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## ANZAC DAY – Lest We Forget



April 25, 2023 dawned clear and bright and developed into a magnificently warm sunny day.

The Civic Space at the Town Hall was the setting for the ANZAC Day service for Churchill which was very well attended.

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood in partnership with the Morwell RSL and Churchill Lions shared the organisation and staging of the event.

The two masters of ceremonies were Don George and Peter Townsend. It was particularly special to have Don in his usual capacity as he hasn't been very well.

Richard Henshaw of Hazelwood Rotary opened the proceedings.

The Requiem was read by Peter Townsend. This was followed by the floral tribute laying.

Guest speaker John Henshaw spoke of his experiences as a Vietnam Veteran who was conscripted and served in Vietnam in 1969. (See Supplement Page 2).

The L.V Aero club arranged a fly over of three planes to honour the day.

Our local school youth leaders then delivered their speeches introduced by Martin Cameron MP and Melissa Ferguson South Ward Councillor.

**Kurnai Junior Campus Vice Captains Robert and Zoe**

"Hi, We are student leaders of the junior campus of Kurnai College. We have been asked to reflect upon the importance of ANZAC day.

We are taught about ANZAC day and what it represents each school year. As students we know it is a day to honour those who fought on Gallipoli. It is a day to remember those who served in wars. Each year we have been taught a little more until it became clear how important reflecting on ANZAC day is.

Today we reflect on the service of all people who have worn our country's uniform. We are here to recognise more than one hundred thousand Australian service men and women who lost their lives in military operations carried out for our country.

ANZAC day has been remembered in many different ways since 1916. At times, ANZAC day featured rallies and recruiting campaigns for the army. It then became a day of commemoration with businesses closed as a mark of respect. In 1927 this day became a holiday in all states.

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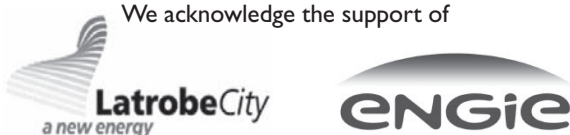
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**Wicked Tour for Youth**

Churchill Skate Park was the venue for the Totally Wicked Tour for Youth in April. Churchill was the twenty fifth town on a hectic schedule taking in sixty towns. There were demonstrations of skate boarding, BMX bike riding and in-line roller skating, by Melbourne based World Title holders.

**Church snippets**

The Latrobe and Francis Orchestras treated a good crowd to a musical feast. A variety of music was played, from the Classics like Mozart and Bach, to modern pieces like The Sounds of Silence.

To finish the day a wonderful afternoon tea, provided by all who attended, was enjoyed.

**Saturday breakfasts**

The Saturday Breakfast started off as a Men's Breakfast over 20 years ago at the Co-Operating Churches. It was an opportunity for men to get together for fellowship, a chat, meet new people and to hear interesting people speak. On occasions there were people and topics which were of interest to everyone and since then it became just 'Saturday Breakfast' for everyone.

**Hazelwood North activities**

Students at Hazelwood North Primary School are looking forward to many activities over the coming weeks.

Students will be attending a live performance at the

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Little Theatre. Bike education will begin shortly. The cross-country team is competing in May, when the Life Education Van will visit. The school will be having an open morning as part of Education Week. Visitors and prospective parents are most welcome.

**Walkley Park Childrens Centre**

Walkley Park Childrens Centre is privately run by a dedicated group of newly elected committee members. The centre is home ground for an additional three user groups. Koala Kinder, Owl & Pussy Cat Playgroup and Churchill Playgroup all meet here. These individual groups are run by their own committees with Walkley Park acting as their landlords, so to speak.

**NorVin wheels in town**

Seen around Churchill is an all black and chrome cafe racer style classic bike. It certainly caught my eye! "People often think it is a Vincent motorcycle," said owner, Ken Phelps. "But if you take a closer look, you will see it is a NorVin". So what is a NorVin? It is a 1951 Vincent HRD engine, 1000cc, 4 stroke, twin cylinder in a 1956 Norton Featherbed frame.

It originally took Ken three

years to build and it has been on the road since 1978.

**Churchill pool closed**

"I was doing a VicSwim course in January when they closed the pool. We had to go to Morwell Leisure Centre and it was really bad there. We had to try and tread water where it was shallow. I failed because my feet touched the bottom. I wanted to do another course during the holidays, but not at Morwell. The Churchill pool was much better and I could ride my bike there. I cannot ride my bike into Morwell."

**Bowls in heaven**

Well that is the end of another season, all the bowls have been bowled, the trophies have been presented and all that is left now is the Annual Meeting for the Men and elections for new office bearers and a new board. With the Ladies having theirs last month that is about it until that one day in September when we can start again

**Trivia with a twist**

The night held at the Churchill Hotel, was a huge success. Questions were asked, money was donated, raffles were held and spot prizes given.

Just when it looked like it was over and the games won came the twist, literally. Wendy, recently crowned Queen of Trivia, had everyone on their feet dancing for extra points!

**Churchill Primary**

Circus in a Suitcase was a great treat and well attended.

Terry Cole knows how to entertain! The workshops for the children were very productive and we will see the results when we attend the Circus Splendida performances in November.

Bike Challenge participants did a wonderful job of representing the school. Three top scorers for the school were Tyson, Ashlea and Justin. The school did not win the challenge but they tried hard. Each participant received a show bag from Bunnings.

**Chocolate pancakes in the park**

Chocolate pancakes! They were delicious, despite what you may think! Chocolate essence and chocolate buttons were put in the pancake mix, with chocolate syrup served atop the cooked pancakes. There were plain pancakes too, just in case anyone did not like chocolate! Glendonald Residents Group Inc organised this activity in Glendonald Park, for some school holiday fun for the children, families and friends.

**Exacto knitting factory Churchill**

The Exacto Factory was started in Churchill with the help of the government and incentives for industry. It started quite small, on the first floor of the shops in Churchill. At first we had few experienced machinists.

In time a new factory was built in the industrial estate. We moved to this building in October 1977, with about 40 girls. To expand staff numbers we had a training school, and cutting department.

There are many happy memories that were relived at our reunion in early October. The factory was very successful until it closed in 1985.

**Rainfall**

In April 2023, Churchill experienced another month of persistent rain for a week then dry, sunny weather for several days. The last rain for the month was on April 19 and the month's total to then was 58.5mm. No further rain has been recorded in Churchill since then. The 2023 rainfall total to the end of April is now 187.5mm. The Bureau of Meteorology's recent update predicted that "the La Nina weather system will end in April or May this year".

**Rain at Hazelwood South.**

Thank you cyclone Ilisa,

53% of April rain came from one cyclone event driven by a warm Indian Ocean. April had 55mm of rain, 91% of the average for April. Without the cyclone, Hazelwood South would have been in a green drought. The year of 2023 rain is now 8.4% below average. The garden requires regular watering. With an outlook of a hot dry summer in 2024, work to control the excessive growth in the past four wet years, has already started. Firewood provides welcome comfort.

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## Home Fire Safety



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

### Kitchen

The most common place in the home where fires start is the kitchen. Many kitchen fires are caused by cooking that has been left unattended. Others are caused by electrical faults and flammable items like paper towels and curtains that are too close to sources of heat like the stove or toaster. If the cooking area is not kept clean a fire that starts on the stove can very quickly spread to built-up grease and fat around the stove and range hood, with the fire travelling up into the roof and to the rest of the house.

### Sleeping areas

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

power boards and extension leads.

### Heating

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

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

### Power boards

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

Power boards can only take a limited number of devices so only plug in one device per outlet. Never plug double adapters or extra

power boards into a power board and do not plug high powered appliances like heaters into a power board or extension lead. Doing so can cause the power board or extension lead to heat up and start a fire.

### Top home fire safety tips

- Book a licensed gas-fitter to check your gas heater
- Check chimneys, flues and fire boxes for cracks, rust and debris
- Check electric blankets for kinks in the wiring
- Clean the lint filter in your dryer (and continue to do this after every use)
- Check appliances for visibly frayed or damaged wiring
- Complete the Home Fire Safety Checklist to see if you have done everything you can to protect you and your family.
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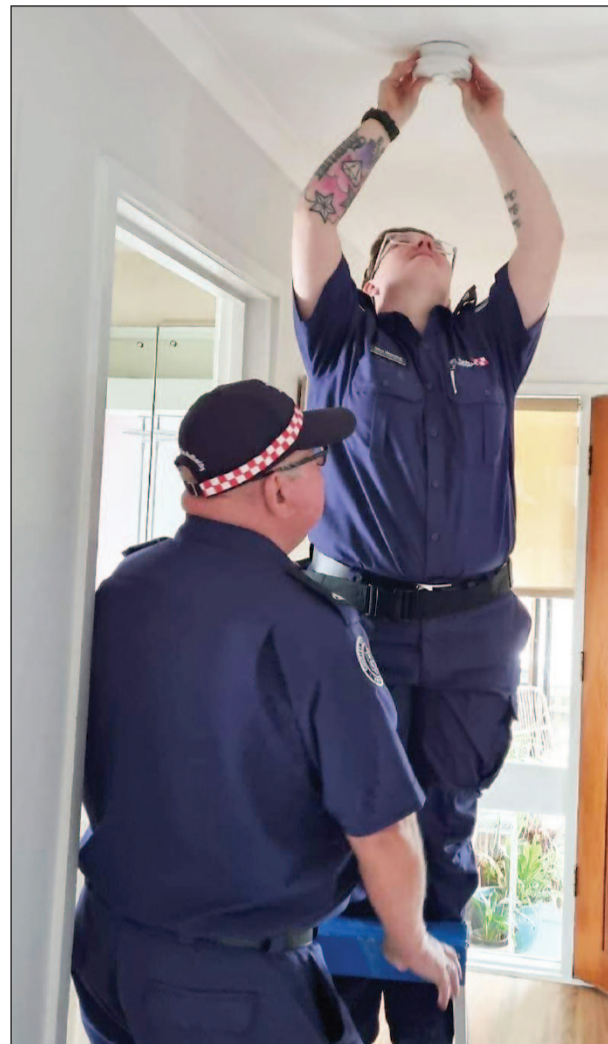
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## Churchill brigade helps with smoke alarms



Churchill Fire Brigade is supporting their community engagement program with help installing and maintaining smoke alarms mainly through the elderly in the community.

When it is time to change your clocks we suggest that you check your smoke alarms to see that they work for the safety of your entire family.

When you are asleep you lose your sense of smell. A working smoke alarm will wake you if there is smoke.

For the best protection, install interconnected smoke alarms in every sleeping area and living room. If one smoke alarm activates, all alarms will sound.

Install smoke alarms with a 10 year long life battery. If you have a smoke alarm with a 9-volt battery, replace the battery every year and changeover if 10 years old.



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# Church News



## Co-Operating Church Snippets



Lenten services were completed and Easter Holy Week began.

Palm Sunday began this time of remembering what price Christ paid for us as he gave his life to save us from our sins when we believe in him.

It was a sunny day and the church was decorated

with palm fronds. Reverend Brenda Burney took the service which included Anglican Holy Communion.

The service began outside with blessing of the palm crosses, two hymns and prayers. Then we processed inside for the continuation of the service.

A very special Tenebrae



service, the service of shadows, was celebrated at Lumen Christi, in which we participated.

A dim and sombre atmosphere was created in the church. At the front was a huge wooden cross on which were a series of lit candles.

This service is a very moving telling of the Holy Week story.

After each reading a lit candle is extinguished until all the candles are extinguished, the last one being said by Father James as he said "It is finished!"

We all left quietly and respectfully in silence to represent Christ being separated from his friends on that fateful night when they ran away in fear.

On Good Friday, another sombre telling of the capture, torture and crucifixion of Jesus is read from the Bible.

We were joined by folks from Lumen Christi and the Churchill Christian Fellowship.

