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Stop, Drop and Roll for Joey Scouts



At Churchill Fire Brigade the air was cool but the enthusiasm of the Joey Scouts was evident as they gathered outside the fire station ready for a tour. Several brigade members had given their time willingly to support this visit. It is the first one since COVID restrictions.

The engine room was explored as the Jokeys took in the offices, appliances and the racks of turnout gear asking many questions.

They were allowed to have a quick look on board the Communications Van, with an explanation of when it is used.

Then they entered the meeting room where they had some lessons in what to do if their clothes caught on fire (Stop, Drop and Roll) practising the actions. Then smoke alarms were introduced and the importance of working smoke alarms was re-enforced. This is especially important at night as we do

not smell smoke when we are asleep. Why we crawl low in a smoky room and how to exit a house on fire was discussed and then practised. Some children were to go home and talk to the adults about why their bedroom windows would not open as a second safe way to exit in a fire and could they be fixed.

The final item was how to cool a skin burn by running it under cold water.

This was followed by an enthusiastic look

at the pumper truck equipment and hearing what each piece was used for.

To finish the visit each Joey was allowed to squirt the hose and hear the siren and see the lights. They each were given a book of Firey Recipes, a pamphlet telling how to look after your smoke alarms and two stickers. They enjoyed the visit and the brigade members enjoyed giving up their time and being part of the presentation.

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Many local people commented on the coloured lights on the Churchill Town Symbol when they were installed and tested by the contractors. Now that the lighting upgrade has been completed (and a few glitches sorted out), some may be wondering why we are only seeing white lights on the Town Symbol each night.

CDCA has been advised by Council officers that "Departures from standard public lighting, such as coloured lighting and recognition of days of significance, will be considered as part of the development of a

Recognition of Days of Significance Policy, which is under investigation and development by officers at the moment. It is expected that this policy will be provided to Council for consideration later this year".

For the time being then, the Churchill Town Symbol will have "a standard public lighting programme, consistent with other monuments and symbols" i.e. white lights. It seems it will be some time before we see the coloured lights in use again.

When CDCA wrote to Council requesting the Town Symbol lights be

upgraded, we were thrilled that the upgrade included programmable coloured lights and that it would be lit to the top of the structure, as it was originally. Disappointingly, we were not advised that the use of coloured lights was just for special occasions.

CDCA advocates for improvements in Churchill and surrounds. We welcome ideas and suggestions about local matters and are happy to see new faces join our meetings or read your comments posted to our Facebook page.

Our next meeting will be our AGM at 7pm on Thursday August 10 in Studio 1, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall (park and enter from Philip Parade). Everyone is welcome, but only members will be able to vote at the AGM or nominate for a Committee position for the 2023-24 term.

Guest speakers from Marinus Link will take up the first half of our AGM. Marinus Link is a project that will connect electricity from and to Tasmania and the eastern mainland States. The connection will link into the electricity grid here in Latrobe and new infrastructure will be

constructed in Tramway Road to enable this.

Local residents are welcome to attend to find out more about this project, including cables and infrastructure and what expected benefits are to be delivered. There will be a short presentation and time for questions and answers.

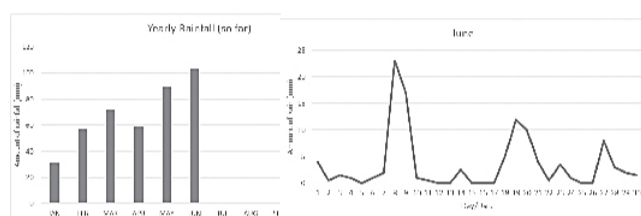
The second half of our AGM will be taken up with annual reporting, committee elections, setting of meeting schedule for the next year and other such standard AGM agenda items. A copy of our Rules (Constitution) is available from our website: cdca.org.au

If time permits there will be a brief General Meeting to discuss any urgent business. We finish our meetings at 9pm - 2 hours is long enough!

You can contact us via our website - cdca.org.au - or our Facebook page (search for Churchill District Community Association) or you can write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

Anyone living within Churchill and district who wishes to become a CDCA member may download a membership application form from our website - cdca.org.au. Contact us to submit your application or come along to one of our meetings.

RAINFALL



Churchill Rainfall

With the month of June being our first month into winter, it can be expected to get a bit colder and more wet here in Churchill. A total of 21 out of 30 days had rainfall, with the day that had the most amount of rain being Thursday June 8, with a whopping 23 mm of rainfall, drastically increasing compared to the previous seven days. Closely followed by Friday June 9, with 17mm of rainfall. With the 21 days of rain, June's monthly total of rainfall in Churchill is 103.5mm of rain (We definitely are starting to get into the wet months). This average total is very much like June's monthly total of 108mm during the year of 2010, with noticeable similar fluctuations with

the amount of rain. June's monthly total of 103.5mm when added to Churchill's 2023 total so far makes the total of rainfall now 380mm, with June being the wettest month of 2023 so far.

Rain at Hazelwood South.

June was unpleasant, with few fine days to work outside and westerly winds bringing rain from moisture mostly from the Southern Ocean. The total of 77mm was surprisingly 12% below the average for June and was 1.7% less wet than the Latrobe Valley weather station. The ground water is up, storing water for dry times. With less sun, a lot of firewood was used. The brassicas in the garden did well, and still needed watering on some days.

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June Activity Report

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

We met in the car park and were greeted by a fine morning. The forecast was for a fine day, so the risk of it raining on us was small.

Matt updated the group upon the lack of progress related to repairs to the park. Storms three years ago washed out and damaged bridges and there

are still no plans to repair or replace these structures. We await the outcomes of insurance before repairs are to be considered. Stringybark Track is still officially closed. Parks have requested that we follow up all members in relation to each person having a valid Working with Children check. Since everybody needs to enter their certificates on the Parks portal, it makes little sense for us to manage this. It is better for Parks to manage this themselves and cut

back upon double or triple handling.

Erin (a friend of the group) has put together the many of our past koala surveys. She has collated the results from the 90s until now into a big spreadsheet, so comparing the local koala numbers over time will be a lot easier.

The work for today was to work again upon Foster's Gully Track. Over the last month more trees had come down and more track widening was needed. While Gordon and Matt collected

the equipment the rest of the crew walked towards Foster's Gully. A few hundred metres into the track, we encountered the first tree across the track. Gordon used the chainsaw to remove the tree.

A little further along the track a few branches had come down and together with other foliage the track was blocked. Caitlin and Darren used cutters and loppers to remove the foliage so that Gordon and Matt could then work upon removing the major branches.

At Landon's Landing there was another small tree to remove from across the track. This was the last of the trees down across the track. The remainder of the track required track widening.

Parks workers had recently been in with a brush cutter to widen the track. Matt and Tamara used the brush cutters to complete the widening, while the rest of the group cleaned up the track.

Caitlin collected some great photos of fungi she

encountered on her way around. Caitlin retrieved the botanical and common names from the Morwell National Park Online website.

During our circuit of Foster's Gully three different groups of walkers passed us, each enjoying a walk on the clear winter's morning.

After the circuit of Foster's Gully the group returned to the picnic area to eat lunch. After lunch the group went home with plans to work on Stringybark Track next month.



Above - Tremella fuciformis (White brain)
Below - Pycnoporus coccineus (Scarlet bracket fungus)

Above - Stereum ostrea (Golden curtain crust)

Above right - Favolaschia calocera (Orange pore fungus)



Mycena viscidocruenta (Ruby bonnet)

Notice of
CDCA
Churchill & District Community Association Inc.

Annual General Meeting

7.00 pm,

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Studio 1 – downstairs in Churchill Town Hall
(Park and Enter from Philip Parade)

GUEST SPEAKERS from MARINUS LINK

Find out – What is Marinus Link?

How are Tasmania & Latrobe going to connect electricity?

What infrastructure will be constructed along Tramway Road?

Agenda items include:

- Presentation of Annual Report
- Annual Financial Statement
- Committee Elections
- Setting of Meeting Dates for 2023/24

All members and local residents are welcome to attend but you **MUST** be a member to vote and/or nominate for CDCA Committee membership.

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by an Ordinary General Meeting (time permitting) to consider other matters.

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Church News



Co-Op Church Snippets

Our last service in May celebrated Pentecost and Cathie decorated the altar with strips of yellow, orange and red material to represent the tongues of fire. These were seen when the Holy Spirit was given to the people and they were able to hear the Apostles' message in their own diverse languages.

We are one in the Holy Spirit. We can serve God

with our various talents. All cultures can experience the Holy Spirit. We can all come together in many ways. As a church body we are many parts but we can serve God in our special ways.

There is diversity everywhere we look. God has made all the parts - bodies, nature. All they need is God's breath to have them come alive. The Holy Spirit

directs every function.

We should ask ourselves Are we one? The answer for us is we are trying our best.

Reverend Dr John Morgan led our Anglican Holy Communion on June 4.

It was Trinity Sunday in which we remember that God is three in One - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each one is fully God but fully themselves

John engaged the congregation by asking questions to gauge our understanding. We are partners in our love with God. We share love with others and thus we show love to God. It is all about love. Love deals with others not self. It is self-giving love, not egotism.

This is fully born out in Jesus' perfect love, showing the perfect love of God by giving himself to be a sacrifice for our sins and those of the whole world.

Love was there from the very beginning of creation. God is inexhaustible in his capacity to show love. Nyree chose the story of the foolish and wise house builders and used a practical demonstration to show the children that our lives should be built upon the strong Christian foundations.

Our All Age Worship service was a combination of Reconciliation Week and our Bible readings set for the day. The theme we chose was - 'Who are the people that we don't like getting close to or talking with, people who we consider not important and want nothing to do with?' This was teamed with the Bible readings which showed

Jesus did not choose those in higher positions to help, but the lowly ordinary frail human beings with our warts and all. There was Abraham and Sarah, Matthew the tax collector, the woman who was seen as unclean because of her constant bleeding and a small child who had died. Of course there are many other examples of Jesus' compassion and healing.

A Challenge was issued. What could you do to be less judgmental? One of the most compelling ideas was to apply these words. What would Jesus do? We need God's grace and strength.

During this week we received the very sad news that our long serving parishioner Lois Terrill had died and we grieve her loss. Our hearts go out to all her family who will love and remember her for the rich life that she had as a wife and mother. We will remember her as a warm, concerned and intelligent person with a great sense of humour, her welcoming ways, her cooking and morning teas, her work with Easter Club and Christmas Club, helping with the activities and acting various roles to tell the story. She was an active participant in Coffee Connections and shared her experiences on several occasions. Our thoughts and prayers are with husband Neil and her daughters Linda, Thea and Jenny and families at this time. We give thanks for her rich life and for the example of a worthy person of the Christian faith.

