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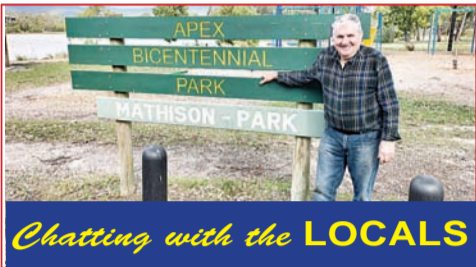
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Yinnar Community Garden sign unveiling



Yinnar Community Garden celebrated the unveiling of their new 'welcome' signs on Saturday August 10, 2024.

They are very pleased to have a professional sign which is attractive, informative and invites visitors into the garden, which is located at 19 Main St Yinnar (behind ARC). It is a popular and relaxing space, combined with the adjoining Yanun Wanduin indigenous garden.

New welcome signage was anticipated for

several years. The Committee is grateful to Youngs Signs for their generous sponsorship. Danny Young performed the unveiling, with many thanks.

In keeping with the food garden theme, he was presented with a fruit basket. Produce from the garden is shared at working bees, though occasional tastings are permitted.

The Committee also wishes to thank Sari Anderson and Jim Thomson for their

contributions in installing the signs at the front and rear entrances.

The community is invited to visit the garden and view several mosaics. New participants are always welcome at working bees on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Enquiries about membership, garden hire and donations can be made by emailing yinnarcg@gmail.com.

Pictured: YCG President Lorraine Bull presenting Danny Young with a fruit basket.



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Swimming Pool complex

Some twelve months ago sketch plans for the Churchill Recreation Centre were presented to the Shire Council. The plans comprised a 25 metre heated pool with access to a lawn courtyard for summer use and four squash courts at ground level. At a central upper level there is a large open area overlooking both the squash courts and pool and providing a supervisor managers desk. Such additional things as table tennis, pool tables, drink machines, will be added as community demands.

We know that the wheels of bureaucracy turn slowly. I doubt that we will see the complex this year, but I would gamble strongly that it will be up and in use during 1980.

Gippsland crematorium investigation

A recent reply from the State Savings Bank of Victoria effectively blocks the servicing of a bank loan to finance the building of a Gippsland based Crematorium.

The latest development comes after a series of enquiries to local banks by the Traralgon Cemetery Trust. These enquiries have been encouraged by the



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Hazelwood soccer

This club is in its second year of operation. After a very successful inaugural season it is now looking for better things this year.

We are attempting to field junior teams this season and would like any boys seven years upwards to come for training each Tuesday. Our ground is Andrews Park and is situated at the bottom of Manuka Street.

Churchill Parklands Sub-Committee

Their first meeting was held in March at the Community Hall Churchill. The Shire Engineer from Morwell was present and indicated on a map of the town which areas were designated as parklands. After much discussion on the above it was agreed by all that the most important aim of the committee was to promote community self help and awareness of what can be done with the limited funds available.

Pedestrian traffic around Churchill

The major area for Council's consideration is the area in Glendonald Estate whereby it is planned to develop a major pedestrian pathway system through the reserves leading to the shopping centre and the school. In a number of shorter courts no footpaths will be placed at all, and in longer courts only on one side.

Victorian State Government. Private banks indicated that money could not be made available unless there was evidence of official Government sanction and backing for the project.

Amateur swimming club

Having a good season but we still need more swimmers, another 7/8 year old girl who can swim 50 metres would be a terrific addition to our club, as we would then have a really strong 8 year old team. Other new members would be welcome and enable us to field this team at the Gippsland Championships on Labour Day weekend.

Front fences for houses

A letter received from the Housing Commission and Morwell Shire Council advising that the Housing Commission has revised its policy regarding front fences. There are 246 houses and vacant lots in Churchill on which a covenant prohibiting the erection of a front fence exists.

It appears that all that is necessary now if you wish to build a front fence is to

obtain a Council permit.

Trail bike track

Council plans to call a public meeting of interested people and parents with a view of forming a Mini and Trail Bike Club to develop and supervise the area at Ashman Park so bike enthusiasts can have their fun in safety and without causing other problems.

Hazelwood Classic at Pondage

To be held as a curtain raiser for the three week Latrobe Valley Festival. The Classic will be the richest combined inboard outboard race meeting ever held in Victoria, and possibly Australia.

Three feature events, two with first prizes of \$1000, and one with first prize of \$800, has aroused interest all over Australia, so we can expect over sixty of the cream of speedboat racing in the country to contest 26 thrilling events over two days.

Local sculler success

Allan McGowan of Churchill won the Victorian Sculling Championship held at the weekend. This is the climax of a great comeback for Allan, forced to give up sculling for a few years to complete his studies. April will see Allan competing in the Australian Championships in Adelaide.

Rainfall



Churchill Rainfall

For the month of August we received a total of 39.5mm over seven days. The highest recorded reading being 13mm (26/8). The annual rainfall recorded to date is 419.5mm.

August's 2024 readings are truly well below the averages from that of previous years.

Hazelwood South

Lots of wind. The sun has broken the winter gloom, and 29mm of rain, which is only 36% of the average for August. The above

average temperatures and an increase of sunshine, is making the grass, garden and weeds grow again. The ground water is low, and has reduced from last month. Hazelwood South was 15% wetter than the Latrobe Valley weather station. For the year of 2024 the rain is now 15% below average. The strong winds have brought lots of trees down, adding the sound of chainsaws to that of the mowers. How different this August is from a typical August decades ago.

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Strzelecki Koala

September is "Save The Koala Month", with September 27 being "Save the Koala Day"

(www.savethekoala.com 17-8-24)

"Save the Koala" day was instigated by Deborah Tabart OAM, who is an environmentalist and leader for the Australian Koala Foundation.

This organisation has a "vision for a future where humans live in harmony with koalas and their habitat." Tabart and this foundation are working towards the enactment of a Koala Protection Act. (www.savethekoala.com) Such an act would ensure that the koala and its habitat is protected through better legislation. The Australian Koala Foundation is after citizen support to help this important Koala Protection Act to be passed.

The Australian Koala Foundation "Save the Koala Month" was heralded by "The Koala Army's March for Creatures Great and Small" in Canberra on

September 1, 2024.

However it is not too late for the citizens of Churchill and its surrounding areas to celebrate and learn more about the koala, especially our unique Strzelecki koala, and its survival issues. Here are some suggestions:

Do fun activities with your family.

"Save the Koala Month Activities for Kids" (www.mothernaturalnature.com 20-8-24) contains some ideas for parents or teachers to do with children.

Making a koala mask or a koala garland out of printable downloads are some of the activities suggested on this site. "Celebrate Save the Koala Day the last Friday in September" (www.nonstopcelebrations.com 20-8-24) also has information and activities for children.

Plant a food or shelter tree for the Strzelecki koala. Help a local Landcare group with planting more native vegetation.

Drive carefully in bush areas especially from evening



to dawn. Notify Wildlife Victoria if you see a sick, injured or dead koala or other wildlife. (03) 8400 7300

Be a responsible pet owner and keep pets inside at night or safely contained in a koala proof yard.

Donate to organisations that research the Strzelecki koala and campaign for the protection of Strzelecki koala habitat, like Friends of the Earth/Koala. (www.melbournefoe.org.au)

Tell others about how important the Strzelecki koala and its habitat is to the survival of the koala species in the wild.

Contact local, state and federal politicians about the urgent need to prevent the loss of existing koala habitat, and provide stronger legislative protection so that the Strzelecki koala's long term survival is ensured.

Become a citizen scientist and send koala or their scat sightings to Anthony Amis especially if you live in the Churchill area. (anthony.amis@foe.org.au)

Lastly, the slogan for Wild Koala Day is "No Tree, No Me". "If it is a koala habitat tree, then you must not cut it down." (www.savethekoala.com 21-8-24) Let us do our part and preserve, protect and plant koala habitat too.



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Bees

Of all the creatures in the world, the one thing we rely on more than anything else is the bee. Indeed, without the bee to pollinate plants, mankind would disappear from the planet within just a few years, as would just about everything else which lives on land. Of course there are other pollinators, such as wasps and flies and the occasional possum which can fill in small gaps, but the bee is around in such numbers usually that they carry out their task to feed mankind without too great an effort. To add to their appeal, they produce that delectable by-product, honey.

Australia has around 1,700 species of native bees ranging from the largest Great Carpenter bee, around 24mm long to others measuring only 2-3 mm long. Included in these are a number of stingless bees. Most species are solitary but a few live in a hive situation, with a queen bee, drones and worker bees. Australian bees can be furry or shiny and

come in a variety of colours including black, red, green yellow and even blue polka dots.

Their main interest in life is gathering pollen to eat. In doing so, they allow plants to grow and reproduce and to feed most other species on the land parts of the planet. As they digest the pollen, they secrete honey which they store as a food for times when there is no pollen to be had.

Because mankind likes it, they have imported bees from other places on the planet which build hives in prolific numbers and store an excess of honey to be collected. To store the honey, they build a structure made up of hexagonal cells called a comb out of wax, which they also secrete, and fill each cell with honey and cap it with the same wax. Mankind, being inventive and not wasteful, utilises this wax to make sweet-smelling candles to light up their world.

The honey that the bees make takes on various flavours, depending on

the main source of plant pollen. We have the delicate flavour of gum-blossom, the medicinal and strong flavour of ti-tree flowers and sweet-smelling honeys from lavender and roses. I have tasted Coca-Cola flavoured honey taken from hives adjacent to the bottling plant in Sydney. I do not recommend the honey from a location where wild tobacco plants abound.

Hives in the wild are usually found in hollow trees which can be located by following pollen-laden bees back home. Australian native bees only need a small hole in a tree and their nest-hole has a secretion of dark wax outside on the trunk, enabling the returning bees to find home easily by smell. The imported bees have a sign language which they use to instruct other bees on new pollen locations. This takes a book of its own to explain so I will leave you with it.

In 2018 Australia Post issued a set of four with a miniature sheet featuring four Australian native bees.

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Co-Operating Churches Snippets

The last service for July was taken by Cathie Halliwell. There was an aboriginal focus to the service in recognition of NAIDOC Week. One of the bible readings was Ephesians 3:14 - 20 where it states that God is 'the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.'

Cathie spoke of how we are all one in Christ. She spoke of the importance of taking time to listen to one another, to get to know one another, with all our similarities and differences, that we may better understand each other. Liz Cooper took the Children's Ministry Time. She showed the children a book 'Our Mob, God's Story' in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island artists shared their faith. The artists had painted pictures to illustrate particular verses in the bible. Liz used this to show that there are different ways to share our faith with others, and art is one of them. The children, (and anyone

else who wanted to), then coloured in images using dot drawing. They showed them to us at the end of the service and they looked wonderful!

Nyree opened her children's talk by showing pictures of signs, asking her children what they meant. In the Gospel, people asked Jesus for a sign. He has fed 5000 with five loaves and two small fish. He said 'I am the Bread of life'. He provided for their needs.

All we have to do is know that God loves us and sent Jesus to tell us and show us God's love and we can have eternal life. That is the food that Jesus was speaking about. Our food spoils, but God's food brings eternal life.

Bec asked the question "How hungry have you ever been?" She then told a story of a hike she had been on where there was not enough food.

There are paradigms between the old and new testaments.

Bread is a staple as it was

in Jesus times. The feeding of the 5000 appears in all four Gospels. It shows Jesus is God. The cross is his glory. There is a connection with the old testament where God fed the Israelites in the wilderness with manna.

A miracle such as feeding 5000 with so little is a sign pointing closer to God. In the old testament Moses was told to tell Israelites in Egypt that "I am" had sent him. Jesus tells the people I am bread (and other things in John's Gospel).

George spoke about comparisons. We all do it whether is positive or negative. We use it to make sense of our world. He based his sermon on John 6: 22-59, where Jesus says 'I am the bread of life'.

Jesus is getting the people to compare how God provided manna in the wilderness with his sacrifice to become the living bread. He encouraged us to be like Jesus and never allow familiarity to breed contempt.

Sometime we let what we know of a person diminish what we also know of them. When we pray do we think about the words and what is said?

When we read the Bible do we concentrate on what it means to us? We can do this to people? Getting to know someone draws us closer so we learn and appreciate their journey.

God draws us to Him - not the other way round. As sinners we are not drawn to Him. He makes us ready to receive him.

Everyday bread gives us sustenance, but eat it and it is gone. Jesus is the living bread. We grow and God expects us to be our best.

Jesus is all knowing and sees into the future. He was born to die on a cross to make our way to God.

There is no comparison to the love of God.

Cathie spoke about Solomon, David's son who became king after his father. Solomon was fairly young.

God asked Solomon what he would like God to give him in his role and Solomon asked for wisdom. Wisdom is so important in our world and our work and relationships with others.

Cathie asked what lessons from history do we need to keep and what should we leave behind. She suggested we heed the following Bible passage.

Ephesians 5:15-20 New Testament for Everyone

15 So take special care how you conduct yourselves. Don't be unwise, but be wise. 16 Make use of any opportunity you have, because these are wicked times we live in. 17 So don't be foolish; rather, understand what the Lord's will is. 18 And don't get drunk with wine; that way lies dissipation. Rather, be filled with the spirit! 19 Speak to each other in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and chanting in your heart to the Lord, 20 always

giving thanks for everything to God the father in the name of our Lord Jesus the Messiah.

