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Mother's Day Shop Local Market



Warm and Welcoming

"Warm and welcoming;" "So friendly;" "Lovely atmosphere"; "Great variety of stalls"; "Lots of people"; "Good layout for a market"; "What a great day" - these were just some of the many positive comments about our Churchill Shop Local Mothers Day Market.

The weather was not really warm, but there were plenty of sunny breaks and lots of free hot sausages cooked ready for waiting shoppers.

Thanks to Churchill Fire Brigade and LV Neighbourhood Watch for cooking so many sausages at either end of the shopping centre

central carpark. A record-breaking number of stall-holders - 36 in total - set up around covered walkways and inside West Place, selling all sorts of wares. They made for interesting browsing and pleasurable shopping!

Children's entertainer, Fairy Merrin, blew lots of bubbles into the light breeze as children stopped to try and catch them. The smiles and laughter of young children added to the day's cheer.

Pistons Car Club was there too, with a small number of well-polished cars on display, while the Churchill Men's Shed in Philip Parade held a garage sale for a couple of hours.

Some 15 garage sales were held around Churchill township on the same day, meaning we had plenty of visitors coming from other towns to look for bargains at our market, in shops and at sales.

Over \$300 worth of shopping vouchers to spend in-store at nominated Churchill retailers was given away at the market.

Vouchers are handed out to randomly selected local folk shopping in Churchill retail stores as a way of saying "thank-you for shopping locally."

As at previous markets, we had free items to give away - chocolates are popular

(thanks to The Reject Shop Churchill); fruit (donated by Churchill Woolworths) and bios and notepads (always useful!). A special mention too of the management at Churchill Woolworths for supporting the market BBQs.

There is a team of volunteers from the Shop Local partnership that made the market possible - thanks to Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Churchill & District News and Churchill & District Community Association.

The next market - our Winter Market - will be held on Saturday August 24. Do not miss out!

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As our town grows so does the distribution of the "Churchill News" and so does the need for helpers. As usual we will be anticipating the help of our young people for deliveries, and this year we will also be having the help of the Scouts in this direction.

Water restrictions

Once again Churchill has been the victim of unnecessary water restrictions. At a time when water is abundant in the supply areas we are advised that there is an acute water shortage.

The only shortage existing was on the pumping system to Churchill. The new pipe which has been "coming" for about five years is now a little closer but will not be here this year.

Churchill Jaycees

The Chapter entered a float in the L.V. Festival procession in March and members were pleased with the public reaction.

With the support given to the local Festival Queen candidate Rory Prowse, Jaycees had considerable

Churchill & District News FLASHBACK

involvement with the Latrobe Valley Festival.

Churchill Icon

In April 1975 a hand drawn picture of the new Churchill icon appeared on the cover of this edition.

Churchill Police

Senior Constable Ron Hateley is now occupying a temporary station above the shopping centre. Within the limits of one man's hours he will provide an increasing service.

Traffic will be under observation particularly in Switchback Road, McDonald Way and around the shopping centre.

Churchill Scouts

Fifteen cubs attended the Inverloch Pack Holiday along with four leaders. A most enjoyable weekend was had by all, and many enjoyable activities were participated in.

The boys collected lots of shells to take home. Mr.

Lewis of Inverloch gave the boys an interesting talk and display of marine life.

Amateur swimming club

Winter training will be commencing shortly at the Sale heated pool, further details available later. The coach and his family are away on an overseas trip now.

Health Centre news

Our temporary Community Health Centre is pleased to announce the names of three new staff. The centre is not yet completely furnished and we once more appeal for shelving.

Advice has been received from the Hospitals and Charities Commission that purchase of the land required as the site of the permanent Community Health Centre has been approved.

Transfer of the land is under way and should be completed shortly. It is expected that construction of the Centre will be commenced soon.

Ladies dart club

Any ladies who are interested in playing darts either competitively, or just for fun, are most welcome to come along. The fee for the year is \$2. At the end of the year this money is used to pay expenses for

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the members night out at Christmas, which has been celebrated at Golden Hill.

Churchill North School

Site works have obviously been commenced at the school area. Mr. Amos gave an assurance that only necessary work on the site would be done and that the mess created in the original school's site works would not be repeated. Only time will tell!

United junior soccer club

It has been proposed that all junior players be given a trip away at the end of season to see "The Magic Show" together with a visit to the Melbourne Zoo. The coaches will have further details soon.

Churchill is growing

In the past Churchill News attempted to make note of new comers to Churchill and offer specific welcomes.

More recently this has not been possible because of the rapid arrival of new residents.

However we do offer a sincere welcome to all new residents and hope you will find your place in this community.

My plea is that newer residents will accept some of the weight borne by earlier residents in working for the development of the town.

It can all be achieved if there is a continuation of effort by the whole community.

Rainfall



Churchill Rainfall

After a dry first three months to the year, April then nearly doubled the total rainfall to the end of March. April, in Churchill, received the third highest rain recorded for the month in 33 years.

The highest was in 2020, when 138.5 mm was recorded for April. Most of the April rainfall was recorded in the first week of April when 85 mm fell.

The total years' rainfall to end of April is 216mm

Rain at Hazelwood South

From April 1, the Southern Annular Mode (SAM) brought rain from the south west, resulting in 112mm and 190% of the April average. Last year the SAM brought rain till mid-October. For 2024 the rain is still below average at 95%. Hazelwood South was 19% wetter than the Latrobe Valley weather station. The firewood season has started, and the winter veggie garden is taking advantage of the sun and rain. The water tanks are not quite full yet.

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Another busy month at the park has seen the corner block further cleaned up. We welcomed Norma to our working bee.

The Gippsland Interchange crew has attended some days this last month and achieved some great clearing up work.

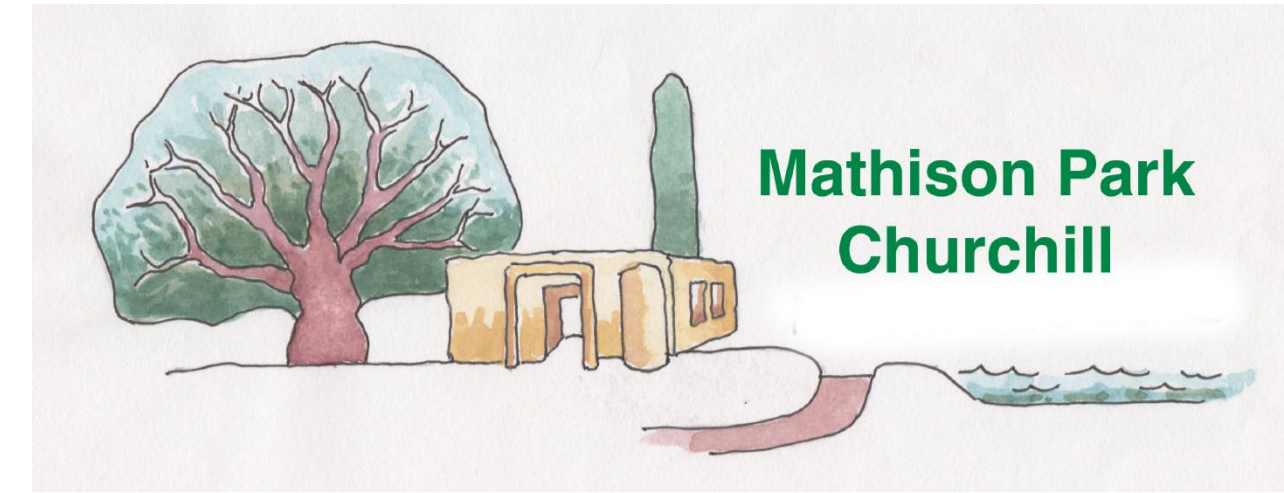
The men have worked on many days to achieve further work.

The original driveway from Monash Way to the old homestead has been graveled to the degree that heavy

vehicles such as fire trucks in an emergency can safely access the park.

The 1st Churchill Scouts arranged a visit to the park between 6 and 8 pm.

Our willing men agreed to show them how they could help which they did for over an hour, having lots of fun and using up their energy. As it grew darker, they retired to the large picnic shelter where a sausage sizzle was awaiting their hungry appetites. The men were pleased with the enthusiasm and amount of



Mathison Park Churchill



work the Scouts were happy to do. A warm invitation was extended to make a return visit as often as they liked.

An unknown group of people has done some clearing of fallen trees and other debris at the Kurnai end of the creek. We await developments to what further work will be carried out.

Traralgon & District Historical Society Inc.

'SAVE THE DATE' SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024



Antique & Collectibles Evaluation Day

Bring along that precious item you love, Grandma's treasured brooch or a family heirloom.

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- Artefacts:** Anne Rowland is a Conservator and Archivist with 30 years experience working in galleries and museums.
- Simon Storey is a Valuer with 30 years experience working in national, state, municipal and regional collections.
- Jewellery:** Melenie Sykes is a Valuer who has been involved in the jewellery industry since the early 1990's.

Cost: \$2.00 per item – limit of 3 items.
We cannot guarantee all items will be appraised.
Place: Kath Teychenne Centre, 11 Breed Street, Traralgon
Time: 12.30 pm - 4.00 pm

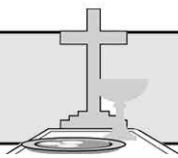


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Church NEWS

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Tenabrae

We have a special relationship with Lumen Christi parish sharing in worship at the most sacred times of the year.

We were joined with many LC people at the Tenabrae service. It was a night of solemn reflection, prayer and deep listening to the Word as we prepared for the week.

Maundy Thursday

Our Maundy Thursday Remembrance at Boolarra is always a very small, intimate gathering.

This year we focused on the three distinct parts of Holy Thursday, in three different parts of the church. The disciples reflecting over the last few days, the Lord's Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday

For the ecumenical Good

Friday worship service, we welcomed members of both Lumen Christi Catholic Church and Churchill Christian Fellowship. Attendance at the service was much larger than any time since COVID.

This was followed by our walk of witness, via Lumen Christi Church, Churchill Shopping Centre and back to the church corner.

At each of 14 Stations of the Cross, following in

Christ's footsteps, we heard Scripture readings, reflected on it's meaning, sang hymns and offered our prayers. Back at the church the cross was planted, then an invitation to share hot cross buns was extended in a time of fellowship.

Easter Sunday

We had numerous visitors with us on Easter Sunday, again filling the Church to capacity. It was

fantastic to see many families come together and choose to include coming to church as part of their family traditions. The sanctuary banner, transformed from three simple Crosses on Good Friday, reminded us that "Weeping may remain for a night," but "Joy comes in the morning."

Coffee Connections

Coffee Connections, held on the third Wednesday of

every month, provides an opportunity, over morning tea, to share stories focussing on a particular theme.

After a devotion about Jesus the creator, carpenter, gardener, and King, seeking sanctuary and praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, our April group shared stories of our favourite tool from the tool shed, with many discussing their love of gardening and other tool-related activities.



Churchill Christian Fellowship

By Steve McNeilly

April was another busy month at Churchill Christian Fellowship. On April 6, we had a one-day OpShop and Garage Sale event. For just \$1 people could fill a bag with whatever clothes and linen they liked. The garage sale raised over \$400 for our local missions. For those people who asked when we would be doing this again, the answer is that we are planning to have another one later this year, maybe October.

Our community garden was officially opened on Saturday April 27. Thanks to everyone who has supported this project in one way or another. This is very much a work in progress but we trust it will be another positive initiative in our already active local community.

We have had two visiting preachers in recent weeks. Pastor Glenda Noordam, from Moe New Life Christian Centre (our covering church) brought an excellent message on April

21, about not letting things from our past hold us back in life. Then, on May 5, Pastor Randell Green from Reality Church in Traralgon was our guest speaker.

Recently, we did a Bible study about the "rich young ruler" who came to Jesus asking about eternal life. Jesus told this young man to sell everything he had, give the money to the poor, and then come follow Him. However the young man was not willing to give up his many possessions and went away sad.

We are living in difficult financial times. Affordable housing is an especially pressing problem but it seems like everything else is getting more expensive as well. They are calling it a Cost of Living Crisis.

I know that this is not the whole answer but I suspect that somewhere along the way we might have lost the biblical concept of contentment. The apostle Paul in writing to Timothy said that "Godliness with

contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. Having food and clothing, with these we shall be content." In another place, Paul wrote that he had learned to be content in any and all circumstances.

When some soldiers asked John the Baptist what they should do, part of his answer was "be content with your wages".

Contentment does not mean giving up on any possibility of improving our lives. Instead, it means that our sense of blessedness in life does not depend on collecting more and more riches. We can be grateful for what we have, especially if what we have includes a real, ongoing relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Call 0409 173747.



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Book Review

“Black Swan A Koorie Woman’s Life”

by Carolyn Landon and Eileen Harrison 2011.

Carolyn Landon is a local oral historian and has previously written “Jackson’s Track”, a true story about the local Gunai/Kurnai people. Her second book focusses on the life of Eileen Harrison, written in conjunction with her.

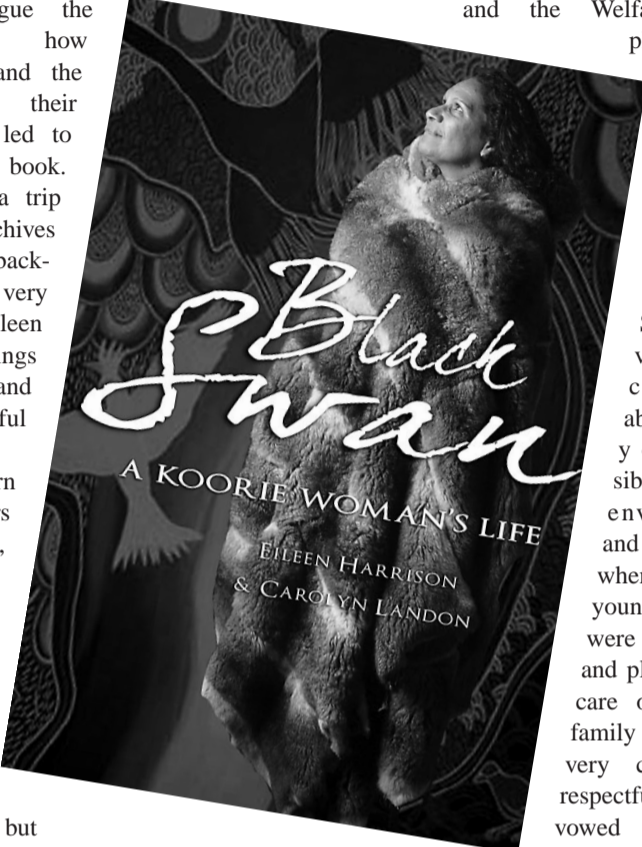
In the prologue the author describes how she met Eileen and the blossoming of their friendship, which led to the writing of the book. This necessitated a trip to the National Archives to research the back-story and this was very traumatic for Eileen as it unearthed things she had forgotten and triggered some painful memories.

Eileen was born on the Lake Tyers Mission in 1948, and this is where her ancestors are buried. She remembers her time there as a happy time because she was surrounded by extended family, but

also that their daily life was controlled by bells, although she couldn’t hear them because she was deaf. There was an early morning bell to wake the men who were to milk the cows, one at 8.00am for school and one at 4.00pm to collect the rations. On Sunday there was a bell for Church and on Wednesdays there was religious instruction. Houses were small and families were large so there was overcrowding, and the Superintendents’

wife regularly inspected the homes to ensure they were clean. Eileen also remembers having her ears washed out but her deafness was hereditary. Families had little freedom and had to have permission to leave the mission.

The black swan is a powerful symbol for Eileen – it is considered bad luck to kill one and



she has an early memory of freeing one which had been captured when they were fishing on the lake.

Changes to Government policy meant that families were to be moved off the Mission into communities – Eileen’s family was the first to go. They were sent to Ararat to a nice new house but they knew no one. Her father found work but her mother was completely overwhelmed, suddenly

having to shop, budget, pay utility bills and rent with no preparation for the change. Her mother had no friends or family nearby and suffered a total loss of confidence. It was here the family went into a downward spiral, her father began drinking, there was domestic violence and sexual abuse and the police were frequent visitors to the house. Eileen had left school and the Welfare Board placed her

as a live-in domestic helper with various families. She was very concerned about her younger siblings in this environment and relieved when the two younger ones were removed and placed in the care of a white family who were very caring and respectful, but she vowed she would one day reunite her siblings.

Eileen felt guilty at leaving her family but felt she needed to get away. She had met and subsequently married Laurie Moffat and they moved to Warragul and had a family.

Life had it’s ups and downs for Eileen, the death of her parents, the break-up of her marriage and the accidental death of her son led to her losing her bearings for a time, but connection to family and culture saw her triumph.