The next week's service was taken by Cathie Halliwell. The focus of her message was 'living out our faith'. The gospel reading, from Matthew 9:35 - 10:8, told of Jesus sending out the twelve disciples, giving them specific instructions for their mission. Cathie then asked, "What does he ask us to do today?" Are we living in a way that is honouring to God? Does the way we live cause others to see that our lives are different, and to ask us about the hope that we have? Cathie also spoke of how tasks often seem to go faster, and are less burdensome, when other people help share the load. She asked us to keep our eyes open for ways that we may help others and make their lives a bit easier. After the sermon, we shared communion together, always a special time.

As a side note, I did not know that James and Jacob both have the same meaning - 'supplanter' or 'substitute'. James is the English translation of Jacob.

You learn something new every day!

Coffee Connections has been reborn on a Wednesday once a month from June to December. It bravely ventured out in June with the possibility of once a quarter, but those who attended agreed to try monthly with some eager participants volunteering to take a

session topic, and others the devotion and prayers for the day. It was delightful to be able to meet again and have that special chance to catch up, share a cuppa and some nibbles, while sharing memories of winter. A small talk on the development of cutlery through time roused interest and brought out comments about personal pieces.



Churchill Christian Fellowship

In June, the Churchill Christian Fellowship enjoyed a visit from Patrick and Diane O'Neal. Patrick is an apostle with Heart Apostolic Ministries International. A number of people said they received a healing, either at the Healing Rally on the Friday evening, or the church service on Sunday afternoon.

Ongoing work on the building has been slow, and some painting work will possibly have to wait for warmer weather. A new stove in the kitchen will really help with our various dinner meetings, and a garden shed will be a good first step in establishing a

new community garden. We have lots of Christian books and music CDs in our library and the internet is finally working. We are getting there!

However, we sometimes meet Christian people who live in Churchill but do not regularly attend any church. Could we encourage such people to at least give us a try?

You might be in for a pleasant surprise. Maybe you are not sure what you believe and you would simply like to talk about things. You would always be most welcome to turn up or just call 0409 173 747 for more information.

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Churchill Fire Brigade



So that a firefighter can maintain their training to enter a structure when there is a fire, it is necessary to also maintain their qualification to wear breathing apparatus and conduct search and rescue.

To help our own members and surrounding brigades maintain their skills at least every six months to remain qualified, the Churchill brigade conducted

a skills maintenance session using features in the fire station and the brigade's storage shed.

Inside the fire station, crews were required to crawl under and over obstacles and undertake a range of tasks to test their dexterity while wearing our protective clothing and breathing apparatus equipment.

In the storage shed which was filled with smoke, crews had to

practise their search and rescue techniques in an environment where you can see no more than six inches in front of your face, so proper technique to ensure a safe search of the shed was essential.

Finally, crews had to clean and maintain the equipment worn to ensure it is ready and available for service the next time the brigades respond to a fire.



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Mathison Park

The weather has been a bit hit and miss so the Gippsland Interchange crew has not been able to come and help us as often this last month.

However when they have come they have been able to plant trees and help with the continuous cleanup of fallen branches and other debris.

The first Sunday of the month saw Bruce with his

excavator and several other volunteers complete the removal of the trees that were dead or dying in the original deciduous collection.

This allowed for the replanting of new trees at the working bee on the second Saturday, when Bruce again brought his excavator to dig the holes for the trees.

With an amazing turn up of volunteers and great prior

organisation over 25 trees were planted in the morning.

The weather was excellent, not too warm and not too cool, for the work to be achieved.

Many thanks are expressed to the Council for the trees.

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Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington
John Kirwin - a highly respected citizen with a vision

John Kirwin selected land somewhere about 1874 on the Traralgon Road, immediately east of Morwell township. Together with his family, wife Elizabeth, one daughter and three sons, he resided here for about 13 years.

John's land was sold "at a satisfactory price", by Traralgon based Commission Agent, C R Wilkes & Co. to Mr Peter Iseppi in February 1887.

Born in Switzerland, Peter arrived in Melbourne in 1883, aged 20. By 1907, he had sold his Gippsland grazing properties and relocated to Toowoomba where he died in 1952.

After selling his property, John and family moved to another farm at Willowgrove. Early in 1904, John, with his wife, Elizabeth, decided to return permanently to Morwell.

While visiting his son in Trafalgar, on Wednesday September 21, 1904, John Kirwin committed suicide. It was reported at the time "For about twelve months, the deceased frequently laboured under hallucinations, and it must have been whilst his mind was in that state that the deed was committed."

John Kirwin's major contribution was his preparation and lodgement of a

petition to the then Minister of Education in June 1879. As the lead petitioner, John asked that a State School be established about four miles east of Morwell.

William Collard Smith was the Minister, being a member of the Victorian Legislative Assembly and Minister of Education from 1880 to 1881. Commonly called 'The Major', it was reported on one occasion he was told to effectively implement the Victorian Education Act 1872 before he actually retired. It is not really clear if he was terribly enthusiastic.

The Education Act was born out of dissatisfaction with the form and content of education as well as the controversy over religion and education. In 1872, the Victorian Government passed the Education Act 1872, which set up the colony's public school system.

This new legislation made Victoria the first Australian colony to offer free, secular and compulsory education to all children.

Like many other small communities in Gippsland, local petitions were considered the best strategy to draw the Minister's attention to provide schools. In turn, the Act recommended minor additional duties for local State Schools Boards of Advice. Between 1873 and 1910, these Boards

had responsibility for the schools in their district. Five to seven board members were elected by the ratepayers residing in the district.

From the early 1870's until about 1882, a 'Certificate of a Child Being Sufficiently Educated' was given to students who met minimum schooling requirements. The government wanted each child, from the age of six years, to attend four hours of schooling across 60 days each half year.

John Kirwin saw an opportunity to petition "The Honourable; The Minister for Education, Melbourne" on behalf of "the inhabitants situated between Morwell and Traralgon, South Gippsland."

His petition on behalf of other residents was for "a State School to be established between the two townships, at a distance of about four miles east of Morwell and in close proximity of the railway."

His petition was signed by eleven people representing about 30 children over three years of age.

At this point, Mr F C Mason MLA Member for South Gippsland, enters the picture by way of editorial in the Gippsland Mercury. Thursday, May 22, 1879.

"Mr Mason, MLA is informed by the Education Department that a site has been reserved for a school at Hazelwood North; Bennett's Creek. In reference to a memorial forwarded through the Hon. Gentleman from Messrs Daly, Gleeson and others, the department has



decided to despatch a portable school building with teacher's quarters to the locality in question, with as little delay as possible".

(Please note: Memorial referred to a petition. The "Hon. gentleman" refers to the Minister for Education. Messrs Daly, Gleeson and others refers to those from Hazelwood North who supported John Kirwin's petition.)

Two schools subsequently catered for students from the general Hazelwood North area. Bennett's Creek School opened in October 1879. Then Maryvale East State School opened in 1881. While the former was closed 1903, the latter was eventually relocated to its present site in Church Road, Hazelwood North.

Editorials at the time often confused Bennett's Creek as being Hazelwood North. This is understandable given the close proximity of both locations. The Bennett's Creek State School was sited near the corner of Hazelwood and Thomson Roads.

Later on, before its closure in about 1903, this location was considered too far away from today's Hazelwood North State School in Church Road

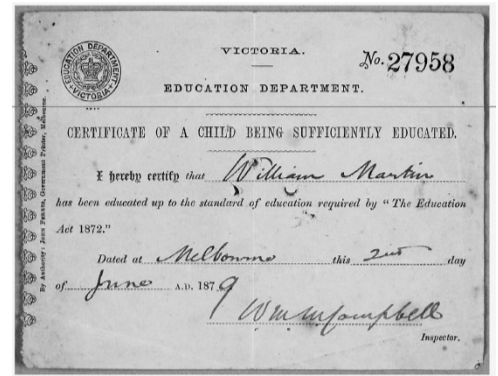


Miss Amy Bock was the first Head Teacher at the Maryvale East State School aka Hazelwood North State School.

As a direct result of John Kirwin's vision to "have children not debarred from the advantages of instruction", Hazelwood North State School was established and nowadays, maintains a pivotal role in

local education. Next year, the school will proudly boast anniversary celebrations.

Next time, we will briefly dwell on Mr Mason, MLA and his priority to always keep his seat in Parliament, which ultimately was the catalyst for a school at Hazelwood North; Bennett's Creek.



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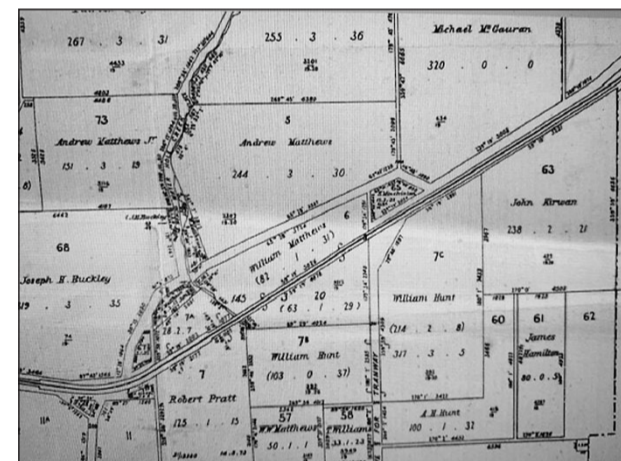
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"All the Ugly and Wonderful Things"

By Bryn Greenwood 2016

Born in Kansas, Bryn Greenwood describes herself as the daughter of a "mostly reformed" drug dealer, one of seven sisters in a blended family. She lives in Lawrence, Kansas, is divorced and has children. She has completed a Master of Creative Writing at Kansas State University as well as a Bachelor of Arts in French Literature and a Bachelor of Arts in English. After teaching in Japan she returned to America and worked in academia. She is the New York Times best selling author of "The Reckless Oath We Made", "All the Ugly and Wonderful Things", "Last Will" and "Lie, Lay, Lain".

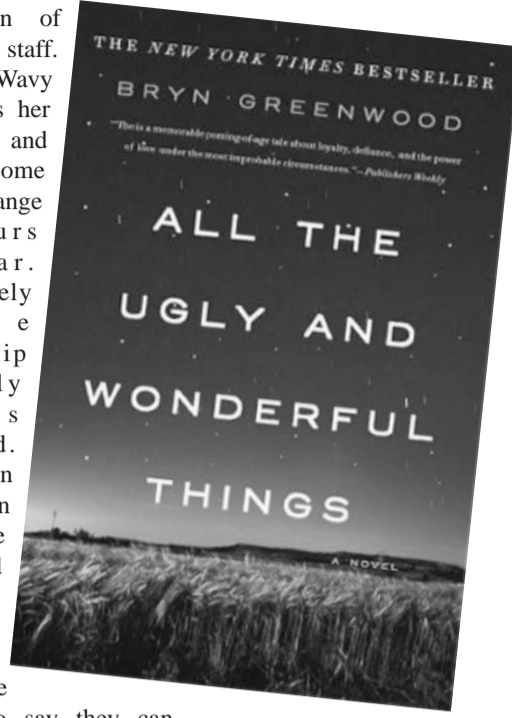
This story opens with Kallen, a native American, being distracted by a wispy girl in a field, causing him to crash his motor bike and injure himself. The little girl runs to the nearby farmhouse and rings for help. After he has recovered Kallen returns to the farmhouse to thank the little girl, whose name is Wavy, and finds her living in squalid conditions and caring for her baby brother. Her mother is a drug addict with a serious germ phobia. The family live on the farm, the mother and children in the farmhouse and the father, who runs a meths laboratory, living in one of the two mobile homes on the property with his various mistresses. Kallen has worked for Wavy's father but he also has a job as a motor mechanic in the nearby town.

