Anthem. We missed the rousing tones of Neil and Kate Cartwright, who unfortunately were in isolation, but I'm sure they will be back next year bigger and more boisterous than ever, and Alex and Dee are also planning some further musical accompaniment for next year's event.

Colin Brick, OA
Boolarra Community Development Group

Australia Day Yinnar and District

The weather on Wednesday was a welcome change from last year but unfortunately numbers were down. The Yinnar & District Lions club kicked off the festivities with another brilliant

egg and bacon feast. This was followed by the entertainment with Jay and Patrick McGown playing some great renditions of Australian ballads together with other well-known

music.

The Historical Society supplied tea, coffee and biscuits to the spectators. Formalities commenced with Herb Smith reciting Welcome to Country. Following this Yinnar & District Community Association President, Luke Townsend, gave an official welcome to the crowd.

Members of the Yinnar scout group, Rory Brown and Alicia Ewen, led by leader Jess Cook, then raised the Australian flag.

The Captains from Yinnar Primary School, Rose McColl, Abbey Plozza, Finn Mahoney and Lavinia Benson gave a stirring recital of "What is Australia Day" and were given a standing ovation.

Councillor Melissa Ferguson gave a short presentation pledging the support of Latrobe City.

The Yinnar Young Citizen of the year was awarded to Patrick McGown for his outstanding contributions to the local music scene. He has supported the community over several years at many events. He has also featured with the Kurnai College music program at local primary schools, entertaining and encouraging kids to pursue or become involved with music.

The Yinnar Citizen of the Year was awarded to our most popular and hardworking sculptor, Nicole Allen. Nicole has organised and run three biennial Gippsland Sculpture exhibitions in the township of Yinnar. These exhibitions are unique events in our Latrobe Valley area and create opportunities for local artists and those outside the area to show case their talents.



Alumni achievements celebrated at Awards



From the spotlight of London's Royal Albert Hall, to Gippsland boardrooms and art galleries, Federation University Australia's distinguished alumni are excelling in their chosen fields and beyond.

Four Gippsland leaders in art, theatre, business, and science are among the 11 people to be honoured in Federation University's 2021 Alumni Awards.

The awards formally recognise the achievements of distinguished alumni of Federation University and its predecessor institutions, with awards presented at a virtual ceremony recently.

Last year, the University launched a new Award for Community Service, which was presented to Ian Gibson, who has a long

history with the Gippsland campus, beginning with his first degree, a Bachelor of Economics in 1969, followed by a Bachelor of Arts in 1973 and a Master of Public Policy and Management in 2003.

He is a valued ambassador for both the University and higher education in Gippsland, helping to link community, government, and industry. The Gippsland recipients of the Federation University 2021 Alumni Awards are:

Ronald Edwards-Pepper - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alumnus of the Year.

Jaz Flowers - Alumna of the Year.

Ian Andrew Gibson - Award for Community Service.

Neil Terrill - Distinguished Alumnus.

The annual Alumni Awards celebrate the recipients' successes not only in their chosen fields of study, but their lives more broadly.

Federation University Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Duncan Bentley said "Our alumni are part of the fabric of Federation University, and I am so pleased to congratulate this year's award recipients.

It is fantastic to celebrate our alumni's achievements, not only on the local, national and international stage, but in the case of each Gippsland recipient, the work they have done locally to support prosperity in their own communities, sharing their expertise and passing their craft onto the next generation."

Federation University 2021 Alumni Awards Gippsland recipients -

Ronald Edwards-Pepper is a proud Gunai Kurnai man and respected and prolific artist, as well as educator.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Visual and Media Arts in 2017 and was a Trainee Mentor in Education at Latrobe Regional Gallery, Morwell.

Ronald has studied a Certificate IV Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts and Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art and Design at TAFE Gippsland.

He expresses himself through painting, telling the stories of his ancestors and strives to teach others about the land they walk on.

He paints primarily in acrylics on canvas, sometimes incorporating ochre into his work.

For Yirramboi Festival 2021, Australia's premier First Nations arts and cultural event, Ronald was commissioned to create work

for the Town Hall Station site with detailed paintings about the Gunai Kurnai dreamtime stories, a project which elevated his profile as an artist in the wider community.

Ronald's career highlights include winning the Lin Onus Award in the 2008 Victorian Indigenous Art Awards, art gallery residencies and an artist exchange to Japan through the Latrobe Regional Gallery.

Jaz Flowers graduated from the University of Ballarat with a Bachelor of Arts (Musical Theatre) in 2008 and has consistently garnered roles in theatre and stage productions to critical acclaim, most notably, playing the lead role of Tracy Turnblad in the multi award-winning stage production of 'Hairspray'.

This won her a Sydney Theatre Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Musical and a Helpmann Award nomination for Best Female Actor in a Musical.

Jaz's theatre credits include the female lead role of April, in 'Hot Shoe Shuffle', and roles in 'Cabaret'; 'Shane Warne the Musical' alongside Eddie Perfect; 'Fame The Musical', for which she received a Helpmann Award nomination for Best Supporting Female Actor.

In 2014, Jaz moved to London and sang on London's West End.

Later that year she scored a role in the BBC Prom's production of 'Kiss Me Kate' at The Royal Albert Hall which was televised on Christmas Day.

Jaz has built a successful career both nationally and internationally, and runs the Jaz Flowers Performing Arts School in Morwell where she inspires young people in regional Victoria to pursue performing arts careers.

Ian Gibson has a long history with Federation University and its predecessor institutions, graduating with his first degree from Monash University, a Bachelor of Economics in 1969, before attaining a Bachelor of Arts in 1973 and a Master of Public Policy and Management in 2003.

His professional history also includes roles at the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education (GIAE), and Monash University as a sessional tutor for the School of Business and Economics.

Ian has worked for Federation University as both a sessional academic with the School of Business and by supporting and promoting the University's Industry Placement Program.

He is a valued ambassador for both the University and higher education in Gippsland.

Over the past 40 years, Ian has actively served his region through various board, committee, and local community organisation roles including for the Latrobe Regional Hospital; the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, and recently as Chair of the Community Advisory Group on the Star of the South Offshore Wind Project.

