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## Santa's local shop



Santa on his early shop at Churchill's Shop Local Christmas Market hands out goodies to Liam (left) and Eli.

It was a persistent rain that greeted the stall holders and shoppers for the Shop Local Christmas Market Day but it didn't stop the community from coming out, supporting and enjoying the day.

Santa made his appearance to the delight of the children ...and the adults, greeting shop owners and stall holders as he travelled through the market handing out Santa's goodies as he went.

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**Merry Christmas**  
*Thank you*  
 from Churchill & District News

Another year is quickly growing to a close. To our devoted readers, advertisers and contributors, it is time to say a special thank you for your loyalty and support to keep the Churchill & District News rolling off the presses and keeping our community informed.

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We also thank those who value our paper and its activities and show that through sponsorship and donations.

It gives us a thrill to receive them. We are so appreciative and it lifts our spirits.

We, the team, have worked hard with your assistance to produce the eleven issues, supported the Shop Local and Recycling initiative as well as the Lions Fishing Day and their other activities.

Our Writing Competition was a big success.

This year we have also run a recruitment campaign to attract some new members of the team and share the load as well as a chance to teach skills. We are thrilled to say that has brought some new enthusiastic younger people to help. We want to say thank you to all those who took leaflets and displayed them in shops, put them in post office boxes, spread the news at FedUni and otherwise helped with their distribution. We are excited at the prospect of new recruits and the skills, ideas and eagerness they bring.

From the team we wish you a very happy, safe, healthy Christmas and New Year with family and friends.

We look forward to continuing in 2024,

### AUSTRALIA DAY

Churchill Place, Phillip Parade, Churchill  
 (Will move to the Churchill Community Hall if wet)  
 Start 8 am and finish 10.30 am

- Flag raising ceremony by Churchill Scout Group at 8.00 am
    - Music by local musician
  - Announcement of Churchill Citizen of the Year and Young Citizens of the Year at 8.30 am
    - Free community breakfast
  - The Gippsland Historical Automobile Clubs Inc. will have vehicles on show
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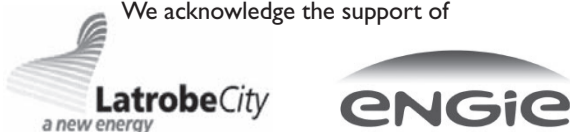
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**Hazelwood House to Remain Vacant**

Churchill's former residential aged care facility, Hazelwood House, will continue to remain vacant after it was announced that Quantum Support Services had notified Latrobe City Council of its decision to withdraw from the purchase of the property.

In a media release issued by Council on November 21, LCC CEO Steven Piasente said Quantum had advised Council of its decision in late September.

It would seem, from the content of the media release by Council, that some difficulties were encountered in securing sufficient funding.

It reads: "Quantum Support Services CEO Natalie McDonald said despite discussions with potential partners who shared our vision, the timelines for

realising these partnerships and completing the necessary due diligence and funding arrangements remained uncertain. This uncertainty poses challenges for our ability to move forward with the project."

In 2019 the aged care provider, Benetas, decided to transfer residents from Hazelwood House in Churchill to a larger facility in Traralgon. Hazelwood House has since remained vacant.

Ownership of the 3.9 hectare site and its residential facility passed to Latrobe City Council in 2020. In 2021 Council undertook an Expression of Interest process to find a suitable buyer for the property.

In September 2022, Council unanimously resolved to sell Hazelwood House to Quantum Support Services for the purpose of developing a residential

Youth Foyer. Extensive community engagement occurred prior to this decision, with a range of views, both for and against, being expressed by Churchill residents.

So, after four years, Churchill still has an empty residential facility, in need of upgrade to be fit for purpose (whatever that purpose might be). Council, as the current owner of the property, is responsible and must pay for on-going maintenance and security.

According to Council's media release, "the next steps for Hazelwood House will be the subject of discussion and consideration by Latrobe City Council."

Let us hope that Council can find a suitable buyer for the property and it can be upgraded or developed for future use.

It seems a terrible waste to leave a residential facility vacant in these times of housing and accommodation shortages.

Furthermore, buildings deteriorate over time and eventually, if they remain unoccupied, become subject to demolition - like the three former kindergarten buildings in Churchill that

were demolished after being vacant for some years.

Let us hope that Council finds a solution.

It is worth noting too, that this community raised a significant sum to build Hazelwood House in the first place and some of the sale proceeds were to be returned to the Churchill and district community, although details of how much and to whom were never finalised.

This community still needs to be recompensed for the loss of our financial investment in our residential aged care facility.

CDCA's first meeting in 2024 will be held on Thursday February 8 at 7pm, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall.

We will be asking Council to provide an update to this meeting on their plans for Hazelwood House.

All local residents are welcome to attend CDCA meetings which are held on the second Thursday of every second month.

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



**Churchill Rainfall**

November in Churchill commenced with 36mm of rain falling in the first nine days. For the following 15 days no rain fell to be recorded.

Then 48mm of rain fell during the last week of November.

The month's total rainfall is 84mm, and the year's total so far is 784mm.

**Rain at Hazelwood South.**

The perfect end to November; the tanks full, the ground water up, and no high temperatures as

yet. Hazelwood South had 83.7mm of rain, 9% above the average for November.

Hazelwood South normally receives little rain from the east, and the forecast heavy rain from the east, at the end of the month only produced steady, modest falls, great for the garden and just enough.

A good end to 2023 with 1% above average rain to date. Hazelwood South was 17% wetter than the Latrobe Valley weather station.

La Niña may still produce a hot and dry summer.

Keep the grass short to reduce fire risk. More about rain next year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from Hazelwood South.

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**Gippsland Alumni honoured in Federation University Awards**

From supporting diverse communities, to promoting Gippsland's prosperity, Federation University Australia's alumni are being recognised for their distinguished contribution to their chosen fields.

Five leaders in science, engineering, business and economics have recently been honoured in Federation University's 2023 Alumni Awards.

The awards formally recognise the achievements of distinguished alumni of Federation and its' predecessor institutions.

The Gippsland recipients of the Federation University 2023 Alumni Awards are:

**Brooke Tahir - Young Alumna of the Year**

Brooke graduated from Federation University with a Bachelor of Biomedical Science and is making a difference in the Mornington Peninsula community, establishing the Main

Street Greenery and Fairy Kingdom - welcoming social spaces for people living with Autism and ADHD. A Gunai Kurnai woman, Brooke runs children's gardening and STEM workshops, birthday parties, as well as tutoring for children with all abilities, all while living with her own health conditions.

**Associate Professor Abdel Halabi - Alumni Award for Community Service**

Abdel is an Associate Professor in Accounting, working at Federation University and its' predecessor institution, Monash University for nearly 33 years, where he has held various leadership positions. Abdel is widely respected for his contribution to the Islamic community including the support of staff and students and sport and community events. In 2013, he became the Founding Secretary of the Gippsland Australian Muslim Community Inc, and in 2018 became the regional voice to the Board of the Islamic Council of Victoria.



**Jane Burton - Distinguished Alumna**

Jane holds a master's degree in chemistry and more than three decades of public and private sector experience.

In 2019 Jane was the Victorian Winner of the Minerals Council of Australia's Exceptional Woman in Resources Award and through her leadership roles within the Department of Jobs, Precinct and Regions, Jane worked to identify opportunities for alternate, low emissions uses for brown coal, including the Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain (HESC) Pilot Project.

In June 2023, Jane became the Project Director for the CarbonNet project with Invest Victoria.

**Richard Elkington OAM - Distinguished Alumnus**

Richard is recognised for his commitment to the Latrobe Valley community and industry, including as former chair of Regional Development Gippsland. He was General Manager at Loy Yang Power Station and has held leadership roles at Gippsland Water, East Gippsland Water and the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as well as working with the Latrobe Valley Authority and community organisations like the Mid Gippsland Football League and Baw Baw District Scout Association. Richard has served as Grand Master of Freemasons Victoria since 2020.

**Toni Wakefield - Distinguished Alumna**

Toni is the Commercial

Manager and co-founder of award-winning business Safetech Pty Ltd, which employs more than 180 staff nationally, the majority based in Moe and Morwell. She was a longstanding Board Director of the Committee for Gippsland and Chair from 2018 - 2020. Toni also served from 2006 - 2009 as a member of the Monash

University Gippsland Advisory Council and offers a positive and influential voice to skills educators, industry and government, helping create a thriving and sustainable future for the region.

The award recipients were honoured at an award ceremony in Morwell on October 24.

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Latrobe's first 'Healthy Catering Guide' takes the guesswork out of catering

Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) has teamed up with three caterers in the Latrobe Valley to create the very first Healthy Catering Guide in the region.

The Healthy Catering Guide showcases healthy menu options from each of the three caterers, who are helping to make the healthy option the easy option.

"Healthy eating is important for our mood and energy levels, and decreasing risk of chronic disease," says LCHS Public Health Nutritionist Laura Duff.

"We all need more fresh and healthy foods to be our best every day. But with

saturated fats, added sugars and additional salt often hidden in lots of foods and drinks, selecting the healthy option isn't always easy.

The participating caterers have worked alongside Latrobe Community Health Service to ensure their menus have lots of healthy options that are easy to identify."

The Healthy Catering Guide takes the guesswork out of catering by using a traffic light system to distinguish everyday foods from those that should be eaten in moderation.

Foods and drinks listed in the guide are classified according to their nutritional value, with green representing the best choice and amber those products

that should be consumed in moderation.

The guide is updated regularly online at lchs.com.au and each caterer has their own 'healthy catering menu' to make it easy for workplaces to cater for their next meeting or work event.

"We know healthy employees are productive employees; healthy diets can lead to improved energy, concentration, productivity and long-term health," Ms Duff said.

"That's why we have created the Healthy Catering Guide - to help Latrobe Valley workplaces create a healthy eating culture. Not only do you get the nutritional benefits, but these healthy menus are

full of delicious and fresh foods including gourmet sandwiches and wraps, rice paper rolls, sushi, salads, and lasagne."

Are you a caterer and would like to get involved? Email LCHS on health.promotion@lchs.com.au or phone 1800 242 696 and ask to speak with the Health Promotion team today!

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**Seasons Greetings from Churchill & District Community Association**

CDCA wishes all residents, their families and friends a safe and happy festive season, a wonderful New Year and good health for 2024

Contact CDCA via our website: www.cdca.org.au/contact us or message us on our Facebook page - search for Churchill District Community Association or write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill 3842

**Next CDCA meeting:** Thursday, February 8, 2024, 7.00 pm, Churchill Town Hall (downstairs), Philip Parade, Churchill

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## Churchill Christian Fellowship



**By Steve McNeilly**

On November 11, Gavin and Trudi Chatelier came to our hall for an Elvis Gospel Concert. Although he does not exactly look like Elvis, he dressed the part and did a great selection of Elvis' spiritual and inspirational songs. It was a great night. Some people in the audience commented that they had not realised Elvis had such strong Christian influence in his music.

Another recent event at CCF was the farewell dinner for Lynn Fowler on Tuesday October 24. She flew out to Africa on November 1 and will be ministering in some 14 countries over six months. Lots of friends came and shared a lovely potluck dinner.

We have had quite a variety of preachers lately at our Sunday afternoon meetings but, when it's been my turn to preach, I've been working through the first half of the Book of Daniel. At our Tuesday night home fellowship meetings, we have been digging deep in several of the sayings of Jesus in the Gospels.

Of course, we are now getting ready for Christmas. From the traditional Combined Churches carol night on December 16, to our CCF Christmas celebration on December 20, there will be lots of occasions to come together to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. It is going to be a wonderful season.

Enquiries welcome. Call 0409 173747.

George Telford spoke of the two great commandments - love God and love your neighbour.

He emphasised that you could not have one without the other which puts a big responsibility on us as we live a Christian life.

We welcomed Bec Hayman to take our Anglican Holy Communion service. Bec is the chaplain at FedUni.

She spoke from the Old Testament reading of Joshua 3:7-17. In Genesis God created calm from chaos by separating the waters from the land. In Exodus God opened the sea so that the Israelites could pass over on dry land. God went before the Israelites. God manages impossible situations. He stands in the midst of chaos and suffering.

In Jesus' time God ensured Jesus was safe by sending him with his family to Egypt to freedom. The Israelites came from Egypt as did Jesus to become the Saviour of the world. Jesus was baptised in the Jordan River. God was going ahead of him giving the Holy Spirit from the chaos of the water.

In our baptism we pass through the waters of chaos to our freedom. What is impossible for us is possible with God who stands in the midst and promises freedom for us.

### Coffee Connections

A special day of sharing a significant piece of clothing for each participant kept everyone's interest and appreciation. From family wedding dresses, wedding going away clothes, generations old baptismal

## Co-op Snippets



dress and other precious old clothing, to more modern items like a dressing gown plus much more was shared with the story attached.

It was a happy time with the chance to get to know each other better and have a catch up chat.

Thanks to Liz for leading the session and to everyone for bringing that delicious morning tea.

### World Vision Fundraiser

Julie and Trevor Berryman hosted a delicious Devonshire tea at their place on Wednesday afternoon November 22. Our World Vision foster child is three year old James who lives in Zambia. By raising these funds we are able to help James, his family and community by providing training in hygiene and sanitation, providing toilets for schools, promoting child rights and education for girls, building and rehabilitating clean water sources, and support for child protection



and child rights.

The scones were melt in your mouth with added plenteous amounts of jam, lemon butter or ginger marmalade with lashings of cream.

Heather and Peter

entertained us with readings and poetry. There was much chatter as friends met and talked.

A tour of the fantastic Berryman garden topped off the very pleasant afternoon. Thank you Julie and Trevor.



## Church Times

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

**Churchill Christian Fellowship**  
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 Every 4th Sunday alternates Yinnar/Boolarra. **September - St Francis de Sales, Boolarra**



# The Strzelecki Koala

Our incredible Strzelecki Koala is so suited to living in eucalyptus trees. Like all koalas, it has an anatomy that through time, has developed for that purpose. The koala has fur that not only keeps it warm, cool or dry but allows the animal to blend into its habitat. It is very difficult to spot a koala when it is high up in one of its favourite trees.



remarkable is that its fore paws have opposable thumbs like primates. Just like us, the koala can grip things.

Once a koala takes hold of a bunch of leaves, it uses its sharp incisor teeth to tear off eucalyptus leaves, then its molars to crunch and munch as the koala's tongue retrieves the pulverised leaves from the gaps in-between the two types of teeth. After being swallowed, the food enters into the koala's incredible gut system.

