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Geoff Block PSM in Queen's Birthday Honours

Geoff has received a Public Service Medal for his contribution to education in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

After completing high school in 1970, Geoff went on to RMIT to study Civil Engineering but realised quite quickly this was not for him. In 1972 he was given a studentship with the Department of Education and shifted to La Trobe University where he completed a Bachelor of Arts Honours and a Graduate Diploma in Education. Geoff began his teaching career at Maryvale High School in Morwell in 1977.

A short stint in Melbourne in 1983 convinced Geoff that the Latrobe Valley was where he wanted to be, so back to Maryvale High in 1984.

In 1987 Maryvale High became part of Kurnai College along with Morwell High, Morwell Technical School and Churchill Post Primary. Since then Geoff has seen many changes.

Maryvale became the Years 11 and 12 campus of Kurnai, Morwell Tech closed and Morwell High became the Morwell junior campus. In 2003 Kurnai College, Monash University Gippsland, TAFE and Gippsland Group Training signed an agreement to form the Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP).

The GEP Campus, on the grounds of the university in Churchill, opened in 2006 for senior Kurnai students and Maryvale became the Morwell junior campus of Kurnai.

Morwell High was demolished and is now the site of Morwell Central Primary School. The GEP Campus became the University



Campus in 2015. Geoff taught across all Kurnai campuses. In 2004 he became Campus Principal at Churchill junior campus, then worked as a Campus Principal in Morwell and, in 2013, was appointed Campus Principal of the senior campus at Churchill where he has stayed.

During his time within these campuses, Geoff, along with other staff, has developed new projects.

One was working with Latrobe City Council on their Sister City project in Taizhou, expanding it to include programs to embrace international students coming to study here.

Initially Geoff, with other teachers from

Latrobe City schools, went to Taizhou and taught in schools there. Then Taizhou students with their teachers visited Latrobe City schools.

The international student program at Kurnai College remains, although student enrolments have fallen because of COVID restrictions.

Geoff feels it will, in time, reach pre-COVID numbers.

Another initiative was working with other Latrobe City schools, TAFE and Gippsland Group Training to implement Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses available for students during their senior years of secondary schooling.

This allowed students to pursue their skills

and interests in a different pathway.

Although pleased to receive the Public Service Medal in recognition of his dedication and efforts, Geoff feels the work he has done has been done with many people who have brought about the tremendous changes and advances made at Kurnai College.

He feels his award should be a recognition of the group's achievements.

Geoff has received many positive accolades since the announcement of the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Geoff has really enjoyed his time and loves working with a range of teachers and students saying he has been lucky to work with so many dedicated, smart people.

COVID has been so hard, but teachers have worked together to teach during lockdowns and students made the most of their opportunities.

It has been inspiring to see. "I wonder what I will do when I retire," he mused.

Expressions of gratitude and thanks are given to Kurnai, families who send their children to Kurnai, and the students who study at Kurnai.

Special mention was made of his partner Julie Garden, who supported him through the years and fellow principal Nello Carbone.

He also acknowledged that he has been lucky to work with College Principals; Jack Howe, Margaret Corcoran and Anthony Rodaughan, who have always been supportive of his ideas.

Well done Geoff.



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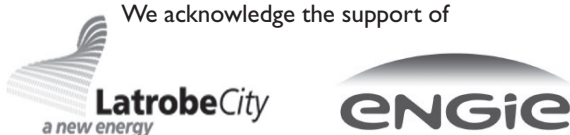
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Forthcoming AGM
 CDCA's next meeting is on Thursday August 4. This will be our Annual General Meeting, at which the Annual Report and Financial Statement will be presented. Committee elections are also conducted at our AGM.

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 - membership is free and there are no obligations although participation is encouraged.

We are keen to recruit a few new members and/or volunteers to lend a hand occasionally. CDCA does not conduct a lot of events but when we do, it is great to be able to "spread the load" amongst a few willing participants.

Our next event is the

Winter Market at Churchill Shopping Centre on Saturday August 6, from 9am to 1pm. This event is part of the Churchill Shop Local campaign, conducted in partnership with Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and Churchill & District News.

We need a few helpers to take photos, run errands, hand out donated goods and assist with other tasks on the day. Contact Churchill Neighbourhood Centre on 5120 3850 if you are willing to volunteer at the Winter Market.

We hope to see lots of locals turn out at the Winter Market. There will be free sausage sizzles, face-painting, live music and giveaways, along with an array of craft and market stalls.

Yes, it will probably be cold, so wear your coat and make sure you have a couple of free hot sausages to warm up, they will be available after 10am, both outside the Post Office thanks to Churchill CFA and in the car-park near the Churchill Newsagent thanks to Latrobe Valley Neighbourhood Watch.

Your support for our local retailers is appreciated! That means some lucky people making purchases at our local stores on the morning of Saturday August 4, will be randomly selected to win one of over 20 free vouchers to spend in-store at a Churchill business, including a couple of \$50 supermarket vouchers.

Do not forget that you can also take advantage of the LV Neighbourhood Watch anti-theft number plate screw replacement program at our Winter Market. Bring your car to the top car park at Hazelwood Village next to the vacant former video store, where the volunteers will replace your number plate screws so that your plates cannot be stolen.

CDCA is involved in all sorts of issues to improve our town and district. As an example, we have been liaising with Council's Environment Team to see if some of the invasive pittosporum that abounds in vegetated areas can be reduced. At this stage it seems likely that some work will be done to reduce pittosporum numbers in the new financial year.

We have also asked that some new street signs be added to existing 'way-

finding poles' in Churchill so visitors can find their way to the hockey field. Unfortunately, using Google Maps takes visitors to the university campus bus stop where there is no parking and no access to the hockey pavilion!

Council has already designed the additional signs and only needs approval from Regional Roads Victoria for a sign to be added to the existing pole at the intersection of Monash Way and Northways Road. Some redundant signs for Green Inc will also be removed at the same time.

CDCA welcomes ideas and suggestions from residents about local matters of concern. New faces are very welcome to join our meetings.

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 - or our Facebook page, search for Churchill District Community Association or you can write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

Rainfall

Churchill
 The Rainfall for Churchill in the month of June 2022 was a total of 137mm.

There was total of 24 days in this month that had rain. The day with the most amount of rain was June 1 with 21mm. The total year amount so far for Churchill is now 307mm.

Rain at Hazelwood South.

The month of June had above average rain, mostly from an eight day rain event with each day above 7.3mm.

The total for June was 147mm, which is 67% above the average.

For the same period the Latrobe Valley weather station received 111mm, making Hazelwood South 32% wetter.

The eight day rain event was from a blocking high in the Great Australian Bight.

Scientists have predicted that global warming will increase the blocking highs.

The Alps to our north have protected our region from the disastrous floods along the East coast.

Our power stations use a river of water, after their closure this water could be repurposed for an agricultural industry.



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Another month has seen more planting taking place with measures to ensure they are in good soil, watered and mulched.

The weekend of our scheduled working bee it was teeming down, cold and windy. We were all thankful when the email went out to cancel it. That did not deter some of our volunteers who went out and did some more planting and installed some of our new table/seat

combinations.

The colourful table setting under the peppercorn tree at the old house was made and decorated by the Hands on Learning group at Kurnai Junior. Great job students. A special thank you.

The Gippsland Interchange crew helped to bolt the seat into place. Another day they helped to shift soil for the plantings. They are a great help to



us and love being there to assist.

Another seat was donated which has been located near the newly planted trees at the old

house. This replaces the one which had seen better days and was rotting out. Our tireless volunteers, used their own gear, mixed and spread concrete in a boxed up area



for the seat to be bolted to once the wet concrete cures. The West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority was at work along the creek removing some of the trees which fell across it in the terrible weather events we had in 2021.

There will hopefully be some water flow pooling done when the weather is finer, but soon there

will be some plantings to help stabilise the banks from erosion thanks to the Council.

A big thank you to the unknown benefactor of Mathison Park who has secretly repaired some boards on the fishing platform.

The committee really appreciates your contribution.

Danny O'BRIEN MP State Member for Gippsland South

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

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Co-Operating Snippets



The first Sunday of June was very special as we had our first baptisms for some time. It was lovely to welcome the family, their chosen godparents and other friends to support them in this step in bringing their children into God's family, and allowing them to have the Holy Spirit in their lives. The following week



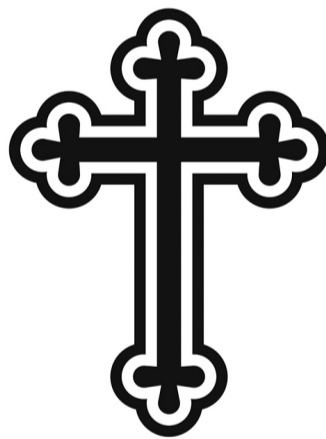
the service was about how important your name is to you and how it identifies you. It also strongly focused on how Jesus in your life can change you to be the best you can be. The children were involved in the service



The third Sunday was our Uniting Church Holy Communion which Cathie produced and led. It focused on the Holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit all in one. To illustrate this concept, Cathie showed a photo of an apple cut in half to reveal the skin, the flesh and the core. Three yet one. She also mentioned other examples. The children did some activities and played a

game about the Trinity. Cathie again prepared a service on the fourth Sunday which challenged us in our walk with following Jesus. It highlighted all the excuses we may have for not putting in our whole being. This was followed by being asked to make a commitment to do something, whether it be with our neighbours, our friends, our church, our work or any other place which was important to us personally.

