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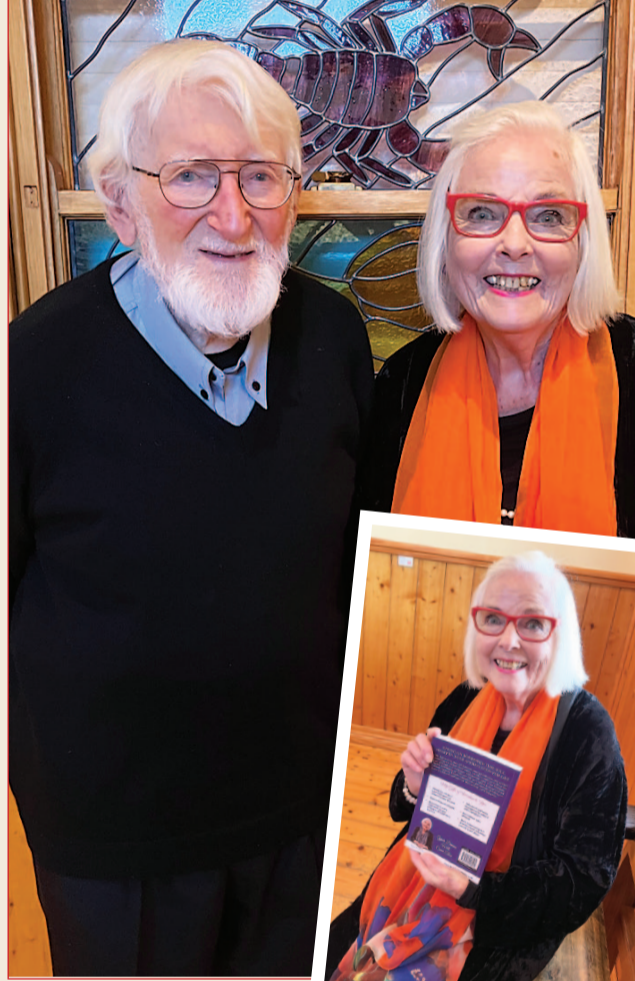
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Yinnar Matchbox Gallery Exhibition



From September 15 to October 8, an exhibition hosted by Pip Nikodemski and Marie Ward of the Matchbox Galley at 36 Main Street Yinnar, was the works of Tricia Dennis (89 years old) and John Brown (98 years old) who have led amazing lives.

his early childhood. In 1958 he joined the Traralgon Art Group, which was the beginning of many art groups with which he was involved, and with which he tutored over the decades.

John believes creativity makes your life wonderful. He enjoys the mastery the painter has over their medium and that he can apply his inventiveness to the scene he is painting. He says while he paints his world is free from hate.

ingredient as you progress through life's journey. Take heart and move through every setback with confidence. Persistence wins through.

John Brown was born in 1925 in England and during World War 2 he joined the British Navy serving on a mine sweeper in the Suez Canal.

Always being enthusiastic and dedicated to the trade of how to paint, John completed his Diploma of Fine Arts at the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education at Churchill in 1999.

Tricia Dennis has an amazing philosophy in life. She has written a book about her life and on the back cover are written these - her gifts of wisdom: Obstacles are just learning curves in achieving your dreams. Hope knows no bounds. Optimism is a key

Make every moment of your life count and know you are not alone.

This philosophy was built due to many of her experiences which she details in her book 'From Hell to Happiness'.

After the war he enlisted in the Australian Airforce arriving in Australia in 1951.

His paintings which were on display have all been painted when in his mid 80s and 90s and he is still producing works with just as much passion and enjoyment.

It begins with the three and a half years as a child of four, as a prisoner of war in a Japanese Prison Camp at a University in Japan that could house 7000 inmates.

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Christmas Market in December

The next Churchill Shop Local Market will be held on Saturday December 2 at Churchill Shopping Centre. This is our annual Christmas Market and planning is well under way.

The early December date provides an opportunity to browse our local stores to find gifts and goodies for celebrations over the Christmas - New Year period.

Many of our local small retailers stock items suitable for gift-giving and, of course, there will be an array of craft and market stalls displaying a range of goods for purchase at the Christmas Market.

We encourage all readers to shop local in Churchill in the lead up to the festive season. Spending your shopping dollars locally supports our business community, creates local employment and ensures that

the services we require are available in Churchill.

CDCA successfully applied to EnergyAustralia for funding to cover the costs of our next market. As our advertisements and fliers start to appear (designed by the volunteers at Churchill & District News), you will notice that they state "Sponsored by EnergyAustralia" and include the EA logo.

We are pleased to receive this funding as it means we will again have plenty of shopping vouchers to give away to randomly selected shoppers at the market. We always cover the face value of these vouchers, so that no retailer is out-of-pocket for the freebies.

We can also afford to have our paid entertainers attend again and perhaps provide Santa (should he choose to attend our market!) with a selection of free lollies

Rain at Hazelwood South.

September had lots of warm sunny days, but still managed to have 46.5 mm of rain which is a low 52% of the September average, and for the year of 2023, is now 16% below an average year, bringing down the soil moisture.

Hazelwood South had 22% more rain than the Latrobe Valley weather station. La Niña can last for six months, households on tank water will need to budget their water usage, and keep the gutters clean to avoid any losses.

Global warming makes predicting the coming fire season more uncertain. To be safe, review your fire plan, and the fire equipment should be ready and tested.



Churchill Rainfall

The rainfall in Churchill was heading for a good start early in the month with over 50 mm falling in the first ten days of the month. However, that wasn't to last as only 6 mm has fallen since. That is quite a lot more than Melbourne recorded which was only 10.5 mm (Herald Sun September 30, 2023)

The total of 56.5 mm for the month is well below average for September. The total rainfall for the year so far is 518 mm.

to give away.

If you, or the community group you are involved with, wish to have a market stall in Churchill on Saturday December 2, book a site through the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre's website - churchill.org.au - it is easy to do!

Funding for community groups to pay bills, conduct activities and keep functioning is always something of a challenge. Likewise, finding volunteers to help out with all the necessary tasks can be difficult too.

CDCA needs a few more helping hands, as does the Churchill & District News (who are currently actively conducting a recruitment drive) and many more of our local community groups.

Volunteering is a great social activity - just ask the Churchill Lions Club members! You can select an organisation that matches your interests (such as the Football and Netball Club), or fits your skill-set (every organisation needs fundraisers and book-keepers) or inspires you to lend a helping hand (e.g. St Vincent de Paul, Churchill) or provides an opportunity to make your

community a better place (like Latrobe Valley Neighbourhood Watch).

Volunteering is not all about attending meetings; it can be about doing a regular task or helping out on special occasions. It is about meeting people and making friends, about feeling good about yourself and your community, about making a positive difference in your local patch.

CDCA tries to make our patch a bit better. Why not join us? Membership is free. You can join by attending one of our meetings, or download our membership application form from our website and send it to us.

CDCA meets on the second Thursday of every second month. All local residents are welcome to attend. Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday December 14, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall - park and enter from Philip Parade. Our first meeting in 2024 will be held on Thursday February 8.

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


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Churchill & District News FLASHBACK

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Yinnar General Store

In December the Yinnar General Store, also known as Universal Emporium and Vinning Bros, celebrated its 100th anniversary. Celebrations kicked off with an attendance of around 200 people.

An historical exhibition was put together in the back of the store where many who had not visited the store for years shared their memories with old friends. A number of the store's past employees and owners were in attendance.

Hazelwood House Happenings

Australia Day was celebrated on Friday January 25. Staff and volunteers decorated the home with flags. A quiz was held for the residents and lots of information on Australia was discussed. Afternoon tea was served with lamingtons decorated with the Australian flag.

Latrobe City Brass Band

The Latrobe City Brass Band would love to welcome some more musicians to our happy ranks. Come along to practice nights in the Town Common Pavilion Band Room in Morwell. Practice is led by our excellent Music Director, Alex Wilson.

Instruments and tuition available, all levels of experience welcome. The Band had a busy time over Christmas with many performances, however 2013 has started off quietly with events cancelled because of bushfires.

Churchill CFA members

Because of the fires the team assisted with preparations around the township and surrounding properties.

One of the significant buildings in the district

that was protected was a mountain cattlemen's hut in the Macalister River valley near Primrose Gap.

This historic building is now the last remaining of eight that were built throughout the valley, and is just over 100 years old.

Work was also done to ensure that the Lions Club Licola Wilderness Village and the Licola township's above ground water pipes were cleared of vegetation to ensure their survival should the fire come.

Eel Hole Creek redevelopment

Following a stakeholder workshop late last year and subsequent community consultation, consultants working for the Gippsland Education Precinct, Hansen Partnerships, have developed an exciting concept plan for the proposed Eel Hole Creek Pavilion.

The unique structure, to be located on high ground at the western end of the Churchill Leisure Centre car park and set in the natural landscape, will provide a meeting place and a representation of the history and character of the Churchill community.

The structure will be integrated into Latrobe City Council's proposed East West Link reaching from the Hub to the Monash University campus, via Latrobe Leisure Churchill.

Monash golf

Traditionally the Club has for 25 years held a men's only competition on Saturdays, ladies only competition on Tuesdays and a mixed competition on Sunday mornings.

Our first combined competition was held in January with seven ladies playing amongst the boys, and was very well accepted.

Changing tradition is not easy and some found change harder to accept than others.

Cobras raising funds for breast cancer

The Churchill Cricket Club is once again preparing to dig deep for the annual Pink Stumps Day event. Pink Stumps Day is an initiative of the McGrath Foundation, which puts money towards the training and placement of Breast Cancer Care Nurses in regional areas. Jane McGrath was the wife of former Australian Test bowler, Glen McGrath.

Hazelwood Rotary

Early in October, our guest speaker was Alicia Ewen. Alicia is the 2013 Hazelwood Rotary Scout of the Year, and told us of her time in Scouting, starting in Joelys, then Cubs and now Scouts at Morwell East Group. She is a Patrol Leader, and at present most Scouts in the Troop are girls.

She has attended many camps, including a 15km Rail Trail hike carrying all gear. The Jamboree in Maryborough, Queensland in 2013 was a highlight. Alicia has also been in the cast of Strzelecki Showtime for three years.

Hazelwood Rotary 35 years old

Hazelwood Rotary officially celebrates its 35th birthday this year, a fine milestone to achieve. The club became official in 1978, being formed under the sponsorship of the Morwell Rotary Club.

There were 25 charter members and two of these members are still associated with Hazelwood Rotary today, they are John Breheny and Tom Thomsen.

Councillor Melissa Ferguson

It has been a busy month of resident consultations and on-site visits. Two highlights this month were my visit to the Churchill Bowls Club and awarding the medals for the volleyball at the Victorian Teacher's Games hosted by the Churchill Leisure Centre.

Since being elected I have visited many of our sporting and community clubs in the South Ward.

Generally I note the following:

* The passion of volunteers seeking extra volunteer hands, especially from the younger community members.

* The passion of the volunteers in the keeping and updating of facilities.

* Older volunteers wanting local families to contribute and join them, particularly at our local bowling clubs.

Can we make connecting via bowls clubs the new trend? I think it is time.

I paid a visit to the Churchill Bowls Club. Just like at the Yinnar and Boolarra clubs, it was a welcoming atmosphere.

Over a chat with Bill Brown (president), Kevin Turpin and Marion Newton we drafted up some desired outcomes for the club.

The truth is our bowls clubs are keen for our local families to get involved. Many members of our local bowls clubs have spent years playing as kids at our local footy, netball and other sporting clubs.

Then volunteering at the same clubs again as their own children attended. So, let's not leave them behind! Time to join forces.

Churchill Bowls club has carpet and lawn bowls. Lawn bowls from March until October for 2 1/2 hours per week and in summertime on occasion, and the crew assures me they even have a "well stocked" bar fridge. Inside their club they have a bar as well. It is family

friendly and they are always keen to be surrounded by families.

Churchill Bowls club is calling on local families to participate. Mothers and babies welcome. Warning: Families attending will be spoilt.

Every Thursday night from 7pm is Carpet bowls night and it is only \$5.00 with supper provided!

The crew is hoping local footy, cricket, tennis and more clubs could perhaps join forces for their younger ones to join in too.

Maybe some kind of



casual mentor program? Like all clubs they are of course always keen for sponsors.

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Co-Operating Church Snippets



Reverend Dr John Morgan led our Anglican Holy Communion service on September 3. He spoke about Moses' life as a Hebrew baby saved from being killed, to being discovered in the basket in the rushes by the Pharaoh's daughter; being taken to the royal palace to grow up there; later to discover the ill treatment of his fellow Hebrews. Trying to help a Hebrew man being beaten he killed the Egyptian and hid his body. However, the incident was seen and resulted in Moses running away. Moses went to Jethro and worked for him. He married one of Laban's daughters and had a son.

One day he was out minding the sheep when he saw a bush which appeared to be burning but didn't burn up. Curious Moses approached the bush when a voice said 'You are on holy ground, take off your sandals'. This was a unique privilege accorded to Moses which showed the continuing relationship God has with His people through the generations. Moses obeyed and removed his sandals. The voice of God spoke to Moses and gave him the task of setting the Hebrew people free from slavery under the Egyptians. Moses asked God "Who shall I say sent me to free you"? God answered "I am who I am".

Moses, with Aaron, set out to achieve this colossal undertaking with faith that God would deliver the outcome desired. This special relationship Moses had with God can be for all



who seek it.

God wants to have a personal relationship with each one of us. We just have to accept that and believe with faith as we put ourselves in God's hands through prayer and knowing Jesus and following his example. Faith is a matter of putting ourselves in someone else's hands.

Reconciliation was the theme of the All Age Worship service. It was based on Matthew 18: 15-20.

It gives the recipe for resolving disputes in the church but can equally be applied to every day matters as well.

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

If you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector."

Following from the reconciliation process, Cathie's theme was forgiveness. She began by telling us about the system of law in some USA states where it is three strikes against you and you are in jail.

She went on to sight the occasion when Peter asked Jesus how many times should you forgive your brother or sister, seven times? No said Jesus 70 times seven. That is every time you think about that offence against you or you against another, you should ask forgiveness.

In our daily lives we should feel free to air our grievances and work through them in a respectful way so we can focus on what God



wants us to do. Do not harbor grudges.

Forgiving ourselves can be very hard. We should always remember that God has accepted our repentance and it is finished as far as God is concerned. We need to give ourselves a break.

God never says three strikes and you are out.

Coffee Connections

The theme for Coffee Connections was spring. After the opening devotion praising God for his wonderful creation which brings new life back in

abundance after the winter dormancy, people shared their memories of spring, many from childhood. There were also poems and photos and photo albums to share.

Delightful coloured bunches of spring flowers were brought to decorate the tables. It was lovely to have Heather since she has returned from northern Australia.

Special thanks go to Julie and Trevor Berryman for the setting up of the area in the theme and making all ready for the morning together.



Churchill Christian Fellowship

A brief induction ceremony took place at Churchill Christian Fellowship on Sunday August 20.

As part of the regular afternoon church service, the role of Steve McNeilly as Pastor was finally made official. Steve, together with wife Sandie, had previously led the church from 1991 to 2002.

They returned from Warrnambool to Moe in 2013 and opened Variety Bookroom in Moe the following year. Now that the bookshop is no longer operating, the timing just seemed right.

At the same 3pm service, Pastor Steve started a sermon series on the Book of Daniel with the working title "God Rules".

A second home fellowship group started on Wednesday August 30.

That means there is now a daytime option for people who find it difficult to come out at night. This meeting

is in Glendonald, which we hope might also help some people.

The regular Tuesday evening meeting typically features a prayer time, some worship and in recent weeks, an in-depth Bible study on the kingdom words of Jesus.

We are excited to announce that we have booked Gavin Chatelier for an Elvis show at 7.30 pm on Saturday November 11. The show, which will be held at CCF hall, 762 Tramway Rd, Churchill, features Elvis' gospel favourites and inspirational songs. Gavin is a well-known local entertainer. His shows are fun for all the family, even those too young to remember Elvis.

Please call 0409 173 747 for tickets and bookings, or if you'd like more information on any of our church activities, or simply to be on a mailing list for our weekly newsletters.



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Friends of Morwell National Park

September Activity Report

At the September meeting of Friends of Morwell National Park, news was shared of a visit to the park by local Members of Parliament - Melina Bath and Martin Cameron, who had come to inspect the damaged bridges in the Junction Road area.