A cochlear implant gave her a whole new slant on life, her confidence rose and a new friendship led her to painting. The rest is history.

Everyone in our group enjoyed this book. However we all realised how little we knew about the lives of Indigenous people and the lack of control they had over their lives at the time this book describes.

Eileen’s story is one of courage and resilience, showing the importance of connection to family and culture which we often do not understand.

It is clear the author has a deep respect for Indigenous culture and writes of Eileen’s life very sensitively, but there were times we felt she intruded on Eileen’s story. However this book is one that should be read to give an insight into the lives of the local Koorie community.

Churchill CHATTER

ANZAC Day

Early on a cold Thursday morning April 25, a big crowd gathered for the ANZAC day service held at the Churchill Service Memorial in Philip Parade.

During the moving emotional service of remembrance a lovely array of colourful wreaths from many organisations including local schools, fire brigade, veterans, Latrobe city, Morwell RSL sporting clubs, and more were laid at the Service Memorial. It was pleasing to see the New Zealand flag flying high, with the Aboriginal flag, Union Jack and our own Australian flag.

Churchill Service Memorial

March 15, 2015
This service memorial is dedicated to the people of Churchill who have served their country and community in times of war, natural disaster and crisis.

The sculptor, Paul Jesse has included a colourful and optimistic side to the sculpture, representing home, family, community and the future. The dark side

represents the calamities that have challenged our nation or locality.

The spirals of mosaics represent our service people, moving between community and calamity, representing a flow of thought, love, fear, concern and dreams.

Antique Evaluation Day

Traralgon & District Historical Society is hosting an antique evaluation day on May 25 at Kath Teychenne Centre, Breed Street Traralgon.

See flyer in this paper for more information about an interesting day.

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The group met in the Kerry Road picnic area. High above in one of the trees, a koala was there to greet us.

In the coming weeks there will be a meeting with Parks to discuss the new signage and what will appear on the signs to put at each of the park entrances.

Progress on the birds of Morwell National Park book continues to go well with most of the image selection now completed. The images for over 140 bird species have been selected with these photos coming from nineteen different photographers. Only the images for a few bird species are still needed. A date for the book launch has been set and it will be launched on Saturday November 16, the day before our planned spring bird walk.

Over the last month Parks staff have slashed around Stringybark Ridge Track. They have greatly widened the track including the section that was burnt out by the bushfire and strong regrowth was invading the track.

The activity for the day was to complete track maintenance around Fosters Gully. Gordon had collected the brush cutter and whipper snipper to use on parts of the track. Since these tools

would be needed in the second half of the track, Gordon, Graeme, Caitlin and Darren went up the hill to work on the track in reverse. The rest of the group started clearing from the beginning of the track.

This group that started at the beginning of the track saw the many changes since the summer storms knocked down many trees. Parks have now cleared all tracks, removing many large trees from across tracks.

For the group that started at the end of the track, Gordon operated the whipper snipper to clear the centre of the track while Darren used the brush cutter to open up the sides of the track. Caitlin and Graeme removed all the cut bits from the track.

While working on the track a walker came through being very appreciative of our work to make the track easier to traverse. After the uphill zig zags the two groups met up, then all groups returned in a staggered manner back to the picnic area for lunch. Some of the earlier walkers had started lunch early after a shorter circuit to Landon's Landing. They welcomed the others back. After lunch everybody was able to go home.



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Fuel Reduction Burn in Manning Drive Churchill

On Sunday April 14, CFA conducted an ecological and fuel reduction burn in the grassed/lightly scrubbed triangle area just to the south of the Scout Hall on Manning Drive.

This land is managed by Latrobe City, which partnered with CFA to conduct the burn. A number of objectives were achieved, including reducing fine fuels across the area to minimise future risk if a fire started in that area, and to put a cool burning fire through the area

to aid in the regeneration and seeding of the native Kangaroo Paw plants across the area.

Further work is still required in the area to reduce the fuel in the timbered area on the western side of that area to the south and west of the Scout Hall.

Elevated fuel moisture in that area on the day means that burns will now likely need to wait until spring of 2024 or autumn of 2025.

Thanks to all CFA members who helped in

managing and extinguishing parts of the burn – the assistance was very much appreciated by the Churchill brigade which coordinated the participation of resources.

Ikara Way Reserve

The fuel reduction burn in the Council Reserve to the east of Ikara Way will now also have to wait until either spring of 2024 or autumn of 2025 before we have another opportunity when all of the burn prescriptions can be met.



Photo: Yallourn North Fire Brigade



Photo: Yallourn North Fire Brigade

Fire Restrictions have now been lifted in Latrobe City

The Declared Fire Danger Period for Latrobe City ended at 01:00 am on Wednesday May 1, 2024.

However, there are still some restrictions which apply to undertaking a burn-off. Latrobe City Council has a Local Law which makes it illegal to burn-off at all in the urban areas/townships.

This means that you are not allowed to use incinerators, or to burn off other rubbish or debris within the townships.

Residents of the rural areas within Latrobe City are permitted to conduct fuel reduction or burning off of other material.

Before burning off, ensure:

- You are following

regulations or laws by CFA and your local council.

• You notify your neighbours if your activity will generate fire and smoke.

• Check the weather forecast for the day of the activity and a few days afterwards.

• Establish a gap in vegetation or fire break with no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material.

• There are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.

• You notify Triple Zero Victoria to register your burn-off.

Unregistered burn-offs can cause brigades to be called out unnecessarily.



Photo: Yallourn North Fire Brigade



Photo: Yallourn North Fire Brigade

Register your burn-off



Photo: Yallourn North Fire Brigade

Notify Triple Zero Victoria of your planned burn:

* Online (Preferred) - Register online through the Fire Permits Victoria website firepermits.vic.gov.au

You can do so if your burn-off commences more than two hours from now.

* By Phone - If you wish to start your burn-off immediately, or do not wish to utilise the online form, you may register your burn-off by calling Triple Zero Victoria on 1800 668 511, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. National Relay Service Users can ring 1300 555 727 and ask for Information to be relayed to Triple Zero Victoria via 1800 668 511

* By Email - Complete the Burn off Notification Form (PDF 191.5KB) and email the form to burnoffs@triplezero.vic.gov.au.

Important note: Some information that you provide may be displayed on the CFA website. This may include the street name and area where the planned burn you are registering will take place. This information may be shared using the CFA, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) and Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) websites at the time of ignition, as well as the VicEmergency website and app and internal incident management systems.

Community Safety - smoke alarms

Churchill fire brigade each year runs a smoke alarm campaign for senior citizens and those in the community with a disability.

Usually on or near the end of daylight saving the brigade commence the programme visiting some 26 residents in Churchill who are on our books.

“Many people don’t realise that their sense of smell turns off when you sleep, so, a smoke alarm is your best early warning system”, says Community Safety Co-Ordinator Craig King.

“CFA and Churchill fire brigade recommend

replacing ten year old smoke alarms (regardless of their condition) with a ten-year-life lithium ion smoke alarm for every household”, he said.

“Smoke alarms correctly installed will give early warning if there is a fire in your household giving time for all occupants to be able to exit the building”, Craig added.

If you are a senior citizen or have a disability we can help you install and maintain your smoke alarms with a yearly service.

Give the brigade a call on 0407 828 625 to be included on our list of checks.



Volunteer Firefighter Derek Watson applying maintenance on a house smoke alarm.

Register your burn-off

1800 668 511

or – firepermits.vic.gov.au

No more telemarketers for energy upgrades

Valley residents will no longer be subject to the nuisance practices of telemarketers spruiking the Victorian Energy Upgrade (VEU) scheme with door-knocking next on the chopping block.

The Member for Morwell, Martin Cameron, said the ban on telemarketing and doorknocking for the VEU comes after a review of the practices that was secured by the Nationals.

“From May accredited providers of the VEU scheme are not allowed to cold call a person to promote products and services with a ban on doorknocking to come into effect on August 1,” he said.

The changes also

mean that providers and participants cannot purchase a person’s contact details from a third party or arrange a contractor or other agent to call or doorknock on their behalf.

“Even residents who had signed up to the Do Not Call register were being repeatedly harassed and coerced by people promoting products from heaters and hot water systems to showerheads, clothes dryers and fridges,” Mr Cameron said.

“These new bans are a protection for residents, particularly the elderly, who might not be able to advocate effectively for themselves and are pressured into

signing up for products and services they do not want, under the guise of it being cost-saving.

People have rightly had enough of companies and third parties overstepping the mark to spruik their products under this program, and I am pleased that advocacy from The Nationals on behalf of community members has pushed the State Government to act.”

The Essential Services Commission will monitor compliance with the new laws, with companies found to be in breach liable for fines of up to \$46,000.

They can also be suspended or removed from the Victorian Energy Upgrades program.

People can report breaches of the new laws by calling the commission on 03 9032 1310 or by emailing veu@esc.vic.gov.au.

Residents can also lodge a complaint with Consumer Affairs Victoria online at <https://forms.consumer.vic.gov.au/gef> or by calling 131 450.

Community Information

Naming Our Places in Latrobe City

Latrobe City Council is establishing a Naming Database for use in the future naming of roads, facilities and features throughout the municipality.

To assist in creating this database, Council is inviting suggestions from the community of suitable names that may be used for this purpose including, but not limited to, names that fall within the following categories:

Names of individuals from the Latrobe City area who have served Australia in conflicts.

Names of historical significance including significant events or moments in Latrobe City, Victorian and Australian history.

Names of indigenous flora and fauna, and geological features with a focus on those present in the municipality.

Names of families who have a long association with, and have made a positive contribution to, the municipality.

Names of Latrobe City community members who have given considerable service to the community.

Names of councillors of former municipalities now part of Latrobe City and former councillors of Latrobe City.

Other notable or eminent persons within the Latrobe City community, such as those assisting the development of cultural or sporting life of Latrobe City.

Traditional Owner names that are relevant to the area and of significance to the indigenous community of

Latrobe City.

This is an opportunity to contribute to future naming and ensure that any names that will be used are of significance to the local area through recognising the unique attributes and valuable individuals who have made Latrobe City such a special place to live.

Please note, any names that are suggested need to take into account principles contained in the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria prepared by Geographic Names Victoria (GNV). All submissions will be assessed to determine whether the name meets the database criteria. Individuals will be notified via email about the outcome of their name suggestion once the assessment process has been completed.

Approved names will be publicly listed in the database, however the individual who submitted the name will remain anonymous.

Hidden Disabilities Sunflower - Making the invisible, visible

Latrobe City Council is a proud member of the Hidden Disability Sunflower initiative. The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower is a discreet way to indicate that the wearer (or someone with them) has a hidden disability and may need a little more time, support or assistance.

Free Hidden Disability Sunflower Merchandise is available from the following Latrobe City Council venues:

- Latrobe City Headquarters
- Latrobe City Libraries
- Latrobe Regional Gallery
- Latrobe City Leisure Centres

Latrobe City Visitor Information Centre
Gippsland Performing Arts Centre
Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium
Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre
What is the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower?

The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower is a simple tool for you to voluntarily share that you have a disability or condition that may not be immediately apparent – and that you may need a helping hand, understanding, or more time in shops, at work, on transport, or in public spaces.

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Churchill Fire Brigade

Community Engagement



Volunteer firefighters Derek Watson (left), and Allan Larkin at the Shop Local BBQ sausage sizzle.

The Shop Local Markets are an opportunity for the Churchill Fire Brigade to interact with the community on a whole range of community safety concerns.

Our main occupation for the day is the community BBQ sausage sizzle at West Place Shopping Centre.

We try to aim our community safety messages based on the seasons of the year following on from the current messages from CFA to communities. Using materials supplied and our vehicles and volunteers we highlight these messages through interaction,

published material and displays using our Field Operations Vehicle (FOV).

The BBQ Sausage Sizzle is always received well (because we have the best cook/chef) and we thank the community and businesses for their contributions to make it a success.

Gippsland Water



Acting Managing Director Simon Aquilina in front of one of Gippsland Water's eight solar arrays.

New strategy to tackle local impacts of climate change

Gippsland Water has released its new Climate Change Strategy, detailing how it will achieve ambitious net zero targets and manage the impacts of climate change.

Acting Managing Director Simon Aquilina, said the organisation was taking a whole-of-business approach to managing the impacts of climate change for current and future generations.

"As the climate changes, we will continue to be innovative in the way we think, plan and engineer," Mr Aquilina said.

"Our strategy focuses on areas including renewable energy investment, environmental stewardship and infrastructure upgrades to increase resilience.

Upgrading our infrastructure is a major priority, starting with assets most at risk of being impacted by extreme weather events.

Continuing to protect the plants and animals who rely on the waterways we manage and need a healthy environment to thrive is another.

For example, we are actively involved in the protection of several

vulnerable species, including the Pookila, Wellington mint bush and filmy maidenhair fern."

Mr Aquilina said Gippsland Water had already made great progress in moving to renewable energy sources.

"A significant amount of our power already comes from renewables and we are continuing to invest in new energy sources," Mr Aquilina said.

"We have nearly 6,000 solar panels running across eight of our sites as well as biogas and hydroelectric generators.

Between 2017 and 2022 we almost doubled our renewable energy production, and now we produce 5,451 megawatts in renewable energy each year.

Using renewable energy sources also reduces our operating costs and puts downward pressure on customer bills.

We have a lot to do in the next six years, but if we continue along our current trajectory, I'm confident we will hit our targets."

To view Gippsland Water's Climate Change Strategy, visit: <https://www.gippswater.com.au/climate-change-strategy>

Supporting parents in surviving adolescence



Latrobe Health Assembly and Ladder have united to bring a parenting program with a difference to the Latrobe Valley – encouraging parents to bring about positive change to the family and offering practical strategies to help strengthen and maintain a supportive relationship with their adolescents.

The first of its kind, the Surviving Adolescence program was developed in the Latrobe Valley following the ongoing success of Ladder's Step Up program, which builds independence and self-agency in young people and supports them to engage in education, employment and training. The Latrobe Health Assembly was engaged to support a feasibility study around creating a similar program tailored to parents.

The study found that over 80% of parents felt that if they had been offered a program to get support and gain understanding around their young person's behaviour and how to support them throughout the Step Up program, that this would have strengthened their relationship with their young person.

Recently celebrating the first graduating cohort, Surviving Adolescence is facilitated in a supportive environment for six or eight parents per program and runs for two hours once a week, for seven weeks. It is designed to support parents with young people in the Step Up program, to encourage strong relationships and enhance the outcomes for their family. One hundred percent of graduating parents identified that their relationship with their child improved, that they felt more confident in opportunities to connect with their child, and that they felt the Surviving Adolescence program provided them with the relevant tools to build their relationship with their family.

Feedback from participating parents include: "This program shows that there is hope and help, no matter how hopeless it feels at times" and "It's nice to know that I'm not the only one having to deal with these issues."

Latrobe Health Assembly Chair, Tanya Rong, says "Parenting can be challenging, especially as a child reaches adolescence.

This program offers a safe and supportive environment for parents to connect and support each other as well as learn how to positively interact with their child through the Step Up program and beyond."

"Our Surviving Adolescence Parenting Program is a complement to the Ladder Step Up Program. The program offers parents a safe space to share their experiences and concerns relating to their teen. Our Parent Development Coach offers relationship-focused approaches to parents and carers so that they can better connect and understand the development of their teen," says Ladder Acting CEO, Giselle Pinto.

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What's on in Latrobe



Biggest Morning Tea
 Where: Italian Australian Sporting Club, 499-501 Princes Drive, Morwell
 When: Thursday May 23: 10am - 12pm

The Power of Perspective with Ben Crowe
 Where: Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, 32 Kay Street, Traralgon
 When: Thursday May 23: 7pm

Sportsman's Night with Terry Daniher
 Where: Traralgon Golf Club, 220 Princes Highway, Traralgon
 When: Friday May 24: 6pm - 9pm

Workshop: Portraiture on film
 Where: Latrobe Regional Gallery, 138 Commercial Road, Morwell

When: Saturday May 25: 10am - 1pm
Million paws walk
 Where: Gippsland Plains Rail Trail, Traralgon East
 When: Sunday May 26: 9am - 1pm

Free yoga
 Where: Latrobe Leisure Morwell, McDonald Street, Morwell
 When: Sunday May 26: 10am

Miniature train rides

Where: Newman Park, Peterkin Street, Traralgon
 When: Sunday May 26: 12pm - 4pm

Victorian Wheelchair Football Competition
 Where: Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium, Catterick Crescent, Traralgon
 When: Sunday May 26: 1pm

Join us on a library tour - Churchill
 Where: Churchill Library, Philip Parade, Churchill
 When: Friday May 31: 1.30pm

Intro to Social Media: Posting on Facebook
 Where: Traralgon Library, 34-38 Kay Street, Traralgon
 When: Friday May 31: 2pm

Even though the Morwell National Park and its surrounds is described as the core habitat area for the Strzelecki koala, there are other places along the Strzelecki Range that contain significant populations of Strzelecki koalas. The Mullungdung State Forest is such a place and it requires more protection and better management so that it can be a refuge for the Strzelecki koala and support the long term survival of this unique species. Over recent years, citizen scientists and a scientist have conducted scat surveys of the Mullungdung State Forest and have concluded that at least 600 Strzelecki koalas live in this location.



