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## Brigade's 75 years of service



Brigade members and their awards

### Churchill Fire Brigade 75th Celebration Presentation Night.

After several cancellations of our Presentation Night it was finally held on Saturday May 14 at the Churchill Hotel. It was attended by Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer Gareth McDermott, Russell Northe

Member for Morwell, present and past members of the brigade and representatives of other local brigades. There was lots of happy chatter as people met up with fellow local firefighters, previous members and others known to us. The 75th Anniversary team had put a lot of effort into creating

an atmosphere and setting the tables with appropriate memorabilia. Place mats featured photos of a historic nature and fires attended. The centerpiece was a round flat tree trunk section on which were lighted tea candles, a red balloon with a guest list. For each attendee there was a souvenir gift of a

Churchill brigade logo on a stubby holder and glass. A platter of nibbles was present to keep the hunger pangs at bay until the excellent meal was served. Around the room were hung banners, and in one corner a display of old photos held plenty of interest.

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**Barbed Wire Fence – Gone!**

Readers may have noticed that the barbed wire fence in the centre of town along Monash Way has disappeared. Latrobe City Council is upgrading the fence!

CDCA has long been advocating for the unsightly barbed wire fence to be removed. It was frequently cut, leaving wire strands loose and potentially hazardous. Many repairs were required and often took considerable time to attend to.

We thought Churchill deserved something better; a fence that looks good, prevents small children running out across Monash Way but can be clambered

over (or through) by those residents who wish to take a short cut.

CDCA has been advised that there will be additional plantings made along Monash Way, along with the construction of a new, sightlier and functional fence.

We understand that Latrobe City Council has finally been able to do this upgrade as Council received funding specifically for roadside works.

Our committee is working on a new project for the town – some historical signage for points of interest. Over Churchill's life thus far, a number of buildings have come and gone such

as the famed Binishell at the University Campus, while others are in need of highlighting such as the Pioneer Wall and Town Symbol.

Many towns now have historical signage placed at points of interest (e.g. Traralgon CBD and smaller towns such as Boolarra and Mirboo North). We think Churchill would be well served by similar signs and a brochure detailing locations along a designated walk.

At our June meeting, a guest speaker attended from Council to provide us with information on Council's preferred designs for local historical signage.

We will be working closely with Council officers on this project, as we will require Council's approval to erect signs on Council owned land. Other authorities, such as VicRoads, have indicated that they would want Council's support confirmed before permission was granted to erect any road reserve signs we may wish to install.

As we develop this project, we will provide more information via our regular monthly column in the News. Interested residents are, of course, welcome to attend CDCA meetings and hear of

our progress.

Our next meeting is on Thursday August 4. This will be our Annual General Meeting, at which the Annual Report and Financial Statement will be presented. Committee elections are also conducted at our AGM.

Time permitting, we will hold a regular meeting afterwards, to deal with new or on-going business. Local residents are welcome to attend and observe our meetings, but of course, only members can vote or nominate for a committee position.

You can join CDCA by downloading a membership application form from our website: [cdca.org.au](http://cdca.org.au) - membership is free and there are no obligations although participation is encouraged.

CDCA meetings are held at 7pm on the first Thursday of every second month in Studio 1, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall (park and enter from Philip Parade). After the AGM on August 4, our next meeting is scheduled for October 6.

You can contact us via our website - [cdca.org.au](http://cdca.org.au) - or our Facebook page (search for Churchill District Community Association) or you can write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

**Rainfall**

**Churchill Rainfall**

The May Rainfall was again below average with only six days of rain recorded for a 20mm total, the lowest for May since 2009 when only 10mm was recorded.

It was also the third lowest in 30 years.

The Churchill 2022 Rainfall total to May 31 inclusive, is now 170mm, which is well below average.

**Rain at Hazelwood South.**

The month of May had below average rain with 39mm and 61% of the

average. One third of the rain fell on the last day. For the same period the Latrobe Valley weather station received 31mm, making Hazelwood South 26% wetter.

Winter has arrived, but the soil moisture is still low. The season for firewood and tree maintenance has arrived.

For the year of 2022 the rainfall is 21% below average.

In contrast, "La Niña" appears to have had a moderating effect on the region.

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# Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

**Species:**

Correa glabra var. turnbullii.

**Family:** Rutaceae.

**Derivation:**

Correa:  
Named after Jose Francisco Correa de Serra (1751-1823), permanent secretary, Royal Academy of Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal.

glabra: From Latin glaber, meaning without hair and the basis of the botanical term 'glabrous', meaning smooth-skinned without hair, referring to the leaves of this species becoming hairless on the upper surface with age.

turnbullii: Named after J.W. Turnbull, a South Australian botanist in the 1960's and 1970's.

**Common Name:**

Rock Correa.

**Distribution:**

Endemic to South Australia, where it occurs along the length of the Flinders and Mt Lofty Ranges, south to the Fleurieu Peninsula and the plains of the Murray Lands.

**Description:**

A medium-sized dense shrub, with aromatic foliage. Two forms are recognised: the Ranges form has dark green glossy leaves and bright red tubular flowers with green tips and anthers



strongly exerted; the Murray Lands form has small, duller, grey-green leaves and dull red tubular flowers with green tips, but the anthers are only moderately exerted.

**Opinion:**

The glossy-leaved form is the most commonly cultivated and is the specimen I have.

Just like the C. lawrenceana reported on a couple of months ago, my plant came from a Correa Study Group meeting a few years ago in June 2017, where cuttings were available for members to try. My efforts were successful and one of the successes was subsequently planted on the western nature strip in winter 2018. Another was planted in my mother's garden in Morwell and both have prospered reasonably well since then. They are currently about a metre tall and broad and the glossy leaves really stand out in the garden. They flowered for the first time in early

2020 and though the flowers are bright red and green, they tend to hide down amongst the dense foliage. This does not deter the birds however and the honeyeaters spend a lot of time doing the rounds. There is now plenty of growth available for taking cuttings from my plant. They are really easy to strike, even without any specialist equipment. Take a few centimetres of firm fresh growth, strip the leaves from the bottom half, dip the base in honey and plant into a well-draining seed or cutting potting mix, keep moist, protect from extremes of weather and direct sunlight and finger's crossed, you will have some new plants in a few weeks' time ready to plant out.

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 3.

Hitchcock – Correas: Australian Plants for Waterwise Gardens.

# Churchill's Newest Citizen



At a very special ceremony at the new Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon on May

19, Ruth Courtis, along with other recipients, received her Australian Citizenship.

Proud and pleased to accept the certificate Ruth celebrated the event with family and friends.



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# Church News



## Co-Operating Churches Snippets

## Chaplain



With the days being cooler we have been thankful for our new split system heaters.

One of our parishioners has recently gained her Australian Citizenship.

Services have been well attended and the content has been challenging, interesting and well received.

The All Age Worship team factored in a prayer for Mums, it being Mother's Day. The theme also included the 23rd Psalm. Two very thoughtfully designed video clips delivered those age - old words in expressive ways to make the children and the adults derive the full meaning of the psalm. The children's talk asked the children to think about what was different and the same

about a king and a shepherd. The children gave the answer required. They both must care for their flock.

Cathie and Allan will be running a one morning Lego program on June 29 at the Churchill church from 10am-12noon. You can contact Cathie via our Facebook page.

Charlotte (Lottie) Moon (1840-1912) is a name we should perhaps be more familiar with than we might be.

Picture the era of 'Gone with the Wind' and we picture Lottie's world...except that as an expert linguist, she wanted to go to China as a missionary. This, in a time when single women were not exactly encouraged to do so, but where Lottie was determined.

In 1873 she got work in China, teaching, but she wanted to plant churches and preach, which again was not being encouraged. Despite obstacles, including reactions to her forthright writing about the needs in China, she preached in a remote area of China.

Fluent in the language, she developed her own innovative ways of preaching, with hundreds coming to faith in Christ as a result, and numerous churches begun. Yet there were few helpers, until she was instrumental in setting up the Women's Missionary Union. From 1888 the WMU held an annual Christmas appeal in support of foreign missions and missionaries (raising \$3,315 that first year).

As the years went on, Lottie managed to have



women missionaries on an equal footing, and she also instilled the need for missionaries to maintain closer and firm links with sending churches, including home assignment visits to raise awareness.

Over 40 years in China, Lottie faced plague, famine, revolution, and war. She often went without food to help others.

Lottie should be remembered for her independence in mission work, and for her impact on missions in general, especially garnering both personnel and financial support (that annual WMU Christmas appeal was, in 1918, renamed the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions). By 2021, it is said to have raised five billion dollars.

She should perhaps best be remembered for her inspiration to others to go to foreign mission fields.

Worth thinking about!

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## Church Times

### Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Sunday Services: 10.00am  
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### Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish Boolarra/Yinnar

1st Sunday 10am  
Christ Church Tarwin St. Boolarra

### Churchill Christian Fellowship

Sunday: 3.00pm  
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Co-Operating Churches

# Craft Connections

Every Tuesday

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Tea, coffee and biscuits provided for morning tea by St Matts

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## Council supporting community groups

More than \$300,000 will be distributed to local sporting, cultural and community groups in around two of Latrobe City Council's Community Grants and Sponsorships Program. Councillors endorsed a list of 80 grant and sponsorship recipients at the last regular meeting worth a total of \$304,750.53.

Funding was recommended for a wide range of events including the Australian National Bottles and Collectables Exhibition and Fair, a new food truck festival for Yinnar and the

Nigerian Society of Victoria Cultural Day Celebration 2022. Several community wellbeing programs also received funding support including Berry Street Victoria's Safer Driving for young people program and bus trips for the Morwell Senior Citizens Club to increase social connectivity. Council will provide \$20,000 as a major sponsor for the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod.

A full list of round two recipients can be found on the Latrobe City Council website. Latrobe City Mayor Kellie O'Callaghan said

"The Community Grants and Sponsorships Program is an important avenue for council to support the needs of our diverse community, cultural and sporting organisations as they grow and thrive. Council is delighted to have allocated more than three hundred thousand dollars in this round of funding as part of our annual budget of just over half a million dollars. I congratulate all our latest recipients and encourage community groups to continue to apply for funding in future rounds of the program."

## Where we live

### Duplicated street names

Many street names in Churchill are duplicated in the neighbouring north town of Morwell and in the small neighbouring south town of Yinnar. There is a Quigley Crescent in Churchill, Quigley Street in Morwell and Quigley Street in Yinnar. Similarly Williams Avenue is in Churchill, Williams Crescent is in Yinnar and Williams Road is in Yinnar South. Another example is Fraser Crescent in Churchill, Frasers Road in Hazelwood and Fraser Street and Fraser

Court in Morwell. The duplication of names in neighbouring towns often causes mis-direction of postal services and incorrect transport deliveries.

### Mis-spellings

There are two place names and one street name that were mis-spelt when officially adopted. The first two place names are both original estate names in the town of Churchill and were named after local pioneers. McMillan Estate should be Macmillan Estate as the pioneering Macmillan family

of Hazelwood always spelt and styled their surname as Macmillan. Murdock Estate should be spelt as Murdoch as in local pioneer George Norman Murdoch. Both names were taken from early maps of the Parish of Hazelwood which mis-spelt their respective surnames.

