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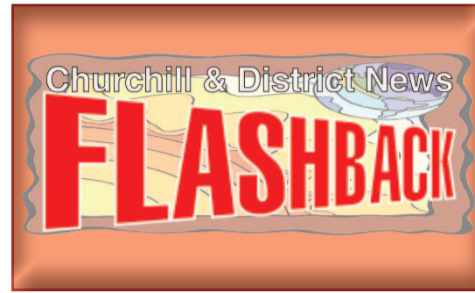
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Mathison Park – pretty as a picture



Once again the weather caused the park to be too wet to hold our working bee. However, on the Thursday before the Gippsland Interchange crew came and the mulching of new trees around the new seat adjacent to the old house was completed, presenting a neat arrangement.

Part of the fence which was constructed around the old house was pulled down by vandals some time ago. It has now been replaced thanks to the Council intervention and action.

A new Mathison Park sign has been erected on Monash Way section of the park. It features an Aboriginal design.

Again a huge thank you to the Hands on Learning students and teachers for the supply of a very colourful table/seat combo for the little kids which has been installed in the large picnic shelter.

Sections of the park are now looking very bare with the leaves of the deciduous trees fallen. However it gives you some clear views across the park from the new pathway.



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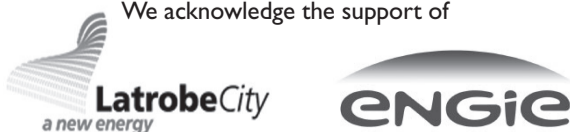
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What Does CDCA Do?

People sometimes ask about CDCA: what do you do? Obviously we don't run a sporting club, nor do we represent a specific group of like individuals, fund-raise for charity, operate an office or organise lots of activities.

So, who are we and what do we do?

Churchill & District Community Association (CDCA) is an incorporated not-for-profit association. Our mission is to advocate on local issues raised by members or brought to our attention by local residents, community groups and stakeholders.

Membership is open to residents of Churchill and the immediate district and to those who have a vested interest, such as local business owners or employees working here.

Our advocacy may take the form of approaching Latrobe City Council to resolve an issue that falls within Council's authority. As an example, CDCA



often approaches Council to address local environmental issues, such as weed control, more tree plantings, new recreational pathways and better lighting.

We also make submissions to Council on a range of matters, such as Planning Applications by developers, new or revised Council policies affecting Churchill or on specific issues such as the recently advertised proposed sale of Hazelwood House.

At times our advocacy takes the form of providing Letters of Support for other organisations, especially when those organisations are making funding applications for money that will be spent in Churchill or be of benefit to this community.

Our advocacy can also be for infrastructure spending from local, State and Federal Governments to further develop Churchill as a desirable place to live and/or work.

In the same way, CDCA may advocate to other major stakeholders, such as Federation University, Latrobe Community Health Services or Regional Roads Victoria for adjustments to their planning and conduct of their business as it affects our local area.

Some matters that are raised with CDCA require a bit more activity or even an event. The Shop Local Market days are facilitated by CDCA, in partnership with the Neighbourhood Centre and Churchill & District News to address concerns that "nothing much happens at the shopping centre".

CDCA sources funding and sponsorship specifically for these Market events, utilising some of our own small financial reserve when necessary, to pay for the free BBQs and entertainment. We also, importantly, pay the face value of the 'ree shopping vouchers that are handed out to shoppers on Market days so that no retailer is out-of-pocket when the vouchers are used to obtain goods.

Our membership is too small to conduct frequent events, but some things are too important to miss. Churchill's anniversaries are an example of this and CDCA has a proud history of being involved in facilitating celebrations, such as occurred for

both Churchill's 40th and 50th birthdays. Churchill's 60th will be in 2025!

Some years ago, it was brought to our attention that there had never been an ANZAC Day service in Churchill. CDCA facilitated the town's first ANZAC service, in partnership with Morwell RSL to coincide with the town's 50th Anniversary. (Subsequent annual services have been organised by Hazelwood Rotary.)

CDCA also successfully sought funding for the design and construction of the Service Memorial (the sculpture) which was installed in the Churchill Town Square.

Examples of other projects we have facilitated in response to issues and ideas raised by locals have been art installations, such as the last mural (now erased) in the Monash Way pedestrian underpass and the new seating adjacent to the Eel Hole Creek wetlands off McDonald Way.

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

Anyone wishing to become a CDCA member may download a membership application form from our website - cdca.org.au. Completed forms can be submitted in person at one of our meetings. We like to see new members!

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).

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 Rainfall

The month of July was slightly quiet compared to last month. Churchill had a total of 19 days with rain unlike last month that had 24 days. The day with the most amount of rain in July was the ninth with 13mm. July's total monthly amount of rainfall was 77.5mm which compared to last month's records of 137mm is much less. The yearly total of rainfall so far for the year is now 384.5mm of rain.

Rain at Hazelwood South

July was free of La Nina, resulting in steady, more typical winter rain, with many wet days and no high totals. Hazelwood South had 64mm which is 18% below the average for the month. Hazelwood South was 57% wetter than the Latrobe Valley weather station, with only 41mm.

For the year, the rain is 8% below the average. The cool, wet weather makes heatwaves, the summer veggie garden and bush-fires, a distant memory.

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Cooking with Noelene

Potatoes in a pickled sauce Lahori Achari Aloo

Boil 450 gm of small new potatoes in their skins.

While these are cooking, heat 2 tbs of canola oil until hot over a medium heat.

Add 1 tsp of ground coriander, 1 tsp of ground cumin, 1 tsp of chilli powder, 1/2 tsp of mango powder, 1/2 tsp of garam marsala, 1/2 tsp of turmeric.

Stir fry for 30 seconds then add 3 tbs of minced garlic and continue to stir fry for 3 minutes.

Add 3 spring onions finely chopped, 2 tbs of tomato puree, 2 tbs of natural yoghurt, 1 tsp of chilli powder, 5 tbs of cooked peas and salt to taste.

Add the drained potato mix to ensure everything is combined. Dress with fresh mint leaves.

This can be served hot or cold accompanied by a yoghurt dip and chapatti. It is delicious!

shortcrust pastry on a lined baking tray.

Now spread 450gm of finely chopped baby spinach in the middle of the pastry, leaving a 3 cm border around the edge.

Carefully spread 2 tbs of minced garlic over the spinach, piling with 150gm of grated haloumi cheese and 120m of feta cheese over the top.

Sprinkle with 1 dsp of oregano and cracked pepper (add a little dried chilli, optional).

Slice a short slit into each corner of the pastry, then tuck each side of the pastry over to form a border around the filling.

Beat 2 eggs with 60 ml of cream until well combined. Now pour over the spinach filling.

Bake for 25 minutes OR until the pastry is golden and the filling is set.

Serve with a sprinkle of lemon juice.

Chicken in lemon and garlic

Slice 4 skinless chicken fillets into thin fillets.

Heat 5 tbs of rice bran

oil in a large pan and add 1 onion peeled and finely sliced.

Cook until the onion has softened. Add 3 tbs of minced garlic.

Add the sliced chicken and fry gently over a medium heat for 10 minutes until lightly browned and tender.

Add the finely sliced rind of 2 lemons and their juice, bring to a simmer.

At the same time, deglaze the pan by scraping all the bits on the base of the pan into the juices with a wooden spoon.

Remove the pan from the heat, stir in 4 tbs of finely chopped parsley.

Season to taste with cracked pepper and salt.

Serve as you wish, with vegetables, rice, and or slices of crusty bread for mopping up the lemon and garlic juices.

Akbari Shahi Tukri Aromatic bread and butter pudding

This is a North Indian dessert.

Remove and discard the crusts from 8 slices of bread.

Heat your deep fryer to 180 deg C. Deep fry the slices separately until golden and then drain on paper towels, set aside.

Bring 1 litre of full cream milk to the boil over a medium heat, add 250 ml of sweetened condensed

milk, stirring occasionally, simmer till it thickens, about 15 minutes.

Add 1/2 tsp of saffron threads, a few drops of vanilla extract, 1/2 tsp of ground cardamon and a few drops of rosewater.

Remove from the heat.

Place 4 of the slices of the fried bread over the base of your ovenproof dish, place the other 4 slices on top.

Pour the milk mixture over the bread making sure the bread is thoroughly soaked.

Place the dish in the oven immediately, and bake for 20 minutes or until golden.

Remove from oven and top with flaked almonds and crushed pistachio nuts. Deliciously decadent!!!

Best pork crackle

Preheat your oven to 220 deg C. It is really simple, purchase your pork crackle, dry it off with paper towelling.

There is no need to use boiling water. Thickly coat the rind of the dried belly with salt.

Place on an oven tray and place in the preheated oven.

Just leave it till the rind is bubbly and golden brown.

You will know, it is not rocket science but it is delicious !!!



