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Easter fun at Yinnar's 150th



What an experience. Pedestrians busy walking everywhere, not an available parking space in sight, every business open on Saturday afternoon. How good is that for any town? This was “Easter in Yinnar” on Saturday afternoon March 23. A lovely sunny afternoon greeted shoppers at the market, with plenty of kids’ entertainment at the Bowls Club site. There were many Easter Bunnies with long white ears hopping around enjoying the

free activities. Ice cream was a popular purchase with a long queue of Dads and children waiting in line. A table laden with photo albums of Yinnar Kinder children over the years from 1971 to today’s youngsters, created great interest. Many people stopped for a look at these earlier photographs. Many stalls selling a great variety of goods including candles, cushion covers, art, craft, bric-

a-brac, paintings and other goodies were doing brisk business. Free coffee was available from the Bakery and Café in the street. Individual musical items entertained shoppers as they wandered around the stalls and caught up with friends along the way. Back to the street, the Matchbox and ARC Galleries were open for free viewing, and the Historical Society had their sheds open for visitors. The

Community Garden was a popular place to rest and enjoy the outdoors on such a fine day. Later in the afternoon, successful and fun Easter Egg hunts were held for the children, who had a wonderful time looking for, and finding many yummy Easter Eggs. Many thanks to all those who helped make this memorable afternoon such a great success. *More photos, see Page 17 ...*

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Churchill Jaycees

The Churchill debating team of Mike, Bill Dyt and Noel competed in the State Quarter Finals of the Ralph Cooper Debating competition last Monday night. Churchill won the contest with two adjudicators for Churchill and the third scoring as a draw. The team now enters the semi-finals.

Churchill Primary School Mothers Club

There will be a Sewing Bee on Friday. We need more helpers at the fete. Please notify the Secretary if you are able to help in any way. Also needed are donations of cakes, produce, clothing, and plants for sale. If you cannot provide for the fete, please come along and purchase goods.

Appreciation

Mr Laurie Leekis would like to express appreciation of the time and efforts by firemen and others when fire recently menaced his property.

Churchill Ladies Dart Club

The Churchill Ladies Dart Club is seeking new members. Any ladies interested in playing darts are



most welcome to turn up any Monday night at the home of the President, Mrs. Maureen Minter. Come and join in the fun of club championships and competition games against other ladies' dart teams.

Police Officer needed

It is all too obvious in the town streets that there is little or no effort being made at traffic control. Parents must accept full responsibility for the night time excursions of unlicensed riders of unregistered motor cycles. It is almost inevitable that a tragedy is in store when these often unhelmeted riders and passengers are on the loose.

Motoring Blues

Regular users of the Jeeralang Road are becoming increasingly annoyed at the inane activity, someone seemingly enjoys, of shifting warning lights along sections of road work. It is to be hoped that the practice will cease before it is responsible for a serious incident.

Churchill Scouts and Cubs

Akela has been running working bees on Saturday afternoon to help the boys get their work finished so it can go on display. Any fathers with spare time please help out on Thursday nights. Boys are constantly going over their Law and Promise, as it has to be known to get each Boomerang Badge.

Swimming Pool Committee

A Target Barometer is now installed in Mr Skinner's Four Square Self Service shop indicating the amount now raised as approx. \$1,400. Means of raising money have included a Progressive Dinner, a Lucky Number Competition and a Mannequin Parade by Churchill Wool Shop.

Thankyou letter to Editor

Last Sunday a young girl was thrown from her horse. Someone kindly picked her up and took her to a doctor. May I, through your paper, thank that person for their action. I am pleased to say the young girl is alright and now back at work.

Old Tanjil Camp

Twenty five Coffee Shoppers braved the outdoors last weekend

Hazelwood Churchill Junior Football

This was not an easy game to win, the Morwell East boys applied the pressure for the four quarters.

All players gave their best in a fairly even side. It was very hard to pick the five best as it could have been the whole 18. Winning this game let us into the top four.

The next week we played Yallourn North at the North and what a game that turned out to be.

Everybody got their money's worth. It was this match where the lead changed in each quarter.

Rainfall



Churchill Rainfall

March was quite a dry month for Churchill with only 28mm of rain being recorded. The total rainfall for 2024 to date is now only 114mm.

Rain at Hazelwood South

It is raining on the rock - Yulara in the NT desert had 66mm of rain in March from the north, and only had eight days below 30 deg. C. In contrast the rain at Hazelwood South was blocked from the north, by ridging highs, the 13.5mm in March came from the south, and Southern Ocean, and was

30% of the monthly average. It was warm, with nine days over 30 deg. C. Most of the native grass remained green, providing feed for the wildlife.

The summer veggie garden has come to an early end from low rain, and high temperatures.

There have been no serious fires so far this season due to good soil moisture left from the January rain.

The dry February and March, has dropped the rain for 2024 to 63% of the average.

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Napoleon Bonaparte

Occasionally, in the history of the world, a person of exceptional ability emerges to make such a profound effect on the lives of a great part of the population of the world that their names live on in the popular memory. Most of them are military people and their aspirations lead to changes to a part of the world larger than a single country.

One such is Napoleon Bonaparte who rose from a minor noble family living in an outlying region to become an emperor in control of most of continental Europe. During his lifetime he was instrumental in transforming the political landscape of France and the geographical landscape of Europe.

He was born in Corsica in 1769, just after the island came under French control. He was sent off to be educated in France, even though he did not speak the language. Despite this handicap, he won a scholarship to a military academy and became an officer of Artillery at age 23. His natural ability in this field enabled him to follow a brilliant military career, which put France in a position of strength among the nations of Europe.

France descended into a period of anarchy after the French Revolution and his military ability put him in a position of strength through his association with various leaders of the mob. In 1799 he led a coup d'etat against the ruling classes and was elected First Consul. He could see that the nation



needed a single strong leader who was seen as one of the people and had himself crowned Emperor of France.

During his reign he carried out a series of reforms which have endured in principle through to the present. These included the Napoleonic Code of Civil Law, greater access to higher education, an organised road system, the introduction of the metric system and many other liberal reforms. This had the effect of stabilisation of the country, giving the population at large the civic

pride it needed to emerge from the chaos of the Revolution.

At the same time he embarked on a wide-ranging military campaign throughout Europe, which transformed the old order and caused consternation throughout the continent. His liberal ideas were viewed with horror amongst the ruling houses, and as he took control of them he put his own rulers into leadership roles. His liberal ideas of government spread, and they remain in place still.

Britain was the one country he was unable to conquer. It was fortunate that it was able to produce two military geniuses, Nelson and the Duke of Wellington. Nelson's victory at sea at the battle of Trafalgar in 1805 crippled the French navy for the duration of Napoleon's reign and Wellington's development of new army tactics saw the eventual final defeat at the battle of Waterloo in 1815.

Napoleon was exiled to the remote island of St Helena where he died in 1821, but his ideas lived on. Many countries have issued stamps to honour this hero of France.

Wanting to sell your home?

Churchill is a vibrant community which provides for a quality lifestyle. The township provides a substantial shopping centre, medical facilities, excellent education and sporting facilities.

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Churchill also offers a range of new residential subdivisions with a variety of lot sizes to choose from.

Handy Tips when selling

First Impressions

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Our Top Tips

A Friendly Mood

When you want to create an ambient mood, there is no need to go overboard. A simple rule of thumb is to prepare your home as if friends were about to arrive – neat clean and casual.

Garden Delights

If your garden is beginning to look like a jungle, consider hiring a gardener to get it under control. The gardener

will know which plants and flowers will overall appeal to your home.

Keep It Simple

The main idea is to maximise the appeal of the house without spending a fortune. The whole process should not cost you the earth and, with the help of some family and friends, you should have the house presentable in a relatively short period of time.

Animal Smells

Make sure the animals are out of the property and the property is cleaned

Considering Major Changes?

Renovations can add significant value to a property, but you can run the risk of overcapitalising. Interestingly, many buyers are actually looking for a home they can put their own style and personality into so in some cases you may be better off saving your money. It is best to speak to a real Estate Agent before undertaking any major changes!

The most important thing to remember is first impressions count! Once on the market you need to disassociate yourself and remove any emotional connection to the property... do not look backwards, look to the future! Time is of the essence in these situations and the presentation process should begin at the exact time you decide to sell your property. The Stockdale & Leggo team can ensure simple, cost-effective methods to prepare your house for sale without the need for any major maintenance.

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Church NEWS

Co-Operating Churches snippets

March 3 saw our whole parish worship at Churchill. Bishop Richard Treloar was our guest. Bishop Richard, Cathie and Bec provided the service between them. In his sermon Bishop asked, "What will Christ crucified signify on Good Friday to those who hurry by unopened shops, impatient footy crowds, and partially filled churches?"

What does it signify to you, to me, to us?"

The great Reformer, Martin Luther insisted that all theology begins in silence at the foot of the cross: silence, which waits with Christ, the victim; silence that listens for God who also waits, who suffers in Christ with all who are broken.

In the end, Pilate has to decide what truth is, what his truth will be. In his judgement, it is most closely aligned with pragmatism, expediency, with what works. For him, the cross signifies the path of least resistance.

The following week Cathie reminded us of the overall theme of our Lenten Journey of Fast, Pray Give. This week we were asked to focus on what we need to change. This requires not just thinking about it but taking action. Jesus loved us so much that he would die for us. Actions can be small or big and could include our money and our talents, all to make our world a better place. We are called to be one of Jesus' disciples- a call which requires us to have virtue of charity, which is

good for others and good for our souls. Jesus is our model. He gave with abundance of Spirit so we could have abundance in all its forms.

Three of our congregation accepted the invitation to the Churchill Christian Fellowship (CCF) church to the Messiah Meal.



It was very informative. Barry the presenter was excellent in explaining the connections between the Old Testament and the New Testament. Thank you to the CCF for the invitation

Churchill Service 17/3/24. We continued our theme of Lent.

The service was taken by Bec Hayman, who also delivered the message. It was based on John 12:24-26, where Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains a single kernel; but if it dies, it produces a big harvest." Bec asked, "Are we aware

we are being glorified when we die to self, or are we clinging with dear life to the familiar?" Much food for thought.

Sylvia Cranwell and Michael Anderson provided the music. The congregation rose to the challenge of not just one, but two new songs!

We gave it a valiant stab!

We are still trialling the new format of announcing notices at the beginning of the service. It seems to be working well.

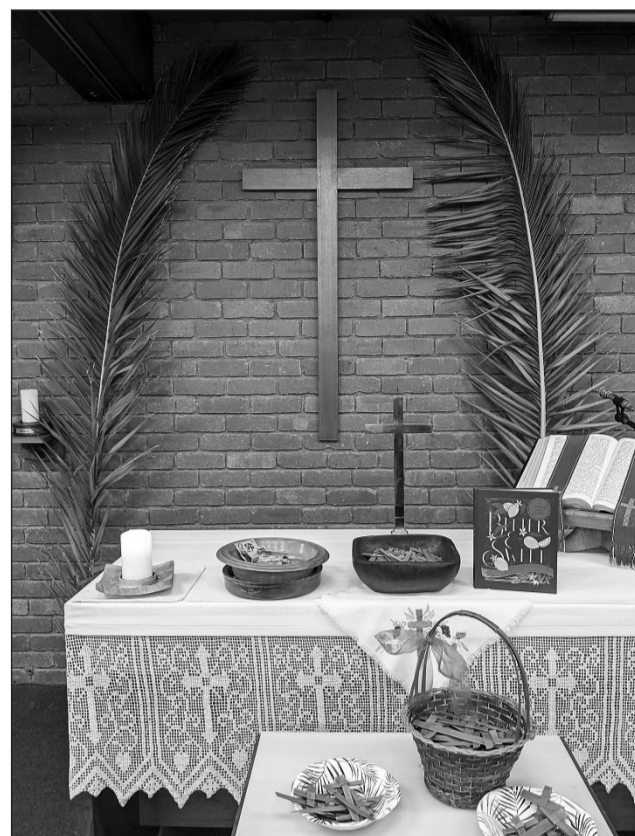
Thane, Ebony and Nyree Allen did a fantastic job with our Bible readings.

The Childrens Message was delivered by Ian Combridge. He talked about how

sin separates us from God, and how Jesus' death on the cross opened up the way for us to come back to God. He also talked of heaven and how there will be "nothing bad and nothing sad" there. Ian and the children then did a craft activity that involved drawing smiling, happy faces.

Churchill Service 24/3/24. We had the last of our Lent themed services.

Our service today, taken by Cathie Halliwell, focused on the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem; how the crowds threw palm branches down before him as he rode in on



a donkey, and how Jesus put the glory of heaven aside so that we might be saved. Our church was decorated with palm motifs. Palm crosses, handmade by John

Lubawski, were handed out to each person present.

The Childrens Ministry focused on Jesus opening up the way for us to be with God. The children made

paper-chain dolls and drew pictures of what they thought heaven might look like.

Margaret Sunderland, Sylvia Cranwell and Alan Halliwell provided the music, which included a rousing version of Make Way for the King of Kings, while Ron Gowland did the Bible readings.

We also had our annual church AGM. We reflected that this time last year, we were facing a 'new normal' after COVID-19. We had talked last year of new ways of moving forward, and it was good to see that some of our ideas had been put into practice, such as the Men's Breakfasts, Coffee Connections, and the Craft Group. The hard work put in by everyone involved in keeping the church running was particularly called out and thanked. We were also pleased to welcome Marion Ireland as a newly elected elder within our church, and Melissa Thomson as a new member of the Parish Council.



Churchill Christian Fellowship

By Steve McNeilly

March was another busy month at Churchill Christian Fellowship. We had some floorboards repaired at 762 Tramway Road and we fixed some problems with internal doorknobs.

We also had to replace a data projector that gave up the ghost towards the end of our service on March 24.

On April 6, we had a community op-shop and garage sale day, which was a lot of work but so worth it. We have done a lot more work on the community garden and we are pleased to invite readers of Churchill News to visit us on Saturday April 27, between 11 and 2 for our official opening.

