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## The Art of D'Ark at Yinnar



From Top left: Jane and Grand Ridge 245 Choir; Fire, Catheryn Thompson; Water, Garryelle Rose and Sarah Reark; Audience fave; Margie Mackay and Gilbert Douglas with Sarah Reark (water). Earth, Peter Corser and Deb Morrison.  
Photos by Dallys Reilly

by Catheryn Thompson

An enjoyable outdoor performance was held at the Yinnar Community Garden in mid March. The Autumnal equinox gathering was to celebrate the elementals of earth, water, fire and air

with theatre and song. The gazebos and the pergolas added a theatrical style and along with the central cosmic mosaic designed by Sari Anderson, it provided a perfect place for a celebration of nature and the elements so intrinsic to

the life of a garden. The display featured artistic collaboration, installation and performance artists, Peter Corser, Deb Morrison (Earth), Garryelle Rose, Sarah Reark (Water), Yakshideva aka Catheryn Thompson with helpers Sari and Lisa

Anderson (Fire Snake) Margie Mackay, Gilbert Douglas (Air), and the Grand Ridge 245 Choir.

Over 80 persons visited the gardens, participated and enjoyed the performance on a cool autumn afternoon.

### Churchill ANZAC Day Commemoration 2023

ANZAC Day, Tuesday April 25

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**Shop Local Markets 2023**

Dates for the "Churchill - Shop Local" Craft Markets have been set for this year. Our first Market - the Mother's Day Market - will be held on Saturday May 6, starting at 9am at Churchill Shopping Centre. The event runs until approximately 1pm.

The Market provides an opportunity for local home-based small businesses, artisans and crafters to showcase their goods and make some sales. It is also a forum for community groups to do some fund-raising and promote their activities.

Market stall sites are free but you must book prior to Market Day. Stallholders must provide details of their own Public Liability Insurance or sign a Waiver before bookings are confirmed. Bookings can be made on-line at [churchill.org.au/markets](http://churchill.org.au/markets)

Churchill - Shop Local is a partnership between CDCA, Churchill & District News and Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. We

aim to support local retailers by bringing the community together at the shopping centre and encouraging people to spend their shopping dollars at our local stores.

Market Day activities, such as sausage sizzles and entertainment, are free to the public as we wish to encourage attendance and create a positive environment where people gather, chat, browse the stalls and shops and enjoy themselves.

To further encourage in-store shopping, CDCA gives away \$300 worth of shopping vouchers to randomly selected people exiting stores with their purchases. So that retailers are not out-of-pocket, CDCA actually covers the face-value of these vouchers by paying nominated retailers the voucher sum.

Along with paying for these vouchers, CDCA covers the costs of sausages and BBQ fare and pays the entertainers. It all adds up to well over a thousand dollars each market event.

CDCA has received some financial support from Latrobe City's Economic Development Unit which goes some way to covering costs. We have also been very appreciative of donations from AAAccounting (Tony Antonelli) and Sight & Sound Engineering (Trevor Whelan).

Nevertheless, CDCA has been dipping into our savings to meet the expenses incurred on Market Days which, long-term, is unsustainable.

Therefore, we are currently seeking additional funding and/or sponsorship from other agencies.

If our approaches are successful, future markets may be tagged with "Sponsored By" corporate logos.

We think the Market Days are positive, happy events which bring many locals together and create a good vibe at Churchill Shopping Centre - so it is worth pursuing some corporate sponsorship to keep the markets running.

After this Mother's Day Market (May 6) we are also planning to have a Winter Market on Saturday August 26, and a Christmas Market

on Saturday December 2. You can find and 'Like' us (Churchill shop local) on Facebook to stay informed about our Market Days.

CDCA meets on the second Thursday of every second month, so our next regular meeting will be held on Thursday June 8. We start at 7pm and finish by 9pm.

Our meetings are held in Studio 1, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall, park and enter from Philip Parade.

New members and interested residents are always welcome at our meetings.

We provide an opportunity to raise local issues of concern and may be able to devise ways to seek resolution.

Latrobe City Council representatives are often in attendance, providing an expedient avenue for follow-up of some local matters.

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

Membership applications can be downloaded from our website or join us at one of our meetings.

**Rainfall**

Churchill experienced the wettest March since 2012 with a month's total of 72mm falling to freshen up our gardens and help the paddocks and parks green up a bit. March 30 was our heaviest days' rainfall since July last year with a total of 23mm falling in 24 hours.

The 2023 total to the end of March is 129mm.

**Rain at Hazelwood South**

March had 79mm of rain and was 76% wetter than the average for the month. First the grass started greening, followed by enough rain to


top up the tanks. Hazelwood South was 5% wetter than the Latrobe Valley weather station. The March rain almost made up for the dry January and February, 2023 is now at 8% below average rain. The temperature dropped enough to bring out the firewood. The climate indicators: ENSO (La Nina/El Nino), IOD, MJO, and SAM, were all close to neutral, the main driver of the March rain was from high Indian Ocean temperatures, even a cyclone. Climate change has warmed Australia by 1.47 degrees.



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# Bicentennial Sculpture Exhibition at Yinnar



The fourth Bicentennial Sculpture Exhibition will be held in Yinnar until May 7, 2023.

This popular exhibition to be held over seven weeks, attracts Australia's most recognised interior and exterior sculptors, working with a host of mediums, transforming steel, stone, wood, ceramic, and bronze into one-of-a-kind masterpieces.

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There may be a few tree branches left on the ground due to the clean up and various storms that have occurred in recent months.

Please be aware of trip hazards when walking your pets and children through the parks.

'Snap send solve' is an app for

your phone where you can report issues in and around town that will be actioned asap by the necessary departments.

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# Church News



## Chaplain

Last month, I posted a re-worked article from some years back (about C.S. Lewis). This month, I am posting what will be my last submission as Chaplain as I am retiring. A replacement may take some months to be 'on-board' with the work and with posting an article here.

I would like to thank the team at Churchill & District News for their support, and I thank the readers for regularly following the news in general, and for feedback to me on occasions.

I have endeavoured to always submit positive articles - yes, with a Christian focus, and perhaps with some aspects to make readers think more about spiritual things. Which is why I always finish these submitted articles with 'worth thinking about!'

Thinking positively...I found what I consider to be an interesting quote recently. It said "Negative emotions have served us well during an age of flight or fight. But it's the positive emotions that drive society forward...".

That is interesting because we too often see society focusing on the negative more than on the positive. This is not ignoring the issues of life's ups and



downs, but it can be a means of looking for lessons to learn in such times.

May all of life be seen as an opportunity to grow, to learn, and to turn to God rather than away.

Worth thinking about!

## Thank you Frank Lees

Frank you have been a regular contributor to our paper for many years now, always on time and always with a thoughtful contribution to make us think. Thank you too for the time you have spent looking after the students and staff at the university. Your caring ways and listening ear will be sadly missed. Churchill & District News wishes you every blessing in your future ventures, safe travels and new horizons to discover and explore.

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 Every 4th Sunday alternates Yinnar/Boolarra. **September - St Francis de Sales, Boolarra**

March has been a special time in our church community.

Cathie Halliwell has led our Lenten services, always bringing a challenging but encouraging message. Our interactive services have produced some interesting outcomes.

Each week a set of questions has led us into some challenging thinking.

We have been exploring ways we can interact with the community in some different or previously used ideas.

Coffee Connections was held with the Craft Connections group and was very successful. Joan Cox, visiting family from

England, spoke of her work as a hospital chaplain. This was very enlightening.

It has whetted the appetite of the attendees to have more of these get togethers.

A long list of ideas has been compiled and we shall work through them as the year goes on.

Trevor Berryman hosted a "Mens Breakfast" at his place where the men had the time to themselves to chat about things of interest to them. Julie Berryman arranged with Café Alfa to have the ladies join her there at 10am for a coffee and cake get together.

Each occasion was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to the Berrymans for their willingness to host these initiatives.

Joy Blair and husband Jim celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Joy brought along to church a steel model her father made of the church in which they were married. It is a miniature 13 inches high and made to scale of the church dimensions.

It was made to be used as a money box to collect donations for the poor. It was amazing. This old church was built in 1888.

# Joy and Jim's 60th Anniversary



Congratulations Joy and Jim Blair on your 60th wedding anniversary

Jim came from Scotland to the Latrobe Valley in 1948 (aged 9) with his family and settled in Moe where he attended school.

He later worked at the S E C and began accountancy studies to become an accountant.

Joyce Smith attended the Preston Girls High school and after Year 9 got a job as a calculator operator at Ring-Grip, later becoming their

Credit Manager.

For some years Jim was a Youth worker at Moe Baptist Church and Joy worked with children at South Preston Methodist.

They met as a result of a Youth leaders tour to Tasmania.

Joy and Jim were married two years later at the South Preston Methodist Church on March 16, 1963.

Their first home was bought in Nunawading, after Jim had qualified as an accountant.

They have had several moves of homes in their married life.

In the year 2000 they moved to Yinnar South where they had a small farm, and Jim began his own Accounting Practice in the area.

In 2015 they sold the farm and moved to Churchill.

In retirement Jim is a member of U3A and enjoys attending their many classes. He also enjoys working in his work shed.

Joy enjoys keeping in

touch with and meeting friends and family. Attending their activities at the

Co-operating Church in Churchill is her delight.

Joy has been very much involved with the church and was one of the instigators of our special program - Coffee Connection.

They are proud of the achievements of their children and seven grandchildren with whom they keep in touch regularly.

Their special day was celebrated with the family.

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## Aboriginal names

Kurnai is the name in this publication for the aboriginal community that occupied most of Gippsland before European settlement. This name was accepted for the amalgamated secondary college after public consultation and after consultation with local aboriginal elders. The name Kurnai College took effect from January 1, 1987.

However, there are now two schools of thought within the aboriginal community on whether the correct name is Kurnai or Gunnai, recent publications have spelt the community as Gunai. More recently the term Kurnai-Gunnai or Gunnai-Kurnai has come into vogue to acknowledge the two schools of thought.

The aboriginal names for the streets in the Glendonald

Estate were adopted by the Shire of Morwell in 1981. The names were taken from the publication Aboriginal Words and their Meanings compiled by Joan Humphrey Sugden 1873-1961.

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



## A story in a stamp set

Australia is still largely a country with Christian values and these came from Britain with white settlement. However, Britain was not always Christian. The first part of the British Isles to become Christian was Ireland and then Wales, due to the influence of European Celts. The Romans brought Christianity to England but it was slow to develop and the arrival of pagan Anglo-Saxons stopped its growth until the Catholic Church in Rome sent a new Bishop to Canterbury in 596.

This man was Augustine. Legend has it that he asked the Pope for the post after seeing Anglo-Saxon slave children in Rome and remarked "Not Angles, but Angels." The truth of this can never be verified but he did go to Canterbury and he did influence the Anglo-Saxons of the Kingdom of Kent, and he converted King Ethelbert of Kent to Christianity. In those days, this meant that all who followed Ethelbert automatically became Christians also. There were probably secret followers of the old Germanic gods but over time Christianity became the established state religion, and Canterbury became the centre of Christianity in England. Late in the 900's King Alfred the Great, a devout Christian, endowed the Church with land for monasteries and so within a short time Anglo-Saxon England was largely Christian.