Rustic Greek pie

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Place 1 sheet of thawed ready rolled



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Church News



Challenging services at the Co-Operating churches

We welcomed Reverend Kathy Dalton, an Aboriginal priest of the Anglican church to take our Anglican Holy Communion service on July 3.

It was appropriate as it was the start of NAIDOC Week across Australia.

Kathy spoke about the journey that had taken place to bring this annual celebration to its present status.

The theme for this year is "Get Up, Stand Up and Show up."

They are all good mottos for all of us to follow in our lives. Nyree also spoke about NAIDOC Week in her children's talk and included some appropriate activities.

Week two featured the old favourite Bible story of the Good Samaritan.

There were three messages to impart, you have

the choice to decide to help someone or ignore them.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Being a neighbour means helping anyone at all, even someone we may not like, who is different, who has hurt us in the past.

Helping someone brings comfort, healing, mending of strained relationships, allows us to be generous and

share what we have, show compassion and respect.

Cathie's beautifully and thoughtfully worded Uniting Churchill Holy Communion Service focused on the Biblical story of Mary and Martha.

Both women played a part in welcoming Jesus to their home. Mary took the opportunity to sit at Jesus' feet, a privileged position, to listen to him speak.

Martha catered for Jesus' bodily needs.

We need people who do both in this world.

However in our busy life we often focus on the doing rather than the listening and being still long enough to hear.

The fourth Sunday we had George Telford to take our service.

His text was from Matthew 7.7. Ask, and it

will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. George illustrated his sermon with lots of examples of people who had done all those things to achieve great ends but with loads of persistence. He encouraged us to persist to live our Christian lives and not to give up. This was an excellent message for all Christians for these times.



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Churchill Christian Fellowship

By Steve McNeilly
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It has been a long process so far and we are still not ready to move our church services to the Hazelwood South hall.

A big part of the

problem has been a string of unexpected issues in getting electricity connected.

The Churchill Christian Fellowship has been meeting on Sunday afternoons at the Community Hall.

This has been very helpful but it has been difficult to get such a large

space warm in these cold winter months. Therefore, we have moved again, downstairs to Studio 1.

Sunday meetings are still being uploaded to YouTube and Facebook each week.

Hopefully, by next month's edition of Churchill & District News, we will

have a clearer picture of when we will officially be able to welcome Churchill people to the newly refurbished Hazelwood South hall.

Please note service times: Now 3pm each Sunday at Studio 1, Philip Parade.

Church Times

Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Sunday Services: 10.00am
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It will be obvious, as with some of my recent items here, that I have been re-reading about some amazing people and lives which we may not know much about.

Another in a long list of 'unsung heroes' is the challenging Catherine of Siena. Challenging, because of many pre-conceived ideas that she refused to embody.

For instance, if we hear the word 'nun' we may assume someone in a convent, wearing robes, etc., but Catherine refused to enter a convent, preferring to stay at home in Italy and work giving away food and clothing to the poor.

This may not seem unusual until we consider that her times, born 1347,



were rife with high infant mortality due mainly to the 'Black Death' which was to kill a third of Europe and, that she grew up in poverty with no formal education.

Her reputation quickly grew, and she found herself working beyond Siena, in politics as well as faith-based groups.

She toured around Italy demanding reforms in Church and State and had much influence including

at aged 28 dictating letters to many political and religious authorities.

At risk to herself she also spoke out against corruption.

Rather than this being a threat to her life, it led to her being appointed as an ambassador of the Republic of Florence.

In that role she brokered peace between various factions, having narrowly escaped assassination when riots erupted.

Overall, Catherine courageously tackled problems and injustices head-on. She brought her knowledge and experience of God and His truth to bear on her broken and troubled world, with great effect.

Worth thinking about!

Russell Northe MP

Churchill will host two major events as part of the 2022 Federation University Gippsland Business Awards.

The Telstra Finalist Breakfast, was held at the Churchill Hotel on Friday August 5, 2022 which was quite apt given the Churchill Hotel has been the recipient of multiple business and other awards over the years.

The big gala presentation dinner will be held on Friday August 26 at Federation University's Gippsland campus in Churchill.

There are a number of Latrobe Valley based businesses which are finalists in these prestigious awards and we wish them well for the final.

In total there are 43 businesses which have made it to the finals across 11 industry and specialist categories. It has been a tough time for many sectors and industries throughout COVID but once again a number of businesses have been able to evolve, adapt and pivot to ensure the business and services they provide remain relevant to consumers.

For more information on the Gippsland Business Awards please visit: <https://gba.org.au/>

The next Churchill Shop Local Market is scheduled for Saturday August 27. This



has been a great initiative and increased the level of interest in the town and for traders.

There is a range of activities and offerings including voucher giveaways, free face painting, live music, sausage sizzles courtesy of the Churchill CFA and Neighbourhood House, and Neighbourhood Watch doing their anti-theft vehicle number plate screws replacement program. Go along to the August Shop Local Market event and show your support for Churchill and its' traders.

In sad news it was terrible to learn of the passing of Churchill legend Paul Dear. Paul was a beloved member of the Hawthorn Football Club and a Norm Smith medallist for being named best player in the 1991 AFL Grand Final, which is an extraordinary achievement. He was also a Churchill premiership player in 1983 and played in that premiership with two of his brothers, Jim and Lawry

with elder brother Greg already playing in the AFL competition. Of course the Dear family is synonymous with the Churchill community and their footballing feats are legendary.

The Cougars are travelling very well at present and hopefully this continues for the remainder of the season. In the football, both the senior and thirds teams are travelling well and look set to play an important role deep into the final series. Netball has been a bit of a challenge for the Cougars this year but at the time of writing both C Grade and D Grade teams have an opportunity to participate and perform well in the 2022 finals.

Submissions have now closed on the proposed sale of the former Hazelwood House aged care facility in Churchill. I understand there are mixed views and opinions on what the future use of this facility might look like, and from my perspective it is important the community has a voice in this.

Likewise if a sale of the property eventuates it is imperative this funding is reinvested into Churchill assets and services for the people of Churchill.

Fathers Day sale at St Matts



Gordon Rouse with one of the books for sale at St Matt's.

Father's Day is just around the corner on Sunday September 4, and St Matt's is having a Father's Day Sale from Thursday to Saturday September 1 to 3 - most things \$1.

St Matt's is a wonderful place for children to buy presents for Dad or Grandpa at pocket-money prices.

Perhaps the children could shop while you visit nearby Cafe 3869. We have

fishing and gardening gear, and items for the workshop, plus we also have photo albums, DVDs, 1000 piece jigsaws, and fiction and non-fiction books.

Why not buy Dad his new favourite mug and fill it with choccies (or go healthy with dried fruit and nuts)!

St Matt's is also having a Book Week celebration on Thursday August 25, 2022. We will have free books

for children, and books for adults at the special price of 3 for \$1.

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For all our news including upcoming sales and events, search for St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar on Facebook.

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Cafe on West

Alan Lawler and Tirrienne Schick are the owners of Café on West, the business which has taken over where Vintage C'hill was located.

Alan has a substantial experience in being a chef. He began his apprenticeship at age 14.

Then he worked for ten years at Apollo Bay before going overseas to England for two years.

Coming back to Australia he worked in Melbourne for a year before moving to Churchill eight years ago.

In that time he had

several gigs before COVID happened when he found himself out of work, except for a stint at Narkoojee Winery.

Alan and his partner saw their present business for sale and made enquiries, which led to signing papers, renovations and the opening on April 19 this year.

The name Café on West was chosen as the café is situated in West Place and the 'on' part is a popular way of naming such businesses at present.

Alan says it is a great spot as it is just across the way from Woolworths.

Alan specialises in on the spot homemade pies and sausage rolls.

He is venturing into homemade sweets such as biscuits, cakes and slices.

As well, the full menu contains bacon and eggs, steak sandwiches and burgers, coffee and cold drinks.

Alan sources all his milk from Gippsland Jersey and his alternative milks from Milklab.

Alan knew the previous owners James and Kelli and often called in with his Mum, for coffee and a chat.

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Alan invites you to come in and try his homemade goodies.





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Book Review



“Three Sisters” by Heather Morris was born in New Zealand but now resides in Australia. She studied and wrote screenplays and was one day introduced to Lale Sokolov who she was told “might have a story worth telling”. They had an enduring friendship and as a result she wrote a screenplay about his life, but then changed it into a book, “The Tattooist of Auschwitz” 2018. Another two books followed in the series, “Cilka’s Journey”2019 and “Three Sisters”2021. Heather Morris travelled to Israel and met the two surviving sisters and their extended family to research this book.

“Three Sisters” begins in 1929 in Slovakia. A father who is about to have a serious operation, from which he is unlikely to survive, asks his three daughters to promise him that whatever happens they will look after each other.

