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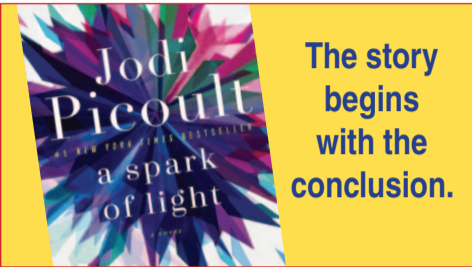
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"Bigger and Better" Shop Local Winter Market



"Bigger and better!" That's what folks said about our latest Shop Local market, held on Saturday August 26, at the Churchill Shopping Centre.

True to the theme of a Winter Market it was a grey, cloudy morning and a bit chilly at 8am as stall holders set up and volunteers set about their tasks. However, no rain fortunately and no wind to speak of.

Churchill Fire Brigade cooked up lots of free sausages for shoppers at West Place, while Latrobe Valley Neighbourhood Watch cooked more snags at Hazelwood Village

and, upon request, fitted anti-theft number plate screws to vehicles. A big thank-you to the volunteers of both groups and applause for Woolworths Churchill for supporting our BBQs.

We had free chocolates to hand out, thanks to the Churchill Reject Shop, free biros, thanks to Federation University Gippsland Campus, and free fruit, thanks to Woolworths Churchill.

There was also over \$300 of free shopping vouchers given out to randomly selected Saturday morning shoppers.

Churchill & District Community Association covers the face value of these vouchers so that no retailer is out-of-pocket for these giveaways.

There were plenty of market stalls to browse, friends to say hello to and free entertainment for shopper's enjoyment.

Thanks to Bryce our musician whose covers are very popular and Merrin the Fairy, our children's entertainer.

A special thank-you to Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and volunteers for arriving early to do the registration and

sign-in for stall-holders and to the team at Churchill & District News for their support for the Churchill - Shop Local campaign.

We are delighted that market stall-holders return each market day and look forward to seeing everyone again at our next event, which will be our Christmas Market on Saturday December 2.

Keep an eye on our Churchill Shop Local Facebook page for more information closer to the date or check the October edition of the Churchill News.

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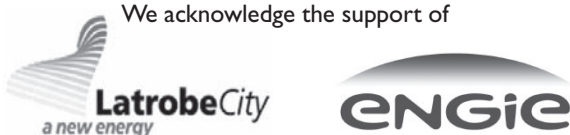
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Marinus Link coming to Tramway Road

A project, known as Marinus Link, to construct a below sea and land bridge linking electricity from NW Tasmania to Victoria is currently in its design and consultation phase. Guest speakers at CDCA's AGM held last month gave an outline of what this project entails.

Marinus Link is expected to quadruple power transmission capacity between the States and bring 1.5 GW of renewable energy, from Tasmania's hydro-electricity generation, to the electricity grid along the east coast of Australia. Surplus energy from Victorian generation will be able to be stored in Tasmania.

Cabling under the seabed across Bass Strait will enter Victoria at Waratah Bay. Cabling in Victoria will be underground too, although "joining stations" will be required between Waratah Bay and the end-point in Tramway Road. These are required to connect lengths of the cable and to do the horizontal directional drilling that will be required to lay the cabling.

Both the Victorian and Tasmanian Governments are involved in funding this project, along with the Commonwealth. The aim is for construction to begin in 2025, once all approvals are granted, probably by the end of 2024.



A new facility for the Marinus Link project will be constructed on Tramway Road, linked to the existing power terminal close by. This is in addition to the Wooreen Battery project to be constructed on Tramway Road by Energy Australia.

The required High Voltage Direct Current cables are not manufactured in Australia and there is significant competition for purchasing, as more and more countries move towards renewable energy projects. Tenders for the required cabling for Marinus Link have already been put out to specialist manufacturers in Europe and Japan.

It is estimated that, during the construction phase of Marinus Link, some 1400 direct and indirect jobs will be created.

Once completed, it is likely that only a handful of permanent staff will be required, although there will be an on-going need for tradespersons to attend to maintenance and shutdowns.

Modelling suggests that once Marinus Link is up and running, electricity costs will go down due to trading between States based on

cheapest generation in the market at the time. Victoria is likely to see most benefit from this project as the State moves away from brown coal and sufficient renewable electricity generation is still in development.

CDCA often has guest speakers attend our meetings. This is in addition to some of our more regular guests, such as Sgt Atkinson from Churchill Police Station.

Sgt Atkinson attended our AGM and provided a brief verbal report on local policing matters.

Also, Councillor Melissa Ferguson attended and gave an update on several issues CDCA has raised with Council, while our Council Liaison Officer, Kathleen Roberts tabled some forthcoming Latrobe City events information. We heard too from Nathan Brown, Manager of Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, about the scale of the community assistance being provided by the Centre and plans for new undertakings in the near future.

At our AGM we dealt with the usual business of tabling Annual Reports fairly quickly, as these reports are

circulated via email prior to our meeting, ensuring sufficient time for members to peruse content.

Kathleen Roberts acted as our Returning Officer for Committee elections. The results were perhaps predictable – it is the same Committee for the year ahead as it was last year!

The CDCA Committee has some concerns that, without new membership recruitment and fresh faces on Committee, CDCA will continue to shrink, and eventually, as members continue to age, decline to its complete demise. A proposal to spend a future meeting on a recruitment strategy for CDCA was met with some enthusiasm by members.

CDCA will meet on the second Thursday of every second month during the 2023-24 year. Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday October 12, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall – park and enter from Philip Parade.

All local residents are welcome to attend our meetings. You can join as a member by attending one of our meetings, or download our membership application form from our website and send it to us.

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.



Churchill Rainfall

With August being our last month of winter, the rainfall as shown from the data was really on and off here in Churchill.

A total of 21 out of 31 days had rainfall, with the day that had the most amount of rain being Wednesday August 23, with a whopping 12mm of rainfall.

The majority of the days were close with practically nothing, leaving the rain gauge dry, or had a measly .5mm.

The day that had the second largest amount

of rain was Saturday August 19, with 9mm of rain.

Rain at Hazelwood South

For August, Hazelwood South only had 47.5mm of rain, which is a disappointing 16.5% below average. The ground water is low for this time of the year.

In contrast the Latrobe Valley weather station only had 25mm

making Hazelwood South 87% wetter.

For the year of 2023, Hazelwood South is now 11% below average, in that time the Latrobe Valley weather station had 19% less.

The blustery westerlies have brought more rain to the hills than the bottom of the valley. In summer the westerlies reduce, and it will be hot and dry everywhere, with high fire danger.



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Fiddlehead Fever

The tiny township of Yinnar in Central Gippsland, home of inspiring community music makers the Strzelecki Stringbusters, played host to over 500 people from across the state and the local area, who converged for a musical picnic, music-making and singing workshops, and a concert, bringing their voices, instruments and passion for making music together.

Tribute Paid

Member for Morwell Russell Northe, last night paid tribute to those impacted by the Black Saturday and January bushfires which affected the Gippsland region in 2009. Mr Northe spoke in Parliament about the third anniversary of the fires.

"Today is the third anniversary of the catastrophic Black Saturday bushfires and it is a time for reflection as we remember the 173 lives lost, along with the many other Victorians who were impacted by that terrible event.

Prior to Black Saturday, Gippsland experienced the Delburn complex of fires in late January 2009 which destroyed many homes and assets in and around the Boolarra and Yinnar district, and those communities are also in our thoughts today."

Gippsland medical student

Sam Alexander is riding on horseback from Victoria to Far North Queensland, a journey of over 5,000 kilometres to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Starting in Healesville, east of Melbourne, Sam will follow the Bicentennial Trail through Victoria, the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales and Queensland, before finishing in Cooktown, around 300 kilometres north of Cairns.

Northe's Natter

I had the pleasure this month of officially reopening the Grand Ridge Rail Trail

which runs from Boolarra to Mirboo North, and it is great to see the work that has been undertaken to restore this marvellous track after it was severely impacted by the January 2009 Delburn Complex fire.

The two 66-metre steel span bridges which have been installed along the trail as part of the fire recovery project look magnificent, and I pass on my thanks to all those community members involved in its re-establishment.

Art for older people

Monash University is running a series of art workshops for older people in communities in the region affected by the 2009 bushfires. The workshops are taking place in five locations across the Valley, photography in Churchill, drawing in Boolarra and Callignee, pottery in Mirboo North, and printmaking at the Monash campus in Churchill.

National Youth Science Forum

Local resident Scott Marriott was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hazelwood to attend the January 2012 National Youth Science Forum, which is the only program in Australia that offers students currently in Year 11 the chance to experience and learn about a wide range of universities and careers in the sciences and engineering.

Morwell National Park snakes

During our February working bee at Billys Creek, we gathered together for lunch at the top side of the Potato Flat. John drew my attention to a snake basking in the grass behind the blackwood trees. I went across immediately and took some photos of the snake, first with my telephoto lens and then got closer and used the macro lens. It was a very dark snake, but proved to be a copperhead.

Churchill gardening group

There are always the never ending jobs to do like weeding, mulching, preparing beds for upcoming plantings of vegetables and flowering plants, with continuation of planting of winter flowering bulbs such as anemones and ranunculus. Daffodils, probably the most widely grown bulb, need no introduction. A beautiful terracotta pot full of daffodils is a sight worth seeing.

Gum leaf quilters

Approximately 500 people came through the door of the auditorium at Monash University to experience the Quilt and Craft Exhibition. There was a total of 189 exhibits on display, and twenty-four stall holders in attendance, displaying, demonstrating and selling their crafty goods.

Don Di Fabrizio honoured

At the Bendigo Bank Gippsland Business Awards, held in August, much to his surprise, Don Di Fabrizio was inducted into the Gippsland Business Awards Hall of Fame. After many years of hard work in Morwell and surrounds, first with a company which sponsored him to come to Australia to work, then with his own business in partnership with his brother, Don received this award eighteen years after he retired due to ill health. Those eighteen years have not been idle years with much community volunteering being undertaken by Don, and those willing helpers who never seem to refuse Don's requests for help.

Don's induction into the 2012 Gippsland Business Awards Hall of Fame means he joins other Gippsland businesses which have been recognised.

International Basketball

Latrobe City, with the Churchill Leisure Centre, is hosting the 2012 Oceania Pacific Youth Basketball Championships in November. The event will attract 16 teams from Australia and across Oceania including teams from Tahiti, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, Guam, New Zealand and Samoa. 200 competitors will call Churchill home for the duration of the event, being accommodated on-campus at the Monash University Gippsland Campus.

Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: Pomaderris elliptica.

Family: Rhamnaceae.

Derivation:

Pomaderris: From Greek poma, meaning "lid or cover", plus derris, meaning "a covering of leather or skin", referring to the membranous valves of the fruit.

elliptica: From Greek ellipticus, meaning "having the form of an ellipse".

Common Name: None.