Bacteria obtained originally from the pap given by its mother, and a special part of the alimentary canal, "the caecum (pronounced see-kum), continues to break down the food so that the koala obtains nutrients and water." (www.savethekoala.com) Eventually the koala will pass scats (poo) and wee.

It is these scats that help scientists and others to find out many things about koalas, like location, preferred trees and the DNA of individual koalas. The koala is a unique animal especially our precious Strzelecki Koala,

and it requires our help. Remember the three P's: **Protect, Preserve and Plant.**

Protection for our Strzelecki Koala and its habitat. Please log on to the link to sign a petition to have the Strzelecki Koala placed on the endangered list. [https:// www.melbourne.org.au/koala](https://www.melbourne.org.au/koala) .

Preserve the current population of Strzelecki Koala by maintaining its preferred habitat, by being aware of wildlife on the roads particularly at night, by keeping domestic animals away from wildlife, and by becoming involved in local wildlife groups. Plant the Strzelecki Koala's preferred trees and help create much needed wildlife corridors. The South Gippsland community has a brochure about plants. (www.sgln.net.au). For more information about the physical characteristics of the koala, go to [www.savethekoala.com](http://www.savethekoala.com). There are diagrams of the digestive system and the paws. Interesting Facts from this site are: Like humans, every koala has its own set of unique fingerprints. Apart from insects, koalas along with the greater sugar glider and ringtail possum are the only animals that eat eucalyptus leaves.

# #Lovegippsland calendar winners announced

Local MP Darren Chester has announced the winners of the 2024 #lovegippsland calendar competition.

The three winning images include a Port Jackson Shark taken by Holly Baird, a Cygnet by Peter Delbridge and a stunning image of a storm over Gippsland Lakes, taken by Jennifer Conn.

Mr Chester said there were over 160 entries for this year's competition and he was extremely impressed by the high quality and calibre of entries.

"This year's theme 'Explore Gippsland...' showcases a multitude of incredible sights across

Gippsland such as the scenery, wildlife and the iconic structures of the region.

The images that have been chosen to be featured in the calendar are only an example of not only the incredible imagery of our region, but also the skill and capabilities of our photographers.

Congratulations to our winners and to all the entrants for so many outstanding entries. Each year I am amazed to see the examples of how beautiful our region really is and the talent people within my region hold."

Free copies of the #lovegippsland calendar will



be distributed throughout Gippsland and will also be available from Mr Chester's electorate offices in both Sale and Traralgon.

Businesses and community organisations can request a box by contacting Mr Chester's electorate office on 1300 131 785.

## Fire Danger Period

The Fire Danger Period starts at 1am on 18 December 2023  
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## November Activity Report

The group divided to complete a few different activities. Matt, Tamara and Helen undertook the Butterfly Orchid survey. Ken, Jay and Joelle walked along Fosters Gully Track. Darren drove up to Jumbuk Road to tackle some of the pine trees found last month.

For the Butterfly Orchid survey each of the plots was surveyed and the number of orchids and health of the plants was like last year. A few of the plots have undergone many changes over the past five years. On one there has been a massive landslide and on another a

major tree fell across the plot knocking out most of the trees and changing this plot greatly.

Darren used hand saws and pruners to cut down the smaller pine trees which have seeded after the main plantation was cut down. Each stump was sprayed to stop it reshooting.

The plantation was cut down over five years ago and many seedlings have grown since. There are a number which were too large to cut by hand and will require the chain saw to cut them down. Lower limbs on each of these larger trees were removed to make the

chain saw work easier.

On many of the pine trees there was evidence that stag deer have been rubbing their antlers against the trees. The sappy scars have not affected the growth of the trees.

From the top of the hill the views over the park and the valley were spectacular.

## December Activity Sunday December 17 – Kerry Road 10.00am

The group will meet in the Kerry Road car park to complete track maintenance. You will need to bring clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

## Church Christmas Services

**Co-Operating Churches of  
 Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar**

COMMUNITY CAROLS: Churchill Sat. Dec 16 from 6pm.

BBQ followed by program at 7pm

THURSDAY DEC 21 Blue Christmas at Boolarra at 7.30pm

DEC 24 Crib Service 6.30pm Churchill

Anglican Holy Communion at Boolarra 8pm

DEC 25 Christmas Day service at Churchill 10 am. (Cathie Halliwell), Boolarra at 10am (Robern Lubawski).

Contact Cathie on 0428 223 094

## Churchill Christian Fellowship

Christmas Celebration service Wednesday DEC. 20 at 6.30pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
 Sunday Dec 24 at 3pm  
 Contact Steve on 0409 173 747

## Lumen Christi Parish

SATURDAY DEC 23 - Evening Mass at St Vincent's, Morwell at 6pm

SUNDAY DEC 24 - 9.00 am Mass at Lumen Christi, and 10.30 am Mass at Sacred Heart, Morwell

SUNDAY DEC 24 - Christmas Eve Mass at Yinnar at 6.00pm, and Mass at Sacred Heart, Morwell at 7.00pm

MONDAY DEC 25 – Christmas Day - Mass at 9.00 am at Lumen Christi, and Mass at Sacred Heart, Morwell at 10.30am

Contact Marion 0418 200 771



## Churchill/Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

### Have a Merry Christmas

Woo Hoo! Merry Christmas!

The last couple of months have gone very quickly for Neighbourhood Watch Latrobe, and as the weather improves, a few more projects will pop up to keep us busy.

We have spent a fair bit of time working with the Police on matters like Safe number plate events where we change your regular number plate screws with anti theft screws to stop people stealing your number plates.

We have done some work teaching people to lock their cars and houses.

We have supported the Gippsland motor cycle toy run which organizes Christmas toys for children in need and, we raised funds via a Bunnings sausage sizzle to help the group as

required. The Police have invited our team to help with Blue light discos at various schools around the Latrobe valley and that is a very busy night for all concerned.

We have done Traffic management for various clubs to help with their events such as the Rose garden festival in Morwell.

After all that, we could sure use some new members to help out at events.

Check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/nhwlatrobeinc>

We meet at the Morwell RSL on the second Monday of each month at 6pm.

Drop by and meet our friendly team and see what we do. We are Neighbourhood watch Latrobe inc.



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# Churchill Fire Brigade



## Fun at the Open Day



Churchill Fire Brigade Open Day was a huge success.

With all preparations complete, combined with a 27 degree cloudless day forecast, success was assured as Churchill and surrounding districts turned out to enjoy the activities planned and to learn about fire safety and brigade procedures.

Alanah Shankland and the Community Engagement Team did a mighty job organising the event.

Many families with children came. The children happily played with the fire hoses and mini trucks, climbed on the tanker, had their faces painted by our unflinching face painting artist, coloured in and completed activities sheets.

Ambulance Victoria and the Churchill Police were in attendance and allowed everyone to see what was in vehicles, including allowing people to lie on the ambulance stretcher or sit in the back of the police car. The ambulance was called out to an emergency. The two police officers had a competition to see who could work the hoses the quickest to bring the mini trucks to the end of their run. They were added attractions for the day.

Captain Koala and his helper made several appearances. Member Bridget wore the breathing apparatus to show everyone what it looked like and not to be afraid if they were trapped in a smoke filled building and needed to be rescued.

Adults and children inquired about the functions of the various vehicles, learnt about the trucks and equipment, learnt about fire safety preparation, and enjoyed a sausage and coffee or a soft drink.

A competition by Brigade members to show

how quickly they could dress in their uniforms to answer a call out was seen by an interested crowd. Alanah introduced the competition and when it was over, explained how important it was to be ready quickly and be out the station door to attend a call out.

Churchill CFA members were supported by their families on this day, as on all days when members turn out or perform their various other functions. The day went very well and is a credit to the organisers and members who worked hard to make the day a success, giving their time willingly yet again.

Special thanks are extended to the L and M Espresso Lab couple who made many drinks and the members of Boolarra Fire Brigade who cooked the sausages. Sue Thompson was the face painter who was at full speed for four hours. Great effort Sue, and thank you. District 27 staff were a great support and guidance in organising the program and providing resources, and CFA District 10 supplied the large steps to make it easy to climb onto the truck. Valley Trophy Centre donated the drink coolers which were used as a fund raiser for the Brigade. A much appreciated gesture. The Churchill Men's Shed were the producers of the mini fire trucks which were such a big hit. Thanks men for your excellent work.

South Ward Councillor Melissa Ferguson came to see the proceedings and was impressed.

The Brigade is still recruiting new members to be part of this community focused Brigade, so if interested contact the Churchill Fire Brigade Facebook page or visit CFA online [cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-with-cfa](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-with-cfa)



# Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare

## Celebrating the year just gone

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group has had a year of steady progress, with no big disruptions. After the last few years, that alone feels like something to celebrate.

We do not seem to be able to do as much as we would like, but we still seem to achieve quite a lot by doing what we can. Plenty of projects, new members, volunteers and donations of funds and stuff have all made their way to us, and that has been a fine thing.

On the donations side, we would like to share the love. We have recently been given a lot of white milk-carton style biodegradable tree guards. If anybody or any organisation needs any of these for a re-veg project, please get in touch. They are useful for deterring mowers and will protect plants from rabbits to some extent.

Our final event for the year was washing up our plant pots so they are clean and hopefully free of pathogens for the coming growing season.

Our group's next meeting will be on Monday February 5, 2024 at the Yinnar Memorial Hall meeting room at 7.30p.m. Please contact our secretary if you would like to attend. yinnar.landcare@gmail.com

In 2024 we have a new project starting on the flat

lands around Yinnar that will be able to be easily accessed by volunteers. This will be our third large project on public land since 2019. Our aim is to set up patches of locally indigenous plants that are close enough together for native bees etc to fly between them. We will be able to work in partnership with Latrobe City on the road reserves between the Yinnar township and the Hazelwood Cemetery. We expect this project will need at least three years to achieve its' aims.

Because we are starting a new project, and it is in a different type of vegetation to our other sites, we are revisiting the basic method we have been given for planning revegetation. (You can try this at home.)

### Starting a new Revegetation Project – How to guide

The first step is to look at the on-line maps on NatureKit to see what the vegetation was thought to be like prior to European settlement. NatureKit is a free interactive map from the Victorian Dept of Environment etc.

Most of the new site is on the Gippsland Plains and the three vegetation communities are Swampy Riparian Woodland (EVC#83) around the Middle Creek bridge; travelling north it's then Plains Grassy Woodland (EVC# 55) until you reach the

Eel Hole Creek outlet from the Hazelwood pondage. Swamp Scrub (EVC# 53) was the main vegetation type along Eel Hole Creek.

Yinnar Township is on the very edge of the Strzelecki Ranges bio-region and its' original vegetation community was Strzelecki Ranges Herb Rich Foothills Forest (EVC#23).

From this information and the associated vegetation descriptions we can draw up lists of the plants that might have once grown on our planting sites. We have also checked the 2005 NatureKit maps to find any remaining areas of these vegetation communities in the vicinity.

To see what actually grows on our site and/or in local areas of similar vegetation, we will be out in these remnant areas with our cameras and books and any capable plant people we persuade to work with us. We can also use the Atlas of Living Australia, iNaturalist and the Victorian bio-diversity atlas to see what records exist. We are interested in identifying both native vegetation and invasive weeds.

As well as identifying the Ecological Vegetation Community for any planned project, it is important to know if the site gets frost; if it floods, whereabouts on a slope it is located; and which direction it faces. Soil type

is also important for plant choice.

Because this landcare project is about plants for pollinators and a bit experimental, the next steps are slightly more complicated than a regular re-vegetation project. We want to have at least three plant species in each of our patches flowering at the same time from early spring until late autumn, so we are adding flowering times to our plant list.

We may be able to see what native pollinators are already there, and which are present at each end of our proposed corridor. Nature works night and day, so we can look for moths and other useful nocturnal critters like micro-bats, flying foxes, possums and gliders.

We have a fair idea of which species we can grow or buy as tubestock and which we can't. For example, there are some terrific specimens of Cherry Ballart (Exocarpos cupressifolia) in our reference areas. We know that some



time ago somebody managed to propagate this semi-parasitic plant by feeding its fruits to a chook and retrieving the seeds from the said chook's other end. The seeds were then planted in a pot with some wallaby grass as a host. We might just let nature take its course on that one.

The benefits of a corridor like this are that it should allow the numbers of native pollinators to build up over time. Native bees cannot fly as far and increase much more slowly than European honeybees. They will be increasingly necessary to pollinate gardens, crops and orchards when the number of

feral honeybees declines. This is expected to happen when the Varroa Mite bee parasite gets here.

The next round of Victorian Landcare funding is expected to open in about March 2024. If you need funds to establish a native vegetation patch or corridor for any purpose on your place, we would like to hear from you. Small scale projects where the property owner lives in Latrobe City, can also apply for Biodiversity on Rural Land grants from Latrobe City.

I'd better buzz off now.  
By J. Duncan



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The latest rainfalls have been so welcome for the new trees in the park. They are doing very well despite the late planting.

The Interchange Crew came and six large trailer loads of fallen bark, twigs and branches were collected and taken to the burn pile.

The following Saturday, the working bee saw a very good turn up and lots of tasks carried out.

Three burn piles were burnt. Some more weed mat was removed - a very difficult but necessary job.

More repair work on the long boardwalk was carried out to ensure the wire was secured and patched where necessary.

One new planting area

in the conifer collection was weeded and mulched thanks to the volunteer's efforts, helped well by Bruce and his excavator.

Post pulling, weeding, and auditing of past plantings, drain digging, collection of debris and many other tasks were carried out before and after

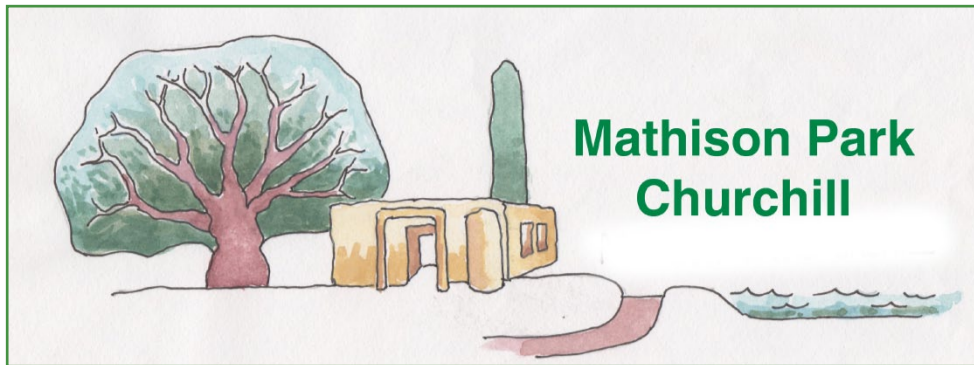
the delicious morning tea provided by Faye.