Mullungdung State Forest and the Strzelecki Koala

The Mullungdung State Forest is located between the Hyland Highway, East of Gormandale, and South Gippsland Highway, west of Gifford West. It is 13,800 hectares in area. It is north of the Won Wron State Forest and south of Holey Plains State Park. Because this area has State Forest classification many activities are allowed, like picnicking, camping, walking, sightseeing, horse riding, and car-touring (vigils.sdp.sirsidyntix.net.au "Forest Notes, Won Wron & Mullungdung State Forests" 16-4-24)

This forest contains a variety of habitats. The surveys so far have shown that habitats near creeks and where preferred food trees are present, are the places that show evidence of koalas. Wetter areas enable trees to contain more nutrients and moisture in their leaves and also provide micro climates that protect the koala better in extremes of weather.

Some of these food trees are Mountain Grey Gum, Yellow Stringybark, Messmate, Yertchuck and Swamp Gum. (melbournefoe.org.au "Friends of the Earth proposes a new 18,000 hectare koala reserve in Mullungdung State Forest" 6-4-24)

Within the Mullungdung State Forest there is a Flora and Fauna Reserve where human activity is restricted

and dogs not allowed. It is here that many Strzelecki koala scats are found. Koala areas radiate from this reserve. It would be very beneficial to the Strzelecki koalas' present and long term survival if this reserve could be extended.

The Mullungdung State Forest will no longer be logged. However it needs more management to ensure wood collection, trail bike riding, feral animals and natural events like fire do not affect the viability of its endemic flora and fauna. Controlled burn offs are used to mitigate fire threats.

However this practice needs to be conducted so that the Strzelecki koala is considered and its safety ensured. Smoke inhalation and heat can cause koalas to die. Trail riding could be restricted to certain tracks especially away from Strzelecki koala habitat. Areas where dogs are allowed could be limited as well.

However it would be better if the Mullungdung State Forest was given a lot more environmental protection so that it continues to be a substantial part of the present and long term survival of the Strzelecki koala and other Australian fauna and flora. Such protection could allow:

- increased protection for all fauna and flora as well as the Strzelecki koala,
- the employment of more Park Rangers to care for and manage the park and its

surrounds, the possibility of eco-tourism like there is in Tidal River,

Environmental education for the public, improved facilities.

It would be ideal if wildlife corridors are established too, so that the Mullungdung area is connected to Tarra-Bulga Park, the Won Wron State Forest and the Holey Plain State Forest.

Parks Victoria in its document "Conservation Action Plan, Gippsland Plains and Strzelecki Ranges Parks and Reserves Managed by Parks Victoria," recognises the importance of the "Dry Forest and Woodland" habitat of the Mullungdung reserve and the significance of the Strzelecki koala as being the "remnant population of the original Victorian koala population" and the need for this population to be managed so that it keeps "its genetic differences." (parksvic.gov.au 23/4/24)

Therefore let there be increased preservation, protection and promotion of the Mullungdung State Forest and its considerable significance to the Strzelecki koala, its other endemic flora and fauna and to Victoria's natural heritage.

Let us prevent any fragmentation or negative encroachment of this incredible and beautiful natural wonder by increasing more of the State Forest into a protected reserve.

How can you help:

Visit the Mullungdung State Forest and discover its natural beauty and historical background.

Support the on-going scientific work by donating to the Friends of the Earth, Koala group. (melbournefoe.org.au Donate to save Strzelecki koalas from extinction.) or Lachlan's Legacy Foundation.

Support or join groups that are promoting more protection for the Strzelecki koala and its habitat.

Contact local politicians and councils about the much needed extra protection for the Strzelecki koala and its habitat.

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ANMC ANZAC Day Commemorative Service 2024 honours Australian War Nurses

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The Australian Nurses Memorial Centre (ANMC) hosted its annual ANZAC Day Commemorative Service on April 21, 2024, to honour the legacy and valour of Australian war nurses. The event took place at the iconic Nurses' Memorial in Fawkner Towers on St Kilda Road, Melbourne. Distinguished guests, including representatives from various educational institutions, healthcare organisations, and family members of war nurses, attended.

The ANMC's ANZAC Day Commemorative Service is a profound tribute to the sacrifices of Australian war nurses who served and sacrificed during the wars. The ceremony included a poignant wreath-laying ceremony at the forecourt of Fawkner Towers, where attendees paid their respects to the nurses who served and sacrificed during the wars. The ceremony provided a moment of reflection and remembrance for the courage and dedication of these remarkable individuals.

Federation University played a significant role in the day's proceedings, with student representatives and staff participating in the wreath-laying ceremony. The university's involvement underscored its commitment to honouring the nursing profession's history and its heroes.

As the service concluded, guests were invited to join the board members and speakers for afternoon tea inside the ANMC venue. This provided an opportunity for reflection and community bonding over the



shared respect for the contributions of war nurses.

The ANMC's annual service not only commemorates the sacrifices of Australian war nurses but also reinforces the importance of remembrance and support for the nursing profession today. The event reminds us of the courage, dedication, and selflessness of the nurses who served and sacrificed for their country.

Federation University makes its mark at the ACN Nursing and Health Expo

Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre was bustling with activity on April 20, 2024, as the highly regarded ACN Nursing and Health Expo took place.

Running from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, the expo provided a pivotal platform for nursing professionals and students to explore career opportunities in the health sector.

Federation University's presence was marked by staff from all three campuses which participated, while the Student Recruitment Coordinator, Aroha Taunoa, meticulously prepared a stall.

The Federation University booth was a hub of activity manned by knowledgeable representatives, including Student Ambassador Jubin Raju.

They offered insights into the university's nursing and health programs and engaged with a diverse audience of current nurses, tertiary students, and even those contemplating a future in nursing.

Before the expo doors opened to the public, the university's team was already hard at work, setting up from 8 am to ensure every detail was perfect.

The stall featured informative displays and interactive elements designed to attract attendees and provide them with a comprehensive understanding of what Federation University has to offer.

Visitors to the expo enjoyed a range of



free educational seminars, interacted with exhibitors from various health sectors, and left with new connections and a deeper appreciation of the opportunities in the nursing and health professions.

Federation University's booth stood out as a beacon for those seeking comprehensive education and a supportive community in nursing.

As the expo drew to a close, the impact of Federation University's participation was evident. Thanks to the engaging presence and efforts of the entire Federation team, attendees were informed and inspired by the possibilities for their future careers in nursing.

For more information about nursing and health programs at Federation University, please visit the university's website.

Greenfest celebrates Sustainability at Gippsland

On April 17, 2024, the Student Partnerships and Engagement team of Federation University Australia's Gippsland Campus hosted Greenfest, a market dedicated to promoting sustainability and raising environmental awareness among students.

From 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, the Student Lounge became a hub of environmental consciousness. The event featured community stalls, free food, and a variety of engaging activities that added a festive flair. Attendees also enjoyed lively music and games like pool and table tennis.

One of the highlights of the event was the plant pot painting station, where students could express their creativity by painting a small pot and taking a plant home, symbolising their commitment towards a greener future. The Nourishment Nook, a vital service provided by the university to assist students in need, also received a unique makeover for the day. It offered an array of new foods, including breads, vegetables, and fruit, along with packets of food to grab on the go. The Nook also featured a new collection of clothes donated by various people and organisations, ensuring that students left not only fed but also well-equipped.

Greenfest was not just an event; it was a testament to the Gippsland Campus's commitment to building a sustainable community. It provided a perfect pause for students before the busy final weeks of the semester, offering them a chance to enjoy themselves, learn about sustainability, and engage with their peers in a meaningful way.



As the semester progresses, the memories of Greenfest will undoubtedly inspire and motivate students to incorporate more sustainable practices into their daily lives. The event served as a powerful reminder of the importance of sustainability, underscoring the university's dedication to not only educating its students academically but also nurturing a deep-seated respect for the environment. Each small step towards sustainability, inspired by Greenfest, contributes to a larger, more sustainable future.

Greenfest was a resounding success, and the Gippsland Campus is eagerly looking forward to hosting similar events in the future. These events will continue to promote sustainability and raise environmental awareness among our students, fostering a sense of community and shared responsibility. We cannot wait to see what the future holds as we continue on our sustainability journey together.

Well-Being at Gippsland Campus: Yoga and Nourishment Nook



In an effort to support the holistic well-being of its students, Federation University's Gippsland Campus is proud to introduce two valuable initiatives this semester: free yoga classes and the launch of the Nourishment Nook. These programs are designed to promote physical and mental wellness, crucial for academic success and overall student life.

Free Yoga Classes: Unwind and Rejuvenate

Started on March 19, the Gippsland Campus is running nine free yoga sessions led by a qualified instructor. These classes provide a perfect opportunity for students to step away from the pressures of academic life and engage in a practice that benefits both mind and body. Yoga is known for reducing stress, improving concentration, and enhancing physical flexibility. Students are encouraged to attend any number

of sessions to discover the benefits for themselves.

To register or inquire, please reach out to Student Connect (03) 5122 6425.

The Nourishment Nook: Free Food for Thought

Understanding the crucial role that nutrition plays in cognitive function and overall health, the university has also established the Nourishment Nook. Aimed at providing free, nutritious food to students, the Nook ensures that every student has access to the sustenance they need to thrive.

Open every Tuesday and Wednesday during the semester in the student lounge, the Nourishment Nook is a testament to Federation University's commitment to its students' well-being and academic excellence.

Lightworker Solo Exhibition

Doron Banks

Doron Banks is a Gippsland based artist who works across painting, sculpture and poetry.

Doron spent his youth in East Bentleigh and although he had creative ability there were too many distractions for him as a young person to pursue this. He commenced an Applied Arts degree at Monash in 2001-2003 where he followed his interest in ceramics, glass, and life drawing. Unfortunately loss of family and illness intervened so he deferred his study.

Doron moved to Korumburra where he now feels very well supported by friends and community. His resilience and drive never left him completely and his creative ability once

more came to the fore. Doran believes that most of his art comes from his relationship with God. 'Every day that I wake up an image comes forth in my head...it is almost like a library within me.' Colour is very important to Doran; he describes it as being like a language. Indeed his paintings and ceramic pieces are very colourful, combining diverse images of figures, abstract landscape and imagery.

Doran has had two interesting residencies in Melbourne -

St Vincent Hospital Palliative Care unit to which he donated the work he produced during his time in his studio there.

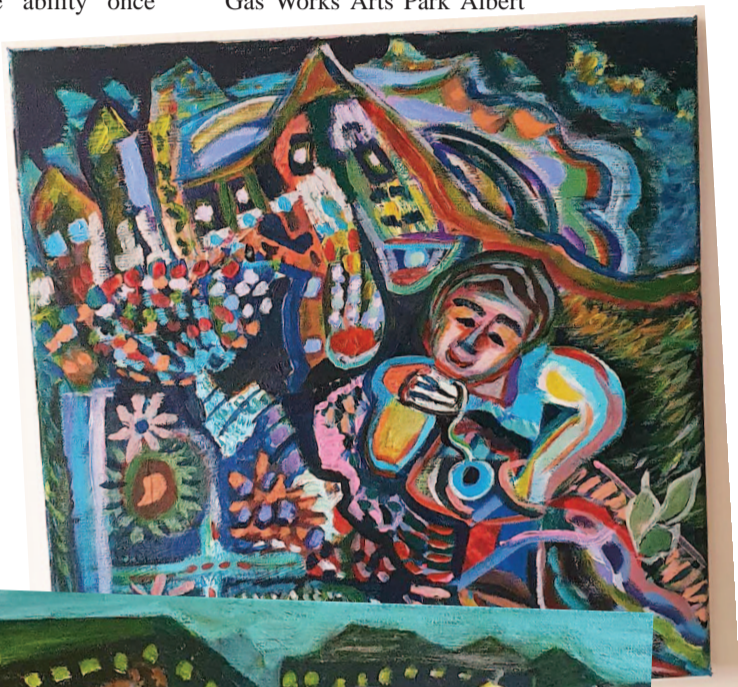
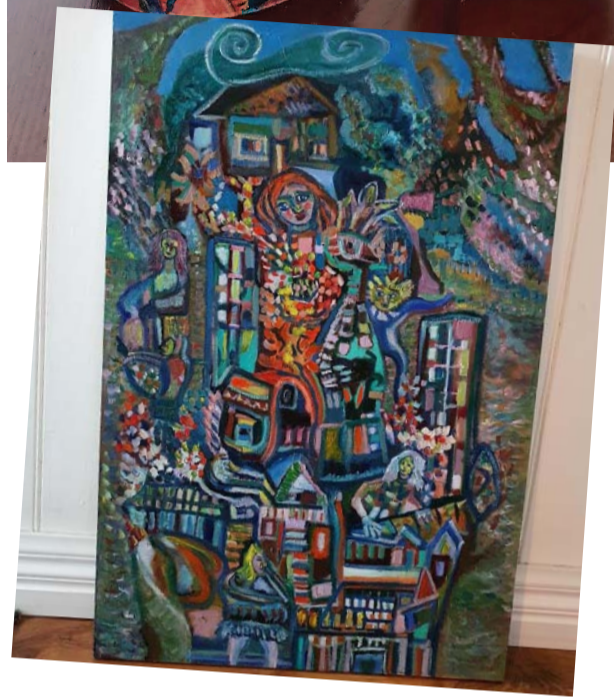
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Park where he had a kiln and spent a year producing ceramics and then a show.

Doran has had a number of exhibitions to date - including Melbourne Market Gallery, a solo show in Prahran and also Korumburra Library Gallery.

He is very excited about his Lightworker exhibition in Yinnar. Lightworker has both the meaning of worker of the light and having a light burden which is how Doran now sees himself. All his work there will be for sale.

Lightworker Solo Exhibition by Doron Banks at the Matchbox Gallery Main Street Yinnar until June 9 (open Friday to Sunday 11 - 4)



Plants in my Garden



By Mike Beamish

Species: Petrophile squamata.

Family: Proteaceae.

Derivation: Petrophile: From the Greek petros, meaning 'rock', with the suffix phileo, meaning 'to love', thus rock lover.

squamata: From the Latin squama, meaning a scale (as on a fish or snake). Botanically, squamate means having small, scale-like leaves or bracts.

Common Name: None.

Distribution: The south-west of Western Australia, widespread from Perth and Northam south and east to Israelite Bay.

Description: An erect shrub to roughly 1.5m tall and broad with rigid, prickly leaves to 7cm long. The leaves are once or twice ternately (into threes)

divided, forming broadly linear and sharply pointed lobes. Small, creamy-yellow flowering cones about 10mm in diameter appear in the leaf axils in spring, with individual hairy, yellow flowers to 10mm long.

Opinion: I always worry about WA plants in my garden, as Boolarra conditions of heavy soils and cold and wet climate are very different from their homelands. This one seems to be coping ok at the moment, it has been in the northern nature-strip bed for four years now, has doubled in size and has even flowered for me.

I am expecting it to drop dead every time we have a humid spell or a summer thunderstorm, but so far so good. I selected its' position in the hope that it would get sufficient light and warmth from its' northern aspect, while its' neighbours and some agricultural drains underneath it would prevent

wet feet.

Recently I had to take a branch out of the overhead Giant Candles Banksia, letting in even more light and warmth, so now I am worried that a hot summer will cook it.

Hopefully, its' advertised characteristics of a liking for sunny sites and hardiness over dry periods will see it through.

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 Scouts win District Billy Boiling Competition

Scouts from 1st Churchill Scout Group recently won the District Billy Boiling Competition, pitting their bushcraft skills against scouts from Morwell, Traralgon, Glengarry and Yinnar. The 2024 competition was hosted by the 2023 winners, West Traralgon Scout Group at their hall in Traralgon.

Working in their patrols made up of five scouts, each patrol was given the same supplies - a single tent peg, a 20cm length of 2x4 untreated pine, 1 sheet of newspaper

and 10 matches. Using their tomahawk they had to create kindling and lay and light a fire to boil a billy filled with 500ml of water.

Well done to all of the Churchill Scouts who worked together outstandingly on the night. Particular congratulations to our victorious patrol for bringing home the trophy to Churchill. Churchill Scouts now look forward to hosting the District Billy Boiling Competition at the Churchill Scout Hall in Term 2 next year.