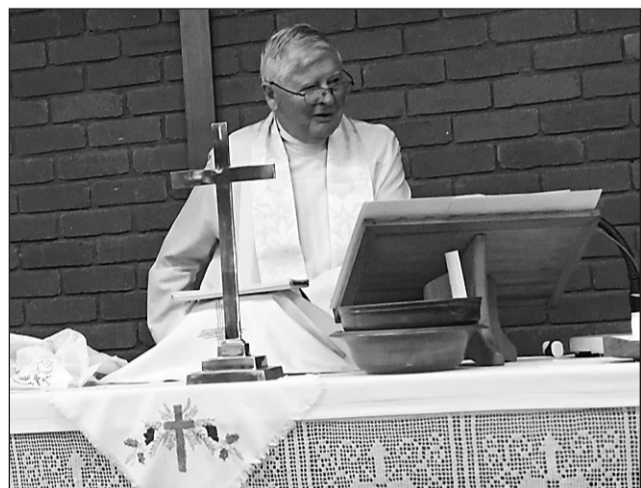
Usually we have a walk of witness following this service, but it was a wet, cool day. Cathie had prepared a twelve Stations of the Cross service which we had in the church.

There were twelve readings and people were encouraged to go forward and do each reading as it occurred on the screens.

Then as the rain had eased we went to the corner of the church block and planted the wooden cross

A lovely time of fellowship was enjoyed after this service as hot cross buns and hot drinks were served as we chatted and made contact with new faces.

Easter Sunday was a joyous celebration of



Jesus risen from the dead, overcoming death and triumphantly appearing to his dear friends, proclaiming his salvation for those who believe in him as their Saviour.

Reverend Dr John Morgan joyfully celebrated Anglican Holy Communion for us.

He and Cathie shared the service together.

The singing of the Easter hymns accompanied by our wonderful musicians was memorable.

The following week Cathie led us in a relaxed worship service.

The singing of the hymns was unforgettable.

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# Church News



## Lumen Christi Parish



Good crowds at all the traditional ceremonies of Easter Week were a feature of this year's ceremonies at Lumen Christi Parish. Beginning on Palm Sunday, a week prior to Easter, parishioners and visitors attended in substantial numbers to participate in what is the most venerated week in the Church calendar. This year saw the blessing of the Lumen Christi Spiritual area which was established last year as a place of reflection and meditation.

On the following Tuesday the ecumenical Tenebrae or service of the shadows, which is

hosted on alternate years by the Cooperating and Lumen Christi churches, attracted one of the biggest attendances in recent years.

A group of parishioners who had been participating in a Gospel discussion programme throughout Lent, met to discuss the Easter Gospel on Holy Thursday and, following the discussion shared a Passover - type meal including the foods shared by Jesus with the apostles.

Holy Thursday evening saw a joint Lumen Christi and Morwell Catholic Parish celebration of the Last Supper held at Churchill with parishioners from both

groups participating in the ceremony.

Although the inclement weather on Good Friday did not allow the traditional Way of the Cross walk around the town by members from the churches in Churchill, the passion and death of Jesus were remembered in the usual Catholic commemoration in the afternoon.

Easter Sunday saw a glorious celebration of the resurrection of Christ with many families attending mass before moving to the homes for their Easter gatherings and shared meals.

## Churchill Christian Fellowship



The Churchill Christian Fellowship (CCF) church held a Christian Creators Fair to which they invited the Co-Operating Churches.

We had a stall with lots of craft items made by our Craft Connections Group.

People also supplied preserves and plants.

It was a happy day of meeting people, chatting and enjoying the drinks and sausages on sale.

The Churchill Christian Fellowship has been very busy at work making the old Hazelwood South Hall into a well-appointed place for their worship and activities.

A highlight was the performance of the Coal Valley Male Choir which sang a selection of songs much appreciated by the audience

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### New speed limits in town

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Heading out of Churchill towards Yinnar at Jeeralang, the speed limit has dropped to 80Km to avoid accidents at the Jeeralang intersection.

There has been a change of speed limit to 60Km on Tramway Road towards Midvalley, including the rail crossing, and bearing in mind that

there is a fair amount of industrial traffic like trucks etc.

Remember that the speed limit in towns is 50Km unless there are other signs to show different speeds, and school areas are 40Km during school times.

**Please note:** School times are shown below the speed limit signs in most cases. Make a note of school holiday start and finish times.

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# Latrobe Health Advocate



By Jane Anderson

Thank you again to Churchill News for inviting me to contribute to this edition of your community newsletter.

In this edition, I would like to share some highlights from the community engagement events to which I have been invited to be part of, in the last three months.

The first quarter of 2023 has been full of excitement and a lot of successful events.

I was privileged to present at the RWAV - Rural Workforce Agency Victoria conference and promote the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone and the work happening here in Latrobe. The conference was well organised by the team and a very good opportunity to learn from different regions of Australia about what can be done to retain healthcare workers in regional settings. I highlighted the need to increase GPs and health professionals in Latrobe. There was the consideration of GP training pathways, attraction and retention of GPs, and at its core – what is the contemporary approach to providing health care that responds to local needs.

A recent Innovation Breakfast in Morwell focused on Building Social License for Gippsland's Transition was a pleasure to attend. Coordination of engagement across projects; improving information/understanding about energy literacy; broadening community engagement and partnerships, and separating

regulatory permission from social licence were some of the key concerns identified by Gippsland leaders.

In March, I was invited to present to the Centre for Public Impact in North America, as a subject matter expert for "The Earning Trust to Build Equitable and Healthy Societies program". The program brings innovative health solutions from around the world to create an international community of practice to help local governments address health disparities globally. I presented on system mapping and how we engage with the Latrobe community to influence and prompt system change, to improve health and well-being. Along with the Latrobe Health Assembly, I interacted with program participants during an engaging and informative 'office hour' chat. The program participants acknowledged our work in the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone as inspiring leaders in community engagement, human-centred design, and innovation. We look forward to continuing the sharing and learning relationship with CPI North America.

The Gippsland Rugby Festival at the Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium on April 1, was a great event, well organised by the Regional Development Victoria (RDV) Gippsland team. This event created conversations by providing a common ground,

and a unified sense of purpose. I was so pleased to be part of this event. Latrobe Valley is getting all set to host the Commonwealth Games 2026. The main purpose of the event was to determine the interest in a rugby competition, raise awareness and excitement for the Commonwealth Games Rugby 7s, and promote the social, emotional and health benefits of sports participation.

United Muslim Sisters of Latrobe Valley invited my team to Iftar Dinner on their 10th Birthday celebration. The Iftar dinner was an incredible experience that brought together the whole community, educated us about Muslim culture and the importance of fasting and cooperation, and fostered better understanding and goodwill among Muslims and non-Muslims. For the last 10 years, UMSLV has worked to Integrate the Muslim women of Gippsland into society, so they feel connected and empowered.

The aim of my attendance at events is always to promote social connection and community development, enabling the unheard voice, advocating for our community and how we can promote liveability in Latrobe.

I will continue to advocate on behalf of Latrobe communities and encourage you to share your experiences with me.

If you, or a group you belong to, would like to share your experiences with me please get in touch with my team on 1800 319 255 and they will organise a time for us to catch up.

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# Book Review

## "The Liquid Land"

by Raphaela Edelbauer 2019

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Raphaela Edelbauer was born in Vienna in 1990. She attended a sports high school and later studied Language and Art at the University of Applied Arts in Vienna. She is a highly acclaimed author and poet and since 2009 has been publishing in literary magazines and anthologies as well as performing literary festivals. "The

"Liquid Land" was shortlisted for the German Book Prize and longlisted for the Austrian Book Prize.

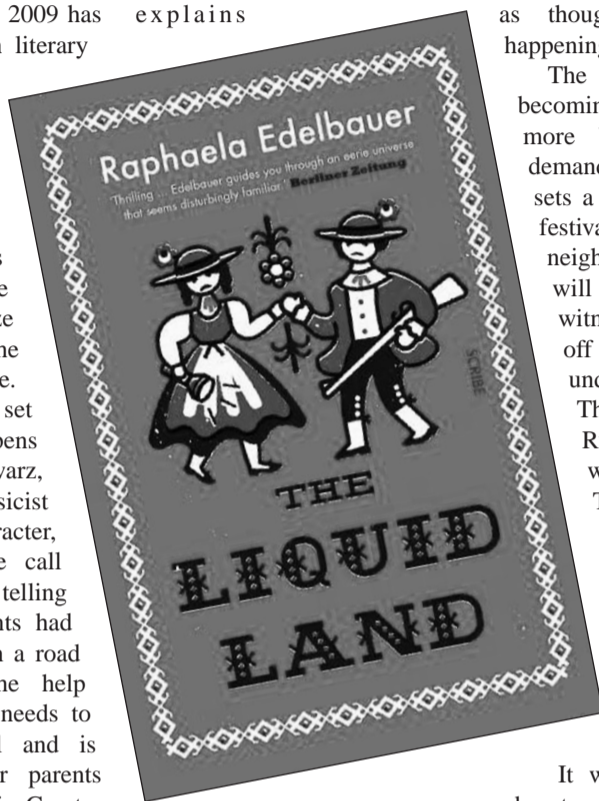
The story is set in Austria and opens with Ruth Schwarz, a theoretical physicist and the main character, receiving a phone call from the police telling her that her parents had both been killed in a road accident. With the help of her aunts, she needs to arrange a funeral and is informed that her parents wish to be buried in Greater Einland.

She set off with no idea of where she was going, unable to find Greater Einland on any map and in fact had been told by authorities that there had never been such a place in Austria. However, she could remember her mother telling her that she could recall a place where you could play underground and there were old aeroplane parts you could play on. Her father used to tell her about a Thousand Year Old Oak Tavern, and how he grew up in the parental home of her mother from the age of two because his own mother had a nervous breakdown.

After driving for several days, she came across the Thousand Year Old Oak Tavern and encountered a mask dealer, telling him about her studies of alternative theories of time. After a good nights sleep she set off again, but finding her car low on fuel she turned off the autobahn to a small, old-fashioned petrol station. While filling the tank she overheard a man saying he was going to Greater Einland. She quickly got into her car and attempted to follow him, which meant a rough trip through forest trails, almost wrecking her car, but finally getting to Greater Einland.

She is met with suspicion and concerned about the gaping hole she noticed in the asphalt. The mechanic tells her that the car can't

be repaired quickly so she will need to stay a further week. She makes friends with Ferdinand who tells her that the townspeople need to pour five thousand kilos of concrete in the hole this week so the marketplace stops sinking and explains



about the hole under the town, which is growing.

On visiting the cemetery, she finds the graves of her ancestors and the gardener tells her, to her great surprise that her parents were there last week tending the grave. Ruth settles into a routine and becomes accepted in the town. She begins to look for documents in the library and learns her mother was also a keen local historian. She learns that in April 1945 the town was smashed to ruins and all the rubble, as well as concrete, had been poured into the hole and the entire town was rebuilt. Ruth also discovers that in the sixteenth century the area had been mined with the hope of finding silver. In the 1890's the area under the town had been mined for limestone deposits and people were lured by the prospect that there may have been gold. There were also rumours that hundreds of dead bodies had been deposited over time. During the war ammunition was produced underground, so the entire area under the town was threatening to crumble.

Her search for information reaches the ears of the Countess so Ruth is summoned to a meeting at the castle. She discovers that the Countess knows everything about everybody in the town and assumes ownership of the entire area. She allocates Ruth a house,

which she discovers once belonged to her father's family and gives her the task of coming up with a formula to address the sinking of the town. Despite the obvious deterioration of the streets and buildings the locals go about their daily business as though nothing is happening.

The Countess is becoming more and more bizarre in her demands on Ruth and sets a date for a great festival, when all the neighbouring villages will be invited to witness the sealing off of all the holes under the town. The pressure is on Ruth to come up with a solution. The conclusion may surprise you.

The word most used in our group to describe this book was weird.