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As with last month, another amazing person and a life we may not know much about, is Mitsuo Fuchida (1902-1976).

Living until aged 73 he left behind an extraordinary legacy, especially one of peace, which is remarkable, having lived through war and all that he experienced in it.

Briefly, Fuchida chose a military career at an early age, joining the navy. Realising the potential of aircraft, he chose to become a pilot and experienced combat in several areas including being the lead commander of 360-400 aircraft at Pearl Harbour.

With such a background, he felt humiliated at the surrender of Japan and became a poor farmer after the war, harbouring much resentment. To hear of a change in his life is indeed interesting.

Firstly, in 1947, he met a former comrade who had returned from being imprisoned in America. There were no tales of brutality to his friend, only how he had been treated well and graciously by an 18-year-old volunteer worker amongst the prisoners. The one who did this was the daughter of missionaries who had been executed by the Japanese.

Chaplain



This profoundly affected Fuchida, as his belief was one of a need to avenge crimes committed against you. But a year later he was given a gospel tract by a former American airman who had been brutally treated in captivity, but who had come to faith in Christ and had returned to Japan as a missionary.

Puzzled by these separate accounts of a faith where such forgiveness was offered, Fuchida began reading God's Word for himself; coming to faith in Christ after reading Jesus' words on the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know

not what they do". For nearly 30 years afterwards, he continued to witness about his faith and about how war was not the solution to the world's problems, peace in Christ was.

A dedicated soldier was turned around, with a transformation in his desire for revenge being replaced by a loving desire to tell others of his new life in Christ, and all because he had heard of other Christian believers and their forgiveness in Christ that had allowed them to forgive others.

Worth thinking about!

Church Times

Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Sunday Service: 10.00am
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Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish
Boolarra/Yinnar
 1st and 3rd Sundays
 10 am
 Christ Church Tarwin St.
 Boolarra

Churchill Christian Fellowship

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

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

Williams Avenue, Churchill
 Tel: 5134 2849
 Fr James Fernandez
 Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

St Vincent's Morwell

Saturdays at 6pm (daylight saving time only) and 5 pm Eastern Standard Time
 Mass at Sacred Heart Morwell at 10.30am Sundays.

Friends of Morwell National Park

June Activity Report

For the activity we had Gordon, Beryl, Matt, Mike, Cathy, Rose, Joelle, Anita, Caitlin, Graeme and Darren. There were apologies from Tamara, Jay and Ken.

The group met for discussion before the activity started. Matt spoke about a Parks organised excavator that has destroyed the track through his property that many vehicles use to get to Stringybark Track.

The excavator removed large trees from the track and graded some sections of Stringybark Track.

Matt worked with the excavator contractor to complete some basic repairs to the damaged track through this property.

This work was undone by the fox bait contractor who drove through later in the day.

Matt was to go back after the meeting to complete more work on this track.

Since Parks staff and contractors are the main users of this track, they need to work with Matt to make the necessary repairs so that they can use it in the future.

In the Branniffs Road area adjacent to and possibly in the park somebody has created a new track.

They had bulldozed a number of trees in making the track and have built what looks like a pump shed beside Billys Creek.

Whether this in the park and whether any damage has happened in the Park is being looked into by Parks' staff.

In correspondence from Melina Bath, she has told us about her mentioning the work of this Friends group in

Parliament.

At the end of the meeting, the group looked over the JSA for the day's activity. Gordon left after the morning meeting, while Matt collected the keys to the gates from Ken's house.

The activity for the day was to look at the direct seeding plots on Blue Gum Hill.

With the bridges washed out in this section of the park, it has been a while since we had seen this area.

After receiving the gate keys the group drove in two vehicles towards Potato Flat.

The steep track up to Potato Flat was very slippery so after one vehicle made it up with much wheel spinning, the other vehicle stopped before this hill.

This group walked in across the moved bridge to Potato Flat.

In walking up to Billys Weir, we looked over the condition of the park.

In a few locations, parts of the damaged bridges still remain beside or in Billys Creek.

On Potato Flat the sign has ended up in an interesting location.

It was great to see that at the next creek crossing the remains of the washed out bridge have been placed across the creek to allow walkers to access Billys Weir and Blue Gum Hill.

It saved everybody in our group from getting wet feet.

Since we did not know what we were to find on Blue Gum Hill, it was decided to have lunch early on the tables beside Billys Weir. Around the weir the outlook is very different from what it

was before last year's storms.

The water levels above and below the weir are now much higher.

Around the Billy's Weir picnic area there is the muddy evidence of vehicles. Beside the tracks dead trees have been felled and dragged away from the track.

This situation has resulted in some very muddy areas. Hopefully it will look better in spring.

After lunch the group left most of their gear in the vehicles to tackle Blue Gum Hill.

It was great to see that the creek crossings on the side creek had been worked upon to allow walkers to safely cross.

After last year's storms these crossings were very steep and difficult to cross.

Sadly as we approached Blue Gum Hill, the animals we found were not native.

A flock of 13 sheep had taken over the hill and evidence of their presence can be found all over the hill.

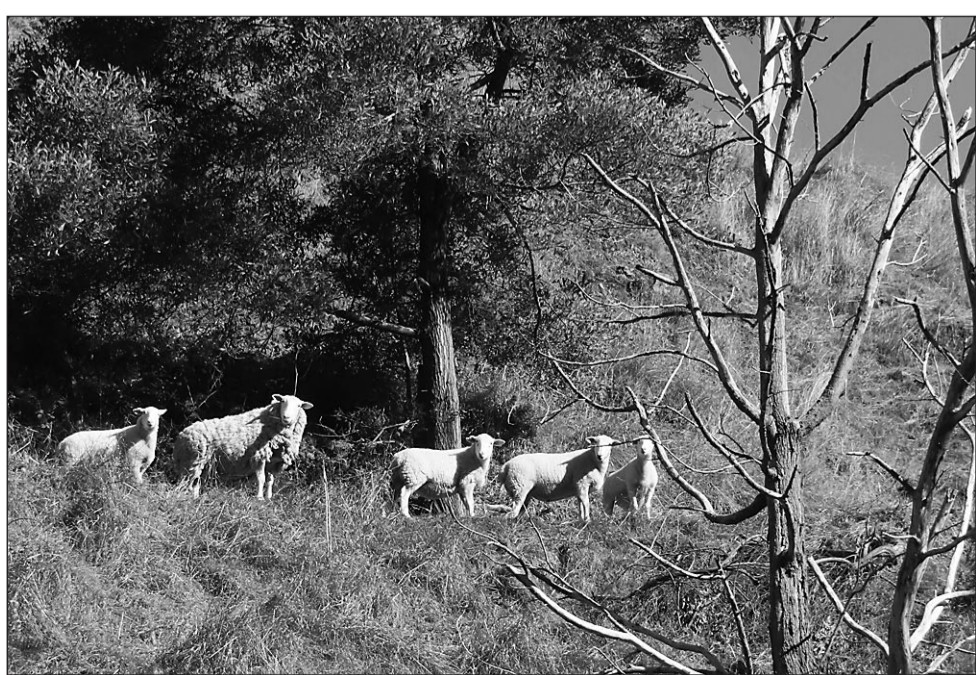
Also deer would be common with their dung found in many locations.

When the group got to the test plots what we found was very disappointing.

At all plots the only plants that have survived are Vanish Wattle. Very few plants have survived on the plots and gums were very difficult to find.

The heavy grazing of sheep and deer over these plots would also have a negative impact on any surviving seedlings.

The flock of sheep were found in and around these spaces.



Neighbourhood Watch Latrobe Inc. and Churchill Town Safety Group

Computer and phone scams

This month, scams we are looking at are computer and phone scams.

There are a lot of people who receive emails and or phone calls from various people or phone centres that claim to be offering goods or services and even money.

They even claim to be from the Taxation department and try to convince people that they owe an amount of money.

We are up to the end of the financial year and many people get scammed by "Scammers" who claim to be from the Taxation department.

They may tell you that you will get arrested if you don't pay up.

Some people ask you to pay by purchasing itunes vouchers from a

supermarket to be sent to an address of their asking. Be very wary of these people. Check the email address of the people who send out the emails.

The address has no direct connection with the Taxation department.

Delete the emails that look suspicious, before you open any attachments.

Some attachments often have viruses that "attack" your computer. Never give any banking or credit card details to people that you don't know or trust.

Have a look at www.scamwatch.gov.au and familiarise yourself with things that go on in the community, and spread the word to friends and family, so that no one gets scammed.

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Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington

How people are remembered and not forgotten.

Ernest Smith was 28 years of age when killed in a work-related accident at Yallourn. He was from Wiltshire, England, and his body was interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery on Wednesday, October 20, 1926.

Understandably, his death was described as a "distressing circumstance." While at work on Sunday, October 17, 1926, Ernest was riding in a cage sometimes described as a truck which was moving along a stationary telfer crane. Otherwise known as an overhead crane, the cage was carrying coal into the Yallourn power station at a height estimated to be about 100 feet above the ground. The telfer crane weighed 15 tons.

