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Churchill Baseball Club Juniors excel at State Winter Championships



2 U18 Churchill players representing LVBA. L-R Churchill Baseball Club Life Member Brad Jones, Connor McKenzie, Liam Duncan, Rhys McKenzie, Jack Thomas, Jarrod Thomas, Riley Duncan, U 18 Assistant Coach Gregg Duncan (President Churchill Baseball Club)



5 LVBA U12 MVP Hunter Duncan #46



U14 Churchill Baseball Club Representatives
Back Row – Conner Gray, Blake Duncan,
Hunter Duncan Front – Hudson Duncan



3 U16 Churchill players Representing LVBA L-R Connor McKenzie, Blake Duncan, Lara Duncan (Bat Girl), Liam Duncan



4 U12 Representatives B-R Hunter Duncan, Beau Saddington, Kighran Swallow, Gregg Duncan (Assistant Coach) Front Row L-R Murphy Giles, Hudson Duncan, Royden Williams.

The Churchill Baseball Club's juniors have recently showcased their exceptional talent and dedication, representing the Latrobe Valley Baseball Association (LVBA) at the prestigious Baseball Victoria State Winter Championships. These championships, renowned for highlighting the best young baseball players in Victoria, have seen our juniors achieve remarkable success across various age groups and divisions.

U14 State Winter Championships - Bendigo (June 29 - 30)

In Bendigo, four Churchill juniors competed in Division 2. Blake Duncan, Conner Gray, Hunter Duncan, and Hudson Duncan made the club proud with their performances. Blake hit a towering home run and pitched in the final game with Conner catching. Despite their ef-

forts, the team finished as runners-up.

U18 State Winter Championships - Wangaratta (July 6 - 7)

The U18 team, featuring six Churchill representatives, clinched the open division State Winter Championship in an epic final against Geelong, winning 7-6. Jarrod Thomas started the game on the mound, while Liam Duncan provided excellent support catching in the final. Jack Thomas played second base and closed out the game, Rhys McKenzie shone at shortstop, Connor McKenzie pitched a great semi-final game, and Riley Duncan's hits energised the team throughout the tournament. Looking back through the history books we believe that this is the first time any Latrobe Valley junior team has won a Division 1 Championship highlighting the remarkable

achievement of this representative side.

U16 State Winter Championships - Morwell and Traralgon (July 13 - 14)

The U16 State Winter Championships, held locally at Morwell and Traralgon, saw Churchill's three representatives contribute significantly to their team's success. The LVBA team won the Division 2 Grand Final, securing back-to-back titles by defeating Diamond Valley in a hard-fought final. Liam Duncan caught in a fantastic game, Connor McKenzie excelled at first base and closed out the final as pitcher, and Blake Duncan led with the bat, picking up a hit in the final.

U12 State Winter Championships - Werribee (July 20 - 21)

In Werribee, six Churchill juniors represented the LVBA in the U12 Division 2 Grand

Final. Although they were narrowly defeated by a strong North Eastern Baseball Association team, their efforts were commendable. Hunter Duncan, Beau Saddington, Royden Williams, Hudson Duncan, Murphy Giles, and Kieghran Swallow all displayed great skill and sportsmanship. Notably, Hunter Duncan was awarded the Latrobe Valley Baseball Association's Most Valuable Player (MVP), a significant achievement voted on by opposition coaches.

The achievements of these young athletes highlight the bright future of the Churchill Baseball Club. Their dedication, skill, and sportsmanship serve as an inspiration to all, embodying the spirit and values of our club.

We congratulate all our juniors for their exceptional performances and look forward to their continued success on and off the field.



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Fire Brigade news

Churchill/Jeeralang Fire Brigade has enjoyed a relatively quiet Christmas holiday period with only one fire that caused any real concern, which was a day of total fire ban.

High winds caused a tree branch to fall across a power line on a property on Jeeralang West Road and set fire to grass and shrubs. A large turnout of volunteers quickly brought the fire under control and little more than half a hectare was burnt.

Of much greater concern were the fires at Toongabbie, Heyfield and Bairnsdale. Along with other brigades,

Churchill relief crews spent most of two days mopping up the Toongabbie area. The following weekend saw the elite "Chopper Squad" ferried up to Surveyors Creek, 90 or so kilometres north of Heyfield.

Little athletics

All Churchill athletes are to be congratulated for a fine team effort in again winning the Interclub Competition this year.

The shield will be suitably engraved and presented to the Principal of Churchill Primary School for safe keeping until we can compete for it again

next season.

New Backgammon Club

Backgammon is a very ancient game which it can be played at home. America is crazy about it and Australia is catching on fast. If anyone would like to learn the game, Frank is willing to teach you. No age limit, from 10 years up to 100, so you see, you do not use any energy at all. If you are interested a meeting will be held soon.

Churchill Badminton Club

The new season is almost with us. All members from last year, as well as anybody who is interested in playing competition badminton this season are invited to attend our practice sessions at Gaskin Park Stadium on Monday nights.

Gippsland Karate

The Victorian Division of the Shotokah Karate International of Australia has moved their Morwell class to the Churchill Sports Hall in Manning Drive. New members are welcome and a new beginners class is now commencing.

Rainfall



Churchill Rainfall

For the month of July we received a total of 106mm over 16 days. The highest readings were 24mm (16/7), 20mm (27/7) and 19mm (10/7). It was also the first time for this year that we received registered readings over nine consecutive days.

July's monthly total was the most received since 2016 (136mm).

Rain at Hazelwood South

Have you been complaining about cold and wet? It was wet; with 135mm and 72% above the

average for July. Decades ago it was normal to see some snow falls in most years. It has not been that cold this July. The cooler temperatures in July were caused by a heat wave in Antarctica. Hazelwood South was 57% wetter than the Latrobe Valley weather station. For the year of 2024 the rain is still 8% below average, as result of previous dry months. The soil moisture and ground water are still down a little. The water tanks have been overflowing.



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Leisure Centre" have been unsuccessful this year.

Let us not despair, I have no doubt that this will eventuate in due course. In the meantime I think another opportunity for Churchill has emerged.

Where do you think would be a good place to re-establish the Morwell 10 pin Bowling Alley? Is there sufficient potential in Churchill to attract it here? The land is certainly available, perhaps as part of the Leisure Centre Complex? What do you think?

Churchill Hazelwood C.B. Club

In June the Charlie Hotel Club held a Fox Hunt. The C.B. Fox Hunt is a car with three people, who talk on the C.B. radio and the other members have to track them down by C.B. Radio.

A good day was had by the members who attended. The first two members to find the fox were CH.9 Michael and CH.23 Max.

Service sealed with blood

Your Churchill Apex Club capped off its first year of community service with a visit to the Morwell Clinic to give blood donations.

A group of nine attended, four of them overcoming years of fear and reluctance to make the 'ultimate sacrifice' for the first time and find that giving blood is really a good feeling.

Churchill News new format

The News takes on a new format with this issue as part of a continuing plan to simplify its production and to keep pace with the growth of the town.

This new format eliminates the difficult and heavy task of trimming 1100 copies of the paper at the G.I.A.E print shop.

Library for Churchill

The Association believes that now is the time to develop a library or branch library in Churchill. We have over 4,000 residents and this community facility should commence so that our future needs are catered for. A submission will be prepared to attempt to establish a reasonable library in Churchill.

Walking and bicycle tracks

The provision and designation of these tracks in and around Churchill is becoming more urgent as development continues. Representations with the Shire and Housing Commission are continuing so that these important facilities will not be lost from town planning.

Churchill Leisure Centre

It is disappointing to hear that the efforts of Morwell Shire Council to obtain a Government grant for the proposed "Churchill

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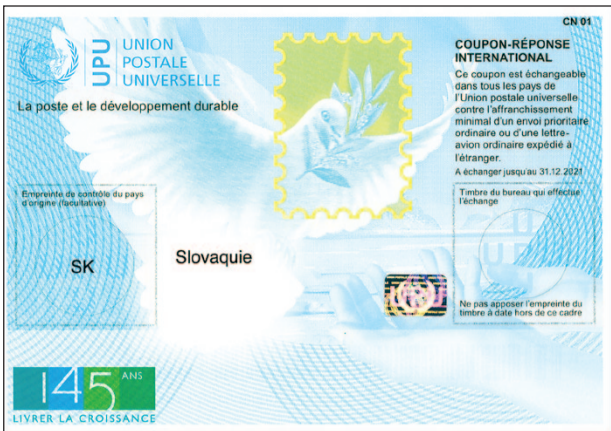
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expires. The new designs are named after the congress venue where they were chosen. The current one is called the Abidjan design, and other recent designs were the Istanbul, Doha, and Nairobi designs. Each design has a special design theme.

The language used on the front is French, and the explanation details on the back are in German, English, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish and

own language as well as French on the front and the other languages on the reverse.

As with all beneficial schemes, there is always a fly in the ointment. In this case, he became a household name. His name was Charles Ponzie and he set up a scheme to buy IRCs in large numbers and cashed them in in other countries at a time of galloping inflation. It brought him little gain, as the margins were very small on each coupon and the movement costs wiped out most of his ill-gotten gains. However, it was the first Ponzie Scheme, with which we are all familiar today.

Collecting International Reply Coupons is an interesting hobby in itself, and if you are travelling overseas on a grand tour, a visit to a large post office to purchase a coupon is an inexpensive way to enhance a collection and a colourful reminder of your trip. Be aware though that they have been phased out by some countries, notably the U.S. and Great Britain, but there are a great number which have been issued in the years following their introduction.

using the one supplied by the UPU in Switzerland. Individual countries often include the value of the stamps to be supplied. The Coupon itself has often been used in place of postage



stamps. UPU designs of the coupon change every four years and the designs are chosen from entries in a competition judged at the UPU congress the year before the current design

Russian. Member countries are not obliged to cancel the coupon, but most do. Countries not in the UPU can choose to use those of other countries. For instance, Taiwan uses the Japanese coupon. Countries printing their own coupon use their



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Church NEWS

Co-Operating Church Snippets

We have had a variety of services and speakers during July.

July 7 and 21: Bec Hayman spoke of her family's experiences living as a Christian in China during 2011 - 2013 when her husband was working over there. She talked of the people they met and the friends they made, and the difficulties faced by those living with disability in China, who are often overlooked. Bec spoke about the charity Children of Promise. This charity aims to give dignity to those with disabilities and make their lives a bit easier. One example Bec shared was that they installed a stairlift for a boy in a wheelchair living in an upper apartment, enabling him to go outside. They also run a program called 'I Am Able' which encourages people with disabilities to achieve their dream. Bec's favourite story from this program was of a young boy

whose disability meant his parents had to care for him 24-7. His dream was to be able to give his parents a day off. Bec has written some books, and these were for sale after the service, with all proceeds going to the Children of Promise charity.

July 14: George Telford's message focused on the "it's all about me" mentality and the harm that being blind to the needs of others can cause. He opened his message with a quote his father often used: 'It is not about you, and it never was.' George talked about how when your focus is on yourself you lose sight of other people and God. Giving examples from both current news events and history, such as Cain and Abel, where Cain killed his brother out of jealousy; Henry VIII, who beheaded wives he had promised to care for as they did not bear him sons; and the ongoing conflict in the Middle East and Europe where



there are so many people displaced, suffering and in pain. George spoke on Mark 6:14-29 where Herod had John the Baptist beheaded. Herod was concerned about his oath and what his dinner guests thought of him. Ultimately,

those things mattered more to him than the distress of killing an innocent man. George closed his message with a quote from Goethe: 'Behaviour is the mirror in which everyone shows their image.' So - when we look in the mirror - just who do we hope to see?

July 21: Cathie Halliwell shared her reflections with us on the Uniting Church of Australia 17th Assembly which she and her daughter Shallimar attended in Parramatta NSW mid July. She has written a summary of them, quoted here:

'God's love does not have boundaries! God's love is for everybody. The "threads of love" will be the Assembly logo for the next three years. It was chosen by the incoming President Reverend Charissa Suli. I had the privilege of being in the church for the installation service. The lower level was filled with choirs,

the upper level was full, the basement live stream was full and people were spilling out onto the street. Reverend Suli is the first person of colour, of Pacifica heritage, and of Tongan descent, to lead the church nationally and the youngest to serve in the role of President.

The induction service was an example of how the Church is still vibrant and alive in our world. I was filled with a deep sense of hope with the amount of leaders from overseas churches and other denominations who had come. There were even some leaders of other faiths that greeted the new President.

Assembly had moments of great wrestling with topics but there was an overall sense of being surrounded by the



presence of God. There was worship to start every morning and to close the day we had theological reflection, which was either the speaker's thoughts on the bible verses of



the day or their observations of the day they had witnessed. There was a tangible feeling of being part of a worshipping community.

The readings for this week are all around the imagery of a Shepherd. Across the week of Assembly I saw Charissa be a Shepherd for us collectively and especially for Shallimar and I personally. At every point, when I was in need of help, or support, one of Charissa's family was there. After meeting her and talking through a couple of issues, Shallimar was invited by Charissa to join her at the dinner for the foreign dignitaries. The heads of the Fijian church, Tongan church, Indian church, Indonesian church, the Cato speaker and others were all around the table. This was a night of hearing stories of the Church around the world. Hearing the experiences of different people of faith and their journeys.