It was a rambling, wordy story that not only jumped around in time but had contradictions about time. There were sections printed in bold on topics such as quantum physics and the theory of relativity, interspersed with the history of the town which was highlighted with wider margins to distinguish it from the current story.

The main character Ruth was using large quantities of prescription drugs such as Xanax, oxycontin and phenobarbital amongst others, together with liberal quantities of alcohol, so we wondered if the story was meant to be either a dream or hallucination. On face value it was a barely believable and quite ridiculous story.

On a deeper level it could have been about repressed memory. The city of Graz was mentioned in the book and it was the site of one of the Austrian concentration camps. What happened in the war has been a largely forgotten and painful memory, with Austrians refusing to accept their country's involvement in Nazi crimes. Recently there have been attempts to bring the horrors of the past to light. In 2015 there was concern that the development of a hydro-electric power station in Graz might disturb the burial places of the victims and a memorial is to be erected. (Ref Wikipedia)

Interestingly the prefix "ein" according to the Jewish Lexicon means "none or nothing".

# Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: Dendrobium kingianum.

Family: Orchidaceae.

Derivation:

Dendrobium: From the Greek dendron, a tree, and bios, life, referring to the epiphytic (growing on trees) habit of most species.

kingianum: Named after Captain Philip Parker King (1791-1856), a friend of botanist John Carne Bidwell, who collected the type specimens and suggested the name to John Lindley in 1844.

Common Name: Pink Rock Orchid.

Distribution: From Biggenden to the McPherson Range in Queensland and from the Border Ranges to the Hunter River in NSW.

Description: A spectacular orchid with a variety of forms, with respect to both flowers and leaves. Pseudobulbs are crowded and vary in length from 5cm to 50cm and width from 10mm to 25mm. A number of leathery, dark green leaves to 12cm long and 3cm wide extend from the top of the pseudobulbs. Flower spikes up to 20cm long containing up to 15 flowers develop over winter from the top of the pseudobulbs, to open up in spring in sprays of white, cream, pink, mauve and purple shades. Individual flowers are up to 20mm in diameter.

Opinion: My plant is hanging in the Omeo Gum on the northern side of the house and must be the most mistreated orchid in the area, though it is in competition with all the inherited orchids out under the pergola in the backyard. I have had it for years, but cannot remember where it came from. Honestly, I did not pinch it! It flowers every year, some years better than others, and has reached a size where it's overflowing its basket and regularly drops keikies (aerial clones) onto the ground below. These I can pick up and plant into a new location. Regardless of the best



intentions, care is very hit and miss, and watering and fertilising happen only when something irrelevant reminds me to do it. The plant has a hard life, being exposed to most of the weather and open to any insect that would like to take a bite. Although reasonably well protected in its location, sometimes the leaves show signs of sunburn and frost exposure.

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: Shar - Plant Names and their Meanings.

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# Churchill CHATTER

**ANZAC Day services**  
Well attended ANZAC day services were held in both Churchill and Yinnar.  
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**Free rapid antigen tests**  
Free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) and N95 Face Masks are still available to all residents of Latrobe City. These can be collected from all Latrobe libraries.  
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**Hard rubbish collection**  
There has been much interest by many ratepayers in what has been put out on neighbours nature strip for the local hard rubbish collection which began

in late April. The town will again look good when cleared of this unwanted rubbish by Council contractors.  
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**Fire callouts this year**  
The Churchill Fire Brigade with local volunteers, has this year been called out 53 times in only four months. Many thanks to all those volunteer firemen keeping us safe.  
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**Gas heater safety**  
As the season is moving toward the cooler months do not forget to have your gas heaters checked out so

they will be safe to use over winter.  
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**Cricket champions**  
Ben Kearns and Chris Wangman, both members of Churchill football team kicked a remarkable total of 12 goals each in a high scoring game against Rosedale last month. Well done.  
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**Daylight saving change**  
As you changed your clocks back from daylight saving did you remember to test all the fire alarms in your home on the same day?  
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**Eclipse of the sun**  
It was unfortunate that Churchill missed out on being able to see any of the total eclipse of the sun in April. Our weather was far too cloudy in the sky that afternoon.  
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**School holidays**  
What a great asset Mathison Park is to Churchill. Many locals and visitors were seen having great fun, making good use of all the available amenities throughout the school holidays. Younger members of families made good use of the playground while many others walked around the lake.  
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**Thought for the month**  
Never be ashamed of your past. It is all part of what made you the most amazing person that you are today.  
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# Strzelecki Koala

**The Strzelecki Koala is a Gardener.**  
The Strzelecki koala helps to create a healthy, balanced and thriving habitat in the Strzelecki Ranges and surrounding areas. It is a crucial part of the food chain in its environment and its presence benefits all the animals and plants that also live in its home range or territory.

Like a good gardener it trims plants and controls pests. As the Strzelecki koala eats it lessens the amount of leaves in the high canopy of its preferred trees. This thinning enables sunlight to reach the lower levels of the forest and so assists other plants to grow. The koalas consumption of leaves helps support the bigger trees to stay healthy by removing branches that could contract disease or a parasite problem.

The branches and leaves that fall because of the koala's feeding or climbing create a food source for insects, birds and smaller animals. These branches may also contain gum nuts which could become new eucalyptus trees. Therefore just like a gardener it spreads seeds.

Gardeners fertilise the soil so that plants grow well. The Strzelecki koala provides nutrients for the soil through its poo (scats). The droppings can be spread throughout a large area around the tree that the koala is in. The fresh or old pellets' nutrients can be dispersed further by rain and wind. Whenever a koala moves from tree to tree it will poo and enrich the soil as it travels through its home range.

A single Strzelecki koala can produce over 200 pellets a day which are also a food source for bacteria and insects.

The Strzelecki koala is an essential animal in its environment or ecosystem. Unfortunately, unlike a human gardener, the Strzelecki koala is also a food source for high predator animals like the wedge-tailed eagle. Like all living things, the Strzelecki koala becomes

a food source when it dies. Hopefully from natural causes and in its old age.

The Strzelecki koala has a unique and vital part to play in its habitat. Importantly the koala is the main species that eats eucalyptus leaves. Scientists wonder what would happen to our forests if the koala became extinct. Currently one of their predictions is that the forests would become more fire prone because koalas act as gardeners, trimming, seeding and fertilising their forests. ("A World Without Koalas? Losing the Marsupial Could Make Wildfires Worse" cnet.com 17/4/23 )

Because food chains and ecosystems are very complex and little is still not fully understood about them, the impact on other animals and plants that rely on the presence of the koala is unknown. (Australian Environmental Legislation EPBC Act. National Wildlife Corridors.8/8/22 www.dceew.gov.au .18/4/23)

Let us not allow such a devastating loss to ever happen.

Let us protect our Strzelecki Koala and its habitat.

Here's how:

1. Be aware of the presence of koalas on our local roads particularly at night.
2. Keep dogs restrained when walking and contained in a koala proof yard on your property. Dogs and other introduced animals are a threat to the safety of the Strzelecki koala.
3. Preserve, protect and plant koala friendly habitats and corridors. Become involved in your local Landcare group.
4. Contact local and state authorities and ask for the greater protection of the Strzelecki koala and its habitat.
5. Join groups that are raising awareness of the Strzelecki koala like Strzelecki Koala Action Team (www.melbournefoe.org.au), Friends of the Gippsland Bush.



Strzelecki koala holding on because of the wind

6. Become a citizen scientist and help map koala sightings and koala scats your local area. (www.strzkoala.australianmap.net)



Strzelecki koala leaves on ground result of feeding

7. Tell other people about the Strzelecki koala and how unique and important it is.

The koala is an iconic national symbol for the nation. Let us make the Strzelecki koala a special and wonderful tourist attraction for the Churchill area and the whole of the Latrobe Valley. Let us treasure the Strzelecki koala and ensure its survival into the future!

**Interesting Facts:**

The insulating quality of koala fur is used by birds when building their nests. (International Fund for Animal Welfare, www.ifaw.org.au 18/4/23 )

By eating between 0.5 to 1 kilogram of leaves a day, the koala reduces the amount of potential fire fuel in a forest. (What is the Role of Koalas in the Ecosystem? www.worldatlas.com 18/4/23)

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# Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington

In classical antiquity, the cypress was a symbol of mourning

On page 63 of Latrobe City Heritage Study Volume 3: Heritage place and precinct citations Amendment C14, July

2010, it is written that "Cemeteries provide a commentary on the local area, with insights to how people have lived and died." Hazelwood Cemetery is no different.

The 2010 study also explains Hazelwood

Cemetery is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to Latrobe City, because historically and socially, it is significant as the first cemetery established in the Morwell and Hazelwood districts and is a representative example of an early rural cemetery in the area.

As many of the settlements surrounding the cemetery have been lost to the Morwell open cut, the cemetery now provides an important tangible record of the early settlement of this area. The cemetery is also significant for the memorial granite gates - while a number of major bushfires have devastated the Gippsland area in post-contact times, this is one of the few permanent memorials to the impacts of the fires upon communities.

Aesthetically, Hazelwood

Cemetery is significant as a most picturesque example of a small rural cemetery, which is enhanced by its plantings of Italian Cypress and elevated setting overlooking the surrounding countryside.

In part, this little unknown 2010 study also establishes general Conservation Management Guidelines, some of which refer to the Italian Cypress trees. In order to conserve the heritage significance of this place, it is policy to, as appropriate, conserve significant trees or other plantings, and maintain a visual relationship between the plantings and the significant buildings on the property. To also conserve or reveal views that contribute to the significance of the place.

Having established the significance of these trees in Latrobe City - after all they are mentioned in a Latrobe City Heritage Study Volume 3 - it needs to be recorded that, in early May, 1983, the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust announced a new facelift for itself. This was to "plant avenues of Italian Cypress trees along the cemetery roadsides."

The Trust explained in its press release "the trees grow to 20 feet and are widely used in European cemeteries. They're ornamental and are recognised as the traditional tree for cemeteries."

Sometime known as "The Mournful Tree", the Italian cypress (scientific name: Cupressus sempervirens) has been associated with death and mourning for the past 2,000 years.

It is also known as "the churchyard cypress," from being often found standing (as if sentinels) surrounding a graveyard.

Other writers mention, that in classical antiquity, the cypress was a symbol of mourning and in the modern era, it remains the principal cemetery tree in

both the Muslim world and Europe.

There are approximately 78 of these trees in the Hazelwood Cemetery.

The appearance of a cemetery reflects how nearby towns may be presented. A public perception of any town can be judged according to how well a nearby cemetery is maintained.

At which point, one refers back to the 78 Italian Cypress trees. At approximately 40 years old in May this year, these trees are showing signs of aging.

Apparently, they have relatively few disease issues. Most common among them are cypress canker, root rot, bag worms and spider mites.

Our trees are quite healthy. Some years back, one was blown over in a massive windstorm and another was severely scorched in 2019 from a lightning

strike. Nonetheless, as they age, each tree sends out "whiskers" thereby detracting from their ideal traditional sentinel like appearance.

They have not been "shaved" in the recent decade, perhaps even longer. In November 2022, advice was sought as to what action is allowable for the Trust to undertake tree maintenance. These statuesque trees watch over the cemetery area, now a pleasant, welcoming garden atmosphere nurtured over recent years. Further plans to trim these trees depends if there is a heritage overlay covering the total cemetery area.

As editorialised for several years in the Churchill & District News, there is plenty of history encompassed in the Hazelwood Cemetery. It is worth preserving and telling others about what can be discovered.




**Latrobe Community Health Service**

### Gambling harm: Community health boosts outcomes

Sandra Luxford, Problem Gambling Counsellor at Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS), works directly with young clients who struggle with gambling addiction, alcohol and other drugs (AOD) and mental health.

Based in Gippsland, Sandra has worked as a therapeutic counsellor for more than ten years and has a special interest in gambling

harm in young men.

"I quite commonly see young men who became addicted to betting on sport at a young age," says Sandra.