The delays in repairing the bridges after the storms in June 2021 have been raised by Ms Bath in state parliament, and Parks Victoria is believed to have appointed a project

coordinator.

Members of the group who are working to produce a guidebook to the birds in the park reported that they have held some productive initial meetings, and the wider group approved a proposal to seek funding for the project.

An update was also given on the Strzelecki Alpine Biolink project, which has held two meetings this year and is progressing slowly. The Jeeralang Junction Local Recovery team has put together an

improvement plan for the Billys Creek Reserve opposite the Junction Road carpark.

As part of the recovery efforts after recent disasters, they are planning improvements to the park including an all-access walking circuit, shelter, picnic tables and interpretive signs.

With no appropriate vehicles available to carry tools and equipment into the park, the plan for doing track maintenance was abandoned in favour of a

bird observation walk along the Billys Creek Track.

Only a few hundred metres from the car park, we found a wombat munching grass in the middle of the track.

Upon approaching it carefully, we saw that it was infected with mange. Once it had scurried off the track and into the bush, we continued with our walk.

A total of 24 bird species was observed over the course of the day, with the most numerous being the superb wren and golden

whistler. Other sightings included eastern yellow robin, white-throated treecreeper, Australian king parrot, laughing kookaburra, and the ubiquitous pied currawong and Australian magpie.

Some members of the group cleared a fallen wattle tree that was partially obscuring the track, while others noted the profusion of mountain clematis (Clematis glycinoides), which was flowering in great display high up in several trees.

We were pleased to see

four koalas, including one that was actively climbing near our lunch spot.

A parcel of eight fallow deer, led by a buck with impressive antlers, was also observed in the bush adjoining But But Track, and two grey kangaroos were sighted up near Tebb Terrace.

While we may not have completed much maintenance this month, we all enjoyed our time in the national park, appreciating the varied beauty of the flora and fauna that inhabit it.



Left: Australian admiral (Vanessa itea)
Above: Wombat. Above right: Mountain clematis (Clematis glycinoides)
Above left: Billys Creek



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Our Branch chose to host a High Tea. So Wednesday September 13 we arrived to a stunning view across Yinnar and Yallourn to the picturesque Mount Useful in the distance.

After a quick meander around the beautiful garden, it was time for some thirst-quenching fruit punch, accompanied by plenty of excited chatter going on whilst we waited for the fabulous High Tea to begin.

Once inside we were greeted with an array of hot food, sandwiches, and a variety of sweet delicacies.

Everyone was then seated and the tea, coffee and cold drinks were served, and

everyone was able to tuck in and enjoy the delicious food.

Part way through the afternoon we were entertained with the drawing of the door prizes.

The five lucky winners had a choice between, jars of Rocky Road, Yoyo's, Rumballs or a handmade cushion.

The afternoon concluded around 4pm with everyone helping themselves to the remaining treats.

Community Noticeboard

Latrobe City Council is offering subsidised First Aid courses for representatives and volunteers of local community groups and clubs. Nominations can be received for up to two members from each group. Two options are available (both are the same course).

Course One (2 x Evenings):

Date: Tuesday October 24 and Wednesday October 25, 2023

Time: 6pm to 8.30pm
Location: Latrobe City Headquarters, 141 Commercial Road, Morwell

Course Two (1 x Day):

Date: Thursday November 2, 2023

Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm
Location: Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, 32 Kay Street, Traralgon

Cost: \$30 per person. Places are limited. Please note approximately one-hour online homework is required prior to attending training.

International Rose Garden Festival Morwell

For a great night out with your friends or a team building activity, head to the Morwell Bowling Club to see Costa and Cate McQuillen, producer of DIRTGIRL World, for an open discussion on household sustainability practices. Learn how one small change at home can have a positive impact on the environment.

Tickets are \$66 per person or \$500 for a table of eight, and include a main meal, petit fours and drink on arrival.

Date: Saturday November 11, 2023

Time: 5.30pm to 7pm
Location: Morwell Bowling Club

Join us on a Library Tour - Morwell

Invite members of your group to an upcoming informal and friendly library tour covering opening times, free Wifi and public computers, how to borrow items, resources in language, programs and activities and how to join.

Date: Monday November 13, 2023

Time: 10am - 12pm
Location: Morwell Library, 65 - 63 Elgin Street, Morwell

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Morning tea was then called and consumed readily as even though the holes were dug there was still a lot of effort needed to plant. Following morning tea the trees were watered and tied to the stakes. Then the small but happy crew surveyed their work and hoped they would be around in a few years to see them grow and flourish.

With the following week's working bee items decided we received the news that there were thirty more trees to plant.

Preparations were again made with Bruce digging more holes and the other items sourced ready. The Friday was that dreadful cold, wet and windy day with the Saturday not much better. However, our trusty volunteers turned out and the trees were planted, fertilised,



staked and tied by 11 am. A great effort. No need to water the trees as there was plenty of rain during the day.

A very big thank you to the council for the provision of all the new trees to help develop our park.

The Gippsland Interchange crew has been

a marvelous help collecting many trailer loads of mulch and mulching all the new trees. Two of our volunteers have been watering the new trees to give them the best chance of survival with a hot dry summer forecast.

During the school

holidays with the good weather there were many families at the park enjoying the play equipment, fishing and picnicking. Fisheries had stocked the lake for the holidays.



As reported in the September issue there were more trees to plant, and plant we did. Friday September 1 saw Bruce there with his excavator digging holes for us which made the work the next day a much easier one, while several deciduous trees were planted.

At 8 am on Saturday September 2, two volunteers were there laying out stakes, bags of potting mix, picking up the 34 trees and dropping them at the right places, readying all for the others who came to plant. By 11 am nearly all the trees were in the ground and fertilised.



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Churchill Lions Club



The Churchill and District Lions has had a pleasantly busy time since the last report.

The Lions have participated in two Bunnings sausage sizzle sessions, both were quite busy and resulted in good takings on each occasion

Churchill Lions recently put on a barbeque lunch with Delta catering for 100 Morwell open cut rejuvenation workers. Lions supplied ten people to assist, and the BBQ was very well received by workers. Lions club donated \$200 to Churchill News writing

competition.

Some of the Churchill Lions Club members were pleased to attend the wedding of former member Peter Savage, to Julie in a delightful ceremony in Yarram. The ceremony was attended by approximately sixty guests.



Springtime in Churchill

This year is amazing with the sudden arrival of spring. How quickly the garden plants began to bloom. Many trees have regained their new green growth after losing all their leaves so recently in winter.

Fire Brigade Open Day

An Open Day will be held on Sunday October 29 from 10 till 2, at the CFA Churchill fire station. Watch a fire truck hose display, Captain Koala visit, enjoy a sausage sizzle, coffee van, kids craft and more. Come and meet your local brigade members.

Morwell International Rose Festival

Keep some time free on the weekend of November 11 to visit the Morwell gardens, enjoy the entertainment and spectacular roses on display.

Lions fishing day

Keep the date of November 25 free to go fishing with the Churchill Lions in Lake Hyland. The lake will be stocked with trout to help you have a great day out with family and friends. This annual family fishing day has been held here for many years.

Lake Hyland was also stocked with trout for the September school holiday

fishers. With fine weather and fish in the lake do hope you had an enjoyable time and caught a fish or two.

Post Office has moved

By now you will have noticed the Post Office has moved shops and is now located at the old Cafe Alfa site.

How long will it take us to remember to always park the car at a different space when looking to post that letter?

Pickleball Latrobe Leisure Churchill

Two "Come and try days" were held at Latrobe Leisure Centre" Churchill during the school holidays. This is a new sport that is beginning to expand in Australia. The game is somewhat similar to tennis and badminton, played on a

court either indoors or outside, using a paddle and plastic ball with perforated holes.

Lake Hyland visitors

How popular is Lake Hyland? Over 6000 people walked, jogged, ran and rode bicycles in the area in the July, August period.

An amazing number of locals and visitors enjoy using this lovely asset at Churchill for exercise and recreation. Many thanks to the volunteers who help keep the park in good order throughout the year.

Thought for the month

Life is the most difficult exam. Many people fail because they try to copy others, not realising that everyone has a different exam paper.

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Matchbox Gallery hosts portrait exhibition



The Matchbox Gallery in Main Street, Yinnar, is hosting a fund-raising portrait exhibition by students at Yinnar Primary School.

Students have been invited by Matchbox Gallery owners Pip and Marie to paint a portrait to be exhibited in their Yinnar gallery. The exhibition is set to open on Friday October

20 and will be open until Sunday November 12. All of the portraits will be for sale, with funds being used to improve sporting facilities at the school. A raffle will also take place. The main prize is a framed bird photo which has been donated by Dal Reilly Photography.

A spokesperson from the school said that Yinnar P.S. is extremely grateful for the

generosity of the Matchbox Gallery in making the space available for the students to display their artwork. This will be the second time they have had a display in the Gallery. The last time they did this, they raised enough money to buy materials for a 'Gaga Ball Pit'. This year they are hoping to replace the ageing goal posts on their school oval.



STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



Clocks

Time has always been important to people but its measurement posed a problem through the ages. The ancient Romans tried the flow of water and candles of the same size but could not guarantee a regular rate of flow or burning or quality of candle wax. The first real invention that showed promise was the invention of the sundial and some early ones exist today. Rich people erected them in their gardens and if you had the price, you could even buy folding ones that you could carry with you. These had two drawbacks. Firstly, they had to be aligned to the north-south parallel, which was not an easy task to perform. Secondly, they needed the sun to shine, even a little, to cast a shadow. This control still eludes us.

The next development which came in the early 1600s was the pendulum-controlled clock which allowed a wheel to be turned at a regular rate. We see these in grandfather clocks and cuckoo clocks.

However, technology was improving all the time and



when it was realised that a coiled spring attached to a wheel could be regulated to release at a constant rate, the modern clock was developed. At first, wood was used but metals soon provided a more durable and stronger alternative. The rich could have their smaller clocks and watches while the poor could see the time on the large clocks mounted on church towers or other tall buildings.

These large clocks could also be connected to the church bells to chime the hours, half and quarter hours, making sure the working people knew the time and could not slack off from work. They were also expected to ensure they were not late for church services either. The modern

equivalent is the Muslim call to prayer.

Over time, various towns and villages began to build fancier clocks to show their importance, or to commemorate a particular event or even just to show how important their town leaders were. These clocks are known by their German name, glockenspiels or clock stories. In Hamelin, the clock shows the story of the Pied Piper, in Rothenberg-ob-der-Tauber, it shows a mayor who drank a large amount of wine in one go to save the town from being destroyed by an invading army, and in Amsterdam the burghers of the city take a walk every hour. There are many others throughout Europe.

Today we have digital clocks controlled by batteries and these are everywhere, making sure we use time wisely. There are a number of stamp sets released showing clocks, including this set from East Germany.

Stamp and coin fair.

The annual stamp and coin fair will be held at the Uniting Church Hall, Traralgon, on Saturday October 21.

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Cooking with Noelene

Morello cherry meringue



For you Tash - Preheat your oven to 220 deg C. Please cook 4 cups of rice (I used a rice cooker). Heat 1/4 litre of milk (1 cup) with 1 tsp of vanilla extract.

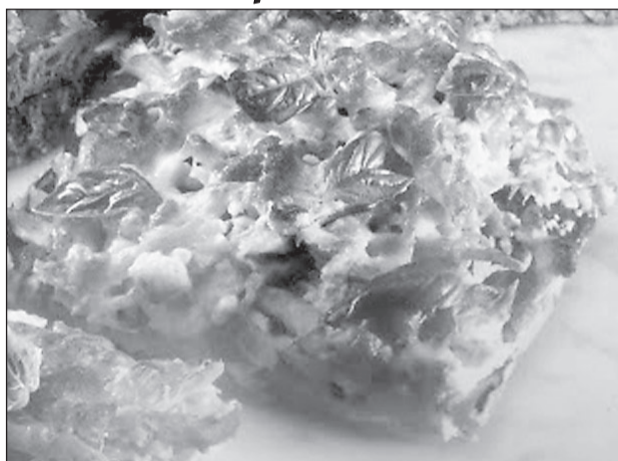
Now add the cooked rice and stir through the warmed milk over a low heat until thickened. In a separate bowl beat 4 egg whites till stiff, folding 6 tbs of castor sugar through at the last moment. Drain 500 gm of morello cherries.

Well grease a round casserole / oven proof dish. Place the well drained cherries over the base of the dish. Now mix the rice pudding with the stiffened egg whites and heap it in the form of a mound onto the cherries.

Place the meringue in the well preheated oven and bake until the points of the meringue begin to get brown.

Tash, your partner's grandmother Jessie Mersey was a wonderful home cook and taught me all about pavlova, and the difference between pavlova and meringue .

Saturday night at the Manor - chicken and basil Turkish pizza



Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Pour 700 ml of bottled tomato pasta sauce into a medium pan. Simmer uncovered for about 5 minutes until thickened slightly.

Meanwhile, slice the pide (Turkish bread) widthways, slice each half horizontally. Shred 1/2 cup of fresh basil leaves.

Place the pide pieces cut side up on an unoiled oven tray.

Spread the pasta sauce over the pide slices, sprinkle with the shredded basil, 300 gm of cooked and shredded chicken, 200 gm of crumbled feta cheese and 40 gm (1/2 cup) of grated parmesan and finally 1/2 cup of grated mozzarella cheese.

Bake uncovered in the well preheated oven for about 15 minutes or until the cheeses melt and turn golden. Sprinkle with basil leaves.

Baked creamy fettuccine with beef



This is one of the meals we prepared in Country cooking class recently. Place 375 gm of fettuccine in a pot of boiling water with a drizzle of oil uncovered and cook till just tender. Drain, spray again with cooking oil and set aside. Heat 1 tbs of canola oil in a large pan, cooking 500 gm of beef stirring until browned all over. Add 700 ml of chunky pasta sauce, 2 tbs of minced garlic and simmer until the beef mixture thickens.

Now in a separate pan add 200gm of butter / marg and add 3/4 cup of plain flour with 1 litre of milk stirring until the mixture thickens and bubbles.

Remove the pan from the heat and gradually stir in 1 litre of milk. Return to the heat and stir until the white sauce thickens.

Now add 3/4 cup of grated cheese. In a separate bowl, combine using your finger tips: 2 tbs of cheddar cheese, 2 cups of breadcrumbs and 40 gm of butter /marg, until you have a crumb mix (set aside).

Now combine the breadcrumb mixture with 1 tbs of dried parsley.

Finally, combine the pasta with the white sauce in an oven proof dish (10 cup size dish), top with the mince mixture and finally sprinkle over the bread crumb mix. This dish is amazing. Bake uncovered till browned and heated through.

Spaghetti with prawns, coriander and peanuts

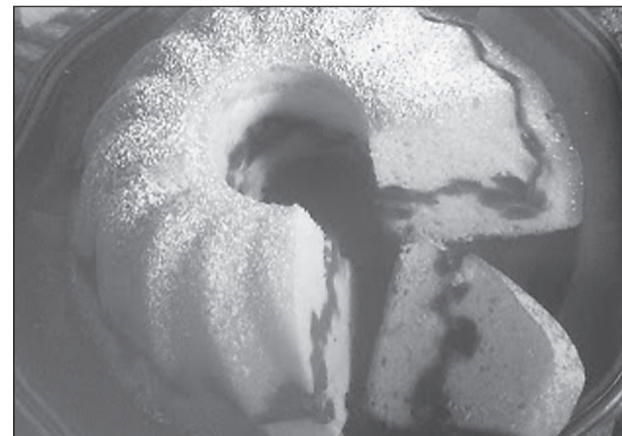


Cook 250 gm of spaghetti pasta in a large pan of boiling water uncovered until tender.

Drain and lightly stir through a spray of cooking oil. Shell and de-vein 1 kg of uncooked prawns, leaving tails intact. Heat a glug of peanut oil in a large pan and cook prawns along with 1 sliced red capsicum, 1/3 cup of crushed mixed nuts until the prawns just change colour.

Now carefully add the cooked pasta, 1/3 cup of lime juice, 2 tbs of sweet chilli sauce and 1 tbs of dried coriander or 2 tbs of chopped fresh coriander leaves. Gently stir fry until the prawns are tender.

Sour cherry cake



Preheat your oven to 160 deg C. Grease a 20 cm baba, bundt or ring pan, sprinkle with flour or polenta and shake out the excess.