Reprinted with the permission of author Rob de Souza-Daw from his book, "Street and Place Names of Churchill," published 2010. The book can still be purchased from the Morwell Historical Society.

## Latrobe City support for Rotary efforts



Rotarians Rosalie and Heather with the new barbecue

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood recently received a Minor Equipment Grant from Latrobe City to support the replacement of a dysfunctional barbecue in their trailer.

This barbecue trailer has been used regularly in club fund raising efforts and in

support of other community groups and events such as Relay For Life, Very Special Kids, Gippsland Rotary Centenary House, Gippsland Car Club events and general fundraising to support local and international club projects.

The current barbecue

had become unsafe and thus unusable restricting Club activities and efforts.

The support provided by Latrobe City has enabled replacement with a new barbecue to allow the trailer to once again be fully functional.

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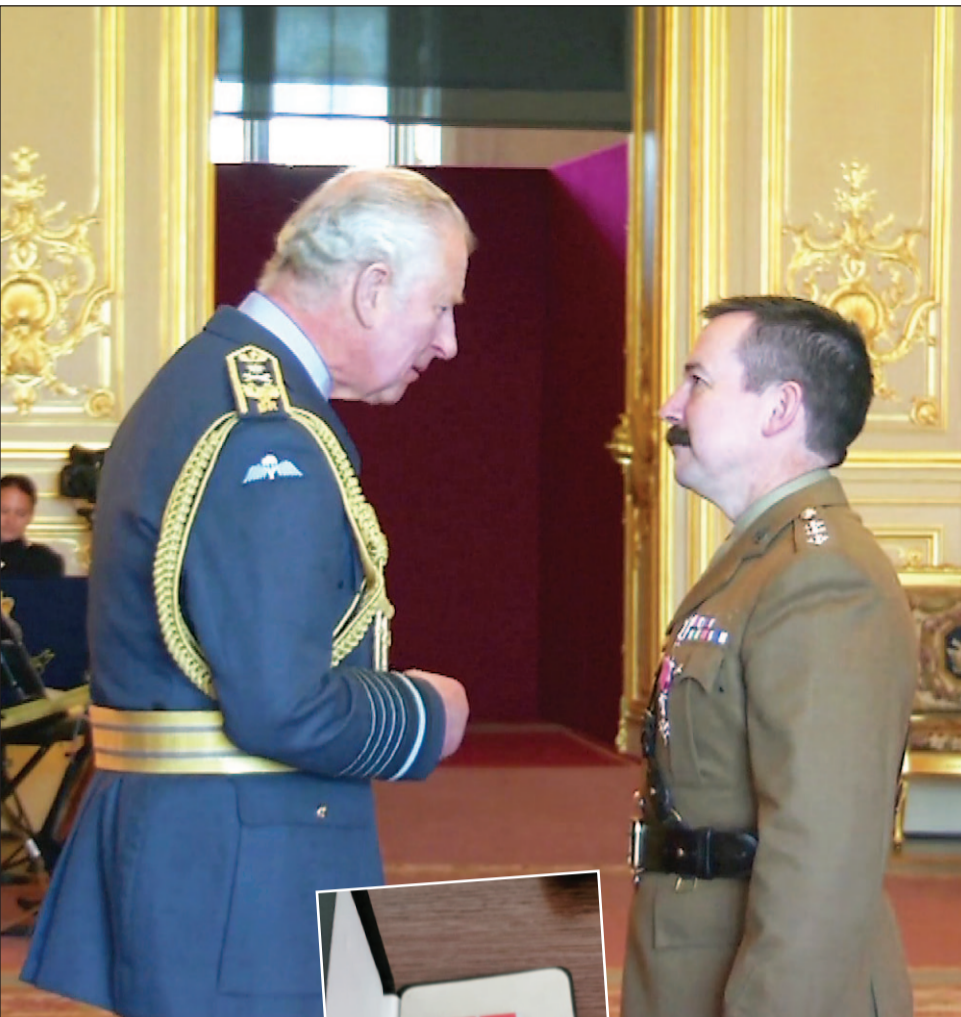
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# Captain Luke Townsend MBE

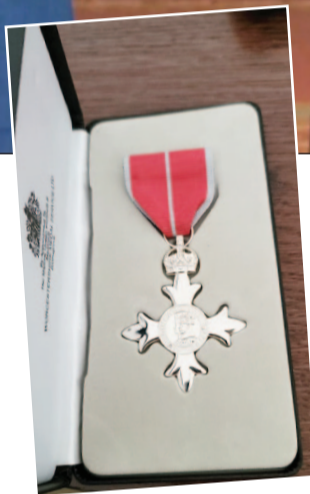


On May 3 this year, at Windsor Castle in England, Luke accompanied by his wife, was presented with his Member of the British Empire (MBE) medal by Prince Charles.

Prince Charles remembered Luke, his time in the British Army, but most particularly his work in conservation intelligence work in Africa under the auspice of Prince of Wales Charities.

Prince Charles was keen to meet with Luke for an update.

Luke's work in intelligence began in the



Australian Army and continued in the British Army. Luke was promoted to Captain in 2017.

The MBE was instigated by George V in 1917 and is to be presented to those deserving citizens from all walks of life, for meritorious

and significant service. There are two streams of this award - civilian and military. The military medal is designated by a white strip down the ribbon. It is the third highest ranking Order of the British Empire awards.

Luke thanks his family and friends for child minding duties which allowed him and his wife to attend the ceremony which was held in the awe-inspiring halls of the castles.

### Apology:

In our last issue we incorrectly published Luke's award as OAM not MBE. We apologise for this error.

# St Matt's Op Shop



St Matt's Op Shop Coordinator Robern Lubawski wearing Melbourne Cup headwear.

National Volunteer Week was held from May 16 to 22 and St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar could not run without the help of our wonderful volunteers. I spoke to Op Shop Coordinator Robern Lubawski about why she likes working at St Matt's.

Robern has been working in the Op Shop since it opened more than three years ago. Her role is to make sure the Op Shop is staffed, and to solve any problems that may occur. She also leads occasional whole group meetings where we talk about the things we like and

want to continue, and the things we want to change.

Robern said the thing she likes most about St Matt's is "working with wonderful people". It makes her very happy when she finds a good home for something lovely. The thing she likes least, is having to get rid of rubbish and recycling when people dump items that are too damaged, stained, torn or broken to be sold.

In Robern's opinion, what makes St Matt's different from other Op Shops is that we are "more caring for the community

- and we are certainly cheaper!" Some of St Matt's aims are to recycle goods and save the earth's resources, while making money for the church and the community.

Please drop in and meet us and have a browse. You can find us at 26 Main Street Yinnar, next to Smees Garage, and we are open Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday mornings. For more information, visit the "St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar" Facebook Page or email [stmattsyinnar@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsyinnar@gmail.com).

## Major upgrade for Yinnar Primary School

The Victorian Government is making sure students at Yinnar Primary School have better learning environments, with a huge investment to deliver a major upgrade for the growing school. Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing, recently announced the Victorian Budget 2022/23 invests \$7.3 million to deliver upgrades and modernise existing facilities at the school, including Block A and the Stadium. Major upgrades will be delivered at 29 mainstream schools, with funding provided to expand capacity to meet enrolment growth at an additional two established schools, making sure every

Victorian family has access to the best learning facilities, close to home. Upgrades will deliver more space for schools in growing communities, improved learning spaces and sports facilities - giving students better educational outcomes in more modern facilities. Students with special needs should receive the same opportunities as every other student in our state.

As well as upgrading mainstream schools this Budget will upgrade 36 special schools. The Government is well ahead of schedule in its work to deliver 100 new schools between 2019 and 2026, with 75 new schools opening

between 2019 and 2024. Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing said "These upgrades to Yinnar Primary school will ensure that our younger students have the best educational experience as they continue through their educational journey. You cannot get a first-rate education in a second-rate classroom, this investment will go a long way towards improving the facilities for students at Yinnar Primary School and making their educational journey a modern and engaging one. We are supporting every Victorian child to reach their full potential, whether they live in the city or across regional Victoria."

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# Storm and Flood Anniversary



In June of 2021 devastating storms and floods impacted many parts of the Latrobe Valley.

As always, our gratitude and thanks are extended to all who responded to the various emergencies across our region and to those who played and continue to play a role in recovery efforts. This includes neighbours helping neighbours which was so evident when these events initially hit our region.

The damage across our community was profound with significant damage to homes, farms, businesses, sporting and community organisations, roads and essential infrastructure. Vast amounts of trees and forested areas were uprooted, and the

subsequent carnage caused to dwellings, assets, roads, fences and wildlife was profound.

Flooding of the Traralgon Creek, Latrobe River and other catchments caused heartache for local residents, with many homes inundated with floodwaters. A number of businesses, sporting clubs and community organisations also experienced flooding of their facilities, whilst some farmers sustained stock, feed and fence losses. In the southern and northern parts of the Morwell electorate. The sheer volume of tree damage was difficult to fathom. Some areas truly resembled a war zone with large trees ripped out of the ground and strewn across the

landscape like toothpicks.

Unfortunately, a year on there are still many people contending with financial and emotional related issues. I understand some people are still dealing with insurance related matters and others still facing clean-up challenges from fallen trees or from the floods. Some of these same persons have been impacted multiple times which only adds to the stress and anxiety felt. People engaged in community recovery committees are doing their very best in difficult circumstances. It's imperative local residents who were impacted by these events in last June are supported moving forward.

# Sale of Hazelwood House



Latrobe City Council is inviting community feedback on a proposal to sell Hazelwood House in Churchill.

At its meeting on Monday June 6, Council resolved to sell the building to Quantum Support Services, following a public submission process.

As part of the decision, Council has proposed to allocate the sale proceeds in Churchill and District to acknowledge the contribution of the community to the establishment of Hazelwood House.

Council went through an Expressions of Interest process in July 2021 to find a suitable buyer for the property, which resulted in two submissions.

The submissions were reviewed by Council officers against a range of criteria

to understand the overall economic, social and community benefits.

Quantum's proposal aims to use the land to provide affordable and sustainable medium-term accommodation for homeless and disadvantaged youth from the Gippsland region.

Mayor of Latrobe City, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan, said Quantum's proposal would provide a valuable service for the region.

"We are aware of the need for this kind of accommodation within our region, offering young people with appropriate support that's still close to home. It will also create employment opportunities and pathways for training."

Hazelwood House sits on over 3.9 hectares of land and was developed by the

community to provide an opportunity for local people to receive aged care within their town.