"This can escalate into a ten year addiction before those men seek help for their gambling. That's hard to overcome - ten years of destructive behaviour."

Sandra's clients often present with AOD concerns initially. They experience low self-esteem and feelings of regret over 'wasted years', which are all signs of

gambling harm.

Sandra really enjoys her role and, over the years, has lent her support to gambling venues to help build staff capacity and highlight the link between mental health and gambling harm.

Sandra has seen the gambling space evolve over her years as a therapeutic counsellor and is pleased with the positive growth towards acknowledging that gambling harm is a public health concern.

Gambling harm can affect anyone. If you are feeling down and gambling could be the reason, speak to a loved one or ask to see a counsellor at Gambler's Help Gippsland.


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# Morwell Red Cross

## Morwell and District Red Cross Branch members cook up a storm.

What a wonderful way to kick off the month. April 1 saw various Morwell and District Red Cross members cook up a storm at the Bunnings Morwell BBQ, with just over \$700 raised on the day for Red Cross Calling. Huge thanks go to everyone who came along and supported the day by either purchasing a sausage or even just popping some coins in the donation tin, all contributions to Red Cross Calling were appreciated.

Members spirits were still high when we met at the Yinnar and District Memorial



Hall on April 12 for our regular branch meeting. Members were keen to discuss Red Cross business of the day as well as see what artwork samples Kathy Macdonald had brought

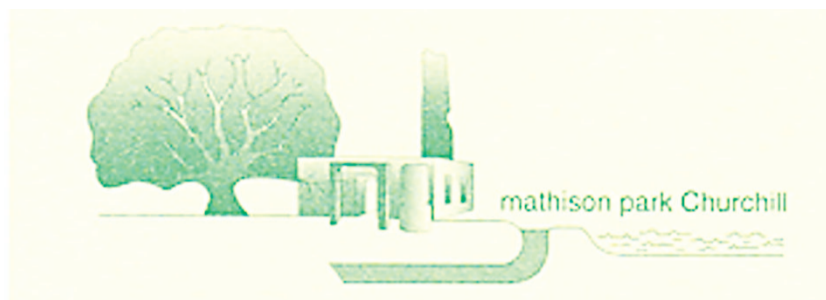


along to share.

Following on from last month's Amazing Quilt Display by Kristi Kuhne, fellow member Kathy Macdonald exhibited samples of her wonderful embroidery which she has enjoyed creating over many years. Her attention to detail is phenomenal and her skills are varied.

Kathy gave an in depth insight to the various stitches that she has both studied and executed over the years.

The array of her embroidery work included Battenberg, Stump work, Schwalm embroidery, Canvas work and Black work, just to name a few. The piece de resistance of the afternoon was an amazing, framed piece of her stump work (pictured).



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and dealt with. Several more dead or dying trees from our original deciduous section were taken out.

New plantings will be done in this section a bit later this year.

Thanks to Merrilyn for providing some delicious morning tea.

The Gippsland Interchange group again gave some energy to helping out with weed pick up, and other clean up and mulching. Thanks Crew. You are a great asset.

A new pathway has been constructed in Mathison Park which joins the concrete path further down the hill, or can be accessed from the gravel path which starts at the concrete path further up the hill.

As there are native grasses growing in the path area we were unable to have the gravel continued through the treed area.

We hope you enjoy this new path as it travels through a treed area, which is lovely shady and cool in summer.

Due to our usual second Saturday working Bee day falling in Easter we put off our working bee for a week. Even then some regulars could not attend due to other commitments.

However, eight folks turned up and a lot of work was accomplished. Several of our rubbish piles were lit

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# 1st Churchill Scouts



**1st Churchill**  
Scout Group

Last month scouts from 1st Churchill joined with scouts from 1st Morwell for an adventurous activities camp at Gilwell Park Scout Camp in Gembrook.

The scouts enjoyed canoeing, bouldering, night stalking and much more. Despite the incredibly patchy weather, they impressed the leaders with their enthusiasm, perseverance and sense of fun!

Rover Scouts are the

oldest scouts, ranging in age from 18 to 25 years of age. Enjoying a variety of activities, they recently held a lego night where they worked together to build an impressive tree house!

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# Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group



**By J. Duncan**

Autumn has brought a lot of activity for our group. We are finishing off the funded part of our last Victorian Landcare Grant which had several components.

### Fencing

The Morwell River component of the project helped our members with fencing materials and weed control along two very steep sections of river bank on their property. This win-win project means that stock

will no longer tumble down the bank and into the river. For the river, it means that another section is fenced and providing habitat; while the vegetation we are planting on the site will slow down run-off and help with flood mitigation. The fence also

protects valuable remnant vegetation on the site.

The fence is constructed with two electric wires and four plain which will allow koalas and other animals to move though the landscape more easily. The main challenge of this project was the topography.

### Planting

There were two other streamside sites in our grant. Along Bellbrook Creek in Yinnar more indigenous vegetation was planted before the 2021 floods. It is now being replaced, as the new plantings didn't survive. This site has been an ongoing project, and anything that had been in the ground for two or more years was able to withstand what was a really big flood.

The floods also cramped our style at our big planting site along Upper Middle Creek Road. One factor was that the road was closed for months due to a landslip. Then there were all sorts of machines in there working on causeways across the creek that had been washed out in the floods.

When we finally could get in to assess our site and plan some further work, we found it growing strongly where it hadn't been washed away.

The sustainable gardening workshops we hosted with the Yinnar Community Garden and Food for All Latrobe Valley were funded by Latrobe City, but still formed part of our group's in-kind contribution to our grant.

### Greenhouse

Our greenhouse was badly beaten up by the storms we had in the winter and spring of 2021. The roof window looks as though it ended up at the bottom of the dam on the other side of a nearby paddock.

We have been chipping away at getting it rebuilt and back to full functionality. Once its computer is working again, it should be good to go.

Meanwhile we have had plants in foster care all over the district as the little alternative greenhouse where we have been growing them is just that – little.

We are also growing a bigger range of plants than we have previously, which is interesting and has had some great successes and more than a few failures.

### Weed Control Budgerie Bushland Reserve

On April 13 we had our annual Sycamore Slaughter at the Budgerie Bushland Reserve. Eight volunteers had a great day in this beautiful bit of remnant forest.

We are now into the sixteenth year of this project, and it was great to have one of our earliest workers on the project stop by and say hello.

We were advised early on that we would not need to plant this site as there would be enough natural re-growth of native vegetation coming through once the maples were removed, and this is proving to be the case.

There is still a lot of work to do at the bottom of the

block near the creek where previous control measures have only been partially successful.

So far none of this re-growth is big enough to form seeds and re-infest a wider area, but it will be a bit of a race against time for the next few years.

### Next Activities.

By the time this is published, we will have had our stall at the Yinnar Memorial Hall Market on May 7.

After that we have a volunteer activity planned to remove tree guards from our Middle Creek planting site.

May 14 (Sunday) – Middle Creek tree guard removal. 11am on site Upper Middle Creek Road Yinnar South; or 10.45a.m. at Martin Walker Reserve

We are currently trying to find out what has been eating our plants inside our electric fence at our Billys Creek block.

We have put our wildlife cameras up there and will check them in a few weeks time.

We will then be replacing these plants in the next couple of months after it starts raining and hopefully before the access track gets too boggy.

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## Yinnar Sculpture

**By Garry Mauger**

Under the banner of "Sculpture Culture comes to Yinnar", a hard working team of volunteers, and the organising committee of the Gippsland Sculpture Exhibition Incorporated, once again brought a world class exhibition to the town of Yinnar. Entries to this display and competition came from all over Australia and encompassed some of the finest work you have ever

seen. Sculptures, both indoor and outdoor, by established professional artists, and aspiring and emerging sculptors showcased some 106 successful entries in 2023.

Nicole Allen, the chairperson of the committee said. "This magnificent display and competition occurs every two years, and is open for a period of approximately seven weeks every day of the week." Nicole praised the work of the committee, and volunteer team alike, and thanked the sponsors of this year's event. "Without the sponsorships and the support of the community at large, we could not have such a happy successful event".

Leanne Foster, the coordinator of the Volunteer Team for the Exhibition, praised the work done by all the volunteers. "Without this support by the volunteer team, we could not put together a display of this size and complexity" She said. "We work hard to involve as many people as possible in this experience".

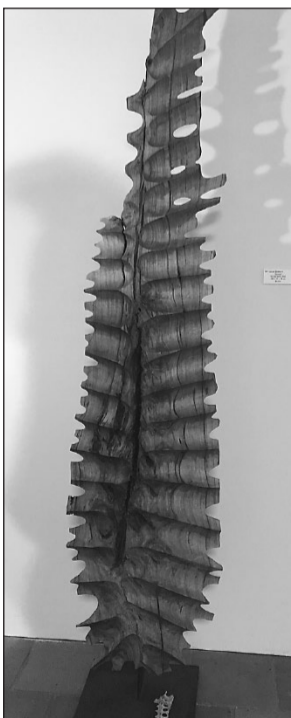
Stand outs at the opening of this year's awards were:

\*Allen Family indoor

award of \$10,000 for "Dunbi the Owl", by Jimmy Rix.

\*The Outdoor award of \$10,000 for "Big Red" by Neil Findley.

\* The initial awarding of the Ngarga Warendj prize for emerging artist by Mick and Nicole Harding to Jonathan Thompson for his work "Muscle Bunny". \*The special "Judges Own" award for "Gum Boots" the dog by Graeme Stuckey.



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



# Churchill & Monash Golf Club



Great win for Churchill & Monash Ladies, Marianne Ryan, Sandra Caldwell and Chris Stevens winning the Toongabbie Bowl on April 21, with 102 Pts.

## Monthly Medal Saturday March 25

A Grade Winner: C. Hogbin 82 68 MM B Grade Winner: G. Barnes 89 69. C Grade Winner: P. McGann 90 72 Scratch : C. Hogbin 82. D.T.L: 1. R. Zomer 72, 2. G. Spowart 72, 3. A. Auld 72, 4. A. Sharrock 72, 5. V. Monument 73, 6. C. Warring 73, 7. K. Keighran 74 C/B, 8. D. Burridge 74 C/B Target Hole : M.Soppe Putts : G. Barnes 25 C/B Birdies : C. Warring 5th

## Open Day 4BBB Tuesday March 28

Winners: Shirley Turner and Dawn Judkins 42pts. Runners Up : Chris Gunn and Lia Brent 39 pts. D.T.L: Jill White and Jenny Tatterson 35pts, Vanessa Reid and Robyn Jennings 35pts, N.T.P :3rd Lia Brent, 5th Lia Brent, 12th Chris Stevens, 14th Maree Thompson.

## Green keepers Saturday April 1

A Grade Winner: D. Ellwood 35pts B Grade Winner : A. Auld 34pts. C Grade Winner : W. Sutton 32pts D.T.L: 1. R. King 29, 2. P. Kearns 28, 3. D. Burridge 28, 4. C. Thompson 27, 5. P. McGann 27, 6. R. Westerick 27, 7. Anton 27, 8. G. Barnes 26 C/B N.T.P Pro-Pin : 3rd D. Burridge, 5th P. Kearns, 14th J. Barnes Target

Hole: C. Warring.