The story then moves to 1942. Magda, the middle daughter is unwell and the doctor decides to put her in hospital, mainly to protect her because the Nazis are taking girls of her age to

“work for” the Germans. The older daughter Cibi is at a training program where she is learning the skills to make a new life in Palestine and the youngest daughter Livi, who is fifteen, is

considered too young to be taken. However the dreaded Hlinka Guard arrive and say that Livi must report to the synagogue alone.

When Cibi arrives home and hears the news she does not hesitate and decides that she will go to to protect her younger sister.

Here begins the girls’ journey to Auschwitz. They are loaded onto filthy, overcrowded cattle crates and taken to the concentration camp where they receive tattoos on their arms.

Cibi takes over to protect Livi and their new existence begins. They are subjected to unimaginable cruelty

and deprivation, but with resilience, determination and a degree of luck they manage to stay alive.

In the meantime Magda is managing to elude the Nazis, sometimes hiding in the roof of a friendly neighbours’ house and when that becomes too dangerous, in the nearby forest.

However the inevitable happens and Magda, her mother and her grandfather are eventually rounded up and sent to Auschwitz. The three sisters reunite and survive the death march. On returning to Slovakia they find their home occupied by another family and once friendly neighbours are hostile so they decide to leave and make a new life in Israel.

This is both an inspirational and horrific story. Some members found it very confronting but it was also a story of hope, love and determination.

The story highlighted the importance of relationships. The strength the sisters drew from each other was no doubt instrumental in their survival, but they were also able to co-operate and form relationships with other prisoners and some of the guards which gave them advantages.

Magda felt guilt for not being in the camp for the whole time, but it was due to her physical strength that they were able to survive the death march.

Regardless of what people may think of Israel it was perfectly understandable that the sisters felt they could no longer live in Slovakia and wanted to start a new life in Israel where they felt safe.



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	Creative Writing Weekly, 0930-1200 St Mary's Church Hall Host: Cheryl Miscamble 0402 207 272	'Cheap Chuesday' movies Monthly Venues vary Times vary Hosts: Various On or as close to 13 September Depending on show times and dates	Terrific Textiles 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of the month. 0930-1130 St Mary's Church Foyer Host: Jill Campbell 0402 034 361 (Crochet, Knitting, Spinning, Weaving, Embroidery, Cross Stitch, Long Stitch etc. No sewing machines please.)	Pub Quiz and Coffee Monthly, 1000 Mirboo North Hotel 08/09 Host: Cheryl Miscamble 0402 207 272 The Ageing Brain Weekly, 1000-1200 St Mary's Church Hall Video presentation Over six sessions: 18 August 25 August 01 September Host: Cheryl Miscamble 0402 207 272	Exploring Still life Drawing Fortnightly, 1000-1200 St Mary's Church Hall Host: Anna Meyer 0428 686 361	School Term Dates 11 Jul to 16 Sep 3 Oct to 20 Dec STEPPING OUT Stockyard Gallery, Foster 10 September - 1000 departure Car pooling applies. Host to be advised.
	Social Media Weekly, 1300-1500 St Mary's Church Hall Host: Sarah Deanne Banks	Mah jong Weekly, 1300-1500 St Mary's Church Hall Host: Cheryl Miscamble 0402 207 272	Paperbag Lunches Fortnightly, 1200-1330 St Mary's Church Hall (with Guest Speakers) 24.08 – Peter Moran Angel Flights 07.09 – Ian Bristow Spring into Spring BYO lunch. We will provide tea and coffee. ALL SESSIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC	Canasta Fortnightly, 1300-1530 St Mary's Church Hall Host: Heather Selkrig 0408 539 952 Scrabble Fortnightly, 1300-1530 St Mary's Church Hall Host: Cheryl Miscamble 0402 207 272	Table Tennis Weekly, 1400-1600 Mirboo North Scout Hall Host: Andrew Corcoran and Bob Tutty 0411 671 058 /0417 770 386	Tenpin Bowling 27 August, 1400 WynCity, Morwell \$20.00 per head payable by 20 August. No refunds.

Latrobe Community Health Service



Morwell's Kernot Hall came to life in June when Gippsland's young people celebrated pride in diversity.
Photography: Little Birdy Photography



About 100 young LGBTQIA+ Gippslanders and their allies celebrated their identity at Gippsland's very own Pride Party.

"headspace Morwell" brought the party to Kernot Hall, on Friday, June 17.

The Pride Party was a chance for young people aged 12 to 25 to come together in a safe, discrimination free space, and celebrate diversity.

Attendees enjoyed some pizza, danced to the tunes of DJ Nige, played some friendly games, took lots of happy snaps in a photo

booth, and had their faces painted.

"Gippsland's Pride Party is a chance for young people to connect, celebrate who they are, and dress up in their most colourful American style prom outfit," headspace Morwell Youth Counsellor Manuela Frey said.

"The night was all about celebrating queer pride, getting to know your LGBTQIA+ allies, and embracing who you are. We were so pleased to see so many young people out and about in their community."

About headspace Morwell
headspace Morwell is a one-stop shop for young people. We provide counselling and support for those aged 12 to 25, and can answer any questions about mental health, drugs and alcohol, general health, relationships, and sexuality.

We also host a group for young people who identify as LGBTQIA+. The 'Whatever' group meets every second

Wednesday and provides a safe space for young people to meet and support each other.

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July Activity Report

For the activity we had Gordon, Matt, Joelle, Caitlin, Ken, Darren, Wendy, Anita and her friend Jenny. Jenny was keen to see some possums. There were apologies from Tamara, Mike, Cathy, Graeme, Jay and Rose.

Parks staff have decided to knock down and/or replace the information booth at the Kerry Road car park.

Since only this booth and one picnic table survived the 2021 storms, they thought it wise to remove it. The broken BBQ, picnic table and fencing lost in the storms have yet to be replaced and there are no known plans for their replacement.

As it has been many years since there have been information brochures about the walks, it makes poor sense to remove the only thing that explains which walks are there.

Since the last activity Matt has removed our groups' information from the information board, ready for removal.

The day was forecast for rain, so rain was very likely to disrupt the activity. We started at the car park and moved to the boxes closest to the car park. Matt explained how to operate the pole mounted camera to the group of interested new users (Matt had made more repairs to the camera since the summer activity).

A challenge that made

the activity more difficult was that a number of boxes had come down in the 2021 storms and need to be replaced or repaired. A list was made and these will be done in our next activity.

During the activity we worked down the main track.

After Section C was completed the group stopped for lunch beside the track. During lunch it started to rain. It had been good to go for a few hours without rain, but we needed to finish after lunch. The pole mounted camera was not to get wet so the activity needed to finish at the first sign of decent rain.

At the next activity we plan to finish the survey and make replacement and repairs to missing and damaged boxes.

Over the short activity we saw at least 19 sugar gliders and two ringtail possums in the boxes and multiple kangaroos, wallabies and koalas along the way.

August Activity

Sunday August 21, 10am The group will meet in the Junction Road car park to finish the winter survey of the nesting boxes and make repairs and replacement to some of the other nesting boxes.

You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day. Note - this is a change from the original calendar.



The group organising to survey the first box.



Below - Surveying one of the nesting boxes - Matt is operating the pole mounted camera while Anita analyses the video footage on the handset.



One of the kangaroos seen during the day.



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Lions Club of Churchill & District



The Lions club of Churchill held its' Change Over dinner at its last meeting in June.

Lion Geoff Brick will now lead the club as President assisted by Secretary Sue Hanson and Treasurer Lion Peter North, along with the rest of the newly elected Board.

Past President Reg

Grisotto passed the gavel onto Lion Geoff during the meeting which was held at the Churchill Hotel.

Continuing with all the current Lions and community projects, Lion President Geoff's priority is aimed at increasing Club membership.

It was therefore very pleasing for new Lions President Geoff, to welcome

and induct Beth and Rodger Booker into the Club as new members at its first meeting of the new Lions year.

On the Project front it has been a time for Churchill Lions Club.

Now colder weather is with us, a number of our Lions members have departed to the warmer weather up North.

The Club has been saddened by the recent passing of long time serving member Lion Peter McShane.

Lion Peter served the Churchill Lions Club as President, Secretary and he was very involved in all levels of Lions culminating in becoming Lions District Governor. He also serviced as the CEO of the Lions Licola village.

Lion Peter was committed and passionate who served Lions and the Churchill Community with distinction and will be sadly missed and well remembered.

The good news is the Club will once again be holding the Churchill Community Fishing and Fun day on December 10 this year, returning bigger and better after all the cancellations due to COVID.

Planning has commenced with lots of exciting activities already locked in.

Fisheries Victoria and Fishcare Victoria will both take an active part in the day and will help in educating on fishing rules and regulations and looking after our waterways and environment.

There will be music and

activities for all, we will have face painting and a Jumping Castle for the younger kids and of course good food provided by the Lions Club.

There will be some really great prizes for the kids to win, cost will stay at \$5 per family with all registered children receiving a free sausage and drink.

To be eligible for prizes children must be registered and must be present at close of fishing to collect prizes.

