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Churchill's Significant Trees



As from June 2023 Churchill residents should be pleased and proud as two of our very old tall Pinus Radiata trees have been added to the National Trust Tree Register and classified as significant trees.

They will join another 2,500 trees throughout Australia and enjoy protection from removal and destruction from their spot on the hill. This gives the trees protection for the rest of their lives and they can continue to grow older with certainty.

They are the two old pines that stand on the corner of Monash Way and Balfour Place. This site was also the place of the first local school in 1901, originally Eel Hole Creek then Hazelwood South school until closure in 1968.

We have to thank Yinnar South resident, Dr Tony Hanning who earlier this year applied for the trees to be added the National Trust Tree Register. It was not until June 20, that his application was processed and Tony was advised that his application had been successful and that both trees have now been added to the National Trust Significant Tree Register.

National Trust Register

Information as now recorded on the National Trust Significant Tree Register for trees in Churchill is as follows:

Age of the two trees is 122 years, Height 25 metres. The common name of the trees is California Pine, Botanical Name Pinus Radiata, the other name "The Flynn Pines", their condition is 'good', Municipality of Latrobe Victoria, location Monash Way Churchill, access is unrestricted, and their significance is historic at a regional level.

Statement of Significance.

The stand is significant for historic reasons as it is associated with an important person. The trees were planted in 1901 by John Flynn (Flynn of the Inland) while he was a temporary head teacher at Hazelwood South State School in Churchill. John Flynn was a

pioneer of the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia.

Cairn on site

In June 1998 the Churchill and District Lions Club placed a memorial plaque beneath the pines which reads –

"This cairn was erected by the Churchill and District Lions Club as a memorial to John Flynn (Flynn of the Inland). An Australian pioneer of the Flying Doctor Service, who in 1901 was temporary head teacher at Hazelwood South School No 3350 which stood on this site. 27/6/1998."

The National Trust – Who we are

National Trusts of Australia actively protect and conserve places of heritage significance for future generations to enjoy. They also created a national register of significant trees, which is consistent with the mission to protect and celebrate Australia's heritage.

In the register there are over 2,500 significant trees recorded over the last 30 years by the National Trusts across Australia. These records are continually updated by volunteers and kept in the National Register.

It is a community-based, non-government organisation, committed to promoting and conserving Australia's indigenous, natural and historic heritage through its advocacy work and its custodianship of heritage places and objects.

Significant Tree Committees in each state and territory comprise experts in a range of relevant fields including arboriculture, botany, heritage conservation, and environmental management.

The role of the Significant Tree Committees will be to seek and assess nominations for significant trees against the nationally agreed criteria. Significant Tree Committees will also promote awareness of the cultural value of significant trees, and advocate for statutory protection for registered trees under the relevant local Planning Scheme. For further information contact nationaltrust.org.au

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Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group

By J. Duncan

Our landcare group and many other volunteers around the place have been busy planting native plants on both public and private land this winter.

This activity will keep going until early spring. We have had good and bad weather on our planting days – the rainy days are much better for the plants even if they are less enjoyable for the volunteers.

It is already getting late for planting on slopes that will dry out in summer. The plants need to get their roots well established while it is wet, so that they can survive dryer conditions later on.

Waterways and wetlands are a better bet for late planting, and we still have a bit of work to do on some of our riparian sites.

As well as growing for our group's sites, we have been able to supply some of our surplus locally indigenous plants to group members, local landholders and public land projects.

Winter is time to plant, but also a time to look further afield and to learn more about what can be done to improve our environment for agricultural production and for conservation.

One topic of interest locally and around Australia in the last few years has been flooding and flood mitigation.

I heard an interesting



programme on the ABC Science Show recently that seemed very relevant. It talked first about the problems in the USA with large scale flood mapping at the very local level and in a climate that is changing rapidly. The second topic explained the difference between grey and green infrastructure for flood mitigation.

Grey infrastructure is largely big engineered concrete dams etc but also includes levee banks and other works. Green infrastructure is more local. It works best if an entire waterway can be managed. It has most success when a community becomes involved in finding and implementing solutions. The main example on the Science Show program was a project on a river called Eddleston Water near Peebles in the Scottish Lowlands.

This project involved restoring meanders (wiggles)

in the river's course; adding logs and creating ponds to slow down stream flow and planting vegetation along the banks. The work done to date is having an effect on flooding. The restoration works on the river also create habitat for fish, in this case salmon, as an added benefit.

There are many similar projects around Australia initiated by local landowners, Councils, Landcare Groups and Catchment Management Authorities. Our own little Landcare group to date has limited ourselves to planting along existing waterways; but an example of a bigger project is easy to find in the small wetland off Firmin's Lane as you go into Morwell.

This wetland was created about eight or nine years ago, and gives a pretty good before and after view of what can be achieved. It was planted to clean up the water flowing along the watercourse rather

than for flood mitigation, but the habitat values created have made it a great spot for bird watchers and the local community.

If anyone has a spare half hour, the program is well worth a listen and the wetland well worth a visit, especially for the bird life. In summer you can hear Australian reed warblers around the ponds and there have been some recent sightings of the rarely seen striated fieldwren. This is the link to the radio programme:

<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/scienceshow/how-scientists-are-helping-flooding-communities/102502174>

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group

<https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/westgippsland/yinnar-south/>

Photo

Firmin's Lane waterway Morwell. Any coot can find the re-veg section.



RAINFALL

With the month of July being another month into winter, it truly did get a bit colder and however surprisingly from the data, not as wet here in Churchill. A total of 24 out of 31 days had rainfall, with the day that had the most amount of rain being Friday July 28, with a measly 4.5mm. Most of the days were

close with only six days having above 3mm of rain. These days included July 1, 8, and 9 with 3mm, July 21 with 3.5mm and July 19 with 4mm.

With the 24 days of rain, July's monthly total of rainfall in Churchill is 36.25mm (a bit dry compared to last month). This average total for July has not been this low since July in the year 2001 with 32mm of rain, but is easily not as low as July's rainfall amount from 2006 being 21mm. July's monthly total of 36.25mm when added to Churchill's 2023 total so far makes the

total rainfall now 416.25mm, with the month of June still being the wettest month of 2023 so far. My predications for August in Churchill would be (comparing previous years) that it will most likely and hopefully will get wetter.

Rain at Hazelwood South. In July half the rain blew away. Hazelwood South had mild temperatures and plenty of wind. The ground water is disappearing fast. Hazelwood South had 32mm of rain, which is a disappointing 42% of the average for July. Not great for filling the tanks.

The rain in 2023 has now dropped to 7% below average. The Latrobe Valley weather station had less rain, with only 17.4mm, and almost half of Hazelwood South. The climate has changed. The higher temperature of the Southern Ocean, south of Australia, is producing stronger highs, lows, and wind, and at times heavy rain. Last year this continued into November, with record rainfall, and unusually, too cold to grow tomatoes. With La Niña unlikely: we do have to prepare for a hot dry summer.

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Churchill Fire Brigade

Home Escape Plans

Plan and prepare

Plan how you would escape a fire in your home.

Families who are well-prepared are more likely to escape their homes safely and without panic.

As part of your plan, all family members should know:

- *The two quickest ways out of every room

- *How they will exit from upstairs if your home has a second storey

- *An agreed-upon meeting place outside, such as the letterbox

- *How they will call Triple Zero (000)

Download and print a home fire escape plan template to help create your plan.

If someone in your family is older or has a disability, complete the Prevent Detect Escape e-learning module.

Top survival tips

- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop and roll.

- Get down low and stay out of smoke.

- Use the back of your hand to check doors for heat before opening.

- If it is safe, close doors to slow down the spread of fire and smoke.

- Alert other people on

your way out.

- Get out and stay out.

- Meet at a safe place such as the letterbox or footpath outside your home.

- Call 000 (triple zero) from a mobile phone or a neighbour's phone. Ask for FIRE when the call is connected.

What parents need to know

Children are less likely than adults to wake up to the sound of a smoke alarm. Think about how you might be able to reach children's bedrooms if regular access is blocked by fire.

Families should practise fire drills twice a year, more often with younger children.

Useful tips for parents

- *Turn it into a game by timing how quickly they can escape

- *Make sure children know their home address and how to call Triple Zero (000)

- *Use online games and activities to teach children about fire safety

- *Never lock your



deadlocks when you are at home

During a fire it will be dark and smoky, and a deadlocked door could block your escape. If you must keep deadlocks locked, leave your keys in the door.

Basic treatment for burns

- *Remove clothing around the burn, unless it has stuck to the skin

- *Cool the burn under running water for 20 minutes. Never use oil, butter or ointment

- *Cover the burn with a clean cloth or cling wrap and keep the patient warm

- *See a doctor if the burn is blistered, larger than a 20 cent coin, or on the face, hands, feet or genitals.

Community Engagement



Photo courtesy Rob Bonfield

The Churchill Brigade has been implementing a plan for more community engagement and reaching out to other local brigades to enjoy some social time together over a BBQ.

Sunday July 23 was one such occasion. Unfortunately the two brigades invited

were unable to attend but two Ambulance Victoria personnel came and enjoyed the interaction. They are stationed at Mirboo North. Out of this time there is to be arranged some cross training of the ambulance officers with brigade members which is welcomed.

Past member Andy Halnon, who is now a volunteer at Yarragon where he lives, came and it was good to see him.

It was a happy time and worth the effort of those who organised and cooked the sausages.



Co-Operating Churches

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Please feel free to contact Sue on 0411 714 564 for more information

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Churchill/Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

Scams

With Email scams being more prevalent in this day and age, we must look at a few things that could cause us trouble in the future.

Stop and think. There's a good chance it's a scam if the email:

- *Contains a link or attachment that asks you to log on to an online service with your username and password or to provide other personal information

- *Requests a payment but the bank account and BSB details are new or have changed since the last payment you made

- *Claims to be from a well-known organisation or government agency but is sent from a free webmail address (for example @gmail.com, @yahoo.com.au).

Common scams via email include:

- *asking you to confirm your banking details so they can give you a 'refund'

- *providing you with a phone number to call urgently

- *making a threat such as immediate

arrest, deportation, or blackmail

- *threatening to stop a service or charge a fine if you don't act

- *stating you've been a victim of identity crime and offering compensation or help to recover money lost to scams.

Steps you can take to avoid email scams:

Check that the email is real, contact the organisation or person using details you have found yourself (on their website or in the phone book) to check if the email was real.

Access the organisations' secure, authenticated portal or app directly (never via a link). Learn how to protect your email account. Use unique passwords for different accounts and consider using a password manager so you don't need to remember every single password you use. Keep an eye out for scammers.

Log on to scamwatch.gov.au to find out more.



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Church News



Co-Operating Church Snippets

Reverend Dr John Morgan was our Anglican celebrant for the first Sunday. We are all God's people as He created us all and loves us all no matter who we are or what we do. His sermon focused on Matthew 10: 40-42. It talks about considering others and being aware of their needs; of reaching out in love, humility and kindness. Offering a simple cup of cool water to one of God's people will bring its reward.

they mean, or listen to her message.

It was good to explore what our names mean, how we obtained our nick names and what other names the Bible uses for Jesus.

The sowing of seeds was the theme on week three and was based on the Bible story in Matthew 13: 3-23. The seeds which land in different types of soil and circumstances of the heart of a person. Therefore we have those who hear God's message but it doesn't sink

Week two of July was



prepared by our Part Time Supply Minister Cathie. It was All Age Worship and was based on Matthew 11: 16-19 and 25-30. This Bible reading speaks about the way people see each other and react to their action. Then it focusses on what some called John the Baptist 'he has a demon in him' and Jesus 'he is gluttonous and a wine bibber; a friend of publicans and sinners.'

During the message time people were given a choice whether they joined the children for a role play, participated in a discussion regarding names and what

in. Others hear and it takes room in a person's heart but other things crowd it out. Yet others find life and wealth chokes out God's word. However, those whose heart is open to the message take it in and nurture it,



and it produces many times more than the initial seed. The challenge for the congregation was to examine our lives and discern what type of soil we are and try hard to be the last example.

Coffee Connections was a hit with many more attending requiring more tables and chairs to be put up and arranged. Liz took the devotion focusing on the verse from Isaiah 64:8 "Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter. We are all formed in Your hand." The message was that God can shape us perfectly if we give Him full control and stay centred in Him.