A new culvert was dug and pipe laid to complete the old driveway to the house.

We said good-bye to Connor as it was his last working bee with us. Connor joined us from FedUni and has been with us during his studies which were

completed this year. We wish him well as he moves on into the workforce.

Our breakup lunch was held on December 6 at the Morwell Bowls Club where we had a good turn up to wish everyone a happy Christmas and say thank you for your year's work in the park.



**Danny O'BRIEN MP**  
State Member for Gippsland South

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# Lions Family Fun Fishing Day



The forecast on Friday November 24 was not good with showers and thunderstorms predicted for the next day.

However the Lions, undaunted, continued on and opened the registration for fishers at 9.30 am as advertised. Well the sun shone and the wind was mild, and a happy number of 88 fishers registered to fish.

Even though the previous day had seen Fisheries restock Lake Hyland not many of them wanted to be caught. One large one was an exception. Still everyone seemed to be enjoying the time out and the chance to be

outdoors.

Family groups and grandchildren with grandparents set up small camps and threw in the lines. Many familiar faces were seen as some groups come every year for this day run by the Churchill Lions.

The Lions generously charge only \$2 a child or \$5 a family. This entitles them to a free sausage and a drink. The Lions Club members were out in force cooking up their usual delicious snags in bread with onions and sauce. There were also a good selection of prizes contributed by the Lions.

With the threatening dark storm clouds and rumbles of thunder, a halt to the day was called about 1pm. With the paperwork sorted the prize giving could commence.

5-8 Year Old winner Alex Morsink. 9-13 Year Old winner Lacey Martin. 14-17 Year Old winner was Sienna Martin. Charlie Radovich caught the largest fish. Mystery Weight was won by Corey Ray. Mystery Door Prize was Levi Foley.

The Lions Club extends thanks to Bill Rowley who played and sang nonstop music and provided the public address system.

Thanks Bill you did a fantastic job

Also to be thanked were Community First Aid who thank goodness had little to do in that realm, Latrobe City Council for the Community Grant, signage and bollards and Fisheries for being there to give out information and practical help.

The public who stayed for the prize giving showed their appreciation with a round of applause for the Churchill Lions who do such an amazing job running this annual event in Mathison Park

# Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington

## Christmas 100 years ago

Showing at Morwell's Mechanics Hall on Saturday December 22, 1923 was 'The Foolish Age' featuring Doris May. It was a safe movie being promoted as a comedy and scenic. Doris May was an American actress of the silent era, and featured in 29 films between 1917 and 1927, generally as a leading lady.

On December 17, 1923, popular men's hairdresser barber, Thomas (Tom) Michael Twomey, successfully applied for a Billiard Table Licence for his premises located in Commercial Road.

Quickly, Tom subsequently advertised his "Hairdressing Salon and Billiard Parlor" promising "civility and attention" for everyone.

Also, on December 21, 1923, John Rintoull advertised that his blacksmith and ironmongery business in Commercial Road would close on December 24, and re-open on Wednesday January 2, 1924. Rowell Brothers, also in Commercial Road, closed down their tailoring business for eight days. It was Christmas time.

Morwell Shire Council President, Councillor Tom White closed their December 19, 1923 meeting, by reminding Councillors:

"they were on the eve of the festive season. They would be meeting friends and relations and renewing old acquaintances.

He trusted that all would spend a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year."

Unfortunately, there was a sad death which occurred at a local private hospital during the Christmas week. Mrs Byrd, a young married woman passed away suddenly, her death being, apparently, due to eating cherries and other fruit. This led to serious complications and subsequently her death on Thursday December 20,



1923. Mrs Byrd was mourned by her husband and a young infant baby. Mrs Byrd now rests in an unmarked grave at Hazelwood Cemetery.

On Wednesday December 19, 1923, Lawrence Molloy died from severe injuries after being crushed between two buffers of railway trucks.

Two days later at the magisterial inquiry, it was revealed that Lawrence was assisting Mr George Isaac Billingsley to unload some pigs. Suddenly another railway truck began to roll towards the men. Lawrence heard George calling out, but it was too late.

Lawrence also rests in an unmarked grave at Hazelwood Cemetery.

James Tulloch rests

in an unmarked grave at Hazelwood. His death on Friday, December 1, 1923 resulted from a pair of horses which bolted after being startled by two straying horses galloping in nearby bush. James was driving his horse attached to a sanitary cart near Yallourn.

His cart was flung into a tree and rolled when it hit a log. James was rushed by car to a Morwell doctor but unfortunately, he succumbed to serious injuries.

Joseph Francis Keogh was interred in Hazelwood Cemetery on a Saturday in June, 1923, in an unmarked grave. Joseph was known as the "King of Yinnar" having arrived in Morwell about 50 years previously. His early work was as a carrier using bullock teams from Morwell to Mirboo North. Eventually he settled in Yinnar, becoming involved in his community, particularly as President of the Yinnar Racing Club for nearly 30 years. Joseph was also credited with being one of the founders of Yinnar's football

club.

Reggie Firmin, aged 7 years, was the grandson of Priscilla and Alfred Firmin. Reggie died on Sunday December 30, 1923 and is buried in a Firmin family grave at Hazelwood.

Born at Ballarat in 1858, as a boy Alfred came with his parents to Yinnar before railways and roads were established and settled at "Scrubby Forest". During the 1880's he selected land at Hazelwood North, and six years later he married Priscilla. He continued to live on his Hazelwood farm until 1929, when he retired to Morwell and where he remained until his death in 1944.

There is a large number of burials at Hazelwood where our records show names, date of death but no mention of grid co-ordinates - that is, it is unknown which row and grave site number refers to these people. As can be imagined, in some cases, to locate an unmarked grave is virtually impossible.

For instance, our records show William Thomas Hall was interred on Saturday December 1, 1923. Norman Robinson was buried on Friday October 5, 1923. Joan McKay was interred on Wednesday October 10, 1923 and also Victorina O'Connor on Saturday September 8 of the same year.

Readers may find these records sad and unsympathetic. This is perhaps correct, nonetheless, the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust endeavours to name unmarked graves. However, without the grid co-ordinates, it is challenging.

Others who passed



away 100 years ago, (and their date of death) included - Henry Jackson, January 29 ; George Roy, August 18; John Watson, May 23; Mrs Bridget McGauran, August 10; Frederick Turner, June 30, and Miss Margaret O'Gorman, January 31.

Bob Hope (May 29, 1903 - July 27, 2003) once said, "my idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others."

Have a great Christmas.

**Mechanics' Pictures**  
(To-morrow)  
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**Meet the -stans.**  
It is time again for me to wish all my readers a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2024. At the local stamp club we have noticed an increase in numbers as older people renew their interest in stamp collecting. We hope this continues and we would like to see a few more ladies coming to join us. You will be welcomed (figuratively) with open arms. This month I would like to introduce you to the -stans. They are a group of seven adjoining Asian countries lying between Russia, Iran, India and China. Each is home to an ancient tribe who have lived there since time immemorial. They are all Islamic countries and each has their own traditional culture.

They owe their historic economic existence to the Silk Road, the ancient trading route stretching from China to the West. The northernmost five have lately been part of the USSR and their modern governance mirrors Russian patterns. Pakistan in the south-east has British-influenced government while the last, Afghanistan, has resisted outside influence since Alexander the Great conquered it over two millennia ago.

The northern -stans, Kazakhstan, Kirghizstan,

## Food Share Latrobe

Food Share Latrobe aims to reduce household food waste and connect people who have excess produce with their local community.

If your community group or members grow excess fruit and veggies, you are encouraged to grab a Food Share Box as part of the initiative. You can place your Food Share Box by your letterbox

or kerb. When you have excess produce, you simply pop it into your box, and other people are welcome to take this free food home.

For further information on box locations and the initiative contact Emily Koppen, Health Promotion Officer at Latrobe Community Health Service on 0428 142 906 or Emily.Koppen@lchs.com.au

## STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan came into being with the demise of the USSR and have issued

their own stamps ever since. The stamps are usually very attractive and they produce fewer than most countries each year, making any of them a good country to collect. Pakistan began issuing stamps when it broke away from India in 1947 and Afghanistan issued its first stamps in 1871. Its' early stamps were printed on rough paper and are quite expensive today.

The northern -stans rely on oil to carry their economies and their proximity to China provides a ready market. Each has



recent heritage, Russian is a common second language. While Tajikistan is relatively small, the others cover reasonably large areas, although the land is of poor quality and the populations are confined largely to the cities.

Their winters are harsh, and the summers hot, with temperatures varying from -50 in winter to 30 in summer.

They have a relatively dry climate with precipitation coming mainly as snow and snowmelt. Their river systems flow into large lakes or the Caspian Sea which is in the Western border of Turkmenistan.

The area is home to the Bactrian camel, with its two humps, the snow leopard, the musk deer with its protruding canine teeth, the wolf and the Eurasian otter among others. The



Caspian Sea is the home of the caviar-producing fish, the sturgeon, which can grow to a length of eight metres but most are about three metres in length.

The -stans capitals are quite modern cities with many tall buildings but the



towns and villages are more primitive. The highways are also modern but few in number. Most country roads are rough but the scenery can be quite spectacular. Well worth a visit to the adventurous traveller.

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# Season's Greetings

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Latrobe City Council corporate headquarters and the Churchill library will close on Friday 22 December and reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 2 January 2024.

The Traralgon, Morwell and Moe Libraries will close on Saturday 23 December at 12pm and reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 2 January 2024.

### VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Located inside Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, the Visitor Information Centre is open 7 days a week from 10am to 4pm except Christmas Day.

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Outdoor pools are closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Normal operating hours apply all other days.

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### EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

Traralgon, Moe and Carinya Early Learning Centres will close at 12.30pm on Friday 22 December and reopen at 7.30am on Monday 15 January 2024.

### MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH CENTRES

Restricted hours during Christmas and New Year period. Please contact the central booking number on 5128 6128, should you need an appointment.

### LOST OR STRAY ANIMALS

If you find a lost or stray animal, please call the emergency after hours number 1300 367 700. Normal pound operating hours will resume Tuesday 2 January 2024.

For injured wildlife, please contact Wildlife Victoria on 03 8400 7300.

### IMPOUNDED PETS

The pound is open for the release of impounded pets from 10am to 12noon on both Wednesday 27 December and Friday 29 December from Drifffield Road, Morwell. Please note, EFTPOS only for release fees, no cash.

Outside of the advertised open days, we will meet your request for release if there are urgent circumstances.

Non-urgent release requests will be considered. Please call 1300 367 700.

Impounded pets may be viewed on Council's impound register online at [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/lost-pets](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/lost-pets)



Movies to walking groups: LCHS Carer catch-ups prove invaluable for Traralgon couple

Wilma and Ron always prided themselves on their independence. It was only after a life-changing diagnosis that Latrobe Community Health Service's (LCHS) carer support became critical - ensuring these married lovebirds of 61 years could stay in their Traralgon home for as long as possible.

"People often say 'I don't need any help, I can manage on my own'," says 80-year-old Wilma, a retired nurse who only left her passion after injuring her back.

"I was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in

January 2020 and became an official carer for Ron. He doesn't have an official diagnosis but he is very frail and very weak now."

A carer is a person who looks after a friend or family member who has a disability, mental illness, long-term illness or who is frail and elderly. There are more than 2.7 million carers in Australia, providing unpaid assistance to their friends or loved ones.

Wilma's journey with LCHS began when she joined its' Carer Catch-Up group, which she now goes to at least once a week.

The group seeks to provide a positive, understanding and mindful atmosphere - emphasising wellbeing and education. Activities include face-to-face and online events such as education and information sessions, movie screenings, and regular walking groups.

Her regular attendance eventually connected her and Ron with Leanne Crowe, an Events Support Coordinator in LCHS's Carer Programs team, and an invaluable

support for the couple to this day.

Wilma says: "Leanne takes us to places and we get to do things with her - to meet other people in similar situations. It's just the way we can talk to each other, the way we have that trust - it's really amazing!"

The couple's first in-home carer, organised by Leanne, also helped with cleaning and transport. Leanne even helped organise home care packages for each of them.

Today, Wilma says her social connections are the main reason she continues attending LCHS's carer events, adding she is even going on a cruise with some of the friends she has made so far. "Wilma is always looking out for her friends in that group," adds Ron.

If you would like to know more about LCHS carer support, let's talk! Call our friendly team, who can cut through the jargon and complexity, on 1800 242 696, or visit LCHS.com.au to find out how we can help you or a loved one.



The Whitlams - Featuring Scott Owen (The Living End)

Coastal Tour Jan 2024, Presented by Craft Music

Friday January 12 at 8pm GPAC Main Theatre

Starting in Kingscliff on New Year's Day and winding down to Wonthaggi two weeks later, the legendarily high-spirited live band will make one inland detour to play the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon. The band will be in top form after a sold out national capitals tour in October 2023.

The Whitlams four piece is joined by Scott Owen from The Living End to recreate the rollicking energy of its first three albums. Who better to rip through the double bass classics from '93 to '97 than the human powerhouse who has driven The Living End's famous rhythm section.

The Whitlams are Tim Freedman on piano and vocals, Jak Housden on guitar, Terepai Richmond on drums, and newest member, Ian Peres, on Hammond organ and electric bass.

Saturday February 3, 2024 at 7:30pm GPAC Main Theatre

Kate Miller-Heidke embarks on the Catching

Diamonds Massive National Regional Tour of Australia

Kate Miller-Heidke is an award-winning singer-songwriter who traverses the worlds of folk, pop, opera and musical theatre. She has performed on stages as varied as the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Coachella, the New York Metropolitan Opera, the Eurovision Song Contest, the Sydney Opera House, and the Roebuck Bay Hotel, Broome.

Now, after long months locked away writing songs, she is hitting the road to play in dozens of beautiful theatres around Australia.