Churchill Scout Group has limited vacancies to join scouting in Term 2.

Joey Scouts for 5 to 8 year olds

Cub Scouts for 8 to 11 year olds

Scouts for 11 to 14 year olds

Venturer Scouts for 14 to 18 year olds

Rover Scouts for 18 to 26 year olds

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



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The winning patrol working waiting for their billy to boil



Patrol Leader Charlotte receiving the winners trophy for her patrol



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Conference of the Birds

Douglas and Mackay (D&M) will develop and present a rural pilgrimage artwork exploring land, climate, survival and belonging in collaboration with and connecting First Nations, young people, artists and broader community on Gunaikurnai country.

At dusk we walk 2kms on country seeing, hearing and feeling encounters with ceremony, light, fire, and art/performance interventions. Generating content in 'safe space' workshops and cross-form collaborations we will create an off grid event that benefits community mentally, physically and artistically.

We intend that this event becomes a biannual art-walk. The story in brief inspired by the Sufi poem by 12th Century poet Farid ud-Din Attar which tells of a time when all is confusion and fear, and how we must collectively and individually 'be' the change. Being without leadership and in a time of chaos - all the world's birds gather to discuss the crisis they face.

Together they decide to go in search of the answer, but to do so must embark on a perilous pilgrimage travel through seven differently themed valleys.

When the birds reach their destination they gaze into a mirror-like lake to find it is themselves - the collective



- who hold the answers to survival and building a sustainable future. The Valleys are:

1. The Valley of the Quest:

Funds from Regional Arts Victoria and Mirboo North Community Foundation are supporting the development of the first valley in collaboration with Traditional Owners, Local Youth groups and schools, artists and multicultural community to start envisioning and creating the beginning event where the pilgrimage begins. Gunaikurnai will perform welcoming and smoking ceremonies. A group of 'Elders' from wider local community (CALD community, farming community, disabled community, religious communities etc.) will be greeted by Gunaikurnai elders

to join them as Protectors and Wise Ones. Gunaikurnai elders will introduce the first Valley of The Quest telling their creation story of Booran (the Pelican) and Tuk (the Musk Duck) with puppetry, projections, fire and dance created in collaborative workshops with First Nations community, local youth groups and schools.

The other valleys to be interpreted by community (in the future) are:

2. Valley of Love

3. Valley of Knowledge, Understanding and Contemplation

4. Valley of Independence, Pride and Detachment

5. Valley of Deprivation, Poverty and Death

6. Valley of Wonderment, Astonishment and

Bewilderment

7. Valley of Harmony and Unity:

Where it is revealed that everything is connected and in relationship.

Caring for each other and country is everything - harmony, multiplicity, and eternity - this occurs in The Meadows 2.6km along the Boolarra - Mirboo North rail trail.

At The Meadows a community celebration will see a lantern procession and the lighting of a central bonfire with performances by local music groups and community choirs.

The evening culminates in a mass dance and then a closing ceremony is performed by First Nations before the audience travels back along the path to Boolarra. Food Trucks

installed at The Meadows will enable participants to purchase refreshments.

The Art Walk:

This community-based event is inspired by the resilience, artistic talents and community spirit of the people of South and West Gippsland and celebrates the place we call home. A recent poll by Latrobe City Council asked residents to describe what they 'love about where they live'.

The unanimous response: a love of the valley's unique environment and people - but in particular love of the abundant and varied birdlife that brings song, joy and beauty to everyday life. CB seemed a fitting inspiration for the art-walk.

The Sufi text forms the narrative arc of the art walk (stories of diversity,

survival and community). Through experiencing a transformational process along the rail trail the audience become participants invited to re-imagine our relational responsibility and inter-connectedness with others, the self, and the environment - an experience of reflection of where we find ourselves in these uncertain times.

Participants - An open and inclusive processional art-event CB will bring together locals from villages and towns in the Latrobe Valley and Strzelecki ranges including: Gunaikurnai peoples, multicultural communities, diverse community groups, youth groups, singers, musicians, and visual and performing artists of all ages and abilities.

Together, the local community will create the art-walk celebrating the natural environment and the valley's diversity and artistry.

The walk will showcase the many talents of our community and support them as core to our unique arts culture while celebrating our precious environment.

This cross-art form performance both tells a story and manifests it - an experience of community building strength and wisdom in each other - cradled by a collective love and commitment to 'care for country'.

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Training in the Northern Territory

Di Billingsley is a well-known member of our local community. As a teacher she served at Kurnai for many years and as a member of the Boolarra Fire Brigade she was the first female member and the first female Captain.

Di is a passionate lifelong learner, gaining many skills which she is very willing to share. Di has gained many qualifications through CFA, including Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. For fifteen years, Di had worked with

other Volunteer Trainer Assessors training volunteer firefighters in the local area. This means she can train and assess CFA volunteers in their General Fire Fighter course, a requirement for new members to complete before going on the fire ground.

A surprise phone call in October last year, suggesting she put up her hand for a volunteer training job in the Northern Territory, appealed to her. Much to her amazement Di was chosen along with Phil Graham of

Heyfield brigade.

In 2023, the Northern Territory had its worst fire season since 2011, running for many months across the Territory. There were many significant fires, with mammoth fire fronts, which had taken all the available members to the fire grounds.

As a result, the Bushfires NT trainers were occupied with operational firefighting and incident management and were unavailable to train new members. Hence, the request for assistance and CFA Chief Officer, Jason Heffernan put up his hand to help. The help was Di and Phil.

To prepare they were given copies of FF1, the general firefighters program for the Bushfires NT. In some ways it was similar to the training in Victoria but there were other ways it was not. There are 20 volunteer brigades with both male and female members in the NT, spread over a vast area. Di and Phil were flown to Alice Springs where they were hard at work as soon as they arrived, familiarising themselves with the training, equipment, machinery, and mapping technology used in the Northern Territory. Some of this is quite different to

that used in Victoria.

The environments through the Territory are also very different to Victoria, and water availability can be very limited in some areas, so different strategies are used to combat different types of fires. The vegetation types also vary, and the firefighting strategies used also vary according to the type of incident. One strategy uses blowers to blow the fire back on itself. It was interesting to see the consideration that is given to Traditional owners, their stories and culture in the way Bushfires NT plan firefighting operations.

Di and Phil trained volunteers, Rangers, and people employed at facilities such as mining companies. After full-on training sessions for the twenty-one members in the Alice Springs area, some of whom had travelled hundreds of miles to attend, they flew up to Darwin to deliver the same training to a further fourteen people.

At the end of the fourteen days, they were asked to provide an evaluation of the FF1 course and any suggestions for improvement, filling in



gaps and clarifying text. Bushfires NT have recently released their updated FF1 training package which includes a number of their suggestions.

The Northern Territory trip was a lot of hard work, but Di says they were warmly welcomed and appreciated, at the same time having fun and forming new friendships. An added bonus was strengthening the ties between the Bushfires NT and CFA. "I am proud of our efforts and contribution to training in the NT" she said. "It was very flattering to be nominated for the job and I am humbled to have been chosen. It was a privilege to have been able to do my bit, taking my skills and knowledge to help

others. Phil was a fantastic person to work with – his experience and knowledge, and his way of thinking is very similar to mine, so we made a pretty good team."

Volunteering provides Di with enormous satisfaction as she supports her community. This opportunity gave her another way to be involved and help and provided her with new experiences and skills. Di believes the skills she has learnt in private and public life are there to use for others, making your community a better place. It is an added bonus that, by giving to your community, you gain so much personally.




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National Water Week poster competition



Artwork by Oscar, a 2023 National Water Week Poster Competition winner for Gippsland Water and Year 3/4, third place recipient in the State competition.

Gippsland Water is learning students to enter inviting local primary, its National Water Week kindergarten and early poster competition.

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Students are encouraged to design, draw or paint a poster that reflects this year's theme, "Water for all, inspiring action," which acknowledges the importance of water and everyone's role in using water sustainably now and into the future.

Categories are open for early learning, kindergarten and primary school students.

Students who enter are eligible to win a voucher from a local business and each school/centre with a student submission will be included in a random draw to win \$500 for a sustainability project or STEM resources.

Local winners will automatically be entered into the state competition, with winners announced in National Water Week (October 21 - 27).

Last year, Gippsland Water received hundreds of colourful entries from local school children and early learning centres, with two students going on to win state prizes.

Acting managing director Simon Aquilina said the annual competition delivered several benefits.

"It is a terrific opportunity for students to learn about the value of water in a fun and engaging way," Mr Aquilina said.

Entries close at 5pm on Friday September 6, 2024.

For more information, visit <http://gippswater.com.au/nwwpostercompetition>



STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



Ancient Places of Worship

It is a commonly held belief amongst archaeologists that if two stone walls join at a right angle, the building must have been a temple. This has long been disproved, but there are those who still believe it.

That humankind has, since the time it achieved the ability to reason, tried to find an explanation for things it did not understand is taken as a truth.

That has translated into beliefs in all cultures of the existence of a god or gods who control the creation of all things. These gods seemed to have great power and as a result were venerated by the various populations.

The use of particular places in the landscape at which the people came to gather together at significant times is evident in many places.

On a trip to southern Queensland I spotted a sign indicating an Aboriginal bora ground.

The track led to a clearing in the rainforest with the most stunning view of the Glasshouse Mountains there can be. It was truly

awe-inspiring. I have since visited others and the same can be said to describe each of them. Each is unique but they all have that feeling of perfect placement within the landscape.

The same can be said of the stone circles in western Europe. These have been erected by man rather than being natural features. They were placed to take advantage of the surrounding landscape, sometimes allowing a pathway to them being built or to be seen from a great distance.

Each of these took effort from the local population and some a lot more than others.

The stone circle in Aviemore in Scotland is only a few metres across and is built with small boulders which could be carried by a strong man, while that at Callenish on the Isle of Lewis has a central stone 4.6 metres high, aligned in a North-South position and 13 almost equally tall surrounding stones has a diameter of 11.4 metres.

At Avebury in southern England the circle surrounds most of the small village that

was built later. Stonehenge is another large and more complex example.

The next step in the evolution of places of worship was to erect buildings. The earliest still standing are along the Nile River and they grew in size and complexity over time.

One of the first to be documented in writing was the temple erected by the Israelites as they escaped from Egypt and another was the Jewish temple built by King Solomon around 1000 BC.

Other buildings dedicated to various gods in the Middle East no doubt existed.

The Greeks and Romans were the next cultures in Europe which erected temples to their gods, and about the same time pyramid-shaped temples were being erected by the peoples of Central America.

These buildings were the results of developing organised religions.

A number of these structures appear on stamps from the countries mentioned above and are an interesting subject for a collection.

Recycle right at Churchill Community Hub

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

Use the BRAD box:

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

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

Recycle these at the Hub "Recycling Centre"

X-rays; Printer Cartridges;

All small e-waste items, including mobile phones and chargers Household Batteries (including small Lithium batteries) go in the container at the Library/Council Service Desk (kept "out of reach of children")

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Public toilet needed at West Place Shopping Centre

Since the public toilets at West Place Shopping Centre were demolished (they were behind the former KFC premises), CDCA has received many complaints about the lack of toilets.

Yes, there are public toilets at the Community Hub in Philip Parade and at the Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre behind the Bakery.

However the opening hours for those toilets do not match the opening hours of West Place and for many, they are too far away to be either convenient or accessible.

Indeed, there have been numerous (anecdotal) reports of people getting "caught short" and having embarrassing accidents. The lack of toilets at West Place is leading to health hazards, safety risks and undesirable behaviour such as public urination.

In 2022, after the sale of West Place to its current owners – Revelop – a large

Sydney-based commercial property developer, the original toilets were fenced off and subsequently demolished to make way for the new retail space, now occupied by The Reject Shop.

We know that the original Planning Permit for the construction of West Place included the provision of public toilets, but it seems that when the Planning Permit issued to Revelop for the renovations to the southern end of West Place Shopping Centre, which included demolition of the toilets, no condition was imposed requiring public toilets be provided.

CDCA wrote to Latrobe City Council at that time, requesting that Council take steps to ensure that the shopping centre owner, Revelop, "complies with planning requirements as/if required and meets its civic responsibility to provide public toilets for use by shoppers."

We received a written response from Council (dated August 29, 2022) that included the following advice:

"...officers of our Building Services Team met with the owners of Revelop on August 10, 2022.... Officers raised concerns with Revelop regarding the decommissioning of the original public toilet facilities prior to the provision of alternative facilities being constructed and have requested that the design, building approvals and construction be expedited.

Our Municipal Building Surveyor's advice is that operation of the shopping centre is consistent with building regulations and unfortunately that no further action can be taken beyond what we have already done."

It would seem that Latrobe City Council cannot force Revelop to provide public toilets at West Place as the shopping centre is compliant with Planning

Permit requirements.

In 2023 CDCA heard that Revelop was considering renovating the former Barber's shop inside West Place to provide a public toilet – this makes sense, as there is already plumbing and an existing toilet and wash-basin at the rear of the small retail space opposite Woolworths.

Nothing has happened! We heard that it would be done last year, then early this year, but still, no action!

Enough is enough. Due to increasing community anger expressed at the lack of public toilets at West Place, CDCA decided to lead community action that might just result in Revelop doing the right thing in Churchill.

We drew up a Petition calling on Revelop to provide public toilet facilities at West Place.

Copies of this Petition have been available to sign at Woolworths service counter, Churchill Fish & Chip shop, Churchill Newsagency and

Lifeline Churchill, whilst a number of volunteers have been busy collecting signatures from their groups and communities.

In addition, we collected signatures at the May 4 Shop Local Market at Churchill Shopping Centre. Lots and lots of people were very happy to sign our Petition!

We have written to Revelop detailing all the problems created by not providing public toilets at the shopping centre they own here, and reminding them that people will often choose to shop further afield if they do not like the local shopping centre.

If you missed signing the Petition, it is not too late to let Revelop know that we need public toilets at West Place – they have a website and a "Contact Us" page, so let them know that residents of Churchill and district are sick of having a shopping centre without a public toilet!

Here is the web address for their "Contact Us" page:

<https://www.revelop.com.au/contact>

The more people who raise their voice and call on Revelop to provide a public toilet, the more likely we are to get a result!

CDCA meets on the second Thursday of every second month. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday June 13, at 7pm, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall.

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

You can contact CDCA via our website - cdca.org.au – or by emailing us directly at info@cdca.org.au or via our Facebook page (search for Churchill District Community Association). You can also write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.



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However the flu is more than feeling a little under the weather, it can have a serious impact on thousands of Australians and is a huge strain on the Victorian health system.

In fact, more than 3,500 avoidable deaths occur in Australia every year from complications of seasonal flu.

The Australian Government recommends everyone over the age of six months has a flu vaccination every year. Selina Northover, LCHS Registered Nurse Immuniser and Manager, Paediatric and Youth Hub, agrees this is vital for staying healthy this winter.

“Receiving a flu vaccination is really our first—and best—line of defence when it comes to protecting ourselves from influenza,” says Selina.



“Like the flu season itself, it is difficult to predict who will get the flu, who will only receive mild symptoms, or who can get seriously ill and end up in hospital.

That is why getting a jab is the most effective method

we have to help us stay well and healthy this winter.

It is really easy to get a flu jab in Gippsland, and anywhere in Victoria,” explains Selina.

“Just call up your GP to book an appointment.

The appointment itself will take you no more than ten minutes but will go such a long way in protecting you and those you care about from a potentially severe flu infection.”

Flu vaccinations are available at your local Latrobe Community Health Service GP Clinic in Morwell, Traralgon and Warragul by calling 1800 242 696.

From April 18, LCHS is also hosting community flu vaccination clinics on Mondays and Thursdays, 11am - 2pm at 81-87 Buckley Street Morwell. Book by calling our team on 1800 242 696.

Tips on how to protect yourself from flu

- Get a flu shot
- Wash your hands regularly
- Keep away from people infected with flu
- Cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze or cough
- Throw out tissues as soon as they are used
- Do not share cups or cutlery with people infected with flu
- Keep surfaces like benches and door handles clean

Churchill/Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

While the cat is away . . .

This month, we are looking at making your house look “lived in” while you are away on

If anything can go wrong, it is bound to happen when you are on holiday, right? Fretting over your home while you are away can add an unnecessary layer of stress to your relaxed getaway, so we have pulled together some simple tips for making your home look lived in while you are away.

Coming home from your honeymoon, a Mediterranean cruise or a trip to Bali can be gloomy, but returning home from a memorable time away and learning something has gone seriously wrong at home can be downright devastating.

Aside from refraining from announcing your holiday getaway to everyone on Facebook and their friends, there are a few clever tricks that can be used to help give the impression that your home is still occupied.

