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Isolation of Churchill at major intersection

If you regularly use Tramway Road, you will know that the intersection with Boldings Road frequently floods. Heavy rain causes minor flooding at that intersection and a serious deluge can make the intersection impassable for most vehicles.

CDCA wrote to Regional Roads Victoria a couple of years ago, seeking a solution to this long-standing issue. We were advised that, as Tramway Road is only a “Priority 4” road, major works could not be funded.

However, some minor works were undertaken to clean out the roadside culverts and road resurfacing, when done, was on top of existing bitumen to raise the height by some millimetres. Of course, this did not solve the problem.

We know that there are a number of large infrastructure projects to be constructed along Tramway Road, which will lead to an increase in heavy vehicle use. Likewise, as the population of Churchill and district continues to grow, more and more vehicles will be coming and going along both Tramway Road and Boldings Road.

Even more concerning is that, with a seeming increase in the frequency of severe weather events, Churchill will be isolated by flooded roads, as we have seen on occasion in the past.

CDCA is of the view that if Tramway Road were upgraded, including the intersection with Boldings Road, Churchill would be less likely to be isolated by future flood events, and vehicles could safely travel out along Tramway Road to Traralgon and Morwell, even in heavy rain.

Long ago, this area where the intersection is located, was a morass. Early drainage works were carried out to carry the water away and make it fit for farming. From time to time there have been works done to improve the drainage but, as we all know, the area still floods regularly. We think an engineering solution could be found, if there is a willingness on the part of the relevant authorities.

CDCA wrote to Harriet Shing, MLA, as

our local representative within the Victorian State Government – funding is required to find a solution to our road flooding issue and major funding would be needed to carry out works to solve the problem.

The response we’ve received is that there is soon to be a meeting between Harriet’s office and Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) and that Churchill’s road flooding issue will be discussed, particularly the Tramway Road problems.

In addition, RRV is undertaking the planning of maintenance works to an 860 metre section of Tramway Road – the two bends after the entrance to the Hazelwood North recreation ground. A map of the proposed maintenance works, which appear to stop just short of the Boldings Road intersection, can be viewed at: https://regionalroads.vic.gov.au/map/gpp_resurface_fye22/churchill-traralgon-tramway-road-churchill

Meantime, CDCA has also raised the issue with our local State MP, Martin Cameron. We had an on-site meeting at the intersection to further discuss the problem and indicate where the flood water seems to arise from and then spread to.

Martin was well aware of the flooding that occurs on local roads around Churchill. He undertook to make further inquiries, with a view to seeing RRV find a permanent solution to the problem at Tramway and Boldings Road intersection.

There is no quick fix for this problem; it will take time and money! At least CDCA’s advocacy is resulting in some high level discussions with RRV.

If you think there is a local issue that CDCA should be highlighting to relevant authorities, you are welcome to contact us or come along to our next meeting (April 11).

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

We have requested a guest speaker from Council’s Planning Dept attend our April



CDCA President Maragret Guthrie with Martin Cameron MP at Tramway Road/Boldings Road Intersection.

meeting, to update us on several proposed projects within the district, including a new residential development within Churchill.

CDCA meets on the second Thursday of every second month. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday April 11, at 7pm, downstairs

in the Churchill Town Hall. 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.

Churchill ANZAC Day Commemoration 2024

ANZAC Day, Thursday April 25

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Churchill community groups 1971

Churchill Citizens Association
 Following the lively interest shown in the Public Hall project at the December meeting, it was disappointing that only a mere handful of citizens attended the January meeting at which the architect, Mr S. Frew, presented several alternative plans for the proposed hall.

Churchill Jaycees
 I would like to hear from each and every one of you who intended becoming a Jaycee, or any of you who are interested in Jaycees to be in contact with me.

Churchill United Soccer Club
 Attention all players, old, young, and prospective. Also persons interested in assisting of Committee and or the ground.

Hazelwood Churchill Junior Football Club
 This year we are playing on the new ground at Gaskin Park. The under 14 team will be in the mid-Gippsland competition, as a fair number of boys have been together for three years, this could be our year.

Rainfall

Churchill
 Churchill's rainfall for February 2024 was on February 14 and measured 3mm, and that was all for the month. Since 1992 the February rainfall has been below 10mm on seven occasions; more than any other month. The previous lowest for February was also 3mm in 2009, when 2mm of rain was recorded the previous month, January. The total rainfall so far in 2024 is now 86mm.

Rain at Hazelwood South
 February had many warm days, with nine days over 30 degrees C, and a total



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Hazelwood South Tennis Club
 Results - All senior teams are winning enough matches to hold their position with the leaders, and with three matches to play have every chance of appearing in the finals.

In Junior Pennant the girls team is in third position and the boys in sixth, with five matches left to play and improve their positions.

Basketball Club
 We can now announce winners in our lucky number competition. Sorry to delay this but the winner wanted to use his prize as a Christmas present and we could not give his secrets away.

Full uniform must now be worn in all matches or teams will lose points.

Churchill Model Aircraft Association
 Membership is steadily increasing, we now have members from as far afield as Boolarra, Warragul, Traralgon, Moe, Yallourn North and Morwell, and thanks to a Committee member we now have our youngest member. Rumour has it that instead of the traditional flowers, Ron



of 5.62mm in the gauge, which is only 13% of the average for February. Some grasses and lots of weeds have shrivelled up, but there is sufficient soil moisture left for the beautiful, native microlaena grass to remain green and grow its slender weeping seed heads. The wallabies with their joeys are thriving. Hazelwood South had four times as much rain as the Latrobe Valley weather station. After a wet January and dry February, the year of 2024 is now at 80% of average.

bought his new son a model aeroplane kit.

Churchill Archery Club
 An Archery Club has been formed in Churchill and members are busy raising money for vital club equipment such as bows, arrows and targets. This is so that interested people without equipment can "Have a Go" at archery and see if they like the sport before involving themselves in much outlay of money. Sunday looked a good day for flying, and a good turnout of members was at the field. Down came the rain, undaunted by the miniature typhoon some members donned their water wings and waded out into the circle whilst us lesser mortals cowered in the shed and watched.

Churchill Play Reading and Drama Group
 Our meeting was held in February. Two plays were read, "Open Date for Lady Blackhurst" and "The Private Ear." The Club is looking for new members to come along and enjoy the group.

Churchill Guides and Brownies
 Local members of the Guide and Scout Movements celebrate the birthdays of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting and Guiding and of his wife, who is the World Chief Guide. This is known as "thinking day" and activities bring in the International aspect of guiding by reading of other countries, playing their games and even trying their

food.
 Churchill Teenage Club
 We have managed to reopen the Club with a minimum of parent adult help. Mr R Ollquist volunteered to take the club on a weekend camp to Coopers Creek, situated in the Walhalla district.

Churchill Angling Club
 Members fishing off the yacht club jetty at Metung caught 150 flathead as well as bream and trevally. Many big trevally were lost because of running around the piles. Frank changed his style of fishing and caught one flathead by the back and another by the tail.

Churchill Little Athletics
 The Morwell Championships proved a great success with Churchill. 46 children entered and we have 25 medals to our credit. Medals or not, every child went out and did their best and they showed wonderful club spirit and sportsmanship.

Churchill Badminton Club
 The Annual meeting of the Club will be held in the Church Hall next week. Old members and intending new members are requested to come to elect office bearers and to see how many teams will be entered in the Latrobe Valley Badminton Association Competition this year.

Churchill Baby Sitting Club
 A new secretary will be elected and members will be notified as to who gets the position. We also have vacancies for a few new members.

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Co-Operating Churches Snippets



Cathie, our part time supply minister, is taking our Lenten services at Churchill. Bec Hayman is taking two Anglican Holy Communion Services for the parish each month, one at Churchill and one at Boolarra. We are grateful to have Bec and thank her for the skills and talents she brings.

Pancake or Shrove Tuesday was celebrated with a gathering of people to share pancakes and to discuss the reason for pancakes at the beginning of Lent

The children are focusing on a book entitled 'The

Garden, The Curtain and the Cross'. There are selected pages of the picture story book to read each week and special activities to do.

The first week of Lent Cathie spoke of the Vices and Virtues associated with Lent.

The Vices are (1) pride, (2) greed, or covetousness, (3) lust, or inordinate or illicit sexual desire, (4) envy, (5) gluttony, which is usually understood to include drunkenness, (6) wrath, or anger, and (7) sloth. Each of these can be overcome with the seven heavenly virtues

of (1) humility, (2) charity, (3) chastity, (4) gratitude, (5) temperance, (6) patience, and (7) diligence. Lent is a time to try to come closer to God, to acknowledge sins and ask for repentance. As we had experienced the power outage, there were deeds of kindness we had experienced and could share.

The second week Cathie's message was for us to consider our actions and our desires and see if they aligned with what God wants us to be. We should consider if a desire is a want or a need.



Churchill Christian Fellowship

By Steve McNeilly

Easter is a time of mixed emotions. It is a time when we remember the confusion and grief of Jesus' mother and disciples when they saw Him high up in the air, nailed to a brutal cross. Perhaps we remember Peter, who swore with an oath that he would never deny his Lord, and yet he did. Shock, sadness,

despair, like the whole world had just exploded.

However, Easter is also the time of resurrection, of unbelievable joy, and the sudden realisation that, yes, this is what He had been trying to tell us! Then seeing Him, at the beach, in the locked upstairs room, for some, on the road to Emmaus. Thinking

about what had happened. Putting it all together. The Scriptures, the prophecies. It was finally starting to make sense in the most wonderful way. Jesus was alive! Death was defeated. Nothing would ever be the same.

May all Churchill News readers experience something of that powerful revelation this Easter.

Things have been busy, as usual, at Churchill Christian Fellowship. On March 17, we had a visit from Barry Buirski, from a ministry called Celebrate Messiah. He presented a session about the Jewish Passover meal and how it points to Jesus.

On Saturday April 6, we are having a "Community

Op-Shop & Garage Sale Day." The idea of one of our members, we will be offering bags for \$1 that people can fill with clothes. Proceeds from that and the garage sale happening at the same time will go towards our local mission fund. The event will start at 9am at the Hazelwood South Hall, 762 Tramway Rd.

A reminder that we are still setting up our community garden, and yes, working in with the people at the Hub. We might even have an open day on Easter Saturday. We will be working on the garden from 10.00 to 2.00 on Fridays. If that time works for you, feel free to contact us. Call 0409 173 747.



Church Times

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| <p>Co-Operating Churches of Churchill Sunday Services: 10.00am Williams Avenue, Churchill. Tel: 5166 1819</p> | <p>Churchill/Morwell Catholic Parishes Tel: 5134 2849 Fr James Fernandez Saturday 5.00pm St Vincent's, Morwell. Sunday 9.00am Lumen Christi, Churchill. 10.30am Sacred Heart, Morwell. Every 4th Sunday alternates Yinnar/Boolarra. <i>See Church bulletin or call 5134 2849</i></p> |
| <p>Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish Boolarra/Yinnar 1st and 3rd Sunday: 10am Christ Church Tarwin St., Boolarra</p> | <p>King of Glory Ministries International Now meeting regularly in Yinnar 7.30pm third Saturday of each month at Yinnar RSL Hall. Christ-centred, Bible-based, Spirit led. Info 0400 690 972 https://kogmii.com</p> |
| <p>Churchill Christian Fellowship 3.00pm Sundays at Haz S. Hall 762 Tramway Road Churchill (next to the soccer ground) Everyone Welcome 0409 173 747</p> | |

Easter Services at our churches 2024

Easter Services for Lumen Christi Parish - 2024
We look forward to celebrating with you at these services in our Parishes

Sunday, March 24
Palm Sunday Mass at St Francis de Sales, Boolarra - 9.00 am

Tuesday, March 26
Tenebrae, Service of the Shadows at the Cooperating Churches, Churchill - 7.30 pm

Thursday, March 28
Mass of the Last Supper at Lumen Christi - 7.00 pm

Friday, March 29
Good Friday Service at Lumen Christi - 3.00 pm

Saturday, March 30
Easter Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart, Morwell -

Easter Sunday, March 31
Mass at Lumen Christi - 9.00 am

There are also Easter Services at Sacred Heart in Morwell -

Thursday, March 21
Sacred Heart. Reconciliation for the parishes of Morwell and Lumen Christi - 7.00 pm

Friday, March 29
Sacred Heart. Good Friday Service - 3.00 pm

Saturday, March 30
Sacred Heart. Easter Vigil Mass for the parishes of Morwell and Lumen Christi 7.30 pm

Sunday, March 31
Sacred Heart, 10.30 am

Churchill Co-Operating Churches Easter services

Sunday, March 24:
Palm Sunday Relaxed Worship Churchill. Combined with Boolarra/Yinnar

Tuesday, March 26:
Tenebrae Churchill- 7.30 pm

Friday, March 29:
Good Friday, Churchill and Walk of Witness. Boolarra/Yinnar at 10.00 am at the Catholic Church Yinnar and Walk of Witness

Easter Sunday, March 31:
Easter Sunday UCA HC. Churchill Combined with Boolarra/Yinnar

Churchill Christian Fellowship
Easter Sunday: 3.00 pm Sunday, at 762 Tramway Road.



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Tennis
The game of tennis is played on a rectangular court by single opponents or two teams of two on a slightly wider court. The object of the game is to hit a bouncy ball over a net at a set height with the ball staying within the confines of the court.