Like all Kate Miller-Heidke shows, the Catching Diamonds tour will be a celebration of voice, storytelling, emotion, humour and music that

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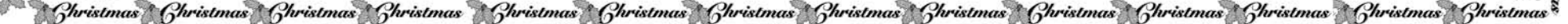
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Churchill Family Practice Closed from 23.12.23. Reopens Wed 3.01.24

- Churchill Newsagency Christmas Day: closed Boxing Day: closed New Year's Day: closed
Churchill Noodle Bar Christmas Eve: closed Christmas Day: closed New Year's Day: closed Tues 2.01.24: reopen
Churchill Private Dental Clinic Christmas Day: closed Boxing Day: closed Wed 27-Thurs 28: open Fri 29 -Tues 2: closed
Churchill Post Office Christmas Day: closed Boxing Day: closed New Year's Day: closed
Hazelwood Health Centre Christmas Day: closed Boxing Day: closed New Year's Day: closed
Lifeline Closed from Wed 20.12.2022 at 3.30pm Reopens Mon 8.01.2023 at 9.30am
New Churchill Motors Closed from 23.12.23 Reopens: 3.01.24

- Will be closed all February 2024
Reject Shop Christmas Eve: open 9-5 Christmas Day: closed Boxing Day: open 10-4 New Year's Eve: open 10-4 New Year's Day: open 10-4
Scissors Closed from 3.30 Sat 23.12.2023 Reopens Tues 9.01.2024
Smart Saver 22 -23 Dec: Open 9-5.30 Christmas Eve: 9-5 Christmas Day: closed Boxing Day: closed 27-30 Dec: Open 9-5.30 New Year's Eve: 9-5 New Year's Day: closed
Woolworth Christmas Eve: open 8am - 9pm Christmas Day: closed Boxing Day: open 8am - 9pm 27 -31 Dec: open 7am - 9pm New Year's Day: open 8am - 9pm
Yinnar ARC Closed from 15.12.2023 until 19.01.24 NB The Gallery remains open 1-5pm each

- Saturday in January 2024 Exhibition: Private Eye, Connoisseur and Collectors. Artworks by significant artist in museum collections, all at affordable prices,
Café 3869 Closed 24.12.2023 -1.01.2024 inclusive Reopens 2.01.2024
Yinnar Bakery, Coffee shop, Groceries Christmas Eve: open 7-7 Christmas Day: closed Boxing Day: TBA, see FaceBook New Year's Eve: open 7-7 New Year's Day: TBA see FaceBook
Yinnar Hardware Christmas Eve: closed Christmas Day: closed Boxing Day: closed New Year's Eve: closed New Year's Day: closed
Yinnar Pharmacy and Post Office Contact for details.



# cooking with Noeline

## Lemon grass chicken



Heat 2 tbs of canola / rice bran oil in a large pan and brown 12 chicken drumsticks evenly for 5 - 6 minutes, remove from the pan and set aside. Now stir fry 1 peeled and finely chopped onion over a low heat until tender. Add 2 tbs of minced garlic, 80 gm of lemongrass paste, 1 small red chilli finely sliced, 2 tbs of medium curry powder. Stir fry until well combined. Return the chicken to the pan with 1 tbs of grated palm sugar and 1 cup of chicken stock. Top with quartered lemongrass stalks. Bring to the boil, season with cracked black pepper, cover tightly with a lid and slow cook for 2 hours on a low temperature or until tender.

## Angel food cake



This is a magical cake, it is based on a meringue like mixture with no egg yolks or butter. The cake is made in a bundt pan and is snowy white inside with a light and airy texture, due to the high proportion of beaten egg whites. Unlike other cakes, the prepared cake is left upside down in the cake pan to cool. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Set aside an ungreased large bundt pan, it is important not to grease the pan or the cake will fall away from the side of the pan and collapse. Sift 1 cup (150gm) of self raising flour three times onto baking paper. Separate 12 eggs. Place the 12 egg whites in the clean dry bowl of your electric mixer with 1/4 tsp of salt and 1 and 1/2 tsp of cream of tartar. Beat the egg white mix with a whisk attachment until soft peaks form. Gradually whisk in 1 cup (220gm) of castor sugar, 2 tbs at a time, until thick and glossy. Finally whisk in 1 and 1/2 tsp of vanilla extract. Use a spatula or a large metal spoon to gently fold in a quarter of the sifted flour until just combined. Repeat with the remaining flour in 3 more batches. Spoon the mixture into the ungreased bundt pan and smooth the surface. Place in the preheated oven and bake for 40 minutes or until puffed and golden and a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean. Place a wire rack over the top of the pan and turn upside down, without removing the pan, and set aside to cool completely. Pass a small flat bladed knife around the edge of the cooled cake and gently shake the pan over a serving plate to remove the cake. Dust with icing sugar and serve with cream and strawberries. Angel food cake is the ultimate dessert cake.

## A Country Christmas



The definition of Christmas : the time of the year when families get together to give presents, open old wounds and renew hostilities - Anon.

I love everything about Christmas, the decorations, the frenzy of anticipation, family and friends, the Manor filled with aromas of spice and herbs.

Whatever Christmas is to you, please reflect on how fortunate we are to be here in a free country and of the value of peace.

Merry Christmas everyone x

## Stuffed lamb breast Dala' Mahshi. (dala ma shi)



For this dish you will need to order 2 lamb breast fillets from your local butcher along with 250 gm of beef mince. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C.

Prepare the stuffing.

Heat your oiled pan ( 2 tbs of canola oil/ rice bran oil ) and add 1 chopped red onion and cook until the onion softens. Now stir in 250 gm of minced beef, cook until the mince colours. Stir in 1 and 1/2 tbs of rice and 1 dsp of chia seeds. Stir constantly for 3 minutes. Add 1 tsp of ground cumin, 1 tsp of ground tumeric, 1 cup of water. Season with cracked pepper. Bring the mix to the boil and reduce heat to a simmer and allow water to be absorbed. Add 3/4 cup mix of dried fruit and pine nuts. Set aside.

Prepare the lamb breast.

Lay the breast fillet out, use a mallet to flatten out any thick pieces. Season the breasts back and front with a little salt, Moroccan spice mix / 7 spice mix. Divide and spread the stuffing over the breasts. Roll up the breasts and tie with cooking twine, butt the ends with scrunched up baking paper. Spray your baking pan and the rolled breasts. Place breasts in the pan and bake in the preheated oven until golden, about 90 minutes. Remove the breasts from the oven and discard the liquid from the tray. Brush the breasts with a well mixed and loose apricot jam. Replace the glazed breasts in the oven and increase the heat to 200deg C. Roast until the lamb rolls are glazed and golden about 10 minutes. Serve with rice, pasta or mashed potatoes.

## White christmas



Whatever the time of the year you serve it, just one bite of this scrumptious slice and you too will always dream of a white Christmas. In a large mixing bowl combine 45gm ( 1 and 1/2 cups ) of rice bubbles, 100gm ( 1 cup ) of milk powder, 125gm (1 cup) of icing sugar, 90gm ( 1 cup ) of desiccated coconut, 4tbs of chopped red glace cherries, 4 tbs of green glace cherries, 4 tbs of sultanas.

Make a well in the centre. Melt 250 gm of cophia ( white vegetable shortening ) over a low heat. Pour it into the well and stir through the dry ingredients until moist. Now spoon the mixture into a slice pan (28cm x18cm, 11x 7 in) that has been greased and lined with baking paper. Smooth the surface and refrigerate for 45 minutes, by which time it should be set. Cut into small triangles to serve.

## Honey soy barramundi



This dish is to welcome the sunshine at long last. This dish was prepared many times over the years while my son Dale was studying at Monash University and living at home in Castle Garden. You will need 500gm of barramundi fillets, cut into 3 cm (2") pieces. Heat 2 tbs of canola oil / rice bran oil in a pan along with 1 tbs of minced garlic adding half the barramundi pieces and stir fry until sealed and tender. Remove from the pan and repeat the process with the remaining barramundi, adding another tbs of oil and dsp of minced garlic. Set the sealed fish aside. Add 200gm of trimmed snow peas and a drained can (227gm) of sliced water chestnuts to the pan and fry until the snow peas have turned a brighter green. In a separate bowl mix together 150 gm of fresh honey with 250 gm of soy sauce, mix well to combine. Return the sealed barramundi pieces to the pan with honey soy sauce, gently stir fry over a low heat, being careful not to break up the barramundi, until heated through. While the fish is slowly heating, place 220 gm of udon noodles in boiling water until softened. (Dale would never have allowed udon noodles, always demanding brown rice. But tonight it is my dish and I'm using udon noodles.) Drain the noodles well. Divide the noodles between the serving bowls. Spoon over the seasoned barramundi and sprinkle with cashews. Serve and enjoy. ( Love the memory ).

# Churchill & District News FLASHBACK

1977

### Red Cross calling

Great work by some of Churchill's teenagers produced some hundreds of dollars for the 1977 Red Cross March Appeal. Many hours and a few miles of walking went into the effort over the weekend and it was all worthwhile.

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### Council estimates not far off

If Churchill North residents want to establish playgrounds as in White Parade and Walker Parade, now is the time to act to make an approach to Keith Hamilton as required.

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### Rubbish Tip

The State Electricity Commission refuses to allow the obvious solution of burying refuse under the Hazelwood overburden. The Shire record for tip maintenance was criticised.

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### Relaxation classes

Relaxation will help you to become a better mother, wife, card player, tennis player, knitter, golfer, cook, squash player and anything else you enjoy doing. Come and learn how to relax. Classes will be held at the Dental Clinic in Roy Court.

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### Calling Local Artists

If any local artists need hanging space for some of their work then we would be happy to provide some. We have several walls both at the Centre in Blackwood Crescent, and the Dental Clinic in Roy Court, which would have good exposure to the public, and thus provide the opportunity for some sales.

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### Churchill Amateur Swimming Club

Being busy running around after trophies which had somehow gone astray between Melbourne and Morwell, the members of the committee managed to put one over on me and I was very proud and honoured to be presented with a badge and certificate of the first life member of the Churchill Amateur Swimming Club. Signed by L. Campbell.

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### Country week badminton

Practice commences at Yallourn Hall on Friday and each following Friday. All interested in country week, attend or submit names to secretary. Juniors interested in learning to play badminton please attend Gaskin Park on Monday nights.

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### Churchill Citizens Association

A lively discussion is likely at the Annual General Meeting as some strong feelings have been expressed regarding the Institute's apparent tardiness in involvement, particularly in relation to the proposed swimming pool and other community facilities.

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### Boolarra Mirboo North rail line

It is a shame to hear that VicRail has knocked the Boolarra Mirboo North rail line tourist venture on the head.

My father was Station Master at Boolarra for some years which gave me the opportunity to travel that particular section of track many times. At that stage passengers were carried in a rail motor affectionately called "The Flea."

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### Churchill Lions Club

Churchill and District Lions Club was officially chartered in March. We have a membership of 40. We were very fortunate to have five experienced Lions transfer from Morwell. Lions' is a service Club and often spearheads community wide programmes involving the support and participation of local citizens.

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### Putting Churchill on the map

The acid test of a map, for the many people who live in Churchill, is whether their town rates a mention on it.

The local telephone book cover obviously fails, Anglers Rest, Combienbar, Glen Valley and Carrajung 'cities' are featured, but not Churchill.

Road maps, if any mention is made, use only their smallest type. One major business directory omits the town altogether.

Churchill Citizen's Association is going to try to impress upon the various cartographers the comparative size of Churchill, and really put Churchill on the map and in the right size too!

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### Toc 'H' Light

A Toc 'H' Light is an emergency flashing light installed in a prominent position in the home of an elderly citizen. If the person experiences difficulties and requires help, they initiate a switch which in turn operates a flashing red light.

If any person sees this light flashing they are to contact their local police, who will investigate the situation. The Light previously given to a new resident of Churchill is now in operation.

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1977

### Another first for Churchill

This Centre has been selected by the Hospital and Charities Commission as the base for the installation of a Renal Dialysis Machine. This is used in the treatment of patients with kidney disorders, and is being installed to specifically treat one patient. The machine which is being provided and installed by the Repatriation Department is believed to be the only machine in any health institution in Gippsland, a notable first.

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### Service of Dedication

A service of dedication will commence a new era in the life of Churchill's Co-operative Churches. The first church service was held in Churchill in February 1966. The congregation has looked forward to the time when there would be a building adequate for the needs of a church serving the community.

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### We need a typewriter

The "Churchill News" typewriter has worn out. To replace it, we need a full size elite type machine, manual or electric, gift, purchase or long term loan.

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## Aaron Pearce

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**Phone:**  
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## St. Matt's Opportunity Shop



St Matt's has a selection of Christmas tableware, clothing and decorations for sale as well as a large stock of summer clothes for all ages. Eftpos is now available for purchases over \$10. Please check our Facebook page for the latest updates.

The shop is open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10am till 4pm. The shop will close for the Christmas break on Friday December 15 at 4pm and will reopen on Monday January 8 at 10am. Please do not leave donations

when the shop is closed, our volunteers need a break.

We would like to thank all our customers for their support and generous donations and wish you all a very happy Christmas and holiday season.

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DECEMBER 2023

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We're leading the delivery of the clean energy system of the future, with projects that will provide flexible generation and enable the growth of renewables.

Locally that means:

- Building the Wooreen Energy Storage System, a 350MW large scale battery facility that can run for up to 4 hours and will power around 230,000 customers.
- Wooreen will be constructed at the Jeeralang Power Station site at Hazelwood North, utilising local workers and suppliers and the existing transmission network. Construction will commence in 2024.
- Wooreen will help support a clean energy future by storing surplus clean energy and

making it available later when customers need it.

- We are investing in the future of the Jeeralang Power Station through a program of upgrades that will ensure Jeeralang plays an important role for decades to come.

Email: [community.wooreen@energyaustralia.com.au](mailto:community.wooreen@energyaustralia.com.au)





# Plants In My Garden



hairy young growth, usually less than a metre tall, but can get to 1.5m tall and 2m broad. Leaves are ovate, to 12cm long by 6cm wide, on a long petiole, silvery-green and velvety on both sides, with toothed margins and raised venation underneath. Individual flowers are a little over a centimetre long, white with bluish markings, but they are arranged in 1- to 3-branched racemes up to 30cm long.

**Opinion:** My specimen originated in the Jackson garden at Jeeralang Junction, no doubt a cutting, a pruning or a piece broken off and ending up in a pot. I have planted it in the northern bed where it is in pretty heavy shade, but apparently that is the condition recommended, along with a good amount of humus/mulch/ organic matter, which it also has in abundance. The references also say that the plants respond well to heavy pruning, which they need every two or three years to keep them in good nick, but I don't think I'll need to do that as our cold winters do it for me. I have noticed that when we get a frost heavy enough to get into the garden, which only happens every two or three years anyway, this plant very quickly loses all its leaves and dies back to ground level, only to sprout up again when the weather warms up in spring. Saves me doing it! The flowers also seem to be attractive to blue-banded bees, along with the Isotomes that self-seed around the place, as I've noticed quite a few visitors in the warmer weather. The little blighters

are usually too fast for me to get good photos though. 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: Elliot & Jones - Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 7.