There is hope for the Church that in meeting together, learning to be one people, that occasionally disagree, to act as a family, to be a unified people, God can do some amazing things.'

King of Glory Ministries International

King of Glory Ministries International will hold an International Night on Saturday September 5 at 7pm at the Yinnar RSL Hall.

KOGMI's Senior Minister/International Director, Reverend Dr. Lynn Fowler, recently spent six months travelling through ten different African countries.

She will be sharing highlights from this trip,

as well as some other adventures from her 35 years of missions experience.

Supper will be served at the end of the evening. Admission is free, but an offering will be taken.

KOGMI meets regularly at the RSL Hall on the first and third Saturday nights of each month, and also for prayer and Bible study at the Yinnar Bakery and Coffee

Shop from 10 am till 12 each Friday morning. Also at Boolarra there is ladies' Craft, Cuppa N Chat each Wednesday from 10am till 12, and prayer and Bible study each Thursday from 10am till 12.

For further information, phone 0493 193 141 or visit the web site kogmii.com



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Churchill Christian Fellowship

By Steve McNeilly (Pastor)

Well, here we are in the middle of winter again. Those frosty mornings when you do not really want to get out of bed. Or, if you have central heating that comes on every morning, going outside might be the first serious challenge of the new day. I'm sure some of our members are grateful that our Sunday services don't start until 3pm.

Even so, winter is the time of year for coughs and colds and this inevitably affects our attendance. If we manage our heaters properly, no-one needs to be cold in our meetings.

Our community garden is coming along nicely and a dedicated group of church members and non-members come together every Friday, from 10am to 2 pm to work in the garden. Come spring, we hope to have lots of vegetables to share.

Just recently, some of the

ladies have started getting together for craft activities, making this 10-2 Friday timeslot more of a social gathering with a mixture of work and fun. One Friday recently, we put together some new cupboards for our kitchen. There is still a lot of work to be done in the kitchen, but this was a good start.

Sadly, our garden shed was broken into in June and some garden equipment was stolen. Police attended during one of our Sunday services but, so far, they have not found the culprits. Whoever they are, we continue to pray for them.

On December 7 this year, we are planning a Christmas Auction and Concert. Some long-term Churchill residents may remember one of these nights from when Sandie and I were here in the 1990s. Despite what this may sound like, it is not a fundraising event but a night

when we as a church and community can give some Christmas cheer to people who, for whatever reason, have had a tough year. Planning begins in earnest now and we will soon be visiting local community groups and businesses with further information.

Churchill Christian Fellowship is all about sharing God's love, in whatever way we can.

Please feel free to visit with us any Sunday from 3pm at 762 Tramway Rd, next to the soccer ground. As it says on our A-frame sign, we offer Bible-based teaching, Christ-centred worship and Holy Spirit ministry.

Enquire about one of our home fellowship meetings. Or just turn up one Friday between 10.00 and 2.00. You will be most welcome.

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Steve McNeilly (Pastor)

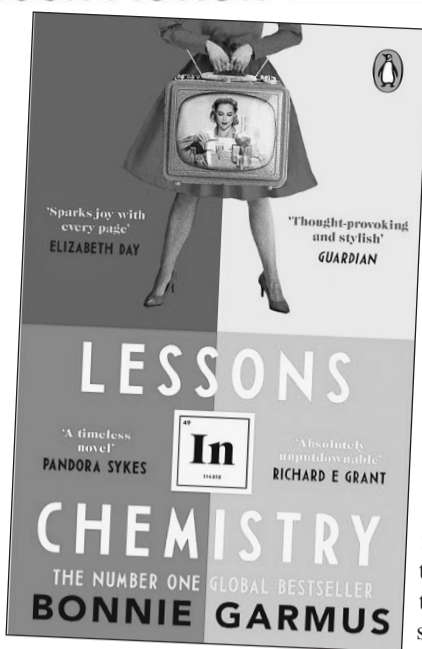
Book Review

“Lessons in Chemistry” by Bonnie Garmus 2022

Bonnie Garmus was born in Riverside California in 1957 and attained a Degree in Creative Writing from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She was a copywriter and creative director who worked in the field of medicine and education and for recreation was an open water swimmer and rower. “Lessons in Chemistry” is her debut novel and has received “British Book of the Year” in 2023, “Waterstones Author of the Year” 2022, Paul Torday Memorial Prize for “Author Over Sixty Years”, Forbes magazine “EMEA Fifty Over Fifty” 2024, and was shortlisted for the 2023 “RSL Christopher Bland Prize”. The book has sold in forty-two countries and has been adapted into a miniseries.

The story opens in 1961 when former research chemist, Elizabeth Zott storms into the office of Walter Pine to complain about his daughter Amanda eating her daughter Madison’s lunch at school. Pine is an afternoon television producer, and apart from being impressed by Elizabeth’s good looks, he needs to fill an afternoon television time-slot and she thinks she could do a cooking show.

We then go back to 1952 when Elizabeth is working in the same research laboratory as the famous but unsociable Calvin Evans, known for holding a grudge. Elizabeth needed extra equipment so she took some beakers from his very well equipped laboratory. They develop a respectful relationship and eventually fall in love. At the laboratory there is an anonymous donor who wants to contribute money to the research that Calvin has been doing. Unfortunately, the management have been channeling the money in a different direction, unbeknown to the donor and Calvin.



Elizabeth and Calvin have both had very difficult childhoods. Her father is in jail and her mother is avoiding tax in South America. Her homosexual brother committed suicide, and he was the only one Elizabeth was close to. Calvin was the illegitimate child of a seventeen-year-old mother and his father had died. He was raised in an orphanage and always wished to know his parents. They enjoy living together and Calvin teaches Elizabeth to row, setting up an “erg” in their flat to help her develop strength and technique. At first she is tentative about facing the cold and wet, but eventually becomes proficient and enjoys it.

Life is going well for them when tragedy strikes and Elizabeth is left alone with their dog “six thirty”. She then discovers she is pregnant and is forced to leave her job, as pregnant women are not allowed to continue working. Life descends into chaos as Elizabeth is totally unprepared for motherhood. To make ends meet she offers an unofficial consultancy to the workers at the laboratory where she once worked, but life is a struggle. The nosy but well-meaning neighbour from across the street, Mrs Harriet Sloane, notices Elizabeth’s

plight, and offers to help her after the baby is born, giving her wise words of advice. Over time they develop a very close relationship and eventually Harriet is like family. It is her care that enables Elizabeth to work.

Due to lack of money Elizabeth takes the job at the television studio but teaches cookery using chemistry terms. She refuses to wear the sexy clothes the executive producer wants her to wear and she also refuses to make a cocktail at the end of each session. Despite the concerns of Walter Pine the show is a success and Elizabeth uses it to encourage women to follow their dreams. The ending of the story ties in all the loose ends with a few surprises.

Everyone loved this book. The characters are beautifully drawn and take the reader on the journey with them. It was funny, sad in parts, made us angry and enabled us to identify with some of the hurdles Elizabeth had to face. There was an emphasis on the need for respectful relationships between men and women, recognising the strengths we each have. The all too frequent incidence of sexual assault in the workplace was covered and also the limits that are sometimes placed on women because of their gender. Despite that, we also realised that we have come a long way since the 1950’s. We all enjoyed the inclusion of the dog, which sometimes gave a commentary on what was going on, and all agreed that every new mother needs a Mrs. Sloane.

All in all, this was a wonderful book which we would highly recommend.

Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish
Species: Dockrillia linguiformis.
Family: Orchidaceae.
Derivation: Dockrillia: Named after eminent Australian orchid botanist Alick William Dockrill (1915-2011).

linguiformis: From Latin lingua, meaning tongue, and forma, meaning shape, referring to the leaves.

Common Name: Tongue, Thumbnail or Tick Orchid.

Distribution: From Gympie in Queensland to near Bega in NSW, and in New Caledonia, from sea level to 1100m altitude, widespread and common, growing on rocks and trees in rainforests, gullies, gorges, open forests and woodlands.

Description: An epiphyte/lithophyte with 4mm thick, creeping stems and thick, fleshy, furrowed, tongue-shaped leaves to 40mm long and 15mm wide. Flowers are in racemes up to 150mm long in winter and spring. Individual flowers are white with a yellow labellum callus.

Opinion: I have two of these in my backyard under the pergola, both mounted on tree-fern slabs, one attached directly to the pergola, the other attached to the trunk of a tree-fern. The plant in the photos is the former and was inherited from the in-laws when they sold the family home. It is probably var. huntiana, which has longer and narrower leaves than the typical variety. My other plant has shorter, wider leaves, more of the typical

‘thumbnail’ shape. Despite the constant neglect both plants suffer, they hang in there and occasionally flower for me.

All they get is a splash of water over the drier periods and some weak liquid fertiliser once in a blue moon. I really should make an effort to pamper them a bit more, perhaps put them on better mounts with a supply of leaf litter for them to feed on. As an aside, I should probably mention that some taxonomists still have this species listed as Dendrobium linguiforme. Although it was transferred to Dockrillia in 1981 some herbariums still have not accepted this change and continue to use the alternative name. Bureaucracy!

The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley



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

Sources: Jones - A Complete Guide to Native Orchids of Australia, 3rd edition.

Online - Wikipedia (as Dendrobium linguiforme).

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Words of Wisdom

Using apps on mobile phones

This month, we are looking at using “Apps” for your mobile phone to keep you safe in all situations.

1/. “**Vic emergency**”. This app keeps you posted about emergencies in your area and beyond. The app is free and lets you know about road accidents, fires and other safety issues happening in the state of Victoria.

2/. “**BOM**”. otherwise known as the Bureau of Meteorology app. This app gives you an update of weather in your area and a forecast of what to expect in the coming week.

3/. “**Blitzortung**”. This app is good to see where lightning has struck during storms.

4/. “**Snap Send Solve**”. This app is good for reporting incidents like

graffiti, road damage, damaged things in the neighbourhood, road signage issues, street light problems and dumped shopping trollies.

5/. “**Aus phone towers**”. This app is good to help you find mobile phone towers wherever you are and what is good for phone service and Data connection in your area.

6/. “**My Vic roads**”. This app allows you to save your licence details on your phone and keeps you up to date on your car’s registration. It gives you an update on road rules, and also gives you updates on road conditions around the state.

In the meantime, stay safe and only use your mobile phone when not driving.

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Line Dance Ball

Mid Year Beginners Line Dance Ball for Gippsland Lifeline

September 21 and 22 where we finalise our tally.

On June 23 our new Raw Beginners and Improver Line Dancers came together for an amazing day of dancing.

We feel it is extremely important that we keep Depression / Suicide Awareness at the fore of our conversations and we know that our dancing is one very good way of combating it. Line Dancing caters for all ages/all levels and all backgrounds. It provides exercise/friendship and lots of laughter and all in a safe environment.

This day was a special event, not only being our Beginners first big social but also supporting our annual fundraising for Gippsland Lifeline, where we were able to raise another \$1857.

The Line Dancers continue to raise money all year round with a Major Two-Day Event on

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Strzelecki Koala

I recently watched a new documentary film about koalas which premiered on June 16 this year at the Castlemaine Documentary Festival. The film, "The Koalas, A Movie About Survival" is co-directed and co-produced by Gregory Millar and Georgina Wallace-Crabbe (www.thekoalasfilm.com) and is about the koalas living in the southern states of mainland Australian.

further protect the koala and their habitat seem to have loop holes and are able to be surpassed.

Known koala habitat continues lost and fragmented. Habitat is still being cleared for roads, housing and timber. Koala habitat is being cleared without adequate accommodation for the continued survival of the local koala population. If wildlife corridors are part of the overall plan, these are often not wide enough to support wildlife movement, food supply and safety. Even if wildlife bridges and tunnels are incorporated, the process of road building or land development can cause koalas and other wildlife to leave the area before these structures are completed.

The film highlights the need for federal, state and local laws pertaining to the koala to be strengthened, tightened and be more focused on saving koala habitat and wildlife corridors. It stresses the need for actions mentioned in strategy plans to be properly implemented, supervised and not just to be a tick list.

As well as planning neglect, natural disasters like fire and drought affect the quantity and quality of koala habitat and koala survival in the state of New South Wales.

Drought, as well as dry and heat conditions are a concern in the western part of New South Wales. Without adequate rainfall and good soil, trees die or become less nutritious for koalas. The likelihood of the fragmentation of koala habitats increases. Such conditions can cause dehydration, starvation and heat stress in koala populations and affect koala colonies' viability.

If koala population numbers decline too much in the western part of New South Wales, the east coast is considered to be the region that will ensure the New South Wales koalas' survival into the future. However the east coast region koala numbers were highly affected by the bushfires of 2019-2020. Thousands of koalas perished whilst many survivors faced starvation, dehydration and malnutrition. The fire

destroyed huge areas of precious koala habitat and impacted the regeneration of suitable habitat. Habitat in the east coast area is still being lost because of urban development and uncertified or poorly managed timber harvesting.

Nevertheless there is some hope.

There are groups of people, scientists and individuals who care about the New South Wales koala population. They try to protect koala habitat in their communities despite all the obstacles. Planting food and shelter trees, conducting research, providing care for injured or sick koalas are some of the activities dedicated people do for the survival of the koala populations in New South Wales and other Australian states.