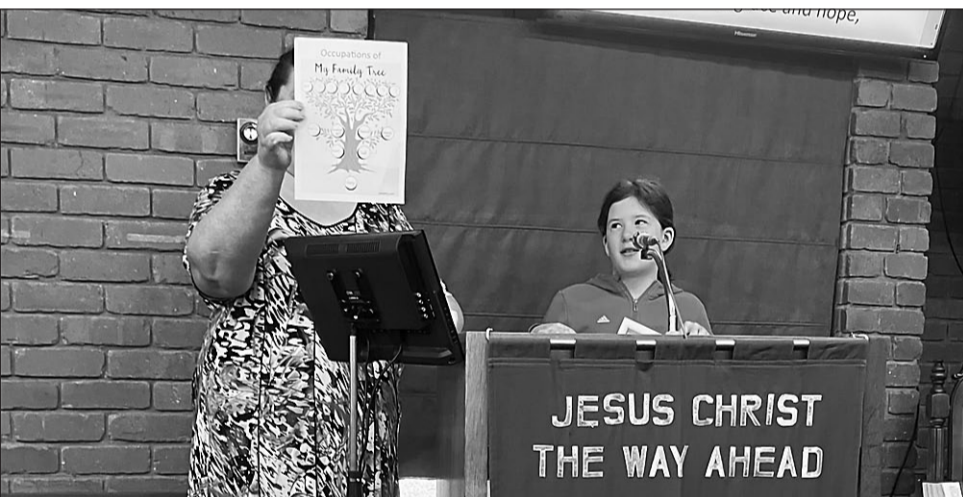
Coffee Connections

An enthusiastic group of people attended Coffee Connections Wednesday, August 21. It was good to welcome Chris and Kate.

Thanks to Anne and David for setting up. Don and Marion lead the topics of old sayings. Both being retired teachers they had worked diligently to prepare a list of unfinished sayings for us to complete.

Then around the circle we shared our list. Next, a small sheet with several sayings on it was passed to each person to read out what we had not heard before. What an amazing collection of sayings was heard and acknowledged.

The origins of them included from the Bible, Shakespeare and Aesop's fables. It was a most interesting morning with plenty of time left to chat and partake of the morning tea.



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Churchill Christian Fellowship

By Steve McNeilly (Pastor)

At Churchill Christian Fellowship we have prayer meetings on Monday mornings.

We have prayer times at our home fellowship meetings, in fact pretty much all of our meetings. We also try to get a prayer time in before our Sunday services.

Most churches have prayer meetings. But sadly, they are often the least well attended of all the programs that a church runs.

There is always the danger that prayer times can become a sort of ritual.

Please feel free to visit with us any Sunday from 3pm. As it says on our

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Enquire about one of our home fellowship meetings, or just turn up one Friday between 11.00 and 2.00. You will be most welcome.

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Book Review

"Because of You"

by Dawn French 2020

Dawn French is a well-known British comedienne and writer who was born at Holyhead Wales on October 11, 1957.

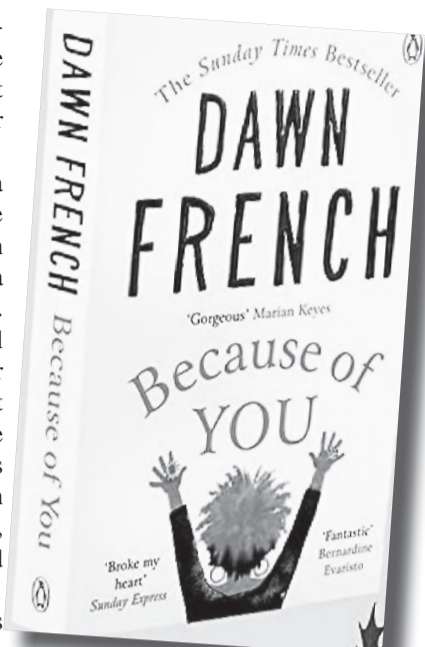
She was awarded a Bachelor of Arts from the Central School of Speech and Drama and received a BAFTA Fellowship in 2009. She has written several books including "Dear Fatty" 2008, "A Tiny Bit Marvellous" 2011 and "The Twat Files" 2023, as well as appearing in comedies such as "The Vicar of Dibley", "French and Saunders" and "Absolutely Fabulous"

"Because of You" opens in a London maternity ward on the eve of the new millennium. We meet Anna and Julius, she a woman with low self-esteem who sees the birth of a child as giving her real purpose and he a pompous politician who sees fatherhood as improving his image in the electorate.

Hope and Isaac are in the next suite. Hope takes pride in her job as a cleaner at the hospital and Isaac is an engineering student. They have a lot of love to share but are not financially prepared for parenthood, however they are looking forward to bringing home their baby.

Anna gives birth to a daughter who is named Florence. Meanwhile, Hope's delivery is not going as planned and she delivers a stillborn daughter. She and Isaac are both devastated, staff give counselling and support, and they are encouraged to hold the baby and name her.

She is called Minnie, but Hope cannot get out of the hospital quickly enough. Isaac has taken all the baby gear away to the car and as Hope is leaving she hears Florence cry. She begins to



lactate and is drawn to the baby who she picks up, and in a moment of madness she takes the baby and leaves.

Isaac is unaware of what she has done for some time and when he meets (Florence) Minnie for the first time he immediately bonds with her.

However his conscience does not allow him to be part of this plan so he subsequently returns to Sierre Leone to finish his degree by distance education.

Meanwhile, back at the hospital, panic has broken out and the search for the baby has begun. Police visit Hope's home but the baby is out with Isaac so they find no evidence.

In the back of their minds they believe the baby has been stolen by the Romanian community.

Without Isaac's support Hope returns to her family in Bristol and no one knows the real story. Hope raises Minnie with so much love and Minnie is a truly happy child.

Meanwhile, Anna still grieves the loss of her daughter, but has left the marriage.

The story then goes forward eighteen years and we find Minnie about to give birth to her first child. However the pregnancy has revealed that she has a congenital heart condition and her life is in danger. Because Hope has kept her away from any kind of authority throughout her life this medical condition, which is treatable, has not been diagnosed, and Hope has to confront the consequences of what she has done. There is anger and disbelief from Minnie, shame from Hope, the need for vengeance from Julius, but from Anna the need to get to know her daughter and catch up for the lost years. Hope's final act gives meaning to the title.

Whilst this book is full of improbabilities, it was easy to read and we all wanted to find out how it would end. The characters were very stereotypical, such as the politician whose only motivation was to improve his image in the eyes of the electorate, contrasted to Isaac who was depicted as almost saintly.

The author's need to be humorous was misplaced with the spoonerisms attributed to the policeman, as the disappearance/kidnapping of a baby is a traumatic experience for all involved, and it detracted from the core of the story.

The book led to discussion about grief and loss, guilt and anger and whilst we all agreed that Minnie probably had a happier life with Hope our sympathy was with the birth mother.

Wellbeing Wednesdays Flourish at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre has kicked off its third term with a vibrant new addition—Wellbeing Wednesday morning classes. These sessions have quickly become a community favourite, offering a blend of fitness, relaxation, and social connection.

The morning begins at 10 a.m. with Chair Yoga, led by the ever-enthusiastic Kerrie. This class, which sees 12 to 15 participants regularly, provides a gentle yet comprehensive workout, making it accessible to all ages and abilities. The supportive environment and the laughter echoing from the room speak to the fun and camaraderie Kerrie's group shares.

At 11 a.m., Felicity leads a popular Tai Chi class, a recent addition that has quickly gained a following. The class accommodates 12 to 15 students who can participate standing or seated, depending on their comfort level. Feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive, with many reporting feeling more grounded and stronger after each session.

The afternoon winds down with a 12 p.m. meditation class, introduced this term and led by Clem, an experienced meditator. Clem's educational approach allows students to explore different styles of meditation, helping them find practices

that suit their personal goals. This thoughtful addition has resonated well, providing students with new ways to achieve mental clarity and relaxation.

Many participants enjoy mixing and matching these classes, with some attending two sessions in a single day. The empowering atmosphere and the sense of strength and community that these classes foster are what make Wellbeing Wednesday a highlight of the week at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

The Centre's success is a team effort, thanks to the dedication of the tutors,

students, and the invaluable support of volunteers who ensure everything runs smoothly. As Term 3 continues, the Centre invites everyone to explore the wide range of classes and activities on offer.

For more details or to join a class, visit the Centre or check out the timetable on their website at churchill.org.au or the August issue of Churchill and District News.

Term 3 runs until September 20, but you can join at any time, so there is plenty of time to get involved and experience the benefits of Wellbeing Wednesdays firsthand.



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Words of Wisdom

Lock it or lose it . . .

In the past number of weeks, there has been a number of thefts from properties and motor vehicles.

Many times, the police are finding that either the car or the house/property have not been locked, and the thief has gained entry by simply trying the door or maybe even an unsecured window.

Make sure your sheds and garage are secured and make it hard for thieves to gain access and steal items.

Locking items in secure cupboards (Lockable) can make it difficult for thieves also.

Don't leave valuable items such as

wallets, keys and phones in your car.

If you have no alternative, keep things out of sight and keep the car locked.

Spending a little bit of time locking things up, can save you a lot of money and worry in the future.

If you have security cameras at your home, let your neighbours know that you are recording activities and if they have issues with theft etc, they can ask you to check your system for any info that they can give to the police.

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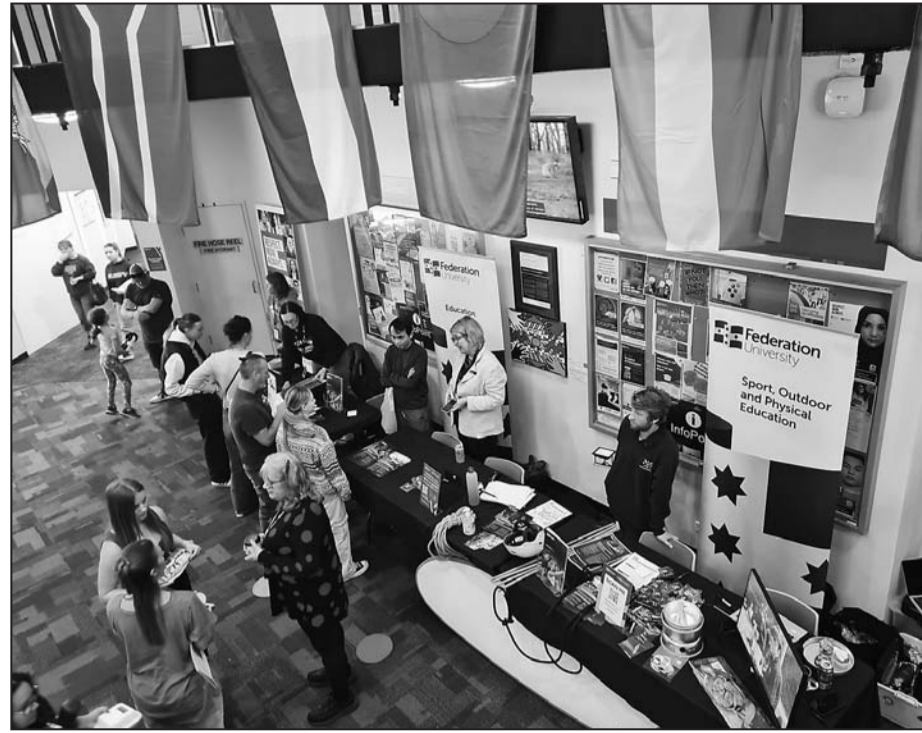
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Open Day at Federation University



Live music, food trucks, campus tours and interactive games highlighted Federation University Australia's 2024 Open Day. All were welcome to attend the Gippsland Campus event on Sunday August 11, with hands-on sessions in nursing, allied health and science labs, along with family friendly activities including a

petting zoo and roaming entertainers. Open Day was an opportunity for prospective students and their families to explore everything that Federation University has to offer, from hundreds of courses like teaching, nursing and midwifery, to industry placement and extracurriculars. Visitors

had the opportunity to meet Federation's world-class academics, student club and support representatives, along with current students and a broad range of business and industry partners. Through connection to local industry, the University continues to roll out its Co-Operative education model, getting students work and world ready with paid placement opportunities in a range of courses.

2023 Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) Graduate Outcomes Survey also revealed that Federation University was number one in Victoria – and second in Australia – for full-time postgraduate employment with 95 per cent of postgraduates finding full time employment with a median salary of \$94,500.



Federation University Australia Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Duncan Bentley said "Open Day is a wonderful opportunity for prospective students to meet our staff, academics, current students and industry partners to gain valuable knowledge to set them on the path of achieving their career dreams."

The 2024 Good Universities Guide rated Federation as the number one university in Australia for first in family enrolments and the top university in Victoria for social equity and undergraduate starting salary. The recently released




Morwell & District Red Cross Branch

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

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Chatting with the LOCALS

Mathison Park is a very popular area of Churchill for social and recreational purposes in the town.

To find out more of this great town asset Churchill & District News spoke with

Committee Member Reg Grisotto for more on the story of the park.

CDNews: Reg, you are a member of the Mathison Park Committee can you give us a quick rundown on its history and who is the overall responsible authority?

RG: The Housing Commission bought all the land around the area to establish the new town of Hazelwood, later renamed Churchill. The park was established in the early days of Churchill when the expansion of the town didn't realise its expected growth. The area of the Hare farm was acquired by local government. A committee was set up under Council and has operated since. The overall responsibility is Council's but the committee

works under its guidelines. The committee acknowledges the original supporters of the park in the APEX Club. When the club folded the Churchill & District Lions Club took over.

The APEX Club contributed by building the first BBQ where the fishing platform is, the shelter near the play equipment and some seating. The Lions Club refurbished the BBQ after it deteriorated, by installing new BBQs stainless steel benches. The Churchill Men's Shed supplied paneling and seating.