There will, of course, be a free sausage sizzle!

On Good Friday, some

of us joined with friends from the other churches to remember the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus and the cross He bore for us all.

We now have two home fellowships operating.

On Tuesday evenings, from 7.30, some of us meet for prayer, fellowship and Bible study. We have been taking an in-depth look at some of the sayings of Jesus that perhaps we have not fully appreciated before.

As I write this, we have done 19 of these studies, and it looks like there are plenty more to come.

On Thursdays, another group meets in Glendonald from 11 am.

For this meeting, we have been adapting some of my Bible School notes for a home fellowship setting.

In early May, we are looking forward to welcoming Lynn Fowler back from her six months of ministry in Africa.

There will be a welcome back dinner, possibly on May 4.

On a lighter note, one of our members is running a footy tipping competition. I keep telling our congregation that God goes for the saints, but alas, noone seems to believe me!

We are a small but growing fellowship and we genuinely want to be a blessing to the local community.

Please feel free to visit with us any Sunday from 3pm, or enquire about one of our home fellowship meetings.

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More Housing for Churchill

Latrobe City Council has received a Planning Application for subdivision of vacant land on Philip Parade to enable further residential development of 32 housing blocks.

The parcel of land – between the Telstra and Optus towers and the new Oak Hill housing estate on Philip Parade – is currently zoned Commercial. An amendment to the Planning Scheme is therefore required before any housing construction can proceed.

Latrobe City Council is preparing an update to the Churchill Structure Plan and an Amendment to the Planning Scheme that will re-zone most of the land to Residential.

However, 0.7 hectares fronting Philip Parade (from the bus stop across the road from Balfour Place to the Telstra exchange building) will remain zoned Commercial, to allow for future business development in keeping with that area known (in Town Planning terms) as Churchill Activity Centre.

The Planning Application also requests permission for removal of some native vegetation, although two “significant trees” have been identified and will remain as part of a proposed open parkland area.

The Application for Planning Permit and relevant documents for this development can be viewed at Council’s Service Centre



at Churchill Hub or on-line at Council’s website.

Anyone may make submission on the Application – closing date for submissions is April 24, 2024. Submission must be sent to Latrobe City Council PO Box 264, Morwell Victoria 3840 or via email to latrobe@latrobe.vic.gov.au.

CDCA has been advised that, at April’s Council meeting on Monday 8/04/24, Council will consider an Officer’s Report concerning the future of Hazelwood House. At the time of writing, we do not know what recommendations are contained in the report (such reports pertaining to Council agenda items are only released to the public at midday on the Thursday prior to the Monday Council meeting).

CDCA has previously written to Council expressing our view that consideration of Hazelwood House’s future should be expedited. It is a waste, and a cost to Council (as the current owner), to leave it sitting vacant for a long period of time.

Quantum Support Services notified Council last September that they were withdrawing from the proposed sale and Council made this known to the public last December.

We think it likely that the outcome will be a further attempt by Council to sell Hazelwood House. Let us hope the matter does not keep dragging on.

Meantime, we have heard nothing further from our local political representatives about the problems at the intersection of Tramway and Boldings Roads.

As reported in the March edition of Churchill & District News, we know that Harriet Shing’s office was to meet with representatives from Regional Roads Victoria and that flooding at this intersection was on the agenda. We have not received any update. These things take time!

CDCA meets on the second Thursday of every second month. All residents of Churchill and district are welcome to attend. A meeting agenda and minutes of the previous meeting are usually available on our website a day or two in advance (cdca.org.au/about-cdca/) and hard copies are available on the night.

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

Maryvale project licence a big step forward

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester has welcomed the decision by Recycling Victoria to award the first energy from waste licence to a Latrobe Valley project.

Mr Chester, who successfully fought for a \$48.2 million Federal Government grant for the Maryvale Energy from Waste project, says it is a ‘big step forward for a project that

will create jobs and improve energy security’.

“This joint venture has been worked on for several years and is designed to recover heat and power from municipal and commercial waste to support large-scale manufacturing in the Latrobe Valley,” Mr Chester said.

“The proposed Maryvale project will be a first for Victoria but the technology is well developed around the world, and also here in Australia with a project on the outskirts of Perth.

The Maryvale project will take waste and convert it to energy for the mill and potentially other users in the future.”

Mr Chester said the waste was non-recyclable material that would otherwise end up in landfill and it made sense to use it for reliable energy generation.

“If you can divert material from landfill by recycling or using it to create energy, it is a better outcome for the environment,” he said.

“There is still a lot of work to be done by the project proponents but this is a welcome development and I look forward to seeing further progress in the months ahead.”



Churchill/Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

Red Flags of Credit Card Scams

This month, we are looking at credit card scams. Watch out for red flags like these:

Someone is claiming to be from your bank or credit card company.

Scammers commonly attempt this to appear legitimate. However, your bank or credit card company will never call or email you out of the blue to ask for your personal information. They should also never make you feel rushed or pressured to act quickly. If you receive a call, text or email like this, it is a red flag.

Someone is pressuring you to act immediately.

Scammers often try to create a sense of urgency by telling you your credit card has been compromised. Sometimes they will even claim to be a relative or friend who is in a bind and needs your help. If you receive a text, email or call asking you for an urgent credit card payment or requesting that you need to verify your card details, it is a red flag.

Someone is telling you that your credit card has been suspended or will be closed.

Do not let scammers scare you into sharing personal information or your credit card number. Your bank or credit card company will only suspend or close your account after first contacting you directly. Calls, emails or texts claiming that your account is about to be closed are red flags.

An offer seems too good to be true.

Another classic phishing scam is when a caller or emailer offers you a free gift or service

in exchange for your personal information. Be wary of promotions, discounts or offers too good to be true. Free vacations and unexpected windfalls of cash are most certainly red flags.

An email is asking you to click a link or open an attachment.

Credit card scammers often send emails that contain links or attachments that, when clicked on, can infect your computer with malware. From there, they can steal your personal information and get access to your online banking accounts, including your credit cards. If you receive an email from someone you do not know, do not click on any links or open any attachments. Emails like these are attempts at phishing scams, and they are red flags.

A sender’s email address does not match the company they claim to represent.

If the email is from a free provider like Hotmail, Gmail or Outlook. Scammers may spoof a company’s name in their email address, so carefully review each character in the email address. Even slight variations in the characters or letters used are red flags.

Something just seems off.

Scammers often make up stories full of holes and include information that simply does not make sense. They also frequently make spelling mistakes and use poor grammar. If the communication does not appear professional or something feels off, it is a good indication that you are dealing with a scammer.

Trust your intuition when it spots a red flag.

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Gippsland Water campaign

New water conservation campaign launched

Gippsland Water is encouraging customers to take a responsible approach to water use through its new 'Reduce your use' campaign.

Managing director Sarah Cumming said although local water storages are in good condition at the end of summer, water is still a finite resource and should be used wisely.

"Water conservation is everyone's responsibility and as the population grows, so does the demand for water – every drop counts," Ms Cumming said.

"Using water responsibly is not only better for the environment but can also help save money on bills."

Ms Cumming said some of the best ways to save water were easy to do and cost effective.

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Other resources available on Gippsland Water's website include water saving activities for children, a guide on permanent water saving rules and more tips to save water at home.

'Reduce your use' is one of four new annual community education campaigns to be delivered as part of Gippsland Water's 2023-28 Price Submission.

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A journey around the world train adventure for Churchill Cub Scouts



1st Churchill Scout Group

Churchill Cub Scouts recently enjoyed a camp at Mount Martha on the Mornington Peninsula. Staying in converted heritage train carriages at Bay Park Scout Camp, the camp had a "Journey Around the World" theme, with the Cub Scouts visiting Brazil to ride a zipline, England to enjoy hedge mazes at Ashcombe Maze, Vietnam for canoeing, Switzerland for a campfire, South Africa for archery and the Galapagos Islands for a nature walk and bouldering.

They also traveled to Italy to make pizzas, enjoyed waffles in Belgium, devoured a full Welsh breakfast in Wales and had tacos in Mexico!

Two Joey Scouts who have moved up to Cub Scouts were invested as Cub Scouts by the light of our campfire.

Churchill Scout Group has limited vacancies to join in term 2.

Joey Scouts (ages 5 to 7) meet Thursdays from 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Cub Scouts (ages 8 to 10) meet Wednesdays from 6.30pm to 8pm

Scouts (ages 11 to 14) meet Tuesdays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Venturer Scouts (ages 14 to 18) meet Mondays from 7pm to 9pm

Rover Scouts (ages 17 to 25) meet Fridays from 7pm.

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



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COOKING with Noelene



towel each day and I will follow up in 3 days time, when the starter will be ready.

German friendship bread

—the dough and cake / loaf

The starter is now ready to use. Now to make the German friendship bread dough. For today (day 1) add 200gm of soft brown sugar, 140 gm of breadflour and 230 ml of milk to the starter, stir well and cover with a damp tea towel and leave overnight. Day 2, stir well and recover with a damp tea towel. Days 3 and 4, do nothing to the dough, just dampen the covering tea towel. Day 5, stir well and add the same quantities of sugar, flour and milk as for day 1 in the dough preparation. Stir well again and cover with a damp tea towel and leave overnight. Day 6 stir well and recover with a damp tea towel. Days 7, 8 and 9, do nothing, just re-dampen the tea towel each day. Day 10, stir the dough well with a wooden spoon and divide the mixture into 4 portions. Give a portion each to 2 friends with instructions, keep 1 portion for your next batch and use the last portion to prepare the German friendship loaf / cake. To make this loaf / cake you will need 200gm of soft brown sugar, 85 gm of sultanas, 280 gm of plain flour, 10 ml of canola oil, 60 gms of chopped nuts, 1/2 tsp of salt, 1 dsp of ground cinnamon, 1 dsp of baking powder, 1 tsp vanilla extract, 2 eggs well beaten, 2 cooking apples, peeled, cored and cubed.

Topping - 100gm of light muscovado sugar, 100gm of melted and cooled butter/marg. To make this cake /loaf preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Grease 2 x loaf pans or 2 x large muffin pans or a large 22cm square cake pan. Place your portion of the starter mixture in a large non metallic bowl and add the sugar, sultanas, flour, vegetable oil, nuts, salt, cinnamon, baking powder, vanilla extract, eggs and apples. Stir through thoroughly to combine. Pour the batter into

the prepared pan/ muffins tins and level the surface. Sprinkle over the muscovado sugar and drizzle with the melted butter/marg. Bake for 40 minutes or until a skewer inserted comes out clean. Turn out and cool completely on a wire rack.

Remember, the cup of dough you have retained for your next friendship loaf / cake is now the starter - all you have to do is add 1 tsp of sugar, stir well keep covered in a container in the refrigerator up to 1 week. To make a fresh loaf begin at day 1 for the dough.



French sourdough loaf

step 3 (parts 1 and 2)

Step 3 is the dough. For the dough you will need 55ml of lukewarm water, 20 gm of sea salt, 230gm of bread flour, extra flour for dusting, a round basket (about 9 ins wide and 4 ins high), lined with a heavily floured linen tea towel. (I use a plastic colander for this). To make the dough, stir the sponge batter well. Beat in the water and salt, then mix in enough of the bread flour to make a soft but not sticky dough. Turn out the dough on to a lightly floured work surface and knead for 10 minutes until firm and elastic. Return the dough to the bowl, cover with a damp tea towel and leave to rise at normal room temperature until almost doubled in size, about 8- 12 hours.

Part 2 - step 3. Knock back the risen dough. Cut off 230 gm and set aside for making the next starter and place the reserved portion of dough into a greased plastic bag and store in the refrigerator for up to 3 days, or leave the dough in a small non metallic bowl covered with a damp tea towel at room temperature for up to 2 days, redampening the tea towel each day. Now shape the remaining dough into a ball and put it into the floured cloth lined basket, cover with a damp tea towel and leave to rise at normal room temperature, until almost doubled in size, approx 8 hours.



French sourdough

step 3 (part3)

Preheat your oven to 220 deg C. Turn the dough out of the lined bowl onto a baking paper lined baking tray or you could use a large loaf pan (900gm). Use a sharp knife to slash the dough 4 times, taking care not to drag the knife across the dough or the dough will collapse. Sprinkle with breadflour. Bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes, then reduce the temperature to 190 deg C and bake for a further 55 minutes or until the loaf sounds hollow when tapped. Transfer to a wire rack to let cool completely. Now you have sourdough starter, start sourdough preparation from the sponge stage (step 2), you will have to add a little extra lukewarm water to make a thick batter then proceed with the recipe. Well done, what a journey !

Enjoy.



French sourdough bread

(step 1)

Come on join me, let's make a sourdough loaf. There are 3 steps in the preparation of a sourdough loaf, the first is the starter. What is a starter? A starter is a bacterial or fungal culture used to initiate fermentation and the development of flavour. For the starter you will need 230 gm of wholemeal bread flour and 230 ml of lukewarm water. Now, place the wholemeal flour in a medium non metallic bowl and make a well in the centre and pour in the lukewarm water and mix to a very thick batter and cover with a damp tea towel. Leave at room temperature for 3 days, re dampening the tea towel each day, so the batter absorbs the natural yeasts in the air. After 3 days, the starter should be smelly, grey and only slightly bubbly. We will continue in 3 days and move onto step 2 the sponge.



French sourdough loaf

(step 2)

The second step in preparing the sourdough is the 'sponge'.

To make the sponge, pour the starter into a large non metallic mixing bowl. Stir in 140 ml of lukewarm water and add 230 gm of white bread flour. Mix with your hand to make a thick batter. Cover with a damp tea towel and leave at room temperature for 24-36 hours until it is spongy and slightly bubbly. Leaving the sponge for 36 hours the more pronounced the flavour will be.