During his reign, the arrival of the Danes or Vikings from the North who had their own gods, was a problem for

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the Church as they saw the rich monasteries as a source of easy pickings and raided them with impunity. However, the Anglo-Saxons gradually overcame the Danes who settled in England and conversion of the Danes followed.

In the North, what is now Scotland was a collection of wild tribes with control in the hands of local tribal leaders rather than larger kingdoms. Irish priests made the voyage to the islands off the Scottish coast and set up settlements there with the agreement of the local chiefs. One of these priests stands out as a significant missionary who spread the Christian faith, and that was St Columba.

In 563 he travelled by currach to Argyll in the southwest of Scotland and went on to the island of

Iona. At the time, this was a part of the Irish Kingdom of Dalriada. He oversaw the building of an abbey. He became a noted figure in the community and was seen as a diplomat among the Pict tribes. He was known for several miracles in the region and his Celtic Christian beliefs were quickly taken up by the local leaders and their tribes and gradually throughout the whole of Scotland. One miracle attributed to him was the banishment of a terrible creature to the depths of Loch Ness. The creature had long terrorised the local tribe and even today he is believed to have tamed the Loch Ness Monster.

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# Morwell and District Red Cross Branch Members support the Human Race Appeal

By Robin Irvine

During the month of March, Australian Red Cross conducted The Human Race Appeal. Members, families and friends were invited to think of innovative ways to walk, run, cycle, swim or roll 26 kilometres. The distance could be covered by individuals or in teams, in one event or over several events. Sponsors and donors were asked to support participants to raise funds for Red Cross that could then be used to provide assistance to those in need following natural disasters or other crises. The figure of 26km represented the 26 million people who currently call Australia home.

Enthusiastic members of Morwell and District Red Cross Branch chose to hold a team event on Wednesday March 8. A happy band of eleven walkers set off from Yinnar and District Memorial Hall at 11.30 am and walked to the Yinnar Recreation Reserve and back to qualify for the 26 km distance. With the aid

of sponsors and donors, a grand sum of \$436.50 was raised for the Red Cross Human Race Appeal. Many thanks to all sponsors and donors.

Following the walk, branch members were welcomed to Café 3869 Yinnar by the friendly and obliging staff for a delicious lunch and welcome teas and coffees. They later adjourned to the Yinnar and District Memorial Hall to discuss Red Cross business of the day at their regular branch meeting.

Currently, a feature of the monthly branch meetings is a presentation by a member, exhibiting samples of their artwork. In February, Lyn Ryan displayed a selection of her remarkable paintings. In April Kathy Macdonald will treat members to an exhibition of the wonderful embroidery that she has enjoyed creating over many years.

The month of March saw members in awe of the amazing samples of quilts and wall hangings that their talented counterpart



Kristi Kuhne has created. Kristi's work is exquisite in colour, detail, needlework and fabric selection. Her creative ability and imagination know no bounds - she is able to take a given theme and transport it into a previously unthought-of direction. Kristi's enthusiasm for her craft is inspiring. A group favourite was a wall hanging featuring musical notation, symbols and instruments, seen pictured. Chairman Anne-Maree Vella thanked Kristi for her presentation and congratulated her on her remarkable creations.



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# Delburn Wind Farm to power ahead in Gippsland

Following a Supreme Court challenge, Justice Richards has ruled the Victorian Planning Minister's permit for the Delburn Wind Farm is valid. OSMI Australia Executive Director Development, Peter Marriott said he was pleased with the Supreme Court outcome. "This provides certainty for the Delburn Wind Farm to proceed, and we are actively working to bring the project into construction in early 2024. We are excited to be

able to invest in the region and create local jobs. We are now focused on getting on with building the wind farm and contributing to a much needed transition to renewable energy for Latrobe Valley and Gippsland. The Delburn Wind Farm will produce renewable energy, reduce carbon emissions, and create local employment."

The Delburn Wind Farm is expected to provide more than 186 full time jobs during construction and 24 ongoing jobs during the 30-year operational life of the wind farm. With a commitment to hiring locals, the wind farm will deliver economic benefits for local suppliers, contractors, businesses and accommodation providers. We also want to hear from any residents who are concerned or opposed to the wind farm development – it is not too late to discuss your concerns, ask questions and let us work with you to share information and understanding," he said.

The Delburn Wind Farm will work with local neighbours and surrounding communities to ensure they are informed of all activities in the delivery of the wind farm.

# Open Garden at Aberys



On May 6 and 7 Ann and John Aberys will host an Open Garden at their property at 380 Thomson Road Hazelwood South.

They look forward to welcoming you to this special place.

The admission fee will be \$10, proceeds of which will be given to Breast Cancer Network Australia.

Their special garden was revived after being burnt in the Black Saturday fires.

Many of the beautiful trees that will be displaying

their amazing autumn colours have survived the fires of 13 years ago.

John and Ann have cleverly recycled tools and materials burnt in the fires.

They have repurposed the concrete slabs of previous buildings to build new structures to meet their needs now.

The garden displays sculptures and art works created by the owners and family members. The garden features a large lake that supplies water for the

garden, enclosed orchard and substantial vegetable patch.

The garden has its own Hobbit house, and has numerous areas in which to have a picnic.

Families can enjoy a walk on a 1km bush track that winds through the local bush that surrounds the garden.

The garden has many innovative ideas and solutions to tricky problems that gardeners will find interesting. This is something not to be missed.

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# Book Review

## The Happiest Man on Earth

By Eddie Jaku 2020

Abraham Solomon Jakubowicz was born in Leipzig Germany on April 14, 1920, the son of a Polish migrant who came to Germany for work. Abraham was nick-named Adi (Eddie) by his sister Henni, also a Holocaust survivor, and he wrote this book at the age of one hundred.

Eddie's family lived a comfortable and sophisticated life in Leipzig and considered themselves German first and Jewish second. However by 1938 there was unrest due to shortages of food, with Germany struggling to pay reparation after WW1. This unrest led to the rise of the Nazi movement.

Eddie was expelled from his school for being Jewish so his father arranged a false identity for him and sent him away to finish his education. When he returned home to celebrate his parents' wedding anniversary he found the family home deserted.

He stayed overnight but was arrested by the Nazi paramilitary forces in the morning. This was the infamous Kristallnacht when Jewish homes and businesses were wrecked, not only by Nazis but also ordinary citizens who had been friends and neighbours.

Eddie was taken to Buchenwald Concentration Camp where he was recognised by a friend from his engineering school, who was unaware Eddie was Jewish. His friend recommended him for a job as a skilled tool maker but when he was to be moved his father intercepted him and they escaped to Belgium. His parents had rented an apartment there but they were soon arrested again

because they were German. The family was sent to Auschwitz where his parents were sent to the gas chamber.

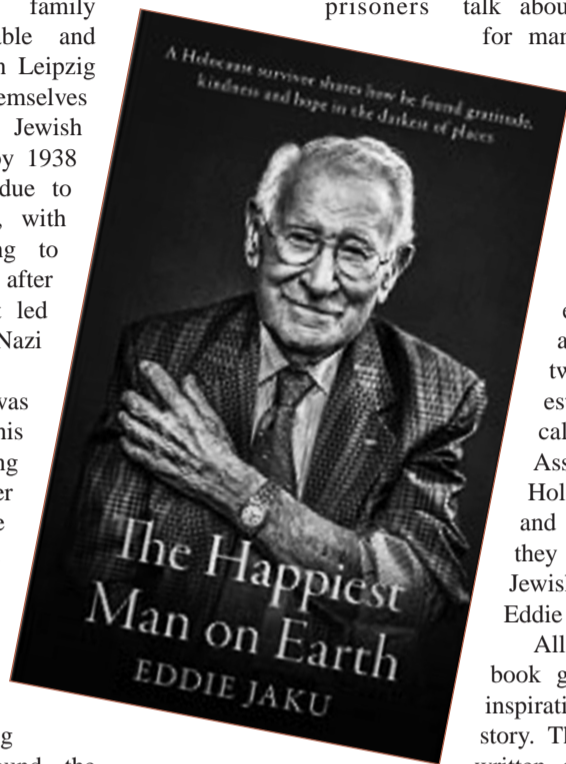
Because he was a skilled engineer he was able to work for the Germans and although that led to some privileges, life was far from easy and he tried to escape a number of times. Food was inadequate, violence was rampant and conditions deplorable. Despite this, prisoners

with the birth of his son. He felt his heart was healed and happiness returned. He made a pact with himself to be happy, polite, helpful and kind.

Although he was still technically a refugee in Belgium he decided to move his family to Australia, arriving in Sydney in July 1950. He gained employment and eventually set up in business himself. He didn't talk about his experiences for many years but then decided it was important to tell the story of the millions of Jews who perished. He began speaking to groups about his experiences, later a group of about twenty survivors established a group called "Australian Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Descendants" then they set up the Sydney Jewish Museum, where Eddie tells his story.

All members of our book group enjoyed this inspirational and uplifting story. The book is simply written and easy to read, as though you are having a conversation with the author. Our group had recently read another book about survivors of the holocaust and there were a number of factors common to both accounts: close relationships with other prisoners in the camps, leading to care and support, finding creative ways to get extra food, sharing what they had, resilience, possession of skills that the Germans found useful and not least, a good amount of luck.

We all agreed that for Eddie to reach the ripe old age of one hundred with his mind still sharp was amazing after the physical, emotional and mental torture his body had endured. Despite the dark history, Eddie's survival is a feel good story.



shared what they had, remained hopeful and looked out for one another.

After the defeat of the Germans Eddie was in hospital for six weeks but when he recovered he set off for Belgium to look for his parents. He found their apartment completely empty of their possessions and his parents gone. This caused him deep sadness and loneliness, but he made the decision then to live the best life he could. When he was reunited with his friend Kurt and his sister Henni his mood lifted.

His return to Belgium felt uncomfortable, he was restless, and his marriage, despite loving his wife deeply, didn't bring the happiness he longed for. However this all changed

# Latrobe Health Advocate

By Jane Anderson

It is a pleasure to be able to contribute to this edition of Churchill News. I am sharing some highlights from our latest Quarterly Report for October-December 2022 in this edition.

Access to Services was the top aspiration identified by Latrobe communities. Health equity is shown as the second aspiration for communities, and it is always mentioned alongside the aspiration of access to services. I heard from the community about the need to be able to access GPs, dermatologists, phototherapy equipment, Lymphoedema nurses and physiotherapists, hand surgeons, paediatricians, geriatricians, dentists, psychologists, and neurologists.

Social Inclusion was also one of the aspirations expressed by community members. People have identified the links between community participation, community engagement, healthy lifestyle and mental well-being. They have shared their goals for more people in Latrobe to benefit from community groups and activities such as local swimming groups, neighbourhood houses, and friendship groups. People have also talked about the health and well-being benefits of pets.

I continue to hear the message that communities are happy to engage, and that local people know what they need. People have said that service providers need to hold trust in the community. During this quarter, my office has also seen several systems changes that can provide opportunities for better services, better mental models, integration of community voice and better relationships. Gippsland Primary Health Network, GPs and other services are emphasising the need to hear about community perspectives and priorities in

addition to being informed by trends in data and the views of health professionals.

Federation University is utilising community voice and knowledge to develop a model for virtual care physiotherapy for people living with chronic conditions.