CDNews: It seems to be very popular, what do you think is the attraction?

RG: The open space, the



Reg Grisotto ready for work at Mathison Park attraction. **CDNews:** There seems to be a lot of work being done in the park, where does the support come from? **RG:** The Council supplies an

annual maintenance grant and the committee can apply for community grants for extra projects. The committee does a great deal of manual and planning work to develop the park, with only a small number of volunteers.

CDNews: It appears to be all based around the commitment of volunteers, how many volunteers do you have?

RG: We have 10-12 volunteers on the books, but only 3-10 at working bees.

CDNews: Do you need more?

RG: Yes we do.

CDNews: How does someone apply to help out?

RG: Go to Latrobe City Council web site and apply using the online form. This

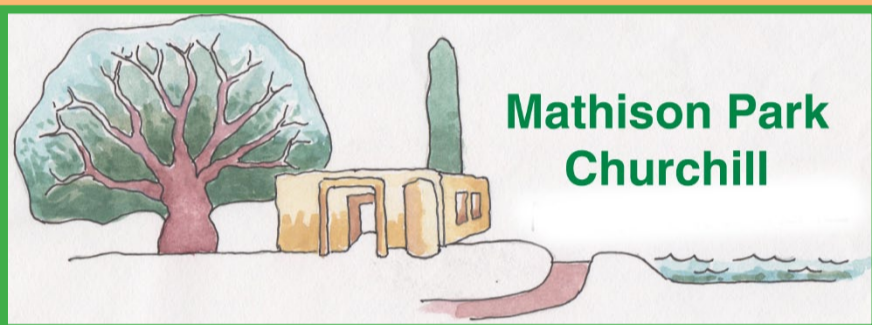
will then go to Council and the committee for approval. You will need a Working With Children Check.

CDNews: What sort of tasks would be required of volunteers to maintain the park?

RG: Garden expertise, knowledge of native and other plant species,

We need people who can write grants, do administrative work, and manual labour on working bee days. We need people with qualifications for chainsaw use and machinery e.g excavator, bobcat, tractor, front end loader.

CDNews: Thank you Reg and keep up the great work the Committee is doing.



Your community park

Mathison Park is an awesome park with a lake, tree plantations, birds and walking tracks.

It has a toilet, picnic shelters, interesting signage.

The group of volunteers who work under a committee of Latrobe City Council, is small, but does amazing amounts of work.

But we need more volunteers to attend our working bees. The working bees are held on the second Saturday of each month from 9.00am - 12.30pm and on Thursdays at

1.00pm - 2.00pm with the Gippsland Interchange crew.

Morning tea is provided on Saturdays.

Working bees are a lovely way to make friends and see the work being done, and to be able to say that you had a hand in doing that work.

They are a way of getting to know your community and the surroundings.

We are a happy group and welcome newcomers warmly. Contact Ruth 0456 786 577



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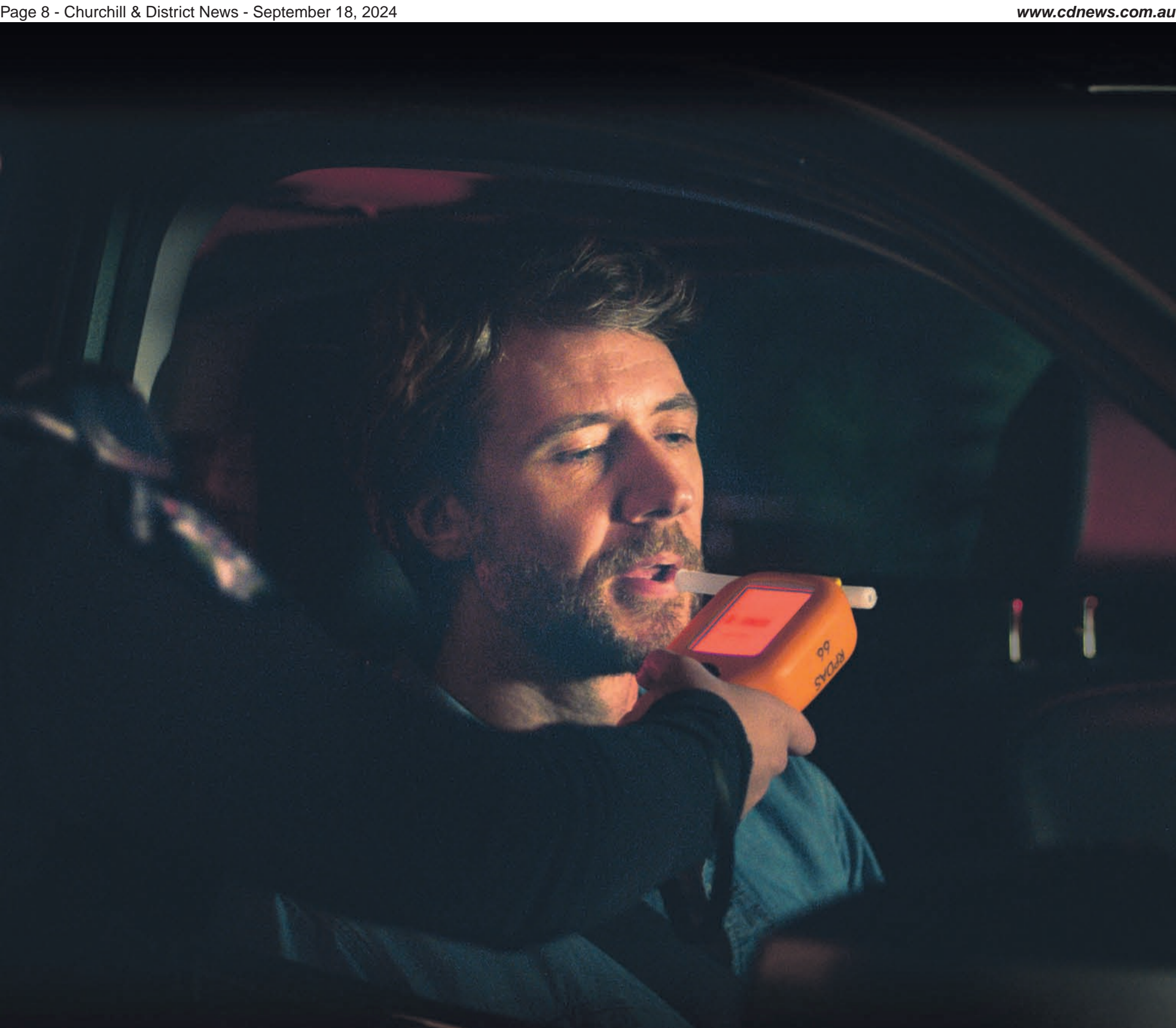
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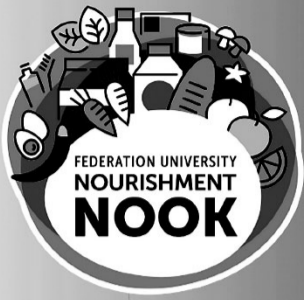


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Nourishment Nook: Student Food Pantry



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We are open every Tuesday from 2 pm to 3 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 11 am during the semester, near the Student Lounges.

We stock non-perishable items and personal hygiene products such as canned fruits and vegetables, cereals, rice, flour, and toilet paper. All Nourishment Nook users are limited to one average-sized shopping bag per weekly visit so the service can support as many students as possible. Please bring your own reusable bag.

The Nourishment Nook would not exist without the generous support of those who donate food and/or volunteer their time. If you can help, please contact us at studentengagement@federation.edu.au.

For more information and to access the Nourishment Nook, please visit the Federation University website.

The Nourishment Nook provides free food to students in need. We understand that adequate nutrition is vital for well-being, mental health, and academic success.

Therefore, we created an on-campus pantry to meet the immediate needs of students experiencing food insecurity. This semester, we are also running a Student Cookbook competition so that students can share their favourite recipes and be in the running for a \$500 voucher.

We prioritise maintaining privacy and dignity. When you visit the Nourishment Nook, your confidentiality is our top priority. Our friendly and compassionate team will assist you in a non-judgmental environment. Whether you need a quick snack between classes or essential ingredients for a home-cooked meal, the

Cookbook Competition

Food is a staple of life and fuels us for study. Whether you are a full-blown foodie or content with a simple toastie, discovering new recipes is always delightful.

This semester, we are going to compile a Student Cookbook from recipes submitted by the students. It could be a quick and easy meal that you can prepare in 15 minutes, a budget-friendly dish using staple items from our Nourishment Nook, or a cherished family recipe passed down through generations.

We will compile these recipes into a Student Cookbook, set to launch in September. Additionally, one lucky participant, chosen at random, will receive a \$500 Prezzy voucher.

The winner will be announced on Thursday September 26, 2024.

For a detailed guide on how your recipe will be published and to read the competition Terms & Conditions, please visit the Federation University website.



Join us in celebrating the joy of cooking and share your best recipes with the Federation University community!

Join LCHS at headspace Day 2024!



Latrobe Community Health Service and headspace Morwell are inviting our community to the annual headspace Day celebrations.

Headspace Day is a fun day out for people aged 12 to 25, their family, and friends, to learn about the services headspace has to offer and to increase their understanding of mental health and wellbeing behaviours.

"Headspace Day is important for raising mental health awareness and promoting self-care and wellbeing to young people and their friends and family. It gives us the opportunity to engage with those who use our services, build meaningful connections, and highlight what we do," Danica DiCiero, Youth Community Engagement Worker said.

"People should come down to learn about what services headspace provides. They will have the opportunity to explore

the facility and interact with staff who can answer any questions.

A range of fun activities will be happening that everyone is welcome to join. There will also be the chance to meet new people and have lots of fun," Ebony, Youth Reference Group member added.

This year's event theme is 'Pause, Reflect and Reconnect', with the planned activities on the day designed to reflect this message. "Life is often stressful and can become overwhelming. This theme asks us to pause when things are stressful, reflect on what is causing the stress and reconnect by engaging in self-care or minimising the stressor if possible," Ebony said.

"We have planned activities to give people the pause they may need. There will be an opportunity to engage in self-care with yoga and mindfulness. A karaoke room will give those

in attendance the opportunity to reconnect by singing, dancing and making new friends. We will also play the movie 'Inside Out', which teaches important lessons about understanding our emotions and healthy coping mechanisms," she said.

"There is plenty more happening too - I would encourage everyone to come down and check it out!"

Details:
Free entry
Date: Wednesday, October 2
Time: 10am - 5pm
Location: headspace Morwell - Corner George Street and, 15 Hazelwood Rd, Morwell VIC 384

Please note, this event is fully supervised; drug, alcohol and smoke free. Attendees 15 years and under must have parental consent to attend.

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Hazelwood Rotary Club

Lapidary Club Gem Show in Churchill

The Lapidary Club was formed in 1963 by a group of people with an interest in gemstones, rocks, minerals and fossils. The term lapidary describes the process of cutting, shaping and polishing of rocks, minerals and gemstones, also the cleaning and identifying of fossils. The members fossick for,

and collect, samples on their travels throughout Australia, and on their monthly field trips organised by the club.

They also participate in gem shows held by other clubs both locally and interstate.

The Morwell Club has a meeting room and workshop where members can make

use of the club machinery. Some use the gems to make jewellery. The annual fee allows this involvement.

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month. The club is a great way to make friends, learn about the rocks, minerals and gemstones and have a friendly social time together.



Wood and Sculpure Exhibition at Matchbox Gallery



Robyn and Garry Mauger together with the Matchbox Gallery, Yinnar present an Exhibition of Woodwork, Wood Art and Sculpture, Digital Photography, Card Modelling Making.

Wood and Art go hand in hand in the Matchbox Gallery's exhibition which runs from October 4 through

to November 3, 2024. Robyn and Garry Mauger from Hazelwood North have been wood working hobbyists for many years and have continued their passion into retirement.

The exhibition features, a range of beautiful hand finished timber products including boxes of various sizes and timbers including

a bow box, and a Norwegian tine; hall, occasional, and coffee tables; mirrors and other items.

The natural beauty of the timber grain and colours are enhanced by oil and wax finishes.

The exhibition also features items of digital photography, and some scale lighthouse models.

Feeding the Wildlife

By Tracy O'Brien

I am a regular visitor to Mathison Park, I enjoy the lake, the walks, the wildlife, and the greenery that has continued to be improved over the years. Well done to the committee and all the volunteers.

I would like to see some public education regarding the use of this area.

Many people walk their dogs as it is an enjoyable area for our furry friends, many smells, many greetings.

Although there are signs at the car park (only the car park) identifying dogs must be on a lead when walking, there is a portion of our population that feel their dog is well-behaved and therefore does not require a lead.

There are many reasons for the use of a lead.

The reasons why it is requested that dogs remain on a lead:

When your dog is on a lead it is controlled by you.

When your dog is on a lead you can protect your dog from any possible harm.

When your dog is on the lead it is unable to attack or



cause harm to other dogs or other people.

When your dog is on a lead it is unable to chase the wildlife.

When your dog is on a lead it is unable to jump on or approach other people attending the area.

When your dog is on a lead it is unable to run away if it decides to chase the wildlife or anything else.

Please note: There are enforceable penalties for not having your dog on a lead where it has been requested to do so.

Another favourite activity is "feeding the wildlife".

Although many many people take bread to feed the birds meaning well, they are causing harm.

Bread or any baked goods being fed regularly to the birds and in large quantities, causes disease in the birds

and can also create "Angel wing" in their young, this is a wing deformity in birds and the young bird is unable to fly.