Also, there is a well designed urban development, "Koala Beach Estate", that has considered the needs of its local koala population and other wildlife. (www.tweed.nsw.gov.au) Some of the estate's initiatives include a large "bushland reserve", native corridors, speed limits, pet restrictions and a community management plan. Ecological design and management ideas implemented by this estate could be an example for other urban design because its overall plan caters for the needs of native fauna and flora as well the provision of housing.

A quote from the film summed the koala situation : "Listed as endangered does not mean saved."

The threats to our local Strzelecki koala and its habitat are also presented in the film. Even though it is known that the diverse genetic makeup of this endemic koala is considered to be crucial in preventing extinction of the koala species, the Strzelecki koala does not have any extra protection. Our local Strzelecki koala is voiceless and powerless; and therefore it urgently requires us to act on its behalf.

How can we help our unique and iconic Strzelecki koala:



Contact politicians to ask for extra protections for the Strzelecki koala and its habitat.

Preserve, protect and plant food and shelter trees.

Ensure that the laws which protect this species are fully implemented.

Drive carefully in bushland and wildlife areas.

Be responsible pet owners.

Support organisations that research the Strzelecki / South Gippsland koala.

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THE NATIONALS for Regional Victoria

Chatting with the LOCALS

Margaret Guthrie is current President of Churchill & District Community Association. We talk with on her role with the organization and the role of CDCA in the Churchill community.



CD News: Margaret, good to talk with you. CDCA, what's it all about?

MG: CDCA is primarily an advocacy body representing the local community on local matters. We advocate on a range of planning and infrastructure developments, amongst other things.

For instance, this year we have been involved in the planning for a new residential subdivision that will see further housing constructed on Philip Parade.

We've also been seeking action on an upgrade

of Tramway Road to address flooding issues – unfortunately, this is an issue on which we've been able to make little headway.

Whereas we had great success in advocating for an upgrade to the lighting of the Churchill Town Symbol! Likewise, new signage at the Commemorative Wall and the Town Symbol will appear in the future, thanks to the advocacy of CDCA.

Sometimes it's minor improvements that CDCA advocates for – like directional road signage to the Hockey Field. Visitors to the Regional Hockey

ground complained that Google Maps led them to the bus-stop at Federation University, so CDCA approached Latrobe City Council to install way-finding signage on Monash Way & Tramway Road. Problem solved!

CD News: Being President, that's taking on a solid role, do you have regular meetings . . . and how do you get the meeting recommendations out to the community?

MG: Yes, CDCA meets regularly, every second month. We also do some of our "business" on-line via email. Sometimes matters arise that require a response before our next scheduled meeting.

For instance, a Council officer may forward CDCA a draft plan or design for comment, so I would circulate that to members via email, with a request to provide feedback by a specific date, in time for me to collate comments and provide advice to the officer concerned.

Our meeting Minutes are circulated to members of course, but they are also publicly available on our website.

We also do our best to keep readers of the Churchill & District News informed via our regular column each month!

CD News: Can you talk a little of the current activities CDCA is involved in. . . ?

MG: The lack of accessible public toilets at the Churchill Shopping Centre has been a focus of our recent activity. In response to community concern, we drew up a petition to the owners of West Place Shopping

Centre, calling on them to provide a public toilet facility.

Unfortunately, there was no response from them, but we did pursue the issue with Latrobe City Council which has resulted in Council allocating funds to provide a solution.

The Churchill - Shop Local markets are also one of our major on-going activities.

We facilitate 3 craft markets at the shopping centre each year, in partnership with Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and Churchill & District News.

We aim to bring the community together and encourage folk to shop in Churchill. CDCA provides the required funding, sometimes with our own funds if we're unable to obtain sponsorship.

We organise the entertainment and all the free stuff, including the sausage sizzles (but we leave the cooking to others!).

The shopping vouchers given away at the markets are paid for by CDCA – we don't want our local retailers to be out-of-pocket; we want them to have more customers!

CD News: Do you feel that CDCA has made achievements in the time it has existed . . . and what has been its major achievement

so far for the community?

MG: A long-term focus of CDCA has been to ensure that, as our town develops, we continue to have recreational pathways in and around the township. Churchill's green spaces and walking tracks are a feature well worth maintaining and CDCA has a long history of advocating for parks and pathways, particularly as new developments occur.

Many of the established recreational pathways came about because of CDCA's advocacy; one such example is the well-utilised link coming up from the southern end of the Eel Hole Creek track along Philip Parade to Hazelwood House.

The construction of a Council owned and maintained public toilet in the centre of town has been a long-standing goal of CDCA. This was an agenda item when I first joined CDCA back in 2002! If CDCA continues to advocate for this, I believe we will see construction begin in the next 12 months or so and that will be a really major achievement for the community!

CD News: Your membership . . . is it growing?

MG: No, not really. We have a core group of members who remain committed, but we have

struggled to recruit new members. For each new member who joins, someone leaves the area (meaning they're no longer eligible to be a member), so really, we're just managing to maintain a presence.

CDNews: How can the community participate in CDCA?

MG: Come along to one of our meetings! Any local resident is welcome to attend; we meet on the second Thursday of every second month; dates are advertised in the News and on our website. We meet downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall, start at 7pm and finish at 9.

People can join CDCA either by attending a meeting or simply by downloading a membership application from our website (cdca.org.au) and emailing the completed form to info@cdca.org.au

We encourage participation and meeting attendance is not mandatory. Membership includes being on our email list and receiving assorted updates, correspondence and meeting Minutes.

We've also got a Facebook page and locals are welcome to contact us using the 'message us' option on either our Facebook page or through our website.

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Churchill & District Community Association (CDCA) is an active, not-for-profit, community organisation that provides a forum for residents to participate in local affairs, voice relevant concerns and opinions on local issues and have an input into the appropriate development of Churchill.

CDCA welcomes new members, new ideas and constructive enthusiasm from all groups and residents in the Churchill & District Community. Anyone interested in joining CDCA is welcome to attend our meetings or contact us for further information.

CDCA meets on the 2nd Thursday of every 2nd month

More details: Contact CDCA via our website – www.cdca.org.au or find us on Facebook

SCAMWATCH

NASC impersonation scammers

Criminals are calling people and pretending to be from the National Anti-Scam Centre.

They tell you that your phone number is being used in a scam in China and offer to help you 'clear your record'.

These scammers work hard to get your trust, then try to steal your money and personal information.

Hang up on unexpected callers who say they are investigating a scam. It is probably a scam: the National Anti-Scam Centre will never ask for money or personal or financial information.

How to spot the scam

This scam can be hard to spot because scammers can make a call look like it comes from a legitimate number. However, the National Anti-Scam Centre will never ask you for money, financial or personal information, or threaten you. Anyone calling

and behaving like this is probably a criminal. Hang up immediately and report the scam.

How the scam works

Someone calls you saying they are from the National Anti-Scam Centre.

The phone call looks like it comes from a legitimate phone number belonging to a trusted organisation, like the government or police.

They say they are investigating a phone number registered in your name that is being used in a scam in China.

These criminals may tell you they work with the Chinese Anti-Scam Centre or Chinese police, and say they will help you 'clear your record'.

They ask you questions to 'confirm you are not involved' in the scam.

They may spend a lot of time with you, building your trust.

These criminals will try to threaten you to steal your money, financial and personal information.

Stay protected

STOP - Do not give money or personal or financial information. Do not click on any links if you are unsure. Say no, hang up, delete.

CHECK - Scammers pretend to be from organisations you know and trust - like myGov, your bank, the police or government. You can check the call, message, or email is real by calling the official phone number of the organisation using contact details you find yourself.

REPORT - The more we talk, the less power they have. Report scams to Scamwatch. By speaking up, you protect others and stop scams before they happen. Better safe than scammed.

If you have been affected or lost money, contact your bank or financial institution immediately.

If you have had personal information stolen or need support to recover from a scam, contact IDCARE on 1800 595 160.

Help others by reporting scams to Scamwatch.

Tell your friends and family: you can share your experience, get support and help to protect others from scams



Priorities

By the time this edition of the News is published, CDCA will have held its Annual General Meeting, elected Committee members, appointed Office Bearers and set our priorities for the next 12 months.

High on CDCA's priority list will be continued advocacy for the provision of suitable public toilet facilities, owned and maintained by Latrobe City Council. We believe this reflects the general concern (and outrage) within this community - we need accessible, well maintained public toilets in the town centre which are open whenever the shops are open!

No doubt we will also be continuing with the facilitation and funding of the Churchill Shop Local markets. The next market - the Winter Market - is to be held from 9am to 1pm on Saturday August 24, at Churchill Shopping Centre.

The date has also been set for the Christmas Market Saturday December 7, so add that to your calendar, as it is a great

opportunity to do some gift shopping locally!

CDCA will be having a stall at the Winter Market - not to be selling things, but to ask for your views on which local issues CDCA should be advocating on.

We specifically confine ourselves to local matters which CDCA may be able to address. Things like roads, footpaths and parks, amenity and signage, local development and construction, future town planning and so forth.

Whilst we acknowledge that "big picture" issues are important and impact many of us, CDCA is not able to address cost-of-living pressures, taxation reform, energy production, wars in foreign countries or space exploration (just some of the things people have told us we should do something about!)

But we do welcome practical ideas and suggestions for things that can be done at a local level!

So please stop at our table at the Market - it will probably be somewhere near the Post Office - and have a chat with us about what you think could be

done to improve Churchill. (We will tell you if we can pursue the matter, or not.)

Interested residents can also take the opportunity to become a member of CDCA whilst at the Market. There's no cost to join; just a simple application form to fill out. Meeting attendance is not mandatory (although we like members to attend our meetings and participate in our discussions), but it does mean you can have your say and be consulted and informed via email.

CDCA meets every second month, so our next meeting will be held in October.

Check the September issue of the News for date and venue. Or visit our website - cdca.org.au - to find information about forthcoming meetings on the Home page.

You can contact CDCA through our website too or email us directly at info@cdca.org.au or send us a message via our Facebook page (search for Churchill District Community Association). You can also write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

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Latrobe Performing Arts Centre and Kernot Hall

September 22 - 25, Victorian Teachers Games Various venues

November 1 - 3, Shred and Flow Rocky Trail Academy - Halloween at Haunted Hills Mountain Biking event

Haunted Hills MTB Park Newborough

November 8, Latrobe City WIN Network Traralgon Pro Am

Traralgon Golf Club, Traralgon

November 8-9, International Rose Garden Festival

Morwell Centenary Rose Garden, -Morwell

December 4 - 6, 2024 National Outdoor Education Conference Federation University, Churchill

January 6 - 9, 2025, Energy Australia Classic Singles

Newborough Bowling Club, Newborough

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Simple precautions for home fire safety

On average, there are 3,000 house fires in Victoria each year. Most could be prevented by taking simple precautions.

Kitchen

The most common place in the home where fires start is the kitchen. Many kitchen fires are caused by cooking that has been left unattended. Others are caused by electrical faults and flammable items like paper towels and curtains that are too close to sources of heat like the stove or toaster. If the cooking area is not kept clean a fire that starts on the stove can very quickly spread to built-up grease and fat around the stove and range hood, with the fire travelling up into the roof and to the rest of the house.

Sleeping areas

Many fires that result in people dying, start in bedrooms or lounge areas. Often this is due to improper use of electrical appliances or home heating. Electrical items in the home can include the power supply, fixed or portable appliances, power

boards and extension leads.

Heating

During the colder months we see an increase in the use of heating appliances, gas and electric. If you bring a portable heater into a bedroom be sure that it is well away from things that can burn, like clothing, bedding and curtains and always turn it off when you get into bed or leave the house.

If you are drying clothes in front of a heater of any kind, always keep them at least a metre from the heater.

Power Boards

Sometimes there are not enough power outlets for all our devices. Power boards are becoming more common than ever. It's important to remember that power boards are only meant to be temporary and they shouldn't be a permanent fixture in your home.

Power boards can only take a limited number of devices so only plug in one device per outlet. Never plug double adapters or extra power boards into a power board and don't plug high

powered appliances like heaters into a power board or extension lead. Doing so can cause the power board or extension lead to heat up and start a fire.

Top home fire safety tips

- Book a licensed gas-fitter to check your gas heater
- Check chimneys, flues and fire boxes for cracks, rust and debris
- Check electric blankets for kinks in the wiring
- Clean the lint filter in your dryer (and continue to do this after every use)
- Check appliances for visibly frayed or damaged wiring
- Complete the Home Fire Safety Checklist to see if you've done everything you can to protect you and your family.
- Prepare a home fire escape plan and practice escaping quickly and safely.

For more information, see the CFA website cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home

Plan how you would escape a fire in your home

Families who are well-prepared are more likely to escape their homes safely and without panic.

As part of your plan, all family members should know:

- The two quickest ways out of every room
- How they will exit from upstairs if your home has a second storey
- How they will exit from upstairs if your home has a second storey
- An agreed-upon meeting place outside, such as the letterbox
- How they will call Triple Zero (000)



Useful tips for parents

- Turn it into a game by timing how quickly they can escape
- Make sure children know their home address and how to call Triple Zero (000)
- Use online games and activities to teach children about fire safety
- Never lock your deadlocks when you're at home
- During a fire it will be dark and smoky – and a deadlocked door could block your escape. If you must keep deadlocks locked, leave your keys in the door.