Liz chose this Bible verse because Debbie was giving a talk on pottery. Debbie is a descendant of the Davenports of Davonport and Co which dates back to

its establishment in 1873. Debbie told the history of the company and the various Davenports and what they achieved in the art of pottery making and glassmaking.

With many physical examples to illustrate her talk Debbie showed samples of pottery she had inherited from her grandmother, and which she uses today. The attendees were enthusiastically engaged with Debbie's talk and praised the amount of work she had put into her delivery. Julie presented her with a lovely bunch of flowers from her garden and thanked Debbie for her efforts.

Many there then showed the group the examples of pottery they had brought and

shared the stories associated with them.

Lisa Twigger of Latrobe Regional Hospital community engagement section was our guest speaker for the fourth Sunday. She spoke about the establishment of the

emotionally received a set of new clothes and other needs for free. The congregation provided some new clothes and a lump sum to help Lisa with her significant work which sees at least one person a day helped in this way.



Wear House and what it means to those who arrive unexpectedly in hospital through a number of circumstances, without toiletries and clothes. She has been brought to tears by the appreciation of those who have so gratefully and



St Matt's Op Shop was closed for safety reasons. A small group has been working hard to do all the work that was identified as needing to be done and was necessary to achieve before opening could take place. That opening time is drawing near.



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Co-Operating Churches of Churchill
 Sunday Services: 10.00am
 Williams Avenue,
 Churchill.
 Tel: 5122 1480

Churchill Christian Fellowship
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 762 Tramway Road Churchill
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 Everyone Welcome
 0409 173 747

Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish
 Boolarra/Yinnar
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Churchill/Morwell Catholic Parishes
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 Fr James Fernandez
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 Every 4th Sunday alternates Yinnar/Boolarra. **September - St Francis de Sales, Boolarra**

Churchill Christian Fellowship

Churchill Christian Fellowship is affiliated with CRC Churches International, a Pentecostal movement with hundreds of churches in Australia and many more in Papua New Guinea and more than a dozen other countries. However, our church also has international connections through King of Glory Ministries Int, which operates out of our church home in the old Hazelwood South Hall on Tramway Road.

KOGMI will be having their International Conference here in Churchill from September 21 to 23. One of the guest speakers, Adams Sabila, has an apostolic ministry in Africa and will be visiting Australia for the first time. He will be speaking at the CCF service on Father's Day, September

3. There will be a BBQ dinner at the hall that night.

On Saturday July 8, more than 20 people came out from various Gippsland churches to attend a prayer rally in (and for) Yinnar. Unfortunately, the key to open the venue was not forthcoming and it was an extremely cold, windy and rainy evening! What to do? Someone suggested that all these people could perhaps come back to our hall in Churchill instead. But others felt that we had come to pray for Yinnar and that we should do so, despite the adverse weather. So that is exactly what happened. People stood outside in the freezing cold, in a big circle, the only light coming from a few mobile phones, and prayed for at least half an hour. Truly a prayer meeting

that no-one who was there is ever going to forget!

Until recently Pastor Steve McNeilly has also been running the Variety Bookroom in Moe. Now that the bookshop is closed, he hopes to have more time for pastoral care issues in Churchill and district. He is planning a series of sermons on the book of Daniel, starting on August 20. "Daniel is a fascinating Old Testament book," he says, "that is incredibly relevant today. It talks about godly character and wisdom, faith and prayer, but also features important passages of prophecy."

Visitors always welcome. Please call 0409 173 747 if you would like more information, or to be on a mailing list for our weekly newsletters.

1st Churchill Scout Group on a hike



1st Churchill
Scout Group



1st Churchill Scout Unit (10 - 14 years of age), has been busy lately, with a big focus on developing their outdoor adventure skills from camping and bushwalking skills, to vertical adventure and bushcraft.

We asked some of our Scouts what they enjoy the most about being a Scout -

“I like Scouts because we do fun activities every week, it has an amazing accepting community and we go on fun camps, hikes and walks. There are no dull moments - Ames, 13.

I like talking to friends at Scouts - Penny, 12.

The thing I like the most

about Scouts is going on hikes and craft - Bella, 11

I like being able to meet new people and learn how to do new skills - Mika, 10

I like camping, hiking and knots - Kohl, 11

I like Scouts because it is fun. I like learning how to tie knots, go on hikes, and go camping. The leaders are funny and respectful and I like fun games. I can go on! - Charlotte, 12

1st Churchill Scouts currently has limited vacancies to start in Term 3.

Joey Scouts - for young people from 5 to 8 years - meet Thursday afternoons.

Cub Scouts - for young

people from 8 to 11 years - meet Wednesday evenings.

Scouts - for young people from 11 to 14 years - meet Tuesday evenings.

Venturer Scouts for young adults aged from 14 to 18 years - meet Monday evenings.

Rover Scouts - for adults aged from 18 to 25 years - meet Friday evenings.

Adults of all ages can join as volunteer leaders.

For more information please email the Group Leader Tammy via groupleader@1stchurchill.com.au.

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For further information See us on Facebook



Local history – it’s marvellous what it uncovers

By Leo Billington

Years ago, a person, said to me, “Many people study history in high school and come away thinking it’s boring, irrelevant, or both.”

However, as we get older, even just by a few years, we start to see the importance of understanding the past.

So, let’s take some examples from our local history.

On Monday, May 25, 2020, Australian Associated Press reported with a headline, “Hazelwood power station’s eight chimneys demolished in live stream viewed by thousands.”

Built in the 1960s, each chimney contained asbestos and was crumbling. Media coverage told us that ‘the chimneys, which soared 137 metres above the town of Morwell in the Latrobe Valley, came down just before 12.30pm on Monday.

Owner Engie provided a live stream of the chimney demolition, which took about a minute and was viewed by thousands.

The chimneys were built in the 1960s and operated for more than half a century before the brown coal-fuelled power station was shut down in March 2017.

All this happened just over three years ago. History was being created.

In its Thursday, October 14, 1999 edition, The Express reported ‘Plans to expand HP mine’. Hazelwood Power is set to undertake planning for one of its largest ever mine developments according to this editorial. It went on to say, “this aims to secure the operating life of the mine and power station for up to a further 40 years.”

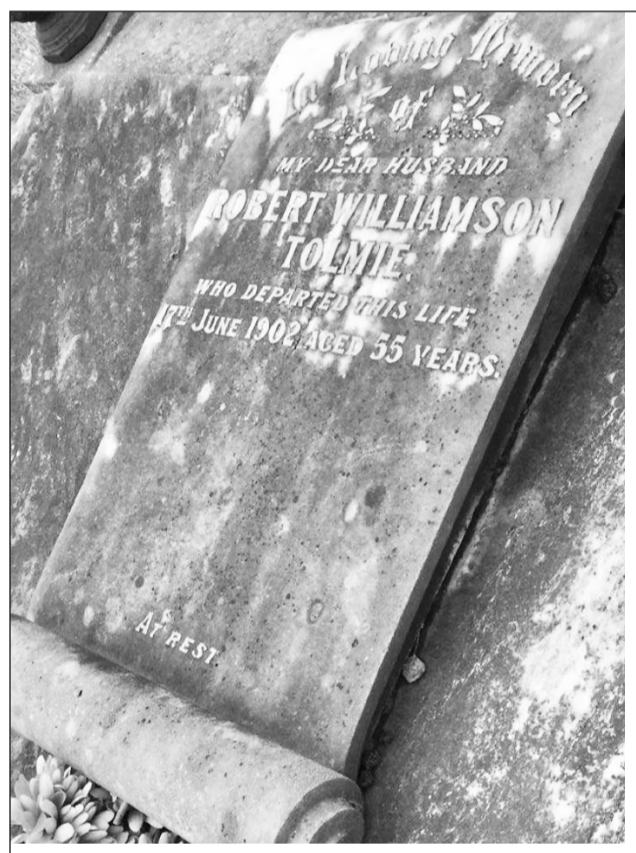
That is 2039. Now it is all gone.

The then HP Chief Executive, Jim Twomey claimed “the long term mine planning was a vote of confidence for the Latrobe

Valley. Hazelwood Power is preparing to deliver a prosperous and viable power generation business - and the associated flow-on of regional economic benefit - well into the 21st century.”

Located part way between Morwell and Traralgon on the Princes Highway was once the Traralgon Village Drive-In. Built outside the built-up areas of either town, it was positioned in a very prominent location.

Records explain the drive-in was the most modern in Australia when it screened its’ first film in April 1965. The screen was 100ft wide, 40ft high and 25ft above the ground. It cost approximately \$14,000 to



Hospital at Moe, the Central Gippsland Hospital at Traralgon and St Hilary’s Nursing Home at Morwell. LRH became the major provider of acute mental health services in the region in 1995, taking over from Hobson Park Hospital, Traralgon.

Perhaps ironically, the former drive-in site was “centre stage” to become a funeral home complex. As reported in its Tuesday, March 12, 1991 edition, The Express editorial explained there were objections, but despite these, Traralgon Shire Council issued a notice

of determination to grant a permit to the proponent. The plans included two caretaker residences, a small chapel and parking areas.

Let us return to the large area across the railway line from Mid Valley.

A sizeable tract of land - initially, once part of two selections taken up in the 1880’s by Robert Tolmie and Roger O’Flaherty - has in recent times, attracted plenty of interest.

During the Post World War 2 period, and as early as 1950, it was mooted as an ideal site for an abattoir. This was during a

suggested for a privately owned combined abattoir - regional saleyards complex once again during 2007.

Then there was plenty of local speculation this land would be a location for a Correctional Centre. We now know the Fulham Correctional Centre, near Sale, officially opened on March 20, 1997, and was the state’s first private prison for men.

This same tract of land was once considered as ideal for the new Latrobe Regional Hospital.

Records of land occupation in the Morwell

build and weighed 8.5 tons. The capacity of the drive-in was for 686 cars.

Following community wide speculation about a new hospital and its probable location - even included consideration of

land opposite the Mid Valley Shopping Centre cross the railway line - the former drive-in land was purchased for a new regional hospital.

Latrobe Regional Hospital came into existence in July 1991, bringing together the Latrobe Valley



period when Morwell and Traralgon Councils (Morwell Advertiser – April 20, 1950) were very interested in a proposal to establish municipal abattoirs east of Morwell - near the former APM railway siding.

Then in November 1950, this land was suggested for an abattoir, saleyards and reserved land for agistment purposes.

Harold (Harry) James Wagstaff, working as an architectural consultant to Victoria’s horseracing industry, as well as after 1923, continuing to provide specialist expertise as an abattoir designer for another three decades, argued this location was ideal.

Ironically, the land was

Open Cut environs during the late 1940’s, show H. Bolding and J. McInnes farmed this area.

In understanding the past, it’s only natural to ponder further about the worth of the large land area across the railway line from Mid Valley.

Finally, history is being made at the Hazelwood North Primary School.

Now about 125 years old, the school is going through a transformation.

A new administration building has been built on a previous playground area.

Then, demolition of the existing, older administration building, will happen to provide a playground area.

That is, one building in, and another building out.



Winter Market at Churchill Shopping Centre

Saturday August 26 is not far away and we are hoping for mild winter weather, at least in the morning! There will be an array of craft and market stalls around the shopping centre, our usual free sausage sizzles, entertainment and even a special guest (a fairy, no less!) for the children.

Market stalls are open from 9am to 1pm, while the free snags and entertainment are on from 10am to 12midday. During this time, some randomly selected shoppers will win free vouchers to spend in nominated Churchill retail stores. We have over \$300 worth of vouchers to give away, including a \$50 supermarket voucher.

CDCA, in partnership with Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and Churchill & District News, is proud to be supporting our local shopping centre retailers with our Shop Local market days. We appreciate the community support for our markets and are encouraged by the attendance. Best of all are all the smiles on the day!

If you can, come along to our Winter market – wear your jacket or coat and bring your umbrella if need be. Stalls are placed along the covered walkways so there is a bit of shelter!

Show your support for our local retailers - do your shopping or buy a coffee while you catch up with friends and neighbours; browse the stalls and find a gift for Fathers' Day, that special someone's birthday or yourself; help out locals who are raising a bit of cash for themselves or the community group they belong to.