Drain 720 gm jar of pitted morello cherries and place on absorbent kitchen paper to dry further. Place 125 gm of butter/ marg in the bowl of your mixer with 1 dsp of grated lemon rind, 3/4 cup of castor sugar and mix until light and fluffy.

In a separate bowl, beat together 2 eggs and in another bowl, mix together 1 cup of self raising flour. Now add the eggs alternatively with the flour to the sugar mixture and mix in 1/2 cup of sour cream and 1/4 cup of milk until combined. Do not over mix.

Pour half the mixture into the prepared pan, scatter the cherries over top and carefully spread the remaining batter over the cherries.

Bake in the preheated oven for 90 minutes, until cooked and a skewer inserted comes out clean. Let cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely.

To serve, I dusted the cake with sifted icing sugar. This is what a cake should be.

Quick mix ginger shortbreads



Preheat your oven to 160 deg C. Mix together in the bowl of your food processor 1 and 1/4 cups of plain flour, 1/4 cup of rice flour, 1/3 cup of icing sugar and process until combined.

Now add 125 gm of butter/ marg and process till the mixture resembles breadcrumbs.

Add 1 dspn of brandy and 1/4 cup of glace ginger. Process in short bursts until mixture forms a ball around the blade. Turn the dough onto a clean work surface and knead until smooth.

Divide into 2 rolls, approx 3 cm in diameter, wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour. Cut into 1 cm slices, place rounds onto ungreased oven trays, top with a walnut piece.

Bake in a preheated oven 160 deg C, for 20 minutes or until the shortbreads are lightly golden. The aromas are wafting and inviting. Allow to cool on the tray, then store in an airtight container.

Strzelecki Koalas in spring

Now that spring is here, our unique and genetically diverse Strzelecki Koalas can be observed roaming their habitats. Mothers (does) are still raising their young joeys which are often clinging to their mother's back learning how to survive independently. The male koalas (bucks) are venturing around their home range and are beginning to look for mates. Mating calls are starting to be heard across Strzelecki koala habitats, such as the Jeeralang Ranges and beyond.

During the colder months lots of koala scats were seen but sightings of koalas in the tree tops were rare. Now that they are more on the move again, dangers to the Strzelecki koala have increased.

The two main causes of death and injury to koalas are cars and dogs.

This is how we ensure that individual Strzelecki koalas survive this spring season.

Drive at a speed that enables you to stop quickly and safely especially in tree lined areas and wildlife zones. Always be on the lookout for wildlife on the road. In South Eastern Queensland wildlife areas, there are 50 kilometre an hour zones from 6pm to 6am because koalas travel more at night as do other wildlife like wombats. Do we need to

have such a speed limit here too?

Restrain your pets.

Please keep dogs on leads when walking them and have them in an enclosure that is inaccessible to koalas and other wildlife. It is ideal to keep your pets inside at night.

Make your property a koala safe place. If you live in an area that is populated by wildlife especially koalas, ensure that they can escape fenced off areas. Cows can hurt koalas so farmers could provide means for the koala to escape. The South Gippsland Pamphlet has ideas to make a yard koala friendly and safe - "A Guide to Living with Koalas in Sandy Point", Internet Research.

Get help for an injured or dead koala, or any other wildlife like a wombat. Contact a wildlife carer in your area or Wildlife Victoria for assistance. wildlifelife.org.au (03) 8400 7300

Protect, preserve and plant koala habitat and wildlife corridors. Koalas need a variety of food and shelter trees to survive. Join a Landcare group. www.landcare.vic.au

Be proactive and let others know about the Strzelecki koala and its needs for survival now and into the future. Join a wildlife group to find out how you can



be an active citizen. These groups are often involved in scientific koala studies and research. You could help the Strzelecki koala by becoming a citizen scientist or provide some money for projects. Strzelecki Koala Action Team www.melbournefoe.org.au

You can also speak to local councillors and politicians about the significance of the Strzelecki koala, its current needs and preventions that will secure this species viability and longevity. Friends of the Gippsland Bush (Facebook Page), Friends of the Strzelecki Koala (Facebook

Page) Let us enjoy this spring knowing that we are doing our best to preserve the iconic and precious Strzelecki koala. Let us ensure our positive actions help this koala species for future generations to observe in its natural habitat particularly in the Strzelecki Ranges and surrounding areas.

Why not visit the Morwell National Park to see if you can see some Strzelecki koalas. Remember that dogs cannot be walked in National Parks.

Photo by Katherine Hudson.

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Book Review

“Code Name Helene”

By Ariel Lawhon

Ariel Lawhon is a critically acclaimed author of historical fiction, her books being translated into many languages. She lives in Nashville Tennessee with her husband and four sons.

The story begins in February 1944 in England, with Nancy getting ready to parachute for the first time into France. She is sick due to a hangover and the plane is under fire as it nears its target, but she forces the pilot to delay her jump while she puts on her red lipstick, her “armour”. She is buoyed by the knowledge her husband Henri will be waiting for her when the war is over.

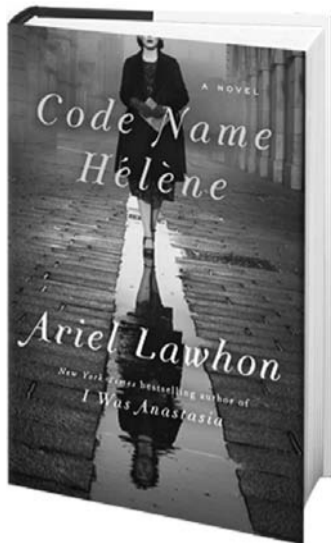
We then go back to Paris 1936. Her friend Stephanie is teaching her how to be French and while drinking and laughing she notices an admirer, Henri Fiocca, a notorious heartbreaker from a wealthy ship-building family in Marseille.

Nancy is working as a freelance journalist for the Hearst Newspaper Empire and a photo recently appeared of a man on the street in Vienna, bleeding. Every journalist wanted to get the story and Stephanie claims she has someone who can help her get the story. While waiting, a waiter brings Nancy a “French 75”, the most expensive cocktail, courtesy of Henri Fiocca.

Nancy meets with Janos Leiberman, a jagged pink scar on his face, the result of a whip, and he is one of many Austrians who have come to France to escape Vienna’s persecution epidemic.

They are political refugees, but really it is because they are Jewish. Nancy questions him as to who wounded him and he reveals it is “Brownshirts”. He tells her the photographer who took the photo is dead.

The story of Nancy’s courtship and subsequent life



with Henri runs alongside her work as a journalist and later as a spy working for British Intelligence with the French Resistance.

Nancy goes to Vienna with Frank Gilmore, a photographer, and in Vienna’s Old Square they witness a fire burning in the middle of the square with several Brownshirts wielding rifles, heaping the contents of a nearby shop onto the fire. An old woman is tied spread-eagled onto a water wheel and is being whipped and tortured by a man Nancy later identifies as Wolff. These men are Hitler’s private military and they answer only to him.

She is surreptitiously taking notes, searching for Frank in the Square, which has become deathly quiet, when she hears the click of his camera. Nancy watches as Wolff, who has also heard the camera, approaches Frank and takes his camera and shatters it. Another Brownshirt approaches Nancy and takes her notebook.

What Nancy has witnessed makes her want to go to Berlin to see what is happening to the Jews there. The memory of this torture is etched in her brain and she vows to seek revenge. She becomes the respected leader of the French citizen

armies hiding in the hills, and in exchange for intelligence which she sends to Britain she is able to equip the fighters with weapons and ammunition, clothing and food. They are fiercely loyal to France, and to Nancy and her team, and they achieve many unexpected successes. However there are traitors in some of the townships and Nancy enacts amazing feats of heroism to protect herself and her team. She knows the Germans are looking for her, calling her “The White Mouse” because she is so elusive, and she is nearly brought undone when a former lover of Henri, Marceline, is found to be working with the Germans and confronts her. Her instinct for survival sees her through this and another confrontation with Wolff but Nancy realises she is changed forever.

When the war ends she returns to Marseille to find Henri and her home gone, the one positive thing is that her beloved dog Picon is still alive.

Spoiler Alert! Everyone in our book group agreed that if we had read the author’s note at the back of the book it would have spoiled the story.

This is a novel based on the amazing courage and bravery of Nancy Wake, war heroine, who is daring, smart, resilient and resourceful.

It is also a story about the love that she and her husband share, that Henri accepts that she needs to do the things she does, and that she tries to protect Henri by keeping him ignorant of where she is and what she is doing.

Many of the escapades she got up to have been well documented, but some incidents in this story are fictional. Despite this we all enjoyed this book and many of us went on to further reading about the true life of Nancy Wake.



Kicking the ‘cancer sticks’

Latrobe Community Health Service client Sylvia stubs out smoking after 52 years.

“Smoking was like a Godsend for me,” says Sylvia, who took up cigarettes at nine years old to escape what she describes as “one of the most dysfunctional families you could think of.”

It was only after she became a grandmother, with her daughter’s second child now on the way, that this lifelong Gippslander decided to ditch her habit of 52 years for good – supported by Latrobe Community Health Service’s (LCHS) multidisciplinary ‘Latrobe Smoking Support Service’.

“I have so much more to live for now,” says Sylvia, who smoked up to fifty cigarettes a day and tried to quit several times on her own in the last six years – to no success.

“People will succeed if they have a real reason to,” says Karyn Thomas, CDM Respiratory Educator and Care Coordinator at LCHS.

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Those years were tortuous with little to eat and confined behind tall wire fences with prison guards surrounding the area and eating delicious fruits while the little children inside the wire fence were drooling because there was nothing for them. Inside the prison was a man who was a double agent. He was able to read a letter to be sent out by the Commandant to authorise the killing of all 7000 prisoners. He was able to contact General MacArthur and in the nick of time all were saved. Then followed a period of rehabilitation for the starving children which involved very slowly increasing their food intake because they were so malnourished. Tricia describes the rescue as a joyous release.

Tricia’s parents who were also in the prison with Tricia

“If they are only doing it because someone said they should, and there is no a real impetus, it is much harder.”

Smoking remains a leading cause of preventable death in Australia, killing around 20,500 Australians in 2018. In Gippsland, nearly 20 percent of residents smoke, significantly higher than the smoking rate in Victoria (13 percent).

Today Sylvia works with the Latrobe Smoking Support Service team so she can make the right choices on nicotine replacement therapies that will help her the most – from patches and gum, to lozenges, sprays and inhalers.

“It is very much a partnership. I work with Sylvia. It’s her journey,” says Ronnie Varkey, an LCHS Nurse Practitioner who specialises in smoking cessation.

“I give clients the options. I give them an idea of what will help them. They are already aware of most products, but it’s a matter of supporting them throughout

the process.”

Ronnie meets Sylvia every month at LCHS Morwell under her initial six to eight week course.

Today Sylvia hasn’t touched a cigarette since March 2023 and is thoroughly enjoying her well-earned ‘non-smoker’ status – even recoiling when she now encounters second-hand smoke.

“Without Ronnie, I would still be smoking today. I know that for a fact. He has really helped me in ways that he has no idea.”

Tobacco smoke is a powerful trigger of asthma symptoms as it irritates the lining of the airways. For people with asthma, second-hand smoke can be even more harmful as well.

Want to become a non-smoker like Sylvia too?

The Latrobe Smoking Support Service is free to any Gippsland resident who wants to quit or cut down their cigarette smoking. Call us on 1800 242 696 and ask to speak with the respiratory educator today!

and her sister, were given the opportunity to decide if they would go to America, Canada or Australia.

They chose Australia as Tricia’s Grandfather lived in Sydney. It was then that Tricia’s education could begin. The journey to Australia was scary with many hazards. She saw so much death and dying which was so negative, but she was grateful for the gift of life and resolved to make the most of each day and do as much as she could each day.

She has spent a lifetime of doing many wonderful things. ‘Never give up because sooner or later your dreams will come true’ is her thinking. For Tricia they did. She became a photographic model from 19 years old and won the All Australia Beach Girl Contest. At 21 she married and went to England with her husband Brian where she worked for a

couple of year before starting their family of four girls.

They returned to Australia and one of their ventures was to run the Jumbuk Cottages B & B. It was there in the beautiful peaceful surrounds of the Jeeralang’s that she wrote her book and published it in 2014. Through Gippsland Tourism she met Pip and Marie and tried leadlighting.

Her love of colour and painting was inspired by a ‘most magical painting of a deserted house peering out of a winter garden behind a screen of bare branches in French’s Forest Sydney’ in a shop window in Melbourne. She wanted to paint like that and found a teacher and learnt how to paint using a pallet knife. Her natural curiosity has led Tricia to try a variety of mediums over the years. Colour fascinates her and energises her and is creativity healing.

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There are also plenty of homewares, pictures and bric-a-brac.

We are still in need of volunteers so if you can spare a day or half a day please call into the shop to apply.

Thankyou to all the customers who have given us such positive feedback, it is much appreciated.



The shop has a number of Halloween dress up costumes for children and adults but they are going quickly. We also have a number of plants for your spring garden. The orchids in flower have been very popular.



Latrobe Health Assembly

Improving early childhood development one book at a time in Latrobe Valley

Latrobe Health Assembly is proudly delivering Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in the Latrobe Valley.

This means that all children born from January 1, 2023 until July 31, 2024 can receive a free book every month until they turn three years of age.

Latrobe Health Assembly has partnered with United Way Australia, which provides Dolly Parton's Imagination Library across Australia.

We have also partnered with the Latrobe City Council Maternal and Child Health team who will assist in promoting this program to families in Latrobe Valley.

Latrobe Health Assembly is delivering this program to help improve early childhood literacy.

By reading to children in the home, it allows them to enjoy reading and develop

their literacy skills, well before they enter formal education.

Research has shown that reading to a child consistently can lead to them being up to six months ahead of their peers academically, when compared to those who have not had the same exposure to reading.

The idea to rollout the program in the Latrobe Valley was provided in a series of community workshops that took place in 2022.

These workshops were focussed on identifying areas of early childhood wellbeing that needed more attention in the Latrobe Valley.

From these workshops, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library was highly recommended by parents, carers and service providers.

Latrobe Health Assembly Chair, Ms Tanya Rong said that "while the research highlights the benefits of reading to children from a

young age, the rewarding part of rolling out this program is that the need for this program has been identified by the community.

Reading is a lifelong skill, and fostering a love of reading from a young age will set children up for success in their future".

If you are a parent or carer of a child who was born from January 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024, and live in the Latrobe Valley, your child is eligible to enrol in the Latrobe Valley Imagination Library.

This means your child can receive a free book each month until they reach three years of age for no cost to you at all.

To enrol your child or a child you care for in the Latrobe Valley Imagination Library follow this link and complete the enrolment form: <https://imaginationlibrary.com/au/affiliate/LATROBEHEALTHASSEMBLY>

New Forest Path

A new pathway has been constructed in Mathison Park.

The pathway joins the existing pathway that runs up the hill from Hares House to the existing concrete pathway that runs along Northways Road.

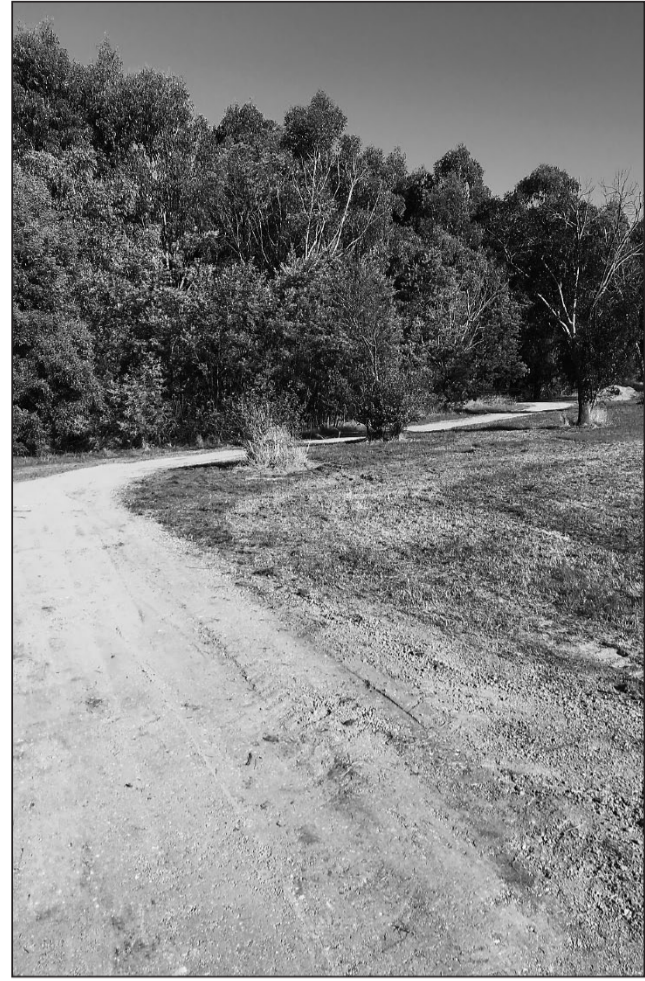
We have named this the Forest Path as it winds its way through the native plantation on the southern end of the Park. The new path is gravel lined at each end leading up to the edge of the forest and then changes to a grassed path through the plantation.