## Monthly Medal Tuesday April 4

Scratch: Tom Sterrick 85. Medal Winner: Sandra Caldwell 22 72. Day Winner: Tom Sterrick 19 66 nett. D.T.L: Paul McGann 28 68 nett. Brett Barrows 18 73 nett. Adam West 19 73 nett. Putts: Tom Sterrick 23. N.T.P : 3rd Jan Blizzard, 5th Lisa Van Rooy, 12th Vanessa Reid, 14th Carol Barnes. Birdies: Jan Blizzard 3rd

## Stableford Tuesday April 11

Winner: Tyson Webb 10 41pts. D.T.L: Sandra Caldwell 21 36pts, Nathan Lugton 4 34 pts. N.T.P: 3rd Nathan Lugton M, 3rd Merryn Dear F, 5th Brodie Downie M, 5th Sandra Caldwell F, 12th Tyson Webb M, 12th Sandra Caldwell F, 14th Brodie Downie M, 14th Marg McQuillen F, Eagle: 13th Nathan Lugton

## 4 person Ambrose Saturday April 15

Winners: P. Flanigan, R. Vesty, D. Ellwood, C. Hogbin 57. Runners Up: J.Sanders, L. Anderson, A.West, S. Sanders 57.25. D.T.L: 1. C. Thompson, J.Barnes, C.Sterrick, T.Sterrick 57.5, 2. R. Davidson, R. Timbs, R.Abel, D.Radnel, 59.25, 3. A. Sharrock, R.Welsh,

B.Rowley, W.Sutton 60.125. 4. C.Stevens, S.Caldwell, C. Warring, G. Barnes 60.25, 5. J. Barratt, A. Auld, T. Collins, P.Jordan 60.75. N.T.P: 3rd. M.Soppe, 5th R.Dent, 12th D.Ellwood, 14th P.Flanigan

## Par Tuesday April 18

Winner: B. Cleland 24 +3. D.T.L: C.Hogbin 12 +1, A.West 19 -3, 12th C.Hogbin, 14th. M.McQuillen Birdies: 5th B.Cleland, 12th C.Hogbin.

## Stableford Saturday April 22

A Grade Winner: R.King 19, 43 Pts . B Grade Winner: R. Abel 24, 37pts. C Grade Winner: G. Corponi 35, 40pts. D.T.L: 1. P. Jordan 36, 2. S.Caldwell 36, 3. R.Sands 36, 4. T.Webb 36, 5. R. Davidson 35, 6. A.West 35, 7. D.Byers 34, 8. W.Sutton 34. N.T.P Pro-Pin : 3rd T. Webb, 5th A.West,12th T. Webb, 14th J.Banfield. Target Hole: P.Flanigan. Birdies: R.King, 5th, S.Caldwell 3rd.

## Stableford Tuesday April 25

Winners: A Grade: L. Anderson 21, 38pts. B Grade: P.Mcgann 28, 38pts. D.T.L: S. Caldwell 21, 36, B. Cleland 24, 35, R.Sands 29, 35, D.Byers 15, 35. Birdies: 3rd A.West, D.Burridge, 5th D.Byers.

## Quantum Support services

Quantum Support Services is backing calls for a better solution to support our young people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Gippsland. Quantum Support Services' Chief Executive Natalie McDonald said many young people were unable to get the support they needed to change their lives and break the cycle of disadvantage.

"It is estimated more than 1300 young people in inner Gippsland experience homelessness each year," Ms McDonald said. "But inner Gippsland only has 14 crisis beds available for young people seeking emergency accommodation, and a further 16 beds for medium-

term accommodation, she said. "Our young people experiencing homelessness need more than a housing solution, they also need wrap around support, access to schools, further learning, jobs and life skills. This is why Quantum is working to bring a youth foyer to Gippsland." Ms McDonald said Quantum was looking for a whole system response.

"This youth foyer isn't just about Quantum, it is a model for Gippsland with multiple partners. It is about breaking the cycle of disadvantage that often extends across generations," she said.

"The Foyer Foundation's recently commissioned

report 'Under One Roof' found 80 per cent of young people who went through a youth foyer transitioned to safe and stable housing, more than two thirds were in employment on exit and had improved overall health outcomes throughout their lifetime.

"The report showed the investment in the Foyer model not only generates results for young people, but also creates benefits for state and federal governments." For more information on the support services available through Quantum Support Services visit [www.quantum.org.au](http://www.quantum.org.au) or phone 1800 243 455.



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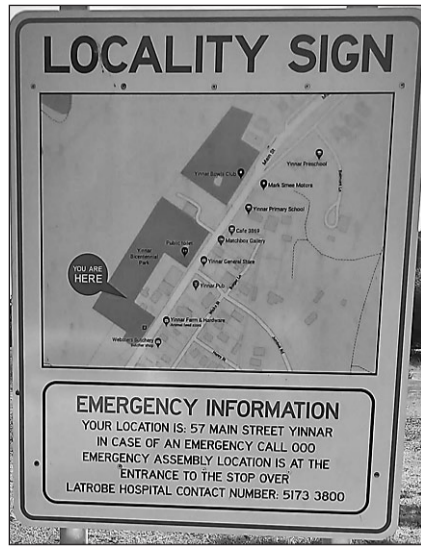




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# Where we live



## Welcome to Yinnar

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Local contacts Kevin - 0417 131 816, or Geoff - 1418 333 125



## Draft Public Toilet plan for Latrobe City

Of particular interest at CDCA's April meeting was the tabling of Council's Draft Public Toilet Plan for Latrobe City. Whilst the draft Plan covers the entire municipality, CDCA was focussed on the details affecting Churchill.

Most pleasing was the inclusion of a new Public Toilet to be designed and constructed in the Churchill Shopping Centre at a future date.

The lack of an accessible, conveniently located and well-maintained public toilet in the town centre has long been a frustrating issue for residents and it is great that Council now has plans to resolve this matter.

Also included in the draft Plan is an upgrade to the public toilet at Mathison Park and the proposed demolition of the toilet block at Glendonald Park. The latter, which would need an upgrade to meet Council's current standards for public toilets, has been subjected to constant vandalism and the expense of frequent repairs.

It is a shame that such destructive behaviour will result in no public toilet at an otherwise well-appointed park, with BBQ facilities, playground, BMX track, cricket net and football goalposts. Glendonald Park is well utilised by children, families, dog-walkers and many others.

CDCA likes to keep our meetings interesting and of relevance to members and local residents. We frequently have officers from Latrobe City Council attend as guests to provide information and/or to consult on local projects and issues.

We have invited a Guest Speaker from "Marinus Link" to attend our Annual General Meeting in August. Marinus Link is a proposed electricity and telecommunications 'interconnector' between Tasmania and Victoria.

The project will enable the flow of electricity in both directions between the two States, delivering energy for customers in the National Electricity Market (NEM).

The infrastructure will connect in Victoria here, in the Latrobe Valley.

At our next meeting (June 8) we hope to have a Guest Speaker from the Latrobe Health Authority to update us on a range of local projects and initiatives that the LHA is undertaking and/or funding.

Our next meeting (June 8) will be held in Studio 1, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall (park and enter from Philip Parade). We start at 7pm and aim to be finished by 9. New members and interested residents are always welcome at our meetings.

CDCA membership applications can be downloaded from our website - [cdca.org.au](http://cdca.org.au) - or join us at one of our meetings.

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## Coronation of King Charles III



The Coronation of our new king, Charles III in early May is a continuation of the tradition which is part of the British monarchy.

This dates back to the time of King Alfred, the King of Wessex in England, the first King to embrace the idea of a kingdom of England.

The Catholic Church played a huge part in that, and the present ceremony still carries hints of that ritual within it.

The Coronation is the recognition by the Church of a new monarch and while there have been many revisions of the service, it is still an outline of the duties and responsibilities of the monarch to the people he rules.

Today it is more to the people than the church that the vows are made, but the roles of the Church and the King himself have changed over time.

King Henry VIII was the person who challenged and changed forever the role of the Church when he made himself the head of the Church in England, taking the place of the Pope in Rome.

The church structure was left unchanged, but the high-ranking officers in the church were chosen by the King and not the Pope.

This is why the officiating Archbishops today are still the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York.

The symbols of power are also very traditional and each carries a message to the people.

However, most of these are not original.

Oliver Cromwell took apart the crown jewels and melted down the gold in his brief period as ruler of the Commonwealth in the 1600s.

Only the Coronation Spoon escaped this fate. At the Restoration of the monarchy in 1661, new objects had to be made.

King Edward's Crown dates back to the 11th century and was the crown of King Edward the Confessor, the only English King to be made a saint.

It symbolises the monarchy over the British Isles.

The second crown, the Imperial, dates back to 1937 and symbolises

the power over the Commonwealth countries which still recognise the British Monarchy.

The Orb is the symbol which reminds the monarch that their power is derived from God.

The sceptre shows the monarch that he must protect his subjects.

The Ampulla holds holy oil which anoints the monarch and the Spoon is used to administer it.

The Sword of State shows that the monarch is the head of the Armed Forces. There are other items which change with each Coronation.

At the ceremony the monarch is seated on a throne which contains the Stone of Scone, Scotland's traditional coronation stone.

For the last coronation, each British Commonwealth country and Colony issued a stamp or set of stamps and further sets were issued to commemorate the 25th and later the 50th Anniversary of the Coronation in 1953.

Many of the symbolic items were featured on these stamps and are a popular theme with collectors around the world.



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# Looking Back... ...through the eyes of local residents



## Local History – walnuts and rabbits

By Leo Billington

In about 1889, after their marriage Ellen Mary and her husband, Leon Wuttrich made their home at Walnut Park Hazelwood North, where they remained for about nine years. The 10 acres of walnut trees planted by Leon around that property remained for many years as a local memorial. It has been written that the walnut grove was popular for Sunday afternoon picnics and pleasant walks, particularly for townsfolk.

Leon had taken up the property around three years earlier and quickly earned a reputation for his ingenuity as a dairy farmer. One innovation he promoted was the DeLaval cream separator, initially invented in 1878 by Swede Gustaf De Laval and the Dane, L. C. Nielsen when they made the first practical centrifugal cream separators. DeLaval was formally established in 1883 by Gustaf.

In February 1886, Leon proudly announced he had made an arrangement with the Gippsland Dairy Company to supply that company with 20 quarts of cream per day. With his acquisition of a new DeLaval Cream Separator, he believed he could earn greater profits by selling cream rather than making butter. Basically, Leon was also inviting others to learn about new technology.

After selling his farm in October 1895, the Wuttrich family moved to Moe. Ellen and Leon had four children – eldest being Melina who died at 8½ months in 1897, second daughter Cosette, who married and moved to Brisbane, Fred who died aged 12, from a sudden appendicitis attack in 1915 and Eric. Eric was born in Moe in 1902 and eventually shifted to Esperance where he was a farmer. Ellen died in December 1951 aged 84, and Leon died in March 1938, aged 83.