Distribution: From the northern coast and ranges of NSW, southwards into Victoria and west as far as the Brisbane Ranges, and also in Tasmania, usually on granitic soils.

Description: A small to medium shrub, with spreading to ascending branches, up to 4m tall with a 3m spread. Leaves are up to 9cm long x 4.5cm wide, narrowly elliptical to ovate, mid-green and hairless on the upper surface, whitish and hairy underneath, with prominent venation.

Flowers occur in springtime and are small individually, but they form in hemispherical or pyramidal terminal panicles to 12cm across, pale yellow in colour, and are profuse and conspicuous.

Opinion: This is another plant consigned to history at this point, having died of what I think was old age. Over the last two or three seasons it became progressively thinner in canopy, some outer branches died back and main branches began splitting in the junctions, so I was eventually forced to remove it completely. It was probably two decades old when it died and was about 4m tall and wide on the western wall of the house.

Possibly it was a bit too warm and dry for it, as an understorey forest species, over summer, but it had shade and protection from the taller plants growing on the boundary fence.

Over the years, several seedlings had germinated in the garden around it, some of which I successfully transplanted into pots, but

none have survived to this day. I am hoping and waiting for another seedling to pop up, to continue this species presence in the garden.

Seems a bit chancy, you may think, but Pomaderris species are notoriously difficult to propagate from either cuttings or seed and I have tried many a time to get various species going, including this one, with absolutely no success in my imperfect conditions.

The best I have ever done is with a Velvet Pomaderris that struck from one of several dozen cuttings, survived to about 30cm in a pot for a couple of years, was planted in the garden, grew to about 60cm tall over the next couple of years, then dropped dead just as it was about to flower for the first time. Rats! No others have even come close to surviving for that length of time.

The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley



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

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Sharr - WA Plant Names and their Meanings.

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New Chaplain at Fed Uni



My name is Bec Hayman and I recently started as Fed Uni's new Chaplain, taking over from the Reverend Frank Lees. Like Frank, I plan to be on campus two days a week each Tuesday and Wednesday.

I grew up in Sale but went to Melbourne to go to university and ended up living there for more than thirty years. However, Gippsland always felt like home so we were happy to settle back here at the beginning of 2022, when I was ordained in the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland to work at St Mary's in Morwell.

I remember visiting the Churchill Campus as part of a high school excursion

back in the 80's. Today it feels bigger, more restful and more beautiful than my recollections. There appears to be a bustle about campus as students have returned post pandemic.

Part of my role is to work with the well-being team to translate the bustle into a sense of community, where students feel like they belong.

Some of the international students were surprised by the coldness of the winter and the local Cooperating Church responded with a supply of jackets, gloves and beanies. These were very popular. The beanies in particular were a big hit - thanks to the knitters!

Co-Operating Church Snippets

Church service August 6 at Boolarra

The service at Boolarra was taken by Dr John Morgan. His sermon was on the Transfiguration. He spoke of Jesus leading Peter, James and John up a high mountain. There, Jesus was transfigured, his clothes shining whiter than any bleach on earth could make them (whiter than Persil laundry detergent!) Moses and Elijah appeared, talking with Jesus. A bright cloud covered them all and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!' Dr John talked of how Moses

community again, and Jesus' Spirit is also with us today.

Dr John also shared with us his experience of being at a church service in 1968, on the top of Mt Tabor traditionally believed to be the mountain on which the Transfiguration took place. During that service, the sun suddenly shone through the windows into the church, filling it with light. It gave him a deeper understanding of God as the source of light.

We shared communion together, and after the service we shared a lunch of soup and toast provided by Robern and John.

George Telford took the second service for

to the Gospel reading for the day of Jesus walking on the water and Peter going to Him, then being overcome by the storm and falling into the water, calling Jesus to save him.

Jesus would have been disappointed at Peter's lack of faith.



is representative of the Law and Elijah is regarded as chief of the Prophets. Jesus is the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets. Dr John also pointed out that Jesus did not stay on the mountain, but went down into the

Don't you think that is exactly what happens when we disappoint Christ? That his hand is always there to pick us up again and get us going? Yes, we are weak and foolish but it matters not. Love comes to save us, despite our best efforts to often disappoint. But Peter was only saved when he called out to Jesus that he wanted to be saved. It is the same for us. We cannot simply disappoint and go on our merry way. We have to ask Jesus for his help, his forgiveness and his love. Jesus' example is what we need to follow, hold out a hand in love.

Boolarra Church Service Sunday August 20

The August 20 service at Boolarra was taken by Robern Lubawski. Her message was taken from Genesis 45: 1-15, where Joseph revealed himself to his brothers who had sold him into slavery many years earlier. Since that time, Joseph had risen to be second-in-

life. Joseph said, 'It was not you who sent me here, but God.' God is able to use all situations in our life for good, and He is with us wherever we are.

After the message, one of the hymns we sang had the words 'Where you travel, I will be there', describing both God's relationship with Joseph, and also God's relationship with us.

We shared the communion together, and after the service we shared a cuppa together.

August 20 at Churchill was taken by Cathie. The Gospel reading was about the Canaanite woman who begged Jesus to heal her daughter. His refusal was to test the Canaanite woman's faith, and prepare the way for the Gentiles, all non-Jews, to be included in God's salvation.

God has chosen all people, different people at different times; all of us outside the story. Our challenge is to see God in every person as made in God's image, especially those different to us. We should listen and learn from all with the eyes and heart of Jesus.



the month and his theme was disappointment. He explored all the types of disappointment we experience then concentrated on the disappointment the brothers of Joseph felt when they realised that their Father Jacob had made a special coat for Joseph. He seemed to love him more than his other sons. This disappointment led to anger, jealousy and treachery. When disappointment leads to jealousy and anger, it is almost certain that action will take place.

Then George referred

command in Egypt under Pharaoh. Joseph said to his brothers not to be distressed or angry about selling him into slavery, because it was God who sent him ahead of them to preserve



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Book Review

"A Spark of Light"

By Jodi Picoult 2018

Jodi Picoult is a well-known American writer and producer who has published around thirty novels and short stories. Approximately forty million copies of her books have been sold and they are translated into thirty-four languages. She was born in Nesconset, New York on 19/5/66 and now lives in New Hampshire with her husband and three children. She graduated with a Creative Writing Degree from Princeton University then did her Masters Degree in Education at Harvard University. She is known for writing about controversial and moral issues.

Of necessity, the story begins with the conclusion. Teenage Wren is reunited with her father Hugh after he has negotiated with a gunman who has been holding hostage at gunpoint the people within a Women's Health Clinic in Mississippi.

Hugh is a highly respected policeman and negotiator and he has raised Wren as a single parent. Their relationship is very close, and when the hostage situation begins he has no idea that his daughter is inside. Wren is there with her Aunt Bex, Hugh's sister, because her relationship with her boyfriend is becoming serious and she wants advice about birth control. Aunt Bex had intended to wait for her in the car, but because of the protesters that heckle the women as they enter the clinic she has decided to come with her.



Joy is at the clinic recovering from an abortion and Rachel, one of the nurses has escaped the clinic and raised the alarm. As the situation unfolds we learn the back stories of those in the clinic, with many surprising revelations.

Outside of the hostage situation we learn the story of Beth. She is an unsophisticated girl who attended a party with a girlfriend and was the victim of rape. She lives far from the clinic and had to raise the money to have an abortion. As there are time constraints on how far her pregnancy

A gunman, George Goddard, has burst into the clinic and shot dead the clinic owner and a nurse and wounded the doctor. The doctor, Louie Ward, comes to the clinic four times a month on a rotational basis, finding working in the south more challenging because of religion. When he enters the clinic he has to pass through a group of anti-abortion protesters who hurl abuse at him, but he believes women have a right to choose.

Izzy is a nurse who is pregnant to her boyfriend and she has decided to have an abortion. She has a wonderful boyfriend but feels unworthy due to his privileged upbringing and her difficult and poverty-stricken childhood.

Janine is an anti-abortion activist and she has entered the clinic in disguise to spy on staff and gather information to support the anti-abortion campaign.

Olive is an older woman in a single sex relationship. She is there because she is dying of cancer and has come in for an examination and treatment.

has progressed and she has little money, in desperation she purchases pills online. This causes her to have massive bleeding and she is hospitalised. When it becomes clear she has aborted her baby she is charged with homicide.

As those in the clinic are faced with an increasingly excitable and irrational gunman they reflect on their reasons for making the decisions they have, with sometimes startling results. There were two surprises that none of us saw coming.

This book deals with very controversial and emotional material and our discussion was lively and respectful. In true Jodi Picoult style she throws up an ethical dilemma, and through the very well drawn characters in the story she explores all sides of the situation in a very balanced way. She also notes the grief and trauma that each of the characters has experienced as a result of their decisions.

This book was very well written and easy to read, although the subject matter may be distressing to some people.

1st Churchill Joey Scouts visit Morwell RSL



Members of the 1st Churchill Joey Scout Unit recently visited the Morwell Branch of the Returned Services League to discover all about what life was like for returned service people in the past, as a part of their "Their Service, Our Heritage" badge.

The Joey Scouts loved trying on different eras of military uniforms, learning about what food was like in the services, what kinds of things different people in the military do, and what kinds of things that different types of soldiers, sailors and airmen and women did during times of conflict and peacekeeping.

Thanks to the Morwell RSL Branch for hosting our Joey Scouts and making it such a fun and worthwhile experience for them.

1st Churchill Scout Group currently has limited vacancies for:

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Mathison Park planting more trees



We breathed a sigh of relief in early July thinking we had finished planting for the year. Think again. The Council gave us 60 more trees to plant which needed to be done as soon as possible due to spring advancing and probable warmer than usual months ahead.

The plans for the August working bee were thrown aside and trees planted instead.

Prior to the day two volunteers set out the places the trees were to be planted. Stakes and potting mix and fertiliser were assembled and

the trees were delivered by two volunteers who had large trailers.

With the amazing help of Bruce and Thane and the excavator, the holes were dug and the trees were planted. It was hard work but was much less than if the volunteers had to dig those holes. When morning tea was

called the refreshments were well received. Then it was back to work to complete the planting for the day.

The following Thursday the Interchange crew came and two tandem trailer loads of mulch were placed around the newly planted trees.

The bad news is we still have 30 plus trees to plant.




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COOKING with Noelene

Mexican jacket potatoes



A blast from the past, but so happy to prepare these recently. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Wash 8 all rounder potatoes and prick all over with a skewer/fork and place in your microwave. Cook the potatoes for 10 minutes on high. Remove potatoes and wrap in foil for 15 minutes. To prepare the filling, spray a large fry pan with oil and heat over a medium heat, adding 1 small onion peeled and chopped with 250 gm of minced meat. Cook until the onion is tender and the mince is coloured. Add 1 tsp of dried chilli, 420gm can of baked beans, 2 tbs of tomato paste, 1 dsp of minced garlic and finally 1 tomato finely chopped. Continue to cook, stirring until heated through. Remove the potatoes from the foil, cut them in half. Scoop out the majority of the flesh leaving a potato case, (don't throw out the potato flesh, reserve and use it in another dish). Spoon the Mexican mix into each potato half. Top with grated cheese and bake in the preheated oven until the cheese melts. You can serve heated or reheat when needed (they get crispier). Enjoy. Loved the memories and the flavours.