By the time this August edition of the News is published, CDCA will have held their Annual General Meeting, next year's committee will have been selected and meeting dates will

be set for the next 12 months. To find out what happened and/or to read the Annual Report, visit CDCA's website – cdca.org.au

Meeting dates appear on the Home Page and Agendas, Minutes and Committee membership can be found by clicking on the drop-down menu "About CDCA". There's also a "Contact Us" option, membership application form for download and a copy of our Rules.

Much of what CDCA does could loosely be described as advocacy for our local community. In recent months we have made submissions to Latrobe City Council on their draft policies regarding Public Toilets. We certainly support the urgent construction of an accessible public toilet in the Churchill Town Centre! and Fenced Dog Parks, it would be good to have one in Churchill, but it is some years away!

Some readers would be familiar with our successful advocacy to upgrade the lighting of the Churchill Town Symbol. Unfortunately, similar advocacy to improve the Town Hall, with better heating, window blinds and a projection screen, has not yielded any positive results, as yet.

Still, it is important that we have a local organisation focussed on improving the town for community benefit and continues, for the long haul, in attempting to have suggested improvements addressed.

One such improvement that CDCA has been involved with for many years now is the decorations that appear on the light poles in the town centre each December.

There are three distinct carpark areas with three different owners at our shopping centre and five town centre roads, Philip Parade, Balfour Place, Marina Drive, Georgina Place and West

Place. In the distant past, there were complaints from many locals about the lack of festive decorations in our town centre, as could be seen in Latrobe's larger towns of Moe, Morwell and Traralgon.

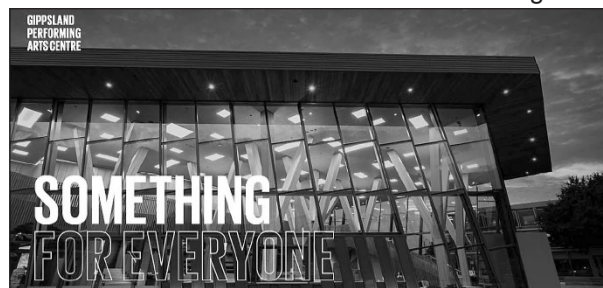
To address this, CDCA applies to Council for an annual grant and purchases large festive pole decorations each year. These decorations are selected to comply with Council's standards and requirements for attachment to Council's street and car park light poles, which may be found on both public land, such as Philip Parade, and privately owned land, such as the Hazelwood Village car park.

The large pole decorations are stored at Council's depot and depot staff bring them out to Churchill each December and secure them in place. Over the years, CDCA has managed to accrue quite a number of these festive decorations and, even allowing for the disposal of older, broken ones, there are now sufficient numbers to have them displayed across the town centre, although not enough for every light pole!

You might say "well why doesn't Council just buy the decorations for Churchill directly?" but the problem is that the two central shopping centre car parks are privately owned, and Council cannot be buying things for private entities. But CDCA can!

You can find out more about the work that CDCA does by coming to one of our meetings – you would be very welcome. Check our website for dates, or look for our advertisement in the September edition of the News.

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.



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Latrobe Community Health Service diabetes support a "game changer", says Gippsland mother of three

Did you know women who experience gestational diabetes are 60 percent more likely to develop type 2 diabetes within 10-20 years?

Larni Franchetto was told this could be her fate after being diagnosed with gestational diabetes with all three of her pregnancies.

"With my first pregnancy, it was not until I underwent the standard glucose test that I was told I had gestational diabetes," Larni said. "Prior to that test, there were no signs

or symptoms of diabetes for me, it was certainly out of the blue."

Her knowledge about diabetes was very limited, only having experienced it with her grandfather.

"I knew my grandfather had diabetes and it meant he could not eat cake, but that was the extent of my knowledge on the subject. Back then it was not really talked about and I had no idea what caused it or what my body was doing wrong."

After getting through all three pregnancies with gestational diabetes, Larni's GP told her she was at

risk of developing type 2 diabetes within 10 years. Like clockwork, Larni received her diagnosis 10 years and four months later.

She was referred to Latrobe Community Health Service, a game changer according to Larni: "My diabetes educator suggested I join their support group straight away, which was an eight week program.

I not only learned so much about my diabetes, but I was in a room with 10 other people just like me for the first time ever. It made me feel less alone. I have been seeing LCHS diabetes educators for almost 20 years now and I will never stop."

It has been a big learning curve for Larni, but she is grateful to the LCHS team for guiding her through it.

"I have had to change my diet, my physical movement and begin taking daily medication – the mental load is massive – but I am grateful to have a very supportive team around me," Larni said.

Our diabetes educators work together with LCHS dietitians, podiatrists and Larni's endocrinologist to provide her with the best care possible.

"Living with diabetes is hard, but with the right support you can manage," Larni said. "If you are newly diagnosed, please do not wait to get help! Join a support group, see a diabetes educator and ask all of your questions.

Knowledge is power when it comes to diabetes."

For more information about LCHS diabetes support groups or education sessions, phone 1800 242 696 and ask to speak with a diabetes educator.

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than a century and our highly skilled workers are the ones best placed to lead the transition to renewables.
 Other areas of advocacy, as informed by the people of the Latrobe Valley, include health; funding for roads; community infrastructure; police and emergency services; and industry and employment.

In a bid to learn more about what matters most to Latrobe Valley residents, I have introduced a new series of events called Coffee with Cammo. Every Friday, I visit cafes across the region to chat with you about your concerns, aspirations, and goals for our great Latrobe Valley. If you would like to learn more or

As we reflect on the first half of 2023, I am happy to share some of the priorities that have shaped my first six months as your elected member in the Victorian Parliament.

The cost of living continues to be raised as a major issue for people across the Latrobe Valley, and we continue to fight for regional Victorians who are suffering because of chronic under-funding by the State Government and increased taxes on jobs, schools and rents. Homelessness in the Latrobe Valley has increased 85% in the last five years to 2021, and some of our most vulnerable continue to slip through the cracks. Our local homelessness support services do a power of work, but they are on their knees and crying out for help. Constituents continue to report vacant properties across the Latrobe Valley, some of which have been built by Homes Victoria for social housing – yet they are incomprehensibly sitting empty while people are sleeping on the streets. I have written to the Minister for Housing several times to report vacant properties and request urgent action, but I am yet to receive a response. I will continue to pressure the state government to address the homelessness crisis sweeping our region as a matter of urgency. The untimely shutdown of the timber industry, the end of white paper production at the Maryvale Mill, and the impending closure of coal-fired power stations means our region is facing an unprecedented jobs crisis. Unemployment in the electorate of Morwell is already nearly twice the state average, and we need real action and investment now. I have questioned the state government about its claim that the State Electricity Commission will be brought back to Morwell and create 59,000 jobs. In the recent Budget, there was no funding allocated for an SEC office in Morwell and the Minister would not disclose how many jobs would be created in Morwell. Our region has powered Victoria for more

Churchill & District News

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Waterpolo team competes

Latrobe Valley Waterpolo Association's Women's Team has returned from competing in the Victorian Country Championships at Geelong. The girls played valiantly all weekend but were unable to convert their hard work into a final's berth. Ria Crutchfield did a great job as coach, and was supported well by Cheryl Mason who captained the side.

Normal training for waterpolo is held at the Churchill Pool on Sunday afternoons. Junior training is held at the same time.

Editorial

There can be no doubt about the high level of interest by Churchill and District residents in the development of the central business district. However, where do we go from here? Council unanimously agreed to commission a report to look at the range, sustainability, profitability and access of retail business in the shopping precinct.

The report will also look at the 'practicality and desirability' of including a hotel in the business precinct.

Hazelwood House Happenings

The residents enjoyed a day out fishing at Port Albert. However, the only fish that were biting on the day were sea weed fish which had to be thrown back! The residents attend tenpin bowls once a fortnight, joining four other aged care facilities for a social game of bowls followed by afternoon tea.

Saturday breakfast

Our Saturday Breakfast, ably organised by Keith, who cooks great porridge, had as its guest speaker, Jo Whitelaw, Welfare officer at Churchill Primary School. Jo explained her role and the various programs put in place at Churchill Primary School for the benefit of the students. A lively discussion

with many questions followed her talk.

Hazelwood Rotary News

The past month has been extremely busy for the Rotary Club of Hazelwood with a number of activities associated with the bushfires at Toongabbie, some major fundraising activities as well as plans for a project in Fiji and preparation for District Conference at Phillip Island.

As a result of the club's involvement with the Toongabbie community a follow up project ensued with the Rotary Club of Berwick donating hay to some of the residents in that area who had lost their hay in the fires. Members of the Rotary Club of Berwick met up with Hazelwood Rotarians and delivered hay to grateful families while taking the opportunity to see firsthand the devastation caused by the fires.

Go Club Golden Oldies

The "Go Club" is a friendship group that meet every week to enjoy the company of other people in a friendly atmosphere. There is no age limit, it is available for male or female people who are looking to have some time out in the company of others.

We have a variety of activities you can enjoy. They are cards, bingo, rummykin, craft or sit and chat, all followed by a "cuppa". We have entertainers, bus trips, and various theme days.

Churchill Newcomer!!

"Churchill?" I stared at my husband. "What is there in Churchill?" Meaning, selfishly, what is there for "me" in Churchill. We had been renting for two years and were now looking to buy in an area both liveable and affordable. "Only one way to find out," was the answer, so we drove through the rolling hills of Gippsland to Churchill.

First priority, a library. Ticked that one off quickly. Next, a writing group.

"Neighborhood House," the helpful librarian suggested. "Just across the road in the Leisure Centre." Leisure Centre? I thought, warming already to the idea of moving to Churchill. Heated pool, gym, aerobics, within a few minutes I was there, welcomed by the Coordinator, Christine, and given information and brochures on all the various activities. "Hope to see you here next term" she smiled. "I'm sure you'll enjoy the classes." The shopping centre had everything we needed, so the next step was to buy a house with views of the Jeeralangs and within walking distance to all facilities.

By February we were settling into our new home and I was ready to sign up with the Writing Group at the Neighborhood Centre.

Town Planning

Our meeting was largely taken up with discussion of Latrobe City's draft structure plan for Churchill. This important document sets out planning zones for Churchill's future development. It includes some possible re-zoning of areas that are currently undeveloped. Churchill and District Community Association has provided a response to the draft, including a number of recommendations regarding zoning around the central activity district, town entrances and land use, roadways and the continuing development of Churchill's green belt.

We have also recommended that extensive public consultation be conducted prior to major developments being considered by Council. After all comments on the draft structure plan are received, a final report is prepared for Council's consideration.

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Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Churchill, my home away from home

My name is Ruth Bor, I am Dutch, but since 2004 I have lived in the middle of outback France/Europe. People sometimes ask me how it came to be that I live in this "no-where". There are several practical reasons, but there is only one reason why I felt at home immediately: it feels and looks like Churchill!

I was nine years old in July 1966 when my parents and I left Naarden, The Netherlands, to live in Australia. We initially lived in a hostel in Melbourne, but soon moved to Morwell where my Dad taught at Morwell High School under Mr Ivan Maddern. We first lived with a family on Holmes Road, Morwell and after several weeks we moved to our own house at 15 Fraser Crescent, Churchill.

One day a wooden sea container with our furniture arrived and my Dad built a garden shed with it – and a swing for me. As he had to work, my swing did not progress fast enough to my liking so I tried to finish it on my own. I cut myself very deeply with a chisel and had to be taken to hospital. It was quite a fuss as we did not own a car, but one of our neighbours took my Mom and I. Mary Brown sometimes came to play, she was a bit younger than I – and also Carol Wharfe, who was a bit older, and they were very impressed by my bandage.

Everybody around us started to make a lovely garden, but my Dad first planted lupins all over the place to nourish the soil. We were not used to the Australian climate and the very little rain, so it was not a success. I remember it had not rained for months when suddenly and finally a storm broke. We all came out of our houses to run and dance in the streets. It was such great joy!

Going to school in a bus was new for me: I walked to school in The Netherlands. Once the bus did not come and I loved the walk to the Hazelwood South School. Mr Fred Cox was the Head Teacher. School children saw koalas in the gum trees on the way to school. Recently Margaret Guthrie of Churchill informed me where the school was located: off the eastern side of Monash Way, north of Glendonald Road.

