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## Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund 45th Birthday event



Dianne Kuyken receiving a thank you gift from GERF President Andy Tegart.

Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund is celebrating 45 years of operation and recently held a special event to acknowledge the milestone. President Andy Tegart said "We actually turned 45 in December last year but due to a high level of activity with fire, flood and storm emergencies we had to put our celebration plans on hold. Now we are able to go ahead with a birthday function to recognise the journey and contribution of GERF members and supporters for the last 45 years and the future of GERF in 2024 and beyond"

GERF was set up in 1978 as a result of a fire in Australian Paper plantations which impacted on local residents in the East Gippsland region. The manager at the time felt obligated to make arrangements to provide emergency financial assistance to those families, and so the GERF concept was born.

Since 1978 GERF has distributed in excess of \$20 million to more than 6000 Gippsland residents. Over the 45 years this has been managed by a volunteer committee, and every dollar that has been raised by the fund has been distributed to families in their time of need following natural disaster.

Mr Tegart said that the function held on May 24 at Vine & View in Traralgon, was both a celebration of the achievements of GERF over 45 years and a recognition of the magnificent volunteers who swung into action during flood fire and storm emergencies to provide prompt financial assistance to impacted residents. "It was the first time we have held such an event and it was held in National Volunteers Week. The week recognised the diverse passions

and talents everyone brings to the act of volunteering. This is very true of GERF volunteers over the years. We are very keen to acknowledge the role that GERF has played in the Gippsland community in emergency response and the people who made it happen" Mr Tegart said.

Mr Tegart also added "We are extremely grateful to Ausnet Services, Latrobe Health Services and Marinus Link who kindly sponsored our 45th birthday event. These organisations have also been significant donors in the past when we have launched an appeal and they are to be congratulated for their contributions to the Gippsland community in times of emergency".

Former Emergency Management Commissioner, Andrew Crisp was guest speaker on the night. Current and former GERF committee members, along with representatives from local government, emergency response agencies and major donors to the fund were in attendance.

A feature of the night was a Q&A segment with Yinnar South resident Dianne Kuyken. Di and family were unfortunate to have endured two natural disaster events - a bushfire completely destroyed their home in 2019 and then they were impacted by a storm event in 2021. Di shared her story and GERF experience and gave some poignant insights to the emergency relief process. Her story is available to read and see in a video on the GERF website [www.gerf.org.au](http://www.gerf.org.au). Pictured: Dianne Kuyken receiving a thank you gift from GERF President Andy Tegart.

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### More Development for Churchill

CDCA welcomed a member of Council's Planning Department to our April meeting. Lorrae Dukes, Strategic Planner, presented information on a variety of new and on-going developments in and around Churchill.

Of much interest is the new residential development that will be on the currently vacant land facing Philip Parade, opposite the Churchill town centre. This land, currently zoned Commercial, will be re-zoned Residential to allow for subdivision and housing construction.

A small portion facing Philip Parade will remain as Commercial, allowing for future business development opposite the car-wash and Latrobe Community Health Services. Another small parcel of land (opposite the Churchill Hotel) will be zoned Medium Density Residential, allowing for smaller dwellings to be constructed.

Of concern to CDCA was the construction of another estate with a single entry/exit road, similar to the adjoining Oak Hill estate, currently nearing completion. It is not difficult to envisage some emergency incident near this



single entry/exit point that involves emergency vehicles and a road closure. This would mean that other residents would not be able to enter or leave the estate.

CDCA made a submission to Council regarding the Planning Application, highlighting this issue of concern. We suggested that it would be possible to allow for a link road to be provided on the eastern side of both developments, allowing vehicles to cross to the adjoining estate and enter or depart via the alternative access road, in the event of an emergency.

Happily, this suggestion has been accepted and a 14-metre-wide access road between the estates has been incorporated into the Planning document.

A Planning Application has also been lodged with Council to extend Canterbury Way to the West, allowing for further residential development. This is a



### Rainfall

#### Churchill rainfall

A very dry month with very little rain during the first three weeks of May, with only 9mm falling. Then 13mm rain fell during the last days of the month, adding to the total for May of only 22mm. The low May rainfall is not unusual, as less than 25mm has been recorded on seven occasions since 1992; the lowest for the month being only 10mm in May 2009. The total rainfall to end of May is now 238mm; that is 68mm more than the Churchill rainfall for the same period in 2022 when a total of 925mm eventually was recorded for the year.

#### Rain at Hazelwood South:

For May, the barometric pressure remained stubbornly above 1020 hPa till the last two days, resulting in only 25mm of rain which is 40% of the monthly average. The soil moisture remains low, and the garden still required regular watering. Hazelwood South was 48% wetter than the Latrobe Valley weather station. For the year; with the wet January and April and the three dry months, the year so far is 16% below average, and the water tanks need more rain to fill.

separate development to that of Gaskin Rise Estate.

Those present at our meeting were interested to hear of the continuing stage releases of Gaskin Rise and wanted to know if McDonald Way was to be extended into that residential area. We were advised that there are no plans to extend McDonald Way through the Public Open Space of Gaskin Park.

Some residential projects, such as the development of the vacant land along Canterbury Road East between Monash Way and Philip Parade (the vacant land on the southern side of Churchill Hotel) and a new development on the south side of Glendonald Road seem to have stalled.

Other projects of interest that were discussed are several proposed renewable energy projects such as the Hazelwood North Solar Farm (Firmin Lane), Battery Storage Systems on Monash Way and at Bonds Lane, and the Morwell Solar Farm proposed for Tramway Road.

Our April meeting was very informative; not only was our guest speaker well prepared and responsive to questions, we also heard from our local Police Sergeant, our Council liaison officer, our Neighbourhood Watch representative and dealt with a number of items of General Business, including Council's draft 2024/25 Budget.

CDCA resolved to write a

submission on Council's draft budget – our primary concern is that the draft budget makes no allocation for funding of design and construction of Council owned and maintained 24hr accessible public toilets in the Churchill town centre.

Council's Public Toilet Plan for the municipality of Latrobe identified public toilets for Churchill as an item to be addressed in the 2024/25 financial year – but if there is no budget allocation, it will not happen!

Guest speaker at our June meeting was Professor Andrew O'Loughlin from Federation University. There are quite a lot of changes occurring across the tertiary sector, including at Fed Uni. More about this in next month's issue of Churchill & District News.

CDCA meets on the second Thursday of every second month. Our next meeting is our Annual General Meeting and will be held on Thursday August 8, at 7pm, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall.

All residents of Churchill and district are welcome to attend our meetings, including our AGM (but only members can vote). 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/](http://cdca.org.au/about-cdca/)) and hard copies are available on the night.

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# Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: *Olearia phlogopappa*.

Family: Asteraceae.

Derivation:

**Olearia:** Named after Adam Olschlager (latinised to Olearius or Olearius), a 17th-century German botanist. Alternatively, could be from the Latin *olea*, the olive tree. Seems the original type species of *Olearia* had leaves resembling those of the olive.

**phlogopappa:** From the Greek *phlogos*, from which the genus name *Phlox* is derived and which means flame or blaze, and *pappos*, which is a group of appendages, often hairs or scales, attached above the ovary in members of the daisy family. Thus, it all means ‘with a Phlox-like (flame-coloured) pappus’.

**Common Name: Dusty Daisy-bush.**

**Distribution:** Mainly in the eastern ranges of Victoria, north to the ACT and south to Tasmania, with outliers in the Grampians, the Otways and Wilsons Promontory.

**Description:** A variable shrub from 0.5 to 3m tall and broad, with alternate, elliptic to obovate leaves up to 8cm long and 1cm wide. The most common form has grey-green leaves with sunken veins above and creamy-white below and margins may be entire or bluntly toothed, with the apex pointed or rounded. Flowers

occur in spring and summer, depending on altitude, with clustered flowerheads up to 2.5cm across. Disc florets are yellow and ray florets are usually white in wild plants (at least locally), but can be pink, mauve, purple or blue. There are many selections with different shades in cultivation.

**Opinion:** My plant used to have purple flowers! However, back in 2021, I noticed that the plant had moved a few centimetres closer to the path and the original stem had turned a crispy brown. I assumed that the new growth was a sucker, that is a new stem arising from the same root system, but obviously I was way off the mark and it was a seedling. Presumably the seed came from my original purple-flowered plant, but it seems the other parent was probably a boring white-flowered specimen, quite possibly pollen brought in from the nearby Boolarra Bush Reserve by some unscrupulous insect. Lots of presumptions, probabilities and possibilities going on here! Bit of a shame really, in my opinion the purple flowers are much more aesthetically pleasing than white and now the plant is too close to the path and wants to make itself acquainted every time somebody wanders past.

I have tried propagation from cuttings a few times in the past, without much

success, only about a 20% strike rate (10 plants from 52 cuttings), with the cuttings not surviving very long after potting up. So now I do not have a purple (or mauve if you insist) flowering daisy-bush anymore; if you have one and can spare some material, I would not mind giving it another crack. Obviously cannot trust the seeds! It is almost enough to prod one into waxing lyrical....

My oh my, what a terrible plight...

My daisy-bush has turned white...

Seemingly overnight...

It must have got an awful fright

All things considered, it's just not right....

Forgive me, a poet I am not!

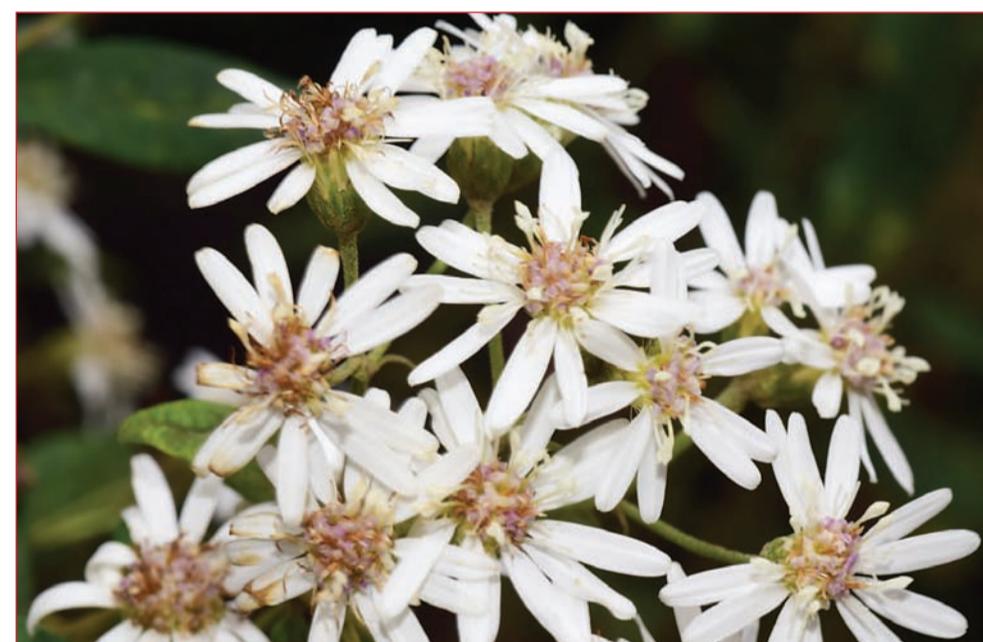
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Sources: Elliot & Jones - Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 7.

Costermans - Native Trees and Shrubs of SE Australia.

Corrick & Fuhrer - Wildflowers of Victoria.

Sharr - WA Plant Names and their Meanings.



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# Church NEWS

## Co-Operating Church Snippets

### Churchill Christian Fellowship

By Steve McNeilly

My wife, Sandie, and I lived in Churchill from 1991 to 2001. Our children grew up here and played hockey here. During those years, the church went from meeting every week in the multi-purpose room at Churchill North Primary School, to the Churchill Leisure Centre and then to the old pre-school building at the end of Maple Crescent. Good memories.

In Maple Crescent, we had these big carpet mats that could be rolled up for youth group meetings or church dinners. We had lots of international students attending with us from what was Monash University back then. We organised bus trips to the snow or to Sorrento for dolphin-watching boat trips. Our public address system was on a trolley that we wheeled out from our storeroom and plugged in to the cables that ran along the window ledge of the room. We used an overhead projector to show the words of the songs we were singing.

Some of our children were very skilled at swapping over the neatly framed transparencies.

Sermons were recorded

on cassette tapes that were carefully labelled and made available to people who missed a meeting for whatever reason. Believe it or not, there are still



boxes and boxes of these cassette tapes that were never thrown out.