Passionfruit slice



Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Grease a slice pan, (mine measured 26.5 cm x 19.5 cm) and line with baking paper, hanging over the two long sides. To prepare the base .Combine 1 cup of self-raising flour in a bowl with 1 cup of dessicated coconut and 1/2 cup of castor sugar in a bowl. Stir in 125 gm of melted butter / marg and mix well. Now spread the batter into the prepared pan, press and smooth with the back of a spoon. Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes until lightly browned. For the topping - mix a 395gm can of sweetened condensed milk with 1/2 cup of lemon juice and 1/3 rd cup of passionfruit pulp with a wooden spoon until smooth. Pour the mixture over the base and bake for 15 minutes or until just set. Cool in the pan. When completely cooled, lift out the slice and cut into squares. I got 18 squares, depends on the size of the pan you used.

Old fashioned macaroon cake



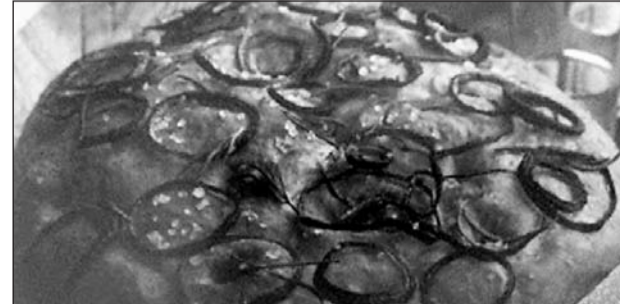
Well ladies I did say in country cooking class, preparing great cakes is not all about the must have gadgets. Let's get started. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Grease and line a 20cm (8") round pan. First mix together in a small bowl 1 and 1/4 cups of plain flour with 1 and 1/4 tsp of baking powder and a pinch of salt. In a medium bowl cream together 125gm of room temp butter/marg with 1/2 cup of castor sugar and 1 tsp of vanilla extract. Use a wooden spoon to cream the mixture well. Separate 3 eggs. Lightly beat 3 egg yolks and add in alternate amounts with the flour mix to the butter mixture and 2 tbs of milk. Spoon the mixture into the prepared pan. Carefully spoon over 4 tbs of softened berry jam (your choice), make sure you do not take the jam to the edges. The next step is to prepare the macaroon topping. Beat the 3 egg whites until stiff (okay use the electric beaters), gradually adding 1/2 cup of white castor sugar, beating well. In a small bowl mix together 1 tsp of cornflour, 3/4 cup of dessicated coconut and 3/4 cup of quick / rolled oats. Now fold the dry mixture into the egg white mix and carefully spread over the jam layer. Bake in the preheated oven for 40 minutes or until set and lightly coloured around the edges. Allow to stand in the pan for 5 minutes before carefully turning onto a baking paper covered wire cooling rack, then reverse so the macaroon topping is uppermost. Cool completely before slicing. It's an oldie but a goodie.

Thai chicken sausage rolls



Preheat your oven to 200 deg C. In a large bowl combine 500gm of (ground) minced chicken with 1 tsp of ground cumin, 1 tsp of ground coriander, 2 tbs of sweet chilli sauce, 2 tbs of freshly chopped coriander (stems and roots incl) and finally 1 cup (80gm) of breadcrumbs. Mix well. Lay out 2 sheets of thawed puff pastry and spread the mince mixture along one edge of each sheet of pastry and roll up to conceal the filling. Place the rolls seam side down on a baking paper lined oven tray. Brush the pastry rolls with 1 lightly beaten egg and sprinkle with sesame seeds, slice the rolls into the required size. Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes or until golden and cooked through. Serve with sweet chilli sauce.

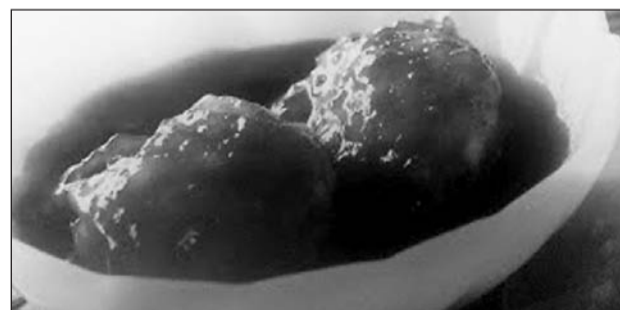
Focaccia with onion and rosemary



What a wonderful way to spend my Sunday. In a bowl mix together 450 gm of strong white flour, 1/2 tsp of salt and 1 and 1/2 tsp of dried yeast, then stir in 2 tbs of fresh rosemary,

(from my garden) chopped. Make a well in the centre of this mixture. In a separate bowl mix 3 tbs of rice bran / canola oil with 300ml of lukewarm water and pour into flour. Using a round edged butter knife gradually mix the liquid into the flour mix. Gather the mix together with your hands to form a soft dough. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured work bench and knead until smooth and very elastic (this took me about 10 minutes). Return the dough to the bowl and cover with a clean tea towel and leave to rise in a warm place for 60 minutes or until doubled in size. It is time to preheat your oven to 200deg C. Now turn out the dough and knead until smooth, it won't take long, about a minute. Spray and line a baking tray. Gently roll out the dough about 12"/30 cm in diameter , it doesn't have to be perfect we are cooks not engineers. Transfer the shaped dough to the prepared pan and again cover with a tea towel to rise in a warm spot for 25 minutes. After 25 minutes, using the end of a wooden spoon, make holes about 2 inches apart all over the surface of the dough. Now peel and thinly slice 1 red onion into rounds and separate into rings and spread the onion rings over the dough. Lightly drizzle with a little oil over the surface and a sprinkle of salt. Bake in the preheated oven for 25 minutes or until the dough is well risen and golden brown. just before the end of cooking I sprinkled the dough with fresh rosemary. (The Manor has bushes of fresh rosemary). Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Bread best served warm but also delicious when cooled.

Golden syrup dumplings



An unforgettable dessert. To make the dumplings mix together using your fingertips 20gm of room temp butter / marg with 1 cup of plain flour. Now make a well in the centre and add 1/3 cup of milk, stir with a wooden spoon and gather together to make a soft dough. Combine 2 cups of water in a large saucepan with 1/2 cup golden syrup, 1/2 cup of soft brown sugar and 30 gm of butter / marg. Bring this mixture to a slow simmer, stirring as this will help the sauce to thicken. Take level tbs of the dough and shape into balls, you should get 12 balls. Drop the prepared balls into the gently simmering sauce. Cover and cook for 20 minutes. Serve from the pan with or without cream.

Where we live

Churchill was a planned town on a 519 acre site, initially to accommodate the workforce for the power generation industry.

In late 1965, when the first residents moved to Churchill, the State Electricity Commission of Victoria was constructing the Hazelwood Power Station and planned to demolish

the town of Yallourn to gain access to the brown coal.

Nearly fifty years later, Churchill remains the home to many power station workers but increasingly, these houses are being rented to tertiary students. Power generators, Monash University, Department of Education and Childhood Development, Australian

Paper and other employers in the Latrobe Valley, are major economic contributors to the town.

Another significant economic contributor to Churchill is Centrelink.

Extract from book "Street and Place Names of Churchill" by Rob de Souza-Daw, available from Morwell Historical Society.



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 sharing some highlights from our latest Quarterly Report for April - June 2023 in this edition.

During the quarter, the Latrobe communities' primary aspiration was identified as Access to Services, making up 41% of the community conversations with me.

The lack of trans-affirming health practitioners was raised with me as there are no health providers recognised by AusPATH (Australian Professional Association for Trans Health) in Latrobe. The impact is that there are no GPs, psychologists, counsellors, specialised support, or health services available in Latrobe and patients need to travel to the closest health practitioner in Pakenham or the closest GP in Prahran. I have discussed this issue with the Gippsland Primary Health Network (GPHN) and they will coordinate with Trans Gender Victoria (TGV), local primary care providers, and community health services to discuss options to address this issue.

I heard from the carers for family members with chronic illnesses and disabilities who raised concerns about the waiting list for podiatry services. This issue is being addressed by the Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) who have recruited another podiatrist through a partnership with Latrobe Regional Hospital and the establishment of a high-risk foot clinic.

Knowledge of available services is a priority for the community and the shift of promotional activities towards online platforms has resulted in a lack of awareness of supports that are ready and able to assist.



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It has been suggested that there be community-focused marketing to address the issue, for example, local TV ads, or quick commentary about what's available.

Living in a Safe Environment was considered a top priority of the community this quarter and community members continue to raise issues about the management of asbestos in Latrobe.

One recent example involved the lack of clarity about the responsible authority to address community concerns around a site redevelopment in Morwell. I am calling on the government to implement the recommendations of the Latrobe Valley Asbestos Taskforce, including establishing a state-wide coordinating centre/body to manage all asbestos-related queries and adopting a whole-of-government approach to asbestos investigations and inspections.

I heard about several gaps in the delivery of mental health services. The halving of the number of mental health sessions available through a GP-initiated mental health plan was raised as a particular issue for people with autism.

The limitation of this mainstream service is causing mental health impacts, but there are no more intensive services available unless the person with autism has a NDIS-funded plan.

During this quarter

I have also seen several systems changes that can provide opportunities for better mental models, better policy, better relationships, better services, better support, and integration of community voice. Shared problem-solving is becoming much more common in Latrobe. The partnerships of local public and private hospitals to grow palliative care services, the sharing of resources between the local public hospital and the community health service to increase and improve the provision of podiatry services and the engagement of community members in community-led integrated health care models all demonstrate that new ways of operating are being embraced.

I continue to hear from communities who share their goals, barriers, and suggestions and how they want to be engaged by governments and services across Latrobe.

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 well-being.

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.

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Death of a Salesman

Saturday September 23 at 7:30pm

All tickets \$35

Rediscover one of the greatest plays of the 20th Century as Hearth Theatre presents an intimate new production of Arthur Miller's heartbreaking masterpiece - 'Death of a Salesman.'

Sticks Stones Broken Bones

Sunday September 24 at 1pm

Full Price: \$15
Concession: \$14
Access: \$11
Child: \$12
Family: \$48

'Sticks Stones Broken Bones' presents a playful world of shadow puppetry, appearing as live cartoons, full of odd -ball characters and surreal events.

I Love Paris from Chopin to Gershwin, the Eiffel Tower to the Moulin Rouge

Tuesday October 10 at 11AM

Full Price: \$25
Concession and Access: \$20
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Child: \$15

This is your morning melody adventure through Paris.