With Dad off on his bike, to Morwell High School all day and me at school all day, my Mom felt lonely. She obtained a job as a postal worker and delivered letters in Churchill by push-bike. The letters were delivered to John Koedijk the milkman's home, as Churchill at that time did not have



a post office. Coming from a flat country, the slopes in Churchill were very tiring for her. On completing her letter deliveries, she would run to the bathroom to lie down on the cool tiles to cool off!

I have no idea where we purchased our groceries, but I do remember the Churchill Shopping Centre opening after a while. Uncle Ian and Aunty Winifred Jones from Yinnar, became friends with my parents and I made friends with their daughter Susan. The Jones' opened a shop in the original West Place Shopping Centre. We were so proud and thankful they wanted to help Churchill become a success. That was "grown up" talk of course, but I did get the importance of the occasion.

Oh, I can go on and on – there are so

many very fond memories. We had to move back to The Netherlands after a year, as my Mom became increasingly ill. After returning, my Dad and I missed Churchill, until my partner and I found this spot, a

very nice substitute. My parents Gurth Bor and Sjoerdje Bor-Sterken (Sue) eventually came to live with us. All three have passed away and sometimes I think: "what if I would visit Churchill?" But I am too afraid of two things: ruin a beautiful memory – or wanting

to stay, which is not allowed anymore. The photo is Sidiailles, France - bringing back memories of Churchill every day.

Below: The Bor name on the memorial wall near the Churchill Town Symbol



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“Crazy Rich Asians”

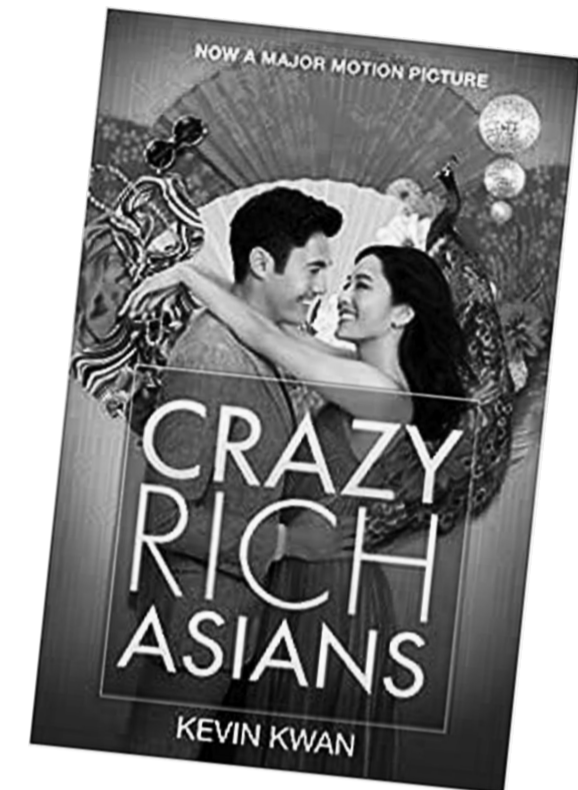
by Kevin Kwan 2013

Kevin Kwan is a 50 year old Singapore-born American novelist, the youngest of three boys born into a high profile family. He studied at an Anglo-Chinese school in Singapore then at Clear Lakes High School in Texas when his family moved to America. He attained a Bachelor of Arts in Media Studies from the University of Houston then attended Parsons School of Design in Manhattan to pursue a BFA in photography. In New York he worked for various magazines until he established his own creative studio in the year 2,000. In 2018 the Singapore Ministry of Defence stated he is wanted in Singapore for not doing his National Service, which attracts a hefty fine. In 1994 his application to renounce his Singapore citizenship was rejected. This novel is loosely based on his own childhood in Singapore.

The story begins with a comical scene in London in 1988 when a bedraggled Chinese family attempts to book into an exclusive hotel. The racist manager tries everything to deny them entry but after the family make a couple of phone calls the owner arrives to inform the manager that the Chinese family now owns the hotel. The family take great pleasure in telling the manager that he is no longer welcome there.

The story then goes forward to 2010 in New York where we meet Nick Young and Rachel Chu, both professors at New York University, who have been dating for a couple of years. Nick is the heir to a vast fortune in Singapore, where he has grown up, but he is humble and does not overtly display his wealth. Rachel was born in Mainland China but has grown up in America, the daughter of a single mother who owns a successful Real Estate business.

Nick has been asked to be Best Man at a friend's wedding and he asks Rachel to accompany him to



Singapore to meet his family and although they have never discussed marriage the trip has certain connotations. Rachel is nervous because she knows nothing of Nick's family and is ill-prepared for the wealth and opulence she witnesses. She is also unprepared for the vicious and spiteful treatment she receives from Nick's family and those women who would like to marry either themselves or their daughters to Nick.

Nick is so busy with wedding preparations for the “wedding of the year” that he is unaware of what is going on, but luckily for Rachel she has been able to catch up with a friend from New York, Piek Lin, who now lives in Singapore with her family, and they are able to give her care and support. However the relationship between Nick and Rachel is damaged.

After the wedding Nick and Rachel decide to get away on their own to the family's summer house, only to find Nick's mother and grandmother are already there. They make it very clear to Rachel that she will never be allowed to marry Nick. It is also revealed that his mother has hired a private detective to investigate Rachel's family,

and Rachel is told hurtful lies. There is a family falling out and Nick contacts Rachel's mother to try to sort things out. The ending is inconclusive.

This story is a satirical look at the Asian jet set, focusing on the traditions and customs of Chinese living in Singapore. Those who are classed as “old money” left China before Communism and took with them their family wealth, heirlooms, jewels and so forth, often maintaining their businesses in China, but not overtly showing their wealth, which is considered vulgar. In their view, marriages are designed to increase the family's wealth. Lower down the social scale are those with “new money”, such as Rachel's friend Piek Lin. They display the fruits of their labour and enjoy an opulent lifestyle. In both instances families are very close-knit, but it was clear that the children who had been sent to London and New York to study were drifting from some of the traditional values held by their families in Singapore.

The story left us wondering if Nick would marry Rachel or would he return to Singapore and his family inheritance. The book was hard to get into, partly because there were so many characters and the family trees of the three major families were overwhelming.

Foot notes were useful in explaining the foreign words used in the book but they interrupted the flow of reading. Many of us had seen the film and the general opinion was that it was funnier than the book, even though there were many humorous passages in the book.

John Flynn (1880-1951) Presbyterian minister, founder and superintendent of the Australian Inland Mission of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, was born in Moliagul, Victoria. He became a pupil-teacher with the Victorian Education Department and in 1901 was a temporary head teacher at Hazelwood South State School.

In 1903 he began training in Divinity at Melbourne University graduating in 1910. While working at the Church home ministries, to help finance his studies he became increasingly interested in working with the people of the inland. It was for that reason in 1910 he wrote ‘The Bushman's Companion’ a book containing a handful of hints for outback living, first aid, as well as hymns, prayers and Order for Service.

By now a number of things had concreted Flynn's ideas to work with people of Australia and by 1910 he volunteered to work at Dunesk Mission at Beltana in South Australia. This mission had begun in 1884 so the gospel could be promoted in South Australia. In 1912 a survey by the Church in the Northern Territory was undertaken and the most appropriate man for the job was John

Flynn who was given two challenges. First one was to investigate the needs of the local aboriginal and the needs of white settlers starting at Darwin. Flynn investigated the land and its resources, the people and their way of life, the hardships they faced, spiritual needs and made recommendations about the work that needed to be undertaken across the continent.

That same year the report was presented to the Church and it was received with great enthusiasm. The

John Flynn



John Flynn

Church appointed Flynn as organizing agent of a special home mission area. Flynn began to establish his mantle of safety. Months later the name Australian Inland Mission was given.

By 1918 nursing hostels had been established at Oodnadatta, Port Headland, Broome and Halls Creek.

In the following years the Inland Mission continued to grow.

Flynn had been dreaming of an aerial medical service that would connect the people of remote Australia with medical assistance.

Flynn campaigned for 10 years before his dream became a reality when long-time supporter Hugh McKay left a large bequest for an aerial experiment.

About the same time Flynn met Hudson Fysh, the founder of Qantas. They agreed to operate an ambulance service from Cloncurry which began in 1928.

Flynn was always thinking of ways for better communications for people of Central Australia. Flynn sought help about wireless technology.

By 1928 pedal power used by only one person was being used to transmit messages. Soon the radio and air ambulance were saving countless lives.

In 1935 it was decided that medical services and pedal wireless be transferred to a separate organization known as Flying Doctor Service of Australia, later to become the Royal Flying doctor service.

Flynn continued to work hard to establish new patrols and services and in 1939 was elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church

In 1951 John Flynn died in Alice Springs. Flynn's ashes were scattered at the base of Mt. Gillen just outside Alice Springs at his request, and in 1953 his grave was completed. A memorial Church in Alice Springs was also built and opened in 1956.

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Churchill North Primary School



Churchill Primary School



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre



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We welcome you to... Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School



Lumen Christi Primary School

After a year of fundraising, the Rotary Club of Hazelwood, at their July meeting, decided where these funds would go.

On Wednesday July 19, members delivered funds to Churchill Neighbourhood Centre for their Food Bank, and to the three primary schools of Churchill-Churchill, Churchill North and Lumen Christi for children who may need assistance to go on excursions and incursions, Churchill & District News for the writing competition

and for production of the paper.

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood also supports Gippsland Disaster Fund, Polio Plus, Rotary Centenary House behind the hospital which supports people with accommodation undergoing their six weeks of cancer treatment at the hospital. There are thirty-one rooms. It has expanded over the years when nine was the limit. Also supported is Cleft Palette which is for children needing that facial correction. Wheelchairs for Kids is

supplied with the funds to purchase one new wheelchair each year.

Traveller's Aid has also received money because it is run entirely by volunteers who will help disabled people to be transferred from trains to the taxi rank to go to medical appointments.

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New playground equipment for Yinnar



Additional playground equipment has been unveiled at the Yinnar Recreation Reserve much to the delight of many youngsters who have given the thumbs up to the new items.

contribution by the Reserve Management Committee and its user groups. Coming in just over a total cost of \$20,000.00, the project included new playgroup equipment, installation of 'soft fall' mulch underneath all play equipment and a high pressure clean, great job Archie Mills, of the whole precinct including the BBQ rotunda and public seating.

Management members Don Barnes and Gordon Lont and a range of locals enjoying the new equipment.

The project was made possible by the Latrobe City Council Minor Capital Works Community Grant, plus a sizeable added

The project was delivered entirely by volunteers, with special thanks to Peter Fox, Kevin Young, Gordon Lont, Ken Hutchinson, Trevor Linton, and Don Barnes. Pictured at the unofficial launch was Latrobe City Council South Ward Councillor Melissa Ferguson, Committee of



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Hazelwood Cemetery

by Leo Billington

Past Trustees - an explanation



Cemetery trusts serve the community by providing cemetery services and maintaining public cemeteries. Trusts are ultimately accountable to the Minister for Health and are responsible for the conduct and performance of the cemetery trust.

members of cemetery trusts were known as Trustees. Since then, Trustees became Members. This change was necessary because a cemetery trust is different from a discretionary or unit trust - used for tax planning or similar, including asset protection for beneficiaries;

and established by a trust deed. Historically, Trustees were generally selected as representatives of religious denominations. For instance, for the Hazelwood Cemetery, four denominations were Church of England, Anglican Methodist - Wesleyan, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic.

Trustees mainly concerned themselves with clearing the land, erecting some fencing and pegging and marking graves. It seems that by 1888, it was decided to employ a Sexton.

By 1890, there were five denominational sections - the four named above, plus a section marked Free Ground, for pauper graves.

During the first 100 years, other Trustees included:

- George Firmin - appointed in April 1887.
- Andrew Donaldson
- Alphonse Nadenbousch
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- William Murdoch
- Jeremiah Ryan
- Robert Alexander Hedley
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- Donald Shaw
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- John Edwin Lowe
- William Neal Shaw
- Arthur Martin
- Archibald Walter Webster
- Frank Donald Kelly
- Walter Fraser Morrison
- Kevin John Lovell
- Michael Joseph Ryan
- Jack Huxtable - appointed in June 1981.

has had seven secretaries. The first was Charles Pitt Nind who proprietor Morwell (Gazette), followed by J B Miller, then Henry William Gay (who conducted an agency business), Arthur Holden (Morwell accountant), James Bush secretary for 26 years, Sue Culliver 15 years and Gayle English 20 years.