Times have changed. The old overhead projector was eventually replaced by a new-fangled digital projector and now we have a TV screen on the front wall that is connected to a computer at the back of the hall.

The songs might be different these days, although we still throw in a few "oldies" from time to time. The technology has changed, but the Gospel message is still the same. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to our planet to pay the price for our sinful lives and to show us a whole new way of living. In our heritage as a member church of CRC Churches Australia, this new life in Christ is often referred to as the New Creation.

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

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Following on from Easter and the inspiring services created by Cathie, we have continued to celebrate the experiences of the disciples following Jesus rising from death to defeat sin and gift us with eternal life. Jesus had many times with his disciples teaching them, instructing them and telling them that the time was coming when the Holy Spirit or Helper would come to take his place. God's plan to give everybody an opportunity to be saved. Jesus tells them John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Jesus emphasises that repentance for forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations beginning right there in Jerusalem! These words mark the beginning of their future. He tells them "You are witnesses!" So – what do witnesses do? Witnesses

share the story of what they have experienced. Witnesses for Jesus tell others what they know about him, the things that are real to them, the good news about him that they have experienced in their daily lives. However they would have to wait for that moment when the Helper would come. What would be our reaction?

Nervous, quiet anticipation, anxious anticipation, seriously inquisitive, excited.

Imagine waiting for what God has promised. As a group, Jesus' followers praised God.

On what we call Ascension Day, Jesus ascended into heaven in front of them so the Holy Spirit which can be anywhere, could come. They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem.

What do we call the celebration of the event when the Holy Spirit was given? Pentecost.

"If you had to sum up the Christian message in no more than two sentences, how would you do it?"

In the face of all the pain and suffering in the world, do we have a message from God to share – a message that will make a difference, and bring hope to people's lives? The world needs a strong message to give hope

and also give us strength for the present, as we choose to be faithful to the way of life He taught us, even though much of the world around us does not think it's such a good idea.

What is our strong message?

The story of the Ascension can help us with this. What is the message of the Ascension?

It is simple and provocative: Jesus Christ is Lord of all. That is what Ascension Day means.

The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost - the fifty days after Jesus' resurrection when the Festival of Weeks was being celebrated in Jerusalem. Jews from many parts of the known world came to Jerusalem to participate.

The coming of the Spirit with wind, tongues of fire and the ability to hear and understand multiple languages brought great joy to the disciples but puzzlement for the crowd until Peter stood up and told the reason behind the occasion.

The church was



decorated with red and orange streamers.

Cathie challenged us to realise our inadequacies if we do not have the Spirit to challenge, guide and help us as we go. Now is the time, in this period of conflicts and destruction, to stop, wait patiently and prayerfully to hear where the Spirit will lead us into the future.

The last Sunday in May was a long overdue chance to thank Reverend Dr John Morgan for his lengthy service to our parish in the delivering of Anglican Holy Communion services. John brought an inspiring message each month and his caring and friendly nature were appreciated.

## King of Glory Ministries International in Yinnar and Boolarra

King of Glory Ministries International (KOGMI) has been meeting in Yinnar each month for over a year. As of the beginning of July, that will be increasing to twice a month, at 7pm on the first and third Saturdays of each month at the Yinnar RSL hall. We will also be meeting every Friday morning from 10am till 12 for prayer and Bible study at the Yinnar

Bakery and Cafe.

Our office has now moved to the lunch room at the Co-operating church in Boolarra. From the beginning of July a ladies' Craft, Cuppa, and Chat group will operate there each Tuesday morning from 10 till 12 – BYO current craft project to work on, or simply come for the cuppa and chat.

A Bible study group

will operate on Thursday mornings from 10am till 12. Reverend Dr Lynn Fowler, the Senior Minister of King of Glory Ministries International, will be available on Tuesday afternoons from 1 till 4pm for anyone who would like to receive prayer.

We would love for you to join with us for any of these meetings.



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# Member for Gippsland Darren Chester's open letter to Gippslanders:

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester has challenged Gippslanders to do more to end the violence against women and children in our community.

"Dear Gippslanders,

It is time for the 'real men' to stand up and help end the violence against women in our community.

We cannot wait for more talkfests in Canberra, our challenge is for men across Gippsland to listen, believe, and stand alongside women, as we find our own local solutions.

Thank you to the men who are already leading by example to support our female leaders who are making Gippsland an even better place to live. Please find the energy to keep working together to fight the wave of violence against women and girls.

We need to work together to build a culture where women are safe and treated equally, where they are not objectified, and they are not subjected to predatory

behaviour, sexist jokes or remarks.

I know most men do not commit violent acts, but the facts are alarming.

East Gippsland, Latrobe City and Wellington Shire are in the top 10 for the regions with the worst rates of family violence in Victoria. From the almost 6000 calls to Victoria Police for family violence assistance in Gippsland over the past 12 months, more than 70% were women seeking help.

In the overwhelming majority of cases, the perpetrator is known to the victim, and too many Australian women are being killed or injured at the hands of their intimate partner.

We have to do better across Gippsland. We can do better if we work together to build a culture of respect and personal responsibility.

I want to live in a community where girls and women are safe and they are treated with respect in their homes and in public.



I also want to live in a community where boys

and men have positive role models, understand their

responsibilities and do not seek to use their power to bully or harass women.

I support a shared vision where all Gippslanders are safe, thriving, and living free of family violence.

That is why I believe we all need to have conversations with other men and boys about what is acceptable behaviour, understanding the meaning of consent and pushing back on the violent porn industry, which gives young men a warped and contaminated perspective of respectful relationships.

As men, we need to have the courage to tell our sons, brothers and mates when they are being disrespectful or behaving inappropriately.

We need to build communities where girls do not worry if they choose to exercise on an unlit path, and know they will be listened to and receive support if they file a complaint, not be victim-shamed or made to feel guilty about their own behaviour, somehow contributing to the

offence.

Some of the conversations we need to have as men across Gippsland may be extremely difficult and feel awkward but it is vastly better than continuing the current trend.

Who knows, it might save a life if we explain how real men should behave?

Real men are respectful and take responsibility for their actions.

Real men can manage their temper and their emotions.

Real men do not need to control the women in their lives.

Real men do not stalk, bully, harass or intimidate their partners.

Real men do not hit women.

Please tell your friends and family what a 'real man' looks like and have the difficult conversations.

I am determined to keep working in partnership with our community to eliminate violence in Gippsland.

Yours sincerely,  
Darren Chester"

## Scholarship boost

A record number of students are being supported through scholarships at Federation University Australia with 254 scholarships awarded in 2024.

This year the University, in partnership with generous donors, is awarding more than \$859,000 worth of scholarships across its campuses.

Since Federation University's formation in 2014, the number of scholarships has grown with each year, giving students the opportunity to succeed in their studies without the stress of financial pressure, helping to cover costs including textbooks, petrol, groceries and computers.

In Gippsland, 76 scholarships have been awarded this year, including to Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) student

Gianna Ziero, who is receiving a Gippsland PHN Scholarship.

This is one of 36 scholarships over 12 years with a total value of \$500,000 which the organisation is offering Federation students who are pursuing a career in allied health in the region.

From a young age, Gianna knew she wanted to help people, particularly young children, and seeing the care her three-year-old brother received from his occupational therapist helped her settle on OT as a career.

"My overall goal is to become a practising occupational therapist in my community and help reduce the waitlists in allied health," Gianna said.

"I am really loving the course so far and the OT cohort of students are so lovely and it's lovely being in a small class. Everyone's just

working with each other."

Gianna was also awarded The Future of Allied Health Professionals Scholarship and said the scholarships will help her to pay for fuel to travel to campus and to dedicate more time to study.

More information about Federation University's scholarships can be found at <http://federation.edu.au/foundation>.

Federation University Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Duncan Bentley said "Scholarships help to ease the pressure of financial hardship for students, providing them with the opportunity to participate fully in their studies and fulfill their aspirations.

This is possible through the generosity of our donors and we are so delighted to be able to again award a record number thanks to these partnerships."

## Anglicare and Federation Uni help to ease Social Work shortages

Federation University Australia and Anglicare Victoria are teaming up to create a pipeline of skilled family violence social workers to meet a growing demand.

Brooke Pym has been working at Anglicare Victoria in Gippsland for 11 years working as an Integrated Family Services Team Leader and has recently enrolled in the Bachelor of Social Work at Federation to enhance her skillset.

"I am enjoying learning the theory around the work I have been doing for many years now, gaining a deeper understanding into the work that I do and why we work in the manner that we do," Brooke said.

Brooke feels lucky to be working in her chosen profession while completing a Bachelor's degree and says that there is a massive demand for skilled and experienced social workers in the region.

"There is such high demand for front line workers in child protection, family violence and family services that we need as many new graduates as we can get," she said.

Anglicare Victoria Gippsland Regional Director, Vicki Levey says that more social workers are needed to fit the current demand in the region.

"The demand for skilled social workers in the Gippsland region is very high, specifically in the family violence space. As part of the recommendations from the 2015 Royal Commission in Family Violence, we need more social workers who are qualified or becoming qualified in family violence roles by July 2026, particularly as part of The Orange Door network," she said.

According to the Victorian Skills Authority, the demand for social workers continues

to increase in Gippsland and throughout the state, with an additional 2,349 workers required Victoria wide by 2026.

Ms Levey said, "we need to train workers locally as we are more likely to maintain the workforce if they don't have to travel long distances, and they will gain familiarity with the region and its specific needs.

The community can only benefit by the support of skilled and qualified workers, and our partnership with Federation University is imperative to ensure we continue to have those staff numbers in Gippsland. It is important we are responding locally to meet the demand," she said.

To read more about Federation University Social Work courses visit: [https://study.federation.edu.au/search/?study\\_area=social-work,%20community%20and%20human%20services](https://study.federation.edu.au/search/?study_area=social-work,%20community%20and%20human%20services)

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A few months back, I wrote a story about diamonds, the king of jewels so to even things up, we will have a look at some semi-precious gemstones.

The main difference between precious and semi-precious stones is their hardness. Diamonds, rubies and emeralds are very hard but the semi-precious stones are easier to fashion. Indeed, some are soft enough to be carved into intricate shapes or fashioned by a craftsperson rather than a jeweller.

The International Encyclopaedia lists 315 types of gemstones ranging in all colours from white to black. Some gemstones come in a variety of shades as well, and some are multicoloured. The best quality gemstone contains no flaws or impurities within. Most gemstones are distributed across the world with the best stones coming from a single country, but some are peculiar only to a single country.

Many are crystals, but many more are coloured stones ranging up to boulder size.

The pearl is neither, being a product of an oyster or mussel, nor is coral, produced by polyps as a

home. All of them are shiny and decorative and look well set in precious metals.

Twelve of them are birthstones, linked with the months of the year. January's stone is the garnet while July's is the carnelian, topaz is for November birthdays and so on. Others stand as symbols for various things.

Howlite and other green stones are healing stones, the peridot is a stone denoting energy, jet and amazonite are mourning stones. Others are harbingers of good luck, jade and bad luck, opal. There are lots of others to research yourself.

Many stones are popular within certain cultures. Lapis lazuli was sought after by the ancient Egyptians and by the American Indians in the Southern United States and Mexico.

Jade is synonymous with China and Japan and Cairngorm smoky quartz is used widely in Scottish jewellery. In New Zealand, the Maoris carved greenstone into tikis.

Australia has a number of gemstone fields and the one stone that we are famous for is the opal

which comes in a variety of colours. Green opal is the most common gemstone, but the black opal and fire opal are the most sought-after. Queensland has a number of sites for mining boulder or rock-opal and rock-opal topped tables can be bought.

Fossicking for gemstones is a widely practised hobby in Australia and there are numerous lapidary clubs you can join. Look them up on the



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internet but remember to follow the rules. Fossicking cannot be done just anywhere, and sometimes you need a licence and or permission.

Personally, I would make a stamp collection of

them. The Post Office has even produced a series of gemstones as part of the 1973 Marine Life and Gemstones set.

Other countries have issued sets of stamps featuring gemstones.

China has issued several stampsshowing carved jade pieces.

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Despite that, several large piles of weeds were made from the banksia garden along the long boardwalk. A lot of cleaning up work was also done along the creek

bank near Kurnai College.