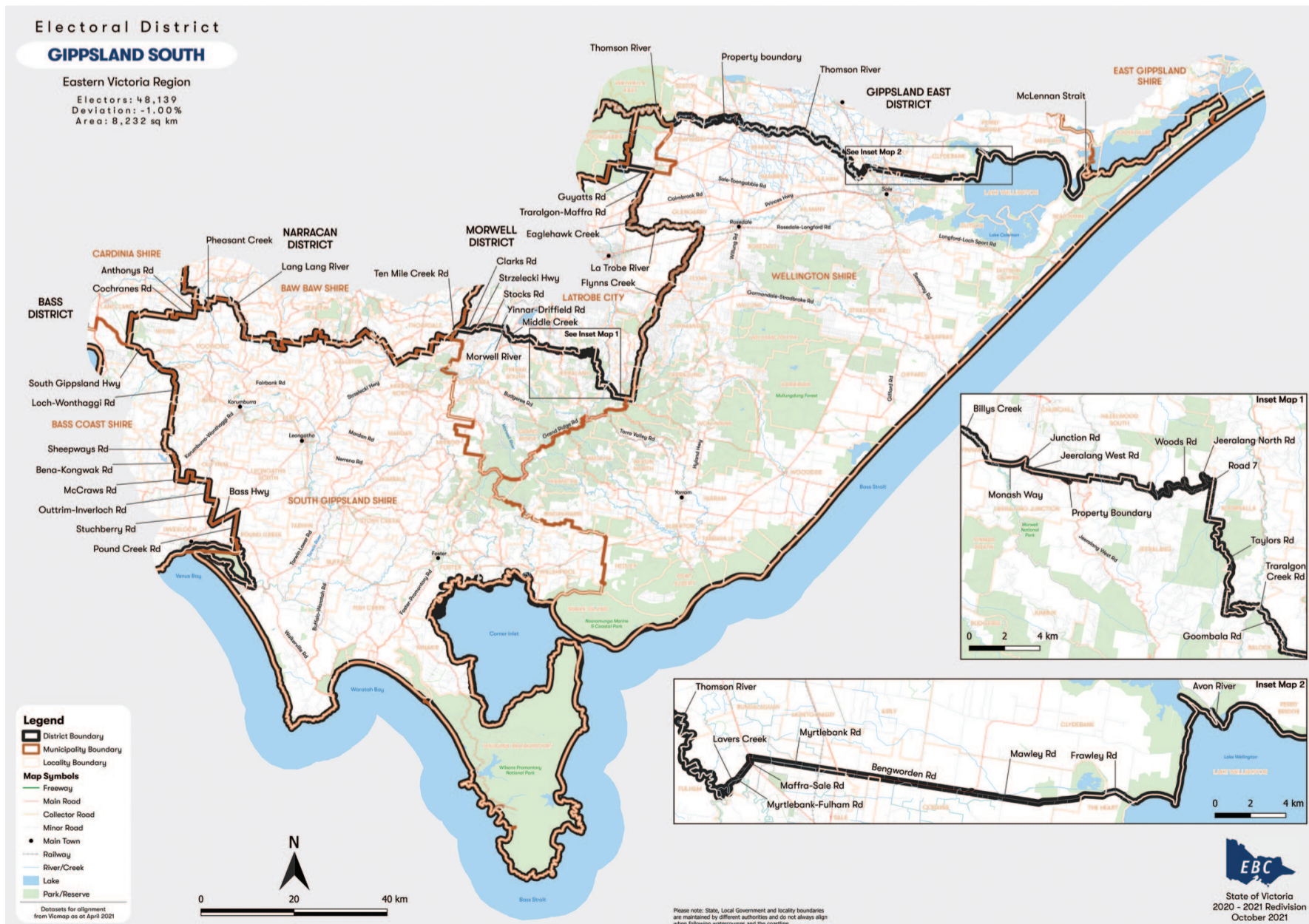
It operated until late 2019 as a residential aged care facility, at which time its size and age rendered it unviable.

Council agreed to purchase the site in April 2020 and remove the covenants that restricted the site to aged care and retirement purposes.

Under Section 114(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 2020 and Council's community engagement policy submissions on the proposal are open until Monday July 11.

More information about how to provide feedback can be found on the Council website, by visiting Council's Service Centres or by contacting Council on 1300 367 700.

# Electoral boundaries changes



As from the next State election in November, there will be new boundaries for our area. The new boundary runs in a line south of Hazelwood South, Churchill and Hazelwood North, so the communities which will be in Gippsland South from November include Yinnar, Yinnar South, Boolarra, Boolarra South, Jeeralang Junction, Jeeralang, Jumbuk and Budgeree.



# Cooking with Noelene

## Creamy Caribbean chicken and coconut soup

Remove and discard any skin or bone from 750 gm of cooked chicken, use 2 forks to shred the meat. Heat a large pan add 1 dsp of rice bran oil, add 6 spring onions trimmed and thinly sliced, 1 tbs of finely minced garlic 1 dsp of chilli flakes (optional). Continue to cook until the onion has softened. Stir in 1 tsp of ground turmeric. In a large bowl, blend together 300ml of coconut milk with 900 ml of chicken stock until smooth. Pour the blended liquid into the pan, add 50 gm of small soup pasta or pasta broken into small pieces.

Add 1/2 lemon sliced. Now bring the contents of the pan to a slow boil, half covered for 12 minutes or until the pasta is tender, stir occasionally. Remove the lemon slices from the pan and add the chicken pieces. Season to taste with salt and cracked black pepper, continue to simmer until the chicken is heated through. Stir through 2 tbs of chopped coriander or 1 tbs of dried coriander. Serve in warmed bowls.

with 3/4 cup of milk. Stir to combine. Using a separate bowl beat the 3 egg whites with an electric beater until firm peaks form. Now fold the egg white mixture to the flour mix with a metal spoon until just combined. Spoon the combined mixture into the prepared ovenproof dish. Place the dish into a deep baking dish. Pour boiling water in the deep dish coming up one third of the sides of the dish. Bake for 1 hour in the preheated oven. A classic dessert.

## Sweet and sour rice with chicken

Trim 4 spring onions and slice into thin strips, drop into cold water and set aside. Mix together 1 dsp of sesame oil with 1 tsp of Chinese five spice powder. Five spice powder is a mixture of ground star anise, fennel, cinnamon, cloves and szechuan peppers, it adds a sweet and spicy aniseed flavour to your dishes. Rub the oil and spice powder into the 450 gm of skinless chicken breasts. Now cut the chicken breasts into small pieces and set aside.

Heat your pan over a medium heat with 1 tbs of rice bran oil, add 1 tbs of minced garlic and 1 red onion, peeled and sliced into wedges, cook until the onion has softened. It is now time to add the chicken pieces and cook until the chicken is golden and cooked through. Remove the chicken from the pan to an oven proof dish, cover with a sheet of foil and place in a warm preheated oven 160 deg C. Add 225 gm of rice ( brown or white ) to the pan along with 600ml of water, 4 tbs of tomato sauce, 2 tbs of honey, 1 carrot sliced into matchsticks, 1 tbs of apple cider vinegar and finally 1 tbs of soy sauce.

Return the chicken to the pan. Bring this mixture to the boil and simmer until almost all of the liquid is absorbed. Divide and spoon

into individual warmed serving dishes. Drain the spring onions and place on top. Serve immediately.

## Parsnip tatin

Parsnips rarely get a mention in the favourite vegetable section. I love all vegetables and parsnips are up there on my list. Seriously give this a go. Preheat your oven to 200 deg C. Heat 50 gm of butter / marg in a small 20 cm fry pan.

You will need 8 small parsnips peeled and halved. Add the parsnips to the pan arranging them cut side down in the pan with the narrow ends towards the centre. Sprinkle the parsnips with 1 tbs of soft brown sugar, add 75 ml of apple juice and bring to a slow boil. Then remove the pan from the heat. Now position one square of shortcrust pastry over the parsnips in the pan and press down lightly to enclose them.

Place the pan in the preheated oven for 25 minutes or until the pastry is golden. Remove from the oven and place a serving dish over the top and flip the tart onto the plate. Crumble a handful of feta cheese over and serve as a side dish or on its own with a baby spinach leaf salad.

## A tart tomato relish

Coarsely chop 6 pieces of naked ginger. Use a knife to thinly slice the rind off a lime and chop finely. Slice the pith from the lime and discard. Thinly slice the zest of the lime into a medium saucepan along with the thinly sliced and chopped rind. Slice 6 pieces of naked ginger very finely and add to the saucepan. Add 500 gm of cherry tomatoes, 250 gm sliced in half, 250 gm just trimmed.

Add 125 gm of muscavado sugar to the pan, 120 ml of white wine vinegar and 1 tsp of salt. Bring the mixture to the boil over a medium heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves. Continue to simmer for 45 minutes until the liquid has

evaporated and you are left with a relish that is thick and pulpy. Spoon into clean jars and cover with a lid. Store in a dark place for 4 weeks and refrigerate after opening. This will enlighten your taste buds.

## Passionfruit sponge

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C . Spray 2 shallow 20 cm round cake pans and line them with baking paper. Dust lightly with flour and shake off excess flour. Sift to combine 1/3 cup of cornflour with 1/3 cup of plain flour along with 1/3 cup self raising flour.

Set aside. Using your electric beater, beat 4 eggs ( at room temp ) with 2 tsp of finely grated lemon rind until thick and pale, about 5 minutes. Now gradually add 2/3 cup of caster sugar and mix until the mixture is pale, yellow and glossy. Now this is the important part, using a metal spoon GENTLY fold in the flour mix (do not beat). Spread the mixture evenly into the pans. Bake for 15 minutes in the preheated oven until lightly golden and are pulling from the sides of the pans. Leave for 3 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool. To prepare the filling, use your electric beaters to beat 3/4 cup of cream until stiff peaks form.

Spread the cream over 1 layer of the sponge cake. Place the remaining sponge layer on top. To prepare the passionfruit icing, combine 1 and 1/4 cups of icing sugar with 15gm of softened butter / marg and 2 tbs of passionfruit pulp, and stir until the icing is smooth and glossy. Spread icing over the top of the sponge with a flat bladed knife.





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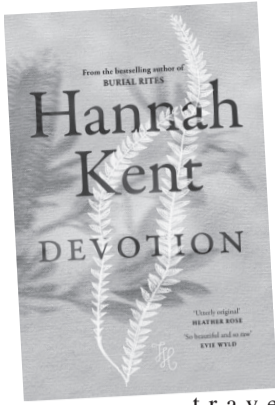
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# Book Review

“Devotion”  
by Hannah Kent, 2021  
Australian author Hannah Kent was born in 1985. She lives in the Adelaide Hills with her partner and their two children. Her first book, “Burial Rites” 2013 was translated into thirty languages and won many awards. Her second novel, “The Good People” 2016 is also translated into many languages and is currently being adapted for film.



This story begins in Prussia in the mid nineteenth century amongst a community of Old Lutherans, a religious group persecuted because they resist reform. The main character, Hanne is a misfit amongst her peers, not conforming to the expectations of the other girls, but when a new family arrives in the community she forms a strong friendship with the daughter, Thea and her family. This new family is treated with suspicion as some of the community think Theas’ mother is a witch and in possession of a forbidden book.

The community receives word that they are able to travel to South Australia and a ship has been made ready, so preparations are made to leave Prussia. The long journey by sea is horrendous with overcrowded conditions, lack of food and basic amenities and an incompetent doctor on board. Many of the passengers are overcome by typhus and buried at sea. Those who survive finally arrive in South Australia and begin to establish a community there with the help of the local indigenous people who show them how to survive on “bush tucker”. The community eventually thrives with the development of bountiful farms but the undercurrent of mistrust continues.