Later it was reported, according to the Electricity Commission, the wrecked telfer was estimated to be worth £3000. Interesting that this aspect received publicity but a death did result. Initially, it was thought "something went wrong, for the cage in which Smith was riding as it went over the end of the telfer crashed to the ground from above. Those first on the scene said the cage was smashed up."

Ernest died on impact. A magisterial inquiry was held two days after the accident and was adjourned to enable the jury of seven to visit the accident scene.

Upon reconvening, the inquiry heard evidence from various witnesses that the telfer crane left the rail points and took the wrong set of rails, falling 100ft. The rattle of the machinery apparently prevented Ernest from hearing the warnings from witnesses below.

After inspecting the scene of the accident, the jury returned a verdict that death had been accidental.

Early in November 1926,



editors of various local papers were delivering their message. For instance, The Narracan Shire Advocate and Yallourn Brown Coal Mine, Walhalla and Thorpdale Lines Echo on November 7, 1926 editorialised that:

"A fatality such as this should not be possible, and since happenings of the kind are occurring much too frequently, it should be the duty of the Commission to eliminate as far as possible danger to which its employees are subjected. Quite recently, we have had complaints of insufficient care in other directions, and it would be well if thorough investigation, touching the possibility of accident and embracing all parts of the works, was made."

Ernest suffered a lonely death as his relatives were still resident back in England. At least the Yallourn Engine Drivers and Firemens Association had the decency to farewell Ernest Smith.

A union concentrated in mines, factories and power plants, the FEDFA – the Yallourn group being an affiliate - has a long history dating back to local engine drivers' unions on Australian goldfields. It became part of the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union in 1992.

About the same time as Ernest Smith's death, William Henry Lacy, a well known resident of Gunyah died in St. Hilary's private hospital on Thursday, November 18, 1926, death being due to a fracture of

his skull sustained through falling from his horse, whilst returning home from Boolarra.

A subsequent magisterial inquiry revealed William was a general contractor who died laying in a table drain overnight after leaving Ashley's Hotel in Boolarra. He apparently had a full bottle of whisky in his coat pocket. It seems that William made many trips to the Boolarra Hotel, and was known to drink enroute to Gunyah only to return to buy more. His friends acknowledged he was quite capable of handling any horse. Nonetheless, evidence was given that on the occasion of his death, William did hit his horse with a stick to get a move on.

A verdict was returned – "William Henry Lacey died from a fracture of the base of his skull caused by accidentally falling from his horse near Boolarra" (Morwell Advertiser, November 26, 1926).

William Henry Lacey also suffered a lonely death; unmarried and with no known immediate relatives, he is buried at Hazelwood Cemetery in an unmarked grave.

In the Churchill & District News August 2022 edition, a murder that occurred on the road from Morwell to the Yallourn Coal Mine in May 1918 and a subsequent, rather baffling search for who was responsible, will be told.



Cooking with Noelene

into a thick layer, about 1" thick and use a floured cutter to cut into circles. Place on a greased baking tray and bake for 10 minutes, or until risen and golden brown.

The wise housewife 1945
Source: Ministry of Food leaflet

The wise housewife shops early.

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Keeps her family healthy by giving them at least 1 uncooked and 1 correctly cooked vegetable every day.

Uses vegetable water for cooking.

Do you think we are coming full circle?

A winter apple pie

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Grease a deep 6 cup capacity pie plate. Peel and slice 8 medium apples and layer them into the pie plate, mix together 1/4 cup of plain flour, 1/3 cup of sultanas, 3/4 cup of castor sugar and 1 dsp of cinnamon and sprinkle between each layer of apple. Place 2 sheets of ready rolled pastry together and roll out with a rolling pin. Top apples with pastry, overlapping to cover the pie top. Crimp the edges and trim excess. Decorate with pastry strips. Bake for 35 - 40 minutes or until the apples are tender and pastry is golden. Serve the apple pie with cream and or ice cream / custard. This is a really good recipe, come on give it a go.

Ratatouille frittata

Whisk 12 eggs in a bowl with 3/4 cup of cream, 1/2 cup of grated parmesan cheese and 1 dsp of dill. Season with cracked black pepper and 1 tbs of minced garlic, now set aside. Preheat your oven to 200 deg C. Deseed slice and cube 1 red capsicum, 2 small zucchinis trimmed and cubed, 1 small egg plant trimmed and cubed, 1 small onion peeled and cubed, 1/4 cup of sliced black olives, 2 medium tomatoes, top sliced and

World War 2 Home Front Rationing

Wartime food rations for one adult for 1 week in 1942

Source : A compilation of Ministry of Food printed materials.

4 ounces of bacon or ham (approx 4 rashers of bacon).

Meat to the value of 1 shilling and tuppence (2 pounds of mincemeat or 1 pound of steaks or joint).

2 ounces of cheese (a 2" cube) 4 ounces of margarine (8 tbs) 2 ounces of butter (4 tbs) 3 pints of milk.

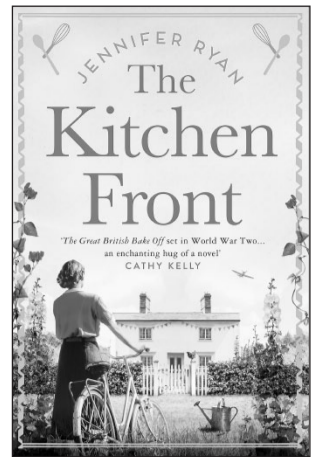
8 ounces of sugar, 2 ounces of jam (4 tbs) 2 ounces of loose leaf tea (makes around 15 to 20 cups) 1 fresh egg (plus 1 packet dried egg powder, making 12 eggs, every month).

3 ounces of sweets.

Sausages, fish, vegetables, flour and bread are not rationed but are hard to get. Canned food like sardines, treacle, and spam are on the new points plan and can only be bought using your extra monthly 24 points.

Fruit scones

This is how the recipe was printed (you can convert the amounts with google, it was fun). Preheat your oven to 425 deg F. Sieve together 13 and 1/2 ounces of flour, 1/2 tsp of salt, 5 tsp of baking powder into a bowl. Add 1 tbsp of sugar and 8 ounces of dried fruit, whatever you have left in your weekly rations (raisins, sultanas, redcurrants, apricots, prunes) and mix through. Cut 2 ounces of butter and 2 ounces of lard / margarine or suet (whichever you have left over) into small pieces and rub it in to the flour. Mix in 1 beaten egg or the equivalent in dried egg powder and 8 fluid ounces of milk. Slowly add the egg mix to the flour until a stiff dough is formed. Roll it out



flesh removed and chopped. Place all vegetables in an oiled pan with 1 dsp of basil and 1 dsp of minced garlic and cook over a medium heat until vegetables are just tender. Meanwhile place 2 cups of pasta shapes into a pot of salted boiling water and cook until tender. Spray a tray with cooking oil and add the ratatouille, add 2 cups of baby spinach, 1/4 cup of chopped parsley and the drained pasta, gently stir to combine. Pour over the egg mixture and bake until golden. Slice into wedges to serve.

Salmon and warm snow pea salad

Season your wok or large pan with canola oil and heat on low. In a medium bowl mix together 1 dsp of minced ginger, 3 tbs of soy sauce, 2 tbs of Chinese rice wine and 2 tbs of apple juice. Pour the mixture into the heating wok/pan and heat to just simmering. Add 250 gm of snow peas (topped and tailed) and stir fry for about a minute or until they turn a vibrant green colour. Now add 650 gm of skinless salmon, cut into bite size pieces. Cover the wok / pan and gently cook for about 1 minute or until the salmon loses its raw exterior colour and becomes tender. In a small bowl mix together 1 tsp of cornflour with 2 tbs of water, now add this to the wok/ pan and stir gently until sauce thickens, sprinkle over 1 dsp of dried dill. Serve over a mixed grain and mixed leaf salad.

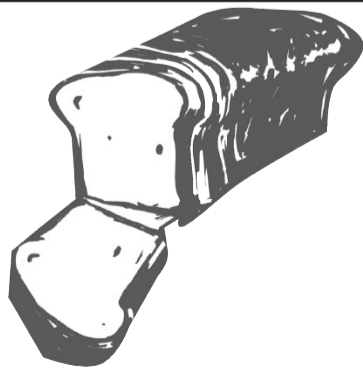


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There is a lot of really positive news for the Valley and it has been wonderful to celebrate a number of community projects being completed.

At the end of 2020 I met with the Churchill United Soccer Club to work out a campaign for a new pavilion at the Hazelwood South Reserve.

Alongside Kurnai College, Fed University, the six local primary schools, and Active Kids Churchill, we worked on putting the best case forward for new female-friendly and accessible facilities. Through the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, we secured \$1.08 million for the project, and with support from Latrobe City Council, the brilliant new Hazelwood South Reserve was officially opened in June when Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence visited the Valley.

Harriet Shing



Well done to Steve and everyone at the club. Under 16s female participation has already grown by a whopping 80 per cent this season, and the Club is on track for 200 members. My warmest congratulations to everyone across the community, it was such a pleasure to work with so many of you.

In other news, we have just announced the largest ever investment in kinder and childcare across Victoria.

From 2023, three and four year old kinder will be free for all Victorian children. This will save families up to \$2500 per child every year. We are also establishing 50

new government run Kinder and Childcare Centres across Victoria to deliver integrated and affordable care to the areas that need it most. And it all fits with our Free TAFE courses which include early childhood programs to get more people into this growing sector.