Only certain types of food are appropriate for our wildlife.

Oats, cracked corn, lettuce, kale, and other fresh leafy vegetables, even defrosted frozen peas, sweetcorn is a favourite, rice, cooked or uncooked, duck pellets, and bird seeds.

All food should be container-free and placed on the ground for consumption.

All these foods listed above are far more nutritious for our wildlife.

Please do not feed out bread.

Bird feeders of any type allow for diseases to be shared by cross-contamination.

Understanding why there are signs and why education and information is given publicly is important.

This is to ensure our community may function well and continue to be enjoyable for us, including the wildlife.

Citizenship Ceremony



Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester joined Latrobe City Council Mayor Councilor Darren Howe, Member for Morwell Martin Cameron and Latrobe City Council 2024 Citizens of the Year Alf and Stella Vella in welcoming Latrobe Valley's newest Australian citizens at Latrobe City Council's recent Citizenship Ceremony.

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester joined local leaders in welcoming Latrobe Valley's newest Australian citizens at Latrobe City Council's recent Citizenship Ceremony.

"Citizenship ceremonies are among the great traditions of our nation, and attending these events is a privilege in my work as a parliamentarian," Mr Chester said.

"Australian values based on freedom, respect, fairness, and equality of opportunity are central to our community remaining a secure, prosperous and peaceful place to live.

Twenty-eight people pledged allegiance to Australia, assumed our nation's values and received citizenship, and I welcome the new Australians who are going to make our community even stronger."

The Citizenship Ceremony was led by Latrobe City Council Mayor Councilor Darren Howe, with addresses from Mr Chester, Member for Morwell Martin Cameron and Latrobe City Council 2024 Citizens of the Year Alf and Stella Vella.

Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists



Little Corellas on roof top. Credit: Irene Proebsting

Urban bird habitat and behaviours

At the next meeting of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club starting at 7:30 pm on Friday, September 27 in the Moe Library, Jacinta Humphrey, a PhD student with the Research Centre for Future Landscapes at La Trobe University is

presenting, via zoom, on urban bird habitats and behaviours. This is followed by the monthly Club meeting.

She has been researching the impact of the urban environment, such as landscape composition and vegetation cover on species richness of forest,

water and territorial birds. Jacinta is passionate about creating and maintaining habitat for wildlife in our cities, and hopes that her work will contribute to a greener, more biodiverse future.

The following day, Saturday September 28, our monthly excursion will be looking at what kinds of urban birds are in our area. Meet at 10.00am at the Moe Botanic Gardens, off Narracan Drive Moe, later visiting the Ollerton Avenue Bushland Reserve and Lake Narracan.

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

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Such a lovely sunny day greeted market goers on Saturday August 24! Lots of market stalls, lots of shoppers, lots of give-aways and so many sausages!

We estimate that about 500 sausages were cooked by our willing volunteers from Churchill Fire Brigade and Churchill Lions Club. That is quite a few! Many thanks to the cooks and helpers.

A special vote of thanks to all our other volunteers who worked so hard before, and on, the day. Our Shop Local markets would not happen without our volunteers.

Whilst the sausages were free (thanks to Churchill Woolworths for supporting our free sausage sizzles), many folk made donations to the Fire Brigade and the Lions Club.

It is great that these community organisations can benefit from being part of market activities.

Approximately 30 market stalls were set up by 9am and were given chocolates (thanks to The Churchill Reject Shop) and fruit (thanks to Churchill Woolworths) and most seemed to have a good day.

A big thank-you to all!

The remaining chocolates and fruit were quickly dispersed amongst early market attendees. No-one minds being given some free treats!

Our fairy entertainer (Merrin) was a hit with children (not to mention a few adults and their dogs) and our musician (Bryce) played his popular covers and received many compliments.

Market organisers gave away over \$400 worth of free vouchers to randomly selected shoppers between 10am and mid-day; lovely to see the smiles on winners' faces as they were rewarded for spending their shopping dollars locally.

Sponsorship from Marinus Link enabled market organisers to pay entertainers and cover the face value of vouchers (no retailer is out-of-pocket for the voucher give-aways), along with other expenditure incurred in organising the market.

Let us hope the weather is just as good for our next Shop Local market - Saturday December 7, will be our Christmas Market. Put the date in your diary; we hope to see you there!



CDCA conducted both a paper and an on-line survey to coincide with the Shop Local Winter Market held in August. We wanted to hear from residents about the local issues of most concern.

At the time of writing, the survey results are yet to be fully collated, but a quick scan indicates that the No 1 issue is "Public Toilets in Churchill CBD". This did not come as much of a surprise to CDCA!

We are continuing to advocate for both a permanent solution (Council owned and maintained accessible public toilets located on Council owned land along Georgina Place) and a temporary solution (public toilets that are open whenever the shops are open).

We are keeping in touch with Council officers and will provide information to the community via the Churchill & District News and our Facebook page when we receive updates.

Other issues identified by CDCA, and listed on our survey, were the Shop

Local Market events, linking Churchill to a proposed bike path from Boolarra to Morwell and the expenditure of any sale proceeds from Hazelwood House (if and when it is sold).

There was a fair mix of views on the order of importance of these matters.

We also asked if there were other issues of concern and quite a few people took the time to write down their thoughts. There was a range of ideas, some of which CDCA might be able to pursue and some which are beyond our remit.

Quite a few people said they wanted IGA to return or have an Aldi or Coles supermarket located in the vacant space at Hazelwood Village left by Ritchies supermarket when they departed.

Others wanted a bank and/or a laundromat at the shopping centre.

Unfortunately, there is little that CDCA can directly do to entice businesses to lease vacant retail spaces in Churchill.

What you said to CDCA

Our best hope is to support well-planned residential development so that, as the local population grows, Churchill becomes more attractive to commercial enterprises. Likewise, additional infrastructure projects, such as public toilets, will assist further growth.

On the other hand, a suggestion for a bus stop at the intersection of Monash Way and Jeeralang Junction Road on the Boolarra-Churchill bus route is something that CDCA can commence lobbying for. With on-going residential development in that area, an additional bus stop makes sense.

This is not something that would happen overnight, but the request has to be put to the responsible authorities for it to be considered.

Some survey respondents suggested that more attention be given to Churchill's parks and gardens, including more BBQ facilities, seats and tables, a fenced dog park and further works at Mathison Park.

Latrobe City Council has allocated funding for a major upgrade of the Mathison Park playground. CDCA is not sure when works will begin, but has been provided with a copy of the concept plan for the new playground. This will be available to view at our next meeting (Thursday October 10).

Council has also developed a long-term plan for fenced dog-parks in Latrobe City - one for Churchill at our existing off-lead dog-park in Birch Drive. Officers had initially recommended it be located in Walker Parade but, based on community feedback, CDCA submitted that the Birch Drive area provided more space, more car-parking and the potential for further

development of parkland.

We think, however, that it will be a long time before a fenced dog-park in Churchill is constructed, as larger towns will be prioritised first.

Lots of folk were happy to be attending another Shop Local market in August and CDCA was pleased to put on this event, in partnership with Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and the Churchill & District News.

We are committed to continuing to hold three markets per annum at Churchill shopping centre and have begun to plan the Christmas market. This will be held on Saturday December 7. We look forward to seeing lots of locals there!

CDCA welcomes participation in discussions at our regular meetings. Churchill and district residents are invited to join us at 7pm on the second Thursday of every second month, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall (park and enter from Philip Parade).

Our next meeting is on Thursday October 10. Our final meeting for 2024 will be held on Thursday December 12.

You do not have to be a member of CDCA to attend, but we encourage you to join; there are no fees and, as a member, you will be added to our email list and receive more up-to-date information and further opportunities to have your say.

Membership application forms can be downloaded from our website - cdca.org.au

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) or write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

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26 Main Street, Yinnar

Summer stock is now available with plenty of good used clothes for all the family. The Halloween dress ups will be available next month. As always we have a good selection of homewares, linen, craft, books and bric-a-brac to choose from. We currently have a number of quality collectables in stock too.

We were unable to take donations for a few weeks as our small storeroom had

reached capacity. Thanks to our hard working volunteers St.Matt's can now receive donations of good, clean items. Please note that we do not accept electrical goods, furniture, prams and strollers or child car seats.

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International Rose Garden Festival

Everything is coming up roses for the International Rose Garden Festival

An abundant program of family-friendly events is arriving on Friday and Saturday November 8 and 9, 2024 for the highly anticipated return of the International Rose Garden Festival in Morwell.

This annual festival showcases the internationally recognised, award-winning rose garden, located in the heart of Morwell, while it is in full bloom. The garden is maintained throughout the year by the Friends of the Rose Garden Volunteers who ensure it looks its best for this special occasion.

The main acts this year include global television stars Dirtgirl, Scrapboy and Costa the Garden Gnome, who will perform their grubby bucket show live. There will also be a nature themed Trivia Night hosted by the Dirtgirl World trio and the return of popular events such as the Cut Rose Competition and the AGL Loy Yang Night Light Installation.

The Festival will feature workshops, live music, market stalls, food trucks, roving performers, children's activities, the famous Country Women's

Association scones, and more. The Festival commences with a light show at 6.30pm on Friday night, followed by an 11am start on Saturday where locals and visitors alike can explore the rose gardens and stalls, or participate in free activities.

Mayor of Latrobe City Council, Councillor Darren Howe, reflected that as the Festival continues to evolve each year, it represents community strength and transition.

"The International Rose Garden Festival Morwell is a pivotal event in Latrobe City. It not only showcases the beauty of the Rose Garden, which is tended to carefully by hard-working volunteers, but also significantly boosts tourism, stimulates local businesses, and brings our community together in celebration.

Year after year, the Festival grows and improves, symbolising our region's transition to a vibrant and promising future," said the Mayor.

Deputy Mayor of Latrobe City Council, Councillor Tracie Lund, acknowledged that the Festival is a testament to the outstanding contributions made by sponsors, local businesses, volunteers, community

members, and Council staff, and that this collective effort highlights the strong community-focused culture that exists in Latrobe City.

"I would like to extend my gratitude to the dedicated volunteers whose hard work ensures the Rose Garden remains immaculate and continues to enchant visitors from near and far. We are very proud of all volunteers in our region, who donate their time and in return, are rewarded with positive benefits such as improving their wellbeing, finding a sense of purpose, and strengthening relationships. The contributions of volunteers make wonderful events like the Rose Garden Festival possible and establish our city as a great place to live, work, invest and visit."

Festival partner, AGL Loy Yang, is presenting the Night Light Installation during the evenings. AGL spokesperson Christo van Niekerk, General Manager AGL Loy Yang, said that the installation is an unmissable event and will transform the garden into a kaleidoscope of colour from hundreds of fairy lights, festoons and LED lights on display.

"We are excited to be supporting this wonderful



community event again in 2024 and look forward to seeing the beautiful garden come to life after dark. Our ongoing commitment to this event underscores AGL Loy Yang's dedication to supporting our local partners to deliver engaging events that bring the whole community together.

The Morwell

International Rose Garden Festival has a wonderful legacy of celebrating the beauty of the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden while also educating the community on the importance of environment sustainability and is an event we are proud to support. We are very much looking forward to seeing the local

community and visitors enjoying the illuminated garden and entertainment," said van Niekerk.

Visitors looking to attend any workshops are encouraged to book ahead to avoid missing out. Festival entry is free. For more information, head to the Festival website at <https://irgfm.com.au/>

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Young Parents Program

A ground-breaking initiative is set to provide ongoing guidance and support to young parents in the Latrobe Valley. Kurnai Young Parents Program (KYPP), in collaboration with Kindred Spirits Enterprises and Kids First Australia, are developing a new place-based mentoring program, thanks to a partnership with the Latrobe Health Assembly. The 12-month pilot program, funded by the Latrobe Health Assembly, is designed to support young parents who are currently enrolled in or have recently graduated from the KYPP. Since 2014, KYPP has provided a secure and adaptable learning environment for young parents under 21, helping them complete their schooling while balancing the responsibilities of parenthood. The need for continued support after graduation became clear. "I think KYPP is a fabulous program with great support, but we realised pretty quickly that our students face a great deal of challenges once they leave the safety of our program," KYPP Leader Ang' Bolding said. "That is why this mentoring program is so important - it helps us keep that sense of community alive and be there for these young parents, even



Standing: KYPP Leader Ang' Bolding, LHA Chair Tanya Rong and KSE Executive Officer Shaun Mallia.
Seated: L-R Past and present KYPP students: Betty with Delilah, Felicity with Noah and Ani with Emmett.

after they have moved on." Betty, a 17-year-old KYPP student and young mother, understands these challenges. Betty has found a safe and supportive environment in KYPP which has enabled her to continue her education. "I wouldn't have been able to complete my schooling without KYPP, which has given me support for everything I need," Betty said. "The KYPP

mentoring initiative sounds like a great idea that I hope will give me the support to continue achieving my goals and support me in connecting with community." The program will match young parents like Betty and others with experienced mentors to create ongoing community connections and offer personalised guidance. The mentors will help participants navigate the

complexities of parenthood, education, and career development. "At KYPP, we believe in creating a nurturing space for our young parents," Ms Bolding said. "This new mentoring program is a natural extension of what we do. It adds another layer of support, helping our graduates stay on track and feel like they still have that

sense of belonging and stability that was provided in the classroom." Kindred Spirits Enterprises (KSE), a leading social impact organisation, and Kids First Australia, known for its innovative mentoring programs supporting young people across the country, will jointly oversee the project. Shaun Mallia, KSE's Executive Officer, expressed his gratitude to the Latrobe Health Assembly for its commitment to this cause. "It is always a pleasure partnering with an organisation that shares our vision of creating thriving communities with healthy and fulfilled people," Mr Mallia said. "The mentoring program has the potential to transform the lives of young parents in the Latrobe Valley and serve as a model for similar initiatives in other regions." Latrobe Health Assembly Chair, Tanya Rong, eagerly anticipates the promising outcomes that the mentoring program may bring. "Parenting at any age is a challenge, especially

when you are juggling schooling as well, so being able to offer support and encouragement through its mentorship program is such a wonderful opportunity. It will offer benefits to everybody involved, from the young parent to the mentors," Ms Rong said. "We are thrilled to partner with KSE on this incredible initiative," Kids First Acting CEO Nicole Artico said. "With our combined experience and expertise, we can continue to support these parents on the next stage of their journey."

