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The Wear House – unexpected care at LRH



Every day, patients arrive at Latrobe Regional Hospital (LRH) unexpectedly for care due to a multitude of reasons including sporting and recreational activity injuries, disease and serious medical conditions, trauma or crises including mental illness or emergency birthing.

Patients who are brought suddenly to the Emergency Department obviously do not arrive with a change of clothes and toiletries. If admitted, the option has been a floppy surgical gown or contacting family or friends to pack the necessary items.

However if you do not have a network of family or friends close by, have been airlifted to LRH from a far away location or are homeless, how do you access clean clothes, pyjamas, underwear and other items for your

hospital stay?

LRH has set up a facility called 'The Wear House'. It is a portable building donated and transported to the hospital by a generous local benefactor, Weblease.

The building has been kitted out with a ramp and a large entrance to give easy access to everyone. The renovations were made possible through fundraising, in particular, the proceeds of the hospital's Virtual Fun Run and Walk.

What a surprise awaits patients as they enter this neat interior. It features open wardrobes with men's and women's clothes, drawers neatly compartmentalised to hold clothing for various age groups, genders and sizes including underwear, socks, baby clothes, beanies and camisoles. Shelves hold

t-shirts, tops and other items.

Under the open wardrobes are more drawers containing Betty Care Foundation bags with a basic kit of clothing for women. At the far end of The Wear House is a cupboard which contains additional stock including toiletries, thongs, slippers for older people and other essentials. All items are brand new.

The project has involved the community, hospital staff and its volunteers, the Community Champions who help to keep an eye on stock levels.

Many staff have signed up to donate regularly to the cause through their wages or collect bargains from department stores for the facility. The staff are thrilled this initiative has been instigated, and report the wonderful

emotional boost new, clean clothes gives to a person's well-being and dignity.

Based on current figures, at least one patient a day will access this facility. Emergency supplies are located in the ED for weekends and after hours.

Lisa says the lovely letters of thanks they receive shows how very much appreciated this free service is and what a lift it gives to those it benefits. She says she is proud such a facility is available for those who find themselves in a vulnerable state.

Donations of new goods, especially men's and women's underwear and men's T-shirts would be welcomed by the LRH Community Engagement team. Call 5173 8577 to learn more about The Wear House or other fundraising activities.

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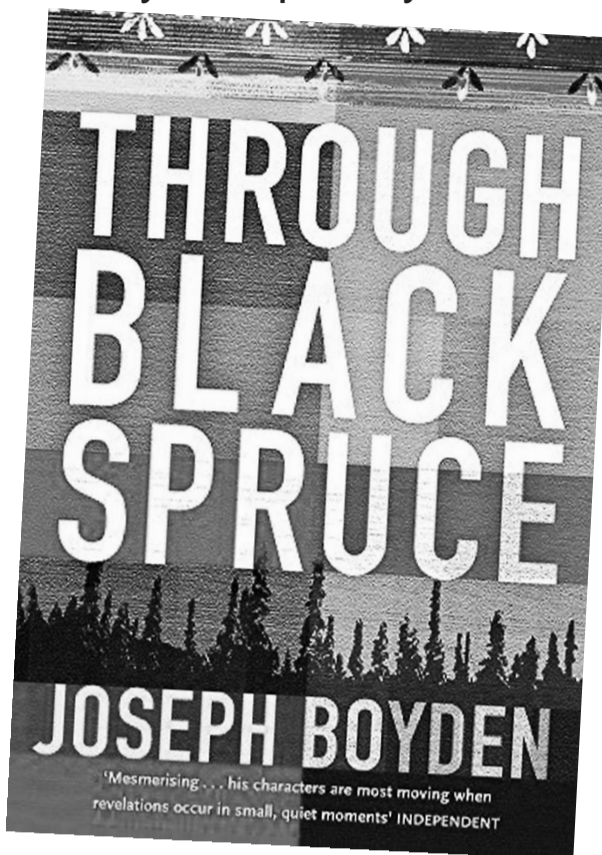
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Book Review

"Through Black Spruce", 2009

by Joseph Boyden



Joseph Boyden is a Canadian author of Irish and Scottish descent. His controversial claims of Indigenous heritage have been met with scepticism and outright dispute. He was born on October 31, 1966 in Willowdale, North York, Ontario, Canada and educated at Brebuef College in Toronto then York University and later the University of New Orleans. He is a Professor of Writing and a mentor. His works include "Three Day Road" 2005, "The Orenda" 2013, "Wenjack" 2016, "Born With a Tooth" 2001, "Louis Riel and Gabriel Dumont" 2010, "Kikwaakew" 2012, "Wabush Outside The Wire/Nanook Looking In" 2012 and "Mixed Blood Highway" 2018.

"Through Black Spruce" is set mainly in Northern Canada amongst the First Nations Cree people and is told through the eyes of Will and Annie, who is one of Will's nieces.

Will has been a bush pilot and from his hospital bed we hear the story of his life "in two colours", meaning the traditional cultural lifestyle he is trying to preserve and pass down and life in a small township where drugs and alcohol abound. Annie is closest to him and is also trying to follow a traditional lifestyle.

In Moosonee where they live, Will has been persecuted by Marius, the local stand over man. His brother Gus and Will's niece Suzanne, who are involved in the drug trade, have disappeared and Marius thinks Will knows where they are.

Will is subjected to various acts of intimidation and violence as a result.

Annie decides to go and look for Suzanne, who is a successful model. She goes to Toronto with her friend

Eva where she meets some Cree people, one of whom is "Painted Tongue" (Gordon), a mute who becomes her protector. She has no luck in Toronto so travels with Gordon to New York and meets associates of Suzanne.

Because she looks so much like her sister she becomes involved in the glamorous modelling scene and the drinking, drug taking lifestyle. It soon becomes evident that the "controllers" of this scene are trying to find her sister through her

and she and Gordon are lucky to escape with their lives. They return home and Annie sets about teaching Gordon their traditional ways.

While she has been away Will has shot Marius in the head and thinking he has killed him, fled to an isolated island to avoid capture. Eventually he has had to return home and discovers that Marius is still alive and seeking revenge. As a result the severe beating Will has received has put him in hospital and he is in a coma. The story has a gentle ending.

This wonderful book is beautifully written and full of mysteries, telling of the tensions between past traditions and modern society. It also explores grief, loss and guilt but mostly love and the importance of family.

Many of the issues the Cree encounter are similar to those of our own Indigenous people - racism, discrimination, poor health and high rates of incarceration whilst trying to maintain the foundations of their society, such as the importance of family and the desire to pass down language, culture and traditions.

This was a great holiday read, full of twists and turns and keeping the reader fully engaged.

Rainfall

Churchill

February rainfall was well below average with only six days of rain recorded, for a total of 26mm falling for the month. The year's total for the two months is now 57mm. this is a very similar start to the year as it was in 2022.

Rain at Hazelwood South

February was almost as dry as January with only 32mm of rain, and 71% of the

February average.

The ground water left over from last year kept the trees in good condition, and most of the grass green.

The Latrobe Valley weather station received only 24mm, making Hazelwood South 34% wetter. A passing severe storm mostly missed Hazelwood South, making this summer pleasant, without extremes and damage.

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Churchill Fire Brigade

Remembering Darren McLean



On Monday February 20, prior to the brigade's monthly meeting, a short ceremony was conducted by brigade President Allan Larkin to honour the memory of Darren McLean.

While attending a fire in Yinnar South on February 14, 1982, Darren was

critically injured when the Churchill/Jeeralang Tanker rolled into Middle Creek when the edge of the road collapsed.

Darren and other injured crew members were transported to the Traralgon hospital by ambulance before Darren was airlifted

to Melbourne for further treatment. On March 7, 1982, Darren passed away from complications as a result of his injuries.

Darren McLean was a dedicated volunteer firefighter who gave his life in the service of his community. He was only 17.

Smoke Alarms – have you checked yours?



As we head into autumn and the end of daylight saving, our attention again turns to checking and changing our smoke alarm batteries, as only a working

smoke alarm saves lives.

Each year, Churchill Fire Brigade assists elderly residents in our community by providing a free service to do an inspection of their

smoke alarm and battery.

If you are not already a participant in this program, but would like a check completed, please contact Ruth on 0456 786 577.

Reminder – Fire Danger Period now in force in Latrobe

In recent weeks, Churchill and other local fire brigades have responded to an increasing number of burn offs during the Fire Danger Period. The Fire Danger Period is when CFA restricts the use of fire in the community. This is to help prevent fires from starting. Despite the weather having

cooled somewhat, and a bit of rain and heading into autumn, our recent run of hot days has dried out our landscape significantly.

The Fire Danger Period is in force until May 1, 2023 unless lifted by published notices earlier. During the fire danger period, there can be no burning off in the open

air without a permit. If a fire is lit in the open air, even on a milder day, the penalty can be significant.

To understand more about what you can or cannot do, check out the CFA website: <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/total-fire-bans-and-ratings/can-i-or-cant-i>

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Chaplain

Re-reading some of my old postings to the Churchill and District News, I came across one about C.S. Lewis (and some of his quotes) that I thought was worth re-using.

He lived 1898-1963 and is probably best known for his fictional work (especially the Narnia Chronicles).

However, his non-fictional writings provide a lot of information about some of his important life discoveries.

For instance, he was nine years old when his mother died.

After her death he was, understandably surprised that he could ever experience joy again.

But as time went on, he had what he described on one occasion as "such a sudden intense feeling of delight that it sort-of stopped me in my walk and spun me around."

He started to want more of these times.

Considering himself an atheist, he did not initially think that joy had anything to do with God, saying "no slightest hint was vouchsafed me that there



ever had been or ever would be any connection between God and joy".

He distinguished joy from happiness or pleasure, saying "If you want joy, power, peace, eternal life, you must get close to or even into the things that have them".

He went on to discover that it is God behind all of this he desired.

In 1929, aged 31, he converted from atheism to theism, admitting "that God was God", despite seeing himself as a 'reluctant convert'.

He said, "I believe in Christianity, as I believe that the sun has risen; not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else".

Worth thinking about!

Snippets

A beautiful Holy Communion service was held at the tiny church of Holy Innocents at Yinnar South on January 29 at 7pm. Bishop Richard and Reverend Dr John Morgan took the service to commemorate the name of the church and to remember the origins of the name.

The service was in remembrance of the massacre of young children in Bethlehem by King Herod the Great in his attempt to kill the infant Jesus (Matthew 2:16-18). To no avail as Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus fled to Egypt at the prompting of the Angel Gabriel.

Approximately fifteen people attended. Music was played by Margaret Sunderland and Gordon Rouse. It was a delightful service, even though it had included the brutality of Herod, and the sadness that would have been caused for the parents of those children killed. People stayed around and chatted and enjoyed the coolness of the evening following a hot day in this special setting.

Ian Combridge took the service on February 5 at the Co-Operating Church in Churchill.

During children's time Ian asked the children how they would say thank you for a good deed done to them.

Then he said that God has shown us his love in many ways in the Bible and to help us stay connected he sent his Son Jesus to clean away our sins and make us worthy to call on God's help as his followers.

We may want to repay this very special gift that was freely given for us to accept.

So if we could do anything to show our appreciation what gifts could

we offer God as our thanks?

He wants us to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God. So that is to be kind every day in our living and to be respectful of other people and to be humble in our approach to God.

The children went away to find pictures of what they thought appropriate to give God.

In the Bible, the word "Blessed" is an inner state of being.

Two things may be observed in the Beatitudes. First, Jesus radically changes the conventional concept of happiness, a reversal of all human values, God's gift to those who choose to be his followers.

True happiness is "not attached to wealth, to having enough, to a good reputation, power, and possession of the goods of this world."

George Telford took our second Sunday service. His focus was on the fact that we have choices to make in life. Choices to take us on the right or wrong path.

The choices we make count and make life what it is for us.

Retrospective thinking is an interesting thing to do, and if we use it as a tool to examine mistakes we have made and learn from them, then it can be very powerful indeed.

The Bible is full of examples of the benefits of following God's word as compared to not following



it. Fortunately we have our consciences to help keep us on the straight and narrow. Jesus, however is taking things a step further.

He is not only condemning certain types of behaviour, he is now bringing into play our thoughts, our attitudes, and our deepest considerations.

Does what we think, say something about how close we really are to communion with our God? However, thought does not have to translate into action.

Instead use communion with God and his grace to attempt to reconcile rather than to agitate.

Cathie is taking an extended series of services for Lent which is upon us. To start we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancakes and a small service. The following day was Ash Wednesday which also had a small service.

The palm crosses from last year were turned into ashes and anointed on people with the sign of the cross, to remember that Lent is a time of reflection, fasting and repentance; a sombre time of self-examination where we acknowledge our sins, ask repentance and then try hard to live life more as Jesus would have us do.

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Saturday 6.00pm St Vincent's, Morwell. **Sunday 9.00am** Lumen Christi, Churchill. **Sunday** (Every 4th Sunday alternates Yinnar/Boolarra. See bulletin). **10.30am** Sacred Heart, Morwell.

Churchill Christian Fellowship

Work is still ongoing at the hall. Split system air-conditioners are being installed and we are setting up a new sound system.

The long-awaited repairs to the kitchen ceiling and flooring are also happening soon, as well as some windbreak doors between the hallway and the auditorium.