1. Light timers are one of the most underrated home security tools on the market and work exceptionally well. Using two light timers, set one to turn on lights in the living room when it gets dark, and then off just before a second timer turns on the lights in a bedroom for an hour or so in the evening.

2. It is one of the oldest tricks in the book, but asking a friend, relative, or neighbour to drop by your home when you are away, can make a world of difference. Ask them to collect your mail and any newspapers or junk mail from the driveway, give your front porch

a quick sweep, and perform a small check on your house.

3. Make your home look lived in. Leave a pair of your old shoes at the front door and at the back door as this will create the illusion that someone is inside.

If, in the rare instance, someone was to look through a window, it is also a good idea to leave a few things scattered around that make the home look lived in. Nothing looks more like you have gone away than an immaculate living space, so leave an open book and a pair of glasses on the arm of a chair or a few toys in the middle of the floor.

4. When rubbish sits in a garage or outside for a week or more, it not only creates a bad smell but can attract the wrong people. If they catch wind someone is not home, they will be suspicious and more prone to snooping around.

If your rubbish is visible from street view, it is also an automatic visual cue to thieves. Just imagine – if everyone else’s bins are out and empty in the neighbourhood while yours is stuffed to the brim and still in the driveway, it is quite likely to signify that someone has not been home for a long period of time.

5. Do not think “We are going away, we must draw all the blinds and curtains!” Having everything drawn can create too much attention to your property.

Aside from the above, use your common sense to not broadcast the fact you are going away when you chat to *too* many people.

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 Emma Donovan - Songs, stories and soul from family and country

Friday August 2, 7.30pm
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This will be an opportunity for the winner of the Australia Council for the Arts 2022 First Nations

Arts and Culture Fellowship to share her new music with regional and remote audiences.

This exciting new album ‘Til My Song is Done’ follows Emma’s recent, hugely successful national tour with legendary US country star Charley Crockett, where they kicked off in Tamworth and traversed the nation with performances in Queensland, Canberra, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia.

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A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



By Leo Billington

Parts of Morwell's History unfortunately forgotten

In the April 2024 edition of CDNews, an early settler into Morwell, Roger O'Flaherty was introduced.

While our forefathers did not bother to acknowledge his name by way of a street, footy oval, local hall or whatever, it is important to raise his profile.

Briefly, Roger arrived in Morwell around 1878, shortly after initially settling in what we know as Morwell Bridge. Like others, he took advantage of land being available in what we might now call central Morwell.

Research shows he was lucky when some of his land was obtained by State government acquisition to effectively set out the main streets bounded by Hazelwood Road, Commercial Road, White Street and McLean Street.

It is believed Roger was offered either £200 or 200 acres nearby for this area. He was not stupid - and grabbed the land option. He did remain in town, on the corner of George and Tarwin Streets (north west corner) and became known as a cattle dealer, albeit with some other business interests on the side.

His search for extra allotments and new business took him to Traralgon and subsequently to Western

Australia.

Locally, Roger's quest for more land, known then as Maryvale, east of Morwell was approved by granting of a licence on Monday February 18, 1878.

Thereafter, he obtained a larger allotment to the south of town adjacent to Robert Tolmie. Early land maps show his selection then extended east of the town to Tramway Road.

Around early 1884, he applied at auction for land licenses in and around the Traralgon settlement.

Not long after, an allegation was made that he agreed to being granted some licenses, but that he was reneging on making any payment.

In October 1886, he was called before the court to answer the charge.

Roger apparently was not to be outdone. Quickly, he replied, "I have no recollection of anything that took place there." He was subsequently accused of being drunk, to which Roger replied, "when I have had some drink, and my head is wrong, I talk like a lawyer."

Any transaction that might have occurred at the auction was repudiated. But Roger had the last say.

"My general experience has been that when the wine is in, the wit is out, and that a man in a state of beer more frequently talks like a fool



than like a counsellor." Case dismissed!

Roger found himself in the Sale County Court on Friday, March 14, 1884 (Gippsland Mercury, March 15, 1884) accused of illegally obtaining a bullock from a herd that had been sold to another farmer. Although the animal was branded correctly, Roger challenged the charge.

Calling the case "the wrongful conversion of a bullock", the magistrate gave a verdict for the plaintiff and Roger was fined £7.00 for costs.

In September 1888, Roger found himself before the Morwell Police Courts - arguing with stipendiary magistrate Alfred William Howitt - over some pigs which belonged to another resident.

Each combatant was fined nine shillings.

He had some luck in court with Mr Butters in April 1890 over goods worth about £4, not being delivered. The case was adjourned because Magistrate Mr Bell had to catch a train back to Melbourne.

At the corner of Commercial and Hazelwood Roads, was the Cricketers Arms Hotel, today's Latrobe Regional Gallery site. The first licensee was John Collier. Then it was William Murdoch, then Roger O'Flaherty and then Henry Breed from Traralgon. Murdoch moved along further with a new hotel in Commercial Road. A short distance along Edmond Kelleher built his new hotel - later to be known as The Club Hotel.

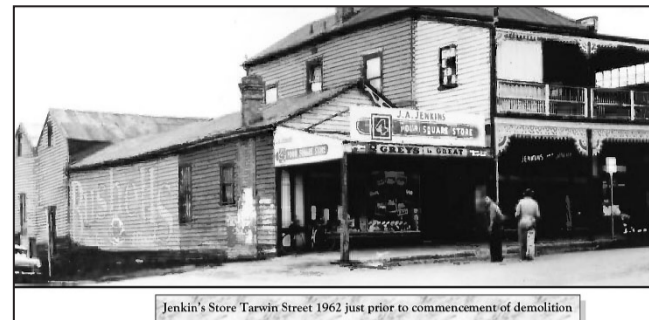
Being an "entrepreneurial neighbour"

alongside Murdock and Kelleher, but not necessarily friends, Roger was keen to stamp his ground. He and Kelleher found themselves in front of a magistrate regarding damages to property and assaulting each other. Both were fined, mainly because it was difficult to determine who was right and who was wrong.

It was Roger's relationship with John Keogh (farmer from Boolarra) that seemed to generate plenty of local editorial. John, who himself had faced charges relating to cattle stealing, did not enjoy Roger's company, and the feeling was apparently mutual.

In early 1893, both men were charged with assaulting each other. Evidence given showed that each other was to blame after provoking each other at a Yinnar Race meeting. It was easy for their case to be dismissed.

Whenever these two gentlemen were engaged in conflict, mainly verbal, on



Jenkin's Store Tarwin Street 1962 just prior to commencement of demolition

one occasion, Mr Howitt S M, was at his wits end suggesting ".....such cases as these lower the tone of the district. It is a pity men cannot meet over a social glass."

Roger's wife, Julia, and four children seemed to have followed him to Subiaco in Western Australia. It was here he met an untimely death in 1897, when hit by the Perth - Fremantle train as it left its platform.

Roger was beginning a new life with employment on the Harbour Trust Works. His obituary (Morwell Advertiser, Friday May 21, 1897), suggested he was a butcher at Subiaco.

His Morwell mates suggested he was a butcher in Fremantle. Another obituary in the Western Mail Perth, Friday, September 10 1897, listed him as a

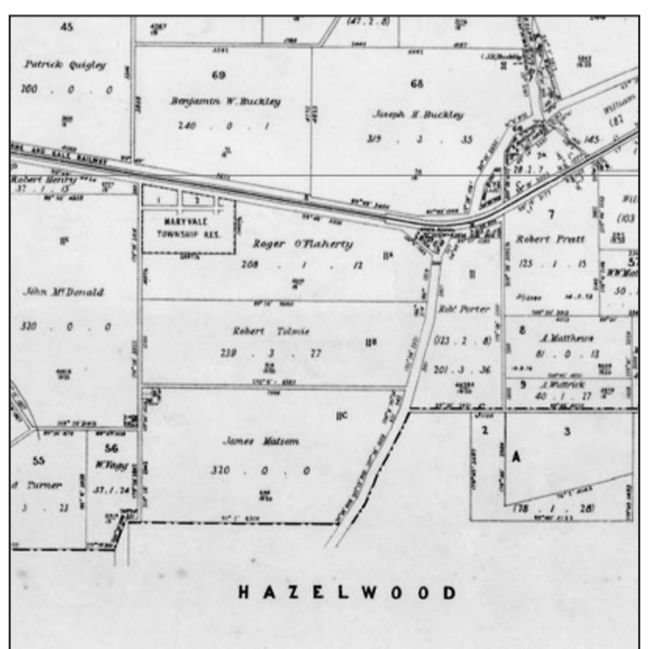
labourer.

On occasions, Julia did return to Morwell, mainly to "tie up some loose ends." Cattle and a 180 acre farm were sold early in 1895. Roger's departure was planned as he auctioned his "horses and 200 building allotments" late in 1885.

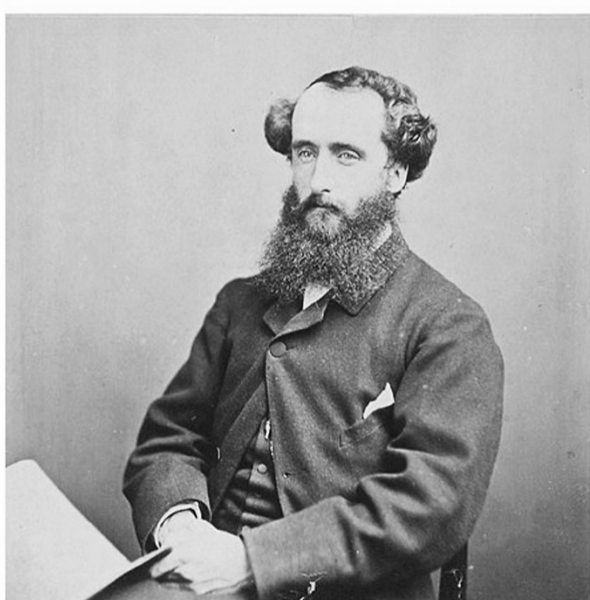
It is recorded he was a passenger on the British India Company's steamer S S Bulimba when it berthed at Fremantle in early 1896.

Similar to other well-known early settlers, some of whom are memorialised in street names or similar, Roger O'Flaherty was a colourful character keen to expand his entrepreneurial ambitions.

His 18 or so years in Morwell, mirrored others also keen to make a new life.



Alfred William Howitt



Alfred William Howitt, circa 1861

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COOKING with Noelene



Baked bean frittata



This dish is for you Stan and Elaine Towers. I was in Churchill Woolworths and Stan saw me placing a can of baked beans into my basket, after exchanging greetings, Stan pointed to the baked beans and suggested I may be having baked beans on toast - not quite but a little more substantial. What I did was go home and prepared baked bean frittata, hope you guys enjoy this. Ingredients you will need - 3 potatoes peeled and sliced, 1 sweet potato, peeled and sliced, 1 can of baked beans (420 gm), 2 eggs well beaten, 150 gm of bacon pieces, 1 small onion peeled and sliced, 1 tbs of minced garlic, a glug of oil / 1 dsp of ghee or butter/ marg (your choice), grated Parmesan cheese, 1 tbs of dried parsley. one ovenproof quiche dish, sprayed with cooking oil. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. First step is to boil/steam the potatoes and sweet potato together until tender, then drain and mash until smooth. While the potatoes are cooking, cook your sliced onion in a small pan with oil / or whatever your choice, until tender, over a medium heat. Now line your quiche pan with the mash mixture, base and sides. Very lightly sprinkle the sides and base with nutmeg. In a separate bowl mix together the bacon pieces with the beaten eggs and the canned baked beans, cooked onions, minced garlic and dried parsley. Pour the mixture in the potato lined dish and sprinkle with the Parmesan cheese. Bake in the preheated oven for 25 minutes or until set and golden. I served the baked bean frittata with lightly buttered toast. You were right Mr Towers, baked beans on toast (Noelene's version).

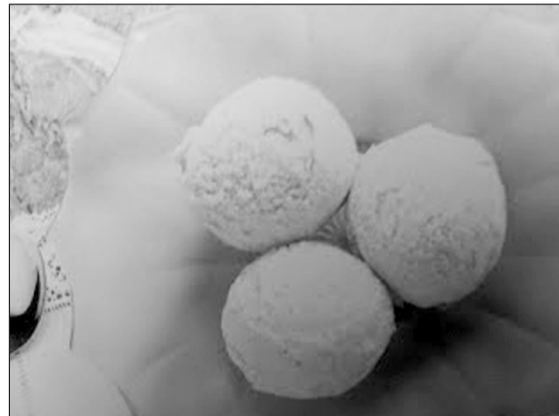
Cabbage rolls in tomato sauce



Ingredients - 8 large cabbage leaves, 125ml of tomato paste, 125 ml of tomato sauce, 125 ml of orange juice. Rice filling - 75gm of cooked rice, 60 gm of chopped nuts, 4 spring onions chopped, 2 tbs of minced garlic, 1 egg lightly beaten, 70 gm of grated mozzarella cheese, 1 tbs of chilli flakes (optional), 1 dsp of dried marjoram. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Trim thick stalks from the 8 cabbage leaves. Boil or steam the leaves until wilted. Drain and set aside. To prepare the filling, combine the rice, peanuts, spring onions, egg, garlic, cheese, chilli and marjoram. Divide the combined filling between the cabbage leaves. Fold in the sides and roll up to form neat parcels. Place side by side in a lightly oiled ovenproof dish. Combine the tomato paste, tomato sauce and orange juice, pour over the rolls and bake in the preheated oven for 35 minutes.

Banana ice cream

(the old fashioned way)



Yes, I have all the whiz bang appliances, but nothing beats the old fashioned home made banana ice cream. Come on, I dare you, have a go. You will need an ice cream scoop but will not need an ice cream maker if you want to be presentation perfect, and it is simply delicious. To prepare the ice cream you will need - 450 ml of milk, 175 gm of castor sugar, 3 eggs beaten, 1 tsp of vanilla extract, 450 ml of cream, 6 bananas, mashed. Place the milk, sugar and eggs in a small pan / pot and heat gently over a med / low heat, stirring constantly until the mixture thickens. Strain into a bowl and add the vanilla extract. Leave to cool. Whip the cream until slightly thickened and fold in the cooled custard. Stir in the mashed bananas. Pour into a container, cover and freeze until firm. Transfer to your refrigerator about 30 minutes before serving to soften.

Home made Monte Carlo biscuits



You will be biting at the bit to share your own home made Monte Carlo biscuits. You will need simple pantry staples- 125gm of butter/ marg (softened), 170 gm of soft brown sugar, 1 dsp of vanilla extract, 1 egg (lightly beaten), 125gm of plain flour, 60 gm of self raising flour, 90 gm of dessicated coconut, 75 gm of rolled oats, 155gm of raspberry jam.

For the butter cream - 60 gm of butter / marg (softened), 75 gm of icing sugar, 1 tsp of vanilla extract. Okay, let's get started. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Grease and line a baking tray with baking paper. Place 125 gm of softened butter/ marg in a bowl of your electric mixer with the brown sugar and vanilla extract, and beat until light and fluffy. Next add the egg and the 2 flour mixture, coconut and rolled oats. Mix well to combine. What I'm about to share with you is the most important part of the recipe - you are about to shape your biscuits, please make sure they are all of uniform size and appearance, so that each pair is perfectly matched when sandwiched together. Now, roll tablespoons of the batter into evenly shaped balls, place on the prepared oven trays and flatten slightly with a fork. Bake for 12 minutes or until the biscuits are golden. Transfer to wire racks to cool. To prepare the butter cream filling, place the butter / marg, icing sugar and vanilla extract into a bowl and beat with a wooden spoon / whisk, until light and fluffy. Spread half the now cold biscuits with raspberry jam and top with butter cream. Top with remaining half biscuit. Enjoy, these are delicious to serve for friends with a pot of tea or coffee.

Garlic confit / preserve



I have really enjoyed preserving fresh garlic, preparing this preserve you will get a meltingly soft and savoury garlic to add to all kinds of dishes, you will also have a delicious garlic oil for cooking, drizzling to use in salad dressings. This garlic confit / preserve can be frozen in an airtight container for 2 months or kept in the fridge for 3 weeks in a sealed jar. This is what you need - 3 whole garlic bulbs, cloves separated and peeled, 180 ml of olive oil. Preheat your oven to 160 deg C. Make sure you have a well washed 300ml jar with a lid and place in the preheated oven for 30 minutes to sterilise it. Remove the jar and lid from the oven and set aside to cool. Place the peeled garlic cloves in a small saucepan and pour over enough olive oil to just cover the garlic. Warm the oil and clove mixture over a medium heat until bubbles just start to rise to the surface, then reduce the heat to very low. Gently poach (do not boil or fry) for 40 minutes or until the cloves are tender and lightly browned. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature. Spoon the garlic cloves into the sterilised jar, then cover with the poaching oil. Seal and label the jar. I only prepare the garlic confit / preserve in small batches because of its short life, but it is easily prepared and the oil has so many uses. This recipe is my gift to you.