From 2025, we are rolling out 'Pre-Prep', a new program of 30 hours a week of play based learning for four year olds.

We know that play based learning in a child's formative years is particularly important, and this initiative will help our littlest Victorians to get the very best start.

These initiatives go beyond helping with the cost of living and early childhood education – it will deliver so much more flexibility for women to work outside the home, and that's a game changer.

We are rolling out the Victorian Sick Pay Guarantee, which gives eligible casual and contract workers up to five days of sick leave a year, paid at the national minimum wage. It is going to make a

real difference for thousands of workers who have had to choose between working sick or missing a day's pay to care for themselves or a loved one.

From July, the \$250 Power Saving Bonus will open to every Victorian household, including those who have already received a payment in the last round.

With electricity bills putting extra stress on so many household budgets as we try to stay warm, I encourage everyone to apply for the bonus.

If you or someone you know needs any help completing your \$250 Power Saving Bonus application or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with my office on 5134 8000 or at 216 Commercial Road, Morwell.

Finally, it was an enormous honour to be sworn in as the Victorian Minister for Regional Development, Water, and Equality. Thank you so much to everyone who has been in touch with messages of support and encouragement from across the community.

The work goes on!



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Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish
Species: *Carex gaudichaudiana*.

Family: Cyperaceae.

Derivation:

Carex: A Latin word, meaning some kind of reed or rush, said to be derived from a Greek word, ceiro, meaning to cut, in reference to the sharp leaf margins of some species.

gaudichaudiana: Named after a French botanist, Charles Gaudichaud-Beaupre (1789-1854), who was the apothecary on, and author of the botanical report from, Freycinet's voyage around the world 1817-1820.

Common Name: Tufted Sedge or Fen Sedge.

Distribution: Common and widespread in cooler areas, particularly subalpine bogs, throughout the eastern states of Australia, Asia, PNG and NZ.

Description: A loosely-tufted, spreading tussock with dark, bluish-green leaves from 10-100cm long and 2-4mm wide, longer than the flowering stems (culms), which are 3-sided, up to 90cm long and carry flower spikes up to 18cm long that consist of 3-8 spikelets, solitary at the nodes.

The upper spikelets are usually male, those at the base can be male or female and the spikelets in the middle are usually female. Confused? Yep, me too!

Opinion: The last time I saw this plant was when I took the photos back in mid-April 2020. It's probably still there, but in the last two years the Karkalla (pigface, *Carpobrotus rossii*) has



gone nuts and is attempting to smother everything in its path. This is in the bed on the nature strip on the western side of the block, where, in hindsight, I probably shouldn't have planted a sedge. It's the hottest bed in the garden, fully exposed to the afternoon sun in summer and the *Carex* is a lover of cool, wet places, like my underutilised frog/bog garden. If it's still alive, it might be worth a transplant! The source of the plant was the raffle table in May 2018; I can not remember exactly when it went into the ground, but my guess would be

autumn 2019. Not bad for me, only 12 months in the pot!

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.

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Russell Northe



It has been a busy few months, hard to believe we are already beyond the halfway mark of the year!!

The future of Churchill's former aged care facility in Hazelwood House has been the subject of much discussion in recent weeks. With the support of many local residents I had previously suggested to the State Government that the vacant facility could potentially be converted into a hospice for Gippsland residents to receive specialist end of life care. This is an initiative I have taken up consistently in the Parliament and with the Minister for Health. Disappointingly there seemed little interest in progressing this idea which is very frustrating.

In more recent times, Latrobe City Council had taken over Hazelwood House and had asked for ideas on what might be the best use of Hazelwood House, moving forward through a public submission process. At a Latrobe City Council meeting on Monday June 6, Council had resolved to sell the building to Quantum Support Services for the purposes of creating 40 self-contained units for homeless and disadvantaged young Gippslanders.

Subsequent to the determination by Latrobe City Council, community feedback was sought. I do hope Churchill residents took the

time to share their views with Council because ultimately Hazelwood House was funded and initiated by the Churchill community for the Churchill community. Therefore it is imperative Churchill residents should have a say in its future use.

I do know from the feedback that I have received that there are mixed views on the concept of Quantum's proposal which I understand. Having said that and having worked with Quantum closely over the years they are a terrific organisation and unfortunately there is an inherent need for youth accommodation across the region. In terms of a hospice for our community, I will continue to advocate to the State Government and others to ensure Gippslanders have a choice when it comes to end of life care.

I also note recent discussion around the renowned and often referenced

Churchill landmark which we affectionately called the Big Cigar, given its affiliation with former Britain Prime Minister Winston Churchill. I note that the Churchill & District Community Association and Latrobe City Council worked together around the actual history of the landmark and subsequently the name of the Churchill Town Symbol was adopted. This name as I understand it, upholds and reflects the architects' original intentions for the structure. History is an important part of every community and it was interesting to read the material associated with the Churchill Town Symbol.

In closing, whilst I was unable to attend the opening of the Hazelwood South Reserve Pavilion due to illness, I must say from the images I have seen, the facilities look fantastic! The Churchill United Soccer Club is a deserving recipient of State and Local Government funding to redevelop their facilities which were in poor state to say the least. With an upgrade of unisex accessible change rooms, referee rooms, first-aid facilities and accessible public toilets the club can look forward to a healthy future on and off the field. I look forward to attending a Churchill United Soccer Club game in the near future and wish the club every success for the remainder of the year.

Lighting Up Latrobe Regional Gallery

Latrobe City Council welcomes the Victorian Government's

\$71,724 investment in LED lighting upgrades at Latrobe Regional Gallery.

The announcement was made recently and is provided through Creative Victoria's Regional Collections Access Program.

The funding will be used to upgrade the gallery lighting system towards a more energy efficient and future proofed system.

The lighting upgrades will ensure the gallery can maintain international

museum standards – showing works at the correct colour temperature and lux level. This will allow capacity for touring works and improve critical collection care.

Reduced heating produced by the new system is also expected to improve the climate control system for further energy conservation.

Mayor of Latrobe City, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan thanked the Victorian Government for their support of the Latrobe Regional Gallery.

"On behalf of Council,

I would like to thank the Victorian Government for their investment in a new LED lighting system for the Latrobe Regional Gallery.

The upgrades will provide a much-needed energy efficient system that will improve the capacity of our gallery and the cultural vitality of our City.

I look forward to the system installation – improving the care of our current collection and more options for touring works that our community can enjoy," said Councillor O'Callaghan.

"Home Stretch"

by Graham Norton 2020

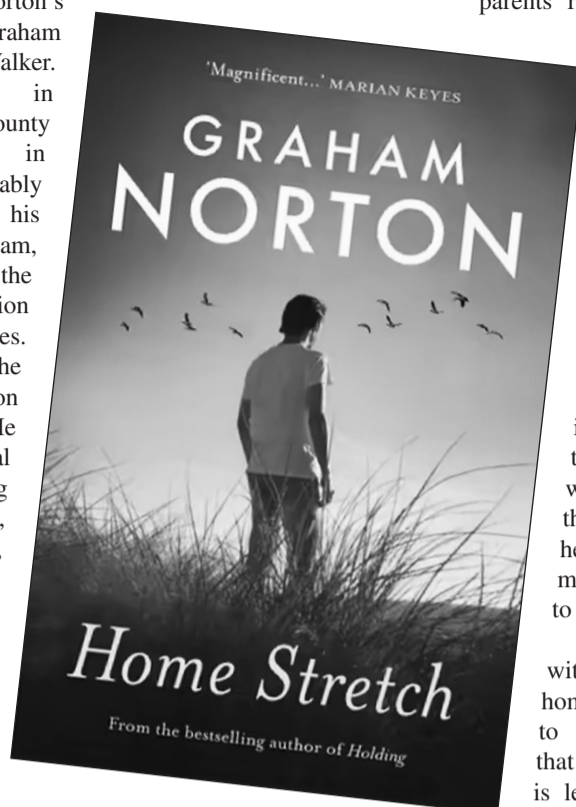
Graham Norton's real name is Graham William Walker. He was born in Clondalkin, County Cork Ireland in 1963 and is probably best known for his television program, having received the BAFTA television award five times. He also presents the famous Eurovision Song Contest. He has written several books including "A Keeper" 2018, "Holding" 2016, "So Me" 2004, "The Life and Loves of a he Devil" 2014 and "Ask Graham" 2011.

The story begins in 1987 in the village of Mullinmore, Ireland. A local couple are to be married the next day and Martin Coulter, the doctor's son has invited the couple, the bride's sister and a bridesmaid to spend the day at the beach. He has also invited Connor Hayes, the son of the publican, which is odd because he is not really part of that group.

On arrival at the beach Martin invites Connor to walk across some rocks with him to the other side of the beach. Martin is drinking and during the course of the afternoon Connor is compromised.

The trip home is frightening due to Martin's dangerous driving and inevitably the car crashes, with three young people dead, one critically injured and Connor and Martin escaping uninjured.

The township is grief-stricken. Martin accuses Connor of having been the driver and threatens to expose his same-sex attraction if he doesn't accept the blame. Because of his family's attitude to



homosexuality Connor agrees. The implications of this are far reaching with Connor's family feeling shame and locals avoiding coming to their hotel. The court case ends with Connor being found guilty of dangerous driving, although he had not been drinking.