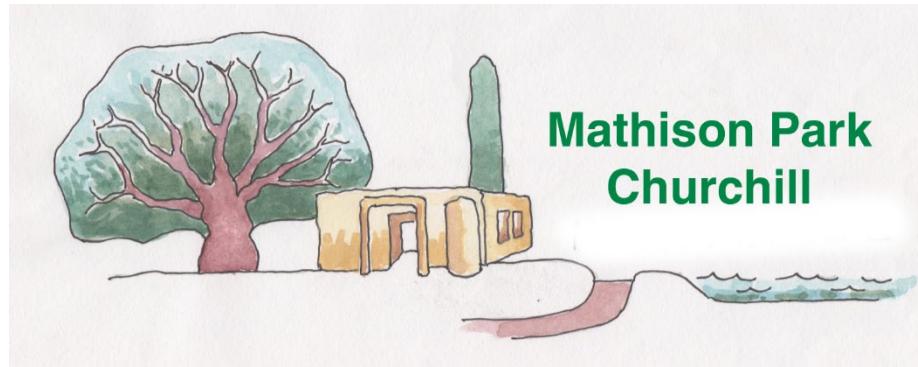
The Gippsland Interchange Crew helped our volunteers over three weeks to clear up piles of rubbish collected in the corner block.

We need some more volunteers to help at working bees and other times when we do extra work in the park. Our working bees are on the second Saturday of each

month and start at 9am and finish about 12.30 pm. Our Thursday session is from 1-2pm.

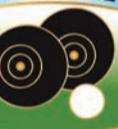
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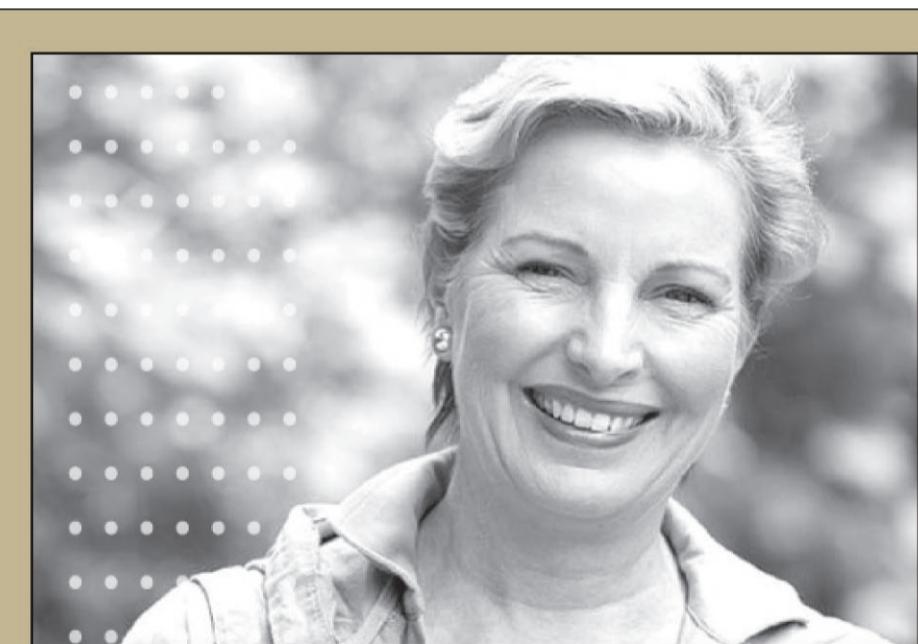
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# Strzelecki Koala

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Recently when walking with a family member, we heard a rustle in the bushes beside the roadside and then saw this koala easily climb up a eucalyptus tree. This Strzelecki koala sat in a fork of a tree and observed us from that vantage spot.

Because this koala looked well and strong and instinctively ran away from us, this koala is healthy.

## How can you know if a koala is healthy, sick or injured?

The Australian Koala Foundation ([www.savethekoala.com](http://www.savethekoala.com) (22/5/23) lists indicators that suggest when a koala is sick or injured and needs human assistance:

"Puffy or inflamed eyes which may have a crust or a weepy discharge surrounding them.

Dribbling saliva from the mouth.

Fur that appears constantly wet or matted.

A dirty tail with brown staining.

Weakness and unusual behaviour.

Remaining in the same tree for more than a few days.

Sitting on the ground and not moving when approached.

Not using all four limbs

normally while walking or climbing.

Very skinny and emaciated appearance.

Signs of trauma such as cuts or blood on its fur."

[www.wildlifewatcher.com.au](http://www.wildlifewatcher.com.au) has photographs of sick and injured koalas to help people recognise when a koala is in need of urgent assistance.

## What to do ?

If you come across a sick, injured or dead koala, please ring Wildlife Victoria.

Wildlife Emergency number is: 03 8400 7300. This organisation will tell you what you need to do and inform the nearest wildlife rescue/care person. ([www.wildlifevictoria.org.au](http://www.wildlifevictoria.org.au) 22/5/23)

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action" (DEECA) also has a Wildlife Tool for getting help for injured or sick koalas and other wildlife.

Visit [www.wildlife.vic.gov.au](http://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au). and go to the section Our Wildlife, Koala to access the tool.

Always remember to never handle a koala as this will cause the animal further stress. It is best to observe the koala from a distance and wait for assistance.

Unfortunately if you come across a recently

deceased koala please still contact Wildlife Victoria. Also ring these scientists - Dr Pam Whiteley (0400 119 301) or Dr Liz Dobson (03 8344 1269). ([www.wildlife.vic.gov.au](http://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au) 22/5/24 ) They are involved in the "Passive Disease Surveillance Victorian Koalas" Project based at the Melbourne Veterinary School. This project is examining dead koalas across Victoria. This research is looking at "diseases and causes of death" so that koala populations can be better looked after now and into the future.

## How else can you help our unique and iconic Strzelecki Koala?

Anthony Amis is a scientist who is working on the Strzelecki Koala Map. He requires the help of the citizens of Churchill and its surrounding areas.

If you see a koala or koala scats please send the location to [anthony.amis@foe.org.au](mailto:anthony.amis@foe.org.au). Record them or take a screen shot. Lastly and most importantly send the information to Anthony Amis. Remember to please drive carefully whenever you are in a wildlife area, and also be a responsible dog owner. Besides habitat loss, cars and dogs are the main causes of koala fatalities.



## Justice of the Peace history: the origin of JP's

The origin of JP's has been traced back to England in 1195, when Richard the Lionheart commissioned knights to preserve the peace in unruly areas - JP's in Australia today play a more limited role (Justice of the Peace Handbook).

### Services JPs can provide

A JP is trained to act as independent and objective witness to documents used for official or legal purposes and can assist you by:

attesting the execution of a document

witnessing a statutory declaration

witnessing an affidavit for use in court

certifying true copies of an original document

certifying a person's identity.

<https://www.justice.vic.gov.au/justice-system/legal-assistance/find-a-justice-of-the-peace-jp>

### Document Signing Stations

The RVAHJ and its members originally

established a number of Document Signing Stations (DSS) throughout Victoria. New Document Signing Stations may be established depending on demand.

Traralgon Police Station - Mondays 4 - 7pm, Tuesday

- Thursday 11am - 2pm

Morwell Police Station - Mondays and Fridays, 11am - 2pm

Please note that the DSS are manned by volunteers and no appointments are necessary at these venues.

It should be noted that, at peak periods, Justices of the Peace on duty may, at their discretion, limit the number of documents from each client, to reduce waiting times. It should also be noted that unforeseen circumstances may cause a change in operating hours without notice, particularly around holiday periods.

(Courtesy of Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices)

### Find a Justice of the Peace

<https://www.justice.vic.gov.au/justice-system/legal-assistance/find-a-justice-of-the-peace-at-a-document-signing-station>

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### Checklist for visiting a JP

<https://www.rvahj.org.au/checklist-for-visiting-a-honorary-justice/>

### Simple short checklist...

Check that a JP can complete your documentation.

Remember to take the original and copy to be certified.

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# Support emergency relief by drinking Gippy Tap water



Gippsland Water is supporting the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund (GERF) by donating 100 per cent of funds raised through the sale of premium reusable water bottles at community events.

The initiative was launched at Moe Earth Market on Sunday May 12, where marketgoers had the first opportunity to buy a one litre ceramic "Drink Gippy Tap" water bottle.

Managing director Sarah Cumming said Gippsland Water was passionate about supporting the community during hard times.

"As Gippslanders, we are no strangers to natural disasters, and neither are our customers," Ms Cumming said.

"One of our roles during natural disasters is to make sure safe drinking water is available and sewer services continue."

We are pleased to be able to extend our support for those in our community



affected by natural disasters by supporting GERF."

GERF president Andy Tegart thanked Gippsland Water for their support and said the funds would make a real difference to help locals who suddenly find themselves in need.

"We are there for the community when natural disaster strikes," Mr Tegart said.

"The money raised from the Drink Gippy Tap water bottles will go into our fund, ready to support Gippslanders come fire, flood or storm."

The Drink Gippy Tap charity water bottle initiative will run as a pilot and if successful, local charities will be able to apply to be a recipient of the funds in the future.

The drink bottles are

\$30 each and are available in three colours: white, coral and olive green.

The premium water bottles are double walled and designed to keep water cool for hours.

For more information about the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund visit, [gerf.org.au](http://gerf.org.au)

To find out more about sponsorship opportunities with Gippsland Water visit, <http://gippswater.com.au/sponsorship>

Above photo :  
Gippsland Water communications and engagement advisor Jessica Hotchkiss, Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund Vice President Nigel Browne and Gippsland Water General Manager of people and customer Michael Crane with "Drink Gippy Tap" water bottles.

# Morwell and District Red Cross



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purchases were made. Our last meeting was held at the Yinnar and District Memorial Hall on June 12.

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Time was spent at our weekly Cub meeting making cat toys, and we learnt about the importance of desexing pets, what to do if you find a stray cat and all about keeping our own cats safe in our homes.

All of this then culminated in a very popular visit to the Grounded Paws Cat Cafe in Traralgon, where the Cubs were able to entertain the cats with their handcrafted cat toys and learn more about where the cats came from.

A big thanks to our friends at the Grounded Paws Animal Rescue and Cat Cafe for having us.

For more information about Scouts in Churchill, please email the Group Leader Tammy at [groupleader@1stchurchill.com.au](mailto:groupleader@1stchurchill.com.au).

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### Home care invaluable for Morwell woman Jeannie

"It is wonderful, I used to do everything myself. If I had to ask for help, I would feel very vulnerable. So I just wouldn't ask."

That all changed when 69-year-old Jeannie approached Latrobe Community Health Service for help when some of her medical conditions stopped her from doing day-to-day tasks.

Now, thanks to a Commonwealth-funded Home Care Package that Jeannie receives through Latrobe Community Health Service, she can focus on the important things in life; her hobbies, her dog Bella and spending time with friends and family.

"Before I got my Home Care Package, I was not able to cook my meals, do the lawn, wash the windows or peg clothes on the line," Jeannie says.

"I get help with that now, and it is just wonderful."

The Federal Government provides funding to eligible Australians over the age of 65, and to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders over the age of 50, to help them live at home for longer.

Called a 'Home Care Package', this funding is for services that are tailored to meet a person's specific care needs to help them stay happy and healthy in their own home.

Throughout Jeannie's life, she has cared for relatives like her husband, sister and father when they needed illness-related support. Now that she is receiving similar help with her Home Care Package, she feels she has regained her independence.

"To be cared for now is very nice," she says.

"I went onto the Lite n' Easy food so I do not have to cook meals. The Latrobe

Community Health Service staff come in to help me shower in the mornings. They also do the housework and I do not have to worry about vacuuming or mopping the floor. It's just been a godsend."

Jeannie says the help she receives through her Home Care Package has "opened my life up – so much".

Her message to others is simple: "You do not have to go it alone. Do not be too proud to ask for help, because it is there for everybody and everybody deserves it."

Curious about how aged care support from Latrobe Community Health Service could help you or a loved one?

Call our friendly team of consultants, who live and breathe aged care services, on 1800 242 696. You can also enquire online by visiting [www.lchs.com.au/hcp](http://www.lchs.com.au/hcp)

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# Morwell Historical Society



## Have you visited the Morwell Historical Society?

The Morwell Historical Society is managed by volunteers with an interest in the history of Morwell and district.

Since 1962 and with the assistance of the Shire of Morwell/City of Morwell and Latrobe City Councils, the Society has had several locations including a room in the old Morwell Town Hall (now Latrobe Regional Gallery) and in shops in Church Street and Buckley Street, Morwell.

In recent years it had been very apparent that the Society needed to secure permanent and secure archive premises to house the Society's records and to provide space for exhibitions and displays which would be accessible, inclusive and welcoming to the general public.