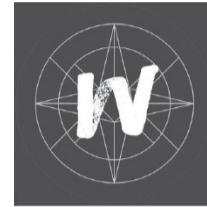
Hannah Kent is a wordsmith and a feature of the book which we all enjoyed was the beautiful prose. The first part of the story was very interesting and documented the migration of a group who were persecuted because of their religion and the lengths they were prepared to go to in order to have religious freedom. The second half of the book we all thought was a bit weird and we all felt that while it was interesting from an historical point of view, it went on for a bit too long. The book then came to a fairly quick and unexpected ending.

One of the issues the book touched on was same sex attraction. Neither Hanne nor Thea understood their feelings and their relationship would never have been tolerated within the community, which placed so much emphasis on the expectation that women must marry in order to survive. Whilst this is a story of fiction those who have visited the Adelaide Hills and villages like Hahndorf will witness the legacy of these early settlers.

# Monash Way fence replacement



The Churchill & District Community Association has been requesting Council for some time to remove the old dilapidated fence along Monash Way opposite the shopping centre. Work began on Tuesday May 31. There is to be a new fence and some plantings.



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### Closed Laundromat

Workmen have been seen on the premises. Not sure what is happening. Perhaps someone will give us some news by next Chatter time.

### Churchill Bowls Club

This very successful Club is looking for new members to expand their membership. Are you a new, past or present bowls player who would be interested in joining this progressive club? Call Bill on 0444 539 922.

### Help! Help!

We need Chatter for this column. Send us messages of when your Club meets, when you want to tell the district of

a function you are running. We are here to help. Praise your sporting team members. Have you heard of or seen changes happening in our district? Items for our Chatter to be sent in by 25th of the previous month to publication to cdeditorial@cdnews.com.au

### Thought for the month

Our days are like identical suitcases. They are all the same size, but some people can pack more in each day than others.

### Next edition

Look out for the next edition of Churchill News from Wednesday July 20.

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**Monash Underpass**  
The Underpass, once a colourful setting has now been cleaned of all design and is waiting for some new inspiration. We hope to soon hear about or see some new masterpiece on the walls and bollards.

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## Hazelwood Rotary Club

## Notice of



# Annual General Meeting

7.00 pm,

Thursday, August 4, 2022

Studio 1 – downstairs in Churchill Town Hall  
(Park and Enter from Philip Parade)

### Agenda items include:

- Presentation of Annual Report
- Annual Financial Statement
- Committee Elections

All members and local residents are welcome to attend but you **MUST** be a member to vote and/or nominate for CDCA Committee membership.

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by an Ordinary General Meeting (time permitting) to consider other matters.



# Friends of Morwell National Park



This little spider is most likely an Eastern Bush Orbweaver *Plebs eburnus* and was found on Matt's access track across Fosters Gully on the way to Stringybark Ridge.



The big toadstool is most likely *Phlebopus marginatus* (that the Western Australians call Salmon Gum Mushroom) which was growing at the junction of firebreak track 1 with the western boundary.



The scale insects are Wattle Tick Scale *Cryptes baccatus* feeding on the common wattle that we were pruning back from firebreak track 1.

## May Activity Report

For the activity we had Gordon, Beryl, Mike and Cathy, Ken, Rose, Joelle, Wayne, Tamara, Caitlin and Graeme. Matt left after the morning meeting. There was an apology from Darren.

A big thanks goes to Mike and Cathy who have written and taken photos from the activity for the article. Thank you Mike and Cathy.

The group gathered in the picnic area and discussed the following:

- Fox baiting has been undertaken in the Park. Some damage was done to Matt's access track in the process.
- The Bio-Link Committee will be meeting again shortly, volunteers are invited to attend although Jay unofficially represents several groups.
- TAFE students will visit soon and are looking for projects - Matt and Gordon will attend.
- Confirmation of Feathertail Glider presence in the Park from Joan Sikkema.
- Matt has recently submitted the first Victorian record of a moth species at his residence.

Members of the Group expressed dismay at the recent removal of koalas from nearby HVP plantations for a South Australian wildlife park breeding program.

Most of the group walked over to Stringybark Ridge, while two vehicles made their way through Matt's access track, cleaning up some fallen limbs for Matt in the process. We proceeded over to the western side of the loop to the junction with the first of the firebreak crossovers where the first of the large fallen trees was waiting for our attention. Small parties headed off in a variety of directions to check the track conditions (and avoid the noise) while the chainsaw crew set themselves up and went to work. Wayne did most of the heavy work with his own chainsaw, while Gordon helped out with the group's saw. The rest of us tidied up or wandered ahead with the loppers and secateurs. Two large trees, one very solid and the other pretty rotten, and two smaller trees had to be removed before we could drive the vehicles to the

western boundary. We then headed south along the boundary, looking for the next firebreak crossover track. It was a bit difficult to locate as it was almost completely grown over. Out came the brushcutter and some good teamwork followed with everyone doing their bit with whatever tools were available. Another substantial treefall blocked our path, so Wayne again did the heavy chainsaw work, making some nice seats for us to rest on for lunch. The other parties caught up to us just as we were settling down for a spell and a bite to eat at about 12.30pm.

Wayne had to depart then, but luckily we didn't encounter any more large trees across the tracks, only a number of smaller branches, which were easy enough for me to deal with. We were able to clear all of the second firebreak track from the western boundary right over to the eastern loop of the Stringybark Ridge Track, where we called it a day at about 3pm.

Some interesting floral finds were made over the day.



Maintenance work

## Danny O'BRIEN MP State Member for Gippsland South



A recent electoral redivision will see the following towns join the electorate of Gippsland South from the state election in Nov 2022:

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- Boolarra, Boolarra South,
- Jeeralang, Jeeralang Junction, Jumbuk and Budgeree

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# Rotary Club of Hazelwood



The last couple of months have been eventful for the Rotary Club of Hazelwood with a number of major events taking place.

## Churchill ANZAC Day Ceremony

Our club coordinates organisational activities and preparations for this ceremony in conjunction with Ruth Place, Churchill Lions and Morwell RSL Sub Branch. This year it was a whole club effort for tasks taken on, with many members taking on individual roles and tasks to bring the day together. Our club working at its best!

The ceremony was well-attended by around 200 people, the Churchill Memorial near the Hub presenting an ideal venue with many vantage points and levels to bring people together to remember those who sacrificed so much for us.

The service was led by RSL members Don George, and Peter Townsend with features being:

An address by local First Nations People Christine Johnson and Doris Paton who told us the story of a First

Nations veteran.

Speeches by School Captains from local secondary and primary schools detailing what ANZAC Day means to them.

A thought provoking address by local Member for Morwell, Russell Northe who spoke of the many conflicts in which Australia has participated.

The laying of over 20 wreaths by local groups and organisations.

Our thanks to the groups and individuals who contributed to the organisation and running of the Ceremony, an important day in the culture and development of our country - Morwell RSL Sub Branch, Latrobe City, Peter Gray - Ampworks, Churchill; St Johns Ambulance; Latrobe Brass Band; Joseph Bonnici; Latrobe Valley Aero Club; Churchill Lions Club; Ruth Place; Wendy Hrynyszyn (Latrobe City) and members of The Rotary Club of Hazelwood

## Rotary Foundation

At our meeting on Monday May 16, our guest speaker was Mark Humphries, the Rotary

District 9820 Foundation Chair.

Mark was a powerful speaker and advocate of the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

Our club gives to the Rotary Foundation every year and takes great pride in its' efforts throughout the world in eradicating polio (there has been only one case so far in the world this year, so we are very close!), providing nets to alleviate malaria, providing clean water supplies to third world villages and disaster aid.

At this meeting we recognised two members, Carol and Ray, who have made significant personal contributions to Foundation up and above that of the club.

## New Member

District Governor Nominee, Linda Humphries, formally inducted new member Thomas into the club. We welcome Thomas and his family warmly into our club and look forward to working with him to benefit the community and wider world in the future.

## Bunnings Barbecue

Our recent sausage sizzle at Bunnings Morwell raised \$540 which will be given to Rotary Foundation to help finally eliminate polio from the world.

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# Churchill CFA celebrating



Lisa Cannon



Mandy Dempsey



Graeme Renwick



Rob Bonfield



Steve Barling



Matthew Fisher



Ruth Place



Darlene Parkinson



Bridget King



Scott Randall

Brigade President Allan Larkin began proceedings by welcoming all on the auspicious occasion of the brigade's 75th Anniversary, which really occurred two years ago but due to COVID restrictions had been postponed.

Allan introduced Russell Northe MLA for Morwell who spoke saying thank you to all the members of Churchill Brigade on their work and achievements, but extending that thanks to other local brigades as well. He thanked all for their service as he paid tribute saying 'well done'.

Next Shane Renwick our brigade Captain thanked all for coming, especially those who

had travelled from afar to be there. He smiled as he said it was great to be together again.

Shane outlined briefly, the history of the Brigade beginning in 1945 as the Jeeralang North Rural Fire Brigade. In 1946 when the CFA was formed, the brigade was registered on February 6 1945. It became Jeeralang Junction Rural Fire Brigade in 1961 and the location transferred into the newly created township of Churchill in 1967, with the station situated on the corner of Switchback Road and Wattle Crescent. In keeping with the move into the urban area of Churchill, and to assist in gaining additional equipment, the brigade again changed name in October 1974

to Churchill/Jeeralang Rural Fire Brigade. Finally, after many years of working with CFA, the Brigade was provided with a new station on Phillip Parade in 1990, and was given Class D Urban Fire Brigade status by CFA. At a special meeting on January 8, 1991, the brigade officially changed name again to become the Churchill Urban Fire Brigade.

In 1982 the brigade suffered the loss of Darren McLean.

The brigade has participated in many of the campaign fires throughout Victoria and interstate.

Shane commented that the past members

can be proud of the way their achievements built the brigade to its current position. Currently there are 40 members, with 94 fires attended in 2021 and so far in 2022 members have been called out 59 times. There is a full station of equipment, members do great work in the community, an excellent Fire Equipment Maintenance team providing service for fire extinguishers and other equipment, which also brings in an income to the brigade.

Families were thanked for their sacrifice and support of members, a support which means so much. Members were thanked for their tremendous support especially through

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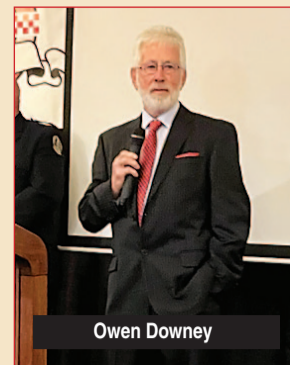
Shane Renwick



Steve Shankland



ACFO Gareth McDermott with Capt. Shane Renwick



Owen Downey



Allan Larkin



Craig Griffiths



Jack Dixon



Chris Gallagher



COVID and all the restriction changes as well as having meetings on Zoom.