Dave Thornton, Geraldine Hickey and Lizzy Hoo Live

Saturday October 14 at 8pm

Tickets from \$35

A triple treat for Traralgon in October!

Three of Australia's most in-demand comedians, Dave Thornton, Geraldine Hickey and Lizzy Hoo, are teaming up to bring a raucous night of laughs to Traralgon.

Jessica Mauboy 'Yours Forever Tour'

Tuesday March 12, 2024 at 7:30pm

Tickets from \$79.90

Experience the heart of Australia with Jessica Mauboy's 'Yours Forever' Tour. This isn't just a concert series; it's a homecoming.

Above items may be subject to change.



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"Connecting Your Community"

Churchill/Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

You can get involved

Neighbourhood Watch Latrobe is looking for new members to help serve the community.

Our AGM will be held on Monday October 9, at the Morwell RSL at 6pm. There are a number of activities that we do, ranging from sausage sizzles to raise money for various events, Secure number plate days, Blue light discos with the police, general information days regarding crime, assisting with parking at various events and many other things.

Neighbourhood watch is open to all age groups and requires a Police background check and Working with Children check.


It is a great way to mix with other people in a very social gathering and learn lots about what is happening in your neighbourhood.

We have monthly meetings to discuss various events and deal with various issues happening around the Latrobe Valley.

If you are interested in joining or finding out more about us, you can call Peter Gray (Secretary) Ph 0409 237 112 or check out our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/nhwlatrobeinc>

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Health and Well-Being Group



Everyone is welcome to join this group held at Yinnar and District Memorial Hall every Wednesday from 10.30 - 11.30 am. It is a class to benefit all age groups to help keep us moving and motivated. There is no charge and people are welcome to stay afterward for morning tea and a chat. This is a class with both standing and seated exercises and people are encouraged to do what they can. No booking is necessary. Just arrive a little earlier if you have not been before. For enquiries ring 0408 742 447.



Latrobe
Community Health Service

Why wait? Easier than ever to get life-saving cervical cancer screenings at LCHS

Proper sexual and reproductive health is fundamental to our health and wellbeing at every stage of life.

This includes cervical cancer screenings, one of the most effective ways to detect this largely-preventable disease.

Under the National Cervical Screening Program, women and people with a cervix aged 25 to 74 years can screen every five years through their healthcare provider. Since the scheme began in 1991, cervical cancer incidence and mortality rates have halved in Australia.

Today recent changes to how cervical screenings are done means it is easier than ever to take a screening test, including at Latrobe Community Health Service's (LCHS) Churchill site.

"Whether you have someone in your life with a cervix or you have a cervix

yourself – please stay up to date with your screenings," says LCHS Sexual Health Nurse Cath Bateman, who is passionate about these life-saving tests.

Cervical cancer starts in the cervix and usually develops slowly over time. The disease is almost always caused by human papillomavirus (HPV) infection and most often shows up in women older than 30.

"Self-collection is now an option we have for cervical screening, which is great," says Cath. "It makes the experience more private and means that you can have your screening done without the awkwardness of having an examination from a healthcare provider."

Self-collection is done under the guidance of your healthcare practitioner who provides the swab and instructions on how to do the test.

Cath adds: "Rather than having an examination with the speculum, which many people find painful,

you can collect your own vaginal sample with a swab provided by your healthcare practitioner. The best part is you collect your sample in private from behind a curtain or in the bathroom."

Self-collection or screenings with an LCHS sexual health nurse are now available at LCHS's Churchill, Morwell and Traralgon sites.

Sexual health services are always free with a Medicare card. If you do not have a Medicare card, LCHS will charge the smallest possible fees. For example, while nurse consultations are free, a doctor's time for scripts or pathology requests can incur charges.

If you are overdue for your cervical screening, let this be your reminder to make that appointment!

Unsure which service is appropriate for you? Call LCHS on 1800 242 696 and ask to speak to a sexual health nurse. If one is not immediately available, they will return your call as soon as possible.



SPORT

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Monthly Medal Saturday July 29, 2023

A Grade Winner : M. Dear 14 72 B Grade Winner : L. Anderson 20 75

C Grade Winner : R. Welsh 24 73 D Grade Winner : A. West 35 73

Scratch : D. Burrige 84 73 Medal D.T.L: 1. D. Burrige 73, 2. M. Hutchinson 74, 3. T. Collins 75, 4. S. Caldwell 75, 5. J. Langstaff 75, 6. R. Dent 76, 7. R. Davidson 76, 8. P. Flanigan 77, 9. B. Kilday 77, 10. K. Barnes 78 C/B

N.T.P: Pro-Pin : 3rd R. Welsh, 12th P. Flanigan 14th D. Burrige

Target Hole : D. Burrige Putts: S. Caldwell 27 Birdies: S. Sanders 14th, M. Brereton 14th

Monthly Medal Tuesday August 1, 2023

Medal Winner : S. Caldwell 104 (23) 81 Nett Day Winner : G. Barnes 92 (20) 72 Nett Scratch : I. Duncan 92 C/B D.T.L : I. Duncan 79 Nett N.T.P : 3rd M. Dear, 5th V. Reid, 12th M. Ryan, 14th M. Ryan Putts : M. Dear 26

4BBB Stableford August 5, 2023

Winners : D. Burrige and C. Thompson 47 Runners Up : J. McCafferty and P. Flanigan 46 D.T.L : 1. R. Welsh and A. Sharrock 42, 2. T. Collins and B. Kilday 42, 3. P. Smart and R. Madigan 41, 4. P. Kearns and L. Winters 40

N.T.P : 3rd P. Smart, 5th A. West, 12th P. Smart, 14th D. Ellwood

Target Hole : P. Flanigan Birdies : 12th P. Flanigan, 12th P. Smart

Stableford Tuesday August 8, 2023

A Grade Winner : G. Barnes 20 32 Pts B Grade Winner : C. Sterrick 33 35pts

D.T.L : 1. M. Hutchinson 27 32pts, 2. M. Ryan 23 31 Pts, M. McConville 29 31 Pts N.T.P : 3rd L. Van Rooy, 5th C. Sterrick, 12th M. McConville, 14th C. Stevens

Stroke Saturday August 12, 2023

A Grade Winner: R. Dent 11 72 B Grade Winner : G. Spowart 25 65

C Grade Winner : W. Sutton 27 72 D.T. L : 1

.R. Welsh 71, 2. S. Caldwell 73, 3. D. Byers 74, 4. P. Ireland 74, 5. C. Sterrick 74, 6. J. Cahill 75, 7. S. Sanders 76, C/B Scratch : : R. Dent 83 N.T.P : 3rd Pro-Pin : C. Stanlake, 12th G. Barnes, 14th B. Kilday Target Hole : J. Langstaff :

Stableford Tuesday August 15, 2023

Winner : J. Sanders 17 36pts D.T.L : S. Turner 27 35 Pts, P. Bolding 23 31pts

N.T.P : 3rd G. Barnes, 5th V. Reid, 12th C. Carder, 14th C. Carder

Pairs Multiplication Stableford August 19, 2023

Winners : M. Hutchinson and S. Sanders 57 Runners Up : P. Smart and R. Madigan 56 D.T.L : 1. Anton and W. Sutton 55, 2. A. Sharrock and R. Walsh 49, 3. M. Brereton and P. Junker 45, 4. T. Sterrick and L. Anderson 45, 5. D. Taylor and G. Spowart 43, Pro-Pin : 12th M. Brereton

Stableford Tuesday August 22, 2023

Winner : J. Sanders 39 pts (16) D.T.L : I. Heppleston 37pts (27)

N.T.P : 3rd C. Carder, 5th C. Carder, 14th S. Caldwell.

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Strzelecki Bushwalking Club



Have you ever wondered when you are enjoying a beautifully maintained walking track that is well signed, how this is achieved? The answer is often local volunteers.

Recently the Strzelecki Bushwalking Club combined with members of the Friends of Baw Baw Group and conducted a snowshoe walk. Whilst they were doing it, they delivered some much-needed replacement signs along a section of the Australian Alpine Walking

Track. This might sound like an onerous task, but the load was shared amongst the group, and we all felt like we had contributed in a positive way to the environment. As we all walked along there was much debate on who had the heaviest load! However, the photos are a testament to the fun we had on the day. We had to walk to quite a high elevation before we came across snow on the ground however, the snow gums were covered in a thick layer of ice which

sparkled like diamonds in the sun light. I felt very lucky to be able to access such a beautiful area of Australia.

The Strzelecki Bushwalking Club holds an annual snowshoe walk which is always much anticipated and well attended. We shall be conducting several other activities this month including a walk to the Erica Weir and another in the Sweetwater Reserve. Our activities are continually well supported by members and there is always a lot of

fun and high spirits on the day.

The Committee holds a monthly Club night on the second Wednesday of each month. This is conducted at the Trafalgar Scout Hall beginning at 7.30 p.m. We provide a guest speaker and supper.

This is a great way to introduce yourself to existing members and find out more about the Club. Visitors are encouraged to attend.

Greater Gliders find new homes

A research project aiming to strengthen the population of Greater Gliders, the largest gliding mammal in Australia, has been completed in Latrobe City.

The project was a collaboration between Latrobe City Council, Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network, Federation University and Greening Australia.

Until early 2018, numbers of Gliders recorded in the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas were low, with the 2019/20 bushfires also impacting previously recorded populations in East Gippsland.

In 2022, Federation University PhD student, Cassey Briggs, documented the presence of the federally listed Greater Glider to better

understand the population size, their range and estimated family groups.

Greening Australia has since added 118 Greater Glider records within the southern portion of Latrobe City and adjoining South Gippsland Shire, due to the increased surveying effort. These records now represent some of the highest densities of Greater Gliders known in Victoria.

The project was supported by a \$50,000 Community-Volunteer Action Grant from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action.

Mayor of Latrobe City Council, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan said the discovery of Greater Gliders on the outskirts of Boolarra

highlighted the richness of biodiversity to be found in Latrobe City.

"Council's 2021-2025 Community Vision highlights the importance of nurturing and respecting Latrobe City's natural environment, supported by key actions to improve and protect biodiversity, waterways and bushland reserves," said the Mayor.

"As part of this commitment, Council partnered in the exciting initiative to install 25 custom-designed nest boxes in a section of bushland south of Boolarra. The nest boxes were monitored using digital cameras to determine how the animals used them. These boxes are fire-retardant, heat resistant and make a safer home for all

wildlife.

One of the reasons the Greater Glider is threatened is because there are not enough large, old hollow-bearing trees remaining, so adding these nest boxes will provide more homes in Boolarra for the species."

The project also brought together local schools and community members to participate in surveys, educational activities and spotlight tours.

The research project included creating awareness, engaging the community and educating about Greater Gliders and how we can help the species in the future.