Working bees are being held every month throughout 2023, except for April because of Easter.

Our first Healing Rally at the new venue took place on February 17 and there will be another at the RSL Hall in Yinnar on Friday March 17, 7.30 pm. So, there is a lot happening at Churchill Christian Fellowship.

We certainly encourage local people to come check us out.

It turns out we have been advertising the address incorrectly.

Initially, we were led to

believe that the property was at 760 Tramway Road but in fact it is 762 Tramway Road. There is only one hall next to the soccer club so there is no need for any confusion.

We just have to update our literature and advertising, etc.

Home fellowships are on Tuesday evening (call 0409 173 747 for more info) and the hall is open from 10-12.00 on Thursday mornings for Craft, Coffee, Chat.

Visitors always welcome.

King of Glory Ministries International

King of Glory Ministries International is an independent, non-denominational ministry based in Churchill, and sharing the Hazelwood South Hall with Churchill Christian Fellowship.

We conduct healing and revival meetings in co-operation with Churchill Christian Fellowship on the third Friday night of each month at 7.30.

In even-numbered months this is at the hall on Tramway Road, next to the soccer ground, and in odd-numbered months it is at the Yinnar RSL Hall.

Jesus Christ is still in the business of healing bodies, minds, emotions and spirits.

If you are sick, hurting, worried, or in need of prayer for any reason, we invite you to come along and have an encounter with God that will change your life.

Also, on Saturday April 22, we will be holding a Christian Creators Fair at the Churchill Christian Fellowship hall, from 10am till 3pm.

Christian writers, artists, musicians and craftspeople will have stalls where you can buy great gifts for Mothers' Day.

There will be live music during the day, as well as a coffee van and sausage sizzle, and a clown and activities for the kids.

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Easter in Yinnar



On Saturday April 1, 2023, the popular Easter in Yinnar event will be returning to Main Street Yinnar thanks to generous support from Latrobe City.

From 2pm to 6pm there will be Easter market stalls, food trucks, live music, free activities and entertainment, and of course a free Easter egg hunt for the kids.

The event will then conclude with a BBQ, followed by an outdoor movie commencing at 7pm.

Bring along your esky out with friends, family and neighbours.

For more information, search Yinnar & District Community Events on Facebook.

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Community support needed

There has been a call for the local community to support the campaign to keep an engineering school in Gippsland. The call came after Monash Gippsland Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Brian Mackenzie told a public forum held at Monash last week that the decision had been made to transfer students to Clayton and Caulfield in 2004. A review that led to this decision will now be broadened after a meeting of the University Council on Monday, the Council will then make a final decision. Student Union Vice-President Terry Pritchard is urging all staff, students and the local community to get behind the university and show their support for the campaign to retain engineering in Churchill.

Good fishing

It was a perfect spring day for the Associated Angling Club's annual Junior Fishing Competition at Lake Hyland in Churchill. There was an excellent turn out with 99 young anglers taking part.

Lake Hyland was stocked with 600 brown and rainbow trout to ensure a good days fishing for all. Churchill & District Lions Club provided much needed refreshments to the anglers.

Community transport

The Latrobe Co-ordinated Community Transport project provides transport services to and from medical appointments and runs services to the Latrobe Regional Hospital for medical and visiting purposes.

Turn off the taps

Gippsland Water has announced that Stage 1 Water Restrictions on properties in all serviced areas will be effective from December 1, 2002. Long range weather

forecasts show that total October to December rainfall is likely to be 60% to 70% below the long-term average in southern Victoria. These unseasonably dry conditions are the result of higher than usual sea temperature in the tropical Pacific Ocean, which is one of the features of a developing El Nino event.

Hazelwood Rotary in action

Hazelwood Rotary Club is gearing up for the usual burst of activity prior to Christmas. This includes the sale of Christmas puddings and cakes, the wrapping of presents at Mid Valley Shopping Centre and participation in the Churchill Christmas Carols.

CDCA

At its October meeting CDCA adopted the following as priority for the 2003 year. A safety audit including overhanging trees and branches and cars parking across footpaths, continuation and development of walking tracks, provision of public toilet facilities in Churchill and the Canterbury and Monash Way intersection. Other items discussed included the need for footpath repairs in various locations around Churchill and the need for rubbish bins along the Eel Hole Creek walking track.

Local history in Yinnar

This past year has been very busy in the "Goods Shed". With more display space we would like to add to our collection. We are very interested in items that everyone had and used, for example great-grandmother's crocheting hook, local photographs and newspaper clippings. We like to hear people say "We had one of those!"

Busy year at Lumen Christi

Lumen Christi Primary School had a busy year

as we celebrated our 25th anniversary. There was a "Back To" weekend in June where over 200 people attended a dinner at Churchill Football Club on the Saturday night. A big crowd attended Mass on Sunday, toured the school and shared a barbecue lunch.

New Principal at Yinnar South

Mark Anderson is the new Principal at Yinnar South Primary School. Mark had this to say: "I feel very fortunate to have been appointed to such an excellent school."

Hundred Year Rock

Churchill Primary School staged its first musical for five years over three nights in late October. The show was a huge success with each performance being sold out. Written by Deborah Martin productions "Hundred Year Rock" is a comedy set in a far off kingdom. The story centres on a royal family, a couple of fairies and a cast of weird and wonderful characters. Every student in the school was involved in some aspect of the production, from making props, to performing and backstage work.

Human Power

Hazelwood North Primary School has been competing in the RACV Energy Breakthrough since 1977. It is held every November in Maryborough. This year the school entered two teams, the Renegades and the Rampage team, with eight drivers in each. As well as the Road Race that lasts for fourteen hours, the teams are judged on a visual and oral presentation and vehicle design. The Rampage Team completed 341 laps of the circuit to finish 19 overall. The Renegades team finished 30 overall with 312 laps.

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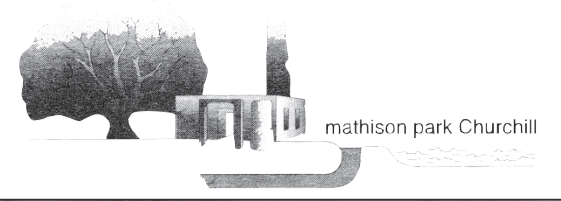
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Mathison Park



At our working bee on the second Saturday (our designated working bee day) of February 10, wonderful volunteers turned up to help maintain the park.

With large piles of mulch left on the east side for us, and lots of mulching of garden beds needed there, the goal was to take as much of the mulch and place it where needed so it could be spread.

Lots of weeds needed to be removed before the mulching could take place.

Piles of weeds attested to the hard work.

The day was predicted to be hot but the morning had an excellent working temperature and so work was done with enthusiasm and a sense of achievement as trailer load after trailer load was carted, dumped and mostly spread.

Lively chatter and banter among the workers proved what a wonderful social time volunteering can be as well as helping our fantastic park.

A welcome call to morning tea at 11 under the shade of a tree was well received.

Cold and hot drinks along with delicious slices helped to replenish energy to work on until after 12.30.

The Gippsland Interchange crew have started back helping in the park following the holiday break.

The first week they helped to clean up around our new trees and mulch around each one.

Week two saw them clean up fallen branches and rubbish along the Mackeys Road area and



do more mulching and cleaning up around the trees.

Week three they helped to spread the remaining unspread mulch.

We were thrilled to receive a donation from the group of five nesting boxes made by them to be installed in the park.

Council tree crew felled a dangerous tree near the lake's edge.


The volunteers helped to clean up the remains.

With Darren Chester and his assistant we walked along the recently upgraded boardwalk which has a new entrance and exit.

Thank you Darren for the grant which allowed the upgrade of the boardwalk



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New Art Project for Churchill

Our first meeting for 2023 was held in February. Guest speaker was Liam Bantock from Latrobe City Council. Liam came to our meeting to tell us about the new creative project Council is undertaking in several towns, including Churchill, which has been funded by Latrobe Health Assembly.

A project officer has been appointed by Council to consult with the community about a new creative arts project for Churchill and then oversee the design and installation of the artwork. The artwork might be a static mural or sculpture or a series of signs, lights, displays, or something else – totally left field (as the saying goes).

The aim of this art project is to reactivate a public space and is to centre on some transition space used by the public, such as a laneway, underpass, transport hub or open green area.

Another new project coming to Churchill is the installation of an outdoor table tennis setting. Liam was able to advise us that a contractor is finalising plans for a number of settings to be placed in several towns in Latrobe, including Churchill, and installation works will commence soon.

You can find out more

about the work Latrobe Health Assembly is doing, including the Creative Latrobe project at <https://lookingforwardlatrobe.com/>

CDCA appreciates having a Council Officer attend most of our bi-monthly meetings, as it gives us a chance to ask questions and have any outstanding matters followed up.

One of these outstanding matters we asked about was the sale of Hazelwood House, which we'd assumed had been finalised. Liam undertook to make inquiries within Council on our behalf.

We received the following response: "Nathan Kearsley, General Manager – Organisational Performance advised - No further update is currently available regarding the proposed sale of Hazelwood House, and the transaction continues to be negotiated."

What this means would seem to be anyone's guess!

We were also advised that the lighting upgrade to the Churchill Town Symbol was on-track' to commence in mid-February.

Works did begin as planned on the ground and with the new switchbox but, due to the age and design of the structure there has been a delay in installing new lights. Some specialist safety equipment is required

for the workers to scale the structure, which has to be shipped from the United States, as the right fit could not be obtained here.

CDCA has previously written to Council requesting that the Town Entry signage located on Monash Way be updated. Some of the featured service groups (e.g. Churchill Guides) no longer exist; some, like CDCA, have updated their logo and then there are other service organisations (e.g. Churchill Christian Fellowship) which would like their logo included.

We have been told that Council is undertaking a municipality wide signage review, so there will be no progress on our request until Council's review has been completed. There are always ideas, discussions and news on local matters at CDCA meetings. Often, there is a guest speaker too. We welcome interested residents to come along and participate.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 13, in Studio 1, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall (park and enter from Philip Parade). We start at 7pm and finish by 9pm.

We are hoping to have someone from Latrobe Health Assembly attend our April meeting to talk further about the work the Assembly is undertaking, and what outcomes will be achieved for Churchill.

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.

You can attend one of our meetings, which are held on the second Thursday of every second month, commencing at 7pm.

Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species:
Scaevola porocarya.
Family:
Goodeniaceae.
Derivation:
Scaevola: A Roman surname, from Caius Mucius Scaevola (507BC), who attempted to



assassinate Porsena and, on being apprehended, burnt off his own right hand. It is derived from the Latin scaevus, meaning left or left-handed, and refers either to the resemblance of the dried flowers to a withered hand or the one-sided fan-shaped corolla of some species. Pronounced SEE-vo-la, but invariably altered to SKE-vo-la or SKAY-vo-la in Australia.

porocarya: From Greek, poros, meaning a passage or pore, and caryon, meaning nut, referring to the cavity in the endocarp (a woody layer surrounding a seed in a fleshy fruit) of this species.

Common Name: Striate-fruit Scaevola.

Distribution:
Endemic to Western Australia, where it grows in sandy, clay soils on the Geraldton sandplain, occurring north from Geraldton to the area around Kalbarri.

Description:

A dwarf to small, spreading to ascending shrub to 2m tall and broad, often with weak, straggly and entangled stems. Green leaves are up to 12cm long and 2cm wide, linear to oblanceolate with recurved margins. White to blue fan-shaped flowers with a cream throat appear in winter and spring and can be up to 3.5cm wide, followed by grooved fruits to 15mm by 10mm in size.

Opinion:

This is another plant that was, but no longer is, in my garden! The photos were taken in September 2020, of the first flowers to appear on this plant. Unfortunately, a few weeks later there was a hot, dry spell while we were away, the plants didn't get watered in time, and a few didn't cope. It didn't help that this one was in a hanging basket, dangling from my pergola in the backyard, in full sun and sheltered from any cooling

breezes, so that it readily cooked in a series of out-of-the-blue 30? days. The plant hadn't been there long enough to achieve any great size, so I didn't get the chance to try for cuttings. I chose a hanging basket because of the

natural habitat of the species, deep sand in a semi-arid landscape, not expecting it to like the heavy, wet soils of Boolarra, but it might have had more of a chance if I had planted it in the ground. If I am ever able to source another specimen, I will hedge my bets, take some cuttings and plant them in a variety of positions in the hope that at least one will settle in for the duration.

The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group hosts monthly activities, excursions and / or meetings. Interested persons are welcome to join in, please contact Mike for more information, email mcandcjb@gmail.com or phone 0447 452 755.

Sources: Sharr – WA Plant Names & their Meanings.

Elliot & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 8.

Online – FloraBase: The WA Flora, Google.

Neighbourhood Watch Latrobe Inc. and Churchill Town Safety Group

Top 5 scam calls

1. Amazon impersonation: Scam calls about an issue with your Amazon account. They claim funds will be taken from your account if you do not act immediately by providing personal information.
2. Banking/finance impersonation: Scam calls, emails and SMS claiming suspicious activity, unauthorised debits, or that your account has been suspended. They request personal details to verify your identity.
3. NBN impersonation: Scam callers posing as someone from technical support. They claim there is a fault with your internet to get access to your computer and personal information.
4. Telstra impersonation: Similar to the NBN scam. Callers pose as Telstra technical support and claim you have issues with your service or internet to access your computer and personal information.
5. eBay impersonation: Scammers use a recorded message to claim you

have made a purchase that requires a charge to your account. This is to get you to provide personal information.