These days, appointment of Cemetery Trust members is approved by the Minister for Health, for a term of up to five years.

Since its inception, Hazelwood Cemetery Trust



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Friends of Morwell National Park clear up the tracks

July Activity Report

For the activity we had Matt, Ken, Tamara, Beryl, Caitlin, Anita, Gordon, Mike W and Darren. We had apologies from Joelle, Graeme, Mike B and Cathy. Mike W was back for his second activity and Gordon, Caitlin and Ken joined us just for the morning meeting.

We met in the car park and were greeted by a cold but fine morning. The meeting was quick since

there was very little to update the team about. Matt reported that a new species of fungi has been identified in the Park.

A quick meeting was good since moving was far better than standing still.

The day's task was track widening around Stringybark Track.

The group decided not to take the chainsaw since with no vehicle access, all equipment needed to be

carried by hand. Carrying brush cutters and fuel would be enough. The group divided with Matt, Tamara, Rose and Mike W going to the shed to collect brush cutters, safety equipment and fuel.

Beryl, Anita and Darren walked in with their tools. Caitlin travelled with them before diverting for a leisurely walk around Foster's Gully.

The two groups met up at

the beginning of Stringybark Track. The beginning of the track required only a little work but the vegetation thickened as we approached the top end of Stringybark Track where the bush fires burnt four years ago.

At this point Matt and Tamara used the brush cutters to widen the track while the rest of the group removed the debris.

The group worked up Stringybark Track across

the top of the hill and down the return leg until we encountered a tree down across the track.

Walkers can still travel under the fallen tree. This provided a spot to have our lunch break.

After lunch we cleaned up the remainder of the return leg of the track.

There were a number of smaller branches removed and the brush cutters were used in multiple locations to

widen the return track.

It is great to see healthy regrowth after the bushfires.

August Activity

Sunday August 20, at 10am

The group will meet in the Kerry Road car park to complete track maintenance.

You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.



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Strzelecki Koala

What to do with a sick, injured or dead koala.

The pictured koala is healthy and does not need human help. It is alert, happily sitting in a tree and ready to escape if it feels threatened. It has clear eyes and clean fur. Its' bottom is light grey to grey in colour.

If this koala was unwell or injured, it would look and act differently.

The signs of a sick koala that people should look for are stated on the South East Queensland Wildcare site, (wildcare.org.au 21/7/23). This site lists the characteristics of a healthy koala and compares these attributes to those displayed by a sick or injured koala.

Here are the things to look for if you suspect a koala to be sick:

Coat: Brown, sparse, coarse or tufted appearance. Hair loss. Scaly encrusted skin. Any signs of wet fur which might indicate saliva from a dog.

Body condition: Hollowness between rib cage and pelvis. Pelvic bone and spine easily discernible.

Demeanour: Unresponsive. Able to be approached closely.

Eyes: Crust formed over eyes. Inflammation around the eye. Pus forming in the eye.

Vent and rump: Wet Bottom. Dark stained bottom (brown colour).

Position: Sleeping on the ground. Sitting at the base of a tree for a period of time. Does not move away when approached.

Mouth and nose: Drooling, discharge.

Breathing: Open mouth breathing. Panting, laboured or noisy breathing.

Report to wildcare.org.au Pictures of sick koalas can be seen on the internet. Search for "Symptoms and Signs of Illness in Koalas/ Koalas in the Clarence Valley" for some excellent examples.

It is not normal for a koala to stay in the same tree for many days. Usually koalas roam during the night to food trees and find another tree to rest in during the day. If you observe a koala not moving around its range, you should contact a wildlife carer for advice.

Contact the following if you ever need assistance with a sick or injured koala and other injured wildlife:

Wildlife Victoria's emergency contact number 84007300

Trent (Namaste Wildlife Shelter) 0409 346 714

These skilled wildlife carers will guide you as to what to do and hopefully will come and assist the koala or animal themselves.

In Victoria it is illegal

to hold a koala. According to Save the Koala it is "illegal to catch, transport or interfere with a koala unless it is in distress and in need of human assistance."

It is best to not handle the koala yourself as the koala's stress will increase. A koala especially a sick or injured one, needs quiet and specialised handling.

Only if a sick or injured koala is in danger, like being hit by a car again, should the animal be moved.

Unfortunately, car strikes are a big killer of our country's iconic animal. Always drive carefully in koala known areas like Churchill, the Jeeralangs and surrounding areas. South Gippsland, the Strzelecki Ranges and even seaside places like Seaspray are koala spots.

If you see a koala that has been injured by a vehicle do the following:

When a koala is injured by a car, park the car safely and contact a wildlife carer or Wildlife Victoria. Put the car's hazard lights on to warn any approaching traffic. Only attend to the koala if it is safe to do so. Do not put yourself in danger.

If it is necessary to move the injured koala because it is in further danger or because you are instructed to do so, approach the koala carefully from behind. Wrap the body and cover the head with a blanket, towel or an item of clothing. Light reduction, helps to keep the koala calm and less stressed. Covering the koala helps you to support the koala easily and not touch the koala's fur. It also protects you from the frightened koala and its' sharp claws and teeth.

Take the koala to a safe place. Keep the koala covered and ensure that other people keep away and are quiet.

Always ring a wildlife rescue service for assistance and guidance. If you are instructed to take the koala to a wildlife hospital or veterinarian clinic, the koala must travel inside the car and definitely not in the boot.

Veterinarians have a duty of care to look after injured wildlife. Wildlife carers are certified and specialists in wildlife care. savethekoala.com

Even if the koala is dead, contact the wildlife services or local wildlife carer.

Scientists and researchers are collecting data about the Strzelecki Koala and other koala populations.

They record and analyse information about locations, diseases, causes of mortality, body condition, age and DNA. Some koalas may be ear tagged and part of a



scientific study.

It is really important for female koalas to be checked for a joey.

Searching the pouch and removing a joey requires a specialist who knows the appropriate technique. So please ring the numbers previously listed to record the dead koala and get the assistance needed.

It is still very important to contact Wildlife Victoria or a local wildlife carer when a dead koala is found on your private property.

The Strzelecki Koala Team Action group is recording koala locations on

a Koala Map. Contact <https://strzkoala.Australianmap.net> / This map records sightings of live, injured or dead koalas, koala scats and other important data relating to the Strzelecki Koala. Send location and information to anthony.amis@foe.org.au .

Dog Attacks

If you see a koala that has been attacked by a dog, contact the local carer or wildlife group because the koala will require medical help.

According to savethekoala.com site the sharp teeth of a dog can pierce the insides of a koala

since "koalas have little fat under their skin". The koala will be examined and treated by a veterinarian.

Tell the veterinarian the place where the koala was found. This information will enable the healed koala to be released in its home range.

How can we help the Strzelecki Koala

Let others know about the Strzelecki Koala and its genetic diversity.

When driving be alert and careful, especially at night when koalas are moving to their feed trees.

Always restrain dogs. Protect, maintain and

plant koala habitat.

Join a group that is promoting the Strzelecki Koala's protection and welfare.

Contact local councillors and politicians about the need for further protection of the Strzelecki Koala and support for more scientific research.

Remember that because we live in an area where koalas live we have a responsibility to do everything in our power to ensure that the Strzelecki Koalas are safe and receive proper medical attention when they are sick or injured. savethekoala.com



STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



Space Exploration

Ever since man exercised his curiosity, space has been an object of wonder to him. For most of the history of man it has been an unattainable goal, a place where there were so many hurdles to overcome to get there that it seemed an impossible dream. However, over time, and with critical breakthroughs in a number of areas of science, the goal was reached.

The first hurdle was how to get off the ground and keep going up. Then we had to calculate how far we had to go. Climbing there was not the answer because there was no mountain high enough. Climbing a very high mountain also revealed a new problem. There is less air to breathe the higher you go so you would need to carry enough air with you to last the journey there and back.

The next step up was the invention of the balloon filled with a gas that was lighter than air. Also, we had invented air carriers for working underwater which could be used for ascending as well. The man to reach the greatest height in this way was the Swiss physicist, Auguste Piccard. He made several flights using hydrogen-filled balloons lifting pressurised gondolas. In 1934, using a magnesium gondola he reached a height of 10.9 miles (17.4 kms) but was not able to escape the stratosphere.

The next path to be tried was to use a rocket. It would have to be large enough to carry a pressurised capsule to carry a passenger and their air supply. It would have to have a supply of a fuel powerful enough to get the rocket and its payload out of

the upper atmosphere and to get it back again.

The Germans developed rockets to use as weapons in World War II. They developed fuels to power them and were able to build them large enough to carry a payload. After the war, the same scientists were used by Russia and the USA to upscale the size of the rockets to carry a payload big enough to carry a person and all the necessary engineering into space and get them back to Earth again. The first space flight by Yuri Gagarin saw the realisation of that dream.

The next step was to get them somewhere and bring them back. Neil Armstrong and his crew did this in 1969 when they reached the moon, our closest neighbour in space, 384,000 kilometres away. A long way away but in the immensity of space, only

a short step. The planets in our solar system that we can visit are millions of kilometres away and we had to develop a measurement to measure how far away the

nearest star is to us. This is Alpha Centauri, 3.2 light years away. If we launched a rocket today capable of reaching it, the crew would die before they reached it.

Will we ever get there? Possibly, but it will take a lot more breakthroughs yet.



Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: Acacia boormanii

Family: Fabaceae (was Mimosaceae).

Derivation:

Acacia: From the Greek, akazo, to sharpen, or akis, a sharp point, referring to the sharp spines on many African species, where the genus was defined back in the 18th century.

boormanii: Named after J.L. Boorman (1864?-1938), a botanical collector who accompanied Maiden, who described the species.

Common Name: Snowy River Wattle.

Distribution: Found in Victoria and NSW along the upper reaches of the Snowy River and its tributaries. Common in low, open forest on rocky slopes and sandy stream banks, in dry or well-drained moist soils.

Description: An open, slender or bushy, suckering shrub to 4m tall with a 3m spread. Foliage consists of blue-green (silver when young), soft, straight, narrow-linear phyllodes to 8cm long and 3mm wide, with a short oblique point and a small gland near the base. Flowers are perfumed, bright lemon-yellow balls to 8mm in diameter, with up to 10 along a 3cm long axillary raceme, appearing in July to October. Pods are buff-coloured when mature, curved and up to 9cm long and 6mm wide.

Opinion: This is an update of a report that was first written in July 2008, with the original photo taken on July 27, 2007. The Purple Coral Pea on the fence is long gone and the shrubs that are now planted alongside have all reached maturity and are significantly confining the wattle, still in its original position and suckering happily. Obviously the wattle is now also mature and would be about 5 or 6 metres tall. I include a current photo from roughly the same angle for comparison and a close-up shot of the flowers. Otherwise, the original opinion requires very little

alteration!

Although there are plenty of other plants flowering at this time of year, none of them stand out as much as this one. It just glows! My plant is growing on the western boundary fence where it gets plenty of light and is visible to anyone passing by on the main road.

Right now it is hard to miss, with its brilliant yellow flowers catching the eye, even from some distance away and even at night, with the nearby streetlight bouncing off it.

It is not the original plant, which died some years ago, but is now multi-trunked from suckers that have sprung up from remnant roots.

More young suckers appear at regular intervals, some are left to grow as they will, but if they're in the wrong spot or growing in the wrong direction, out they come.

The flowers provide more than a visual display, too, readily apparent as you wander around the garden



nearly. The perfume is quite aromatic, that typically Australian bush scent, pleasant to some, not so to others. For example, I quite like it, but the rest of the family keep complaining about the cats that keep weeing all over the place!

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

Sources: Costermans- Native Trees and Shrubs of South-Eastern Australia Simmons- Acacias of Australia, Volume 2.

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Cooking with Noelene

Lamb shanks with tomato, white wine and white bean mash



A great winter dish. You will need 4 lamb shanks. Heat 4 tbs of rice bran oil / canola oil in a large pan that will fit the shanks in one layer. Fry shanks until brown all over then transfer the shanks to a plate. Now add 2 peeled and chopped onions to the pan along with 2 capsicums trimmed and sliced and cook till tender. Lightly oil the bowl of your slow cooker. Place the shanks into the bowl along with 2 bouquet garni. In a separate bowl mix together 1 and 3/4 cups of dry white wine, 1/4 cup of balsamic vinegar, 4 tbs of minced garlic, 4 tbs of dried rosemary, 500 gm of cherry tomatoes. Add the liquid and tomato mixture to your slow cooker with the lamb shanks. Season with cracked black pepper. Cover your slow cooker and set on high for 6 hours. The meat will be falling from the bone. To prepare the white beans drain 2x 400gm cans of white beans and place in a saucepan with fresh water, bring to the boil until the beans are heated through, drain and lightly mash, retaining some texture (not pureed). Season with a little sweet paprika. To serve, scoop a ladle of the warmed beans into each bowl and top with the lamb shanks and a little sauce.