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Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare

By: J Duncan

We had a planting day on August 10. It was great to get the first new plants in the ground for the pollinator corridor we want to develop between the Yinnar township and the Hazelwood Cemetery.

We began the day adding some plants to the drain along the back of the Yanun Wanduin Indigenous Garden in Yinnar. Some folk went to make a start at the cemetery while most of the group worked on the project sites prepared by Latrobe City's Environment team in McFarlanes Road.

Almost 1500 plants were put in over the weekend. Latrobe City supplied some as did our group. Some came from our National Tree Day grant from Planet Ark, others were raised in our own greenhouses and the rest were paid for from plant

sales at the Yinnar Market.

We are now kind of dreading a hot dry summer, but a good thing about these sites is that they are all accessible, and we should be able to water the plants if need be.

We set aside the tenth of every month to do something on this site, and our tentative program for the rest of 2024 is now:

a bird survey on September 10 (Tuesday)

a look at planting sites for 2025 on October 10 (Thursday)

a Pollinator Count (insects) on November 10 (Sunday)

Also in November or very early in December we will have a workshop on identifying grasses.

Microbats are important pollinators, and in February or March next year there will be a workshop for the

community and a twilight walk with an acoustic monitor to see if we can find any. We have engaged Wildlife Unlimited to present this session and to do some additional acoustic surveys to inform our project.

In other news, a small area of weed control and infill planting was organised by LCLN (Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network) at one of our planting sites on Upper Middle Creek. Since the 2019 floods, Cape Ivy has become a huge problem there. It is smothering our previous planting and overwhelming our small group of volunteers.

On August 23, group members went



our Annual General Meeting. Our President for the last three years, Rob Crawford, stepped down from his role and Rebecca Turnbull was elected to the position. Joëlle Champert is now Vice President. Our Treasurer, Rose Mildenhall, and Secretary, Peter Earl, agreed to continue in these roles. Thank you, Rob for the time and energy you put in to the group.

Like many other environmental groups, we look as though we are facing a change of tax rules. At

our AGM we decided that the best way to deal with these changes will be to incorporate in our own right and to apply to become a charity for the purpose of benefitting the environment.

Our group's next meeting will be after our pot wash-up and pizza day at the Jeeralang North Hall on Sunday October 20. All are welcome to come along and wield a dish mop with us.

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



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to work on our planting site in the Billys Creek valley where the news was not good. Cows have once again joined the feral sheep and deer. None of these have any place on this reserved forest site. They damage our plantings and the deer in particular damage valuable native bush both here and in the almost adjacent Morwell National Park. This year we also left planting until it may

well be too late; so we may lose plants over summer. This site is too remote to be able to water them. In better news, we have some plants growing well inside our electric fence, and these will add shelter and help to improve the soil as they grow. The more sheltered eastern side of the block is doing very well too. So not too bad overall for year five of a fifty year project!

On August 5, we held

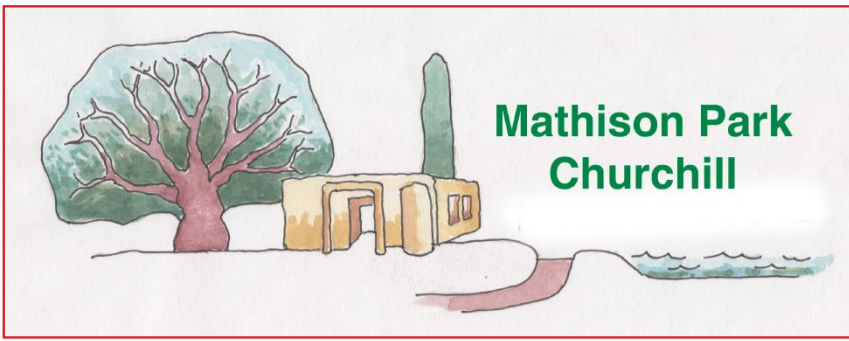
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Mathison Park Churchill

A new play space is to be installed in Mathison Park through a grant obtained by the Council.

We look forward to seeing how it all plans out.

Two working bees, on consecutive Saturdays in August saw the planting of forty new trees.

Some have been planted in the newly cleared area on the corner of Tramway and Mackeys roads.

This will help to rejuvenate the area which had a large amount of weed

and dead trees.

The Gippsland Interchange crew helped to plant several trees on their weekly visits.

Meanwhile fallen trees have been cleared up and debris carried to the burn piles. New trees for the deciduous section of the park were purchased and they too have been added to the rejuvenated section.

New signs are round the park asking people not to feed the ducks and other birds with bread.

Special thanks goes to the committee members and volunteers who put in hours of time, energy, skills, using their skills to help develop this amazing regional park in Churchill.

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 come at 1-2pm on Thursdays and more help is always useful.



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A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



By: Leo Billington
Parts of Morwell's history worth recalling

In the Churchill & District News, August edition, our menswear story finished at about 1925. What followed was a pivotal time in Morwell's emerging, diversified retail sector when, in around 1925, Norman Sharpe's Price Cutters business was established.

Mr Norman Sharpe enticed his customers - with clever marketing, and announcing a "price cutter" was coming to Morwell.

In Friday October 23, 1925 Morwell Advertiser, Norman Sharpe advertised he visited Morwell every second Tuesday. His "large assortment of drapery and merchandise" could be ordered at Lawless's Railway Coffee Palace, Station Street, Morwell.

the Morwell Advertiser was emblazoned with Sharpe's "Ruthless 10-Days Price-Cutting Campaign" - to celebrate a second anniversary of successful trading in Morwell.

Previously, his advertisements, such as in April 1926, told everyone "the main purpose of Sharpe's Great Tailoring Drive is to emphasise the Unrivalled Tailoring Advantages offered to Men of Morwell and District right here in their own Town. We are offering you a Standard of Quality in Tailoring that enables men to dress with Distinctive Smartness, and yet with the Utmost Economy as we are making a Special Offer", Morwell Advertiser, Friday, 23 April, 1926.

The rhetoric was enough to frighten any other self-

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Not to be outdone, Mr Michael Guss was forging ahead with retail success in Yallourn, Moe and Morwell. His January 29, 1942 advertisement in the Morwell Advertiser announced a

merchandise." History has documented the Latrobe Valley's post-war development - industrially, culturally and politically. One retailer who remained stoic at their Tarwin- George street corner location was J A Jenkins Pty Ltd.

Looking back briefly, R M Tulloch sold his business to Mr R Bacon. In August 1922, Mr J A Jenkins took over Mr Bacon's business - and all these retailers were located on the same corner. H G Palmer opened here in 1967. Fred Jenkins had by this time, established his new self-services store in Yarram.

It would be correct to remember Jenkins selling "mens and boys wants" -

PUBLIC NOTICE.

OWING to Travel Restrictions the well known Travelling Draper, Mercer and Tailor, MICHAEL GUSS, is setting up in business at 174 Commercial Road, Morwell (late Hardings), from FRIDAY, 30th JANUARY.

customers eastwards - with promises of reducing prices of all summer clothing, drapery, boots and shoes. They went further with reimbursing any railway fares to all cash purchasers who lived within a radius of

Tailors, became established in Morwell. Stammers sold all classes of men's wear - overcoats, sports coats, hand tailored suits, trousers, pullovers and more. Mr Stammers died in January 1951 and his business was taken over by Wardrops of Melbourne, as from October 1, 1950.

Starting work as a bricklayers labourer aged 13 years, George Wardrop became a partner in a tailoring firm for seven years before opening his tailoring business in Collingwood, and later in Northcote. The business expanded, with a major store in Elizabeth Street, Melbourne established in the 1930s, (Wardrops, "My Tailor") and other stores opening in suburban and regional areas throughout Victoria. The business lasted

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Prior to Mr Sharpe's decision to establish a connection with the Coffee Palace, and then a shop in Commercial Road, he began hawking in Gippsland, before establishing a store in Morwell early in 1927. In an in-depth interview with the Australian Jewish News, November 18, 1988, he explained his business motto - "my motto is that it's not what I can get from a customer, but what I can give a customer."
On February 3, 1928,

respecting menswear retailer within striking distance of Morwell.

During the 1920's, Mr E C Ford believed he was best placed to "excel in better tailoring values" guaranteeing "the materials, the trimmings, the workmanship - the best your money could buy."

About the same time, Norman Sharpe in December 1927, was telling residents:

'Each department is fully stocked with Xmas necessities and the whole of

our staff is keyed up to concert pitch to cope with the enormous crowds expected during the last two busy days of our

Xmas Carnival.' (The Morwell Advertiser, Friday December 23, 1927.)
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As they say, "the rest is history." Who is dedicated to selling quality men's wear in Morwell now? What happened along the years?



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service. Mr H C Harding announced to "the residents of Morwell District and Yallourn" that he had purchased a tailoring business previously owned by Rowell Brothers. Harding even told everyone he was "late of The Block, Collins Street, Melbourne." Here was an attempt to bring prestige to Commercial Road.

Jefferys opened in Commercial Road, next door to Mills & Co, corner of Tarwin Street and Commercial Road. During the early 1930's, they until the mid 1970s when taken over by Roger David Pty Limited in 1977. George died in 1932.
Along the way, Mr J A Baker decided to compete with others. Located opposite Norman Sharpe's emporium in Commercial Road, he promoted "tailored suits to order, with a stylish cut." His marketing line was "Tailor and Suit Specialist."

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COOKING with Noelene



Cracking open some food myths

"Carrots give you night vision"

As much as we would all love to develop superpowers, eating carrots will not give you night vision. This myth came about during WW11 when rumours started spreading that British pilots had night vision powers thanks to their healthy diet of carrots. Carrots do contain a healthy amount of vitamin A, which is what your body uses to synthesise the pigment in your eyes that operate in low light conditions. Eating carrots can aid this, but only to the point of average vision.

"Eating cheese gives you nightmares"

We have Charles Dickens to blame for this one. In a Christmas Carol a still in denial Scrooge blames the appearance of the ghosts on 'eating a crumb of cheese' before going to bed.

"Watermelon seeds will grow in your stomach"

A lack of sunshine and oxygen will not allow any seed to grow in your stomach. Actually watermelon seeds are good for you as they contain potassium, calcium, magnesium, iron and zinc. You need eight glasses of water a day - The recommendation for drinking eight glasses of water a day came about as health officials tried to match water requirements to calorie requirements, without considering the water content we get from other food.

"Eat your crusts and you will get curly hair"

This is one of the stranger myths, the idea of eating crusts will make your hair curly. Whether or not you have curly or straight hair depends entirely on your genes. It is believed the myth originated 300 years ago in Europe where curly hair was seen as a symbol of health and prosperity.

"Sugar makes kids hyperactive"

You have been told and believe that feeding your child sweet food sends your child into sugar induced bad behaviour. However the science does not back that up. In 1994, a double research study found that eating sugary foods did not affect the behaviour or cognitive skills of the children involved.

"Do not swallow chewing/bubble gum as it stays in your stomach"

Any food substances we swallow are dissolved and excreted within days, with most foods dissolving within hours and bubble/ chewing gum is no different.

"Steak cooked rare leaks blood when you cut it"

It is easy to understand why so many people would jump to the conclusion that it is blood oozing from your steak as you slice it, but it is not. Almost all the blood in your meat is removed during the slaughter. The red liquid is just water mixed with protein called myoglobin.

Crispy herbed potatoes



Ingredients: 750gm of 'all rounder' potatoes, 2 red onions, 6 tbs of canola oil, 2 tbs of minced garlic, 100gm of grated tasty cheese, 2 tbs of chopped basil, cracked black pepper to taste.

Peel the potatoes and slice very thinly, place the slices in a bowl of cold water and cover for 10 minutes. Now drain and pat dry with paper towel. Peel and slice the onions. Heat the oil in a large pan over a medium heat. Add the sliced onions with the minced garlic and saute for 3 minutes; now add the potatoes and cook for 20 minutes, turning frequently, until they are tender and golden. Add basil to the pan and stir through. Sprinkle the grated cheese over top and cook without stirring until the cheese melts. Season with cracked black pepper.

Salad - it's your decision



Gone are the days of iceberg lettuce, tomato and perhaps a slice of pineapple served up as a salad. Today, 2024 there is a huge variety of fresh produce to make your salads delicious and interesting. We have come such a long way in the preparation of salads. Lettuce is available now as mixed leaves (mesclum) or prepacked, washed and ever popular baby spinach leaves.

It is all up to your choice. To add flavour to your salad add cucumber, tomatoes, cherry / vine ripened or yellow tear drop, capsicums, sliced olives, grated or shredded carrot, snow peas, bean sprouts, chopped red onions. Now add crunch with sesame seeds, granulated nuts, crispy bacon. Salads can become a complete meal by mixing in a can of drained tuna or salmon, a drained can of 3 bean mix or chick peas, hard boiled eggs and an addition of grated cheese. To complete your salad add a dressing of balsamic vinegar, olive oil and a 2 tbs of minced garlic.