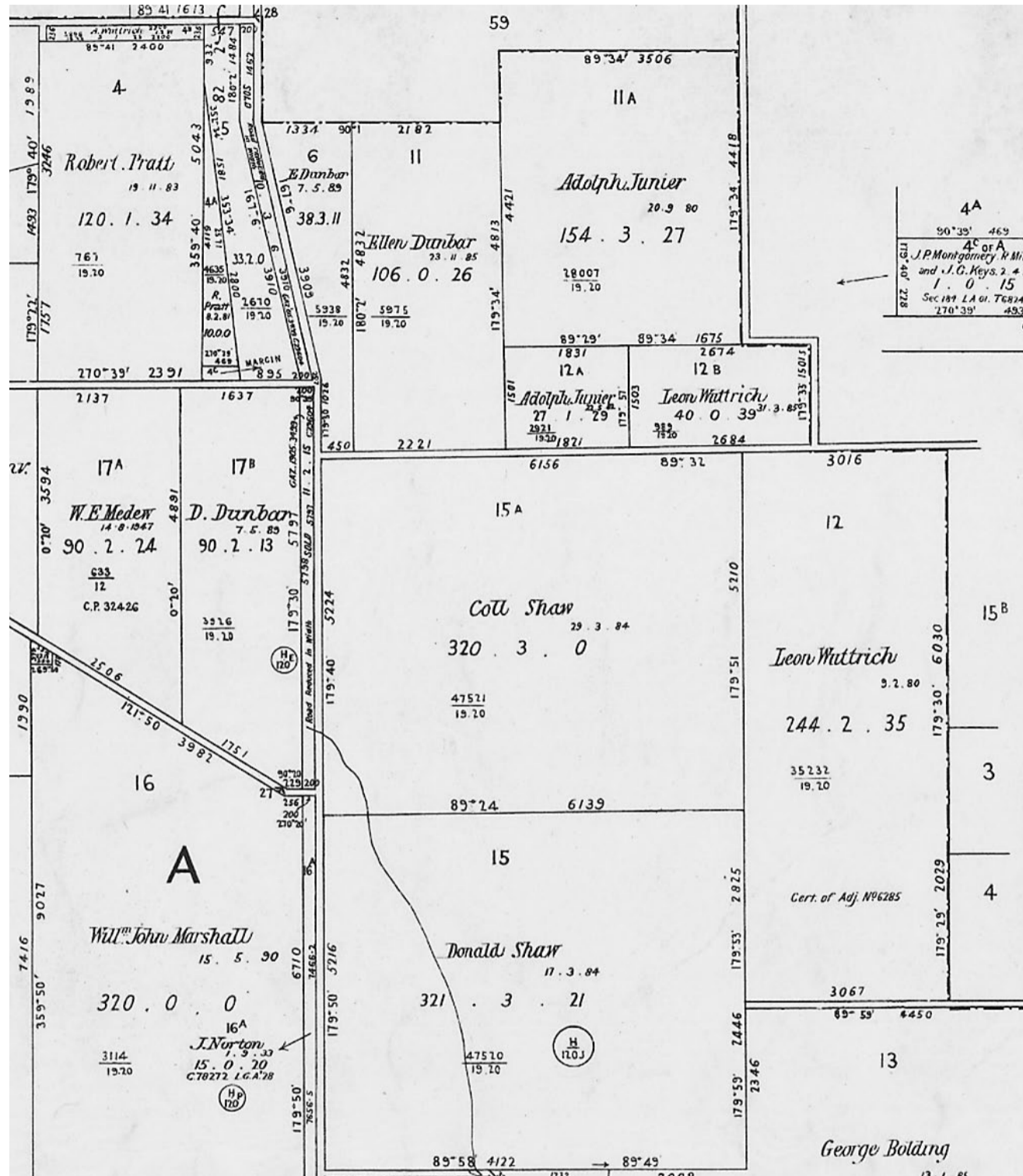
Although the walnut grove is no more, the farm, once owned by Mr George Jones, is still known as “Walnut Park.” After selling “Walnut Park,” Leon moved to Moe and acquired a good deal of land on the Moe Swamp and at Westbury. He also built the Moe Bush Nursing Hospital and owned shops and private houses in the town.

His keen, extensive interest in horticulture was widely known alongside specialised knowledge of waterlilies and roses. Leon’s cremated remains were interred at the Springvale



**Jeeralang Rabbit Destruction League.**  
**NOTICE** is hereby given that all landholders within the boundaries of this League (Parish of Jeeralang) are requested to commence free feeding for rabbits on February 22nd, and continue till 29th February, on which night the poisoned baits are to be laid.  
As all landholders within the boundaries of this League have had ample time to learn and apply the most up-to-date methods of rabbit destruction, I am instructed by the Inspector to inform you that he will show no further leniency but shall take drastic action against all persons who do not carry out the work to his satisfaction.  
The fact that there may be furrows on the land will have no weight with him, if the rabbits are not destroyed. No further neglect will be tolerated from any one.  
**ALLEN B. L. JACGUNG,**  
Hon. Secretary.

**RABBIT DESTRUCTION.**  
**A MEETING** of North Hazelwood Rabbit Destruction League will be held in the North Hazelwood Mechanics' Institute on Friday, 2nd October, at 2.30 p.m.  
Business:—To make arrangements for poisoning, and to define boundaries.  
Mr O'Connell, inspector, will be present.  
**A. McINNES, Hon. Sec.**  
**SOUTH HAZELWOOD RABBIT SUPPRESSION LEAGUE.**  
**A MEETING** of members and intending members will be held at the South Hazelwood School on Wednesday, September 30th, at 2 p.m. sharp.  
Business:—To approve or otherwise of boundaries arranged by committee, and to take orders for poison.  
**S. J. THOMPSON,**  
Hon. Sec.



Crematorium.

Both Ellen and Leon were Swiss descendants – Ellen’s father being an expert vigneron managing the Chateau Tahbilk vineyard and cellars at Nagambie. While at Hazelwood North and then at Moe, Ellen’s generosity was well-known with regular gifts of home-grown produce and flowers.

She was also a volunteer worker at Moe’s Bush Nursing Hospital.

Leon became a long-serving member and director of the Moe Co-operative Dairying Pty Ltd – he was actually a founding director. He was a member of the Board of Management of the Moe Recreation Reserve. Included in his raft of community interests was as a regular attendee of the Moe Presbyterian Church services and his annual visits to district state schools on Arbor Day to share his knowledge of plants and trees. Leon

was also a founding member of the Morwell branch of the Australian Natives’ Association.

While at Hazelwood North, he donated land sited opposite his farm on which the Hazelwood North Mechanics Institute was built, surrounded by trees planted by himself. These days, the Hazelwood North Community Hall and the former Hazelwood North Presbyterian Church stand on part of “Walnut Park”.

The accompanying map outlines Leon’s farm, south side of Church Road, Hazelwood North.

Now, about rabbits. Keith Greenfield of Billa Kalina Station, a large cattle-grazing property near Roxby Downs once wrote a poem about rabbits. There were five stanzas. The first one went like this:

“I’m a fluffy little bunny,  
some people think I’m cute  
But the plain and simple

fact is, that I’m a country killing brute

For I ringbark all the branches, then I chew up every leaf

And to the native creatures, I’m a terror and a thief”

from Great Australian Rabbit Stories by Jenny Quealy, 2010.

One is never sure how a rabbit population is counted with some accuracy. Seemingly there are rabbits everywhere. One estimate from 1920 thought there were 10 billion rabbits in Australia. The population is currently estimated to be 200 million.

Looking at our local history, before World War One, rabbits were causing consternation and anxiety within those families trying to eke out a living on small farms.

Rabbit Destruction Leagues became popular. For instance, in August 1915, the Morwell and Yinnar Gazette

reported that the farmers living in the not-so-flat land of Budgeree formed their own league. Apparently, there was “lively interest from all the district farmers.”

In March 1914, Mr Neil McFarlane was appointed chairman of “the Vigilance Committee of the Jeeralang Rabbit Destruction League.” He was determined to keep a watchful eye on all properties.

As reported in the Traralgon Record, February 1913, District Rabbit Inspector, Mr E O’Connell visited Tyers, Callignee and Traralgon “for the purpose of giving demonstrations in the mixing and laying of poison, and other methods of exterminating rabbits.

All the meetings (as advertised) will be held at 2 p.m, and farmers and landowner’s are expected to attend. Apart from the legal aspect of the matter - it being a criminal offence to neglect to destroy rabbits - it is to

the interests of everyone who values his property to do his best to combat the pest.....”

In March 1915, at a well-attended community meeting held in the Yinnar South State School, a Middle Creek Rabbit Suppression League was formed. A few months earlier, the Hazelwood South Rabbit Destruction League was formed, with its own set of 20 rules designed to “destroy all vermin.” A Vigilance Committee was required to have regular meetings, and then report back to the President and Secretary.

There were other examples of Rabbit Suppression Leagues formed during these early years – such as Maffra, Gunyah, Ryton, Bairnsdale, and Dargo. During 1898, such action was not considered urgent by the Shire of Warragul.





# cooking with Noelene

## Baked Tuna and Ricotta Rigatoni



This is a great Friday night meal, you can choose the protein, I am using tinned tuna. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Spray an ovenproof dish with cooking oil. Bring a large pot of salted water to the boil, add 500gm of ragatoni pasta (pasta tubes, not cannelloni) and 1 dsp of oil. Boil the ragatoni until tender, drain and allow to cool enough to handle. While the pasta is cooling mix 200gm can of flaked tuna drained, with 1 cup of ricotta cheese and 1 tbs of minced garlic, to form a soft paste. Spoon the mixture into a pastry bag and fill each ragatoni, arrange the filled pasta tubes side by side in the prepared dish and give a light spray of cooking oil. Now prepare the sauce, mix 1/2 cup of cream with 2 cups of grated and refrigerated parmesan cheese, season with cracked pepper. Spoon the sauce over the filled rigatoni and top with sliced capsicums in a criss cross fashion. Bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes. Serve hot with a side salad if required.

## Lemon Butter



This recipe is found in 'Ladies Own Companion' and this is one of the 'recipes' from 1879. Here is how I use the original recipe today in The Manor, I did not change the original recipe. Beat together 250ml of lemon juice with 105 gm of castor sugar, 1 tbs of cornflour, 2 well beaten eggs, 120 gm of butter / marg (I used marg). Heat this mixture over the lowest of heat, stirring all the time until the mixture thickens. Bottle and store in the cool of your pantry or in your refrigerator for 6 months, once you taste this you will be sharing and remaking it again. You can use limes in place of lemons. You can call it lemon butter or lemon curd, regardless it is delicious.

## Spiced Chocolate Muffins



These are a hit any time of the year. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Place patty pan cases in a 12 hole muffin pan. In a medium bowl mix together 250 gm of plain flour with 1 tbs of bicarbonate soda, 2 tbs of cocoa powder and 1 generous tsp of allspice, and finally stir in 200gm of chocolate chips (not Chocolate Melts). Place 100gm of softened marg / butter in the pan of your electric mixer, along with 150 gm of castor sugar, 115 gm of brown sugar, mix well. Then beat in 2 beaten eggs, 150 ml of sour cream and 5 tbs of milk until thoroughly mixed. Now using a wooden spoon add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and stir gently until just combined. Spoon the batter into the paper cases and bake in the preheated oven for 25 minutes or until well risen and firm to touch. You can serve warm or cold. Just enjoy !!

## Pork Calypso



Spray the bowl of your slow cooker. Peel and slice 1 onion. Trim and slice 1 capsicum. Place these in a large bowl along with 500gm of frozen stir fry vegetables. Mix to combine. Now place the vegetable mix in the bowl of the slow cooker. In a separate bowl prepare your marinade. Mix together 1/2 cup of balsamic vinegar, 1/2 cup of soy sauce, 1/2 cup of brown sugar, 2 tbs of minced ginger, 3 tbs of minced garlic, 1 x 400ml of coconut cream (well mixed), 1 cup of evaporated milk, 1 dsp of a little heat optional (1 tbs sriracha / 1 tbs sweet paprika). Now place the marinade mix in a pan over a low heat and stir until the sugar dissolves. Sprinkle 1 and 1/2 cups of mixed grain over the vegie mix in the slow cooker. (I used a brown rice, quinoa and freekeh mix). Add 600 gm of pork chipolatas. Once the marinade is warmed and the sugar is dissolved, pour over the contents of your slow cooker. Cook on high for 4 hours. This is delicious.

## The Manor Pasta Sauce



Tonight I am serving up pappardelle in The Manor pasta sauce. I placed 1 jar of chunky tomato pasta sauce in a bowl along with 300 gm of stir fry vegies, 1 container of cherry tomatoes (whole), 2 packets of soft kalamata tomatoes (I just used the flesh.) To this mixture I added 2 tbs of minced garlic, 1 tbs of dried basil, thyme and chives, 3/4 cup of red wine vinegar, 1 tbs of whole grain mustard and finally 1/4 cup of sugar. I let this mixture sit for 4 hours plus. When serving time nears, add the pasta sauce to a wide pan over a low heat and bring to gentle simmer and heat through. Add the dried pasta to a pot of salted boiling water and boil until tender. Place cooked pasta on warmed plates and pour over sauce, top with finely grated parmesan, enjoy.