Kallen develops a fatherly interest in Wavy, making sure she attends school, even attending a parent-teacher interview to

the concern of the teaching staff. However Wavy sees him as her protector and over time, some of her strange behaviours disappear. Unfortunately the relationship eventually becomes sexualized. Kallen buys her an expensive ring and when Wavy is thirteen her father signs a piece of paper to say they can marry.

At about the same time Wavy's parents are found murdered in the farmhouse and Kallen is a suspect. Wavy's Aunt Brenda comes to collect the children and finds Wavy and Kallen in a compromising position so the police are called and Kallen is sent to prison as a paedophile. Wavy exaggerated her evidence about their sexual relationship but it gave Kallen an alibi for the murder.

Wavy goes to live with her aunt and completes her university education. She has always written to Kallen but he is not allowed to see her letters. He has written to Wavy but her aunt has intercepted the letters. As an adult Wavy decides she needs to find Kallen, but when she does he tells her he will be returned to jail if he has any contact with her. In her uniquely single-minded way she decides to clear



his name so they can be together.

We all enjoyed this book although we found it quite disturbing. It was very well written and the main characters were likeable and sensitively drawn although the ending was a little too neat.

The book could be described as a love story, but the cold hard truth was that Kallen was a paedophile and as the adult in the relationship he was responsible for his behaviour. The relationship began from Kallen's concern and pity for Wavy, an unloved child, who played a mothering role to her little brother.

It could be argued that on many occasions the sexual relationship was instigated by Wavy as she had witnessed things no child should ever see, living in a world where drugs, violence and promiscuity were normalised.

The story demonstrated how this kind of thing could unfold.

The book also gave an insight into the life of a convicted paedophile, with so many limitations on freedom, the need to be constantly moving and the difficulty in sustaining relationships.

Despite our heads telling us that this relationship was wrong our hearts hoped that Wavy and Kallen could one day be together again.

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Churchill an Oral History

The Churchill and District News local history book 'Looking Back Through the Eyes of Local Residents: An Oral History of Churchill' was successfully launched at Monash University in July. The book is a collection of stories by first residents of Churchill who shared their precious memories.

Camp Quality esCARpade

The Churchill Lions Club has acquired a new vehicle for their major fundraising effort which culminates at the 2006 Camp Quality esCARpade. The vehicle is a 1983 XE Falcon which is in excellent order and has been given a thorough maintenance inspection by the events support team, led by Lion Reg Stirling of Yinnar Lions.

Bini's dream crumbles

The Binishell is to be demolished following Monash University's safety fears. Monash University has decided to replace rather than rebuild the Binishell. A total of \$5.5m of Federal Government and University funds will go towards the construction commencing in August 2006. The new building will be built to overlook the campus lake.

Long Tan remembered

I can still live it and feel it as if it were yesterday. The dark overcast evening in August 1966 as I patrolled through the destroyed village of Long Tan, South Vietnam with my company. Under the leaden monsoon skies two rifle companies of the Australian Task Force were in patrol locations searching for reported Viet Cong and mobile forces. The Task Force location had been mortared the night before.

Glendonald Residence Group (GRG)

National Tree Planting Day, organised by Planet Ark, was held across Australia in July. GRG planted an assortment of native trees, shrubs, ground covers and native grasses in Glendonald Park. A handful of local

residents, a few teens and about a dozen young children turned up to help plant out more than sixty plants in garden beds adjacent to the BMX track.

Do you love a bargain!!

If you do please join our Playgroup, Possoms of Yinnar, and go on a warehouse shopping tour of Melbourne! The playgroup is in need of new equipment for our growing number of children so we are having a fundraising shopping tour!

Hazelwood House Happenings

Ohh La La! Joy Darragh celebrated her birthday with residents and staff. Joy cuts the cake while everyone sings Happy Birthday! Once a month Hazelwood House residents have a cultural day. For the month of July, the residents chose France. French music was played throughout the day and residents enjoyed a meal of French cuisine.

Maintaining a healthy brain

"Maintain Your Brain" was the theme of a public information session organised by Latrobe Community Health Service and recently held at the Uniting Church Hall, Traralgon. Professor Frederick Mendelsohn, Director of the Howard Florey Institute, Australia's internationally renowned brain research centre, delivered an engaging presentation on how the brain functions and how different conditions such as Parkinson's Disease, Motor Neurone disease, Multiple Sclerosis and Alzheimer's Disease affect how our brain works.

Update building "The Hub"

There is excitement growing for the development of the Churchill Hub project. The steering committee members are being approached regularly and asked how the project is proceeding. At present there are many elements of the project being addressed and a great deal of work is underway to ensure that the project moves forward.

Quilters Group Celebrate

Anne and Jean of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre quilting group, with the backing of their group members, decided to raise the funds to purchase a quilting machine. The ladies had visited a quilting show and seen this machine costing approximately \$5000. The price seemed daunting, that is until Anne decided that they should give it a go, and try to make their dream come true.

Wattle Club play Two Up

"Quick! Call the cops! The Wattle Club members are playing Two Up. Some of the players are placing huge bets! How do I know? Well, I sneaked in past the Cockie on the door. Fortunately, she was distracted by those doing a very large and tricky jig-saw. When they saw me, they did not turn a hair, but went right on playing, as cocky as you please.

Making a Movie!!

Local film and drama enthusiast, Dan Clancey who works in the Monash Audio Visual Department, Gippsland Campus, has been enlisted to assist our group, Glendonald Residence Group, to make a short video about the children's activities we regularly conduct in Glendonald Park. Dan has been interviewing volunteers and sifting through our photo collection in order to put together the film, which aims to show what can be achieved by the community when local residents work together

Churchill a new development

A new development of interest to Churchill residents is the proposed Safeway Supermarket on the land that is currently the Churchill Hotel Motel.

The proposal includes several small specialty retail shops to be erected next to the supermarket and car parking. About a dozen objections were received by Council, so a Planning Mediation Meeting was held to discuss the issues raised.

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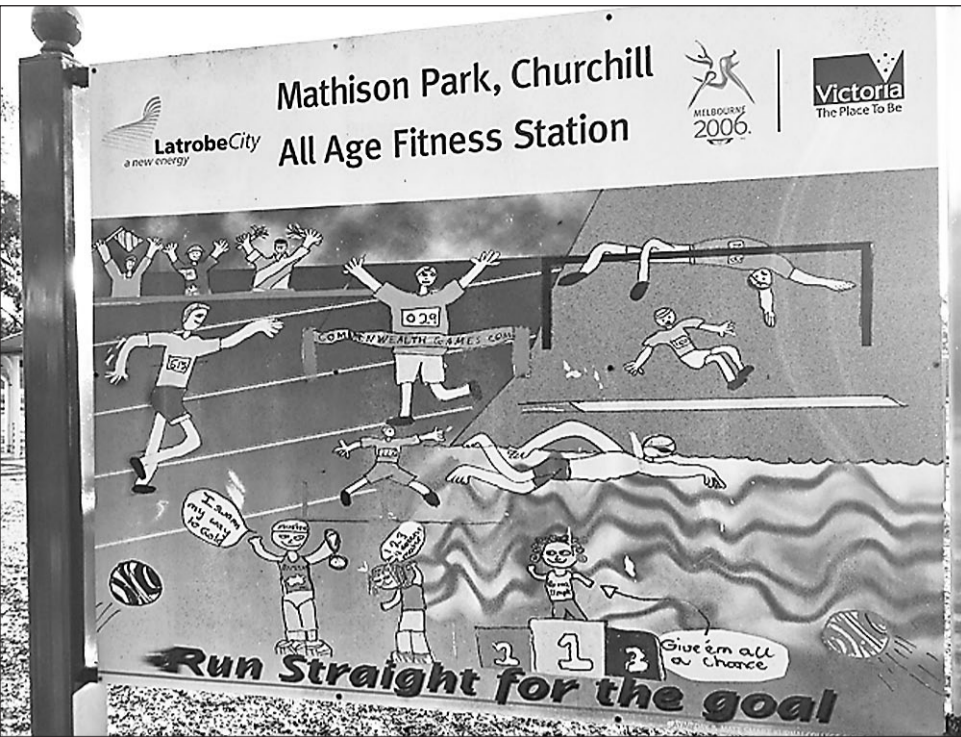
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Mathison Park a brief history

The area was first occupied by the Gunai Aboriginal Settlement. White settlement began in the district from the 1840s.

Robert Hare built a concrete farmhouse in about 1919 which is still partly standing today and established a dairy farm.

Lake Hyland was constructed in about 1966. It was named after Sir Herbert Hyland. Park development

commenced in the 1970's and has continued through to the present day.

Mathison Park was named after Wallace Kitchener Mathison, Shire Secretary of Morwell Shire during a period of rapid development.

Key features are a deciduous plantation established in 1978, with trees provided by the Council. In 1982 Blue Gum Plantings were planted by volunteers.

There is a significant roadside Reserve containing 11 varieties of lilies and four types of orchids and numbers of native grasses. Constructed with a Federation Grant in 2000 an attempt was made to represent all the native trees of the Gippsland region. In 1998 Edison Mission Energy provided 3000 trees to be planted.

There is still further work being completed in the Park today by many volunteers.



Morwell and District Red Cross



What a busy few months it has been for Morwell and District Red Cross. May 8 saw all the members gather to celebrate World Red Cross Day. World Red Cross Day is celebrated globally on May 8, to mark the day Red Cross Red Crescent founder Henry Dunant was born. This year we chose to meet at Café 3869 for a luncheon which everyone enjoyed. During the luncheon we also collected donations for the local food pantry, raising \$180 in total.

After the luncheon it was time to head next door to the Matchbox Gallery to view the fabulous Exhibition of works by Marie Ward (pictured). Marie creates intricate detailed hand drawn artworks using black fine liners. Her artworks feature all the things that she is passionate about, such as Climate Change and Endangered Species, specifically oceans and waterways. Members were in awe at the amount of detail



that was in her drawings as well as her use of different mediums.