Federation University is customising the delivery of its physiotherapy degree so that local students can learn about rural health policy and action in a way that builds relationships with local stakeholders. To achieve an understanding of the local community experience I continue to hear from communities who share their goals, barriers, and suggestions and how they want to be engaged by governments and services across Latrobe. In this report, I am sharing people's experiences which provide great insights into what is concerning them and what solutions they can see that will support people in Latrobe to experience better



Latrobe Health Advocate

health and well-being.

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 we 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>.

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# Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish  
**Species:** *Pterostylis truncata*.

Family: Orchidaceae.  
 Derivation: Pterostylis: From Greek, pteron, meaning "wing", and stylos, meaning "pillar, pole or column" and referring to the broad wings found on the upper part of the column in this genus of orchids.

truncata: From Latin, truncatus, meaning "cut off", referring to the abrupt ending of the galea (hood) of this species.

Common Name: Brittle Greenhood, Little Dumpies.

**Distribution:** Extinct over much of its former habitat in south-central Victoria due to habitat loss and weed invasion, small populations still remain in the You Yangs and Long Forest areas to the west of Melbourne. It is still common throughout the ranges of NSW and the ACT and may also be in

SE Queensland.

**Description:** Arising from an underground tuberoid, non-flowering plants form a ground-hugging basal rosette, consisting of 3-8 ovate leaves, up to 3cm long and 2cm wide with entire margins. Flowering plants don't form a rosette, but produce a single stem up to 15cm tall, usually shorter, bearing up to 6 stem leaves (30mm x 5mm) and a single flower up to 45mm long and 20mm wide that is translucent white with green or reddish-brown striping. The flower

consists of 6 highly modified tepals (3 sepals and 3 petals) arranged around a central column comprised of the reproductive parts of the flower. The dorsal sepal and 2 petals are fused into an open-faced 'hood'

shape, while the 2 lateral sepals are fused for enough of their length to cover the open face of the hood and for their free points to form 'horns' over the hood. The third petal is called the labellum, is very sensitive to touch and sits inside the hood where its tip is only just visible through the opening in the hood. When a potential pollinating insect enters the hood, the labellum is triggered to trap the insect inside the flower and force it to exit the flower via a route past the column that will assist pollination of the flower. Ingenious!

**Opinion:** Orchids are great little plants, but keep in mind that they are all protected in the wild, some are very sensitive to disturbance and hence, are vulnerable/threatened/ endangered. Never collect plants from wild populations and take care if you are undertaking activities around their habitats. My plants are obtained from reputable and legal sources (yes, I know that they all originated from plants collected from the bush back when that was the norm and



before we knew better, but now we do know better, so don't be part of the problem!) with the aim of taking the pressure off the wild populations and hopefully increasing their numbers in cultivation, sometimes for re-introduction back into the wild.

Little Dumpies are one of the easier orchids to grow and maintain in a garden and I keep mine in a hanging basket, to provide excellent drainage and prevent the soil from staying too damp, which will cause the tubers to rot, particular in the hot weather when the tubers are dormant. Hanging also keeps the pots off the ground and away from a lot of the pests and bugs which live in our gardens but are not so prevalent out in the wild. It is amazing how much damage a single slug or snail can do to your greenhoods in a very short time!

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: Backhouse - Bush Beauties, The Wild Orchids of Victoria, Australia (2019).

Jones - A Complete Guide to the Native Orchids of Australia (2021).

Online - Google, AVH: The Australasian Virtual Herbarium, VicFlora: Flora of Victoria.

# Churchill & District News FLASHBACK

## 2003

### Civic Gardens for Churchill

For over a year now, Churchill District Citizens Association has been working in partnership with Latrobe City Council to establish a Civic Gardens Venue as close as possible to the Town Spire to fulfil a recognised need in Churchill. The idea is to have an elegant place in the centre of Churchill where the community can assemble on formal occasions such as Australia Day Ceremonies.

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### Common misconceptions

"CFA Firefighters will protect my home during a Bush Fire" Not necessarily. During a major fire, firefighters and fire tankers must be positioned at the fire front, working to prevent the fire from spreading. There simply may not be enough fire tankers available to defend every home, so a great deal of responsibility rests with the home owner.

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### Boolarra black spot

Boolarra's notorious television black spot will soon be a thing of the past, with the completed installation of new transmitter equipment expected by the end of the month. Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Tony Hanning said reception of SBS and the commercial television stations had been severely limited or was non-existent for some Boolarra residents, with local topography interfering with the reception of a clear signal.

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### Ladies for dinner

In December the men of the Co-Operating Churches put on their Annual Ladies Dinner. The ladies were treated to a four course meal, tea or coffee and chocolates, with entertainment provided. This is no ordinary dinner served by just anybody! The

waiters all wear white dinner jackets and a bow tie!

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### Clean up Australia day

This is the day when everyone can make a difference! Since 1989 thousands of Australians have taken part in administering a dose of Australia's Own Medication! According to Clean Up Australia, we are the second highest producers of waste per person in the world. We each produce almost 16kgs of rubbish for collection each week. There are 32 billion cigarette butts, enough to go around the world 16 times, and 2.8 billion plastic bags are thrown away each year.

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### Churchill community fair

The Community Fair is the chance to celebrate the opportunities and achievements of our district and to involve the wider community in displays, cultural events and entertainment.

This will be a family orientated day of free activities. Organisations and groups active in Churchill and surrounds are invited to participate in this event.

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### Churchill the place to live

After living in Melbourne all our lives, we have found Churchill to be quiet, relaxed, safe and friendly, with no more problems than are to be found in any suburb of Melbourne. Quite frankly, I love it here.

Latrobe Valley offers us all the advantages of a big city, and Churchill offers us all the advantages of a small country town. I am proud to say I love my neighbourhood, Glendonald with its kids, dogs, cars, parks and open spaces, and the skills, talents, humour, enthusiasm and warmth that I have found here.

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### Reflections of Gippsland

In December 2002 Dr Mary Griffiths, Senior Lecturer and Head of

Communication and Writing at Monash University, launched the second book published by the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre's Creative Writing Group, "Reflections of Gippsland". She felt the book, written by Gippslanders, showed a lovely eye for detail. "Reflections of Gippsland" is a collection of short stories and poems about Gippsland by local writers.

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### Inaugural Boolarra folk festival

To be held in March 2003 at the Centenary and Rail Trail Parks in Boolarra. The theme for the first festival is "folk and drums" which incorporates traditional and contemporary folk music with Latin and African percussion groups.

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### Lynx Trefol Guild

The Lynx Trefol Guild began the year with their first meeting held at the new barbecue facilities in Glendonald Park in January.

Even though it was an extremely hot day, the meeting was a huge success, with families enjoying a great barbecue in a relaxed friendly atmosphere.

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### What a dish!

Janice Redmond and Owen Guthrie were the lucky winners in our November Chicken Recipe competition. Owen's favourite chicken dish is the Greek Style Chicken and Risoni Casserole which he learned to cook at the Youth Action Centre in Churchill.

Janice sent us a tasty and quick recipe for Grilled Chicken with Apricot Sauce.

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### Lifeline \$2 sale

Thanks to the generous support of the community, Lifeline Gippsland is now able to offer for one week only, a \$2 sale on all garments.

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## Check your heaters to avoid fire risk

With Victorians reaching for their heaters to combat the cold snap, firefighters are urging people to be aware of the fire risks inside their home. Autumn and winter are the highest risk periods for residential fires in Victoria due in part to the increased use of home heating.

Home heating includes open fires, wood heaters, fixed electrical and gas-powered appliances and portable electrical heaters or those that use gas or kerosene. Many residential fires that result in fatalities or serious injuries start in lounge and sleeping areas. Many of these fires are found to be caused by heating systems, appliances and equipment.

Remember to never leave portable heaters and fireplaces unattended and turn off heaters before leaving the room. Ensure fireplace embers are extinguished before leaving your house or going to bed.

It is vital for all Victorians to check their heaters to ensure they are in good working condition. Ideally, gas heaters should be professionally serviced every



two years. On average, there are around 3000 house fires in Victoria each year and most could be prevented by taking simple precautions.

Last year, CFA found that the lounge and bedroom areas were the most common room of fire ignition for incidents resulting in serious injury or death. Most of these lounge room fires are caused by heating systems too close to combustibles. Poorly maintained gas fires could also cause deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.

There should be no greater reason to have your gas heater inspected and serviced than to ensure the safety of loved ones. We have seen tragic

consequences of this in the past. Another dangerous mistake people make is drying clothes near heaters and fireplaces. Clothes should be kept at least one metre from the heat source.

Every household should consider their fire safety practices and examine the potential risks around their home. We know that in the event of a fire, a working smoke alarm can save lives. Smoke alarms should be installed in all sleeping and living areas and preferably be interconnected so that if a fire starts in one room that smoke alarm will go off and also sound all other interconnected smoke alarms.

For more information on how to prevent fires in your home, visit the CFA website at <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home>.

### Heating safety tips

- Ensure heaters are installed, maintained and operated according to manufacturer's instructions.
  - Turn off all heating devices before leaving home or going to sleep.
  - Drying clothes and other items must be kept at least one metre away from all heating
  - Children must be supervised near all types of heating. Maintain a safe distance between children and heating
  - For portable heating appliances choose models that have automatic safety switches that turn the heater off if tipped over
  - Keep portable electric heaters away from wet areas to avoid the possibility of electric shock.
- ### Open fire safety tips
- Always use a fire screen in front of an open fire.
  - Ensure ashes are cold before discarding.
  - Chimneys and flues should be cleaned annually.
  - Keep wood and other combustibles at least one metre away from fire.
  - Only burn dry, clean wood.
  - Brick chimneys and gas heaters should be checked before winter to prevent fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

## CNC to offer First Aid and Mental Health First Aid training locally

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is pleased to announce that they will soon be offering Level 2 First Aid certificates, CPR Updates, Childcare First Aid, and Accredited Mental Health First Aid Training in the local community. These classes will be available at about half the price of other providers, making them more accessible to everyone in the Churchill and district area.

Having a first aid certificate is vital in any community, but it is especially important in small rural communities like Churchill. In an emergency, the first few minutes can mean the difference between life and death. By having a first aid certificate, individuals can provide immediate medical assistance until paramedics arrive.

"First aid training is an essential skill that everyone should have, regardless of where they live," says Nathan, the Centre's Manager. "In a small rural community, it is even more important because emergency services may take longer to reach the location."

The Level 2 First Aid course offered by Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is a comprehensive course that covers a range of topics, including CPR, treating fractures, burns, bites, and other injuries, and managing medical emergencies. The course is designed to provide individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to respond to various medical emergencies confidently.

In addition to Level 2 First Aid training, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre will also be offering Accredited Mental Health First Aid Training. This training program provides participants the skills and knowledge to recognise and respond to someone

experiencing a mental health crisis. It is an essential skill to have, particularly in rural communities where mental health services may be limited.

"Mental health is a critical issue in our community, and we believe it is essential to provide training to help individuals support those who may be experiencing a mental health crisis," says Nathan.

Accredited Mental Health First Aid Training teaches participants to recognise the signs and symptoms of mental health problems, how to provide initial support, and how to guide someone towards appropriate professional help.