How to avoid scams

- Do not provide your personal information to an unsolicited caller or sender of a message.
- Do not open links in any unsolicited messages you receive.
- If the brand has an app you can use instead of receiving messages, consider whether this will work for you. Messages you receive via the app are much more likely to be legitimate.
- Even if a message slips into a legitimate message stream on your phone, double-check it is from the brand concerned.
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Latrobe Community Health Service General Practice Nurse Sue Whittle is a qualified cancer screening ambassador with the Cancer Council of Victoria.

Have you had your health checked?

General Practice Nurse Sue Whittle has been working with Latrobe Community Health Service for 26 years, and has a keen interest in women's health and cancer screening. "I've conducted 170 cervical screenings over the past two years alone," Sue says. Sue recently upskilled to become a qualified cancer screening ambassador with the Cancer Council of Victoria. "I felt it was a great opportunity for me to use my knowledge to discuss all cancer screening with my

patients, not only cervical screening," she says. This ambassadorship enables Sue to discuss breast screening, cervical screening and FOBT (foecal occult blood kits) with her patients, and give them the most relevant and up-to-date information. Cancer screening is an important preventative measure," Sue says. "We want to detect cancer early, if it's there, which means a much better prognosis for the patient." Appointments with Sue are bulk-billed, and she also incorporates women's health checks into her cervical screening appointments.

"I don't ever want money to be the reason someone doesn't come and seek help or have a cancer screening done - especially women and people with a cervix," she says. "If you're thinking about having a screening done or there's something you're a bit worried about, come and see me for a chat." Latrobe Community Health Service provides women's health and sexual health services from its Morwell health centre at 81-87 Buckley Street. To book an appointment or for more information, phone 1800 242 696.



Fishing
It doesn't matter where in the world you go wherever there is flowing or moving water, there are fish and where there are fish, there are fishermen and women. The fish is a part of every culture's diet and has been ever since that culture developed and the catching of fish for food has evolved from being a way to feed the family to a battle between man and fish. Today the catching of fish for food is a commercial enterprise but the art of catching a single fish has now a name of its own, angling. Grown men spend lots and lots of money on all sorts of paraphernalia to help them in their quest for the elusive prey, but a kid with a line on a stick and a hook and bait on the end of the line is as likely to hook one as the well-equipped angler. Luck? Well, the local kid knows where the fish are likely to be so they are at an advantage. Being girt by sea as

our anthem suggests makes Australia a great place to fish. There are all sorts of environments, each home to local fish species and each with its own devotees. In the cold freshwater streams of the mountains and Tasmania we find the trout fishermen with their fly-fishing rigs. Trout were introduced from Europe and so they have a special set of skills connected with them. In the freshwater streams which flow across the inland we find the perch, bass and Murray cod. Lower down the rivers in the salt-water tidal stretches we find the estuarine species like the bream, mullet, schnapper and flathead in the south, and the barramundi and mangrove jack in the north. The same fish can be caught along the seashore near the mouths of the rivers. Along the beaches you find the delicate whiting, the trevally, the sea-bream and the salmon. The whiting is caught on a handline close to the water's edge and the

others with a rod and reel rig beyond the line of the breakers. To the north we find the reef fishes which are natives of the coral reefs and all sorts of shapes and colours they are. Some are poisonous so you really have to know your fish when you catch one of these. Beyond the reef out to the continental shelf is the domain of the big-game fishermen who fish for marlin, tuna and shark as trophy fish as much as for food for the table. There are a whole lot of related topics to go with fishing. The right bait has been a subject of discussion for centuries. Also, today we need to limit the number of fish caught in a day. Commercial fishing has almost wiped out whole species like the herring and the cod and the Patagonian tooth-fish seems destined for the same fate. Australia issued a set of four stamps dealing with amateur fishing in 1979. Happy angling!

Gippsland clubs urged to apply for sporting club grants

Grassroots sports and active recreation clubs and organisations across Gippsland are being urged to apply for funding to boost their equipment, skills, and administration expertise. Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing recently announced applications had

opened for the Victorian Government's latest round of the Sporting Club Grants Program. The program provides payments of up to \$1,000 for new uniforms and equipment, up to \$2,000 for training coaches, officials, and volunteers and up to \$5,000

to improve club operational effectiveness. Grassroots clubs and organisations across Gippsland are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. The Sporting Club Grants Program is part of the Victorian Government's commitment to make community sport accessible

and inclusive, stimulate local economies, build sustainable sport and recreation and volunteer opportunities, and increase local participation. It has made thousands of sporting club grants totalling more than \$15.5 million to clubs across the state since 2015.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence said "Sport is the lifeblood of Victorian communities. That is why we are backing more clubs to help with uniforms and equipment, plus grants to invest in the future through training for coaches and volunteers. This is to help clubs get back in the

game so more Victorians can join in the fun and tap into all the sport and career pathways that grassroots community sport offers." For more information and to apply for Sporting Club Grants Program visit sport.vic.gov.au/grants-andfunding

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Manchester Sale at St Matt's.

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Our next event will be a Mighty Manchester March sale. Sleep in cool crisp sheets and buy a new doona cover to brighten up your bedroom. We are also offering three books for \$1 and three DVDs for \$1 to lighten up

your evenings. Feel free to drop in for a rummage through our treasures. For more information, visit the "St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar" Facebook Page or email stmattsyinnar@gmail.com.

Yinnar Community Garden

By Catheryn Thompson.

The Yinnar Community Garden is looking beautiful at the moment.

Lots of La Nina rain has resulted in lush growth and this summer we have had a booty of lovely flowers – calendulas, marigolds, nigellas (love-in-the mist) and sweet peas as well as productive fruit trees and veggies.

The Indigenous garden has been showy with new growth spurts and the boundary line of MART (GunaiKurnai word for 'Acacia dealbata', silver wattle) is establishing well. As usual the working bees have included a small group of keen gardeners.

Special thanks to this group who manage to keep the garden looking tops.

Along with quite a few extra human visitors this summer, there have been several sightings of a very round, rough, furred grey rump scooting under the gazebo at the Yinnar Community Garden. This rump was bigger than a rat and about the same size as a rabbit and the most likely ID is a Southern Brown Bandicoot - a native Australian marsupial that forages for fungi and bugs with long digging toes and a pointy nose. Diggings have been another clue.

The Royal Botanic Gardens Bandicoot Brigade at Cranbourne, says that a single Southern Brown Bandicoot can dig up to 3.9 tonnes of soil in a year! This action helps aerate the soil and leaf litter and spread fungi through the ecosystem which assist plants to increase nutrient absorption. What a great little gardener.

Another clue to help identify the Southern Brown Bandicoot is, believe it or not, sparkling poo! Yes, its scat droppings have distinctive sparkly bits because it eats beetles, like Christmas beetles, that have shiny exoskeletons. Christmas beetles like



Southern Brown Bandicoot

to hang out on eucalypt saplings and we have several at the back of the YCG where the Indigenous garden is being established.

The Southern Brown Bandicoot is in decline due to habitat loss and predation by foxes and cats - so please keep your cats locked up at night!

We have two events coming up for your diary.

Saturday March 18: The Yinnar Community Garden AGM at 4.30pm followed by a Harvest Feast from 5pm. We will be providing

native herbal teas and garden salads, bring a plate to share and \$15 to renew your membership.

Sunday March 19: An Art of D'Ark theatre experience with Choir and Song. Meet at the entrance to the Yinnar Community garden at 4.00pm for this nurturing interactive experience. Entry by donation.

For all our news and events, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/yinnarcommunitygarden>.

Hard Waste Collection locked in for 2023

Latrobe City Council is encouraging residents to utilise the hard waste collection service that will be available across the municipality from the end of February through to April.

The service is available to residents who currently have a kerbside collection service and no bookings are required.

To participate residents can place up to two cubic metres of acceptable hard waste items outside the front of their property for collection at the nominated time for their town.

Acceptable waste items include household appliances such as hot water services, computers and fridges, furniture including

mattresses, couches and tables and metal products like tyre rims (with rubber removed) and car panels.

Materials not accepted include items such as general household garbage, building rubble, tyres, complete car bodies, engines, fuels, paint, oils, chemicals, green waste and hazardous waste.

Please note collections are often done in two loads, one to first remove recyclable products and the second to remove the remaining waste.

For the full list of hard waste collection locations, dates and what is accepted/not accepted please visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

Mayor of Latrobe

City, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan was pleased the hard waste collection dates could be shared with the community.

"We know the community has been eagerly awaiting the dates to be released for the hard waste collection following the collection at Boolarra, Yinnar and Yinnar South last year.

We thank you for your patience. As this is a new service that replaced the previous booking system, it required adequate planning.

The hard waste collection service is a great opportunity for residents to remove waste items from their homes that they had been meaning to dispose of in a safe manner."



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Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre offers exciting new classes and groups in 2023

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is one of the most popular community centres in the area, offering a wide range of classes, programs, and activities for all age groups. The Centre has been providing essential services and support to the local community for years, and 2023 is set to be an exciting year for the Centre and its members.

The Centre has recently upgraded its facilities and equipment, providing its

members with modern and state-of-the-art amenities. The new equipment includes fully upgraded conference and class rooms with new tables, chairs, 360 conference cameras, speaker and projector, this also doubles as a cinema as we are the first Neighbourhood House to get our cinema licence!

We have upgraded our computer room with brand new PCs running Windows 11 Pro.

New height adjustable tables for members in wheelchairs are coming soon.

The Centre's new facilities have opened the doors to many new programs and classes, and there is something for everyone at the Centre. The classes on offer include yoga, Pilates, chair fitness, cooking, art, sewing, patchwork and so much more.

The Centre also offers a range of support groups and workshops, including food bank, counselling, job readiness, and mental health support groups.

We will soon be adding First Aid, Mental Health First Aid, and a wide range of employment skills and short courses.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer a range of exciting new classes and groups at the Centre this year," says the Centre's spokesperson.

"We have listened to our member's feedback and have worked hard to provide them with the facilities, equipment, and programs they need to meet their diverse needs and interests."

The Centre's staff is committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all members.

If you are interested in joining Churchill Neighbourhood Centre or finding out more about the new programs and classes on offer, visit the Centre's website at churchill.org.au.

The website provides detailed information on the Centre's classes, programs, and membership options. The Centre's staff is also available to answer any questions you may have and assist you with your enrolment.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is an essential part of the community, and its new facilities and programs are sure to make a positive impact on the local community.

1st Churchill Scouts



District Joey Scout of the Year Awardee - Charli

On Saturday February 18, I was lucky enough to be awarded the Strzelecki District Joey Scout of the Year. To get this award I had to sit an interview with three leaders from my district and speak about what I loved about Joeys, what I am looking forward to in the future in scouting and how I helped other people.

While in Joeys I worked hard to achieve my top award, the Joey Promise Award.

I loved being a Joey Scout because we were able

to do some pretty amazing activities such as state camps, with loads of activities and try new things like tying knots.

I am looking forward to participating in Strzelecki Showtime when I am old enough and attending more state and countrywide camps as I get older.

While in Joeys I helped other people by being a leader in my unit and assisting others learning new skills like tying knots.

I would like to thank my leaders and my parents for helping me through my Joey journey.

District Venturer Scout of the Year Congratulations to Zoe from 1st Churchill Scout Group who was awarded Venturer Scout of the Year.

District Rover Scout of the Year

Congratulations to Matthew Berend who was awarded the Rover Scout of the Year.

1st Churchill Scout Group currently has limited vacancies to join in 2023. For more information, please contact the Group Leader Tammy via groupleader@1stchurchill.com.au.

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Human Connection Storybook



By Jane Anderson
Thank you again to Churchill News for inviting me to contribute to this edition of your community newsletter. In this edition, I would like to share some highlights from our latest Human Connection Storybook 2022, which showcases why connections matter.

The Human Connections Storybook highlights how social connection has helped people in Latrobe Valley improve their well-being, through the lens of local agencies working in this space. Part of the Human Connections Campaign, the Storybook was released in February with the aim of promoting the benefits of social connection and participation within the community.

Partnering with Latrobe Health Assembly, Latrobe City Council, Latrobe Valley Authority, and the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing. The Storybook showcases the work the agencies are doing to address local barriers to positive health and wellbeing, some of which align with the recommendations in the Human Connections report.

Social connection has strong links to both physical and mental health and wellbeing. Having a network of support or being connected to your community can result in reduced rates of depression, lower blood pressure and give you a

greater sense of belonging. United by the shared aim of improving mental health and well-being outcomes within Latrobe Valley by improving social connection, the partners are keen to share the work they are doing and to recognise the strength of the community itself, with its ability to come together when needed.

I would like to praise project partners. They have worked together and independently on various initiatives with the shared aim of improving community connections, social participation and mental well-being outcomes. Along with other communities internationally and locally, Latrobe is a community that is transitioning to a new future. It is important for us that everyone has an opportunity to benefit from and influence our future vision. Adjusting to changes in our lives may bring opportunity and excitement, as well as anxiety about the unknown.