Our June Meeting saw us making plans for the rest of the year. A Bunnings BBQ will be held once the

weather warms up again. Members have also started knitting the Trauma teddies in new Indigenous colours. It is also great to see that the Red Cross plaque has been returned to the Red Cross Rose Garden following the upgrade to the train line and station in Morwell. The AGM will be held at the meeting in August. There will be no meeting in July and our next meeting will be held at the Yinnar and District Memorial Hall at 1:30pm on August 9.

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CNC introduces exciting new programs and expands volunteer base

The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre has recently launched an array of innovative programs, thanks to the dedication and support of its growing volunteer team. To meet the community's diverse needs, the Centre has added several new initiatives that promise to engage residents of all ages.

One significant addition to the team is the appointment of a Form Support person who will assist community members in navigating essential paperwork. From helping with Power Saving Bonus applications to guiding individuals

Working with Children Checks and Centrelink processes, this new team member will ensure that residents receive the necessary support and access to vital resources.

The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is thrilled to announce its collaboration with Latrobe Youth Space, which has introduced a captivating program: Dungeons and Dragons for 12 to 25-year-olds. This imaginative role-playing game encourages social interaction and teamwork and fosters creativity and problem-solving skills.



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre



With the support of Latrobe Youth Space, the program aims to create a dynamic and inclusive space for young individuals to explore their imagination and build lasting friendships.

Building on the success of its newly introduced programs, the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre plans to expand further by

introducing after-school activities for children over 12. These activities will be available every day of the week, providing a safe and enriching environment for young individuals to engage in educational and recreational pursuits. The Centre recognises the importance of nurturing their development and believes

these activities will help children flourish outside of school hours.

Responding to the community's growing needs, the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre has made significant improvements to its facilities. The conference room has been upgraded with state-of-the-art smart meeting cameras and new tables, enhancing the quality of meetings, workshops, and community events. Additionally, the computer room has undergone renovations, resulting in an improved and more accessible space for individuals to develop their digital skills and explore the vast opportunities provided by technology.

The Centre Manager, Nathan, expressed his excitement about the new programs and facility upgrades, stating, "We are thrilled to bring these exciting initiatives to the Churchill community. The support from our

dedicated volunteers has been incredible, and we are confident that these programs will positively impact the lives of our residents, fostering a strong sense of belonging and engagement."

With the implementation of these new programs and enhancements, the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre aims to serve as a hub of community activity, promoting personal growth, social connections, and learning opportunities for all its residents. Interested community members can visit the Centre's website or contact the friendly staff directly to learn more about the programs and activities offered at churchill.org.au

About Churchill Neighbourhood Centre:

The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is a community-focused non-profit organisation dedicated to enhancing the lives of Churchill residents. The centre strives to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all through a wide range of programs, support services, and community engagement initiatives.

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Recycle right at Churchill Community Hub

Look for the 'Recycling Centre' in the Churchill Community Hub - near the entrance to Childcare & Kindergarten.

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- NO coffee pods
- NO cardboard bread tags
- ONLY plastic bottle tops with the number 2 or 4 within the recycling logo

At the Hub, you can recycle crumpled aluminium foil (into golf ball sized lumps); plastic bread tags; plastic milk & juice bottle tops (if they're numbered 2 or 4 on the recycling logo); x-rays, printer cartridges; pens, biros & textas; all small e-waste items including mobile phones & chargers. And take your plastic bags home to re-use; please don't leave them in our containers!

Recycle your HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES (including small Lithium batteries) in the container at the Library/Council Service Desk - kept "out of reach of children".

Plants in my Garden



By Mike Beamish

Species: Banksia praemorsa.

Family: Proteaceae.

Derivation:

Banksia: Named after Sir Joseph Banks (1743-1820), who collected the first specimens of the genus during Captain Cook's voyage in 1770.

praemorsa: From Latin praemorsus, meaning "having the end or tip bitten off, or as if bitten off", referring to the shape of the leaves.

Common Name: Cut-leaf Banksia.

Distribution: The south coast of WA, from about Denmark eastwards to about Cape Riche, growing on sand, dunes and sandy hills, though widely cultivated around the country.

Description: A shrub to 4m tall, with rough, flaky bark and without a lignotuber. Leaves are narrowly cuneate (wedge-shaped), truncate (ending abruptly as if cut off), up to 6cm long and 2 cm wide, flat and obtusely serrate (rounded at the end and with teeth). Flower spikes can be up to 30cm long and 9cm wide and contain hundreds of individual flowers which may be all yellow, but are usually various shades of greenish-yellow, pink, red-maroon or burgundy. Old flowers are persistent on the spikes, where follicles may develop containing

two papery, winged seeds up to 22mm long either side of a woody separator. The follicles usually only open after exposure to fire.

Opinion: All these photos are from the same specimen, though taken in different seasons, which highlights the different shades that can occur in the flowers. The flowers are not all that the species has going for it; the new leaves are also pretty ornamental.

My specimen was planted underneath the Silky Oak on the western side of the block, where I hoped that the big tree overhead would improve the drainage and/or prevent waterlogging of the ground underneath.

This was successful in that the Banksia grew quite well over a number of years, to the point where regular flowering was occurring (which normally takes four or five years for this species when grown from seed).

However it was unsuccessful in that in 2022 the plant began to lean across the adjacent pathway and eventually fell over. One of the biggest problems with plants from WA that normally grow on sand is that they don't develop a root system strong enough to penetrate our heavier soils sufficiently enough to hold themselves up when they reach a mature size.

Mine was about 2.5m tall when it toppled on a windy

day.

Propagation of this species is usually from seed, but I had a crack at taking some cuttings on several occasions in the hope that one would take. No luck, they all went brown and crispy at various speeds, some over several months. Not surprising really, people with much more propagation skill than I have said that there are two weeks a year in which Banksias will strike from cuttings, one in spring, the other in autumn. Guessing which week it will be is not something I have worked out! The supine plant eventually died and had to be removed, but I did find a number of cones displaying follicles, so I am hopeful I will be able to extract some seed, get some to germinate and return this species to the garden.

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

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Latrobe
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End-of-life support:

Meet Latrobe Community Health Service palliative care volunteer Deb.

Most of us do not like thinking about death, but it is a conversation that Deb Williams leans into.

As a registered nurse for 43 years, she has always been passionate about working with older people in the community, and those receiving palliative care.

At the end of her nursing career, Deb felt she could do more with her free time, and began looking into ways she could support her community.

"I came across the concept of an end-of-life doula. It is essentially someone who supports terminally ill people, and their loved ones, as death approaches.

Providing support to families during this difficult period of their lives gives me such joy," adds Deb, who's been an end-of-life doula for a number of years now, working mostly for young children and elderly folk who have a terminal illness.

"I become an extension



of their family in a time of need, and help them through one of the hardest things they will ever go through."

As an end-of-life doula, Deb does everything from hand holding, assisting with documentation and funeral planning, to organising vigils. Her support continues right through to after-death care. Building on her work as a doula, Deb also recently became a palliative care volunteer for Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) – currently working with palliative care clients to complete biographies that can be left behind for loved ones.

"I have been volunteering with LCHS for eight months and I love it. It is a therapeutic task for them; our palliative care clients get

to tell me their story, share poems, songs or tales of their past. We have between nine and ten sessions with each client, and they are free to share whatever they like."

Asked how she stays positive doing this type of work, Deb says: "It is not easy – I have certainly had some tough times, but I have found meditation and journaling work for me."

The most important thing Deb wants people to know about death is that it requires preparation: "We often prepare so much to bring life into this world, but we neglect a plan for leaving. I would like to see more people having conversations about death, about their wishes, and making plans for end-of-life.

You never know what is around the corner, and it is better to make plans now that will ensure your wishes are fulfilled when you are no longer here." If you want to know more about palliative care volunteering, please get in touch www.lchs.com.au/volunteer/ or call LCHS's volunteer team on 1800 242 696.



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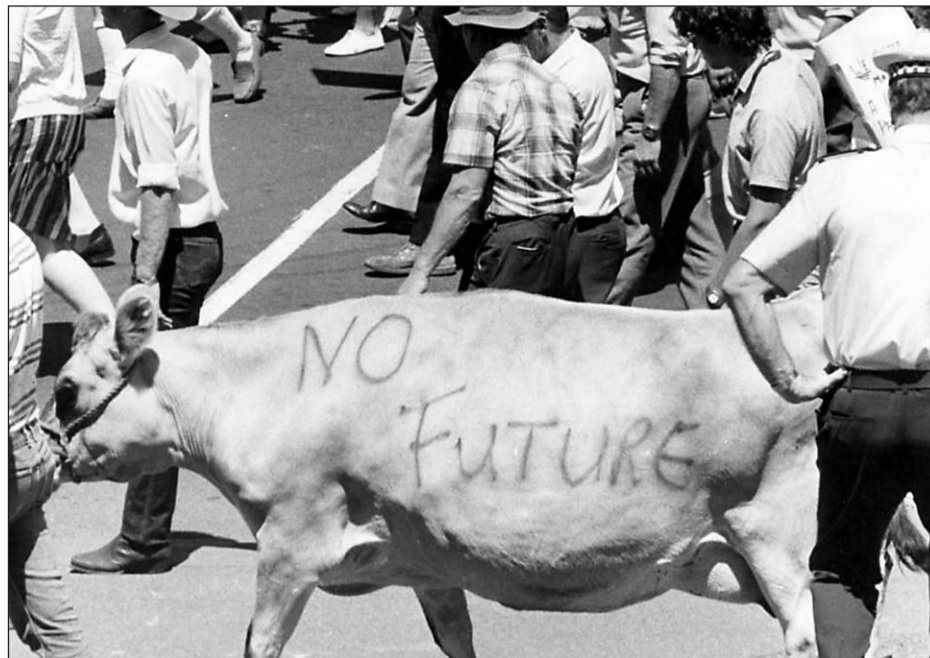
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Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



By Leo Billington
Local History – Tony
Lawless – Story continued
from last edition

As mentioned in the previous June edition, about Tony Lawless, he asked “Now young Leo, where to from here? What else do you want to know?”

My reply was “A coffee thanks Tony. Let’s talk more about where’s Hazelwood.”

But alas this wasn’t to be. Tony was concerned about any story missing his long-standing involvement with the Driffield and District Fire Brigade – 25 Years as Captain and continuing. It needs to be understood the Driffield brigade was re-housed in a Yinnar brigade shed. Tony is adamant there is another equally important entity – and they share the same site.

Driffield Fire Brigade is housed in a shed alongside the Yinnar Fire Brigade. The Driffield Fire Brigade still stands alone as a fire brigade in its own right, but they are

sited in Yinnar rather than Driffield

The pretext, many years ago, was a proposal for a brigade shed at Driffield. It never happened, and is most unlikely to happen.