Top survival tips

- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop and roll
- Get down low and stay out of smoke.
- Use the back of your hand to check doors for heat before opening
- If it's safe, close doors to slow down the spread of fire and smoke.
- Alert other people on your way out.
- Get out and stay out.
- Meet at a safe place such as the letterbox or footpath outside your home.
- Call 000 (triple zero) from a mobile phone or a neighbour's phone. Ask for FIRE when the call is connected.

What parents need to know

Children are less likely than adults to wake up to the sound of a smoke alarm. Think about how you might be able to reach children's bedrooms if regular access is blocked by fire.

Families should practise 'fire drills' twice a year – more often with younger children.



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Strzelecki Bushwalking Club

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The Rail Trail begins at Nyora and with the newest section opened extends all the way to Welshpool.

The Rail Trail covers a distance of 110 km and could be extended to 143 km if users travelled all the connecting trails.

The Great Southern Rail Trail really show cases some of Gippsland's best scenery and passes some rich dairy and beef farmland.

You will find yourself cycling past cattle grazing

in the paddocks and rolling hills so lushly green that it is hard to tear your eyes away.

The Rail Trail passes through many Gippsland towns, so your next coffee stop is never far away. You can stay overnight in one of the towns along the trail or just complete a section in a day.

The rail trail is great for cyclists, walkers and even horseback riders on some sections.

The Strzelecki Bushwalking Club regularly hosts activities along the Rail Trail and recently we held our inaugural marathon, and 15 members walked



Riding Leongatha to Koonwarra

42km from Lowry's Road (near Foster) all the way into Leongatha.

This was an amazing group effort lead by club stalwart Martin Norris. This was definitely an achievement the Club was proud of.

More recently we have held bike rides from Korumburra to Leongatha and Foster to Toora. On Sunday July 21 we had nine cyclists try out the newest section from Alberton to Welshpool.

This newest section is very flat riding and passes through beautiful green farmland.

The track has been made to the highest standard and makes the ride a joy. When the riders from the

Strzelecki Bushwalking Club arrived at Welshpool, we had lunch at a beautiful local café called "The Olive Branch". The proprietor served food all sourced in the local region and the coffee was wonderful.

Riding and walking with the Strzelecki Bushwalking Club is a great way to experience the Rail Trail.

Travelling along with a group of friends enjoying the view is a very enjoyable way to spend the day and when coffee and cake are thrown in you cannot go wrong.

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



Riders from the Strzelecki Bushwalking Club at Welshpool

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

Use the BRAD box:

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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

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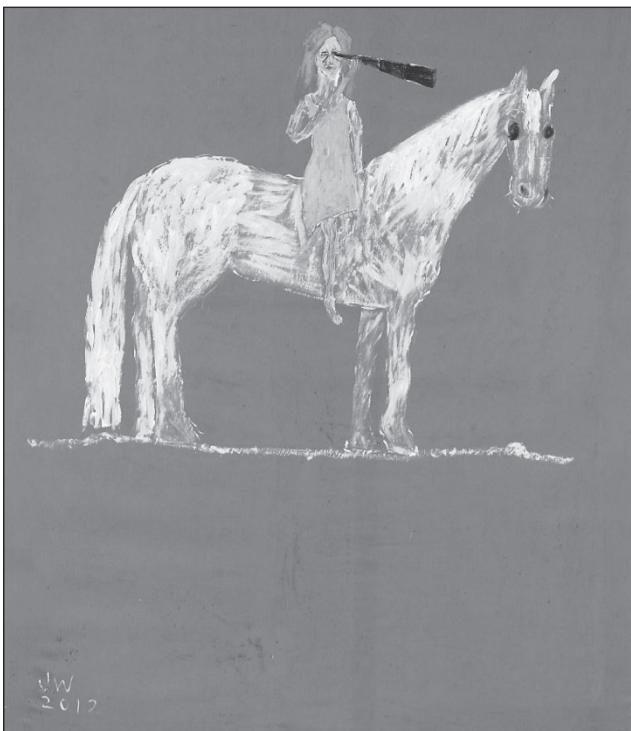
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Latrobe Regional Gallery



Talk: Clinton Hayden

Saturday August 24, 1pm
Free, all welcome
Join us for a conversation with Clinton Hayden as he shares a unique perspective and reflects on his journey as a queer, First Nations contemporary artist, shedding light on his culture, experience, and identity through his practice.

In this opportunity to hear directly from the artist, visitors will gain a deeper insight into how Clinton's practice explores themes of culture and identity within contemporary society. Stay around after the talk for some light refreshments and explore the exhibition.

Please register your interest in attending by phone on 03 5128 5700 or email: lrg@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Tours: Winter Exhibitions

First Saturday of the month, 11am on: September 7, October 5. Latrobe Regional Gallery, Foyer. Free, all welcome.

Join us on the first Saturday of each month for a journey through our current exhibitions. Led by our knowledgeable guides, these tours are designed to enhance your appreciation and understanding of the artworks, providing insight into the stories behind the work on display.

Bookings preferred. Please register your interest in attending by phone on 03 5128 5700 or email: lrg@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Horse Girl Energy
July 12 – October 27, 2024

Abdul-Rahman Abdullah, Matilda Davis, Amos Gebhardt, Anna Louise Richardson, Jacqui Stockdale, Jenny Watson

Galleries 1, 2 and 3, Latrobe Regional Gallery, Ground floor.

Horse Girl Energy is a curious survey exhibition of horses and horse culture today, with a nod to its history.

Marking several new acquisitions for the Latrobe Regional Gallery collection, this large scale exhibition also features an "Equine Shrine", a community-led installation made up of loaned artworks and other objects celebrating the horse and horse culture in Latrobe City and Gippsland.

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Artist and choreographer Amrita Hepi acknowledges the black and brown female body as an intricate vessel for, and of, historical knowledge. Hepi's work coalesces fact and fiction, memoir and ethnography, the local and the singular.

In Straight Torque, twin series Hepi uses linguistic mechanisms, specifically homophones, as a framing device. Homophones (morning/mourning, blew/blue, I'll/aisle/isle) are defined as words sharing identical pronunciation but possessing distinct meanings.

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My Art Story

By Helena Barbara



My interest in the art world has been a lifelong one and has given me an expansive and eclectic appreciation of art.

Arriving in Australia as a three-year-old from a ravaged post-war Europe, where my parents were Polish immigrants waiting to settle in a better world, there was very little art to be found in an Australian setting.

Amongst the few items my parents brought with them was a book that, as I grew, I cherished and would often draw comfort from: *Kalendarz Polonii 1951*.

This book was a look at prewar Poland, highlighting the landscape, historical cities, leaders and charming art images – etchings of folkloric art that I loved.

I enjoyed my secondary

school years which were limiting in many ways, the three Rs being predominantly taught, but I excelled at art, including crafts. I applied to study at an art college and was accepted, but this was not to be as my parents were baffled by this.

My next big exposure - along with constant gallery visits - was my ten years working at the G.I.A.E. (Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education), later to become Monash University, where I was a constant visitor to Switchback Gallery and acquired many art pieces from that time. My own artistic endeavours were on hiatus for many years.

The death of my dear mother was a catalyst for me to revisit my entry into the art world

and I enrolled in a Diploma of Visual Arts at Yallourn TAFE in 2009, where I produced some interesting works. My two years at TAFE gave me an introduction into developing my own style – something I am still struggling with.

Joining TADAS (Traralgon and District Art Society) post-TAFE introduced me to a group of emerging artists who, like me, were finding themselves in the art world and has been an invaluable source of encouragement and nurturing of ambition.

In 2022 two of my art colleagues and I held an exhibition styled The Thursday Group at the Matchbox Gallery in Yinnar.

This was a great experience

for us, enabling us to showcase our work in a professional setting. The exhibition was well received with some two hundred visits and encouraged me to keep exhibiting. My art is heavily influenced by my sense of place and the contemporary politics that influence and impact on the Latrobe Valley.

My art narrative over the last few years has been one of focusing on the shift of the Latrobe Valley from a fossil fuelled coal producing power source to the need to embrace renewable energy sources.

I am a passionate believer in tackling climate change and see the Latrobe Valley as having the resources to be a driver for energy transformation.

My works focus on the

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visible structures of power as they are the stimuli needed for change – the most obvious are the pylons representing old technologies, with the wind turbines heralding the change to emerging energy dynamics, along with solar panels and other renewable energy sources.

I love travelling my well-known highways and byways of the Latrobe Valley and this is the source of inspiration to me. I take photos of time and place and in this way record the past fading glories of the area and look to the possible change of a revitalized Latrobe Valley.

My recent works exhibited at the Traralgon RSL/TADAS Anzac Day exhibition found me the recipient of a Third Prize award for my art piece Frontier

Wars #3. This piece along with an earlier work Clear Skies, has been chosen to be part of the current exhibition styled Latrobe City Art Salon curated by Latrobe Regional Gallery and on show at the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre.

This is a great source of pride to me and reflects how far I have come. I am a slow methodical painter which is often a source of mirth to those who know me, but I have a story to tell.

It has been a privilege to have my art showcased at Matchbox Gallery – a boutique Gallery that is developing into a niche art space that allows emerging artists and professionals to showcase their works.



100,000 reasons to smile



Earlier this month, Latrobe Community Health Service CEO Paul Ostrowski, along with some of our amazing Smile Squad team members, were delighted to join Victorian Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas MP and Dental Health Services Victoria CEO Susan McKee at Amsleigh Park Primary School.

It was for a special occasion—more than 100,000 Victorian primary school students have been seen through the Victorian School Outreach Dental Program.

Through Smile Squad, students receive free dental care at their school. A large number of these kids return to our dental clinics to receive further dental treatment.

As well as letting your child attend Smile Squad next time the van visits your school, here are some

helpful tips to encourage good tooth brushing habits at home:

Brush twice a day for two minutes, making sure to brush all surfaces of the teeth and gums in gentle, circular motions. Tooth brushing apps such as Brushout, Disney Magic Timer by Oral B and Brush DJ can help encourage the two minute brush.

Use age appropriate fluoride toothpaste in a pea sized amount. After brushing, spit excess toothpaste out, but don't rinse out your mouth—this will allow the fluoride in the toothpaste to soak into teeth and help keep them strong.

Make brushing your teeth the first thing to do in the morning and the last thing to do at night to help build a routine. Remember, children still need an adult to brush their teeth up

until the age of seven. The general rule is, if they cannot tie their own shoelaces, they cannot brush their own teeth.

Limit the amount of sugary foods that your child eats and if they do eat these foods, rinse their mouth with water afterwards to reduce extra acid build up on teeth. Snacks like cheeses, yoghurts, nuts, fruits and vegetables do not cause a lot of acid build up and are healthier for you to snack on throughout the day.

Encourage older kids to floss teeth before brushing at night time using string floss or interdental brushes.

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Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington

How people are remembered and, hopefully not forgotten - Series continued

This series highlighting how people are remembered has apparently attracted many readers. This month continues the same, with a focus on two unmarked graves in the Hazelwood Cemetery.

There is a back-story for these two, to emphasise that the deceased are not forgotten.

For its Melbourne readers, The Argus called it a quarrel. The Sydney Morning Herald reported it as a fight. Another Sydney paper called it a fatal brawl. The Narracan Shire Advocate and Yallourn Brown Coal Mine, Walhalla and Thorpdale Lines Echo (Moe, Vic. : 1923 - 1943) in editorial on Friday June 16, 1933, believed 20-year-old George Whitmore was unlawfully killed.

George Whitmore and Stanley Howard Crane were mates, the best of friends for many years. Arthur Vincent Slater, First-Constable of Police, stationed at Yallourn told a committal hearing a week after George's death that "I never knew them to be on anything but friendly terms with one another. Both bear an excellent character and reputation."

George did die from an apparent injury to his head. Both men were in a fight on Tuesday night April 4, 1933. One report was it occurred in a billiard room at the Brown Coal Mine township. Another version was it was in a laneway outside the popular establishment.

Whatever the true facts, both had finished their game,



followed by an argument where "offensive names" were uttered. Crane landed the first punch, said to be quite powerful and "laid George out in a stupor." Crane is credited with carrying George to his (Crane's) home, rested him, but with no immediate response, obtained a car and whisked him to the Yallourn Hospital. George did not recover and Stanley was charged with murder.

Death was by a fractured skull. The hearing accepted that both men were "absolutely sober. They had taken no drink at all." A final verdict, seemingly based on whatever it was that caused a fractured skull, was that George Whitmore died "from sudden respiratory failure following a fractured skull caused by blows inflicted by Stanley Howard Crane

and that he, Stanley, did feloniously kill George Whitmore."