Neil Terrill was one of a group of people who was instrumental in founding the now Gippsland campus of Federation University,

leading many aspects of its development, and motivated by a strong belief that quality education should be available outside the cities for the prosperity of the individual and the regions.

Neil graduated with a Diploma of Applied Chemistry from Yallourn Technical College in 1949 before working as an Industrial Chemist at Monsanto Chemicals, and then teaching maths and science in Victorian Technical Schools and Colleges.

In 1966, he was appointed Head of the Department of Chemistry at Yallourn Technical College which later became the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education (GIAE) and in 1970 was appointed the first Head of the Department of Applied Science.

In 1972, Neil commenced studies at Bristol University, UK, where he was awarded a Master of Science specialising in Aquatic Science.

On his return to Australia, he became heavily involved in the development of new courses in Applied Science, and in particular Chemistry at GIAE, eventually becoming Dean of Engineering and Science and later Deputy Director.

In 2008, he was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for Services to Conservation and the Environment of Gippsland.

Ask your pharmacist

By Andy Gergis

Diabetes 2

We spoke last time about diabetes and the three different types. We discussed how serious diabetes can be and the devastating complications.

Today we will talk about how to avoid the preventable and most common type of diabetes - type 2.

Sugar is your enemy so you need to cut sugar as much as you can.

My first advice is dump the junk food and take aways, most junk food and take aways are loaded with sugar even if you can not see it or taste it. Most sauces, even the spicy and chilli ones have sugar in them. You cannot be 100% sure how much sugar is in your meal unless it is home made.

Also you will need to lower your intake of indirect sugar sources like cakes, pasta, bread and rice and all carbohydrates. Carbohydrates (or as people

call it carbs) once digested transform in your body into sugar. One other indirect sugar source is alcohol, so you will need to lower your intake of alcohol.

I know the list is long but healthy eating is definitely worth the effort. My second piece of advice is start moving, find something you enjoy and stick to it. Even something simple like walking 15 minutes every day or riding your bike to the local shops, - do it until it becomes a habit.

Finally, if you have a family history or you have been over weight for a while and struggling to shake it off, seek help, talk to your doctor and pharmacist.

There are medications that can help you, they can also provide advice to help you achieve your goals - staying healthy and avoid type 2 diabetes.

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communities and businesses about issues including digital connectivity, access to services, mental health and wellbeing, food insecurity, financial stress and social connections. These concerns remain in the current environment and as well as reporting them to government, I am working with those in the service system to address the issues.



Latrobe Health Advocate

Last year I was reappointed to the role of Latrobe Health Advocate for a further three years. I am proud to be recognised as a trusted independent voice for people across Latrobe to share their health and wellbeing goals and concerns.

I continue to engage with under-represented communities, elevate community voices and encourage people to participate more fully in driving system changes to improve their health and wellbeing.

Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19,

communities are getting on with their lives in the best way they can. Our work continues and my office has moved to a hybrid model of engagement, working remotely and in-person when restrictions allow.

My office at 2 Tarwin Street in Morwell is currently open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 5pm and I can be contacted Monday to Friday on 1800 319 255.

I will continue to listen to Latrobe communities and respond to their health and wellbeing aspirations.

I will use these voices to identify advocacy opportunities to influence systems change and I am committed to continuing to work to address community concerns and aspirations with the Victorian Government and services within the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone.

In the coming months, I will be reaching out to communities across Latrobe to hear from more people about their goals and suggestions for better health and wellbeing in Latrobe.

If you would like to make a time to catch up and discuss your experiences, or perhaps have me hear from your community group, please phone Kylie on 1800 319 255 or email info@lhadvocate.vic.gov.au to arrange a time to meet.

You can also keep up to date with my work through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

I look forward to hearing from you in the coming months.

Thank you to the Churchill News for inviting me to contribute to this edition of your community newsletter. My team and I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope that you are looking forward to 2022.

As we move into a new year it seems there is much that is familiar. We are still responding to the impacts of COVID-19 and doing what we can by getting vaccinated, wearing masks indoors, keeping our distance in public settings and caring for each other.

Throughout the pandemic I have heard from

St Matt's Op Shop

After a summer break, St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar is open for business again, and getting ready for our third birthday party on Friday February 18!

Come and help us celebrate with birthday cake and a summer sale. We are

selling children's books and toys at marked down prices, plus our ever-popular "fill a bag with summer clothes for \$5" offer is on again.

To help us trade in a COVID safe way, we ask that you wear a mask in store and follow social distancing rules

such as being mindful of the number of people in the shop.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

For all our news, search for the "St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar" page on Facebook.

St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar

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Plowman Retreat

On June 9, 2021, a new residential rehabilitation program for young men named Plowman Retreat, was founded by Dr CF (Jamie) Hogan, PhD. A Clinical Counsellor, Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Clinician and Academic, he formed and incorporated the Retreat on June 21, 2021. Dr Hogan has remained the permanent Chief Executive Officer.

Plowman Retreat Residential and Rehabilitation Program is situated at Clive Disher Park in Perry Bridge on the edge of the Shire of Wellington and the Shire of East Gippsland in native bushland and surrounded by the Perry River and Lake Wellington. It is a residential program led by a group of highly qualified and/or dedicated laymen and mental health and AOD practitioners who, through their own various life experiences, have come together, forming the organisation, Plowman Retreat Incorporated, volunteering their services and time to ensure the provision of quality services to the less fortunate young men in society. This will assist these young men in progressing with productive and full lives creating

positive changes. It is important to note that all staff, including the CEO, are volunteers and freely give hours and hours of time. Plowman Retreat provides services to clients from South Gippsland, Baw Baw, Latrobe, Wellington and East Gippsland Shires.

The program based at Clive Disher Park has a large number of bush walks, a formidable obstacle course, a number of campsites and wonderful retro residential facilities, a mess hall, training rooms and an administration area based in native bushland with various types of flora and fauna. The park was bequeathed by Dr Clive Disher to the Scouting movement, who still own and manage the park via an appointed committee of management. The Clive Disher Park Committee through Scouts Victoria, has recognised the value and importance of the Plowman Retreat Residential and Rehabilitation Program and enabled their facilities to run the program four times a year for 30 days per program.