Connor is sent away to work and soon finds himself in London where he meets Tim. They move to New York and a sixteen year relationship follows. During this time Connor makes no contact with his family.

When the relationship ends Connor drifts for a while and during this time he meets a young Irish boy called Finbarr, a mutual friend of Tim, and Connor's healing begins.

In the meantime Connor's sister Ellen is courted by Martin Coulter. They marry and have two children.

It is not a happy marriage but Ellen is quite satisfied raising their children and living a comfortable life. During this time she and her

parents really miss Connor and do not know if he is dead or alive. By chance, Finbarr tells the family that he has made contact with Connor and Ellen becomes aware, when visiting the other survivor of the accident, who has spent her life in a wheelchair, that it was Martin who was driving the car. This makes her question why he married her and leads to their divorce.

The story ends with Finbarr coming home to Mullinmore to get married, now that same sex marriage is legalised in Ireland, and the arrival of an unexpected visitor from France reveals all.

This was a good story and easy to read. We were drawn in immediately and had either sympathy or loathing for the characters in the book.

It really told the story of how three men dealt with their same sex attraction. Martin and Connor grew up in an era where homosexuality in Catholic Ireland was shameful and unacceptable.

Connor moved away from Ireland so he could be true to himself, although he carried the burden of the lie all that time.

Martin suppressed his sexuality and led a double life.

Even though he escaped the consequences of the accident he lived with the lie and was never truly happy. Finbarr was of a different generation and was "loud and proud".

We all enjoyed this book, even though it was tied together a bit too neatly at the end.

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New pavilion at Hazelwood South Reserve officially opened

A new accessible, multi-purpose pavilion at Hazelwood South Reserve has the Latrobe City sporting community and Churchill Rams revelling in their new facility.

Featuring four unisex accessible change rooms, referee rooms, first aid facilities and accessible public toilets, the pavilion's completion is a fitting homage to one of the region's forerunners of football diversity.

As a founding member of the inaugural local women's league in 2008, Churchill United was a significant influence on the growth of the women's game in Gippsland.

The club also enjoyed an extended period of on field success, inspiring a new generation of girls and women to tackle the world game.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence and Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing joined Latrobe City Mayor Kellie O'Callaghan to officially open the \$1.1 million facility on Tuesday June 14.

Councillor O'Callaghan said the pavilion was a timely addition ahead of Churchill United's 50th anniversary of operation at the venue next year.

"Hazelwood South Reserve has been home to the Rams since 1973 and has



become a bastion of the local sporting community over the past half century," Councillor O'Callaghan said.

"Their support for female football, growing participation in active recreation and promoting diversity in sport has been inspirational and influential in our community.

Council is proud to support the club with this significant upgrade to assist Churchill continue to

flourish and foster football development for the next 50 years and beyond."

Local builder Langden Constructions led the project, which was completed in June.

The project was funded by \$1.1 million through Round 2 of the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program administered through Sport & Recreation Victoria and \$100,000 from Latrobe City Council.

Latrobe Community Health Service

Community program supports Gippsland's migrant job seekers

Nearly 40 Gippsland jobseekers have found secure employment, thanks to Latrobe Community Health Service's (LCHS) Community Employment Connector program.

The program commenced in September last year with funding from the Victorian State Government, and helps Gippsland residents from a multicultural background to overcome barriers to secure a job or start studying.

"Our role is to listen to our clients and understand their needs. From there, we aim to help in any way we can to facilitate positive employment or study outcomes for them," LCHS Community Employment Connector Nicole McNeillage said.

"We support our clients by helping them write resumes and cover letters. We educate them about the Australian tax system and workers' rights.

We also help them submit job applications and transfer overseas qualifications to something recognised within Australia, if possible.

If we are not able to help directly, we use our



connections to link our clients to other supports, whether it be a career counsellor or a different service provider."

The Community Employment Connectors service the entire Gippsland region, and have connected with nearly 150 people since the program began.

"The scope of what we do is quite broad, and sometimes securing a job is not the only answer," Ms McNeillage said.

"Often we will provide more general support, and help our clients with things

like rental applications, setting up bank accounts and even buying a new phone.

These are all tasks that support our clients' wellbeing more generally, but also form the foundation for them to access the community and secure reliable employment."

If you live in Gippsland, you or your family are from overseas, and you are looking for work, LCHS can help. Phone 1800 242 696 and ask to speak with a Community Employment Connector or email cec@lchs.com.au

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Saturday 21/05/22 Par: Dear, 5th M. Dear, 12th M. Dear, 14th M. Dear.
 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. Rowley 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.

Saturday 11/6/22 - 2
 Person Ambrose: Winners: A. Auld, B. Kilday, P. Jordan 58.9. Runners Up: B. Barnes, R. King 65.5. DTL: P. Kearns, B. Kearns 65.75, R. Dent, D. Byers 66.5, G. Harvey, D. Burrige 66.75, J. Hassell, L. Winter 67.75. NTP: 3rd, T. Sterrick, 12th B. Kilday, 14th B. Barnes.

Tuesday 14/6/22 4BBB
 Drawn Partners: Winners: D. Caldwell, M. Dear 36 C/B.

DTL: S. Caldwell, C. Stevens 36. NTP: 3rd M.

Saturday 18/06/22
 Stableford: A Grade: C. Waring (18) 35. B Grade: P. Flanigan (26) 39. C Grade: M. Hutchinson (27) 34. DTL: M. Harvey 37, R. Zomer 34, M. Brereton 34, J. Langstaff 34, R. Dent 33, A. Quinn 33, B. Cleland 33, V. Monument 33. NTP: 3rd G. Hogbin, 12th R. Dent.

Tuesday 21/06/22
 Mulligans Stableford: Winner: M. Hutchinson 39. DTL: S. Caldwell 35. NTP: 3rd. S. Caldwell, 5th S. Caldwell, 12th S. Caldwell, 4th S. Caldwell.

Saturday 25/06/22
 Monthly Medal: A Grade: M. Soppe (18) 86 68. B Grade: W. Sutton (26) 99 73. C Grade: B. Cluderay (31) 103 72. Scratch: P. Smart 80. DTL: D. Elwood 71, D. Cluderay 72, P. Smart 72, R. Madigan 73, M. Harvey 73, C. Ward 73, D. Burrige 72, D. Byers 74 C/B. NTP: 3rd. T. Lio, 12th D. Byers, 14th R. Dent. Putts: D. Byer 28. Birdies: 3rd. P. Smart, 12th D. Byers.

Tuesday 28/06/22:
 Stableford. Winner: S. Caldwell 29 Pts



Churchill & Monash Men's Division 1 Winners of West Gippsland Pennant Finals.
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Any teacher will tell you that you must reach a stage to be ready to read, and the greatest reward to a teacher is to see the moment when the penny drops.

A new light shines from the child as he or she says

"Aw, yeah", and they can read from that moment on.

That magic moment varies from child to child, and sadly there is always a percentage that never reaches it.

However, that percentage is very small, and the people in that group compensate for it in various ways.

After all, the teaching of reading to the population at large is only a recent thing, and even today there are pockets where it is not done.

Next, we have to reverse the process and transfer the spoken word into a written form.

This necessitates initially the learning of an alphabet, then how to write each of the letters, and finally the putting of the letters together in groups to form recognisable words.

Not only do you have to learn one lot of letters however, but we have made it more difficult by introducing different ways of writing the letters of the alphabet.

Today we call them fonts, and each has its own name.

We have capital and lower case letters in each of these fonts, and you need to know how and when to use the correct one to conform to the rules of writing.



The first Latin fonts taught are called printing by teachers and children, and are considered easy to learn, despite reversals, and then in my day we went onto running or cursive writing which can be done much more quickly.

It is a dying skill however, as the children of today seldom write by hand with a pen, instead typing on a phone or tablet.

This can be a drawback when you are taking notes when someone is speaking to you, but university students get by, as do reporters, secretaries and others who need the skill to write every day. To make the world more complex, consider how many different alphabets there are, and how many different languages are spoken in the world.

It makes your head hurt.

Where we live



Sheoke Grove Churchill
Named from Sheoak, a common name for a genus of

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Willow Street Churchill
Name taken from a genus of catkin flowering deciduous trees found in



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Yinnar Community Garden

Indigenous food, fibre and medicine



By Catheryn Thompson
A workshop with Dr Aunty Doris Paton was hosted by Yinnar Community Garden on Sunday May 29. On a beautiful still Sunday morning in Reconciliation Week, about 23 of us gathered together at the Yinnar Community Garden to be welcomed onto country by Aunty Doris Paton, long

time respected linguist, teacher and mentor. She told us the story of how the Gunai people were created when their ancestor Boorun the Pelican, came to Gippsland carrying a bark canoe on his head with Tuk the mountain duck inside. Aunty Doris explained the traditional role of fire in cleansing body, mind and spirit, and

we were invited to draw the puffing white smoke from the eucalyptus and cherry ballart leaves to us, and to lift our feet to circulate the smoke.

Aunty Doris discussed how the Gunai people did not have a name for every plant as Latin nomenclature tends

to do, things were named according to their uses. This plant is good food, this plant is good medicine for...

She showed us plants that were often ground into pastes for eating or poultices, plants that were dug for their tubers, and women's tools, grinding stones, shaped timber bowls sometimes called Karrakie, her beautifully decorated digging stick and intricately woven string bags that did not take long to make!