To view the Greater Glider project video, view the Latrobe Catchment Landcare website here: www.lcln.com.au/greater-gliders



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Cast members rehearsing L to R: Matt, Ciele, Josh, Callum.



More cast members rehearsing.

The 55th Annual Strzelecki Showtime Presents "Our Community, Our Place"

Strzelecki Showtime is an annual original musical theatre production, written, directed, produced and performed by the Scouts and Girl Guides of the Latrobe Valley and beyond.

This year's production, Our Community, Our Place will see over 55 local young people on stage, as well as around 60 backstage, entertaining audiences at the new Gippsland Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon in October.

Our Community, Our Place is described as "Thornton Hall is the heart

of many community groups, even if those groups do not always get along. Nobody is shocked when the hall does not meet its safety inspection, but nobody expected to be kicked out to the street.

The exercise enthusiasts blame the car club and their half-constructed car in the back corner, with everybody busy blaming each other, the Hall is doomed.

A tempting offer from Rattray Real Estate could convince the right people to do the wrong thing.

Can these groups put aside their differences long enough to help get Thornton Hall out of danger? Some will rise up to the challenge,

where others see an opportunity. Can Thornton Hall be saved and is it even worth saving?"

Thursday October 19, 7.30pm

Friday October 20, 7.30pm

Saturday October 21, 1.30pm and 7.30pm

Tickets are \$28 (full) and \$23 (concession) and are available via the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre box office www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/gpac/home

For more information please visit www.strzeleckishowtime.com.au or email the Producer Tammy Napier via producer@strzeleckishowtime.com.au

Recycle your aluminium foil at home

Aluminium foil can be recycled via your home recycling bin, but you must scrunch foil into golf-ball sized lumps to ensure it is recycled, not sent to landfill.

Loose bits of foil, including coffee pods, single foil tablet blister packs and small pieces of foil are not large enough to be 'caught' by automated sorting facilities and will be considered general waste. General waste at sorting and recycling centres gets sent to landfill.

Some products that at first glance might appear to be aluminium foil are also not suitable for recycling because they have plastic coatings (like potato chip packets and most chocolate wrappers). Many tablet blister packs have a clear plastic sheet on the top,

making them unsuitable for current recycling programs in Victoria.

Pure foil, such as foil pie shells and cooking trays, can be recycled easily, along with kitchen sheet foil, so long as these items are squished into lumps. These lumps need to be at least as large as a golf-ball, if not bigger. They can then be put into your home recycling bin and will be treated just like other aluminium waste, such as soft drink cans.

The Recycling Project at Churchill Community Hub will no longer be accepting aluminium foil for recycling after September 30 this year.

Unfortunately, too many people have been ignoring the signs and pictures of what can and cannot be accepted for foil recycling.

Each week we receive

bags of plastic-coated tablet blister packs, coffee pods (and coffee grounds!), chocolate wrappers and other items totally unsuitable for our recycling program. We also find small, sometimes tiny, pieces of foil that can not be recycled unless they are gathered up together and combined into larger lumps – a fiddly and time-consuming job for our volunteers.

As it is easy to recycle your aluminium foil via your recycling bin at home, we have decided we will no longer be accepting foil for recycling at the Hub after the month of September.

If you wish to recycle your foil, just squish all your bits of foil into golf-ball or larger sized lumps and put it into your yellow-topped bin at home.



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Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester and State Member for Morwell Martin Cameron at the commemorative service to recognise 50 years since Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War ended.

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester says the 50th anniversary since the withdrawal of the last Australian troops involved in the Vietnam War was an opportunity to ensure the veterans of the conflict were respected, recognised and given any assistance they required.

The former Minister for Veterans' Affairs said he was honoured to lay a wreath and pay his respects at a service hosted by the Traralgon RSL at the cenotaph alongside several veterans of the conflict.

The Vietnam War involved 60,000 Australian troops with 523 killed, 3000 wounded and many more impacted by the trauma for the rest of their lives.

"Sadly, it also marks a dark time in our nation's history where Australian Defence Force personnel were vilified and treated poorly on the home front because the war was not politically popular," Mr Chester said.

"Our Vietnam veterans were not given the respect they had earned until many years later and there's no

question that their treatment added to the anguish of many troops.

Vietnam veterans successfully campaigned for improved mental health services for veterans and Open Arms exists today because of their advocacy. We are fortunate to have many Vietnam War veterans in Gippsland who are still making a contribution to our community and I want to thank them for their service.

I also want to recognise the civilians and nurses who supported Australia's military involvement in

the Vietnam War and did everything they could to bring our troops home safely."

Mr Chester has encouraged local veterans and their families to apply for a commemorative medallion which has been released by the Federal Government to recognise the 50th anniversary.

"There are many Vietnam veterans in our community who may appreciate the medallion as a small token of recognition," Mr Chester said.

"The medallion honours



the service of Vietnam veterans and recognises the sacrifice of those who never returned home, and that of their families."

The medallions are available for every Australian who served in Vietnam, and the family of veterans who have since passed away or were killed in action during the war.

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A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Local history – it's marvellous what's uncovered

Part 2

By Leo Billington

In this second series of "It's marvellous what is uncovered" in our local history, a focus is on the Grand Ridge Road.

The Google machine describes "Gippsland's Grand Ridge Road as one of the great tourist drives of Victoria. For 132km it snakes its way along the ridge of the Strzelecki Ranges, providing striking views across the emerald-green farmlands to the Latrobe Valley in the north and Bass Strait in the south."

The Grand Ridge Road can be reached via Warragul, Morwell or Traralgon from the Princes Freeway, or via Yarram, Foster, Korumburra or Leongatha from the South Gippsland Highway.

"The Grand Ridge Road spans 132km along the ridge of the Strzelecki Ranges. 50% of the roads surface is bitumen, 50% is gravel. The road is regularly maintained but care should be taken, especially during winter months when tree debris may fall on roads and surfaces can be slippery or corrugated. The road runs through a high rainfall area and is often wet, slippery and foggy. On a very rare occasion you could also experience snow.

It is suggested that you allow 5-6 hours to complete the drive comfortably. Shorter sections can be completed, however, by using Mirboo North as a convenient halfway point."

A few corrections need to be made - striking views in any direction are possible if one climbs trees hunched together in far reaching softwood plantations. Anyway, if a driver is suddenly distracted by an occasional, faint glimpse of either Bass Strait or the Latrobe Valley, road safety is imperative.

Careful driving on this road is mandatory; and at least the section from Tarra Valley to English's Corner has not seen any road maintenance for years. The road's current condition is



testimony to superior road making skills from decades ago. It's a stretch to write "regularly maintained."

Nonetheless, the Google machine does hit a salient point "Logging trucks also utilise parts of the road ,primarily on weekdays and caution is required. Sign damage may be a problem along the road, so it is important to carry a map and follow it carefully."

Let us put all of the above aside. With a tank full of petrol, it is a joy to navigate parts of this majestic road, once touted as Gippsland's

premier tourist drive. A destination not to be missed.

There is a tonne of history along the way if one knows where to look. There is an unfortunate paucity of signage.

For instance, there is English's Corner. A sign post proves an invaluable intersection where the Grand Ridge road heads in one direction and the Boolarra to Yarram Road goes the other; or is it the Budgeree Road. It could even be the Morwell to Yarram Road. Best read your map or GPS at English's Corner.

Named after Margaret and Walter English who initially began to carve out their dairy farm in about 1898, the Corner shows no reference to their tough life on their block. Here, dairying was really the only source of revenue. It was their practice to make butter on the farm and send it out by packhorse. Placed in a box holding 56 pounds of butter, and to balance the weight on the other side of their horse, was slung a bag of earth. Then to Boolarra.

Apparently, Walter arrived on his block ten years

prior to marrying Margaret who was from Daylesford. About 30 acres had been cleared by this time - and eventually nearly half of the 320 acre block had been cleared when fires raced across their humble farm taking out a house, sheds and fencing.

In 1906 and 1907, destructive and widespread fires were reported across parts of Gippsland including Gonyah, Yarram, Toora, Welshpool and around Foster, wiping out many early settlers.

Margaret later

commented that perhaps if a greater area had been cleared, they may have been spared. However, with spirit and determination, a new farm grew from their old farm. Sheep were raised and cleared areas were top dressed.

Before Walter's passing in May 1927, they relocated to Hazelwood Estate.

At 78 years, Margaret passed away in August 1942 following her admittance to St Hilary's Hospital in Morwell.

Her obituary published in the Morwell Advertiser August 13, 1942, remembered Margaret as a person of amazing and outstanding courage, with plenty of perseverance, who with her friendly disposition, was noted for outstanding hospitality. Every resident far and wide would recall some act of kindness or help, and much of a very practical nature when called upon.

In its' October 24, 1940 edition, the Morwell Advertiser said to its readers that 'It is no stretch of imagination, as some may think, to say that Morwell is destined to become "The Capital of Gippsland." There is an old and true saying that "You can not keep a good man down," and when there is a community of good men with rare potentialities in their midst to assist them, progress and advancement is a natural outcome and a foregone conclusion. Under certain conditions you cannot stop advancement any more than you can sweep back the sea.'

Forty years prior, Walter English was the "good man that couldn't be kept down." Margaret was part of the partnership as well. Throughout the dense and steep and unforgiving countryside bordering today's Grand Ridge Road, other wannabe farmers tested their fortitude, largely without sustained success. Sustained advancement was defeated.

The accompanying picture depicts English's Corner at Grand Ridge. This tag gives a false impression that Grand Ridge is English's Corner.

In the October edition of the Churchill & District News, the origin of College Creek will be uncovered. There is an intriguing back story to be told.

Churchill CHATTER

Springtime

Daffodils are dancing in the gardens and the spring blossom has appeared on many trees. Feel the new warmth with the change of season from winter and enjoy.

New tree plantings

It is good see more young trees planted in our green spaces around Churchill.

Churchill Market

A very successful market was held in Churchill carpark on August 26. It was held on quite a cool, calm morning and a good crowd came to enjoy a happy morning viewing and purchasing items from the many stalls that surrounded the car park.

Local volunteers helped to make the market a great

success. The Fire Brigade and Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch members delivered a tasty free barbeque for all. Shopping vouchers, fresh fruit and pens were distributed freely by other community groups.

Pizza HQ

Pizza lovers have noticed that their local pizza outlet at West Place has closed. The business will soon be reopened in Churchill in the renovated building in Hazelwood Village. Residents also know this building as the old video shop which has been empty for quite some time.

Cafe Alfa closed their shop on August 27. Soon you will be able to head down to Pizza HQ where they

will now trade as Cafe Alfa during the day from the same site as the new Pizza HQ shop.

Churchill trading

It is good to see although there has been movement of businesses around Churchill that there has not been a business closed.

Special news to share

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

Thought for the month

If money does not grow on trees, then why do banks have branches?