I acknowledge the impact these changes, and that of COVID-19, have on the health and wellbeing of the Latrobe community. I would like to thank the Latrobe community's commitment to supporting each other when it comes to health and wellbeing. Through social connections, people have been able to cope effectively with large-scale threatening events in the past and have been able to improve their well-being. Connecting

with others enables people to participate in our community, both socially and economically. Some people have lost significant sources of social support due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and lockdowns since COVID have led them to isolation. Some people have been able to identify new ways of connecting locally and more broadly through technology and innovation and enhancing their sense of belonging and community.

It is important that the community of Latrobe is striving to build stronger social connections than ever before, and that it be provided with the support to do so. I will continue to advocate on behalf of Latrobe communities and encourage you to share your experiences with me.

If you, or a group you belong to, would like to share your experiences with me please get in touch with the team on 1800 319 255 and they will organise a time for us to catch up. The full reports can be found on our website at <https://www.lhadvocate.vic.gov.au>. Printed copies are also available from the office or Kylie can arrange for one to be posted to you. If you have any questions about the reports or the information provided, please contact us. You can also keep up to date with my work through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. I look forward to hearing from you in the coming months.

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COOKING with Noelene

Carrot Ring Cake



Late in January, I prepared and posted on my blog Savoury carrot ring. Today I prepared a sweet carrot ring cake, drizzled with honey. To prepare the carrot ring cake, it is essential you use a 10" bundt pan. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Liberally oil your bundt pan and finely sprinkle with fine polenta. Place 1 cup of butter/ margarine in the bowl of your mixer with 1 cup of soft brown sugar (firmly packed). Beat until well blended, creamy and pale in colour. It takes time. In a separate bowl mix together 2 cups of plain flour, 1 tsp of baking soda, 3/4 tsp of salt, 3/4 tsp of ground cinnamon, 1/2 tsp of ground all spice. In a small bowl beat together 4 eggs. Alternatively add the flour mix and the mixed eggs until well blended. The mixture should be light and fluffy. Now beat in 3 tbs of fresh lemon juice and 1 dsp of grated lemon peel. Finally stir through 300gm of shredded carrots. Transfer the batter to the prepared pan. Bake for 40 minutes in the preheated oven, check that it is cooked when an inserted skewer comes out clean. Cool the carrot ring in the pan for 15 minutes and turn out on to a serving tray, drizzle lightly with runny honey. Cover with a cake dome and let stand at room temperature. This cake is best served warm.

Broccoli and cheddar tartine



A tartine is simply an open faced sandwich, just like bruschetta. The combination of ingredients you can add on top of a piece of crunchy bread is endless. Just remember to make it interesting and inviting. Here is what is on the menu tonight at The Manor. Bring a medium saucepan of salted water to the boil. Trim a stem of a head of broccoli and slice into 4 pieces, place in the boiling water and cook for 3 minutes then add the florets, continue to cook for 3 minutes and then drain well. Finely chop the par cooked broccoli. Set aside. Heat 2 tbs of oil in a frypan over a medium heat, add 2 tbs of minced garlic, 2 anchovy fillets finely chopped, 1 tsp of sriracha or 1/2 red chilli finally chopped. Cook until fragrant and combined. Now add the broccoli and 1 dsp of dried oregano and cook until the broccoli is just tender. Preheat your oven grill to high. Brush 6 slices of sourdough bread with olive oil on both sides and grill the bread on each side until golden. Smear a little minced garlic over one side of each toasted slice, then sprinkle over grated cheddar cheese. Place the cheese covered slices under the grill until bubbly and golden then top with a generous spoonful of the broccoli mixture and scatter with finely chopped lemon zest. Enjoy, these are delicious.

Courgette fritters (zucchini)



Come on, these are delicious. Place 100gm of self raising flour in a bowl and add 2 beaten eggs, using a wooden spoon stir until the flour and eggs are combined. Add 50 ml of milk and stir until a thick batter forms. In a separate bowl, grate 300gm of unpeeled and trimmed courgettes. Now add the grated courgettes to the batter with 1 tbs of dried thyme and cracked black pepper to taste (or a drop or two of sriracha). Mix thoroughly. Heat a glug of oil in a frypan over a medium heat and add tablespoon sized portions of the batter to the pan. Cook in batches for 4 minutes on each side. Remove with a slotted spoon and drain on absorbent kitchen paper. Serve with a sprinkle of dried thyme. Simple and delicious.



Oat and potato bread



Grease a 900 gm loaf pan. Peel 225 gm of "allrounder" potato, place in a saucepan with water and boil till tender. Drain and mash the potatoes until smooth. In the bowl of your electric mixer mix together 500gm of strong white flour with 1 and 1/2 tsp of salt, rub in 40 gm of cubed butter, using your fingertips. Stir in 1 and 1/2 tsp of instant dried yeast, 1 and 1/2 tbs of soft dark brown sugar, 3 tbs of rolled oats and finally 2 tbs of milk powder. Mix in the mashed potato and add 210 ml of luke warm water. Now using your mixer dough hook, mix to a soft dough. Continue to beat until the mixture is smooth and elastic (about 10 minutes). Cover the mixing bowl with cling wrap and leave to rise in a warm place for an hour or until doubled in size. It is now time to preheat your oven to 220 deg C. When doubled in size beat the mixture with the dough hooks until deflated. Now transfer the dough to the prepared pan and shape with your hands into a loaf shape. Cover again with cling wrap and let rise for 30 minutes. Brush the surface of your loaf with 1 tbs of water and sprinkle with a few rolled oats. Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes or until the loaf sounds hollow when tapped on top. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. To serve just slice and serve with butter and your favourite topping, this bread makes excellent toast and the best toasties !!

Rogan josh



This was the main dish we prepared in 'Country' cooking class recently. Peel and slice 5 onions. Heat 3 tbs of oil in a med/ large frypan over a high heat. Add 1tsp of fennel seeds, 1 tsp of ground cloves, 1 tsp of cardamom and 1 dsp of sweet paprika. Stir to combine with oil for 30 seconds, then add the chopped onions. Continue to cook until the onions soften 10-15 minutes. Now add 2 tbs of minced garlic, 1 tbs of minced ginger, 1 tsp of ground turmeric, 2 tbs of ground coriander, 2 tbs of tomato paste and as much or as little sriracha that suits your tastebuds. Stir through and remove from heat. Slice in half 1 packet of cherry tomatoes and place in the bottom of your slow cooker bowl, along with 2 tbs of red wine vinegar and 125 ml of water. Now add 1.5 cubed shoulder lamb and pour the spice and onion mixture over. Stir to coat the lamb. Cover and cook on HIGH for 4 hours. Serve over rice or mixed grains.



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Lawless family descendants 2023



Tony Lawless, Brian Mynard, Haven Lawless, Pat Lawless

Members of the Lawless family gathered in Yinnar to mark 100 years since Anne and Jim Lawless married and settled in Hazelwood.

Jim's Grandparents, Nicholas and Mary (Walsh) came to Australia from Ireland in 1841 and settled in Gordon near Ballarat. Jim's Dad, Thomas, married Catherine Scanlon and moved to Budgeree where they selected land.

They had seven children with Jim being their third child. Dad worked as a farmer and timber cutter in

the Budgeree and Driffield area.

Anne's Grandparents, Michael and Mary Browne, emigrated from County Cork in Ireland in 1854 and arrived on the goldfields of Bendigo in 1856.

They lived in a tent city for two years before being able to select land in the Axedale area. Anne was one of ten children. She became a teacher. One of the first schools she was appointed to in 1911 was Budgeree South East School and she taught there until 1916. This is

where their paths crossed.

Jim enlisted in the First World War and served in France under Sir John Monash in 37th Battalion. He was fortunate to return in 1919. In 1922 the Government established the Soldier Settlement Commission which allocated Lots from the former McMillan Estate, to returned soldiers.

Jim Lawless was able to settle on 76 acres on the Morwell River. He took possession and built a bark hut, a cowshed and set to

work erecting boundary fences. In May 1923 he and Anne Browne married in Bendigo and settled in Hazelwood where they raised five sons, Tom, Jim, Jack, Frank and Tony. The family continued farming this area until 2006 when the farm was acquired for coal mining.

Tony is the only surviving son and he attended the gathering with his family. His grandson Brian was the youngest member who attended and his sister-in-law Pat Lawless was the oldest member.



James and Anne (Browne) Lawless May 1923

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Look for the "Recycling Centre" in the Churchill Community Hub near the entrance to Childcare and Kindergarten

And take your plastic bags home to re-use; please don't leave them in our containers!

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Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare



At Maffra Seed Bank with Jenny Wolswinkel, Seeds of Gippsland, Carmen Lee, Maffra Landcare Network and Rebecca Turnbull, Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare
Photo credit: J. Duncan

By J Duncan

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare has recently welcomed new members and supporters from Jeeralang, Yinnar South and Budgereee.

Our group's 2022-23 executive committee is:

President: Rob Crawford
Vice-President: Rebecca Turnbull

Secretary: Peter Earl
Treasurer: Rose Mildenhall

Summer season tasks continue, with seedlings for next winter's planting season needing to be tended, and seed needing to be found and collected for planting projects around the district.

We are hoping to soon be able to establish a cold storage facility for our seed, and we are talking with other organisations and people about this.

In 2021 when we had a lot of seed on hand for our big direct seeding project in Billys Creek, we stored it in the Landcare coolroom and seed bank at Maffra. Maffra is a long way away, and

we're hoping for something closer. Seed keeps best at constant temperatures and a coolroom is ideal.

One strong reason we would like to establish a seed storage facility is to have seed immediately on hand for recovery efforts after floods and fires. If a fire occurs in February, most of the quick-growing pioneer species have finished seeding. These are the locally indigenous plants that could be planted to stabilise the soil, prevent run-off into waterways and out-compete weeds.

In Other News:

Koalas have been on the move again this summer, as have echidnas and native turtles. As their habitats are fragmented or destroyed by land clearing, fire and/or forestry practices, these little critters are more likely to be on roads, where they are often hit by car drivers who do not see or cannot avoid them when distracted and/or travelling at speed. Dog attack also kills and injures

many koalas each year.

Koala rescue and care outcomes generally are not good. According to one of our local registered koala carers, the survival rate of rescued koalas is only about 20%. Creating and protecting substantial areas of habitat away from roads, particularly along and around waterways, could give the animals a chance at life in a deteriorating climate. Giving our precious and unique wildlife safer corridors to move through the landscape would also to some extent avert the need to rescue injured animals.

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group works to protect and enhance native vegetation corridors that we hope will enable koalas and other native wildlife to survive.

There is an urgent need to establish more corridors along waterways and on private and public land that is connected to existing habitat. Our groups two big wildlife corridor projects on Billys Creek and Upper Middle Creek are often a tremendous challenge, but a great experience and one that we would love to share with new volunteers. We are happy to report that one of our members has recently seen a platypus in Middle Creek.

Next Landcare Activities:

Sycamore Slaughter (formerly known as Maple Massacre) at Budgereee Bushland Reserve Saturday April 15, 9.30am to 12.30pm followed by General Meeting.

Yinnar Community Market stall Sunday May 7 morning (TBC)

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Remember these dates

Churchill Shop Local markets will be held at the shopping centre on Saturday May 6, August 26, and December 2.

Craft and market stalls are from 9am until 1pm and sausage sizzles, entertainment and free give aways start at approximately 10am.

Book a stall site through the Neighbourhood Centre's website on churchill.org.au/markets

Shop at Churchill on each market day for your chance to win a voucher to spend at a nominated Churchill retail business.

Hard rubbish collection

The date allocated to have the next Churchill hard rubbish placed out on our nature strip is from April 24, 2023.

Up to 2 cubic metres of acceptable hard waste

with no tyres, car engines, building rubble, household garbage, green waste, oils, fuel, paints, chemicals or hazardous waste can be placed on your nature strip for collection.

Steel and scrap metal should be put in a separate pile to general hard waste.

Call Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700 for more information.

Handicapped parking

How much longer will the two handicapped and other parking spaces at West Place be unavailable owing to extensions at the Centre? They have now been fenced off for at least six months.

Churchill town symbol

The new plan and works for the "Cigar" to have new lighting to the very top is amazing and underway. We can now look forward to the lighting able to have colour

changes to represent various celebrations throughout the year.

Cook and chat

Come to the Churchill Hub and learn to cook simple dishes. There is no cost to you or need to book. For further information phone Nathan, 5120 3850.

Christian Creators Fair

To be held at Churchill Christian Fellowship, 760 Tramway Road Churchill on Saturday April 22, from 10am to 3.00pm. Live music, stalls, sausage sizzle, craft, fun for kids, face painting and more. Stall bookings available. More information from website <https://kogmii.com/events/>

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Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



By Leo Billington

Let's look back, but we mustn't trip up

The famous French painter Henri Toulouse-Lautrec once said, "I paint things as they are; I don't comment. I record." The same goes for history. Take Morwell for instance.

During its time growing up as a community, there are various moments which bewildered us. One was the controversial naming of Churchill.

The "Proclamation of Township of Churchill" was made by the Shire of Morwell on March 15, 1965. The Public Notice (published on March 17, 1965) stated "Notice is hereby given that the Government of Victoria, by and with the advice and guidance of the Council of the Shire of Morwell, has ordered that the Residential, Reserved Living, Central Business, Light Industrial and Public Open Spaces Zones of the Hazelwood Joint Planning Scheme 1963, shall hereafter be known as The Township of Churchill."