Pauline Dent demonstrated how to start weaving using fresh lomandra longifolia leaves or the spiny headed mat rush. These useful baskets dry into a golden hue. Other grasses were gathered for different colours.

Tim Paton talked about

some of the men's tools: boomerangs and parrying weapons handcrafted from blackwood and other local timbers. He spoke of his grandfather Uncle Albert and how they had crafted a canoe by taking the bark and heating it to a high temperature to shape it. This canoe is now held in the Museum of Victoria and a short film called 'Boorun's Canoe' tells the story. Outside in the warming sun, in the newly emerging Bush Garden on GLAWAC land, we enjoyed a morning tea of Johnny cakes and Bushells and Lemon myrtle tea cooked by Tim.

When I asked Tim the secret to the very soft dough with a crunchy outside, he said it was the salt.

For lunch, thanks again to Tim we had a taster of kangaroo and duck marinated in saltbush or mountain pepper and very tender; the secret here, the two day marination.

Both traditional foods were served with more Billy Bush Tea this time with a sprig of native mint bush added. It was simply delicious!

This workshop was the final in a series funded by Latrobe City and the Department of Family, Fairness and Housing in a three way partnership with Yinnar Community Garden, Yinnar Yinnar South Landcare and Food for all Latrobe Valley.

Photos by Rosemary Abetz-Rouse.



Notice of
CDCA
Churchill & District Community Association Inc.

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.



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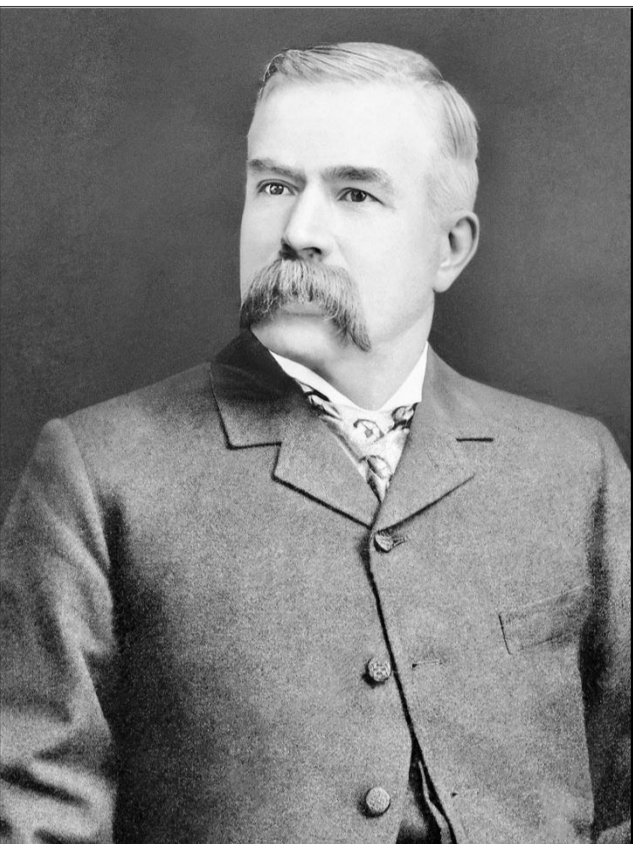
Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Forgotten Pioneers

By Leo Billington



challenging.

Born in Ryton-on-Dunsmore, England, James Radburn joined the 17th Regiment of Foot at Coventry in 1869 and served in India until 1877, when he returned to England and joined the Coventry Metropolitan Police.

He married Emily Huselby the following year.

Ryton-on-Dunsmore is in Warwickshire, not far from Coventry.

In the late 1930's, the Rootes Motor Group established their manufacturing plant there initially producing aircraft engines before concentrating on cars and trucks.

In 1886, he, along with his wife and two young children, left England for Australia, where he joined the Victoria Police Force in Melbourne.

During his policing career he served in the Metropolitan and Gippsland regions, including Bairnsdale and Outtrim. He resigned from the force in 1906, shortly after selecting land for a farm in Wonyip.

In 1912 he became a Morwell Shire councillor representing the district of Boolarra, and later a Justice of the Peace.

His wife died in 1913, and in 1919 he remarried Eliza Finlay, with whom he retired to live in Daylesford.

In recent weeks we have flicked a switch – to warm our homes, to watch television, to use our computer, to make life supposedly easier.

Our parents and older forebears did it a little bit harder.

Nonetheless, there were electric kitchen appliances, hot water was on tap, family size cars were sought after, lawn mowers kept suburban lawns neat, even soft beds, sometimes with an electric blanket.

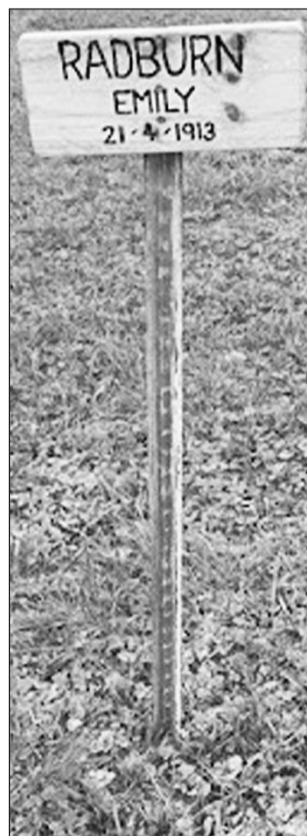
If only pioneers from a vastly different era could see us now.

A bunch of softies! Consequently, one reflects on life for our local pioneers. It was tough.

For those living and scratching out a living in the Strzelecki hills, life was generally a bitter battle for place and livelihood.

James Radburn was determined to make his place at Ryton a better place for everyone else struggling against those “Heartbreak Hills”.

His livelihood as a selector was destined to be



He spent his final years living in Leongatha with his daughter, Amy Steele, and died there in 1940. Emily is buried in an unmarked grave at the Hazelwood Cemetery.

James' grave in the Leongatha Cemetery is simply marked “a true pioneer”.

James was a Morwell Shire Councillor between 1912 and December 1918.

Also elected as Councillors for this period, and representing the Boolarra Riding was Eugene Kneebone and David Thomas Latter.

Records from this period suggest Councillors Radburn and Latter tended to vote as a block, sometimes to the chagrin of other Councillors such as

Joseph Henry Buckley.

Councillor Kneebone would occasionally join with them in successful Council decisions. The three were extremely parochial representing the Boolarra Riding.

This was a trio of tough, determined men who knew what they wanted.

In these early days Councillor Latter was keenly interested in the timber trade and especially in securing blackwood trees, which were at one time very plentiful in Boolarra and surrounding districts. In addition to selling the timber into Melbourne, he established a sawmill at Boolarra and was proactive in developing valuable deposits of bauxite located close to Boolarra.

As a Justice of the Peace his services were sought after in Boolarra, and was frequently called upon to conduct magisterial enquiries in the district.

Late in June 1918, James Radburn was granted six months leave from Council duties to return home. It appears he wanted to do his bit for the Empire he so admired.

At 60 years old, he volunteered for active service abroad although he was deemed too old.

Health-wise, he was in remarkable order.

There seem to be other reasons to take leave.

His son Edward was killed at the front.

Together with Emily's passing five years earlier, loneliness and despair could not effectively be

surpassed with James' strident lobbying for improved conditions for rate-payers in those “Heartbreak Hills”.

Moreover, James was so eager to get back there himself, he paid his own expenses to the Old Country in order to offer his services to the Empire.

Edward Radburn died of wounds in Egypt on 10 July, 1915, just several months after landings began on the Gallipoli Peninsula on April 25.

At only 19, he was buried in the Alexandria Military and War Memorial Cemetery.

His enlistment details showed he was a farm hand before joining the Australian Light Horse 9th regiment.

He was remembered as a popular footballer and, an energetic farm hand for his father and family.

Hindsight is always a wonderful thing, because leaving the skirmishes of Morwell Shire Council for six months, was detrimental for James' ambitions.

He had grown tired of the shenanigans and possibly felt somewhat more mature than others on the Council.

James Radburn lived in Radburns Road where his former farm is now encased in plantation timber and is barely recognisable, even for those with solid childhood memories.

A house created from rough sawn timber, warmed by a wood stove was hot in the summer. It had an earthen floor initially and used kerosene lamps, and tank water.

Freezing in winter, rabbits and blackberries galore, ragwort competed with a few cows for grassy space. Roads were tracks cleared by settlers for farm access by horse and/or bullock drawn vehicles.

Mapped on original survey maps, wider roads were possible by cuttings alongside hills, which were eventually surfaced with gravel or metal. Picks, shovels, wheelbarrows and horse drawn ploughs and scoops constituted “modern” earthmoving equipment. Work teams camped on-site in tents.

There were many others who selected

land throughout Ryton, Gonyah and Wonyip but unfortunately there were plenty who eventually walked away.

James “took up the local cudgels”. With Councillor Latter, he successfully lobbied for better roads and culverts.

Road washouts annoyed him intensely.

He promoted and supported the formation of a local Rabbit Destruction League.

Railway leagues were formed at Welshpool, Woorarra, Traralgon, Toora and Ryton to agitate for a railway connection between the northern and southern Gippsland areas.

James chaired the Ryton Railway League with undaunted enthusiasm and vigour.