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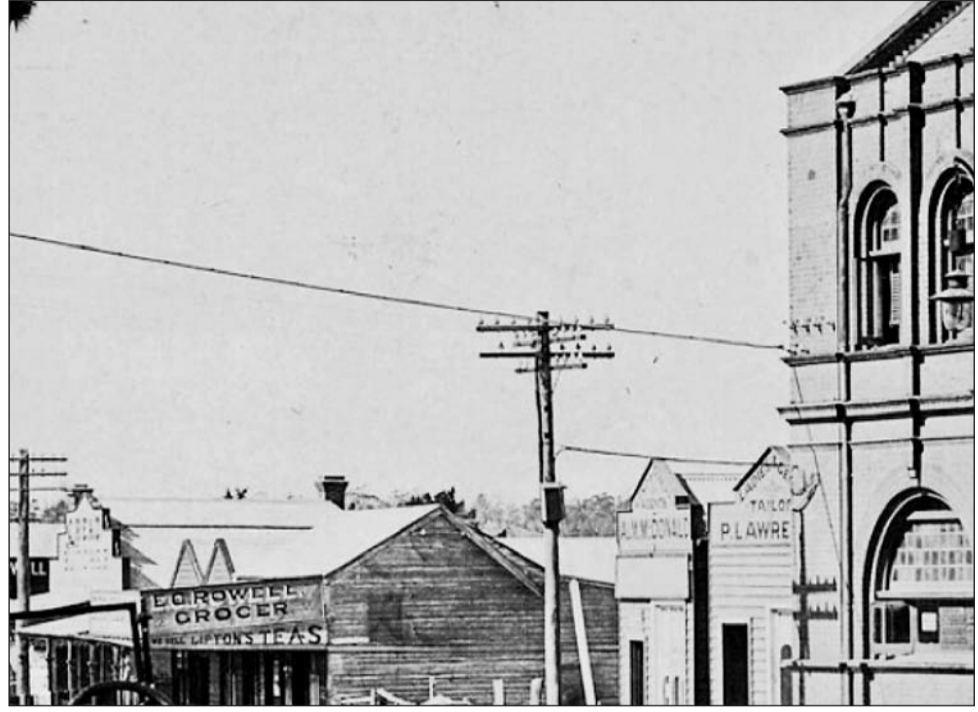
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General Sessions in Sale on June 6, 1933. The accused was granted bail - himself for £100, and one surety for £100.

Before His Honour, Judge Williams, at the Court of General Sessions the manslaughter charge was played out in vivid detail. After a retirement of ten minutes, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

It's a sad ending to the fight between two friends - George Whitmore is buried in an unmarked grave in the Hazelwood Cemetery.

Stanley, along with his wife Evelyn, is interred in



the Frenchs Forest Cemetery Davidson, Northern, north-west from Sydney.

On Wednesday evening October 10, 1917, Private Ernest (Ernie to his friends) Gaston Rowell, was given a magnificent welcome home celebration hosted by his employer, Mr John Durham Leslie. It was a prestigious civic function held at Sale's Temperance Hall with guests including the Mayor and Mayoress, Shire President, President of the Sale Branch A.N.A, Mr G Terrill, and most staff members of W. D. Leslie & Co. (Pty Ltd).

Ernie certainly was the centre of attention, and rightly so. He was honoured with a toast "of the King." Subsequent speeches mentioned his quiet, modest demeanor, that he went to war without any "flourish of trumpets." Apparently, many weren't sure they would see him ever again. Yes, this was a horrible war, said Mr Leslie. Ernie was a "striking contrast to Yarra bankers who will not go to war."

With discretion, Mr Leslie remarked "we are all thankful to say he has been spared to us although in a mutilated condition." (Morwell Advertiser, Friday October 12, 1917). Ernie had lost his left arm.

Ernie thanked the crowd and related his experiences on the battlefields well known for hundreds of casualties - Battle of Lagnicourt, Battle of Armentieres and the Battle of Pozieres.

The Mayor proposed another toast and the evening concluded with singing 'Auld Lang Syne'.

From all accounts, Ernie continued with his employment as a grocer's assistant for a short while with W. D. Leslie & Co. (Pty Ltd).

Several days prior to Ernie's welcome in Sale, he had returned via train to Morwell on Wednesday September 26, 1917. Upon arriving, there was a small welcoming crowd gathered

at the railway platform. The Morwell Shire President was not in attendance.

Councillor Don McKay deputised, announcing the return "of one of their heroes back from the front." Mr Aherin, spoke on behalf of the Patriotic Committee relating Ernie being "a chip off the old block."

On behalf of the Presbyterian Church, the Reverend Garnon-Owen extended a hearty welcome. He added that Ernie "had done his part to crush the arm of Prussianism." The Reverend seemingly had limited tolerance for "Germanism,



Prussianism and anarchy (Morwell Advertiser, Friday September 28, 1917).

Everyone sang 'For he's a jolly good fellow' and then Ernie, with relatives was "motored home by Messers

Hare and Turner."

Ernest Gaston Rowell continued with his own shop in Commercial Road, Morwell. On Friday, February 16, 1923, for instance, he

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advertised the 'quality of currants, sultanas, raisins and peel.' Perhaps a little early for the forthcoming New Year. Later on, after about 1935, he became the Morwell representative for funeral directors, W. McIntosh.

Also, by this time, W A Purvis stores, had a significant presence in Morwell. First, in 1931, the company established a "cash and carry" store in Commercial Road, and then, in August 1933, following a take-over of a cash grocer business conducted by Ernest Gaston Rowell, built a larger store.

Unfortunately, Ernie, together with his wife, Stella, rest in an unmarked grave - but with a white cross - in the Hazelwood Cemetery.

The Rowell family played a prominent role in Morwell's development. More will be written about this in next month's Churchill & District News.

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over time. There will also be a celebration of long standing members of the LVFNC. This will be followed by our monthly meeting. On the excursion the following day, Saturday August 24, Peter Ware from Friends of Drouin's Trees will be leading us around reserves in Drouin and surrounds to explore interesting areas of biodiversity. Meet in the northern end of the Drouin Golf Club car park off McGlone Rd Drouin (take the Robin Hood exit from

Princes Fwy) for a 10.00am start. Bring your lunch. Everyone is 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 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. Photographs: Golden Whistler Reserve near Drouin. Bell Miner Credit: Peter Ware



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A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Parts of Morwell's history worth recalling

By Leo Billington

Before we continue this month giving early Morwell menswear retailers their moment of historical fame, let us remember an important birthday - sending 101st birthday best wishes to the Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio, founded in 1923. Mickey Mouse debuted during 1928. Donald Duck was "born" on June 9, 1934, when first shown by the Walt Disney Studio.

Disney's characters did manage to come into our community - for instance, the Morwell Town Talkies showed on Saturday night, November 23 and Monday night, November 25 "The Ugly Duckling" by Walt Disney. In 1951, on Saturday, May 12, a special matinee program at the Paramount Theatre in Buckley Street featured Walt Disney colour cartoons.

But, for now, back to menswear retailing in Morwell.

Porter Brothers took over from J D Morris early in 1908. Robert Porter was a close friend of J D's and Margaret Porter, a sister, married J D whilst in Morwell. Margaret passed away in 1954. J D Morris left Morwell in May 1909, having sold his business to

the Porter Brothers, Ernest and Robert. Ernest moved to New Zealand in about late 1914.

Ernest Porter continued in business as a General Merchant - advertising dresses and millinery as a specialty with Miss Fahey and Miss Evans having expertise in dressmaking and millinery. Men's suits were made to measure from 35/-. Style and fit were guaranteed.

Robert Morrow Tulloch officially took over the Porter Brothers store early

in August 1914. (Robert Porter's daughter, Zilda was married to Robert Tulloch. Therefore, that corner building built by J D Morris "remained in the family.")

On Tuesday February 1,

1916, Tulloch's store opened with a three weeks sale - bargains at specially cut prices. Then a family tragedy within the sale finishing - Zilda and Robert's youngest child, 11-month-old Keith died and was interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery. The Tulloch family soon left Morwell for Melbourne and sold their business to Mr R Bacon who traded as part of state-wide Federal Supply Stores. R M Tulloch died at his Essendon residence on March 6, 1954.

At his official opening in mid-1918, Mr Bacon promised "the business will still be conducted by the present competent staff." Four years later, J A Jenkins officially took over on Tuesday August 1, 1922.

This began the era of "Jenkin's corner" - a well-known landmark in Morwell for a long time, well into the early 1960's. Their April 28, 1949 advertisement showed a large combination of manchester goods, footwear, men's wear, mixed with aluminium ware, crockery and groceries. Bags of broken biscuits - costing 3/- or 6/- - were a delight for kids, and available from Jenkins.

While the "Jenkin's corner" maintained its prominence, there were other men's wear retailers competing for local customers. Not sticking to chronological order, W A Lawson & Co., was "drawing attention to the public of Morwell" April 1932, with a shop in Commercial Road, Morwell. This business expanded beyond its inner Melbourne origin with shops in Warragul, Koo-wee-Rup, Trafalgar, Morwell and Bairnsdale.



Here "suits could be made to order with extra trousers - free". Prices ranged from 75/-, 95/- and 115/-.

However, about five years earlier, Arthur Green in Tarwin Street, was encouraging "well-dressed fellows" to make a good impression. His advertisements suggested men could not "make a good impression in shabby clothes." Arthur looked for "men of brains."

On April 10, 1922, Pascoe's of Malvern, Melbourne set up in the Morwell Fire Station on a temporary basis selling "all drapery goods at lowest city prices; including ladies wear, men's wear, and manchester goods." This was their "one day sale."

However, on April 28, 1893, an earlier, rather ambitious Mr J Yule announced he had moved into Murdoch's Hotel where, it was suggested he "is almost giving drapery away." By February 1894, Mr Yule advertised his clearing sale and "that as he is leaving the district, he will hold a clearing sale of drapers, etc., which will be sold at cost price in order to dispose of his stock by the end of the month."

Mr Charles Graham Maxwell - widely



known as C G Maxwell - set up shop in 1898 through his purchase of the drapery department (floor space that is) of John Hall's Universal Emporium, corner of Commercial Road and Tarwin Street. C G was well liked and quite entrepreneurial - soon he was advertising by early 1903 that "heavy reductions are made on balance of summer stock" including men's wear regardless of cost price."

His other catchphrase was "suits to measure a speciality."

C G moved to Yarra Junction during 1923 and unfortunately died in an accidental fall on July 25, 1925. He was walking down some stairs leading through an open cellar

door to speak with his neighbourly butcher friend, slipped and fell.

C G had sold out during 1923 to E Muir & Co. Muir & Co was the successor to John Hall and maintained their marketing until about 1931 as "The House for millinery, Manchester, ladies' wear, boots and men's wear, boots and shoes."

By 1933, or thereabouts, J A Jenkins Pty Ltd had a significant share of the local men's wear market. Basically, their extensive product range was offering far more than others who wanted to specialise. For instance, Jeffery & Co opened in Commercial Road, began advertising in the early 1930's with "sensational values in men's and boy's wear." Rowell Bros., located next to the Bank Australasia, had a tailoring business up to 1925 when it was purchased by H C Harding Pty Ltd formerly of The Block, Collins Street, Melbourne. Rowell & Johnson were tailors and mercers in Commercial Road from 1938 until their shop was sold in 1943 to local nurseryman, J Courtenay.

Again, editorial space has stopped. Next month, we'll look at a pivotal time in Morwell's retail sector when, in around 1925, Norman Sharpe's Price Cutters business was established.

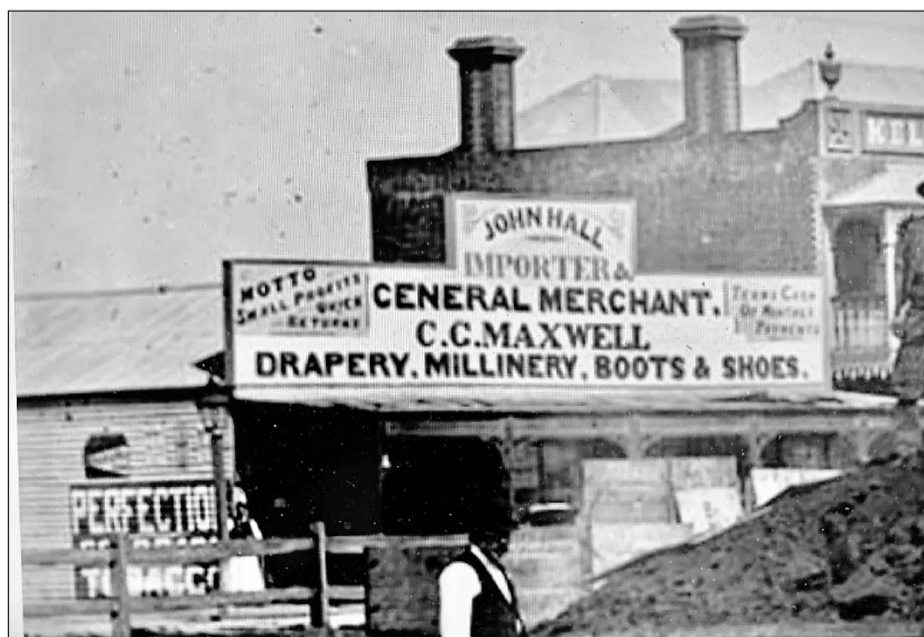
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Friends of Morwell National Park



Veined Helmet Orchid Corybas Diemenicus

The group met in the Junction Road car park on a cold but dry morning. Around the table a discussion was held. The new signage was discussed and over the multiple panels there will be a full park map along with details of some of the plants and animals found in the park. There will also be information about the Friends of Morwell National Park.