In late 2014, the former Morwell Masonic Lodge at 12 Hazelwood Road became available to purchase for \$250,000. The Society approached the Latrobe City Council for assistance with the purchase of the building

but the Council advised it was not in a position to purchase it due to competing priorities.

With the Society keen to secure this iconic historic building, six members generously provided short-term loans to the Society to enable the purchase of the building in March 2015 for \$250,000.

With donations from interested people and fund-raising efforts, the Society currently owes \$30,000 in short-term loans which need to be repaid by 2025.

By way of grants, and hard work by our volunteers, the Society has carried out several improvements to the interior and exterior of the building to make it ideal for the activities of the Society.

The Society welcomes any donations to pay off their building loan and is indebted to their Corporate and Business supporters and the general public who have made donations to reduce our loan significantly in the past few years. All donations are tax deductible.

This building is a community asset for current

and future generations with the Morwell Historical Society being the owner of the building.

To keep our community connected, Morwell Historical Society holds their Step Back in Time Conversation Cafe alongside their Open Days on the first and third Wednesdays and last Sunday of the month (February-November) from 11.00am-2.00pm.

Everyone is welcome to visit our rooms and join us for a cuppa and some light refreshments whilst having a chat about your connection to Morwell.

Our members look forward to welcoming you to the Society, showing you around our collections, discovering more about your connection to Morwell and hearing what might interest you in our archive.

Whether you have just arrived in Morwell or have been a resident for many years we would love to see you and hear your stories. For any enquiries or group bookings please contact 0409 436 019.

## Book Review

### "Written in Red" 2013 by Anne Bishop

#### "Written in Red" 2013 by Anne Bishop

Anne Bishop is an American author, born in 1955, who writes in the "Urban Fantasy" genre. She has written over twenty novels, the most notable being the "Black Jewel" series, for which she won the William L. Crawford Memorial Fantasy Award. "Written in Red" is the first in a series of five about "The Others".

The book begins with a "brief history of the world" which sets out how we have arrived at this point in time. This is a story of an alternative, hierarchical society made up of Humans and Others. Their world is divided into very rigid physical boundaries and inflexible rules. For Humans going beyond these constraints the result could be death at the hands of the Others. The Others appear as Humans some of the time but revert to wolves and eat Humans at other times.

The main character is Meg Corbyn, a Human who is running from a prophecy she has seen, and despite knowing that she will die, she seeks refuge with the Others. Fortunately, she has seen a sign advertising for a Human Liaison and applies for the job. She is successful and begins making the adjustments she needs in order to stay alive.

Montgomery is a police officer from the Human force and he is given the task of rescuing Meg from the Others but he is finding it extremely difficult and dangerous.

Of the nine members in our book group everyone agreed that this book was extremely difficult to get started, and only four finished. Of the four, they all agreed that the story could



have been told in far fewer pages, and only two enjoyed the book. Only one member

would go on to read further books in this series.

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# Churchill Fire Brigade



Community engagement is an important role undertaken by the Churchill Fire Brigade. This involves a range of activities, including participating in community events, and fire education programs to help communities to be prepared for and safe from fire.

On ANZAC Day several members attended the Churchill remembrance service and two laid a wreath. At the Churchill Shop Local, our three members were kept extra busy cooking the free sausages and talking fire safety.

The members of the Fire Safe Kids program have visited Churchill North for three sessions.

The first two were for important lessons on fire safety including what to do if your clothes catch on fire, how

to exit a house if the smoke alarm goes off, the absolute importance of having a working smoke alarm and how to look after it, and fire safety in the kitchen and other parts of the house. Development of home fire safety plans is something that the children can take home and share with other family members.

Preparing for the bushfire season, knowing what the fire warning signs mean and which area we live in, total fire ban days and learning about what to do on hot, dry, windy high temperature days, and having bushfire survival plans are important for the warmer months leading into summer.

The third visit was with the fire trucks. Each student was given the task of identifying particular features or equipment on the truck. Then they were able to squirt the hose with a firefighters assistance, see the lights and hear the siren.

The members enjoyed their time at Churchill North Primary School and hope the information they imparted, is remembered and put to use.



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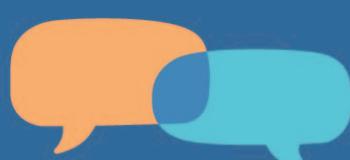
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# Friends of Morwell National Park



The group met in the Kerry Road picnic area and was joined by several walkers from the Ben Cruachan Walking Club.

Ken welcomed the group, and then we caught up with happenings over the last month. Work on the bird book continues and it should be ready for the launch in November. Another grant has been received and along with the money from this Friends group, the book is now fully funded. It was proposed that the group should investigate creating a new website to include a shop and purchase a domain name for hosting the site. The existing web site has been up for many years and is due for updating.

Over the last month there was a meeting with Parks and the project manager related to the storm repairs and new signage. Plans continue to replace some of the bridges lost, repair other bridges damaged in the storms, and replace the barbecue and picnic tables from the picnic area. It is planned for the works in the Kerry Road part of the park to be completed first. There are plans to have three informational signs erected at each of the main entrances to the park (Kerry Road, Junction Road and Braniff

Road). Each sign will have a slightly different focus and work on the content of these signs will continue in another meeting next month.

For the day's activity the expanded group was walking around Fosters Gully looking at the different fungi and lichens. Gordon, Beryl and Darren separately went to replace the post markers on the Butterfly Orchid survey plots. Gordon had sourced metal star pickets and plastic caps which will make each of the five plots easier to locate. This group replaced the pegs on the first plot leaving the remaining plots to be done next month. When they finished, they joined the rest of the walkers.

The walkers were spread along the Fosters Gully track with the fungi hunters making slower progress investigating many nooks and crannies beside the track. Below are some of the fungi seen over the day (thanks to Caitlin for the photos and Matt for the identifications).

Part way into the walk drizzle started to fall, off and on. As the walk continued the drizzle became a little heavier. At the end of the walk everybody was happy to head home to dry off and have lunch. Some of the walkers even went on to another location to do some more walking.



*Mycena austrofilopes*



*Hypholoma australianum*

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

### Scammers target everyone

Have you received an email trying to sell you a fantastic deal on a product? Be careful – it could be a scam.

Emails advertising fake products are a common type of scam designed to tempt the reader by offering products that are too good or too cheap to be true.

These scams will often impersonate known brands and products. The scammers are trying to deceive you into handing over money or your financial details.

#### What to look out for

Signs that an email may be a fake product scam include:

- A sense of urgency – they may tell you that time is running out, offer you a massive discount, or claim it is your last chance to buy.

- An unusual-looking email address – these often start with random letters, include misspellings, or have a domain name that is not related to the product in the email.

- An incorrect website address – the website linked in the email will usually have a different address to the real brand's website, although they may look similar.

#### How to protect yourself

If you are unsure if a message is genuine – stop and think. Don't rush to act.

Never click on any links or provide any personal or financial details if the sender is unknown or suspicious.

If you need to check a message is genuine, contact the business using details you confirm yourself – for example, via an official website, bill or app.

**Scammers target everyone.** Talk with your friends and family – especially if they are in potentially vulnerable circumstances – about how to identify scams.

Learn more about how to protect yourself from phone scams on the ACMA website.

If you think you have been scammed, contact your financial institution immediately to stop any payments and make a report to Scamwatch. The Scamwatch website also has helpful information about other steps you can take.

IDCARE can help if your identity has been compromised or stolen. Call 1800 595 160 or visit [www.idcare.org](http://www.idcare.org).



*Cruentomycena viscidocruenta (Ruby Bonnet)*



*Chlorociboria*



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# Churchill & District News

# FLASHBACK

## 1976

### Churchill softball club

The senior team have their first game next week after three weeks lapse, the first week rain cancelled the game, the following week the eclipse cancelled the game, and the following week we had a bye. After our rest let us hope we can win our game on Saturday.

Everyone will then return to McDonald Way for cheese and coffee to complete an enjoyable evening.

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### Little athletics club

The children from Churchill had a field day at the Morwell Centre Championships in March. Between them they took off about 60 of the medals awarded. It augers well for their chance of taking out the Interclub Championships in the near future.

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### Churchill Playgroup

The Playgroup held a most successful "Playmakers" toy demonstration in March. Members of Moe, Morwell, Yinnar and Churchill playgroups and others attended. An indoor slide/seesaw, a dolls house, and toys for the sandpit were purchased for the Churchill Playgroup.

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### The Prisoners Win

The Churchill Jaycees Debating Team was defeated by a team from the Morwell River Prison Farm last Monday night. The subject debated was "That Medibank will create a nation of Hypochondriacs." Better luck next time for the normally unbeatable Churchill team.

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### Advertising in CDNews

Do you remember a time when the cost of advertising in Churchill News was only 60 Cents per 1 inch of space (across half the width of the page.)?

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### Churchill Tennis News

Tennis season has now closed on a very successful note. We have won two premierships this year with A. Reserve and B Grade Section 1 teams.

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### Exhibition of computer art

This exhibition of Computer art from Germany is one of the most important to reach Australia. It is especially fortunate for us to be able to put it on display at the School of Visual Arts, Churchill Campus for the benefit of all throughout the Valley.

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### New Church Complex

The Co-operative Churches in Churchill have finalised plans for their new Church and Community Centre to be built at the corner of McDonald Way and Williams Avenue. It is hoped that construction will commence before the end of this year. Designed to be extended to accommodate future growth, the building is of a "domestic" character and will blend happily with the surrounding properties.

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# Australian War Memorial redevelopment

Member for Gippsland Darren Chester regards the Australian War Memorial as the most important building in our nation because it lies at the heart of our commitment to remember the 103,000 service personnel who have died wearing the uniform of our Army, Navy and Air Force.

Conceived by historian Charles Bean, who witnessed the bloody battles in Gallipoli and the Western Front during World War 1, the Memorial opened to the public in 1941.

The Memorial's purpose is to commemorate the sacrifice of those Australians who have died in war or on operational service and those who have served our nation in times of conflict. Its mission is leading remembrance and understanding of Australia's wartime experience.

The Memorial does not glorify war, but it does tell the stories of Australian service and sacrifice.

As Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel, Mr Chester played a significant role in the decision to fund a \$500 million redevelopment of the Australian War Memorial in 2018.

"I agreed with the Memorial's board members that there was a need to increase the size of the exhibition space in order to place more items on display and better tell the stories of more recent humanitarian and peacekeeping missions, along with our roles in Afghanistan and Iraq," Mr



Chester said.

"As part of the healing process for veterans and their families impacted by military service, it is important that contemporary stories of their service are told in a meaningful way and the expanded Memorial will allow that to happen."

I had the opportunity to inspect the redevelopment recently and the progress is extraordinary. The Memorial continues to open each day and host the popular Last Post service every evening, but all around the grounds, there is major construction activity," he said.

"At the rear, the impressive new Anzac Hall is taking shape while under the forecourt at the front of the building the excavation work and bolstering of the original foundations has been a significant engineering

The expanded Charles Bean building will allow for more access to the historic records that families and researchers rely on to undertake their studies into relatives and our military history. The redevelopment will also feature an environmentally friendly geothermal system to control the temperature of the Memorial.

This is a national endeavour that Australians can be proud of, and I am pleased to see the new government has continued our commitment to this historic work."

Pictured: Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester on-site at the Australian War Memorial redevelopment.



## 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](http://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")

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

# Darren Chester

**Putting Locals First**  
**#lovegippsland**



# Field Naturalists Club



## Monitoring Wildlife Health

The presenter at the next meeting of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club, starting at 7:30 pm on Friday June 28 in the Moe Library, is Pam Whiteley. Pam, from Melbourne University, is the coordinator of Wildlife Health Victoria: Surveillance, which includes community groups, state agencies, scientists at the Melbourne Veterinary School, Wildlife Health Australia etc, in

a collaborative network to improve the health of endemic mammal, bird, reptile and amphibian populations in Victoria. Health surveillance can reduce the impacts of disease on wildlife biodiversity.

This will be followed by the Club's monthly meeting.

On the following day, Saturday June 29, there is an excursion to a Jumbuk

bushland containing temperate rain forest with a variety of flora, fauna and bird life, meeting at the

Morwell National Park at the Billys Creek car park on Junction Road at 10.00 am.

Visitors are most welcome, both to the meeting and the excursion. For more information contact our secretary, Rose, on 0410 237 292. Please visit our website [www.lvfieldnats.org](http://www.lvfieldnats.org) to register if you wish to use Zoom to join the meeting from home and/or if you would like to come on the excursion.