Honey spice roll



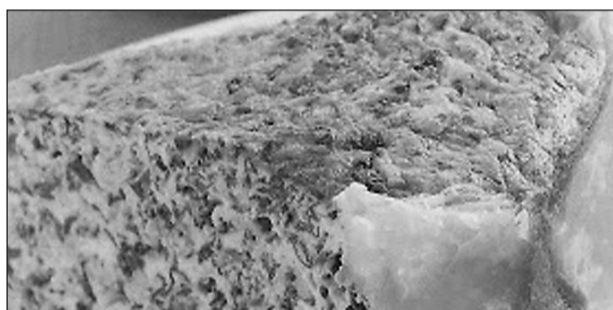
Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Mix together 30gm of butter/marg in a small bowl with 1 dsp of grated orange rind and 1/2 cup of honey. In a separate bowl mix together 1 cup of plain flour, 1 tsp of baking powder, 1 tsp of mixed spice, 1/2 tsp of ground cloves and fold in the butter, honey and orange rind mixture and 1 well beaten egg, 1 tbs of milk, 2 tbs of granulated nuts and finally 1/2 cup of chopped mixed peel / sultanas. Place in a greased nut loaf pan, making sure the lids are greased, and only half fill the roll pans and place vertically in the oven to cook. Bake in the preheated oven for 55 minutes. Remove from oven, leave in roll pan for 5 minutes before removing. Serve sliced with butter/ marg. Delicious.

Classic carrot loaf



Preheat your oven to 160 deg C. Place 2 cups of self raising flour in a bowl with 1 tsp of bi carb of soda, 1 tsp of nutmeg and 1/2 tsp of salt. Stir in 1 cup of raw castor sugar, 1/2 cup of chopped walnuts and 1 and 1/2 cups of grated carrots. In a separate bowl beat together 2 eggs, 3/4 cup of rice bran oil / canola oil and 225ml of evaporated milk. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and using a wooden spoon, mix well to combine. Turn into a well greased 23x 12 cm (9x5 in) loaf pan. Bake in the preheated oven for 90 minutes or until when tested with a skewer, the skewer comes out clean. Let the loaf cool in the loaf pan then remove and wrap in foil and store in the refrigerator for a couple of days before slicing, and spread with butter or covered with a cream cheese, butter, crunchy peanut butter and icing sugar topping.

Apple and lemon cake



Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Grease and line a 22cm springform pan. Place 200gm of plain flour in a medium sized bowl along with 1tsp of baking powder, 2/3 rds cup of castor sugar, 3 well beaten eggs, 3 tbs of melted butter/ marg, 1/3 cup of milk, the grated zest of 1 lemon and finally 1/2 tsp of ground nutmeg. Now using your electric beaters, beat until thick and creamy. Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Now peel, core and slice 3 pink lady apples and arrange them in a circular pattern on top of the batter. Place the cake in the preheated oven for 1 hour. Check after 50 minutes and cover with baking paper to avoid burning the apples. Cake is cooked when a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean. Remove the cake from the oven and let it cool slightly before releasing it from the pan. Dust lightly with icing sugar. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Salmon and spinach quiche



Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Combine 210 gm can of red salmon (drained and mashed) with 250 gm of sour cream, a small bag (300gm) of baby spinach leaves (finely chopped), 4 eggs lightly beaten, 100gm of tasty grated cheese, 2 tbs of dried chives and a good sprinkle of cracked black pepper. Mix gently to combine. Line a 20 cm flan pan that has been greased and lined sides and base with 2 joined sheets of pre made puff pastry. Pour in the quiche mixture and bake for 35 minutes or until firm to touch.

The Manor coleslaw carbonnade



First thing to do is slice 1 kg of chuck / round steak into cubes. Then place the cubes in a bowl and coat with 40 gm packet of dried French onion soup. Set the mix aside. Trim and slice 1 capsicum into a bowl with a trimmed and sliced zucchini. Set aside. Next peel and chop 1 onion and place in a warmed pan with 2 tbs of minced garlic and 2 tbs of oil (canola /rice bran oil). Fry until tender. Now add the coated beef cubes, tossing through the onions until sealed and browned. Turn off the heat and pour over 3 tbs of balsamic vinegar and stir in the chopped zucchini and capsicum, with a sprinkle or 1 tsp of dried chilli - your choice. Set aside. Next step place in a large bowl the 500gm of coleslaw mix and mix through the enclosed mayonnaise packet. Add 300gm / 200gm of bacon pieces, 1 cup of rolled oats, 2 tbs of soft brown sugar, 1 and 1/2 cups of water, 375 ml of beer. Mix to combine. All that is left to do is to mix all the ingredients from all the bowls and pour into your well-oil sprayed slow cooker bowl. Cover and cook on HIGH for 5 hours or until beef is tender. Serve with a steamed mixed grain combination or a rice dressed with chopped parsley. Just saying this is delicious.

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Councillor Melissa Ferguson

Sometimes we can reflect on history to understand our modern times also. I think this speech by Caroline Chisholm and summary from an academic paper can speak for where we are in current times too:

Caroline Chisholm's story is integral to the development of the gold rush affected areas of Victoria from 1855-1865. On every public occasion, she spoke eloquently and with authority:

'May the frightful and sorrowful position we are in induce us all with one spirit to co-operate in bringing about a more credible state of things. Let us cast aside all party feeling or class interest. Let us retrench, economise, and abandon the idea that getting further into debt will clear us of our difficulties.

Let us be wise in time and give to our people a fair scope for their activity, a wider and more wholesome range for their energies, and we shall soon become a happy, contented people. We have become a nation of consumers, instead of producers. We must alter our system if we wish to recover our character.' (Swann 1925, p. 56-57)

"This powerful speech is not, as it may sound, the pious pontification of a contemporary politician who wants only to rouse votes to ensure continuing office.

On the contrary, it is the heartfelt and insightful pleading of arguably Australia's greatest humanitarian in the nineteenth century. It is part of an impassioned hour-long speech at a public meeting in Melbourne reporting on her finds from visiting the diggings. As a personal social practice in a social setting of Chisholm's own making, it can also be seen as a form of public pedagogy (Giroux, 2004)."

I applaud the Boolarra Community Development Group for hosting their recent NAIDOC ball, and donating the proceeds directly to the cause of increasing the literacy skills of our Indigenous people, to empower them. This is a ground level roots effort to help.

The only true effective charity and work is where people decrease division via charity to make a true difference at the local level. Thanks to the great work of Gilbert Douglas and Margie Mackay co-Artistic Directors based in Boolarra in the Latrobe Valley, whose work truly encompasses the meaning of community.

It was also great news that the grant was awarded to fix the drainage and turf of the second oval at Gaskin Park Churchill. Much needed works for many years now.



Planning continues for all other needs and fixes at Gaskin Park in the background by council officers. With us all eager to see it take shape over the remainder of 2023 to 2024.

Congratulations also to the Yinnar Recreation Reserve on their new playground equipment.

We are all excited also to see the Churchill Town Symbol shining again and many thanks to the Churchill and District Community Association for their advocacy towards this. A lighting policy is being developed at council and when this reaches the vote for councillors, I can express the wishes of the community on the colour lighting.

There is so much happening in our ward and my gratitude goes out as always to all the local volunteers humbly making a difference every day.

Mathison Park



Due to the continual amount of rain we had been receiving, it was decided to try for a working bee on the first Saturday of July instead of the second as usual. The late notice unfortunately did not reach some of our regulars, but those it did worked solidly from before 9am until 1pm. Bruce was there with his son and the excavator which helped by digging holes, pulling out tree stumps, clearing weeds and loading soil. What a lot of manual work was saved by their generous support in time.

Reg and Jim had their trailers and 4W drive vehicles. These volunteers are worth their weight in gold.

The other volunteers had gathered the mulch, tree stakes and guards, fertiliser and ties. It was a great team

effort which resulted in twenty trees being planted. The weather was cold but warmed a little as patches of sunshine were interspersed with light showers. We were glad we had made the effort.

During the week the Interchange crew came and many of the new trees were mulched.

Following our meeting on the first Tuesday of July a second working bee was planned and executed. Two trees were planted, a pipe was put under the top paddock pathway where a

spring had caused a large leakage problem, and weed mat around the oldest trees in the arboretum was pulled out or away. This is a task to be completed for the next working bee.

The Interchange Crew came on the next Thursday and 12 trees were planted. The following Thursday they mulched around the newly planted trees. All in all it was a very productive month's work due to the volunteers and the Interchange Crew. Many thanks to you all.



Housing Estate on Philip Parade

All of a sudden houses are being built and lived in on this new estate. A

playground is established. People are starting to landscape their gardens.

It is starting to look like a thriving settlement.



Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Saturday June 24, 2023- Monthly Medal
A Grade T. Webb (9) 80
71 - Medal Winner
B Grade M. Harvey (19)
98 79
C Grade W. Sutton (28)
100 72
Scratch T. Webb 80
DTL R. Welsh 72 B. Mathieson 72 G. Beyer 73
Mamun 73 A. West 74 C. Sterrick 74 D. Ellwood 75
C/B R. Vesty 75 C/B
NTP 3rd. J. Armstrong
12th R. Dent
Putts G. Sanders 27
Birdies 3rd. D. Byers R. Vesty 12th D. Burrige
Saturday July 1, 2023 - Stableford
A Grade A. Auld (20) 36
B Grade B. Kilday (27)
33
DTL J. Sanders 35 B. Barnes 32 R. King 31 M. Hutchinson 29
NTP 5th T. Webb 12th Mamun 14th L. Anderson
Birdie 4th R. King
Monthly Medal Tuesday

July 4, 2023 - Stroke
Scratch S. Caldwell 104
Medal Winner S. Caldwell (22) 82 nett
Putt L. Brent 28
Saturday July 8, 2023 - Foursome Championships 27 Holes
Winners D. Byers/A. West 108
R/Up T. Sterrick/B. Barnes 109
DTL A. Auld/B. Kilday 116.5 Fortune/A. West 116.5
D. Cluderay/G. Sanders 120
NTP 12th I. Fortune
Tuesday July 11, 2023 Stableford
Winner S. Caldwell (22) 27
Saturday July 15, 2023 - Stableford
A Grade D. Cluderay 72
B Grade B. Kilday 72
DTL G. Beyer 73 G. Sanders 74 L. Anderson 75
W. Sutton 75 D. Byers 76 c/b
NTP 3rd. Warro. 12th T. Sterrick. 14th Batman
Birdies 12th. R. Madigan

Tuesday July 18, 2023 - Stableford
Winner J. Sanders 31
R/U M. Hutchinson 26
NTP 3rd. S. Turner 5th. S. Caldwell.
Stableford Saturday July 22, 2023
A Grade Winner : I. Fortune 12 37pts
B Grade Winner : P. Bolding 24 36pts
C Grade Winner : W. Sutton 27 32pts
D.T.L : 1. R. Dent 34, 2. D. Buridge 34, 3. G. Beyer 33, 4. D. Byers 33 5. J. Sanders 32, 6. P. Flanigan 31
C/B, 7. R. Welsh 31 C/B
N.T.P : 3rd J. Armstrong, 5th R. Dent, Pro-Pin 12th R. Dent, 14th G. Beyer
Target Hole : R. Dent
Stableford Tuesday July 25, 2023
Winner: S. Duff 9 33pts
D.T.L : C. Gilfillan 22 31pts, I. Duncan 12 30pts
N.T.P : 3rd S. Duff, 5th J. Cahill, 14th S. Turner

Latrobe Health Advocate

By Jane Anderson

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

I am pleased to share with you some of the terrific experiences and celebrations that took place during NAIDOC Week in Latrobe Valley. As Latrobe Health Advocate my team and I had the honour of participating in various events that embraced the rich culture and heritage of our First Nations people. I would like to take a moment to reflect on the inspiring activities that unfolded throughout the week.