## Hope Cake



Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Grease and line a large 20 x 30 cm ovenproof baking dish / pan or 2 medium 20 x 20 cm pans. Cream together 2 tbs of butter / marg, 250 gm of cream cheese, 3 bananas, 1 tsp of vanilla extract and 2 cups of white sugar. Lightly beat 2 eggs. In a separate bowl mix together 3 cups of flour, 1/2 tsp of baking powder, 1/2 tsp of baking soda and 1/2 tsp of salt. Now add the beaten eggs a little at a time, beating in between. Then add the flour mix, beating until a batter forms. Pour into the prepared pan and set aside. Prepare the topping - mix together 1 tbs of flour, 2/3 rds of cup of brown sugar, 1/2 cup of butter / marg and 1/2 cup of chopped mixed nuts, using a bread knife cut into the mixture until crumbly, sprinkle the topping over the batter. Bake for 60 minutes or until a skewer inserted comes out clean, OR until an impossible thing comes true. Whichever comes first.



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# SCHOOL NEWS

## HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY



**New Changes to our school!**  
Our wonderful school has had a few changes over the school holidays to improve our environment for the safety of our students. One new improvement we have added is improving our football goal posts to new posts with padding. Students have loved kicking goals during recess and lunch already in Term 2. We also

have new rubber soft fall for our playground area to make it a soft landing for students. The final alteration is the new unmanned crossing along with the new road limits to Church Street Road being a 40km/h zone during school drop off and pick up hours, between 8.00-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm. We would like to thank the School Council for funding these

new changes and the Latrobe City Council for the new road changes.  
**Grade 3/4 Excursion!**  
In Term 1 the 3/4 students have been learning about living things during Inquiry. As part of this, students are completing a report on an animal of their choice. To make a connection between their research and a real-life

experience, students had an excursion to Maru Koala and Animal Park! Students were involved in learning about animals local to Victoria and some other Australian habitats.  
The students had a chance to feed and pat the local animals such as feeding the kangaroos and patting some reptiles. The students also had the chance

to become competitive by attempting to beat their teachers at minigolf.  
**School Wedding!**  
One of our amazing teaching staff, Miss Robbie was due to be wed in the school holidays. To prepare the students for this change and to celebrate with the students the teachers created a fun afternoon of an opp shop theme wedding at

school. The students loved to be a part of the day and have been very excited for the future Mrs Seppings!  
**Wigs4kids!**  
After his mum was diagnosed with breast cancer, Harri wanted to help other kids dealing with cancer themselves by shaving his hair to donate to wigs for kids Australia. A Huge Well Done to Harri!!

# SCHOOL NEWS

## YINNAR PRIMARY



Cross Country



Hunter and Madi – Sandro Botticelli



Amira and Lilly – Sofonisba Anguissola



Some of the eggcellent art work



Yinnar Scout/Cub Group

Grade 5/6 students have been working on the Renaissance Period and have produced some fantastic work.

All the students in the school had the opportunity to have a walk through the gallery and learn about the influence of classical art and culture from the Renaissance Period from our Grade 5/6 students. The Grade 5/6s

were very enthusiastic and explained to the visitors about the lives and works of the great artists and masters who they researched and wrote about.  
They also completed their own masterpiece to exhibit as part of the gallery display.

**Easter Fair Fun**  
We had an eggcellent day for our Easter Fair. Everyone

had a great day and we had a perfect autumn day. There were some amazing and wonderful creations for our Egg Launch and the decorated egg competition. Well done to our JSC team for organizing a fun and successful Easter Fair. We raised a fantastic total of \$1,911.60 from the Easter Fair, all of which has been donated to support the Royal

Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.  
**House Cross Country**  
In the last week of term we held our House Cross Country. All students participated and embraced the challenge of running a cross country course over the required distance for their age. Congratulations to Red House who were the winners overall on the day.

**ANZAC Day**  
Our school Captains and some of our students marched in the Yinnar ANZAC Day parade. Students laid a wreath at the cenotaph and spoke at the ceremony about the significance of the crosses which are placed at the cenotaph, and the story behind the place identified on the cross and the relevance

to our community. Some of our current and past students also marched with the Yinnar & District Scout Group. We would like to thank the RSL for working with our school community to help us understand the significance of this important day and that we will always remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our wonderful country.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## BOOLARRA PRIMARY



### Bee IncurSION

A few weeks ago, two beekeepers came into school and taught B.P.S about bees. The hive that they brought in had a queen and tons of worker bees. They have a machine that ejects a smoke that has chemicals that make the bees feel drunk, so the beekeepers can transport the hive safely. The beekeepers wear special protective gear.

They only brought one thing that's a really important tool to beekeeping, they also brought a lot of posters. The item they brought out was the smoker. They then told us that smoke calms bees and the smoker produces smoke so it's easier to get honey and not get stung. They then told us the dangers of beekeeping. They said that a person they knew once went away from beekeeping for a few months then they got stung. It gave them a big allergic reaction even though they weren't allergic before. It was really

interesting I hope they come back soon.

The beekeepers also told us some stuff about bees. There are three types of bees, a worker, a queen, and a drone. Worker bees have curved stingers so when they sting you the stingers get stuck in your skin and rip out of the bee. The bee then will die with the venom sack still on the stinger. The queen bee's stinger is straight, the workers stinger is curved, and the drone does not have a stinger so do not fear them (if you can tell the difference between bees). When the drone mates with the queen bee the queen lays eggs in the hive to make more bees.

Me and my classmates got to try different flavours of honey. When we were getting to try the flavoured honeys, we had to form a circle to try them. My favorite one was red gum. We got to take one packet of honey home. If you had a

brother or sister, you would be able to take only one for them. We loved the time learning all about bees.

### Y&D Sports

On March 29, three students that go by the names of Logan, Matilda and Ryleigh got into Champions Athletics at Yinnar and District Sports. They went by car and got there in 15 minutes, but the fun had just begun.

When we arrived at the Yinnar Footy Field Matilda, Ryleigh and Logan ran over onto the field where the high jump was. They all sat down on the ground waiting for the high jump to start, once it started the guy called the names of the champs for that activity. There was a kid wearing boots. So that's what they called him, Boots, even though he was wearing boots he was still very good at high jump.

When it was time to do Logan's running event, he

was feeling surprisingly confident about himself so we wandered over to the oval where the running is. Logan's age group was first, but the girls went first so he had to wait until they got to the finish line. Then Logan was up! He lined up on the line to wait for the whistle to blow. Logan was a bit nervous, then the whistle blew. He was in third place then someone ran in front of him and cut Logan off. If he had of kept running the person who overtook Logan would've kicked him so he slowed down. Then another kid got in front of Logan and made him come fifth.

It was finally time for Tilly's event and she was feeling very good about doing her shot-put. When we got to the field and sat down to wait for the adults to figure out who will go first, she started to get more nervous until they called out who was going first. She was

really hoping that she would go first so it would be done really quickly and Tilly did go first. Tilly confidently walked up to the sector and did her put. This was very scary for Tilly now because she only had one go at it. Tilly was so scared, but she wouldn't let that stop her. She did her routine and threw it. She ended up throwing 5 meters and 60 centimeters long. The good news is Tilly came third. She was so happy with herself.

Next was Ryleigh's two events; discus and shot-put. First up was shot-put. She got in line and just stood there as others talked and someone puts. Eventually, it was her turn. She steadily walked up to the line, Ryleigh picked up the shot put and got into a stance that helps you put further. Then she did it. Ryleigh put it a little over six meters and came second in that event so she got to the next

level, Regionals. After a few events, it was time for her second event, discus. She was second in line so she didn't have to wait long. Ryleigh threw the discus over 15 metres, breaking her highest score of 14.73 metres. She came fourth in that event, so Ryleigh won't go up to Regionals unless two people in front of her pull out, but that's highly unlikely. Overall, she placed pretty well, she'll still go to Regionals for the next level and she is excited for that.

In the end, the three students had so much fun competing at Champions Day.

### Student Led Easter Activities

On the last day of Term 1, B.P.S had an Easter activity day. Everyone was really excited. When everyone was running, the school leaders started setting up all the activities. Then everyone was brought in the class to be split into





two groups, Morrowluna and Irvlecki. Afterwards the teachers came in to start doing all the activities.

First, we got the Easter ears hats. Then we got to colour it in, we got crowns stencils and textas. So we colour it in. The bunny ears got stapled together it was more fun than cupcakes and that is saying something.

One of the first activities we did was egg decorating which was run by Corey. There were loads of things to decorate your egg with like pipe cleaners, buttons, feathers, textas. The reason for decorating the eggs was for egg roll. This is a tradition at Boolarra Primary School. The classes take turns in throwing eggs down the hill and the egg that goes the furthest wins a prize. The egg decorating was one of the best activities.

After that we all headed to the basketball court to start doing the exciting Hat Parade. Once we were there, we split into all the different year levels. Then the Grade 6s started to march around a big circle with their beautiful hats that they made in one of the activities. Next, the Grade 5s started to march,

and they were just as good. Once all the other year levels were done marching around with their amazing hats, we decided to march around a building playing follow the leader. Afterwards we stopped and started to run up the hill so we could have the famous egg roll.

After we did all the activities we had to do the egg roll. I won and mine didn't crack it was supper cool. If yours didn't crack you could throw it at the end. Mine still didn't crack and the prize was an Easter egg, I loved it was so yum. And it was so fun at the end.

After snack we did cupcake decorating. There was sprinkles, m & ms and chocolate eggs. I snuck some of each, be quiet don't tell Mrs Duncan. Then we had a competition. The school leaders made Mrs Duncan a cup cake. She said she almost cried poor thing. It was so fun.

Overall, we all had such a great day. It was an amazing experience, and we will all gladly do it again. The things we did were, cupcake decorating, egg roll, egg decorating, hat parade, hat decorating and flip cards. It



was a great way to finish the term.

#### Footy Clinic

At Boolarra Primary School, a footy coach came to school. His name was Rory and he was here to teach football to the children. This is how it went.

The first activity that we did was handballing. We all got into pairs and played a drill called snatch. To play snatch you had to stand opposite your partner and the football would be in between both of your feet. Rory would call out a body part and we had to touch that part. If he yelled snatch you had to grab your ball before the other person. We also played a game where we had to handball a footy down a line and get to the end of the line before the other line. It was really fun and awesome.

Gus was my partner for the hand ball game. We had to hit the football with our fist hard enough so the other person would catch it. It hit of a score of 10. I think I did 10\10 hand ball to Gus.

The last drill we did was a fun kicking game. There was a red cone and a green cone. If you kicked past the red cone you got 5 points for

your team. If you kicked past the green cone you got 10 points for your team. If you hit Rory you got 50 points for your team! If you got a goal you got 100 points. The last round Rory doubled the points that made it a bit easier. My team only got 55 points, Scarlett and Logan got over 200 points! Football was really fun.

Sophia, Scarlett, Isabelle and Ashton

#### Tennis

A few weeks ago, Boolarra P.S. learnt about tennis. The first thing we did was we went outside, and we learnt how to hold a racquet. We learnt how to hold a racquet in about 10 to 15 minutes. Then we started getting told the instructions to play the game. The first game was called hit the ball. There was a hitter and that was our teacher Mr. Mildenhall and Mrs. Quirk, they were on the other side of the net. All of us were on the other side. Then we had a cone each and he hit a ball with his racquet. It went high it was fantastic. We had to catch it to get a point. It was so fun I loved it. It was so epic I would play it again.

The second game we

played was table tennis. There were four people playing table tennis. They had to split into teams of two. Table tennis is really fun because you get to work together with the person on your team. How you play table tennis is, you have a racquet and a super light ball that you hit over a net onto the other team's side. They try to hit it back to you. I love to play table tennis I hope you do to.

Last term we did tennis with Mr. Mildenhall and Mrs. Quirk. We were doing tennis with nets. We had a racquet and a ball. We have 1 between 2, at first, we were just doing a simple game of tennis. Then we moved on to games. The third game we learned how to play totem tennis. We split in between into teams of 1, and hit the ball to the other person. The ball is connected to the pole and you can't let it get stuck on the pole. Totem tennis is amazing game and I hope everyone likes it.