Plowman Retreat Incorporated and the program itself is non-political, non-racial, non-secretariat and not discriminatory and is in

partnership with various stakeholders to provide community health, support, welfare, residential and recovery services relating to Offending, Mental Health, Sexuality and AOD issues for young men between the ages of 18-25. Its donors and stakeholders, to name a few, are ADVA, The Sixth Child Charity, Barrier Breakers, Bunnings Warehouse, Midsummer and Clive Disher Park.

Along with a Board of Directors Chaired by Mrs Irene Casey for Baker Ebert College in Cranbourne, Dr Hogan said Plowman Retreat has an extensive hard-working advisory panel chaired by Cr Melissa Ferguson, Councillor for Latrobe City Council and CEO of Barrier Breakers, with Dr Gordon Arthur – Surgeon, Mr Derek Amos OAM – Mental Health Advocate, Mr John Sier a long time Real Estate Valuer, Surveyor and Academic from Mornington, Cr Sharon Gibson Immediate Past Mayor of Latrobe City and Family Counsellor. It has an extensive range of voluntary staff who have various roles within the residential program. It also has its' administration offices with four voluntary



Dr CF Jamie Hogan with the new Plowman Retreat sign and logo

staff, including a five day week Research Officer, a Residential Program Coordinator, a Finance/ Grants Officer, a Community Arts Program Coordinator and an IT Coordinator. Dr Hogan stressed that the project had no government funding at this point but was vigorously soldiering on and would run four of these monthly residential programs in 2022 at Clive Disher Park. He thanked all the wonderful organisations and businesses that had donated goods and hands-on services

Plowman Retreat

Incorporated and the program is named after Dr Sidney Plowman born in 1851 in Boston, London and died on April 27, 1932 at the Lofts in Davey Street Frankston, an English Physician and Surgeon who practised medicine in Frankston Victoria, providing initial services to the sick and needy people located in and around the then isolated Frankston and Mornington Peninsula area. Dr Plowman had a focus on family medicine and assisting young people and children with issues he recognised at that

time, but not until modern days do we now officially acknowledge.

The intent of this innovative new and exciting program is to put all funds back into the program and facilities, after all expenses are paid and all grants and funding programmes obtained are acquitted. The program is not designed as a profit making project.

If you want to know more, please look at the web site www.plowmanretreat.com



New campus vision to transform lives and enhance communities in Gippsland

A plan to bring classrooms to the community in major town centres sits at the heart of a Federation University Australia Campus Vision for Gippsland.

The 2022-2025 Campus Vision launched recently by Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Duncan Bentley sets out a clear way forward for Victoria's premier regional university to build a strong and sustainable future across all the regions it serves. Federation will embrace innovative forms of education delivery to prepare students for jobs of the future through programs and courses that will drive economic growth and jobs.

New technologies will be used to connect classrooms, people, and communities in new and productive ways. In Gippsland, Federation will concentrate more of its activities into key population areas, seeking to bring the classroom to the community, and forge new ways of learning. Teaching spaces will be located in community buildings in major town centres to make it easier for people to access education and training opportunities, focussing on areas where there is a demand for skilled workers such as healthcare.

Federation will continue to look for innovative ways to increase its presence in Traralgon and Latrobe City, as Gippsland's largest population centre. This will include mixed education

and employment facilities, building on the success of our Morwell Innovation Centre which hosts more than 200 jobs in the energy and food and fibre sectors. Federation's study hub network and outreach programs will be expanded into other rural population centres, building on the existing regional university centres in Wonthaggi, Sale and Bairnsdale. This includes potential expansion into Baw Baw Shire, the fastest growing rural council in Victoria, through shared spaces in Warragul and Drouin. Federation has appointed placemaking consultants Village Well to undertake community engagement activities over the coming months. This engagement will go on

to inform the developing Campus Masterplans for the sites. Find out more at: federation.edu.au/strategy/delivery-year-1/campus-vision.

Federation University Australia Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Duncan Bentley said "We want to be known as Gippsland's university – our Campus Vision builds on the work we are already doing to make it easier for locals to access higher education and training in areas where there is strong jobs growth and employer demand. This is not just about bricks and mortar – it's about how we teach, our connection to our communities and how we will drive growth in our campus regions for generations to come."

Where We Live

The locality of Churchill is one of 45 localities within the Latrobe City. Localities are rural districts and the naming of localities occurred in Victoria in 1998. The localities within the Latrobe City with their boundaries, street and place names were assigned by the Place Names Committee and gazetted on July 23, 1998.

The creeks within or bordering the Locality of Churchill were named during the pastoral era. Bennetts Creek, the eastern boundary of the Hazelwood Pastoral Run and the Locality of Churchill was named after William Bennett and his family. Billys Creek was named after Billy Hillier who was the joint lessee of the Scrubby Forest Pastoral Run. The creek was the boundary of the two runs and became the boundary of Hazelwood and Yinnar. It was also

during this era that Eel Hole Creek was named.

Four arterial roads were surveyed and constructed which were located in part on the border of what is now the Locality of Churchill. They were the original Jeeralang West Road from Morwell, Switchback Road, Boldings Road and Tramway Road. As a result of black coal being discovered in the Jeeralangs in 1873, a three chain tramway reserve was surveyed from the Gippsland railway line to Jeeralang Junction. As the tramway did not proceed, the tramway reserve was utilised as a road reserve.

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Vale Alan Long

Alan John Long was born at Yallourn Hospital to Edna and Neil of Moe, on Tuesday June 22, 1948. He grew up in Moe attending St Luke's Kindergarten, South St Primary School and Moe High School.

He gained a Fitting and Turning apprenticeship at Hazelwood Power Station, where he worked for many years. He retired early from that job to become his own boss. He opened a workshop in Churchill making golf buggies, then opening Churchill Exhausts. Next, he tried his hat at several other roles including, tram driver, running an Auction House and Antique Store, before finding his real passion teaching apprentices at both Yallourn and Sale TAFE.

Alan had many passions, none quite as big as his love for the Richmond Football Club. He was a huge fan of the Tigers and a member for many years. He was happy to go to a game, watch it on the TV, or as he liked to say "watch it on the wireless".