Both the Level 2 First Aid course and the Accredited Mental Health First Aid Training offered by Churchill Neighbourhood Centre will be available

at about half the price of other providers, making it accessible to everyone in the community.

"We are committed to providing affordable and accessible training to the local community to help improve the health and wellbeing of our residents," Nathan continues to explain.

If you are interested in learning more about the Level 2 First Aid course or Accredited Mental Health First Aid Training, visit Churchill Neighbourhood Centre's website at [churchill.org.au](http://churchill.org.au).

The Centre is committed to the physical and mental health of the community.

It provides a range of programs and classes to support this, including "Wellbeing Wednesday", where Yoga, Chair Fitness and Pilates is only \$5 per session.

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We are pleased to say that with the willing co-operation of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and Lisa Twigger, LRH Community Participation Officer this has been achieved. A donation box

is located just through the main door at the Hub. Nathan Brown co-ordinator is very enthusiastic to help with this project. Lisa is thankful and excited to have this outlet for people to donate.

"Each day the Wear House provides assistance to someone who has been hospitalised unexpectedly. It could happen to you or anyone you know. A serious accident, a mental health episode or an emergency situation. Nobody has time to pack a bag in those circumstances" Lisa said.

"This service is not only

providing essential items, but comfort and dignity. That is something we all deserve" she added

Items which are needed are T-Shirts, track pants/leggings, windcheaters, pyjamas, underwear, thongs, slippers, soap, shampoo, sanitary products, toothpaste and brushes, hair combs and brushes.

Please drop them off at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and Lisa will collect them and take them to the Wear House. Thank you for your support.



### Autumn colour

The autumn trees in the Hazelwood shopping centre carpark are a brilliant red at the moment. Look out for and enjoy more autumn colours around the district now.

### Churchill men's shed

Churchill men's shed operates downstairs at the Town Hall every Monday from 10.00am. New participants are welcome to call in and see Theo for more information.

### Christian Creators Fair

Enjoy the day at the Churchill Christian Fellowship fair, 762 Tramway Road Churchill on Saturday April 22, from 10am.

### Equinox Festival

An amazing afternoon was held in March at the Yinnar Community Gardens. The participation of many people in the display of

theatre and music was very entertaining.

### IGA accident

A recent second vehicle accident occurred to the building at the old IGA store in Churchill, when a column at the front of the building was damaged.

### Yinnar sculptures 2023

ARC Yinnar, Main Street and the Yinnar Park are the places to visit from now until May 7. The bicentennial sculpture exhibition is open once again. Arc Yinnar exhibition hall is filled with so many interesting sculptures and will be open every day until May 7.

### New term begins

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre will begin new classes from April 12. Why not try a couple of classes during this second term. The list of classes include the

Men's Shed, Community Garden, computer, cooking, social groups, yoga, chair exercises, handcrafts and more. Come along, participate and enjoy time at the Hub or visit the local library in the same building.

For further information give Nathan a call on 5120 3850.

### New buildings

There are many houses being built in Churchill at the moment.

### Special news to share

If you have a special family event and would like to share it with the community, please contact us at cdeditorial@cdnews.com.au or ring Carol 0409 326 769.

### Thought for today

As we age, three things happen, first your memory goes. Unfortunately I cannot remember the other two.



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# Huge clean up at Mathison Park



Prior to departing on an extended trip, two of our volunteers cleared up a lot of tree branches and other rubbish along the Kurnai end of the park. This has allowed the council mowing man access to cut that long grass. It looks so much more like our beautiful park. There is another area which needs attention and this will be done soon.

The working bee was a great success despite several of our usual volunteers being unable to attend.

Blackberries are a regular problem in the park, so one volunteer scoured part of the area and grubbed them out.

A board on a fishing platform was replaced.

Fallen branches, bark and twigs were picked up and put ready to burn when

fire restrictions are lifted.

More mulching was done. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers.

Preparation work is being slowly done in our deciduous area, clearing out dead and dying trees in preparation for planting new varieties.

This area is one of the longest plantings in the park and is in need of rejuvenation. Thank you to another volunteer and his helpers who have started this work.

A huge thank you to the Gippsland Interchange crew who have actioned so much work in the park over the last month. They have helped clear up fallen branches and bark, spread mulch and helped to clear away a fallen tree. Thank you for all you do.



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# Looking Back...

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## Interesting snippets from the 40's and 50's

by Leo Billington



In this column written for last month's Churchill & District News, these words were used:

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. Let us have another look at our local community for instance.

Quite a few years back, there was local controversy surrounding a proposal for a private school for Morwell. It was a topical issue, various interest groups failing to agree on what might have been best for this area. Meanwhile, a proactive community group in Warragul proceeded without much fuss or bother, finally establishing St Pauls Anglican Grammar School.

Hurdles were naturally encountered but nonetheless, determination won the day.

It is therefore amazing to learn that a Grammar School site was chosen back in 1947. As announced in editorial by the Morwell Advertiser, Monday, December 15, 1947.

'The Church of England has acquired a site for a Grammar School on the rising ground to the north of Morwell.

After inspection and approval by the Bishop of Gippsland, the site, some 30 acres on the corner of Maryvale and Old Melbourne Roads, has been purchased from Mr. Neil Walsh and the matter is now with the Treasury for approval'.

Four days earlier, the paper's editorial told its

community this was a "farsighted approach to the needs of an expanding town."

On March 27, 1952, the Morwell Advertiser trumpeted that the "Myer Emporium Comes to Morwell."

'The Myer Emporium Ltd. will open a teleprinter order service in portion of the premises occupied by Clematis Art Florists, 208 Commercial Road, Morwell, on Monday, March 31.

The system, which eliminates writing, posting and waiting for orders, is aimed at providing a better service to the customers Myer's already have and improved facilities for new customers. The teleprinter operator, Miss Laxon, who was with Myer's for 20 years, during which time she visited England and



Europe as a buyer of fashion goods, will help the customers in their selections from catalogues covering a representative range of merchandise carried in the Melbourne Store.

The teleprinter will flash a message typed in Morwell and simultaneously be received in Melbourne, and the order will commence to receive attention before the customer leaves the depot at Morwell. The machine itself will be a matter of considerable interest, and Myer's would welcome the people coming in to see it in action. All parcels will be delivered free of charge to customers' doors in cases of residents of Morwell, Yallourn, Newborough, Morwell Bridge and Herne's Oak'.

Home computers or even Amazon were not around then, yet here was a forerunner of online shopping in Morwell. Clematis Art Florists was located westside of today's Stockdale and Leggo office.

In July 1950, Mr B T Drowley, owner of Morwell's Drowley's Wellworth Cash Store in Commercial Road, publicly announced he had sold his business to Hustlers Pty Ltd. The Wellworth Cash Store had

operated profitably for 10 years. Hustlers owned stores elsewhere in Australia such as in Melbourne, Mount Gambier, Adelaide, Newcastle and Maitland (once damaged by the 1955 Maitland floods).

On Thursday, March 26, 1942, editorial in the Morwell Advertiser explained that over the previous weekend, work had commenced excavating an air-raid shelter at the Morwell State School (Commercial Road State School). Morwell Shire horses were being used to dig forthwith under the supervision of Mr R Watson following plans drawn up by the then Morwell Shire Engineer, Mr Neville Baldy.

The Jack Aitkinson Music Band provided entertainment on Friday night, July 17, 1953 when the new Church Street Morwell Fire Brigade Station was officially opened.

The station, costing £18,000 was touted as the first major construction of the Country Fire Authority since 1940, and was described as the most modern in Victoria.

Joining Jack with entertainment were Will Handley and Vin Thomas.

Jack Aitkinson's music

was extremely popular around this time. The Commercial Road State School Mothers' Club annual Christmas party in December 1953, was entertained by Jack with additional items provided by a ventriloquist, a magician, a soloist and another playing a piano-acordion.

Jack lived in Morwell in these early years, being a popular neighbour of Mrs McDonald and her two children, who lived on the corner of McDonald Street and the then Princes Highway, now the United Petrol Station.

To finish, the then Morwell Shire President, Councillor Alf Ronald in his opening address on August 11, 1950, outlined Council's Two Year Plan.

He thought that the four major items were

- (1) footpaths,
  - (2) private street construction,
  - (3) kerbing and channelling in the first roads to be sealed, and
  - (4) provision for sealing.
- He believed that substantial aid would come either from the Government or Government authorities for works in certain Morwell streets in the near future.

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Above: The second fire station in Church Street.

# Hazelwood Cemetery

War Time History in the Cemetery

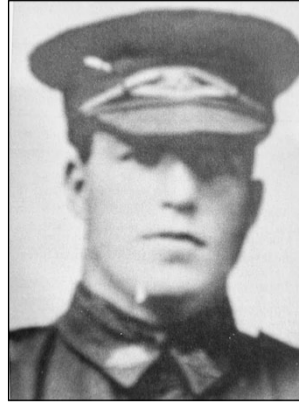
By Leo Billington



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

E00603

An Australian machine-gun company officer, Lieutenant Walter Shelley, looks through his binoculars towards the Hindenburg Line following the first battle of Bullecourt, 23 April 1917. AWM E00603



Private Robert Hamilton Thomson

Bert was aged 25 and single when he left Australia.

His journey to Morwell started in his earlier years from near Tarraville to attend Morwell State School.

In Morwell he was employed as a chemist.

He was very popular in town – a member of the Oddfellows Lodge, secretary of the Morwell Fire Brigade, footballer, and more.

His mother was living in Sale when the terrible news about her only child came through.

The State School recorded Bert “had died a glorious death in being shot down whilst assisting a wounded comrade.”

The first year in which all the Australian states observed some form of public holiday together on ANZAC Day was 1927.

The National Museum Australia notes “By the mid-1930s all the rituals we now associate with the day – dawn vigils, marches, two minutes’ silence, memorial services, wreath laying ceremonies and reunions – had been firmly established as part of ANZAC Day culture.”

Morwell State School first celebrated ANZAC Day on Friday April 27, 1917.

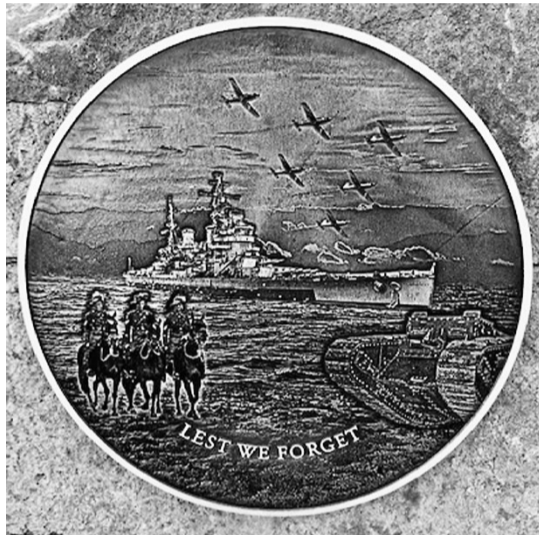
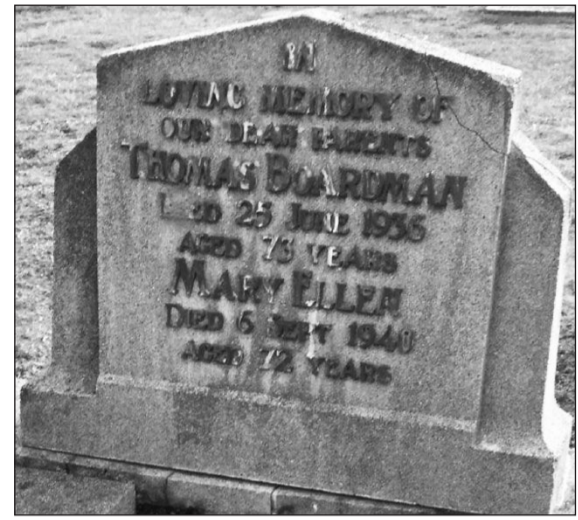
The then Morwell Shire President, Councillor Duncan Dunbar, and other Councillors in attendance, explained what ANZAC stood for.