A bronze coloured structure 102 feet high which some call a cigar, symbolised the town's link with Winston Churchill. The issue of the town's name re-emerged in 1987. After much lobbying, a survey was taken and a close result favoured retaining the name Churchill.

However, Sir Winston Churchill never visited this locality.

Another was naming a narrow open area called Alexandra Park, so named after Queen Alexandra, consort of King Edward VII, although she never visited Australia. This strip of land between the railway line and Commercial Road, opposite the former Commercial Road Primary School, became the site of Morwell's first bowling club (1913), swimming pool (1925). All this has now gone, obliterated.

The Olympic swimming pool in Sir Norman Brookes Park was built in 1956. Sir Norman Everard Brookes was an Australian tennis player. During his career he won three Grand Slam singles titles, Wimbledon in 1907 and 1914 and the Australasian Championships in 1911. Brookes was part of the Australasian Davis Cup team that won the title on six occasions.

In 1921, Brookes was appointed Chairman of Directors of the Australian Paper Mills Company.

Perhaps here lies the story that land was donated for a new swimming pool.

He began as a junior clerk and by 1904 he was a director of the firm. His father was the Managing Director then.

At the company's Annual General Meeting in September, 1944, Sir Norman, as Chairman, said,

"It was essential that they should be well prepared for the tasks of economic rehabilitation and expansion which would arise after the war. For the past two years, our post-war re-construction committee has been making a careful and comprehensive study of these problems in relation to our own company. As a result, well-considered plans have been matured so that we may act as soon as circumstances will allow".

The Argus, Tuesday September 26, 1944.

Then there is the John Holland Plantation. Sir John Holland AC was an Australian engineer and construction magnate, who founded the John Holland Construction Group in 1949. He was managing director until 1972, Chairman until 1986, and President from 1986 until his death in May, 2009.

During 1963-64, John Holland Constructions held contracts for pipe works when the Hazelwood Power Station was being constructed. Then in March 2005, Theiss John Holland commenced building EastLink which saw the short-term establishment by John Holland Constructions of the concrete products and pre-stressing facility for the project at Morwell.

Today, the John Holland Plantation is a sad sign, perhaps wondering why it is where it is.

Away from distant names and looking at the then Morwell Shire Council, we note that in their March 1945 meeting, Shire councillors debated whether a "comforts station for women was an absolute necessity."

There was such a facility in Korumburra and Trafalgar, so Morwell was entitled to one – so argued some councillors. One Councillor was not convinced, and he successfully moved his motion that "the Shire President and the Engineer report on the whole aspect of the question to the Council's next meeting."

There even was a Comforts Fund Ladies Auxiliary formed about this

time; public donations were keenly sought. Tickets were sold for fruit cakes and hams being raffled. A Morwell Shire Council Comforts Station sub-committee was formed with one Councillor arguing "the matter was becoming urgent." They did not want to "rush this matter" (of providing such a station). At Council's April 1945 meeting, the Shire President, Councillor D J White, suggested "perhaps a caravan could be used temporarily for this purpose"

The following article appeared in the Morwell Advertiser, Monday May 19, 1958.

"R. S. L. wants memorial on new location.

Site is now Undignified," Morwell Sub-Branch of the R. S. L. considers that, with the encroachment of a building on the area,

the present site of the War Memorial in Commercial Road "lacks dignity" for the holding of ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day services. The branch at its meeting on Thursday night May 15, decided to ask the Morwell Shire Council to re-locate the memorial on another site.

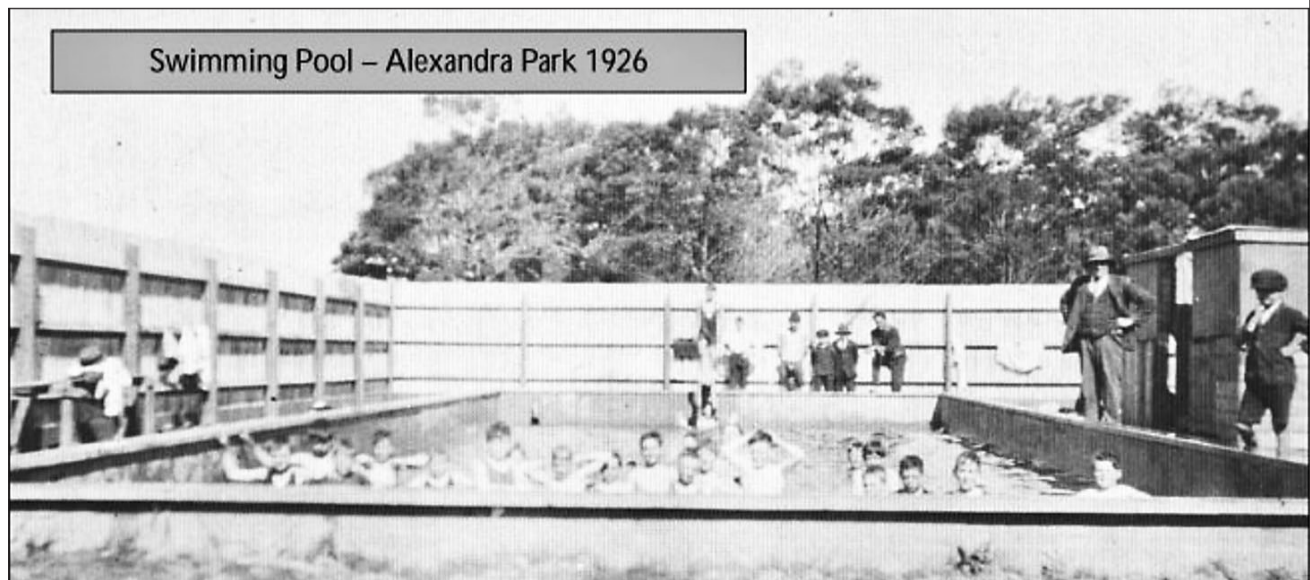
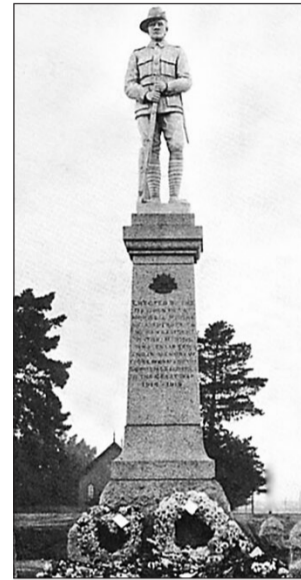
The building referred to by speakers at the meeting, was the new Comfort Station. The Sub-Branch will ask the Council to transfer the Memorial to the Tarwin St. - Elgin Street intersection. Sub-Branch Secretary, Mr. Alf Pearce said that two years ago, a conference between R.S.L. and Council representatives agreed that the memorial should be at the Tarwin-Elgin Streets intersection. However, because of a couple of objections Council received, the matter lapsed. With the

erection of the Comfort Station, the subject should be revived".

That is, the new comfort station located immediately adjacent to the former subway detracted from the dignity of the then War Memorial in Commercial Road. It needs reminding that the community push for a womens' comfort station basically started in about January-February 1945. While there were public toilets at the Town Hall and in the centre of Hazelwood Road, public concern was constantly heard about the cleanliness of these two facilities.

To finish on one intriguing historical anecdote, writing in The Argus April 26, 1945, correspondent, George H Johnston said, "Although only a small area of this

vast Latrobe Valley brown coal deposit has, as yet, been usefully prospected, we already know that it can supply Victoria's fuel requirements for more than 1,000 years."



Recycling at the Hub



Ball Your Foil!

It is good to see just how much clean aluminium foil is brought into the Churchill Community Hub and dropped in the container at the recycling station. Many people seem keen to recycle as much of their household waste as possible.

However, we have a problem with the foil! Oodles of medicine blister packs are being left at the Hub. These are too light for recycling and many have clear plastic on one side (so they are not pure foil and not suitable for recycling).

Medicine blister packs that are completely composed of foil (no

plastic!) must be turned into a ball (or lump) of foil that is at least golf-ball size.

Single blister packs left at the Hub go into the bin and end up as landfill.

If you want to recycle your foil blister packs (remember, no plastic!), you will need to fold or squash one into a ball or lump, cover it with another, and another, and another, until you have a sizeable ball or lump. This ball of foil needs to be tightly packed so that it retains its shape and doesn't separate into single pieces.

In the same way, small pieces of aluminium foil, including foil patty pans, need to be squashed into

a lump. It is the weight of these foil balls/lumps that make them suitable for recycling.

Have a look at the accompanying photo – on the one hand, balls and lumps of foil that are sent for recycling; on the other hand, lightweight stuff that goes in the bin.

Note that coffee pods are also in the bin pile – they are too light, make such a mess and contaminate all the other foil.

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Take skin health seriously



Federal MP Darren Chester with skin cancer survivor Deborah Hutton and Labor MP Jason Clare at the launch of the new friendship group which aims to raise awareness of melanoma and skin cancer.

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester is urging locals to take their skin health seriously at the launch of the Parliamentary Friends of Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness.

Mr Chester is the co-chair of the bipartisan group with the Education Minister Jason Clare also taking a leadership role.

“We all know the

numbers about skin cancer risk in Australia but we also know the people,” Mr Chester said.

“It’s our friends, it’s our family, it’s our work colleagues who are affected, and we need to take our skin health seriously, particularly in rural and regional communities where the issue is more prevalent.

Regularly checking

your own skin and taking action if you notice anything unusual is the first step towards early detection and a better outcome if you have a condition that needs treatment.”

Mr Chester also thanked Australia’s health care professionals for their world-leading work in treating melanoma and skin cancer.



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Strzelecki koala and fire

During the Fire Season all of us, particularly people living in bush and farm areas, need to be alert and ready with their fire plan. It is a very dangerous time so how does the Strzelecki koala cope when they smell smoke and experience flames?

Scientists have investigated post fire destruction but little is known about koala behaviours during the threat of fire.

Koalas when they sense danger will usually seek higher places in trees. Do koalas go further into the tree tops and stay there or do they try to escape the smoke, heat and fire? This is yet to be fully researched.

If koalas stay high in the trees, they will definitely be overcome by the smoke and heat. Koalas are not fast movers particularly over vast distances, so injury or death is most likely if they try to outrun the fire.

What happens to the individual koalas and the koala population in the fire affected environment after the fire?

Scientists Phillipa Beale, Kara Yangentob and Karen Mash investigated areas in NSW and East Gippsland

post 2019/2020 Fires. Their findings are in the dceew.gov.au document, "Effects of fire on koalas and their habitat"

These scientists reported on the many impacts of fire. Some of which are:

The koala's survival during and after fire.

The loss of food sources and protective vegetation.

The success of rehabilitation for rescued koalas.

The regeneration of forest, changes of soil composition, seeding, planting and tree removal.

Fire mitigation processes like fuel reduction burning.

Present and future directions for the protection of koala populations.

This study emphasised the lack of pre-data. Koala population numbers and population dispersal were unknown prior to the fires. However it is estimated that numerous koalas were lost. The rescued koalas were thought to be less than 1% of the fire affected population, and of these koalas many did not survive to be rehabilitated and returned to their habitat.

It was also found that after the fire, the koalas were

more susceptible to many life threatening stresses. Loss of understory plants and the koalas home range trees caused the koalas to be more exposed to dehydration, starvation, predators like dogs, foxes and cats, and disease.

Pre existing and post fire weather conditions like drought and heat waves often precede fire events and can weaken the ability of koalas to fight infections and outside threats. Of course road deaths are a possibility as surviving koalas look for new habitat.

The scientists discovered that koalas could eat the leaves regenerated on their preferred food trees. The "epicormic regrowth", that is the leaf growth on trunks and branches of some trees, contain "more moisture than mature leaves". They also found that animal and plant survival depends on areas that were consistently very moist and wet. Creek and river gullies in forests are exceedingly necessary for refuge and future vegetation propagation. They also noticed that untouched diverse forest areas that are alongside the burnt out area, provide seed banks for

forest regeneration as well as recolonisation by animals. (The Morwell National Park offers these wet areas and diversity in flora and fauna, but more areas like this are needed for the survival of the Strzelecki koala.)

Another concern that requires more research is the prevention of devastating fires through fire and habitat management practices. More research is needed on conducting fuel reduction burns and other forestry practices. It is suggested by Zylstra et al, 2022 and Price et al, 2022 that "culturally burning practices are the lowest in severity, have the least risk and encourage seed regeneration" and also Melzer & Ellis 2009, state that the height of the trees needs consideration as anything "below 1.5m does not allow koalas to avoid the heat of fire and low canopies can be scored."

How does this study and its findings relate to the Strzelecki Koala and its survival ?

Firstly more data needs to be collected. The SKAT team needs your help in mapping the location of individual Strzelecki koalas and the extent that this

unique and precious animal is spread through out the Strzelecki Ranges and surrounding district. If you are willing to help contact www.melbournefoe.org.au or Friends of Gippsland Bush Inc. Ecologist Kelly Smith also needs help in collecting koala scats (the poo).