Shane said the community was proud and appreciative of the brigades' efforts. He finished by thanking members for making his job easy due to the co-operation and support he had received.

Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer (A)ACFO Gareth McDermott thanked member's partners who are the backbone of the members.

He remarked on the last two and a half years and all that had brought, East Gippsland Fires and COVID and storms which threw everything upside-down, but despite that we all got through and no station was closed. Being able to maintain the brigades has been amazing. Gareth

completed his words by congratulating the Churchill Brigade for always being willing to offer assistance.

The following awards were presented by (A)ACFO Gareth McDermott  
 5 Year Service Certificate Lisa Cannon  
 5 Year Service Certificate Luke Semfel  
 10 Year Service Medal Mandy Dempsey  
 10 Year Service Medal Jack Dixon  
 15 Year Service Medal Robert Bonfield  
 20 Year Service Medal Ruth Place  
 20 Year Service Medal Graeme Renwick  
 25 Year Service Medal Chris Gallagher  
 25 Year Service Medal Scott Randall  
 30 Year Service Medal Matthew Fisher  
 35 Year Service Medal Steven Barling  
 40 Year Service Medal Allan Larkin  
 CFA Life Member Steven Barling

CFA Life Member Matthew Fisher  
 CFA Life Member Anthony Gallagher  
 CFA Life Member Allan Larkin  
 CFA Life Member Darlene Parkinson  
 Commonwealth Awards – Presented by (A) ACFO Gareth McDermott  
 National Medal Craig Griffiths  
 National Medal Robert Bonfield  
 National Medal Shane Renwick  
 National Medal Steve Shankland  
 National Medal Graeme Renwick  
 National Medal First Clasp  
 Darlene Parkinson  
 National Medal First Clasp Scott Randall  
 National Medal First Clasp Matthew Fisher  
 National Medal Second Clasp Allan Larkin  
 National Medal Second Clasp Anthony Gallagher

Shane Renwick received the 75th Anniversary Certificate.

Gareth concluded by congratulating all the members and their partners and the brigade on its' 75th anniversary.

The Brigade Awards were then presented by Shane Renwick and Steven Barling.

Firefighter of the Year Bridget King  
 Recognition Award Jack Dixon  
 Captain's Trophy Ruth Place.

An original Churchill Urban Fire Brigade member Owen Downey spoke briefly of his time in the brigade, particularly remembering Alan Long who was a long serving Captain and who encouraged the membership of women and did a lot for the brigade. Alan passed away recently, and is remembered for his contribution to CFA.

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# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## A remarkable entrepreneur; an often forgotten pioneer of Morwell

By Leo Billington

In last month's edition of the Churchill & District News, Charles Rickard Aherin, well-known locally back then as C R, it was written that he has been simply remembered as "a name mentioned in some 1882 records." This is not good enough.

This time, we write about Mr Jeremiah Ryan, another amazing early pioneer of Morwell. He was one of quite a few early pioneers, who kick started a land sales boom in Morwell. Jeremiah did not need expert government advice, he

seemingly knew where and when to buy and sell.

Records show he knew C R in Morwell, so while it might be assumed some assistance from the Bank of Australasia was sought, Jeremiah had won his wealth elsewhere before arriving in town.

Jeremiah was born in County Wicklow, Dublin Ireland in 1847. When first married, he was employed as a despatch assistant for a newspaper. Later he migrated to the United States where he served for a short while in the American Civil

War. His journey then took him to the gold fields in New Zealand.

New Zealand did not live up to expectations, so Jeremiah, along with his brother joined another gold rush in New South Wales. Not having much luck here, he then ventured further north to Queensland where, it is recorded, "he was able to be successful at gold mining."

He struck more gold again in Victoria in and about the Ballarat-Mount Egerton area, before settling on a 320 acre farm at Driffield, where he had a dairy farm. One neighbour in those days was the Jensen family. Jeremiah's farm was part of the Merton Rush squatting run.

It didn't take long before Jeremiah extended his land holding by another

240 acres, alongside leasing a further 500 acres. His farming pursuit was reaping significant dividends.

At a later date, he turned his attention to Morwell. He acquired about eight building allotments as well as shops in Commercial Road. Houses were built on the allotments and successfully sold.

Following his second marriage to Miss Ellen Fleming from Essendon, Jeremiah kept with his real estate investments by acquiring another 140 acres. This area was owned under his wife's name and was followed by another grand land development venture named Parnell Park. For Jeremiah, this was a crowning achievement - all while his farm was still being managed at Driffield, notwithstanding the hardships to be faced such as fire and drought.

As described in Jeremiah's obituary in the Morwell Advertiser, October 1910:

'During the land boom in 1890, he bought part of the late Mr Henry's estate, which he called "Parnell Park."

This he subdivided into allotments and the day of the sale was a memorable one.'

Parnell Park, took its name from Charles Stewart Parnell, who was born in Avondale House (see accompanying photograph), County Wicklow, on June 1846. Parnell was an Irish Nationalist politician who served as a Member of Parliament between 1875 and 1891. Today, Parnell Street, Dublin is testimony to the MP.

Charles Stewart Parnell was admired by Jeremiah, both being from County Wicklow, and, therefore, Parnell Park was that link back to the home country.

Parnell Park included, as we know the streets today, Avondale Road, Ellen Street, Ryan Street, with house blocks facing Commercial Road and Driffield Road.

Thomas Sinclair's subdivision, much smaller in size, was alongside Jeremiah's with allotments in Sinclair Avenue and some facing Commercial Road.

Later, Mr Polden subdivided his land resulting in Langford Street, Ruby Street, Bardon Street, and Polden Crescent, all of which were to the east side of Avondale Road.

On sale day, September

23, 1890, 79 allotments were promoted with fanfare - a brass band was on-site, ribbons and streamers adorned the signage. Sales were slow, not as anticipated, however Jeremiah remained optimistic.

He had land between the Melbourne Road and Latrobe River through which a loop railway line ran to the Great Morwell Coal Mine development. Title records show Jeremiah also owned two shop allotments in Commercial Road immediately east of today's Hazelwood Road-Commercial Road intersection, purchased during early land sales in 1897, and subsequently sold on.

He also owned the corner block of land at Collins Street and as it was known, the Princes Highway. This block aroused considerable interest when placed on the market. It is understood the corner block was purchased in 1949 by a Melbourne based syndicate after spirited competition. Morwell's new fire brigade station is now being built on this corner site. One notes that the Collins Street site was, with other suggestions, once considered for Morwell's second, and new fire brigade station before Church Street was finally selected.

Jeremiah also owned land with a 66 feet frontage to the Princes Highway, opposite Morwell Railway Station, and with a similar frontage to Buckley Street. Following intense competition between five bidders at the auction, Mr Stan Gude was successful. Many will recall Stan then developed Gude's Arcade, with retail shopping basically lining both sides.

What was described as four grand allotments owned by Jeremiah, and fronting Tarwin Street, were sold during 1890.

On Easter Monday, April 10, 1944, Ellen Ryan passed away at her home, Avondale Park, Morwell.

At 86 years, Ellen was remembered as "one of the oldest, if not the oldest resident" in Morwell.

Following Jeremiah's death, Ellen continued to remain in a fine home in the Parnell Park estate. He had



travelled to Melbourne for a holiday in late September 1915, but unfortunately fell ill with, what was diagnosed as bleeding internally from his heart. He died at age 62 on October 5, 1910.

He was survived by his wife, Ellen, daughters Catherine, Bridget, Julia, Mary Josephine, Beatrice Lillian, Alice May and sons, James Patrick, John Edward and Jeremiah Francis.

Jeremiah is interred at the Hazelwood Cemetery along with Ellen, Jeremiah Francis (passed away on April 12, 1952), and Mary Josephine (passed away at six weeks of age).

His ability to foresee, or even determine, in which direction Morwell's future residential development was to proceed, is Jeremiah's main legacy.

His Parnell Park subdivision took town allotments to the west. Around the same time, Mr R Tolmie established his Pemberly Estate with 28 allotments to the south, the Buckley family subdivided land in and around Buckley Street and another, the Hopetoun Estate, made allotments available within the Hoyle Street and Hopetoun Avenue area.



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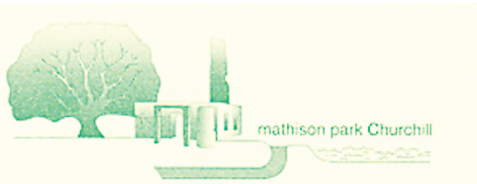
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Such a lot has been happening in Mathison Park.

We need to say thank you to many for their participation. Firstly a huge thank you to Bunnings in Morwell for donating half a pallet of compost which will be used when we plant our new trees.

Secondly to The Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare group which has donated 30 various native trees to the park, thank you very much for your generosity.

Thirdly to the Council Maintenance team thank you for your careful mowing.

Also many thanks for the loads of top soil to be used in our plantings.

Fourthly to Kurnai College Hands on Learning students and teachers we say thank you for your amazing contribution in the provision of two table/seat combinations.

Fifthly to Morwell Men's Shed and Churchill Men's Shed our special thanks for the provisions of more table/seats combinations, one designed for wheelchair convenience to be placed at the large picnic shelter.

Sixthly to our tractor supplier/driver thank you

most gratefully for all the hours you have contributed in helping to deliver mulch for our crews and Gippsland Interchange crew to spread.

Richard has done a stocktake of our trees and made a list of all those which are missing in our arboretum conifers collection and east side pathway. He has sourced many replacements as well as purchased others to fill gaps. We are having several small planting days to put these all in the ground.

To ensure they are well looked after and to provide them with the best protection and help to prosper, tree guards, stakes, shade cloth and agricultural pipe have been purchased along with bags of compost, partly donated by Bunnings as mentioned above.

Chris and Faye have organised a pruning of some of the items in what we called the Koori garden.

The surrounding fence, which had parts missing due to vandalism and some parts which had deteriorated, have been removed. It was time for some new plants and Chris and Faye particularly wanted to plant bird attracting shrubs. After the clean up

several of these new plants were put in. The garden looks so much better.

Other things achieved at our working bee were the felling of a dead dangerous tree which was part of the Koori garden.

Two piles of rubbish were burnt with all the extra material from the tree felling and Koori garden clean up were added.

More unneeded fencing was removed. The area around the picnic and playground was cleaned up. Previously planted trees were watered. An area which is in the south east corner of the park was walked through to ascertain the survival rate of trees planted there previously.

Some have grown well, others have died. There is a lot of work to do in this area.

The following Monday morning a small group of volunteers worked hard and tirelessly to begin our planting regime.

With all the effort that was put in it is hoped the trees grow magnificently for us.

A special extra working bee was held on the third Saturday and with Bruce's



help to dig holes, more replacement trees were planted in the conifer collection. Thanks everyone for your amazing effort in turning out so often to complete these plantings.

There is always a long list of work which needs to be carried out in the park and we are always looking for new volunteers to come and help.

Working bees are held monthly on the second Saturday at 9am but on each Thursday we are joined by the Gippsland Interchange crew at 1pm and your help for the one and a half hours would be most gratefully received if that suits your better.