The local paper at the time highlighted the valiant deeds performed by “our boys,” and the duty of all loyal subjects.

Some very sound advice was also given to the children, including the Union Jack being saluted followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Please note - the picture of Francis David Amiet is from the book by Roslyn Carstairs - ‘They gave their today for our tomorrow’

The picture showing the round plaque is taken at the Hazelwood Cemetery ANZAC memorial garden.



says no”.

Nine days later, Dave sent another letter to his parents living at Boolarra.

He wrote about his fading health and life in the trenches. In part he wrote:

“The day I left the hospital I was talking to Alex Young and Jack Hall (Morwell).

I also saw Fred Grant, who used to work for Mr O’Grady, at Boolarra. He tried to stop a shell, got hold of it, and is now going back to old Australia.

All the Morwell boys are doing fine. Arthur Bond is getting quite thin, only weighs about 14 stone. I weigh 10 stone”.

In another letter, dated August 14, 1915, to his parents, Dave wrote:

“Things here are pretty busy, I can tell you, and we are really about fed up with war.

Seems to me as though it will never end.

There is many an old familiar face missing. The date is the number of our old troop gone.

A fellow realises what a dreadful thing war is when he sees a few of his mates go up and come down in pieces”.

During the preceding week, Mr. and Mrs. Boardman, of Jeeralang, received a letter from Lieutenant C. Thomas, regarding the death of their son, Private Leslie Boardman, who was killed in action on or about Monday April 23, 1917, “somewhere”

On Thursday June 7, 1917, Trooper Francis David Amiet, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Frank Amiet, of “Ayrshire Bank,” Boolarra, was killed in action in France.

His father was well known throughout Gippsland’s dairying community and was one of the best known breeders of Ayrshire cattle in Gippsland.

Widely known as Dave, he was a most popular and highly esteemed young man, who was among the first to volunteer, and had spent nearly three years at the front, including many months at Gallipoli.

Several most interesting and hopeful letters, written by him, have appeared in the “Tiser,” and he was looking forward to a holiday home.

One letter received by Dave’s mother was printed in The Gippsland Farmers’ Journal, Tuesday January 11, 1916:

“Well after a day of that playing football my legs got quite soft. To all appearances they were right again. But as soon as I got upended and moved about, they were as bad as ever.

Saw the doctor again, and he put me on duty. I kidded myself I was alright again until Thursday night, when it rained in torrents, and was as cold as charity.

I just thought the old pegs were going to burst, but anyhow everything comes to an end.

Next morning the doctor sent me down to the 2nd L.H. A.M.C, with Oedema leg. That’s what the A.M.C doctor called it. I should have been sent down a month before.

My complaint is caused through the heart (like myself) being run down, and not being strong enough to circulate the blood through the body, the blood just running to my legs and stopping there.

There is only one cure—a complete rest, and I am going to have it. I thought it would leave me with a weak heart, but the doctor



Trooper Francis David Amiet



**Morwell & District Red Cross Branch**

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

New members are welcome to attend  
For further information contact the Secretary

Phone 0427 273 910

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Tickets from \$49

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Latrobe  
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Health** Service

## Need help living with a stoma?

If you know what a stoma is, you might go straight to thinking it is a negative thing, but not Ron Scott.

Ron is 83 years old and has lived with his urostomy (urine stoma) for 13 years.

"Living with a stoma is not a life sentence," Ron says.

A urostomy is an opening in the belly that drains urine after the bladder has been removed. A urostomy isn't

the only stoma you can have. There are three different types of stoma related to the digestive and urinary system.

Despite the very real challenges of living with a urostomy, Ron is quick to have a laugh and take a 'glass half full' perspective on life.

"My wife has to get out of bed at night to go to the toilet, I get to stay in bed and let the bag do all the work," he says.

"So there are definitely some pros for having a stoma bag."

Ron has been coming to LCHS to see our stoma nurse, Linda, for a couple of years now. He has found great value in the appointments.

"Linda is a breath of fresh air," he says.

"Before seeing Linda, I kept getting infections. She was able to look at my stoma and suggest a change that stopped the infections completely and I haven't had a problem since."

Linda receives referrals for clients like Ron after they have had their stoma surgery. She helps with ongoing stoma management, explains the complications to be mindful of, and helps them get back to enjoying life and the activities they did before life with a stoma.

"When I first met Ron and his wife Pam, they were such a delight," Linda says.

"Ron had a very positive outlook on life, which I think is really important when you live with a stoma.

I think the best thing you can do when you live with a stoma is accept it.

It is easier to acknowledge this is how your life is now and try to live the best life you can. That makes walking this journey far easier."

Linda is a fantastic resource for anyone with a stoma. She is proactive in putting on education sessions and helping people adjust to life with a stoma.

Thanks, Linda, for all you do and a big thanks to Ron for sharing your story with us.

If you, or anyone you know, would like help with a stoma, Linda is available.

For further information or to book an appointment with Linda, please contact Latrobe Community Health Service on 1800 242 696.

## St Matt's Op Shop



Melanie the Mannequin at St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar

St Matts Mighty

Manchester March sale was

very successful, with plenty

of customers stocking up

on sheets, doona covers and

pillow cases. Our next focus

will be Mother's Day, which

falls on May 14, this year.

For ideal gifts for mothers

of all ages, St Matt's is the

place to come. We specially

welcome children to come

and buy presents for Mum or

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prices. Our jewellery range

includes watches, brooches,

earrings, necklaces and

bracelets, plus we also

have scarves, handbags,

1000 piece jigsaws, fiction

and non-fiction books, and

kitchen gadgets to suit your

budget.

While you are in

Yinnar, take a stroll

down Main Street and

enjoy all the wonderful

sculpture installations of

the Gippsland Sculpture

Exhibition. The Exhibition

began on March 26

and runs until May

7, transforming Yinnar into

"The Sculpture Culture

Capital of Gippsland". Be

amazed by the steel, stone,

wood, ceramic, and bronze

masterpieces lining the

street.

For all our news

including upcoming sales

and events, search for

St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar on

Facebook.

## The Mental Health Cafe

The Mental Health

Cafe from Latrobe

Health Assembly and

Lifeline Gippsland has

been recognised by

the Organisation for

Economic Co-operation

and Development (OECD)

in a report being submitted

to the World Government

Summit, placing it 'at

the forefront of efforts to

promote mental health and

wellbeing'.

Praising the strong

governance and service

model of the project, the case

study shines a light on the

co-design and community-

based approach that

capitalises on local strengths.

Lifeline Gippsland will

soon launch The Mental

Health Café under a name

created and selected by

community members with

lived experience.

The Morwell-based

initiative offers a welcoming

space for locals to access

out-of-hours emotional

support at no cost, even

offering free transport to the

location from anywhere in

Latrobe.

Staffed by peer support

workers and a mental health

professional, the space

aims to reduce emergency

department presentations for

non-emergency mental health

issues.

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CDCA NOW MEETS ON 2nd THURSDAY OF EVERY 2nd MONTH

Next Meeting: 7pm, Thursday, June 8, 2023,

downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall (park and enter from Phillip Pde).



# COOKING with Noelene

## Salmon Roll



I arrived from cooking class to answer a phone call from a distressed person, telling me her salmon roll was a disaster and it was required as a starter tonight for a family gathering. The problem was easily corrected and I'm sure the family dinner was perfect. Mix together 250gm of cream cheese at room temperature with a can 440 gm of pink salmon, drained and 2 finely chopped spring onions. Line a baking tray with aluminium foil. Spread the combined cheese mixture into a rectangle 2cm thick. Refrigerate for 90 minutes. Finely chop a bunch of fresh parsley, sprinkle over the rectangle, then roll up like a Swiss roll from the long side and roll the roll in the remaining parsley to coat. Serve with dry crackers and your meal will be a success.

## Lemon Drizzle Cake



Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Lightly grease and line with baking paper, a 20cm loose based round cake pan. In a large pan mix together 200gm of plain flour with 1 dsp of baking powder, and stir in 200gm of castor sugar. In a separate bowl whisk together 4 eggs, 150ml of sour cream, the grated rind of 1 lemon with 4 tbs of lemon juice and 150ml of canola oil.

Pour the egg mixture into the dry ingredients and continue to whisk until evenly combined. Pour the mixture into the prepared pan and bake for 50+minutes until risen and golden brown. While the cake is baking prepare your syrup. Mix 4 tbs of icing sugar with 3 tbs of lemon juice in a small saucepan over a low heat and stir until syrupy. As soon as the cake comes out of the oven, prick the surface with a fine skewer and brush the syrup over. Leave the cake to cool in the pan before turning out and serving.

## Louise Cake



Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Cream together 3 tbs of butter/ marg with 1 and 1/2 tbs of sugar. Once the mixture is pale and creamy add 1 lightly beaten egg, 1 cup of plain flour, 1 tsp of baking powder with a pinch of salt. Lightly spray a slice pan (27.5 x 17.5 x3.5 cm).

Gather the dough and gently spread evenly over the base of the slice pan with your hands. Spread the dough with raspberry jam (I did not have any raspberry jam so I used lemon curd). Now using a clean bowl and beaters beat 2 egg whites adding 8 tsp of castor sugar, a tsp at a time until the sugar is dissolved and the egg whites stiff. Finally fold through 1 cup of shredded coconut. Place in your preheated oven for 30 minutes, at 15 minutes I placed a sheet of baking paper over the top to stop the topping from colouring too much. I let the cake / slice sit in the pan for 5 minutes and then upturned onto a wire cooling rack. When cool slice into squares. Simple and delicious.

## Lemon Squares



Three words - simply the best. Preheat your oven to 160 deg C. Mix together 1 cup of flour, 1/2 cup of softened butter or marg with 1/4 cup of icing sugar. Press this mixture into an 8" x 8" pan. Bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes. Now mix together 2 eggs, 1 cup of sugar, 1/2 tsp of baking powder, 1/4 tsp of salt and 2 tbs of lemon juice. Pour over the slightly cooled crust and bake for a further 20 minutes. The filling will puff up but flattens when cooled. Sprinkle with icing sugar. Slice into squares when cooled.

## Cauliflower Slice

This is a vegetable quiche. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Combine 500gm of chopped and cooked cauliflower with 3 finely chopped spring onions, 1 and 1/2 cups of grated tasty cheese, 1 tbs of dried parsley / 2 tbs of freshly chopped parsley, 1/3 rd cup of flour, 3 lightly beaten eggs, 1 tsp of curry powder and 1 dsp of minced garlic in a bowl.