With the post storm park repair works - the Foster's Gully section of the park is scheduled to be completed first. Three contractors have

quoted for the replacement of the barbeque, picnic tables and fencing in the picnic area and to work on the bridge across to Stringybark Track. One has been selected and conditional on the insurers OK, these works can occur any time from late September.

For the repairs in the Billys Creek section of the park, an environmental assessment has been completed and contractors quotes have been sought for a track realignment where the creek is undercutting the

track. The track will need to be widened (cut further in the bank) to allow the machinery in to replace the last bridge closest to Billys Weir. After the track has been realigned, soil testing will be completed, the engineering drawings will be updated

and then more contractor quotes will be sought for the replacement of the three missing (and broken) bridges across Billys creek.

Matt had collected three pots of paint (primer, sealer and topcoat) from Latrobe City for the painting of the new nesting boxes collected from the Council. This will be another task to be completed at a later activity.

After the meeting everybody needed to move to warm up and we all then travelled to the Kerry Road car park. The day's main task was the placing of the remaining star pickets at the corners of the last three Butterfly Orchid survey plots. The group walked to the Fosters Gully Track and counted the steps to the third plot. This time we had the details of the plot locations so it was probably 5% easier to find the plots.

The third plot was difficult to find, so difficult we had to give up after 15 minutes and move onto the fourth plot. While Gordon and Mike scrambled up and

down the bank putting new post markers on the fourth plot, Matt returned back to the third plot to eventually find the original post markers. It was where the group was originally looking but sometimes you can look and look and not see what is in front of you.

Each of these plots was difficult to access being down steep creek banks which have changed since the plots were first created. After the two plots were marked the group returned back to the track to locate the last plot. This plot was also down a steep gully and was only found

because of Matt's memories of certain trees and rushes in the plot and a small waterfall nearby.

While the boys were working on the Butterfly Orchid plots Beryl and Cathy were looking at orchids and wildlife along the Foster's Gully Track. Cathy found some impressive orchids (one in early flower and some with seed pods).

The two groups met up again on the main track. The groups returned back to the picnic area to have lunch. After lunch we were able to go home.



Australian (Mountain) Shelduck Tadorna Tadoroides



Butterfly or Gunn's Tree Orchid Sarcochilus Australis (Gunnii)



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Sweet Potato and Pear Soup



Ingredients - 25gm of butter/marg, 1 small white onion, finely chopped, 750gm of sweet potato, peeled and chopped, 2 firm pears (500gm), peeled and chopped, 750ml of vegetable stock, 250ml of cream, mint leaves to garnish. Melt the butter/marg in a medium /large saucepan over a medium heat. Add the chopped onion, and cook until softened. Add the chopped sweet potatoes and pears along with the stock and continue to cook until the sweet potato and pear are softened. Cool slightly. Now using your hand blender, blend until smooth. Stir in the cream and gently reheat without boiling. Season with cracked black pepper and garnish with mint leaves.

Cream of Celery Soup



Ingredients - 1 bunch of finely chopped celery with leaves, set a few leaves aside for garnish, 60gm of butter/marg, 2 onions, peeled and chopped, 4 and 1/2 cups of chicken stock, 1 and 1/2 cups of cream, cracked pepper to taste and a handful of dry grated Parmesan cheese. Heat the butter/marg in a large pot, add the chopped onions and stir until tender. Now add the trimmed and chopped celery over a low heat. Add the stock and cover the pot and simmer for 20 minutes or until the celery is tender. Using a hand processor, process the mixture until smooth, then stir through the cream and cracked black pepper. Stir the soup over a low heat until just heated through. Serve the soup garnished with celery leaves and a sprinkle of dry grated Parmesan cheese.

Cheese and Chive Croquettes

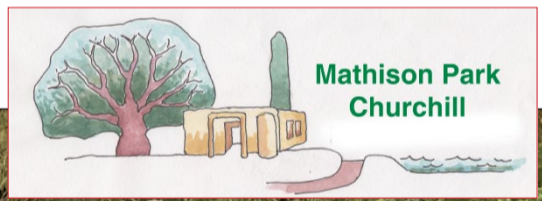


Ingredients - 500gm of grated mozzarella cheese, 185gm of plain flour, 4 tbs of freshly chopped chives, 1/2 tsp of cayenne pepper, 2 eggs, lightly beaten, 1 tbs of minced garlic, 60 gm of cornflour, peanut oil for deep frying in a large saucepan (just enough oil to cover the croquettes). Place the mozzarella cheese along with 125gm of the plain flour, chives, cayenne pepper and the lightly beaten eggs into a bowl and mix to combine. Shape the mixture into balls, place on a plate lined with cling wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Now combine the cornflour and remaining flour on a plate. Roll the cooled balls in the flour mix and place back in the fridge for 10 minutes. Heat the peanut oil in the saucepan and deep fry the croquettes in batches, until golden. Drain on absorbent paper and serve. These are really good.

Spinach Stracciatella



It is winter, the season for soups. Ingredients - 280 gm pack of baby spinach leaves or silverbeet leaves trimmed of all the white stalk, 6 tbs of dried grated parmesan cheese, 6 cups of chicken stock, cracked black pepper, 2 eggs lightly beaten, 1 dsp of ground nutmeg, 3 tbs of minced garlic. Divide the spinach/silverbeet leaves into 4 large rolls and slice across into thin shreds. Place a handful into each serving bowl and divide the grated parmesan between the leafy bowls. Slowly heat your chicken stock and season with cracked pepper and the minced garlic. In a separate bowl whip the eggs and nutmeg to a froth, add the frothy egg nutmeg mixture to the slowly simmering stock, whisking lightly with a fork to incorporate. Now remove from heat and ladle the stock mixture over the spinach and cheese in the bowls and serve. This is a delicious soup.



An amazing amount of planting happened in Mathison Park in 2023. It is only to be expected that some would not survive. Unfortunately, that included some of our very susceptible conifers which were given every chance to grow with soil preparation and shade cloth surrounds. They were mostly doing well until we had those two very hot days when they could not manage to survive. But that is life in nature. However, it is not the end of the story. Further plantings of more successful species are happening to fill those gaps. Not only in the conifer

collections but elsewhere in the park. The Gippsland Interchange crew did some of that replanting on one of their visits. They also helped to clear up cleared material from one of the park areas which had become overgrown and with fallen trees. They are a great asset to our park volunteer work. The working bee saw five brave souls venture out. After waiting some time for the rain to ease they planted a group of conifers in two different locations. The rain eased as they planted with even a short-lived glance of sunshine. A cuppa followed

before other work was undertaken. It is very satisfying to look around the park and see the fantastic development which leads to a ready appreciation of the amazing amount of work done by the volunteers, using their skills and energy to achieve the results. More volunteers are needed. Our working bees are held on each second Saturday of the month and we would love to welcome you to help and add your abilities. The Interchange Crew comes at 1-2pm on Thursdays and more help is always useful.

Meatballs in Egg and Lemon Soup

It is winter - soup, pies and slow cooker meals. Ingredients - 500gm of beef mince, 1 onion, peeled and finely chopped, 1/4 cup of parsley, chopped, 1/4 cup of medium grain rice, 2 eggs, cracked black pepper, 1/2 cup of cornflour, 1 litre of beef stock, 50gm of butter/marg, 1/2 cup of lemon juice. Let's get started - combine the mince, onion, parsley, rice and 1 beaten egg in a bowl, now mix with your hands. Season to taste with cracked black pepper. Shape the meatballs using a tablespoon of mixture for each meatball. Roll the meatballs in the cornflour, shaking off excess flour. Place the stock and butter/marg in a deep pot and slowly bring to a simmer, then add the meatballs, cover and continue to simmer for 45 minutes. Remove from the heat and allow to cool. Whisk the remaining egg and lemon juice together in a bowl. Then add 1/2 cup of the cooled stock and stir through. Pour this mixture to the pot and reheat gently. Season with dried dill. Serve with crusty buttered bread or not, it is your meal.



Apple Galette

Ingredients - 1 sheet of puff pastry (thawed), 80 gm of lemon curd, Granny Smith apple (peeled, cored, halved and sliced into slices) 1 dsp demerara sugar. Preheat your oven to 200deg C. I used a large flan dish, lightly greased to bake the galette and placed the dish in the preheated oven to heat. Trim the corners of the puff pastry sheet, to make a neat circle fitting the dish. Brush the lemon curd over the puff pastry, leaving half an inch border. Arrange the prepared apple slices over the pastry in a circular overlapping pattern, leaving a half inch border. Sprinkle with the sugar. Now bake in the preheated oven for 35 minutes or until the edge of the pastry is browned and puffed.



SPORT

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

"Connecting Your Community"

Boolarra Football Netball Club Indigenous Round



Boolarra Football Netball Club celebrated NAIDOC Week recently by donning their spectacular Indigenous Round uniforms designed by a local artist, and purchased with a community sponsorship grant from the Latrobe Health Assembly.

This year's NAIDOC Week was 'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud', celebrating the unyielding spirit of First Nations' communities and invites all to stand in solidarity, amplifying the voices that have long been silenced.

Latrobe Health Assembly Member and proud Gunggandji man, Mark Munnich, designed the artwork named Booraguman (Boo-rah goo-man) meaning 'One Fire' in the Gungai/Gunggandji language. The design encompasses the circular journeys of individuals, families and communities – how in a community everyone is sitting around a fire, meaning everyone is side-by-side in "one mob, one spirit".

"The top right-hand circle that is just red inside represents Boolarra Football

Netball Club. The five circles underneath represent all the different Football Netball Clubs – Yinnar, Hill End, Thorpdale, Newborough, and Morwell East. In the middle of the artwork is the Morwell River, which is a significant river system to Boolarra. Around the bottom of the Morwell River there is a track that goes to another circle which has females and males sitting, this is Mirboo North Football Netball Club. The other six circles are the other Football Netball Leagues that now play in Mid Gippsland League –

Meeniyani Dumbalk United, Stony Creek, Tarwin, Fish Creek, Foster and Toora," explains Mark.

"It was an opportunity to give back to our community where we live in Boolarra. Our club has eight active First Nations players who also represent local, regional and state teams – so a wealth of skill. Boolarra historically does have a strong historical First Nations presence by the Gunaikurnai Nation. It was used seasonally, as the focus was to utilise the food sources from the area, there are scar trees scattered

around everywhere which is significant to the use of the Morwell River as a food source."

On the day, the Boolarra Football Netball Club hosted Morwell East Football Netball Club at their home ground, the Boolarra Recreation Reserve. A traditional smoking ceremony by Aunty Christine Johnson marked the beginning of the Indigenous Round prior to the first sirens of the senior football and netball games.

"The Indigenous Round was a special occasion for

the two teams and their supporters to share and recognise the local First Nations' culture and continue our shared path towards Reconciliation. Mark's vibrant design truly captured his gift for storytelling and his heartfelt connection to his town of Boolarra and the football club. We are so grateful to Mark for his ongoing contributions to the Health Assembly and for being so generous in sharing his culture with the community," says Latrobe Health Assembly chair, Tanya Rong.



Churchill Baseball Club Junior Shines on International Stage



In a remarkable achievement, Jack Thomas, one of the talented juniors from the Churchill Baseball

Club, recently represented Australia at the 17th Annual World Wood Bat Association (WWBA) National Championships held at the Hoover Met Complex and various ballparks around Alabama, USA. This prestigious tournament featured 148 teams from around the world, with Australia entering two teams, including the Mighty Termites, composed of Victorian and South Australian players from each state's futures pathway. Jack played a pivotal role for the Mighty Termites, who won two of their six games. As the team's most efficient pitcher, Jack delivered outstanding performances whenever he took the mound.

His skills and dedication were evident throughout the tournament, showcasing his potential on an international

stage.

One of the highlights of Jack's journey was playing at the historic Rickwood Field, the oldest baseball park in America. Rickwood Field has hosted numerous legendary players, including Babe Ruth, Jackie Robinson, and Willie Mays.

In this iconic setting, Jack seized the opportunity and made a memorable hit to centerfield in his only at-bat. This moment will undoubtedly be cherished by Jack and the Churchill Baseball Club for years to come.

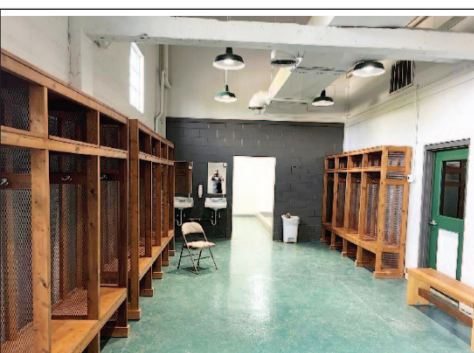
Jack's journey to the USA was not without challenges. After being dropped at the airport by his parents on a Wednesday morning, he embarked on a long and arduous journey with approximately 33 hours of travel time. Due to numerous plane delays, Jack did not arrive at his hotel for over 60 hours. Despite these obstacles, Jack remained focused and determined, representing his club and country with pride. In addition to his on-field accomplishments, Jack

demonstrated his leadership and sportsmanship off the field. Even while in the USA, he found time to send a video message of encouragement to the younger juniors back home, who were about to represent the Latrobe Valley Baseball Association at the U12 State Winter Championships.