The Fishing and Fun Day is a day for the whole community to come out as a family, mum, dad and the kids, to one of the Larobe Valleys' most beautiful places, Lake Hyland at Mathison Park, Churchill.

They will be able to fish

and have fun together, and hopefully catch dinner, and for the kids to possibly win some great prizes.

If you do not know how to fish or rig up fishing rods there will be plenty of people to assist and teach you how to fish and inform you of the rules and regulations.

The day is meant to be about being outdoors together as families and having fun together with others in the community.

Rail connections strengthened in Latrobe

Latrobe City Council is pleased the Federal and Victorian Governments are investing in local rail connections that will benefit Latrobe City residents with improvement works at Morwell and Traralgon stations underway.

A new platform and waiting room at Morwell Station are taking shape along with construction of a second platform and accessible overpass at Traralgon Station.

Upgrades at the Traralgon Station will also provide a relocated bus exchange with more seating and shelter for

users. Additional services between Traralgon and Melbourne will be enabled following the works which are expected for completion in 2022. This will be supported by a new signalling system which will be introduced in 2023.

Council advocates through its Strength Led Transition for road and rail corridor upgrades and community connectedness and is pleased these works will complement these efforts.

Community members are encouraged to visit VLine's website for temporary coach replacements during works at

vline.com.au. A free shuttle bus will be provided while the existing Traralgon pedestrian overpass is closed from August 5.

Mayor of Latrobe City, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan thanked the Federal and Victorian Governments for their investment in the \$532.8 million Gippsland Rail Line Upgrade that will benefit Latrobe City.

"Council is very pleased to see upgrades underway at both the Morwell and Traralgon Stations as part of the Gippsland Rail Line Upgrade. We would like to thank

the Federal and Victorian Governments for their investment in such vital infrastructure for our community.

These works will provide much-needed reliable services to our local community and visitors.

Providing efficient public transport options and connectivity to Melbourne is another opportunity to improve the liveability of our region.

We are thankful for the opportunities this provides for our community," said Councillor O'Callaghan.

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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European colonies

The rise of Islam after the eighth century cut off the trade between the countries of Europe and those of the East and it took almost seven centuries before technology advanced sufficiently to overcome the problem. The answer is found in the ways you can breach a barrier. You can go under, over, through or around. In this case the 'around' option was the only one available, and it came in the form of innovations in sailing. Better ships were built and navigation aids were gradually improved.

Portugal led the way with the rounding of the African continent and the setting up of trading posts in Africa, India, China, Japan and Timor. Spain followed with the discoveries and conquests in the Americas and the Philippines. These two countries had the temerity to set up a treaty to divide the world outside Europe between them with the treaty of Tordesillas, signed in 1494, and ratified by the Pope. This gave Portugal a colony in America, Brazil.

This treaty was viewed with disdain by England, and later Holland, both of whom had embraced



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Protestantism and so both set out to counter the move. Holland had recently thrown off Spanish control of their country and claimed the East Indies, a number of islands in the Caribbean and what is now South Africa. England concentrated on what is now the eastern part of the U.S.A.

France also set up colonies in Canada and the southern area of the U.S.A. while Russia, advancing east over the Urals, set up a colony in what is now Alaska. Clashes between countries became commonplace. One consequence of these conflicts was the rise in piracy on the high seas.

The decisive turning point was the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588, which established England as a dominant sea-power, and the increase in the number of British colonies began, firstly with the conquest of many Caribbean islands and islands

in the Mediterranean Sea.

Britain then took control of Canada from the French and then the land-grabs really began, to strategically protect the trading empires which had sprung up. Britain gained Australia and New Zealand and a host of islands in the Indian and Pacific Oceans, Egypt, India and sundry ports scattered around the world, and finally South Africa. It lost its American colonies in the U.S.A. where a new country was formed.

Meanwhile, the French claimed great areas on Northern and Central Africa along with Belgium, Germany and Italy. During the 1800s, the newly-formed U.S.A. took on a new approach to acquire land, by buying land from France and Russia to expand its size. It did not extend this courtesy to Spain, using conquest instead.

Each of the colonies had to set up a postal service to look after the traders and this is why we have a plethora of Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, French and British colony stamps to collect. A Canadian stamp issued in 1897 showed the existing British colonies.

With planning work underway for the 2026 Commonwealth Games, lots of wonderful local events in the calendar, and construction sites working on projects all over the Valley there is a lot to be optimistic about, even in the depths of winter! More than one million households have signed up for the latest round of the Victorian Government \$250 Power Saving Bonus, which is also helping people to find a better energy plan for their needs.

My office has been helping lots of people to apply, so please get in touch or head to <https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au> if you have not already received your payment.

We are also keen to get as many ideas as we can about how Gippsland can shine on the world stage when the Commonwealth Games come to Victoria in 2026.

We have invested record funding into new and upgraded sporting and community facilities across the region since 2014, built a brand new athletes village, infrastructure upgrades, job opportunities, and projects to promote community pride will all be front and centre of the work we do together in coming years. As winter COVID numbers increase around Australia, it is more important than ever to stay up to date with your vaccinations, which greatly reduce the severity of COVID symptoms. If you have not booked your booster shot or your flu vaccination, head to

Harriet Shing



your local pharmacy, GP, or local vaccination site, and tick it off your to do list.

I would also encourage people to wear a mask in settings where physical distancing is not possible, and to reduce the risk of getting COVID or the flu, particularly during the cold weather when lots of us spend more time indoors. If you are a casual or contract worker, you may be eligible for the

government funded Victorian Sick Pay Guarantee. This provides up to five days pay so that workers do not have to choose between going to work while they are sick, or losing a day's pay. Please contact my office if you would like to find out more.

Finally, thank you so much to the many people who have reached out with well wishes since I began in my new roles as Minister for Regional Development, Water, and Equality. I am so proud to represent the Eastern Victoria Region and now to take on these new responsibilities, and the local support I have received has been so wonderful.

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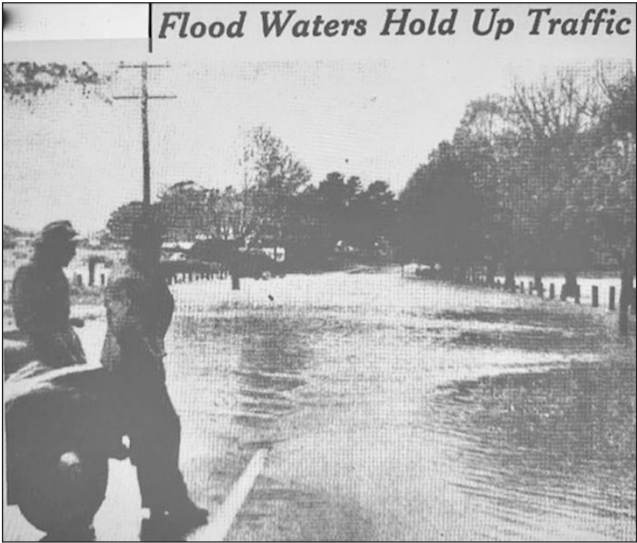
Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Morwell and District's own Splendour In The Grass

Flood Waters Hold Up Traffic



Morwell River flood waters over VicRail tracks 1934



By Leo Billington

Lately we have been inundated with media coverage showing flooded campsites, extremely muddy conditions and drenched party goers at Splendour in the Grass 2022 recently held near Byron Bay. Well in excess of 30,000 people endured soggy conditions to enjoy music, fun and anything else possible.

Morwell and its immediate surrounding district had experienced "unprecedented deluges with flood waters doing immense damage." The Morwell Advertiser in early December 1934 provided coverage of local flooding during which time, many families were driven from their homes. While not quite a Splendour in the Grass 2022, or a total disaster akin to the more recent Lismore floods, Morwell was awash with water.

Some of the oldest residents were unable to

recall such wet conditions. For two days, Thursday, December 6 and Friday 7, over six inches of rain fell during those 48 hours. The rain was incessant, creating havoc on roads and for river crossings.

The Morwell Advertiser reported:

"Many bridges were washed away and in places four feet of water was rushing across the roadway. All road traffic was blocked between

Melbourne and Morwell, and owing to washaways on railways there was no train service from Friday until Tuesday. As a consequence, no mails or daily papers were received and considerable inconvenience was caused, especially to business people. No one appeared to be able to settle down to their ordinary work and everyone was considerably perturbed about the general conditions of things. On Sunday two aeroplanes flew over Morwell

and one dropped a parcel with yeast for Mr W. E. Wilson, baker".

The Morwell River had overflowed "big time"; Tramway Road culverts were destroyed, animals were swept away, Morwell based Yallourn Power Station workers were unable to travel to work, concrete bridges could not withstand torrents of water.