Combine all ingredients well. Spray a medium sized oven proof pan and add a drizzle of canola oil.

Pour in the cauliflower mixture, use the back of a spoon to level the surface. Oven bake until the slice is crisp and golden.



## 1st Churchill Joey Scouts

Our youngest scouts aged 5 to 7 years of age, recently enjoyed a weekend of adventure at Gilwell Park, Gembrook, at the Strzelecki District Joey Scout Camp.

Joey Scouts experienced canoeing, fire skills, flying fox, fire building, bouldering, cooking, making a camp flag, archery, axe throwing and more.

1st Churchill Joey Scout

Harrison said

"Hello I'm Harrison and I recently went to the Strzelecki Joey Scout Pirates District Camp. My favourite things to do at camp were

Making a little campfire and a BIG campfire

The flying fox

Helping Lyrebird (a leader)

The craft

Making a sword"

1st Churchill Scout Group currently has limited vacancies to join Joey Scouts (5 to 7 years);

Cub Scout (8 to 10 years); and

Scouts (11 to 14 years) in 2023.

For more information contact the Group Leader Tammy via [groupleader@1stchurchill.com.au](mailto:groupleader@1stchurchill.com.au)



Left - Luna and leader Marcie enjoying canoeing

Above - Bronte takes aim

Right - Harrison gets ready for the flying fox



# Strzelecki Koala Poo (Scat)



## Are you interested in helping the Strzelecki koala?

Citizens of Churchill, the Strzelecki Ranges and surrounding areas are needed to help koala research scientists. These researchers need citizen scientists to record whenever they see a koala or koala poo (scat).

Recording sightings of koala poo or scat is very important for the unique and precious Strzelecki koala as it enables scientists to collect valuable data. This data is required so that this genetically diverse koala population will get extra government protection and crucial funding. The Strzelecki koala researchers require data about its distribution, its habitat and survival impacts.

An example of the task: Koalas are hard to spot in the trees. It is easier to see signs of their presence on the ground. Scat is this evidence. Whenever I find koala scats, I record the location co-ordinates by using the mobile phone Map App and take a photograph of the trees above the scats. This information, I download to ajamis50@gmail.com so that it can be added to the strzkoala.australianmap.net web site data and map.

Friends of the Earth and Friends of the Gippsland Bush, are collecting and

using data from grid surveys and sightings from citizen scientists and local residents to create a location map. This map shows the range and distribution of the Strzelecki koala. This site, strzkoala.australianmap.net shows data collected since 2010 and is ongoing. The types of preferred trees and other categories of information concerning the Strzelecki Koala are also collected and shown.

Fresh Strzelecki Koala scat is a light olive colour, moist and the pellet is the shape of an Australian rules football, about 1cm to 2cm in size. Older scat is darker in colour, dark olive to black, drier and harder. Friends of the Earth have a useful YouTube video called "How to find koala scats in South Gippsland" which explains what koala scats look like, how to find them and how to send information about found scats.

Scat is important for scientists as when tested they can reveal a lot of information about individual koalas and the koala population in a region. "Koala scat analysis- OWAD Environment and Wild DNA-Federation University" use koala scats, to do "Koala DNA profiling, Gender Identification" and disease presence. This data can also show how individual koalas

are related. Scat data can reveal "where genetically distinct populations occur", how healthy the populations are and where "government intervention" is needed. The scientists in this group mainly focus their work on the koala populations of Queensland and New South Wales. They even use detection dogs to find koala scats. World Wildlife Fund has a video series on YouTube called "Scat Chat with WWF", "Episode 1: How do you find a koala that leaves no trail?" which is interesting to watch.

The good news for our Strzelecki koala population is that Kelly Smith is doing a study in Victoria. Kelly Smith, a Koala Research Officer at Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation is asking for scats to examine and Citizen Scientists to help her.

You can listen to Kelly Smith's broadcast on May 16, 2023 at 9.00 a.m. "How poo may be the key to saving koalas in Victoria" at ABC.net.au.

This study is focusing on the koalas found on the Mornington Peninsula and the area in South Gippsland before the Strzelecki Ranges. It is her hope that with adequate funding, Kelly will be able to do a PHD on the genetic makeup of all Victoria's koalas, which would include our precious Strzelecki koala.

An article "On the koala trail" 3/6/2022 basscoastpost.com website has more information, Kelly Smith's contact details and explains how to collect koala scats safely and without contamination.

Apart from participating in and/or donating to these citizen science Strzelecki

Koala studies, you can help keep our special koalas stay safe and thrive, by:

1. Being aware of koalas on the roads around the Churchill and district area.
2. Protecting and preserving their habitat.
3. Planting the Strzelecki koala's favourite trees and creating wildlife corridors.

4. Contacting local councillors and politicians and asking for greater protection and funding for the Strzelecki koala.

5. Sharing this information with others (Spread the word about the Strzelecki koala!)

- Interesting Facts
1. Koalas poo 24 hours

a day and can make up to 360 pellets in a day. ("Your Guide to Identifying Animal Poo" environment.sa.gov.au)

2. Koalas prefer white trunked trees and do not like bracken areas.

("How to Find Koala Scats in South Gippsland", Friends of the Earth YouTube video.)

## Early notification of road flooding in storms - can you help?



Imagine driving into this in the darkness!

By John Harris SWCDRC Chair  
Many roads in Latrobe City's South Ward, which consists of Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar and surrounding areas, are prone to flooding during or after heavy rain, including major traffic roads.

Flooding of an unlit road after dark can create a difficult and dangerous situation for unsuspecting drivers.

Trying to back up and

turn around can lead to more difficulty and danger.

Residents living on roads prone to flooding can be the first to see that road flooding is occurring. The South Ward Community Disaster Recovery Committee (SWCDRC) is working to facilitate a system to enable residents to easily and quickly notify of road flooding, enabling the earliest possible action to minimise difficulty and danger to road users.

If you live on a road in South Ward which carries through traffic and is prone to flooding, and you would like to know more about how the project would work, we would be very glad to hear from you.

Just email your contact details and information about the relevant flood prone road to southwardCDRC@latrobe.vic.gov.au with the heading "Road Flood Notification Project" and we will contact you to discuss.

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# SPORT

## Churchill Bowls Club

"Connecting Your Community"



Craig (Bluey) Flanigan receiving his Singles Championship Award



The Men's Pairs winners the Flanigans, father Barry and son Craig,

### Moving Forward

Bowls Victoria was conducting the 2023 Victorian Bowls Open across the wider Gippsland region last month, commencing Friday March 24, with Churchill Bowls Club nominated as a host club. The club was allocated two games during the championships, the Ladies Triples on Sunday March 26, and the Men's Singles on Thursday March 30.

Being selected by Bowls Victoria as a Victorian Open host club is a significant achievement in our brief history and shows the club is moving forward with our objective

of providing a welcoming and inclusive bowls club for Churchill and District communities.

The Strzlecki North Pennant Season has concluded with the Churchill Division 4 side just missing on playing finals by two points.

This was a great effort, as it was our first season in Division 4 since being promoted from Division 5 last year. Our Division 6 side also had a good year finishing in the middle of the ladder.

Not to be outdone the club entered a composite team in the Strzlecki Midweek Division 4 Pennant competition this

year, with outstanding results. The team consisting primarily of women, finished on top of the ladder and went on to win the Midweek Division 4 Pennant Flag. This was a significant accomplishment considering some of these ladies were in their first season of lawn bowls.

The club held its presentation night on March 10, with the club recognising and presenting our club champions with their awards.

The Ladies Championship Singles winner for 2022/23 season was Cathleen Dodds who had a very good and consistent season. Runner

up was Marion Newton, a regular and reliable performer who always gives her best.

There was no Ladies' Pairs championship this year.

The Men's Singles Championship was won by Craig Flanigan a relative newcomer to the game of lawn bowls. However, he has grasped the fundamentals of the game very early on, and is already showing he will be a force to be reckoned with in the near future.

Runner up was Craig Roberts, who joined the club this year and has shown he is a skilled and experienced player with a lot of potential.

The Men's Pairs winners was a family affair with the Flanigans, father Barry and son Craig, taking out the championship.

Runners up were the

experienced combination of Tony Colwell and Herb Kennedy who put up a great fight and fought the game out to the end.

Another highlight of the evening was the Churchill Bowls Club presenting life memberships to Vern Hargreaves, Herb Kennedy, Marion Newton, and Kevin Turpin for their selfless service, hard work and dedication over many years of extensive involvement in making our club what it is today.

The club is looking

for past/current players, for next season's, anyone interested in being part of a welcoming inclusive and friendly club can call mobile 0444 539 922 for further details.

The Churchill Bowls Club Conducts Indoor Bowls every Thursday night commencing at 7.15pm and concluding approximately 9.30pm.

Cost is \$5.00 per person with tea and coffee supplied, all welcome to attend a fun and interactive night.

## Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Monthly Medal February 25, 2023 - A Grade Winner: M. Soppe 17 89 72. B Grade: Winner: C. Cumming 24 89 65 Monthly Medal. C Grade Winner: P. Flanigan 27 98 71. Scratch: R. Dent 81. D.T.L: 1. R. King 69, 2. A. West 72, 3. V. Monument 72, 4. T. Thornby 73, 5. A. Auld 73, 6. C. Gosling 73, 7. R. Dent 73, 8. D. Taylor 73, 9. J. Jeffery 74 C/B. N.T.P Pro- Pin: 12th P. Chapple, 3rd R. Spowart, 5th M. Soppe, 14th M. Allan. Target Hole: I. Fortune Putts: C. Cummings 26 C/B.

Stableford Tuesday February 28, 2023 - Grade Winner: A. West 20 34 Grade Winner: M. Ryan 26 36. D.T.L: L. Anderson 24 34, J. Blizzard 35 33, N.T.P: 3rd S. Caldwell, 5th C. Cunningham, 12th M. Ryan, 14th M. Ryan Birdies: 3rd M. Ryan

Stableford Saturday March 4, 2023 - A Grade Winner: J. Barnes 16 41 Pts. B Grade Winner: L. Anderson 23 38 Pts. C Grade Winner: P. Flannigan 26 46 Pts. D. Grade Winner: G. Corponi 35 36 Pts. D.T.L: 1. D. Taylor 38, 2. C. Gilfilan

38, 3. W. McGrath 37, 4. P. Kearns 37, 5. S. Caldwell 37 6. J. Sterrick 36, 7. G. Spowart 36, 8. S. Gosling 36, 9. G. Blizzard 35 C/B, 10. F. Keighran 35 C/B. N.T.P Pro-Pin; 3rd D. Byers, 5th P. Flanigan, 12th W. McGrath, 14th G. Barnes Target Hole: T. Webb. Birdies: G. Barnes 14th.

Monthly Medal Tuesday March 7, 2023 - Medal Winner: Jan Blizzard 35 71 Nett Scratch: Craig Waring 90. D.T.L : Lia Brent 24 72, Craig Waring 18 72, N.T.P: 3rd Carol Barnes, 5th Jenny Tatterson, 12th Vanessa Reid, 14th Lia Brent. Putts: Vanessa Reid 27.