Photograph: Jumbuck Park Dam  
Credit: J. Duncan

# Creative Latrobe

## Creative Latrobe's first small town activation at 'Conference of the Birds'

Latrobe City Council and the Latrobe Health Assembly have partnered to create public art in Latrobe City that promotes community safety and connection.

Exciting and bold art will be activated and installed across the region in Traralgon, Morwell, Moe and Churchill. Boolarra has also been selected as the hub for a small-town activation. These artworks will offer welcoming and dynamic spaces for people to spend time, creating a sense of community pride.

The desired public art types and locations have been selected based on feedback from community consultations in 2023. This important feedback will continue to guide the project and further community consultation will occur.

The first activation was held in Boolarra at Centenary Park, as part of the Conference of the Birds on Saturday May 25, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. The event included a ceremonial

welcome and procession led by Gunaikurnai Elders, music and dance performances, storytelling, animal lanterns, shadow puppets, illuminated installations and local artworks. In support of this vibrant, local event, Creative Latrobe has commissioned five temporary artworks to be displayed. These activations are an important contribution to Creative Latrobe's aim to support improved wellbeing, local pride and opportunities to engage diverse communities.

Mayor of Latrobe City, Councillor Darren Howe expressed that Creative Latrobe provides a valuable opportunity to bring communities together, especially in Latrobe City's smaller towns.

"Creative Latrobe will contribute to fostering community connections and creativity by providing a public space for people to connect with each other and with art."

Supporting talented local artists to showcase their incredible work, like at Conference of the Birds, is

an opportunity for us all to take pride in Latrobe City's creative culture," said the Mayor.

Latrobe Health Assembly Chair, Tanya Rong is proud to be part of this rewarding partnership as it fosters a creative environment that will lead to long-term benefits for the community.

"Creative Latrobe allows the community to not only have a say in what art installations are implemented in Latrobe City, but also allows them to be a part of creating it too. Tapping into our local creative community and making these connections goes a long way towards building positive health and wellbeing."

Latrobe City Council and the Latrobe Health Assembly extend their gratitude to all those who have contributed to Creative Latrobe.

To learn more about Creative Latrobe, register for future events and get involved, visit the website [www.latrobecity.com.au/live/creative-latrobe](http://www.latrobecity.com.au/live/creative-latrobe) or join the Creative Latrobe Artist' Facebook group.

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# Churchill & Monash Golf Club



In lovely sunny conditions on May 13 at Trafalgar, Churchill & Monash ladies won the Golf West Gippsland pennant Grand Final. A hard-fought win with a score of 3/2 against Warragul 1. Great win ladies!! Pictured left to right, Chris Stevens, Merryn Dear, Christine Sterrick, Marianne Ryan, Sandra Caldwell (Captain) Lia Brent, Shirley Turner, absent from photo Chris Cunningham.



In sunny conditions on May 5, Churchill & Monash Golf Club played in the West Gippsland men's pennant final at Garfield against Garfield. Despite home ground advantage the Churchill team was too strong and came home with the trophy, with a 4/3 win. Well done!! Pictured top left to right are Dave Byers, Jason Barnes, Dan Beyer, Dale Burridge, Jay Langstaff, Bottom row Nathan Lugton, Brandon Barnes, Ash West, Adam West, Leigh Anderson and Ben Skinner bottom row.

## Canadian Foursomes Saturday May 4, 2024.

Winners : R. Madigan and P. Smart 64.175 Runners up : D. Burridge and D. Byers 69.5 D.T.L : 1. Ad. West and J. Sanders 70.875,

2. M. Soppe and P. Kearns 71.625, 3. M. Ryan 7 G. Tatterson 72.375, 4. J. Jeffery and G. Blizzard 73 N.T.P : 3rd R. Dent, 12th (Pro-Pin) J. Sanders, 5th R. Dent, 14th C. Waring

## Monthly Medal Tuesday May 7, 2024

Medal Winner : S. Caldwell 99 23 76 B Grade Winner: C. Stevens 114 36 78

D.T.L : 1. R. Sands 76, 2. M. Ryan 77 N.T. P : 3rd S. Martinac, 5th S. Turner, 12th S. Caldwell, 14th V. Reid Scratch : M. Brereton 88

Putts : M. Brereton 29 Birdies : 14th V. Reid

## Stableford Saturday May 11, 2024.

Winners : M. Ryan and R. Sands 70 pts D.T.L : 1. S.

Caldwell and M. Hutchinson 68 pts, 2. V. Reid and C.

Carder 63 N.T.P : 3rd M.

Ryan, 5th C. Carder, 12th L.

Brent, 14th L. Brent

## Par Saturday May 18, 2024.

Winners : M. Ryan and R. Sands 70 pts D.T.L : 1. S.

Caldwell and M. Hutchinson 68 pts, 2. V. Reid and C.

Carder 63 N.T.P : 3rd M.

Ryan, 5th C. Carder, 12th L.

Brent, 14th L. Brent

## Stroke Tuesday May 21, 2024.

A Grade Winner: A. West

76 Nett

B Grade Winner: V. Reid

72 Nett

D.T.L : 1. S. Gratton

74, 2. R. Sands 76, 3. W.

McGrath 76

Scratch : D. White 88

N.T.P : 3rd M. Dear, 5th

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# Hazelwood Cemetery

## Boolarra Fancy Shop, Fruit and Confectionery.

### MRS FURNESS

BEGS to notify the Residents of Boolarra and Surrounding Districts that she has taken over the business carried on for many years by her mother (Mrs Mulrooney), and trusts that by strict attention to business to receive the same generous support accorded her mother.

**LARGE ASSORTMENT OF XMAS GOODS JUST OPENED UP.**

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

In past weeks, several comments have bounced around regarding the presentation of Hazelwood Cemetery.

A regular visitor recalled blackberries, weeds and ragwort clogging narrow pathways to graves, and this was adjacent to a main entry gate. As a child during the late 1950s, another recounted visiting a grandparent's grave, carrying a fern hook to clear a path through whatever was allowed to proliferate.

There is anecdotal evidence about families choosing another nearby cemetery because "Hazelwood was a disgrace." Yes, these recollections are based on fact, not fiction.

Hazelwood Cemetery was allowed to deteriorate. Such an abhorrent reputation was seemingly tolerated.

To balance the ledger, recent visitors, originally Morwell residents from long ago, currently living interstate, were amazed with how the cemetery is now maintained and presented.

Their surprise was worth bottling. They contrasted the "then and now."

Bottom line - Hazelwood Cemetery relies on volunteers, and today, unlike days gone by, these persons do a fabulous, caring job.

Back to the real story - and, this dwells on how history must be recorded accurately. There is little value in accepting information without bothering to double check.

Mary Mulrooney passed away on October 21, 1935, aged 70 years. Mary's obituary tells us she was a patient in Morwell's St Hilary's private hospital and "her death was due to appendicitis followed by peritonitis and various complications." It is also recorded that Mary "first opened a small shop in Boolarra."

It is at this point Mary's history becomes quite interesting.

Records show the township of Boolarra began in 1884 when the railway line from Morwell to Mirboo North was constructed and a station was established. Similar records show William Henry Penaluna

selected about 312 acres of land at Boolarra around 1878 and it is claimed he was the first settler.

Mary's obituary Morwell Advertiser, Thursday October 24, 1935 records "it is about 50 years ago since she first opened a small shop in Boolarra."

Assuming these dates are reasonably correct, if not totally accurate, Mary's green grocery was also popular for her "churn style ice-cream, various fancy goods, hot pies and refreshments, especially on football nights."

Boolarra managed to field football teams for games from 1895 onwards. With Mary Mulrooney presumably maintaining a decent, profitable supply of hot pies and refreshments, for footballers at least, 10 years after establishing her business, she became well known as a "highly respected resident of Boolarra."

When it was decided to obtain enough land for a proper sportsground, it was purchased from Mary. Early Boolarra parish maps show four adjoining blocks assigned to her name. One block was directly opposite

land owned by her father, Peter Rickman, quite entrepreneurial in his own right as a road and bridge contractor alongside early attempts to mine gold and bauxite.

Ironically, these attempts at mining were also recorded in William Mulrooney's obituary. He was a regular attendee at the Boolarra Racing Club, more so when it became affiliated with the VRC and therefore was able to hold two meetings a year.

Mary and William had three daughters - Nellie (Ellen), Maggie (Margaret) and May (generally known as Poppo). William died in July 1948 while living at Ellen's home in Nathalia.

Mary seems to have been the main bread winner. In editorial of October 28, 1904, the Morwell Advertiser reported that Mary had purchased "a skeleton", that being a dilapidated "old wreck" of a building which she apparently transformed into a substantial building in which she conducted a boarding house and her shop.

During 1918, Mary's second daughter, Margaret (Maggie) Furniss advertised that she "had taken over

the fancy shop, fruit and confectionery business carried on successfully for many years by her mother."

In her advertisement Morwell Advertiser, Friday, November 29, 1918, Margaret also indicated her intention to provide board and lodgings.

(Briefly, a side story - Margaret's husband, Edward Robert "Ned" Furniss, was employed as a bridge builder and carpenter, similar to Margaret's grandfather, Peter Rickman. Margaret and Edward were married in 1914.

He enlisted in January 1916 and was killed in action at Ypres, Belgium on October 4, 1917, aged 32 years. Margaret remarried in 1921, to Edward's brother Alexander Charles Furniss - and is buried in the Cape Clear Cemetery, Golden Plains Shire Central Victoria.)

Perhaps the above is a long story about Mary Mulrooney. Nonetheless, there has been plenty of research behind what has been written. The interest in this story was "sparked" by a chance comment by a member of the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust.

Mary Mulrooney's interment is listed in separate cemetery records held by two cemetery trusts - Hazelwood and Boolarra.

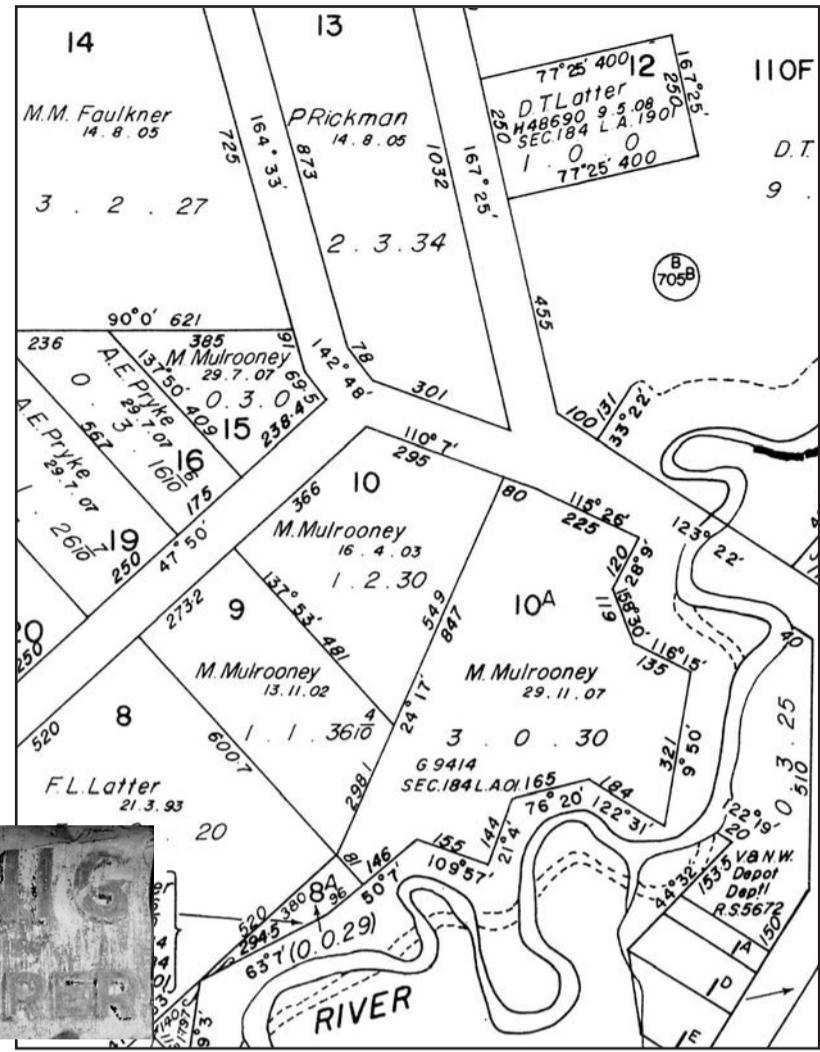
Once drawn to our attention, research commenced immediately.