Local resourcefulness was creative. Mr Col. Davey secured a boat to cross the flood waters with his milk for Yallourn, whilst Mr Bud Kleine, butcher, and Mr J. R. Rutherford, baker, combined in making arrangements with the local Station Master for an engine and van to run from Morwell to Yallourn, to enable them to send out meat and bread. Animals rescued from islands was by way of a rope tied around the horns of each animal, and led to safety one by one.

Some Sunday church services in Morwell were cancelled. There was great difficulty for ministers and parishioners to be present.

Even Sunday School classes were cancelled for some days.

For those wishing to travel from Yinnar, the Eel Hole Creek bridge near the Hazelwood Cemetery was destroyed. Any detours via Hazelwood South were considered risky. The Billys Creek bridge at Jeeralang Junction was washed away and travelling from Morwell township to Driffield was out of the question. Thoms Bridge was wrecked, farm crops were ruined. At Yinnar, Mr Arthur Bond lost 17 cows. Closer to Morwell, Mr Paddy Brinsmead lost 50 sheep and Mr John McGauran lost 150 animals. Morwell was basically marooned.

The head teacher of the Brown Coal Mine State school with his wife and baby, who were on the Yallourn side of the open cut were cut off from their other three children at the Brown Coal Mine township for two days.

In Morwell township itself, the bowling green was flooded, streets in low lying land were impassable.

During a visit by members of the State Electricity Commission to inspect flood damage at Yallourn, and as there were no pumping facilities, it was concluded that "it would take months to clear the coal faces." Estimated cost of damage in the open cut was £1,000,000. One suggestion was to drain water via a channel to the Morwell River.

Another massive flood occurred in October 1953 when the Latrobe, Thomson and Macalister Rivers converged with water flowing across vast areas of Central Gippsland. This time, Traralgon, Morwell, Moe, Boolarra, Yinnar, Trafalgar and most localities in-between battled with floods. The Princes Highway at Moe for instance was completely impassable with a massive gap torn away from its surface.

The 1953 floods were reported in detail in various other newspapers such as the South Australian Advertiser, The Age, The Kalgoorlie Miner, The Newcastle

Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, The Melbourne Herald and The Argus.

On December 20, 1934, it was reported by the Morwell Advertiser that:

"The Victorian Premier, Sir Stanley Argyle, said that gifts to the Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of victims of the floods would be free from Federal and State taxation. He said also that there was no intention to impose a tax to assist in paying for the damage caused by the floods. It would be a pity to spoil the good work which was being done voluntarily.

Referring to the position of municipalities, Sir Stanley Argyle said that he realised the difficulties of shires in which there had been devastation. The State could not do everything, but in the case of a municipality which was "in financial difficulties" consideration would be given to the question of helping it to restore urgent services".

Scams robbed Australians of more than \$2 billion last year



Australians lost a record amount of more than \$2 billion to scams in 2021, despite government, law enforcement, and the private sector disrupting more scam activity than ever before, the ACCC's latest Targeting Scams report reveals.

The report compiles data from Scamwatch, ReportCyber, major banks and money remitters, and other government agencies, and is based on analysis of more than 560,000 reports. Reported losses to all organisations totalled almost \$1.8 billion, but as one-third of victims do not report scams the ACCC estimates actual losses were well over \$2 billion.

Investment scams were the highest loss category (\$701 million) in 2021, followed by payment redirection scams (\$227 million), and romance scams (\$142 million).

"Scam activity continues to increase, and last year a

record number of Australians lost a record amount of money," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"Scammers are the most opportunistic of all criminals: they pose as charities after a natural disaster, health departments during a pandemic, and love interests every day.

The true cost of scams is more than a dollar figure as they also cause serious emotional harm to individuals, families, and businesses," Ms Rickard said.

Based on reports to Scamwatch in 2021, women reported the most scams but men lost more money than women, and men's losses to investment scams were double women's losses. In culturally and linguistically diverse communities, women had slightly higher losses than men.

People aged 65 and over reported the highest losses, and reported losses steadily increased with age.

In 2021, Scamwatch received record levels of reports and losses from Australians that may have been experiencing vulnerability or hardship. People with disability made twice as many reports compared to 2020, and their financial losses increased by 102 per cent to \$19.6 million.

The number of reports by Indigenous Australians increased by 43 per cent between 2020 and 2021, and reported losses increased by 142 per cent.

People from culturally and linguistically diverse communities experienced an 88 per cent increase in losses last year compared to 2020.

"The increasing number of reports by people experiencing vulnerability is a very worrying trend. Everyone from government, to banks, and digital platforms needs to do more to address this," Ms Rickard said.

"The ACCC is

particularly wanting banks to match payee information in pay anyone transactions. This has been shown to have a real impact in countries that have done so."

ACCC research presented in the report shows that scams are almost ubiquitous in Australia today. Ninety-six per cent of respondents had been exposed to scammers in the previous five years, and 20 per cent had fallen victim. Of those who lost money, 56 per cent were unable to recover any of it.

In 2021, the ACCC increased its work with government agencies, domestic and international law enforcement, and major banks and telecommunications providers to share intelligence, disrupt scams and raise awareness in the community.

An international effort involving the Australian Federal Police led to the Flubot scam being stopped earlier this year. In 2021,

the telecommunications sector's new Reducing Scam Calls Industry Code resulted in more than 357 million scam calls being blocked.

"The public and private sectors have introduced a number of new counter fraud initiatives over the last couple of years, but there are still too many gaps in the system that scammers are able to exploit," Ms Rickard said.

Scamwatch data shows that between 2020 and 2021 there was a 60 per cent reduction in losses from inheritance and unexpected money scams, and only a one per cent increase in losses from travel, prizes and lottery scams. Conversely, losses from investment scams increased by 169 per cent over the 12 months.

"We have seen a marked decline in some of the older, low-end scams and an enormous increase in more sophisticated 'white-collar' fraud, such as cryptocurrency

investment scams," Ms Rickard said.

"There was a spike last year in scams relating to pyramid and ponzi schemes, where investors are paid with funds collected from new investors, largely due to the emergence of some sophisticated ponzi investment scam apps.

If an investment opportunity seems too good to be true, we urge all Australians to not go anywhere near it," Ms Rickard said.

People who detect a scam, whether or not they have lost money to it, can report scams and learn more about how to get help on the Scamwatch website at scamwatch.gov.au

They can also follow @scamwatch_gov on Twitter and subscribe to Scamwatch radar alerts to keep up to date with advice for avoiding the latest scams affecting the community.

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FLASHBACK

School at Jumbunna

When I arrived at school I got the shock of my life. There were only about 15 other students attending. There was only one portable building and a toilet with no roof. That day I became friends with a boy called Jeremy who was the son of the teacher. We were the only children in grade three, so we had to sit and work together.

When the bell rang, which was a cow bell, I had to wait under a large pine tree for the bus to pick me up. After a year at Jumbunna I moved to Churchill North Primary.

Coming soon!

If you are in between Grades 2 and 6, and you have absolutely nothing to do on Wednesday afternoons, then this is a Kid's Klub for you!

Who? What? Where? When, How? Do I hear you ask?

It is on at the Co-Operating Church in Churchill. Some of the things we will be doing are singing, playing games, cooking, craft, art, concerts and much more.

New school at Hazelwood North

Hazelwood North Primary is reputed to be the largest rural school in the state that is not serviced by a town.

Three kilometres from the present school is an area of rolling farm land now inhabited largely by cattle.

In the very near future, it is hoped that in the paddock bordering Jeeralang North road, the brand new Hazelwood North School will become a reality.

Double disco at Churchill

Who is running the program? The discos are co-ordinated and supervised by Morwell and District YMCA staff and volunteers, and were made possible with a grant from "Rage without Alcohol."

Now a University Town

In July 1990 the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education becomes Monash University College Gippsland and Churchill becomes a university town.

How would you like Churchill to develop?

The visionaries of the 1960's who saw Churchill as a city of 40,000 people will have been proved right even though their timing was a little out.

The future of Churchill is in our hands, how should we shape it?

First Hazelwood brownie pack

Our theme was Keep Fit and Healthy as the Pack had decided to work for the 1990 Keep Fit Challenge badge. We are also beginning to work on the Literacy badge.

Churchill in the 1990's

Many services in Churchill have always been inadequate. Various surveys have highlighted numerous areas of inadequacy.

Of particular concern in the early days was the lack of doctors, busses, a hotel, a public hall and various shops. **Many gaps have been filled but public transport and inadequate shopping facilities still remain as Churchill enters its' fourth decade.**

There are now fewer shops than in 1967. It had been hoped that the sale of

the shopping centre to private enterprise last year might herald renewed development. Alas, the amenity had deteriorated with poor cleaning and maintenance. Talk of building more shops and providing a larger food store by the new owner has not developed further.

Willing hands to plant trees

The Ranger and the Friends of Morwell National Park are having a tree planting day in July and would welcome anyone who can assist with planting 1500 trees in the park.

Last chance Deb Ball

The Churchill Football Club Ladies committee organised a Last Chance Deb Ball as a fund raising event.