By Mike Beamish



**Species:** Coleus (syn. Plectranthus) argentatus.

**Family:** Lamiaceae.

**Derivation:**

**Coleus:** From Greek, coleos, meaning sheath or scabbard and referring to the stamens being connate (fused) in a tube around the style

**Plectranthus:** From Greek, plectron, meaning cock's spur, and anthus, meaning flower, referring to the spur on the base of the corolla of the first-named species.

**Argentatus:** From Latin, argentum, meaning silver, with the suffix -atus, translated to -ed, and thus meaning silvered, referring to the effect of the hairs on the leaves and branchlets.

**Common Name:** Silver Spurflower.

**Distribution:** From the Border Ranges of south-east Queensland and north-east NSW, but widely grown in gardens around the country, so records from around Coffs Harbour, Sydney and Melbourne are probably garden escapees.

**Description:** A small semi-woody shrub with silvery-



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Commencing trading under new owners from July 2022, locally owned Pizza HQ Churchill has recently expanded and relocated to the Hazelwood Village renovating the former Future Flicks Store.

The expansion incorporated purchasing Café Alfa and retaining their employees.

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From 2.00pm pizzas, pastas, hamburgers and fries are available with your choice of takeaway or eating in.

Coming soon is a fully licenced restaurant for a more enhanced dining experience with function options available. Pizzas will be available from 11.00am onwards and an entire new



Peter Mackay, one of the owners of Pizza HQ, Churchill

breakfast and lunch menu is also on the way.

Fresh pizza dough is made in-house daily and qualified cooks prepare meals on a daily basis using local produce.

The aim is to provide friendly customer service, relaxed dining experience, satisfying quality fresh meals, provide a family friendly environment, support the local community through local sporting sponsorship, employ locals and source local produce wherever possible.

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# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



By Leo Billington

## Yinnar remains an attraction - Part 1

Recently, one was asked where's Yinnar? "Never heard of it," added the Melbourne suburban dweller.

We all know that suburban people are more adept with knowledge of Chadstone, the MCG, coffee and cake in Lygon Street, busy traffic, and a highway to Lakes Entrance.

Yinnar could easily have been our main town instead of Morwell. More about that later.

Since 1988, Bensons Timber & Hardware Pty Ltd has been a mainstay in Morwell. Sometimes known as "Benos", this family business occupies a site once used as a transport depot for Howes and Medew transport and then East Coast Transport, then Intermodal.

Now, Yinnar Hardware has been established by the Benson family, making excellent use of a trademark Yinnar store. It is correct to suggest this building is a

example, on June 26, 1908, in the Morwell Advertiser, as a builder and contractor, William's advertisement indicated he could provide estimates for all kinds of buildings. One contract he obtained was to build a billiard room at the Morwell Mechanics Institute costing £135.

In November 1917, it was announced that William had secured a contract to build Morwell's first fire station. The building was 50 feet x 22 feet and costing £200. When the building was officially opened on Friday, February 1, 1918, the Country Fire Brigades Board declared it "as a memorial" to Victorian country fire brigades.

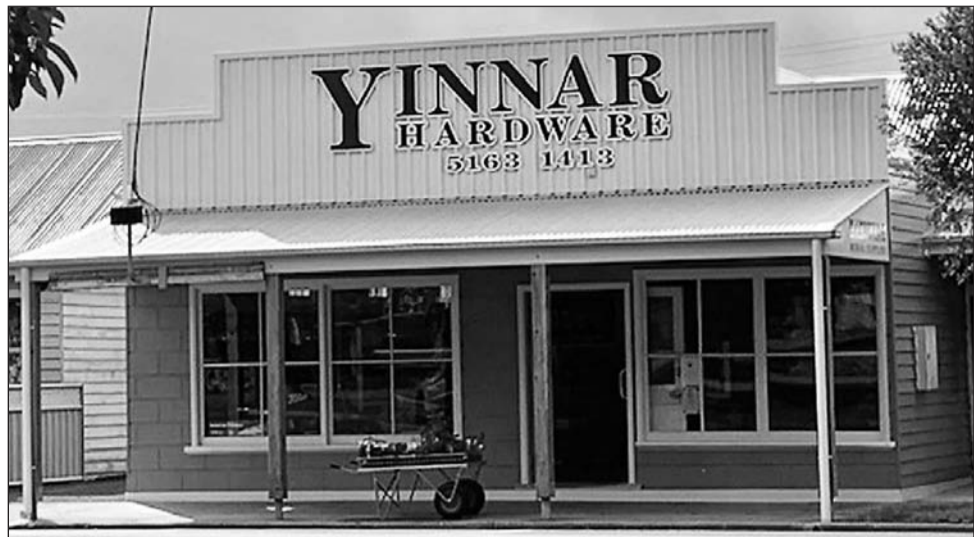
Before he left Morwell, William's clearing sale held on Thursday, April 24, 1919 offered the whole of his land in Elgin Street, including stock, furniture and effects.

William's son, Harold took over the building business from his father, and years later, Les Benson (with experience in hardware sales) joined as manager. Harold subsequently sold his business to Jack Gray.

Les remained on as manager and soon it became known as Turners Timber and Hardware, which opened in Buckley Street on December 8, 1955.

Then, in this evolving business mix it is necessary to make reference to W A Purvis Stores Pty Ltd. Between 1915 and 1960, this family grocery company had established about 24 stores across Gippsland. In 1962, a subsidiary company, Aussie Disposals commenced trading. Thirty years later, it had grown to 24 stores in Victoria plus two in Adelaide.

Amongst the 24 W A Purvis stores, there was a significant presence in Morwell. First, in 1931, the company established a "cash and carry" store in Commercial Road, and then, in August, 1933, following a take-over of a cash grocer business conducted by Ernest Gaston Rowell, to a larger store. Afterwards, in 1958, Purvis opened a brand new, larger



supermarket in Buckley Street Morwell.

Other Purvis stores close to Morwell included Boolarra 1933, Traralgon 1934 and Yinnar.

The Purvis Yinnar store was founded in the mid-thirties when Jack Purvis rented a shop from the three Firmin sisters. The shop had a house attached and was situated in Yinnar's Main Street.

Here we draw on words from Purvis for Survis: The history of the Purvis family, their staff and stores in Gippsland / by Mary C. Higgins ; edited by W.A. Purvis and A.P. Ringin; 1993.

"Today, the building still stands and is a hardware business known as J & S Payne Pty Ltd. The firm sells farming requirements, grain, produce and hardware.

Miss Sylvia Brown had previously worked at Purvis Stores in Moe before moving across to Yinnar. She married Jim Canavan who had a hairdressers shop at Yinnar. The time was during the 1930's Depression and Jack Purvis offered to sell groceries in the Main Street shop, in order to supplement the newly married couple's income. This was agreed to and the shop

rented from the Firmins was divided into two compartments; a hairdressers and billiard room on one side and a grocery store on the other.

Stock was brought on the Purvis trucks from headquarters in Moe to Yinnar each week. The shop operated for about four



years. Jim then relocated to Moe to his new shop as well as having another at the Brown Coal Mine.

Upon Purvis Stores moving away from Yinnar, the business was sold to Alwyn Welsh and his wife."

Following war-time service in the RAAF, Les Benson moved to live in Yallourn. Here he met Jack Purvis. A friendship was immediate and Les was offered work in the Traralgon Purvis store hardware section. He was subsequently employed as manager from 1948 to 1955.

Les then went into a hardware partnership with his brother-in-law, Harold Turner in December 1955. When Harold later sold his share to Jack Gray, Les remained as manager and soon the business eventually became widely known as Bensons Timber and Hardware.

Today, it is owned by Les' son Rob Benson, and, it is Rob and family who have recently opened Yinnar Hardware in Main Street, Yinnar.

It is the same building once occupied by the three Firmin sisters and, for a few years, Purvis Stores.

Seemingly, the above narrative has more twists and turns than a cheap garden hose. Furthermore, there is more Yinnar history surrounding what is written above; and that will appear in the February 2024 edition of the Churchill & District News. The extended story is interesting and there are more twists and turns to keep the story moving.

Briefly, back to William Turner - basically being the main builder in Morwell in those early years, he sourced timber from sawmillers who had established themselves in the vicinity of Yinnar. What a twist - the Benson family has returned to Yinnar albeit via a circuitous historical route.



Yinnar stalwart. Its' history is amazing, and along with many other small businesses, unfortunately now not with us, Yinnar was a thriving commercial hub.

Researching a back story to Yinnar Hardware, and its building, entailed foraging through family histories realising all along that Yinnar was more than what was described in the late 1880's as a town, then in the calico and bag stage, where society was very primitive.

Just as Yinnar boasts plenty of history, so does Bensons Timber & Hardware Pty Ltd.

William Turner advertised his Morwell based business during the late 1900's. For



# History of Hazelwood North State School

By Leo Billington.

As Hazelwood North State School welcomes its new building and renewed playground areas, an updated school history is being written.

An earlier school history, for the period, 1881 to 1981, was launched to celebrate the school's centenary day held on July 28, 1981.

Time has moved on since then, and, given that civil and construction works are now nearing completion, it is an opportune time to record a picture of those 42 years.

In June 1879, a petition from Mr. John Kirwin and others was sent to the Minister of Education asking that a State School be established near the railway, about four miles east of Morwell.

The request was made on behalf of eleven people with thirty children over the age of three.

The petition was accepted, but further appeals had to be made before first the school was erected in March 1881(a portable) and then a teacher appointed four months later in October.

John Kirwin selected land somewhere about 1874 on the Traralgon Road, immediately east of Morwell township.

Together with his family - wife Elizabeth, one daughter and three sons - he resided here for about 13 years. His major contribution was preparing and submitting a petition.

Two schools subsequently catered for students from the general Hazelwood North area. Bennett's Creek School opened in October 1879.

Then Maryvale East State School opened in 1881. While the former was closed in 1903, the latter was eventually relocated to its present site in Church Road, Hazelwood North.

Editorials at the time often confused Bennett's Creek as being Hazelwood North. This is understandable given the

close proximity of both locations.

In 1907, the fifth Head Teacher, Mrs Kate Zillman was appointed. It is recorded she was not as diligent as she could be, combining house chores with school teaching during school hours.

She also dismissed the children before home time frequently. Sickness kept her from her post for extended periods. The parents were most unsatisfied and requested her removal several times, citing poor management, and poor children's attitude.

Thereafter, the teacher who had replaced her during these absences, Mrs. Elizabeth Davey, was appointed. Mrs. Davey was remembered as being a wonderful lady who was very motherly.

The end of year concert she organised, was quite memorable.

John J. Jefferson was next appointed Head Teacher in 1909 and stayed for two years.

As reported in the Morwell Advertiser on December 8, 1911;

"North Hazelwood. A Xmas tree and varied entertainment was given at the North Hazelwood Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday evening,

in aid of the funds to provide improvements for the State School.

A real live Santa Claus

dressed in the usual dress of the character distributed the prizes from the tree and addressed the children in his mysteries. The character gave a realistic effect to the proceedings.

There was a record attendance of people from all parts of the district, and the proceeds ought to help to make some desired improvements to the school."

Other historical snippets from earlier years included:

"On December 23, 1924, Father Christmas arrived to help celebrate the school's break-up. It was Santa Claus who arrived on Wednesday evening, December 21, 1932 for the Xmas tree celebrations. Santa Claus then returned on Wednesday, December 21, 1949 to "perform his traditional duties in the distribution of toys."

As 1953 drew to a close, it is recorded that

community-wide panic was setting in.

Time was running out to have all organisational details sorted before the then Royal Couple visited on March 3, 1954.

In November, decorating was an urgent topic - and formation of a Traralgon Shire Decorations Committee under the leadership of Mr Archibald, on or about November 12, 1953 pushed for faster progress.

In turn, that November meeting included representatives from seemingly everywhere - Yinnar CWA and State School, Boolarra State School, Boolarra RSL, Commercial Road SS, Morwell RSL, Rotary, Herne's Oak Progress Association, Chambers of Commerce, Guides and Scout groups, Morwell Fire Brigade, Morwell-



Maryvale Band, Derham's Hill Progress Association and State Schools from Hazelwood Estate and Hazelwood North.

Locally, Hazelwood North State School has retained its pivotal position. Its' significant history

nowadays must not be lost before proudly showing off civil and construction works nearing completion.

Compilation of its history has commenced and will hasten during next year.

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Last visit this year to:  
 Illawonga 6 pm and Gaskin Park  
 6.45pm December 15.  
 Recommencing January 9 at  
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# Christmas Fun Page



## Race to the North Pole

★	Slipped on the ice - Go back 2 spaces 	Jump 2 spaces 
Blizzard Miss one turn 	 <b>A Visit To The North Pole</b>	
Take another turn 	Lunch time - skip 1 turn 	Stay here 1 turn 
START	Agift - Take an extra turn 	Lost in pine trees Go back 2 spaces 

"Who will be the first to reach the North Pole?"

## Find the words

It's December 24<sup>th</sup>  
 That wonderful day  
 When it's almost time  
 To load 's !

The are all ready,  
 The year's work is done,  
 And now is the part  
 That finds fun !

Let's watch the pack  
 's great, empty !

## Christmas Crossword

1		5			6
		2			
3	7				
	4				

ACROSS

DOWN

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1- A holly-----       | 1-Make a -----    |
| 2- ----the stockings  | 5- Santa's helper |
| 3-Santa's laugh,ho,-- | 6-Boughs of-----  |
| 4- ----New Year       | 7- ___ Goody!     |



# Yinnar Community Garden+



Auntie Doris welcomes to country

## Yanun Wanduin – Indigenous Garden opens at Yinnar

By Catheryn Thompson

On Friday November 10, Yanun Wanduin, the Indigenous Garden at Yinnar was officially opened. The Indigenous Bush Garden is established on Native Title Land adjacent to the Yinnar Community Garden. The land that was once a railway siding yard is now emergent with native plantings, colourful benches and a ceremonial fire pit.

Elder, Dr Auntie Doris Paton who has been a wonderful mentor for the project since April 2021, welcomed the 30 plus guests onto GunaiKurnai country with a smoking ceremony, then along with

Auntie Christine Johnson and Grattan Mullett, Cultural Manager of GLaWAC the sign was unveiled. A feast followed with a BBQ, garden salads and luscious strawberries provided by Yinnar Community Garden members.

Catheryn Thompson, facilitator for the project, thanked all the partnership bodies who were in attendance: GLaWAC, the Gippsland Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation which represents the traditional owners of the land, OSMI who provided a community grant of \$2,000, Yinnar-YS Landcare who gave advice and provided some native plants, flexible learning students from Kurnai College who constructed the ceremonial

fire pit and have assisted with revegetation and maintenance, and Yinnar Community Garden which has facilitated the project with the partner bodies and supports maintenance of Yanun Wanduin with volunteer labour.