A point is scored when the ball bounces a second time before it is hit. It is popular world-wide and has grown in popularity over the past seventy years since it became a professional sport.

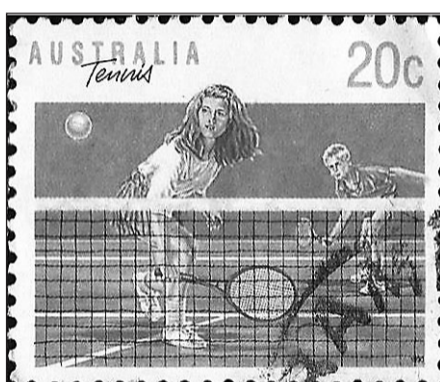
game could be embraced by players of differing levels of ability.

International competition began in 1900 with the men's Davis Cup being vied for. Women had to wait until

of the four Grand Slam tournaments, the Australian Open, the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open has seen a decline in the status of the two international cups as the tennis star players emerged and have dominated the press coverage.

We have always revered the stars but not at the level of celebrity status of today.

In 1950 and for the next 17 years, Australian men dominated in the Davis Cup, winning it 15 times. Frank Sedgman, Ken Rosewall, Rod Laver, Roy Emerson and Ashley Cooper were household names during that time.



In the women's game, Margaret Court and Evonne Goolagong enjoyed similar status.

Rod Laver is the only Australian man to win the Grand Slam and he did it twice.

Margaret Court won one Grand Slam and more Grand Slam tournaments than any other woman tennis player. We continue to produce good tennis players as the years go on.

Tennis and tennis players have featured on many stamps. Australia issued a stamp showing tennis as part of a sports set in 1990 and a Tennis Legend set in 2003.

1963 when the Federation Cup tournament was first played. Both were amateur tournaments, played on a knockout system throughout the year.

They were dominated by the teams representing Great Britain, France, the U.S.A. and latterly Australia, until they became tournaments in which professional players could compete.

This has led to world-wide participation with one-country domination going out the window.

The increasing popularity

Sporting grants up for grabs

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester is encouraging young athletes in the region to take the opportunity to apply for the latest round of the Local Sporting Champions program and the Local Para Champions Program.

Mr Chester said the grants programs have helped young people between the ages of 12-18 with costs associated with competing, coaching or officiating at a state, national or international championship.

"Competing at a state, national or international level requires enormous amounts of dedication by young athletes and support from their families, with the main barrier for them reaching their potential being the costs of attending the high-level events." Mr Chester said.

"These programs are designed to help support young athlete's endeavours and help them reach their potential as a sportsperson."

The Local Para Champions program provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-24 participating in state, national or international championships for athletes with a disability.

"This is a fantastic opportunity and I encourage all eligible young Gippslanders to apply and potentially receive some additional support to continue pursuing their sporting dreams."

The Local Sporting Champions provide grants of up to \$750 to attend official state and national championship events, and

international events as a member of an official Australian team.

The Local Para Champions Program provides grants of \$750-\$1000 towards the costs of attending these championships.

Grant money may be spent on expenses including competition entry fees or levies, transport costs, accommodation, uniforms and sporting equipment.

Applications for this round of both programs close on April 30, 2024.

For more information and to apply, visit:

https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions# and https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local-para-champions

SCAMWATCH

About online dating and investment scams

Last year, financial criminals stole more than \$40 million in fake investments from people in Australia through dating websites and social media.

These scammers pretend to be a real person who wants a relationship with you, spending weeks or months gaining your trust.

They tell you to invest your money or cryptocurrency in 'opportunities' that turn out to be fake, leaving you broke and broken-hearted.

How to spot the scam

Someone you do not know contacts you through a dating app, website or social media.

They show interest in developing a relationship with you, and follow this up with frequent messages expressing strong feelings for you.

When you have built trust with them, they tell you about an investment

scheme or platform where you can make money easily. This often involves cryptocurrency.

They may offer to show you how easy it is to invest. You may even make a profit quickly from a small amount you have invested.

How the scam works

You meet a scammer on a dating app.

They ask you to start messaging on WhatsApp or another app.

They text or call you a lot to build a romantic relationship.

They start talking about making money through investing or buying cryptocurrency.

The scammer asks you to invest or buy cryptocurrency.

If you run out of money or ask for it back, they disappear.

You cannot get your money back.

Protect yourself

STOP – Do not give personal information or act

on investment advice from someone you have only met online. If you have any doubts, stop communicating with them.

THINK – Do you really know who you are communicating with? Scammers can use different profile pictures and lie about who they really are, especially online.

PROTECT – Act quickly if something feels wrong. Contact your bank immediately if you have invested money. Help others by reporting scams to Scamwatch.

If you have been affected

If you have lost money, contact your bank or financial institution as soon as possible.

Contact the platform you were scammed on and let them know about the scam.

Tell your friends and family. It helps to share your experience. They can support you and you can help protect them from scams.

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Top awards for Churchill Scouts



with the peak achievement for Joey Scouts, the Promise Award, and Jackson (11) was presented with the Cub Scout peak achievement, the Grey Wolf Award. Both Harrison and Jackson worked diligently over the past three years completing a series of challenges to achieve these awards. From camping, bushcraft and bushwalking skills as well as STEM, creative arts, environmental, adventurous activities, service projects



and an adventurous journey, Harrison and Jackson just about did it all!. Congratulations to them both.

Two Churchill Scout Group members were recently awarded their peak achievement awards. Harrison (8) was presented

Churchill Scouts host district event



Churchill Scout Group recently hosted the annual Strzelecki District Scouts Founder's Day activity at their Scout Hall and grounds. Founder's Day celebrates the birth of the founder of Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell, who would have turned 167 this year.

Scouts from Churchill, Glengarry, Morwell and Traralgon enjoyed bouldering, billycarts, campfire cooking, an obstacle course, and an imaginative bushcraft game, not to mention a sausage sizzle and a giant birthday cake! A big thank you to all of the volunteer leaders who helped run activities on the day.

Churchill Scout Group has limited vacancies for new members to commence at the start of Term 2, 2024:

Joey Scouts for young people aged 5 to 8 years

Cub Scouts for young people aged 8 to 11 years

Scouts for young people aged 11 to 14 years

Venturer Scouts for young adults aged 14 to 18 years

Rover Scouts for adults aged 18 to 25 years.

For more information or to register, please email the Group Leader Tammy Napier via groupleader@1stchurchill.com.au

Above and below Scouts enjoying activities at the recent District Founder's Day



GIPPSLAND EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

Storm Appeal

Once again in Gippsland we are dealing with the forces of nature following the storm event recently.

It is estimated that more than 100 residents may be adversely impacted by the high winds and associated downpour.

GERF President Andy Tegart said "These are devastating circumstances for the families affected and it is important that GERF responds promptly to assist them with vital financial support in their time of need."

Mr Tegart announced that Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund is launching

an appeal to raise funds to support Gippsland residents impacted by the current storm emergency.

"We recently provided more than \$150,000.00 to residents impacted by flash flooding and it is highly likely that we will distribute at least that amount for this current event.

Assessments are currently underway by Municipal Recovery Managers and we would like to be in a position to respond promptly when referrals for financial assistance come through" Mr Tegart said.

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.

Mr Tegart said "Every dollar donated to the appeal is distributed to those affected by 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.



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What volunteer roles can I do?

There is a role for everyone as a CFA volunteer. Not all roles in a brigade require you to attend an emergency. There are operational roles and support roles in each brigade like social media, fire extinguisher maintenance or community education.

Many volunteers find that operational roles - responding to emergencies like fires and rescues are highly rewarding and give them valuable new skills. Operational volunteers respond to incidents where risks are posed to life and/or property. This may include:

Responding to wildfires - such as grass fires and bushfires.

Attending structural fires - such as fires in homes, buildings and sheds.

Attending road accident rescues.

Assisting with other emergencies, including floods.

Attending incidents with hazardous materials.

Managing vegetation - such as fuel reduction burns.



Give us a hand - Volunteer with CFA

Managing fire equipment. Our volunteers in support roles make a huge contribution to getting the brigade out in the community through fundraising or community safety education. They are also crucial to help keep the brigade operating and well managed. At some brigades, volunteers may choose to do an operational and a support role.

Young people can also volunteer with CFA. At the age of 16, young people can become a volunteer as outlined above.

Who can be a volunteer?

Do you live or work near a CFA brigade? CFA brigades welcome all members of the community of all ages and skills. Our members come from all walks of life.

CFA offers both emergency response and support roles, so there is something to suit your availability, interest and skills.

Are you:

- * Over the age of 16?
- * Living or working near to your local CFA brigade?
- * Available to attend Brigade meetings and training

during the evenings and some weekends?

* Are available at some point during a 24 hour period to attend emergency incidents?

* Have spare time during your week to perform a support role function?

Our volunteers are ready, willing and able to help their communities in emergency situations. Willingness to lend a hand, learn and work as a team is a must.

We welcome all ages and backgrounds. You do not need to have experience with emergencies, all training is provided to you by CFA and your local brigade.

As a Child Safe environment, we require our members to have a Working with Children Check, and undertake a National Police Check as part of the application process.

Firefighting (operational roles) can involve strenuous and physically challenging activities, so a certain level of fitness is required to undertake this role.

You can discuss this with your local brigade to determine

your suitability for this role. Training in specific firefighting or other operational roles is provided.

What can I expect as a volunteer?

CFA volunteers join because they want to give something back to their community and feel a sense of achievement.

Along the way, they develop leadership and management experiences, meet new friends, learn new life-skills and build valuable connections in their community.

No day is the same for our volunteers and each brigade is different because each landscape and community is different.

Volunteers perform many roles beyond fire suppression in grass and bushland and in homes and buildings. They educate and engage the community about fire safety, help residents develop fire plans and respond to other emergencies when they happen. This might include attending a road accident, or helping with flood response.

We are many different faces with one crucial mission - protecting lives and property.

Apply to volunteer

Joining your local CFA is the most rewarding way you can give back to your local community. Our CFA members are dedicated and skilled and each volunteer makes a valuable contribution through the roles they perform.

CFA is focussed on increasing the diversity of our membership as well as our flexibility to perform a volunteer role while providing a range of opportunities and skill development. We are driven by our values and a commitment to inclusiveness and keeping our communities safe. If you think this sounds like you, we invite you to apply to become a CFA Volunteer.

Applications are accepted online - see cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-with-cfa

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.

As we all will have observed over recent weeks, the spate of much warmer weather has significantly dried off the grass across our landscape.

This means that despite the signs of the season changing, fire is now much more likely as the fine fuels have dried out and will much more easily ignite. Note that 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 can't 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), or online: cfa.vic.gov.au/can

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Upgrades underway for Gaskin Park

Latrobe City Council has commenced essential surface upgrades to Gaskin Park – Oval 2, thanks to a successful funding application of \$250,000 via Sport and Recreation Victoria’s Country Football Netball Program.

Council has also allocated a further \$100,000 to the upgrade.

The delivery of this project is set to be complete in early 2025 and will improve the surface of the oval and enable local sporting clubs to increase usage of the venue, especially during wet weather conditions.

The Council Plan outlines Council’s commitment to increasing the accessibility of our green spaces and facilities to connect community and achieve positive health and wellbeing outcomes.

Mayor of Latrobe City Council, Councillor

Darren Howe, said Council continues to provide improved facilities that are accessible and inclusive for our community.

“These vital upgrades to Gaskin Park – Oval 2 mean junior football clubs can play at their home ground and the facility can be used more often. They will also ensure an improved surface that users will want to train and play on, and one that clubs can be proud of,” said the Mayor.

“Upgrades to Gaskin Park – Oval 2 will allow the club to grow, expand female participation, and support more training and playing hours.

We are looking forward to attracting more users of the Gaskin Park facilities with these upgrades, while ensuring our current clubs and users get better use out of them.”



We will remember

By Darren Chester

Recently we marked 15 years since Gippslanders, and our friends across Victoria, endured the horrific loss of life and property in the Black Saturday bushfires.

While homes have been rebuilt and the environment has largely recovered, many families still carry the emotional scars of that devastating event.

My thoughts are with the families and friends of those who perished and the first responders who worked tirelessly to keep our communities safe in the face of extraordinary adversity.

There were countless everyday heroes of Gippsland who fought the Black Saturday bushfires, and then volunteered to help our community rally together in the aftermath.

The firefighters, the community volunteers, the emergency services workers, the contractors and the neighbours who placed themselves in harm’s way to help their mates in a time of great need, wrote their own inspirational chapter in the story of Gippsland.

We will remember them.



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Strzelecki Bushwalking Club



The Strzelecki Bushwalking Club is already in full swing for 2024. We have run a selection of activities in January and February. Over the holiday season we have welcomed several new members, and our committee is extremely committed to providing the best experience for all members and visitors.

Our annual catch-up BBQ in the park was held on Wednesday February 14, in McGregor Park, Traralgon. This was a wonderful opportunity to re-engage with the club after the

holiday season, and a great chance for people who were interested to find out more about what we do.

The Australian Alps Walking Track is a 650 km trail which starts at Walhalla and finishes at Canberra.

This trail was conceived in the 1970's to link several National Parks including the Baw Baw, Alpine, Kosciuszko and Namadgi.