## Russell Northe MLA

May! Where have the months already gone? I cannot believe that winter is sneaking in just around the corner. If needed, I hope everyone has their winter firewood already stacked away to get yourselves warm!

On April 29, I had the pleasure to visit with the staff and students at Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School in Churchill, to help present awards to the 2022 school leaders. The students gave a great rendition of the school's song and the national anthem with great gusto. The assembly which I attended was held in a very respectful manner as the School Captains, School Vice-Captains and House Captains received their leadership badges and a letter from me! The school is blessed to have such fine leaders to guide them through the 2022 school year.

Thank you to Mrs Darby and teachers at Lumen Christi for having me along on their student's special day and congratulations again to the school's student leaders in 2022!

I was also honoured to attend the Churchill Fire Brigade's 75th birthday celebrations held at the Churchill Hotel on May 14. Many members of the brigade were presented with awards for their service and dedication to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and



our local community. It was apt that National Volunteers Week was celebrated at around this time because our CFA volunteers epitomise what it is to give of self to one's community. I couldn't help but feel an immense sense of pride while watching these selfless men and women receive their awards and knowing the positive difference they have made to our region as volunteers. Thank you to each and every member of the Churchill Fire Brigade past and present for your skill, dedication and commitment in serving and protecting our community over these past 75 years.

The CFA also held their Annual Memorial Service for Firefighters on May 1, at the Federation University Churchill campus. I was humbled to be invited to attend and take part in the proceedings and where I was able to read a moving poem titled 'The Dash'. The service paid tribute to CFA fire-fighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. A ceremonial banner was

created with every one of the 80 firefighter's names embroidered on it, and I was saddened to learn that a second banner has recently been made as the first banner did not have enough space. It was touching to have the service in Churchill as 2022 marks 40 years when young Churchill Fire Brigade member Darren McLean lost his life. Darren's father Barry was present at the Churchill memorial which was extremely moving and respectful. Our region has really been touched by bushfires over the years, and our thoughts are always with those impacted and our respect and gratitude with those who have the courage to respond.

Whilst I was not able to attend personally this time around, I hear there was a great turnout for the Churchill Shop Local campaign again! It really is wonderful to see so many community members join in to embrace this terrific initiative and support local retailers and businesses.

I am also told that many a snag was cooked and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Some five boxes of snags from what I hear on the grapevine! I am really looking forward to the next Shop Local event, and am sure it will be another success!

Thanks to all who helped to co-ordinate this event.

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# Break In



In the early morning of Thursday May 25, a thief used a hammer to smash the glass door of the Churchill Discount Pharmacy and stole medication from the back of the shop.

It seems that the thief injured himself on the broken glass as blood was found outside the door.

Andy Gergis, the owner of the store said that the male

was caught on CCTV, that he was clearly local as he was walking a dog.

Andy said that pharmacies are frequently targeted by thieves who are looking for drugs.

However as a local business owner he feels both frustrated and disappointed by this break in.

Police are pursuing enquiries.

# Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington



## How people are not remembered and forgotten

In the Churchill & District News May 2022 edition, attention was drawn towards gravestones or headstones as generally being a starting point to researching a family history.

Since writing that item, there have been plenty of enquiries about old headstones being difficult to read. Varying climate conditions together with fragmentation of families makes any ongoing maintenance very difficult.

Alongside old headstones, there is generally a comment passed about tops of graves deteriorating, some being unsightly, "creepy" according to some visitors, and downright disgraceful.

Basically, age has

wearied many of the concrete tops. There are examples of concrete tops which are thin, some covered with a weak mixture of what seems to be cheap bitumen, or even covered with pebbles. Whatever the case, troublesome noxious weeds quickly find sunlight allowing luxurious growth. In total, old graves can seem uncared for, unloved and a blight to what otherwise is a well-maintained cemetery.

In Victoria, cemeteries are part of state government's Department of Health structure. Overall governance is by government legislation with management responsibility delegated to local Cemetery Trusts.

Care and maintenance of graves is a responsibility of families. Plots are owned by families.

To undertake maintenance work on graves, permission

must first be sought from a Cemetery Trust.

There are some situations where a member of the extended family may wish to initiate and undertake maintenance work with approval from the cemetery trust. Unfortunately, these cases are few and far between.

Accompanying this editorial are examples of tops, in varying stages of significant decay. How to correct these examples is a vexed question considering the pictures show old graves at Hazelwood, and it is very difficult to locate any living family member.

One of the accompanying examples show what can be a common sight in old cemeteries, ample space between graves. On first appearances, this may seem as a vacant area without graves.

The area shown actually contains four separate unmarked graves, deaths occurring between 1890 and 2000.

One of these unmarked graves is for Duncan McIntyre who was severely injured on a Wednesday when thrown from his horse. Medical reports from the time referred to "severe bruising." Five days later, Duncan died and was buried on May 27, 1890. The McIntyre family farmed land at the corner of Switchback Road and Monash Way, as we know that corner these days, directly opposite where the first Churchill CFA shed was located.

Nonetheless, cemeteries store a wealth of history, and are well worth an occasional visit. One is able to glean and understand any fabric of local communities from visiting cemeteries.

# CDCA

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# Latrobe City Council Updates



**Project update**  
Nuttalls Road and Switchback Road were recently reconstructed, which includes reconstruction of

the road pavement and a new bitumen seal. The existing pavement material was stabilised and reused in the subbase course

of these projects to reduce the resource reliance on new rock material.

The McKay Court kerb replacement project included replacing the old kerb and channel with a newer profile of kerb and channel and matching vehicle crossovers.

Works on the Hazelwood South Reserve Changerooms are nearing completion with concrete around the new rooms being poured recently.

Inside the pavilion,

painting, tiling and joinery has also been completed.

The project is delivering new fully accessible changerooms, a first aid room and referee rooms for the users at Hazelwood South Reserve and has been jointly funded through Round 2 of the Victorian Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program and Latrobe City Council.



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# SPORT

## Monash Golf

### Saturday 30/04/22 - Monthly Medal.

A Grade - R. Scurlock (9) 78 69. B Grade - R. Timbs (26) 94 68 Medal Winner - C Grade - G. Corponi (35) 106 71. Scratch Winner - R. Scurlock 78.

DTL - R. Madigan 70, J. Barnes 72, A. Quinn 72, A. Auld 73, J. Sanders Snr, 73, G. Beyer 73, M. Brereton 74, T. Webb 74, C. Cumming 74. NTP - 3rd. D. Cook, 5th B. Skinner, 12th M. Anwerth, 14th T. Sterrick. Putts - R. Scurlock 23. Birdies - 12th T. Sterrick.

### Tuesday 03/05/22 - Monthly Medal.

Scratch Winner - M. Dear 94. A Grade Winner - S. Caldwell 96 (24) 75. Medal Winner - M. Mc Quillen 107 (34) 73. DTL - C. Stevens 77, V. Verheyen 79. Birdies -3rd. M. Mc Quillen. Putts - S. Caldwell 27, L. Brent 27. NTP - Ladies - 3rd T. Davies, 5th M. Dear, 12th V. Reid, 14th M. Mc Quillen.

### Saturday 07/05/22 - Canadian Foursomes

Winners - M. Hutchinson and S. Sanders 70.25. Runners Up - G. Spowart and B. Sebire 72.375. DTL - A. Quinn and T. Lio 72.875 - G. Beyer and P. Flanigan 72.5-T. Sterrick and B. Barnes 74.5-L. Anderson and G. Sanders 76.75. NTP - 3rd. J. Barratt, 5th P. Jordan, 12th S. Caldwell, 14th D. Caldwell. Putts - R. Scurlock 23. Birdies - 3rd. J. Barratt.

### Tuesday 10/05/22 - Stableford Aggregate

Winners - C. Stevens (44) and M. Mc Quillen (34) 63. DTL - M. Mc Conville

(29) and D. Caldwell (18) 62. NTP - 3rd C. Stevens, 5th D. Caldwell, 12th L. Brent, 14th T. Davey. Birdie - 12th L. Brent.

### Saturday 14/05/22 - Stableford

A Grade - J. Langstaff (14) 38. B Grade - L. Brent (23) 36. C Grade - B. Kilday (24) 31. D Grade - V. Monument (28) 40. DTL - B. Rowley 38, A. Quinn 37, R. Magiden 37, D. Byer 37, J. Geoffery 36, T. Davies 36, G. Byer 35, D. Taylor 35, D. Cluderay 35. NTP - 3rd. T. Davies, 5th B. Kilday, 12th G. Byer, 14th V. Monument. Birdies - 12th B. Clealand, 14th V. Monument, 5th B. Kilday.

### Tuesday 17/05/22 - Stroke

Winner - V. Verheyen (28) 97 69. Scratch S. Caldwell (21) 94 73. NTP 3rd M. Mc Quillen, 5th J. Blizzard, 12th M. Mc Conville, 14th S. Caldwell. Birdie - 3rd. M. Mc Quillen.

### Saturday 21/05/22 Par

A Grade - D. Burrige (13) -1. B Grade - K. Westwood (24) +1. C Grade - D. Radnell (30) +3. DTL - C. Waring +1. J. Barrett +1. B. Sebire +1. B. Rowle Sq. G. Corponi Sq. R. Davidson Sq. T. Sterrick Sq. D. Taylor -1 Cb. A. West -1 Cb. NTP - 3rd. L. Anderson, 5th R. King, 12th G. Spowart. Birdies - 3rd R. Dent.

### Tuesday 24/05/22 - Volunteers Day

Winners - Branden Barnes (9), S. Caldwell (21), J. Blizzard (35) 60. DTL - R. Dent, M. Mc Conville, C. Stevens. NTP - 12th M. Mc Conville, 12th Branden Barnes.

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# Churchill CFA



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

Firefighters respond to numerous chimney fires every year that start from fireplaces and wood heaters. In 2021, CFA firefighters responded to 130 chimney fires, almost half of which occurred during the winter months.

CFA Chief Officer (CO) Jason Heffernan, urged Victorian households to have chimneys professionally cleaned annually to avoid the build-up of creosote – a highly flammable black tar-like residue that could clog chimneys.

“Winter is the perfect time to curl up in front of a warm fire, but chimney fires can quickly turn into house fires,” CO Heffernan said.

“Spending a few minutes now to check your chimney could be one of the most

important fire safety actions you take this season, and you can easily check for creosote build-up or obstructions by simply using a torch before lighting a fire.

Creosote is caused by general use but can also build up faster if you are using incorrect fuels such as green wood or treated timbers, so make sure you only burn dry, clean wood to reduce the risk of fire starting from a fireplace or wood heater.

“We also urge everyone to always extinguish their fire before going to bed or leaving the house.”

Chief Officer Heffernan said it is also important to ensure gas heaters are being used safely and correctly, and urged Victorians to have their gas heaters inspected and serviced by a qualified technician every two years, to avoid a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.

“The colder months are some of the riskiest times of

the year for fires in the home, and most of these fires can be prevented,” he said.

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

It is important to remember that no matter the season, having interconnected smoke alarms in all bedrooms and living areas can provide vital seconds to allow you and your family to escape in case of a fire,” he said.