We all really loved learning about tennis and we hope we can do it again.

Y&D Sports

Yinnar & District Sports is fun because you use a lot

of energy. There was discus, long jump, sprints, high jump, shot put and more.

We went on the bus to go to Yinnar & District Sports. The bus ride took about twenty minutes. Normally people get sick when our school goes on a bus ride but surprisingly no one vomited. When we got there the bus stopped and we all got off and started to head to where the sports would take place.

When we got there, we had to set up a shade sail. We placed our bags under the shade sail. Then we had a rest after setting up for like 5 minutes.

We started do high jump and then it started raining and we went back to our shelter and had snack. So next, the other groups came and then our shelter started flooding and we had to try and fix it. That failed and we had to start packing up and move spots. Then it got canceled and we had to wait for the bus to get back. Then we went home.

When we got back to school, we watched two movies and people started to go home because they were wet. We still had a fun day, even though it rained.

#### Farm World

On March 24, the Year 10 Pathways group and the international students went to Farm World at Lardner Park for an excursion. We stopped at Yarragon bakery for something to eat and drink. There were lots of stalls and nice food. There was also a dirt bike show on every two hours where they would do tricks off a free style ramp onto an airbag. We did so

much walking and collected a lot of free things.

By Josh (Year 10 student)

At Farm World we watched the motorbikes do the jump onto the ressie as they were doing their tricks. There was also free fishing that we could have done but we walked past because we wanted to beat Brett (our teacher) with the challenge that he had set.

On the bus home we

were exhausted and tired because we had a good day, and we had a smiles on our faces.

There was a lot to do there, we saw the cows, the sheep and there was even a wildlife demonstrator. She had a goanna in her hands, and she was letting all of the kids, including me and the crew touch its skin. It had a rough and bumpy feeling to it.

I went there because Cooper rang my mum and told me to get to school but I didn't regret going because it was a lot of fun. And we were having so much fun that I recommend going next time.

By Bailey (Year 10 student)

On Friday March 24, we went to Farm World. The weather was sunny. All of us felt excited when we

got there. We saw lots of things. First of all, there were many tools which are used on a farm. Secondly, we saw different animals such as sheep, dogs, cows, fish, horses and ducks.

They were selling sheep dogs and cattle. Thirdly, they had lots of stalls selling plants. I took lots of photos of them because they looked really nice.

After that we found hot

dogs with sauce for lunch. How yummy they were! There was a big lake where you could fish. Some of us went fishing, but nobody caught a fish. Before we left, we saw a motor bike show.

There were three people in it. They can turn 360 degrees. It must take a lot of practice. How cool they were!

By Dannie (International English Program Student)



## Strzelecki Bushwalking Club



Easter's cold blast of weather proved no obstacle for our members in the Strzelecki Bush Walking Club. A group of keen walkers headed out on Easter Saturday and hiked between Mount St Gwinear and Mount Baw Baw. Our trekkers had a fantastic day and were rewarded with a light dusting of snow. A great time was had by all who braved the conditions.

The remainder of April saw a host of activities on

offer for hikers. On April 15, there was a combined club walk from Kurth Kiln to Shiprock Falls. This was a very pretty walk near Gembrook on well-formed tracks.

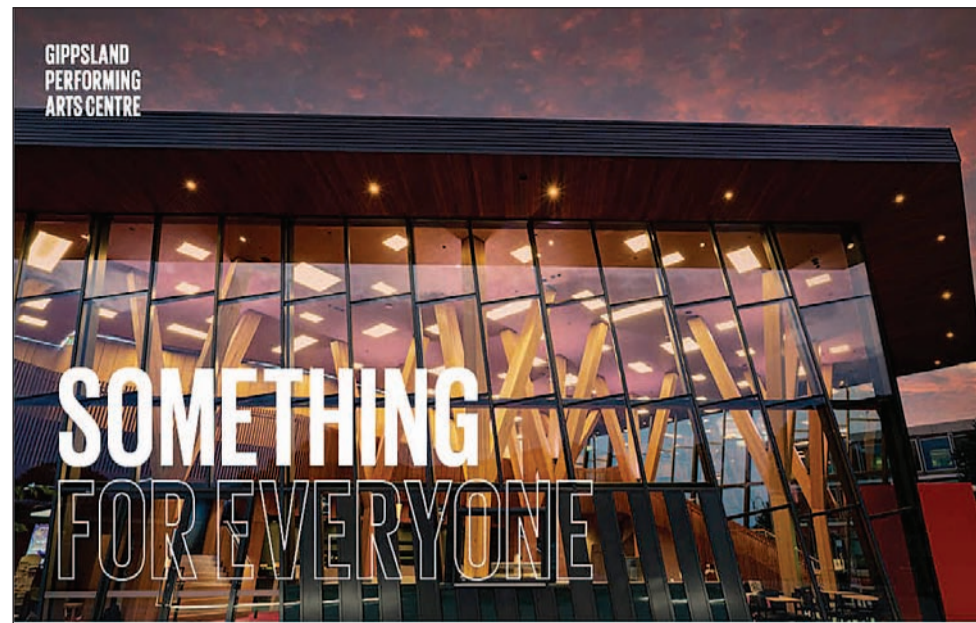
Sunday April 16 saw a group of walkers investigate the Sale Wetlands and the historic Port of Sale. This 15km walk saw club members wind their way through many of the tracks and was a great opportunity to view the many bird species

living there.

On Sunday April 23 a group of walkers explored the southern circuit of Mount Worth park. This is a beautiful area of Gippsland and features beautiful ferns and stands of gum trees.

Further information is available on the website at [sbwc.org.au](http://sbwc.org.au), on our Facebook page or by contacting [publicity@sbwc.org.au](mailto:publicity@sbwc.org.au)

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# ANZAC DAY

## *Lest We Forget*



### CHURCHILL



In 1942 the threat of Japanese air attacks impacted commemorations.

I have heard and read stories of my relatives risking their lives to steal eggs and then having to swallow them raw to avoid being caught whilst being prisoners of war, gas poisoning and the horrors and pain of war.

Something that stood out was how happy and grateful they were to receive letters and parcels from loved ones, and of course gracing the other soldiers with the humour of Australians and give thanks to the opportunities and privileges we have today, which is owed to those who have fought and are still fighting for us all these

years.

These facts make me realise just how significant stopping to give thought about our shared history is. It has been an honour and a privilege to speak on behalf of my peers today.

A day to remember is as important now as much as it ever has been.

Thank you, lest we forget." Churchill North Leaders Tanjim and Shilah shared their thoughts thus.

"It is remembering the ones who we have lost, the voices that have fallen silent and those who carried their physical and emotional scars for the rest of their lives. It is about remembering those who have

made the ultimate sacrifice for future generations.

Anzac Day is a time to remember the service and sacrifice of troops in conflicts of the past. We take time to ponder the horrors of war and give thanks and be grateful for the peaceful times we enjoy. Lest we forget."

Churchill Primary School leaders Ruby, Molly, Tyson and Jack, who was absent, wrote these thoughts.

'ANZAC Day means a lot to us since we pay our respects to the soldiers who have fought for our country that we know and love today.

We wish to take a few minutes out of

our day to honour the soldiers who have fallen for our country. Not only do we want to pay our respects to the soldiers who have already served for our country but we want to pay tribute to the ANZACs who are currently training and fighting this very day. Lest we forget.'

Lumen Christi leaders Blake B. Jack, Kia and Blake R shared their words this way.

Blake B. "ANZAC Day is a special day for me because two of my great grandfathers fought in World War 11, and my Uncle Lance has nearly twenty years service in the army.

On ANZAC Day we should remember

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# ANZAC DAY

*Lest We Forget*



## CHURCHILL cont.



all the people who fought in wars and served but we should especially remember the people from Churchill and district as well as their families.

Recently I was proud to help plant a Lone Pine in the Lumen Christi school garden."

Jack. "For me, ANZAC Day is a day to honour those who lost their lives during World War 1. We should remember those who fought and returned completely

different. ANZAC Day commemorates those who served in WW1 especially soldiers and nurses."

Kia. "To me ANZAC Day means reflecting and remembering those innocent and brave soldiers from Australia and New Zealand who fought and died at Gallipoli in aid of world freedom."

Blake R said his without notes.

Cathie Halliwell from the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill said a prayer for the

day.

Don George then solemnly read the Ode to the Fallen.

A young lady played the bugle for The Last Post. This led into the minutes silence to remember before Reveille was also played.

As ANZAC stands for both Australian and New Zealand service people, both National anthems were played to accompany Sue Townsend as she sang.

The many thank yous were expressed before the crowd was invited to partake of the gunfire breakfast supplied by the Lions with ANZAC biscuits and tea and coffee served by the Rotary ladies.

It was a very solemn occasion. You could feel the reverence of the crowd as they quietly listened and participated. It was also a social occasion with many stopping to eat and talk and catch up with those they hadn't seen for years.



# ANZAC DAY

*Lest We Forget*



## MORWELL

Several of our veterans went into Morwell for the larger march and gathering.

Features of the time were the march with the Hunter's whaler horses, the Caledonian Pipe Band and the Airforce Cadets. The Scout troops also joined the veterans to make the march impressive. Down Tarwin Street and around the cenotaph to form a circle they marched ready for the service.

An impressive catafalque party stood guard at the cenotaph

There were many wreaths laid including one from Hazelwood North Primary School.

The names of the fallen and deceased members was read. It was quite a long list.

The Morwell Citizens Band accompanied Sue Townsend as she led the singing.

The ceremony was on the same lines as Churchill.

The RSL was then open for the general public to share food and drinks





# ANZAC DAY

*Lest We Forget*



## YINNAR & District



ANZAC day started with the usual rolling fog through the surrounding hills of Yinnar for the 2023 dawn service. Under the gentle glow of the Yinnar R.S.L. Cenotaph, Captain (Ret.) Luke Townsend MBE/MA led the proceedings with support from a special appearance by the 22nd Engineer Regiment led by Sergeant Duncan Keith, acting as the Catafalque party for this year's service. Captain Townsend expressed his personal gratitude to the Regiment stating "It's our local regiment and without it, I literally would not be here; my mother and father met whilst serving in that regiment."

Captain Townsend then expressed his thanks to the late Queen Elizabeth II and her lifetime of supporting the defence forces of the Commonwealth. Then welcoming the new era of King Charles, "We trust he too, will exercise his duty to the same high standard of service."

Former Navy serviceman Gareth Peters then conducted a moving Ode to the Fallen and a 150+ strong crowd moved into the RSL for a Gunfire breakfast serviced by the Yinnar & District Lions club and Sonia and Jenny at the canteen. Delicious ANZAC biscuits were aplenty along with

teas and coffees with "special additive" if requested.

Moving onto 9am, Main Street of Yinnar was closed for the traditional ANZAC parade march with the Morwell New Caledonian band leading Morwell RSL Sub-Branch members, 424 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets from Kurnai College, 1st Yinnar Scouts and Yinnar Primary School. Arriving at the Yinnar Cenotaph, Captain Townsend returned to the role of emcee, launching into the service proceedings. The wreath laying ceremony saw involvement from local institutions, representatives and families, some who travel from Melbourne each year.

In a refreshing move that was welcomed by many this year, students from Yinnar Primary were the "guest speakers". Their job was to research and present commemorative crosses that were discovered in the storage when the Yinnar RSL was reopened by Gareth Peters and Captain Townsend. Each cross represented a major conflict zone, military division or ship of WW1 but had unfortunately lost their local context over the decade the Yinnar RSL was closed. Captain Townsend explains, "We know they were used in past ANZAC Day services and must have meant something personally to the people of Yinnar, but we didn't know anything about them." That's when the idea came to involve the primary students and allow them to bring the crosses back to life. "Still great, as always, to see youth participating, learning and respecting the event." expressed one comment on the Yinnar & District Lions Facebook page.