He loved motorbikes and enjoyed his time in the MRA (Motorcycle Riders Association). A huge achievement was rebuilding his beloved Norton Commando 850cc.

He loved taking his three children (when they were younger) camping and fishing. His children remember the time they left the frying pan at home. Alan just whipped off the hub cap

from the car and proceeded to cook the snags in that over the fire.

Alan was a good cook and he really enjoyed cooking. Nobody could hold a candle to his ANZAC cookies or glazed ham at Christmas. He also loved nothing more than a good BBQ. He loved his music and the house was never without the radio or jukebox going.

Baseball was his thing in his earlier days, and he loved playing for Churchill. The Fire Brigade was also a big part of his life, being involved for a number of years and Captain for 19 years. He was also later involved with Maffra, Moe and Moe South Brigades.

Churchill Fire Brigade First Lieutenant Steve Barling remembers Alan thus.

Alan joined the Churchill and Jeeralang Rural Fire Brigade on June 20, 1976 as an active operational member. It wasn't too long before others in the brigade saw his leadership qualities, and he was elected Captain of the brigade commencing on July 31, 1978. This was a position Alan held for 19 years until April 1997, when he stepped back to be an

operational member.

Alan was well known for his forthright opinions, and fought hard for the things he believed in. He led the brigade through a number of significant changes, one of which was the brigade being reclassified to be an Urban Fire Brigade in 1991. This meant there were some significant benefits to the brigade and community, as the brigade was permanently allocated an urban pumping appliance as well as the tanker for rural and bush firefighting.

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many and various sheds that been added to as the brigade and it's allocated equipment grew over the years. The old station, located on the corner of Switchback Road and what is now Monash Way served the brigade well for many years, and underwent many changes with a roof lift here, a lean to extension there, and was a collection point for newspapers and glass recycling which was the brigade's primary fundraising method for many years.

Alan was a representative of the brigade and attended meetings of the Morwell Group (as it was then), and represented the brigade on other committees across the District. Alan was also

continued with the Maffra brigade for seven years, Moe brigade for 18 months, and the Moe South brigade for another two and a half years.

Alan was presented with many awards whilst a member of CFA, including 12, 20 and 25 year service badges, and a National Medal on September 19, 1997.

Alan loved tinkering on his cars, he was always under the bonnet of one of them. He saved a fortune on mechanics. His favourite car back in the day was the Valiant and he owned many of them over the years.

Alan also had a love for the ocean, which led him to relocating to Golden Beach. He was a stone's throw from

passionate about training, and was an active instructor for many local training events, and District training days at the West Sale training ground.

Alan eventually moved on from the Churchill brigade in April 1998 after 22 years, but his service with CFA

the water, and would swim there all year round. He was a member of the Golden Beach Golf Club, and he loved nothing more than a game of golf.

Alan was a hardworking man who loved a wine and a flutter on the horses. Over the years he worked at many racecourses, the highlight being manning the Jockeys rooms for the Melbourne Cup.

Alan was a loved and respected man who was lucky enough to travel to many different countries, England and Ireland being his most talked about.

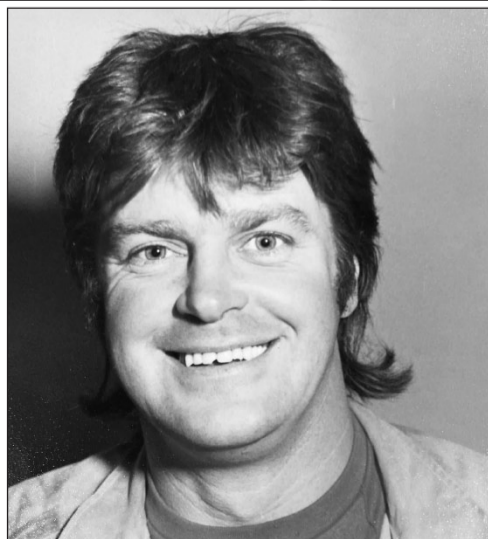
Of his many achievements, none was greater than his three children, Lisa, Tina and Chris.

Alan was a fit and healthy man at 72 and still working when he was diagnosed in late May with stomach cancer. After a brave fight he lost his battle and passed in his sleep at Latrobe Regional Hospital on November 1, 2021.

He is survived by his three siblings, Fay, Janice, Rob and families, three children, ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He is loved and missed every single day.

As per Alan's request there was a private cremation, as he didn't want a wake or to make any fuss.





Cooking with Noelene



Paul's potato salad

Years ago family gatherings were always held at Alma Park, St Kilda.

I still love Alma Park and Paul's amazing potato salad, which always featured in our picnics.

Boil 4 eggs till well done - 5 minutes, drain, cool and skin, then slice.

Boil 2 kg of new potatoes cut roughly into pieces, place in a large saucepan with water and boil over a high heat until the potatoes are tender.

Drain and set aside. Fry 500gm of bacon pieces in a dry frypan until the bacon pieces are crisp.

Remove from heat and set aside. While the potatoes are cooling, prepare the dressing, place 185 gm of mayonnaise in a medium bowl with 185 gm of sour cream, 1tbs of minced garlic, 1tsp of lemon juice and season to taste with cracked black pepper.

Now all you have to do is toss the potatoes with the dressing and the sliced eggs.

Chill in the refrigerator before serving.

Garnish with dried chives and fresh basil leaves and cracked pepper.

Simple food and good memories go hand in hand.



cook for 15 minutes or until the potatoes are tender.

Drain, preheat your oven to 200 deg c.

In a large oven proof dish add 4 tbs of canola oil, 1 dsp of mustard seeds, 2 chopped onions.

Cook till the onions have softened. Add 1 dsp of turmeric, 1 tsp /1 dsp of chilli powder (your choice) 1 dsp of garam masala.

Add the potatoes and coat them thoroughly. Place the dish in the preheated oven and cook till the potatoes are golden and the skin bubbly.

Serve with chopped coriander. I serve these with almond coated chicken.

Salt and vinegar potatoes

Just letting you know these are a treat.

Preheat your oven to 200deg C. Place 1kg of all rounder washed and sliced in half red potatoes in a large saucepan, add 750 ml of white vinegar and 1tbs of salt, boil, partially covered until potatoes are tender, then drain.