This allows for native grasses to have the least possible disturbance from being covered by gravel, or having any detrimental effects of construction equipment in the area. We have had an arborist do an assessment of the trees to ensure that there is no danger from falling trees or limbs.

The committee would like to acknowledge Latrobe City Council for their grant to construct the Pathway. Each year the committee applies for grants from various Government bodies and businesses.

Latrobe City has always supported the committee by supplying grants for worthwhile projects which we raise and apply for. Without these grants the funding we receive would only cover maintenance on existing infrastructure and general upkeep of the Park.

It is interesting to note that the native plantation was planted with trees that were provided by Loy Yang power back in the early 2000's. The committee at the time provided the manpower



through several planting days. Now some 20 years later we see an established native forest that we can enjoy and walk through.

As you can see the importance

of receiving these grants can be evidenced over a long period of time and we thank Latrobe City for always supporting our grant applications.

However, grants can only provide us with money to complete some of these projects. What also contributes to the successful maintenance and improvements to the Park are the volunteers. This is a small group of dedicated

people that works hard to provide an enjoyable space for everyone to use. Working Bees are held on the second Saturday of each month.

If you use the Park and feel you would like to help, we would love to have you come along.

You do not have to commit to coming every month, any time you could make it would be greatly appreciated and you get a good feeling that you have a hands on impact on the upkeep of the Park.

Visit Mathison Park Churchill website in the Get Involved section for details of how you can help and "get involved".

Churchill/Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

The scourge of graffiti

This month, we are looking at graffiti and associated vandalism. You may notice various signs and other things around town that have been defaced by graffiti or straight out vandalism.

It is an offence to graffiti on property that can be seen by the public unless the owner has given you permission.

Graffiti includes defacing, writing, scratching or drawing on property so that the marks cannot be removed easily with a dry cloth. This includes stencil art and engraving.

There are very serious penalties for making

or intending to make graffiti, including large fines and imprisonment.

If you see things around town that have been defaced by graffiti or vandalism, you can report them via "Snap Send Solve" (The app that can be installed on your phone) or, report it to your local shire council. If you witness someone doing these "crimes", you can call the police and report them. Either 000, if you need the Police immediately, or 131444 if you don't need them there and then.

Keep your town safe and tidy, do the right thing and report any issues to the authorities.



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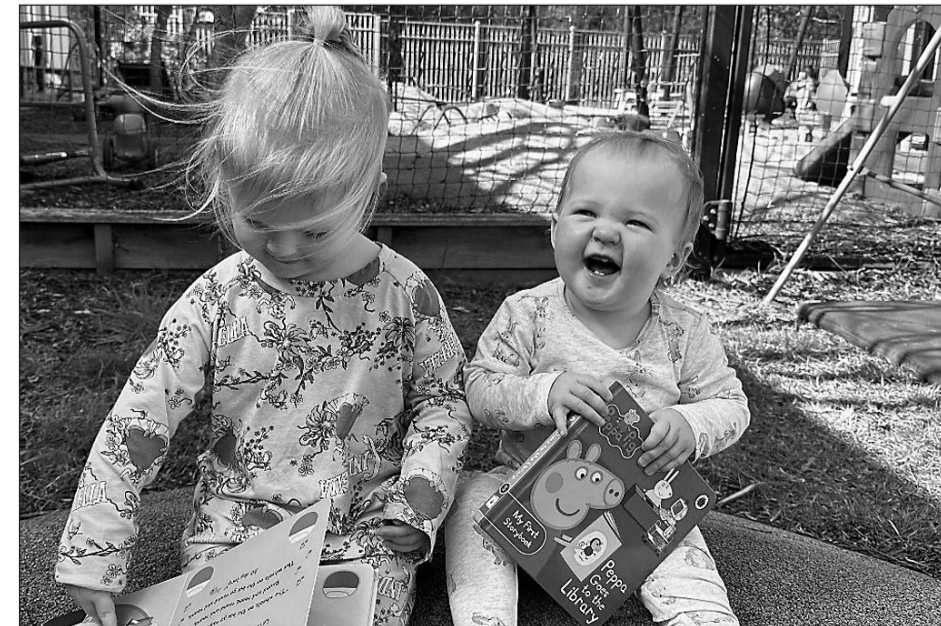


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'Aerial Dance' in gallery arc

October 7 to November 5
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'Duality' in gallery SPare

October 7 to November 5
 An exhibition by Claire Anderson Woolley

'Duality' an exhibition of mixed media, collage, graphite drawing, acrylic paint and screen print on blank pages of old books. Skulls, butterflies, pin-up girls, cowboys and UFOs. Looking at the subject matter of duality in life and death as well as who you are, and your story versus the unknown.

Open Studios Latrobe at arc Yinnar

Ceramicists, Mira Halpern, Juan Rodriguez Sandoval, Guatemalan born Latin Australian

interdisciplinary artist and Printmaker, Amanda Thompson, open their private studio doors at arc Yinnar, along with artist printmakers Kate Zizys, Elisabeth Scott and Lyndy Lord in the Print studio, and Tutor ceramicists Dragi Jankovic and Linda Huston working the Ceramics studio. Artists will share their insights into their art practices with some works for sale and information on courses for offer.

The Switchroom performance space at arc

Yinnar will be open on the weekend of Open Studios Latrobe October 21 and 22, with an open stage of live music from Gippsland based musicians and performers and offerings of morning tea from 11am to 12 noon, lunch 12:30 to 2pm and afternoon tea 2:30 to 4pm.

Performance in the Switchroom 'Half Light' Rennie Pearson and Bob McNeill. Hypnotic Celtic

music with driving rhythms and soaring melodies.
 November 2, 7:30pm

\$25 tickets available at www.renniepearsonmusic.com

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Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: *Microseris scapigera*.
 Family: Asteraceae.
 Derivation: *Microseris*: From Greek *micros*, meaning "small", and *seris*, meaning "endive or chicory", referring to the chicory-like tuberous roots for members of the genus. Alternatively, *seris* might mean "silky" and refer to the pappus hairs on the seeds.

scapigera: From Latin *scapus*, meaning "stem or stalk", plus the suffix *gero*, meaning "to bear", thus botanically meaning to have a leafless (or almost so) scape or flower-stalk growing from the ground.

Common Name: Yam Daisy.

Distribution:

Once widespread in moist depressions on the basalt plains of western Victoria, but now very rare and critically endangered due to loss of habitat as a result of land clearing and conversion to agriculture. Also in Tasmania and New Zealand.

Description:

A perennial herb with fleshy, tuberous roots. Leaves are arranged in a basal clump and are linear to about 25cm long and 5mm wide with entire margins, occasionally with some small lobes or teeth towards the ends.

Flower stems are usually about 25cm long as well, but sometimes reach 40cm. The capitula (flower head) is 20-30mm in diameter, with up to 20 yellow florets (petals) surrounded by a green involucre (cluster of

overlapping bracts). When pollinated, cypselas (seeds) form which are whitish, hairless and from 7-10mm long, which distinguishes this species from its cousins that have seeds less than 7mm long.

The seeds are capped with 30-70 bristles (the pappus) from 7-12mm long, which gives the entire seed-head its fluffy thistledown appearance. Flowering mainly occurs in spring and summer.

Opinion:

I find it sad that this is now a rare species in the wild, when once it was common and widespread and was a staple in the diet of Australian people before the arrival of Europeans, with ample evidence that "farming" techniques were practised to maintain the abundance of Yam Daisies and other native bush-tucker plants.

Compaction of soils due to the introduction of inappropriate livestock, as well as over-browsing from that same livestock and also feral herbivores, seems to have contributed to the decline.

As a garden plant, Yam Daisies are probably not on the "most aesthetic" list that most gardeners have in mind, but they are extremely easy to grow and in my garden are one of the few species that will self-seed and spread themselves around.

I have even planted them in my vegetable beds to see whether they may one day be included on our dinner menu, but it is possible that they may be an acquired taste

and fall into the category of yes, they're edible, but not necessarily palatable. Time will tell.

There are at least a dozen plants scattered around my garden, some deliberately planted in pots as companions for prettier species, some in the ground and some that have come up wherever the seed has landed.

I have collected seed for the last three years and have far more than I need, so have passed it on to anybody who wants it, including a local Landcare Group and some gardeners who are re-vegetating or are filling smaller gaps in their native gardens.

The seed seems to stay viable for a few years, but be warned, the plants seem to be a favourite of a multitude of herbivores (rabbits, wallabies, wombats), so you might need to protect them if you want to reap the fruits of your labours.

The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group hosts monthly activities, excursions and /or meetings.

Interested persons are welcome to join in, please contact Mike for more information, email mcandcjb@gmail.com or phone 0447 452 755.

Sources:

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Short Story & Poetry Competition

Winners stories and results

For 2023 Churchill & District News opened its annual writing competition again to our local primary schools only. This was done through approaching schools individually and emailing the information. There were three categories to cover the primary school ages. There were 189 entries.

Prizes and certificates were delivered to the winners with many encouragement awards among them. Churchill Post Office kindly donated books for our prize winners. Each entrant received a little participation certificate and a goody bag to inspire them to continue. Included in the goody bag was a set of coloured pencils and a note pad supplied by Martin Cameron our local Morwell MP.

A huge thank you to our judges for their conscientious work on assessing the entries which took many hours.

Thank you to our Churchill & District Team for all the work put into this competition.

We thank our wonderful local sponsors for their support - Rotary Club of Hazelwood and District, Lions Club of Churchill & District, and Ampworks. Each year they generously donate to help with the costs involved and make the writing competition possible.

Congratulations to all our winners and well done to all who entered. Our first prize winners have their story published in this issue.

The award recipients are:

Category 1. 7 and Under

Prep D'Alia	Our Favourite Seasons	Class Entry
Annabelle Taylor	Poppy the Sheepdog	1st
Ulyanna McLindon	The Ghost on the Plane	2nd
Beau Stevens	Big Eruption	Equ 3rd
Rubie Mitchell	Water World	Equ 3rd
Leon London	Happy Witch	Encouragement
Jackson Sparrow	The Town is in Danger	Encouragement
Arlo Burrows	Dinosaur Island	Encouragement
Amelia Reid	Journey to the Moon	Encouragement
Logan Savnmatoo-Cooney	Master Chef	Encouragement
Cadene Godfrey	The People	Encouragement
Sienna McCarten	The Puppy	Encouragement
Alex Sheng	Space	Encouragement
Kenny Walker	The Solar System	Encouragement

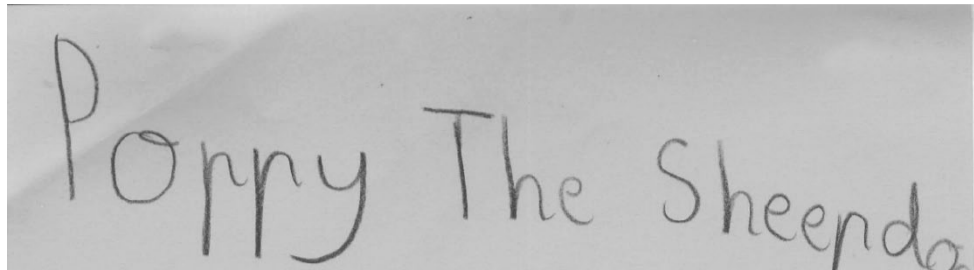
Category 2. 8-10 years

Polina McLindon	Dragon in the Kitchen Cupboard	1st
Juliette D'Amico	A Quiet Picnic	2nd
Willow Seers	The Horrific Journey	Equ 3rd
Kobe McInnes	Hyrate Warriors	Equ 3rd
Maeve Jones	The Hidden Door	Equ 3rd
Lucinda Fox	What Happened?	Encouragement
William Kerslake	Jack the Explorer	Encouragement
Scarlett Masterman-Smith	Elfie and the Forest	Encouragement
Sienna Wright	The Magic Forest	Encouragement
Caroline Hicks	Linda tames a Unicorn	Encouragement
Amora Edwards-Crane	The Best Friends	Encouragement
Axel Seddon	The Magic Book	Encouragement
Levi Heffer	Abducted	Encouragement
Joseph Pearce	Adventures with Carlos	Encouragement
Maddison McCowat	The Very Thoughtful Bear	Encouragement

Category 3. 11-12 years

Aaliyah Leitch-Vanzanten	Hikari No Sukururairu Hikari's School Life	Equ 1st
Blake Breheny	Below the House	Equ 1st
Blake Russell	The Luxurious Swamp	Special Award
Isabelle Gleeson	The Duck Story	Equ 2nd
Scarlett Murden	The Nightmare Sleepover	Equ 2nd
Ruby Galletti	The Titanic	3rd
Violet Morrison	Flying Cars	Encouragement
Grace Kenna	The Most Controversial Foods	Encouragement
Jeremy Melanie	The Day I got sucked into a game of Pac-man	Encouragement
Nikolai McLindon	The Battle of Britain	Encouragement
Lyla Wilson	Blue Tongued Lizards	Encouragement
Molly Mulder	The most Apitising Macarons	Encouragement
Kai Buadnedistel.	Zombie Apocolypse	Encouragement
Janine Robinson	The Island	Encouragement
Bella Rennie	The Night	Encouragement

Annabelle Taylor, 7 and Under



One morning Poppy the Border Collie was sitting on a cushion. She was very happy because she was chewing on a gumnut. Poppy's favourite toy was a gumnut. Poppy loved her cushion so much.

Just then her owner woke up. She went and hid. She hid because when her owner got up, she had to have breakfast.

She did not like breakfast because she had to have snacks for dogs. It was the worst brand of dog food ever.

Even though Poppy hid her owner still found her, so she had to have breakfast.

After breakfast her owner let her outside. Poppy ran straight over to the gumnut tree to get her gumnut.

She saw something. It was a grey blob. Hello, I am Tag the Koala.

Hello, I am Poppy the Border Collie. Would you like to be friends? Yes. We can play now until it's time for me to go back inside.

What's your favourite food? Gum leaves! What's yours? Well, I have only ever had one type of food and it's not good. I wish I could have a favourite food.

Maybe you can. How? When I only get fed one type of food.

We get a job. What? We get a job. Are you sure? Yes, but what sort of job? Anything you like, we can be cleaners.

Yes, we can, we can find someone who needs a cleaner. Tag your best friend. I go to school, what is school? Have you never been to school?

No! What do you do at school? Let's not explain now. Let's focus on getting the job. How much money can we get? I don't know. We need a lot of money because dog food is expensive.

Ok let's see who needs a cleaner.

Poppy, time to come inside. That's my owner calling me. I will see you tomorrow. Ok Poppy. Poppy ran back to the house because it was time for a rest. All of a sudden Tag was yelling, so Poppy went outside to see what was happening.

Poppy we just got a job! Did we really? Yes, we did. Are we cleaners? No, we are not, we are astronauts! What are astronauts? We go to out of space! What is space. You do not know what space is??

NO!! We will go to the moon but be careful of creatures. I know what a creature is from a book my owner read to me. Let's go to the rocket now! Yes!!

Poppy and Tag ran to the rocket. First, we need to put on our space suits. This feels funny, it will for a while until you get used to it. Let's hop in the rocket. I am in, the rocket is about to launch!

Tag we are moving fast, look we are in space! We have landed on the moon. Let's get out and have a look around. Wow there are so many rocks. Let's get some rocks and go home.

Look at this green one and blue one they are so pretty. Let's get back in the rocket. We are in the atmosphere. We've landed already, let's get out.

I've been given our pay so let's go to the pet shop. Let's buy us a yummy treat, I think this one. Let's go to the counter and pay. Let's taste it...MMMM yum tastes so good. Time to go home.