Tony joined the CFA six months before Ash Wednesday. With over 44 years in this line of community service, Tony has amassed a wide circle of friends and colleagues.

Tony has been Captain of Driffield Fire Brigade since July 1992, taking the reins from long standing Captain Ivan Walker. He is currently the longest serving captain in the Merton Group which was formed on April 23, 2015.

The Ash Wednesday bushfires – February 16, 1983 - killed 47 people in Victoria and 28 people in South Australia.

“Keep your hair on Tony”, is the reply. Such a commitment to community service, and as a volunteer, Tony’s worth is immeasurable. Volunteers

are rather scarce these days. However one pushes onwards – including 15 years in the Yinnar and District Lions Club and being a regular attendee at Yinnar and District Community Association meetings. His preparedness to help at any time, with volunteer work in the Hazelwood Cemetery, is greatly appreciated.

“I am a district person. I live in this district. I am proud of this district!”

Leo, as I previously said, after school in Sale, it was back to Hazelwood and the farm for me.”

No worries Tony, as he mentioned about 527 cows waiting for him. Incidentally, he is more than sure there wasn’t 528; just 527! Farm life took over – dairying, interwoven with smart, strategic farming methods. As neighbouring blocks came up for sale, Tony’s family expanded their Hazelwood footprint.

From an expanded farm covering about 2.5 thousand

acres, by buying at least five neighbouring farms. Milk was sent to the Moe Dairy Co-operative. Theirs was a 12 stand-up milking shed ‘being the most modern around our district’, Tony proudly boasts.

“Beef cattle were sold into various markets - Yinnar, Trafalgar, even to Morwell. Invariably, our cattle then went to Newmarket.”

“A bit before my younger years, and for a while thereafter, R. R. & H. C. Jolly Pty. Ltd., from Trafalgar conducted regular auctions at Morwell. In July 1953 for instance, our local farmers were receiving Choppers heavy, £23/9/, £20; medium, £16, £14, £12; bulls, £22, £35.”

As most people will know, Tony has worked hard, never letting “the moss grow beneath his boots.” One early job, after returning from school in Sale was grubbing tussocks for a neighbouring farmer, Jim Daly.

Grubbing tussocks was never destined to be long term employment, more like a bit of respite from what he proudly calls “smart farming.”

“We had a 12 stand-up, “walk through” dairy shed by 1942. Most neighbours persevered with smaller “back out” sheds.

Our shed was considered the most modern around and when electricity became available, “the first thing to be converted to electricity was the separator which had previously been turned by an employed man.” (Changing Landscapes; A History of Settlement and Land Use at Driffield.)

“More tractors started to appear during the 1940’s and our family soon acquired reliable Ferguson tractors. Conversely, an obedient dog and a good horse was always challenging to replace for herding cattle.

Payment for being a farm hand was another consideration, with me needing to explore options, particularly during the 1980’s dairy crisis. On-farm income took a battering, with low prices and severe changes in climatic conditions. Basically, dairy farmers were powerless.”

Tony, one never to sit down, and stare towards any horizon, took on off-farm work to supplement family income. He resumed milking cows morning and night in between working on earthworks in the Morwell Open Cut. Fencing became a viable option. Working on the Morwell Wetlands project and subsequently planting trees were added to his work job list. Meanwhile, cows had to be milked although plenty of milk was “tipped down the drain.” (This was in direct response to the dairy crisis in the late 80’s.

There was a protest at the Moe Dairy Co-op blocking tankers from leaving the co-operative).

“Dad bought a backhoe for contract work. We soon added a tractor and slasher for hire. As I indicated, we had to get smart.

Dad was rather canny – watching cattle and milk prices, listening intently to midday market reports. Once he topped the market for beef cattle at one of the last Newmarket sales.

It was hay season when our contracting services were sought after. Small hay bales at first, then a big, new machine was purchased – a New Holland to do round bales. Then there were two round balers covering the wider Traralgon – Yinnar area.

There was still a market for small bales and at one stage, we had four balers doing this work. It was hard work, constantly watching for fine weather but better than milking cows. Earlier

on, Dad gave me some sound advice. Lifting small squares incorrectly will hurt your back. Be bloody careful.

My determination to remain busy retained that advice. Nonetheless, to steer clear of his advice, there was the time when we sent my parents on a trip in The Ghan. In their absence, I completed over three kilometres of fencing, and my back was fine.”

Jack Lawless passed away in October 2003. A heart attack stopped him and his memory and presence still remains strong in Tony’s heart. He does not necessarily show his soft side, perhaps it is his stubbornness and tenacity which covers what he really cherishes most.

Mum, Pat, at 94 continues onward and upward. Her long-lasting impact has been coloured by a wide range of trials and tribulations associated with dairy and beef farming.

A family video for instance shows Pat keeping up food and beverages for the hard working farmers doing battle with clouds of dust and hay seed to get those bales in.

However there is one picture remaining in my mind which brings me to a sudden stop. Writing about local history from in and around Hazelwood makes one realise it is vital to “keep alight the flame.”

In those days a car travelling home had a dust cloud signalling its arrival. Eight stacks sitting above the horizon spelt progress. Perhaps the car was hurrying home to say look what’s coming.

Progress has absorbed “Lawless Country”. Nonetheless, the stacks are gone. Tony and family remain steadfast. While this continues, justifiably, Tony will always ask, “Where’s Hazelwood?”



Funding for Gaskin Park

Funding sows the seeds for grassroots sports

Latrobe City Council welcomes Sport and Recreation Victoria's funding announcement for upgrades at Churchill's Gaskin Park as part of the 'Country and Football Netball Program'.

The funding will allow for upgrades to be made to improve the surface of Oval Two at Gaskin Park; a priority project identified under Council's Recreation Needs Assessment.

The surface and drainage works will enhance the playing surface affording key stakeholders such as Churchill Football Netball Club, Churchill Junior Football Club, Churchill Cricket Club and Gippsland Power Football Club the

ability to increase venue usage. Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan welcomed the funding announcement, highlighting the importance grassroots sports plays in fostering the growth and development of participants.

"Community sporting clubs play a vital role in enabling people to play sport and keep physically healthy and mentally well.

The improvements to the second oval surface and drainage at the Gaskin Park precinct will enable more user groups the opportunity to increase training and match time," said the Mayor.

"The enhancements will not only provide opportunities for those taking part in active recreation

through sporting clubs but enable use by other passive recreation users. Recreation activity whether active or passive supports community connection and increases positive health and wellbeing outcomes.

Apart from the benefits to key user groups, the project may lead to increased opportunity for the Gaskin Park precinct to be utilised as a host venue for regional level carnivals or events for sports such as cricket, baseball and football resulting in future economic benefit through visitation."

Council has endorsed \$100,000 of funding to support the delivery of the project, with \$230,000 being funded through Sport and Recreation Victoria.

Residents encouraged to check for correct building approvals

Latrobe City Council is encouraging residents looking to renovate, extend or construct new buildings on their properties to make sure the correct approvals are in place.

Latrobe City Council CEO, Steven Piasente, said Council's Building Services team regularly supports property owners and neighbours who have been impacted by building works.

"While it has been great to see a rise in home renovations, Council has investigated more instances of illegal building works recently," said Mr Piasente.

"Council has a legislative responsibility to ensure that building regulations are followed, for the safety and benefit of the Latrobe City community."

Although Council does not receive building permit applications, the Building Services team provides a statutory building control function to make sure that any works are safe and in line with the Building Act and Regulations.

Council's Municipal Building Surveyor regularly responds to outstanding permits, investigates breaches of building legislation, assesses applications, investigates unsafe buildings and provides advice.

"Fortunately, the majority of building professionals

abide by the regulations and make sure the minimum standards are achieved or exceeded," said Mr Piasente.

"Following building best practice, getting approvals and seeking advice will keep Latrobe City residents safe and prevent prosecutions."

Council has recently seen some cases of people failing to comply with building legislation, resulting in significant fines.

Building works without a permit in Morwell to extend a dwelling and a veranda during 2021 and 2022 resulted in an individual being found guilty, resulting in a fine of \$6000 with conviction.

Works without a building permit to a shed extension and carport alterations in Traralgon resulted in the property owner being found guilty and receiving a \$9000 fine with conviction.

A range of resources for residents and building professionals can be found on the Latrobe City

website: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Property/Building or contact the Building Services Team on 1300 367 700.

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Family violence

This month, we are talking about family violence, and how to deal with it.

About family violence

Family violence is threatening or abusive behaviour between people in current or past family, domestic or intimate relationships.

The law defines family violence as behaviour by a family member that creates fear and control over:

- their partner
- ex-partner
- other family members.

How to report family violence

If anyone is in danger, a crime is currently occurring, or you need immediate police attendance, please call Triple Zero (000).

If there is no immediate danger, contact your local police station to speak with a police officer.

Keep an eye out for friends, neighbours, relatives and the general community, who you think are having issues with violence in the home.

Report any issues to the Police and keep them updated with any extra information that can help them resolve these issues.

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Churchill CHATTER

Our Churchill Symbol

Mystery surrounds the new lighting of the town Symbol each night in Churchill. There have been two periods when the lights were apparently working correctly changing through five colours. While the complete structure is now alight at night it is only a sad yellow light with no colour change at all.



Surveying Walker Parade

There has been a group of surveyors busy working on the complete length of Walker Parade. This will help with further work to be done on the road at a later date.

Did you catch a fish?

Eight hundred catchable sized rainbow trout were recently released into Lake Hyland. It is hoped that you had fun during the school holidays at the lake and were able to catch some of these

fish. Many locals and visitors were seen making good use of all the available amenities in the park.

Fire callouts this year

The Churchill Fire Brigade with local volunteers has been called out this year 63 times in six months. Many thanks to all those volunteer firemen keeping us safe.

Gas heater safety

As the winter season is

moving toward the coolest months do not forget to have your gas heaters checked out so they will be safe to use.

The Reject Shop

By the time you read this "Chatter" we will have a new place to shop in Churchill with the opening of the new Reject Shop proposed to be opened at the end of June.

Baseball photos wanted

Morwell Baseball Club has won at least 33 premierships and has only 11 photos to go with them. As this year is their 60th birthday they would like more photos to display in the clubrooms. Can you help the Club with this project.

Contact morwellcougarsbc@outlook.com

New term begins

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre will begin new classes from July. The list of classes include Mens Shed, Community Garden, computer, cooking, social groups, yoga, chair exercises and more. Participate, have fun and learn at The Hub. For further information give Nathan a call on 5120 3850.

Thought for the month

I am a great believer in good luck, the harder I work the more I have of it.

Commonwealth Games host city



Latrobe City Council is proudly committed to partnering with the Victorian Government as one of the regional host cities of the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games.

The government's commitment to Latrobe reflects the state's unwavering support for regional development, showcasing Latrobe City as a world-class sporting destination and reinforcing its status as a vibrant hub for sports and culture.

Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan said the decision to hold a portion of the Victoria 2026 events in Latrobe City is a testament to the city's exceptional infrastructure, passionate community, and unparalleled potential to host international sporting spectacles.

"The Victorian Government recognises the enormous benefits that hosting such a prestigious event can bring, not only to Latrobe City but to the entire Gippsland region.

Government's commitment to hosting parts of the Commonwealth Games in Latrobe City is a testament to our region's outstanding capabilities. It

highlights the government's dedication to promoting regional growth and showcasing Latrobe City on the international stage, with our three major towns Moe, Morwell and Traralgon to take centre stage across the sports of Rugby 7's, Women's T20 Cricket, Badminton, Shooting and Cycling.

By bringing a slice of the Commonwealth Games to Latrobe City, this monumental event will create a legacy for generations to come.

It will importantly spur economic growth, generate employment opportunities, and attract tourism, resulting in a significant boost to the local economy."

The Commonwealth Games will not only bring world-class sporting action to Latrobe City but also provide an opportunity for the community to actively participate and engage in various cultural and

entertainment events associated with the Games.

The Games will inspire and engage the community, promoting active lifestyles, inclusivity, and a sense of pride among residents.

It will lay the foundations for pathways to participation in the lead up, during and post the games.

The 2026 Commonwealth Games presents a unique opportunity that must reach all parts of the State - capturing real and positive benefits for locals and creating a sustainable legacy that future generations can enjoy.

Council will continue to work closely with the Victorian Government, the Office of Commonwealth Games and key stakeholders including local sporting and community groups, and business to ensure a seamless integration of the Games into the vibrant fabric of Latrobe City.

Community Gardens – have your say

Have Your Say on Community Gardens in Latrobe City

Latrobe City Council endorsed the release of the Draft Community Gardens Guidelines for public consultation at the most recent Council Meeting.

The Draft Community Gardens Guidelines outline how Council will support and guide community groups wanting to establish community gardens within Latrobe City on Council owned or managed land.

The Draft Guidelines outline the criteria that must be met by community groups before being approved to establish a community garden within the municipality, and details roles and responsibilities and formalises the application process.

Council recognises that the most successful Community Gardens are driven by a strong and committed community group, with assistance from land managers or partner organisations when required.

Mayor of Latrobe City Council, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan said

community gardens grow food, improve our health, green our environments, develop core life skills and cultivate vibrant communities.

"Community gardens provide multiple benefits for the health and wellbeing of community including improved social connections, physical activity, healthy eating, environmental education and positive mental health outcomes," said the Mayor.

"Establishing a successful community garden requires strong and sustained commitment from community members to undertake considerable planning, collaboration and

engagement for a sustained length of time.

Council recognises the value that community gardens provide and wants to ensure that planning for future Community Gardens ensures that they are sustainable, safe and broadly accessible to all.

I encourage community to help inform the guidelines by providing feedback via the Have your Say Latrobe engagement platform."

The Draft Community Gardens Guidelines is open for public consultation until July 31, 2023.

Community members can have their say by visiting yoursay.latrobe.vic.gov.au


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Food for the Masses.

The colonisation of South and Central America by Spain in the 16th Century allowed Spain to become a major power in Europe with the influx of enormous amounts of gold, silver and precious stones. This new wealth allowed the King of Spain to indulge in a number of conflicts to spread and consolidate the Roman Catholic faith in Europe and the New World.

Of much greater benefit to the people of Spain and almost immediately to the rest of Europe, was the proliferation of the new food plants found in the New World. These plants had sustained the populations of America for some thousands of years, and their introduction into Europe had an almost immediate effect.

Prior to 1500, the threat of food shortages amongst the common people was common right across Europe. Grain harvests were at the mercy of the weather and vegetables and fruit were grown by individual families on the very small plots of land, not sown to grain crops.

These food supplies were also seasonal and not easily stored. Consequently, localised famines were commonplace.

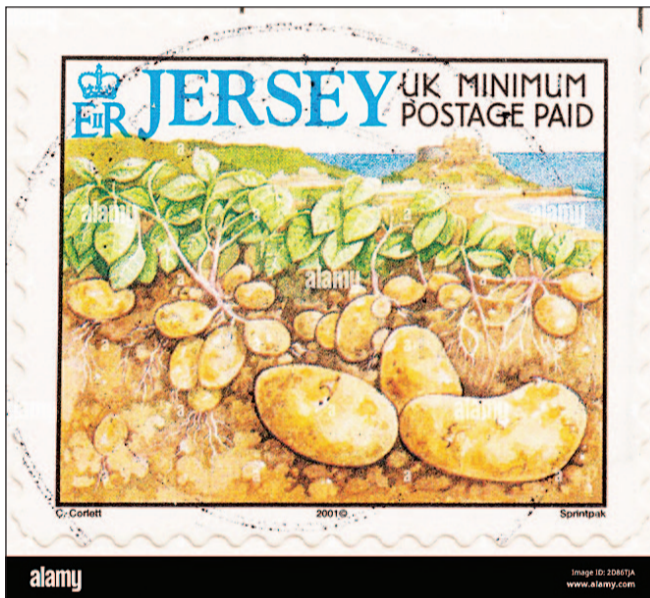
The new plants from the New World had been developed over time to produce a high yield and had extended growing seasons. Many could be preserved and stored for a considerable time, so that the times of scarcity were much shorter. This allowed the general population to become better fed than before and allowed greater productivity within the overall economy.

Which plants are we talking about? The most outstanding were the humble potato, the tomato,

corn and rice but there were a great many more. Depending on the climate, a mixture of these new crops became part of the staple diet of the greater part of the population. Beans and peanuts could be dried and stored. Rice and corn added to the wheat, barley and oat grain crops. Squash and beans grew in the winter. Rice was particularly important to the countries of southern Asia, where it has become the staple food of millions. The introduction of the onion, the artichoke, the chilli and the peanut added new

pineapple, the avocado, the passionfruit, and a variety of nuts and berries such as the cashew nut, the Brazil nut and the chestnut, cranberries and blueberries.

Those of us with a sweet tooth can thank the



flavours to many cuisines across the world.

The cassava plant was widely used to feed the slaves on the tropical plantations of all colonising nations, sustaining cheap labour forces to expand their economies. Sweet potatoes were used in the same way.

There were many exotic plants as well, such as the

New World for the cacao bean and the vanilla pod. Introduced recently into Australia is the achacha fruit. Keep your eyes open for it.

Many of these plants have appeared on stamps from countries around the world and are worthy of being collected as a special topic by a collector ready to do some research.

Strzelecki Bushwalking Club

Sunday June 11 was a beautiful winter's day and perfect for the Strzelecki Bushwalking Club to investigate Green's Bush on the Mornington Peninsula.

In 1926 the Green family purchased 900 hectares of land for farming but kept much of the land as natural bushland.

In 1975 the State government purchased 500 hectares from the Greens with the intention of creating a park.

The Conservation Trust had an objective to purchase the remaining land, but Government funds were short and in 1986 a public appeal was launched by the Victorian Conservation Trust to buy the remaining area. Over \$1.3 million was raised and following purchase, Green's Bush is now part of the Mornington Peninsula National Park.

The park has well formed tracks and is well signed with diverse vegetation. On our walk we passed through gullies of tree ferns, drier areas with huge grass trees and more open areas where we were treated to views of Bass Strait.

There were 12 Club members who completed a 22.5 km circuit on Sunday and an enjoyable day was had by all who attended.

The Strzelecki Bushwalking Club regularly holds a variety of activities including bushwalking, kayaking, and cycling.

There are activities suitable for all levels of fitness and the locations of activities while mainly based in Gippsland can be diverse.

Our Club welcomes new members of all ages and backgrounds and can be a fun way to meet new people who love the outdoors.

Club nights are held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Trafalgar Scout Hall beginning at 7.30 p.m.

Interested people are most welcome to attend and introduce themselves.

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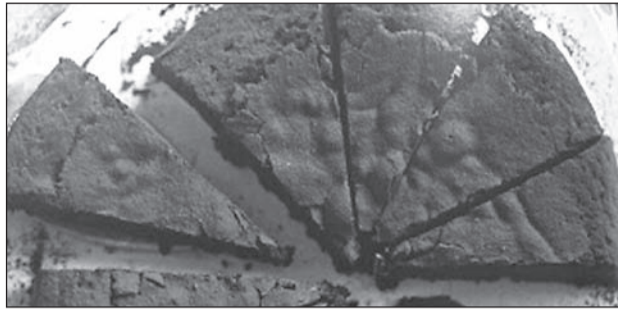
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COOKING with Noelene

Chocolate and date spelt cake



My son Dale introduced me to an assortment of flours. Flours I had no knowledge about, don't be afraid, be adventurous and incorporate them in your baking and cooking. Some of the flours will be produced from grains that are gluten free, your end result will not be compromised. Come on, give different flours a go in your recipes that call for plain flour. I have 13 different flours in my pantry and they all get used and not any of my family are gluten intolerant. I always have bi carb of soda / baking powder on hand in my pantry if the recipe calls for self raising flour, so using different flours is never an issue. Okay, lecture over. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Grease and line a 24cm springform cake pan with baking paper (sides and base). Use an electric mixer to beat together 160 gm of marg / butter with 220 gm (1 cup) of castor sugar, (110 gm) 1/2 cup of soft brown sugar and 1 tsp of vanilla extract, until light and creamy. Add 4 lightly beaten egg yolks, a little at a time. In a separate bowl mix together with a fork 115 gm (3/4 cup) of spelt flour, 1 dsp of baking powder and 30 gm (1/4 cup) of cocoa powder. Now fold into the butter / egg mixture along with 160 gm (2/3 rds cup) of sour cream. Stir through 100gm of a melted and 90 gm of good quality dark chocolate and 90 gm of pitted finely chopped dates, until just combined. Now using clean and dried beater and bowl, beat together the 4 egg whites until firm peaks form. Fold in 1/2 of the egg whites to loosen the chocolate mixture, then fold in the remaining egg whites until just combined (do not over mix and remove all the air). Pour the batter in the prepared pan and bake for 45 minutes or until firm to touch with no wobble. Remove the pan from the oven and let cool for 6 minutes. Then remove the sides of the pan and transfer to a wire cooling rack and cool completely. Finish the cake with a dusting of extra cocoa powder. To serve add cream or my favourite Greek style yoghurt, either way enjoy !!

Rice muffins



An 'oldie but a goodie'. Preheat your oven to 200deg C. Add 1 cup of boiled rice to a bowl and stir in 1 and 1/2 cups of S.R flour, a pinch of salt. In a separate bowl mix together 2 well beaten eggs and 1 cup of sweet milk (sweetened condensed milk) with 5 tbs of melted butter/ marg and 1 tbs of castor sugar, beat well then add to the flour and rice mixture and stir well to combine. Pour into lined muffin pans, bake until risen and golden. Test with a skewer inserted until it comes out clean.