Friends of Morwell National Park

August Activity Report

For the activity we had Matt, Ken, Tamara, Beryl, Caitlin, Anita, Rose, Mike, Cathy, Graeme and Darren. We had an apology from Gordon. The group met in the picnic area to discuss what had happened since the AGM.

A sub-committee of Caitlin, Anita, Jay and Ken has been created to investigate the possible printing of a book about the birds of Morwell National Park. They will look at issues like costing, funding, numbers of books to print, who the book will be targeted to, sourcing quality photos of local birds and layout ideas.

Matt along with Ranger Gabby, took a group from Federation University on a weed survey. Ranger Gabby is still trying to get the bridges replaced but there is still no response from Parks Victoria. She is investigating a ministerial submission to see whether that will yield some bridge replacements.

The Australian Conservation Foundation is conducting a platypus survey

during September. People are encouraged to find a quiet spot and try to find a platypus. Sighting can be recorded on the weblink: <https://www.acf.org.au/platy-project-signup?fbclid=IwAR2sYVbCUIqEquUIi5ir6MguOE2DGKppc3hndwjZc8r3CXpLn9aH3dX-xY> In the past platypuses were regularly sighted in Billys Creek. Perhaps people could find a quiet spot around Billys Creek and record their platypus sightings.

Anita left after the morning meeting while everybody else collected

their gear and entered vehicles for a drive around to Brewster Road. With carpooling three vehicles were needed. The hedge trimmer, brush cutter and chainsaw were collected en route. We needed to enter via Brewster Road since the track in from Stringybark Track was too wet and slippery.

Starting from the top of the hill the group worked down Silvertop Hill Track widening the track so that vehicles can safely travel down it. When we reached the bottom of the hill, we turned to find that Muttonwood Track was totally overgrown.

After the bushfire it was good to see healthy undergrowth regrowth. Silvertop Hill before the

the group of Muttonwood trees (the reason behind the naming of Muttonwood Track) to find several large trees down. Some of the smaller limbs were removed but some larger trees still block the track. At this point the chainsaw ran out of fuel, so lunch was called. We had almost reached the corner near the farm dam. A lot of chainsaw work will be required to continue the track to the fence line near the farm. Much work will need to be done to continue this track beyond these fallen trees.

The walk back to the beginning of the track was a lot easier than the trek in. It felt like travelling on a highway compared to elbowing your way through undergrowth and fallen



bushfire was sparsely vegetated, now has a good tree cover and healthy understory. It demonstrates that fire is an important part of bush improvement.

When we turned in to Muttonwood Track we needed to remake the track across the hill. Hand pulling of seedlings, removal of fallen branches and trimming of overhanging limbs was required to form the track. Some larger fallen branches required the use of the chainsaw to remove these from the track.

The group worked across the hill and reached

trees. At the beginning of the track the group found a spot to sit and share over lunch. With little fuel left for the chainsaw the group decided to finish after lunch and return at another activity to continue the track.

September Activity

Sunday September 17 at 10am

The group will meet in the Junction Road car park to complete track maintenance, likely to be a continuation of Muttonwood Track. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

SCAMWATCH

Text or SMS was the most reported contact method for scams last year. Scam messages sound urgent to get you to act quickly. They often have a link which will take you to a scam website. Scammers can steal any personal information entered on these scam websites and use it to take your money or commit fraud in your name.

To make these message look real, scammers spoof (copy) the phone number and sender ID of businesses or people you know. Scam messages can even appear in the same message chain as real messages from the organisation, making them even harder to spot.

Warning signs it might be a scam

Stop and think. There is a good chance it is a scam if the message asks you to: take immediate action make a payment or transfer money click on a link or call a number provided in the message log on to an online

account with your username and password or to provide other personal information

To rush you into acting, the text might also claim something urgent like:

you or your accounts have been hacked or involved in fraud

there is a problem with your payment or your package delivery

threatening to stop a service or charge a fine if you do not act now.

Steps you can take to protect yourself

Never click on links in messages

Search for the website yourself or use the organisations secure, authenticated app or portal to see if it is real.

Always do an independent check that the person is who they say they are.

Do not respond to a text message using the phone number provided.

Call the organisation or person back on a phone number you have found yourself on their website or

in the phone book, to check if the message was real.

Be suspicious of any job offer by text, especially without an interview or discussion. Research the person offering the position and only contact them using a phone number you have found yourself.

If someone you know messages you saying they have a new number:

try to call them on the existing number you have for them if someone says they have a new number

message them on the new number with a question only they would know the answer to, to check they are who they say they are.

Think you have been scammed?

1. Act fast to stop any further losses.

Contact your bank or card provider immediately to report the scam. Ask them to stop any transactions.

Change passwords on all your devices and online accounts like banking, email, government and shopping.

2. Get help to recover IDCARE is Australia and New Zealand's national identity and cyber support service. They can help you make a plan (for free) to limit the damage. Call them on 1800 595 160 or visit their website to find out more.

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Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington

Past Trustees - continued

In the previous edition of the Churchill & District News, former Trustees of the Hazelwood Cemetery were listed.

Let us look at brief details about some of these early Trustees.

George Firmin

George was born in Essex, England in 1832. At age 20, George, with his wife Maria, arrived in Australia after a five-month sea journey.

Records indicate this journey was dangerous, exceedingly rough and long. George was not deterred.

His determination was strong.

Friends described him as a person of endurance, perseverance, fully energetic, faithful to the Church of England and a staunch supporter of community activities.

Arriving in 1852 George tried his luck on Ballarat's goldfields.

He witnessed the Eureka riot and saw profits could be best made from his carrying business rather than gold.

Eventually a decision was made to move to Gippsland, initially living at Cranbourne and Narre Warren before Walhalla, where he continued his carrying business.

His attention soon turned to farming, consequently settling at "Scrubby Forest", Yinnar.

He soon made his mark in the local fledging community - elected to the Rosedale Shire Council before the Traralgon Shire was formed and then to the Morwell Shire Council as one of the first six councillors. On several occasions, he was Morwell Shire President.

He was also the founder of the Yinnar Mechanics' Institute, of which he was President for many years.

He gave the land on

which the Church of England at Yinnar is built.

He was a guardian of the church and retained the office of Treasurer until the time of his death.

In addition to being one of the first Trustees for the Hazelwood Cemetery, George was acknowledged as a prime mover in the establishment of a co-operative butter factory at Yinnar, and for years was chairman of directors.

Andrew Donaldson

Andrew was apparently well known as a skilled auditor having won an intense election to be finally appointed as the auditor for Morwell Shire on August 24, 1894.

He was a farmer alongside other community interests - Treasurer of the Morwell Annual Sports (John English was President), and between September 1882 and May 1890, Andrew was the local deputy Registrar of births and deaths.

For an early State election, he was an electoral Registrar for the then Gippsland South electorate in 1888.

Andrew was appointed as a trustee in April, 1887.

He was severely burnt early in February 1889 when a lamp was accidentally overturned.

His recovery was slow with plenty of sympathy given by his local community.

Alphonse Nadenbousch

Alphonse passed away at age 82, having lived first near Geelong for 12 years before settling at Hazelwood.

He was one of two patriarchs of families who first arrived in Melbourne - John Frederick Deppeler (in 1869) and Alphonse Nadenbousch (in 1862) - both having trained as vigneron (winegrowers) in Switzerland and initially settled at Geelong and worked in the wine industry.

Alphonse Nadenbousch married John Frederick Deppeler's sister, Bertha, in 1873.

Eventually selecting land at Yinnar South and Hazelwood respectively.

Both men became well known for their produce farming, with John creating two unique apple varieties that were apparently renowned for their juiciness.

Alphonse was described as quiet, kind and hospitable.

His obituary attests he was 'held in high esteem by all with whom he came in contact.'

A year before his death in November 1925, he moved from his farm in Nadenbouschs Road to Morwell.

John English

John passed away aged 62 having been described as "one of the most progressive men in the district" with a circle of friends that stretched far and wide.

His death in early November 1923 followed a 40-year association with the Morwell and Traralgon districts.

John came here after living in Geelong and selected land in the Jeeralangs.

His prominence was enhanced by earlier success as an athlete.

After a short while on his farm, John moved to Morwell opening a general store.

Then it was on to Narracan where land was acquired.

Still seeking a life away from farming, John moved back to Morwell opening his successful business as an auctioneer.

He became a Morwell Shire Councillor before returning to farming, while still being a land agent, with land holdings at Hazelwood South, Flynns Creek, Gormandale and Hazelwood North.

It is reported that the Union Jack flag was hung at half mast at the Morwell Shire hall when his death was announced.

As a member of the Roman Catholic Church, John's passing was mourned by many throughout the two towns.

He died at his Traralgon residence from heart failure and associated complications.

From the above, it is apparent that these four people had ample opportunities to understand their local community, therefore being ideal as the first trustees for the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust.



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Strzelecki Koala

How does the Strzelecki Koala compare to the South Eastern Queensland Koala?

Upon visiting the Daisy Hill Koala Centre in the Brisbane area and seeing the koalas kept there, the differences in the physical attributes of Eastern Queensland Koala to the Strzelecki Koala were very apparent. The Eastern Queensland Koala features and body size are smaller than the Strzelecki Koala, and their fur is lighter in colour.

These are adaptations to cope with the warmer and more humid climate of the sub-tropics. In contrast, the Strzelecki Koala is bigger in body size and has thicker and darker coloured fur, attributes that enable the Strzelecki Koala to survive the colder climate.

The South Eastern Queensland Koalas preferred food trees are blue gum, grey gum, tallow wood, brush box and spotted gum.

The Strzelecki Koalas also like blue gum but because of the habitat in which they live, their preferred food trees are also mountain grey gum, Strzelecki gum and manna gum. ("Climate Change and the Strzelecki Koala, Anna

Slotnick, January 2022 , melbournefoe.org.au 16-8-23)

Each koala population, the East South Queensland Koala and the Strzelecki Koala is well adapted to their unique habitats and climate. Both koala populations have a different genetic makeup but are similar in their lifestyles, anatomy and survival needs.

Both these koala populations need vast and connected healthy habitats to live in if they are able to survive into the future.

Both the Strzelecki Koala and the South Eastern Queensland Koala population share the same threats.

They are endangered by human activity, habitat loss and fragmentation, attacks by feral and domestic animals, stressors that trigger diseases and natural events like fire and climate change.

The Queensland Koala along with the New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory Koala populations were declared endangered in 2022.

The Queensland populations were already classified as being vulnerable but the 2019/2020 fires caused a devastating decline in koala numbers and habitat. ("Koalas officially

an 'endangered' species in Queensland , NSW and ACT" Raffaella Ciccarelli amp.9news.com.au 16-8-23) The south eastern coast is also experiencing a population development and with it increased development that impinges on koala habitat.

Because of this need to ensure the survival and growth of the various populations, strategy and management plans have been created and started to be acted upon.