The track generally follows ridges and plains through some of the highest country in Australia. It is mostly very far from any town or settlement. You

can join the track at many places between Walhalla and Canberra. Most walkers take between six to seven weeks to complete the whole trail, but many people choose to complete shorter sections.

Here in Gippsland, we are fortunate to have access to several sections of the Australian Alps Walking Track on our doorstep.

The Strzelecki Bushwalking Club has several leaders who have extensive knowledge of these local walks.

On Saturday February 17, Wendy led a group of

eleven walkers over a section of the AAWT beginning at Stronach's Camp through to headwaters of the Thompson River and back around to Frangipani Saddle. Along the way walkers were treated to several sightings of lyrebirds and other native animals.

This is a very peaceful way to spend a Saturday walking amongst the many species of eucalyptus trees and tree ferns.

The SBWC regularly conducts bushwalks for various levels of ability, bike rides and kayaking events. The Strzelecki Bushwalking

Club is very inclusive and has approximately 150 members.

Does this sound like the type of Club you are interested in? If so, visitors are welcome to attend our monthly meetings held at the Traralgon Scout Hall on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7.00 p.m.

Our annual Club membership fee is \$45 per adult and visitors pay a small fee of \$5 per walk. Our Club has a library of bushwalking literature available to lend to members, and a store of hiking equipment is available

for members to borrow. This can assist people in the short term as they build up their own equipment.

Bushwalking is a great way to keep your body fit and active and going with a group of other like-minded people provides great conversation and social interaction. I honestly believe it could be the "fountain of youth"!

Further information is available on the website at sbwc.org.au, on our Facebook page or by contacting publicity@sbwc.org.au



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We shall miss Steve with his happy disposition and work ethic.

A very grateful thank you is extended to Tony Lawless who obligingly came to the park and removed some

large logs which would not burn down. Then he smoothed the area until you would not know there had been a burn site there. Thank you Tony for your efficient work for us.

A big thank you to the two council employees who dumped and spread the new mulch under the play equipment on a hot day.

Our first working bee for the year was held on February 11. A good turn up allowed a lot of scheduled tasks to be completed. The

two areas where new seats will be placed on concrete blocks were boxed up and prepared for the concrete pour. Some track work was begun and nearly finished. This was near the top of the top paddock path where heavy downpours had washed away some of the

gravel. Drains were dug for run off and new gravel spread on top.

These tasks were completed with the fantastic help of Bruce and Thane with his excavator, which made work so much easier. Some weed mat was removed. Large stakes at

the deciduous trees near the old house were removed and stored for future use. A very delicious morning tea was supplied by Faye and was very much appreciated.

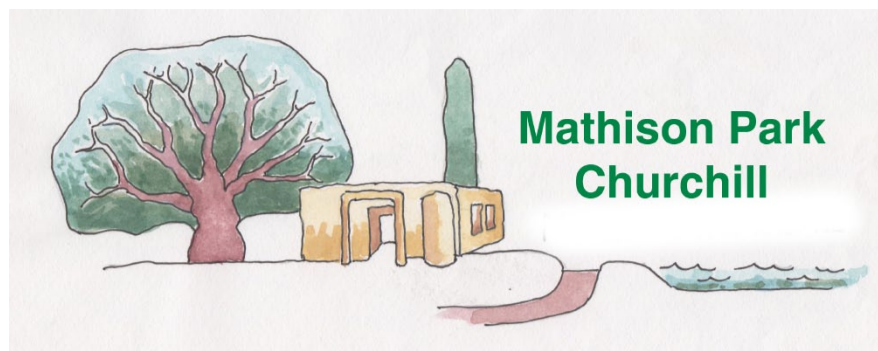
During summer, the newly planted trees of November 2023 were watered by the volunteers working with the Gippsland Interchange. That crew also helped by picking up bark, twigs leaves and branches from around the eucalypts along Tramway Road

section. This is a never-ending task.

The ferocious storm which swept through our region on Tuesday, February 13 around 5.30 pm did so much damage.

Mathison Park was not too badly hit but one large tree was smashed to the ground. Many other small trees and branches came down as well.

The area at the corner of Tramway Road and Mackeys Road has had the start of a clean up. Grass has been cut and an inspection to identify native important vegetation has been done. Once cleaned up some further planting can take place.



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A small 10c label indicates if the item is included in the scheme.

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You will not only be stopping items going into landfill, but also helping our own local newspaper or other groups.



Upcycle 4 Better - Learn more

Recycle your old clothes, shoes, textiles

Some things just are not suitable to donate to charity! What do you do with that badly torn shirt, the old undies, the shoes with holes or the stained and smelly soft toy?

You take them to one of Latrobe's four Transfer Stations (Morwell, Yinnar, Traralgon or Moe) and drop them in the Textile Disposal Shute, free of charge!

There are lots of end-of-life clothing that should not be donated to your local charity for their volunteers to sort and throw out.

Op-shops, like our Lifeline Op-Shop in Churchill, or St Matts in Yinnar just cannot sell your odd socks or shoes, your old underwear or any of your 'beyond repair' items of clothing. However you can recycle!

In September last year, Latrobe City Council introduced textile recycling

to our Transfer Stations. This program has already prevented 13,535kg of textile waste going into landfill. Over 13 thousand kilos of textile waste! – that is huge!

Council has partnered with "Upcycle4Better" to deliver this service to Latrobe City residents. Items put down the Textile Disposal Shute will be diverted from landfill and sorted by Upcycle4Better for reuse or recycling.

You can find out more about this program by visiting <https://www.upcycle4better.com.au/>

The less waste we put into our rubbish bins, the longer the lifespan of Council's landfill facility – a

saving for ratepayers! Not to mention the benefit to environmental sustainability – we need to find ways and means to reuse and recycle as many products as possible, rather than continuing to produce new goods from scratch continuously.

It is so easy to drop off so many things for recycling at the Transfer Station (e.g. textiles, metal, flattened cardboard, e-waste including TVs, light globes, batteries, etc) for free! No excuses!

For more information about Latrobe City's Transfer Stations, visit: https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Home/Waste/Transfer_Stations_Tips

Gambling support much closer than you think

Are you or a loved one experiencing gambling-related harm?

Support is much closer than you think with the expert team at Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) delivering a range of services across Gippsland for anyone who may be concerned with their gambling.

According to data from the Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission (VGCCC), people in Latrobe spent \$49.9 million on electronic gambling machines (EGMs) between



2022-23 (financial year) – a 28 percent increase on the \$39 million lost on the pokies the year before.

(FY 2021-22). Our team delivers Gambler's Help free of charge from LCHS's Bairnsdale, Sale, Traralgon, Morwell, Moe, and Warragul sites. Services include financial and therapeutic counselling to help people get their finances back on track, and strategies to help people regain control of their

gambling.

"Every day we see the negative effects that gambling harm can have," says Chipo Chiyangwa, Gambler's Help Team Leader at LCHS. "We are often aware of the financial losses and relationship difficulties that come with gambling-related harm. However issues can also include increased substance abuse, trouble sleeping, difficulty concentrating, stress or guilt.

Remember, gambling harm can affect anyone so we urge anyone recognises these 'symptoms' in themselves or a loved one to reach out to our Gambler's Help team."

Come and meet LCHS's friendly Gambler's Help team in person at its Multicultural Event at LCHS Morwell on April 30, between 10.30am and midday.

To register your attendance, or for a confidential discussion on Gambler's Help services, call 1800 242 696 or email at GamblingSupportServices@lchs.com.au.

2024 Latrobe City Council Major Events

2024 Latrobe City Council Major Events Listing March 2024

March 19 – 28, 2024 Victorian Open State Traralgon Bowls Club Traralgon

March 23 – 24, 2024 Australasian Raffa Championships International Italian Australian Club Morwell

March 27 – April 1, 2024 Inline Hockey Australian

Club Championships National Stadium 34 Moe

April 2024

April 6 – 7, 2024 Table Tennis Victoria Open Veterans State Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium Traralgon

April 13 – 14, 2024 Table Tennis Victoria State League Championships – Qualifiers State Traralgon Tennis Club Traralgon

June 2024

June 1 – 2, 2024 Badminton Victoria U13 and U17 Silver Tournament State Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium Traralgon

June 8 – 10, 2024 Volleyball Victoria Country Championships State Various venues

June 8 – 10, 2024 Table Tennis Victorian Country Championships State Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium Traralgon

July - September 2024 July 13 – 14, 2024 2023 Baseball Victoria Junior Winter Championships State Various venues 2024

August 10 – 11, 2024 Victorian Country Short Course Swimming Championships State Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre Traralgon September 2024

September 22 – 25, 2024 Teachers Games State Various venues.

Churchill/Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

Security Cameras

Security camera information - if you have security cameras installed around your home, it is a good idea to make sure that your "on board" clock is always up to date, so that if you need to check a video for the police, they will know that the information you give them is correct.

Make sure that the cameras have clean lenses and that they are not covered by spider webs that can make it difficult to identify people and other objects.

There are now many different security cameras on the market, and many of them can be viewed anywhere around the world if they are connected to your WiFi internet.

Always go for the highest quality cameras, and get a professional installer to set the gear up.

The more people who have security cameras installed, the safer your neighbourhood will be.

If there are issues in your street, you and your neighbours can help the police with good information.

Also, Dash Cams installed in your car can make a big difference if you have an accident, and you need to prove things to your insurance company in order to make a claim.

Stay safe and care for your community.

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Yinnar, Yinnar South

Landcare

Up and running with another year of doing and learning

The plants that we put in the ground over last winter are growing, our group has new members and our library has new books. At our first 2024 meeting on February 3, the group endorsed the plan for our new project to create a pollinator link between the Yinnar township and the Hazelwood Cemetery.

We have decided initially to visit the site and record what we see on the tenth of every month for the rest of this year. We identified plants in January and



February, and are planning an evening moth survey for March 10.

Latrobe City Environment Dept is working with us on the pollinator link project. Their contractors have already treated some roadside weeds, and they will be able to supply a few hundred plants this year. We are now looking for some funding for our group to buy a few more.

We are also hoping to recruit new members and volunteers.

For many people our group's two big public land re-vegetation projects are a bit too remote and difficult to access. Those among us who are fit, active and sure-footed enough for the task seem to always want to go back. During COVID we were limited to five or sometimes ten people per group, so, we had enough members and friends to keep our volunteer work going at this scale.

We decided last year to look for volunteer opportunities for those who are not, perhaps, quite so ready for these physical challenges. We thought initially that Yinnar Road might fit the bill, but the main road is a bit too traffic prone for large events. However, sites at either end and off to the side provide some excellent opportunities.

Weeds - there are always weeds.

Unfortunately one of our group's signs alerting the community to the need to control noxious weeds before they set seed has disappeared from Jeeralang Junction. We are getting quotes to replace it, but if it could be returned, that would be even better. The message is about weeds being a

problem for the whole community - there is no way for the airborne seeds of ragwort and thistles or the birds that spread blackberry seed to know that fences may signify property boundaries and that they should stay in



their patch.

South Gippsland Landcare Group recently ran a Ragwort Information day at Yarragon that included information about using drones for weed control. We are looking forward to hearing about this from members who were able to attend.

On our two big planting sites our little native trees have grown well, but some bad weeds have grown faster.

At our Billys Creek block, it is the usual suspects, ragwort and thistles. Some good work was done in late February on removing plants before they seeded.

Along Upper Middle Creek where Cape Ivy has been spreading apace since the 2019 fire and 2021 flood, we will be trying out different methods to try and control it. Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network will bring in contractors to work in some of the bushfire affected area; and our group will run a separate small project to see if we can find an affordable and effective solution.

Then, in a little Bushland Reserve near us, invasive maples are our challenge. Maples can be a lovely garden plant, but in this beautiful fragment of native damp forest the Sycamore Maple is a persistent and invasive weed.

Our annual Sycamore Slaughter, formerly known as a Maple Massacre will be on Saturday April 20 this year starting at 10a.m. and meeting at the corner of Whitelaw's Track and The Mill Road, Yinnar South, all welcome.

More details on our website: <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/westgippsland/yinnar-south/>

Photo Captions

Above - Ragwort caught in the nick of time by Joelle at Yinnar Landcare's Billys Creek block. Photo credit: Rose Mildenhall

Left Moths can be important pollinators this is a Mitre Satin Moth, *Thalaina inscripta* Photo credit: Irene Proebesting

Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species:

Pterostylis coccinea.

Family: Orchidaceae.

Derivation:

Pterostylis: From Greek, pteron, meaning "wing", and stylos, meaning "pillar, pole or column" and referring to the broad wings found on the upper part of the column in this genus of orchids.

coccinea: From Latin, *coccineus*, meaning 'scarlet'.

Common Name:

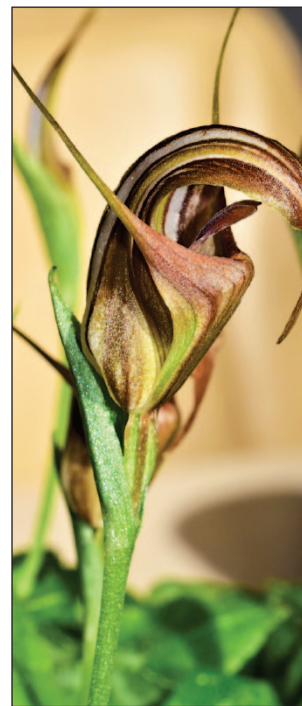
Scarlet Greenhood.