Apricot chicken



This is a delicious dish, easily prepared and introducing couscous as a flavoursome side. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Preheat a large frypan sprayed with cooking oil over a medium heat. Cook 4 chicken breast fillets on each side until just browned, about 3 minutes. Move the chicken breast fillets to an oiled casserole / ovenproof dish. Now drain a can (825gm) of apricot halves in juice (retain the juice). Place 1/2 the apricots in a food processor / blender until pureed. Place the puree in a medium bowl with the remaining apricots and add 1/2 cup of chicken stock. Pour this mixture over the chicken breast fillets, cover with foil and bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes / till cooked through. Place the apricot juice adding enough chicken stock to make 1 and 1/2 cups in a small saucepan and bring to the boil. Add 1 and 1/2 cups of couscous, remove from the heat and cover with cling wrap. Leave stand until the liquid is completely absorbed, about 5 minutes. Stir gently with a fork to separate grains. Serve the couscous with the apricot chicken.

Pear, strawberry and ginger crumble



Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Lightly grease a 6 cup ovenproof dish. Peel, core and thinly slice 1 kg of firm ripe pears. Place the pears in a large bowl with 1 tbs of lemon juice and toss to combine. Add 250 gm of hulled and halved strawberries, 1 tsp of minced ginger, 2 tbs of castor sugar and sprinkle over 1 tbs of plain flour. Spoon the filling into the prepared ovenproof dish. Now to prepare the crumble place 1/2 cup (50gm) of rolled oats, 1/2 cup (35 gm) of shredded coconut, 1/3rd cup (50gm) of plain flour, 1 tsp of ground ginger, 1/3 rd cup (75gm) of soft brown sugar in a large bowl. Using your fingertips rub in 80gm of chilled butter / marg until the mixture resembles small clumps. Sprinkle the crumble mix over the filling. Cover the dish with foil and bake for 15 minutes in the preheated oven. Now remove the foil and bake for a further 15 minutes or until the topping is golden and the pears are tender. Can be served warm or cold with cream and or ice cream.

Mulligatawny soup



Mulligatawny soup literally means 'water pepper'. Mulligatawny was introduced to England in the late 18th century by members of the colonial services returning home from India. Melt 6 tbs of butter / marg in your soup pot. Add 1 peeled and chopped onion along with 1 tbs of minced garlic. When the onion is tender add 350 gm of chicken strips and seal both sides, add 1 chopped carrot and 1 chopped turnip. Continue to stir until lightly coloured. In a separate bowl mix together 1 tbs of bush curry (or to taste) with 1 dsp of cloves (or to taste) and 1 tsp of cracked pepper. Stir the powdered mixture into the vegetables and chicken and cook for 2 minutes. Add 1/4 cup of canned brown lentils (drained), along with 1 litre of chicken stock and 2 tbs of tomato paste. Continue to stir and bring to a gentle boil, finally add 1 cup of sultanas. cover and simmer for 1 hour. Serve this wonderful meal with crusty bread, it's up there with my best. Enjoy.

Quinoa, feta, roasted capsicum and corn muffins



Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Line a 12 hole muffin pan with paper cases. Place 225gm (1 and 1/2 cups) of self raising flour into a large bowl along with 110gm (1 cup) of quinoa flakes, 200gm of tinned corn kernels (drained), 120 gm of drained roasted capsicum in oil, diced (jars available in your supermarket), 75 gm of crumbled feta cheese and 2 tbs of chives. In a separate bowl combine 250 ml (1 cup of milk), 1 beaten egg and 80 ml (1/3 cup) of oil. Now using a wooden spoon or whisk combine both bowls of ingredients, until well combined - do not over mix . Now divide the mixture between the muffin holes and bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Leave in pan for 5 minutes until cool, then transfer to a wire rack. Serve at room temperature. These muffins freeze well. Thaw at room temperature. These are seriously delicious !!



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Diseases of Strzelecki Koalas

The Strzelecki Koala has many threats and disease is one of them.

There are two diseases that have grave consequences for the Strzelecki koala and other koala populations throughout Australia.

Firstly there is Chlamydia. Humans also suffer from Chlamydia but it is a different strain. Chlamydia is a bacterial infection that affects either the eye sight (Ocular) or the bladder and reproductive organs. (Urogenital - koalahospital.org.au) Both infections, after much suffering, will cause death unless there is early treatment for the individual koala.

Chlamydia in the koala's eye will form a sty, progress to a pus infection and then finally blindness. Without the ability to see and find trees for food or shelter, the koala will die from starvation or be killed by a predator. (Phillips, 2023)

If Chlamydia is in

the reproductive organs, infertility is a possibility. Infertility rates in a koala population will affect the long term viability of a population. Extinction is a real likelihood.

Chlamydia in the bladder makes it difficult for the koala to urinate normally. The koala will become incontinent, probably leak urine all the time. A koala with this type of infection will have a stained and smelly bottom. The koala hospital site shows a picture of a koala with this condition. (koalahospital.org.au)

Chlamydia is transmitted through sexual contact and from mother to joey.

Treatment for Chlamydia is tricky. Antibiotics can upset the koala's specialised gut bacteria, so antibiotic medication needs to be used carefully. If the koala cannot digest the nutrients from the eucalyptus leaves it will starve and die. Therefore treatment will also require

the giving of probiotics and faecal capsules containing the microbiomes for the gut. (Blyton. 2023) Because the koala's liver is so efficient at eliminating toxins, non-steroidal and anti-inflammatory drugs may not work or be as effective. (Koala Conservation Australia) Other treatments and further research is required to obtain a successful preventative and healing outcome for koalas.

Vaccination may be the best way to prevent Chlamydia. Scientists especially microbiologists, have been researching for a successful vaccination for many years. The most recent attempts seem to be these: In 2021 Professor Peter Timms and his team at the University of Sunshine Coast conducted a trial to vaccinate 200 koalas from the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital. (Klien 2021)

This year, 2023, The University of the Sunshine Coast Australia developed another vaccine by Dr Sam Phillips and his research team. They are injecting wild koalas that are brought into wildlife hospitals. These koala once released are checked in the field in six months and then 12 months. These scientists are using scat dogs to find the scats, which are analysed for chlamydia, and the DNA enables matching to the individual koalas. (Phillips.2023)

At this time, vaccination does not give full or long term protection for the koalas. Repeated inoculations may be necessary and/or treatment for any Chlamydia symptoms.

The origin of Chlamydia is uncertain. It is thought that the disease was in the koala population over 40,000 years ago. There is conjecture that the koala population may have become infected from farm animals that arrived with European colonisation. (Quigley & Timms 2020)

The second disease threatening the koalas' viability is the retrovirus or KoRV. This is a group of viruses that attacks the autoimmune system. It is similar to the HIV virus in humans. (Blyton 2023) It was first detected in 1988. (Kayesh, Hashem, Tsukiyama-Kohora(2020)

The virus enters the koala's DNA and impacts the animals immune system. The location of the KoRV in the Koala's DNA will determine what sensitivity the individual will have to certain diseases. In Queensland and Northern New South Wales the virus is passed on from parent to joey (endogenous) and this

predisposes the koala to more diseases as it is an active virus. In the other Australia States KoRV transmission is through physical contact, (exogenous) and is not as virulent or active. (Blyton 2023)

The retrovirus can be dormant but once activated symptoms of diseases like leukaemia, cancer, gum disease and other autoimmune diseases occur. (Quigley & Timms 2020.) Some scientists think that koalas with KoRV are more susceptible to Chlamydia. (Blyton 2023)

Scientists can only treat the symptoms of KoRV at the moment. There is no vaccine yet. A lot more research is required to overcome this complex and devastating condition.

According to the scientists, the KoRV is a fairly new disease, so the koala population has not had enough time to develop immunity, "to adapt and suppress the virus". Scientists are keen to study this "real time retrovirus." (Blyton.2023.) The origin of KoRV is uncertain though some scientists mention KoRV came from the "Native Australian rodent, the grassland melomys and bats". (Quigley&Timms 2020)

Scientists do not want the active type of KORV infection that is prevalent in the northern Australian states to infiltrate the DNA of the southern koala groups. (Quigley&Timms 2020) Scientists suggest that healthy koala populations are isolated from the infected groups.

Translocation practices need to ensure that contamination does not happen to inactive KoRV populations in South Australia and Victoria. (Blyton,2023)

Scientists have observed that koalas in captivity, like zoos, have a higher level of infection with



Monash Churchill Golf Results

Monthly Medal Saturday May 27

A Grade Winner : G. Beyer 11 70 Medal Winner B Grade Winner : A. Auld 21 72 C Grade Winner : G. Spowart 25 75 Scratch : G. Beyer 81. D.T.L : 1. S. Sanders 73, 2. Ad. West 74, 3. C. Thompson 74, 4. G. Barnes 76, 5. As. West 76, 6. P. Jordan 76, 7. P. Smart 77, 8. P. Boulding 77 C/B

N.T.P : 3rd M.Hutchinson, 5th C. Warring, 12th G. Beyer Pro-Pin, 14th J. Soppe

Target Hole : C. Hogbin, Putts : C. Thompson 26 Birdies : A. Auld 12th

Stableford Tuesday May 30 Winner : A. West 20 34 Pts D.T.L : S. Turner 26 33pts

N.T.P : 3rd S. Caldwell, 5th A. West and S. Caldwell, 12th A. West and S. Caldwell, 14th C. Carter Stableford Saturday June 3 A Grade Winner : D.Byers 15 37 B Grade Winner: P.Flanagan 25 34 D.T.L: 1. R.Welsh 32, 2. D.Ellwood 31, 3. W. Sutton 31, 4. S.Caldwell30, 5. A.Sharrock 30 N.T.P : Pro-Pin : 3rd P.Boulding, 12th R. King, 14th Ad. West

Target Hole: C. Warring Birdies: P.Boulding 3rd

Monthly Medal Tuesday June 6 A Grade Winner: A. West 20 70 Nett B. Grade Winner : S. Turner 26 77 Nett Scratch : A. West 90 D.T.L : 1. R. Sands 27 77, 2. C. Stevens 37 78 N.T.P: 3rd D. Brown, 5th C. Carder, 12th L. Brent, 14th M. McQuillen Putts: L. Brent

2 Person Ambrose Saturday June 10

Winners : P. Kearns and J. Hassell 64.5 Runners Up : C. Warring and D. Byers 65.25 D.T.L : 1. S. Allison and D. Vesty 66, 2. D. Ellwood and I. Fortune 66.75,

3. A. Auld and P. Jordan 67.75, 4. G. Harvey and R. Harvey 69.5,

5. M. Hutchinson and G. Beyer 70.25 N.T.P : 3rd G. Harvey, 14th N. Duncan

4BBB Tuesday June 13 Winners : S. Caldwell and L. Anderson 46pts

D.T.L : S. Turner and M. McQuillen 41pts, C. Stevens and A. West 40pts C/B

N.T.P : 3rd R. Sands, 5th L. Brent, 12th M. McQuillan, 14th C. Carder

Stableford Saturday June 17, A Grade : C. Warring 17 40 ptsB. Grade : R. Vesty 20 42 ptsC. Grade : . Welsh : 27 38 pts

D.T.L : 1. I. Duncan 38, 2. G. Beyer 38, 3. P. Flanigan 37, 4. S. Allison 37, 5. C. Sterrick 36, 6. P. Boulding 36, 7. W. Sutton 35, 8. A. Sharrock 35

N.T.P: Pro-Pin : 3rd R. Dent, 5th D. Burrridge, 12th I. Fortune, 14th B. Kilday

Target Hole : M. Hutchinson Birdies : S. Allison 5th , R. Dent 3rd , J. Sanders 3rd, D. Byers 12th, I. Duncan 12th, I. Fortune 12th Mulligans Tuesday June 20 Winner : R. Lubawski 37 ptsD.T.L : S. Fue 35 pts

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SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

Lumen Christi Art Semester 1
This semester in Art, all students explored various celebrations such as Valentines Day, Harmony Day, Easter, Mother's Day

and Sorry Day. They creatively designed and completed activities related to each occasion, utilising different materials and techniques to express

their ideas. The main emphasis this semester was on the elements of art which included colour, line, shape, and value.