Transfer the potatoes to a large baking paper covered oven tray.

Using a fork, press down on the potatoes until skins are split and slightly flattened.

Divide 2 garlic cloves with skin intact and let them fall from your hands over the potatoes.

Drizzle with a little canola oil.

Top the potatoes with stalks of rosemary if you have them growing in your garden.

Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes or until the potatoes are golden brown.

Hasselback sweet potatoes

This was the last meal I prepared for 2021.

Preheat your oven to 160C.

Wash your unpeeled/peeled sweet potatoes and slice cross ways without cutting right through.

In a separate bowl mix together 60 gm of melted butter/marg, 1/2tsp of ground cinnamon, 2 tbs of maple syrup, 1 tsp of salt and 2 tbs of minced garlic.

Spread the mixture over the sweet potatoes. Then wrap the sweet potato in sliced prosciutto.

Place in a greased ovenproof dish and bake for 35 minutes or until the sweet potato is tender when pierced with a skewer.

These are delicious.

pastry sheets are square so I used a knife to divide the sheets in half and then turned the sheets around and divided each sheet into 12, which will give you 6 complementary halves each square.

Place each sheet onto a baking tray and place in the preheated oven until risen and golden.

Remove from the oven and let them cool completely.

It is just a matter of separating the pastry with their partner.

Whip 300ml of cream together with 1 dsp of vanilla extract and 1/2 cup of icing sugar, until



Strawberry cream puff fingers

Preheat your oven to 180C.

I used 2 sheets of defrosted puff pastry.

I placed each sheet on baking paper and removed the blue dividing sheet. The

thickened.

Spread strawberry jam lightly on each side of the pastry fingers and layer with thickened cream and top with pastry partner.

To complete the cream puff fingers sift icing sugar over the top.



Bombay potatoes

I'm right into potatoes. I see there are also potatoes packaged as 'low carb' potatoes, I asked the person attending the vegetable section of my local supermarket, what makes these potatoes low carb?

Guess what?

All I got was a shrug of shoulders!

Ok back to Bombay potatoes.

Place 1 kg of small washed red potatoes in a large saucepan of salted water, bring to the boil and

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A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



By Leo Billington
DID YOU
KNOW.....?

In between the 1870's and 1880's, a land grab produced four pastoral selections – Hazelwood, Maryvale, Merton Rush and Scrubby Forest.

Then known as stations, Hazelwood and Maryvale in particular gave some sense of foundation to Morwell.

In those early days, Morwell battled to form its own entity.

Largely a town of cheaply constructed wooden buildings, combined with entrepreneurial ambitions of a few, and then a railway station in 1878, Morwell was basically dependant on its' immediate surrounding farming areas.

The Hazelwood Station was soon fragmented by adventurous farmers exercising their pre-emptive rights.

The principle of pre-emptive right allowed licensees of runs (stations) to purchase a portion of their

runs to provide some security of tenure at the minimum upset price of one pound per acre.

In this way a homestead or land upon which improvements had been made could be secured.

Nearby to Morwell township – some have described it as a hamlet or village – adjacent to the former Hazelwood Pondage, John MacMillan purchased about 640 acres in the mid 1870s.

Soon after, selectors arrived to take up land – names such as Amiet, Applegate, Bolding, Northway, Alexander Forbes McDonald, Gooding, Lawless, Jones, McFarlane, Silcock, Porter, Thompson, Sanders, Shaw, Watson, Wuttrich, Bond, Firmin, Flewin, Dunbar, Woods, Porter, Nadenbousch, Kelleher and O'Hara, just to name a few, soon galvanised local municipal rolls.

Moreover, these families played leading roles in community activities – the

Hazelwood North Rabbit Destruction League, rifle club, school and church, football, cricket, tennis, dances, farewells and welcomes particularly before and after world wars, picnics at Billys Creek, general sports meetings similar to old style English Fairs, concerts, parties, kitchen teas, tin-kettling, a noisy celebration of the homecoming of a newly married couple, involving the banging of pots, pans, and other metal objects; it was deemed an honour to be given a tin-kettling, local church guilds, and whatever else was deemed community.

As has been featured in previous editions of the Churchill and District News, Hazelwood North boasted a creamery, there was once a Hazelwood railway siding/ station, and of course, the Hazelwood Cemetery, now celebrating its 144th year – a tad older than Morwell itself.

Not that long ago, and as generations moved on, many farms managed to remain

with the original families.

For instance, the Sanders family at Applegrove, The Cranwells at Chishill, Boldings at The Grange, Thompsons at El – Arish, Jones at Walnut Park and others such as the Porters, Macreadie, and Moody.

In one specific corner of Hazelwood North, small compared to today's huge factory farms, dairy farming families formed close ties within a broader community spirit.

They looked out for each other; helped each other; shared the highs and lows of farming with each other.

In this neighbourhood corner, one would once find well-known local names of Shaw, Thompson, Porter, Northway, McDonald, Mackey, Bolding, who remained after farms were sold or amalgamated into something larger.

These days, original family numbers have dwindled from what they used to be.

Now it's changing again. There is significant change coming.

Soon.

Perhaps during this year. In her 24 page, 1976 history of Hazelwood, Mrs Kath Huffer wrote:

“As you travel through Hazelwood North and South do not consider it just a place to be passed on the way to Churchill, or the Jeeralangs, Morwell or Traralgon.

Think of it as an area where several generations have farmed the land loved despite hardships, bad seasons, low prices and tragedies like the 1944 fires”.

Some of us who live in Hazelwood are extremely parochial, refusing to listen about negatives.

There are others who

now see it as purely a dormitory - rural residential complete with beautiful gardens enveloping large homes and flash cars to transport oneself to other locations for work and leisure.

As Bob Dylan famously wrote, The Times They Are A-Changin.

In his words, Dylan says “The order is rapidly fading”.

Clearing sales, or walk-in-walk-out sales will change the Hazelwood North order of things.

It's a pity discarded machinery cannot talk, for if this was possible, local history would be far greater and complete.

To conclude, Hazelwood in its entirety provided an invaluable platform upon which Morwell was able to develop.