In Queensland, the South Eastern Koala Conservation Strategy was developed in 2020 and is to be continued to 2025 and beyond.

This strategy's Vision Statement is to "Halt the decline of Koala populations in the wild in South East Queensland, and secure their long term survival".

It involves six areas with 46 actions. The areas covered are: " Habitat protection, habitat restoration for koalas, threat management, improved mapping, monitoring, research and reporting, community engagement, partnerships and strategic coordination."

(<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/animals/Koalas> 17/8/23)

In Victoria, the Strzelecki

Koala is under the new "Victorian Management Strategy which was released this year, 2023. Its' Vision Statement is " that Victoria's koala populations and habitat are secure, healthy and sustainable in the long term" and is similar to that of Queensland.

However our koala populations are not considered vulnerable or endangered because there is an over abundance of koalas in some parts of Victoria.

There the koalas overbreed, then cause over browsing of the forests which results in starvation and koala population decline. This problem is given a section of its own," Theme 2: Koala Overabundance.

The Strzelecki Koala population is not causing overabundance problems. This special Strzelecki Koala population is mentioned in the plan because of its unique genetic diversity but unfortunately it is not given a management strategy of its own.

Apart from Theme 2, the Strzelecki Koalas' requirements are embedded within the other nine themes and their action statements.

The Strzelecki Koala and its habitat really needs extra consideration, research and

protection if it is to survive current and future survival threats.

Travelling through areas of the South East Queensland Coast, some actions that are being implemented by the South Eastern Queensland Conservation Strategy are quite visible.

In order to reduce koala road trauma and create driver awareness of the possible presence of wildlife, there is clear wildlife signage. Sometimes there are flashing neon pictures of koalas or kangaroos or road wildlife corridor areas clearly marked with green paint and in large print "WILDLIFE" with a relevant symbol.

There is also appropriate fencing to prevent wildlife from crossing onto busy roads and wildlife crossings that cross high above the road.

To prevent dog attacks, dog owners are encouraged to have their dogs trained to ignore wildlife by offering "free training." (leaveit.com.au) (Leaflet obtained at the Daisy Hill Koala Centre.)

There is also information about how to "create a koala friendly yard" like appropriate yard fencing to aid koalas crossing through habitat areas, back yard pool adaptations to prevent koala

drownings and tree planting. (www.redland.qld.gov.au 21/8/23)

Fortunately for the koala populations classified as endangered, there is now more money to protect these koalas and their habitats.

However funding is desperately needed for the research and the protection of the Strzelecki Koala. Let us hope the Strzelecki Koala population is given financial support before it is ever being classified as endangered of extinction.

How can we help the Strzelecki Koala?

Mating season is beginning, so please take extreme care when travelling on roads from evening to dawn as koalas and other wildlife are on the move.

Keep dogs on leads and contained in koala proof yards.

Contact Wildlife Victoria (03)8400 7300 or a local wildlife carer if you see a sick, injured or dead koala.

Let others know about the precious and significant Strzelecki Koala especially local politicians.

Join a group that is canvassing for the protection of the Strzelecki Koala and its habitat.



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First Aid Training and CPR



A first aid course was run at the station for members of Churchill and other brigades. It focused on CPR theory and practice as well as use of a defibrillator. The afternoon covered areas such as burns, venoms, cuts and abrasions, anaphylaxis, asthma, choking, blood noses, lacerations and cuts, presented with correct procedures for treatment and many tips to keep in mind. It was certainly an interesting and well delivered course, which is highly recommended for anyone, especially being able to do CPR and know how to approach an accident site to keep yourself safe before being able to help the injured.

Inter-agency training with Ambulance Victoria



For Monday night training the brigade invited an Ambulance Victoria (AV) crew to the fire station for some cross training. When both AV and fire brigades attend the same motor vehicle accident or other situation, the brigade can assist AV because generally the brigade is on site first and can assess the dangers and conditions. This information can then be passed to the

AV crew. The training night allowed the AV crew to show the position of the required item in the AV truck, and in some cases demonstrate particular items which brigade members could be sent to obtain for them in their task. It was such an engaging evening that one and a half hours passed unnoticed. The AV crew were most appreciative of the invitation and the chance to share the contents of their truck and to know that brigade members were now more informed about where in the truck they should look for required items.

Fire Safe Kids visit



The station had a lovely visit from the well behaved children from the Hub Preschool. The children learnt about the firefighter's uniforms, calling Triple 000 in emergencies, the importance of smoke alarms and how to leave a house if the smoke alarm beeped. They then had an interesting tour around the tanker to see the equipment before having a squirt of the hose and seeing the lights and hearing the siren. Thanks to the members who did a wonderful job with the children during the visit.

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SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Book Week

Recently we celebrated Book Week with a dress up character day, and the teachers used different books during the week to inspire learning. The students and teachers put in a great effort to come in all sorts of costumes. Mary even had a real little lamb! The student leaders ran an activity session where they read each group a story and organised a fun activity to go with it. Dressing up is always a highlight and it was a fun day.

Cheeky Chooks

Boolarra Primary School recently had some new students! Four new chooks have come to our school on Wednesday August 16. The tiny feather-covered chickens are about six to seven weeks old, one brown, one white, one white speckled brown and one feisty black chook. They live near where the

old pool was in a smallish enclosure with a wooden house inside where the chooks sleep. They are slowly getting used to people and are even getting picked up!

Written by Isabelle and James

Historical Museum Excursion

On August 16, 2023, Boolarra Primary School went to the Boolarra Historical Museum. We all walked to the museum. When we got there, we got split into two groups. The Prep/1/2 class was one group and the 3/4/5/6 class was in the other.

There were two different rooms, and each group was in one of the rooms. In the first room it was full of pictures of what the towns looked like in the olden days. The people told us that the museum used to be the Boolarra School. All of the

pictures were mostly grey. They also said how the rail trail used to be a train track, and that is how people would travel from Boolarra to Morwell.

In the second room, it was the old classroom with all of the same tables and chairs. There was also the same chalk board as when it was a school. In that room there were also old machines that were used. When the Prep/1/2 class was in there they had to fill out a form about what they liked and what they were used for.

Next, we went outside on the ramp and we were asked what we enjoyed. There were many different answers. It was fun to hear all the different answers. I think we all loved going there and I hope we go there again. We then walked back to school and everyone just couldn't stop talking about it.

Ava, Violet and Jake

Science day

On Wednesday August 16, Boolarra Primary School had a science day with three activities to celebrate Science Week. Ms Lade taught us about how much water vapour a cloud can hold using shaving cream, food dye and water. Mrs Larrad showed us that when you put bicarbonate and vinegar in a bottle it fizzes up. We put a balloon on the bottle and the gas made it blow up. Mr Mildenhall's group was trying to get a paper clip to float, we also put pepper in water then we dipped a cotton bud in dish soap and when we put the cotton bud in the pepper water the pepper drifted away from the cotton bud. We learnt that water has surface tension. Everyone had a lot of fun.

Daisy and Kyden Basketball Competition

On Wednesday August

16, Boolarra Primary School went to the Churchill Leisure Centre to compete in the Yinnar and District Basketball Tournament. Boolarra Primary School had two teams: a mixed team and a girls' team. Each and every one of them did extremely well considering that Boolarra is such a small school.

The first game they played was the mixed team, which was an extraordinary game even though they had lost. The mixed team played against Yinnar and they did not give up. They kept on playing. The mixed team got one goal by the end of the game. That made them feel so proud.

Next up the girls' team played against Churchill North, and Boolarra won by 18 points, that is pretty impressive for such a small school playing against such a big school like them.

Boolarra's mixed team was screaming from the top of their lungs while the girls' team was playing. What a terrific game for the first game for the girls' team. They went on to win two more games for the day.

After all that running, we ate some tasty snacks which were chocolate strawberries or lollies. Boolarra Primary School enjoyed those sweet treats! The toffees were really good. They were hard and with different flavours like licorice, plain and green apple. Everyone enjoyed the lollies a lot.

After Boolarra's impressive game they went back to school with their heads up smiling. Even if they had lost some of the games they did not care. Boolarra is very proud of each and every one of them for their incredible performance.

Tilly and Ruby



Above: Book Week Dress Ups
Right: Basketball Team
Far right: Chookies
Below: Historical Museum Visit.
Middle: Historical Museum.
Far right: Science classes



SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

National Day of Action against bullying and violence.

On Friday August 18, Churchill North Primary School students acknowledged the National Day of Action against bullying and violence. The National Day of Action against bullying and violence is an important day in our school calendar to join schools across Australia to say 'Bullying. No Way!'

This year, the National Day of Action is growing connections with each other, with our schools and our communities to create positive action for Australia's key bullying prevention initiative. Together we can make a change. Everyone has a role to play for bullying prevention. The NDA promotes the importance

of school, parent and community connections to build safe and supportive learning environments.

The NDA is an opportunity for schools to deliver the powerful message that bullying is never ok. At our school we encourage students and our school community to join the conversation to find evidence-informed solutions to proactively address bullying.

Growing connections helps students feel accepted, respected, included and supported. The 2023 NDA theme offers an opportunity to increase student connectedness and sense of belonging.

Research has shown that a sense of connection to school supports the development of positive

social behaviours and decreases the likelihood and negative impacts of bullying.

Staff and students at Churchill North had the opportunity to wear something orange and participate in some activities during the day. Classes also joined together to have lunch and engage in a friendly chat before going out to play with each other.

Students watched an online webinar about Cyber Bullying and How to be an eSafe kid. Students actively participated in the Wrinkled Heart activity, 2 Hands activity and made Daisy Chains and posters displaying positive messages.

Maddy, Grade 6 said we learnt about different types of bullying, cyber bullying and what words and actions can do to people. My favourite

part was when we did daisy chains and wrinkled hearts. In that lesson we learnt to think before we speak because it is hard to fix a wrinkled heart.

Zoey, Grade 6 said she really enjoyed Bullying No Way day because it taught children that bullying is NOT ok and why it is not. Throughout the day everyone did different activities, we learnt the saying "Think before you speak" because it's hard to fix a wrinkled heart.

Eldana, Grade 1 said her grade read a book about a possum who was not using his Ipad properly. The book taught us some rules like 'Do not take your Ipad to bed, bed is for sleeping', 'Do not use your Ipad at the dinner table,' 'Never give out

your name or age to

strangers when using your Ipad'.

Marley, Grade 5 said she learnt that every time you say something mean to somebody their heart gets wrinkled and even if you say sorry that wrinkle will stay in their heart, never say anything mean because it can really hurt people.

Gabby, Grade 5 Bullying No Way day was amazing. It taught us to think before we speak, you can not mend a wrinkled heart.

Thane, Grade 5 said in his group they traced around their hands and then everybody in his group came up with ideas on how to be kind, talked about kind words and made posters out of their hands.

Grace, Grade 5 said our group made posters with our partners that displayed kind

words and mindful drawings.