During the NAIDOC celebrations organised by Gippsland Water, it was a privilege to witness Tre Moffatt, a representative of GLaWAC, perform the smoking ceremony and share his wisdom with us. His words resonated deeply, reminding me of the profound connection our First Nations people have with the land. It was an important reminder to acknowledge and honour the traditional custodians of our home.

I believe in fostering cultural understanding and respect within our community. Events like these provide an opportunity to recognise the significant contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and learn from their ancient wisdom. By embracing their heritage, we can work towards building a more inclusive and sustainable future for all.

One of the highlights of NAIDOC Week was the vibrant community day event held in Morwell. The atmosphere was fun, filled with unity, cultural exchange, and a strong sense

of belonging. People from all walks of life came together to celebrate and learn from one another. The joy on the faces of the children was priceless as they ate popcorn and made their very own damper. They also had the chance to explore the world of Aboriginal art through face painting, showcasing the colours and patterns of the Aboriginal flag.

Leaving the event, I felt inspired and grateful for our incredible community. Honouring and supporting Indigenous culture is not limited to NAIDOC Week; it is something we should embrace every day. Together, we can create a society that values diversity and promotes inclusivity.

I appreciate the work and efforts of the organisations and individuals who made these events possible. The Gathering Place, Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency, Anglicare Victoria, Latrobe Regional Health, and Gippsland Latrobe Aboriginal Advocacy and Support all played a role in organising and supporting the NAIDOC celebrations.

I would also like to acknowledge the leadership demonstrated by Gail Mounsey and her team at Latrobe Regional Health. The NAIDOC celebration held there was a poignant tribute to our elders, exemplifying the theme of the week.

The presence of Aunty Sylvia Parsons, the hospital's first Aboriginal Liaison Officer, was deeply moving and a testament to her contributions to our community. The overwhelming participation of the staff group, filling the



entrance foyer, spoke volumes about Latrobe Regional Health's commitment to working alongside the Aboriginal community and improving health and wellbeing outcomes for all.

As the Latrobe Health Advocate, I am committed to continuing our support and appreciation of Indigenous culture, not just during NAIDOC Week but every day. I believe that by fostering cultural understanding, respect, and unity, we can build a healthier and stronger community.

As part of my role, I prioritise the experiences of Latrobe communities and advocate for changes in systems that can improve their health and overall wellbeing.

My focus is on reaching out to those who are often not heard and giving them a voice through a platform that can bring their aspirations and concerns to the attention of the government and services. I strongly encourage governments and services to prioritise community input in the design and delivery of programs.

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

You can also keep up to date with my work through Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. I look forward to hearing from you in the coming months.



Lions Club of Churchill

The Lions Club of Churchill held its Change Over dinner in July at the Churchill Hotel, with outgoing President Lion Geoff Brick passing on the Gavel to incoming President Lion Robin King. He will lead the club in the 2023/2024 year, assisted by Secretary Meagan Young and Treasurer Lion Peter North, along with the rest of the newly elected Board.

As well as continuing with all the current Lions and community projects, Lion President Robin's priorities are aimed at increasing Club membership and continuing the work which the Club does in the local community.

On the project front the winter months are always a quiet time for the Lions Club, and in the

colder weather a number of our Lions members have departed to the warmer weather up north.

The good news is that the Club will once again be holding the Churchill Community Fishing & Fun day on Saturday November 25 this year, with planning well on the way and lots of exciting activities already locked in.

There will be activities for everyone to participate in, and good food provided by the Lions Club.

The Fishing & Fun day is a low cost day for the whole community to come out as a family, mum, dad and the kids to one of the Larobe Valley's most beautiful places - Lake Hyland, Mathison Park, Churchill. Come along to fish and have

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

If you do not know how to fish or rig up a fishing rod, there will be plenty of people to assist and teach you how to fish and about the rules and regulations. The day is about being outdoors together as families having fun together with others in the community.

There will again be some really great prizes to be won. To be eligible for prizes children must be registered and must be present at close of fishing to collect them. All children who register will also receive a free sausage and drink.

What's On in Latrobe City

Ladies Fun Day at Yallourn Golf Club

Yallourn Golf Club - Golf Links Rd Newborough
20 Aug 2023, 9:00:am -
20 Aug 2023, 5:00:pm
03 Sep 2023, 9:00:am -
03 Sep 2023, 5:00:pm
10 Sep 2023, 9:00:am -
10 Sep 2023, 5:00:pm
24 Sep 2023, 9:00:am -
24 Sep 2023, 5:00:pm

Mid V's Pop-Up Monthly Indoor Market

Mid Valley Shopping Centre
04 Aug 2023, 9:00:am -
04 Aug 2023, 5:00:pm
01 Sep 2023, 9:00:am -
01 Sep 2023, 5:00:pm

You're invited to Mid Valley's monthly indoor market showcasing the finest local produce, crafts and more from Gippsland and surrounds.

For more details and stall applications visit: www.midvalleyshoppingcentre.com.au/market/

Join our Facebook group for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/midvalleymarket/>

Find out more at: www.midvalleyshoppingcentre.com.au/whats-on/

Winter Orchid Show at Mid Valley

Mid Valley Shopping Centre
72-82 Princes Drive, Morwell
18 Aug 2023, 9:00:am -
19 Aug 2023, 5:00:pm

The Winter Orchid Show is coming to Mid Valley for 2 days only!

- Friday 18th August
- Saturday 19th August

Experience a colourful exhibition featuring an incredible range of cymbidium, Australian native and top-class exotic orchids.

- Potting demonstrations.
- Meet & greet with knowledgeable members of Gippsland Orchid Club.

- Q&A sessions.
- Orchid sales.

Located in Centre Court near Cotton On Mega.

Junior Golfers ready to Play?

Yallourn Golf Club - Golf Links Rd Newborough
20 Aug 2023, 11:30:am -
20 Aug 2023, 2:00:pm
03 Sep 2023, 11:30:am -
03 Sep 2023, 2:00:pm
24 Sep 2023, 11:30:am -
24 Sep 2023, 2:00:pm

Get Bizzy Microbusiness Incubation Workshops

Traralgon Library
Wednesdays 23 and 30 August; 6 and 13 September 2023 from 5.30pm to 8.30pm

23 Aug 2023, 5:30:pm -
13 Sep 2023, 8:30:pm
Got an idea for a business? Express your interest for our new Get Bizzy program.

Aimed at young people aged 18-25, Get Bizzy will introduce basic business concepts to turn an initial idea into a saleable workshop or talk.

The workshop series will run over four sessions. Participants will be supported to:

- Set up their business with an ABN, trading name and other business essentials

- Develop skills to facilitate their workshop or deliver their talk

- Create marketing strategies and content for their business

- Learn to quote, invoice and liaise with community services who may wish to engage them to deliver the workshop/talk

To complete the learning cycle, participants will have the opportunity to apply to road-test their talk or workshop with a friendly audience at a specially organised event.

Who should apply?

If you are aged between 18 and 25, and have an idea for a business, no matter how abstract, you should apply!

You'll be asked a series of questions upon application and based on your responses you may be invited to attend a brief interview. This interview is informal and will help us shape the program.

If you are offered a place on the workshops, they will take place at Traralgon Library on Wednesdays 23 and 30 August, 6 and 13 September from 5.30pm to 8.30pm. Your ticket covers all dates.

Accessibility Information

We take access and inclusion seriously. We are committed to making every event as accessible and inclusive as possible for all members of our community. If you have a specific access request, would like further information or want to provide any suggestions, we would love to hear from you in person at a library branch, via email to libraryevents@latrobe.vic.gov.au or calling 1300 367 700.

Victorian Teachers' Games

Various Venues across Latrobe City

17 Sep 2023, 9:00:am -
20 Sep 2023, 5:00:pm

The Victorian Teachers' Games (VTG) is a priority event for Victorian educators to participate, connect and be inspired.


The VTG is a major event on the education calendar and provides an opportunity for education professionals to participate and connect through a range of sporting, recreational/wellness and social events.

Teams of staff from within schools view the event as a unique way to build team morale and enhance staff health and wellbeing.

VTG exists to give teaching teams across the state a circuit breaker - a chance to play sport, connect with their colleagues and get away.

Become involved in the community you live in!

Are you new to Churchill and district and would like to help and learn more about your community. Churchill & District News is looking for volunteers to help with graphics arts, technology,



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advertising, reporting, proofreading and administration.

If you would like to help and are reliable and available regularly please contact Ruth 0456 786 577 or email - cdneditorial@cdnews.com.au

SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY

This new term has kicked off with a great start!

We have Mr Mildenhall working in the 3/4/5/6 class. He is a student teacher completing his final year at university. He has brought new learning techniques and has shown us

99 Maths which has been very popular.

Miss Lade has also started working with us. She has been doing a great job, spending lots of time and energy getting to know all of the students and staff. We are very happy to

have some new faces around our school.

Before the end of Term 2, we entered in the Yinnar and District winter sports with a netball team. The people who played were; Ruby M, Violet, Matilda, Ryleigh, Patrick,

Logan, Daisy, Lucinda, Gus, Sian and Sophia. We placed second. There is a basketball tournament coming up soon and we are hoping to enter a mixed and a girls team.

We are also very grateful to the Boolarra Men's Shed

who painted our breezeway. It is now looking fresh and clean. Our students and teachers are planning ways to brighten this area.

We are hoping to add some positive messages to the walls.

Our students have been

showing responsibility by picking up lost balls and rubbish in our grounds. We also had some parents come and help tidy the school grounds. Our school is looking fabulous and it is great to have everyone working together to achieve this.



Mr Mildenhall.



Callen, Scarlett and Ivy standing in front of our freshly painted breezeway.



Ryleigh and Toby cleaning our school

SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge Stage show

Foundation to Grade 2 students had a day full of play on Tuesday June 13. After a short bus trip to Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, the exciting day started off with seeing a play called Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge live on stage. The students had read the book at school and were amazed to see the characters come alive on stage. There were lots of giggles and smiles all around. At the end, the students asked questions to the members of the orchestra and got to know more about some of the instruments. Our next play happened at Victory Park. We walked there which was exciting and then ran around until we could not play anymore! Great fun was had by all.

Anastasia said she couldn't believe that one person could play so many roles and change into different costumes. Anastasia said she really enjoyed the music, and the characters could sing really good.

Seth said the bus ride to Traralgon was fun because he does not really go on buses much. Seth said Wilfred made the show funny; he was a great character, a kind person and told his story really well. Both Anastasia and Seth said the time in the park was really good, playing with friends and playing on different equipment, the giant slide, the castle and the bouncy car.

Responsible Pet Ownership
All students across the school have had a visit from Mel from Animal Welfare Victoria who

taught important information about responsible pet ownership. The students learnt about the importance of microchipping, keeping our pets happy, healthy and engaged as well as knowing the best way to be safe around pets we may meet in our community.

Dawson said Mel showed us when it is ok to pat a person's dog. Dawson said that you have to make a fist and put your fist out, then let the dog smell the back of your fist and then it's ok to pat somebody's dog. Dawson also said that you never pat a dog when it's chewing on a bone because the dog will get angry.

Melody learnt that you have to take your dog to the vet for check-ups, to make sure you have a healthy dog.

Local Community Walk
What better way to

find out what is in our local community than going on a walk. Students in Foundation and Year 1 recently went for a walk to find out what we have in our community. They visited the library where they got to see what was available there and meet the librarian. Students were amazed to see so many books. A highlight of the walk was a visit to the fire station. Students got a chance to sit in the fire trucks and squirt the hose to put out a pretend fire.

Rubie said she liked going inside the fire truck and she even got to hold the firehose and squirt some water. Rubie also loved the little kids' corner in the library.

Riley really liked it when they put the lights on in the fire truck and also enjoyed the quiet corner in the library.

Police Visit

On Thursday July 13, 3/4 M and 4/5KH came together for a visit from Jonty and Brigid from the Morwell Police Department-Pro Active Unit.

They spoke about what gear they wear while they are working and showed the students some of these items. They talked about their Police car and what sirens mean, talking with strangers online and not to share your personal details, safety online and know when you're safe or not and what to do, how old you can be before going to juvenile jail, FYI it is 10 years old and for e.g. three nasty messages could see you in trouble, fighting and not to video or encourage it, what to do to become a police officer, calling 000 and what

information you need to give out to the operator and what happens if you make a false call to them.