Public Art Project

I have been working on a public art project in Churchill that will culminate in an exhibition event (penciled for March) that will celebrate and examine the town. It will be an exhibition that will give

us the chance to consider the moment we live in. On Sunday October 31, four of us gathered outside the bright green angular walls of the Churchill Hub. We were there for a photo walk and to take the first step of

the public art project. Two stalwarts of the Churchill community Margaret Guthrie and Rob de Souza-Daw joined myself and fellow Melbourne-based designer Tim Denshire-Key for a perfect introduction to

the town on a bright sunny spring day.

The photowalk was an initial step in an ongoing process of research and getting to know the town. I was drawn to Churchill for its unique place in Victorian

history. I am interested in the foundation of the town planned by the state government for industry and to think about what this time and its politics has to teach us today. Time doesn't stay still; we're always moving;

forwards, but we need to remember to look back.

If you are interested in participating please don't hesitate to get in touch. I can be contacted on 0414 516 164 or laing.damien@gmail.com

Sixteen Days of Activism and Jump Rope for Heart jump off at Hazelwood North Primary School

As part of our Respectful Relationships curriculum we held a whole school walk in the afternoon to promote gender equality. Students worked hard to make informative posters about what equality means to them and we all wore something orange on the day. This colour is part of the 16 Days of Activism and represents a 'bright future'. We were very proud of the chants the students came up with on the spot as they walked around our oval.

After our 16 Days of Activism walk, students picked up their skipping ropes and enjoyed time showing off their skipping skills and tricks. We were celebrating our fundraising efforts for Jump Rope for



Heart. Many of the students received prizes for their fundraising efforts. It has been wonderful to watch the growth our students have made with their skill ability and fitness due to participating in such a wonderful cause.

Puffing Billy Excursion for our Hazelwood North Primary School senior students

Our senior students were lucky enough to finally go on an excursion after another long year of lockdowns and remote learning stints. We travelled down by train to get to the beloved steam train. It was wonderful to enjoy a day out all together in the sunshine and spend time looking at the beautiful surrounding scenery. During the excursion, our students were able to participate in lots of fun activities and check out some old machinery as well. It will be an excursion to go on again as soon as we can!

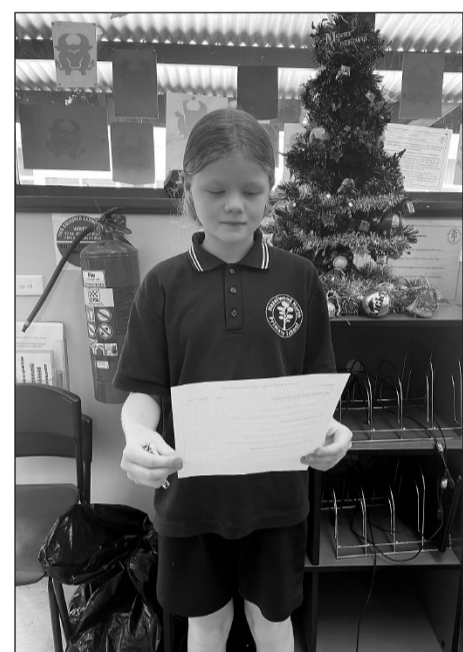
Leadership speeches at HNPS

On Monday November 29, the Grade 4s and 5s got the chance to write a speech and share it with the judges Mrs Connolly, Mr Simmons, and Mrs Alexander.

We got up in front of the students and the panel of judges and proudly read out our speeches. We began with the Grade 5s and then later that week we got to listen to the Grade 4s speeches. Sadly, there are only 12 leadership places which means only 12 students will get the roles. The roles are two school Captains, two school Vice Captains, 1 Yellow House Captain, 1 Yellow Vice Captain, 1 Blue House Captain, 1 Blue Vice Captain, 1 Red House Captain, 1 Red Vice Captain, 1 Green House Captain, and 1 Green Vice Captain.

I really enjoyed this opportunity and am looking forward to seeing who gets the roles.

By Abbie Seymour



CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

"Connecting Your Community"

The West Gippsland Bowls Division commenced its current 21/22 Pennant season on Saturday January 15, after the Christmas break, with Churchill Division 5 defeating Moe 14 - 89 to 2 - 54 at home. This win was a good percentage booster for our club which now has us sitting in third place behind Neerim South, with six games to go before the finals.

The combined Division 6 Churchill/Yinnar team played their Round 7 game against Trafalgar at Yarragon on Saturday January 15. However, Trafalgar was too good on the day winning 10 - 46 to 0 - 37 in a close game. This leaves our Division 6 team sitting in sixth position on the ladder.

The club conducted its Ladies and Men's Singles Championships prior to the Christmas break with Chris Thomas and Steve Jones winning their way through the Men's Singles elimination rounds to face each other in the final. In a competitive game Chris managed to forge ahead at the business end of the game to defeat Steve 25 - 14 in an entertaining match.

In the Ladies Singles, Shirley Turner and Gillian Turpin were successful in winning their way through the elimination events to face off in the final. In a neck and neck struggle Shirley managed to pull away at the closing stages of the match to win 25 - 18 and take out the final in a close game.

The Clubs 2021/22 Singles Champions C Thomas and S Turner represented the Churchill Bowls club in the West Gippsland Bowls Division Singles Championships which were held at the Newborough Bowls Club on Saturday January 8. Chris was drawn to play Danny Van Zuylen from the Thorpdale Bowls Club. In a very competitive and skilful match, Danny got up on the last end to win 25 - 22.

Not to be outdone Shirley Turner drew Sheryl Atkinson the Drouin Champion and in a titanic effort pushed Sheryl right to the limit going down 25 - 20 to give Sheryl a real fight.

The club has commenced its pairs championship and hopes to have these completed in the next few

Churchill Bowls Club

weeks. Prior to the Christmas break the club held its annual break up function which included a surprise visit from Santa Claus who mingled with the guests and handed out Christmas gifts to all present. Santa had such a good time he has promised to come back next year, only this time he will put on some extra weight and wear long pants.

Another highlight of the night was the Best Clubman Award, which was presented to Adrian Van Den Ham for his years of dedicated service to the Churchill Bowls Club. Our thanks to Adrian for his tireless contribution and support.