This gesture exemplifies Jack's character and the respect he has for his teammates and club.

Jack's exceptional performance and dedication have made the Churchill Baseball Club incredibly proud. His journey serves as an inspiration to all young athletes, highlighting the importance of perseverance, sportsmanship, and representing one's community with pride.

We are excited to be a part of Jack's journey and look forward to seeing his continued success in the future. Jack is a fantastic athlete and a remarkable young man who truly embodies the spirit of the Churchill Baseball Club.



"Connecting Your Community"

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Par Saturday June 22, 2024.

A Grade Winner : R. Dent +1 B Grade Winner : W. McGrath Square

C Grade Winner : Ash Wright +1 D.T.L : 1. M. Soppe Square, 2. I. Heppelston -1, 3. B. Rowley -2, 4. C. Wilson -2, 5. M. Smith -2, 6. V. Monument -2, 7. A. Sharrock -3, 8. J. Langstaff -3 N.T.P: 3rd Pro-Pin : S. Turner, 12th W. Sutton, 14th D. Ellwood

Target Hole: M. Soppe Stableford Tuesday June 25, 2024

A Grade Winner: S. Turner 34 pts B Grade Winner : C. Stevens 35 pts

D.T.L : 1. C. Wilson 33, 2. C. Barnes 33 N.T.P : 3rd Ad. West, 5th J. Blizzard, 12th M. Dear, 14th M. Dear

Monthly Medal Saturday June 29, 2024.

A Grade Winner: D. Burridge 13 nett 72 B Grade Winner: A. Sharrock 22 nett 74 C. Grade Winner: J. Thomas 36 nett 66 Medal D.T.L : 1. P. Jordan 73, 2. N. Erasmus 74, 3. Ad. West 75, 4. C. Wilson 75,

5. M. Brereton 76 C/B, 6. G. Sanders 76, 7. R. Madigan 76, 8. G. Spowart 76 N.T.P : 3rd B. Rowley, 5th R. Madigan, 12th Pro-Pin : P. Smart Target Hole : R. Madigan Scratch : D. Burridge 85 Putts : Ad. West 26

June 1, 2024 Hole In One

3rd G. Barnes Monthly Medal Tuesday July 2, 2024

Medal Winner : S. Caldwell 24 73 nett Scratch : S. Caldwell 97 Putts : S. Turner 28 D.T.L : C. Wilson 78 nett, M. Ryan 79 nett N.T.P : 3rd C. Stevens, 5th C. Barnes, 12th S. Turner, 14th J. Soppe

Stableford Saturday July 6, 2024.

A Grade Winner : Ad. West 18 38 pts B Grade Winner : T. Sterrick 22 36 pts

C Grade Winner : R. Welsh 29 40 pts D.T.L : 1. P. Jordan 38, 2. R. King 36, 3. J. Cahill 36, 4. S. Sanders 35, 5. P. Kearns 35, 6. G. Barnes 35, 7. G. Sanders 35, 8. B. Kilday 34 C/B N.T.P : Pro-Pin : 3rd T. Sterrick, 12th D.

Burrige, 14th D. Burrige Birdies: 5th G. Barnes, G. Sanders Target Hole : P. Kearns

Foursomes Championships 27 Holes Saturday July 13, 2024.

Winners : R. King and M. Brereton 109 Net Runners Up : C. Waring 7 G. Barnes 110 Net D.T.L: 1. P. Kearns and L. Bevis 112.5 Net, 2. P. Flannigan and G. Spowart 113.5 Net, 3. G. Harvey and M. Harvey 114, 4. As. West and Ad. West 115 N.T.P : 3rd /12th Pro-Pin : R. King, 5th /14th D. Byers

Stroke Flag Saturday July 20, 2024.

A Grade Winner: J. Cahill B Grade Winner: P. Flannigan D.T.L : 1. G. Beyer, 2. M. Hutchinson, 3. P. Kearns Target Hole: J. Cahill N.T.P : 3rd R. Noordam, 12th Pro-Pin : R. Noordam

Stableford Tuesday July 23, 2024

Winner: R. Zomer 34 pts D.T.L ; 1. S. Caldwell 32 C/B N.T.P : 3rd S. Caldwell, 14th S. Caldwell

Morwell Croquet Club



The Morwell Croquet Club held the final of their Club Championships on May 11. Winner of Division 3 was Lynda Quayle, Division 2 winner was Kev Young and Penny Morrison-McGill took out Division 1. After a hard fought 13 hoop tussle Lynda defeated Penny to become the 2024 Club Champion.

Morwell Croquet club is located in the Travis Street Recreation Reserve and plays socially Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am, new members are welcome.



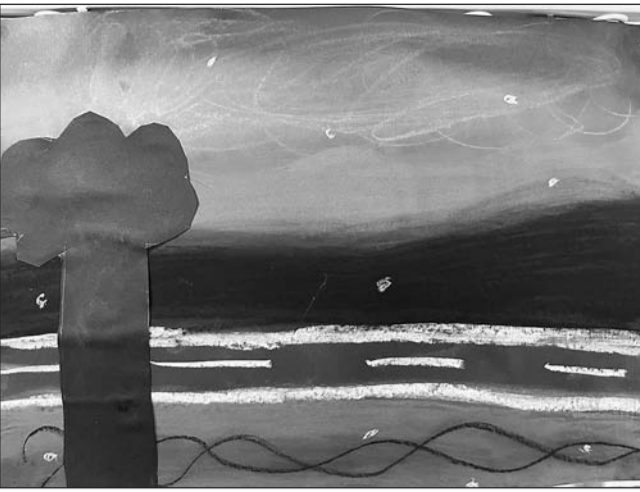
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SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY



Etching into Tin Foil

Etching is a type of art using foil. Last week I sketched the Disney character, 'Stitch' into a piece of foil. I used an icy pole stick very carefully to create my picture. Before starting, I had to put the foil on cardboard and use sticky tape to stop it from moving. I was happy with my picture.

Ashton

Last term our class tinkered with some Vincent Van Gogh work, painting our own pictures. Also, we did Etching. Etching is where you get a square piece of cardboard and put foil over it. We then carved a drawing into the foil. We got coloured markers and carved some flowers in the foil, but we didn't colour all of it in.

Ethan and Richie

Vincent Van Gogh

In the middle of last term, we started learning about Vincent Van Gogh. Vincent was an artist, back in

his day, who tried to sell his paintings, but his luck was not very good. It was only after he died people started buying his paintings. The artwork we did was a version of the Starry Night Sky. We learnt about foreground, midground and background. We started with a dark blue piece of paper and then we got out the pastels and started drawing our midground and background. Finally, we got a black piece of paper and cut out trees, rocks and bushes and stuck them on our foreground. When we were finished our amazing creations, they were put up for display.

Sophie and Angela

Art BPS

Last term the whole school did a Van Gogh artwork piece. The 3-6s did a midnight pastel piece of artwork, and the F-2 did an etching piece. Mrs Larrad is the Art teacher and she inspired us to make beautiful



Van Gogh artwork.

Daisy and Ruby

In Term 2 the entire school of Boolarra made Van Gogh inspired artworks. Some of us did pastel pictures and some did etchings. Etching is when you get a piece of cardboard and wrap foil around it. You then grab a popsicle stick or a blunt pencil and you start to use your pencil to make marks in the tin foil.

But before you even start

to wrap the cardboard in foil, you need to sketch a design on a piece of paper. Every student in the school made a version of a flower in a pot.

Callen and Kodee

BPS Van Gogh Artwork

Last term, Boolarra Primary School all did a replica of Van Gough's artwork.

First, our art teacher, Mrs. Larrad showed us a slide show of all of Van Gogh's pieces of



work. It showed us what a midground, foreground and a background was, and then it said what the steps of creating a replica of Van Gogh's artwork was.

Secondly, we all collected a navy-blue piece of paper for the background and then we got some pastels. Years 3-6 made a pretty and creative sky, then cut out some black paper, and put a town or a city for the mid ground. To finish it all off we put them on the wall in the art room.

Overall, this art project was really fun and we all want to do something like it again.

Violet and Ivy

Vincent Van Gough is an Artist who creates all different kinds of artwork. That inspires lots of children and adults to try their hardest in Art.

Our Art Teacher, Mrs. Larrad, inspired BPS students to make their own

Vincent Van Gogh artwork. We did sketches before we drew to get an idea of what we were thinking. After we sketched, we started drawing with oil pastels to try and make it look good with shading. We had to get black pieces of paper to cut out like a tree and glue it on to the artwork. We had the choice to outline the tree to make it look a little neon.

After we finished the Vincent Van Gogh drawing, we moved on to etching. Etching is a type of art using foil or soft metal. All you need is a flat piece of cardboard and then evenly wrap the foil around the cardboard to make it smooth. Next tape the back of it together and then get an ice pole stick or something that won't rip the foil to pieces. All you have to do is trace your ice pole stick on your foil to make a soft flower, tree, etc.

Dylan and Ava

Gippsland Performing Arts Centre What's On in September



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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

September 10 Cael O'Donnell Celebrity Physic medium up to \$69

September 15 The Rat Pack Australia's Hottest Tap Dance Sensation is coming to Traralgon!

Sunday 15 September 2024 | 4pm | GPAC Main Theatre

Following sold-out shows and rave reviews at London's West End, the Sydney Opera House and around the world, Australia's hottest tap dance sensation, \$79 and \$99 seats

September 25 My Secret Life as a Unicorn A drama workshop for ages 5 - 7+

September 25 A Week of Drama

September 26 The Librarian A bookish circus adventure

Thursday 26 September | 11am & 1pm | GPAC Little

Theatre

At first glance, Paul-Émile Dumoulin seems like just a regular librarian. He is serious, proud and very orderly. Every book is in its place on his impeccable shelves.

The only problem? As soon as Paul-Émile gets his nose in a book, reality disappears, giving way to the slightly crazy worlds he discovers between the pages.

September 27 My Other Life as a Tree Frog A drama workshop for ages 8 -10+

September 27 Under Milkwood Award-winning Skin of our Teeth Productions proudly presents UNDER MILK WOOD - a beautiful, haunting play adapted, from the Dylan Thomas poem by award-winning playwright and director, Dr Christine

Davey. Friday 27 September | 7:30pm | GPAC Little Theatre Come to Milk Wood and stay a while. Explore, sit down and dream.

Journey through 24 hours in a village that could be anywhere, anytime. You'll experience a love letter to language, to humanity, to life and to loss. Join us for this glorious story about memory and forgetting and all the beauty of everything in between.

The town is as full as a

love bird's egg and you never know what you might find, especially when you are not looking.

A cast of seven performs over 60 characters - butchers, bakers, dressmakers, sea captains, cats, wives, children, no good boys in boats - in this magic realist theatrical adventure of image, sound, text and music.

Presented by the company that brought you the startling Worlds Where Life Might Exist, this theatrical delight will have you

enthralled. "Under Milk Wood - a Beautiful, haunting play adapted, from the Dylan Thomas poem by award-winning playwright and director, Dr Christine Davey".

* September 28 Music Theatre Masterclass

* September 28 Writing Workshop

* September 29 Music Theatre and Acting Masterclass

* September 29 A Day at a Time in Rhyme A poem for

every day. A story for every stage.

* Sunday 29 September 2024 | 4:30pm | GPAC Little Theatre

A Day At A Time in Rhyme is an immersive new piece of hybrid theatre written and performed by industry veteran Jane Clifton. A Day At A Time in Rhyme, is comprised of spoken word, soundscape, image and music, with source material drawn from Jane's 2019 published poetry diary of the same name.

SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

Crazy Hair Day

At Churchill North Primary School our Junior School Council representatives have been working hard to take charge and be active participants in improving our school.

They have been meeting three times a term to discuss students concerns and things that they would like to see happen within the school. Some being a few more dress up days and activities that are led by students for students.

Last term our JSC members decide it was time to revamp the friendship chair and decide that this would become their focus for

Term 3. The students knew they needed to raise money to get the chair restored, so they put their heads together with the two teachers who run JSC and came up with a Crazy hair/ Crazy dress day.

The students collaborated with their Principal and came up with a date, and a plan to hold the event. Students brought along a gold coin donation on the day. Our Junior School Council were so proud of the money raised and the whole school was really excited to see each other's crazy hair and crazy outfits on the day.

The JSC team at Churchill North Primary

School take pride in giving students a voice in the decisions and improvements that can be made to their school. We cannot wait to see the friendship chair restored and are proud of projects they have chosen to pursue.

Thomas: I think Crazy Hair day was good because people got to express themselves and have a fun day. I wore my Scooby Doo jumper because it was a last-minute outfit, I sat down and a friend plaited my hair and then my dad put coloured hairspray in my hair.

Respectful Relationships

Students at CNPS participate in Respectful

Relationships once a week. They do activities that help with social interactions, emotional regulation and learning about themselves and who they are including the things they like and dislike. During Semester 1, students have worked hard to learn about emotions and responses to emotions such as how they are able to calm down and help regulate as well as identifying their own personal strengths and those in other students. The work being done in Respectful Relationships is well paired with the implementation of Berry Street into our school.