Poppy, dinner time her owner called out. Poppy ate all her dinner and then it was bedtime. Poppy went straight to sleep she was exhausted.



Short Story & Poetry Competition

Aaliyah Leitch-Vanzanten 11-12

Hikari No Sukururaifu Hikari's School Life

It was a very showery morning, children from all across Japan were walking in the inclement weather. It was the year 2015, August 28th Friday, Japan, Tokyo. Thirteen year old Hikari, and her clueless wannabe brother Kaito, are attending the same school, Osaki Sakura High.

Chapter 1: Secrets

Did you see the new girl?" "No, what's she like?" "Ugly. And her name is EVEN worse."

"Nahhhh.. It can't be that bad, what's the "Girls" name?" "Hikari."

"Oh. My. God." "I'm definitely staying away from that girl."

"She probs has a disease." "She also probably doesn't have a dad!!" Chatter and laughter broke out as Hikari was walking down the hallway. Then, the bell rung.

It was like an episode of horror to Hikari, because she knew that everyone hated her. I mean, that was an obvious estimation.

Everyone that encountered her, would immediately hide and avoid her, and, their faces would look like they sucked on a lemon when they had seen her, or at least something really sour.

Time was going a little fast for Hikari. In fact, she was like, really late for class. 20 minutes have already passed! "Oh no!!"

She dashed down the hallway and crashed into something. "Are you okay?"

Hikari looked up and immediately froze in amazement.

"Sorry! I couldn't see where I was going, I should've been more careful." "I..u..uhm...I..uhm..." "Ha-ha, sorry about that, anyways, my name is Isamu!"

Chapter 2: Feelings

"M..My name is..is.. Hikari." "Cool! Where are you from?"

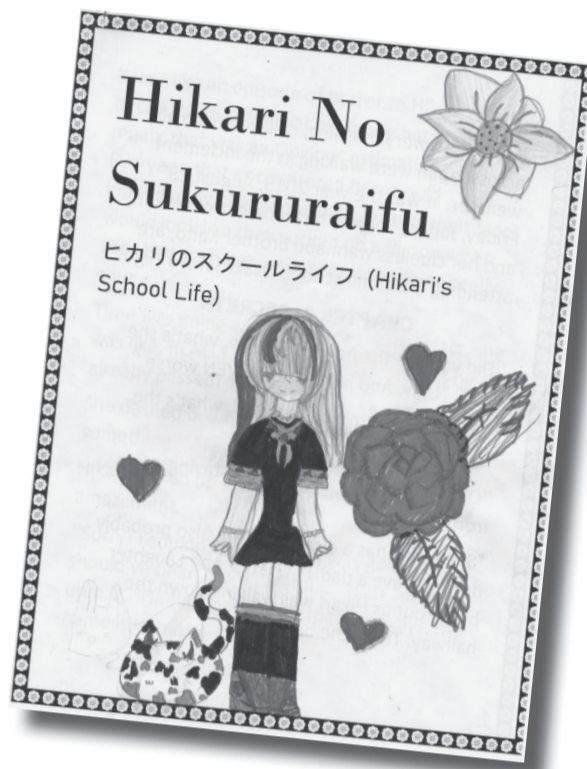
"Kanagawa, Okinawa," Hikari murmured. "Nice, I'm from Okinawa, though that city wasn't really .. suitable. Yes, it was a ginormous and beautiful place. But, it didn't feel .. Right. Y'know?" "Y..yeah, I uh, miss.. my town, but.. I didn't like it much, either."

"Oh.. well, why did you move here?"

"My dad became a C.E.O. here and he figured it would be best if we moved. After we moved, I got settled into a new school. Even if it isn't the best here, I'm going to have to get used to this." Hikari told Isamu.

"Yeah, it was like that for me, too. But, I got used to things pretty quickly." "N..Nice!"

"Are you okay? Your murmuring and stuttering is going a little overboard. What?! Me?! No. In fact, if I did.. you'd know." "But I do know," Isamu defined.



"Whatever. Let's go to the cafeteria and find Lunch-Lady-Sama." "Fine. We'll have this conversation later. But for now, let's go eat lunch, and pursue with the studies that we missed." "What Studies?" Hikari uttered. "I mean the class that we missed." Oh, uhm, right!"

Hikari then walked to the cafeteria holding Isamu's hand. "So, this is the feeling of having a crush..?" She thought whilst a reddening tint was surrounding her face.

Hikari and Isamu walk into the cafeteria, all eyes on them, with that same sour, yet concerning face.

Kaito gives Hikari a small wave from one of the tables in the far back.

Chapter 3: Humiliation

Aoi, Kaito and Hikari's greatest enemy, had set expired milk on the floor for Hikari to fall in. "This will be funny, Right Ren?" Aoi whispered. "I don't know, I don't know this girl, or why you're doing this." exclaimed Ren.

"Stop being so stubborn!! You Pusillanamous Worm!" Aoi said angrily. "Sorry Mistress.."

"Kaito!" Hikari yelled from the top end of the cafeteria.

She began running unaware of the expired milk stench, and the trap. And with that, Aoi stuck her foot out, leaving Hikari to slip and fall into the expired milk.

The whole room started chortling with giggles and laughter. Hikari looked up and felt humiliation fulfilling her soul.

She wanted an Asteroid to collide through the ceiling and squash her into paste, unfortunately, that didn't happen.

Tears streamed down her face, and she hid in the Girls Restroom hoping she

wouldn't be found, but she was just unlucky, I guess, someone had found her. "Darling, are you alright? I heard small sobs."

Hikari looked up and saw a girl with a short black skirt and long red hair that was done in a braided bun.

"Oh, you're the new girl, aren't yah?" "Y.. yes..". "All right then, do yah want to be left alone?" "Yes, Thanks."

"All right then Dearie, just know one thing, don't shed tears when you get bullied, ignore them, stand up for yourself, and speak up." "Thanks." Then, she left the room. Hikari looked in the mirror, she

didn't see a regular, happy face, she saw a wet wrinkly raisin who had no potential in becoming friends with people.

Chapter 4: Exposure

After Hikari cooled down from crying, she took her book bag and made her way down the hallway. "Hikari Sanakawa and Aoi Mashikuwa to the office please."

"What does Headmaster-Sama want with Aoi and I?" They reached the office eventually, Aoi sit down now.

And for you Hikari, choose any seat in the room that is close to my desk.

"Al ight." SO, Aoi, How's your bullying session? "What bullying session Headmaster-Sama?" "Don't play dumb with me Aoi." "Now, Hikari, is Aoi-Chan bullying you?" Hikari looks at Aoi, Aoi has that sour, "don't snitch on me" facial look.

Kikari takes a deep breath. Yes, it can be her time for revenge, but who knows what Aoi-Chan can do to Hikari-Chan once Hikari gets what she wants.

This is a hard decision for Hikari to make, but the Headmaster won't let this "Bullying" take place.

She takes a breath, "Yes..". Time is going fast with this. "Hikari, you may leave my office." "Thank you." so with that, Hikari left the office, and began making her way to English class.

"Hikari, Your late." "Sorry Sensei.. I won't be late again!!" "That's what you said last time, sit down." "...". Hikari sat at a seat, next to some kid. "Miss, can I please move seats?"

Chapter 5: Thoughts

"Things are going downhill, I thought I'd have new friends, I thought I'd be popular, I thought I wouldn't get bullied, what's so wrong with me? Nothing, isn't

that right? I'm a good kid. A great kid! Why did things have to be so bad? At least I have a good friend. A real friend.

Maybe one day, someday, things will change. Like, I become popular, go to school in a limo.

I will never be that cool, I'm a useless kid. I have no reputation in becoming successful, and I'm stupid! Stupid! Stupid!" Hikari memorized these thoughts. It could be a sign of depression, no matter if it was or not, she needed someone when she needed it most.

Things are changing for Hikari, She hasn't see Aoi in quite a bit, and everyone's a little nicer to her, she doesn't even like her name "Hikari" anymore. She wants to up-level it a little.

"No, I'm not Hikari anymore. I'm Hikara, I'm a new girl now, yeah, that's what I am!"

Chapter 6: Confessions

"I think I've built up enough courage to confess to Isamu-Kun. Today is the day, we will meet under the Sakura Blossom Tree, at 5:15pm, in order for me to confess my love to him."

Hikara scribbled on a pink note saying, To Isamu-kun

Meet me at the Cherry Blossom Tree at 5:15pm!

Hikara walked down the Hallway and placed the note into Isamu's locker. Then, let out a soft smile. "I can't wait for this moment!! It's not even a minute away!" Hikara leapt around in joy, but as she looked from the corner, she could see Isamu walking down the hallway. "Eeeeeek!" Hikara thought, "It's time!"

So, she snatched her book bag and dashed to the Cherry Tree in wait to sail the love-boat. Isamu picked up the pink note and read it. "Hm, who could this be?"

Being clueless and non realizing that the note was from Hikara, he walked to the Cherry Blossom Tree and saw Hikara. "Hikara, Is that you?"

"Ha-Ha! I didn't expect you to realize straight away."

"Heh, I could tell it was you." "Hmph." "Anyways, I want to tell you something." "Yes?" "Well, ever since we met, I always felt like my heart was on fire.

You're the reason the fire was cast, you've adored me, and taken care of me, and been there when I needed you!! You've done anything I've wanted you to, and, well, you set me free from my loneliness!

With that being said, I love you Isamu-Kun! I love you more than anything else in the world!" " Hikara-Chan, to tell you the truth, I..I feel the same way." "You.. Do?.." "Yes, I truly do." Hikari goes to hug Isamu-Kun. Then, she closes her eyes and kisses him on the forehead.

"I love you, Isamu-Kun..."



Short Story & Poetry Competition

Blake Breheny, 11-12 years, Equal 1st

Below The House

Beep, beep, beep went Harry's alarm for him to wake up. Harry lives by himself but he does have a pet dog, named Lewis. Harry has made quite the fortune for himself. He lives in a very nice neighbourhood. He lives across the road from a forest and because Harry's house is a double story one he has a very nice view of the forest and the hills.

Harry works a job from 9 to 5 which occupies most of his day so he only spends the evenings at home and as soon as Harry gets home he takes off his work clothes and goes for a walk with Lewis. Harry's street is also very quiet which means there are never really many cars in it. But today as Harry and Lewis came back from their walk there was an old white van sitting over the road from his house. Harry went over to check the car out. It looked like a work car so he thought nothing of it and went inside.

Harry was getting ready for bed early because he had had a long day at work and in general he was just tired. But as he was about to close his eyes he heard noise coming from inside the walls. It sounded like someone was trying to saw something or something scraping together. Lewis could also hear the noise so he jumped out of the bed and started barking at the wall. Lewis stopped barking and the noise was gone. Harry didn't know what was going on at first but then he remembered that he lives across the road from a forest and it was probably an animal or some bird. After that the noise didn't come back that night and Lewis went to sleep.

The next day Harry woke up and went to work. His day was normal but he finished work early because today was a Friday and tonight he was going out with some friends. After he finished up with his friends he dropped out the front of his house. He was just about to walk inside when he saw the same white old van over the road from the house. This time he didn't forget about it. He looked the car up and down and this time he knew it wasn't a work car because it was 10:00 but he went inside anyway. He

brushed his teeth, got into his pyjamas and hopped into bed and watched TV.

He turned off the TV and he heard the same noise that he had heard last night but this time it was a lot louder. Harry got straight out of bed to go have a look. He put his ear up to the wall but the noise wasn't coming from the walls it was coming from down stairs. He slowly walked down the stairs and went to the wall but it wasn't coming from the wall either it was coming from under him. It was coming from under his house. Harry didn't know what to do but then he remembered that he had a door that went under his house so he grabbed a torch and ran out the front door.

He walked around the house and then he found the door in the pitch black. He had never opened the door before but the door was wide open. He tried to turn on the torch but it didn't turn on. It was out of batteries. At this point the time was 11:30. He peeked his head in to the small door. He looked all around the room and as he turned his head to the last corner there was a large figure standing in the corner. He was petrified and without thinking he slammed the door and locked it then he bolted up to the front door of his house and locked it shut, then he ran up stairs and hid in the closet. Somehow Lewis was still sleeping in his bed. Harry called the Cops.

The police questioned Harry. Harry didn't see if the person was a man or a woman. The police went and looked and the door was wide open. The person somehow unlocked the door and got away. The white van was his getaway vehicle. Harry had cameras but the camera did not catch much. Except the person getting in the van and driving away. The police left and came back the next day.

When the police came back they investigated the house and the person was trying to saw through the floor into his house. He didn't know what the person was trying to do but he does know to this day that person is still on the loose.

Polina McLindon, 8-10 years, 1st Prize

Dragon in the kitchen cupboard

There's a cupboard under the kitchen stove that won't open. Its hinges are all rusted and there's a big padlock with some foreign writing that I can't understand. Mum says it's something to do with gas for the stove, maybe some knobs to turn it on and off. I have my own suspicions. For a start, the flame from the stove isn't blue like normal gas stoves but a red orange sort of colour and unusually smokey. The sort of colour of a bonfire. Mum says it's because of the faulty gas supply, but as I said I've got my own suspicions. Secondly every night or so something goes missing from the fridge, like chicken or beef or anything meaty. Dad blames it on my dog even though I said he can't open fridges.

Well, tonight I woke up feeling thirsty so I decided to get a drink. I got up and went to the kitchen when a thought struck. I thought that if the padlock and hinges on the strange cupboard were made of metal then why shouldn't a metal saw work to cut them off. That would mean I'd be able to see what's inside.

I was just about to get the saw when I hear a creak! At first, I thought it was me on the stairs that led down to the toolshed, but when I looked around to make sure I hadn't woken anyone up I saw something. What I saw made my heart stop. It made my face

sweat and my whole body froze.

What I saw was a scaly purple and green hand with sharp black claws coming out of the cupboard! I was petrified!!! For some seconds I didn't dare to move. I didn't dare to speak, I didn't even dare to breathe. All I could think of was, what was that hand and why was it here? I tried to scream but fear stopped me. The door creaked again, this time I fled behind the bench that separated the kitchen from the dining room. There was no chance I was going to show myself to the strange, unwanted creature! I peered over the side of the bench and guess what I saw?

It was a tiny dragon about 30cm tall and it was making its way to the fridge! "Who goes there?!" I said in my scariest voice. The dragon was startled. "Who's that?" asked the dragon timidly. "You should tell me who you are first." I answered.

"I'm a dragon. I make the fire for your stove and it's horrible" the dragon said. I felt sorry for the poor thing so I offered "How would you like to go back to your own country?" "Yes please, how do I get there?" "Fly, you can fly can't you?" "Of course, all dragons can fly, can you take me outside?"

So I took it outside and ...well that's the last I saw of it, but every month or so all the meat in the fridge goes missing!

The End

Blake Russell, 11-12, Special Award

The Luxurious Swamp

In the wildness of the world rests a swamp. A pleasant smelling, wonderful swamp. The swamp smells like wet leaves and fresh vegetation. The cool breeze mixed with the warm rays of the sun coming through the leaves. The frogs leap, the snakes hide, the trees shake, plants weave.

The feeling is pleasant and calming within. The leaves, ferns and grass are dark but smooth and have a slimy colour. The trees have dark leaves that swayed with the wind. The lake rose, the lake fell.

The water in the lake is cold, dark but fresh and clear. The rain fed the trees and wet the grass. The sound of waterfalls, birds and

frogs filled the air. Ants come, ants go.

As you lay down, The feel of dark and soft leaves on the ground. The clear, fresh but dark, cold waters on your feet. The animals spread throughout, and the sight of plants and herbs everywhere. The wind hits. The wind stopped.

May the swamp rest and grow, as things within slowly change. Soft soil under you. Even softer dirt around the water and plants. Skies now shine orange, the sun slowly falls. As the sky turns pink and purple, a very dark blue fills the sky. The moon shines, and the swamp is twilight. The sun shined, The sun dimmed.



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**Hazelwood
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Trust scholarships announced

The Latrobe City Trust Award presentation was held on Monday September 18 at Latrobe City Council Headquarters.

The award presentation is an annual event which recognises the recipients of the Latrobe City Trust.

Awards were presented for the MSE Williams (Youth) Support Fund, the Lorraine Bartling OAM Scholarship in Nursing and the Jean Galbraith Memorial Rotary Scholarship.

Hannah Hooimeyer is the winner of the 2023 MSE Williams Youth Support Fund.