Eight couples made their Debut being presented to the Official Party consisting of Mr and Mrs Eric Rowley, Mr and Mrs Bob Lambden with Mike Answerth as Master of Ceremonies.

Young Town, Great Potential

Here is an update on plans for celebrating Churchill's 25th Anniversary later this year.

Additions to the programme: Lumen Christi fete, Kurnai Churchill musical, Glendonald tree planting, Commemorative wall, Historical display, and a Grand Parade in town with Morwell Citizens Band, our Fire Brigade and more.

Watch the Churchill News for more details, but start planning to have your group in the parade.

"Hello" from Alaska

Lumen Christi school engaged in an exciting teacher exchange program

this year.

The School principal, Mr Michael Dyson and family, set off for Alaska. Meanwhile Mr Bart Harmerling and family from Alaska settled in Churchill.

Senior citizens village

A public meeting will be called early in 1991 to establish a Senior Citizens Development Committee.

It is proposed that a Senior Citizens Village be developed at Churchill, comprising a number of low income public housing units and some donor units, a 38 bed hostel and a multipurpose Senior Citizens Centre which would fulfil a wide range of needs.

Making a home in Churchill

This was our first home in Australia, having just arrived from England 15 days earlier.

Needless to say everything was strange to us, and not knowing anyone here in Churchill could have made matters worse, however our neighbours made us welcome and helped in every way.

Across the Editor's desk

Well here we have the first ever, 24 page edition of the Churchill News. What an achievement that was!

The Churchill News began in May 1966 as a single sheet of quarto paper. By the end of March in 1966 a grand total of 10 families were in residence at Churchill.



"Connecting Your Community"

SPORT

Lawn Bowls Come and Try Day

As the warmer weather draws nearer, the Churchill Bowls Club will be conducting a range of bowls programs in the coming months to promote lawn bowls in the Churchill and District environs.

Lawn Bowls is an enjoyable, social, and recreational activity that can be played by people of all age groups and fitness levels.

With this in mind the Churchill Bowls Club will be holding a Come and Try Day on Sunday September 11, commencing at 11am, all welcome to attend. This will be followed by a free sausage sizzle after completion of the games. Bowls and coaching will be provided. Come along and enjoy a great social afternoon of lawn bowls.

With the 2022/23 bowls season only a couple of months away the club is already preparing for a challenging year, as the club, having won the Division 5 Pennant Grand Final last season, will be stepping up to compete in the Division 4 competition later this year.

The Churchill Bowls Club will be fielding three sides in the pennant competition this season, with Churchill 1 and Churchill 2 sides playing on Saturdays and the launching of our new

exciting Midweek side which will compete on a Tuesday.

The introduction of our new Midweek side will be a great incentive for the Churchill and District communities to join our club and be part of a developing and progressive organisation.

The club has recently recruited Barry Flanagan from Morwell Club, Craig Roberts from Yallourn North, and Cathleen Dodd, who after standing out last season, will be back to play this year. The addition and calibre of these players will be an asset to the bowls club this season.

The Churchill Bowls Club conducts Indoor carpet bowls every Wednesday evening, commencing at 7.00pm and concluding around 9.30pm. Cost for the night is \$5.00, so come along and enjoy a social game of indoor bowls, with tea and coffee supplied.

The club will be holding a Trivia night on November 19, 2022 at the Top Pub in Morwell, commencing at 7.30pm. The format will be ten tables consisting of ten contestants per table at \$10.00 per person, finger food and a light supper will be served during the night, good prizes available. For bookings contact B. Brown on 0444 453 922.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Saturday 2/07/22 Stableford. A Grade - D. Ellwood (13) 37. B Grade - M. Harvey (22) 38. C Grade - R. Welsh (26) 38. D Grade - M. Hutchinson (27) 37. DTL - G. Harvey 37, D. Byers 36, J. Barnes 35, R. Madigan 35, P. Kearns 34, P. Smart 33, S. Caldwell 32 C/B, G. Beyer 32 C/B, J. Soppe 32 C/B, S. Sanders 32 C/B. NTP - 3rd M. Hutchinson,

5th D. Mc Grath, 14th D. Cluderay. Birdies - 12th D. Byers.

Tuesday 5/07/22 Monthly Medal - Winner - S. Caldwell 74 Nett. Scratch - S. Caldwell 96. DTL - C. Stevens 78 Nett. NTP 3rd D. Caldwell, 12th S. Caldwell, 14th C. Stevens., Putts - D. Caldwell 30, J. Blizzard 30.

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Hazelwood Rotary Club

Hazelwood Cemetery

How people are remembered and not forgotten (continued)

By Leo Billington

Early in May 1918, Maria Whitelaw aged 30, was shot somewhere along the road from Morwell.

Reported as a "foul deed" in the local press, it was believed Maria was shot by her husband, aged about 33 years, who allegedly encouraged her, on a false pretence, to accompany him in travelling the same road.

Maria, was the daughter of Alfred and Priscilla Firmin, Morwell. Her untimely death was a total shock to Morwell's close-knit community. Maria's mother did recall Charles James Whitelaw accompanying his wife as they left their farm house. In testimony to an enquiry, it was alleged Charles was carrying a Winchester repeating rifle, saying he was going to check on farm animals which he thought were being interfered with.

For some weeks prior, Charles was angry about people apparently opening gates and putting horses with his cattle.

According to his neighbours, he believed some cows had been killed, also and that potatoes he had grown were being stolen.

Others reported Charles

was known to "sit up until late" well into a new day. A local conclusion was, due to these ideas, his mind may have become "unhinged."

After the shooting, a Victoria - wide police search was mounted to find Charles.

Two "black trackers" from Queensland were even deployed to hunt down Charles.

Sightings were reported that Charles had swum to freedom, taking advantage of the undergrowth in the Morwell River.

Other reports had him in Dandenong, the Haunted Hills (where a skeleton was discovered), Gembrook and parts of western Victoria.

The Adelaide Register newspaper reported about the murder in early May 1918.

The Traralgon Record (Tuesday, November 4, 1919) reported "Mr Vary, J.P, considered there was no doubt that the skeleton found in the Haunted Hills was that of Charles James Whitelaw.

There was not sufficient evidence to show how Whitelaw came by his death," which Mr Vary J.P believed took place on or about May, 1918. A verdict was entered accordingly.

Charles James Whitelaw's whereabouts

for almost 12 months after Maria's death and her funeral to the Hazelwood Cemetery on May 10, 1918 remains an unsolved mystery albeit recalling what Mr Vary J.P concluded.

Maria is buried with her parents. Charles and his infant son, Alfred Charles James are buried together in an unmarked grave, designated by a white wooden cross at Hazelwood.

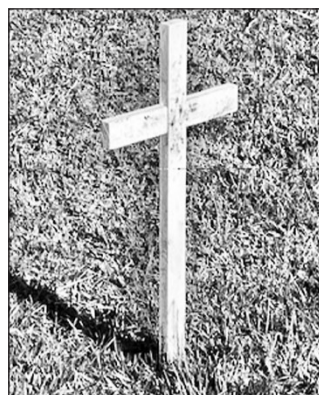
On the afternoon of Friday, November 1, 1929, William Henry Scott, aged 17 and living with his parents, Emily and William at the Brown Coal Mine Settlement Yallourn, was killed when he was trapped by a fall of gravel at the old brown coal mine.

Apparently, Scott was watching men excavating from the face of the overburden, when he was caught in an avalanche of falling gravel.

All available men set to work to rescue him from under the 50 tons load.

The lad died a few minutes after he was uncovered.

His father was there and helped in the rescue (Morwell Advertiser, Friday



November 8, 1929). After his funeral he was buried in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Recently, a visitor to the cemetery was searching for an unmarked grave where Frederick William Aurisch is buried.

From digital records, the grave was identified.

It will soon be marked accordingly as a token of respect for the young man.

He was living and working on a farm in the Johnstone's Hill - Ryton area.

Frederick was last seen leaving from the house, taking a gun with him. A search party of local residents and Constable Pearce of Boolarra, searched for two days before finding him on Tuesday January 18, 1938.

He was found dead with



a gunshot wound in his body, lying across a log.

There are at least two theories about Frederick's death - either his gun mis-fired or he took his own life.

His parents, Elizabeth

and Thomas Aurisch are buried together in a separate grave.

Like other cemeteries, Hazelwood Cemetery holds its mysteries, secrets and curiosities.

Neighbourhood Watch Latrobe Inc. and Churchill Town Safety Group

Security for kids on the internet

It is a great time for parents and carers to remind or teach their children tips to be more secure online.

Cybercriminals aren't kind to kids. They search for easy targets to steal data, including personal and financial information, making it vital for even tech-savvy children to be aware of potential dangers.

Check out:- <https://www.cyber.gov.au/cyber-security-kids>

The Cyber Security Instruction Manual: A kid's guide to using the internet securely provides simple tips and fun activities for primary and high school aged children, to help parents and carers teach their children about basic cyber security practices, and about staying secure online.