Par Saturday March 11, 2023 - A Grade Winner: R. King 19 +4. B Grade Winner : G. Barnes 21 +1. C Grade Winner: C. Stevens 38 +1. D.T.L: 1. J. Barnes +3, 2. D. Burrige +2, 3. C. Gilfilan +1, 4. D. Byers Square, 5. C. Warring Square, 6. J. Sterrick Square, 7. R. Dent Square, 8. R. Zomer - 1 C/B. N.T. P: 3rd C. Gilfilan, 5th Mamun, Pro-Pin 12th D. Byers, Target Hole: D. Burrige, Eagle 15th Mamun, Birdies: R.

Dent 12th, C. Gilfilan 3rd, M. Hutchinson 3rd.

Stableford Mary Michell Day Tuesday March 14, 2023 - Winner: Lia Brent 24 36 Pts. Day Winner: Rob Sands 30 40 Pts. D.T. L: Marianne Ryan 25 34pts, Carol Barnes 39 34pts. N.T.P: 3rd Vanessa Reid, 5th Lisa Van Rooy, 12th Lisa Van Rooy, 14th Sandra Caldwell.

Two Person Multi Saturday March 18, 2023 - Winners: J. McCafferty and C. Sterrick 79 Runners Up: A. Sharrock and R. Welsh 75 D.T. L: 1. M. Allen and G. Corponi 68, 2. C. Warring and L. Anderson 66, 3. D. Ellwood and C. Hogbin 62, 4. S. Caldwell and C. Stevens 62, N.T.P Pro-Pin: 3rd F. Keighran, 5th V. Reid, 12th M. Lugton, 14th B. Rowley. Target Hole: R. King Birdies A. Sharrock 12th, C. Warring 12th.

Stableford Tuesday March 21, 2023 - Winner: Carol Barnes 39 36 Pts C/B D.T.L: 1st Chris Stevens 37 36pts, 2nd Marg McQuillen 34 33pts. N.T.P: 3rd Vanessa Reid, 5th Chris Stevens, 12th Chris Stevens



Herb Kennedy, Marion Newton and Kevin Turpin receiving their life membership awards

**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

**St Vinnies**  
**SOUP VAN**

**EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT**  
**6.00 pm only at Illawonga Court**  
*\*\*Note this time is approximate and will be reviewed when Daylight Saving ends and depending on the weather conditions.*



**Lumen Christi Lone Pine Tree**

Lumen Christi Primary School in Churchill was recently given a juvenile tree as part of the 100 Lone Pines project from the Friends of Gallipoli.

A small planting ceremony was held at the school and was attended by Dr John V. Bassein OAM and the Honourable Kelvin Thomson of Friends of Gallipoli along with Latrobe City Mayor, Kellie O’Callaghan and Vice President of the Morwell RSL, Don Fuller. They were joined by Principal, Sally Darby and School Captains, Blake Breheny, Blake Russell and Jack Fairbrother.

Mr Fuller recited “For the Fallen” and spoke about the great significance of the Lone Pine in Gallipoli and all of the descendant trees, like this one, which represent a most important part of our nation’s heritage and history.

Ms O’Callaghan acknowledged the First Nations people, the Braiakaulung people of the Gunai Kurnai nation respectfully acknowledging the country on which this Lone Pine tree was planted.

Mrs Darby especially thanked school parent, Shane Wilson for putting the school forward for this project, a great honour to be amongst only four Gippsland schools to receive a tree. She also acknowledged the symbolism of the tree linking the ANZACs, Gallipoli, the Turks and Australians and the primary school children of Victoria.

“We thank the Friends of Gallipoli for trusting Lumen Christi with such an important and special marker of our environmental and historical heritage. Our school has been awarded a great honour.”

Mrs Darby also noted that the school has many

returned service men and women in their school and Parish community and hopes that the Lone Pine descendant tree is also something that resembles how grateful we are as a school for the contribution of our service men and women making Australia a safe and free country in which to live.

*Sport*

The students of Lumen Christi have had a busy start to the year in terms of sport. On February 16, the school participated in hockey clinics run by the LVHA. The students enjoyed the clinic run by two coaches with lots of skills practice and games. Year 5 student Janine said “It was fun and enjoyable”. As a whole the students enjoyed the sessions and learnt some new things about hockey, drawing interest to the sport.

Lumen Christi was lucky enough to participate in a soccer clinic. Here two coaches from Football

Victoria came to the school and ran clinics for all ages with a fantastic level of participation from all in attendance. There was also a girls only session which had a lot of participants from all ages which was great to see. Taj from Year 5 had this to say about the soccer clinics “It was very fun and everyone worked together and they taught us cool tricks like the Maradona turn and rainbow flick”.

Five students of ours went to the district swimming event. All participated well and gave their all making the school community very proud. Well done to Year 5 students Sanne and Izzy who have made it onto the next stage.

What is a term without some netball in it? Mid March saw the senior grades go to the Churchill Leisure Centre for some fun and engaging netball clinics. The clinics were run by

Netball Victoria and gave the students lots of time and activities to refine and learn new skills. The clinics were capped off with some games to put those skills into action in a game sense. Year 5 student Alice had this to say about the netball clinics “It was a wonderful experience that strengthened teamwork and friendship”.

Throughout the term students have been focusing on refining their athletic skills during their sport sessions for the school athletics day, which was held on March 10. This is a fun event which gets all the students participating and earning points for their respective houses. Gold house has come away with the chocolates over the past few years and both Red and Green houses were keen to see themselves as the victors in this year’s event. Year 6 student Blake says that he always looks

forward to it due to the level of competitiveness from the event, and hopes that his team Gold house wins for the fifth consecutive time.

After the events of the day it was Gold house which came away with a win for 2023, making it five consecutive years of victories for the team. Congratulations to all who participated and watched the events making it another successful athletics day.

On March 29, the school participated in the Yinnar and District athletics day which is the marquee sports event for the term. All the schools in the District came together to compete against each other to see which school would be crowned champions for 2023. Overall, this is a fun day which sees the students of Lumen Christi having fun with their mates, participating and learning about teamwork and encouragement.



Sprints - from far right Reed, Taj, Kingston, Liam, Matthew



The victors Gold House

# SCHOOL NEWS

## CHURCHILL PRIMARY

### A great start to 2023!

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year at Churchill Primary School. This year we have welcomed 25 new Foundation students and 10 students in other year levels to our school and everyone has settled in well! We also welcome two new teachers, Ms Tiara Vajler in Grade 3/4 and Ms Randi Beauvais in Grade 5/6, as well as two ES trainees Miss Melaini Smith and Miss Letitia Panoutsopolous, and Mrs Keran Doepel to the Admin team.

### CPS School Leaders and School Captains

At the end of last year our Grade 5 students were given the opportunity to

submit an application for the role of School Captain in 2023. The application process consisted of a written application, an interview and having to give a speech to the senior school body. The positions were then voted on by their peers with the results being considered alongside their interviews. The following students were successful: Congratulations to our 2023 School Captains Ruby Galletti, Molly Mulder, Tyson McInnes and Jack Towers. They will be assisted by our 2023 School Vice Captains Grace Kenna and Conan Archer.

### House Athletics Day

What a wonderful Sports Day we had on Friday March

18. The weather started off a little wet but luckily it cleared and it turned out to be a nice day, and it all went off without a hitch!

A big thank you to all our parents and grandparents who came along to cheer all our sports stars on the day. The students really do get so much out of having you all there to watch them trying their best! Thanks also to all the CPS staff who came out in House Colours and ran the events, cheering with all the students.

The students looked great in their house colours and many went to great lengths to colour hair and faces to cheer their teams on. It was fantastic to see so many

parents and families also dressing in house colours to support their kids.

The high spirit of the day was very evident and all participants ran, cheered and supported each other with Yellow House being our final winner. Congratulations to all the Houses for your wonderful sportsmanship and respect for each other on the day and the House Captains who did a wonderful job - we are very proud of your efforts.

The final placings for the day were as follows: 1st Yellow, 2nd Red, 3rd Blue 4th Green.

Congratulations to our Age Group Champions - this is a fabulous achievement

for you all. Our Age Group Champions are as follows:

- 5/6 yrs  
Tottie McDonald and Sawyer Whykes
- 7 yrs  
Alyssa O'Keefe, Riley Parry, Robert Pearce and Billy Whykes
- 8 yrs  
Layla Head and Adrice Hagger
- 9 yrs  
Kaylee De Pater and Luca Mulder
- 10 yrs  
Hannah Price, Natalie Tobin, Polina McLindon and Kaiden Skelton-Lopez
- 11 yrs  
Shimmy Wilson, Ryan Middleton and James Lagos
- 12/13yrs~

Molly Mulder and Nikolai McLindon

It was also wonderful to see the fabulous sportsmanship displayed by many of our students.

Congratulations to the following students who received Sportsmanship Awards for their age groups on the day:

- 5/6 yrs Ariyah McMahon, 7 yrs Shekinah Melanie
- 8 yrs Rory Masterman-Smith 9 yrs Deklan Caldwell
- 10 yrs Rory Fraser-Matthews 11 yrs Joel Anderson
- 12/13yrs Olivia Stirling



School Captains 2023 – Grace, Ruby, Molly, Tyson, Jack and Conan



Prep students enjoy their first House Sports Day!



Adriana D, Maylah D, Willow S and Natalie T sprint to the finish line!



Layla H jumps high!

# SCHOOL NEWS

## KURNAI JUNIOR CAMPUS

Recently, Year 8 students went to Karoonda Park for their annual camp. Traditionally this camp is held in Term 2 and has been moved to Term 1 to take advantage of the warmer weather. Here are some student reflections:

Lilly S

In week 5, Term 1, the Year 8 teachers and students travelled by bus to Karoonda Park Camp in Gelantipy. On the way to the camp we stopped at Howard Park and Buchan Caves, and had lunch there. During camp the activities groups participated in:

- Horse riding
- Abseiling
- Initiative courses

Night / Day walks

Zip Lining  
Camping and rafting at the Snowy River

Movie Night

During free time, we had dinner duties and played dodgeball, gaga ball and other activities. Overall Karoonda Park camp helped students and teachers. It encouraged people to try more things and to form more relationships.

Xaiden

Camp is very educational and a bit thrilling. We rode



on horses, we did abseiling, went on a flying fox. We went water rafting on the Snowy River and camped by the Snowy River.

Before we got to camp we looked at things and listened to history in the Buchan Caves.

Lilly H

Forty two students were at Karoonda Park Camp. The Year 8 camp was one of the most enjoyable and amazing camps! We slept at the Snowy River on Wednesday night after rafting in the Snowy River, which was half a kilometre away from the state border to New South Wales. Some of the activities at camp were horse riding, abseiling,

flying fox, hiking, night walks and swimming. The food was amazing and we did volleyball in free time or gaga ball.

Ali

Forty two Year 8 students from the Churchill Campus travelled up the mountains to Karoonda Park Camp for the week. We experienced different activities and challenges, such as, horse riding, hiking, rafting, swimming, abseiling and even a flying fox. On Wednesday night, we went up to Snowy River and did an overnight camp which students really enjoyed. They experienced a fun and enjoyable time as well as learning a lot at camp.

# SCHOOL NEWS

# CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

Churchill North P.S has announced their School Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains for 2023.

Students wanting to apply for the positions had to prepare a speech stating why they would like to be a leader within the school, what they could bring to the position and also state what they would like to add or change at our school and how they could achieve this.