Chimney and heating tips:

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

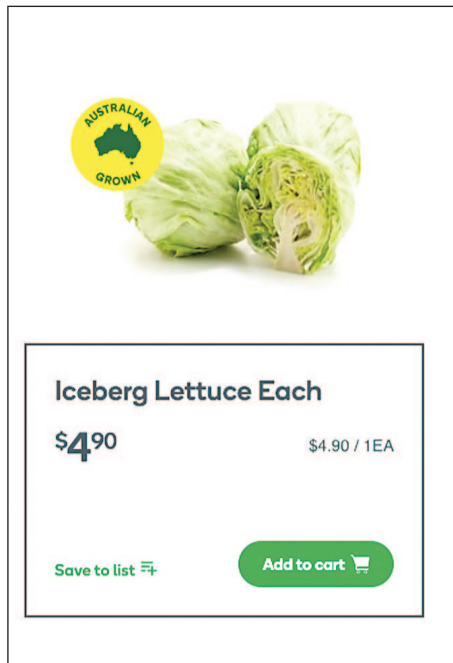
A secure guard or fireproof screen should always be used to prevent sparks and wood from falling out of the fireplace and causing a fire or burn injury.

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

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

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

# Yinnar Community Garden



Lettuces grown from seed by Rosemary”

## No Cost Gardening

By Rosemary

Now that lettuces are selling in the supermarket for \$12 each, many people want to learn how to grow fruit and vegies at home. However, the set-up costs for a new garden can be expensive. Did you know it is possible to fill your garden with plants for no cost at all? Here are seven tips to get you started.

### #1: Cuttings

A lot of plants can grow from a small branch snipped from the mother plant, known as a cutting. Just keep the cutting in water till ready, then put it in a pot of good potting mix. Once new leaves appear, it is ready to plant in its new location.

In the words of gardening guru Jackie French: “When in doubt, just bung it in. It’ll probably grow”. Plants I have grown from cuttings at my place include peppermint geranium, rosemary and pepinos.

### #2: Seeds

Although a pack of seeds only costs a few dollars, online seed shops can be very tempting and I am often guilty of racking up a big bill for more seeds than I have space for!

An excellent way to save money is to grow the seeds yourself. Save the seed from a plant that did well, and that way you’ll know the seeds are perfectly tailored to your local conditions.

Plants I have grown at home from saved seed include cape gooseberries, parsley, tagasaste/tree lucerne, lilly pilly, and lettuce. In fact, the not-so-humble lettuce is actually an easy one for beginner seed savers to start with.

### #3: Grow your own mulch

One bag of lucerne mulch can cost around \$20. Instead of buying it, why not grow it yourself? Tree lucerne (also known as tagasaste) is fast growing, and the branches can be cut back and used in the garden like lucerne mulch.

Tree lucerne also doubles as a delicious drought-proof fodder for animals. Just make sure you use it regularly, as it can become invasive if not kept in check. However, we have 44 tagasaste trees at our 5-acre place, and any stray seedlings are immediately gobbled up by wallabies.

### #4: Scion

A mature fruit tree can cost around \$30 to \$50. What about using scion to add new varieties to your existing trees? You can do this by multi-grafting, which works particularly well on apple trees. Like a cutting, you simply snip a scion off the mother tree, and then graft this onto the new tree. At our place we have a row of apple and pear trees made with scion grafted onto cheap rootstocks.

### #5: Make your own compost, fertiliser and seed raising mix

The occasional bag of commercial mushroom compost will help improve your soil, but to reduce costs it is best to make your own compost. There are plenty of video tutorials on how to do this but a really simple way is to collect your food scraps, dig a trench, fill the hole partway with scraps, and then top it off with the backfill soil.

If the original scraps were cut into small pieces, it may only take a few weeks to break down. Make sure you do not include any meat scraps, or you may attract pests.

I have successfully grown black cherry tomatoes in a garden bed with compost buried like this.

To make free liquid fertiliser, get some worms to eat your scraps, and use their diluted “worm wee” on your plants. Diluted human urine also works (think lemon trees), but you need regulatory approval to use it commercially.

You can make your own seed raising mix by combining sieved compost, coarse sand, coconut coir (\$2

worth from a garden store makes plenty), and cow poo or worm castings. I have to admit I usually buy this!

### #6: Perennials

A lot of vegetables are annuals, meaning that they die each year. Growing these means that every year, you have to rework the soil and plant things again. This could be done free using some of the tips above, but another possibility is growing perennials instead.

These kinds of plants live on from year to year, if you just harvest a small part of the plant at a time (such as picking a few leaves).

Perennials also help cover the “hungry gap” at the end of winter before the annuals start to kick in. Some perennials I grow include garlic chives, sorrel, samphire, and Nine Star broccoli.

### #7: Reuse Plastic Pots and Trays

I never need to buy empty plastic pots. Most gardeners have more plastic pots than they know what to do with, as plant pots are made of a strong plastic which can be reused over and over again. If you need some, ask around or put a call out on social media.

Gardening does not have to be expensive. If you live near a community garden such as the Yinnar Community Garden, this is a great place to meet like-minded people, where you can share ideas, seeds, cuttings and scion with! Membership of the YCG is \$15 per person per year, but you do not have to be a member to join our working bees.

These are held every Wednesday and Saturday from 10am to 12 noon.

For more information, borrow Jackie French’s book “New Plants from Old” on interlibrary loan from Latrobe City Libraries, email yinnarcg@gmail.com, or search for “Yinnar Community Garden” on Facebook.



## 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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5.45 pm

Churchill Community HUB

6.15 pm

Glendonald Park

\*\*Note these times are approximate





# SHOP LOCAL MARKET

## SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

Although overcast, the predicted rain held off and a steady stream of people attended our most recent Churchill Shop Local Market.

Dozens of free sausages were consumed, a big thank you to Churchill Fire Brigade and Latrobe Valley Neighbourhood Watch for doing all the cooking!

We had free fruit to give away too, thanks to Ritchies IGA and Woolworths supermarkets.

An assortment of market stalls were located at West Place and around Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre, with a range of hand-made goods, crafts and even some pre-loved items.

Our local Lifeline Opportunity Shop opened especially for the Saturday morning event and many folk had a browse through the pre-loved bargains.

Our popular musician, Bryce, entertained folk at Café Alfa and those who entered the Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre foyer.

The Anti-Theft Number Plate Screw Replacement program, conducted by LV Neighbourhood watch, was again popular. The car-park adjacent to Monash Way near the vacant shop (formerly the Video Store) is ideal for this service, as vehicles have the space to queue without impeding traffic.

An extra delight for families was free face-painting for children, not to mention some free children's books donated by Ritchies IGA.

Shoppers at West Place and Hazelwood Village had the chance to win one of the 28 vouchers to use at nominated Churchill retail businesses. Winners are randomly selected as they go about their shopping at our Shop Local Market. Shopping voucher winners beamed!

We would like to thank our supporters – AA Accounting, Ritchies IGA, Woolworths and Latrobe City Council.

Thanks also to our volunteers from the Shop Local partner organisations - Churchill Neighbourhood Centre (CNC), Churchill & District News and Churchill & District Community Association (CDCA).

Next Churchill Shop Local Market will be held on Saturday August 27.





# SCHOOL NEWS

# BOOLARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Amazing New Tables

In the eating area at Boolarra Primary School we have new tables. They are made out of metal instead of wood. Mrs Duncan, our Principal, had new grass installed in the eating area and we all wanted new tables as well. The tables came a couple of months after the grass. They were put in on May 18. Everyone got to sit on them on May 19 because we usually have to eat inside. We can also use them to do our school work. The tables are really good because now we don't have to sit on the fake grass outside.

Scarlett.

### Bullseye at Licola

In April I went to Licola with my school and one of the activities was archery. I already have a bow at home but I'm really bad. So they gave us some instructions and some practice shots and then I got a bullseye! It was amazing. The other kids really enjoyed it and only one other got a bullseye.

By Pat

The second day of camp was my favourite. For breakfast I had ham and cheese croissant, toast and cereal.

After breakfast my group did the giant swing and I only had one go because my body was shaking. After every one had a go at the giant swing we had morning tea and had choc chip cupcakes.

After morning tea we did the obstacle course. I ripped my shirt going down! I only did it twice and you know the



reason why.

Then we did bush cooking. We got to make damper and then cook it over the fire. My one was cooked first and it was pretty good, even though it was my first time making damper.

Then we did archery, and we did a game where you hit a number and you only had three shots. First shot decided what you had to eat for dinner, the second shot decided where you ate and the third shot decided who you were eating with.

After dinner we watched a movie then went to bed. The end

By Declan

### Excessive Heights

On April 28, at the Licola Wilderness Village, I went to the tippy top of the giant swing. It was approximately 11.5 meters off the ground. When I was all the way up there looking all that way down to the ground, I was petrified, but also intrigued.

But I wasn't so brave. We all got two turns so on my first turn I went just a few steps away from the top. Afterwards I was proud but also disappointed in myself. I promised myself to go to the top, but I didn't. So when I got a second chance, I went straight to the top without hesitation, without realising.

Until I went to the top, tugged the rope to swing. It didn't budge. I tried again. It still didn't let me swing. And you know what, at this point I was frustrated.

But when I was about to pull the rope again, I swung through the air. I screamed so much at first but then I just felt glad that I did that. I felt proud. But now when I go down any size hill, it feels like I'm on the swing.

By Ryleigh

Most likely the best story about camp Licola.

Camp started and ended from of April 27 to 29.

Hello, welcome to the best recount out of the 15

other stories about this, I promise you will enjoy this amazing story.

My personal favourite activity was probably, hmmm, flying fox! It was so fun!!!! I even did a backflip on it, I know! Amazing right?? I also hit the tyre at the end of the flying fox. I also wasn't afraid which I was pretty impressed by, I mean, I'm always scared but that day I didn't listen to a thing anyone said.

By Grace

Licola Camp

The Boolarra Primary School Grades 3 to 6 went to Licola Camp.

It took about 2 hours and

30 minutes. When we got there we got our bags and went to the cabins.

I slept with Logan, Nate and Pat.

There were lots of things to do. My favourite thing was the big swing,

2nd was the flying fox. 3rd was the obstacle course.

The food there was great. There was spaghetti, croissants, meat with chips and vegies and damper. I had a great time at Licola Camp.

by James

Licola Camp

On April 27, the threes to sixes went to camp. My favorite activities were the flying fox, giant swing and the trampolines in free time.

The food there was great. My favourite meal was ham and cheese croissants. We slept in the Koala cabin. There were 10 of us altogether. I had a great time on Camp.

By Logan

Licola camp

On April 27-29 Boolarra Primary School Grades 3-6 went to camp at Licola. My favourite activity was the Flying Fox. It was really high and really far. I went third on it.

We had breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and dessert. There was breakfast duty, lunch duty and dinner duty. There were also three groups. Group A, B and C. B : breakfast duty, C : lunch duty and A : Dinner duty. Licola camp was really fun.

Scarlett.