What can you do?

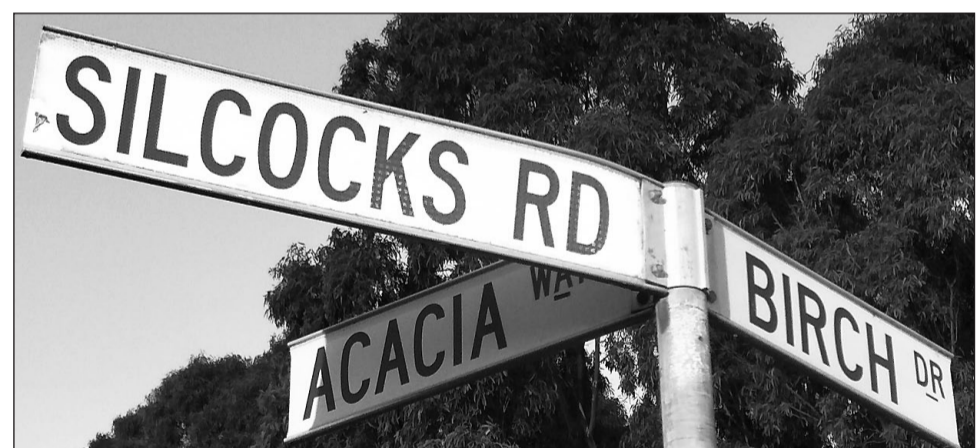
We are encouraging Australian

families to strengthen their children's cyber security online by taking the following five steps:

1. Use strong passphrases to secure gaming, social media and all other accounts.
2. Activate multi-factor authentication to add multiple layers of protection.
3. Turn on automatic security updates on all devices to fix weaknesses.
4. Check settings and set portable devices to require parental approval before software is installed.
5. Report and recognise scams.
6. Keep an eye on the kids activities on the computer and try to keep yourself up to date with new things happening on line.

Parental controls can also be used for this purpose.

Where we live



Acacia Way Churchill

Acacia Way is in Silcock Estate, named after a large genus of pod bearing trees and shrubs widely found in Australia and parts of Africa.

In Australia acacias are known as wattles.

Birch Drive Churchill

Birch Drive is in Silcock Estate, named after a genus of deciduous trees widely found in the Northern Hemisphere.

Silcocks Road Churchill

Silcocks Road is west of Monash Way and named after the pioneering family of Charles Patrick Silcock

Senior and Catherine Silcock.

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Churchill CFA - Australian Fire Danger Rating System

What is AFDRS (Australian Fire Danger Rating System)

The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) is consistent across Australia, easier to understand and will provide clearer advice on how to stay safe.

The new system has four rating levels instead of the

previous six:

MODERATE

HIGH

EXTREME

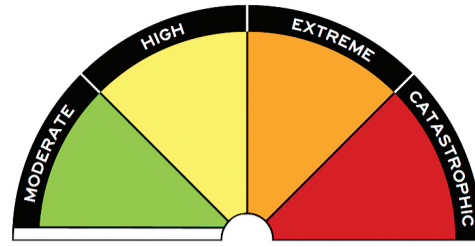
CATASTROPHIC

Clear, easy to follow advice is associated with each level. It will be introduced on September 1, 2022.

As it is a national system it will not matter where you

live, travel or are across the country, the system will be the same.

Further information will be shared by CFA with the community about this new system in the lead up to implementation on September 1, 2022, or as our local indicator boards get updated to the new rating system.



MODERATE

Plan and prepare

HIGH

Be ready to act

EXTREME

Take action now to protect life and property

CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

Launch of Online Learning Module



Victoria's fire services have launched an online learning module to support older people and people with disabilities to plan for fire emergencies at home.

The new e-learning module, Prevent, Detect, Escape – Home Fire Safety for people at higher risk, is the first of its kind in Australia, and has been made by CFA and Fire Rescue Victoria for people at increased fire risk, and for people who support or care for them.

On average, 18 people

die in residential house fires in Victoria every year, and people are at higher risk if they have difficulties identifying that a fire has started, or if they're slower or unable to escape from a fire at home.

CFA Churchill Captain Shane Renwick said the new course focusses on three main elements to reduce risk. "Prevention is key, and this module looks at the many ways people can reduce the chance of a fire starting," said Captain Renwick.

"However, if there is

a fire, early detection is crucial, and the importance of working smoke alarms is a big part of this module. Finally, this module helps people understand how to make an escape plan that is right for their individual needs.

High-risk people are over-represented in fatal fire statistics. National statistics show 62 per cent of people who die in preventable house fires have a disability," said Captain Renwick.

"This module has been

created to help us reduce the number of fatalities, injuries and the number of fires that occur. The development of this e-learning module has been a truly collaborative effort. It has been designed to be user friendly and has been adapted to suit different learning styles with elements such as videos, audio, subtitles, and quizzes."

CFA and FRV worked with a wide range of stakeholders on the development of the module, including people with live experience of disability,

carers, support workers, and service provider managers or coordinators.

Sale resident James Griffiths, who is vision impaired, was one of 50 people who provided feedback on the module.

James has first-hand experience of the dangers of house fires, having escaped from a burning house as a child, and said it is critical for people with a higher fire risk to know what to do in an emergency.

"I already have additional considerations for everyday

life because I'm blind, but this module focuses on more specific things to think about so you are prepared for a house fire.

What is also important is that this is not only for people with disabilities or older people, who may be at higher risk; it is also for carers, family members, and support service providers."

The Prevent, Detect, Escape – Home Fire Safety for people at higher risk e-learning module can be completed online at cfa.vic.gov.au/atrisk.



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- FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT WEST PLACE
(Courtesy Churchill CFA)
- FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT HAZELWOOD VILLAGE
(Courtesy LV Neighbourhood Watch)
- ANTI-THEFT VEHICLE NUMBER PLATE SCREWS REPLACEMENT
(Hazelwood Village Car-Park – see the Neighbourhood Watch crew)

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Clean up around Churchill



NBN
The National Broadband Network (NBN) has had a hardworking crew of men around town.

Removing the asbestos from the telephone pits and installing new tubs to keep the wires in better condition.

Let us hope our new NBN internet services show positive results from these improvements.

New plantings

The Council contractor has removed the old post and wire fence along Monash

Way and since last issue plantings of various species have been done.

The area now looks tidier and it will be interesting to see how the plantings progress.

Path Edges

Council maintenance team members Bruce and Gary used their machine to tidy up the edges along the many pathways in Churchill.

It makes such a difference to see the tidy paths.

Thanks Bruce and Gary.



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SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

We have had an exciting start to Term 3 at Hazelwood North Primary School after a well-deserved holiday break!

NAIDOC Week

During Week 1, all students participated in a number of engaging and informative activities to celebrate NAIDOC Week.

During our House Meeting, our House Captains read the Dream Time story about Tiddalik the Frog to their groups.

After the story, students created puppets to retell the story together in Yarning Circles.

It was a real delight to watch the younger students work with the older students in a calm and collaborative environment.

Another great NAIDOC activity occurred in the 3/4 grades. They made gorgeous Indigenous and Australian flags using a paper tearing technique. This effect looked

wonderful, and they are now proudly displayed in their classroom windows.

Also, during their Literacy Block, students were reading a variety of information texts to learn more about some of our famous Indigenous Australians such as Cathy Freeman, Ernie Dingo, Eddie Mabo and Bronwyn Bancroft.

Chinese Learning

York has been at it again,

ensuring our students are fully immersed in Chinese culture by bringing along a large, vibrant dragon puppet. Students thoroughly enjoying playing with it and watching it move around.

New School Building

Over the holidays our builders started preparing the site for our new office and toilets! During Week 1, students watched as their beloved basketball court turned into mud. A

bittersweet feeling as we are all excited to have a brand new one very soon.

The idea of new toilets as well makes this process a lot easier on everyone too. We are looking forward to watching the next step in the process - the slab being poured!

Visual Arts

This term in Visual Arts students will be producing pieces of work based around the theme of ANIMALS.

Students begun our unit by drawing and colouring Australian animals. The 5/6s learnt how to draw kookaburras, while the 3/4s learnt how to draw wombats, the 1/2s learnt how to draw kangaroos, while the F/1s learnt how to draw koalas. It was wonderful to see the amazing animals our students produced and the way they all personalised their work to ensure each piece looked unique.



Above - Sadie and York
Right - Kookaburra drawings



Construction is well underway



Bryce, Josh, Carter and Sarah reading about our famous indigenous Australians



SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY



Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Sophia who was awarded Aussie of the Month. Sophia was recognised for always being happy to give up her time to help.

She is particularly excellent when helping younger students. Sophia is kind and thoughtful.

She thinks about the needs of others and makes everyone feel special.