The garden has been designed in line with Auntie Doris's suggestion of a holistic garden with Indigenous plants and medicinal food and fibre plants. Given the impacts of historical use, the Garden has a blend of Indigenous plants and endemic plants as the site was impacted by the construction of the railway line with lots of basalt added.

Yanun Wanduin now features two established beds, and a native

revegetation zone along the back trench that was dug in the 1970's and is home to frogs. One of the beds was built at a YCG hugelculture workshop which imitated natural processes of planting on top of fallen branches, the other bed has an imported native soil mix.

Many of the plants recommended by Auntie Doris are now established and include – vanilla and bulbine lillies, kangaroo apple, river mint, Warragul greens, lilly pilly, purple appleberry, lemon myrtle and murnong yam daisy (we hope to see this flower again this spring). A variety of other indigenous plants have also been planted such as prickly currant bush, prickly moses, wonga vine, kangaroo and wallaby grasses, lomandria longifolia, native raspberry and in the revegetation zone – goodenia ovate, sedges and silver wattles.

Auntie Doris thought it would be wonderful create a Reflective Space with artistic painting on the bench seating that had been donated for the Bush Garden from fallen storm trees. Artist, Ron Edwards Pepper was engaged to



Yanun Wanduin sign unveiled with Doris Paton, Grattan Mullett and Christine Johnson.

design the art project. Ron's designs took inspiration from GunaiKurnai plants and storytelling. Ron attended the site for several months from May 13 to July 10, 2022 when the collaborative painting on the benches was completed. The artistry and story telling that Ron has shared with all who have visited the site has been inspiring as it deepens understanding of country, culture and connections with the natural world.



Ceremonial fire pit.

## Trolley Tracking App

Tired of spotting abandoned shopping trolleys left around Churchill? Then the Trolley Tracker App might be helpful.

"Trolley Tracker" is a free App available to download to your mobile phone (either I-phone or Android). It is specifically designed to report abandoned shopping trolleys belonging to the Woolworths group of stores (that's Woolworths Supermarkets, Big W and Dan Murphy's).

The App sends a direct report to Woolworths about the location of the

abandoned trolley and is Woolworths' preferred method of notifying the company where their trolleys are hiding. It is also a quicker and more efficient way of reporting trolleys to them, rather than using the Snap Send Solve App or contacting Council.

It's simple to use once you have downloaded the App – you open the App, type in the address (location) of the abandoned trolley (or allow the App to use your phone's geo-locator), confirm the location, tap the retailer's icon (which in Churchill is invariably Woolworths

Supermarket) and then tap 'Submit'.

You are also given the option, before you tap "Submit", of entering your details to go in the draw for the monthly prize of a \$1000 Woolworths shopping voucher.

Imagine winning \$1000 for reporting one of the many abandoned shopping trolleys in Churchill's streets and parks!

Use your phone to Google "Trolley Tracker" and then download the App for free so you can easily report those abandoned shopping trolleys that you spot.

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As we reconnect with family and friends to celebrate this year's festive season, please look out for each other, support local businesses, and show your appreciation and respect for retail and hospitality workers wherever you can, and make sure to take extra care on the roads.

**Wishing you all a joyous, restful and safe Christmas with your loved ones, and a happy and prosperous 2024**



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**BBQ at 6.00pm. Gold coin donation.**  
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**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.

**SANTA will make an appearance during the evening**

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LIONS CLUB OF CHURCHILL &amp; 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

**Privacy Statement:** The 'personal' details provided for the nominee will only be used to enable the Lions Club of Churchill & District to determine Award winners and to contact the Award winners. The winners of Awards and details of their contribution to the community will be disclosed to the media.



# CHRISTMAS MARKET



### Warm smiles at a wet market

Yes, it rained, but it wasn't too cold and lots of people came to the Churchill Shop Local Christmas Market held on the first Saturday in December at Churchill shopping centre. In fact, after a bit of a slow start, the car park was full!

Market stalls were spread right around the covered walkways, from Hazelwood Village to West Place, where a number of stalls were also set up indoors.

The smell of sizzling sausages tempted many to visit the outdoor BBQs, thank you to the volunteers from Churchill Fire Brigade and the Co-

operating Churches of Churchill for cooking for the crowd. Santa came, there was music, a fairy entertainer with balloons and bubbles, some cars on show from Pistons Car Club and a wide variety of market stalls – the number of stalls seems to increase with each market; approximately 30 this time!

We had free calendars to hand out (thanks to Darren Chester), notepads from Martin Cameron's office, biros from Federation University and plenty of free chocolates (courtesy The Reject Shop) and fruit (thanks to Woolworths) to give away. The items that really put a smile on people's faces

were the free shopping vouchers given away to those who were shopping in Churchill on the day. We had over \$400 worth of vouchers to hand out, thanks to sponsorship from Energy Australia! In addition, The Reject Shop in Churchill donated some extra vouchers to give away to randomly selected shoppers.

Plenty of gifts to receive and we hope you found some gifts to buy from one of the many market stalls or inside our retail stores.

For that's the point: support our local shopping centre, local employment, and the local community at large – keep our dollars circulating

in Churchill.

A big thank-you to Woolworths for their generous support; thanks also to The Reject Shop Churchill for their donations and to Energy Australia for their sponsorship. A special thank you to all the volunteers and community groups who work tirelessly before and during the market to make this event a success.

The Churchill – Shop Local program is a partnership between Churchill & District Community Association, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and Churchill & District News. We encourage everyone to Shop Local!



# Lifeline

Once again the year seems to have flown and Christmas and the New Year will be here soon.

Our local crisis support volunteers, who contribute to Lifeline's 24-hour telephone crisis line, have remained steadfastly dedicated to ensuring that no one has to face their darkest moments alone. During the pandemic, there was a significant increase in the number of calls received, and while that dropped somewhat for a period, the recent cost of living crisis has again led to more people seeking support. Over a year, Lifeline receives over one million contacts from people in need. Lifeline Gippsland is committed to helping to meet that need.

Unfortunately, our organisation receives only 25 per cent of the funding required to answer calls, so we rely heavily on funds generated from our Lifeline shops located in Churchill, Morwell, Traralgon, Sale and Wonthaggi. Each of these is supported by a team of selfless volunteers who give countless hours to help to make up the funding shortfall. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes to keep our shops operating, and we are indebted to the team at our Churchill shop, who create



a family-like atmosphere, whether you are a volunteer or a customer.

Whether you shop at one of our shops, donate goods, or even pop just a few coins in our donation tins, Lifeline Gippsland would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported Lifeline Gippsland during the last twelve months. Without your generosity, we would be in dire straits.

From the team at Lifeline Gippsland, we hope that

everyone has a magical Christmas, and we wish you all a happy and safe New Year in 2024.

Our Churchill shop volunteers will be having a well-earned break over Christmas, closing on Wednesday December 20, and re-opening on Monday January 8, 2024, however our crisis phone line will still be operating, even on Christmas Day, 24 hours, 365 days of the year. We are here to listen.

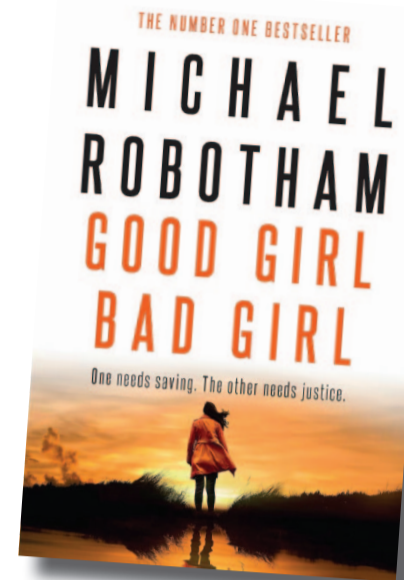
## Book Review

# "Good Girl Bad Girl" 2019

By Michael Robotham

Michael Robotham was born in Casino New South Wales on November 9, 1960. He was educated at Gundagai and Coffs Harbour and began a cadetship with the Sydney Morning Herald in 1979. He is a former investigative journalist and worked with clinical and forensic psychologists as they investigated complex crimes in America, Britain and Australia. His debut novel "The Suspect" sold more than a million copies around the world and eight more novels followed in that series. He has also written another four thrillers and in 2015 won the United Kingdom's Crime Writers Association "Golden Dagger Award". He has also twice won the CWA "Golden Dagger Award." "Good Girl Bad Girl" is the first in a series featuring Cyrus Haven.

The story begins in Langford Hall, a secure children's home in Nottingham England, where Adam Guthrie, the resident social worker is introducing Cyrus Haven, a forensic psychologist to the group, with a view to observing the behaviour of Evie Cormac. Guthrie is quite unsettled by her and he firmly believes she has a gift, in that she immediately knows if someone is lying. Cyrus is asked to form a relationship with Evie, who wants to leave the facility, to determine whether she is mature and resilient enough to live independently. She thinks she is old enough, but the problem is that no-one is sure of her age because she was



found in a secret room, feet away from the decomposing body of a man who had been tortured, surviving on stolen food which she shared with two dogs, and there are no records of her birth. Guthrie tells Cyrus that she is "the girl in the box" or "Angel Face" as christened by the nurses who cared for her. Guthrie is the only one at Langford Hall who knows this.

After a period of time it is agreed that Evie can be fostered by Cyrus, who has also experienced severe trauma as a boy, as he has been able to build something of a relationship with her, and we follow the development of Evie's adjustment to a more free existence and the scrapes she gets into and out of.

During this time, Cyrus is contacted by the police, with whom he works as a forensic psychologist, because they have found the body of a teenage girl. It is fifteen-

year -old Jodie Sheehan, known as the "Golden Girl of British Skating" and it is clear she has been murdered. The investigation uncovers a seamy underworld of drugs, violence and corruption as Cyrus attempts to uncover the motive and perpetrator of the crime. The climax of the story is breathtaking and unexpected.

We all thoroughly enjoyed this book and none of us guessed who the murderer was or their motive. Many of us went on to read the next book in the series. There were "red herrings" scattered throughout the book and as the murder is investigated we see the transformation of Evie as she builds trust and forges her identity. We all wanted to know what the future holds for Evie.

"Good Girl Bad Girl" is the first in a series, with the fourth book to be published in 2024. The series would make for great holiday reading.



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## Mathison Park Play Space

Latrobe City Council is delivering upgrades to the Mathison Park Play Space in Churchill and we want to hear from you!

Council will be building on the play space design in the Mathison Park Management Plan to deliver a nature-based adventure play space.

Maybe you've seen equipment or landscaping at a play space elsewhere that you think might work well at Mathison Park? Or do you have a favourite item of equipment that you think should be considered?



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## Recycle right at Churchill Community Hub

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

### DON'T BIN THESE:

RECYCLE THEM CORRECTLY AT THE HUB -

- PLASTIC bread tags (no cardboard tags please).
- WASHED plastic milk and juice bottle tops (no other types or sizes please).
- X-rays (no paper envelopes please).
- Printer Cartridges (no plastic, foil or cardboard packaging please).
- All small e-waste items, including mobile phones & chargers.
- HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES (including small Lithium batteries) go in the container at the Library/Council Service Desk - kept "out of reach of children".

Please take your plastic bags home to re-use - don't leave them in our containers.

Churchill Hub is an Over-The-Counter return point for the container deposit scheme. Take your eligible cans & bottles to the Hub and see the Neighbourhood Centre staff





# Fire pit lights up indigenous garden at Kurnai College



Tre Moffit and Brett Gay from Kurnai College, Chris Wood from Gippsland Water, Marco Timperio from Allform Industries, Danny Rodaughan from Gippsland Water and Matt Jobling Principal of Kurnai College Churchill Campus light up the fire pit for the first time.

A fire pit donated by Gippsland Water was lit for the first time at Kurnai College Churchill campus recently. The fire pit was donated in support of the school's Reconciliation Action Plan

(RAP) working group and placed in an indigenous garden, where it will be used to facilitate campfire yarning sessions and other gatherings. Gippsland Water managing director Sarah Cumming said

the opportunity to partner on the initiative came about during discussions on opportunities to support local Aboriginal people. "We wanted to help Kurnai College support Aboriginal people to thrive in their education and gain meaningful long-term careers locally," Ms Cumming said.

"The indigenous garden is an important initiative designed to encourage young local Aboriginal people to engage in conversations in an educational setting. It will help them create even more valuable moments of knowledge sharing, storytelling and learning – assisting Kurnai College in the great work they already do.

I would also like to extend a big thank you to Allform Industries for crafting the fire pit." Kurnai College principal Anthony Rodaughan said the school was grateful to Gippsland Water.

"The pit will help create conversations in a safe place, help build connections with community and mob, and will contribute in a culturally positive way to better mental health and student and family support," Mr Rodaughan said.

"Gippsland Water's expertise, generosity and understanding is acknowledged with thanks."

# Matchbox Gallery fundraiser for Yinnar Primary School



Pip of Matchbox Gallery gave the children of Yinnar Primary a lesson in portraiture.

This was followed up by teacher Charlie Towmey. The children produced amazing portraits which were displayed in the Gallery.

Over 400 people of all ages came to view the exhibition and they were astounded at the standard produced.

Marie of the Gallery enthusiastically reported

that there was a lot of joy in the room as people viewed the work, and took in the significance of the works. The students were very excited to see the response.

An older art group, Sculpture and Creations, was able to see the portraits and they were amazed at the standard and talents of the artists.

Every one of the portraits exhibited an emotional expression more advanced than for the usual age group.

There was a multicultural aspect to the pictures too.

The following people or organisations donated prizes to the winners. Morwell Art and Framing, John Brown, Tricia Dennis, Dallas Reilly, Nick Hooper and Robyn Mauger.

A raffle was held and the winner notified.

The raffle money raised through this exhibition is going to be used by the school for sports equipment. The school says thank you.

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Matchbox Gallery - Yinnar

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# Churchill Fire Brigade



At our November meeting Matt Lindsay was presented with his two awards- Captain's Trophy and Recognition award by Captain Shane Renwick in one of his last duties before stepping down from Captain duties.



## Churchill locals unite in Fundraising Drive for families and community

In an impressive display of community solidarity, the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre's Can Recycling Project has sprinted off the starting line, processing nearly 8,000 cans in its inaugural week. Led by dedicated local volunteers and championed by Manager Nathan Brown, the initiative not only stops a significant environmental footprint but also channels every cent raised back into local community programs and initiatives.

donate them to aid the local community. Both options make a real impact, ensuring that every contribution counts.