Mary is incorrectly listed as being at Hazelwood Cemetery in an unmarked grave. At Boolarra, Mary's grave is marked with a smallish plaque, and nothing more.

To reinforce a message to those who engage in history research, do not accept information without bothering to double check.

Finally, in the May 2024 edition of Churchill & District News, it was written that we must be sure of the reliability of primary sources. Unfortunately, the local surname, Keonig, is still being incorrectly spelt - correct spelling is Koenig.

The attached picture testifies how Charles David Koenig spelt his name - on the actual tin sign which adorned his boot repair business in Morwell. His plaque in the Hazelwood Cemetery is correctly named as well.



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## Gippsland TIS 2024 brings educational opportunities to students



The Gippsland region recently hosted the Tertiary Information Service (TIS) 2024, an event aimed at providing Year 11 and 12 students with essential information about tertiary education opportunities. Held from May 13 to May 15, the event spanned multiple locations, including Bairnsdale Secondary College, Gippsland Grammar Garnsey Campus, Federation University Australia's Gippsland Campus, Leongatha Secondary College, and Chairo Christian School Drouin Campus. The event saw participation from 1,365 students across 19 schools, highlighting the significant interest in tertiary education pathways among Gippsland's youth. The first day of the Gippsland TIS 2024 commenced on May 13, with sessions held at Bairnsdale Secondary College and Gippsland Grammar Garnsey Campus in Sale. The second day of the Gippsland TIS 2024 was a highlight, with sessions held at Federation University Australia's Gippsland Campus in Churchill. This day was particularly significant as it took place at the university campus, providing students with a first hand experience of a tertiary education environment. The morning session, from 9:45 to 11:00 am, featured presenters Giuseppe Marino from Federation University and Pat Hearne

from Deakin University. They delivered engaging presentations to 194 students from Lowanna College, Kumai College, and Mirboo North Secondary College. The students actively participated, gaining insights into various academic programs, campus life, and the benefits of pursuing higher education. The evaluators were Nick Faidy from Deakin College and Ellen Kiley from VTAC. The ushers were Federation University students Sarah Little and Jaclyn Little, who ensured the smooth operation of the second day.

The afternoon session, held from 1:30 pm to 2:45 pm, was attended by 110 students from Lavalla Catholic College. Presenters Craig Sturrock from Collarts and Jed Pryor from La Trobe University shared their expertise and experiences, encouraging students to consider various pathways in tertiary education. The evaluators were Breeanna McGrath from the University of Tasmania and Pat Hearne from Deakin University. The final day of the Gippsland TIS 2024 took place on May 15, with sessions at Leongatha Secondary College and Chairo Christian School in Drouin. These sessions saw a combined attendance of over 600 students eager to learn about their future educational opportunities. The Gippsland TIS 2024 was a resounding success, offering students valuable insights into tertiary education options and helping them make informed decisions about their futures. The event's comprehensive structure and the dedication of all participants ensured a smooth and enriching experience for the students. For more information about future TIS events and resources, please visit the Tertiary Information Service website at [tis.org.au](http://tis.org.au).

## Exciting updates at the Nook: book your visit



The Nourishment Nook at Federation University's Gippsland Campus has undergone a significant makeover and now offers even more essential items to support our students. Located in room 3N 153, the Nourishment Nook is open every Tuesday from 2 to 3 pm and Wednesday from 10 to 11 am, providing a wide range of free food and household supplies.

Now, the Nook is stocked with Vita Brits, Weetbix, flavoured cornflakes, quick oats, full cream, skim and nut milk, assorted 2-minute noodles and soups, various pasta and rice options, pasta sauces, boxes of tea bags, dryer sheets, cleaning sprays, toilet paper, soap, teeth whitening kits, heaps of red onions, oranges, and many other random items. All students are welcome to come and take what they need. To ensure the Nourishment Nook continues to receive funding and can keep providing these valuable resources, it is crucial that we capture

accurate statistics on its usage. We now require students to book their visits to the Nook using a simple ticketing system by Humanitix. Rest assured, no personally identifiable information will be shared, and the booking process is quick and easy.

You can book sessions for both Tuesday and Wednesday in a single week, and you are welcome to book for the rest of the year if you wish.

Simply scan the QR code to make your booking. Remember to book your spot each time you wish to visit the Nook.

Your participation in this process will help secure ongoing funding, ensuring that the Nourishment Nook can continue to support our student community. Thank you for your cooperation and support. Together, we can make sure this valuable resource remains available for all who need it.

## Inspiring careers in health camp 2024: A day of exploration



On May 22, 2024, Federation University Australia's Gippsland Campus hosted the Inspiring Careers in Health Camp 2024, an event organised by Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network. The camp aimed to introduce students to various health careers through hands-on experiences and informative sessions. This event was designed to inspire the next generation of health professionals by providing a glimpse into the diverse fields of nursing, midwifery, occupational therapy, and physiotherapy. The day began with a warm welcome and an Acknowledgement of Country by Giuseppe Marino, the Manager of Institute Recruitment. Students were then divided into four groups, each set to explore a different health discipline in a series of engaging sessions. Each group had the opportunity to rotate through the various areas, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of each field. The student ambassadors, Tahlia, Emily, and Jubin, guided students to different sessions, providing a smooth transition for the event.

In the occupational therapy session led by Giuseppe Marino, students learned about the critical role of occupational therapists in enhancing patients' quality of life. They toured the facilities, participated in hands-on activities, and engaged in discussions about the course structure and career opportunities in occupational therapy. The nursing session, guided by Louise Allen, provided a realistic view of the nursing profession. Students explored the nursing ward, observed demonstrations, and participated in

interactive activities that showcased the daily responsibilities of nurses and the variety of career paths available in this field. Shelley Macmillan led the midwifery session, offering insights into the world of maternal and newborn care. Students visited the birthing and newborn facilities, learned about the midwifery course, and engaged in practical demonstrations that highlighted the vital role midwives play in healthcare. Jane Strachan introduced students to physiotherapy, focusing on patient rehabilitation and health maintenance. The physiotherapy session included facility tours, practical demonstrations, and discussions about the skills and knowledge required to succeed in this dynamic field.

In the evening, students attended a session with the Monash School of Rural Health. This session included a presentation, a tour of the facilities, and a hands-on activity, providing valuable information about pathways to a career in medicine and the unique opportunities available in rural health.

The day concluded with the Inspiring Careers in Health Camp Dinner, held in the Campus Auditorium. This dinner provided an excellent opportunity for students to network, discuss their day's experiences, and gain further inspiration for their future careers in health. The Inspiring Careers in Health Camp 2024 was a resounding success, offering students a comprehensive introduction to various health professions. The event highlighted the diverse opportunities within the health sector and encouraged students to consider pursuing careers in these vital fields.

## Calling volunteers to join the effort at Mathison Park

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, Mathison Park in Churchill is calling for enthusiastic volunteers to join their dedicated team. This beautiful park, located conveniently close to the university, boasts a picturesque lake, tree plantations, diverse birdlife, and scenic walking tracks. It also features amenities such as toilets and picnic shelters, making it a perfect spot for the community to enjoy.

The current group of volunteers, working under a committee of the Latrobe City Council, is small but incredibly hardworking. They have achieved remarkable results in maintaining and enhancing the park, but they need more hands to help with their ongoing efforts.

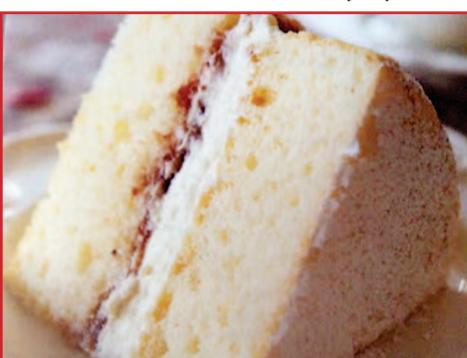
Volunteers are invited to attend the working bees held on the second Saturday of each month from 9 am to 12:30 pm, with morning tea provided. There are also sessions on Thursdays from 1 to 2 pm with the Gippsland Interchange crew. These working bees are not only a great way to contribute to the community but also an excellent opportunity to make new friends and



take pride in the work accomplished together. Volunteering at Mathison Park is a wonderful way to get to know your community and its beautiful surroundings. The group is happy and welcoming and looks forward to welcoming newcomers warmly. If you are interested in making a difference and becoming a part of this vibrant volunteer team, join us at the next working bee and help keep Mathison Park a beautiful place for everyone to enjoy.

# Cooking with Noelene

## Vintage Victoria sponge cake (1)



Ingredients - 225gm of room temp butter/ marg, 1 cup of castor sugar, 4 eggs well beaten, 1 and 1/2 cups of self raising flour, 1 dsp of baking powder, 1/4 cup of strawberry/ raspberry jam, 150 ml of cream (whipped / beaten / thickened), icing sugar for dusting. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Lightly grease two 20cm round cake pans and line the bases with baking paper. Place the butter, sugar, eggs, flour, baking powder in the bowl of your electric mixer and beat until well blended, and thoroughly mixed to a creamy batter. Divide the mixture between the two prepared cake pans. Place the pans in the preheated oven for 25 minutes or until lightly browned and when tested with a skewer, the skewer comes out clean. Let the cakes cool in the pans for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely. Fill the base of one cake with the jam and top with the thickened cream, place the remaining cake over the top and dust lightly with icing sugar. Delicious, and perfect with a cuppa and to share.

## Greek almond and yoghurt cake



Ingredients - 3 eggs separated, 2/3 rds cup of brown sugar, 3 tbs of Greek yoghurt, grated zest of 1 lemon, 160 gm of almond meal. Lightly grease a 23 cm round springform pan and line the base with baking paper. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. In the bowl of your electric mixer, whisk the egg yolks and sugar until creamy. Stir in the yoghurt, lemon zest and ground almond meal. In another bowl, whip the egg whites until stiff. Now fold the whipped egg whites through the almond mixture. Spoon the mixture into the prepared pan and bake for 35 minutes in the preheated oven. The cake will be cooked when skewered and the skewer comes out clean. Cool the cake in the pan on a wire rack. When cool turn out onto a serving plate. This is delicious and can be served with fresh fruit slices or just sprinkled with icing sugar and enjoyed with coffee or tea.

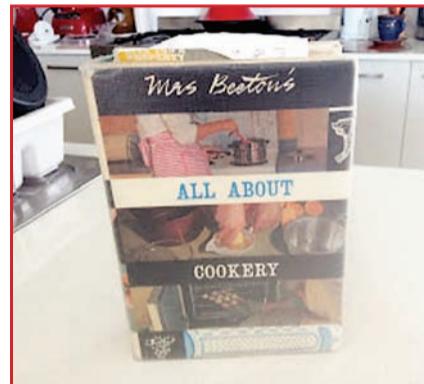
## What is the difference between a cake and a sponge?

My answer is a sponge is a lot lighter than a cake.

Mrs Beeton (the Victorian era) cookery writer agrees with me, but goes on to explain that true sponges contain no fat (no butter /marg).

Sponges are made with eggs that do contain a small amount of fat and sugar that are whipped together to form an emulsion, with some flour folded in so as not to disturb the bubble structure.

All other cakes contain added fats eg, butter/ marg.



## Vintage Victoria sponge cake (2)

There are many different versions of the Victoria sponge, this is my favourite as it is light and airy. (If you omit the plain flour, it is also gluten free.)



Ingredients - 2 tbs of chilled water, 3/4 cup of castor sugar, 4 eggs separated, 1 and 1/2 cups of cornflour, 1 tbs of plain flour

(optional), 1 tsp of baking powder, 1 tsp of vanilla extract, whipped cream and jam for the filling, icing sugar for dusting. First preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Lightly grease and sprinkle with flour ( plain flour or fine polenta ) 2 x 20cm round cake pans. Please follow the following steps carefully. Warm the water and sugar in a saucepan. Beat the egg whites until stiff in the bowl of your electric mixer. Add the sugar mixture and beat well. Add the beaten egg yolks a little at a time, beating until thick. Now use a whisk attachment to incorporate the combined flour, cornflour and baking powder and vanilla extract. Pour the batter evenly between the prepared pans and bake in the preheated oven until risen and when tested with a skewer, the skewer comes out clean. Let sit in the pans for 5 minutes and then turn out to a wire rack to cool completely. Fill the sponge with whipped cream and a layer of jam ( strawberry or raspberry ).