All students then had to present their speech in front of staff and about 50 students. Staff and students were then able to vote for who they thought would be the best fit of the positions available. The selected students were then announced at assembly and presented with a certificate.

The School Captains for Churchill North P.S are Tanjim and Zoey and Vice Captains are Henry and Shilah.

Our Red, Green, Yellow and Blue House Captains are Declan, Georgia, Hunter,

Ted, Connor, Sophia, Ella and Blake.

When the students were asked how they felt about being chosen these were their responses:

Zoey: I was very shocked when I got School Captain, however I'm glad to get the responsibility because I want to help the school.

Tanjim: I feel proud and honoured to have been chosen as School Captain. I personally believed I would not get the role, but I ended up getting it and I feel so happy.

Shilah: I feel trusted and proud to be a leader of the school. I am glad to be a Vice Captain and excited to represent the school.

Henry: I feel honoured to be Vice Captain.

Georgia: I was very shocked and excited to find out I was House Captain. I was immensely proud to represent my school.

Connor: I am responsible for my actions, I do not do anything bad, because I am

a role model and I help little kids if they're hurt, and I play with the little kids when they have no one to play with, that is why I am Blue House Captain.

Ted: As a Leader I believe showing kindness and maturity are important in my role.

Hunter: I was proud and scared when my name was called out. I love being a leader for this school. I think that being a House Captain has made this term great.

Sophia: I am proud of myself for being House Captain because I know that people can trust me.

Ella: I am proud and committed to my role as Red House Captain. I was shocked and am proud of myself and the school.

Blake: I am immensely proud of myself for getting a leadership role. I can represent the school in many ways.

Declan: I am happy to be House Captain for 2023.



School Captains



House Captains

# SCHOOL NEWS

# BOOLARRA PRIMARY

## Sports Day

On March 20, Boolarra Primary had school sports day. Yinnar South Primary joined us as well. They made their own team because they are a small school.

The first events were long distant running and 100 metre sprints. I was nervous for the long distant event because I had to run a lap and a half of the school's oval nonstop. The order of the age groups was 12 and 13s down to ages 5 and 6. I participated in the 11-year-old age group.

The winners for the boys were Logan, Toby, a Yinnar South student, Jasper and Zed. After the boys it was the girls' turn and the winners were Ryleigh, me, Matilda, Daisy and Gewalin.

Next, were the throwing events. The events were beanbag throw, discus and shot-put. I got one point for discus and one point for shot-put. The bean-bag throw was for the younger kids.

Finally, we did the jumping events. First, was long jump. I only got a one because the mat was further

back than usual, and I kept stepping over the line and getting a 'no jump'. In high jump I got a one because I slowed my running and the landing pad was too far back.

After all the events we tallied up the scores and guess who won? My team, Morrowluna! Yinnar South came second and Irvlecki came last. It was a good day, and everyone enjoyed it.

Scarlett Murden

## Whole School Excursion

On March 14, 2023 Boolarra Primary School

went to the Inverloch rock pools. We travelled by bus to the Inverloch Shell Museum where we were split into two groups.

It was interesting there because we were taught how putting our rubbish in the right bins can save a marine animal's life.

After that my group went to the other part of the shell museum and were offered \$100 to find a left-handed shell. If you don't know what a left-handed shell is, it is a shell that has an opening on its left side.

Then we hopped back on to the bus and went to the rock pools to explore, finding different seaweeds, crabs, slugs and shells. We ended up finding the biggest elephant slug we had ever seen.

Lots of people accidentally fell into the rock pools, and there was also families of crabs and heaps of fish in the rock pools.

Afterwards we went back on the bus and headed to a park to have lunch and play.

The playground was fun

because there were a lot of equipment and new people to play with. Unfortunately, no one became \$100 richer because no one found a left-handed shell. We were so disappointed in ourselves. Was there even any on the beach?

We then hopped on to the bus and went back home. Overall, it was an extremely fun excursion. We would all definitely go back to the Inverloch rock pools if we had the chance to.

Toby G



# SCHOOL NEWS

# HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

Hazelwood North staff and students have enjoyed a variety of opportunities to participate in whole school events this March.

### School House Athletic Sports

After dodging the weekend rain, our school oval was filled with activity at our House Athletic Sports. Gratefully, parents took part with helping manage events,

as did two unusually large dinosaurs who were quite puffed up for the occasion. Many students achieved personal bests and the final tally of achievement scores was particularly close.

Yellow House won the honours of the day and captains Liam and Frankie are pictured receiving their house trophy.

### Pirate Day and Book Fair

Recently our school held a "Dress as a Pirate Day" to celebrate the beginning of our Bookaneer Book Fair. All our students and staff enjoyed a FUN day with special activities during recess and lunchtime organised and led by our School Captains. There were games on the oval and craft

activities in the library.

Our pirate theme continued during the following week with several students winning prizes for their competition entries of pirate colouring pictures and narratives. Congratulations to our major prize winners shown in these photos together with our fantastic Book Fair Assistants, Bailey,

Taj, Ryan, Ella, Sadie and Koah.

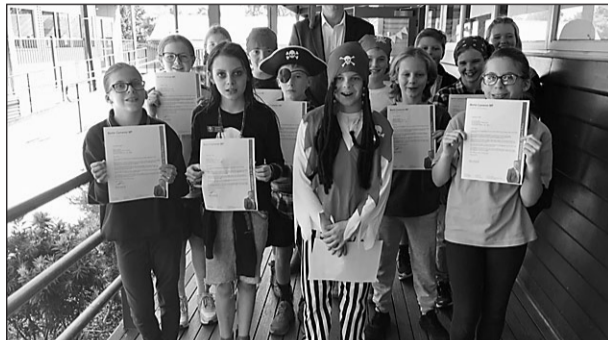
The school staff thoroughly enjoyed the dress-up occasion too, many suiting the part admirably!

Even the local Morwell member Martin Cameron turned up to present our school leaders with letters of congratulation and recognition of their

leadership qualities.

### Budding Artist

We are excited to acknowledge a talented young artist this month, Hallie Kennedy in Year 6. She regularly produces carefully crafted works and has shown strong development in her style and confidence over the last few months. Congratulations Hallie.



Book Fair Leaders and Winners  
School Leaders  
Yellow House Leaders  
Hallie

# SCHOOL NEWS

# KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS



### Walhalla Excursion

As part of their Literacy studies, Year 11 and 12 Vocational Major students travelled to Walhalla learning about the gold mining history of the town. Students were given a tour of the Walhalla

Long Tunnel Gold Mine, during which they learnt about the working conditions of miners and the high death rate. Students will use this knowledge to inform their study of the Beaconsfield Mine disaster and the overall

theme of resilience.

Our international students also attended the Walhalla excursion as a hands-on approach to acquiring English comprehension skills. Our students from China and Vietnam enjoyed the opportunity to experience the Australian landscape and learn about our shared history with a short study of the Chinese Gardens.

### Athletics Carnival

The weather was kind to us for the Kurnai College Athletics Carnival, which was held at the Joe Carmody Reserve in Newborough. Students turned up in an array of different house coloured costumes, with some competitors dressed as

cartoon characters, super heroes and more senior members of society.

Students competed in a range of sports and competition was strong. A number of school records were broken and interhouse rivalry was energetic. Our top athletes will go on to compete in the Wellington Athletics Carnival later in the year. Congratulations goes to the Forsyth House, which once again took out the Kurnai College House Athletics Championship Cup.

### Biology Excursion

Year 11 Biology classes recently attended a laboratory workshop offered by the Gippsland Tech School. In the lab,



students built on their understanding of genetic inheritance from class by using gel electrophoresis to profile the DNA of different family members suspected of carrying the gene for sickle cell anaemia. Through

this process, students were able to identify the mode of inheritance for sickle cell anaemia and determine who in the family were carriers and who was affected.

# SCHOOL NEWS

# YINNAR PRIMARY

We have had a very busy term with lots of sporting activities taking place.

### Swimming

A huge congratulations to our Division competition swimmers who represented Yinnar with determination and a willingness to give their best while supporting others. It was a very tough competition and all of our students can be very proud of their efforts and resilience.

An extra congratulations to Jaz and Jobe for making it through to Regional level in their individual events,

and our 9/10 boys relay team Hudson, Harvey, Jobe and Jaz for making it to Regional level. Well done boys! At the Sale Regional Championships the level of competition increases. While they did not qualify to go to State level, they all swam extremely well and we are very proud of their efforts and sportsmanship.

### Yinnar Athletic House Sports

Our students enjoyed some friendly in school competition last week at our House Sports. Their strong skill sets, sportsmanship,

excellent behaviour and can-do attitude shone out on the day, which was very pleasing. Our Grade 5/6 students certainly led by example on the day. Congratulations to all students' great sportsmanship and well done Red House!

Prep T have been learning about neurons and how practising new things builds stronger connections and leads to mastery. This has been really relevant whilst we have been learning to write new

letters, blend sounds to read words and new concepts in mathematics.

In Prep/1 H we are learning that oral reading fluency is the bridge between automatic word reading and comprehension. Paired fluency reading is a highly effective instructional strategy that provides daily fluency practice, by pairing students together to read word lists or connect texts, each taking a turn to read. We have also been doing some reading comprehension and have been learning to

answer literal multiple choice questions about a text we have read. We are able to read the question and find the answer in the text.

### 100 Days of School Prep and Prep/1

We are up to day 33 in our count towards 100 Days of School! We have enjoyed counting forwards and backwards, and in tens and ones whilst recording this daily total.

We have also been practising writing numbers, learning about 2D and 3D shapes, sequencing events

in time order, collecting and displaying data and counting collections.

We have been sorting shapes and objects by different attributes such as shape, colour and size.

We are looking forward to Ride 2 School Day on Friday and our famous Easter Fair on the last day of Term 1 where there will be lots of fun and activities, including the very popular egg launch and lots and lots of chocolate!

Hudson, Jaz, Harvey and Jobe



Jaz



# Friends of Morwell National Park



Graeme, Tamara, Anita, Wendy, John, Caitilin and Darren went on a spotlight walk on Fosters Gully Track.

Wayne joined the group as they walked around. Tamara led the group and with high powered torches a range of animals was found.

Over the walk sugar gliders, mountain brushtails (Southern Bobucks), a ringtail possum and koalas were found in the treetops. Heard in the undergrowth were multiple wallabies and lyrebirds.

On returning from the walk the walkers were able to see an array of different moths that had come to the mothing sheets.

When the group arrived at Lindon's Landing they split, with Graeme and Tamara completing the circuit while the rest returned to the mothing sheets.

Matt, Ken, Mike and Cathy continued observing the moths into the evening after the others had returned home.

### April Activity

Sunday April 16, 10am

The group will meet in the Kerry Road car park to complete track maintenance. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.



### March Activity Report

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

For this month's activity we had the opportunity to explore the Park in twilight and the dark.

The park changes into the evening and many animals difficult to see during the day can be found. The evening started in the picnic area and it was a great opportunity to

catch up.

While the group enjoyed an evening snack Mike set up the first mothing sheet. While awaiting twilight a koala was observed in the tree above the picnic area.

Before Matt and Ken went to set up their mothing sheet the JSA and safety information for the evening was shared and discussed. Matt and Ken then went to set up a mothing sheet near the beginning of the Fosters Gully Track.

On dark Gordon,



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