To our local businesses, organisations, and non-profits, we extend an open invitation to join our Recycling Program. It is not just about being eco-friendly; it is an opportunity to build meaningful partnerships. By teaming up with us, you are not only supporting sustainability but actively participating in projects that benefit the community while raising crucial funds.

The impact of the Recycling Program extends beyond cans, with every cent generated reinvested into local community programs and initiatives. Brown highlights, "As Churchill and District's dedicated non-profit and registered charity, our commitment is to support the local community in every possible way. This financial year, we aim to bring in over \$1 million worth of goods and services to our community for free or at low cost, thanks to projects like this and the incredible support we receive."

Manager Nathan expresses gratitude, stating, "This project is a testament to the power of community collaboration. The overwhelming support from our volunteers and the community is heartening. We are not just recycling cans; we are putting money directly into the pockets of locals in our community."

Children in the community are also playing a pivotal role, turning the project into a valuable learning experience. Nathan shares, "It's inspiring to see young minds understanding the importance of recycling and actively participating."

The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre's reach is extensive, with programs serving a large percentage of Churchill and District. Collaborations with large organisations have brought substantial resources to vulnerable members of the community. Nathan adds,

"We have had kids using this initiative to earn pocket money by collecting and selling cans."

"These collaborations are possible through grants, donations, fundraising efforts, and initiatives like our impactful Recycling Program."

It's a win-win - they learn responsibility, make some pocket money, and some funds go back into local projects."

The community's support is the backbone of our ability to create positive change."

What sets this project apart is its inclusive approach, accepting cans and bottles in any condition, including crushed and bulk quantities. Nathan emphasises, "We want to make recycling as easy as possible for our community. Accepting crushed items and in bulk is one way we're doing that."

Nathan shares an inspiring example: two young boys from Churchill had a mission. They collected cans and bottles from their dad's friends, turning a simple idea into a profitable venture. To their delight, they amassed an impressive collection and made over \$100!

As the Can Recycling Project gains momentum, the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre invites locals to join in, emphasising that their support is crucial in continuing to make a positive difference in the community.

Our Recycling Program presents a straightforward choice: get reimbursed for your items or choose to

This project not only promoted recycling but also raised a lot of pocket money. The boys stated, "It's fun, and we're helping the environment too!"

By recycling cans, the community contributes to a cleaner environment and invests in a brighter future for Churchill and its residents while also generating money for families.



## Churchill Fire Brigade says thank you

The members of the Churchill Fire Brigade extend their thanks to the community for their support for the brigade's involvement in the Shop Local and Open day events. A considerable amount of money was given in donations at these events and the Brigade is indeed grateful.

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First meeting in 2024 is at 7pm, Thursday, February 8th, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall (park and enter from Phillip Pde).

Contact CDCA via our website - www.cdca.org.au or find us on Facebook!

# Churchill CHATTER

### Wanted Wanted Wanted

Without you there may be no column in the New Year. Send us some local news to help fill this column. Please fill it with chatter. What is happening in and around our Churchill Community that residents would enjoy reading. There must be some news. A paragraph of local sport would be good, who made 100 at the cricket, who won an award at Scouts or best player at the basketball? Your organisation must be having a meeting, let everyone know what is happening.

This no longer happens and it seems that our Council is not responding with answers to ratepayer queries about this problem.

### Hard rubbish pickup

Thanks to Council for the second hard rubbish pickup this year. It is amazing what we all find to clear from the garage, house or backyard. Many items transfer from the nature strips to new owners before the official pickup happens. Which only proves that one person's rubbish can be another person's treasure.

### Carols by Candlelight

Carols will be held at the Co-Operation Churches on December 16. Come along with your Christmas Spirit, join in the singing and enjoy the company of friends and neighbours.

### Shop Local market

Do hope that everyone managed to buy some Christmas bargains, enjoy a free sausage and have an interesting time at our Shop Local market day earlier this

month.

### Fire brigade call outs

Our local volunteer fire brigade members have had 113 call outs so far this year with still one month to go. What an incredible amount of time they give to your community throughout the year with training, meetings and practical fire - fighting. Many thanks to all, for keeping us safe.

### Christmas Greetings

Many thanks to all our readers who regularly read the Community News throughout the year. We wish you all a safe and very Happy Christmas and New Year holiday period with family and friends. Churchill News will be back with you next year beginning with the February edition.

### Thoughts for the month

Good friends are like the stars. You cannot always see them, but you know they are always there.

Drop us a line by 25th of any month and your note will appear in the following months edition. Contact at cdneditorial@cdnews.com.au

### Our Churchill Symbol

Mystery still surrounds the new lighting of the Town Symbol each night in Churchill. We know that six months ago the lighting performed well for a very short time with colour changes happening regularly.

Co-Operating Churches

# Craft Connections

Last day Tuesday, December 19, 2023 restarts January 16, 2024  
 10.00 am to 12 noon  
 Co-Operating Churches  
 Corner Williams Ave and McDonald Way Churchill

# SCHOOL NEWS

## KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

### Year 12 Graduation

It was fantastic to be able to send our Year 12 students off in style on November 15, with our graduation evening at the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre. Students,

families and staff had a very enjoyable night, and it was great to be able to celebrate the achievements of the students. We wish them well for their future endeavours.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## KURNAI JUNIOR CAMPUS

**Courage to Care Incursion**  
Year 7, 8 and 10 students participated in a Courage to Care incursion. The sessions provided background discussion of the Holocaust and other genocides to demonstrate

of extreme racism and discrimination. Survivor speakers detailed their own experiences of being rescued by people with the moral strength and courage to stand up in the most challenging

of circumstances. These personal stories highlighted the importance of having the courage to care. Students were then engaged with discussions of their own personal circumstances and taught

how to make a difference in their own community through Upstander behaviour. Our goal for the sessions was to promote acceptance of diversity across society by

of the dangers of prejudice, racism and discrimination. Educating to challenge attitudes and behaviours. Demonstrating that every individual can make a difference. Transforming

“bystander” behaviour to “upstander” action. We will be continuing the discussions in Homegroups and are hoping our students feel more empowered to be upstanders.



# SCHOOL NEWS



## MARC Van

The MARC Van is a mobile library program that visits a number of small schools in the area. Students enjoy music and literacy each week with Mr Halliwell. The students at Boolarra say;

"I like how there are a lot of novels to borrow and how nice Mr H is when we do singing and literacy activities." "I have been enjoying the Runt Story that we have been listening to for the class novel."

"We have learnt there is a lot more to a book than just humour -there are characters and authors messages as well." Mr Halliwell introduced us to many of the Children's Book Council Shortlisted Books for this

year and he makes them sound interesting when he reads them.

## MARC Excursion

Recently we went to Elizabeth St Primary to meet the other schools that use the mobile library. We met an

author of children's books Vikki Conley, who won an award this year for "Where the Lyrebird Lives". She showed us how she got the inspiration for writing many of her stories. She picked a few students including me, to

act out a 'Show Don't Tell'. I did a funny dance to show excitement. It was great to meet kids from other schools. We played some games and had a sausage sizzle for lunch.

By Kyden



# SCHOOL NEWS



## CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY



Churchill North Primary School students were so excited to perform in their Rock and Roll Concert earlier this term. It was an outstanding evening and a fantastic turn out from our families with a full crowd.

common interest.

Teachers and staff all came together and created some awesome costumes and props which helped to build the set for the big show.

Every student was involved, and it was great to see families get creative with hair and make-up on the night.

Students showed so much pride in their dance and once they were on the stage their smiles said it all.

All students came together to perform a final number right at the end and to take a final bow. Thank you to all the staff who contributed to the event and to Miss Precht for co-ordinating our concert for 2024.

A massive shout out to the Churchill Lions club who volunteered their time to come down to our school

and cook a massive sausage sizzle. We are so grateful that our community came together to support and celebrate our students and all the hard work that they put into their performance.

Churchill North is so proud of all our students for their efforts, and we look forward to seeing what we will get up to next year.

A few comments from some students:

Dawson: When we were doing the dance it was scary to be at the front, I liked being at the back.

Louise: We had instruments that we made out of cardboard, mine was a saxophone.

Charlie: We had a cool dance and we had to make a rock band.

Nevaeh: Our song was Rock around the Clock and my family got to come and

watch.

Rubie: My mum said when we were twisting it was very cute.

Kelani: I liked our song and the dance moves, the more we tried the better we got.

Miah: The more I practised the more confident I got.

Mack: I liked the ending of our dance when we all fell to the ground and I liked the song because my dad listens to ACDC.

Elizabeth: I really like that all families got to come and watch us, dancing was fun in front of everybody.

Ebony: I really liked our dance because we had heaps of different moves, it was exciting that our families could come to watch, it made me feel welcome.

Ava: A couple of weeks ago CNPS had its very own

Rock and Roll concert. Each grade dressed up and preformed to all the families. After the concert the families had a chance to get sausages and soft drink from the kind people from the Lions Club.

Bella: I thought it was really fun, the theme was Rock and Roll and our class did TNT. Some of the other songs were Rock Around the Clock, Footloose and Jail House Rock.

Everyone had so much fun. The Lions Club came and cooked up the sausages and had drinks. There were at least 100 people watching our concert.

Connor: We had to dress in black and wear a red bandanna, our song in 5/6 ET was We Will Rock U. We used guitars and drumstick as props. It was awesome because our parents could come and watch.

Zoey: On October 24 we

had our Rock & Roll concert. The weeks leading up to the concert all grades were practising really hard. F/1 P & 5/6 ET were practising in front of each other so they were ready for the night. All grades were amazing, we all had so much fun.

Gabby: Our concert required a lot of practices, but it was really fun putting new dance moves together.

We also practised in front of our buddy grades, so we were ready to have fun and show our parents.

Lara: The concert was really fun. It was amazing to see everyone's smiles and having fun. All the songs were loud and the dances took up a lot of energy. My favourite part was dancing in Footloose. The moment we all saw our parents, everyone was smiling.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

The students at Lumen Christi have once again enjoyed another year of doing music as one of their specialist classes in 2023. Each grade participates in music for one hour a week with teacher Mrs Janelle Szkwerek and over the last five years she has helped students learn how to compose and play music, read and recognise notes on the music stave and understand many of the symbols used in written music. Students have come a long way in their musical knowledge and abilities and really enjoy playing instruments each week.

Mrs Szkwerek really enjoys teaching students in an area that has given her so much joy through the years. She understands the benefits of learning music and hopes that one day if students ever decide to learn an instrument they are already half way there with the basics they now have.

Students have really enjoyed singing, playing percussion instruments, playing bucket drumming pieces and learning to play the ukulele this year. Two big highlights were having Kaboom Percussion come and visit the school and students having the

opportunity to participate in "The Big Sing" run by the Gippsland Children's Choir.

Nathan and Laura from Kaboom Percussion came and performed an interactive, fun and inspiring show for students where they made amazing music using lots of everyday objects – the Lumen Christi students were amazed and in awe at just how talented Nathan and Laura were, and loved interacting in their performance and having a go at lots of the music both during the show and in their music sessions that followed.

The Big Sing was a collaboration run by the

Gippsland Children's Choir that saw students from around the area joining to practise songs as a choir and then perform them in a concert that night to a large audience.

Students from Lumen Christi who participated in this event did a wonderful job and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of spending the day and singing with students from other schools and the excitement of performing in front of an audience that night.

### Colour Run

Lumen Christi Primary School was awash with colour on Friday November

10, taking part in their first ever Colour Run. The event was organised by the school's Parents and Friends group and was a fundraiser so that the school can purchase a gaga pit for the playground.

"Many of the children have experienced playing in a gaga pit on camps and it is an activity that they really enjoy," said Principal Sally Darby. "The students asked whether getting a gaga pit might be something we could have installed at the school.

The Parents and Friends liked the idea as a fundraising opportunity and made it the goal for the

Colour Run."

The children all participated in the Colour Run by making their way around an obstacle course of hay bales, tunnels and commando tyres whilst being squirted with water and coloured powder. The highlight of the day for many students was watching the Principal get slimed by some of the children who raised the most money.

It was a hugely successful day with lots of colour, fun and big smiles for the children, staff and families.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## YINNAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

### 1/2 Night of Adventure

It was delightful to watch our Grade 1/2 students prepare for their evening Night of Adventure where they enjoyed a delicious dinner at school and a disco.

The Grade 2 students stayed overnight at school as an introduction to our camping program.

All the children enjoyed a fun evening of games, activities and a meal together.

Those who stayed overnight had the experience of sleeping away from home and in a group setting – like they would on camp. Thank

you to our teachers, who, despite being in the midst of report writing, are willing to make this event possible.

### Prep Picnic

The Village Green provided the ideal setting for laying out picnic rugs, enjoying dinner and playing some games for our Prep Picnic.

The Prep Picnic is the initial phase of our school camping program. The program is designed to gradually nurture students' confidence and independence, beginning with a school picnic, and

culminating in a three or four day overnight camp at the senior level.

The students enjoyed some games and a story on the Village Green.

They shared dinner together before heading off home to their bed after a very busy day.

### State Schools Victoria State Championships

Congratulations to Zoe, Eleanor, Amira, Alice and Beth who qualified and represented Yinnar Primary School at the School Sports Victoria State Athletics Championships

on Wednesday November 1, 2023. The State Championships brings together students from all over the state who have qualified in their division. This level of competition is extremely high and includes students who are regular athletics competitors. Eleanor, Zoe, Beth and Alice finished sixth overall in the Girls 11 year olds 4 x 100m Relay Final.

Amira competed extremely well and finished 11th overall in the Girls 12-13 Age Group, 3kg Shot Put. Well done girls!

### Technology in the Prep Room

Prep children were excited to use the Lego Education kits for the first time this week without the support of their Grade 6 buddies!

Half the grade used the kits while the other students used the app 'Playdoh Touch' to animate creatures that were made from playdough.

They also used an app called 'Spike Legacy' to follow instructions to build a project, then connected a hub to their builds in order to move them or to light up a

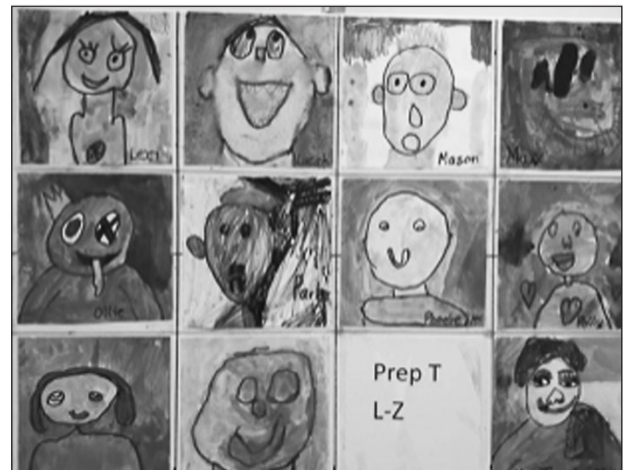
### series of coloured lights!