After Hannah studied Horticulture at TAFE, she enrolled in the Bachelor of Environmental and



Conservation Science course at Federation University Churchill campus where she is current studying in her second year.

This year's winner of the Jean Galbraith Memorial Rotary Scholarship is Georgie Lambert. Georgie is enrolled at Federation University, Churchill Campus and is currently in her second year of studying a Bachelor of Environmental and Conservation Science.

The recipient of the Lorraine Bartling OAM Scholarship, presented by

Lorraine Bartling, is Joseph Young.

After finishing his Psychology degree, Joseph enrolled in a Bachelor of Nursing at Federation University where he completed this course with High Distinction. Joseph is currently completing full-time studies in the Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing Practice at Melbourne University whilst working at The Royal Children's Hospital on the mental health ward.

Mayor of Latrobe City

Council, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan congratulated the recipients of the scholarships.

"The Latrobe City Trust is administered by Latrobe City Council. The Trust is proud to support Hannah, Georgie and Joseph in their professions and future pursuits," said the Mayor.

"The Latrobe City Trust manages funds and encourages local philanthropy to support people and communities across the municipality through the distribution of grants."

To learn more about the Latrobe City Trust, visit Council's website: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/latrobecitytrust

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Morwell & District Red Cross Branch

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

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

Phone 0427 273 910

Teachers' Games in Latrobe

Latrobe City Council proudly welcomed over a thousand Victorian educators to the region for the 2023 Victorian Teachers' Games after securing a two-year agreement as host.

From September 17 to 20, a jam-packed games schedule was delivered at several Council venues across Latrobe City. The Victorian Teachers' Games

is a major annual event that provides a chance for teachers from across Victoria to come together, take a break and celebrate their achievements in a fun but challenging environment.

They had enormous economic benefits and boosted tourism to the region; provided the opportunity to attract new visitors and showcase what

our Gippsland region has to offer. It was fantastic to see many of our valued local education staff play sport, connect with other Victorian teachers and build team morale.

The program incorporated a range of high to low intensity events, and included sporting, recreational, wellness and social activities.

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Saturday, December 16

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BBQ at 6.00pm. Gold coin donation.
Proceeds to FedUni chaplaincy.

Carol singing, items and the Christmas story from 7.00pm
If the weather is inclement, Carols will be held inside the church.

Supplied - carols booklets and some candles and holders.
Bring a chair, or picnic rug, your carols booklet from the Latrobe Express and some money for the collection to go to FedUni chaplaincy.

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Every Tuesday 10am to 12 Noon

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Tea, coffee and biscuits provided for morning tea by St Matts

BYO crafts on the day, knitting, crochet, card making, sewing or whatever craft you are interested in.

Everyone welcome, bring a friend, no booking required just turn up on the day and enjoy a friendly morning with like minded craft enthusiasts.

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

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Be fire season prepared

Start preparing your property for fire season



As Victoria's weather begins to warm and we edge closer to an earlier fire season, CFA's message to those in high-risk bushfire areas is clear – prepare your property.

Victoria can expect a warmer spring, contributing to higher fire risk in parts of the state this season, according to the latest Spring Seasonal Outlook.

There are a number of simple tasks people can complete to reduce their risk this season, and now is the time to start taking action.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said CFA crews right across the state are making every effort to prepare for this year's fire season, but they need a collective community effort to reduce bushfire risk.

"Victoria is one of the most bushfire-prone areas in the world, so it's vital for everyone to plan ahead," he said.

"All it takes is some basic maintenance such as clearing your gutters, picking up loose leaves and twigs, pruning tree branches so they aren't overhanging the roof of your property, or even just keeping your lawn under 10cm tall.

"High rainfall and moisture levels over the past 12 months will have led to vegetation growth on private properties, so it's important to maintain your property through spring and into fire season."

Chief Officer Heffernan also encouraged everyone to sit down with their family or household to discuss and practise their bushfire survival plan together.

"CFA has all the information you need on our website to create a clear bushfire plan with your loved ones," he said.

"If you already have one, blow the dust off it and go over it with your family. Practising your bushfire survival plan could save your family's life."

Victorians can learn more about how to prepare their property at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/prepare, and for more about bushfire survival plan, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/bushfireplan.

Take the following actions to prepare yourself and your property:

- * Move your winter woodpile away from the house or sheds.
- * Prune tree branches so they are not overhanging the roof or touching walls.
- * Clear your gutters.
- * Keep grass shorter than 10cm.
- * Remove leaves and twigs from around your property.
- * Test anything that is part of your fire plan such as sprinklers, pumps and generators.
- * The quickest and easiest way to register your burn-off is by using the Fire Permits Victoria website at www.firepermits.vic.gov.

au/notify, or call ESTA on 1800 688 511.

* Make sure your household has a Bushfire Survival Plan. Find out how at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/bushfireplan.

Victorians are being warned this year's bushfire risk will be higher than previous years, but authorities aren't bracing for the same catastrophic scenes experienced in Hawaii, Canada and Greece.

The latest Seasonal Bushfire Outlook suggests Victorians should brace for an earlier start to the fire season in pockets of the state, spurred on by a drier and warmer spring.

Now is the time for property owners to start preparing for the potential of bushfires, with CFA soon to launch its 'How well do you know Fire?' campaign.

The campaign will target people living in fire-prone areas, as well as peri-urban growth corridors and holiday-makers travelling to areas they aren't familiar with.

Churchill Captain Shane Renwick said "We've had a couple of years of being so wet that fire just really hasn't been on people's radar ... This year is

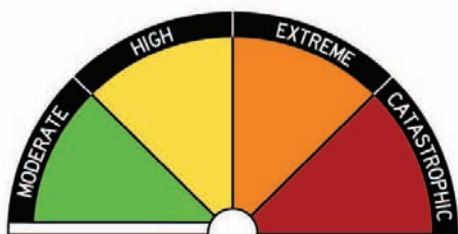
different. It's back to normal."

"Now is the time for you to prepare for this season. It is time to mow your lawn. It is time to clean your gutters. It is time to take care of your property."

"If you haven't already, download the VicEmergency app (see www.emergency.vic.gov.au) and know where you can receive emergency information, including your local emergency broadcasters."



Know your daily fire danger rating



Fire Danger Ratings tell you how dangerous a fire could be if one started. The higher the rating the more dangerous the conditions. Fire Danger Ratings feature in weather forecasts during the fire season.

To check your district's daily Fire Danger Rating, visit cfa.vic.gov.au or call **1800 226 226**.

Be fire season prepared



Understanding rural grassfire risk

- * Grassfires can start and spread quickly and are extremely dangerous.
- * Grassfires can travel up to 25 km per hour and pulse even faster over short distances.
- * Grass is a fine fuel and burns faster than bush or forests.
- * Grassfires tend to be less intense and produce fewer embers than bushfires, but still generate enormous amounts of radiant heat.
- * The taller and drier the grass, the more intensely it will burn.
- * The shorter the grass, the lower the flame height and the easier the fire will be to control.
- * Short grass (under 10cm) is a much lower risk.
- * Grassfires can start earlier in the day than bushfires, because grass dries out more quickly when temperatures are high.
- * Living in a grassland area with dried-out brown or golden-coloured grass that is over 10cm high is a fire risk. There are some exceptions, such as Phalaris grass, which will burn even when green.

Reducing the risk to yourself, your home and your property

Decide what buildings or assets you need to protect from grassfire.

Reduce the height and proximity of grass to these buildings and other assets by:

- * Slashing
- * Mowing
- * Grazing
- * Spraying and using herbicide
- * Creating fuel breaks by removing all fuel (vegetation) down to the soil.

Narrow fuel breaks (less than three metres wide) are unlikely to stop a fire, however they may slow it down.

By reducing the grass and other fine fuels around your buildings and other assets you can create a defensible space - a space which limits the ability of a moving grassfire to ignite a building through direct flame contact or radiant heat.

It's important that you create and maintain a defensible space around all the assets you want to protect.

It's too late to begin spraying and slashing as the fire approaches. You must prepare before the fire season.

If you're a landholder or farmer, you need to include fire preparations in your whole farm plan. See [Fire Safety on the Farm](#).

Machinery can start grassfires

During the Fire Danger Period, if you're using machinery with an internal combustion or heat engine, such as tractors or slashers, within nine metres of grass, crops, stubble, weeds or other vegetation, it's important that you ensure the machinery is:

- * free from any faults and mechanical defects that could start a fire.
- * fitted with an approved spark arrestor.
- * carrying a working water fire extinguisher or knapsack of at least nine litres capacity.

In addition to water required under legislation, you should also carry a dry chemical extinguisher that is suitable for normal combustible fires and electrical fires, such as an ABE extinguisher, on machinery.

Cars and vehicles can start grassfires

Avoid driving vehicles and motorbikes through dry grass. the risk of starting a fire from the hot exhaust system is high. Even pulling over into grass at the side of the road could start a serious grassfire without you even being aware.

Vehicles have been involved in starting grass fires from:

- * Hot exhaust pipes and mufflers.
- * Catalytic converters on modern cars which can reach 400 degrees C.
- * Diesel particulate filters on late model utes and other vehicles that operate at 600 degree C.



* Grass becoming caught up and accumulating around the underbody of vehicles and near exhaust systems.

* Simply stopping in long grass can start a fire.

Stay informed

During summer, it's up to you to stay informed about conditions and any fires in your area.

Make it your habit to:

- * Check your fire danger rating every day
- * Know if it is a Total Fire Ban
- * Check for warnings, especially on hot, dry windy days

Download the VicEmergency App and set up your watch zone.

The app is managed by Emergency Management Victoria and supported by the Department of Justice and Community.

You can download the app from the App Store or Google Play

You can also find information about current fires, warnings and updates on your local emergency broadcaster.

What should you do if a grassfire starts near you?

Grassfires are very hot and can produce huge amounts of radiant heat that can kill anyone caught out in the open.

The safest place to be during a grassfire is well away from the threat.

Shelter from radiant heat

The best protection from radiant heat is distance.

However, if you need to shelter yourself from radiant heat you can do so by:

- * Going inside a building that is well prepared and actively defended.
- * Going inside a private or community fire shelter that meets current regulations.

* As a last resort, go to a Neighbourhood Safer Place (Place of Last Resort). If there is no such place, then a ploughed paddock, dam (with water in it), swimming pool or other large water body (NOT a water tank) may offer some protection from radiant heat.

Travelling

If you encounter smoke or flames from a grassfire while you're travelling, turn around and drive to safety if you can.

If you're unable to turn around and drive

to safety, a car offers more protection from radiant heat than being caught on foot in the open. If you're in a car and become caught in a grassfire, don't get out and run. Visit [Staying Safe in the Car](#) for more information.

Protective clothing

If you are threatened by a grassfire, cover up all exposed skin with protective clothing.

Protective clothing includes:

- * Long-sleeved shirt and pants made from a natural fibre such as cotton or wool.
 - * Sturdy boots and woollen socks.
 - * Tough leather gloves.
 - * A wide-brimmed hat.
 - * A face mask or towel to cover your mouth and nose.
 - * Eye protection such as smoke goggles.
- Shield yourself from radiant heat behind a solid structure such as a building.

Resources

CFA has a wealth of resources to help you understand your fire risk and know what to do before and during a fire.

(See cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-and-during-a-fire)

CFA discusses the importance of leaving early, and how a well thought out bushfire survival plan can help you if you live or holiday in high-risk bushfire areas of Victoria.

Also available is detailed information on:

* [Your Guide to Survival](#)

This guide provides essential information

aimed at anyone who lives, works or travels in Victoria so that they are prepared for the summer fire season.

* [Leave Early](#)

Leaving early is the safest option to protect yourself and your family. Leaving early means leaving the area before a fire starts - not when you can see flames or smell smoke.

* [Your Bushfire Plan](#)

You don't have to live in the country to be at risk of fire. If you live near areas that have significant bush, forest, long grass, or coastal scrub, then you need to plan ahead for the fire season.

* [Fire Ready Kit](#)

The responsibility for surviving the fire season is shared between emergency services and the community. You have a role in ensuring our community's safety.

* [Pets and Bushfires](#)

When preparing your bushfire survival plan, you also need to plan and prepare for the safety of your pets.

* [Backup Plans](#)

Fires are unpredictable and plans can fail. Having a back-up plan that identifies your shelter or last resort options may save your life if you are caught in a fire.

* [Defending your property](#)

Defending your property is risky - you could be seriously injured, suffer psychological trauma or die.

Leaving early is the safest option to protect yourself and your family.





Churchill Fire Brigade



Visit from Federation University Child Care Centre



Thirty-two eager little preschool children along with their adult carers, from Federation University Child Care Centre at the Hub, came to visit the station on a warm

sunny morning. The visitors were ushered into the meeting room for their lesson in how to recognise firefighters, how they are dressed for

firefighting, how to help firefighters using breathing apparatus to find them in a smoke-filled room, the importance of smoke alarms, how to exit a house on fire



and how to ring triple 000 to report the fire. The children were then shown the Communications Van before going outside to be shown the equipment in

the tanker. Lining up, they all had a squirt of a hose. Then the lights of the pumper were turned on to show the children. Next the tanker siren was sounded as they all

listened with their hands over their ears. The children were extremely well behaved and were a pleasure to have as visitors to our station.

Churchill Shop Local



The Shop Local event was held on August 26 and the Churchill Fire Brigade members cooked a free sausage sizzle for

the enthusiastic crowd who turned out. The Brigade thanks Woolies for their contribution of free items for the sausage

sizzle. The Brigade thanks the community for the donations they received on the day which were most appreciated.

Fire Hose Trucks



At the Brigade's monthly meeting, John Breheny and Peter McIntosh from the Churchill Men's Shed came to present the Brigade with two fire hose trucks. They will be used at the Open Day and other Brigade activities to aid in our engagement with young

visitors. Firefighter Derek Watson from the Brigade contacted the Men's Shed and showed them some videos and photos, and from there they went ahead and designed the two trucks presented. Derek and wife Amanda provided the stickers which

made the two models look authentic. The Brigade is very grateful to the Men's Shed for all their work on this amazing project and the presentation received spontaneous applause from the Churchill Fire Brigade members.



Churchill CFA Open Day



When: Sunday, October 29, 2023
10am to 2 pm
Where: Churchill Fire Station
Phillip Parade, Churchill
What: Fire Truck Hose play, Fire Safe Kids - Stop Drop & Roll, Capt. Koala visit, Members gearing up race, Sausage Sizzle, Coffee van, Face Painting, Kids craft.
Come and meet your local brigade members!

Domino's "Feed the Knead"



Domino's Pizza Morwell kindly donated ten delicious pizzas for lunch on Sunday September 11.

It was part of their "Feed the Knead" program. The pizzas were really enjoyed with little left for late comers. Domino's is

committed to supporting the local community. One of their programs is 'Feed the Knead'. This program aims to feed those locals doing it tough.

This lunch was followed by an Engagement team meeting at which the

arrangements for the Brigade Open Day program were finalised. The Open Day is on Sunday October 29, 2023 between 10am and 2pm.

All are welcome to come and experience the planned activities and learn about fire safety.





Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Local History – It's marvellous what's uncovered - Number 3

By Leo Billington

I recall, from many years ago, there was often a passing reference to "the college".

Those who related this memory were born long after 1899 when on Thursday, May 25, the Morwell Shire Council received a letter from the Department of Lands and Survey. It was in reply to Council's enquiry about providing, or considering, a site in the Parish of Jumbuk to be made available for an Agricultural College. Councillors were told the idea had been referred to the Secretary for Agriculture.

The Minister of Agriculture at this time was John Taverner. He was a stock and station agent, mainly working as an auctioneer. He later went on to become the Victorian Agent-General in London. Reading his biography, it appears the Minister's main focus during the late 1890's was as President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner for Crown lands and survey, minister for health, as well as for agriculture. He was mainly remembered for advocacy of water storage systems and railway facilities in remote parts of Victoria.

Obtaining commitments from government is challenging, and the Morwell Shire Council was informed in March 1901 that their enquiry via a letter "has been brought under the notice of the Council of Agricultural Education and that members of that Council would soon inspect the reserve as soon as possible."

From here on, the sequence of correspondence becomes clouded, almost to a mere trickle. It is apparent the Morwell Shire Council was becoming frustrated

although there are only oblique reports indicating councillors were not rushing to inspect the selected area either.