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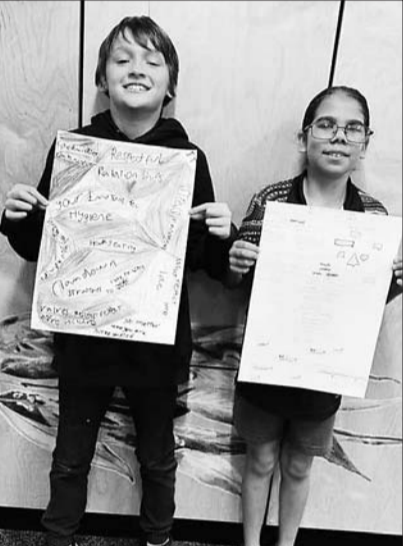
I like R&R because you learn about different emotions and you learn about growth mindset and fixed mindset. In case you were wondering what a fixed mindset and growth mindsets are, a fixed mindset is when you give up and don't think you can do it and a growth mindset is if you fail you keep trying. It also helps with self control and stress management. I have learnt that stress management can be easy to control once you learn how to. Self control is good to learn, I am the one who can control myself.

JT:

I like R&R because it teaches me how to be respectful and all of the things I've learnt helps me with self control, self regulation and calm down strategies. This helps me with friendships and helps me focus.

Riley:

I really like R&R because we talk about emotions like angry, sad, happy, scared, calm and anxious. When we talk about our emotions as a class it helps us understand how each other feels and we learnt that not all people feel the same.



SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

Whole school game

Hazelwood North Primary School was transformed into a battleground on the last day of Term 2 as the entire school engaged in a colossal game of Capture the Flag. The oval became a strategic landscape as the two teams clashed in a thrilling contest of speed, agility, and teamwork. The air was filled with cheers, laughter, and the occasional strategic shout as players raced to capture the enemy flag while defending their own. Age was no barrier to the competitive enthusiasm and a lot of fun was had by all!

NAIDOC Week celebrations

On Tuesday July 16, we embraced the spirit of NAIDOC Week with a vibrant celebration to kick off Term 3. While the official week fell during the school holidays, we ensured that students had the opportunity to learn and appreciate Indigenous culture through a series of engaging activities.

Celebrations begun with an energetic and captivating visit from an indigenous performer, Majeda Beatty, a Murri Island girl. Students and staff actively participated in the learning of language and dances that are traditional to her country and

were eager to learn and ask questions about her culture, the tools, instruments and clothing she had brought along.

Students also participated in a variety of cultural activities, exploring Indigenous artefacts, language, and games. A creative twist saw students constructing edible flags, adding a fun and interactive element to the learning experience.

We extend a heartfelt thanks to Aunty Marg, Laurie Marks, and Tre Moffatt for coming into our school to share their knowledge and culture with

the students, and a huge thank you to staff members Andy and Brodie for their tireless efforts in organising such a successful and well received day.

Lunchtime creativity

We are never short of creativity at HNPS! Grade 1/2 students spread joy during lunchtime by setting up a puppet giveaway stall. The young crafters generously shared their handmade puppets, encouraging play and imagination among their peers. Meanwhile, the sandpit is turning into Bikini Bottom, with an epic pineapple house taking

shape!
Thank you, and Good Luck to Ms Boddy!

While we will miss Ms Boddy's infectious smiles, kind-hearted nature and positive outlooks, we are thrilled for her as she begins maternity leave this term. We wish her and her family all the happiness and health in the world and look forward to meeting her little one!

Welcome Ms Briggs!

This term we are delighted to welcome Ms Rochelle Briggs to our team as our Leading Teacher of Student Wellbeing and Inclusion. Ms Briggs will be a valuable asset to our

school, bringing a wealth of knowledge, experience and energy which was evident on her first day that saw her visiting all the classrooms and braving the cold weather at recess and lunch to meet all the staff and students. Welcome Ms Briggs!

Responsible Pet Ownership Visit

On July 19, Berry and Polly from the responsible pet ownership program visited our school. Big smiles and lots of fun was had by all, as we learned how to greet dogs safely and become responsible pet owners through singing, dancing, and role-playing.



Left to right: Capture the Flag: Hive of activity on the oval during whole school game. NAIDOC Celebrations: Majeda Beatty uses ochre to symbolize the raindrops of the Daintree Rainforest. Majeda shares artefacts from her culture. Lunchtime Creativity: Puppeteers ready to share their creations: L-R: Maci, Aliyrah, Mia, Ella C, Ella A and Evie.



SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

NAIDOC Celebrations- NAIDOC Week

holds a significant place on the Kurnai College calendar, when we annually commemorate the achievements, culture, and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year, it was our University campus's turn to host the celebrations. In preparation for this occasion, our students and staff dedicated themselves to crafting a space that truly honoured this significant event.

Our library was transformed with handcrafted flames symbolising the theme 'Keep the fire burning! Blak, loud and proud.' Additionally, our courtyards

have been enriched with art installations that celebrate our connection to Gunaikurnai country and reflect the spirit of our Kurnai school community.

Teacher Brett Gay and staff involved in our Structured Workplace Learning program collaborated with students to design and construct a garden shaped in the form of the Aboriginal flag. These gardens are planted with Indigenous vegetation and feature totem poles adorned with designs painted by our students, Hayley, Dacoda and Krystal along with their peers. A metal sculpture featuring Yeerung the male wren and Djeetgun the female wren are two

cleverly crafted birds taking pride of place outside of the advocates office, these have been created by student Brayden in partnership with staff member David Frendo.

Five panels border our main courtyard each intricately designed to proudly represent the distinct shields of the Gunaikurnai tribes. These symbols honour the Brabralung, Krauatungalung, Tatungalung, Brataualung and Brayakaulung people who form the Gunaikurnai community.

The entrance to our wellbeing space features a vibrant mural depicting two wrens, significant totems of the Gunaikurnai people. These wrens symbolise our

students and their journey in life, as they fly about exploring their career paths. The mural also includes a gathering circle designed by our Year 12 student, Kelvin. This circle serves as a space for cultural learning and connection, where campfire conversations and yarning circles foster a sense of belonging, reflection and a chance to gather our thoughts in a calm manner, by having discussions with our Elders and community about finding our place safely. Blue hues are incorporated into the artworks representing mental health, acknowledging the highs and lows we all experience and the care that Kurnai College takes to nurture our students

wholistic health and wellbeing.

The day's events began with a Smoking Ceremony conducted by Aunty Christine Johnson, followed by a Welcome to Country from Hollie Johnson. An Acknowledgment of Country was performed by Matilda and Shyann accompanied in Auslan by student Louise. Our NAIDOC official program featured performances by the Kurnai Dedlee Kultya dancers and included speeches from the Mayor of Latrobe Council; Councillor Darren Howe, Mr. John Russell, and former students Talia Cooke and James Solomon. We were honoured to have Aunty Nannette Channing

(Solomon) unveil her artwork depicting bush tucker plants, and Mandy Garling delivered storytelling through a moving musical performance. The Kurnai College School Band also entertained guests at lunchtime.

Celebrating NAIDOC Week at Kurnai College requires significant effort and dedication. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all community members, school staff, and students whose contributions were instrumental in making the 2024 NAIDOC celebrations a success. Special mention to our Koorie Student Wellbeing Team Leader Marina Cooper and her hardworking team.



SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY

The Prep students have commenced Term 3 with enthusiasm for learning new phonemes and consolidating their prior learning. Their confidence for reading and writing is growing, and they understand the learning power of practising and the impact this has on their skills.

Grade 6-Prep Buddies

We still plan opportunities for our Grade 6 and Prep buddies to spend time together and this continues to be highly valued by both the older and younger students. Late last term, we had a 'choose your own adventure' technology session and buddy teams enjoyed self-selecting their learning tasks from a range of suggestions that offered use of lots of different technologies. Teams used

robots, ipads, technic Lego kits and computers! The Grade 6 students capably directed and taught the Prep children how to use these resources safely and for the purposes intended. It was a lot of fun!

Grace Award Winners

Those students who displayed Growth Mindset, Respect, Aim High, Curiosity, Enthusiasm (GRACE) in the playground and in the classroom were rewarded with a special morning tea in the staffroom with the Principal Mrs Hall. Congratulations and well done to Ben, George, Bas, Jasper, Harrison and Zayne for modelling our GRACE values at school and home.

Tee-Ball

Mid-term 2, the YPS Tee-Ball team headed out into the unknown. Yinnar has

never had a Tee-Ball team, therefore we were not sure what to expect at all! We headed over to Traralgon for seven games and we ended up coming out the other side on top! We were the champs of the day! We went through the day being undefeated winning seven out of seven games. There was a little hiccup with the shield, and we did not get the shield to display at school until a couple of weeks later. We are so pumped and excited to head over to regionals later this term!

Written by Keiran and Hunter

Soccer

Last term, the 5/6s went to school soccer hosted in Churchill. We had a total of four teams competing for our school, two boys' teams and two girls' teams.

The boys' teams were split into a Grade 5 team and a Grade 6 team, but the girls were mixed. One team being called the Jemimahs and the Yinnar Girls. The Grade 5 boys lost their first game to Lumen Christi but had convincing wins against all the other teams. The Grade 6 boys won all of their games. However when it came to the grand final Lumen Christi took the win. The Jemimahs won one game, lost one game and drew one game. The Yinnar Girls won two and lost one. As a whole everyone loved having a day out and representing the school. We really enjoyed how everyone was very supportive and encouraging of each other.

Written by Quade and Jayden

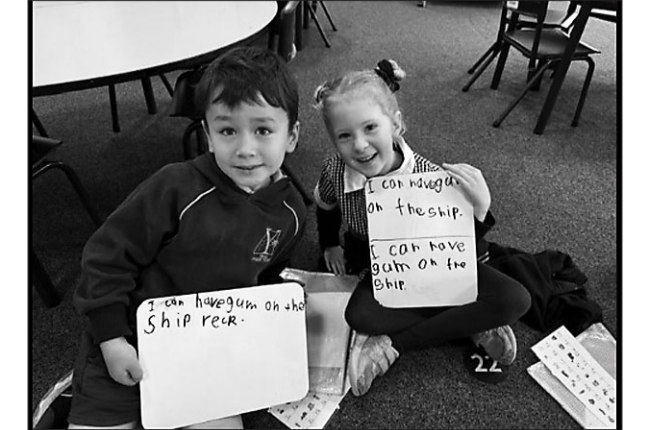
Yinnar Students Participating in Local Sport

Recently, six students from Yinnar Primary School represented the Latrobe Valley Baseball Association at the 2024 State Winter Championships in Werribee held on August 20 and 21. This competition involves the best baseball players from all over the state playing five games over two days. Hunter Duncan, Hudson Duncan, Beau Saddington, Murphy Giles, Keiran Swallow and Royden Williams displayed a passion for the game, good sportsmanship, and a remarkable level of respect for coaches, teammates, officials, and opponents. Their conduct was truly impressive.

The team's journey to the grand final included playing against North

Eastern Victoria, Bendigo, and Diamond Valley Representative Teams. Although they lost to North Eastern Baseball association in the Division 2 Grand Final, placing 2nd is an excellent accomplishment for both the Latrobe Valley Baseball Team and the young baseballers from Yinnar Primary School.

Hunter Duncan won a significant award, The Latrobe Valley Baseball Association Most Valuable Player for the Championships. An award picked by the opposition coaches who choose a player who has shown exemplary performance and contributions to their team on a 3-2-1 voting system. Hunter earning this award is a fantastic individual achievement!



Above: Prep Literacy

Left: Ryder and Hudson Technology Buddies. Far Right: Latrobe baseball team

New Morwell Food Centre

The Victorian Government is helping people experiencing food insecurity in regional Victoria to access fresh and healthy food, with the recently opened Morwell Community Food Centre. Minister for Carers and Volunteers Ros Spence visited Foodbank Victoria's Morwell Community Food Centre, which has already distributed close to 20,000

kilograms of fresh and chilled food to charity partners since it began operations in May.

The Government's investment of \$10 million has supported the construction of community food centres in Morwell and Ballarat, delivering much-needed food relief to ease cost-of-living pressures for thousands of Victorians.

Delivery of the new Morwell Centre means food no longer needs to be trucked in from Foodbank's Yarraville warehouse, with the new hubs linking with local charities and organisations to provide food relief in the Grampians and Gippsland areas.

Charities and organisations with limited facilities benefit from the Centre's capacity to store and handle thousands of kilos of fresh, chilled and frozen foods in its 2000 square metre warehouse.

The Centre has a strong food literacy focus, with a purpose-built training kitchen supporting food education for a variety of groups, including school age children, older Victorians and people interested in learning about healthy eating.

The new Food Centre features a vegetable garden



The new Food Bank centre

and will also utilise fresh produce grown in Morwell and surrounding areas, through a strong relationship with local producers and wholesalers.

In partnership with local charities, the new Food Centre will support Foodbank Victoria's 'Farms

to Families' program in Morwell, a series of pop-up markets which provide up to 300 families with enough fresh food for a week.

Minister for Carers and Volunteers Ros Spence said "This facility will provide local food relief in a much more efficient and effective

way, helping to put food on the table for families doing it tough. We are helping regional Victorians access fresh and healthy food with our continuing investment in regional food distribution hubs like Foodbank Victoria's Morwell Community Food Centre."

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