Distribution:

In the ranges from around Suggan Buggan in far north-eastern Victoria, through the ACT to about Mt Kaputar in NSW, generally above 600m in altitude.

Description:

Non-flowering plants form a basal rosette of leaves to 30mm long by 15mm wide. Flowering plants do not form a rosette, just a stem to 25cm tall holding a single hooded flower about 30mm in length with dorsal and lateral sepal free-points extending 2 or 3cm further. The labellum is visible just above and extending through the sinus (the gap at the front of the hood). Flowers can be green/brown/red and white striped and occur from January to April in their



subalpine environment.

Opinion:

As you can see, my pot is full of non-flowering plants (all the leaves) with only about a dozen in flower or budding up. This shot was 2021, in 2022 there were just as many leaves but only half-a-dozen flowers and this year, only four flowers. This species always has a fair proportion of non-flowering plants, but I think the trend is indicating that I need to empty the pot in the coming dormant period and thin out the tubers into another three or four pots. I

am only a beginner when it comes to growing orchids, so it always worries me when it comes to disturbing the plants. Generally, the colony-forming greenhoods like this species are easy to grow, but the main concerns are keeping the snails and bugs at bay and getting the watering right. Keeping the mix too damp over the warmer months can result in all your tubers rotting, but not watering enough may cause the tubers to desiccate. Disturbing the mix is the most likely time to upset the plants or unwittingly introduce pathogens. Oh, the stress!

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

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Churchill Neighbourhood Centre



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre launches Community Resilience Kitchen Project

To bolster disaster preparedness and community resilience, the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre has announced the launch of its groundbreaking Community Resilience Kitchen project.

Under development for some time, the project aims to establish a mobile kitchen

capable of providing crucial support during natural disasters and emergencies across Gippsland.

With savings of \$13,000 already secured toward the project's \$35,000 goal, the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, under the leadership of project manager Nathan Brown, is making strides in realising its vision.

The initiative will be

open to all communities across Gippsland, offering vital assistance whenever and wherever disaster strikes.

The Community Resilience Kitchen will be equipped with two BBQs, fridges, solar panels, generators for phone charging, WIFI, and large water tanks for drinking water.

These essential facilities will enable the kitchen to function independently and

provide crucial support during emergencies.

"We believe in building partnerships with each community, empowering them to support the facilitation of emergency relief efforts," says Nathan. "Our goal is to foster a sense of unity and resilience across the region."

Donations to support the Community Resilience Kitchen project can be made at churchill.

org.au.

The mobile BBQ trailer will serve as a lifeline during emergencies and be utilised for fundraising activities during non-emergency periods.

Hosting various community events, it will raise funds for its upkeep and support other regional emergency resilience projects.

"We're committed to ensuring the sustainability of

this project and its ongoing support for our communities," adds Nathan.

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FedReady prepares new students for University life

From February 19 to 23, 2024, students at Federation University Australia participated in FedReady, a comprehensive short course designed to ease their transition into university life and equip them with essential skills for academic success.

Over the week, Senior Learning Skills Advisors Martin Davies and Leigh Albon led a blend of on-campus and online sessions to cater to students' preferences and needs. They also provided a FedReady Moodle shell with access to supplementary materials and resources, enhancing the learning experience further.

On Monday, February 19, the week began with an engaging on-campus session from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Attendees enjoyed complementary refreshments while learning about crucial topics such as time

management, academic writing, referencing, and effective note-taking strategies. The following three days continued with online sessions conducted via the Teams platform. Finally, the FedReady course concluded with a final on-campus session on Friday, February 23, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Overall, FedReady was a valuable experience for new students entering the university journey and for mature students continuing their education, providing them with the knowledge, skills, and support necessary for academic success.

For more information about future learning opportunities and support services, visit Federation University Australia's website.

Orientation 2024: Gippsland Campus welcomed new students



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.



A hop into campus life: Gippsland's unique residents

By Jubin Raju

Federation University Australia's Gippsland campus is home to a special kind of student, a family of four kangaroos that have captured the hearts of the university community. These gentle marsupials are not just occasional visitors; they have become a familiar sight, gracefully bounding across the green spaces, and reminding us of the wonders of Australian wildlife.

The kangaroos on campus have added a unique charm and excitement to the university community. However, it is essential to understand that these kangaroos are wild animals. While they can be a source of fascination and joy, we must also

respect their space and well-being. As a university community, we should be cautious in embracing their presence, maintain a safe distance, and resist the urge to feed them. By doing so, we can ensure these campus regulars' safety and continued visits.

The presence of these kangaroos on campus is a beautiful example of how humans and wildlife can coexist peacefully, enriching our daily experiences. As we pursue our academic pursuits, let us appreciate and protect our unique campus companions, embodying the spirit of cohabitation and respect for nature.

Rise Crew assists new students during Orientation

The start of university can be an overwhelming experience, especially for new students. Thankfully, Federation University Australia's Rise Crew provided support and guidance during Orientation week. The Rise Crew played a vital role in ensuring that new students felt welcomed and supported as they embarked on their university journey.

On January 29, Rise Crew members underwent training from 11 am to 1 pm, which included essential details, skills, and information on becoming a Rise Crew member. Practical skills, such as barbecue making, were also taught, which came in handy during the Orientation week.

On February 26, Rise Crew members were busy setting up stalls and directional signs around the university to guide students to the Student Lounge for orientation. Throughout the week, Rise Crew members actively assisted new students. Under the guidance of the Student Engagement Officer Paige Saunders, they helped set up and serve meals, engaged with students, provided advice, and gave instructions for Actionbound activities.

The Rise Crew's dedication and support were instrumental in ensuring that new students felt welcomed and supported as they transitioned into university life. Thanks to their efforts, new students could focus on enjoying Orientation week and preparing themselves for an exciting university experience.

If you are interested in volunteering opportunities, such as being part of the Rise Crew, visit Federation University Australia's website for more information.



Strzelecki koala and stormy weather



Tuesday February 13, 2024 is one day that many people will remember as the day that a “cyclone like storm” hit the township of Mirboo North and caused devastation and heart ache for the residents.

(latrobevalleyexpress.com.au 21/2/23) My thoughts are with all of these people who experienced the extreme storm and its aftermath, and are feeling stressed and traumatised. May they get all the emotional and financial support they need as they clean up, restore their homes and rebuild their lives.

This extreme storm did not only affect the people in its vicinity but the natural environment too. Mirboo North is known for its beautiful forested areas, and its tree lined parks and streets. Strzelecki koalas and other native animals live in the town and its surrounding areas.

Strzelecki koalas, like all koalas, can cope with the wind and rain in a normal storm. Koalas are skilled climbers and their sharp claws and strong limbs enable them to balance on the tiniest of branches even on a windy day. (Watch this clip Friends of Koala Inc, NSW. Facebook to see a

koala sleeping and eating in a preferred food tree, on a windy day.) A koala's fur is water proof and provides insulation on hot and cold days.

The behaviours of koalas on hot or cold days also aids their survival. On hot days like it was that day, top of 37 at 12pm recorded in Traralgon, the koala will seek and shelter in a place that offers a micro climate. Treed gullies that are moist and cool or the fork in the lower limbs of a shelter tree are places the koala may go on hot days. Such places help the koala to regulate its body temperature so that it does not suffer from heat exhaustion (www.koalainfo.com 21/2/23).

It is said that animals can sense when the weather is going to be unusual and dangerous, and therefore find a safe place to be. I do not know if this is the case for the Strzelecki koala and I do not know what the koalas did that day to ensure their survival. When danger threatens, a koala's natural instinct is to climb up any tree.

If a Strzelecki koala was sheltering in any of the trees that had their canopy torn off or were uprooted, the koala surely would

have been injured or killed. Any injuries cause pain, incapacity, vulnerability to predators and if not treated infection and eventually death. The photograph of the koala on the ground is one known fatality. This koala was taken into care but her injuries were too severe. I wonder how many more koalas died because of this widespread storm?

A koala can also die if the tree it is sheltering in is struck by lightning.

(koalagroup.asn.au reported the death of a tagged koala in the Toondah area of Queensland 21/2/24), and how do koalas cope in hailstorms when their shelter trees are destroyed?

Besides causing fatalities to the unique Strzelecki koala population, destruction of the Strzelecki koala habitat will affect the Strzelecki koala population's survival now and into the future. Such loss of habitat and fragmentation of habitat which includes koala food and shelter trees, causes stress and dislocation for the local koala population. Any stress can affect an animal's resistance to disease.(www.wildlife.vic.gov.au, “Wildlife Impacted by Storms”21/2/23).

Strzelecki koalas that survive the destruction of

their habitat need to find another suitable place to be their home range. Such a search in unfamiliar territory has its dangers. Road vehicles, domestic dogs, feral animals, storm debris and for male koalas, other male koalas defending their home range, can pose threats to the koala's survival.

(www.savethekoala.com, Australian Koala Foundation: Loss of Habitat, 22/2/24)

Also koalas cannot travel far because their low nutrient diet does not give them very much energy. (wildlife.vic.gov.au “Koalas” 21/2/24) Without access to food and shelter trees koalas can be affected by starvation, dehydration and exhaustion. Inexperienced juvenile koalas and joeys, that are separated from their mothers, are most likely to suffer harm during and after severe storm events. It is understandable that

people who have experienced trees collapsing onto their homes and trees falling like matchsticks may not want to be near a tree again. Nevertheless it is imperative for the environmental health of communities that trees be replaced with endemic or local trees and vegetation again.

Restoration of treed areas supports native animal and plant diversity. Treed areas are cooler in summer and warmer in winter. Treed areas are good for human mental and physical health. (assets.wwf.org.au “Trees :The Forgotten Heroes For Our Health”, March 2023.22/2/24)

Even though the main impact of the extreme storm was in the Mirboo North area, strong winds and heavy rain also damaged smaller segments of the koala habitat throughout the Strzelecki Ranges and Southern

Gippsland, Yarram and the coastal towns like Seaspray.

For the sake of the iconic Strzelecki Koala population's long term viability, revegetation will need to occur in all areas damaged by this violent storm.

How to help : If you come across a sick, injured or distressed koala please call Wildlife Victoria (03) 8400 7300 for advice and assistance.

Also travel slowly and carefully through damaged areas and watch out for wildlife.

One photograph shows an injured koala in the mud, this koala died after it was rescued. The other photograph shows a koala that survived the storm and is sheltering in a damaged tree. Both photographs are by David, a Mirboo North resident.



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

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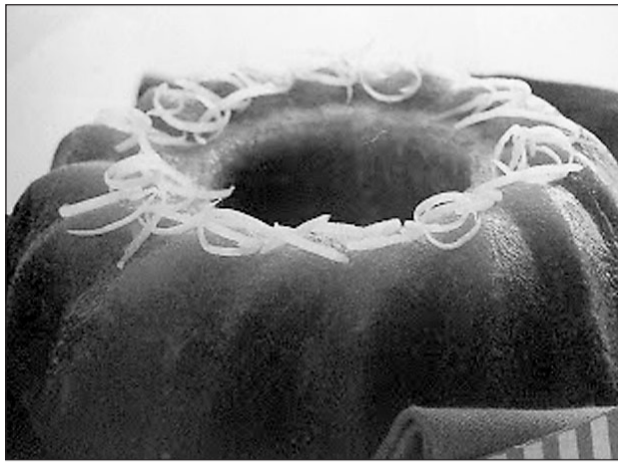
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COOKING with Noelene

Lemon drizzle cake



Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Grease a bundt pan liberally and lightly sprinkle with fine polenta.

The ingredients you need for this simple and delicious lemon cake are pantry staples, 230gm of self raising flour, 335 gm of castor sugar, 225gm of butter/ marg, 4 eggs and 2 lemons.

Let's start ... Place 225gm of room temp butter/ marg in the bowl of your electric mixer along with 225gm of castor sugar and beat until pale and fluffy. In a small bowl lightly beat together 4 eggs. Finely grate the zest of 1 lemon. Now add 230gm of self raising flour alternatively with the grated lemon rind and eggs to the butter mixture and continue to beat until well combined.

Spoon the batter into the prepared bundt pan and carefully level the top with the back of a spoon. Place in the preheated oven and bake for 45 minutes or until a skewer inserted comes out clean. Let the cake stand in the pan for 15 minutes, then place on a wire rack.

Now it's time to make the lemon drizzle. Place the juice and finely sliced lemon rind of 1 and 1/2 lemons in a bowl with 110 gm of castor sugar and beat together to make a drizzle topping.

Prick the still warm cake with a fork and drizzle the liquid topping over the slightly warmed cake. To complete the cake you can add the drained shredded lemon rind to the top of the cake. Let the cake cool completely before serving.

The lemon



I am going to honour the lemon - The Golden Apple. Lemons are one of the oldest cultivated fruits in our history. It is believed that lemon trees were first found in India.

You can thank Christopher Columbus for the lemon seeds he carried to the New World. Lemons have been used through the ages for a lot of medicinal purposes. It was not until the late 18th century that lemons began to be used for the cooking and flavouring purposes that we incorporate into our dishes today.

The lemon tree flowers continuously throughout the year, producing fruit for most of its bloom. Although the lemon was originally cultivated for its fleshy, sour pulp and the lemon rind, today we use the lemon as the ultimate in flavouring.