Council did receive correspondence in November 1913 from the Agricultural Department mentioning blackberries on "the College Reserve" and that eradication might be an idea.

Back in Melbourne, John Taverner, now as Minister for Lands, on April 3, 1903, "threw open 9,000 acres in Gunyah Gunyah" promising to introduce a bill for settlement. However, there was initial opposition to this idea from Thomas Livingston, the Victorian Legislative Assembly member for Gippsland South. Livingston wanted provision in any settlement planning for a railway.

Let's think about this for a moment - a railway line from Yinnar to Boolarra and then onwards through Budgeree and south to wherever. There are records of locals meeting in the Ryton Hall lobbying for the railway.

Also, Gunyah Gunyah is quite a distance from English's Corner. Today, the Grandridge passes the site, although these days extensive softwood plantations obliterate whatever semblance of real dairying and grazing once existed.

John Taverner was appointed Victorian agent-general in London in 1904, a position he retained until 1913. He remained in London until 1922 and died in December 1923.

He was no sooner overseas than changes were made to any of his ideas as a Minister. He never returned to Victorian state politics.

Blackberries remained a problem so it seems. The Morwell Advertiser in September 1913 made mention of this weed. This editorial referred to "the Agriculture College." Earlier editorial in August 1890 from our newspaper referred to the "Agricultural College Reserve."

In 1908, The Argus, February 14, 1908 referred to the Gunyah Gunyah Agricultural Reserve being on fire.

Back to the College Reserve, as many knew it by, at a public meeting in Yinnar on August 29, 1890, chaired by Mr George Firmin, those in attendance were resolute in wanting a railway line constructed from Yinnar to the Agricultural College. This meeting campaigned for a parliamentary visit to inspect the site.

From here, any idea of pushing ahead to establish an agricultural college somewhere near English's Corner, along today's Grandridge Road, disappeared. Authorities in Melbourne certainly knew exactly where the site was.

The site was clearly defined in the Agricultural Colleges Act 1915, an Act to consolidate the Law relating to Colleges of Agriculture, September 16, 1915.

Under a heading Site for Agricultural College Gunyah Gunyah and Jumbuk, the description was worded - "Two thousand five hundred acres more or less, county of Buln Buln, parishes of Gunyah Gunyah and Jumbuk : Commencing at a point on the eastern side of the road from Yinnar to Toora where the road to Yarram diverges there from ; bounded thence by lines bearing respectively



east about twenty chains, north one hundred and sixty chains, west one hundred and sixty chains, south one hundred and sixty chains, and east about one hundred and forty chains to the point of commencement."

The detail was important - because irrespective of what John Taverner wanted to do in 1903, on May 2, 1913, Mr J T Purvis, the Secretary of the Council of Education within the Department of Agriculture Melbourne advertised for tenders to lease "the Agricultural College area" in the Morwell Advertiser.

Lease terms mentioned 30 years for "agriculture or grazing or both." Successful lessees were required to clear all scrub and fallen timber

during the first seven years. The tenders were advertised again in September 1917.

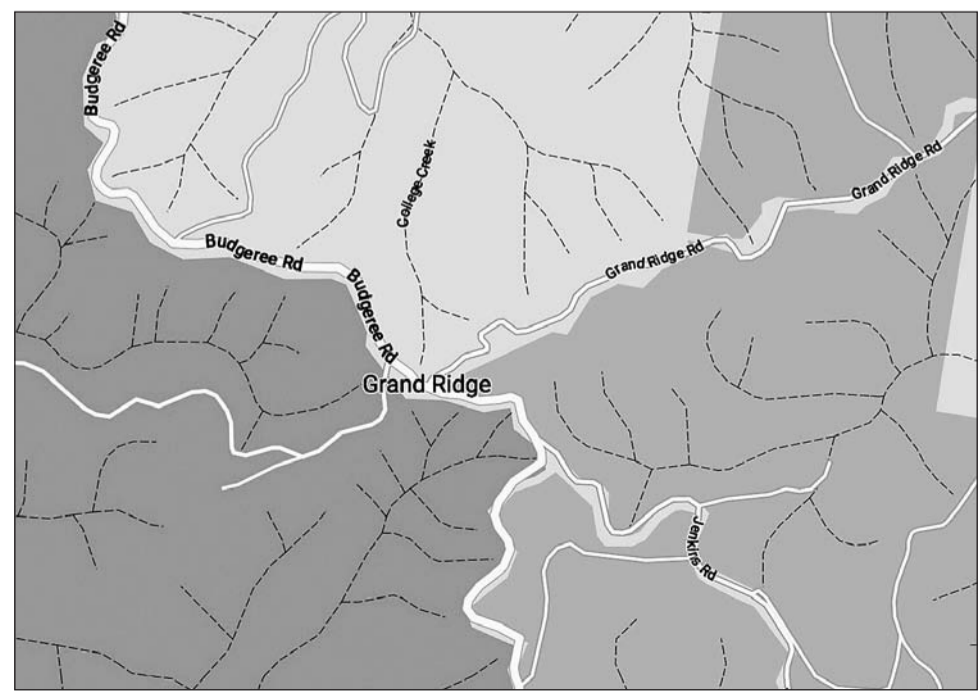
Ironically, the tenders were advertised many years before. The 1915 Agricultural Colleges Act underscored these advertisements, so it was all important. Settlers were wanted. Tenders were advertised locally in March 1929. One keen speculator advertised land adjoining the College Reserve, for sale, describing it as "having been well cleared, securely fenced with posts and rail and wire, sown with cocksfoot and rye grass.

It is good for dairying and fattening land." Morwell Advertiser, March 1917.

Victorian state government ambitions

to establish Agricultural Colleges at Bullarto, Dookie, Longerenong, Krambruk/ Mount Sabine (in the Otway Ranges area) and at Gunyah, or sometimes called Gunyah Gunyah, then Grandridge was a response to aid in the development of Victoria's rural industries.

There are various conclusions to draw from the above - "we" did not obtain an Agricultural College; there was confusion about a location - Gunyah or Gunyah Gunyah or Jumbuk, once it was even called Yarram; to consider a railway line was crazy if readers know the terrain; a distinct lack of knowledge and common sense prevailed.





LIONS CLUB OF CHURCHILL & DISTRICT

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS



Australia Day

2024 NOMINATION FORM

Nomination for: Citizen of the Year Young Citizen of the Year School Student Citizen of the Year

DETAILS OF PERSON/PERSONS/GROUP BEING NOMINATED

Full name of citizen/persons/organization/event: _____

Contact name (if nominating organisation/event): _____

Residential address: _____ Town: _____

Postal address: _____

Suburb: _____ Post Code: _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (M) _____

Email: _____

Date of birth of nominee (if nominating Young Citizen & Young School Citizen of the Year): _____/_____/_____

Please note: The information provided below will only be used by the Lions Club of Churchill in the selection process, if the nomination is successful in winning an Australia day award all or part of this information may be released to the media

Reason for Nomination:

Contribution/s to the community for which the person is nominated: summarize (In 100-150 words) the reasons why your nominee should be considered.

Other significant contributions and achievements:

If you require additional space, please write on a separate sheet and attach to the form.

Community / Professional bodies / Sporting or Service Groups your nominee has been involved with:

Background information about your nominee:

Referee in support of this application (this person may be contacted for further information)

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss): _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Position/Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone (H): _____ (W) _____ (M): _____

Email: _____

Nominator (To be completed by person submitting)

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss): _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Position/Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone (H): _____ (W) _____ (M): _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nominations can be lodged at any time; however nominations for the Lions Club of Churchill & District Australia Day 2024 awards close on Wednesday, December 15, 2023 at 5.00 pm.

Nominations should be addressed to:

Lions Club Secretary
Australia Day Awards Nominations
PO Box 110 Churchill Vic 3842.
or email lionsclubchurchill@gmail.com

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Hazelwood Cemetery

Past Trustees - continued

By Leo Billington

In previous editions of the Churchill & District News, details about former Trustees of the Hazelwood Cemetery and their connections to Morwell's fledgling community were acknowledged.

This time, we take a look at another six of these early Trustees.

John Fitzpatrick - appointed February 1881

At age 35 years, John was appointed a trustee. He died at his home in Mirboo North on November 9, 1892. John's wife, Margaret died at home in Hawthorn in June 1914. It seems Margaret was quite entrepreneurial having first been the licensee of the Club Hotel at Mirboo North. This licence was transferred to another in 1908. When John's son, Gerald, a victim of a then common disease - consumption - passed away in June 1901, his address was given as the same for his mother - Murdoch's Hotel, Morwell.

Margaret was granted this licence in December 1900. Unfortunately, after Gerald's death from consumption, his sister, Margaret, also contracted consumption and died in September 1909.

Misfortune also struck again - Gerald's wife passed away while staying with her parents in Echuca, on December 1, 1899. They were married in January 1899.

Julia Fitzpatrick, aged 24, sister to Margaret and Gerald

also died from consumption.

Family members are interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery, their life seemingly succumbed to the impact of consumption (tuberculosis).

John Franklin Kinder - June 1890

John Franklin Kinder was born in 1843 and died on September 2, 1920, aged 76 years and was living at his Alice Street Malvern house at the time. He is buried in the Independent Section C at St Kilda Cemetery.

He was self-employed as an architect; acting as a clerk of works, sometimes free of charge. One example of his generosity was when he supervised a building extension to Traralgon's Wesleyan (Methodist) Chapel which opened in February 1879. It seems he designed and was clerk of works for the new Boolarra Wesleyan Church.

John was a regular lay preacher at the Yinnar South Wesleyan Church and apparently performed baptisms in other local Wesleyan Churches. He was a staunch member of the Morwell Total Abstinence Society, Vice-President of Morwell's Cricket Club and a representative of the Maryvale Coal Mining Company which provided him a collegiate link with Melbourne's Trades Hall Council.

For those who recall Jack Rintoull's house at the corner of Elgin Street and Hazelwood Road (demolished years ago), John was the architect of this once grand house.

William Murdoch - January 1891

William died at his Williamstown residence on Friday, July 4, 1913. He

apparently arrived in Morwell about 40 years earlier, keen to establish himself as a successful business person.

He acquired a considerable amount of property in the district, and erected what became known as Murdoch's Hotel, later to be purchased by Mr Richard Felix Barry. He also erected a terrace of two-storied shops in the main street known as Murdoch's Buildings.

According to the Morwell Advertiser and Weekly Chronicle Saturday March 24, 1888:

"The rooms throughout the whole building present a very airy, well-ventilated, and cheerful look, being all splendidly finished in the highest degree of art. The magnificent centre-pieces, tiled grates, marble mantels on all fire-places, and magnificent chandeliers attracting most attention."

Unfortunately, William met with severe financial problems during the land boom period, after which he went to Melbourne. For some time afterwards, he was an invalid, basically confined to home. Historian, Michael Cannon, in his book, 'The Land Boomers' (1966), laid the blame for the land boom and its aftermath with "reckless speculative financiers and their political allies, who lured so many small investors to their financial doom."

William did become immersed in Victoria's land boom, developing his land holding in Commercial Road, Morwell besides investments in a brick yard, a country property named 'Merlya' and floating the Morwell Coal Mining Company in 1888. All these investments were sold.

He did have time to be a councillor in the first Morwell Shire Council alongside another early Trustee, John English, was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1886 and therefore

became a regular member of the Morwell Petty Sessions Court.

Jeremiah Ryan - November 1893

Born in Dublin in 1847, Jeremiah died at his home in Avondale Crescent, Morwell on Wednesday, October 5, 1910. He was well-known locally, and in various other parts of Gippsland. Jeremiah's wife, Ellen, passed away on April 10, 1944.

He arrived in Morwell in about 1880 - he married Ellen three years later in 1883.

Jeremiah had experienced a lot in life by the time of his marriage. Keen to travel, he initially visited America, then to gold fields in New Zealand before arriving in Victoria searching for gold. Then on to New South Wales before joining the Palmer River Northern Queensland gold rush. In Gippsland, Jeremiah joined various gold diggings, adding to his fortune earned while in Northern Queensland.

Shortly after arriving in Morwell, and assessing prospects for investment in land, he selected 320 acres at Driffield, and an additional 240 acres closer to Morwell while also leasing about 500 extra acres. Jeremiah continued onward during the land boom acquiring about eight building allotments in Morwell. He owned and sub-divided the Henry Estate - renaming it Parnell Park enclosing today's Avondale Crescent, Ryan and Ellen Streets and Commercial Road.

What was once called the "Model Town", Yallourn was eventually built on land once owned by Jeremiah. Morwell's new fire brigade station at the corner of Princes Drive and Collins Street is on land once owned by Jeremiah.

On the occasion of his death, Jeremiah left a widow Ellen, six daughters and three sons. In November

1910, he was replaced on the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust by Mr James J Jensen from Driffield.

Robert Alexander Hedley - April 1896

Unfortunately, details about Robert Hedley are rather faint.

Perhaps he was a quiet person intent more on establishing his business - as a wholesale and retail tinsmith, based in Tarwin Street, Morwell. An advertisement in the Morwell Advertiser March, 1890 explains his specialities.

Robert had a small farm allotment, about half-a-mile west of the township. He joined the Australian Natives Association Morwell Branch, in 1894 and in 1895, is mentioned as a committee member of the Morwell Mechanics Institute.

Francis (Frank) Wilson - April 1896

Widely known as Frank, he was apparently, for many years, a wheelwright, employed by Jack Rintoull in Morwell.

One editorial in the Morwell Advertiser, July 2, 1897, wrote that Frank was in partnership with Jack. In fact, this was written when they had completed a "very nice baker's cart" for Morwell baker, Mr Charles King.

He left Morwell to work and live in Thoona, in

north-eastern Victoria, for Goldsborough, Mort and Company. He returned to Melbourne after one year, and then journeyed to Western Australia, finding work in North Perth.

It was here that Frank found his niche in life - as a Member of Parliament becoming the MLA for North Perth representing the Australian Labor Party.

It is reported in the Morwell Advertiser, July 15, 1904, that "He took a deep interest in the concerns of labour men, and was eventually induced to stand for Parliament."

During November 1904, Frank stood for election for the Mayoral Chair, being described as "a genuine democrat, both by nature and on principle" - Western Australian Municipal elections; Democrat, Saturday November 12, 1904.

While living in Morwell, Frank (or rather Brother Wilson) was a member of the Morwell branch of the M.U.I.O.O.F.

The first meeting of the Australia Felix Lodge of Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows (MUIOOF) was held on December 7, 1840 in Melbourne. a friendly society to help fellow Australians in times of hardship.



In 1951 Murdoch's Hotel had 22 bedrooms and three private rooms when it was sold for £98,000. The pub was located between Tarwin Street and Hazelwood Road on Commercial Road and was sold again to Woolworth's in July 1964. It closed for business on August 29, and was demolished the following month to make way for the Woolworths department store.



SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

Churchill North Primary School connecting with the Community

Churchill North Primary School is always looking for ways to stay connected with the local community as well as finding ways to support families within school hours. At Churchill North P.S we provide Outside School Hours Care and we also run a Playgroup.

where children are able to enjoy healthy food options. After School Care runs from 3.15pm to 6pm Monday to Friday except public holidays and the last day of each term.

Our facility is run by qualified staff who have undertaken Diploma of Children's Services (OSHC) and also are part of the Churchill North Primary School Community. Fun activities are part of our curriculum which include

outside play areas in both the Junior and Senior playgrounds and basketball courts. Inside activities include Lego building, marble run, craft activities, dress ups, drawing and colouring, movie afternoons, computer games, board games and box construction just to name a few. Also available are quiet reading areas and withdrawal areas for children who wish to enjoy some quiet time to themselves. Our Before

School program is open to children from Churchill North P.S. and the After School Care program is open to all students from surrounding schools.

Families wanting their children to attend Before or After School Care can ring the Churchill North Primary School office on 5122 1976.