The wibbly wobbly pudding



When it comes to desserts we are all kids at heart and this pudding is very easily assembled. The ingredients you will need - 100gm packet of instant pudding dessert mix, 500ml of cold milk, 160 ml of cream, 1 packet of jelly crystals, a packet of mini pavlova cups, a jar of maraschino cherries with stems on, tips and leaves of fresh basil to dress the pavlova cups. To begin, dissolve the packet of jelly in 250 ml of boiling water and stir until the crystals are dissolved, then stir through 1 cup of cold water. Pour the jelly liquid into a serving dish and refrigerate for 2 hours. When the jelly is set, prepare the pudding mix, place the chilled milk and cream in the bowl of your electric mixer and beat on a low speed for 1 minute and then increase the speed and mix for another 2 minutes. Now place a basil tip in each pavlova cup and top with 1/4 tsp of the pudding mix, completing the pavlova cup with a stemmed marischino cherry. Then pour the thickened pudding over the set jelly in the serving dish, place back into the refrigerator for 30 minutes and then place a basil leaf over the top of the pudding to serve as a base for each prepared pavlova cup. Place back in the refrigerator till ready to serve. Simple and delicious.

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Tom Curtain

On March 22, Tom Curtain came to Boolarra Primary School. Tom Curtain came and sang songs with us. We also got to dance in front of a lot of people and they mostly did the griddy and the floss. Then everyone got Tom Curtain's signature. People got it on their shoes, t-shirts and sticky notes. We all had a fantastic day with Tom Curtain.

By Daisy

On March 22, Tom Curtain, the amazing singer / song writer, came to Boolarra Primary to sing some of his songs.

Some of the songs he sang were, "Speak up", "Billy don't like no hip-hop" and a song called "Eeyore". He called some people up to dance we did the floss, the worm, the slug and the

sprinkler! He also spoke about Dolly's Dream because he is an ambassador of the Dolly's Dream Fundraiser. We got to do some free dancing and the people who danced the best got a prize.

The prize was a CD of Tom Curtain's music. The people who won the prizes were Oscar and Gewalin.

At the end of it all some people got Tom's autograph. We also got a whole school photo of us children. We all hope he comes back for another visit very soon!

By Callen, Charli and Ethan.

Tom Curtain

On March 22, 2024 Tom Curtain came to Boolarra Primary School. When he was here he told us how we should take nerve-racking chances and how we should always 'speak up' to bullies.

He said how he always took as many chances as he could and that is how he became so popular.

Firstly, Tom started singing some of the songs he wrote. Tom sang 'Speak up', 'Billie don't like no hip hop', 'Eeyore Eeyore'. We danced and the people who did the best dancing got a prize.

Only two people got a prize and it was a CD. People signed their shoes and sticky notes. People got some pictures too.

Ruby, Connor, and Richie On Friday March 22, Tom Curtain came to Boolarra Primary School. First, he introduced himself and told us where he lived and what he did for a living.

After that he told us about what the songs were about then he started to sing. The first song was 'Billy

don't like no hip hop' and the second song was 'Speak up'. Me and Ava were almost crying. We loved that song then the last one was 'Eeyore'.

After that he asked us if we can dance. We all yelled out yes then he called Daisy up. He told her to do the worm in front of everyone.

We were all laughing and almost dying! He called James and Kodee and he told them to do a fortnight move. Everyone was dying in laughter even Kodee and James.

Then Conner got called up and Tom Curtain told him to do what ever he wanted he did the griddy.

Everyone was laughing, after that we all took photos with him and we also got his signature as well. We got it on a piece of paper or on your shoe I got it on both. He left and we were sad.

By Sian, Charli and Gus.

Yinnar & District Sports Day Training

In Term 1, Boolarra Primary School had been training for our Yinnar &

District sports day on March 25. The sports we were training for were discus, high jump, shot put, sprints, long jump and long distance.

In discus everyone had a good shot at it. But there are a few people who were training extra hard - those people are Violet who can throw 15.50m, Daisy can throw 11-12m and Ruby who can also throw 11-12m.

High jump has been a big focus and a lot of people have been trying out but only two people made it in; Sophia and Angela. Sophia can jump 1100cm and Angela can jump 1150cm.

Everyone had really close calls with all the other sports. But those two were the main focuses.

A big thanks to Kyle for helping out with extra practice at lunch and snack.

By Sophia and Angela.

Easter

On Thursday March 28, we had an Easter celebration, we did activities. First, we had colouring a bunny how we wanted and after we coloured the bunny we had some Easter themed bingo.

Secondly, we went to do some dancing, we played musical chairs, then we played dead bunny which is just dead fish but we said bunny cause its Easter!

Thirdly, we made some Easter egg baskets which was really fun and we all painted our baskets differently.

After that the teacher said that we were going to get a surprise.

Lastly, we painted some eggs, we all had fun painting our eggs and after that we played some music.

Then we all were told to go to the top of hill and we were told in different age groups to roll our eggs down the hill.

Whoever got their egg the furthest got a chocolate egg.

We all had fun then we went back to the classroom and all of us got chocolate eggs in our basket. We had assembly and all went home at 2.30 for the holidays and we all had a fun day.

By Ethan B and Jake





SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY



Tom Curtain

Tom from Katherine NT was a close family friend of the Everett Family. In 2018, Amy "Dolly" Everett was the victim of bullying and ended her young life at just 14 years of age. "Speak Up" was inspired by a drawing by Dolly that included the words "Speak even if your voice shakes". Tom wanted to raise awareness about bullying and wrote the song "Speak Up", donating his time with Sara Storer.

The Dollys Dream Charity was established by Dolly's family in her memory with Tom as an ambassador.

Dolly's Dream is committed to changing the culture of bullying by addressing the impact of bullying, anxiety, depression and youth suicide, through education and direct support

to young people and families.

We were very grateful Tom visited our school, giving children some much needed laughter and important messages to reflect on. Treating others with kindness and being persistent is something we encourage daily, so it was lovely to hear Tom's stories emphasising that and seeing the effort in the work he does.

The message students took away from the day was to look after each other and help someone if needed.

Students were encouraged to sing along and dance to the very meaningful songs. Jeremy grooved along to the music and was given one of Tom's CD's. Holly and Liam, our School Captains are pictured with Kathy Gleeson (Anglicare) and Tom, passing on our school donation.

CNPS donated the students icy pole money from the week and on the day of Tom's visit staff and students brought along a gold coin to donate to Dollys Dream Foundation.

CNPS students and families would also like to thank Kathy Gleeson from Anglicare for organising Tom to visit our school, we are very grateful for the support and advice we receive from Kathy on a regular basis.

Food Bank Victoria food fight

Who doesn't love the idea of a Food Fight? CNPS had a chance for our entire school to engage in the naughtiest way yet to boost school spirit and help raise vital funds for Foodbank Victoria. It was just like a school colour fun run, but so much more fun.

The Food Fight fun happened at school and the

fundraising happened at home. Students and staff were able to create their own online profile, set their fundraising target and then choose their target prizes.

In your profile you had a unique cyber safe link to share with your family and friends so they can donate and help get you close to your target. Depending on how much the person raised a range of prizes were on offer from which to choose.

Money raised went to Foodbank Victoria so they can continue to feed 57,000 people in need, every day!

The Victorian Food Bank also supplies our school and many other schools with fresh fruit, bread, milk, cereal, baked beans, spaghetti and some other staple food items daily to best support students and families.

On Friday March 22, CNPS held a whole school fruit break, listened to some music and a discussion was had to remind everyone how lucky we were to be able to enjoy the fresh fruit supplied by Foodbank Victoria.

The last hour of the day the whole school gathered on the top oval, where all the staff were extremely excited, locked and loaded with slime buckets, water guns filled with coloured water to resemble orange juice and red cordial, armed with coloured powder bottles and water sponges.

Students did not stand a chance to go home clean.

Students circled around a course trying to dodge staff, without any luck. Screams and laughter could be heard from all who participated, hair was coloured, tshirts were stained

and families were very busy taking photos of their children. Just before the end of the day students watched as some staff had the pleasure of slimeing other staff members.

Students could not believe their eyes, giggled and laughed.

Overall, the school's fundraising for Foodbank Victoria was a huge success, hoping to raise \$1000 but finishing with a total of \$3862.

A massive thank you to all staff, students and families who donated money to such an amazing cause, Foodbank Victoria.

Also thank you to Latrobe City Council for making sure the grass was cut for our school to enjoy the top oval.



SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY



Term 2 has started nicely with all grades completing a range of activities and learning about ANZAC Day and its significance. Grade 3M worked on their poppy display which can be found in their classroom.

Mindfulness and the Resilience Project

All classrooms have been implementing the Mindfull Aus and Resilience Project curriculum, which has been an exciting and helpful way to learn about our emotions and how they impact our daily lives. 1/2S completed a guided meditation as part of their Resilience Project learning this week.

Kurnai Awareness Day

All Grade 5 and 6

students attended a Kurnai Awareness Day to experience a day in the life of a high school student. Many students reported back that the cooking and woodwork classes were the highlight of their day.

Enrolments for 2025 now open!

All families wishing to enrol their children for Foundation in 2025 can now enrol. Please contact the office for an information pack and to book a school tour.



Left - 3M classroom display, Above - 1/2S guided meditation

SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS



Complete Works Theatre Company Incursion

Our year 12 VCE English and EAL students were treated to a drama production by Complete Works Theatre Company on Tuesday April 23. The production unpacked the framework of Protest, which the students are required to write about for their Creating Texts Unit.

Four texts were explored including Emmeline Pankhurst's famous speech 'Freedom or Death' and 'Monologue from City of Gold' by Meyne

Wyatt. The production also stepped students through possible writing strategies and inspiration for starting points for their assessment pieces of writing. Students found the production enjoyable, entertaining, and informing.

Farm World Excursion

All VCE VM students attended Farm World at Lardner Park in March. Students were required to complete a Future Careers activity where they were required to research and ask about industries that are expected to experience growth in the future. Growth industries that

were explored included robotics, renewable energy and a range of others.

As usual the entertainment, music, food and local produce was a draw card.

Many staff and students took the opportunity to make use of the health promotion tents, including heart, hearing and skin checks.

Other highlights included tractor rides around Lardner Park, Freestyle Kings motorbikes as well as Happy the calf.



SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

Lumen Christi's coins for Caritas

On Thursday March 28, the students at Lumen Christi Primary School in Churchill came to school armed with lots of coins and ready to make 'cent lines' in their house teams as a Lenten fundraiser. Students were able to raise over \$800! What a fantastic effort! Caritas is the Catholic Church's international aid and development agency, and Caritas Australia works hand in hand with the most marginalised communities in Australia and overseas, to confront the challenges of poverty.

The students at Lumen Christi made 'cent lines' in their house teams as a way to fundraise for Caritas and with the added challenge of seeing which house team could create the longest line. Green house made a cent line longer than the length of the basketball court! It was

wonderful to see student's enthusiasm around the event with house captains helping their teams, there was music playing, students were working together, placing coins and making their line with the added bonus of knowing their money is going to a great cause, helping support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security and education.

Fun at Camp Rumbug

Students in Grades 5 and 6 at Lumen Christi enjoyed a wonderful couple of days at Camp Rumbug in April. Set in the spectacular surrounds of South Gippsland, the children participated in a number of activities including the giant swing, raft building, bushcraft, team building activities, archery, flying fox and the mud run.

The goals of the camp for the children were to work on problem solving skills and building resilience. The

students definitely had to exercise their resilience on this camp, walking up to eight kilometres each day, sometimes up and down very steep hills, and stepping out of their comfort zone to try new activities designed to challenge them.

The camp was run extremely well by the on-site staff, always engaging the children by making the activities positive and fun. Students earned high praise from the camp staff who said they had been the best behaved and most respectful group they had seen for some time. They were particularly impressed by the way that the children treated each other, encouraging and supporting each other throughout the activities.

Children returned back to school after camp tired, but with big smiles and lots of stories to share with their families.

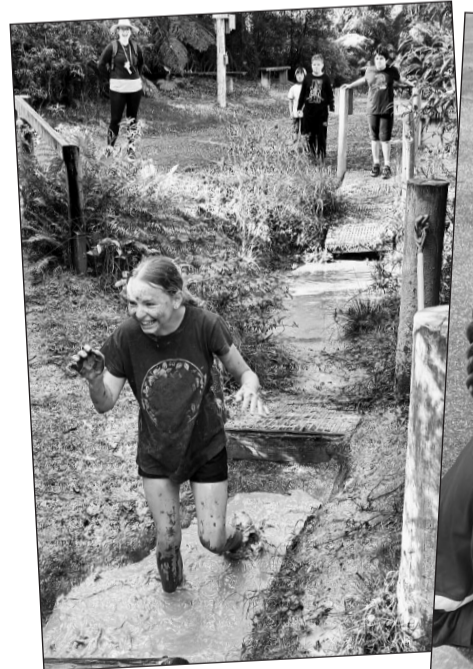


Photo Captions

Raft building 1 and 2: Students worked in teams to build rafts and test them on the water.

Hannah mud run: Hannah makes her way through a giant mud puddle

Izzy mud run: Izzy feeling strong and resilient during mud run.

Zayd giant swing: Zayd pushed himself out of his comfort zone on the giant swing.

Alice flying fox: The kangaroos enjoyed watching Alice on the flying fox

Elsie, Rylee, Zara, Macen and Lexi coins for Caritas. Alice on the flying fox

SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY

Easter Fair

Our famous Easter Fair was held on the last Thursday of Term 1. It was a fabulous day which the Junior School Council organised. Easter Eggs and non Easter Egg prizes were awarded for those who attempted to launch a fresh egg without it breaking. There were some wonderful creations in the Egg Decorating competition and lots of fun activities to keep everyone entertained. The Easter Fair raised an amazing total of \$1,550 which was donated to the Royal Children's Hospital. This year some of the funds raised for the appeal go to regional hospitals including Latrobe Regional Health. Well done to the Junior School Council team.

Yinnar & District Sports Day 2024

The weather for Yinnar & District Sports Day was perfect which was held on Monday March 25, 2024. Most students from Yinnar Primary School walked to the Yinnar Recreation Reserve and met up with their age teams. Students from Boolarra, Churchill, Churchill North, Lumen Christi, Hazelwood North, Yinnar South, Yinnar

and Thorpdale Primary Schools all attended and competed in a friendly competition. Qualifying students will go to the Regional Championships later in the year. It is a great day of sportsmanship and social interaction with students from other schools. The Churchill Lions Club provided a delicious Sausage Sizzle on the day which was well supported. Thank you Churchill Lions.

Classroom Learning

Our Grades have all settled in very well to Term 2 learning.

Grades 1 and 2

Grades 1 and 2 have just begun our learning about Ancient China. We have explored the meanings of the words "recent" and "ancient" and we have been learning about the first civilisations in China being near two major rivers, the Hunag He and the Yangtze River. We are looking forward to learning more about ancient Chinese inventions and the Chinese New Year. In Literacy we have been reviewing our knowledge of sentence structure and punctuation.

We have been practising writing and editing statements,

commands, questions and exclamations.

Grades 5 and 6

Students had a day learning all about first aid. They had the opportunity to practice CPR using the resuscitation dummy and learned about checking a person's airway and putting them into the recovery position. They were made aware of the importance of taking in their surroundings first, and assessing for danger before moving in to attend to a victim. It was a fun experience to learn first aid and know how to assist someone in a medical emergency. Xavier said it was a lot of fun!

ANZAC Day

It was fabulous to see some of our students attending the ANZAC Day march in Yinnar this year. While it was a showery morning, the march was well attended. Our School Leaders proudly carried the Australian Flag and laid a wreath at the cenotaph. Some students researched the various battles and gave an account of the battles to the congregation as the crosses were placed around the cenotaph.



Above - Vienna, Emma, Mikinlee and Scarlett enjoying the Yinnar & District Sports day
Below - George, Elliott, Jaydn and Aussie at the Yinnar & District Sports Day
Below Left - First Aid, checking airways
Below Right - Tahlia, Bonnie, Ayla and Josie at Yinnar & District Sports Day



SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR SOUTH PRIMARY



At Yinnar South Primary School, education extends beyond the confines of the classroom. Students are actively involved in various practical activities that enrich their learning journey. From cooking classes where budding chefs concoct delicious recipes to gardening sessions where they nurture plants from seed to harvest, at YSPS we emphasise the importance of exploratory learning. The students have created meals and tasty treats such as delicious zucchini chocolate chip muffins, zesty lemon Weetbix slice and tangy apple crumble with apples harvested from our school apple trees.