Secondly the Strzelecki koala's habitat needs protection at all levels whether it be private, local, state or federal. Gullies, creeks and river localities require conservation. These places provide safe environments for animals and plants during fire and the hot weather of summer. Forest that is diverse in its vegetation and animal species needs to be preserved, because these are animal and plant reserves for the regeneration and re-population of land damaged by fire, human activity and natural disasters. Therefore write to your local councillors and politicians asking for more protection for the Strzelecki Koala and its environment.

Thirdly the defragmentation of habitat and the formation of single species vegetation needs to be controlled as

these conditions prevent animal movement and seed dispersal. It can cause loss of suitable Strzelecki koala habitat and with it, loss of animal and plant biodiversity and genetic diversity. Fragmentation also increases "the flammability of the landscape." Therefore protect and plant trees that offer food and shelter for the Strzelecki koala.

If you have rural land consider planting corridors of food plants like Blue Gum, Mountain Grey Gum, Yellow Stringybark and Manna Gum and other native plants that offer shelter. (landcarevic.org.au) (20/2/23) Project of the Yinnar-Yinnar South Landcare Group/Cherish Our Unique Strzelecki koalas.

Lastly and most importantly, let others know about the Strzelecki koala and its habitat.

Interesting Facts

The Strzelecki koala like all other koalas is a Specialist Folivore that is "an animal whose diet is restricted and made up only of leaves."

The Strzelecki koala like a number of other animals relies on "Refugia" that is "A habitat that provides spatial and or temporal protection from one or more threats."



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Vale Mary McNamara



Mary was born on 24/10/1946 in Benteigh. She was the eldest sister of four brothers who adored her as she cared for them. Soon after the family moved to Murchison, then settled in Mooroopna as her father was employed in farming. Mary attended school in Mooroopna. Finishing her schooling Mary went to work as a secretary. As a young teenager along with another young person she founded the support group for children of alcoholics called Alateen. This organisation continues today and has been the support of many.

In 1966 Mary was introduced to Lenny. They hit it off and the following year in January they were married. Their family was started in 1970 welcoming Kerryn, Lisa, Shaun, Matt and Chris who all loved and adored their wonderful Mum. Mary and Lenny adored each other. The move to Morwell was made in 1971. Mary created a love filled home. When older she welcomed home the children at any time of day or night. A warm welcome came for their children's partners as they joined the family and Mary treated them as one of her own. That meant a lot to them. It was the highlight of her life when Mary became Nanny to twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild. They were her pride and joy.

When the family was

old enough, Mary went back to work with the Morwell Shire as the Family Day Care Co-Ordinator, then later as Co-Ordinator of Meals on Wheels. The Hyland Street Grocery in Traralgon was where the couple worked in their own business for ten years, before Mary and Lenny came to Churchill and Mary began work at Foodworks/IGA in Churchill for the next twenty years.

At Lumen Christi Mary played the organ, helped with the Reviews held there for some years, shared her love of music in the community, taught others to play. She made many friends.

Then came the day IGA closed and Mary struggled to come to terms with it. It was as if a special part of her had gone. However it seemed the time had come for her to care for Lenny as he became more unwell. When he died in October 2022 Mary was in a fog of grief. One month later Mary was diagnosed with cancer and sadly passed away shocking the family and the community of which she was such a vibrant part.

At the funeral the five children shared their memories and what was special to them about their Mum for each one. The love for their Mum was so deep which in turn was returned to each one in full measure.

The Canadian family is so sad that Mary will not be able to visit them there again.

Precious memories are

water fights with buckets of cold water on hot days, playing cards and other games. All the children remark about Mary always having a project on the go. Mary, through her example and actions gave each one strength, determination, leave to follow their dreams with her blessing and encouragement, time to be a sounding board, the example of never giving up, but above all she gave them love and they knew they were valued.

Mary was admired for her attributes of perseverance, determination, conviction, humour, energy, big heart, creativity, wisdom, guidance, and her encouragement and support.

She is remembered for her loud laugh, jokes, enjoyment of fun, keeping in touch with, and deeply caring for family, maintaining family connectedness and, always being there for family. She is known for her creativity which has been passed down to the generations.

There are special memories of Christmas Eve, Sunday roasts, family get togethers for drinks, chats and working out DIY projects and other issues, garden makeovers and camping trips.

The grandchildren were each cared for and valued by Mary. She was never too tired or busy to listen to them and take an interest in what they were doing. They felt



loved by their grandma as she loved them.

Two of Mary's brother's, spoke also and their praise was just as high. Like all the family they will miss Mary very much for all she meant to each one.

There are others who also have special memories including her best friend and the people with whom she worked at IGA. That is how many of our readers will know of Mary. Lou and some of the IGA staff put together this tribute.

'We are the people who have spent the better part of 20 years or just some the past few years with Mary at the supermarket.

Mary made an impact on all of us in her own way and she was a big part of our lives.

Mary's position was front end supervisor but by the end of this tribute, you will see it went well beyond this.

The thought we all had in common is:

Mary the mentor, her work ethic, patience and her dedication – not only to the business but to us, so much of which was in her own time.

She always made sure everyone was okay and she was there for anyone, the staff who worked with her, but also the customers.

Behind the scenes, quietly, Mary would help someone who was down on their luck, doing it tough or having a bad day.

On the surface it looked

like she was just standing behind the counter but there was a lot more going on – sorting out a donation for the school or a local club or working out how to give someone having a hard time, a bit of a leg up.

She would drop everything to help anybody out. If a customer left something behind or forgot their shopping she would deliver it – even if it meant driving out to Boolarra or Morwell.

She took on more than she needed to because she loved helping others and making sure everything was okay.

Mary's big laugh could hear all the way to the back of the store. It was enough to make everyone laugh along – "here she goes again".

Her humour was on a daily basis and she was always up for a laugh. She had a wit about her that people loved.

However, while Mary was generous, caring and funny, she was sometimes confusing to work with.

For example Mary calling you to registers, then telling you to go back on the floor and as you walk away, calling you back again. It would sometimes drive us nuts.

You could also set your watch by Mary's movements.

The deli phone would ring at 9.30 and Mary would be on the phone saying 'are you ready for brew?' Then at 11.30 the phone would ring

and Mares would say 'are you ready for lunch?'

For some of the young staff and also us older ones, Mary was a second mum – someone who would call to check you were okay, leave a text message if you had had a bad day and was ready with a big warm hug.

There is lots to remember and lots to miss – the purple hair, beautiful nails, big smile, good advice, and support, guidance, encouragement and words of wisdom.

Mary loved her job, her front-end staff and everything Ritchies stood for – that is, the community.

Mary's legacy will be her positivity, which has left a lasting impression on all of us.

We just need to remember to believe in ourselves and draw on this positivity and remember Mary when life gets a bit tough'.

IGA staff felt truly honoured to share their memories of Mary at the funeral, saying they were equally honoured to have worked alongside Mary. She will be missed terribly but will always be close to their hearts.

Mary McNamara, came to Churchill and served this community with love and devotion in her caring and compassionate way. She will be sadly missed. We are all the better for knowing Mary, a Churchill icon. One of God's angels.



Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Monthly Medal Tuesday 3/01/2023

Scratch Winner Jim Sanders (Snr) 85 Medal Winner Chris Stevens 44 70 Nett

Day Winner Murray Hutchinson 30 62 Nett D.T.L Peter Bolding 25 67 Nett

Jim Sanders (Snr) 17 70 Nett C/B Putts Merryn Dear 21 N.T.P 3rd V. Reid

5th M. Dear 12th P. Bolding 14th L. Anderson Birdies M. Hutchinson M. Dear L. Anderson

Stableford Saturday 7/01/2023

A Grade Winner M. Brereton 10 36 Pts B Grade Winner J. Soppe 25 35 Pts

C Grade Winner C. Stevens 43 42 Pts D.T.L 1. M. Hutchinson 38

2. W. Sutton 37 3. V. Reid 36 4. J. Barnes 36 5. D. Byers 35 6. G. Beyers 35

7. T. Collins 35 8. J. Sanders 34 9. R. Dent 33 C/B N.T.P Pro-Pin 3rd D. Radnell

12th E. Heller 14th J. Barnes Target Hole G. Sanders Birdies R.Dent 14th D. Radnell 3rd E. Heller 12th

Stableford Tuesday 10/01/2023

Winner Marianne Ryan 30 40 Pts D.T.L Lia Brent 26 38 Pts Vanessa Reid 29 37 Pts N.T.P 3rd Chris Cunningham 5th Lia Brent 12th Jenny Tatterson 14th Chris Cunningham

Par Saturday 14 /01/2023

A Grade Winner T. Sterrick 19 +5 B Grade Winner R. Abel 24 +4

C Grade Winner S. Gosling 41 +6 D.T.L 1. C.Gilfillan +4, 2. G. Corponi +3, 3. S. Caldwell +3, 4. A. West +3, 5.P. Radnell +1, 6. J. Soppe All Square C/B, 7. P. Chapple All Square C/B, 8. C. Warring All Square C/B

N.T.P:3rd. C. Gilfillan, 5th V. Reid, Pro-Pin:12th P. Chapple, 14th G. Sanders

Target Hole B. Barrow Birdies: C. Gilfillan 3rd

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Stableford Tuesday 17/01/2023

Winner Sue Gosling 40 40pts D.T.L Marianne Ryan 29 40 Pts, Leigh Anderson 25 40 Pts N.T.P : 3rd Sue Gosling, 5th Lia Brent, 12th Jan Blizzard, 14th. Sandra

12th E. Heller 14th J. Barnes Target Hole G. Sanders Birdies R.Dent 14th D. Radnell 3rd E. Heller 12th

Caldwell.

Ambrose Saturday 21/01/2023

Winner : G.Blizzard, V. Monument, Mamun, R. Madigan 57

Runners up : G. Barnes, C. Warring, J. Barrett, C. Cummings 57.375

D.T.L : 1. R. Welsh, A. Sharrock, P. Jordan, Anton 58.83 2. T. Collins, A. Auld, D. Jordan, B. Kilday 59.875

3. A. West, J. Sanders, S. Sanders, T. Sterrick, 60.125, 4. P. Flanigan, G. Spowart, J. Banfield, D. Taylor 60.125, 5. I. Fortune, K. Hogan, M. Allen, B. Mathieson 60.375

C/B N.T.P : Pro-Pin : 3rd G. Barnes, 5th R. Dent, 12th J. Soppe,

Par : Tuesday 24/01/ 2023

Winner : Vanessa Reid 28 +4 D.T.L : Marianne Ryan 28 +2, Jan Blizzard 36 +1, N.T.P : 3rd Merryn Dear, 5th Merryn Dear, 14th Vanessa Reid

Birdies : 5th Merryn Dear

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Monthly Medal Saturday 28/01/ 2023

A Grade Winner : G. Sanders 15 89 74 B Grade Winner: A. West 21 90 69 Medal C Grade Winner: D. Taylor 27 102 75 D

Grade Winner: W. Sutton 28 101 73 Scratch : M. Brereton 83 D.T.L : 1. G. Barnes 71, 2. A. Sharrock 73, 3. M. Brereton 74, 4. R. King 74, 5. C. Gosling 74, 6. J. Barrat 74, 7. D.Byers 75, 8. Mamun 75, 9. R. Zomer 75, 10. G. Harvey 75 N.T.P : 3rd G. Sanders , Pro-Pin : 12th J. Jeffery, 14th R. Welsh Target Hole : D. Burridge Putts: J.Sanders 23

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Spowart, 12th C. Hogging, 14th Ad. West Birdies: R.King 15th

Monthly Medal Tuesday 07/02/ 2023

Scratch : Marianne Ryan 98 Medal Winner : Marianne Ryan 98 27 71

DTL: Lia Brent 99 25 74 Putts: Lia Brent 29, Jan Blizzard 29, Marianne Ryan 29 N.T.P 3rd Lia Brent, 5th Lia Brent, 12th Jan Blizzard, 14th Marianne Ryan

Birdies: Marianne Ryan 14th

12th E. Heller 14th J. Barnes Target Hole G. Sanders Birdies R.Dent 14th D. Radnell 3rd E. Heller 12th

Stroke Saturday February 11, 2023

A Grade Winner : J. Sanders 17 65 B Grade Winner: A. Sharrock 23 65

C Grade Winner: C. Sterrick 36 63 Scratch: N. Lugton 72

D.T.L : 1. B. Kilday 65, 2. C.Thompson 66, 3. P. Kearns 66, 4. N. Lugton 67, 5. Anton 68, 6. S. Caldwell 68, 7. C. Gilfillan 68, 8. A. Auld 68

N.T.P : 3rd A. Sharrock, 12th C. Thompson, 14th D. Burridge

Target Hole : M. Soppe Birdies : D. Ellwood 3rd , M. Soppe 3rd, C. Thompson 12th, C. Gilfillan 12th, D. Burridge 14th

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Friends of Morwell National Park



A big thank you goes to Caitilin who has done a brilliant job of writing the February Activity report and (with Ken's support) collected photos from the activity. Thank you Caitilin.

February Activity Report

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

The focus for this month was to repair the nest boxes that were identified as damaged in the January survey. This would have been accomplished more easily if we had with us the list of boxes in need of repair, but we managed well enough without it.

Some people went to gather supplies while others located the damaged nest boxes near the Junction Road car park entrance. Mike proved to be adept at spotting them.