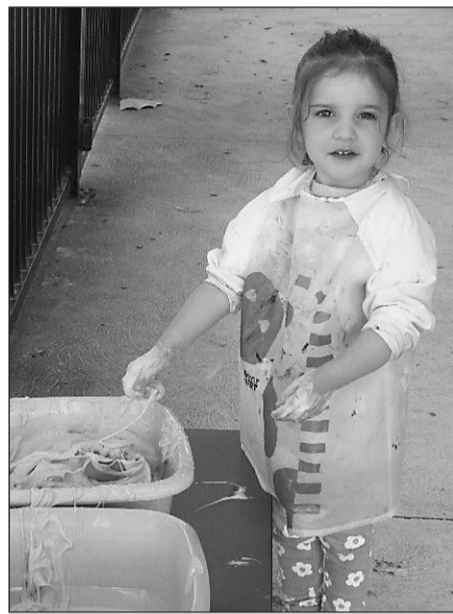
Churchill North Primary School Playgroup

The playgroup at Churchill North Primary School runs on Wednesday

and Friday mornings from 9am until 11am. Families with babies and children throughout the community up to school age can attend. We have a room full of activities including, playdough, craft, train set, play kitchen, dolls, cars, shop and many more.

After our snack halfway through the session and in good weather we venture outside where we have a fenced outside area with bikes and a playground

with a slide, flying fox and climbing wall. We endeavour to have an excursion twice a year to play centres in the area. We do special activities at Easter, Father's Day, Mother's Day and Christmas and have special dress up days. We have an amazing and very welcoming group of families attending. Tea and coffee are available for parents and all we ask for is a gold coin donation.



SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

It has been a busy and exciting month in the Lumen Christi Library beginning with our annual Book Fair. Lamont Books always supplies us with such a wide range of books for students to choose from. Book Fair is a great way for our children to access more books. More choices can help ignite a passion for reading. It was

also a great fundraiser for our school and a wonderful opportunity for the library to stock up on resources to enrich the children's learning.

Each year the team from Meerkat Productions visits Lumen Christi with a fresh and engaging performance of a shortlisted CBCA Book. This incursion is a great

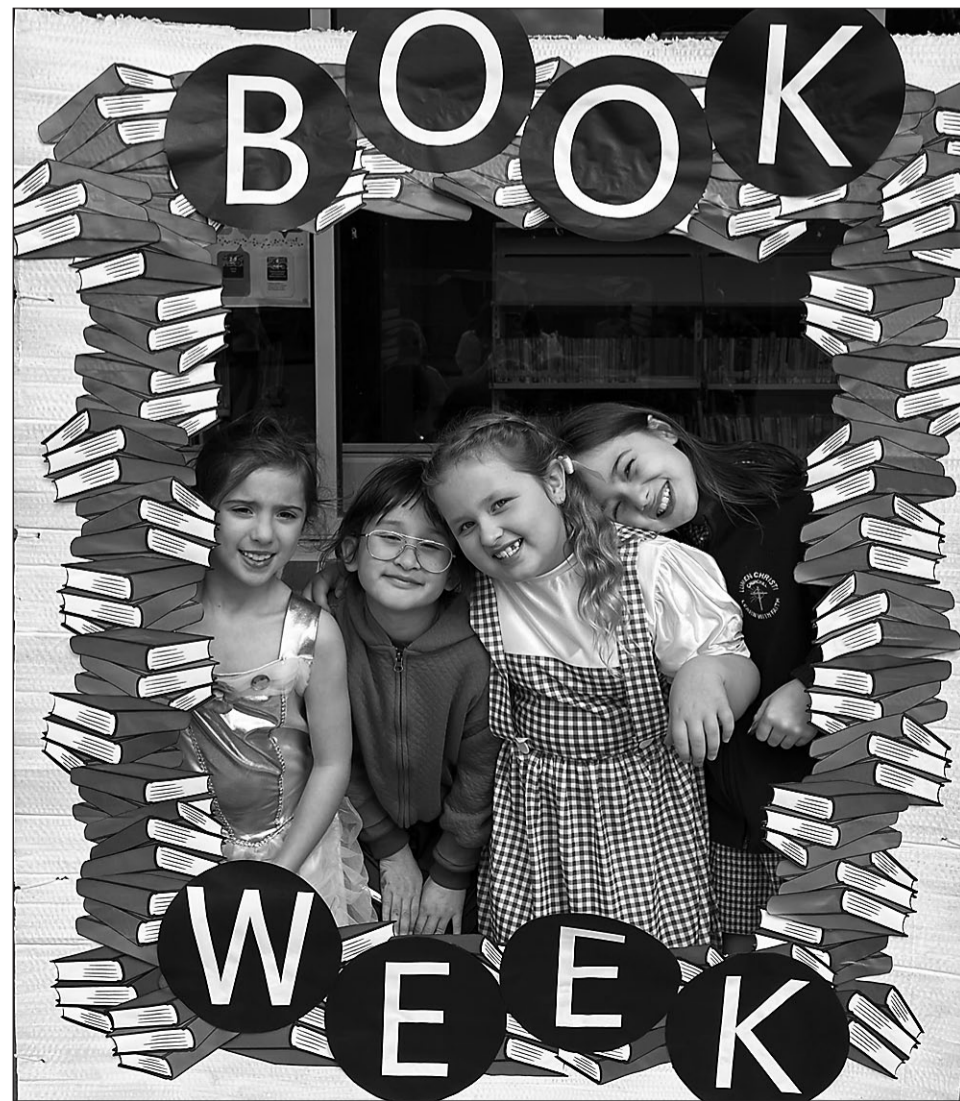
way to expose our students to theatre and celebrates literacy and student wellbeing. This year students enjoyed an adaptation of 'Frank's Red Hat.' A story about never giving up on your talents, because even though what you do may not be appreciated right now, it may be in time. Possibly by someone you would

least expect. Students were encouraged to join in by bringing along their favourite beanie and by making their own penguin masks to use during the show. We worked on this activity as a whole school community creating a lot of fun and excitement in preparation for the performance.

We celebrated Book

Week in style with some amazing costumes and activities. As always Book Week has been a great opportunity for students and teachers to celebrate books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. This year's theme 'Read, Grow, Inspire' inspired some wonderful costumes and art work.

During our Book Week celebration day students took part in a range of activities related to CBCA shortlisted books, and had lots of fun joining in our parade showcasing their creative costumes. It was a lovely day having the whole school community come together and celebrate all things books.



SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY

Book Week 2023

Each year since 1945 the Childrens' Book Council of Australia has brought children and books together across Australia through CBCA Book Week. During this time schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators.

This year the theme Inspire, Read, Grow was enjoyed by all. The day

started with the very much anticipated parade. Students and parents are to be congratulated on the very clever and inspirational characters on parade. Many thanks to our Literacy Leaders, Mrs Coffin and Miss Hoskin for their organisation of this special day and to our students, families and teachers for their participation and enthusiasm.

School Concert - Aladdin

Yinnar Primary School's concert, a spectacular performance of Disney's 'Aladdin Kids' left the audience very impressed. The event, held at Gippsland Performing Arts Centre (GPAC) on Thursday September 7, proved to be an overwhelming success, showcasing the incredible talents of our students.

It had been a demanding term of rehearsals and whole school run-throughs,

however the atmosphere at the school was always enthusiastic, positive and dedicated. The entire cast was committed to the craft, as was each individual Grade who took great pride in their performance.

From the moment the curtains lifted, it was clear that the performers were ready to shine. The stage came alive with dazzling costumes, and unforgettable performances.

The success of the "Aladdin" concert is a testament to the strong sense of community at Yinnar Primary School. Thank you to the parents who helped with costumes, props, hair and makeup and supporting the event. We cannot wait until we can do it all again!

"I was a little scared to go on stage but I did it anyway!" - Sabrina, Grade 1

"It took a lot of courage to get up on stage, but I

felt good about myself afterwards" - Beau C, Grade 3

"It was a phenomenal experience to go and perform in front of lots of people at GPAC" - Bonnie B, Grade 3

"Everyone had so much persistence and it was a lot of fun at the end" - Eleanor, Grade 5

"It was a great experience to see the production come together after a whole term of work" - Ivy, Grade 6



CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

"Connecting Your Community"

SPORT

Churchill & Monash Golf Club Golf results

Monthly Medal Saturday August 26, 2023

A. Grade : Ad. West 20
72 nett B. Grade : S. Sanders
23 68 nett Medal

D.T.L : 1. R. Madigan
74, 2. B. Mathison 75, 3. C.
Stevens 75, 4. W. Sutton 76,
5. D. Burridge 76 Scratch
D. Madigan 86 Putts : R.

Madigan 25
N.T.P : 3rd Pro-Pin: C.
Warring, 5th G. Barnes, 14th
G. Barnes

Target Hole: D. Burridge:
Birdies: J. Sanders 5th, C.
Warring 3rd

Stableford Tuesday August 29, 2023

Winner: A. Grade: C.
Warring 17 34pts B. Grade :

J. Blizzard 36 34pts

D.T.L : 1. C. Stevens
32pts, 2. S. Caldwell 31pts
N.T.P: 3rd M. McQuillan
, 5th L. Van Rooy, 12th J.
Blizzard, 14th S. Caldwell

Stableford Saturday September 2, 2023

A Grade Winner: C.
Hogbin 12 38pts B Grade
Winner: T. Sterrick 21 35pts

C Grade Winner: D.
Ireland 30 39pts D.T.L : 1.
C. Sterrick 36, 2. G. Spowart
34, 3. G. Barnes 34 4. R.
Welsh 33, 5. S. Caldwell
33, 6. W. Sutton 33, 7. P.
McGrath 32 N. T. P : 3rd
S. Caldwell, 12th Pro-Pin : T.
Sterrick

Target Hole: S. Allison

Birdies: D. Burridge 14th

Monthly Medal Tuesday September 5, 2023

Day Winner : M.
Hutchinson 75 Nett Medal
Winner: V. Reid 81 nett

Scratch : M. Dear 97
D.T.L : 1. M. Dear 83 nett, 2.
J. Sanders Snr 85 nett

Putts: M. Dear 29 N.T.P
: 3rd S. Caldwell, 5th M.
Dear, 12th M. Dear, 14th S.
Caldwell

Mulligans Saturday September 9, 2023

A Grade Winner : R.
Madigan 13 38pts B Grade
Winner: P. Flanigan 24 37pts
D.T.L : 1. J. Barnes 37,
2. M. Hutchinson 35, 3. J.
Sanders Snr 35

Target Hole : P. Flanigan
N.T.P: 3rd Pro-Pin :R. King,
12th J. Barnes

Birdies: R. King
Par Tuesday September 12, 2023

Winner: J. Soppe 21 -2
D.T.L : 1. S. Caldwell -4, 2.
R. Sands -6

N.T.P : 3rd S. Caldwell,
5th C. Stevens, 12th C.
Gilfillan, 14th L. Brent
Par Saturday September 16, 2023.

A Grade Winner : R.
Dent 11 +3 B. Grade Winner
: G. Spowart 24 -2

C Grade Winner : M.
Hutchinson 28 -1 D.T.L :
1. P. Kearns Square, 2. D.
Cluderay -2, 3. J. Sanders

Snr -2, 4. B. Barnes -2, 5. A.
Sharrock -3, 6. T. Sterrick
-3, 7. V. Monument -3, 8.
R. Zomer -3 N.T.P : 3rd G.
Spowart, 12th Pro-Pin : R.
Dent, 14th P. Kearns Target
Hole : G. Sanders

Stableford Tuesday September 19, 2023

Winner: M. Hutchinson
27 33pts D.T.L : 1. M. Ryan
32 pts, 2. C. Stevens 31pts
N.T.P : 3rd L. Brent, 12th M.
Ryan, 14th C. Stevens

Monthly Medal Saturday September 23, 2023.

A Grade Winner : R.
Madigan 13 73 Medal B
Grade Winner : D. Cluderay
20 73 C Grade Winner : D.
Ireland 28 74 Scratch : R.

Madigan : 86

D.T.L : 1. J. McCafferty
75, 2. P. Flanigan 75, 3. R.
Welsh 75, 4. G. Corponi 76,
5. C. Sterrick 76, 6. A. West
76, 7. J. Barnes 77 C/B, 8. R.
Dent 77 C/B

N.T.P : 3rd Pro-Pin : R.
Madigan, 12th C. Warring,
14th C. Warring

Target Hole : P. Kearns
Putts : S. McCarrerty 25
Birdies : R. Madigan 3rd
4 BBB Tuesday September 26, 2023.

Winners : V. Reid and
L. Brent 42 pts D.T.L : S.
Turner and C. Carder 41 pts
N.T.P : 3rd S. Caldwell,
5th M. Ryan, 12th L. Brent,
14th M. Ryan

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare



By J Duncan Bees, Bugs, Beetles, Butterflies

Well, it is official. Australia is no longer the only country in the world to be free of the Varroa mite. This mite is a parasite of European honeybees. These are the bees that pollinate most of our food crops. The bio-security strategy has now moved its focus from Eradication to Management and Control.

So far, the pest is officially only in New South Wales. However, the reason for the change in government strategy was said to be non-compliant and illegal behaviour by NSW beekeepers. It is hard to have confidence that this insidious pest won't spread to beehives in neighbouring states sooner

rather than later.

For some years now, there has been quite a lot of research and prototype design work done on introducing habitat for native bees and other pollinators into orchards and vineyards. What can we do? Everyone can help by just not using neo-nicotinoid pesticides. These chemicals are thought to have a role in an apparent worldwide decline in bee populations. We have a project on our group's website with more information including the brand names of pesticides in this category.

Planting native plants in closely spaced patches is something we can do. Choosing plants for a succession of flowering times will provide pollen and

nectar for native bees and other pollinator insects. (Aim for no more than 200 metres between patches). The idea is to help other pollinator species to flourish, so that they can pollinate our crops and gardens when Varroa gets here and European honeybee populations decline. Even if this decline is only in feral honeybees, i.e. the ones that have escaped and aren't looked after by beekeepers; losing them is predicted to wipe out 70% of the total current pollinator population.

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group will have pollinator guides and some plants for sale on our Landcare stall at Yinnar Community Market on Sunday November 5. With dry weather coming up, it

will be swamp plants or ones to grow and water in gardens. (It is now far too late for re-veg planting anywhere that won't be watered over summer).

For those who get the bug for looking more closely at those insects in the pollination workforce, Australian Pollinator Week is on November 11-19 this year.

Thanks to Tamara Leitch for our photo of the amazing native bug that lives on locally indigenous White Elderberry plants. We will have some of these seedlings to sell at Yinnar Market on November 5.

Trees and other Yinnar Landcare news

Our group has now finished planting for this winter. We worked on our group's Billys Creek and

Upper Middle Creek re-veg sites and on private property at Yinnar. For one of our two Billys Creek days we were ably assisted by a group of students from Gippsland TAFE. That day was blessed with fine weather, and everybody had a great day.

One of our two planting days at Yinnar also had good weather, and on both of these days our group appreciated being rewarded with a feed of delicious pizzas cooked by our hosts.

Our re-vegetation site along Upper Middle Creek is now growing well and we are mainly infill planting and replacing plants that have died. We are also removing the guards from the trees that are big enough and re-purposing them on other sites.

We are pleased to report that the fire recovery money received by Latrobe City for recovery from the Yinnar South / Jumbuk bushfires in 2019 is now allocated to the Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network. Network staff are processing applications and assessing sites on affected properties. Applications have closed but it is expected that successful applicants for the funding will be notified very soon, with planting to take place next winter.

Finally, we are very happy to report an increase in membership applications to our group, and some new keen and active people becoming increasingly involved in group activities.

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

Kernot Hall redevelopment completed

The official unveiling of the Kernot Hall Redevelopment was held on Friday October 6.

The old building has been transformed into a more modern, and functional space with upgrades such as acoustic treatment, improved accessibility,

new amenities, meeting rooms and more.

This project was funded through the Victorian Government Community Infrastructure Loans Scheme, with a generous contribution of \$2.5 million.

The redevelopment started

in December last year and was completed early this month by the local contractor, Langden Constructions.

The Official Opening Presentation began at 12:30pm, followed by a public venue tour and performance by Gippsland

Symphony Orchestra.

CEO of Latrobe City Council Steve Piasente was MC at the event, with the Mayor of Latrobe City Council, Kellie O'Callaghan and The Honourable Harriet Shing, Member for Eastern Victoria also sharing some words.



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Yinnar Market

Make It, Bake It, Grow It Market is scheduled for Sunday November 5, 2023 from 9am till 1pm at the Yinnar Memorial Hall.

It is an indoor-outdoor market with over 40 stall holders, that normally attracts in excess of 600 members of the community.

There will be entertainment, vintage cars on show, plenty of different foods along with coffee and ice-cream vans and free face painting for the children.

All funds raised go directly to the Community Hall to provide equipment and supplies, so come along enjoy the day out, check out the stalls, etc., and have a wander through this wonderful community facility.