Ash was surprised at what the police officers had on their belts. Ash said there were handcuffs, a taser device, a baton, pepper spray and a real gun. Ash said the police officer said they only use their guns if they really have to, and Ash learnt that when the police go out on calls, they have to wear cameras so they can film the incident as evidence.

Nathan thought you had to be 12 to go to jail but learnt that the age is now 10 years old, that the taser device has 50,000 volts and that we don't have to be scared of the police, they are just normal people doing their jobs. Nathan said he would like to be a detective when he grows up.



Responsible Pet Visit- above



Pro Active Police Unit visit-to right



Community walk to Churchill Fire Brigade

SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

Gumbuya Excursion

In Term 2 our Foundation to Grade 2 students learned about growing and change during Inquiry. Students created an information report on an Australian animal of their choice as part of their learning.

They then attended an excursion to Gumbuya World to make the connection between their research and a real-life experience. Students got up close with the animals, patted snakes

and an owl, then experienced a bird flight show before trying whip cracking and cow milking. A fantastic day was had by all!

Inspirational Persons Day!

At the end of Term 2 we had an Inspirational Persons Day where students and staff came dressed as someone that inspires them. We had mums, dads, artists, musicians, sports people, teachers, students, Steve Irwin, scientists, farmers, construction workers,

pride, police, doctors, and paramedics. We even had a lunchtime concert by our very own Taylor Swift! Thanks to all families for putting in such a great effort.

3/4 Crazy Hair Day!

As a class reward for consistently demonstrating our school values of Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience, the Grade 3/4 students enjoyed a crazy hair day, with one student being very committed to his lawn mower hair design!

The End of an Era!

On the last day of Term 2, staff and students created two murals to celebrate the old administration building. The student mural was Hudson H's idea after seeing the staff mural, so he got to sign it first! Destruction of the old building began over the winter school holidays with just the building's far end and the oak tree still in place. We expect these to be gone by the end of Term 3. When the demolition is

complete, it will make room for the new basketball court that everyone is looking forward to.

New Building!

With the new term came the new administration building and we are very excited to have our new office up and running. The new building is very warm and welcoming with 'Wunman Njinde Welcome' engraved on the front desk.

NAIDOC Celebration!

NAIDOC week fell in the second week of the school holidays this year, so we celebrated upon our return to school. Staff and students came dressed in colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags and participated in NAIDOC week activities in the classrooms. Money raised through the dress up day was donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.



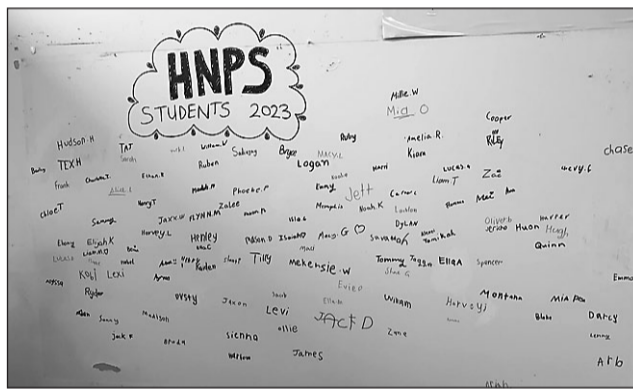
Demolition of the old administration block



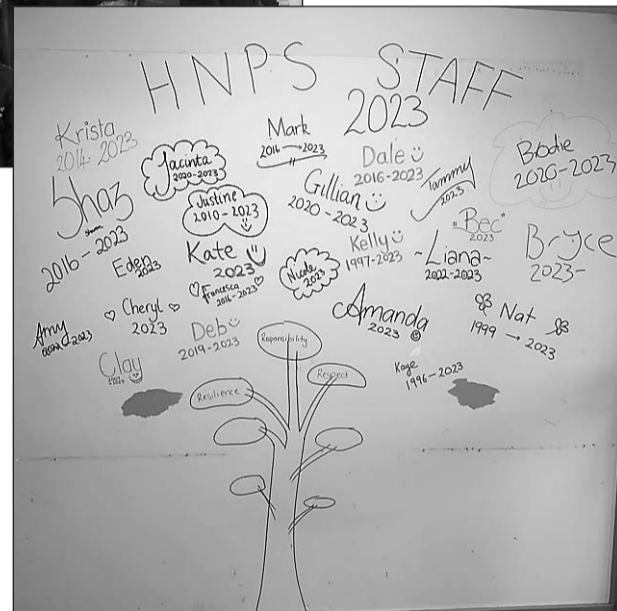
Left and above: Crazy Hair day



The new administration block



Murals of staff and students to celebrate the old building



SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

On Friday July 15, our VCE Theatre Studies class produced and performed a brilliant play called 'She Kills Monsters' at The Little Theatre, Gippsland Performing Arts Centre.

The costuming, set

design and stage craft were of an excellent standard and the performance was very entertaining to watch. Students are to be congratulated on the excellent quality of this performance. A big thank

you goes to the Performing Arts teacher Paris Ladas, and other staff members who assisted.

A special thanks also goes to Elizabeth Lynch - Berends who performed before the commencement

of the play and during intermission.

Directors: Alia Scarlett and Jazmine Sanders

Agnes: Archie Reilly

Tilly: Gabrielle Bonnici

Chuck: Max Komarovs

Lilith: Alia Scarlett

Kaliopé: Senja Sopandi

Orcus: Jay Hart

Steve: Jay Fernando

Vera/Evil Gabbi/The

Beholder: Jazmine Sanders

Miles: Eden Clifton

Evil Tina/Farrar: Kobi

Bailey

Narrator/ Bugbear #1:

William Bonnici

Bugbear #2: Billy

Wheatly

Bugbear Number #3:

Jamie Deininger

Prop Master: Lola Hill



SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

We Love Learning Auslan at Lumen Christi

This year at Lumen Christi we have introduced Auslan as our language. The children are thoroughly enjoying learning Auslan, the language of the Australian deaf and hard of hearing community.

So far, we have learnt how to sign Australian animals, questions, family signs, colours, greetings, numbers and the alphabet. There have also been

opportunities to watch books being presented in Auslan, sing songs and play lots of games and take part in fun activities as well.

We have also looked at deaf culture and how the language is structured. Learning Auslan is a great way for the children to embrace diversity and work on being inclusive to all.

The students pictured are signing "I love Auslan."



Children practicing Auslan

SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY

Lego Education 5/6's

Recently, the school has invested in Lego Education kits to support students with their understanding of coding.

These kits have required students to plan, construct and test their builds which has been lots of fun for everyone.

NAIDOC Week

written by Judd and Jess NAIDOC Week is a time

to celebrate and acknowledge the Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islander people. We thank them for sharing the land with us. We had special guests come to our schools and do a smoking ceremony to heal all the wounds and sadness.

To heal ourselves we walked through the smoke and pushed it into ourselves. We did a lot of activities around NAIDOC and our

favourite was the whole school collaborative artwork. We also did an Aboriginal hall of fame activity and a Dreamtime story that we got to recreate with masks.

Yinnar Staff Netball Team

This year the Yinnar Primary School staff entered a netball team into one of the local competitions. The team comprised of players with varying abilities, ranging from never having played

before to very experienced players.

By engaging in this physical activity, our staff members demonstrated the importance of challenging oneself, embracing new experiences, and persisting through setbacks.

Through their participation, they exemplify the idea that learning and personal development are ongoing processes

that require effort and determination.

Research indicates that when teachers and school staff model dedication and resilience this can inspire students to adopt a growth mindset, understanding that their abilities can be developed through practice and perseverance.

This not only fosters a positive attitude towards challenges but also

encourages students to embrace new opportunities with enthusiasm and courage.

The netball competition was a wonderful opportunity for our school staff to come together, support one another, and celebrate the values of growth mindset and resilience that we strive to instil in our students.

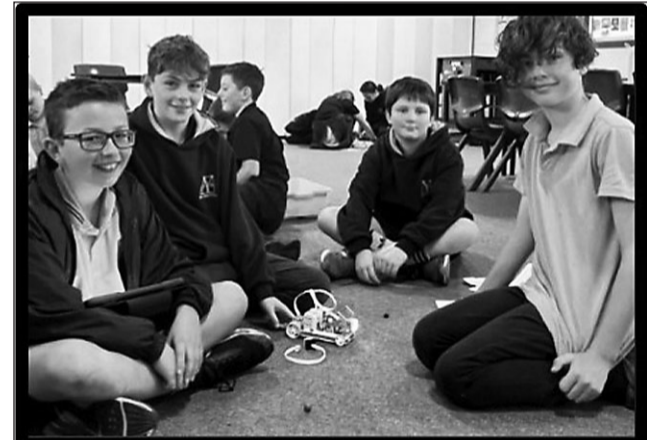
Well done team!



Lego Education Alexandra, Tayla, Alish and April



Lego Education Ash, Lachy, Sebastian, Paddy and Dusty



Lego Education Quade, Henry, Jarry and Sonny



NAIDOC Week Smoking Ceremony



Yinnar Primary Schhol Staff Netball Team

Rose Garden Festival to bloom in Morwell

Latrobe City Council Mayor, Kellie O'Callaghan joined Friends of the Morwell Rose Garden in launching this year's International Rose Garden Festival Morwell.

Now in its sixth year, this free community event has become a highlight on the events calendar, attracting people from all walks of life who enjoy taking a stroll and enjoying the wonders of the garden's 4000 roses.

The annual event, held on November 11 and 12, attracts thousands of visitors to the region and plays an important role in increasing the region's local tourism offering, providing economic stimulus over the weekend.

Mayor Kellie O'Callaghan expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming festival.

"We are thrilled to launch the Rose Garden Festival Morwell, showcasing the beauty of roses from around the world. This festival will be a feast for the senses, uniting horticultural enthusiasts, families and visitors in celebration of nature's most cherished flower," said the Mayor.

"The Rose Garden Festival offers an opportunity for community and visitors to immerse themselves



in the splendour of the Morwell Rose Garden, which is renowned for its meticulously manicured and exquisite rose collection.

The volunteers have been busy pruning the garden's roses in readiness for them to be at their blooming best come November. The Friends of the Rose Garden volunteers play a key role in ensuring the gardens are expertly maintained and presented, allowing them to be enjoyed by all."

It is not just the roses which take centre stage during the two day event,

the much-loved Night Light Show returns, bigger and brighter thanks to the ongoing support of AGL Loy Yang.

"We are excited to be bringing this beautiful garden to life after dark again this year. Our community partnerships throughout the Latrobe Valley are a significant part of AGL Loy Yang's operations, and I know that our large workforce is proud that we play a leading role in an event of this calibre," said Christo van Niekerk, General Manager AGL Loy Yang.

"We have increased our investment this year in the festival's Night Lights display, and we're very much looking forward to seeing the local community and visitors enjoying an illuminated garden and new entertainment."

Community and visitors are invited to enjoy all that the two day event has to offer, including special guest ABC Gardening Australia host and crowd favourite Costa Georgiadis along with new event attractions 'An Evening with Costa' and the option to travel to the event

on the Saturday by Heritage Steam Train from Melbourne or Pakenham.

Take the time to smell the roses as you enjoy the stunning displays of exquisite rose varieties, enjoy live music performances amidst the picturesque gardens, children's activities including Sunday's live performance 'The Grubby Bucket Show' with Costa the Gnome and scrapboy from dirtgirlworld, food stalls, delicious treats from the Country Women's Association Morwell Branch and the night light display

in the gardens. Entry to the festival is free, ensuring accessibility to all members of the community. Visitors are encouraged to explore Morwell and its surrounding attractions, making it a weekend of discovery and leisure.

Keep up to date by visiting the International Rose Garden Festival Morwell website www.irgfm.com.au and subscribe to the Festival newsletter. Tickets are now on sale for the Festival Steam Train via the Festival website.

The event has been made possible thanks to the support of the Victorian Government's Regional Event Fund and AGL Loy Yang.

To recognise Remembrance Day, a minute's silence and reflection will occur at 11am, with the day commemorated through a range of children's activities and artwork displays featuring red poppies. The garden will be illuminated at night on Saturday and Sunday as part of the light installation supported by AGL Loy Yang. For more information about the festival, visit the International Rose Garden Festival Morwell website www.irgfm.com.au

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