German friendship bread starter

(day 1 - day 3)

I am a devotee of the friendship bread, it is something that I love to make and then get to share. This loaf is simple to make and delicious. The loaf takes 13 days, including 3 days to make the starter. You will end up with enough starter for your next loaf and one to bake, and still be able to share / give away two portions. This bread should be eaten within 3 days of baking, or it can be frozen for up to 3 months. To make the starter, put 280 gm of bread flour into a large non metallic mixing bowl and make a well in the centre. Add 15 gm of fresh yeast (available in some supermarkets and healthfood stores). Pour in 455ml of water and stir, using a wooden spoon, until the liquid is smooth and you have a sticky batter. Cover with a damp tea towel and leave on your kitchen table or work bench, so the batter absorbs the yeasts naturally present in the air, stir once a day for the next 3 days, re dampening the tea



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Deepfake' clickbait scamming would-be investors

Fake news and 'deepfake' videos of celebrities and public figures appearing to promote online investment platforms are increasing on social media.

'Deepfakes' are lifelike impersonations of real people, created by artificial intelligence (AI).

Scammers create ads and fake news articles to make you believe the celebrities actually use these scam investment platforms. The platforms claim to use AI and other technologies like quantum computing to create high profits for investors.

How to spot the scam

You see an article or video on social media about a celebrity or public figure who appears to promote an investment platform they say they have made a lot of money on.

These trading platforms include the names 'Quantum AI', 'Immediate Edge', 'Immediate Connect', 'Immediate X3', and 'Quantum Trade Wave'.

How the scam works

Scammers use social media ads, 'deepfake' videos and fake news articles ('clickbait') about celebrities and public figures claiming to make big profits from online trading platforms.

Links to these scam platforms take you to a website where you're asked to sign up to the platform.

After you submit the form, the scammer (pretending to be an account manager) calls you, telling you to pay around \$250 to access the platform.

They tell you to download a cryptocurrency app so you can 'invest' more.

Using an online dashboard that appears to show small profits, scammers persuade you to invest more. They may let you take out a small amount of money to gain your trust.

When you try to withdraw your funds, they demand withdrawal fees or mention tax issues to access your money. You may be locked out of your account. You will not get your money back.

Protect yourself

STOP – Do not give personal information or act on investment advice you have come across on social media. Do not feel pressured to invest. If you have any doubts, stop communicating with them. For more information about reducing the risk of investment scams, visit ASIC's Moneysmart website.

THINK – Ask yourself if you really know what you are investing in? Scammers can create fake news to make it seem legitimate. Do an internet search to see if it is an online investment trading platform scam.

PROTECT – Act quickly if something feels wrong. If you have shared financial information or transferred money, contact your bank immediately. Help others by reporting scams to Scamwatch.

If you have been affected

If you think you are involved in an investment scam or you have experienced cybercrime and lost money online, contact your bank immediately.

For crisis support to help with emotional distress about scams, contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or use their online chat.

Beyond Blue also provides support for anxiety and depression: call them on 1300 224 636. You can also chat online through their website.

Help others by making a report to Scamwatch. You can make your report without sharing your name.

Who is the National Anti-Scam Centre?

We are a specialised team within the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission that launched on July 1, 2023.

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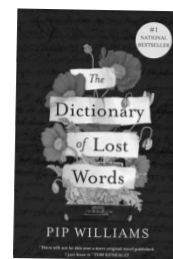
Book Review

"The Dictionary of Lost Words" by Pip Williams 2020

Pip Williams is an Australian author and former academic who has written non-fiction academic works, a memoir and two novels. Her first novel "The Dictionary of Lost Words" came about while she was researching the history of the Oxford University Press. The second, "The Bookbinder of Jericho" came about while she was researching. She came upon a photo taken in 1925 showing women known as "bindery girls" manually putting together the books. It made her think about the role of men in deciding which words would be included in a dictionary as opposed to the role of women.

"The Dictionary of Lost Words" is a work of historical fiction, set in the late nineteenth century and outlines the compilation of the first Oxford Dictionary. Sir James Murray, a philologist, had set up his garden shed as a scriptorium, affectionately known as "the scrippery". The walls were lined with pigeonholes and the public were invited to send in words for inclusion, written in sentences, on postcard sized pieces of paper. These were sorted and then the lexicographers would decide if they should be included in the dictionary or not.

Weaving through this true story is the tale of Esme Nicholl, whose father, a lexicographer, works on the scrippery with several other men. Esme's mother Lily has died so she goes to work each day with her father and sits under



the table on which the men work. She is strictly forbidden to touch any of the words but one

day a word falls under the table and she takes it and hides it in a trunk under the bed of Lizzie, a servant in Dr Murray's house. The word is "bondmaid" and Esme is anxious to know what it means but Lizzie is illiterate and can't help. Esme continues to "find" words and hide them in Lizzie's trunk.

Esme's father relies on the advice of a good friend Edith, known as Ditte, who is also a contributor to the dictionary, to help him navigate single parenting, and as Esme is obviously very clever, it was decided that she should go to boarding school in Scotland. This has disastrous consequences and Esme is eventually allowed to return home. She is given tasks at the scrippery and she is allowed to run errands. She spends a lot of time with Lizzie going to the market where she heard words that are not included in the dictionary because they are considered too vulgar. This sparks her interest and she begins compiling her own dictionary on slips of paper, which she stores in Lizzie's trunk.

On one of her trips to the Oxford Press she meets Gareth and they become friends. As she is maturing she also meets Tilda and her brother Bill, who are quite Bohemian.

She is fascinated by their lifestyle and eventually becomes pregnant to Bill. Her father is distraught but Edith comes to the rescue and Esme goes to live with her and her sister Beth. When the baby is born she is adopted out and Esme returns to the scrippery. Her relationship with Gareth deepens and they marry, his gift to her being a bound copy of "The Dictionary of Lost Words" but times are turbulent and war has broken out. What will the future hold?

We all loved this book. It tells the true story of the development of the first edition of the Oxford Dictionary but weaving through is the beautiful story of a father's love for his daughter and the maturation of a very bright girl who has her share of troubles, but also the wonderful friendship of Lizzie, the support of Edith and the love of Gareth.

The book highlights the power of men in deciding which words were appropriate for inclusion, and the exclusion of many words used by common folk. It also showed the disparity between men who graduated from university and women who passed the same course but were not allowed to attend graduation. This was a time when women were beginning to want their voices heard and the inclusion of Tilda, campaigning for women's rights is a nod to the suffragette movement of the time. It also shows that there were men such as Esme's father who successfully and lovingly took on the role of a single parent.

Youth mental health gets the attention it deserves in the Latrobe Valley

Latrobe Health Assembly is bringing award-winning youth mental health and suicide program, Live4Life, to Latrobe Valley secondary schools. Dedicated to investing in young people's mental health and reducing youth suicide, the inclusion of the Latrobe Valley means that the Live4Life model will be implemented across most of Gippsland.

Live4Life is designed specifically for rural and regional communities – delivering Teen and accredited Youth Mental Health First Aid training to equip young people with the tools to lead as mental health ambassadors. By creating conversations both within the school community and more broadly with partners and community groups, the program reduces stigma associated with mental health while promoting peer support.

"The Live4Life model has been proven to create more highly-networked communities, which enhance resilience during hard times and help to support young

people living in regional and rural areas. We know that when we work together, we can change lives," says Live4Life CEO, Bernard Galbally.

The first Live4Life partnership group meeting was held at St Paul's Anglican Grammar in Traralgon in late February, where government and independent schools alike showed enthusiasm for implementing the project in their campuses.

"Projects such as Live4Life are so important to our region and provide vital assistance for schools and young people navigating an increasingly complex society.

The grouping of key support services, which promote positive adolescent mental and emotional health outcomes, makes a real difference in supporting our young people to become resilient, robust and active participants in their developmental journey.

At Lavalla, we look forward to proactively partnering with other local and regional organisations

to better prepare and empower our students for the challenges that they face" says Principal Lavalla Catholic College, Ryan Greer.

Seventy five percent of people with mental ill health have their first episode during adolescence. Suicide is the leading cause of death in 15-24-year-olds in Australia, and the suicide rate is 40% higher in rural and regional communities.

"The Live4Life model improves youth mental health and reduces youth suicide using a collaborative approach, led by young people and supported by the whole community. Supporting our young people helps them to grow the skills and knowledge to support each other and reduce the stigma of mental health. We thank the schools and partners who are committed to working with us to bring this life-saving program to Latrobe Valley" says Latrobe Health Assembly Chair, Tanya Rong.

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By Leo Billington

ANZAC Day - how people are remembered and, hopefully not forgotten (series continued)

Dorothy and William Lyons of Morwell, were the parents of Barbara, Roy and Charles.

Dorothy, better known by her second name, Rhoda, died on January 25, 1918, aged 56 and is interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery. William passed away some years later, however his whereabouts after Rhoda's death are uncertain. The family lived in Station Street, formerly the Princes Highway, Morwell. All the children were born in Morwell.

Initially employed as a carrier, Walter Roy Lyons enlisted for war time service at aged 21½ years on June 25, 1915. He was deployed to England and France and invalided back to England on

for convalescence. He was a member of the A.I.F 4th Field Artillery Brigade.

Nominating his employment as a farmer, Charles Archibald Lyons enlisted at age 19 years and five months in March 1916. After serving in France, he was discharged in March 1918 and became employed as a "sustenance worker." While in France Charles suffered a shotgun wound to his knee and right shoulder.

Charles then decided to sign up for World War 11 and undertook service for about three months - October 10, 1939 to January 12, 1940. His earlier injuries subsequently saw him discharged and living in Brisbane employed as a labourer.

Rhoda never lived long enough to enjoy life with her two sons. Her death in January was about eight months before Roy returned

went to war did not get time with Rhoda. It does appear William may have moved to Sale, to perhaps start a new life. War does split families.

Janet, known as Jessie, Jenkinson White was born in Portland, Victoria in 1856 to Scottish parents. While at Portland, Jessie married John Mathes (sometimes named as Matthew) Dusting in 1873. Their first son, Robert Adam was born in Portland two years later.

Jessie and John arrived in Morwell in 1885 with their three children and another four were subsequently added to the family. Two sons, Henry (Harry) Edwin and Charles Herbert enlisted for service in World War 1.

Employed as a grocer, Henry went to WW1 in 1914 and he was killed in France by an explosive shell in 1916. He enlisted at age 19½ years on August 27, 1914. His military record reads that Henry was "killed as a result of an explosion of a German enemy /shell fuse which he was examining; and therefore buried in France May 8, 1916 (killed on 6/5/1916); the report indicated he "alone was to blame for the accident."

Working in Morwell as a plumber, Charles also enlisted in 1915 at age 32 years and eight months, joining the 4th Light Horse Regiment. He returned in 1919 but died in 1922 aged 40. Before being discharged,

Charles suffered badly from mumps, spending many months in a Cairo hospital.

John Dusting conducted a saddler business in Morwell and the children attended the Morwell State School. The photo was taken c1908 at 214 Commercial Road (currently the site of Stockdale & Leggo).

Again, and not surprising, war waged its own "war" on the Dusting family. John Dusting died in 1919 while in holidaying in Kooringa, near Burra in South Australia after contacting the Spanish Flu.

Jessie's life was shattered and she moved to Elgin Street to live with her eldest daughter Agnes. A year later, she passed away on May 5, 1951 and is buried alone at the Hazelwood Cemetery. As the accompanying photograph shows, Jessie's headstone is somewhat weather beaten.

James Alexander Hamilton rests in an unmarked grave at the Hazelwood Cemetery; he passed away on February 5, 1917. About three years earlier, his son Charles Builth at age 19½ years, and employed then as a clerk enlisted on August 17, 1914. Builth was apparently the name of a family home in Dandenong.

Charles joined the A.I.F 5th Battalion and, not much longer after being promoted to 2nd Lieutenant, died from serious wounds on May 18, 1915. Actually, his military record show Charles being killed on May 13, 1915 after being wounded at the Dardanelles. He is buried at the Chatby Military Cemetery in Alexandria together with over 1,000 Commonwealth servicemen.

Here we acknowledge a brave young man who gave about nine months service to wartime. His mother subsequently moved away to Murrumbidgee.



At this stage, one is reminded of the poignant song 'I was only 19' written by John Schumann. The words must surely haunt many of us - 'God help me, I was only nineteen'. There are other local stories of commitment - for instance, Alf Ronald, Ronald Sillcock, William Henry Meers who pleaded for temporary exemption (two months) for his two sons not

to be eligible for enlistment until December 31, 1916, Charles David Koenig, the Boardman family. The central message in all these stories - families suffering, grieving, saddened, distressed (especially when waiting for news from The Front), downcast. Left wondering why? 'God help me, I was only nineteen'.



September 9, 1918 suffering from "chronic boils". Roy returned to Australia on April 4, 1919 to Laverton

home. Charles arrived back home a couple of months after Rhoda died. Likewise, both sons, who gallantly

Flight Sergeant Ronald Rashleigh Sillcock



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Gaskin Park upgrades to benefit Churchill sporting community



Latrobe City Council has commenced essential upgrades to Gaskin Park, Churchill. Mayor of Latrobe City Council, Councillor Darren Howe, said that Council is thrilled about the many exciting benefits the Churchill community will experience from these upgrades.

Upgrades to Gaskin Park – Oval Two will allow football clubs to enjoy more time on their home ground, connecting the sporting community within Churchill.

Improved sports facilities will attract more visitors to Churchill and Latrobe City and increase women’s participation in local sporting events. Wet weather conditions will affect games and training sessions less, allowing significantly more usage of the facilities year round.

Council is also thrilled to have secured funding from the State Government, via Sport and Recreation Victoria, for 100 lux LED competition sports lighting

to be installed on the oval. Upgrades to lighting will increase playing hours at night and promote safety for people using the Gaskin Park facilities.

Initial earthworks at Gaskin Park – Oval Two are now complete and drainage and irrigation works are underway. Construction of the turf wicket will commence following this stage. Delivery of the Gaskin Park – Oval Two project is set to be complete in early 2025.

Morwell Historical Society

The Morwell Historical Society holds their ‘Step Back in Time Conversation Cafe’ on the first and third Wednesdays and last Sunday of the month 11.00am-2.00pm at 12 Hazelwood Road, Morwell.