Soon after James and Emily arrived in Ryton (or Gonyah as it was generally known), land was reserved for a hall and recreation reserve in 1906.

Settlers built a hall of the best sawn hardwood, lined with softwood pine and kauri floors and supplied a piano.

The school, S.S. 3586, opened in July 1908 as Wonyip Central (some reports state it was Wonyip North). Officially, it became known as the Excelsior Mechanics Institute.

The locality and school name changed to Ryton in 1909, named after James Radburn's hometown.

Alongside others, Emily and James planted trees, and maintained their gardens and established a tennis court. It was from this hall James chaired many meetings, that were instrumental in improving local living conditions.

He kept other Councillors vividly informed about life in the hills.

Sadly, it was from this hall James and his wider community farewelled young volunteers departing for overseas military service – including Edward.

Following his six-month leave, James returned home to Ryton and to Council. Locally, it was felt his enthusiasm had waned.

He tendered a written resignation in November 1918.



Art Recount

"Oh, yay today we have art", I excitedly said. I am going to have so much fun today.

The teacher said we were making dinosaurs and a background. I was excited. The teacher said we could pick two dinosaur shapes. We were scratching colours to make patterns. I enjoyed scratching the colours into the dinosaurs.

Then I did my background for my dinosaurs. My background was grey. I finished my background in time. I enjoyed doing dinosaur art.

Then the bell went and I went home and showed my mum and she liked my picture.

Art

"Yay its art today!"

On a good day like today I made an animal picture.

Doodling using 3 dimensional lines.

It's made from fabric and pencils.

I like art because it helps

me relax.

Music at Boolarra Primary School.

"Yay today we have music in music."

In music we have been learning about beats and rhythms. It's lots and lots of fun.

We have just started a project on an instrument. What instrument we are to learn about was chosen randomly.

We have been learning lots of new songs like, 'Give Me a Home Among the Gumtrees'.

The best part in music is playing the instruments. Some of the instruments are drums and maracas. My favorite instrument is the drums.

Music is so much fun.

By Callen

Music recount.

"Yay we have music today, "I excitedly said. The first thing we did in music this year was beats. There was a game we played called 'The Dancing Beat game'.

Second thing we learnt were songs. 'Give Me a Home Among the Gum Trees' was my favorite song of them all. Second favorite was, 'The Flying Purple People Eater' and third, 'What Shall We Do with A Drunken Sailor'. We sang, 'What Shall We Do with a Drunken Sailor' and 'Give Me a Home Among the Gum Trees' at assembly.

The instruments we played were drums, maracas and xylophones.

Music has been fun this year.

By James

I Enjoy Math

I've enjoyed learning more harder multiplication, division, addition and subtraction and learning angles.

Learning my 6's, 7's, 8's and 9's and also learning to count from a non-zero starting number and finding the pattern in skip counting.

Learning to borrow in subtraction. When the number on top is smaller



than the number on the bottom and you have to borrow from the number next to it.

Learning about fractions, decimals and percentages and adding fractions together.

Learning a little bit of balance equations and double-digit multiplication and divisions.

I Love Fast Facts

"Yippee" I say as I do fast-facts

I do it with Lucinda, and I am really happy.

I am on level 16.

I love fast-facts because it gets me to be good at math!

We are learning about plus and take-away.

It is awesome in fast-facts.

If you were wondering what fast-facts is, it's where you practice your plus and take away, until you reach Level 42.

Now I am getting better at fast facts.

By Daisy.

Science at Boolarra Primary

At the fantastic start of the year we did an experiment on heat.

The first thing on heat was: Miss Duncan getting a candle and lighting it. We all put one of our hands over the candle so we could feel the heat. When we moved our hands up and down, our hands got hotter or colder.

My favorite science activity in Term 2 was learning how to light up light bulbs. We tried so many ways but only 4 light bulbs worked. I was disappointed.

What I like about science is that I get to try different experiments that I don't get to do at home.

Ruby

Playtime

"Hey does anyone wanna play Four Squares," I aggressively yelled on the basketball court!

Twenty people ran to the basketball court because they heard my aggressive

yell and they wanted to play.

We all lined up and took turns of playing. When we finished playing Four Squares we decided to play 10.v.10 basketball. There was team Big Shot, and team Death Shot.

Then the bell rang "ding ding ding!"

By Kyden

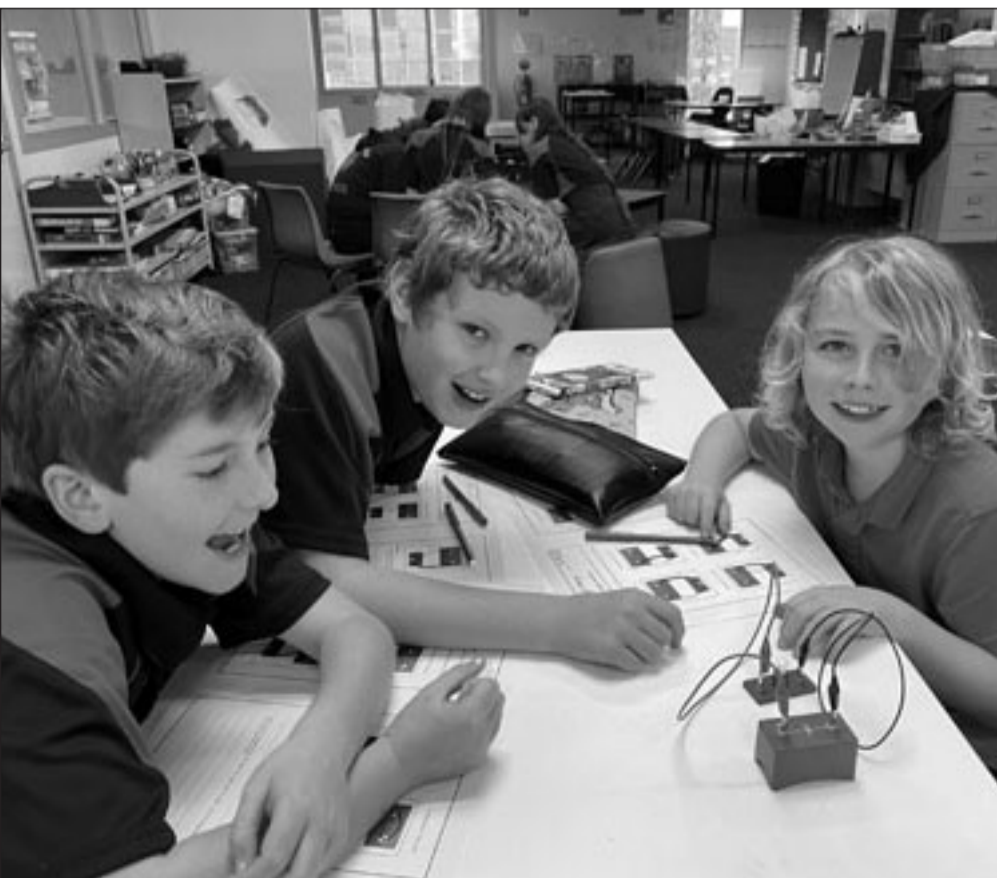
The Year 6 shirts

As I am now in Grade 6 we get the privilege to own personalised T-shirts for the last year of primary school. Ms. Stacey designed the amazing shirts we wear today.

We ordered them at the start of the school year but received them a little later than what we would have expected.

We put the silky shirts on and took a group photo with all of the Year 6s. I like the shirts for their design and text on the back as well as the colour and font.

By Ryder K



SCHOOL NEWS

Hazelwood North Primary

We have had a jammed packed month at Hazelwood North Primary School with so many events and excursions.

Sport

Students have been involved in numerous sporting activities this month. From cross country to soccer, netball and footy clinics. At Hazelwood North we are certainly keeping active, and the winter weather is not deterring us at all. We were extremely proud of the sportsmanship our students showed during these activities.

Cross Country

At the start of May, students from HNPS competed in cross country at Gaskin Park in Churchill. The Grade 3s and 4s ran 2km and the Grade 5s and 6s ran

to the next round was called up and given a ribbon. The third round was at Lardner Park in Warragul and it was very muddy. There were also numbers that were pinned to us again.

In a big shed near the entrance there was food and clothes that you could get. All of the rounds were fun and very much enjoyed.

Written by Charlotte Ing
Wild Man

We recently received a visit from the Wild Man! He taught us about historical Aboriginal Survival techniques. He was extremely animated and showed us lots of amazing artefacts that he has collected over the past 30 years. We all got to touch, explore and play with a variety of his artefacts too. The students

them warm at night.

Buchan Caves

Our Grade 3s and 4s were lucky enough to get out and about on an excursion to Buchan Caves. The day trip was an enjoyable experience for all involved. Lots of learning took place as they explored the caves. The students even got to experience the complete darkness of the cave when they turned the lights off in the cave.

School Camp

Our Grade 4s and 5s attended a camp at Allambee. They experienced a lot of rain, wind, hail, thunder and lightning but the students and teachers made the most of it!

Students were able to participate in a wide variety of fun activities from ropes courses to giant swings. Our teachers even got involved too! Lots of laughter, fun and bonding was enjoyed by all.

Chinese Learning

Our students have thoroughly enjoyed our Chinese sessions with York this month.

The Grade 3s and 4s made rice dumplings, using bamboo leaves, rice, dates and sultanas as part of their Chinese learning. The Junior students have been learning about zodiac animals and made adorable paper chain dragons.