Seriously delicious.

Know your eggs



Eggs are scarce at this time in Victoria due to an outbreak of the avian influenza, but this will change and the avian influenza will be brought under control. Eggs are amazing. They are quick and easy to prepare, versatile and nutritious. Like everything else today, there is a lot more choice than ever before, eggs included. Eggs differ in the way the hen is housed or the type of feed it is given, which alters the composition and food value of the egg.

Egg types - Free Range eggs come from hens who are free to move from their enclosure to the open yard. Barn Laid eggs come from hens who have the space to move freely within their enclosure to fossick and lay eggs in a fenced area. Omega 3 eggs are produced by hens who are fed a special diet based on canola and linseed to produce eggs that are higher in omega 3 fats (mainly found in fish). Omega 3 fats are beneficial in lowering high blood pressure and keeping blood flowing free. Vegetarian eggs come from hens who are fed on feed that does not contain meat or fish products. Standard eggs come from hens that are caged to ensure a correct diet and protection from disease and predators and the eggs from this practice are very cost effective and highly productive.

No matter which eggs you purchase, all eggs have approximately the same amount of protein, total fat and cholesterol.

Eggs are best stored pointed side down in their carton as this keeps the yolk centred in the middle of the white, which is great for hard boiled eggs presentation.

Sugar - how much?



Up until the 1950's the majority of sugar was used at home in baking, preserving fruit, making jam and table use for tea and coffee. Now today 75% of the sugar we eat is from foods prepared outside of our homes. The majority of the sugar we consume today is in the drinks we consume; in the form of packaged juices, soft drinks and cordials. Overall our sugar consumption has changed little over the decades, we just consume sugar in different ways.

Mixed berry muffins



These muffins are easily prepared and are happy to be frozen until needed. I use frozen mixed berries (thawed), but the berries can be replaced with choc chips or mashed bananas.

Ingredients: 2 cups of self raising flour, 3/4 cup of castor sugar, 1 tsp of ground cinnamon, 1/2 cup of canola oil, 3/4 cup of milk, 2 eggs lightly beaten, 1 tsp of vanilla extract, 1 cup of frozen mixed berries (thawed).

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Grease your muffin pan (I do use a medium size muffin pan), liberally with cooking spray. Mix together the flour, sugar and cinnamon in a large bowl. In a separate bowl beat together oil, milk, eggs, and vanilla extract. Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients, pour in the wet ingredients. Using a wooden spoon, mix to combine. Now add the berries and stir lightly until only just mixed. Do not over mix the mixture. Spoon into the well greased muffin pans and bake in the preheated oven for about 20 minutes or until well risen and golden. Remove to a wire rack to cool. Serve sprinkled with icing sugar.

Perfect mashed potatoes - a lost art



Ingredients: 900gm of floury potatoes (Desiree , but easily accessible 'all rounder'), peeled and cut into even sized chunks, 55gm of butter/ marg, 4 tbs of hot milk, cracked black pepper.

Bring a saucepan of lightly salted water to the boil. Add the potatoes, bring back to the boil and cook for 25 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Test with a skewer right through the middle of the potato to avoid lumps. Now drain the potatoes.

Return the potatoes to the warm saucepan and mash with a potato masher until smooth. At this point add the butter/ marg and continue to mash until well combined. Finally add the hot milk (hot milk is easily absorbed by the potatoes to produce a creamier mash). Sprinkle and stir through 1 tsp of cracked black pepper.

Serve while hot.

Friends of Morwell National Park



Male Superb Fairy-wren (*Malurus cyaneus*) in breeding plumage



Two koalas (*Phascolarctos cinereus*) fighting in a tree at the top of Clematis Track



The work upon the bird book continues with the final proofing being done ready for the launch of the book in November.

Caitilin has been working on the new website for this group and it has been published at [https://](https://friendsofmorwellnp.com.au/)

friendsofmorwellnp.com.au/. The new website contains the current newsletter, the calendar, a little content with some links back to content on the old web site.

When the new signage is erected at the entrances to the park the QR code on the signage will link to this new website.

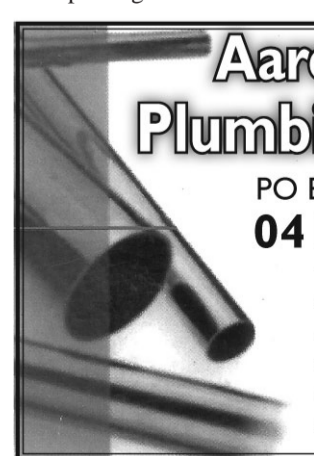
Future work on the website will include adding more content, migrating the content from the old website into this new format and adding a store for the purchase of books.

For the day's activity the group divided with Caitilin, Jay and Joelle leaving to photograph some damp forest environments for the bird book while the rest of the group completed track maintenance near the Stringybark Track bridge and on the sidetrack.

The task was to remove two trees from across the track and another that was encroaching upon Stringybark Track. The

chainsaw had a bit of use to remove these three trees. The second tree had recently fallen and took a lot of work to remove, with many branches needing to be limbed up so that the main trunk could also be cut through and removed. It was a process of working in layers until the whole tree was removed from the track.

A little way up Stringybark Track there was a tree beside the track which was encroaching upon the track and stopping vehicles from passing.



The chainsaw was used again to cut and then we pushed this tree off the track.

The Stringybark group returned to the Kerry Road picnic area to meet up with the other group after their photography. The whole group enjoyed lunch together. We were entertained by a group of Fairy Wrens who danced around and circled the picnic area for the period that we ate our lunches.

While photographing the damp forests, Caitilin caught two koalas fighting.

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Morwell and District Red Cross



Our Annual Fundraiser on September 11 was held at the Yinnar and District Memorial Hall. This year we hosted a Try and Buy Fashion Show by Postie Social Styling.

August 12, 2024 marked the 110th Anniversary of Red Cross.

What a fabulous day we had celebrating this milestone. Members wore a touch of red to the meeting as well as baking or bringing something red themed for afternoon tea. A delicious

sponge cake was made for the occasion, with Kath Hunter and Kath Peruzzi having the honour of cutting the cake. These two fabulous ladies have a combined Red Cross service record of 105 years.

In 2008, Kath Hunter was awarded the Red Cross Laurel Wreath to mark her 50 years of long service. Kath Hunter also received the Red Cross Gilt Rosette in 2018 for 60 years of service. Kath Peruzzi has accrued 39 years of continuous service.

They have always been members of our branch. Both are holders of the Red Cross Service award presented in 2015 for consistent and continuous devotion to duty. Such wonderful ambassadors for Red Cross and in particular Morwell and District Red Cross Branch.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the Yinnar and District Memorial Hall at 1:30pm. New Member are always welcome, so pop in and say hello.

Town centre rebuilding completed



Due to an accident some months ago the drive through part of Hazelwood Village complex was out of bounds,

leaving pedestrians having to use the roadway to access the clinic and other shops nearby. The last month or so

workmen have been busy restoring the damage and now the area is again accessible safely.



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Innovation that excites



A small workshop in Yinnar is at the forefront of groundbreaking innovation that could safeguard the lives of the men and women serving to protect our country.

Military veteran Luke Townsend and his eight-person team at Outlook Industries have invented a new on-ground surveillance system, the 'Ground Unmanned System', aka GUS.

The magnitude of GUS's operational and life-saving capability attracted the interest of the Australian Defence Force, resulting in a contract for the local defence robotics and innovation company to

supply the military with the new vehicles.

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester said it was an incredible achievement for Luke and the Outlook Industries team, calling it an inspiring example of Gippsland's growing STEM industry.

"Luke and his team have invented, developed and tested completely new surveillance technology from their workshop in Yinnar, which, when rolled out in the ADF, will help to protect the lives of Australian servicemen and women," Mr Chester said.

"The remotely controlled all-terrain surveillance vehicle is

designed to save lives.

Unlike other surveillance systems, such as aerial drones, which have a maximum operational period of about 24 hours, GUS technology can operate in an area for two months.

The new ground uncrewed system, equipped with camera, microphones and AI technology, reduces human risk assuming surveillance roles otherwise performed by soldiers.

However surveillance is not GUS's only capability. The vehicle can be fitted with different modules for logistic transport, fire support or medical evacuation."

Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: Pterostylis obtusa or Diplodium obtusum.

Family: Orchidaceae.

Derivation:

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

Diplodium: From Greek, diplous, meaning "double", referring to the lateral sepals being united in the basal half to form a synsepalum.

obtusa/um: From Latin, obtusus, meaning "blunt" and used botanically to mean "rounded at the ends" and referring to the apex of the labellum.

Common Name: Blunt-tongue Greenhood.

Distribution: Endemic to NSW, coast and nearby ranges, north from about Bateman's Bay and also on Lord Howe Island, from sea-level to about 400m altitude.

Description: Arising from an underground tuberoid, non-flowering plants form a ground-hugging basal rosette, consisting of 3-6 ovate leaves, up to 25mm long and 15mm wide with tightly crinkled margins. Flowering plants do not form a rosette, only a single stem up to 25cm tall with 3-5 narrow stem leaves and bearing a single flower. The flower consists of 6 highly modified tepals (3 sepals and 3 petals) arranged around a central column comprised of the reproductive parts of the flower. The dorsal sepal and 2 petals are fused into an open-faced 'hood' shape up to about 28mm long by 12mm wide, while the 2 lateral sepals are fused for enough of their length to cover the open face of the hood with a protruding platform-like sinus and for their free points to form 'horns' over the hood. The third petal is called the labellum, is very sensitive to touch and sits inside the hood where its tip is only



just visible through the opening in the hood. When a potential pollinating insect enters the hood, the labellum is triggered to trap the insect inside the flower and force it to exit the flower via a route past the column that will assist pollination of the flower. Ingenious!

Opinion: Orchids are great little plants, but keep in mind that they are all protected in the wild, some are very sensitive to disturbance and hence, are vulnerable/threatened/endangered.

Never collect plants from wild populations and take care if you are undertaking activities around their habitats. My plants are obtained from reputable and legal sources (yes, I know that they all originated from plants collected from the bush back when that was the norm and before we knew better, but now we do know better, so don't be part of the problem!) with the aim of taking the pressure off the wild populations and hopefully increasing their numbers in cultivation.

My specimen is kept

in a small water-well pot with other orchid species, the theory being to provide excellent drainage, prevent the mix from drying out and desiccating the tubers and also prevent the soil from staying too damp, which will cause the tubers to rot, particularly in the hot weather when the tubers are dormant. I'm concerned that my theory has not been successful, as there has been no sign of orchids in the pot for far too long and I suspect that the mix has remained too damp. So perhaps this is another species to be relegated to the 'Plants that were in my Garden' file.

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: Backhouse Guide to Native Orchids of NSW and ACT (2022).

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Morwell Lapidary Club Gem Show



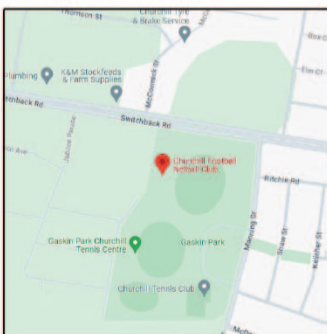
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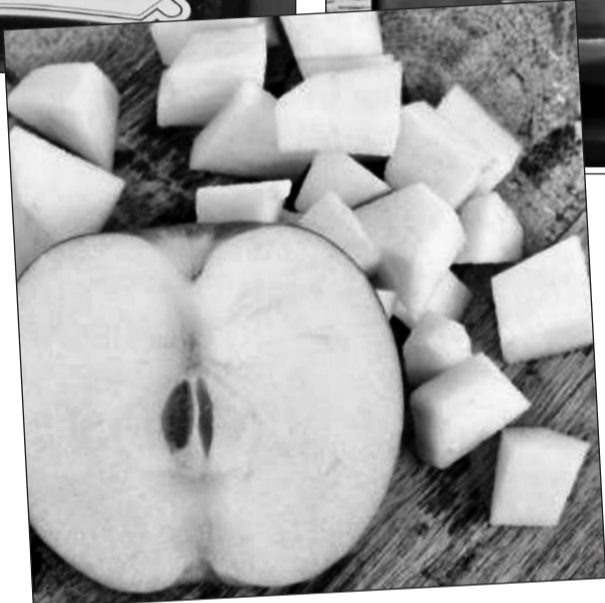


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Hazelwood Cemetery



By Leo Billington

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

This series highlighting how people are remembered is attracting many readers.

This month continues with the same, with a focus on two more unmarked graves in the Hazelwood Cemetery.

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

A ransacked house; a tomahawk; an apple sliced into quarters; dogs not barking; some drunks creating disturbances; a man charged with having murdered his mother-in-law; the alleged murderer is believed to have a mental condition; previously discharged from the army; a family feud. Sounds and reads like an introduction to the television series, *Midsomer Murders*.

On November 9, 1924, Catherine Dawson, 68 years old, was discovered murdered in her one-bedroom weather-board home at a lot "on the bank of a backwater adjacent to the Latrobe River, between the Yallourn Eastern Camp and Brown Coal Mine settlement." Her son-in-law,

Albert James Barter, found her. However, Catherine and Albert "were on the outs", in fact, her daughter, Vera, had left him, moving into Melbourne with her sister. Elsie Gladys Moore was Vera's sister.