This new venture ‘The Step Back in Time Conversation Cafe’ supported by Latrobe City,

gives visitors the opportunity to take a trip down memory lane, share stories of their connection with Morwell and chat with other locals and volunteers whilst enjoying a cuppa and some light refreshments.

The Morwell Historical Society invites the community to visit their rooms and take a journey

back in time. The Cafe coincides with their Open Days where visitors can view exhibitions, follow up research, view their extensive library and view how Morwell and District’s history is preserved for generations to come.

For more information or group bookings please contact 0409 436 019.



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

Use the BRAD box:

Numerous items, such as plastic milk and juice bottle tops, plastic bread tags, coffee pods, tablet blister packs and assorted plastic household and beauty containers, can be placed in the BRAD box at the Churchill Hub’s Recycling Centre.

For a full list of acceptable items, visit the Centre in person or view on-line at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Latrobe_City_Council_Supports_Better_Waste_Management

Recycle these at the Hub “Recycling Centre”

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



Carnival vibes kick off Semester 1



The Federation University Australia's Gippsland Campus transformed into a vibrant hub of activity on March 6, 2024, as the eagerly awaited "Club Carnivale" unfolded in the student lounge. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., students took a delightful detour from their academic routines to immerse themselves in the festive atmosphere that only the start of a new semester can bring.

Hosted by the dedicated Student Partnerships and Engagement team, Club Carnivale was a feast for the senses and a celebration of community spirit. The event promised and delivered a colourful array of activities, from live music that set toes tapping to interactive student group stalls bursting with information and freebies.

Artistry and creativity were on full display as participants contributed to a communal mural painting, while lawn games offered a chance to unwind and foster new friendships under the sun. The marketplace buzzed with energy, providing a glimpse into the diverse clubs, communities, and organisations that enrich campus life.

A highlight of the event was the array of free food trucks, including a much-loved ice cream truck parked enticingly in the lot, ensuring that everyone could indulge

in delicious treats without spending a cent. Free food and drinks added to the convivial atmosphere, making it the perfect way to celebrate the first week of university life.

Accessibility was a key consideration, with arrangements to ensure that all students, regardless of disability or support requirements, could participate fully and enjoy the festivities.

Approximately 20-25 stalls offered everything from essential information to enticing games and merchandise. The Rise Crew was on hand to assist, ensuring that stallholders and students had an exceptional experience.

Club Carnivale was not just an event; it was a vibrant welcome to the academic year, offering a little break from studies and a giant leap into the heart of the Federation community. As students navigated between stalls, engaged in games, and enjoyed the live music, the message was clear: Welcome to FedUni, where your university journey is celebrated with gusto!

For those who missed out or are keen to dive deeper into the FedUni community spirit, stay tuned to the Federation University Australia website for more upcoming events and opportunities to get involved.

Sizzling Connections: Institute BBQs fire up campus spirit

Federation University Australia's Gippsland Campus recently hosted Orientation 2024, a week-long event designed to help new students adjust to university life and create lasting memories. The event took place from February 27 to March 1, with various activities aimed at welcoming students and providing them with essential information.

Students enjoyed complementary refreshments, engaging activities, and informative sessions about different study areas during the event. Support services were also available to ensure students felt supported from the start. Experienced peers shared insights and advice to assist newcomers in navigating campus and university life.

International students were warmly welcomed during a dedicated orientation session tailored to their needs. This session provided essential information and resources to assist international students in adapting to life at the Gippsland Campus and in Australia.

On March 1, the Academic Skills Day provided students with valuable study strategies and preparation for success in their academic journey. Students learned about different study techniques, approaches, and ways to manage their time effectively and



achieve academic success.

Throughout the event, the health and well-being of students were prioritised, with support readily available for those in need. Students had access to various support services, including mental health support, academic assistance, and career advice.

Overall, Orientation 2024 at Gippsland Campus was a successful and memorable experience, marking the beginning of an exciting journey for new students. As they embark on their university adventure, students can reflect on orientation week as a time of connection, learning, and growth.

For more information about upcoming events and resources, visit Federation University Australia's website.

Wellfest: A Celebration of Mind, Body, and Campus Community

March 12, 2024, marked a day dedicated to health and well-being at Federation University's Gippsland Campus, as the student lounge became the vibrant venue for "Wellfest." From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., students were invited to engage in various activities to nourish the mind and body.

The Student Engagement team hosted Wellfest as a holistic celebration, embracing the essential elements of health, nourishment, and communal joy. The event featured many free healthy food options, catering to various dietary needs, including vegetarian and gluten-free choices, ensuring every student could indulge in nourishing treats.

Live music uplifted the atmosphere and provided a lively backdrop to the day's festivities, which included inflatable games, craft activities, and support services designed to enhance student well-being. Creative expression was encouraged through painting and crafts, while a variety of games, including pool and ping-pong, offered a fun-filled break from academic stresses.

The wellness clubs' involvement and interactive stalls laden with freebies and informative materials were instrumental in enriching the festival experience. The Disability and Learning Access Unit and the campus nurse were available to provide support and guidance, ensuring accessibility and inclusion for all attendees.

Highlighting the event's focus on holistic well-being, the staff introduced the new free yoga classes available during the semester, inviting students to join and experience the



benefits of yoga for both physical and mental health. Students interested in enhancing their well-being journey were encouraged to contact Student Connect for more information.

Wellfest was not just an event but a testament to Federation University's commitment to fostering a supportive and health-conscious community. The Rise Crew, under the guidance of Student Engagement Officer Paige Saunders, played a crucial role in ensuring the event ran smoothly, contributing to a memorable day of fun, relaxation, and community engagement.

As students left Wellfest with uplifted spirits and a deeper awareness of health and well-being resources, the event underscored the importance of nurturing both mind and body in pursuing academic and personal success.

Stay connected with Federation University for more events and initiatives dedicated to enhancing student life and well-being on campus.

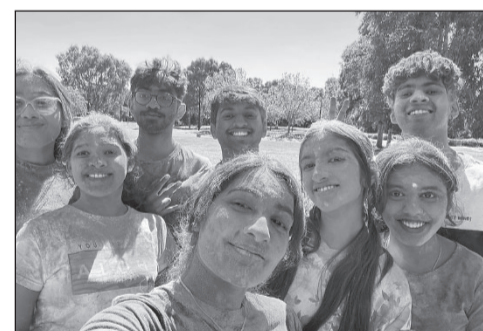
A Splash of Colour: Holi celebrations embrace Inclusion at FedUni

On March 21, 2024, the Gippsland Campus of Federation University Australia burst into a vibrant display of colours and joy, hosting the Holi Festival of Colours as part of the Respect at Uni Week. This event, celebrated from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on the lawns outside the Student Lounge, was not just about fun and frolic; it symbolised a more profound commitment to fostering friendship, respect, and inclusiveness within the university community.

Holi, often called the festival of colours, originates in India, and is celebrated worldwide to mark the arrival of spring and the victory of good over evil. At FedUni, the festival took on an additional layer of meaning, promoting the values of respect and inclusion across diverse communities and cultures on campus.

Participants, including students and staff, donned their brightest attire—some in festival garb, others in casual dress, and a few even in lab uniforms, ready to dive into the spirit of Holi. Upon gathering on the lawn, everyone was provided with bags of vivid, easily washable, and non-sticky powder, ensuring that the celebration was as carefree as it was colourful.

The air was filled with laughter and Bollywood beats as participants joyfully threw colours at one another, painting the campus in a kaleidoscope of hues. The event was a beautiful testament to the university's dedication to creating an



inclusive environment where everyone, regardless of their background, could unite in celebration and mutual respect.

Beyond the fun, the Holi Festival at Gippsland Campus was a powerful reminder of the beauty of diversity and the strength of coming together as a community. It was a day when cultural traditions transcended boundaries, inviting all to partake in the joyous festival and embrace the values of inclusion and respect at the heart of FedUni.

As the colours flew, barriers were brought down, making the Holi Festival a vivid illustration of what it means to be part of the Federation University community—diverse, inclusive, and vibrant.

For those who missed this colourful spectacle, stay tuned to Federation University's events calendar for more opportunities to engage in the rich tapestry of cultural celebrations and initiatives to foster a welcoming and respectful campus environment.

Alice Ayres - Artist



Alice Mary Ayres was born in Sale on January 14, 1928 to Maurice and Eileen Coleman of Grandview Homestead Glenmaggie, a pioneering family who settled from Ireland in the early to mid 1800s.

Alice lived and worked on the family farm at Grandview Glenmaggie and Licola, riding her horse five miles each day to attend the Glenmaggie school.

Grandview at that time employed many men as the farm was a highly productive holding, milking over 100 cows, breeding and fattening pigs, breeding Angus cattle and running them in the high plains along with Merino sheep. In addition the farm produced many different crops as well as growing and drying tobacco on a commercial level.

Alice lived a wonderful life along with her five brothers and two sisters and formed an appreciation and love for the bush and her rural surroundings in the valley of the Glens. With her skilful hands and eye for detail she learned the traditional Irish ways of cooking, sewing, knitting, crocheting and tending to the needs of her family and employees where her artistic abilities grew.

Alice served in the Second World War as a Royal Australian air force volunteer, becoming an air observer, manning spotting stations throughout that time and reporting sightings of any aeroplanes and strange objects in the sky to the Sale Air Force Base.

In 1932 she met her childhood sweetheart, Jim Ayres of Hickeys Creek, Licola at a dance in the Glenmaggie hall. Eight years later they were married at St John's Catholic Church in Glenmaggie.

Throughout their wonderful years of marriage Alice gave birth to 11 healthy children, raising them all in the most loving and caring way, helping them and their offspring to the end of her days.

Alice's love for her garden and growing flowers, especially her roses, led her to win many prizes over the years in local Country fairs

and shows. She was a talented cook and honed her skills in making the finest specialised engagement and wedding cakes for decades.

After rearing her family Alice decided to take up her passion for art and attended several lessons with a former local artist and teacher, Dennis Butcher.

She was soon on her way to producing her own oil paintings, water colours, pencil drawings, charcoals, china painting and porcelain doll making. Her love for her country surroundings where she grew up and passion for the beautiful roses she grew were reflected in her works.

Alice was gifted with a wonderful caring nature, giving all to those especially in need. She decided to share the pleasures of being creative with others by conducting lessons twice a week in oil painting, china painting and china doll making for more than 25 years. She not only shared her talents but also her love and kindness, forging lifetime friendships with all her students.

One of Alice's greatest achievements, other than raising her 11 children, was publishing two very important history books on her family and local history. She was a self-taught author and writer who painstakingly gathered priceless information, photos and stories over many years.

She compiled the information with endless hours of finger typing, writing letters and driving the countryside before the days of computers and the internet. Her books are a testament to her and her incredible capabilities of that time.

These books have served to be a priceless and valuable resource to her extremely extensive family and historians both local and abroad.

In the later part of her life Alice joined the Latrobe Valley orchestra, fulfilling her passion for music. She played her beloved flute at many concerts over the years in and around the Latrobe Valley

Alice was made a life member of many clubs, organisations and associations due to her compassion, dedication and overwhelming love for others. She has left such a huge legacy and has continued to touch the hearts, minds and souls of those who were blessed with her presence.

An exhibition of Alice Ayres' work is being held at the Matchbox Gallery, Main Street, Yinnar until May 5, (open Friday to Sunday 11 - 4)



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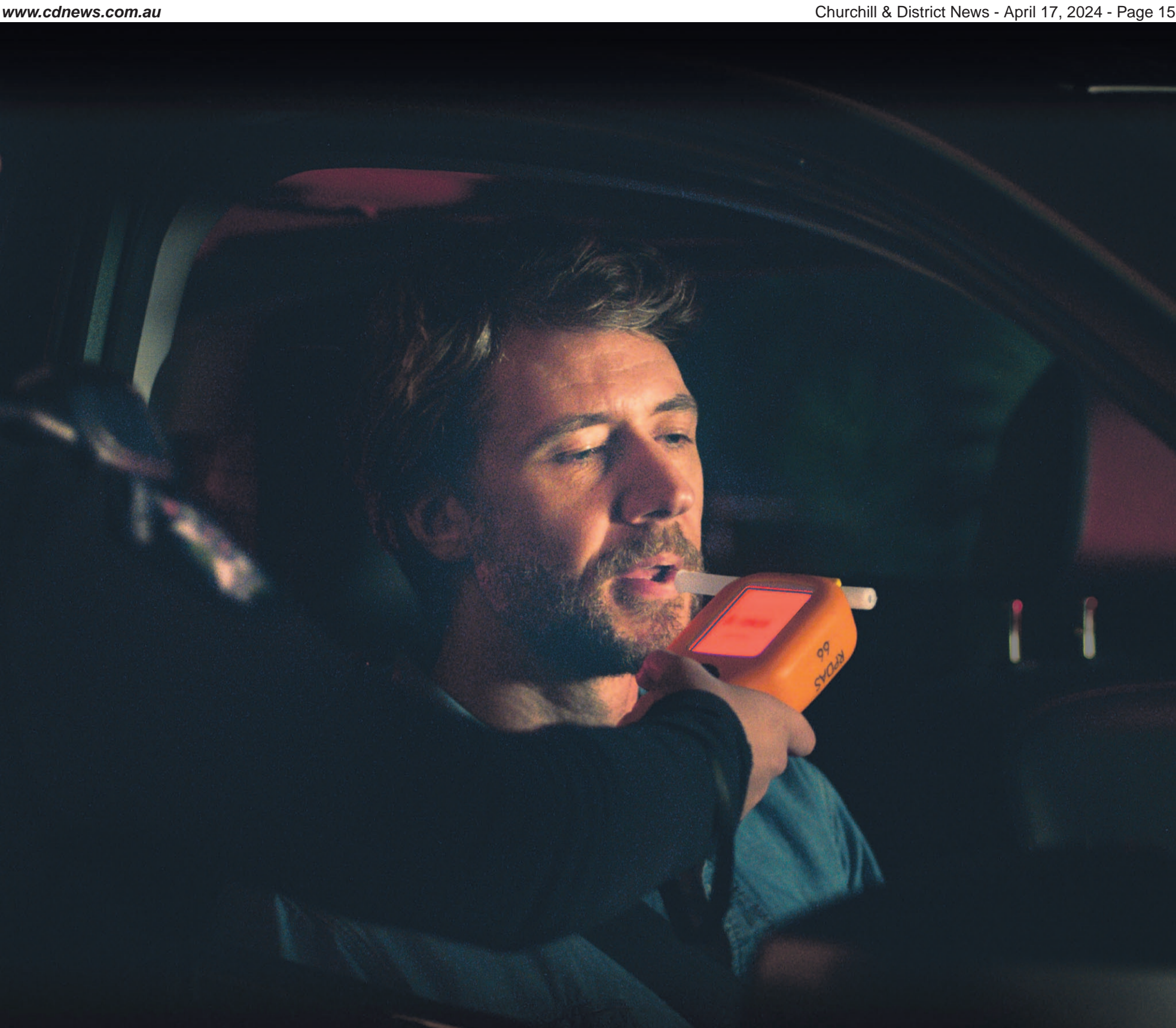
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Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group

Our new planting site

Two more surveys are providing us with more information for our Pollinator Link Project from Yinnar township to the Hazelwood Cemetery.