I only use the lemon in the culinary sense, but the lemon can be used in cleaning, health, beauty and pet care. I do have a lemon tree but it is not keen on bearing fruit, but thankfully I have neighbours, the Stockdale's and Henshaw's, who share their lemon tree's abundance, always appreciated.



Lemon soup



For this lemon soup you will need 1 large lemon, 100gm of peeled and sliced onion, 100gm of shredded carrots, 4 cups of chicken stock, 150ml of cream, 25 gm of butter/ marg, 1 dsp of arrowroot, 2 bouquet garni and 100gm of cream cheese.

First place the butter/ marg in a large pot and add the onions and carrots, cook stirring frequently until tender.

Add 1 litre of chicken stock to the pot and bring to a slow boil then reduce the heat to a simmer.

Add the juice of 1 lemon, the finely grated rind and 2 bouquet garni to the simmering stock. Cover and continue to simmer for 50 minutes until the vegetables are soft.

Remove the bouquet garni and using a stick processor, blend until the soup is smooth.

Now mix 1 dsp of arrowroot in a bowl with a ladle of soup, mix well and then stir through the soup in the pot and blend through 100gm of creamed cheese.

Season with cracked black pepper and finally stir through 150 ml of cream. Reheat over a low heat to serve.



Avgolemono



Avgolemono is lemon soup (see the previous recipe) with 1/2 cup of cooked rice stirred through along with 2 chopped hard boiled eggs. Season to taste with a dsp of minced garlic.

Tuscan apple and lemon cake

Ingredients required 200gm of plain flour, 1 tsp of baking powder, 2/3 rds cup of castor sugar, 3 eggs (lightly beaten), 3 tbs of room temp butter / marg, 1/3 cup of milk, finely grated zest of 1 lemon, 1/2 tsp of ground nutmeg, 3 apples peeled, cored and sliced and finally icing sugar for dusting.

First things first, preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Grease a 23 cm springform cake pan and line with baking paper.

Mix together 200gm of plain flour with 1 tsp of baking powder in a medium bowl. Now place 2/3 cup of castor sugar into the bowl of your electric mixer along with 3 lightly beaten eggs, 3 tbs of room temp butter / marg, 1/3 cup of milk, the finely grated zest of 1 lemon, 1/2 tsp of ground nutmeg and finally the flour mix.

Beat until thick and smooth. Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Arrange the peeled, cored and sliced apples in a circular pattern over the top of the batter.

Cook in the preheated oven and bake for 60 minutes, but if the apples start to brown too much cover with a sheet of baking paper.



The cake is cooked when a skewer is inserted and comes out clean. Remove the cake from the oven and let it sit for 10 minutes before removing from the pan. Dust lightly with icing sugar.

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Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Do you remember biscuits?

By Leo Billington

In May 2023, someone commenting on social etiquette, suggested dunking biscuits into a cup of tea is frowned upon.

"We should never dunk anything into our cups of tea. If you dunk a biscuit in your tea, it will change the flavour of the tea, you will get some biscuit at the bottom of it, and it will be all soggy. You don't want to be doing it. The idea of a cup of tea is that you sip and enjoy it."

An unattractive sludge wallowing in a cup! Worse still, what if that biscuit had a central creamy section and the sludge was really messy. One has to devise a devious strategy to extract it without being seen.

For us, biscuits have been central to our lifestyles for a long time. When next in a supermarket, check out what is available for customer selection. Stand still, study a plethora of brands, make a selection and head home to make a pot of tea.

From early 1861, Peek, Freen & Co Ltd began exporting biscuits to Australia. Seventy years later, personnel from their London factory arrived in Australia to establish a new factory in Sydney. In 1982, Peek Freen & Co became part of Nabisco, which in turn, was taken over by the R J

Reynolds Tobacco Company three years later.

However, Australia's demand for biscuits encouraged our own manufacturers to meet an insatiable demand. Thomas Bibby Guest was making biscuits in his Sydney factory about 20 years before William Arnott established his Steam Biscuit Factory.

Guest arrived here in 1852 and soon made his mark making biscuits. Popular lines included Teddy Bears, Ginger Nuts, Butternut Snaps, and later, after Thomas' death, his son expanded, producing Nice, Marie, Thin Captain, Bourbon Slice, and Maltex Creams.

A baker by trade, William Arnott opened his first factory in Newcastle, (known as William Arnott's Steam Biscuit Factory) in 1875, and launched the famous Arnott's Milk Arrowroot biscuits in 1882. The well-known parrot logo, which still adorns Arnott's trucks, was introduced in 1888.

In 1906, Arnotts launched Iced Vo Vos and SAOs, while other new products at the time were Malt'O'Milk, Keil Fingers (later called Scotch Fingers), Ginger Nuts and Milk Coffee.

Rapid expansion meant a new factory was built at Homebush in 1907. By the end of the decade, the company had approximately 150 biscuit varieties in the range. The Family Assorted range appeared around 1924, available in 7lb (3.2kg) and 4lb (1.8kg) tins, while the popular Monte Carlo was introduced in 1926.

Soon customers were confronted by lots of varieties; in 1858, Swallow and Ariel established a factory in Port Melbourne manufacturing Ginger Nuts, Uneeda, Marie and Melba Wafers. Then, the hysteria around gold rush years helped profitability; "fancy" biscuits and ship's biscuits became the company's mainstay products.

Then, along came Adolf Frederick Brockhoff. It is debatable when he started production - either 1860 or 1880 - but nonetheless, well-known biscuits included, Chocolate Royals, Chocolate Ripple, Trellis, Currant Shorties and Salada. The company amalgamated with Arnotts in 1964.

In Ballarat, James Long established his confectionary business in 1854, before diversifying into

biscuits. His Sunshine Biscuit Ltd enterprise concentrated mainly on crackers and Hydrox (crème filled chocolate sandwich) which was surpassed by its imitation - Oreo.

We must not forget Table Talk biscuits, manufactured in Prahran and boasting to be the first company to package its' biscuits in cellophane. Its' products included Calypso Creams, Coffee Sticks and Mint Cremes. The company benefitted greatly from its' marketing slogan - "easy to see they're fresh."

Locally, a variety of small shopkeepers advertised that they sold biscuits. R. A. Baker, in 1899, advertised he was a baker, fruiterer, confectioner, able to cater for picnics, balls and weddings. His Morwell and Yinnar bakeries baked biscuits "of every description."

Biscuit barrels became a common wedding gift - in Mid - December 1909, Mr John Hall, the proprietor of the Universal Emporium, "imported a consignment of goods for the Xmas trade direct from London, among which are Santa Claus puddings, wine biscuits, afternoon biscuits, and treasure biscuits."

Noy and Nash sold biscuits at their Morwell Bakery and General Store during the pre-World War 1 years. Later on, Ted Nash continued as a grocer and many former residents remember that "the brown paper bag of biscuits would be twirled around to curl the bag top corners, sealing the contents inside."

Fruiterer and Confectioner, Tom Furlong also sold biscuits in his Commercial Road shop. His wooden shop, with a brick façade, was significantly damaged in a major fire which broke out on Saturday night, November 16, 1929.

Wilkinson's Myola Café provided teas and

biscuits, and presumably cake. Popular Morwell business identity at the time, Mr Dave Hinkley, purchased Wilkinson's business in February, 1948. During the early 1950s, Hinkley Stores, Moe, Yallourn and Morwell, was a keen advertising client for the local newspaper. Biscuits always seemed as prominent as fruit and vegetables.

In Yinnar, Vinning Bros. advertised biscuits as did Rockmans in Yallourn, as well as all W. A. Purvis stores across Gippsland.

Who remembers going into Jenkins' Emporium at the Tarwin/George Street corner asking for either threepence, or, sixpence worth of broken biscuits? Morwell dentists clapped their hands with glee.

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Book Review

“Your Own Kind of Girl”

By Clare Bowditch, 2019

Clare Bowditch was born in Melbourne in 1975. She is married to Marty Brown and they have three children. She is a musician who sings and plays guitar, piano and drums and is occasionally an actress.

In 2020 she was awarded the Australian Book Industry Award as “Best New Australian Author” for “Your Own Kind of Girl.” In 2006 she won an ARIA music award for “Best Female Artist” and in 2012 she was nominated for a Logie for her work on the “Offspring” series.

She has toured with Gotye and Leonard Cohen and written for Harpers Bazaar, Rolling Stone and Drum. From 2015 until 2017 she was program host for the ABC Radio Melbourne afternoon show.

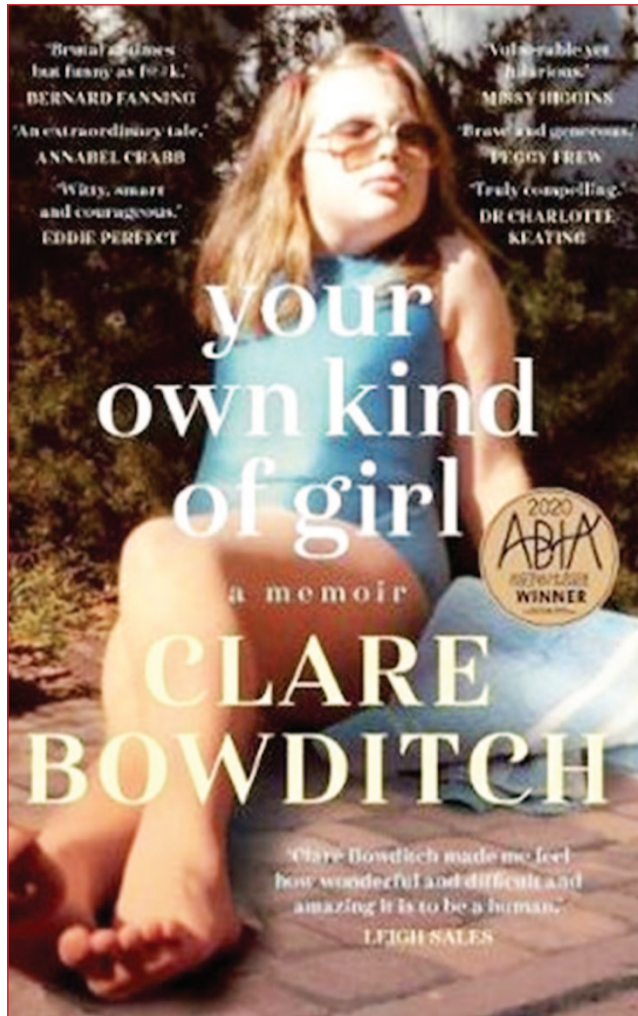
This book is a brave, “no holds barred” story of how a woman overcame her guilt, anxiety and self-doubt to become happy, successful and fulfilled.

When Clare was a small child her sister Rowena became gravely ill so life for Clare consisted largely of travelling each day to the Royal Children’s Hospital to visit Rowena, who subsequently died.

Clare remembers sometimes feeling jealous of all the attention her sister received.

Clare was at that time a happy although quite overweight child who knew she was greatly loved and accepted by her family.

However, once at school she was sometimes teased about her weight and as



she grew older fell into the pattern of dieting and then bingeing, only feeling worthy when she was slim.

Her teenage years were quite rebellious and she engaged in much risky behaviour.

A relationship with a boyfriend only fed into her insecurities and a disastrous trip to London led to a nervous breakdown.

Fortunately, through the support of her family, she came home and began her journey to recovery.

Throughout her life she had accompanied everyday

events with rhythms in her head so it seemed a natural step that she would find solace and contentment in music.

She was also fortunate that with family support and the recommendation of a friend she was able to get a book by Dr Clare Weekes, a pioneer in the field of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, who gave her strategies for dealing with her problems.

After much hard work and the love of her family and her now husband, she has gone on to lead a happy and productive life.

Our group really enjoyed this book which reminded us of the external pressures placed on women in particular, to meet certain ideas of attractiveness.

It also emphasised the value of a supportive and resourceful family who were prepared to do anything to help Clare on her journey to recovery.

Whilst heart-rending at times the book also had many moments of humour.

We agreed that one of the best aspects of this book was the many and varied resources listed in the book which were used by Clare.

We found the cover of the book interesting.

It showed a young, precocious looking Clare, quite overweight, but with a defiant look on her face – we thought it was that attitude, which she lost track of at times, that helped her through her crisis.

Harriet Shing



This month has flown by in a whirlwind of activity- in more ways than one.

On February 13, large parts of the state experienced a devastating storm that destroyed thousands of kilometres of power lines, cut connections to half a million households, and compromised telecommunications systems from the middle of Melbourne to East Gippsland, and caused enormous devastation across Gippsland and Mirboo North in particular.

In the hours and days following the storm, the recovery efforts of countless volunteers were second to none. People from all over the state worked around the clock to clear roads, help neighbours, provide hot meals and showers, help to charge devices, and run relief centres. All these efforts made a huge difference as we recover and rebuild.

Although most customers had connections restored within a day thanks to the line workers, traffic controllers, electricians and others, many of us went for a week or more without power. To our SES, power workers neighbourhood houses and other community organisations you have continued to go above and beyond, and we all thank you.

We have expanded the eligibility criteria for our Prolonged Power Outage

Payments (PPOP) so that households who lost power for seven days cumulatively, because of the two consecutive extreme weather events over the last fortnight, can now claim the payment. Please get in touch if my office can help with any questions for homes or businesses that have been affected.