Moreover, the students take on the responsibility of caring for the school's resident chooks, delighting in

the daily ritual of collecting fresh eggs—a tangible reminder of sustainability and animal welfare. As we continue to thrive, we welcome new students to join our vibrant learning community across all year levels. Whether you are a parent seeking a nurturing environment where your child can flourish academically and personally or a student eager to embark on an educational journey filled with exploration and discovery, Yinnar South Primary School opens its doors to you. Enrolments open, so come and be a part of our Southie family—We start, we try, we don't give up!

If you would like a school tour or enrolment form please call 5169 1540.



"Connecting Your Community" Churchill Baseball Club celebrates 50 years of success

Churchill Baseball Club celebrated its 50th anniversary over the weekend of April 20, 21. The special event, held at Churchill Hotel on the Saturday night, brought together both past and present members and their families to honour the club's rich history and look ahead to a bright future.

The festivities kicked off with a warm welcome from President Gregg Duncan, who thanked everyone for their efforts in making the event a success. Special recognition was given to Tony Dickinson and the current Club team for their hard work in organising the celebration.

Guests at the event enjoyed a trip down memory lane with a display of old photos showcasing memorable moments on the baseball fields and the camaraderie among Club members. The evening also included a special acknowledgment of the Clubs 14 Life Members of which 11 were present on the night, for their significant contributions to the Club.

The event was not just a walk down memory lane

but also a testament to the Club's ongoing success on the field. Numerous championships and accolades were celebrated, highlighting the talent and determination of Churchill's players across different age categories.

Looking towards the future, Gregg outlined the Club's vision for continued growth and success, including plans to relocate back to Gaskin Park where it all began for the Braves back in 1974, and enhance facilities for players and supporters alike. A strategic plan for the coming years underscores Churchill Baseball Club's commitment to excellence and community engagement.

Throughout the evening there were two special Presentations, the first being the Presentation to Churchill Baseball Club's 14th Life Member, Mr Brad Jones, who received Life Membership at this year's AGM. Brad has been an integral part of our club for over two decades, displaying unwavering commitment and devotion to the betterment of Churchill baseball. His off-field contributions to the club have been exemplary, showcasing his passion for the sport and his loyalty to our Club.

Brad has served the Churchill Baseball Club in a multitude of roles, including five years as President, two years as Vice President, and multiple years on the general committee. His leadership during these roles has been instrumental in shaping the Club's direction and ensuring its continued success.

Brad's tireless efforts



have been evident in every aspect of club management, from organising events to overseeing the development of Club policies, Brad has coached multiple junior and senior teams over the last 15 years and has played 356 senior Games for the Braves.

The second Presentation of the night was the induction of the Clubs first ever "Club Legend" Mr Ross Cooen. In order to receive Club Legend status at the Churchill Baseball club, an individual can only be nominated by another Life member.

In addition to having already been awarded Life Membership of the Club, the nominee must remain actively involved with the Club for a minimum of 20 years, contributing significantly as a player, coach, or through service on the Club Committee, or a combination of these roles. The nominee must have consistently displayed a strong commitment to the Club values. It is imperative that any nomination must align with and address these specific selection criteria.

During the Presentation to Ross it was clear that without the time and effort

Ross has put in to the Churchill Baseball Club since he first arrived in 1983, that the club may not have had the chance to celebrate its 50 years of existence.

After his Life Membership in 2000, he has continued to do everything he can for the Club, at times through the 2000's he was the President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as Groundsman.

He has run the canteen when there was no one else there to do it, and has put up his hand to spend years coaching the juniors as well as senior sides. Ross Cooen has set up and marked the two diamonds every week for a very long time.

When you talk about Club Legends at Sporting Clubs the name Ross Cooen deserves to sit right at the top! As the celebrations wrapped up, guests enjoyed mingling and sharing stories, fostering new memories, and strengthening the bonds that unite the Churchill Baseball Club community. All guests received a special edition lapel badge to celebrate the 50th Anniversary.

Sunday April 21, Round 3 Churchill Braves first home

game of the season.

The Braves continued the 50th Anniversary weekend celebrations into their first home game of the season, welcoming what was the biggest home crowd Club President Gregg Duncan has witnessed with his time at the Braves.

The Braves put on a BBQ lunch for all as they welcomed the Moe Dodgers. It was mixed results for the Braves having a win in B Grade and U16s but having very narrow losses in A Grade, C Grade and U13s.

Our U10s had 14 kids that looked like they were all having fun on the Diamond.

The highlight of the day was Peter Scott, a past player from the 1974 Braves team invited to throw the first pitch. Peter first played at the Braves in 1974 after the Yallourn Baseball Club folded. Peter went on to play three or four seasons with the Braves in the early years helping to kick start this great club.

U16s players required

The Churchill Baseball Club is in desperate need of topping up our U16 roster. If you are 13-15 and looking for a sport at a fantastic family club than please pop

on down to training on a Wednesday night at Andrews Park 5:30-7 pm.

All new players welcome, if you require further information, please send an email to churchillbravesbc@hotmail.com

Braves schedule ahead.

May 26, Vs Traralgon at Traralgon
June 2, Vs Morwell at Morwell
June 16, Vs Sale at Churchill
June 23, Vs Moe at Moe

Pictured above:

Churchill Baseball Club Life Members – Present at the Braves 50 year celebrations

Back Row L-R: Tony Dickinson (1982), Neil Williams (1992), Allan Davidson (1997), Jack Gill (2000), Ross Cooen (2000), Kath Keighran (2002), Shane Gill (2014)

Front Row L-R: Cathy Dickinson (2014), Matt Prior (2014), James Armstrong (2018), Brad Jones (2023). Not Present: Rob Taylor (deceased (1978), Harley Johnson (1989), John Harrison (1994).



Peter Scott, member of the 1974 Churchill Baseball Club team, throwing the first Pitch to help celebrate 50 years.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club Results

Stableford Saturday March 30, 2024.

A Grade Winner: M. Brereton 9 35 pts B Grade Winner : S. Allison 19 37 pts. C Grade Winner: M. Hutchinson 27 41 pts. D.T.L.: I. P. Chapple 36, 2. R. Sands 36, 3. T. Lio 35, 4. S. Caldwell 35, 5. C. Sterrick 35, 6. C. Stevens 34, 7. R. Davidson 33, 8. A. Sharrock 33. N.T.P: 3rd Pro-Pin: G. Beyer, 5th S. Allison, 12th R. Vesty, 14th V. Monument Target Hole: S. Allison Birdies: 3rd M. Hutchinson, 12th S. Caldwell, 12th R. Vesty, 14th T. Collins, 14th V. Monument, 14th S. Caldwell

Monthly Medal Stroke Tuesday April 2, 2024.

Medal Winner: C. Stevens 118-37-81 Scratch: S. Caldwell 106 Putts : C. Stevens 32.

Stableford Greenkeepers Revenge Saturday April 6, 2024.

A Grade Winner: G. Barnes 35 pts. B Grade Winner: A. Sharrock 35 pts. C. Grade Winner: R. Welsh 38 pts D.T.L : 1. T. Collins 37, 2. D. Ireland 35, 3. D. Burrige 35, 4. I. Heppelston 34, 5. D. Cluderay 34, 6. W. Sutton 34, 7. C. Waring 33, 8. M. Hutchinson 33 N.T.P : 3rd C. Waring, 5th P. Bolding, 12th Pro-Pin : D. Burrige, 14th D. Burrige Target Hole: P. Chapple Birdies : R. Welsh 3rd

Stableford Tuesday April 9, 2024.

Winner: M. Hutchinson 31 pts D.T.L: R. Sands 31 pts N.T.P: 3rd V. Reid, 5th S. Caldwell, 12th M. Hutchinson, 14th V. Reid. **Stroke Saturday April 13, 2024.** A Grade Winner: C. Waring 15 69 nett. B Grade Winner: I. Heppelston 24 67 nett. C Grade Winner: D. Radnell 29 66 nett D.T.L: 1. R. Dent 69, 2. G. Sanders 69, 3. P. Bolding 70, 4. M. Soppe 70, 5. C. Stevens 70, 6. R. Timbs 72, 7. A. Auld 72, 8. J. Banfield 73 N.T.P: 3rd Pro-Pin: G. Sanders, 5th D. Cluderay, 12th A. Jenkins, 14th R.

Timbs Target Hole: A. Auld Birdies: G. Sanders 3rd, D. Cluderay 5th.

Par Tuesday April 16, 2024.

A Grade Winner: M. Hutchinson 26 +4 B Grade Winner : M. McConville 29 -2.

D.T.L: S. Caldwell -1, 2. C. Stevens -3 C/B N.T.P: 3rd L. Van Rooy, 5th L. Brent, 12th M. McConville, 14th C. Stevens

Stableford Saturday April 20, 2024.

A Grade Winner: I. Fortune 35 pts B Grade Winner: L. Anderson 38 pts. C Grade Winner: R. Timbs 40 pts D.T.L: 1. J. Vickers 36, 2. T. Collins 35, 3. I. Heppelston 35, 4. R. Sands 35, 5. M. Brereton

34 C/B, 6. G. Barnes 34, 7. S. Allison 34, 8. R. King 33 C/B, 9. C. Hogbin 33 C/B N.T.P: 3rd G. Barnes, 5th I. Fortune, 14th L. Anderson Target Hole: R. Dent Birdies: 5th I. Fortune, 3rd D. Cluderay, 12th T. Collins, 14th L. Anderson.

Stableford Tuesday April 23, 2024.

Winner: R. Sands 37 pts D.T.L: 1. J. Soppe 36, 2. C. Carder 33. N.T.P: 3rd M. McQuillen, 5th M. Dear, 12th C. Carder, 14th S. Turner. Birdies: 12th S. Turner, 12th C. Carder.

Monthly Medal Saturday April 27, 2024.

A Grade Winner: D. Byers 68 net Medal B Grade Winner : C. Cumming 73 net

C Grade Winner: R. Timbs 72 net D.T.L: 1. M. Soppe 70, 2. D. Burrige 71, 3. A. Sharrock 73, 4. S. Caldwell 73, 5. R. Dent 74, 6. R. Madigan 74, 7. R. Vesty 75 C/B N.T.P : 5th C. Waring, 12th M. Dear, 14th P. Smart. Target Hole: J. Soppe Scratch: D. Byers 83 Gross Putts: R. Madigan 24 C/B. Birdies: R. Madigan 12th

Stableford Tuesday April 30, 2024

Winner: C. Stevens 35 pts D.T.L: 1. S. Turner 34, 2. R. Sands 34. N.T.P : 3rd C. Carder, 5th M. Ryan, 12th R. Sands, 14th S. Caldwell Birdies: 3rd C. Carder, 12th R. Sands.

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Churchill Cobra's 50th year

CHURCHILL COBRAS

Churchill Cobra's 50th year came to an end in a big way at the Morwell Bowls Club on Friday April 19, with this seasons Presentation Night. President Ryan Harvey lauded a year of growth fielding three full senior men's sides for the first time in four years and introducing our first ever ladies' side creating a lot of excitement around the club. Our juniors were again in the mix with the Under 12s winning their Grand Final and the combined Under 16s missing out on finals by the smallest of margins.

The presentation night was well attended by members and players with a large contingent of past players celebrating their 30-year reunion from the 93/94 A Grade and B Grade Reserve premiership sides. The Cobras is a club that enjoys wonderful support from its' life members who were also in strong attendance and welcomed a new member into their prestigious group in current Treasurer Steve Warr. None of our senior sides could add to the Cobras impressive array of cups this season

although the C Grade side was gallant making it through to the big dance only to fall short against a very good Toongabbie outfit.

The club has already announced a new captain coach for the 2024 / 25 season, is in a financially strong position and is looking forward to a bigger year again. Follow their Facebook page for upcoming key dates.

Winners on the night were:

Under 16s

Batting Award: Ashton Ceeney

Bowling Award: Jacob Dunn

Fielding Award: Ashton Ceeney

Most Valuable Player: Ashton Ceeney

C Grade

Batting Award: Shaune Wernham

Bowling Award: Rob Harrington

Fielding Award: Shaune Wernham

Player of the finals: Archie Norman

B Grade

Batting Award: Ijaz Ahmed

Bowling Award: Ross Johnson

Fielding Award: Ross Johnson

Ladies

Batting Award: Zoe Treloar

Bowling Award: Zoe Treloar

Fielding Award: Zoe McNaughton and Simone Forbes

Most Improved: Alex Forbes

Coaches Award: Sarah Birch

A Grade

Batting Award: Ross Parker

Bowling Award: John Keighran

Fielding Award: Ross Parker

Club Awards

Most Ducks: Ashton Ceeney and Andrew Young

Most Improved: Byron Marks

Encouragement Award: Jimmy Hutchinson

President's Award: Simon Forbes Wayne Reynolds

Best Clubman: Ross Johnson

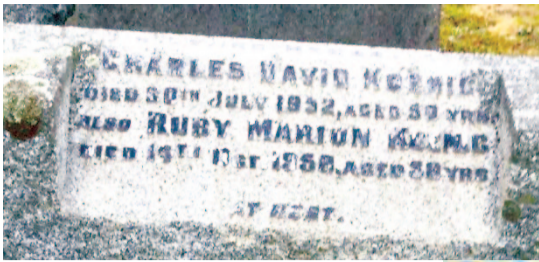
Gordon Bolton Club Champion: Ryan Harvey

Cobra Lotto Winner: Graham Harvey

Duck Race Champion: Ross Johnson



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

Back in the day, a mutual friend once criticised anyone who studied history. His academic life centred on straight lines, geometric angles and algorithm tables. No need to think and analyse. Boring.

History requires research and analytical thinking. Particularly when it comes to evaluating the reliability of primary sources - documents, letters, diaries, photographs. The accuracy of anyone who writes history depends on how much time has been spent corroborating initial sources of information. There are those who just cannot be bothered with in-depth research.

Historical editorial as presented in the Churchill & District News is compiled after months of checking all possible primary sources.

A case in point - former

Morwell resident Arthur Martyn. His name was not Arthur Martin. His parents were Hannah and Richard Martyn, and following Richard's death, Hannah moved to Morwell, living with Eleanor and Arthur at 254 Commercial Road.

Miss Gladys Townsend's private hospital, (acknowledged as Morwell's first hospital conducted in a private residence) was at 258 Commercial Road Morwell - today this is where the Roman Catholic Church carpark is located. Dick Date - a well-known blacksmith - lived at 256 and a local dentist, Mr Tatterson was at 254 prior to Arthur Martyn. Mr and Mrs Tim Kennedy lived on the corner of White Street and Commercial Road.

Arthur was engaged for several months late in 1941 in a butchers shop at Yallourn. He did not show much enthusiasm for this work and, living in Morwell, became the manager for J M Gardiner Pty Ltd, based in Commercial Road.

His employment brought him in contact with mortgagees and receivers sales, alongside registering new businesses.

At one stage, in the mid-1940's, Arthur returned to running his own business, the Myola Café in Commercial Road.

The café was subsequently taken over by Colin Wilkinson and, then his brother Bruce. In turn, the Myola Café became Hinkley Pty Ltd, primarily selling fruit and vegetables in 1948.

Arthur, still living at 254 Commercial Road, became the Morwell representative for Traralgon based funeral director and undertaker, Roy Hastings. Charles Keonig was a second representative.

As regards the earlier comment about reliability of primary sources, Keonig is incorrectly spelt in some advertisements of the day - correct spelling is Koenig.

Arthur's cremated remains now rest in the Springvale Botanical

Cemetery, having passed away on April 15, 1985. His "funeral parlour" as it was known, at the corner of White and Elgin Streets, was demolished during 2023 without any recognition of its' place in Morwell's history.

Following his early life at Jumbuk, Charles Koenig enlisted in 1915, and served overseas with the 31st Battalion A.I.F. He lost a leg as the result of wounds received in 1917, subsequently returning home in the following year. After completing a Repatriation trade course, he opened a boot repairing business in Morwell in 1919. He passed away in July, 1952.

Roy W Hastings, the Traralgon funeral director business was established after taking over D & W MacCubbin, also based in Traralgon. To become established in Morwell, Arthur Martyn and Charles Koenig were listed as local representatives to co-ordinate all funeral arrangements for at least Morwell and surrounds.

D & W MacCubbin officiated at the Hazelwood Cemetery funerals for Charles's parents, Ann and John. For Charles Koenig's funeral arrangements, it was Roy Hastings via Arthur Martyn, being the local representative.

In closing, while mentioning reliability of primary sources, the Sillcock/Silcock families farmed land near Yinnar and Churchill as we know it today.

However, Sillcock is also Silcock. Following his education at the Hazelwood Ridge State School, Thomas Martin Sillcock worked on his father's property until his marriage in 1909 to Miss Evelyn Rashleigh, when he purchased the property, known as "Koorinal," where he resided until the time of his death on June 28, 1949.