In February we looked at the Cemetery and checked what was growing from planting that our group did along the boundary in 2017. What has survived from this effort is growing well, and gives us an idea of which plants might survive in what are the fairly harsh conditions at that site.

We also looked at a wet area that the Cemetery Trust plans to plant this winter. Then we went on to see if we could identify some of the eucalypts there and along McFarlane's Road. We found a ground cover and a native grass that we will need others to help us to name, and we only did the easy gum trees. We are hoping for some expert help with the more difficult ones later in the year.

In March, on a very warm evening we watched as moths and other insects came into land on Ken's mothing sheet. We had set

this up inside the old caravan park site at the Pondage and we thank Hazelwood Power for allowing us access. The Pondage is about half way along our link, so knowing that there is a population of insects there is a good sign for our project. Not all were pollinators of course. A few praying mantises were scurrying along the top of the sheet gobbling up insects as they landed. The presence of predators is always a sign of healthy numbers of their prey lower down the food chain.

On April 10 we looked at plants again to see if anything was still flowering; and on May 10 we are going to see what birds we can find. Lorikeets and honeyeaters in particular are part of the pollination story.

Upper Middle Creek

There have been contractors working under the auspices of Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network on the early stages of weed control and re-planting of some of the areas that were burned in the 2019 fire.

Part of the purpose of our fairly huge and fairly daunting revegetation project

there is to provide shade to the waterway, and a link for land and tree dwelling fauna to move around. A few years ago, the fisheries people had suggested that Middle Creek was getting too warm for the trout that they release every year. Even though trout are an introduced species, it is also one that can be easily found. We think that one of our members is getting quite a bit of joy from seeing them back in our local creek.

Landcare Grants – an Opportunity

If you look on satellite maps/ photos, it is clear that there are big gaps in the vegetation corridor between

where Middle Creek comes out into farmland and where it joins the Morwell River just outside Yinnar. The same is also true for sections of Billys Creek. Fencing and re-vegetating waterways is great for wildlife, water quality and flood mitigation. In turn, the presence of birds, insects and micro bats helps farmers with pest control, pollination, and soil health.

Victorian Landcare Grants provide one of the available opportunities for landholders to get funds for fencing and planting along and around waterways. This year, applications will close on April 30 for works



or phone Rebecca on 0403 972 437.

Bottom Middle: Trying to identify a plant during our February 10 survey

Top Left: A Praying Mantis enjoyed our moth watching event

Bottom Right: Counting moths was a fine way to spend a very hot evening on March 10.

from September 2024 to November 2025. These need to go through a Landcare or Friends group, so we suggest getting in touch straight away to discuss if you are interested. Our contact details are:

e-mail Peter at yinnar.landcare@gmail.com



Scottish Terriers

By Manda Appleyard

My name is Manda Appleyard and I have lived in rural Australia for most of my life. I love my local community publications and always find something interesting to read in them.

I am a Scottish Terrier fan and have had Scotties in my life since 1969. Scotties have brought me so much joy in my life, I struggle to understand why the Scottish Terrier has been listed as an endangered species. There has been a significant global decline in Scottish Terrier numbers. The Scottie was once very popular here in Australia. Everyone at least

knew someone who had one of those funny little Scots with the big beard, big eyebrows and huge character. Since the introduction of designer breeds developed by crossing smaller breeds together, it seems that everyone has forgotten what great family members and mates Scottish Terriers are.

The Scottish Terrier is a big dog in a little body. This compact, short legged, sturdily built terrier of good bone and substance is very intelligent and quite a sensible dog. They mature very quickly and are a lot less destructive than many other breeds. They are

great guard dogs because they do not bark without reason. They have a deep bark which makes them sound like a much bigger dog. The Scottie is a robust breed requiring little or no veterinary intervention, and their versatility is unsurpassed. They adapt to any environment equally at home from the farmhouse to apartment living. They even make great travel companions and love caravan holidays. They are couch potatoes that suddenly spring to action whenever there is anything a foot. The Scottish Terrier is loyal and does not suffer separation anxiety.

When left alone they will just laze about and wait for your return.

The Scottish Terrier is Hypoallergenic as they do not shed hair. A medium level of grooming is required but a good brush once a week and a trip to the groomers every three months is all that is required. They are truly worthy of consideration

when you are next considering a new addition to your family. I always say, "If it isn't a Scottie it is just a dog..."



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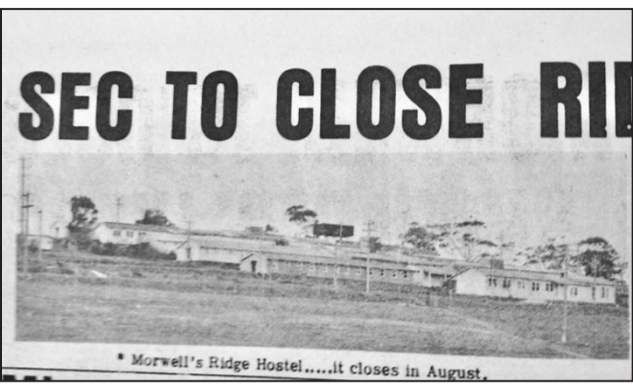
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Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



By Leo Billington

Do you remember parts of Morwell's history?

Around 1877, Roger O'Flaherty arrived in what was then a small hamlet, to select land. He figured what was then named Morwell Bridge would not suit his entrepreneurial ambitions and he moved eastwards to assess what land was available resulting from two surveys - in October 1878 and October 1882. It was deemed that Morwell would become a new village to bypass the Morwell Bridge village. These two surveys added another six blocks to an initial three blocks. This new village, and its allotments, was bordered by Hazelwood Road,

Commercial Road, Chapel Street and McLean Street.

The first sale of these allotments is recorded to have taken place on January 14, 1879. Roger O'Flaherty was one buyer. Roger became well known as a cattle dealer. This was his listed occupation beside names of his three children - Michael, Julia and Edward - enrolled at the Morwell State School (to become known as Commercial Road State School). He lived on the corner of Ann and Tarwin Streets although his search for extra allotments took him to Traralgon and subsequently to Western Australia.

Roger's quest for more land, known then

as Maryvale, east of Morwell was approved by granting of a licence on Monday February 18, 1878. Thereafter, he obtained a larger allotment to the south of town adjacent to Robert Tolmie. Early land maps show his selection then extended east of the town to Tramway Road.

The 1881 Census recorded Morwell as having 28 dwellings. Over the next three years over 134 other buildings were added and Commercial Road became the business centre of the town

The area now being excavated, across the railway from Mid Valley, was Roger's eastern boundary. How he managed his extensive acreage is one of history's intriguing questions. It is documented that some of Roger's land was re-possessed by the State government so a "property" could be established near the railway station.

Roger, then aged 56 years, was killed in a fatal accident at the North Fremantle Railway Station on Saturday morning, May 8, 1897. One wonders why a Morwell street was never named in his honour.

More about Roger in the next Churchill & District News.

The State Electricity Commission of Victoria, SECV in the Morwell Advertiser Thursday February 17, 1949 invited tenders "for the erection of Camp Buildings at Ridge Hostel Morwell." In the same newspaper, the SECV invited tenders for "the

erection of a brick kitchen." Cockram Constructions Pty Ltd won the tender.

In May 1950, advertisements also sought carpenters and plasterers. Melbourne based contractor, Cockram Constructions Pty Ltd - founded in 1861 - required carpenters and Picton Hopkins & Sons - founded in 1857 - wanted plasterers.

Cost of construction was £17,846, officially approved by the Victorian Governor in Council on June 19, 1951. In July, 1952, loan money for SECV works was cut from £52 million to £44 million, resulting in a reduction in worker numbers. Dismissals were certain.

While Cockram Constructions tendered at £17,846, it was reported in The Argus, May 17, 1949 that "a hostel to be built at Morwell to house 1,000 will be completed by November, the SECV announced." It seems a budget of £144,700 was mentioned. Accommodation was intended for workers at the Morwell briquette and brown coal project.

While all this was going on, progress at Morwell's briquette and brown coal project was spasmodic. The Morwell Council Chambers on Monday April 23, 1951, debated social issues including permanent works, seasonal workers were not wanted, there was assurance Morwell would show loyalty in "helping to assimilate the migrants", a pending shortage of labour for already established Morwell businesses, who would



train unskilled labour, and, anyway, "Hostels were only temporary structures."

Nonetheless, it was "go go go" and Morwell wondered what was really happening. An unofficial Post Office was established by the S.E.C.V. Ridge workers' hostel on May 1, 1951. However, the name Morwell Heights was chosen in preference to Morwell Ridge as it was considered that reference to the word Ridge might cause some historical confusion. Mr. R. Jones, a former Post Master at Boolarra was appointed officer-in-charge.

Caution regarding going over budget remained a concern. Optimism suddenly took over in about June 1954 - it was announced "a large modern hostel built for single men was to re-open."

At last, decisions were being made regarding accommodation for single men.

Fast forward to the decade of mounting SECV debt, privatisation of

the SECV and a climate of Voluntary Departure Packages (VDP's), the Morwell Ridge Hostel/Morwell Heights accommodation facility was subsequently shut down.

In brief, and readers may recall, Howes and Medew Transport Pty Ltd was a key Morwell based business. The business was acquired by Mayne Nickless in 1972. Mayne Nickless also bought East Coast Transport in 1969 and Intermodal in the early 1980's. The accompanying aerial photograph gives us a reminder of their transport yard in Latrobe Road, now the home for Bensons Hardware.

Finally, let us pay our respects to the infamous Cherry Ripe.

This popular chocolate bar was introduced to Australians in 1924 - 100 years ago. With coconut, and cherries encased in rich Old Gold dark chocolate, it has remained a top seller to date. Let us celebrate by eating Cherry Ripes!



Community Information

Volunteering Connections Event - Stallholder Expression of Interest

Calling all volunteer groups! Are you looking for new ways to connect with potential volunteers? Complete an EOI (Expression of Interest) to have a stall at the Latrobe City Volunteering Connections Event where you will have the opportunity to promote what you do and talk to interested community members.

When: Saturday May 25, 2024

Time: 9am to 1pm
Location: Forecourt area of Traralgon Library and Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, 34 - 38 Kay Street, Traralgon

The EOI period will be open from April 1 to April 30, 2024.

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Check out the Fundraising Guide for more

information on how your group can get involved.

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Eligibility includes residents from Jeeralang, Jumbuk, Yinnar, Yinnar South, Driffield, Budgeree, Churchill and Boolarra.

Option 1

When: Saturday, April 27, 2024

Where: Yinnar and District Memorial Hall, 14 Main Street Yinnar

Option 2:

When: Saturday, May 25, 2024

Where: Budgeree Hall, 40 Roys Road, Budgeree

To book please phone Victorian First Aid Services on 0488 405 605.

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MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1957.

TRY AND ADAP OUR WAY OF LIFE

TRY and adapt yourself to our way of life, because we certainly can't change to your way. Merv Shire President, Cr. W. J. Pettigrew, told five Australian citizens on Thursday afternoon.

He was speaking at a Naturalisation ceremony in the Town Hall, when five adopted Australian Citizenship.

The five were: Mr. Dirk Krijgsman and Mrs. Jeanette A. Krijgsman, of 91 Vary Street; Mr. W. K. H. Bloss, Maryvale Road; Mr. Emmanuel Geryannis, 116 Phyllis St.; Mr. Ernest Herman Voigt, 11 Quigley St.

Cr. Pettigrew said that new Australians would find that they would receive the utmost co-operation from the Australian community.

"You will find a few who will have a prejudice, but don't take any notice of them," he said.

He stressed that they will now have the right to vote in Federal, State and Council elections.

"Use that right," he said, "and make certain that you exercise your vote in the correct manner to reflect your opinions, not just what has been told."

"Help develop Australia into a great Nation to the best of your ability," he said.

Friends of Morwell National Park

Last month we had two activities, with nesting box repairs in the morning followed by an evening walk and mothing survey. Since the activity the previous month needed to be cancelled, splitting the activity allowed for all the planned tasks to be completed.

With a small group needed to work upon the nesting boxes, it provided the opportunity of others to complete other tasks. A group went for a walk along Billys Creek while others removed weeds.

After walking along Billys Creek, the walkers went around Fosters Gully where they saw a lace monitor.

The rest of the group worked on replacing nesting boxes which had either come off the trees, lost over time, or were damaged and repair was not viable. Over the morning six boxes were replaced and two boxes were removed from their fallen trees. With the undergrowth dying back it was now easier to find the fallen boxes. One of these boxes was good to go back onto a nearby tree while the other was replaced by a new box onto a close tree.

For the last box the group need to cross the creek. One vehicle drove across the creek with the rest of the group finding a shallow part of the creek to ford. After the last box was mounted the group travelled back across the creek and used both

vehicles to return to the car park. At 2 pm this last group finished and returned home for lunch.