Bella, Grade 5 said at the start of the day we talked about online safety and that you should not give away your address when online. Most people wore orange and if you did not that was ok.

Holly, Grade 6 talked about the different types of bullying, cyber bullying and verbal bullying. Holly said her favourite activity was the Daisy Chain, we connected all the chains together. The message was think before you speak because its hard to fix a wrinkled heart'.

Henry, Grade 6 enjoyed crumbling a heart out of paper, every time something sad happened to the character of the story we would crumble the heart more and more. It made us think about every hurtful thing you say to somebody will affect them.



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CHURCHILL PRIMARY

Visit from Darren Chester
Hi, my name is Tyson McInnes and I am the School Captain at Churchill Primary School. Recently Darren Chester visited our school, and he was greeted by our School Captains who showed him around the school.
Darren was there with his work partner Kyle. He visited each class and answered any questions we had, his answers were very detailed, and everyone was interested in what he had to say. He talked to us about being

proud of our area, Gippsland and his role as a Member of Parliament.
I would like to thank our Mrs Burrows for this experience.
School Basketball
Hi, my name is Jack Towers and I am a School Captain at Churchill Primary School. One Wednesday we competed in school basketball against other schools. We all did a really good job. The girls team played in the first game, and they all played really well.

They won two games, drew one and lost three.
The boys team won five out of our six games. Sadly, none of us made it through to the next round, but we are all very proud of how we played. We would like to thank all the teachers for their coaching and allowing us to compete in school basketball.
Naidoc Day
Hi, my name is Molly Mulder and I am a School Captain at Churchill Primary School. I would like to share

with you our Naidoc week celebration at Churchill Kurnai. First when we got to Kurnai there was a smoking ceremony where you would gather smoke and put it on your face, this was to get rid of all the bad spirits on you. After that a group of Aboriginal students went out and performed a dance which was great to watch.
Later, some more people came up and started talking about their experience throughout the years and lastly, we had a look through

Kurnai's Garden. Thankyou to Kurnai for inviting us to their Naidoc Day, and to Matt and Mr Quigley for walking us down there.
Wakakirri 2023
Hi my name is Ruby Galletti and I hold the role of School Captain at Churchill Primary School. I will be telling you about the amazing time we had at Wakakirri.
Wakakirri is one of Australia's biggest story-dance competitions and it is an incredible opportunity

to dance on stage and win awards.
It was an amazing experience to be able to perform in front of over 250 people.
We had many amazing people to help us accomplish our performance. Thankyou Miss Beauvais and Miss Vajler for choreographing our dances and Mrs Comber for organising costumes. We are all very thankful to our awesome school staff who all helped give us this opportunity.



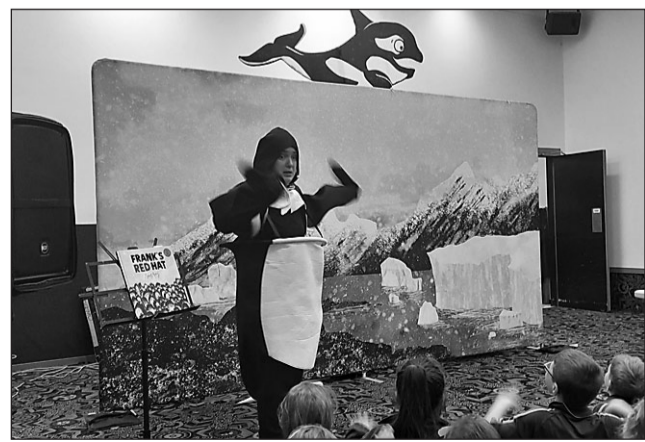
Above left: School Captains Molly Mulder, Ruby Galletti, Jack Towers and Tyson McInnes with Darren Chester
Left: CPS Girls Basketball team: Amelia Parry, Alana Smith, Alana Parkes, Grace Kenna, Emily Halliday, Molly Mulder, Ruby Galletti and Mia Castrillon.
Above right: CPS Boys Basketball team: Tyson McInnes, Joshua Heffer, James Lagos, Jack Towers, Nikolai McLindon, Tyler Eldershaw, Ryan Middleton and Will Selzer.
Right: Logan Simpson participating in the Smoking Ceremony at Kurnai College Naidoc Day.



SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

Meerkat Productions visit at Lumen Christi
On Tuesday August 8, the Meerkat Productions visited Lumen Christi and performed an adaptation of 'Frank's Red Hat' to a captive audience of students and staff.
'Frank's Red Hat' is a shortlisted book by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) for the Book of The Year in the picture book category.
The audience was thoroughly entertained by this interactive show and the students learnt the important message of never giving up on your talents and dreams. Frank the penguin was certainly a big hit with the students!



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KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Tabitha's Closet

VCE/VM students are running a clothes drive in support of Tabitha's Closet. Tabitha's Closet is a not-for-profit organisation that provides free quality clothing for individuals and families who are in need, within our local community. Students are collecting gently used clothes for donation.

They are particularly

looking for childrens' clothing from size 3 and up, as well as clothes for teenagers and men.

Clothing can be delivered to the school via the front office. Please make sure clothes are in good condition, washed and delivered before October 3. The VCE/VM students appreciate your support of this project.

Year 10 Garden Bed Project

Year 10 pathways have been working at Churchill Primary School building nine raised garden beds for the children to plant different fruits and vegetables in. We have also been creating plaques using 3D printers. Each garden will have two plaques, that will display what is planted in the box

and the other one will have a Kurnai logo and the number of the bed. Our other plaques will be of inspiring quotes from the Year 10 students.

By Josh

Young Mums Hamper Project

As part of their Year 12 VCE/VM students are collecting items for young and expectant mothers. Donations of baby clothes, baby supplies, sanitary

products and toys may be delivered to any of the Kurnai campuses until October 3.

Year 11 and 12 Formal

In July we held a Masquerade themed senior formal. The students all looked fabulous in their gowns, suits and masks. Many had taken the time to produce detailed and imaginative masks with

prizes awarded for the best costumes. The mood of the night was celebratory and positive with students enjoying the delicious food at the Italian Australian Sporting Club.

The DJ had the dance floor pumping and the photo booth was also popular. Students and staff had a wonderful night.



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YINNAR PRIMARY

100 Days of School - Foundation

On Tuesday August 1, the Preps celebrated 100 Days of School. Some of us dressed up in lots of colours to match our theme of '100 Days Brighter', some came with 100 objects on a t-shirt, and others were in costume as a 100-year-old man/woman. We had so much fun completing a

range of activities all about the number 100. We made necklaces with 100 fruit loops on them, and also made biscuits with lollies for the number 100. We created a collaborative mural depicting 100 things we love about our school. It was so much fun and well worth tracking each and every one of our school days since the beginning of the year.

100 Days at school for Foundation Students Jimmy, James, Lexi, Lucah



Yinnar's Got Talent

Congratulations to everyone who went out of their comfort zone and tried out for Yinnar's Got Talent this year! We had a variety of acts this time around. Even if you did not win a prize, everyone did an amazing job. The winners of Yinnar's Got Talent were:

1st place Jackson and Tom with Bottle Flipping

2nd place Annie with some Magic Tricks

3rd place Sonny who timed himself solve the Rubik's Cube.

Congratulations to everyone involved.

By Billy and Taylah

Girls AFL

On Thursday August 3, some Grade 5/6 girls were selected to play in a girls' AFL tournament in

Traralgon. In the lead up to the tournament our team did lots of drills and training sessions with Mr Twomey during lunch times to prepare us for the day.

We played five games on the day and won two. Our team played so well together, especially seeing as none of us play football outside of school. I really enjoyed playing football and would

like to play again some time.

By Ivy

Every single one of us girls played our best and pushed ourselves out of our comfort zone. It was a very rough game, but we all pushed ourselves to our limits and didn't stop. We all encouraged one another to do our best and had fun while doing it.

By Bonnie and Pippa



Girls AFL Football Tayla, Amira, Leila, Ebony, Elyse, Dakota, Pippa, Izzy, Emily, Lily

Girls AFL Football 2 Alice, Sophia, Alexandra, April, Hayley, Bonnie, Charlie, Vienna, Annalies

Yinnar's Got Talent Winners: Jackson, Toni, Annie and Sonny



the power of humanity



Wow it was so great to be back after a two-month break. Lots of stories from everyone's holidays as well as lots going on in Red Cross over the coming months. Our August Meeting was a busy one with the AGM and our Regular Meeting, which was followed by a delicious afternoon tea. Our AGM saw all current standing members return to the same positions. During the meeting there was lots of planning for upcoming events such as, the Big Cake Bake in September,

Morwell Bunnings BBQ in October and our Annual Christmas Raffle over November and December.

Big Cake Bake is not only a chance to raise money to help people going through tough times, but also to connect with loved ones or colleagues, share a laugh, have a chat and enjoy the buzz of being together.

As part of the Big Cake Bake, our Branch has decided to put our cooking skills to good use and will be hosting a High Tea on

Wednesday September 13. A BBQ at Morwell Bunnings is planned for the end of October. November and December will keep us busy preparing for the Annual Christmas Raffle.

This year's raffle will have three prizes, two hampers as well as a \$50 Bunnings gift voucher.

There will be no formal meeting in September. The next meeting will be held at the Yinnar and District Memorial Hall at 1:30pm on October 11.

Yinnar Community Garden



Tamarillos

I'm always searching for more fruit that ripens in the "hungry gap" when nothing much is in season except citrus, and the tamarillo is noteworthy among these fruits.

A tall slender tree with huge leaves, it reminds me of a trifid (a science-fiction people-eating plant). The fruits of common varieties are a vibrant yellow or red, or an amber/orange colour. Reds are least sweet, followed by yellow, with amber the sweetest.

The thick skin is bitter, so cut the fruit in half and scoop out the flesh like a passionfruit. Tamarillos are also great in jams and desserts.

Native to the Andes, tamarillos are believed to have been cultivated by the Incas. They are grown commercially in New Zealand, where they became popular during World War II when bananas and oranges could not be imported. Originally known in English as a tree tomato, the name tamarillo was invented by a New Zealander who said it sounded both Maori and Spanish, and this name was officially adopted in 1967.

Tamarillos are frost sensitive, and the one planted at the Yinnar Community Garden died.

However, on our frost-free hill in Yinnar South under the shade of gum trees, a tamarillo tree has grown

slowly and steadily, and finally fruited this year. We are now patiently waiting for the fruit to colour up (they can take up to September to ripen in Melbourne).

Delicious tangy tamarillos make a great winter pop of colour, and are sure to be a conversation starter. To learn more about growing fruit, come along to a Yinnar Community Garden working bee on Wednesday or Saturday mornings, or if you have an unusual plant bring it along for a show and tell. For more information, search "Yinnar Community Garden" on Facebook or email yinnarcg@gmail.com.

Pictured - Tamarillo tree growing in Yinnar South.

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