Sporting News

Our students are very excited to welcome Mr Peavey back to our school for another term. Mr Peavey runs sports lessons at Boolarra Primary School once a week.

Students have been learning about tennis, football and basketball. Ryder from Grade 6 says "It is fun to go outside and play sports with Mr Peavey. I like

playing coconut island in tennis the best."

Welcome Murphy

We have welcomed a new four - legged member to our school. Murphy is a cavoodle puppy which attends Boolarra Primary School a few days a week with his owner and one of our teachers Ms Larrad. Evidence shows that just being near a dog when stressed can reduce anxiety.

Many students report that they feel more relaxed during teaching and learning time when there is a dog in the classroom. Schools with a dog have seen improvements with attendance, behaviour, communication and student leadership.

Murphy has certainly made a positive impact at our schools and our students are always excited to share their

learning with him.

MS Readathon

Throughout August, Boolarra Primary School is going on a magical quest filled with adventure and mystery and it is all for one incredible cause. We are reading as many books as we can in August to raise funds for kids who have a parent living with multiple sclerosis.

Money raised through the MS Readathon will help fund vital support services, like special family camps.

These camps provide an opportunity for kids who have a parent affected by MS to learn more about MS, bond with other kids and have fun with their family.

Please consider supporting our students on their MS Readathon adventure.



SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

Robots Come to CNPS

Churchill North Primary School students have had an exciting start to Term 3, with new robots joining our expanding STEM program. Students in Foundation to Year 2 will spend the term using BeeBots, a floor robot that moves forwards, backwards, turns left and right, flashes and makes sounds.

In small groups, our students program their BeeBot with a set of coordinates to move to specific locations around the classroom or on a floor mat. Here, students are introduced to real-time programming and are able to explore directional language. So far our students have explored the basic functions of a BeeBot, used alphabet mats to move our bots to

specific letters, as well as following directional cards and debugging our robots when things go wrong. Our students in Years 3 to 6 will spend Term 3 using Ozobots, a small robot that uses colour sensors on its underside to read the surface it is driving on.

They provide our students with the opportunity to develop their problem solving skills and encourage critical thinking, whilst incorporating each area of STEM education. Ozobots can be coded in two different ways - offline using hand drawn Colour Codes, or online using the visual programming language, OzoBlockly. There is a large collection of colour codes that an Ozobot can read which allow it to perform certain functions.

Our students have begun exploring how to calibrate their Ozobot, the differences between symmetric and asymmetric colour codes, as well as introducing speed changes. Later in the term we will begin using OzoBlockly to create simple, text-free codes that are uploaded from computer to Ozobot through flash loading.

We have had a really positive response to the arrival of our new robots. Engagement levels during STEM have been sky-high and robotics has been a common theme of discussion during yard duty. I am really looking forward to working with our students to develop their coding and programming skills as we move through Term 3.

By Mrs. Louise Howlett, STEM Teacher.



SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY



Great to see everyone back for Term 3. We hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday.

Naked Eggs – Grade 5/6

This week, to revise the procedural writing genre, we watched a YouTube clip on how to make naked eggs. We distilled key information in note-taking form and then used our notes to write a procedural piece.

We also learnt the reasoning behind what happened to our eggs which is:

The shell of an egg is made up of primarily calcium carbonate. If you soak an egg shell in vinegar

(which is about 4% acetic acid), you start a chemical reaction that dissolves the calcium carbonate shell.

The egg insides remain intact as it's held together by the two fragile membranes just inside the shell.

Solar System Investigations

Students in Grade 1/2 are investigating the solar system—our home in space. They will learn that Earth, the planet on which we live, is just one of many different celestial bodies within the solar system.

They will learn how the sun, the stars, the moon, and the other planets relate to the earth (given its position in



space).

Students will learn that the sun is a giant star as well as a source of light, heat, and energy for the earth. They will also learn about the earth's orbit around the sun, and how the earth's own rotation on its axis leads to the phenomenon of day and night. Part of this study is focused on the history of space exploration and the missions to the moon. Students will learn about NASA, the Space Race, the Apollo missions, and what it takes to be an astronaut.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Harvey Brighton who

competed in the Schools Sports Victoria State Cross Country Championships. This is the highest level that you can compete in the state and it was great to see Harvey running amongst the best in the state. Harvey was also one of the younger competitors in his age group so it was a fabulous effort all round.

Well done Harvey!

Grade Prep, 1 and 2 – Maths Lessons

Our focus in mathematics is shapes and strategies for addition and subtraction, including reasoning about the equality of number sentences.



Our learning about shapes will include making shapes from other shapes and linking this to fractions.

In Grade 1 and 2 we learn about half, quarters and thirds so you may find opportunities to talk about this at home in relation to fractions of objects or collections.

For example, cutting a sandwich into quarters or giving a sibling half of the lollies!

Fun in the yard

It is great to see some fabulous creativity taking place in the playground. Perhaps these are some of our future architects,builders,

plumbers or landscapers in the making! It is fabulous to see children working, playing and collaborating together to build these amazing bush huts in the playground.

Grade 1 and 2 learning about the different attributes of shapes

Grade Prep are learning how to be flexible with Ten, bigger or equal, place and position of numbers, measure and order, looking for and creating patterns.

They are also focusing on shapes and how to use, make and measure shapes and how to sort and describe data. They are also looking at clocks and time.

Yinnar Farmers Market

The high cost of fresh fruit and vegetables has often been in the news this year, with iceberg lettuces fetching up to \$12 each. But with much lower overheads for transport and storage, and without the difficult growing conditions being experienced in other states, prices for fresh produce from local Victorian farmers markets are currently cheaper than at the supermarket. Yinnar South residents Rosemary Abetz-Rouse and Skye de Hommel want to showcase the produce grown in the local district with a Yinnar Farmers Market on April 1, 2023. "Yinnar's closest farmers markets are in Traralgon (a 54km round trip) or Mirboo North (a 40km round trip)" said Rosemary. "Also, the cost of a stall in the bigger farmers markets can be prohibitive. We want to offer smaller producers the opportunity to reach a local market without a big fee."

Skye de Hommel said she has been wishing for ages that there was a quality fresh produce market option closer to home. Having spearheaded the popular Yinnar Food Truck Festival, she is familiar with the paperwork involved in holding a large event, and is experienced in online promotion. "We hope it will be successful and we can

convince all the stakeholders to support something more regular," she said.

Penelope "Pea" Swales of Piggery Road Permaculture in Boolarra is passionate about grow-it-local food. She says "Small-scale local food production is a far more resilient way to feed our communities. Right now, the whole country is feeling the impact of floods on the Lockyer Valley. The broadacre farmers affected have lost millions and are facing enormous personal and financial stress. However, small local farms like mine, and therefore our customers, have not been impacted at all.

It has been suggested to me that I could take the opportunity to put my prices up, but to me, that would defeat the purpose of what I am trying to do, which is demonstrate that local communities can feed themselves with fresh, local and in-season produce.

That's not to say that my farm might not be impacted by a natural disaster one day, but if we localise food production, such impacts would not be so widely felt."

The Yinnar Farmers Market will be backed by a small grant from Food For All Latrobe Valley (FFALV), an initiative of the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone,

"COVID-19 has highlighted the instability of the current food system, and we have seen more people interested in purchasing local produce", said FFALV coordinator Claire Tartaro. "We are excited to support this community project working to increase local access to fresh, nutritious food." The Yinnar Farmers Market is looking for stallholders selling fruit and vegetables, meat, seafood, dairy, eggs, honey, plants, seeds, nuts, sausages, cheeses, olive oil, fruit juice, bread, jams, sauces, coffee, flowers, and biscuits. To find out more, email yinnarfarmersmarket@gmail.com or visit the Yinnar Farmers Market Facebook page.



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Vice-President
Y&DHD Inc.

The role of the Committee of Management of the Y&DHD Inc is to provide assessable and affordable housing for members of the community aged over 55 years.

The Committee is responsible for the management and upkeep of the 11 units that make up Greenside Villas at 9 Main Street Yinnar. We are not a

fundraising committee and we never hold fundraising events.

The Committee is comprised of volunteers from the Yinnar and District community. There are no paid positions and elections are held annually for all positions. We are a non-profit organisation and an incorporated body.

With the future retirement of long-standing committee members we are on the lookout for suitable

people in our community to put their hands up to join us. We meet once a month on the second Wednesday at 5pm in the very comfortable meeting room at the Yinnar Hall.

At the monthly meetings reports are tabled from the Treasurer, the Maintenance Volunteers and the Resident Representatives. Meetings are usually only one hour in duration.

Greenside Villas is a valuable asset to our town and worth over \$2

million. If the Committee of Management cannot be run by volunteers the facility could (but this is definitely not the plan) be handed over for social housing with no local management involvement, so it is important that the Committee stays active.

If you are looking for a way to give back to your local community please call our President Graeme O'Hara on 0427 849 158 for further information.

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