Equipped with two ladders and the necessary tools, Peter, Graeme, Gordon and Matt began work on the repairs, assisted by other members of the group, who also kept an eye out for anything slithering through the undergrowth, which has dried off significantly in the last month.

In most cases, the boxes

had come askew because growth of the host trees had dislodged the fixings. One box was missing entirely and was replaced with a new one.

Seed collection was also listed as an activity for this month, but there were not really any suitable species to collect from.

There were, however, several thickets of thistle and ragwort growing along the creek and beside the path that did not escape the lethal attention of Graeme, Rose, Caitilin and Peter.

While they hacked and chopped and snipped at these weeds, the rest of the group went ahead to examine the nest boxes near Butt Butt Track. Mike's superior spotting skills came in handy once again.

After lunch, Matt, Ken, Mike, Peter and Graeme crossed the creek in their vehicles to repair boxes along Weir Track.

The others walked back to the car park, meeting up with a group of bushwalkers who had just completed the Grand Strzelecki Track over two days.

It is good to see the track is being used again.

Throughout the day, a number of eastern grey kangaroos were seen along Weir Track and in the neighbouring properties. Mike met a glider near

a nest box in the area of Butt Butt Track, and Ken was delighted to spy a pseudoscorpion, less than 1cm in size, under bark on a tree not far from the Junction Road entrance.

It is a close match to one found in the park in 1995, identified as Conicochernes sp.01.

March Activity

Sunday March 19, 5.30pm

BBQ, spot light walk and moth survey

The group will meet in the Kerry Road picnic area for a picnic dinner, spot light walk and moth survey.

Please note the later starting time for this activity. Members of the Entomological Society of Victoria will join us for a picnic at the Kerry Road car park. This will be followed by an evening walk and (weather permitting) the setting up of a moth sheet. The event will conclude around midnight.

You will need to bring your own food and drink for the picnic and wear clothing and footwear suitable for the conditions on the day. Torches will also be useful for the evening walk.

Anyone who is curious about the night life or insect life in Morwell National Park is welcome to join us for this activity.



Morwell & District Red Cross Branch

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New members are welcome to attend
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Hazelwood Cemetery

Family histories from beyond their headstones



By Leo Billington

Continuing from last month's edition of the Churchill & District News, let's look back 125 years to 1898 and highlight some more burials. In that edition, three persons had their stories told, which, subsequently generated interest from various readers.

However before more names are recalled, it is important to acknowledge John Amey's grave and headstone. Late last year, and following detailed research by some of John's descendants, a new plaque was placed at John's previously unmarked grave. John passed away early on Sunday morning, June 3, 1894. Aged 83, John was resident with his wife, Barbara in Morwell.

Amey's Track, north of Foster remains testimony to John's entrepreneurial ambition. As recorded in the Traralgon Record, Friday June 8, 1894:

'John was rough and ready in manner, but straight

as a dart in money matters; the discoverer and surveyor of Amey's Track, north of Foster, and founder of Amey's Tin Mine at the Franklin. He had a host of friends in South Gippsland, and his name will be remembered as that of an ardent enterpriser and firm believer in the future of the district.'

The accompanying photograph shows a detailed story about John Amey's journey from Devonshire to Morwell, via Alberton and Foster. A closer look reveals he was issued with:

"a ticket-of-leave as a reward for meritorious conduct..." (instruction from John Montagu, the colonial secretary to the then Tasmanian Lieutenant – Governor, Sir John Franklin.)

The Hazelwood Cemetery Trust regards this history as unique as there would not be many Gippsland burials associated with such a vibrant personal history.

Now onward to 1898,

two years after John Amey's wife, Barbara passed away.

Flora Horne, was the daughter of Mr and Mrs John MacMillan, who farmed land not far from the Hazelwood Cemetery.

Flora married Doctor Herbert Roger Horne, from Traralgon, on Friday April 9, 1897.

At age 30, Flora passed away just over 19 months later, on Wednesday December 7, 1898, leaving a baby boy aged 10 months.

Flora had developed serious pain after some teeth were extracted (under the impact of chloroform), along with what seemed to be regular doses of morphia (morphine) to ease significant pain. A magisterial enquiry concluded Flora had died by an overdose of morphia, accidentally self-administered subsequent to the effects of chloroform anaesthesia.

Doctor Horne remarried; however, he was the driver of a car which, on Sunday April 26, 1908, swerved to

miss a dog on the main road near Sheepwash Creek. His car then lost its steering gear and hit a bridge post. Doctor Horne suffered a ruptured liver and died on Monday April 27, 1908. Still being acknowledged as a member of the MacMillan family, Doctor Horne was interred at the Hazelwood Cemetery, together with Flora. He was 30 years of age.

Described as a bright little boy of eleven months. John Noy, youngest son of Elizabeth and William Noy was attacked with measles late in May 1898. John never recovered, and died on Monday June 13, 1898. John and Elizabeth, who died in December 1918, are buried in the same grave. Unfortunately, John is not acknowledged.

Willie (Henry William) Young, described as a smart lad, about 10 years of age, nephew of Mr. George Young of the Ridge, Morwell, who adopted the boy "a few years ago", passed away on Wednesday June 15,



1898. Willie apparently was perfectly well on Sunday June 12, 1898. He had walked about a mile to Sunday School. On Monday, however, he appeared to be suffering from a severe cold which resulted in diphtheritic croup, and although medical assistance was secured, it proved of no avail and Willie died early on Wednesday morning June 15, 1898. (The Morwell Advertiser, June 15, 1898.)

Another sad event took place in Morwell on Monday June 6, 1898, when Grace Mary Jenkins died from

contracting diphtheria.

Aged 7 years, Grace was known as a bright little girl and was the daughter of Mr W Jenkins, who established his family business, Jenkins Emporium at the corner of Tarwin and George Streets, Morwell.

Grace's death notice in the Morwell Advertiser – Friday June 10, 1898 – hoped the disease would not be prevalent.

Unfortunately, Grace's grave remained unmarked until last year.

Churchill sporting facilities need urgent attention

Churchill community sporting clubs desperately need new facilities to replace dilapidated sporting infrastructure in the town.

The clubs are seeking the development of a community sporting hub at Gaskin Park to bring facilities up to acceptable modern standards.

The Master Plan seeks to bring the cricket and baseball/softball clubs, located at George Cain Oval into the Gaskin Park precinct, and cater for female athletes and officials.

Churchill sporting groups are frustrated about their substandard facilities and playing surfaces, despite the Gaskin Park Master Plan being drawn up over ten

years ago.

The changerooms unacceptably reflect the standard of recreational facilities 50 years ago, while the playing surface of the junior football oval and George Cain Oval are a safety concern.

The Gaskin Park changerooms, which cater for males only, appear structurally compromised, with cracks in the brick work large enough to put your hand in, the roof is sagging and leaking in multiple places – but frustratingly the players have no option but to keep using these rooms.

Melina Bath, Member for Eastern Victoria, has committed to raising the

issue in State Parliament.

"It defies belief that there are no female specific facilities at Gaskin Park and no disability access, while the public toilets are antiquated, and the six netball teams share one court.

Over at George Cain Oval the playing surface is average in summer and almost unplayable in winter, there's limited bathroom facilities and the changerooms double as a social room – it certainly doesn't meet the needs of a growing community".

Both venues and clubs need investment.

With a history of shared involvement, it is great to

see Churchill's grassroots sporting clubs' enthusiastic commitment to co-existing in a recreation hub at Gaskin Park.

"Churchill is a growing town; housing estates are filling with young families – it needs recreation infrastructure which supports its development," said Mr Cameron, Member for Morwell.

"There is sufficient space at Gaskin Park to develop a modern sporting hub which will enhance participation and community connection.

If we want to encourage active and healthy communities, then our sporting groups deserve facilities to match".



SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY

Football Clinic

On February 23, we held a football clinic. Lucy performed the drills with the 3-6 girls, whilst the 3-6 boys practiced drills with a man called Mike. They were from the Victorian Football Program and came all the way from, well, all over Victoria.

Some of the drills we learnt were dribbling, the Ronaldo Chop, stopping, turning and other necessities needed to play football. My personal favourite learnt skill was scoring goals. The easiest was dribbling and the hardest was dodging. My best friend Matilda's favourite drill was scoring through gates.

Later, we played a game named The Mini World Cup. It was boys against girls but since there were two courts, they divided the class into two teams. The teams were New Zealand (boys), New Zealand 2 (boys), Argentina (girls, the team I was in), and Japan (the other girls team). Firstly, we played against New Zealand, which we won, then we played against New Zealand 2. I'm 99.9% sure we won that one too, but



If you ask the boys on New Zealand, they will tell you a different story. My favorite part was accidentally kicking people.

Overall, an amusing hour of football. We were all exhausted and starved by the end of it. Ten out of ten, I would most definitely do it again.

Ryleigh Cardona

Swimming sports

Not long ago I entered the swimming sports at Churchill Pool. I went in our Principal's car and on the way, it felt like I had butterflies in my stomach. It didn't take long for the races to start when we got there.

The first stroke was freestyle, my stroke. I was so nervous that I had to take 20 deep breaths to calm down. Luckily there were two heats for the girl's freestyle, and I was in heat 2. That meant I was second and was able to watch and see if I could do this, when I realised that I was only here for the experience and went to my lane. I went for it, giving it everything I had, I didn't get a place, but I didn't care. I had one stroke left.

My next stroke was breaststroke. This was the one I cared about the most but again I'm only doing it for the experience. This time there was only one heat and it was straight after freestyle, so I took three deep breaths, stepped up to my lane and dived in. I swam as fast as I could and gave it everything I could! On the last lap I started to get tired,

student and I were waiting for our Principal, when we immediately got told it was time for relays. We weren't going to do a relay because there were only two of us. Then something amazing happened! Lumen Christi wanted to do a relay with Boolarra but there was two of us and three of them. We only needed four swimmers. Luckily a student didn't want to race so I got to compete. It was very exciting.

The four of us lined up at our lane. "1.2", the lady called and blew her whistle. We all pushed so hard and then it was my turn, I pushed and pushed. To be honest doing two laps of freestyle was harder than I had remembered. I made it to the end, tapped the wall and got out quickly. I was very happy with myself! After the event, I had a shower, got dressed and went back to school.

I was happy with what I did. I had never actually competed at a swimming comp before, so I was happy with my performance. The best news is that I made it to the next competition in breaststroke. This is a moment I will never forget.

By Matilda

New equipment

At Boolarra Primary we have some new play equipment. There is a giant Checkers game in front of the multipurpose building that lots of the kids play with. The checkers board was put in about a year before we got the actual checkers pieces.

We also have little trikes. The trikes are ridden on the basketball court because it is the biggest space. The little preps go zooooooom but the trikes are a little bit too small



for the senior class. There are hurdles in the sizes small, medium and large and are fun to jump over.

The volleyball/badminton and the beanbag chairs are most likely the favourite out of them all. The beanbag chairs are a favourite as well as the building blocks. As you have read, Boolarra Primary has lots of new outside equipment.

By Scarlett

Somers Camp

Story 1

When I went to Somer's camp, I was nervous, but all the staff made everyone feel



welcome and they were all super nice. On the first day we didn't do any activities because we were settling in and making new friends. But once we reached day two, we started our activities such as the big swing. We were clipped on to a rope, pulled up, and let to swing down like a swing. It was amazing! I felt like I was flying through the sky. We also studied environmental studies, and learnt how to protect the environment, I tried the flying fox, abseiling and archery as well as a lot of other activities.

The food there was good although the bread was stale; my favorite dish was burgers. They were really delicious!

But on day six we had visitor's day where my mum and brother came to visit. I showed them around and all the activities we had been doing. I was excited but sad that I was going home soon because it was a great experience, yet I wanted to see all my friends and family back home. So, when I got on the bus home, I had mixed feelings about leaving. Overall, it was fun but also very challenging. I would go back if I had a chance.

By Toby G

Story 2

The first day at Somers

started doing activities such as orienteering, archery, surfing and big swing. It was all so much fun and some of them pushed us to our limits, but we still had to try them.

On the third day it started to become normal: we would wake up, eat breakfast (even though that is a normal thing to do), but oh boy it was so exciting trying new activities every morning. We used the flying fox, and had a big walk in E.S, also known as Environmental Studies.

Sunday was visitor's day, so all our parents came. James family had ham and

Camp was settle-in day and when we found out what hut we were to sleep in. We were all separated into different huts so we could make new friends, we also made our beds and unpacked.

cheese sandwiches. Angela had sushi. Angela went with James and his family. Toby ate chicken mayo sandwiches with his mum and brother while Ruby ate homemade chicken tenders, salad, lollies



We all explored our huts and Wizz fizz ice cream cones. Overall, it was a super fun adventure, and we wish we had been a bit longer. Toby G, Ruby, James and Angela.

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SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

Staff and students at Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School welcome the new Prep students beginning their first year of school. Students at Lumen Christi are looking forward to beginning their new learning journey which includes Auslan (Australian Sign Language), Music, Art, PE and more.



SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY



Yinnar Primary School has had a very busy start to the school year, and everyone has been very busy with lots of learning, fun activities and sports. This is just a little bit of what our students have been up to over the last few weeks.