Later in the evening the group returned to the Junction Road picnic area.

Around the picnic table we caught up on what had happened over the last month. Work continues upon the bird book with the group working upon the image selections. For some species, more images were needed. A request was put out and the response filled most of the gaps. The work upon the bird book continues.

Recently a meeting was held with representatives from Parks Victoria. Parks have reported that they are continuing in their efforts to repair the many broken bridges across the park and await responses from the insurance providers. Project managers have been appointed to oversee these works. The plan is to split the works in half since the Kerry Road section will be smaller than the Billys Creek section where at least three new bridges are required. With the works split it is hoped that replacements will be seen sooner. Evidence of the original conditions of damaged and broken facilities needs to be collected.

Parks also has plans to remove all information shelters (the one at Kerry Road was removed a few years ago) and replace them with metal information signage at each entrance.

On dark the two mothing

sheets were set up and the group met at the first mothing sheet. As darkness came in the group watched bats flying overhead and between the treetops. The spot light walk travelled along Billys Creek Track and saw a koala, wallabies, kangaroos, eel, trout and heard sugar gliders. When the group returned to the mothing sheets, they found that only a few moths were attracted on that evening.

Since it was not very warm the results were a bit disappointing. Nevertheless, one sheet had at least 30 different moths and the other had 22 and there was a little overlap between the two, so more than 42 moth species were found with more than 56 species in total.

One moth, *Macrobathra Desmotoma* was a new one for the Park, making it the 795th moth species found in the park.

One little beetle, *Ulodes Verrucosus* was of interest because it was the second one from the Park (first recorded in April 2011) and because there are only six records on iNaturalist, and the previous one from the Park was the first known picture of the live beetle.

April Activity

Sunday April 21, 10am

The group will meet at Kerry Road to complete track maintenance. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.



Churchill CHATTER

Crazy seasons

What crazy seasons we are having. It was so wet late last year that our lawns still needed mowing every week well into summer. The rain stopped in January, gardens are now very dry and thirsty. Bring on the autumn rains to refresh our gardens now.

Easter in Yinnar

A very successful day was held in March at the Bowls Club site. Shops and galleries throughout Yinnar were open on the day for locals and community groups to visit and enjoy. Many visited the market and spent time catching up with neighbours and friends throughout the town.

Craft time to enjoy

Happy crafters are busy enjoying their Tuesday mornings at the Cooperating Churches Churchill from 10.00am till noon. Come along and join in, bring along a craft you are working on. If you have craft problems, we can help you sort it out. Enjoy a free morning of craft, happy chat, with a cuppa.

BlazeAid camp

A BlazeAid camp has been established at Yinnar.

The volunteers who attend these camps do an amazing job of helping reestablish destroyed fences for farmers. The first fences built are often boundary fences to keep cattle from roads and straying away to other properties. These farmers have lost their fences because of a disaster such as wind, fire or flood happening to their properties. The most recent wind storm that did serious damage in Mirboo North is the reason that this BlazeAid camp has been established in the district.

Barefoot Bowls
Do you know you can play Barefoot Bowls at Yinnar? Visit the Bowls Club on the second or fourth Wednesday each month at 5.30pm. Contact 0429 432 896 for more information.

Thought for the week

Age is not a particularly interesting subject. Anyone can get old. All you have to do is live long enough.

Help! Help!

We need Chatter for this column. Send us messages of when your Club meets, when you want to tell the district of a function you are running. We are here to help. Praise your sporting team members. Have you heard of or seen changes happening in our district? Items for our Chatter to be sent in by 25th of the previous month to publication to cdneditorial@cdnews.com.au



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Strzelecki Koala

Wildlife Corridors and the Strzelecki Koala

The Strzelecki Koala population requires wildlife corridors for the species long term survival.

Without safe wildlife corridors, Strzelecki Koalas have to travel across open country and be exposed to many dangers like dogs, cars, machinery, cattle, fencing, feral animals and predators. Koalas are not designed to travel long distances and can become quickly exhausted and dehydrated. This can lead to stress which can cause koalas to become more susceptible to disease. Isolated and fragmented Strzelecki Koala habitat can cause the species to become inbred, and the dispersal of their unique genetics to be impeded.

Wildlife corridors "are connections in the landscape that link up areas of habitat." (dceew.gov.au 22/11/23) which provide for the safe movement of animals, so that they can find the things needed for their survival.

Wildlife corridors consist of areas of revegetated native species trees, shrubs and grasses and established bush habitat that connect to other areas of suitable habitat. They can be along waterways, through pasture, on private property and protected forest areas. Wildlife corridors increase the protection, conservation and the management of existing bushland and newly regenerated native vegetation.

Strzelecki Koalas and other native animals use wildlife corridors as escape routes. If a koala's previous home range is destroyed through fire, flood or a storm event, they can use a wildlife corridor to search for food, shelter, mates and find other suitable habitat to live in. Being able to move safely through a protected area increases the chances of the species survival and for the Strzelecki Koala population maintaining its genetic diversity.

As the climate warms, wildlife corridors are

increasingly important. Wildlife corridors create a refuge from the heat for native animals. Strzelecki Koalas, being furred animals, are helped to stay cool by the microclimates created in wildlife corridors especially if these are along a water course. Moist and cool habitats provide the koalas with food trees that contain more moisture and nutrients in their leaves.

It is recognised that wildlife corridors not only benefit fauna and flora conservation and survival into the future but also has benefits for human beings too. Extra vegetation provides cleaner air, soil and water, promotes rainfall, prevents erosion, gives protection to farm animals, assists crop pollinators and contributes to extra places for recreation and the enjoyment of nature. (strzelecki-alpine-biolink.com.au 20/3/24)

There are many community groups and government bodies that recognise the importance of wildlife corridors and the people who volunteer their time and expertise are to be congratulated.

The Yinnar-Yinnar South Landcare group has been creating wildlife corridors in their community surrounds for many years now. Their aim is to create a link between the Morwell and Tarra-Bulga National Parks. Mirboo North also has a group that is focusing on creating koala habitat corridors while the South Gippsland Koala Habitat group is aiming to provide other koala routes to



Healthy Habitat looking over Morwell National Park Photo taken by A. Watson

reduce koala road deaths. (landcarevic.org.au 13.3.23)

The Latrobe City Council's idea of a Biolink between the Strzelecki Ranges and the Baw Baw and Alpine region began in 2018. Such initiatives provide safe passage and protection for all wildlife and especially the unique and threatened Strzelecki Koala. Not only do these programs ensure revegetation and protection for habitat but they consider other aspects such as weed eradication, feral animal control, safe fencing and road crossings which all contribute to the mortality of native animals.

These groups aim to ensure the survival of our native flora and fauna, like the Strzelecki Koala, beyond this century. Such organisations need to be given

more funding and support so that they can continue this vital work in creating and maintaining wildlife corridors.

How you can help:

*Join a landcare group and help protect and plant more native vegetation.

* If your property is in the Biolink area or other areas that need linkages consider becoming involved in the program.

* Plant suitable koala trees on your property if it is possible.

* Become a Friend of the Morwell National Park or a habitat area near you.

* Drive carefully in bush areas particularly at night.

* Be a responsible pet owner by keeping your dog secure in your yard and always ensure they are walked on a lead.

* Become an active member of groups that support Strzelecki Koala protection and conservation such as Friends of the Earth Koala Group, Friends of the Strzelecki Koala and Friends of the Gippsland Bush.

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

Something interesting

Koalas are a "specialist folivore" meaning that their diet consists of only leaves. <https://zs/publications.onlinelibrary.wiley.com> "Habitat Fragmentation Affects Movement and Space Use of a Specialist Folivore, the Koala" by Al Rus. 2021 13.3.24

*Wild Koala Day is May 3. (greeningaustralia.org.au) Plant a koala food tree.



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Members will meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.
New members are welcome to attend
For further information contact the Secretary
Phone 0427 273 910



The People's kitchen

Cooking up a solution to food insecurity

The People's Kitchen has received funding from Latrobe Health Assembly to expand to into 2025. Delivered by Morwell Neighbourhood House, the program is a collaboration with Latrobe Health Assembly, EnergyAustralia and Morwell Neighbourhood House that provides homecooked meals for those in need.

People's Kitchen calls on the generosity of local businesses and community groups to volunteer their time to prepare nutritious meals for the community. The expansion of the program will see nutritionist-designed meal plans, the packaging of People's Kitchen as a model that can be reproduced by other community groups, and micro grants to assist community groups to adapt and deliver the model themselves.

"Communities know what they need, and

Neighbourhood Houses are all about empowering communities to develop solutions to meet those needs. Morwell Neighbourhood House's People's Kitchen is a perfect example of that," said CEO of Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, Keir Peterson.

According to the 2020 Victorian Population Health Survey:

6.6% of the Latrobe Valley population experience food insecurity with hunger

11.3% of Latrobe Valley families ran out of money to buy food in the last 12 months

18.1% of the Latrobe Valley population indicated that they never, or not often, feel valued by society, compared to Victoria's 11%

On her experience volunteering with People's Kitchen, Co-Founder of Girls with Hammers, Kerry Vaughn, said, "It's a good way to take ownership... It's actually pouring your love into it and saying 'You're a valuable human being and

you deserve to know your food was made with you in mind."

Since the beginning of the People's Kitchen, there have been:

596 individual volunteers preparing frozen meals for distribution.

2,728 hours in volunteered time.

An estimated \$118,040,56 in volunteered hours.

7,940 frozen meals prepared.

"Food insecurity is an ongoing challenge with no one-size-fits-all approach. The People's Kitchen does not say 'here's a solution', it says 'we can all be part of the solution'. Inviting the community to the table is what creates lasting change" says Latrobe Health Assembly Chair, Tanya Rong.

To learn more about the People's Kitchen, or to register your interest in taking part, visit: <https://morwellnh.org.au/programs/the-peoples-kitchen/>

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Churchill Fire Brigade



Planned Fuel Reduction Burns in Churchill

Ikara Way Reserve

As some would have heard, the brigade had planned to conduct a fuel reduction burn in the Ikara Way area on Wednesday March 27. Despite the best laid plans, unfortunately the weather just was not quite right, so we could not complete the Ikara Way Reserve fuel reduction burn as planned. The slight bit of rain was enough to lift the fuel moisture content above the prescription, so we just could not get a good burn going.

Our small test burns were extinguished, and we will try again another day after Easter when the expected winds, wind direction, and fuel moisture are within the prescription range we need.

Thanks to all our crews who came to assist from HVP Plantations, CFA District 9 and CFA District 27.

Manning Drive

The bush land behind the Scout Hall and to the South of that point, and the triangle of grass to the South of the Scout Hall are also planned to be burnt when conditions allow. The triangle shaped grass area needs to be cool burnt each seven years or so to enable the native grasses and Kangaroo Paw to regenerate – what is called an ecological burn.

This work is being undertaken on behalf of Latrobe City who own and manage the land, with other CFA brigades from around our local District also being called on to assist with the operation.

For those residents along the Southern end of Manning Drive, keep an eye out for our members who will be doorknocking and delivering notices advising the details of the fuel reduction burn.



Fire Restrictions are still in force



The Churchill and District community is reminded that fire restrictions are still in force in Latrobe City, and across West, South and East Gippsland.

Despite the signs of the season changing, fire is now much more likely as the fine fuels have dried out and will more easily ignite.

Note: It is illegal to conduct a burn off without a written permit from the

Latrobe City Municipal Fire Prevention Officer, or CFA.

Find out what you can and cannot do during the declared Fire Danger Period, and on days of Total Fire Ban, when fires in the open air are legally restricted, in the 'Can I or Can't I' brochure available from CFA District 27 Headquarters (20 Hazelwood Rd Morwell 03 5120 3700), or online: cfa.vic.gov.au/can

Remembering Darren McLean

Each year on the anniversary of the passing of Darren McLean, the brigade takes time out for a short service to honour Darren's memory, and his service to CFA and our community.

On February 14, 1982 the brigade was called to a grass and scrub fire up the Middle Creek Road in Yinnar South.

Darren was a crew member on the Churchill/Jeeralang tanker. Whilst returning from the fire for water the tanker stopped to let another tanker pass.

While stopped, the road collapsed and the tanker rolled over into Middle Creek with a number of the crew

being injured. Darren was the most seriously injured as the tanker had rolled on top of him, trapping him underneath in the creek.

Darren and the other injured crew members were transported to the Traralgon hospital by ambulance. The doctors stabilised Darren before having him airlifted to Melbourne for further treatment. On March 7, 1982 Darren died from complications as a result of his injuries.

Darren McLean was a dedicated volunteer firefighter who gave his life in the service of his community. He was only 17.



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Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: *Correa reflexa* var. *reflexa* 'Buchan'.
Family: Rutaceae.
Derivation:

Correa: Named after Jose Francisco Correa de Serra (1751-1823), permanent secretary, Royal Academy of Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal.

reflexa: From the Latin word *reflexus*, meaning bent, angled or curved backwards.

Common Name: Common Correa, Native Fuchsia.

Distribution: The species is widespread along the coast and ranges from the Victorian - South Australian border, right across Victoria and New South Wales into south-east Queensland and in the eastern half of Tasmania. The cultivar 'Buchan' is

typical of the East Gippsland forest forms found around Buchan in eastern Victoria, though my specimen came from the Nowa Nowa area.

Description: An upright dense shrub with large, soft, dull green, heart-shaped leaves to 40mm long and 30mm wide, that are rough to the touch, with scattered stellate (star-shaped) hairs on top, paler and velvety underneath



along the veins and slightly wavy, recurved margins. Flowers are long and narrow tubes with exerted anthers, mainly purplish-red grading to lime-green near the recurved tips and covered in a fine layer of stellate hairs.