In other news, school is well and truly back, so just another reminder that this means speed limits are reduced during pick up and drop off times, please be careful to not speed on our roads.

There are several government grants open currently.

The Enabling Tourism Fund is another grant that is open, this aims to assist with tourism infrastructure development, applications close March 28. For more information on available grants, you can head to www.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs or contact my office for more information.

Upgrades to the Gippsland

line are continuing in March with only one planned disruption expected. Major construction on the second platform at Morwell Station is now complete, with station precinct works to be finished in the coming months. To keep up to date with how the Regional Rail Revival is tracking or for news on any planned disruptions head to Victoria’s Big Build website.

Lastly, I was really pleased to announce that the Latrobe Youth Space can continue its wonderful work following a further \$250,000 from the Latrobe Valley Authority to fund programs and continue support of our fabulous young people. The youth space has now had over a thousand visitors through its doors, and a big thank you to sponsors and partners for ongoing work to help it to continue.

As the government representative for our Eastern Victoria Region, I am always looking to hear from you about important issues in the community. My office is here to assist with a range of things from information about Victorian Energy upgrades to help on how to apply for grants and community funding. So, for questions or assistance, please contact my office by email at harriet.shing@parliament.vic.gov.au or by phone on (03) 5134 8000.



We need you

This is your space. Please help fill it with local bits and pieces of interest to all readers. Send us a paragraph or two about your Club’s sporting achievements, records made or coming meetings.

You could gain new members when you advertise what you have to offer to residents of Churchill. Send your notices to cdneditorial@cdnews.com.au

Whoooooo!!

The Churchill Symbol is alight and working in colour each night. Ummm! the lights now have a different look. The colour changes were gracefully sliding into each other as they changed. After an extreme storm on February 13 in the district, the colour changes now happen as the lights are almost blinking. It is a bit of a different look but we do have the colour changes working which is good.

Special news to share

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

BRAD is in Churchill

Council has provided a BRAD box at the Churchill Hub.

BRAD stands for “Banish Recycling and Disposal” program, aiming to improve plastic recycling practices and reduce the amount of plastic

that is going into landfill.

Items such as tablet blister packs, plastic toothbrushes, pens, coffee pods, plastic cutlery, disposable coffee cups and lids and much more can be collected!

It will provide Churchill residents, keen to recycle, with opportunity to recycle small items that are not recycled through their kerbside yellow bin program.

For more information about

this program visit the BRAD website at banish.com.au/pages/recycling or contact The Hub on phone 5120 3850 or info@churchill.org.au

Thought for the day

If we are not to enjoy midnight snacks, can you tell me why there is a little light in the refrigerator which lights up each time we open the door, and shows us all the goodies inside. *****

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Friends of Morwell National Park

On the Tuesday afternoon before the planned activity a violent storm ran across Victoria, especially affecting the Strzelecki Ranges. Mirboo North and Boolarra were badly hit. Power, internet and phone systems were greatly disrupted and were out for many days after the storms.

Many members of the group were without power and telecommunications as these were restored days later, bit by bit. You appreciate how important these services are when they are missing.

In the days following the storm, the group with limited communication established that the park was not safe for a twilight activity and messages were sent out that we were not going to run the activity.

On the Friday before the activity, Parks decided to close the park due to widespread damage.

Here are some photos of some of the damage around the park.

Thanks goes to Matt, Wayne and Gabrielle who have shared photos.

The first group is from around the Kerry Road entrance.

In the picnic area a fair section of the fence has been

smashed but the one picnic table and the loo were spared. A little further on there are trees and limbs down everywhere, including several hangers and large trees resting against others just waiting to come down.

In a good bit of news, a tree somehow landed either side of one of the new signs!

Many trees are down across the bridge to Stringybark Track, but since the bridge has not been repaired and has been closed since the last big storm the impact may be minimal.

A broken bridge is still a broken bridge.

In the Billys Creek section of the park there are also trees down across the track and some trees hanging from others.

There are many trees down across the tracks and at one point the creek below is smothered by fallen branches.

In a quick update from Ranger Gabrielle, after a few days assessing the damage she has organised further assistance from the Fire and Emergency Team to clear Fosters Gully Track.

On February 20, they had cleared most of Billys Creek Track with just two more large trees to clear and the track will be reopened to the weir.



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Hazelwood Cemetery



By Leo Billington
How people are remembered and, hopefully not forgotten (series continued)

Years ago, The Age once published obituaries for deceased persons. Generally, these were written about well-known personalities; political, industry, education, sporting, even those who were highly respected community minded members. Alas, not anymore.

These obituaries summarise a person's life - deemed worthwhile to be recorded. Sometimes known as obits, a reader was left with a strong sense of whether or not that person lived a happy, good, productive life or otherwise. Obits could be opinionated and/or highlight positive aspects of a person's life.

Let us take the example of Mr Paddy Whelan. Paddy died on Sunday morning, July 31, 1910. He was known to suffer heart problems. At the time, he was a boarder at Mrs O'Rourke's Coffee Palace, which was located at the corner of Hazelwood and Commercial Roads, Morwell (today's Latrobe Regional Gallery corner).

Paddy was 75 years old and arrived here about 30 years earlier, eventually selecting land at Hazelwood

South. For years, he worked his property until retirement. Paddy never married, was described as "of a retiring deposition" and, to all who knew him, "was highly respected".

Paddy was interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery, and the grand, clean headstone is testament to the respect shown to a quiet, non-nonsense person. This is a little more amazing given there were no relatives living here. Mrs O'Rourke and her two daughters did care for him during his last months.

For most of 1910, Mrs O'Rourke and her daughter, Kathleen, advertised in the Morwell Advertiser that "they had taken over the Morwell Coffee Palace, at corner of Hazelwood and Commercial Roads, recently conducted by Mrs Keegan." They hoped to garner a "fair share of public patronage by studying the wants of patrons."

Thomas Michael Twomey, died at Yallourn Hospital, November 1, 1967.

Tom came to Morwell from the Yarram-Port Albert area in 1922 and conducted a hairdressing and tobacconist business in Commercial Road, north side. Prior to opening his business, Tom negotiated via the Melbourne Licensing Court, to take over the existing Billiard Table Licence held by James

Maxfield. This expanded business was officially made public on Friday, December 21, 1923.

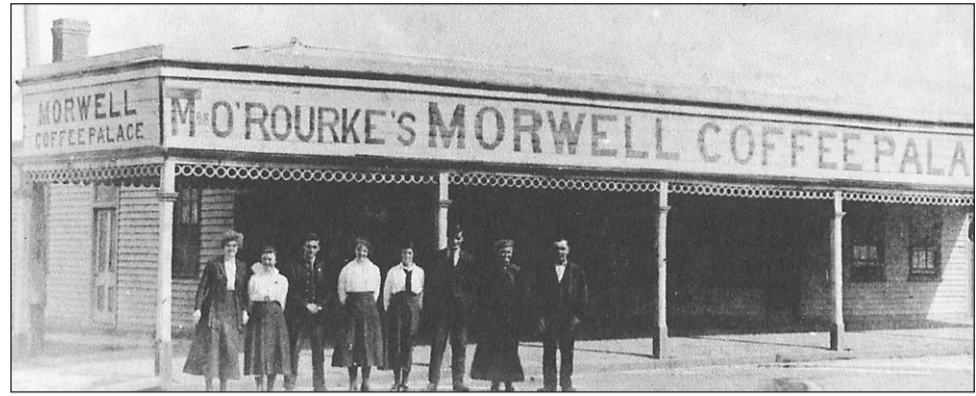
Prior to Maxfield's licence being transferred, it was held by Herbert Burrell until June 16, 1922.

Tom's business, which ultimately included a billiard saloon, was situated in Commercial Road, about opposite to today's Manny's Market. In later years, he conducted his business in his home at the corner of Victor and Church Streets. Here, the saloon was a front room with its own dedicated doorway entry.

What with a billiard saloon, combined with hairdressing, initially male only, and advertising as a tobacconist, Tom was "on a winner." His popularity hardly ever waned, particularly given his public support for the Morwell Football Club. However, he did encounter a disaster on Thursday July 29, 1937.

As reported in the Morwell Advertiser,

"A fire which broke out in the centre of a row of wooden buildings in the railway yards at 2 o'clock this morning was extinguished by the brigade within a few minutes. Mr. T. Twomey's hairdressing saloon was destroyed, and a billiard table damaged. Premises adjoining,



which are occupied by Miss Gabbett, women's hairdresser, were damaged. Both buildings were insured.

Mr Tom Twomey will be the heaviest loser by the outbreak. His shaving salon was gutted and chairs, mirrors and various other articles destroyed. One billiard table was also considerably damaged by heat, water and debris. The building occupied by Mr Twomey is owned by Miss Hicks and is insured with Royal Exchange Company. It was not long before it was ascertained that the fire was located in the wooden buildings in the Railway yards fronting Commercial Road, about opposite Don McKay's Hotel originally known as Murdoch's Hotel."

Tom re-established his popular business until relocating home to Victor and Church Streets. Here at home, his saloon became

a great place for swapping stories and yarns. In between, and while the queue outside doubled in length, a short back and sides haircut was a monthly order.

Meanwhile, James Vivian Maxfield, otherwise well-known as either Jim or Snowy, had married Kathleen Ursula O'Rourke in 1924. Kathleen was at her mother's coffee palace trying to help save items as the building burned to a heap of ashes on Thursday April 28, 1927. Unfortunately, the other sister was visiting friends in Melbourne.

As an aside, to all these connections, James Maxfield played four seasons between 1920 and 1923 with the Morwell Football Club. Later he played a few games for Richmond in 1924/1925 and later with the Maffra Football Club, 1926, and then with Traralgon Football Club in 1927 as captain-coach for four seasons.

The sporting connection between James Maxfield and Tom Twomey was strong. Tom supported a wide variety of sport - cricket, football, boxing and wood chopping to name a few. We can imagine the banter going on across any game of billiards while waiting for a haircut. Tom was a well-respected footballer.

Tom also lead from the front so to speak. Acutely aware that a men's only hairdressing business mixed with billiards and tobacco products was only one market segment, in the late 1920's, he advertised "private rooms for ladies hairdressing." This new service was available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Obituaries give a short account of a person's life - and both obituaries above are deemed worthwhile to be recorded.

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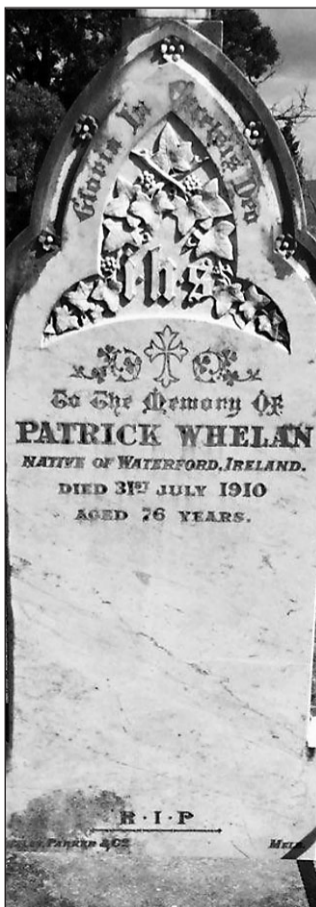
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Churchill Baseball Club's Juniors shine bright



A reunion, achievements, and a glorious 50th season

Churchill Baseball Club is proudly celebrating its' 50th season, and the excitement is visible as the club prepares for a grand reunion to be held over the weekend of April 20 – 21, 2024.

A function will be held at the club's long-time sponsor, the Churchill Hotel on the evening of Saturday April 20. All past, current members, supporters, families and friends are welcome. Search us on Facebook @ Churchill Baseball Club or send us an email for further information churchillbravesbc@hotmail.com

On Sunday April 21 we welcome our supporters to the first home games of the season, in both our junior and senior competitions. Come and catch up with some old mates whilst watching the game we all enjoy.

Sunday Showdowns: A feast of Baseball every week

The club's weekly Sunday games offer a thrilling spectacle for spectators and supporters. In the junior competition both the Under 16s and Under 13s kickstart the action at 9:00 am. The Under 10s take to the field at 11:00 am.

The senior competition will not disappoint either, with three grades showcasing their skills. B Grade at 11:15 am, C Grade at 2:00 pm, and A Grade at 2:00 pm, ensuring an entire day filled with baseball excitement.

Our Juniors making waves beyond Churchill

Since its inception, the club has encouraged and fostered talent and passion for the game of baseball within its junior players. Our junior players range in age from four to 16 years, we welcome all genders, of all abilities.

Churchill's commitment to nurturing talent is evident as several local players have made significant strides over the summer baseball season. Rhys McKenzie is currently undergoing tryouts for the Victorian School Boys U18 squad, which exemplifies the club's dedication to excellence. The squad will compete in the School Boys Australia National Championships in Canberra from April 28 to May 4, 2024.

Churchill Baseball Club also takes immense pride in the achievements of its juniors who have been selected into Baseball Victoria Charter teams. Connor McKenzie secured a spot in the Junior

League Rangers Charter team, Jack Thomas landed a spot in the Junior League Mariners team, whilst his brother Jarrod Thomas joined the Senior League Mariners team.

International Spotlight: Churchill's Jack Thomas takes on USA

Jack Thomas's talent has transcended local and state recognition. Jack has begun training after his selection into Baseball Victoria's Under 14s Futures East Performance Pathway, a testament to his outstanding skills.