New Preps
Our Preps have settled very well into school life, and are very excited to be starting their school journey. They are learning about the importance of having structure in their school

day starting with Reading Circles in the morning. They are enjoying the other curriculum areas like Art, Performing Arts and Phys Ed as well as learning all about literacy and numeracy. We welcome them and their families to Yinnar Primary School and look forward to a good partnership as their educational journey continues.

Camp Somers
All Government primary schools are invited to take part in the Somers Camp

program. This camping experience is offered to our school every two years. This year 14 students from the 5/6 area of the school attended the camp. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their personal and social capabilities, to progress their understanding of sustainable practices and to enhance their ability to meet challenges and change by encouraging resilience.

House Fun Night
It was lovely to welcome

families to our annual House Fun Night. This is a great opportunity for our new school leaders to step up and organise an event. The school leadership teams were also presented with their leadership badges. It was terrific to see so many new families joining us. It was a lovely evening to be out and our families and students enjoyed a friendly tug of war, fun games and races like the egg and spoon race, sack races and some games in our ga ga pit which

is always a hit with our students. Congratulations and thank you to our House Captains for a fabulous effort organising the activities.

New Guernseys
Many thanks to AFL Victoria who donated 50% of the cost of a new set of Football Guernseys for Yinnar Primary School in the school colours. We look forward to proudly wearing them at the next Winter Sports interschool competition.

Chinese New Year
As part of our Chinese Cultural Program, our students celebrated Chinese New Year and the Year of the Rabbit. They had some fun learning about the importance of this celebration in the Chinese calendar. Students had the opportunity to parade as a Chinese Dragon. They also made some colourful Chinese Lanterns to celebrate the start of the Chinese New Year.

SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI UNI



International Program
COVID 19 has had a big impact on our International Program with numbers dropping significantly as a result. However we are happy to say that our international program is recovering and our student intake has grown this year to fifteen. Students come from a range of countries including China, Vietnam, Indonesia and Sri Lanka. During their years with our school students will complete a range of subjects, usually transitioning through our English Language Program to VCE as a pathway to tertiary study within

Australia. All our graduates from this program in 2022 have secured tertiary enrolments.

International students write about their cooking experiences

Today we made old fashioned cream scones. The scones tasted yummy.

We cooked these scones with our teacher Gemma. Our teachers ate our scones. The teachers said they were nice. Jerry put Oreo biscuits in his scones, they did not taste good. Some students found making scones difficult, other students found making scones easy.

We are also making

cookie cutters with 3D printers. Some of the shapes that we made were stars, a crown, a Christmas tree, a circle, a triangle and a heart. We used them to cut out our cookies.

By Skye, Dannie, Chen Yan, Hubert, Oliver Jerry, Ashley, Brian

Year 10 Churchill Primary Garden project

We are making nine raised garden beds for Churchill Primary school.

Mr Bass is the leading teacher of this project and the year 10 Vocational Major students will be doing the project under his supervision.

We do this every Thursday. We do this to help us gain life skills, work skills to gain better futures for us.

We measured the placement of where the gardens are going to be. We came back to our campus and did the maths for how much timber we need.

I feel good about doing this project because I love to build and use tools.

By Jack Leighton

Environmental Science

In early February, the Year 12 Environmental Science class went on a three-day camp in the Brisbane Ranges National Park. During camp, students

performed a series of tests on the water, soil and air quality of Boar Gully. Students also visited the Mt. Rothwell Conservation Centre (the largest feral predator free ecosystem in Victoria) to learn about the conservation of various endangered and endemic Victorian species of marsupial, including the eastern barred bandicoot – the focus species for the first outcome of the Environmental Science Study Design.

Students made bait, set up traps and waited until after dark to check the traps for nocturnal animals during a guided spotlight tour of

the facility. The students observed quolls, betongs, potteros, eastern barred bandicoots and dozens of southern brush-tailed rock wallabies (of which there are only 230 in the world). The students successfully caught a quoll, which they were able to handle, and several betongs. Overall, the excursion was a fantastic and engaging opportunity for students to learn firsthand how populations of critically endangered species are caught, tagged, tested, monitored and conserved.

By Hamed Sabawi, Environmental Science Teacher

SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

After School Care

Churchill North Primary School offers After School Care for not only the students who attend Churchill North but also to surrounding schools. Churchill Primary

school and Lumen Christi Primary school students are also using this program. All students from each school enjoy playing together, joining in special activities together and making new

friends. The dress up box, kitchen corner, playing the DS games, watching TV relaxing and even some days enjoying playing with water balloons are just some activities that are on offer

in the After School Care program.

The After School Care program operates five days a week and is open until 6 pm each night. For more information, please contact

our wonderful office staff on 5122 1976.

F-2 Mathematics

The F-2 students have been learning about place value and ordering numbers. Recently the students were

challenged with a number puzzle and having to solve the problem. They worked so well together. What amazing mathematicians!!



SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

At Hazelwood North we have had another busy start to the year. We had a very well supported Welcome BBQ and information evening, with many families showing interest in the learning their children would be doing this year.

We have had Latrobe Valley Hockey Association

come and hold clinics across the whole school, teaching the students new skills. A great time was had by all. Collingwood footballers attended and held clinics with the Grade 5/6's, teaching the students skills and explaining the pathway to becoming an AFL player, as well as the discipline and

challenges faced. A group of students represented us at division swimming carnival in Churchill and from their placing third are now going on to the next level in Traralgon. Good luck to these swimmers.

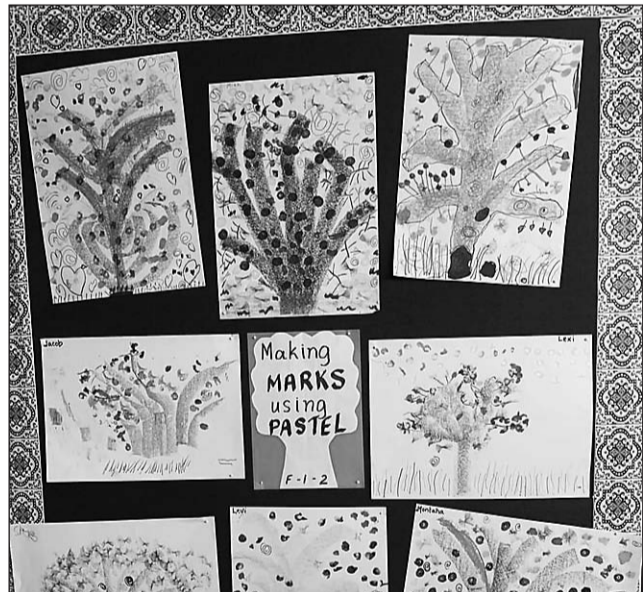
Our Grade 6 students are looking spectacular in their new uniform. Shirts

and jackets were presented at a special assembly along with badges for our School Captains, Sports House Captains and other leadership roles within the school.

Our first weeks of learning have been covering how Great Learners Learn! At Hazelwood North Primary school we are a community

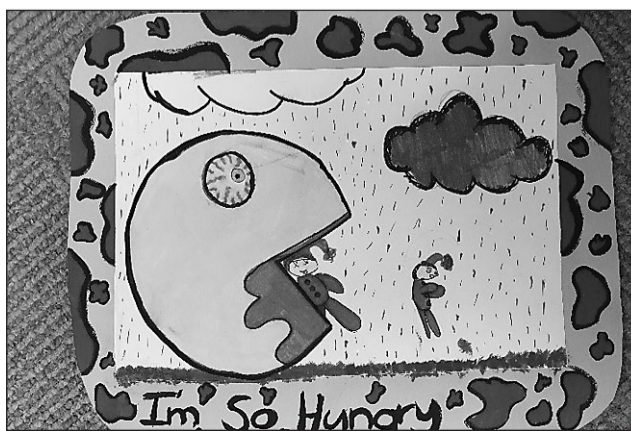
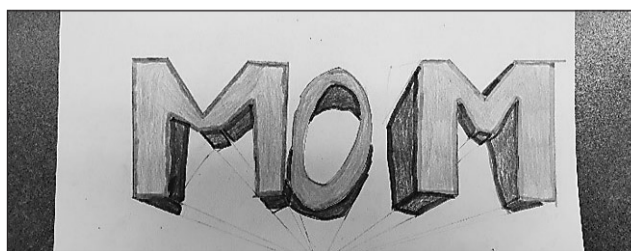
of life-long learners who are inclusive, kind and curious. We are problem solvers who work together with confidence to strive for growth and excellence. Our values are: we are respectful, we are responsible and we are resilient. We have been introducing the Foundation to the expectations of being

a school student. Reminding the Junior school students of the expectations explained on our PB4L matrix, and reinforcing school rules and expectations in the middle and upper areas of the school. Our specialist programs this year are Visual Arts, Physical Education and Steam.



SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI CAMPUS



Students at Churchill Campus have been practising their Art skills. These are samples of the fantastic work being done in all our Art classes across the campus.

Year 7 Art

The Year 7 students have been learning about appropriation in art, which is using an existing artwork and adding or changing at least 40 % of the original. Students have taken the image of Mona Lisa by Leonardo Da Vinci and mixed it with an animated cartoon of their choice.

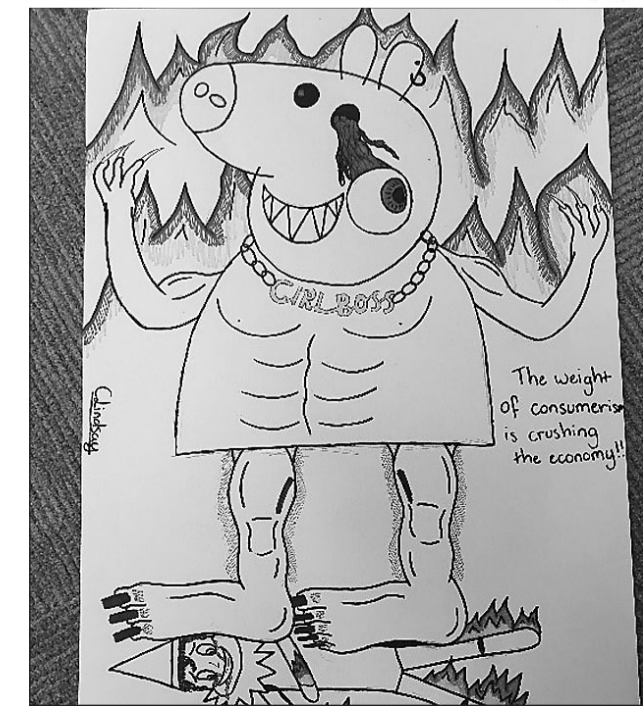
Year 8 Art

Students in Year 8 have been learning about one

and two-point perspective drawing, where all lines converge to one or two vanishing points. Students have completed their one-point perspective works and have started to draw their two-point perspective city streets.

Year 9 Art Project

The Year 9 project class has been working on artworks about consumerism and the wastefulness in western culture around one use items. They have researched reference images, planned and drawn artworks around pop icons and the elf on the shelf.



GUS the robotic guard



Following on from Luke Townsend's involvement in surveillance and anti-poaching work in Africa while with the British Army, Luke has formed a local company of volunteers and shareholders to further provide means to help with anti-poaching initiatives in Africa.

In October 2022, the group competed in Brisbane at the International Land Forces Expo Pitchfest. To their utter surprise they won the Land Forces Innovation award.

They are now working with the Army which has awarded them a contract to

build and supply four of their GUS (Ground Uncrewed System) prototypes for the Army Robotics Unit. The pressure is on.

However, the team brings with them multiple skills and talents.

The company is collaborating with FedUni. It consists of Professor Gayan Appuhamillage and is supported by Dr. Hasitha Hewawasam and Jessica Dyke.

Their roles are in radar, camera, autonomous systems, use of algorithms, programming and how Gus moves. The other members are Luke, wife Roxanne, his

brother Duncan, Michael Saulle and Dr Ian Spark. Luke brings his on-the-ground experience and desire to make things better. Michael has panel beating and electrical skills. Duncan is a fitter and turner.

The team is excited with an energy to be part of this amazing project and realise the many ways this surveillance machine can be used. There is a lot of trust between the members to see this initial contract through by April.

The building of GUS has imposed policy guidelines for this team. They try to use as many Australian and

local products as they can. Alian Electronics in Drouin and Traf Trailers have been great in supplying parts for the launching and recovery systems

Luke has also been able to pull in local people with skills to contribute, one example being a retired power station employee with vast experience.

The Yinnar community has been so supportive also offering equipment and expertise, pinpointing faults.

The Army has been really good to work with too. Questions are asked, answers given. They are exceeding expectations

with their support. The Robotics and Autonomous Systems Implementation and Co-Ordination Office has encouraged the team to diversify as GUS has so many applications for the technology it holds.

Disaster relief, power supply, poaching and criminal detection, smoke detection from fire towers when people are not rostered are a few.

GUS has multi sub systems including a surveillance camera which allows it to detect and report. Each one needs to be administered.

The artificial intelligence

is really good for Africa to use as detection of poachers and criminals. The surveillance aspect can be listening and watching while the patrol is happening, or can be left in situ for extended linger times with its battery and generator. (The military calls the length of time you wait in a location linger time).

Gus well exceeds the linger ability of flying systems to observe and detect and thus is a very useful entity.

May this project continue successfully and be a great advantage to those who employ it.

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