House Meeting

This term's house meeting celebrated the space learning all classes had been involved in. Our House Captains, along with our wonderful Kaye, came up

with a terrific idea to create a whole school galaxy! Each student has contributed to part of this terrific project. It is now displayed in our hall for our school community to enjoy. It definitely looks 'out of this world'!

OSHC

Our Outside School Hours Care program has officially kicked off with YMCA Victoria joining us at Hazelwood North Primary School. The program is thoroughly enjoyed by all attending students. Our students have been involved

in a range of fun activities to keep them busy and entertained before and after school. Their favourite activity so far has been the pizza making!



3km. We ran against different schools from around the area to represent our school. The second round was held at St Paul's in Traralgon. We had numbers pinned on to us and at the end of all the races everyone who made it

enjoyed feeling how soft and cosy kangaroo fur is. They even learnt about how cockroaches can be squeezed to relieve stings! The most surprising fact was that Aboriginal people used to sleep with dingoes to keep



SCHOOL NEWS

Kurnai Junior Campus

China Town Excursion

Students in Year 9 and 10 can study Chinese as an elective subject. Students from both Morwell and Churchill Campus had a day experiencing China Town in Melbourne. After an early start, students arrived at Flinders Street Station in the morning and then walked to

China Town with Ms. Sun and Ms. Li.

While walking along Little Bourke Street, students discovered a lot of Chinese characters written in different ways and observed the diverse customs. They discussed the many Chinese cuisines from the different regions of China and learnt

about Chinese immigration. Before having a lunch of noodle soups of Peking Duck, the group did a spot of shopping at one of the largest Asian grocers in China Town. Before returning to Morwell students went on a guided tour of the Chinese Museum. A fun day was had by all!



SCHOOL NEWS

Yinnar Primary

Matt Ryan Visit

On May 6, the 5/6 students were lucky enough to have a special visit from local police officer Matt Ryan. Matt spoke to the students about the importance of cyber and online safety, and how students can be safe and responsible when using online platforms. The students had the opportunity to have serious discussions surrounding this topic, as well as have any other questions answered relating to his profession. It was an engaging session, with the students getting to try on and use some police equipment at the end! We thank Matt Ryan for taking the time out of his busy schedule to talk to us and we thank him for his services in our community.



District Soccer

On Friday May 20, three teams of students from Grades 4-6 competed in the District Soccer at the Churchill Soccer Club. The teams battled it out against Churchill North, Lumen Christi and Churchill.

Two of our teams came second overall, with one team only losing one game, and the other team losing one and coming a draw in the other.

The Grade 6 team won all of their games and came first overall, which means they are through to the next round. We congratulate all the teams on a valiant effort, and wish the Grade 6 team the best of luck for Division!

Russell Northe Visit

Politician Russell Northe came to visit all students in Grades 4-6 to talk about leadership and what it takes to be a quality leader.

Russell provided all of our students who have leadership positions a letter of congratulations, with some advice written in there for being an effective leader

Grade 1/2 learning

In Grade 1/2, the children have been using their learning powers of determination, attention and socialising to strengthen their skills and it has been exciting to see them collaborating with team mates and learning independently.

Our theme of Sustainability has been the focus during much of our

reading and writing, teaching and learning. Students have been learning about rubbish, recycling and reusing items. They have been enthusiastically thinking of ways they can help reduce the amount of rubbish sent to landfill. We have been learning how to write simple sentences with correct punctuation, and how to expand a sentence to include related information.

By Summer

The Resilience Project

by Bonnie, Claire, Mack, Summer and Fletcher.

We have been learning about Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and our Emotions/Feelings.

Gratitude is when you are thankful for things you have that other people might not



have.

Empathy is feeling what other people might be feeling. Mindfulness is being totally focused on the thing you are doing.

HeartKids Superheros Day

On Friday June 17, our Junior School Council organised our Hero's for Heartkids Superheros Day. Everyone came dressed as their favourite Superhero to help raise money for the

HeartKids organisation. Students enjoyed a pizza lunch and raised a grand total of \$618.00 for HeartKids. HeartKids aims to make a difference to the lives of those affected by congenital or acquired heart disease.

SCHOOL NEWS

Kurnai University Campus

Business Management

Yakult factory excursion
On Friday May 27 the Year 12 Business Management class attended an excursion to the Yakult factory in Dandenong. The students were able to see first-hand how sustainable business models are applied in practice throughout the tour.

The students were able to learn about quality control and the sterilisation process as well as how Yakult is produced, including the company's principles regarding not releasing anything harmful into the environment, their mission to reduce the use of plastics, and being as energy efficient as possible.

The students were also able to try a bottle of Yakult themselves before the end of the tour. Written by Nia Whitney, Student Teacher (University of Tasmania)

Cooking with bush foods.

As part of our catering experiences at Kurnai,

we have over the years, developed our use of Australian bush foods in our cooking. We have used a variety of them including lemon myrtle for sweet slices and native thyme in savoury dishes.

Students have also had the opportunity to create their own 'Indigenous Sushi' for their Year 11 Food Studies assessment, during which they were required to complete a flow chart of their cooking method.

Students were able to choose from a variety of ingredients including mountain pepper, saltbush dukkha, Kakadu plum, native thyme and native mint.

Indigenous Experience Day

In June VCAL Year 11 and 12 students attended an Indigenous experience day at the Knob Reserve, Stratford.

This was to complement our 'Jasper Jones' literacy unit which focused on the 1960s and Aboriginal experiences during this time.

We were blessed with amazing weather on the day of the excursion and benefitted from the wisdom and natural story telling ability of Christine Johnson, from the Smith Family.

Christine conducted a welcome to country and spoke of her experiences of growing up in the 1960s and those of her family.

Students had the opportunity to cook and eat Johnny cakes, throw a boomerang correctly and make sounds with the bullroarers.

Students also took a walk around the reserve, learning about scar trees and the significance of the site.

As always, the excursion was a success due to the teamwork of our brilliant staff and the great behaviour of our students.

We would also like to thank Christine Johnson from The Smith Family and GLAWAC for giving us permission to visit the Knob Reserve.



Welcome to Country Ceremony

Churchill Fire Brigade



On average, there are 3,000 house fires in Victoria each year. Most could be prevented by taking simple precautions.

Kitchen

The most common place in the home where fires start is the kitchen. Many kitchen fires are caused by cooking that has been left unattended. Others are caused by electrical faults and flammable items like paper towels and curtains that are too close to sources of heat like the stove or toaster. If the cooking area is not kept

clean a fire that starts on the stove can very quickly spread to built-up grease and fat around the stove and range hood, with the fire travelling up into the roof and to the rest of the house.

Sleeping areas

Many fires that result in people dying start in bedrooms or lounge areas. Often this is due to improper use of electrical appliances or home heating. Electrical items in the home can include the power supply, fixed or portable appliances, power boards and extension

leads.

Heating

During the colder months we see an increase in the use of heating appliances, gas and electric. If you bring a portable heater into a bedroom be sure that it is well away from things that can burn, like clothing, bedding and curtains and always turn it off when you get into bed or leave the house.

If you are drying clothes in front of a heater of any kind, always keep them at least a metre from the heater.

Power Boards

Sometimes there are not enough power outlets for all our devices. Power boards are becoming more common than ever. It is important to remember that power boards are only meant to be temporary and they should not be a permanent fixture in your home.

Power boards can only take a limited number of devices so only plug in one device per outlet. Never plug double adapters or extra power boards into a power board and do not plug high powered appliances like heaters into a power board or extension lead. Doing so can cause the power board or extension lead to heat up and start a fire.

Top home fire safety tips

Book a licensed gas-fitter to check your gas heater

Check chimneys, flues and fire boxes for cracks, rust and debris

Check electric blankets for kinks in the wiring

Clean the lint filter in your dryer and continue to do this after every use

Check appliances for visibly frayed or damaged wiring

Complete the Home Fire Safety Checklist to see if you have done everything you can to protect you and your family.

Prepare a home fire escape plan and practise escaping quickly and safely.

For more information, see the CFA website cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home

Plan how you would escape a fire in your home

Families who are well prepared are more likely to escape their homes safely and without panic.

As part of your plan, all family members should know:

The two quickest ways out of every room

How they will exit from upstairs if your home has a second storey

An agreed upon meeting place outside, such as the letterbox

How they will call Triple Zero (000)

Top survival tips

If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop and roll

Get down low and stay out of smoke.

Use the back of your hand to check doors for heat before opening

If it is safe, close doors to slow down the spread of fire and smoke.

Alert other people on your way out.

Get out and stay out.

Meet at a safe place such as the letterbox or footpath outside your home.

Call 000 (triple zero) from a mobile phone or a neighbour's phone. Ask for FIRE when the call is connected.

What parents need to know

Children are less likely than adults to wake up to the sound of a smoke alarm. Think about how you might be able to reach children's bedrooms if regular access is blocked by fire.

Families should practise fire drills twice a year, more often with younger children.

Useful tips for parents

Turn it into a game by timing how quickly they can escape

Make sure children know their home address and how to call Triple Zero (000)

Use online games and activities to teach children about fire safety

Never lock your deadlocks when you are at home

During a fire it will be dark and smoky and a deadlocked door could block your escape.

If you must keep deadlocks locked, leave your keys in the door.

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