## Passionfruit cake



Ingredients - 50 gm of room temp butter/ marg, 125 gm of castor sugar,

2 eggs lightly beaten, 1 tbs of passionfruit juice, 1 tbs of water, 1/2 cup of plain flour, 1 and 1/2 tbs of cornflour.

Filling - 1 tbs of gelatine powder, 2 tbs of water, 1 cup of cream, 5 tbs of passionfruit pulp, 3 tbs of castor sugar, icing sugar to sprinkle over top. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Lightly grease and flour two 15cm round deep cake pans. Use your electric mixer to cream the butter and sugar together.

In a separate bowl beat the eggs well and add the passionfruit juice and water. Mix the flour, cornflour and baking powder together and add alternately with the egg mixture to the creamed mixture in the beater bowl. Mix well. Pour into the prepared pans and bake in the preheated oven for about 15 minutes or until cooked when tested with a skewer and it comes out clean. Turn the cakes out onto a wire rack to cool. To make the passionfruit cream filling, dissolve the gelatine powder in the water over a gentle heat. Whip the cream stiffly, then add the passionfruit and sugar and finally stir in the dissolved gelatine. Join the cakes with the passionfruit cream and dust the top with the icing sugar.

## Sand cake



Ingredients - 1 cup of self raising flour, 1 dsp of cornflour / custard powder, 125gm of butter/ marg, 3/4 cup of castor sugar, 2 eggs lightly beaten, 1/4 cup of milk. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Grease and line the base of a 20 cm round cake pan with baking paper. Place all the above ingredients in the bowl of your electric mixer and beat until pale and creamy. Now spread the batter evenly into the prepared cake pan. Cook for 40 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre of

the cake comes out clean. Let the cake stand for 5 minutes in the pan before turning out to a wire rack. This cake is perfect for freezing and can be served plain or topped with your favourite icing.

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# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



**By Leo Billington**  
**Morwell's chemists -**  
**unfortunately forgotten**

Millions of Australians take complementary medicines each day. They are found in supermarkets, health food stores, pharmacies, from complementary health providers and on the internet.

To set the scene 'chemists' are what they were once known as. 'Pharmacists' is now the correct word. Admittedly one large Australian chain store still uses the old word; a company owned by pharmacists!

'Druggists' was another label - not advisable these days. All three names were used in Morwell's history.

First, the historical context. Government surveyor, James Robinson conducted the first surveys for Morwell's streets during 1878. There was no real township before then. Robert Tolmie arrived about 1872, Roger O'Flaherty in 1878, Hazelwood Cemetery was founded in April 1879, the first train into Morwell on the Sale line was in 1879, John Koenig selected land in Jumbuck around 1890 and Mr John Barnes advertised his extensive range of Morwell and Traralgon properties for sale in August 1891.

Mr Powell's business was subsequently purchased by Mr H Hunter in May 1899. His claim to fame was "as a pharmaceutical chemist of great experience." Editorial in the Gippsland Farmers' Journal - Traralgon, May 16, 1899 told residents "Mr Hunter is sure to become popular in Morwell as he is of a most genial and social disposition."

Before Mr Hunter sold to Herbert H Brown, around 1901, extra competition was announced in the local paper, May 1901, when John Hall, owner of the Universal Emporium in Commercial Road, advertised that a "long felt want will be supplied."

That "want" was to incorporate chemist, Mr J B Barker, formerly from Maffra and Brunswick, into the Universal Emporium. Here a "full stock of drugs and chemicals" were available plus medicines for dogs, cattle and horses.

According to John Hall, this extra retail service "is licenced by the Pharmacy Board of Victoria." Such a marvellous reassuring endorsement.

Mr Barker did not stay long and on April 18, 1902, residents were informed Herbert H Brown had taken over J B Barker's business.

Born in Wodonga, Herbert Henry Brown's business was eventually purchased by Mr Edwin Whimper Poynter in about 1915 - who had been Brown's manager for at least two years prior.

Upon Mr Poynter's death in August 1935, the business was officially taken over by

of drugs, chemicals, patent medicines, perfume and sundries. Moderate charges were promised and medicines would be pure. Skin restorers were available, useful to remove pimples, blotches, eczema and so on. In addition, teeth would be carefully extracted.

William, interred in Hazelwood Cemetery, appears to have been Morwell's first chemist. His business was taken over by Mr G C Powell, who advertised himself as a consulting chemist.

Apparently, Mr Powell was also a qualified dentist, hence residents did not have to wait for his monthly visit from Melbourne - and anyway, he promised "Melbourne reduced prices." The business soon became Powell & Sons, when two sons joined, both being dentists, and was based in Commercial Road, after Witt & Co.

Mr Powell's business was

Mr A W Dixon although it was handed over to Dixon in 1931. When advertised for private sale in early in 1954, it was Mrs Poynter who owned two shops in Commercial Road - one was a chemist shop conducted by Mr W A Milner, at 168 Commercial Road, and next door, one being a jeweller, Mr Harold Butler.

While the shop remained occupied by chemists, Brown, Poynter, Dixon and then Mr Charles Edward Hickes, in 1935, Mr W A Milner - widely known by many residents as Bill Milner - was advertising in 1943 to take appointments for visiting qualified opticians.

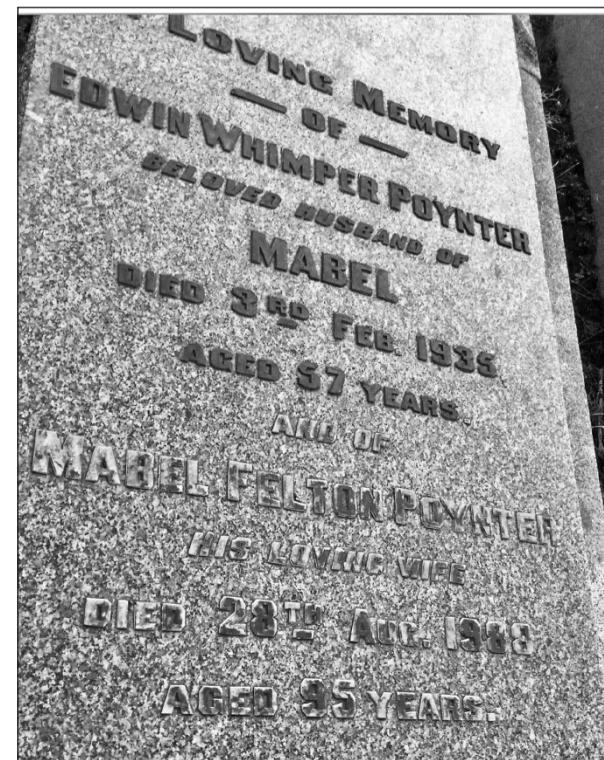
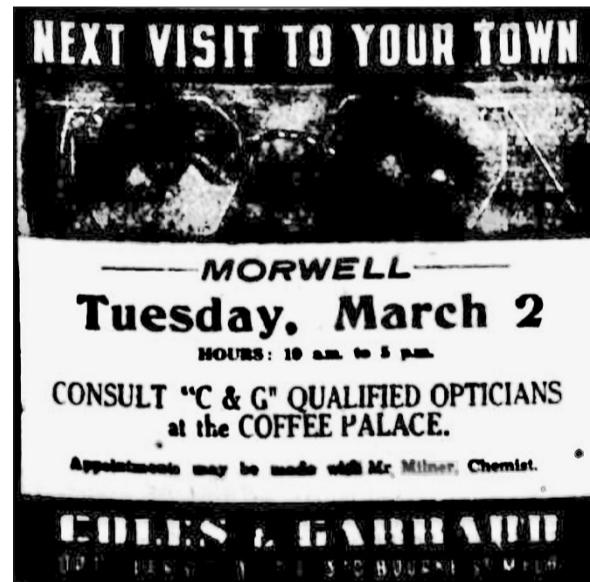
Mr Poynter and Mr Hickes are interred at the Hazelwood Cemetery.

To conclude - Mr C M Davies, widely known as "Chas" announced his new shop opening on October 6, 1949 at 156 Commercial Road. He was previously manager of Mr J B Robinson's chemist shop further eastwards along Commercial Road, opposite today's bus interchange. Mr Robinson was a well-known Traralgon chemist who



further expanded his business interests into Sale.

Conclusion, if there is one - the shop at 168 Commercial Road, whom many will recall as Milner's Chemist certainly holds plenty of history; and that does not include businesses located upstairs such as Mr Harrison, photographer, a beautician and Mr Allan Froomes, Qualified Optometrist and Optician.





# SCHOOL NEWS

## BOOLARRA PRIMARY



Blake

Do it for Dolly day was really good, we raised lots of money and wore blue clothes.

Kean

We have been painting our costumes for Conference of the Birds.

Gewalin

We have been practising songs and dancing for Conference of the Birds.

Harry

I have been writing a story about a shark and piranhas on a Mexican beach.

*Do It for Dolly Day*

On May 10, Boolarra Primary School held a Do It for Dolly Day. The student leaders ran three fun activities including Sparkle

bags, where you draw out a popsicle stick with someone's name on it, get a piece of paper and write some nice things about that person. Then you put it into a paper bag, write their name onto the bag and give it to them.

Another activity was a kind words paper chain where you write a kind statement like "speak up" or "be kind" on a thin strip of paper, trace your hand and in each finger write nice things that you can do to be kind in them. The last activity was painting butterflies.

The different way you could choose to paint were splattering paint, normal watercolour and painting the

butterfly with watercolour then spraying it with hair spray, which gave it a chalky kind of look. Do it for Dolly is always a really inspiring day as we learn that bullying is never okay.

Sophie

*Some of our Learning*

Boolarra Primary School (Years 3-6) have been learning about deserts and the creatures that live there. While we were learning about deserts we found out that there are deserts in the Arctic and the Antarctic region.

For a place to identify as a desert it has to get less than 10 inches of rain per year. On the edges of Africa people build their farms there, but

some farmers' animals eat all the vegetation which causes desertification, turning the land into a desert.

Dylan and James

*Conference of the birds*

On May 25, we did a performance called Conference of the Birds. We were dancing to the song called 'Meditjin' which is a very pumping up song. Also, we were wearing costumes that we painted that look like birds. Then we sang songs.

The songs are called 'Sparkling Light' and 'Take a Rest from Firewood'. The girls from 5,6 did the harmony for 'Sparkle Light' and the rest of the school did melody for 'Sparkle Light'.

The people that do

melody they have to go nice and deep. Then the people that do harmony sing really high so people hear us sing loud. Margie is the one that showed us the moves for 'Take a Rest from Firewood'. We were all sitting down when we did this song.

Daisy

*P.E with Travis*

For the past four weeks we have been doing table tennis with Travis. We have been doing so many different activities such as, eagles' nest (ping pong version) where there are four teams of four.

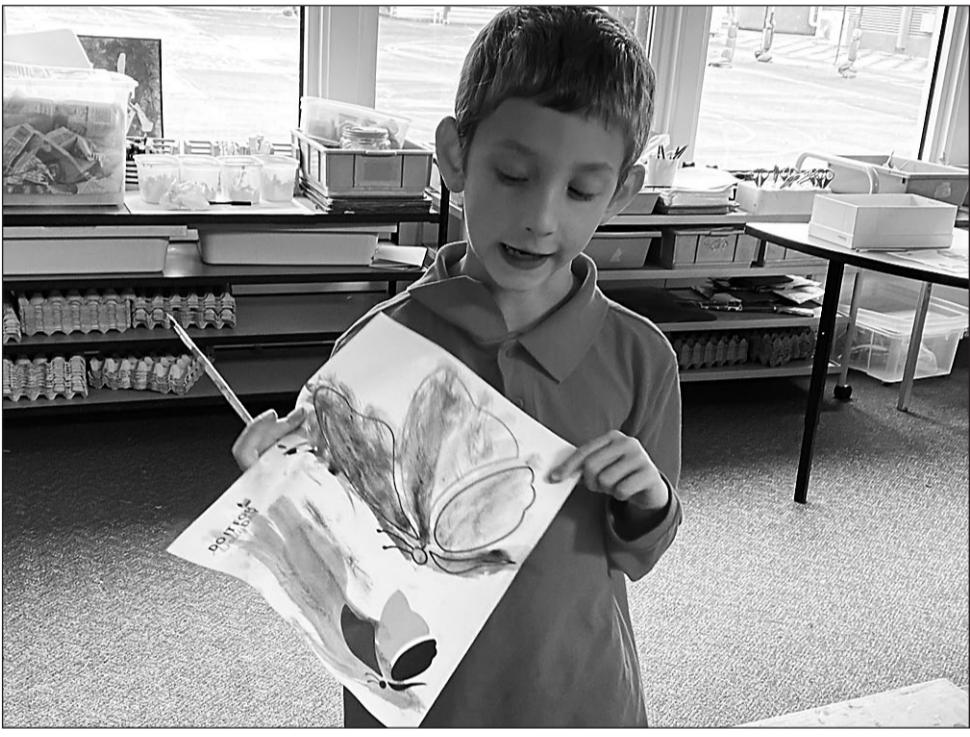
It had a hoola hoop in the middle with ping pong balls and four tennis balls. The ping pong balls were worth

1 point. The tennis balls were worth 25 points, each team had two ping pong rackets to collect the ping pong and tennis balls bouncing it up and down, and balancing the ball back to their group to get the highest points.