Through his selection into the Baseball Victoria Under U14s Futures East Performance Pathway he has earned a spot in the 14 and Under World Wood Bat Association (WWBA) USA tour this July. This unique opportunity provided by Baseball Australia sees him competing in the 2024 Perfect Game 17th Annual 14U WWBA National Championship in Hoover Alabama.

The Churchill Baseball Club extends congratulations to Rhys McKenzie, Connor McKenzie, Jarrod Thomas, and Jack Thomas for their exceptional achievements. These young athletes, along with their families, have shown dedication and passion throughout the summer season embodying the spirit of Churchill Baseball Club.

As the club looks back on 50 years of success, it also eagerly anticipates a future filled with continued growth, achievement, and most importantly enjoying the love of the game.

A warm invitation to join the Churchill Baseball Club family

As the Churchill Baseball Club revels in its 50 years of rich history and success, it extends a warm invitation to all aspiring players, regardless of age or skill level. From the eager four-year-olds to seasoned seniors, our doors are wide open for anyone who shares a love for the game of baseball.

The club proudly participates in the Get Active Kids program, making it easier for families to engage their youngsters in a sport that not only promotes physical activity but also instils essential life values.

At Churchill Baseball Club, our vision goes beyond the game. We aspire to create an inclusive and thriving baseball community that fosters an environment of growth, respect, and success both on and off the field. Our core values – family, friendly, enjoyment, and respect – are the pillars that guide us in everything we do.

Find us at Andrews Park West: your Baseball sanctuary

Our home ground, Andrews Park

West, is situated at the corner of Birch Drive and Hawthorn Crescent in Churchill, it is not just a field; it is a place where dreams are nurtured, and victories celebrated. We encourage everyone to join us on Sundays for our home games and witness the spirit of Churchill Baseball Club firsthand.

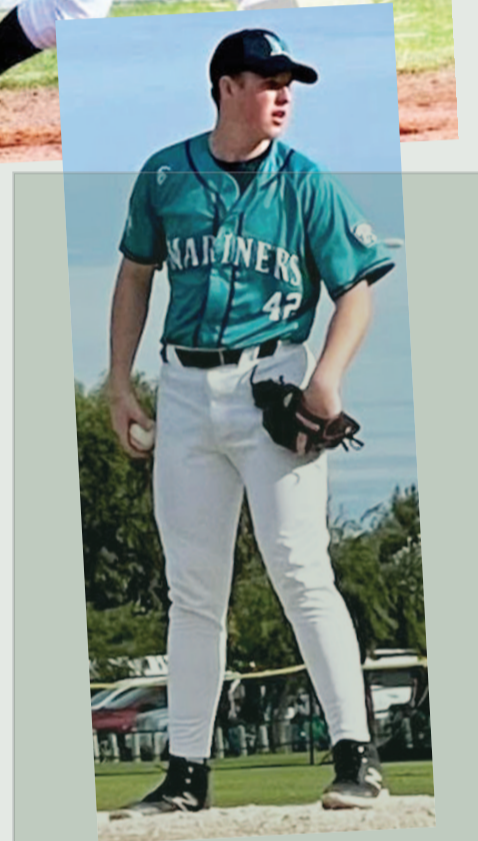
Midweek training sessions: sharpening skills, building camaraderie

For those eager to hone their skills, our midweek training sessions are the perfect opportunity. Under 10s and Under 13s train from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm, while Under 16s and seniors take the field from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm every Wednesday night.

It is not just about the game; it is about the camaraderie and growth that come with being a part of the Churchill Baseball Club family.

Step up to the plate – join Churchill Baseball Club today!

Whether you are a seasoned player or just starting, Churchill Baseball Club welcomes you with open arms. Be a part of a community that values not only the game of baseball but also the bonds formed on and off the field. Together, let us continue the legacy of Churchill Baseball Club for



another 50 years and beyond – where the love of the game unites us all. Search us on Facebook @ Churchill Baseball Club or send us an email for further information: churchillbravesbc@hotmail.com

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Football/Netball happenings

With the 2024 season six weeks from starting there is plenty happening at the CFNC.

Off the field there is plenty happening with the upgrade to Gaskin No.2 in full swing, the new netball court progressing, and a synthetic wicket dropped in to Gaskin No.1. All of this is a part of Latrobe City's Gaskin Park masterplan which includes the relocation of Churchill Cricket and Baseball Clubs to Gaskin Park precinct.

The upgrade will include new changerooms for all users, but timing on this will depend on Council's ability to get this fully funded

(expectations are that this part of the project will not be completed until 2026). The CFNC has funded the new netball court as this was not in the proposed upgrade budget and is desperately needed.

Over the off season the club finalised its Strategic Plan with the emphasis on connection to community by "Uniting the Churchill community through football, netball and social connection". Our core values are built around inclusion, respect, leadership, competition and community. Everything the club does moving forward will be governed by these core

values.

On the field, pre-season is well and truly gearing up both on the football and netball fronts. Our senior football squad has lost some of our experienced players, but we have plenty of young players ready to fill the void. The thirds are looking strong with great numbers on the training track. On the netball sides, tryouts have been completed with high numbers trying out for all grades – and we are expecting big things from the netballers in 2024.

The juniors recently had a community fun day and registration day (reflecting our commitment to

connection to community) which was a great success with all sides being filled, including our Under 15s – which could not field a side last year. The most pleasing aspect of the day was to see so many new faces around the club with everyone pitching in to make the day a major success.

With the season about to commence we would like to extend an open offer to anyone in the community to come and join our club and help us with connecting the community. There are always jobs that need doing, be it working in the canteen, team managing, trainers, gate and timekeepers or helping on a BBQ. Please contact the club via our email cfnc.secretary@hotmail.com if you would like to get involved. Our first home game is



Saturday April 20, and we are playing Gormandale for the Ken "Bubbles" Rohde Memorial Cup, this day will also be our all abilities day with a special game at half time of the seniors, with the players from the local all abilities team. We invite all the community to get involved with this day, there will be a BBQ and other activities on the day.

For all other club information please check out our socials <https://cfnc.ecwid.com/>



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Churchill Monash Golf Results

Monthly Medal January 27, 2024.

A Grade Winner : P. Smart net 68 Medal B Grade Winner : B. Kilday net 68

C Grade Winner: As. West net 70 D.T.L : 1. G. Barnes 68, 2. R. Vesty 69, 3. A. Auld 69, 4. D. Radnell 70, 5. I. Fortune 70, 6. J. Cahill 71, 7. R. King 74 C/B, 8. B. Mathieson 74 C/B. N.T.P : 3rd S. Allison, 5th G. Barnes, 12th Pro-Pin : G. Barnes, 14th P. Smart Scratch : P. Smart 78, Putts: I. Fortune 23 Target Hole : P. Kearns Birdies : 5th G. Barnes, I. Fortune, 12th G. Barnes, 3rd S. Allison

Stableford Tuesday January 30, 2024.

A Grade Winner : C. Carder 23 31 pts C/B B Grade Winner : L. Brent 27 40 pts D.T.L : 1. C. Stevens 36, 2. S. Martinac 35 N.T.P 3rd S. Caldwell, 5th S. Caldwell, 12th S. Turner 14th L. Van Rooy B Grade Winner : R. Sands 31 -2

D.T.L: 1. M. Ryan -1, 2. L. Brent -2 N.T.P : 3rd Ad West, 5th S. Turner, 12th L. Brent, 14th M. Ryan

Stableford Saturday February 3, 2024

A Grade Winner : A. Auld 41 pts B Grade Winner: S. Caldwell 39 pts C Grade Winner: D.Radnell 38 pts D.T.L : 1. Ad. West 39, 2. M. Brereton 39, 3. A. Sharrock 38, 4. G. Spowart 37, 5. M. Soppe 36, 6. C. Sterrick 36, 7. R. Vesty 36, 8. C. Gosling 36, 9. B. Mathieson 35 C/B N.T.P : 3rd Pro-Pin : D. Radnell, 5th M. Dear, 12th A. Sharrock, 14th M. Dear Target Hole : C. Gosling

Birdies : S. Allison 14th, M. Dear 5th

Monthly Medal Tuesday February 6, 2024.

Winner: M. Dear 14 73 NETT Medal Scratch: 87 Putts : J. Blizzard 26

D.T.L: 1. L. Van Rooy 75 NETT. N.T.P: 3rd M. Dear, 5th C. Carder, 12th M. Dear,

4th M. Ryan

Stroke Saturday February 10, 2024

A Grade Winner : A. Auld 19 67 B Grade Winner: J. Soppe 13 69

C Grade Winner: J. Jeffery 35 70 Gross Winner: P. Smart 78

D.T.L: 1. P. Smart 69, 2. D. Taylor 71, 3. A. Radivoj 71, 4. G. Blizzard 72, 5. C. Stevens 72, 6. P.Flanigan 73. N.T.P : 3rd R. Madigan Pro-Pin : 12th A. Auld, 14th J. Cahill Target Hole : M. Brereton Birdies: P. Flanigan 3rd, P. Smart 12th, A. Auld 12th, J. Soppe 12th , D. Burridge 12th

Stableford Tuesday February 13, 2024.

Winner: Ad. West 17 40 pts D.T.L :1. L. Brent 39 2. R. Sands 35,

Birdies: 5th L. Brent N.T.P: 3rd Ad. West, 5th L. Brent, 12th L. Brent, 14th S. Martinac

2 Person Ambrose February 17, 2024.

Winners : T. Sterrick/G. Barnes 59 .75 Runners Up : P. Kearns/ M. Brereton 60 .50 D.T.L: 1. P. Boulding / J. Sterrick 62. 50, 2. J. Soppe / A. Radivoj 63.50, 3. R. Zomer / Ad. West 64, 4. C. Cumming/ R. Vesty 64. 25,

N.T.P : 3rd Pro-Pin : P. Kearns, 5th J. Hassell, 12th P. Boulding, 14th A. Auld

Stroke Tuesday February 20, 2024.

A Grade Winner : L.

Brent 72 Nett B Grade

Winner: S. Gosling 71 Nett

Scratch : M. Ryan 84 D.T.L : 1. S. Martinac 72, 2. J. Clegg 72, N.T.P : 3rd M. Ryan, 5th V. Reid, 12th V. Reid, 14th S. Martinac

Birdies: 12th M. Ryan

Monthly Medal February 24, 2024.

A Grade Winner: D. Byers Nett 69 B Grade Winner : J. Sanders (SNR) Nett 71

C Grade Winner : S. Sanders Nett 66 Medal D Grade Winner: T. Collins Nett 69

Scratch : T. Webb 83 Gross D.T.L: 1. J. Cahill 70, 2. C. Gilfillan 70, 3. P. Boulding 70, 4. M. Hutchinson 71, 5. A. Radivoj 72, 6. R. Sands 72, 7. R. Madigan 72, 8. J. Jeffrey 73, 9. S. Caldwell 73 C/B, 10. D. Burridge 73 C/B

N.T.P : 3rd C. Gilfillan, 5th G. Sanders, 12th Pro-Pin : G. Barnes, 14th T. Sterrick

Target Hole : J. Sanders Birdies: G. Sanders 5th Putts : J. Banfield 27

Stableford Tuesday February 27, 2024.

A Grade Winner : C. Gilfillan 41 pts B Grade Winner: S. Martinac 41 pts

D.T.L : 1. R. Sands 33, 2. S. Caldwell 34, 3. M. Hammer 33

N.T. P : 3rd M. Hammer, 5th C. Carder, 12th M. Hammer, 14th L. Van Rooy

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Ferocious storm causes huge damage



On Tuesday, February 13 around 5.30 pm a ferocious storm swept through our region causing havoc and damaging power supplies to thousands of homes. The wind raged forth and shook the trees violently. The ominous cloud predicted some catastrophic event. It was a terrifying scene to watch unfold.

The worst hit area was Mirboo North where 16 homes were destroyed and a man lost his life.

The devastation there was enormous with so many trees downed, uprooted and shredded. Our hearts go out to the people of Mirboo North as they process the damage and make their way forward from this disaster. It is hard to imagine what they must be going through. Our prayers are with them.

In Yinnar two large trees at the southern and northern ends respectively of the town downed power lines and stopped power supply from Tuesday night until Friday evening. Many other trees were damaged with many fallen branches littering the area. It was reported that damage to homes seemed to be minimal, with only a few tiles off St Matt's Op Shop which have now been replaced.

In Boolarra houses were damaged, trees were uprooted, and locals were left without power.

Boolarra resident John Lubawski was on his way home from Budgeree when the storm hit. "He was driving down the road and a great tree crashed behind him," his wife Robern said. "I was very fortunate," John

said. "It missed me by mere feet as I drove through. I drove a little bit further thinking, 'I'll get a little bit further ahead.' Another crashed right in front of me." John was trapped in there for about three hours, hemmed in between the two trees just metres away from his car, before local farmers using their tractors and chainsaws were able to get the trees off the road.

A stand of Mountain Ash opposite the church in Tarwin St, Boolarra was decimated by the storm, and the Rail Trail was impassable due to fallen trees.

Numerous properties were damaged, with one farmer describing finding the top of the flue casing from their shed on the ground on the opposite side of the shed tucked back in

under the overhang of the roof. Powerlines were also affected, with many people left without power for days.