Albert's sister was Bella Ferrero (nee Barter). Bella and her husband, Glen, lived in and around Brighton. Bella occasionally provided respite for Albert when he left Brown Coal Mine, more than likely after a domestic argument with Vera.

Reporting this tragedy about one week later, *Morwell Advertiser*, Friday November 14, 1924, the headlines yelled out -

'At Yallourn woman's head battered in with tomahawk; Albert Jas. Barter (deceased's son in law) arrested.'

Apparently, Catherine lived by herself, her husband and three sons having been killed in action in World War 1.

A daughter who had been a nurse with the A.I.F also died. Daughter Vera and son-in-law, Albert Barter lived in "a dilapidated bag hut" nearby. It was reported that Vera had returned to Melbourne some months earlier.

On Monday morning

November 10, Albert visited Brown Coal Mine Post Office to send telegrams to Vera and Mrs Elsie Gladys Moore, another daughter, reporting Catherine's death and that a burial would be held at the Hazelwood Cemetery on Wednesday November 12.

The Yallourn postmaster, upon realising what had happened, encouraged Albert to ring the police, Constable Kennedy. Albert was reluctant at first, blaming bushrangers for Catherine's death.

On Tuesday November 11, at a magisterial inquiry at Morwell, the only witness examined was Constable Kennedy.

He reported about Catherine's bloodied head wound, a partially eaten apple, but no evidence of a burglary. The inquiry was adjourned for two weeks and meanwhile, Catherine was interred at the cemetery on November 12, 1924, wrapped in a Union Jack flag as she always wanted.

Over a lengthy period, a large number of residents, many who came as witnesses, attended the district coroner's inquest held in Morwell's Mechanics Institute hall. Over a full day of hearing, two key points were raised - one by Albert when he

argued "no-one saw me do it. No-one saw me strike the blow." The other was from the Constable when giving evidence:

"In my opinion Barter is queer, and from what I have seen of him I think he is a case for mental examination. He does not seem to realise the seriousness of his position. He talks all sorts of rubbish."

Morwell Advertiser, Friday November 28, 1924

The verdict - "that Albert James Barter did feloniously, wilfully and of malice aforethought, kill and murder Catherine Dawson." He was committed to stand trial in the Supreme Court in Melbourne, with an instruction that his mental condition be investigated.

After a two day trial, a jury returned a verdict of not guilty; Albert was discharged.

There was too much circumstantial evidence provided. These days, DNA testing would play a major role, but not 100 years ago.

Albert moved to Sydney - where, on October 31, 1929, he was found dead in Belmore Park. He did enlist in the A.I.F at age 36 years, 13 years earlier. However, his discharge papers in 1920 referred to being "medically unfit and with a disability

from contacting malaria".

Elsie Gladys Moore was Vera Barter's sister. Both were daughters of Catherine Dawson. Gladys Moore died on or about Tuesday, February 14, 1933. The *Morwell Advertiser* on Thursday May 4, 1933 reported her death being "from an overdose of an acute irritant poison to wit, arsenic causing rapid corrosion of the stomach and small intestines."

The *Sun News-Pictorial* on Wednesday March 22, 1933, named John Mann, "an employee of the Electricity Commission" as having been arrested and charged with Mrs Moore's murder. The *Morwell Advertiser* on Thursday May 4, 1933 reported that John Mann administered the poison to the deceased.

At a magisterial inquiry held on Monday May 1, 1933, John Mann was present on a charge of murder. John lived with Mrs Moore, but denied they had had a row. Evidence suggested they enjoyed a friendly relationship. Nonetheless, earlier police investigations indicated a number of bottles, labelled poison, were found in a cupboard.

Undiluted blackberry spray, blackberry spray mixed with a cup of cocoa,

a bottle of Clements Tonic (once used in Victorian psychiatric hospitals, between 1848 - 1950 containing vitamins, herbs and minerals, administered to improve general wellbeing) were all tendered as evidence to cause death. A wide range of witnesses was heard.

Two Doctors were called - Doctor Francis who conducted an initial post mortem, and Doctor Mollison who conducted a second post mortem on the exhumed body of Elsie Gladys Moore.

Both Doctors pointed to an "irritant poison", but unable to clearly define what it was. Mrs Moore's body was exhumed and re-interred by order of the Crown Law Department about mid-May.

The magisterial inquiry directed John Mann for hearing at the Supreme Court. Bail was refused.

Following a long protracted several months after Mrs Moore's death, on Thursday June 8, 1933, the murder charge was withdrawn and John Mann was discharged. It was noted Mrs Moore died from poisoning.

After all this, John Mann was lost to history. Both Gloria and Catherine are interred side-by-side in unmarked graves at the Hazelwood Cemetery.



SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY



"Hands down to 100 days of learning at CNPS"

On July 31, Churchill North Primary School Foundation students celebrated an important milestone of reaching 100 days of learning. We are super proud of how these little learners have adapted and embraced all school routines

and shown a 'ready to learn' attitude each and every day! Our F/1 students participated in making their own special hands down to 100 days of learning t-shirts leading up to the big celebration.

On the day we celebrated all things 100, and had a class party and disco. Each student received a certificate

they could take home and share with their families to remember the important day. When the whole grade was asked what was their favourite part of the day was – everyone reflected it was hands down the t-shirts!!!

Churchill North Primary School – District Basketball Students at Churchill

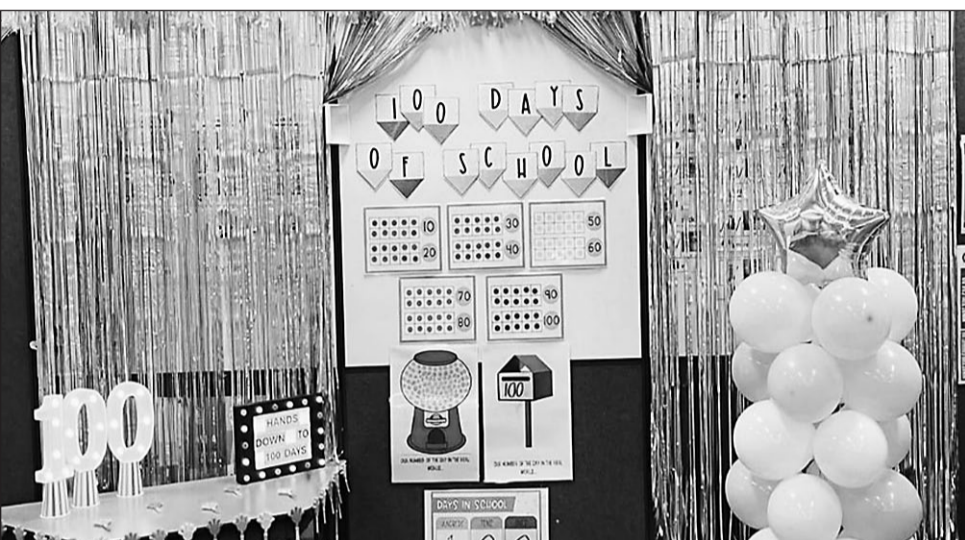
North Primary School had been engaging in a Basketball Program facilitated by Traralgon Basketball Association to help them prepare for Yinnar & District Basketball on August 15. Students had Gippsland United import, Jalin Wimberley, attend the school and run a number of sessions

to help students develop and refine their basketball skills in the Grade 5/6 classes. At district sports day students played shortened games against other schools. The boys team won three of their four games, and the girls team won one game, drew one and lost two.

All students worked hard

to represent the school by displaying all school values. Blake has reflected saying that he learnt that not everything has to be done in a fancy way and sometimes simple and basic is best.

JT enjoyed going to district basketball and playing with his friends and winning a few games.



SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY



100 Days of school!

On the 100 days of school we did skipping ropes, quoits, parachute, and bowling. The people in the little class did the three-legged race, throw the bean bag and bounce the ball on the bat. Everyone dressed up old and had walking sticks. It was a fun day.

By Richie

On Tuesday the 20th we celebrated 100 days of school. We had fun playing games like the 3-legged race and throwing the bean bag in the hoop and bounce the ball on a bat. Lots of kids dressed up as old people.

F-2 Class

Basketball

On Thursday August 15, my team and I went over to Churchill to participate in the Churchill and District Basketball day.

We spent many days on

the basketball court training together. Mrs. Larrad even had us learning all about basketball during our PE lessons. We learnt all about dribbling, passing and defending. These skills really helped us on game day!

When game day rolled around, Mrs C and Emily took us over to Churchill where we got the run down to just 'have fun'.

We played three games, winning one. After the games, Mrs C and Emily treated us to an ice cream before making our way back to school.

We had such a great day representing Boolarra Primary School.

Naidoc Celebrations

On August 6 the marvelous student leaders of Boolarra Primary School organised some activities to celebrate Naidoc week. The

activities were dot painting, cooking, decorating birds and indigenous games. In dot painting we had to paint the Aboriginal flag. In art we got to decorate birds. In cooking we made yummy damper. In sport we had some fun.

Kodee and Callen

Potato Olympics

During the Paris Olympics, Boolarra Primary held their own 'Potato Olympics'! Each student decorated a spud and gave it a name. The 'Potato Olympians' then competed in a number of special events such as weight lifting, archery, diving, long distance, velodrome and gymnastics. It was pretty funny and by the end, some of the 'Olympians' weren't quite in perfect athletic condition!

Years F-6.



Above: Potato Olympics

Right: Three legged race

Below Right: Quoits

Below: Basketball

Left: Skipping



SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

Art Room News

Last term, all students at Lumen Christi participated in a school sculpture competition for World Environment Day. Midvalley challenged schools to build a sculpture display made from recycled materials. The display with the most votes would win a voucher. Our children all contributed to our display, using recycled materials to construct various items such as mushrooms from egg cartons, houses from milk cartons, and robots from tins.

We were very excited to see our construction on display and are very proud to announce that we received second place, winning a

\$300 voucher. This money will go towards supplies for the art room.

Thank you to everyone who voted. Our sculpture is now on display in our school art gallery.

Big Sing

On June 20, 25 students from Lumen Christi participated in the Big Sing along with 200 students from the Latrobe Valley. This collaborative Choir experience was organised by the Gippsland Children's Choir and helped to promote community and connection whilst instilling a sense of confidence, resilience and teamwork amongst students. They came together for a day of

practice and then performed in front of over 600 people that night, the biggest Big Sing audience ever, and an amazing achievement to perform in front of such a large crowd! Lumen Christi students thoroughly enjoyed this experience and got a huge buzz singing with such a big group and in front of so many people. This is the second year Lumen Christi students have taken part in the Big Sing and we hope there are many more years to come!

Auslan

Lately our school has been learning about the history behind the schools for the hearing impaired in Melbourne and Sydney, and

how they used to be called 'deaf and dumb' schools. We have been learning about cochlear implants and how they work to improve people's hearing.

We found out that in Auslan, sentences are shortened compared to spoken English. For instance, instead of 'What is your name?' in spoken English, in Auslan we would say 'Your name what?' We think it's a really fun thing to do. It's a great opportunity to learn a new language.

Maeve, Hannah

Combined Schools Mass

On August 8, the students and teachers from Lumen Christi Primary School travelled to Sacred

Heart Church in Morwell for a Combined Schools Mass with Sacred Heart and Saint Vincent's Primary Schools. This event has been something these three local Catholic schools have wanted to bring to fruition for a number of years, this year was the year! August 8 is a special day on the church calendar, The Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop - a day to gather and remember the tireless and selfless work of Australia's first Saint. It was a wonderful occasion and students really enjoyed the opportunity to interact with other local Catholic primary school students and celebrate their faith together. Mary MacKillop's order of nuns,

the Sisters of St Joseph, worked in many of our local Catholic Schools and so Saint Mary MacKillop is a Saint that all of our students have a strong connection with through their primary school years. The students of Lumen Christi and Sacred Heart gathered after mass in the school grounds and participated in Mary MacKillop activities before sharing lunch outside on a beautiful day.

Teachers hope this initiative can be something that continues into the future as it ensures that link between our three local schools remains strong, and friendships continue to be fostered for our students.



SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Senior boys and girls basketball

Kurnai College had quite a successful day at the Wellington Region Basketball Tournament.

The senior boys basketball team had an impressive run to the final with wins against Traralgon College (45 - 23) and Sale College (41 - 25), showcasing their skills and teamwork.

Although they narrowly missed out on the final victory against Seda, they put up a good fight and demonstrated strong basketball abilities. Special recognition goes to Will

as Captain and Darcy as Vice-Captain, along with the rest of the team, who all represented Kurnai College with distinction both on and off the court.

A big thank you to Pre-Service Teacher Tye and the senior girls Milla, Rieka, Arwen and Mia for their support throughout the day.

Congratulations are also due to the Senior Girls team for progressing to the next stage uncontested.

Overall, it was a fantastic day of sportsmanship and achievement for Kurnai College.

Senior girls basketball - Gippsland Finals

Kurnai College's senior girls basketball team made a stellar debut at the Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium on Tuesday August 13, 2024.

Despite entering the competition without having played a game, the girls showcased their talent and determination, making everyone proud.

Facing a well-drilled Bass Coast Representative team first, the girls gradually found their rhythm and successfully hit all the coaching targets set for them. In their next game against Trafalgar, the team truly

began to gel, demonstrating significant improvement and only narrowly losing the second half by a single point.

The final game, which was for the bronze medal, saw the girls rise to the occasion.

From the outset, they took control and never relinquished their lead. Their impressive performance secured them a decisive 31-18 victory, earning them the title of the third-best Senior Girls Basketball team in Gippsland.

Our students all represented Kurnai College with exceptional skill and sportsmanship.