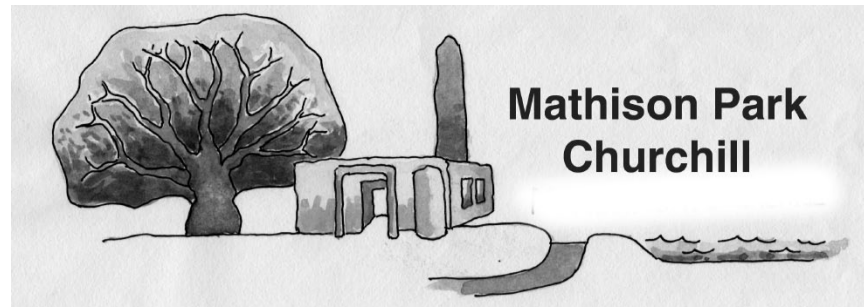
Opinion: My specimen arrived as a cutting from a group of plants near Nowa Nowa in East

Gippsland and is planted in the western bed inside the boundary fence, in heavy shade as it is surrounded and overgrown by taller and denser wattles, hakeas and cypress-pines. It is now about a metre tall, but quite upright, narrow and open, probably due to the shade. I am currently in pruning mode, so I will tackle the neighbours to let in more light and air movement and might even take some tips off the Correa itself to see if it will thicken up. Flowering is sporadic, again probably due to the shade, but the little honeyeaters love it when it does put out its blooms.

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 3.

Hitchcock - Correas: Australian Plants for Waterwise Gardens.



Mathison Park Churchill

Much has been achieved in Mathison Park this last month. Two concrete slabs were laid with the help of James Concreters who only charged for the concrete, not the laying and smoothing. We say thank you to James for his generous contribution.

Two seats were bolted down to these slabs with help from the Gippsland Interchange crew. These folks also helped pick up fallen material from the trees and water the new trees.

The original driveway to the old homestead is to be gravelled so that all weather access is available for vehicles including emergency vehicles. During the previous week, Chris did some trimming of the trees along the driveway to allow the vehicles unimpeded access.

Due to the hot weather predicted, we postponed the working bee until March

of volunteers. The trimmed branches were picked up and transported in Steve's tip



16. However, that did not suit some and we had a small but productive group

trailer. Watering of the new trees on the east side was also done.



Cleaning to medication prompting:

Excellence underpins LCHS in-home support.

"Being a Home Support Worker is a very rewarding job. I love knowing I am helping people in my community who need it most," says Nic, a team member in 'Your Care Choice' - Latrobe Community Health Service's (LCHS) expert in-home support service.

"I get so much joy hearing the feedback from my clients. They are often telling me they love the way I keep their house neat and tidy. It makes me feel good."

Nic found his way to a career at LCHS through family. His older sister and

mum also work at LCHS and had told him it was a great place to work.

This calling to help others is one shared by all Your Care Choice staff, and across the LCHS workforce more generally.

They include Home Support Worker Loida, whose compassionate heart for the elderly led her to join the Your Care Choice team four years ago. She has not looked back.

Her role allows her to travel Gippsland and meet many different people, helping them with personal care, domestic tasks and medication prompting.

Nic's role involves a variety of cleaning tasks, from vacuuming, mopping,

dusting and cleaning bathrooms, to making beds, washing and taking the rubbish out.

Their care and commitment continues to help older people within our community stay in their homes for longer and maintain an enjoyment for life.

Curious about how LCHS aged care support, including Your Care Choice staff like Nic and Loida, could help you or a loved one?

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Pipe Maintenance in Churchill



The pipe maintenance team came in several different trucks each supplied with the appropriate equipment.

They found the pipe covers in each residence and made sure they were clear of roots and other debris.

Everything was checked in readiness.

Some of our readers may have noticed an unusual smell in the air during late February into March.

performance of their water, storm water and wastewater systems.

Underground Experts turned up with their various trucks designed to run the various sections of the rehabilitation process.

Explore Underground with Gippsland Water and Underground Experts have been replacing sections of our water system to ensure it is up to standard.

Thus through CCTV inspection it was found that some of the areas in the original part of Churchill were in poor condition, aging

Gippsland Water is continually assessing their assets to ensure optimum

and deteriorating, which can mean interruptions to service, something we do not want for our homes.

Much preparation work is carried out firstly by the property owner being contacted and informed and asked for permission to enter the property to inspect. Cameras are put into the pipes to make an assessment. A large boring tool clears the way of any tree roots or other obstructions

With the help of modern technology and equipment pipes can be rehabilitated in situ. A Cured-in-Place-Pipe (CIPP) method is used, which minimises interruptions and avoids the need to dig up streets and private properties.

A polyester, resin-saturated, coated felt tube liner is pulled into place via manholes.

The tube is then pressurized with air, so that it takes the shape of the original pipe. Then hot water or steam is used to cure or set the resin and form a tight fitting, jointless and corrosion resistant pipe within the pipe.

A small smoke stack is assembled in the property which is the outlet for the steam which cures the resin. There is a smell from the styrene in this smoke which is not toxic. The crew advise you to stay inside and close your windows and doors. Any particles breathed in will dissipate from your body within 24 hours.

To complete the overhaul, people came to inspect the work and make sure it was working correctly.

They connected up each user to the rehabilitated pipes.

GERF Appeal

Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund Storm Appeal is still very busy providing emergency financial support to Gippsland residents impacted by the recent storm event. GERF President Mr Andy Tegart said "The focus has been on supporting those whose property is uninhabitable or has suffered severe damage.

Mr Tegart said "GERF is working very closely with local government recovery teams and we expect there will continue to be a regular stream of referrals over the next week or two, so GERF will continue to rely on the generosity of donors large and small. This event could eventually see up to \$500,000 in disbursements" he said.

donations will assist families right across Gippsland.

Donations to the appeal can be easily made via the GERF website www.gerf.org.au and all donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

We are also ensuring that vulnerable residents such as the elderly and those with special needs are provided with prompt support".

GERF has been well supported by a large range of individual donors, some large corporate donations and very pleasingly a wide range of local community groups have responded to the appeal providing donations to assist their local community members. We are particularly grateful to Ausnet Services \$100,000.00 and Community Bank Mirboo North \$50,000.00 for their substantial donations. All these magnificent

Mr Tegart said "Every dollar donated to the appeal is distributed to those who suffered property damage during the storm and individuals and businesses in Gippsland have always been very generous in their support. Your donation will be helping us to help others in their time of need".

The Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund has been supporting Gippsland residents impacted by natural disaster since 1978 and is run completely by volunteers.



Then the resin saturated pipe was inflated and installed into the pipe.



It was then cured with steam. A small chimney removed the smoke.

A new contractor came to ensure the pipe was ready to be attached to the residents systems.

Churchill & District Lions Club



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SPORT

Churchill Baseball Club kicks off Season 2024 with exciting events



"Connecting Your Community"

The Churchill Baseball Club is gearing up for an action-packed season as they celebrate their 50th year in the baseball community. With games set to begin on April 17 for the Seniors, and the Juniors eagerly anticipating their Round 1 clash with the Braves' first home game on April 21, there is a buzz of excitement among players and fans alike.

One of the highlights of the celebratory season is the much-anticipated 50th Year Celebrations, scheduled for Saturday night April

20, at the Churchill Hotel starting at 6 pm. The event promises a night bringing together current, past, and life members along with their families.

Attendees can look forward to delicious finger food, exciting raffle prizes, and a commemorative anniversary lapel badge, all for a nominal fee of \$40 per person. Followed by a BBQ lunch on Sunday to cheer on the current players at the Braves first home game of the year.

Braves host a successful Come and Try day for the local community!

The Braves hosted a Come and Try day on March 17, welcoming new families into the club. Participants enjoyed a morning filled with baseball activities, honing their hitting, throwing, and base running skills. The day culminated in a friendly practice match and a BBQ, fostering a sense of community and sportsmanship among players and supporters.

Braves win Practice Match in battle of the Green on St-Patrick's day!

The Braves welcomed the Mordialloc Ducks, a Melbourne-based baseball team, for an inaugural practice match. Coinciding with St. Patrick's Day, both teams donned their green jerseys, creating a festive atmosphere on the field. The game ended with the Churchill Braves claiming victory with a score of 8-5, showcasing their dedication and prowess on the

diamond.

As part of their milestone year, the Churchill Baseball Club unveiled a new logo, marking a significant transition in their branding.

Following a vote to remove native American imagery from the logo, the club embraced a fresh design at this year's Annual General Meeting, symbolising a new era of inclusivity and unity within the club.

The Churchill Braves participated in the Latrobe Valley Baseball Association Gippsland championships held in Sale on March 23/24.

The Gippsland Championships weekend was a time to introduce new players into the Braves and for the old to brush off the cobwebs and get some Baseball in before the official season kicks off. Picking two wins and having two narrow losses it was an enjoyable weekend for all.

The Month ahead for the Braves:

Saturday April 20: 50th Year Celebrations

Sunday April 21: Churchill play at home Andrews Park West against Moe



Sunday April 28: Churchill Home to Traralgon

Sunday May 5: Churchill Away to Sale

Sunday May 12: Churchill Home to Moe

Sunday May 19: Club Bye

Game times:
U10s: 9:30-10:30, U13s: 11:15-12:45, U16s: 9:00-10:30

B grade: 11:15 - 1:15, C grade: 2-4, A grade: 2-4:30
New Players Welcome!

With a rich history spanning five decades, the Churchill Baseball Club continues to uphold its values of Family Friendly, Enjoyment, and Respect,

making them a valuable member of the sports community. As they embark on their 50th season, the club remains committed to providing a welcoming and engaging environment for players of all ages, ensuring that the spirit of baseball thrives for generations to come.

New players and supporters of the Braves are always welcomed, feel free to pop on down to our Home ground at Andrews Park West Churchill and say hello. We train Wednesday nights with juniors 4:30 - 5:30 and seniors 5-7.



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Disability Access

Churchill & Monash Golf Club Scores

Stableford Saturday March 2, 2024.

A Grade Winner: G. Beyer 36 pts. B Grade Winner: I. Heppleston 35 pts

C Grade Winner: J. Jeffery 41 Pts D.T.L : 1. R. Sands 39, 2. W. Sutton 38, 3. J. Barret 36, 4. R. Davidson 36, 5. M. Brereton 36, 6. C. Sterrick 35, 7. L. Anderson 34, 8. R. Welsh 34 N.T.P: 3rd Pro-Pin: J. Sanders (snr), 5th D. Burrige, 12th Pommy Target Hole: S. Allison Eagle: P. Draper 15th

Birdies: M. Brereton 5th, L. Anderson 12th

Monthly Medal Tuesday March 5, 2024.

Medal Winner: K. Skinner 72 Nett Scratch: C. Cunningham 100, K. Skinner 100 D.T.L: 1. J. Blizzard 76, 2. L. Brent 77 Putts: K. Skinner 28 N.T.P: 3rd S. Caldwell, 5th S. Turner, 12th S. Caldwell, 14th S. Gosling.

Par Saturday March 9, 2024.

A Grade Winner: C. Warring 17 +6. B Grade Winner: A. Sharrock 24 +4. C Grade Winner: P. Boulding 25 +4 D.T.L: 1. R. Sands +4, 2. I. Heppleston +4, 3. As. West +3, 4. G. Beyer

+3, 5. L. Anderson +2, 6. W. Sutton +2, 7. A. Abel +1, 8. D. Byers +1 N.T.P: 3rd P. Boulding, 5th B. Jenkins, 12th Pro-Pin: D. Ellwood, 14th R. Abel Birdies: P. Boulding 3rd, R. Vesty 12th and 14th, R. Abel 14th Target Hole: P. Draper.

Stableford Mary Mitchell Day Tuesday March 12, 2024.

Day Winner: R. Noordam 47 pts. Mary Mitchell Trophy Winner: S. Martinac 38 pts D.T.L: 1. C. Gilfillan 40 pts, 2. V. Reid 36 pts, 3. C. Barnes 35 pts N.T.P: 3rd C. Carder, 5th C. Carder, 12th L. Brent, 14th S. Martinac Birdies: 3rd C. Carder.

2 Person Stableford Multiplication Saturday March 16, 2024.

Winners: J. Sterrick/R. Zomer 85 Runners Up: R. Welsh/A. Sharrock 80. D.T.L: 1. W. McGrath / A. Wright 69 2. D. Byers / P.Boulding 67, 3. R. Abel / I. Heppleston 67. N.T.P: 3rd Pro-Pin: I. Fortune, 5th M. Soppe 12th, V. Monument, 14th G. Byer Target Hole: I. Fortune Birdies: I. Fortune 3rd, Ad. West 3rd, D. Byers 12th.

Stableford Tuesday March 19, 2024.

Winner: J. Blizzard 38. D.T.L: 1. L. Brent 36, 2. M. McConville 36. N.T.P: 3rd V. Reid, 5th S. Turner, 12th M. McConville 14th M. McQuillen.

Monthly Medal Saturday March 23, 2024.

A Grade Winner: J. Cahill nett 74 B Grade Winner: S. Caldwell nett 72.

C Grade Winner: T. Collins nett 68 Medal D.T.L: 1. G. Spowart 73, 2. G. Corponi 73, 3. R. Sands 73, 4. B. Kilday 74, 5. R. Vesty 74, 6. V. Monument 74, 7. P. Bolding 74, 8. C. Cummings 75, 9. R. Madigan 75 Scratch: R. Vesty 85. N.T.P: 3rd B. Kilday, 12th Pro-Pin: R. King, 14th P. Junker Target Hole: R. Madigan Birdies: R. Madigan 5th, C. Cummings 14th Putts: G. Beyer 26.

Tuesday March 26, 4BBB

Winners: C. Barnes / V. Reid 44 pts C/B. Runners Up: M. McConville / J. Blizzard 44 pts. D.T.L: M. Hutchinson / J. Clegg 41 pts. N.T.P: J. Blizzard 3rd, M. McQuillen 5th, L. Brent 12th, L. Brent 14th.

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CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

Hands-on Learning

Wes and Clinton have been busy setting up some small vegetable gardens as a hands-on learning project. They have planted a range of vegetables from capsicum and carrots to lettuce and spinach. They even planted some nasturtiums which are edible flowers. They have been doing a great job watering and tending to the gardens and apart from a small bug attack the plants have been growing wonderfully. They would like to say a huge thanks to Kurnai Hands-on Learning unit for supplying the planters and Bunnings,

Morwell for the plants and soil.