Camp Activities





# SCHOOL NEWS

## CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Churchill North students took part in a Football Victoria and ALF clinic recently.

Football Victoria visited Churchill North Primary School as part of the state's Positive Start Initiative.

Coach Luke and Coach Tony introduced junior school students to beginning soccer skills, teambuilding games, and just plain having fun with an engaging one-day football program. Students

had a blast! Any families interested in learning more or joining a local club can visit the football Victoria website <https://www.footballvictoria.com.au/>.

Our senior school students began a four-week AFL clinic with AFL Victoria on Wednesday as part of Sporting Schools Victoria. Students were introduced to AFL rules

and developed match-play skills while working together to build self-confidence and class team building strategies.

It was awesome to see so many smiles! Families

interested in finding out more about local AFL clubs or Auskick can visit the website at <https://www.aflvic.com.au/participate>



# SCHOOL NEWS

## YINNAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Yinnar & District Sports Day

March 31 was the day set down for Yinnar & District Sports Day. Unfortunately, the weather was not favourable so the sports were held on the following Thursday, April 7. The day turned out perfectly for all our local schools to come together and enjoy a day of athletics. Congratulations to Thorpdale Primary School who won the aggregate trophy this year.

House Cross Country

Our House Cross Country was held in late

March. All year levels are encouraged to participate and experience running a cross country course. Students from Grades 3 – 6 who qualify then go on to represent Yinnar Primary School at the District Cross Country event which was held at the end of April at Gaskin Park in Churchill. Congratulations to Jack, Elliott, Lavinia, Harvey, Aiden, Leila, Zoe, Austin, Pippa, Paddy, Vienna, Amira, Abbey, Fergus, Beth, Mikinlee, Skylah, Taylah, Trey, Teddy, Isla, Nic and

Alice for qualifying for the next level of Division Cross Country which will be held in Traralgon in late May.

ANZAC March

This years' Yinnar Community ANZAC March took place at the end of the term break. This local march and wreath laying service was an opportunity for students to show their respect and empathy, as they remembered all Australians who served and died in military service to our country past and present. It is also a day to practise

gratitude.

Our four school leaders led the march and placed the wreath at the cenotaph, along with about 35 students who respectfully attended the march.

Mother's Day/Special Person Stall

Thank you to our wonderful Parents and Friends Group who worked very hard to organise a Mother's Day/Special Person Stall. There were lots of lovely gifts for sale and the students enjoyed the opportunity to purchase a

gift. We are sure that all our mums, grandmas and carers got a special something from the stall, handpicked by your child. To our fabulous team of parents who organised the lovely gifts and helped on the stall THANK YOU!

School Building Upgrade

We are very excited to have the new relocatable building completed and in use. This fabulous art space is for our performing arts lessons as well as an extra-large room for classes to utilise.

The toilet upgrade is very

close to completion. We are extremely impressed with the work done and the massive improvement it has made to that area of the school.

The great exciting news announced last week is that the school will receive \$7.33 million to upgrade and modernise existing facilities at the school including the Stadium and the Main Building. This is an exciting time for our school community and we look forward to sharing more information with you as it becomes available.



Left: Some of our younger students at the starting line for House Cross Country  
Right: Teddy, Nic and Suede enjoying the day at Yinnar & District Sports



# SCHOOL NEWS

# KURNAI JUNIOR CAMPUS

Many of our Grade 6 to Year 7 transition activities occur in Term 2.

The Year 7 2023 Information Evening and Advanced Learning Program for Students (ALPS) Testing

occurred on Thursday April 28. We have also visited primary schools this term, so students have a familiar face when they join in on our transition activities. The Information Night provided

a quick summary of our campus, student-led visit stations and time to talk with teachers and leaders. Thanks for coming along, parents and families! Awareness Days

Thursday April 28 and Thursday May 5 called upon Year 7 volunteers to meet Grade Sixers, join in with the learning and answer questions throughout the day. Our purpose was to

provide a realistic experience beginning with a welcome games and timetable reading then subject activities, a practical Arts or Woodwork class and something physical. The BBQ lunch

was popular, giving teachers a chance to wander along the line of patiently waiting visitors for a chat and feedback. It was great to see so many smiling faces as they left at the end of the day.



# SCHOOL NEWS

# KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

### Parent Information Evening

We would invite anyone interested in learning about what our school can offer prospective students for the 2023 school year to an information evening.

The information night will be held on Wednesday August 3. This evening will be particularly valuable for any current Year 10 students and families, however anyone in the community wishing to explore senior secondary educational options for 2023 are most welcome.

Campus tours, led by current students will be available from 4.30 to 6pm. An information session outlining our Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) program and the changes to the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) program from 2023 will be held from 6pm to 8pm. Refreshments will also be available.

### The Restoration Project

VCAL students and staff had the valuable experience of listening to a presentation, by The Restoration Project, on mental health and addiction. Students were able to learn from the firsthand experiences of others and build their knowledge on this topic. We would like to extend our thanks to all those



involved in the day.

### Year 12 VCE Drama Production

VCE Theatre Studies students and teacher, Paris Ladas, have just completed a two-night run of a production of 'Cosi'. This was a sold-out show and was a fabulous opportunity for families to see how their children are demonstrating skills and resilience on stage.

Ms Ladas is proud of how the students gathered together and supported each other through some unexpected hurdles that often turn up during live productions.

We would like to congratulate Ms Ladas and the students on this production, and look forward to the next one.

### Senior Girls AFL

A small team of Year 11/12 girls from Kurnai College's University Campus travelled to Sale to compete at the interschool AFL district finals in May.

The team won against Sale College with an excellent score of 50 to 6. The second game of the day saw them claim victory over Lavalla Catholic College with a final score of 42 to 3. The College is particularly proud of this effort especially considering they only had thirteen players.



# SCHOOL NEWS

# HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

### Education Support Day

This year we decided to celebrate ES Day early for our wonderful ES staff to catch them by surprise. We have amazing ES teachers who go above and beyond for everyone at Hazelwood North Primary School.

They were treated to a surprise morning tea, presents and a special assembly. During the special assembly the students presented each staff member with posters and gifts for

them to cherish. This kind act certainly showed how much our students value and care about our important ES teachers.

### Kurnai High School Awareness Day

Our Grade 5 and 6 students were provided with the opportunity to visit the Kurnai Campus and participate in some fun learning activities as part of a transition program to secondary school. Our students had a wonderful day

and came back very excited about their new school experience. They thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play an EPIC game of Jailbreak with almost 100 students involved.

It is so wonderful that our students can once again enjoy going on a wide range of excursions.

### PJ Day

Our Student Voice Leaders recently planned a Pyjama Day to help raise money for the Royal

Children's Hospital. It was terrific to see staff and students dressed in their best bedtime clothes for a nice relaxing day of learning.

It really was an Oodie Fest! Students have asked if we can get some with our school logo so they can be worn as part of our school uniform!

Our Student Voice Leaders also organised a range of lunch time activities for our students to participate in. These activities included

table tennis competitions, a Teddy Bear Hospital and free drawing in the Art room. The total funds we raised for the RCH was \$190.40.

### Swimming

It was that time of year again, when all our students were able to jump on the bus to go to Ford Swim Centre in Traralgon for their swimming lessons. Mrs Hughes worked hard to ensure all the buses and classes aligned perfectly for us.

Thank you to Ford Swim Centre for teaching us all some new skills to stay safe in the water. Students even had the opportunity to swim in their clothes for one of their sessions. It was wonderful watching all our students develop stronger swimming skills and confidence over the week. Our students were also very proud of themselves when they received their swimming awards at the completion of sessions.



Grade 6s PJ day



1MJ in their PJs



Left:ES Day  
Right : 2M in their PJs  
Bottom Left: Macy and Mia Bottom Middle: ES staff  
Bottom Right: Elise treating a patient at the Teddy bear Hospital







### STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



#### BONSAI

Bonsai is a tree or plant grown in a container which is cultivated to express the beauty of the tree or plant in miniature in a natural environment. In essence it is art expressed as a form of gardening.

Like a lot of oriental practices, the idea came from China centuries ago but the Japanese formalised the development of growing trees in pots in a particular way. The art of bonsai was first shown in a painting dating to around the year 1200 but the actual growing may have originated several centuries before.

In the 1800s it was regarded as a pursuit of well-to-do families who had time to devote to the time-consuming tasks demanded by a hobby. All aspects of the hobby became ritualised, including the shapes of the pots, the specialised tools used, the formalised shapes of the trees and even the species grown. Much of this remains although the species list has grown widely as the hobby grows in popularity outside Japan.

This growth in popularity came about as a result of the occupation of Japan by Allied forces after World War II. After the initial period of

dismantling the Japanese forces and the rebuilding of the country, the occupying troops began to take an interest in the culture of the country.

Many of the traditional arts and crafts were sampled and taken home when the troops left. Indeed, it is rumoured that no less a personage than General Douglas Macarthur was a devotee, and had some of his personal staff learn the art.

The spread of Bonsai flourished over the years, even here in Australia. A permanent Bonsai display can be seen at the National Arboretum in Canberra.

The art of Bonsai begins with the choice of a plant and a suitable pot for it to grow in. Adequate sunlight, water, fertilizer and suitable soil are essential for the growth, and providing complete, constant and affectionate care.

Careful trimming, pruning, repotting, wiring and other techniques are required to form the tree into the desired shape.

Some Australian plants have shown the ability to be miniaturised very well, including the ti-tree, native oak trees and the callistemon.

The plants can be grown from seed, from cuttings collected in the wild or from the garden or from grafting. The choice of pot is a skill which also must be mastered. The plant needs adequate room to grow, but the pot must add to the overall display of the plant and this changes over the life of the plant. Watering must also be mastered, as must the fertilizing and indoor care.

There are other equally demanding skills to be mastered as well to successfully grow your plant. Not an easy thing to take on, but the results can be most rewarding.

Bonsai plants have been featured on many postage stamps around the world, particularly from Asia but from others as well. The illustration shows a set from USA showing three local Bonsai trees.



Palliative care at LCHS is a 24-hour service that assists clients in optimising quality of life within their homes, while living with a life-limiting or terminal illness.

LCHS Social Worker David Oyinloye has worked in palliative care services since mid 2017 and provides support for palliative care clients, carers and families.

"As a palliative care social worker my primary role is to provide psychosocial support to people who are experiencing palliative care.

Often people are distressed and experiencing feelings of depression when they engage with palliative care services; it's my job to identify their social and personal needs, and address them as best I can.



LCHS Social Worker David Oyinloye

I do this job because I have a passion to improve the quality of life of clients and their families facing the challenges associated with life-threatening illness," says David.

The palliative care

team at LCHS consists of nurses, social workers, administration staff, occupational therapists and volunteers, who follow the journey of LCHS clients and their families - from stable, unstable, deteriorating, terminal and bereavement - offering support and guidance.

"To me, palliative care means relieving the pain and suffering of clients and their families.

It warms my heart to see smiles on the faces of people who don't have a reason to smile and are often in crucial and tragic periods of their life.

I enjoy being able to take away some of the burden for those people, it is what I look forward to every morning."

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