Special recognition goes to Milla for her role as Captain, Rileigh for his duties as the official scorer, and Rachelle for her outstanding organisation to get us there.

Congratulations to the entire team for their hard work and dedication. 1, 2, 3... Go Kurnai!

Pelvic Pain

This month we were lucky to have Lauren from the Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia visit our College. Each year many students miss numerous days of school due to issues and complications surrounding their menstrual cycle and

education in this area is important.

Lauren conducted presentations across the college with different cohorts of students.

Our Year 7 girls at both Morwell and Churchill campuses attended Menstrual Education sessions, whilst our Year 11 and 12's attended a more specialised session about Pelvic Pain and Endometriosis.

We acknowledge that this project was funded by the Latrobe Health Assembly, an initiative of the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone, funded by the Victorian Government.





SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY



Principal's Day

Our school celebrated our wonderful Principal Mrs Connolly, for Principal's Day. We spoilt Mrs Connolly with a special morning tea in her honour and all our classrooms made some cards, drawings, a book of puns and origami flowers about why we appreciate her. We even gave her a book of ideas to read if she's having a bad day. She was thrilled and felt very special.

5/6 Kurnai Coding

Our 5/6 students have been visiting Kurnai College Churchill Campus to learn about coding.

It has been a great experience for our students which has been running over three weeks. A huge thanks to the team at Kurnai Churchill for running this wonderful program for our students.

District Basketball
Recently some of our

senior students participated in the District Basketball Competition.

We had two groups of students representing our school. Our light blue team worked really hard and supported each other really well. Our dark blue team played extremely well and won the final! They will now compete in the next round of competition.

Book Week Activity Day
On Friday August 23,

our whole school celebrated Book Week. It was amazing to see all our students and staff dressed up for Book Week. The atmosphere as students and staff arrived at school was 'Electric!' We started the day off with a whole school parade.

We then moved into cross-age activities until lunch time and these activities were conducted and

organised by some of our 5/6 students. They all did such a fabulous job.

A huge thanks to Kaye Stockdale for the effort and time put into organising and mentoring our 5/6 students conducting the activities. A wonderful day was had by all and many special memories were made.

Olympic Fun at our school
There has been some

fun with the Paris Olympics at Hazelwood North PS recently.

Our 3M class did a mini-olympics and recorded their results to graph later in maths. In daVinci our F-2 students designed Olympic stadiums.

In Art our students have made and decorated Olympic torches. Lots of Olympic fun had across our school.



SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY



Our Principal Mrs Hall is taking a well-earned break and while she is away we welcome our Acting Principal Ms Julia Niamh. Julia is an Assistant Principal at Box Hill Secondary College. Julia is well supported by our wonderful Assistant Principal Ms Nicole Gill and the school leadership team and staff.

Julia will be at Yinnar Primary School until the end of Term 3. Please introduce yourself to Julia when you see her around the school.

Kinder students visit and celebrate the Olympics

Recently the kinder students from Yinnar came to visit the school for a morning of Olympic competition and

fun with the Prep students, with some assistance from our House Leaders. There were lots of games and sport and children went home with medals in celebration of their successful morning.

100 Days of School

On Friday August 2, our Preps reached a wonderful milestone - they have been at school for 100 days! Every day since they commenced school the Preps have been counting the days.

For every ten days reached there is a special 'Bundle Dance' and the Prep teachers and the Principal dance along with the children. Sometimes there was even a cartwheel, or a handstand added just for fun!

Finally, they reached the special number 100, and it was cause for a huge celebration for the Prep students. All the Prep students had the opportunity to dress up with a 100 theme in mind. We are sure that you will enjoy the photos of our Preps in their special 100 costumes!

Grade 3/4 Indigenous Studies
The students in Grades 3 and 4 experienced a day of making damper as part of their Indigenous studies.



After measuring, mixing and baking they were able to enjoy hot buttery damper. It was a lot of fun and the damper was delicious!

Football

A few weeks ago, the Grade 5/6 girls participated in regional school footy. We were incredibly fortunate that we were able to skip the district and division rounds, due to no other schools wanting to participate. This meant that we played some

bigger and more challenging schools straight away. We played four games, winning only one of these. Everyone showed amazing sportsmanship, tried their hardest and had a fun day out.

Basketball

Yinnar Primary School was well represented at the district level basketball competition. We had two boys teams and three girls teams who showed wonderful sportsmanship and great skills throughout the day.

The day consisted of wins, draws and losses with two teams making it through to the grand final. The boys team came up against a

strong opposition and were unfortunately defeated - bad luck boys, you should be really proud of your efforts! The girls team remained undefeated and are through to the division level next week, good luck girls!

Netball

Recently, a team of Grade 6 girls went to Sale to compete in the regional netball competition. Throughout the day, the team won two games and lost two games, but were very competitive against the other teams. Everyone showed great sportsmanship and were very proud of their achievements and making it to this higher level of competition.





SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL PRIMARY



This term our school has been learning about the needs, features and adaptations of plants and animals. To prepare us for this learning, our whole school had an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day exploring the animals and learning some interesting facts. All the students were extremely well behaved, and it was lovely to see the smiles on the students and staff faces throughout the day.

On August 1, the Foundation students celebrated their 100 days of school. Students dressed up as someone who was 100 years old or with a number

theme. They participated in activities around the number 100 and celebrated what they have learned in their first 100 days at school.

In preparation for 2025, we have begun our 'Ready, Set Prep' transition sessions. These are held fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons. The students get a chance to explore the school, develop new friendships and build self-esteem and confidence ready for the start of primary school in 2025. If you have any questions about registering your child for this program, please contact Churchill Primary School on 0351 221 343.



CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

SPORT

"Connecting Your Community"

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Monthly Medal Saturday July 27, 2024.

A Grade Winner : Ad. West 72 B Grade Winner : I. Heppelston 78

C. Grade Winner: J. Thomas 69 Medal Winner D.T.L : 1. R. Welsh 72, 2. D. Ireland 72, 3. R. Madigan 72, 4. B. Kilday 73, 5. M. Dear 73, 6. P. Smart 74, 7. D. Burridge 75, 8. P. Flannigan 75, N.T.P : 3rd Pro-Pin : P. Bolding, 5th J. Vickers, 12th C. Gilfilan Putts : M. Dear 26 Scratch : P. Smart 83 Target Hole : R. Dent Birdies: D.

Ireland 14th Eagle: R. Dent 18th 63 Balls

Stableford Tuesday July 30, 2024

Winner: C. Wilson 32 pts D.T.L : S. Caldwell 30 pts N.T.P : 3rd G. Barnes, 5th M. Dear, 12th C. Gilfilan, 14th M. Dear

3 Person Ambrose Saturday August 3, 2024.

Winners: C. Wilson, P. Smart, R. Madigan 59.83 D.T.L : 1. T. Collins, J. Jeffery, J. Thomas 61.83 2. A. Auld, M. Dear, J. Dear 62.5, 3. G. Beyer, J. Barnes,

C. Thompson 62.66 N.T.P : 3rd R. Madigan, 12th Pro-Pin : J. Jeffery, 14th D. Burridge

Monthly Medal Tuesday August 6.

Medal Winner: M. Dear 18 80 C/B Scratch : M. Dear 98 Day Winner: P. Bolding 23 79 Putts: M. Hutchinson 24 D.T.L : 1. S. Caldwell 80, 2. L. Brent 82 N.T.P : 3rd S. Caldwell, 12th C. Gilfillan, 5th L. Brent, 14th M. Dear

Stroke Saturday August 10, 2024.

A Grade Winner : G.

Beyer 70 B Grade Winner: D. Cluderay 68 C Grade Winner: B. Cluderay 73 D.T.L : 1. R. Dent 71, 2. P. Kearns 71, 3. G. Sanders 71, 4. C. Hogbin 71, 5. G. Barnes 72, 6. P. Junker 72, 7. A. Sharrock 72, 8. G. Carponi 73 Scratch : R. Dent 81 N.T.P: 3rd Ad. West, 5th D. Cluderay, 12th J. Banfield, 14th M. Soppe Target Hole: M. Hutchinson Birdies: C. Hogbin 12th

Stableford Tuesday August 13, 2024

A Grade Winner: S.

Caldwell 43 pts B Grade Winner: C. Wilson 45 pts

D.T.L: 1. J. Soppe 38 pts, 2. J. Blizzard 34 pts N.T.P : 3rd J. Soppe, 5th S. Caldwell, 12th V. Reid, 14th S. Caldwell

Multiplication Stableford Saturday August 17, 2024

Winners : B. Cluderay and D. Cluderay 79 Runners Up : J. Thomas and J. Jeffrey 77 D.T.L: 1. R. Nordam W. McGrath 69, 2. I. Heppelston and R. Davidson 64, 3. D. Burridge and As. West 64, 4. Ad. West and R. Zomer 63,

5. V. Monument and G. Blizzard 59 C/B N.T.P : 3rd

J. Garth, 5th P. Kearns, 12th Ad. West Pro-Pin : 14th R. King Birdies: 5th T. Sterrick Target Hole : G. Sanders

Stableford Tuesday August 20, 2024

A Grade Winner : M. Dear 35 B Grade Winner : C. Wilson 35 D.T.L : M. Hutchinson 34, 2. C. Barnes 33, N.T.P : 3rd M. Soppe, 12th M. Soppe, 5th J. Blizzard, 14th M. Soppe

Morwell Croquet Club



Section C winner Bob Quayle

In early August Penny Morrison-McGill, Bob Quayle, Kevin Young and Lynda Quayle from Morwell Croquet Club travelled to Sawtell in New South Wales to compete in the 15th Annual four day event held by the Sawtell Croquet Club.

Over four days of competition players from 13 different New South Wales Croquet clubs as well

as players from Morwell, Lakes Entrance and Mornington competed in six divisions and played 12 games in each division.

At the end of the competition, Section C winner was Bob Quayle with nine wins and three losses, Section F winner was Kevin Young with ten wins and two losses, while Lynda Quayle came third with seven wins and five losses.



Section F winner Kev Young



Churchill Fire Brigade



Fire Safe Kids Program

The Fire Safe Kids team has been busy this past month delivering fire safety messages to our preschools and primary schools.

then copied by the children enthusiastically. A walk outside in beautiful sunshine to see the truck, and its equipment followed.

To end the session the children had a chance to

visit that we know of before our daylong visit on August 22. We were welcomed and shown the facilities and invited to have a cuppa when we wanted. The staff were very welcoming and were

willingly helping. To end their sessions, the children were allowed to squirt the hose and see the lights and hear the sirens.

This was a very important visit as the school and most of the pupil's homes are situated in this fire prone area.

It was a happy visit to a delightful school set in beautiful well cared for grounds.

Christmas in August

On Tuesday August 26, a group of Federation

there was a very good crowd in attendance, with many stallholders showing off and selling their wares.

firefighters and emergency services personnel from across Australia to ascend the gruelling 28 Floors of the



Churchill Hub

The preschoolers from the Churchill Hub came to the station where they learnt about the uniform the fire fighters wear, and why. They know that smoke alarms are very important especially while we are asleep as we cannot smell smoke while sleeping.

Calling Triple 000 in emergencies was also covered. The method of safely exiting a house when a smoke alarm goes off at night was demonstrated,

squirt a hose with the fire fighters help, pretending they were a fire fighter. The lights and siren were activated as the final item on the program. The teachers went back to the kinder with items to give the children.

The Child Care Centre children could not visit as they had a staff person off sick, so the team went to see them at the Hub. They will be coming to the station soon to do the truck visit.

Boolarra Primary School has not had a Fire Safe Kids

enthusiastically involved as the lessons were given to each group before and after playtime. The children were very engaged with their lessons.

After lunch, two members of the Boolarra Fire Brigade came with their tanker trucks so the children could explore the equipment by finding the items listed on the cards and marked on pictures of the fire truck. There were lots of excited children doing their best to find the items, and staff



University students and staff held a Christmas in August celebration. They were served a lovely meal and a surprise visit from Santa and his helpers from the Churchill Fire Brigade.

Our firefighter Derek also used the opportunity to spread the word about his participation in the Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb on September 7. Derek joined other

Crown Metropol raising vital funds for Cancer Research and Crisis Support.

Climbers battled 28 floors in up to 25kg of turnout gear and breathing apparatus as a symbol of the burden of significant health and well-being issues faced by our first responders and their families on a daily basis.

If you would like to support Derek raise funds for this worthy cause, follow the link below to make a donation.

<https://www.firefighterclimb.org.au/climber/derekwatson/>



The students enjoyed some singing, and were entertained by an array of students and staff, and were very excited to be able to have their photo taken with Santa.

Churchill Shop Local

The brigade was again please to be able to attend the Churchill Shop Local event on Saturday August 24, providing some much loved barbequed sausages in bread to those in attendance. The brilliant weather ensured that



REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE



AT THE CHURCHILL LIBRARY SERVICE DESK

Household Batteries (inc. small Lithium batteries)

IN THE CONTAINERS IN THE CHURCHILL HUB FOYER

X-rays
Printer Cartridges
Small E-waste items

IN THE BRAD BOX IN THE HUB FOYER

Assorted Plastics, including bread tags, milk & juice bottle tops, small house & beauty containers, coffee pods, tablet blister packs, toothbrushes, floss containers, bios

FREE TO RECYCLE AT THE MORWELL TRANSFER STATION

(Porters Rd, off Tramway Rd)

- Textiles (old rags, clothes, shoes & linen)
- Large E-waste items
- Light globes, car batteries & paint tins
- Scrap metals; glass windows & mirrors
- Large volumes of cardboard