My name is Clinton and I have been doing hands-on learning at Churchill North Primary School. I am able to do lots of jobs around our school that help me be ready to learn. Some of the things I have been able to do include using the leaf blower to help keep the school clean.

I also have the responsibility to clean and decorate the fish tank in the school's office building which the parents and students love to look at. I am also in charge of a little garden that grows carrots, lettuce and spinach that will

be used for breakfast club. Every morning, I have to check all the plants and see if they are dry and if they are I have my own little watering can. Everything in the garden has been donated from Bunnings.

I enjoy doing Hands-on learning because it's really relaxing for me since I can find it difficult to sit in the classroom all day. The jobs I am given around the school make me feel like I have a purpose because I am helping improve our school.

I'm Wes from Churchill North P.S. I am also responsible for our Hands-on Learning project.

Currently we have standing garden beds and some of the plants we are growing are strawberries, capsicums and carrots. I enjoy doing it because I want to help my school have fresh fruits and veggies. It also makes me feel like I'm helping other people learn about fresh fruits and vegetables. The Quote "Fall down seven times, get up eight", means if you do not attend to your garden, it will never grow.

National Young Leaders Day
On Friday February 16, 2024, the School Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains from Churchill North Primary School

travelled to Melbourne for the National Young Leaders Day by Halogen. The speakers that we saw on the day were Bryson Klein, Jane Bunn, and Melissa Barbieri. It was very interesting to hear about their stories on how they made it to where they are now and how it feels to be who they are.

Bryson told us what happened during his ninja warrior career, Jane told us what happens right before they start the news and how she has to talk on air, and Melissa spoke about how it was being an Australian goalkeeper and player in the Matildas and going to

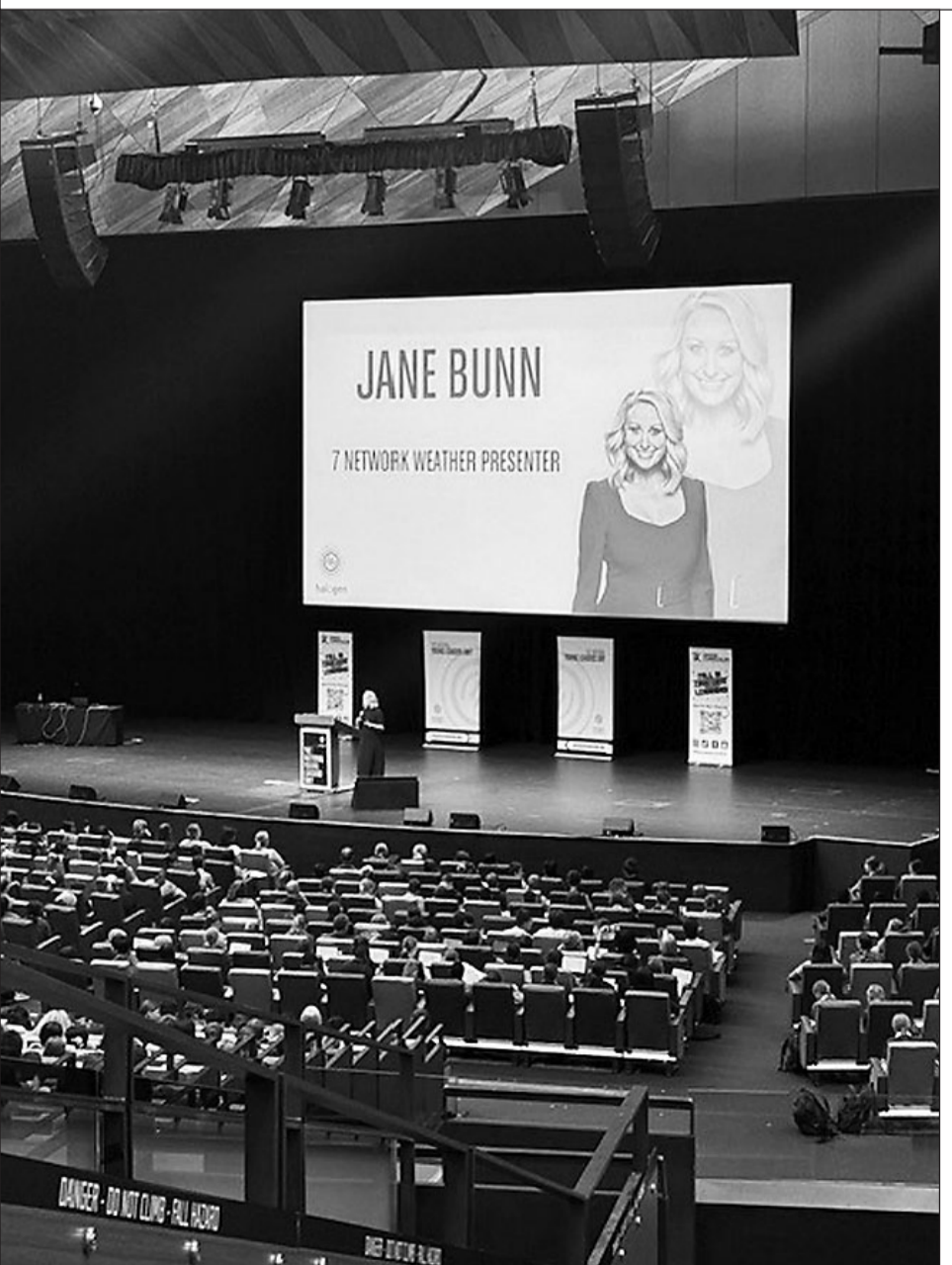
multiple world cups.

By Liam F
Leadership day was really fun, I learnt that you shouldn't give up even if it's hard and that sometimes there are obstacles and bumps in your life but you just have to fight back.

The activities were also really fun we got to dance, we did a cowboy dance and we followed people from the other schools dance moves too.

We had four well known people come they were Bryson Klein, Jane Bunn, Anastasia Woolmer and Melissa Barbieri.

By Bella W



Churchill North school captains enjoy National Young Leaders Day listening to inspiring speakers and learning about their journey and how they persevered.

Hands on Learning students feel that they are doing a worthwhile task and learning as they help to improve the school surroundings





SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY



School Athletic sports
Hazelwood North Primary School students enjoyed their School Athletics Day this term. Students managed to beat the

heat, spending the morning trying their best at a range of athletic events, including long and high jump, running, shotput and discus. This year the school unveiled new

House groups with mascots; Bataluk, Braak, Wadjan and Yeerung. Congratulations to Batauk the Green team who took out the win!

Yinnar and District Sports Day
Hazelwood North Primary School kept up their athletic efforts by travelling to the Yinnar and District

Athletics Day this month. Here students enjoyed competing against their peers from local schools, vying for the spot of Champion for their age and event.

Congratulations to a number of our students who were the overall winners in their category, and to the school who placed fourth overall for the day.



Hazelwood North students doing their best at the athletics sports day.

Top Left: Kaiden Van Eyke

Discus throw

Top Right: Scarlet Young

Bottom Left: Sack Race fun

Bottom Right Long Jump



SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY



Lumen Christi athletes shine at Sports Days

Recently, students at Lumen Christi Primary School have enjoyed two sunny days of athletic sports. At their house sports competition the three houses; Jerusalem Kings, Nazareth

Angels and Bethlehem Stars competed for the top spot, cheered on by a large group of parents and friends. Each student took part in shot put and discus (throwing the bean bag for the younger grades) high jump, long jump, distance running

and sprints. The day was finished off with a whole-house relay race. At the end of the day, after a very close competition, the Nazareth Angels were the winners. Students were able to relax afterwards with a sausage sizzle organised by the

Lumen Christi Parents and Friends group.

The whole school also took part in the Yinnar & District School Sports Association athletics competition at Yinnar Recreation Reserve, where students moved from event

to event in a 'round robin' contest. Students enjoyed meeting old and new friends from other local schools. The youngest students especially enjoyed the chance to go on a bus ride there and back!

Later in the year, if Lumen Christi's application

is successful, students may be given the opportunity to try out table tennis, softball and dragon boat drumming through Sporting Schools, an initiative of the Australian Sports Commission. Watch this space!



Top Left: Red House Gazebo Sports Day

Top Middle: High Jump

Top Right: Preps in a line

Bottom Left Discus

Bottom Middle: Shot Put



SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY

House Fun Night

It was lovely to welcome families to our annual House Fun Night. This is a great opportunity for our new school leaders to step up and organise an event. The school leadership teams were also presented with their leadership badges. It was terrific to see so many new families joining us. Congratulations to our House Captains for a fabulous effort organising the activities.

Thank you to Neighbourhood Watch Latrobe for helping with the delicious barbeque.

Swimming

Thursday February 22, Mr Twomey and Ms Gill accompanied students to the Churchill Leisure Centre for the District Swimming. All the students did their very best and can be proud of their efforts. Well done to Sophia, Eleanor, Alex P, Zoe M, Lilyanna, Jaz, Jayden B, Harvey, Beau, Hudson R, Mikayla F, Emma, Jobe, Bonnie and Scarlett. A big thank you to our parents, Krystal and Adele, for assisting with the events.

Student Leadership

This week, our student

leaders met up with their teams and spent time with their supervising teachers. This provided an excellent platform for them to delve into essential skills and qualities needed for their roles as school leaders this year. Together, they planned various events and activities scheduled for the upcoming year. Recent weeks have highlighted the impressive capabilities of our 2024 leadership cohort. We consistently stress to our students the significance of everyone being great role models, pointing out that

students do not necessarily need to have a leadership badge to be a leader within our school community.

House Sports Day

It was a warm sunny day for our House Sports Day which was held at the Yinnar Recreation Reserve. Teachers and children walked down to the reserve and then assembled in their house and age teams for a day of athletics and fun sports games. Students enjoyed the friendly competition of traditional athletics like long jump, high jump, sprints and running and then there was

the fun games like the Egg and Spoon Race and the Sack Race. It was a great day enjoyed by students, teachers and parents. It was Red House's time to shine as they were the overall winner on the day. We look forward to our District Athletics Day later in March.

Grade 5/6 Camp to Coonawarra

Our Grade 5 and 6 students attended Camp Coonawarra near Dargo in March. The weather was warm with a few showers here and there. The camp staff and teachers

encouraged students to try out the different activities challenging their resilience and taking them beyond their comfort zone. Activities included the rock climbing wall, canoeing, the high and low ropes course, archery, the giant swing, bush craft and hut building and night hiking. On our final day at camp we enjoyed a cruise on the Gippsland Lakes learning about the Lakes eco system and the marine life. It was a fabulous camp and everyone enjoyed being away, trying something new and making new friendship groups.



Top Left: Students at Coonawarra Camp.

Bottom Right: Action Long jump

Bottom Left Splashing around at Camp

Middle Ayla in the sack race

Top Right : Climbing wall at camp



SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

School Captains

Kurnai College University Campus is proud to announce the Year 12 school captains for 2024, Gabby Bonnici, Harry Townsend, and Brayden Young. Our three successful candidates participated in a nomination and selection process involving a presentation to the school followed by peer election

and staff endorsement. We congratulate Gabby, Harry and Brayden on their appointment and look forward to their contributions throughout the year to the leadership of the students and various representative duties for the college.

Latrobe Health Assembly – Community based placement

Starting in 2022, Latrobe Health Assembly ran a

project called 'Covid Impacts on Youth'. One of the main findings was that youth had a distrust of health practitioners in the health care system. As a result, four medical students on placement have been having discussions with various members of youth in the community to gain insight into their experiences. Students on our campus have played an important

role in this program and have answered questions and given the medical students feedback. This feedback will then help to address the issues raised in the 'Covid Impacts on Youth' project and to develop innovative practices to combat the issue of mistrust between youth and medical workers in our community.

Environmental Science

Fieldwork

Throughout term one, our Year 11 Environmental Science class has been visiting different Victorian ecosystems and carrying out environmental fieldwork. The purpose of this fieldwork is to better understand the relationship between environmental conditions, processes and biodiversity. This required students to

collect and analyse samples of water, soil, and air from a range of different ecosystems including marine, coastal, rainforest, desert, wetlands and heathlands to name a few.

Despite rugged terrains and challenging hikes, our students have demonstrated exceptional resilience, showcasing their dedication to understanding and preserving our natural world.



Latrobe Valley Line Dancers fundraiser

Latrobe Valley Line Dancers kickstart Lifeline Gippsland Fundraiser

What a wonderful start to our 2024 Lifeline Gippsland Fundraiser.

The Latrobe Valley Line Dancers raise money all year round through various small functions but this year, decided to hold an "Elvis Forever - Up Close and Personal" with the wonderful Damian Mullin. With the support of the Italian Australian Sports Club

providing the venue, Damian put on a wonderful show all in keeping with the theme of the fundraiser, Depression/Suicide Awareness.

The support we received as soon as this was put into planning was amazing. Our students/families and friends immediately came on board booking tickets.

The generosity from business's both local and far was overwhelming. With excitement and support already in place the night

could not help but be a success. We were so proud to have been able to raise \$14080.00 towards Lifeline Gippsland. Lifeline Gippsland has become very dear to our heart and we are in awe of the work they do.

This event could never have happened without our students/families and friends who supported us and the amazing generosity of all our sponsors. We will continue throughout the year raising more funds and complete it with our big two-day Line



Dance Event in September. Thank you to everyone who was able to support us, in supporting Lifeline Gippsland.

24 / 7 Telephone Crisis Support: 13 11 14



Lifeline Gippsland Team From left to right: Michelle Blackburn - Chair of the Board, Dyanne Lewis - Retail Manager, Elvis, Andrew Weekes - Secretary of the Board).



Latrobe Valley Line Dancers Team from left to right Jenny Tulloch / Margaret Gravett/ Damian Mullin/ Linda Pink/ Leanne Wangman



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