Mr Charles Patrick Silcock passed away on Monday, October 3, 1910. He was living at his Hazelwood South residence,

but had suffered a long illness prior to his death.

The names are very similar - one long held belief is, to distinguish each separate family, one name was altered, only marginally.

However, Thomas Sillcock's son, Flight Sergeant Ronald Rashleigh Silcock was the pilot of a Lockheed Hudson Mk 111 aircraft when in an attack on a U-boat, east of Edinburgh Field, Trinidad, shrapnel hit the Hudson and it crashed into the sea. Five crew members, including Ronald Sillcock were killed.

This happened early November 1942 and, a monument to Ronald is in Ottawa, the Ottawa Municipality, Ontario, Canada.

Unfortunately, Ronald's name is incorrectly spelt in some of our local history documents - being Silcock, rather than Sillcock.

Back to funeral directors and undertakers. George Billingsley was an entrepreneurial man - stock and station agent, carrier and undertaker. He officiated at the Hazelwood Cemetery funeral for Charles Patrick Silcock.

While it is another story for another Churchill & District News, suffice to recall there were also other funeral directors/undertakers in Morwell. One well-known person was John Bolger, located at the corner of Buckley and Church Streets. John passed away on August 22, 1954, not long after selling to Roy Hastings. George Billingsley sold his undertaking business to John Bolger in June 1919.

While these businesses competed, somewhat vigorously, it was Gordon & McIntosh Pty Ltd, funeral directors and timber merchants based in Traralgon, who established themselves in Station Street, Morwell about April 1931, and advertised their presence for almost the next 12 years. Their Morwell representative was local storekeeper, Mr Ernest Gaston Rowell.

More in the next issue.

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Lest we forget



ANZAC Day Churchill 2024



The forecast was for clearing rain, but early in the day there were showers and then drizzle patches.

Early morning texts and phone calls queried whether it was fine enough for outside or whether the service would have to go indoors. Sunshine patches gave hope and that was enough to set up outside and proceed.

The weather held off mostly until later after the service when people were

enjoying the Churchill Lions' Gunfire Breakfast and the Rotary ladies ANZAC biscuits and cuppas.

Latrobe Brass Band set up under a gazebo and played hymns and other appropriate music before the service began.

Richard Henshaw of the Rotary Club of Hazelwood opened the service with an acknowledgement of country. He welcomed Melissa Ferguson Latrobe City

Council South Ward Councillor. Latrobe Brass Band, Churchill Lions, Sue Townsend, and the Rotary Club were thanked for attending and helping to make the event special.

Don George and Peter Townsend were then introduced to MC the service. Peter read the Requiem. Heather Beaton of the Rotary Club called for the wreaths to be laid.

The Aero Club flyover of three planes

was a special addition to the occasion.

Doris Paton and Christine Johnson Aboriginal elders of our community gave a welcome to country.

Don George, as guest speaker spoke about his time serving in the Navy. He grew up in Queensland and became a sailor in his teens. He joined up and served for many years. On return home he found he was different and it was hard to fit in again, but he succeeded.

ANZAC DAY 2024 *Lest we forget*



Councillor Melissa Ferguson, saying it was a privilege to have the honour of being asked, introduced the leaders of our schools to tell those gathered what ANZAC Day meant to them.

Here follows what they said.

Kurnai College Junior Campus. **Claire**

"ANZAC Day for me is a day to pay tribute to the courage and sacrifice of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who served in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping missions, particularly during World War I.

ANZAC Day allows people to remember and commemorate the soldiers who lost their lives in service to their countries. It's a solemn occasion to reflect on the human cost of war and the ultimate sacrifice made by many. It plays a crucial role in shaping the national identity of Australia and New Zealand.

It highlights values such as mateship, courage, resilience, and service to the nation, which are considered integral to the collective identity of both countries.

ANZAC Day brings communities together through ceremonies, marches, and other commemorative events. It provides an opportunity for people to come together, pay their respects, and support veterans and their families, and also serves as an educational opportunity for younger generations to learn about the significance of war, the experiences of those who served, and the importance of peace and remembrance.

ANZAC Day holds deep cultural, historical, and emotional significance for Australians and New Zealanders, serving as a time for reflection, remembrance, and gratitude."

Harry

"Today marks the day that 16,000 stepped foot on the Gallipoli Peninsula on April 25, 1915 with a mission to fight for our country. Less than half of these men returned from the Gallipoli Campaign. Today is a day of loss, but more importantly, a day of gratitude, a day of remembrance and a day of celebration for the sacrifices they made for our prosperity. Their hard work and their bravery has forever shaped our beautiful county of Australia."

Arabella

"Today we gather to commemorate ANZAC Day, a day of great significance for Australia and New Zealand. ANZAC Day allows us to recognise the heroic sacrifice of our soldiers who fought in the war, particularly during the Gallipoli Campaign. These soldiers, renowned as the ANZACs, displayed incredible courage in the face of adversity. Their actions remind us of the importance of bravery, fellowship and sacrifices.

In addition, we pay tribute to the hardworking and committed soldiers who serve our country today, in the same manner as the ANZACs.

ANZAC Day is not just about the past, it's also about preserving the bravery and solidarity that the ANZACs embodied. So, as we gather today let us honour the ANZACs by living lives of courage, compassion and unity. Let us remember their sacrifices and strive to make our world a better place in their memory. Lest we forget."

Churchill North Primary School **Liam and Holly**

"We stand here today for the acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners of the Country that we are on, and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respect to Elders past and present.

Today, along with Australians everywhere, we gather to remember those who have served to defend Australia. We do this because it is the anniversary of the day when Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed on the beach at Gallipoli. Australians at Gallipoli came from all sorts of backgrounds, but they all shared the terrible experience of war.

Towards the end of the ceremony today, the Last Post will be played on a bugle. This historic music was played in army camps to announce the end of the day, a time when soldiers should be resting. The Last Post is played today for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

It means that they have done their duty and are now at rest.

Today is a time to think about those who

have served in Australia's armed forces, those who continue to serve, and about those who have lost their lives. Thank you."

Churchill Primary School **Lucas**

"ANZAC Day falls on April 25, which on this day we pay our respects to those who fought so bravely to protect our country in World War 1. On this day you can show respect by making ANZAC biscuits, wearing a pin or poppy and wearing a medal from a relative who fought in the war. ANZAC comes from the name Australian and New Zealand Army Corps."

Loretta

"In 1915, the ANZACs along with other nations fought at Gallipoli. Even though more than 100 years has passed, the Australian and New Zealand people still gather to honour the original ANZACs and all who have worn our country's uniform, including those who are currently serving.

The actions of the soldiers in Gallipoli who followed orders and faced dangers forged what is known as the ANZAC Spirit. The ANZAC Spirit can mean purpose, acceptance of responsibility, compassion and unselfishness. In our own lives, we can adopt the ANZAC Spirit by taking responsibility for everything we do, and face tasks with resilience no matter the difficulties we might face."

Lumen Christi **Isobel.**

"What ANZAC Day means to me is that all my friends and my wonderful community come together to commemorate our ANZACs in ceremony. I stand with my Poppy Stevo and I listen to the stories about what the ANZACs went through and sacrificed, then we lay a wreath together.

After the ceremony, we always have an amazing brekkie and then we play a big game of tag while we wait for the RAAF planes to fly overhead. My generation is lucky that we don't really understand the real meaning of ANZAC Day because that is what they fought for so that we could never know the pain they went through."

Addisen

"ANZAC Day is the day where we all just stop and think about those men and women,

old and young who lost their lives fighting for us and our country. Most importantly these people were brave enough to risk their lives for ours. That's what ANZAC Day means to me."

Alice

"I am thankful of those who went to war, not knowing if they would return home. I thank those who did the fighting for our country and also those who came back wounded.

I am proud of the ANZACs and the armed forces for how they fought for freedom and protection of our country and for the free world. In conclusion, we should all be grateful for those men and women who have protected us and continue to protect us all. Lest we forget."

Macen

"What ANZAC Day means to me:

Today is an important day for me and for all of us here because it's about remembering the brave soldiers who fought for our country.

By being here this morning, we show our respect and gratitude for their courage and sacrifice.

Their sacrifice means we are able to enjoy peaceful lives in this country.

I get to attend school and enjoy things like sports because of the freedom that others made possible for me all those years ago.

Thank you to all who have attended today. Let's honour those heroes by sharing their stories and thinking about what their sacrifice means for us."

Cathie Halliwell from the Co-Operating Churches of Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar brought meaningful, appropriate prayers for peace.

God Save the King was sung with Sue leading. The Ode to the Fallen was recited. Then the traditional Last Post, minute's silent tribute and Reveille with bugler Joseph Bonnici.

The service ended with a dismissal and appreciation to those who helped make the day special. An invitation to breakfast provided by the Lions Club was readily taken up.

ANZAC DAY 2024 *Lest we forget*

ANZAC Day Morwell 2024



A very large crowd gathered at the Town Common to form up to march to the cenotaph.

The procession was led by members of the Hunter family on their water horses. Then came the Caledonian Pipe Band, followed by the Morwell Fire Rescue Victoria men carrying the flags.

Veterans and their families came next with Cadets, Scouts and others. The area

around the cenotaph was ringed with the procession participants and further out were all those who had come to watch and lay wreaths.

RSL President Don Fuller who was Master of Ceremonies, welcomed everyone naming special guests.

The cadets formed the catafalque party which was done with great reverence and precision. The wreath laying was done

from the four points of the cenotaph. Many wreaths were laid. Sue Townsend led the singing of the hymn 'Abide with Me' followed by the Salvation Army Captain saying the Lord's Prayer.

The Guest Speaker was Commander David Munro who with his family, has had and still has, a commitment to the military. David's time was particularly in the Navy.

Then the service continued with God Save the King, Ode to the Fallen, Last Post and silent tribute and Reveille again provided by Joseph Bonnici.

The New Zealand National Anthem was sung in Maori and English, a moving addition.

An invitation was extended to all those attending to come into the RSL for refreshments which many folks accepted.

ANZAC DAY 2024 *Lest we forget*



ANZAC Day Yinnar 2024



Captain Retired Luke Townsend MBE MA lead the Service.

Special Mentions

"Special mention and thanks is to be given to Fl. Lt. Wayne Bass, the Staff and Cadets from 424 Sq. ATC for continuing support here and at Morwell later today, the Morwell Caledonian Band for the pipes and drums and Bugler. A special welcome was also given to all the youths and school children attending today's service and to lay wreaths, as well as members of the Yinnar Lions Club and veterans who have helped in the organisation of this day.

On this day above all days, we recall those who served in all wars in the defence of our nation and did not return home to receive the grateful thanks of their nation. May they rest proudly in the knowledge of their achievements and sacrifices and may we and our successors prove worthy of their sacrifices and never forget them.

Introduction of Guest Speaker

This year the school children will explain what each of our local white crosses mean while two of our local ex servicemen place them for us: Former Commando and dear friend Bruno Saulle and Former Sailor Gareth Peters.

Womans Land Army (Alex)

The Australian Women's Land Army (AWLA) was established in the Second World War. It was all about making more food during the Second World War. An incredible number of women joined the organisation, around 80,000.

The R.A.N (Alex)

The R.A.N stands for the Royal Australian Navy. The Royal Australian Navy is part of the Australian Defence Force. The Royal Australian Navy is the most powerful and one of the largest, most sophisticated Naval forces in the Pacific region.

HMAS Canberra (Zoe)

HMAS Canberra was a cruiser commissioned in the Royal Australian Navy in 1928. During World War 2 the Canberra served in both the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Canberra was sunk during the battle of Savo Island, with the loss of 84 Sailors.

Burma Railway (Zoe)

The Burma Railway was built in 1942-43 by the Japanese, and prisoners of war taken by the Japanese, to supply troops and weapons in the Burma Campaign of World War 2. More than 90,000 Asian civilians died on the railway, as well as 16,000 Prisoners of War. About 2800 of those who died were Australian.

Buna (Alice)

Buna is a coastal village in Northern Papua and was the main base for the Japanese advance along the Kokoda Trail. The battle of Buna cost the Allied forces 2 870 casualties.

Ambon (Alice)

Ambon is an island in Indonesia. The battle at Ambon started on January 30, 1942 and went until February 3, 1942. About 300 men who were protecting the Laha airfield on Ambon were killed in four separate massacres around the airfield.

RAAF Aircrew (Eleanor)

The RAAF stands for Royal Australian Air Force. The Australian Air Force was formed on March 31, 1921. The RAAF then became the second Royal air arm to be formed in the British Commonwealth, following the British Royal Air Force. At the end of World War 11 the RAAF was the fourth largest Airforce in the world, with 6,000 aircraft.

8.B Lamsdorf (RAAF) (Eleanor)

8.B Lamsdorf was a large, German prisoner of war camp, later renumbered Stalag 344. It was located near the village of Lamsdorf. 84 captured RAAF aircrew were held at the huge 8B Lamsdorf camp during World War 11.

Scarlet Beach (Caity)

Scarlet Beach was the first Australian Amphibious landing since Gallipoli. It occurred on the Huon Peninsula, Papua New Guinea, and led to the capture of Finschhafen by the Australian 2/15th battalion on September 23, 1943. It was counter-attacked by the Japanese on November 21, 1943. The Australian and American defenders narrowly stopped the Japanese from re-taking the land.

Battle of Sattelberg (Caity)

The Battle of Sattelberg (October

29-November 25, 1943) saw Australian troops capture a strongly defended Japanese position in the hills to the north-west of Finschhafen and Scarlett Beach, and helped secure their position on the eastern tip of the Huon Peninsula.

HMAS Arunta (Aimee)

The original HMAS Arunta (I), commissioned in 1942, became one of the best known RAN ships in World War II. She served with distinction in New Guinea and the Pacific between 1942-1944, the Battle of Leyte Gulf in 1944 and Lingayen Gulf in 1945.

The HMAS Swan (Aimee)

HMAS Swan (U74), named for the Swan River, was a Royal Australian Navy ship in World War 2. Swan was involved in many battles, including the defence of Timor and Darwin and often worked with HMAS Arunta. The Japanese signed the formal surrender of all their forces in New Ireland on board HMAS Swan on September 18, 1945.

Captain Retired Luke Townsend

We have a final marker to place. In 1915 a stalemate had developed on the Gallipoli Peninsula between the combined British and ANZAC forces and the Turks. To break out of this a British, Indian and New Zealand Force was going to launch a major offensive in the north of the Peninsula. To draw attention away from this attack a diversion against the Turks in front of the Australian position was planned.

There was a place called Lone Pine, because the Turks had cut down all the other trees leaving a lone Turkish pine near their trenches, and this was selected for the diversion attack. The Australian Division was under the command of a British Officer, Brigadier General Harold Walker.

Walker saw that any attack even a diversionary attack was going to be a desperate affair and informed higher command that it was going to be costly. Higher command insisted on the attack, so Walker went to great lengths to ensure every possible preparation was made in the lead up to the battle. These preparations proved fruitful and when the first wave was

launched over the top, they managed to get to the Turkish lines with minimal casualties. However, the Turks launched a series of massive counter attacks on the Lone Pine position. Afterward, Walker described the result as disastrous.

Of the 4,600 Australians committed to the battle, over a front of just 150 meters: 2,277 were casualties with over 1000 of those being killed. That is about seven dead Australians for every metre of front held. A recent Turkish study of their losses at Lone Pine puts their casualties at 7164. Seven Victoria Crosses, our highest military honour were awarded to Australians for this battle.

A very desperate affair indeed. One soldier who survived the battle and came home was Thomas Keith McDowell. While at Lone Pine he had picked up a pine cone from the shattered tree. Years later, his aunt grew four seedlings from this and it was decided that further Lone Pine Seedlings would be grown for the 50th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign, in 1965.

But Turkish Pine are notoriously difficult species to grow and years passed before they managed to get 150 pine trees from the four in existence. These were sent to RSL branches around the country. Roy Gauer was a soldier who had been wounded at Gallipoli. Roy had his heel shot off and while being evacuated a shell burst killed the stretcher bearer who was carrying him and removed much of Roy's left arm. As a result he was later awarded one of the soldier settlement farms here, in Yinnar.

On this day in 1969, 54 years after the battle, Roy planted this tree to the right of the Cenotaph. It is very special. There are many Lone Pine around the country, but most are from Aleppo Pine and other species that were brought to Gallipoli by the Turks for use in making their trenches.

Even the pine at the Lone Pine cemetery in Gallipoli is not a Turkish Pine like the original. There are only very few of these actual descendants of the Lone Pine in existence. How special for us to have this tree in our midst every day as a reminder of a place where so many Australians fell."