Art in the garden at Lumen Christi
Lumen Christi was fortunate to receive a grant from Land Care to revive and enhance their garden. Our

mission was to redesign and create a captivating garden space. All children were involved in the process of planting, resulting

in a more vibrant and flourishing garden that provides numerous learning opportunities.



SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY

This term many of our Grade 4-6 students have participated in sporting events at all levels, (School, District, Division and Regional). These events provide our students with great learning opportunities. Sports events present an avenue for students to develop essential life skills such as teamwork, discipline, and time management. By working together towards a common goal, students learn the value of collaboration, effective communication, and problem solving. Sport also teaches students the importance of perseverance, resilience, and self-motivation. Participating in sports promotes much more than physical fitness. I would like to congratulate all the students who have taken part in the following: Cross

Country at all levels and the Winter Football and Netball competitions.

Just play. Have fun. Enjoy the game. - Michael Jordan

Cross Country Regional Championships

Well done to Aussie, Harvey, Henry, Emily, Vienna and Taylah for competing in the Region Cross County Championship. This level of competition is extremely high. Congratulations to Amira and Aussie who have both qualified for the State Cross Country Championships.

Division Winter Sports— Football

After a successful day at the District Winter Sports, our football team went to Traralgon last month to take part in the Latrobe Valley Division Winter Sports.

Our first game was a comfortable win against St Vincent's Primary School who were representing Morwell District. Our second game was a close encounter against Glengarry Primary School. Jackson O' Hara was able to snatch victory for us with a goal in the last minute. We lost our third game against St. Kieran's Primary School from the Moe District. We had a bye in round 4 before going up against St. Michael's Primary School in the final round. They were undefeated all day and qualified for the Gippsland Region event. With three teams equal on points behind them, we actually managed to finish in second place with a strong percentage. Great effort from our boys given that we only had seven top age players

and seven Grade 4s in the team. Many thanks to Sam McCulloch for coaching the team, all the parents who came along to support and to Krystal Bond for washing all the jumpers!

Division Winter Sports— Netball

On Wednesday June 7, nine Grade 5 and 6 students travelled to Traralgon to compete in the Division Netball Round Robin. Within this competition, we faced teams from Glengarry PS, St. Vincent's PS, St. Michael's PS, St. Mary's PS and Willow Grove PS. Out of the five games students played, we won three and lost two. Yinnar Primary came third overall. We were lucky with the weather as the rain began to fall right as our final game ended. All students enjoyed the day and

embraced the opportunity to aim their highest and play with enthusiasm. Well done girls!

Family Maths Afternoon

On Monday June 5 we hosted a Family Maths Afternoon. This allowed families to see some learning in action and to have the opportunity to play a range of maths games with their children. We hope that playing some of these games may inspire families to engage in playing maths games at home with their children which will help to develop strategies, mathematical thinking, problem solving and provide engaging opportunities to practice computation and familiarity with numbers and patterns.

It was great to see so many families at our Family

Maths Afternoon.

Ambulance Victoria Visit

In May we were fortunate to have a visit from Ambulance Victoria who showed the students inside the ambulance and discussed how to make a 000 call. The students were made aware of the equipment on the ambulance and how it all works.

Some students were lucky enough to have a ride on the ambulance trolley or sit in the front of the ambulance.

The visit was all about familiarisation, and that the Ambulance Victoria service is a vital emergency service that assists those during a medical emergency, and something that students may encounter as a patient or as a bystander.



Division Football
Cross Country Champs
Family Maths Fun
Netball champs
Ambulance Victoria visit

SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY

Lego incursion

On June 14, 2023 Boolarra Primary School had a Lego incursion. Everybody was so excited to build with technical Lego. Everyone was there, even the Boolarra kinder kids. We all couldn't wait!

Firstly, we started off by talking about windmills, and how they work. The lady asked us if we knew why we needed windmills. Some people knew why we needed them, and some didn't know what windmills were. She also talked about wind turbines, everyone knew what they were, and why we

need them.

Next, we started to build a technical Lego windmill. We had to find a partner to build with, then we got the bricks and the instructions. One person would get a piece of Lego for the other person while the other would build. Then they would swap over, and just kept on taking turns on each job. A motor made the windmill blades move.

Once we finished building these windmills, we started to code the windmill so the blades could move in different directions and make some sound.

Each group was given an

iPad to code on a different kind of motor. Some kids even figured out how to make their own sounds. Everyone enjoyed the coding, and we were all so happy with our creations.

After that, we all got to share our windmills with the whole class. We loved watching everybody's different creations. We all had so much fun creating these windmills and sharing them with everyone.

Overall, I think that everyone enjoyed this day and we had so much fun making these amazing technical Lego windmills.

At the end everybody was given a mini sheet of paper that we gave to our family to tell them about what we did. We would all love to do it again.

By Violet and Matilda

Trikes and Scooters

I like riding the trikes at school, because I can play with my friends on the double trikes. I like going fast and I like when my friend goes fast. Its fun to wear helmets at school. My favourite is the double trike and the red helmet.

Jack M

I like going fast. We have the trikes on Tuesdays. The

wheels are yellow, and the frames are red. There are different size bikes. Some are size 3 and some are size 1. Jake

I like that we have scooters, double trikes, and bikes for everyone in Boolarra PS.

Charli
I like the trikes because they go very fast and speed. I like the double one because two people can hop on it. I also like riding with Charli.

Billie
To learn how to describe the characters in their stories, the junior grades used colourful words to describe

themselves.

Happy creative Smart fun BLONDE Hair Pale Brown eyes Missing tooth Freckles

Jackson Playful responsible sweet loving brown eyes dark brown hair birthmark toned skin

Gewalin Yellow hair Green eyes Birthmark Long hair Helpful Playful Quiet Smart

Billie What words describe YOU?



Right: Riding trikes is a favourite recess and lunch time activity.
Above: Photos of our end of term clean-up.
Left: Working together as one community. Lego Incursion



SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Year 10 Pathway Students tour RTL Mining and Earthworks

On Tuesday May 30, we went to Yallourn North on the bus. There were eight students and four adults. When we arrived, we were met by Dave who does training and helps out apprentices. We sat in the boardroom, and we were spoken to by different RTL employees about how they got into the industry of mining work. Shane spoke about how he travelled the world and visited Peru and Egypt and various other countries. After we had morning tea we got back on the bus and headed to Yallourn North Mine, where they were digging up the earth in search for brown coal. We then had a barbecue at an old farmhouse and spoke to the truck drivers about what their work was like. After we had lunch, we had a couple of photos taken in front of the trucks and then we said our thankyou and goodbyes and returned to school.
Brock. Year 10 Student.

The World's Greatest Shave

On Thursday May 18, the University Campus took part in The World's Greatest Shave. According to the Leukemia Foundation 'With no screening programs available and no means of prevention through lifestyle changes, blood cancer is Australia's hidden cancer crisis. Every day, 53 Aussies are diagnosed with blood cancer, and 16 will lose their life. It requires teamwork to stop blood cancer from wrecking lives.'

That is why we decided to team up to take part in the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave together. Despite the event being organised with short notice and interruptions with other school events there was an enormous turnout to activities at lunch, which included head shaving, and hair colouring. This was a successful event with the event raising over \$250 for the Leukemia Foundation.

Jacob McAlister Year 12 Student

Literacy ACMI Excursion

To complement the Understanding and Creating

Digital Texts unit, VCE VM Literacy students attended the exhibition 'Story of the Moving Image' at ACMI in Melbourne.

The exhibition allowed students to interact and view the major moments in moving image history, including the origins and future of cinema, production design and the creative process, Australian culture and stories, the rise of videogames, and how screens inform, influence, and empower us.

After the exhilarating tour of the exhibition and a well-deserved lunch break, the VM students completed a Melbourne Photo Shoot challenge within their Personal Development Teams. Students were encouraged to use their creativity and sense of fun to complete as many of the challenges as possible. Challenges included becoming part of the street art, jumping in a laneway, and posing like mannequins in a shop front. Overall, a great day out in the city was had by the VM students and staff attending.





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November 28 at 8pm
Daniel Connell – I'm always sore
 Tickets from \$27
 Get some friends together and come down for a laugh. "Daniel Connell will leave you laughing, smiling and really just wanting to have a beer with this bloke." Herald Sun.

GPAC address: 32 Kay Street, Traralgon. Box Office: 03 5176 3333.

November 24 at 7.30pm
Lior and MCO – Of people and song
 Tickets from \$35
 For as long as there have been people, there has been song. Song is at the heart of rich musical traditions that bind people together, and attest to the spirit of time and place.

December 16 at 7.30pm
Ian Moss
 Tickets from \$76
 Ian Moss, who Cold Chisel bandmate Don Walker once described as "the most gifted musician I've ever seen", has hit the regional road in 2023 to support his new studio album 'Rivers Run Dry'.

July 23 at 4.30pm
Bowie Unzipped starring Jeff Duff
 Tickets from \$54 It is the show that has been packing venues all over town and just keeps rolling on as Jeff Duff presents his unique interpretation of the songs of David Bowie.

August 11 and 12 at 8pm
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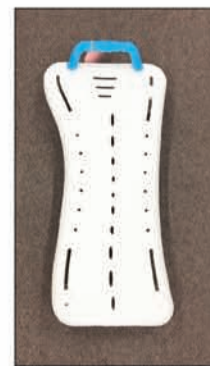
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