To assist our club in remaining viable and to provide Churchill with a lawn bowls club and venue into the future, we are urgently seeking new, past and current players, interested in joining and playing for the Churchill Bowls Club. We are especially appealing to the generation who are now past playing the more robust sports and would like to play something a little less physical. Once perceived as

a game for old fogies, lawn bowls is now being pursued by a younger generation of both genders, who are recognising that lawn bowls is a sport that can be played socially or competitively, requires skill and can be played all year round.

Being a Gippsport Welcoming Inclusive Club, we also offer the opportunity for all diverse members and cultures in our society, the

chance to participate and be involved in the sport of lawn bowls. This also applies to people with disabilities who are encouraged to be part of our organisation, either as a player, or part of our governance team.

Enquiries - D. Thomas Secretary 0407 182 967 or W. Brown President 5122 1860 or email: churchillbowls@hotmail.com
Our Thursday night

Indoor Bowls season commenced on January 13. If you are looking for some social interaction and a fun night out with no experience necessary, come along and be part of the action. To enable games to get underway by 7.15pm it is requested participants be there by 7.00pm. The night concludes around 9.30pm. Cost for the night is \$5.00 with tea and coffee available.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Saturday 4/12/21 Stableford

A Grade P.Smart (9) 39
B Grade I. Heppleston (23) 41.
C Grade V. Reid (31) 42.
DTL M. McGann 40, A. West 40, A. Sharrock 38, D. Taylor 38, C. Gilfillen 37, B. Rowley 37, Br. Barnes 36, M. Smith 36, R. Zomer 36, NTP 3rd R. Zomer, 5th P. Coad, 14th A. Quinn. Birdies 12th D. Taylor, 14th A. Quinn.

Monthly Medal Tuesday 7/12/21

Scratch M. Dear 88.
Medal Winner S. Caldwell 95 (24) 71. Putts J. Blizzard

28, DTL M. Dear 72, NTP rd M. Dear, 5th M. Dear, 12th S. Caldwell, 14th L. Brent.

Tuesday 28/12/21 Ladies Stableford
Winner S. Caldwell (24) 46, DTL S. Martinac (33) 38, NTP 3rd. J. Blizzard, 5th. S. Turner, 12th, 14th S. Caldwell.

Stableford 1/1/22
A Grade C. Thomas 38, B Grade S. Caldwell 40, C Grade A. West 46. DTL P. Flanigan 38, R. Dent 37, C. Gosling 37, G. Waring 36, E. Heller 35, C. Gilfillin 37. NTP 3rd L. Marks, 5th P. Flanigan, 12th M. Hutchinson, 14th

S. Caldwell. Eagle 13th R. Dent. Birdies 3rd. M. Soppe, J. Banfield I. Heppleston.

Saturday 8/1/22 Par
A Grade B. Barnes (13) Square, B Grade G. Harvey (25) +6, C Grade V. Verheyen (32) + 5. DTL B. Sebire +3. R. Welsh +3. G. Barnes +3. G. Lancaster +3. W. Sutton +3. P. Bolding +2. NTP 3rd M. Allen. 5th P. Bolding. 12th. P. Coad. 14th R. Welsh.

Stableford Tuesday 4/1/22
Winner L. Brent (25) 35. DTL M. Mc Conville (35) 27. NTP 3rd S. Caldwell, 5th L. Brent, 12th C. Stevens, 14th L. Brent.

SPORT

Churchill United Soccer Club bouncing back for the year ahead!



Vale Gerry Riess



Gerry Riess

1986 LVSL Best & Fairest Player
 CUSC Captain 1985-86 CUSC B&F 1991
 CUSC Senior Coach 1987-88, 97-99
 Battle of Britain Cup Winner & Coach 1998
 CUSC Life Member and 20 Season Club Member

Life around Churchill United Soccer Club has bounced back ready to take on the year ahead.

Senior training has recommenced in preparation for the 2022 competition. The club fields a Senior Womens, Senior Mens, Reserves Mens and if numbers permit a Second Division Mens team into the Latrobe Valley Soccer League. Whether you're new to the sport, an old Ram returning or want to have a kick for CUSC on The Paddock in 2022, CUSC welcomes and encourages all prospective players (aged 15 years and above) to come down to training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30pm. Additional players are needed in all Senior Mens' divisions and the Senior Womens' team. Runners are advised to be worn for training, and you will be required to bring your own drink bottle.

Junior training commenced in late January. A paddock full of eager little rams was ready to get out on the pitch and play some soccer. CUSC is still looking for more junior girls and boys to fill all age groups. Training begins at 5:00pm for all age groups except for

the U13s who commence training at 4:30pm.

U7 Mixed born 2015, 2016 and 2017 Coach: Michael Bryne assisted by Kelly and Mark Bianconi

U9 Mixed, born 2013 and 2014 Coach: Stephen Brehney and Adam Wookey

U11 Boys, born 2011 and 2012 Coach: Jamie Robson and Stephen Brehney

U11 Girls, born 2011 and 2012 Coach: Ebony Webb assisted by Craig Cheney and Jodie Dowd

U13 Mixed born 2009 and 2010 Coaches: Trevor Riess and Mitch Azlin

U15 Mixed born 2007 and 2008 Coaches: Jackson Chin and Michael Morse

Senior Mens Coach Adrian Huizer

Reserves Coaches: Dean Pyle and William McGrath

If you are interested in having your child play soccer in 2022 or want to have a kick yourself and have some enquiries, please contact CUSC on their Facebook page @CUSCRams directly.

Changeroom Building Project

After 15 years of lobbying for up-to-date changeroom facilities Churchill United Soccer

Club is midway into the construction of their new \$1m female friendly changerooms after the state government announced the funding back in May 2021. The boost is part of the second round of the state government's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program.

"Good things come to those who wait and once completed we will have a leading-edge soccer facility linking the new changerooms, spectator amenities and the existing modern social rooms", said President Amanda Lehrner.

"It will be an impressive site as you drive into Churchill on Tramway Road. This provides a massive injection of confidence for our club, and we know it will help attract and retain members with junior and female participation growth our key focus", Lehrner added.

The construction is being undertaken by local Gippsland contractors Langden Constructions who have worked on various new sporting club facilities around the Latrobe Valley.