Whoever got the highest points got a fist pump from Travis.

Then we walked inside and chose a partner, each partner got to choose which table they wanted to play at. The game Travis explained was that we are going to practise our serves with table tennis. We are learning to hit the ping pong ball in different ways and to try and be more accurate.

Sian and Ava



# SCHOOL NEWS

## KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS



*Tertiary Information Session*  
Year 12 VCE and VCE/VM students attended a Tertiary Information Session at Federation University. Students listened to a presentation on applying for tertiary education courses, university life and student journeys.

Students were also able to speak to and collect information from representatives from a range of universities and Gippsland TAFEs. Several schools attended, including Lowanna College and Mirboo North Secondary College.

*Top Screen Excursion*  
On April 30, Kurnai College's VCE and VM Media classes combined to attend Top Screen at ACMI in Melbourne. This was a showcase of the work from the top scoring VCE Media students of 2023.

Students used the screening as inspiration to draw on for their own short films which they will produce later in the year and as part of their Year 12 assessment.

After the screening, students visited the 'Story of the moving image' exhibition at ACMI in Federation Square to further build upon their understanding of media technologies, the media production process and

changes to media over time.

*Interschool Football Competition*

School football was held on May 9 in Sale. Our Kurnai College University team played a total of four games.

We played Lavalla Catholic College in the first game, which we lost 108-9. We then played Yarram Secondary College which we also lost 42-30. In the third

game we played Sale College which we won 42-45. Finally, we played Traralgon Secondary College which we lost 76-12. Overall, we had one win and three losses, however the students enjoyed the whole day.

By Will Towers

*World's Greatest Shave*

On Thursday May 23, the University Campus took part in the World's Greatest

Shave. A number of students elected to have their heads shaved and many more had their hair sprayed with coloured hair spray. We raised approximately \$1400 for a very worthy cause.

A big thank you goes to Mr. Sabawi and Ms Kihl-Larsen who helped with the shaving and to the SRC members who helped with the set up and the clean-up.



Left to Right: Gabby cutting her hair for the World's Greatest Shave

Microsoft Teams excursion at ACMI Melbourne

World's Greatest

# SCHOOL NEWS

## YINNAR PRIMARY

### Family Friday and House Cross Country

It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members for Family Friday which was followed by the House Cross Country. While we understand that running cross country is not every student's dream event, we were incredibly impressed by the number of students who really gave their best effort, as well as the many students cheering and encouraging everyone to do their best. Resilience is an important trait to help students face their challenges and be outside their comfort zone.

At Yinnar Primary

School we aim to create a safe and supportive environment where students feel comfortable taking risks and making mistakes. We purposely encourage positive peer relationships and emphasise the importance of empathy and kindness. We encourage students to view challenges as opportunities for growth and learning, rather than as obstacles to be avoided.

The House Cross Country highlighted the power of community and how fortunate we are to have such a supportive and inclusive environment where every student feels valued,

respected, and empowered to succeed.

### Yinnar Primary School Writers

It has been a pleasure to read some of the students' recent writing pieces. It has been very rewarding to witness the progression and skill development from Prep to Grade 6. The Prep students are now writing letters and words which is obviously the first step in becoming a writer. We strive for our students to leave YPS as proficient writers. Below is a small snippet of a Grade 6 student's writing. Thanks for sharing, Eleanor.

'I dig my knees into

the dirt, covering my ears, crying. Young girls and boys are screaming in horror, running... The fog was still hanging over the bay, but all the movement broke it up, letting it rise. 'Please God, save us from the violence of the enemy and keep us safe from the evil and harm.'

I try to look up, but the dust creeps into my eyes. Sweat trickles down my neck, beneath my ponytail, getting caught somewhere in my muddy shirt. I feel two cold hands wrapped around my waist, lifting my body weight into the still, clear air.

"Get your hands off me!" I wriggle around, trying to

slip away from the stranger.

I hear a whisper in my ear. 'Shh, you'll get us caught.'

I can hear his feet tremble against the ground.'

### Kurnai Awareness Day

Our Grade 5 and 6 students had the experience of spending a day at Kurnai College to experience life as a secondary school student. It is an important transition from Primary School to Secondary School and we thank Kurnai for giving students this opportunity.

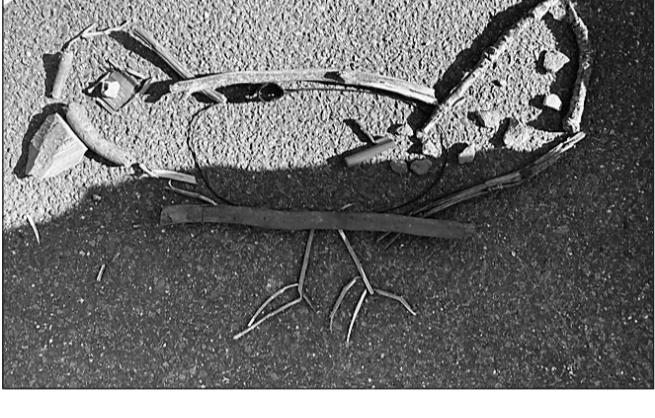
### National Simultaneous Story Time

On Wednesday May 22, at 12.00pm, we

participated in National Simultaneous Storytime with many other schools in Australia. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 24th successful year, this fun and interactive event encourages creativity, imagination and aims to promote the value of reading and literacy from Prep to Year 6. This year the book chosen was 'Bowerbird Blues' by Aura Parker.



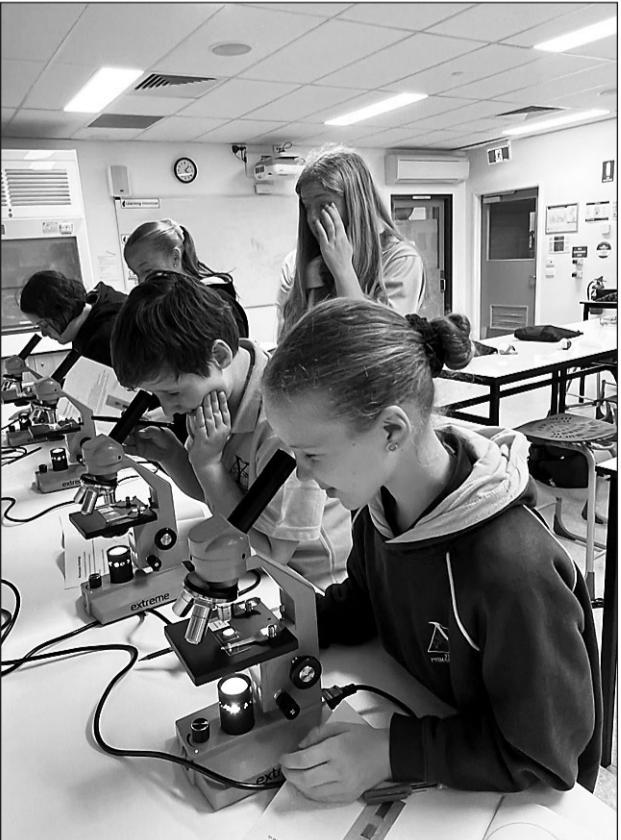
Kurnai Awareness Day



Above: Bower bird creations



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# SCHOOL NEWS

## CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY



### First Aid:

Latrobe City Council provided some very important First Aid training to students at our school.

The aims of First Aid include preserving life, preventing injury from getting worse, aiding recovery, relieving pain, and protecting the unconscious. The main objective is to save lives.

How to explain first aid to a child?



Let them know that if ever they cut themselves or see someone bleeding, they can step up and help. Here are the steps they can take to stop a bleed: Using any type of cloth, put pressure on the wounded area with the base of their hand. If no cloth or bandage is available, the use of their bare hands works also.

The Foundation students were asked what they learnt at their First Aid training

today. "We learnt about calling 000 for an emergency. How to treat a snake bite with a bandage."

We learnt how to put someone in a recovery position until help can arrive and we learnt about checking airways."

Myra said "It was good that the man came and showed us how to save people and that we have to ring triple zero when we need help from the

ambulance, police or fire brigade."

Jordan said "I learnt how to put a bandage on someone that was bleeding and the man was nice when he came to our school."

### Wicking Pot Plants

There are many ways to start a garden. In our session, we learnt three very easy and effective ways of getting a garden going in your school. Students were split into three groups and each group learnt



in detail about a method of growing – from seed, from cutting and from root stock. To finish off, each student made a wicking pot, which they planted with some seeds to watch as they grow.

Theo and Tempy: "We were making a bottle plant. We had to cut the bottle and put a piece of material through the top of bottles to touch the water."

We had to put dirt in the top part and then plant seeds



# SCHOOL NEWS

## HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY



### Open Day

On Thursday May 16, we had our Open Day with parents joining us in classrooms during the day to observe and participate in learning with their children, and relive some of their primary school memories. We then had parents and students come back after school and brave the cold to join teachers in activities, and for students to show off some of the learning

that they have completed throughout the year. Some of the junior students even had the chance to participate in a scavenger hunt, hunting for a secret code hidden among the classrooms.

### Do it for Dolly Day

On Friday May 10 we wore blue for Do it for Dolly Day, commemorating Dolly Everett and showing Hazelwood North's commitment to ending bullying. During the day

classes participated in Kids Helpline interactive sessions, learning how to stay safe online and how to tackle bullying in positive ways.

### National Simultaneous Story Time

On Wednesday May 22 we had National Simultaneous Story Time, where students from all grades joined in their house groups and read together. Organised by our student leaders, senior students were

paired up with juniors to read through their selected picture story books. After students read, two lucky pairs from each house group who showed all of our values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience were chosen to win a picture story book.

### Kids Helpline Leadership online course.

On Friday May 17, our student school leaders participated in a Kids Helpline leadership skills

development online session, developing their skills as leaders for our school and for their future as leaders.

### Kurnai Awareness Day

On April 24, Hazelwood North Primary School students joined other local primary schools in attending a High School Awareness Day, which was proudly held at our local Kurnai College Junior Campus in Churchill. Students enjoyed experiencing life in the day of a high school student! They were able to sample high school level subjects including mathematics, science, physical education, English and much more! Students were treated to a special lunch put on by Kurnai College and students who showed exemplary behaviour for representing their school received various acknowledgement and prizes. A fantastic day that we look forward to every year!



Left - Grade 3 Open Day



Below Left - Student Leaders

Right - Prize winners: Our winners show off their new books

Below - Do It For Dolly whole school commitment to end bullying



## Hazelwood North Art Group

The Hazelwood North Art Group currently has vacancies for new members to join and meet weekly with a diverse, friendly group of individuals who share a similar appreciation for art.

Drawing and painting are two skills, with each enriching an interest for art and expressions of personal experience through art.

Each Monday evening, between 5.00 pm and 8.00 pm, the group meets at the Hazelwood North Community Hall, providing encouragement and positive feedback to others who enjoy an artistic outlet.

It is a shared experience, a place to make your own art.

Joining is possibly a way to spur on a passion, which everyone has.

There is no tutor, although after 20 years since being formed, the group's combined knowledge base allows everyone to quickly learn the seven main elements of art - shape, space, texture, form, colour, line, and value.

In 2005, the Canadian and American singer and songwriter wrote and recorded a beautiful, passionate song - The Painter.

The opening lyrics are;

'The painter stood before her work;

She looked around

everywhere.

She saw the pictures and she painted them

She picked the colours from the air'

There are other verses that follow; however, one message is that it is important to remember what your ultimate life goal is, and to make sure that nothing gets in the way of that.

If your goal is to create art with others with a similar objective, and to spend time away from busy lives, for all the necessary details please ring Marie on 0429 933 730.

Sometimes, even the sky can be beautifully reflected in art.



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