The Dairy News reported that according to a Bureau of Meteorology spokesperson, the atmospheric environment on February 13 produced severe thunderstorms with ample wind shear that created a particular vertical structure leading to the devastating storm.

Locals said they had never seen anything like it in Gippsland before. Boolarra resident Linda Stirling, who has spent some years in Northern Queensland and experienced cyclones there, said, "This was a cyclone, only shorter and without the lull (eye) and then a change of direction with wind." The clean up is currently underway. Locals say it

could take years.

Parts of Churchill and those in the hills outside, experienced power outages from the Tuesday until the Thursday lunchtime or Friday afternoon.

Many kind deeds were extended to friends and neighbours to those without power with the loans of generators, batteries and converters, gas burners, offers of showers and mobile phone charging.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre was a hive of activity with many visiting to charge mobile phones and have a hot water shower. Latrobe Leisure was also offering showers.

Special thanks are extended to the AusNet crews who worked tirelessly to undo the damage and connect people back to

power. They worked under huge pressure to maintain safety, work with complicated systems, with everyone wanting their power back on. The problem of access to areas was enormous with so many trees down blocking roads and tracks

What joy it was to hear fridges start to 'sing' and light switches which we had because of habit used in vain worked for us.

There is a lot of grief which needs to be acknowledged in this situation. People lost much food in fridges and freezers. The tip received large amounts during that time.

Thank you to those who contributed text and photos for this article

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SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY



Mindfull Australia

This year HNPS is continuing to build excellence in personal and social wellbeing.

HNPS spent two days with Mindfull Australia presenters Matt, Liam, Bree and Jack.

We learnt that it is

okay to feel a range of core emotions in different situations and that we can -
*Identify how we are feeling,
*Control how we respond to how we are feeling and
*Express our feelings in a respectful way.

Random Acts of Kindness Day

This year, students celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Day in many different ways!

Students from the junior grades drew different ways to be kind while students from the senior grades challenged

themselves to be kind to people they would not normally hang around.

Questacon Science Circus - Visiting Show

We were lucky enough to have Mia and Perry from Questacon in Canberra come

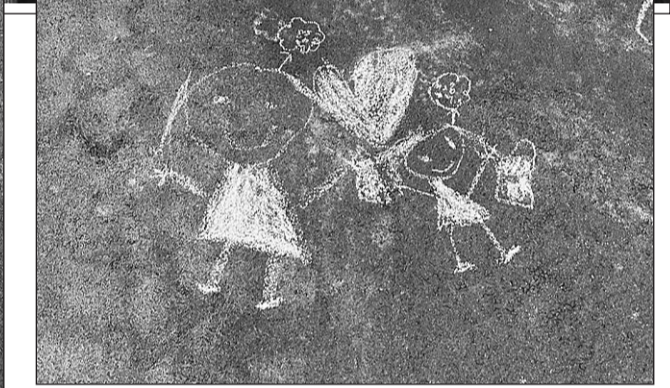
to our school with some fun science experiments for the

introduction to aerodynamics in the form of dropping pieces of paper to the ground to see which was faster; a fluid test to see which fluids were thicker and thinner (the viscosity) and how they flowed; and finally various movement tests showing the impacts of force on objects.

Students learnt about experimenting by starting with a question, then making a guess, and following up with a test to see the result. Experiments included in the visiting show were an



Top Left: Mindfull experience with the students to build resilience and control feelings.
Top Right: Students participating in the Questacon Science Circus with Mia and Perry.
Bottom Line: Students' drawings on their ideas for Randoms Acts of Kindness



SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS



Year 12 English Australian Centre for Moving Image Excursion

On Tuesday February 6, Kurnai's Year 12 English and English as an Addition Language students participated in an excursion to ACMI to view and attend a lecture on the film 'Sunset Boulevard'. This film is being studied in Unit 3 English and EAL, and our students are analysing the text.

Our students and staff had an early departure from the University campus to be at Federation Square by 10.00 am. All of the students were here on time, but an incident on the M1 delayed our arrival at ACMI by 15 minutes. The ACMI staff were accommodating with our slightly late arrival and made sure we were all ready for the film. The students commented on how awesome the cinema was and that they really enjoyed the experience of viewing the movie on a large screen in a proper cinema. After the film, the students were involved in an hour lecture on 'Sunset Boulevard' and the ideas and values presented in the

film. The opportunity to hear a lecture from the staff at ACMI gave the students different insights into the world of 'Sunset Boulevard'.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to travel to Melbourne to participate in this event.

Congratulations to Gabrielle Bonnici

Our college is very proud to announce that one of our Year 12 students, Australian Air Force Cadet Flight Sergeant Gabrielle Bonnici, was recognised for her outstanding achievements while completing her Cadet Warrant Officers course at the RAAF Base Williams Point Cook. Gabrielle was awarded a Gold Commendation from Wing Commander Walker.

Gabrielle began her Cadet journey in 2020 and has moved up the rank structure to become a Cadet Warrant Officer. She is the first female to achieve this position and only the third cadet in twenty-seven years of 424SQN Australian Air Force Cadets to do so. Gabrielle is now balancing her VCE commitments with her new role within the

Cadets and we wish her well with this journey.

Storm Damage and Power Outage

We would like to acknowledge the impact of recent storm events on our school community. Many staff and students were directly impacted either by storm damage and/or through extended power outages. It has been a time when our resilience has again been tested, however it has also been a time when our community has worked together. We commend our students and staff for their determination to continue with their work and learning despite dealing with the difficulties created by the storm. We would also like to extend our best wishes to neighbouring schools who are continuing with storm cleanup.

Above: Students at Australian Centre for Moving Image Excursion
Right: Gabrielle Bonnici recognised for her outstanding achievements competing at the RAAF Base at Point Cook



SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY

BPS Water Fight

On February 12, Boolarra Primary School had a water fight at lunch time. It was 36 degrees so everyone was really hot. There wasn't a single person who wasn't sweating! About half-way through lunch time our Principal, Mrs. Duncan made an announcement to everyone...we were going to have a water fight! We all rushed to the classroom to get our drink bottles, to splash each other with, by the end of it we were all drenched. It was great fun.

BPS Water Fight

On Monday February 12 everyone was minding their own business when Mrs. Duncan (our Principal) walked inside, grabbed our

drink bottles, filled them up and before you knew it we were all drenched! "splish, splosh" people splashing each other with water from our drink bottles. We are all so lucky Mrs. Duncan had such a great idea because it was so hot.

Sophia

The Water Fight

On Monday we had a water fight at school. It was a lot of fun. Everybody was drenched. We got to use our drink bottles. Everybody poured water on my head. It was so hot, Mrs. Duncan set up the sprinkler, now that was epic!

Water fight at school!

On Monday it was 36 degrees at the max so my whole school was really hot

and bored, even Mrs. Duncan was. Mrs. Duncan went to the garden and grabbed the spare sprinkler and plugged it on to the tap so that all the kids could play. All the kids who had their drink bottle with them got to go get them and then fill them.

We splashed each other while we all played in the sprinkler to cool down so that we wouldn't be boiling hot anymore. It was so refreshing! Then at some point we splashed Mrs. Duncan and she got absolutely drenched! Sadly, after that, we had to go to science, but all of the kids had left wet patches on the floor once science had finished!

Water fight with Ms Duncan

On Monday we had a water fight at school it was fun. We used our water bottles to squirt each other. We all got very wet. Ms Duncan set up the sprinklers on the oval so the concrete would not get wet. And to make the grass stay green. It was a very fun and a very hot day. The water was just the thing we needed on such a hot day

Pancake Day

On Tuesday February 20, it was pancake day. At 10:15am Miss Duncan said there's pancakes. Gus was first in line because he is gluten free.

Then the little kids came and ate some pancakes. We got to have seconds which was awesome. Everyone

was sticky because there was maple syrup. The pancakes were really good. Thanks to Mr and Mrs Black and friends who made the delicious pancakes for us all.

Ava and Daisy

Storm

On Tuesday Fester and Mum wanted to go for a swim but when we got to Daisy's house it was pouring rain. So we turned around, but a tree fell behind us. When we tried to get home, a tree fell down in front of us. We pulled into a friend's drive-way and were there for 10 minutes the dogs were getting really hot

Then after 10 minutes we left. Next, we had to cut our way home using a chainsaw.

Ruby

Storm

Bang! Lighting struck the ground sending flashes of light into the sky. It was a hot beautiful day until the storm. It started raining heavily and my sister and I rushed out to get the dogs and cats.

Crack! A big pine tree snapped and hit the floor sending a stick into my face. We hurried the animals inside and waited for the storm to end, listening to the cracks, thuds, bangs, and snaps. Soon the storm ended and we went outside to check the damage, it was bad, trees were everywhere. My dad wanted us to stay inside for the rest of the night. We were going to move the trees tomorrow.

By Angela.



Pancake Day at Boolarra Primary was a happy delicious time

SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

The Foundation students of Lumen Christi have settled into school with ease. They are happy and excited to learn, making their first week super easy and fun.

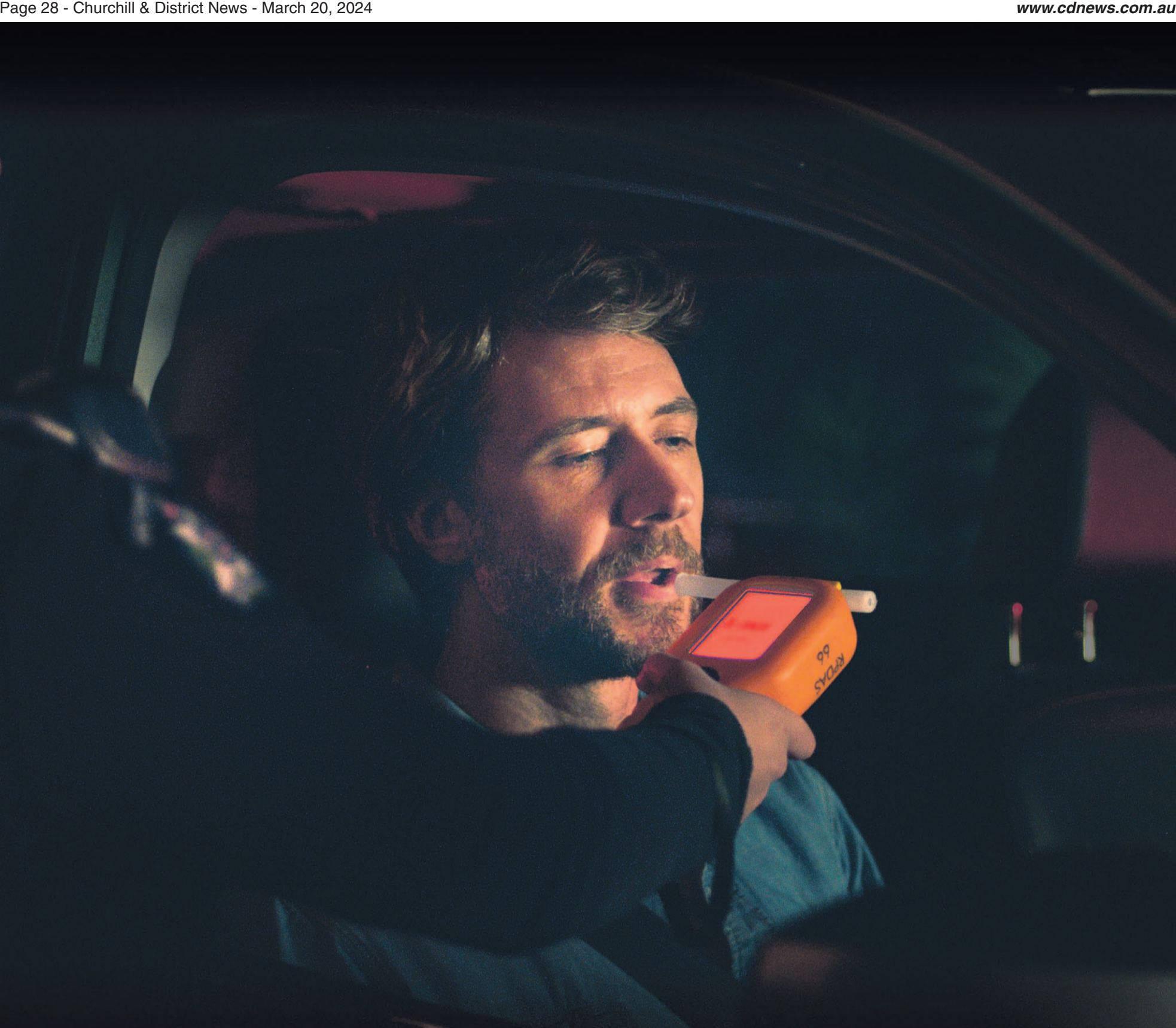
The children had a great time participating in various activities to make friends and get to know the school. They liked having a buddy from sixth grade to work with. These buddy activities made them feel like they belong and helped the younger students learn from the older ones.

Parents also shared their joy at how effortlessly the Foundation children became a part of the school community. Children joyfully and confidently joining their friends each morning, embracing the morning routine with pride and enthusiasm.

All children received a certificate to celebrate their fantastic start to the school year.

Our commitment at Lumen Christi is not only to provide education but also to support and nurture each child's individual growth. We cannot wait to see the Foundation children grow and become even more confident in everything they do.





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