The new changerooms will be built next to the current clubrooms running

along the length of the pitch. The redevelopment will include four interconnected unisex changerooms, a first aid room, two interconnected referee changerooms, undercover spectator amenity and an equipment storage room. The old changerooms will be demolished on the completion of the build as they are run down and no longer functional without extensive repairs.

Construction of the new changerooms is expected to be finished by mid-2022.

Annual General Meeting

Churchill United Soccer Club held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday November 10. President Amanda Lehrner, Treasurer Ron Wilson, Secretary Caitlin Johnson all stayed on in their existing positions while Stephen Brehney was elected as Vice President and continues to represent CUSC on the Latrobe Valley Soccer League board. The general committee consists of Tracey Tabone (Junior Coordinator), Jackson Chin, Sue Chin, Mitch Azlin, Adrian Huizer, Lachlan Huizer, Michael Morse, Trevor Riess, and Brad Sands.

Churchill Campus Celebrates 50 Years in 2022

CDCA has been advised that plans are being developed at Federation University for a number of proposed events to take place during 2022 to celebrate the Campus' 50th Anniversary.

Federation University will publicise these events across the year, so expect news via local print, radio and social media outlets. with activities proposed including displays of photos and memorabilia, reunions, and perhaps some recreational/sporting events, academic presentations and even an art project.

Plans are also underway for an official 50th anniversary commemorative event later in the year.

The 50th anniversary of the Gippsland Campus is an important occasion for Churchill, given the long relationship our town has had with staff, students and tertiary education in Gippsland.

CDCA hopes that there will be numerous opportunities for the community to engage with the Campus this year.

It is worth acknowledging and celebrating the relationship between campus and community and the benefits this has brought to both. Life on Campus would not be



the same without our town within walking distance and Churchill wouldn't be the same without the local facilities in which the Campus has invested. Of course, events planned for 2022 are contingent upon what happens with the COVID pandemic and what restrictions may be in place. No doubt all are hoping that 2022 sees a return to a more 'normal' setting, with lockdowns a thing of the past and few restrictions impacting on our ability to meet, congregate and be out and about.

Our Churchill - Shop Local Christmas Market last December was very well attended and many have asked about more markets at the Churchill Shopping Centre in 2022. The proposed dates are: Saturday April 30, (a week before Mother's Day); Saturday August 27, (a week before Father's Day); Saturday December 3, (Christmas Market).

Stall sites for the Craft and Gift Markets may be booked by contacting Churchill Neighbourhood Centre on 5120 3850.

We are also seeking assistance from community organisations willing to

conduct the sausage sizzles we hold at our Market Days. CDCA covers most of the costs involved, so if your organisation would like to support our local retailers by being involved in Churchill - Shop Local events, please contact CDCA via our website or Facebook page or email mgcdca@hotmail.com

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

Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday April 7, 2022.

We meet in Studio 1, downstairs at the Churchill Town Hall (enter from Philip Parade). Guest speakers are often a feature of our meetings.

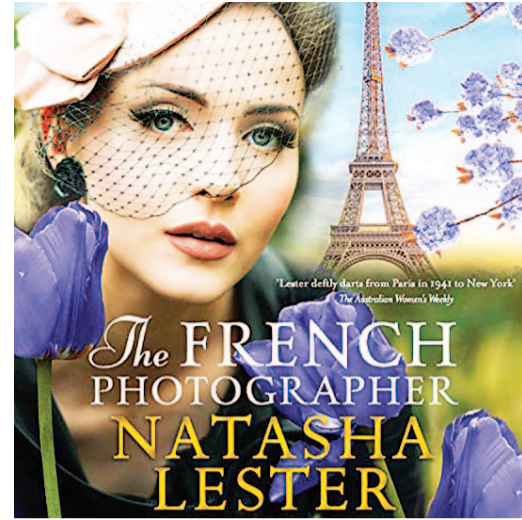
Locals are welcome to attend and observe or you can apply for membership of CDCA by downloading an application form from our website: cdca.org.au - membership is free and there are no obligations although participation is encouraged.

Meeting details can be confirmed by checking the Home Page of our website: cdca.org.au.

You can contact us via our website. We are also on Facebook - search for Churchill District Community Association. Leave a message if you wish to contact CDCA or you can write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

Book Review

Natasha Lester, the best-selling author of six books, lives in Perth with her husband and three children. She has a particular interest in France and fashion and her books reflect this. Her other books are "The Paris Seamstress", "The Paris Secret", "Her Mother's Secret", "A Kiss From Mr Fitzgerald" and "The Riviera House".



"The French Photographer" is a novel of historical fiction beginning in New York in 1942. Jessica May is a well-known model, posing for photographs for Vogue magazine when her editor Belinda is informed that one of her photos has been used to advertise women's sanitary products. This puts a temporary end to her high fashion modelling career and an end to her relationship with her boyfriend Emile, who sold the images.

Jessica convinces Belinda that she can become a photo-journalist and report to Vogue on the role and experiences of women during wartime.

Jessica is finally given

permission to travel to Italy and is allowed to go as far as the field hospital. However she comes under fire through no fault of her own and is recalled to London, thinking she will not be allowed to go near a war zone again. Fortunately she has an ally in an American soldier, Dan, who stands up for her and she is able to return. She sends back amazing photographs and reports, and becomes a well-respected journalist and photographer.

Despite her best efforts she does fall in love with Dan and they plan to marry when the war is over. However there is an unexpected twist and we hear no more of Jessica.

Alongside is the story of how difficult it is for

women to be taken seriously and treated with respect. Included in the novel are several real-life female journalists and some of the incidents which are portrayed in the story are actually true, such as women not being provided with transport or intelligence as the male journalists were.

The story then jumps to 2005 and a young Australian

archivist and curator is sent to France to catalogue a collection of famous wartime photographs from an unknown photographer. She not only reveals the identity of the photographer but a connection to her own mother.

This was an enjoyable book - easy to read and hard to put down. Whilst much of the story is fiction there was also a basis of fact which exposed the horrors and futility of war, taking an even-handed approach when dealing with the behavior of the occupying forces, both enemy and ally. The twist in the love story was not really convincing, but other than this the characters were interesting and well-drawn.



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