### Matchbox Gallery Exhibition

A huge thank you to Pip and Marie from Matchbox Gallery in Yinnar for hosting and curating our recent exhibition of portrait artworks done by our students.

Students worked on their portraits over a number of art lessons. They were very excited to attend the opening evening and see their artwork in a gallery setting.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and visitors to the gallery during this time.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## CHURCHILL PRIMARY

### Healesville Sanctuary – Whole School Excursion

Towards the end of Term 3, we took a whole school excursion to Healesville Sanctuary and what an amazing time we all had! The day was filled with fun and adventure, and it was great to see the students' enthusiasm and excitement seeing and learning about all the different Australian wildlife close up!

All the children were so well behaved on the day, and we could not have asked for better weather conditions.

### Learn to Swim Program

At the start of Term 4 our Prep to Grade 2 students participated in a weeklong intensive Learn to Swim program at the Churchill Leisure Centre. For some students this was the first introduction to learning how to swim and for others it was a chance to hone their already emerging skills. It was also a great opportunity to learn about water safety! All our students (and their teachers) were very tired by the end of the week, and we are sure there were many early nights to bed.

Thank you to the Churchill Leisure Centre and their AusSwim staff who always make sure this program runs smoothly and our students reap the maximum benefits.

### Ready, Set...Prep!

Our Ready, Set... Prep! program has been running for a few years now and is a great opportunity for upcoming Foundation students to become familiar with the school and our teachers before starting their school journey the following year. This not only helps to alleviate any fears or anxiety

about going to school but also gives our teachers a chance to get to know the students better and build a rapport with them.

This year we have had 29 participants in our program who will be joining us in Prep for 2024. We have had a wonderful time getting to know them over the last two terms and look forward to them officially joining us next year!

### Grade 5/6 Waratah Beach Camp

In November, our Grade 5 and 6 students headed to Waratah Beach on an

adventure camp for three days. The students had a fantastic time and enjoyed activities such as rock climbing/abseiling, initiatives course, beach volleyball, night walk on the beach and campfire, possum ropes / ringtail ramble, flying fish and participated in special games of aero ball, treasure island and dolphin dodge, spider's web and bouldering wall.

The smiles on everyone's faces were a testament to what a great time they all had, and we cannot fault their behaviour. The feedback

we have had from the camp facilitators was that our students were fantastic ambassadors for our school, with great manners and respect and that they were a pleasure to have at Waratah Beach. Well done to all our students – we are really proud of you all!

A very BIG thank you to all our staff members who accompanied our students on camp and made this experience possible. We appreciate you taking time away from your own families to give our students these valuable opportunities!



Top left and middle: Students enjoyed exploring Healesville Sanctuary in cross-aged groups  
Bottom Left and right: Kinder students have enjoyed participating in our Ready, Set... Prep! program in readiness for starting school at CPS in 2024.  
Far left bottom: Xavier had a great time rock climbing at Waratah Beach  
Far right : Tyson and Jack enjoyed toasting marshmallows on the campfire at Waratah Beach.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

Students in Years F-2 have been learning about how to read maps! Recently they all completed a scavenger hunt around the school to crack a secret code. It looks like they had a blast! Pictured below are Tamikah, Henley, Skyla, Allie, Elijah and Liam.

Things are beginning to look very different at

Hazelwood North PS! Over the past year we have seen the demolition of our very dated administration building, and the construction of a usable and modern facility. New student toilets are almost ready to be used, and the process of creating our much anticipated new basketball court has held the attention

of students and staff alike over the past couple of months. Very exciting!

On November 15 to 16, three of our Year 6 Curiosity students attended an excursion to Ecolinc to learn about the topic of plastic pollution:

### 'A Plastic Ocean'.

Before the event we watched a movie about the

impact of plastic in our oceans as an introduction to the excursion. For the first day of the program, we went to Ecolinc in Bacchus Marsh. We learnt about plastic in the ocean and how it gets there. We also did some experiments that involved looking at cosmetics through microscopes. When seen up close we could see tiny bits

of plastic called microbeads. Microbeads are commonly used in products and have a harmful effect on the environment.

On the second day, we went to ACMI in Federation Square. We learnt how to make a Stop Motion to raise awareness about plastic in the oceans. There were Stop Motions made about

microplastics, animals and humans eating plastic, people trading in bottles for money and many more things.

Overall, this was a great experience and was very interesting and informative. We would highly recommend this to others as it is an awesome program.

Written by Hudson, Charlotte and Liam.



# Churchill Cobra's 50th year



Churchill Cobras's 50th year playing cricket in the Latrobe Valley continues to build with all teams now up and playing. A Grade, playing each Saturday, is building their season sitting just outside the top four. The Ladies are well on their way now picking up two wins and sitting in the middle of the table. Thursday night home games create a lot of excitement around the club and the games are well worth a watch. B Grade, also playing each Saturday is finding B

premier a tough challenge although they celebrated their first win in the second week of November. The newly created C Grade also recently experienced their first win and are still looking for players to top up their team. The Under 16s combined team with Cats will challenge the better teams this year playing Friday nights or Sundays. Our Under 12s have finally beaten the weather and all their opponents so far to sit undefeated near the top of the ladder. Here is a snippet

from their last game.

'We travelled to face Morwell at Keegan St reserve on a gloomy overcast afternoon. Morwell won the toss and sent our kids in, with Morwell only having seven starters. We filled a couple of fielding positions swapping kids over as time permitted. We opened with Ed and Harvey who both ended up not out on 11 and 23 respectively. Next in was Amjid who unfortunately ran himself out, his little legs could not pump fast enough, and he was short of the

crease making six. Next three batters were JT, Jadon, Rahaf and Klancy who made solid contributions of 1, 2, 10 and 16, all not out. Then came in the star of last week Amin who unfortunately skied the ball and was caught for 1. Ryan and Rory were the last two batters with both making 3. Churchill made a total of 98. Ed and Harvey opened the bowling, and each took a wicket finishing with the same figures 1/3 off 2. The rest of the kids bowled the overs out with only 6 runs coming from the bat

and a whopping 23 wides, something we can work on at training. Ed was able to secure another runout in the field. Morwell was dismissed for 32. The most pleasing aspect of the night was the calling between wickets with the kids, something we worked on at training the previous week. Churchill U12s are still undefeated and travelling nicely'.

Our mini Cobras are now Thursday afternoons between 4.30pm and 5.30pm at Andrews Park West in Churchill beginning right

through to late December and then starting up again early February.

Free registration for 6 – 10-year-olds and includes a free Churchill Cricket Club Polo. If you wish to be part of the club this year in any form, follow us on Facebook, email us at churchillcc@hotmail.com, or simply pop down on a Tuesday or Thursday night to say hello.

## Churchill & Monash Golf Club

### Monthly Medal October 28, 2023

A Grade Winner: R. King  
16 67 Medal B Grade Winner :  
G. Barnes 22 68

C Grade Winner: C. Sterrick 31 70 D.T.L : 1. R. Madigan 69, 2. C. Gilfillan 70, 3. J. Jeffery 73, 4. B. Kilday 73, 5. S. Caldwell 74, 6. P. Junker 75, 7. A. Sharrock 75, 8. R. Vesty 77 C/B N.T.P : 3rd C. Gilfillan , Pro-Pin 12th D. Burrige, 14th G. Barnes Scratch : R. Madigan 82 Putts : J. Sanders 85 Target Hole : R. Sands Birdies: 12th D. Burrige.

### Stableford Tuesday October 21, 2023

Winner : J. Sanders 17 30 pts D.T.L: L. Brent 26 30pts N.T.P: 3rd M. McQuillen, 5th S. Gosling , 12th S. Caldwell, 14th L. Brent.

### Stableford Saturday November 4, 2023

A Grade Winner: R. King 15 34 pts B Grade Winner : Ad. West 19 34 pts.

C Grade Winner: G. Corponi 32 34pts D.T.L : 1. B. Mathieson 34, 2. S. Turner 34, 3. A. Sharrock 33, 4. W. Sutton 32, 5. R. Vesty 32, 6. R. 38. M. Brereton 32, 9. I. Fortune N.T.P : 3rd Pro-Pin : P. Flanigan, 12th T. Collins Target Hole: B. Jenkins : Birdies: 12th

### A. Auld, 12th L. Anderson Stableford Tuesday November 7, 2023

A. Grade Winner: R. Vesty 17 38 pts B. Grade Winner: T. Sterrick 21 36pts

C. Grade Winner: J. Clegg 34 39 pts D.T.L : 1. S. Gosling 37, 2. R. Sands 37, 3. S. Turner 36, 4. I. Heppelston 35, 5. Ad. West 35, 6. R. Zomer 35 N.T.P : 3rd R. King, 12th Ad. West, 14th R. Vesty Target Hole : R. Sands Birdies: 12th I. Heppelston.

### Club Championships RD 1 Stroke Saturday November 11, 2023

A Grade Winner: M. Brereton 13 69 B Grade Winner: Ad. West 16 71

C Grade Winner: J. McCafferty 25 71 D Grade Winner : T. Collins 30 75

D.T.L : 1. J. Sanders Snr 71, 2. M. Hutchinson 72, 3. R. King 74, 4. J. Barnes 75, 7. T. Sterrick 75, 8. R. Madigan 75, 9. R. Dent 75, 10. G. Corponi 76, 11. R. Zomer 76 N.T.P ; 3rd S. Caldwell, 5th Mamun, 12th Pro-Pin C. Warring, 14th R. Abel Target Hole : B. Jenkins Birdies: 3rd S. Caldwell

### Monthly Medal Tuesday November 14, 2023

1st RD Championships  
Monthly Medal Winner: C. Sterrick 30 72 A Grade Winner Day Winner: C. Sterrick 30 72

### B Grade Winner : L. Van Rooy 45 73 Scratch : M. Ryan 95

Putts: C. Sterrick 26 D.T.L:  
1. M. Ryan 73 nett, 2. S. Turner 73 nett,

N.T.P: 3rd S. Caldwell, 5th C. Sterrick, 12th L. Brent, 14th M. Ryan

### Club Championships RD 2 Stroke Saturday November 18, 2023

A Grade Winner : M. Brereton 13 69 nett B Grade Winner: J. McCafferty 24 71 nett C Grade Winner: T. Collins 30 71 nett D.T.L: 1. C. Hogbin 72, 2. M. Soppe 72, 3. C. Stevens 72, 4. A. Sharrock 73, 5. D. Burrige 73, 6. M. Hutchinson 74 C/B, 7. A. Auld 74 C/B, 8. R. Vesty 74 C/B

N.T.P: 3rd. Pro-Pin : D. Ellwood, 5th D. Burrige, 12th C. Hogbin

Target Hole: M. Hutchinson Birdies: M. Brereton 14th.

### Star Medal Tuesday November 21, 2023

2nd RD Championships  
Day Winner: S. Turner 26 67 nett Scratch: S. Turner 93 and M. Dear 93

Star Medal Winner: S. Turner 26 67 nett D.T.L: 1. L. Van Rooy 71 nett, 2. S. Caldwell 77 Nett N.T.P: 3rd M. Dear, 5th L. Brent, 12th M. Dear, 14th V. Reid

## Latrobe City Traralgon International to return in February, 2024

The Latrobe City Traralgon Tennis International will return to Traralgon for back-to-back weeks showcasing men's and women's professional tennis from Sunday February 18 to Sunday March 3, 2024. The two Australian Pro Tour events will offer a total prize pool of more than AUD \$130,000 and valuable world ranking points.

Tennis Australia and Tennis Victoria will host the tournament in conjunction with the Traralgon Tennis Association and with the invaluable support from the Latrobe City Council and Destination Gippsland. Tennis Australia's Pro Tour Manager Fiona Luscombe thanked the region for their ongoing support. "We are extremely grateful for the support of Latrobe City Council, Destination Gippsland, the Traralgon Tennis Association and the community for their support

to be able to host these events," Luscombe said. "We are thrilled to have the Australian Pro Tour return to Traralgon. We have a longstanding relationship with Traralgon, hosting professional tennis events and are looking forward to hosting another great season of tennis and encourage the local community down to enjoy."

Destination Gippsland CEO Terry Robinson is excited to see the event return to Traralgon with the back-to-back tournaments supporting a healthy economic impact into the local communities and the opportunity to showcase the region as a great destination to visit. Traralgon Tennis Association President Cameron Herbert added, "We are thrilled that the Latrobe City Traralgon Tennis International will return once again in 2024 and look forward to hosting professional men and women

players competing across the two weeks and we invite our community to enjoy the free tournament.

A sincere thank you goes to the Latrobe City Council and Destination Gippsland for their unwavering support. It is an event we always look forward to and we can't wait to see what 2024 brings."

The Latrobe City Traralgon Tennis International is part of the Australian Pro Tour, a series of professional tennis events held throughout the year to bridge upcoming players with the ATP/WTA Tour, providing an opportunity to earn significant world ranking points. The field for the Latrobe City Traralgon Tennis International will be announced in February. For more information about the Australian Pro Tour, Tennis Australia or the players visit www.tennis.com.au/protour. For more information on the ITF World Tennis Tour visit www.itftennis.com.

# Community Bushfire Preparedness Project Completion



Another community-driven project conducted by the South Ward Community Disaster Recovery Committee, with support from Council Recovery and Resilience staff, is coming to a successful conclusion, with three water tanks for CFA firefighting purposes installed and filled in South Ward, and another on the way.

These tanks will significantly assist firefighting crews during a major bushfire, by reducing the downtime required to refill brigade tankers.

Two of these 20,000 litre tanks have been installed on

roadsides in Yinnar South and a third, with the support and assistance of HVP, in Budgeree East. All have been filled by the local CFA brigades in preparation for the coming fire season. A fourth tank is on order, to be installed soon at Jeeralang.

Our photo right, shows the first tank being rolled off the delivery truck, with Yinnar South CFA members on hand and preparing to fill it. The top photo shows the Budgeree East tank after filling by HVP and CFA tankers. Local resident Bob Hingst also attended to express the thanks of the Recovery Committee.



Latrobe Community Health Service wishes you a

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

**Our Churchill centre will be closed on:**

- Monday, 25 December ■ Tuesday, 26 December 2023
- Monday, 1 January 2024