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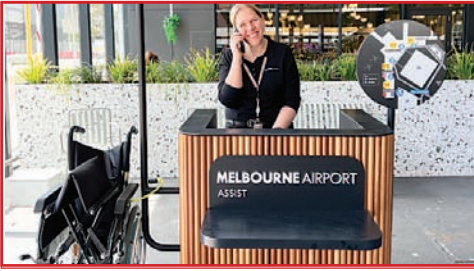
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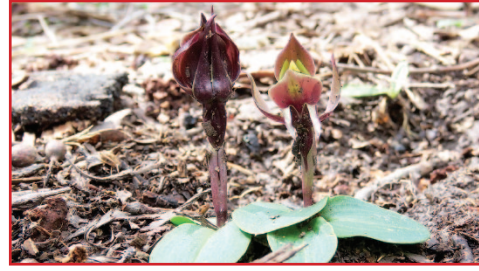
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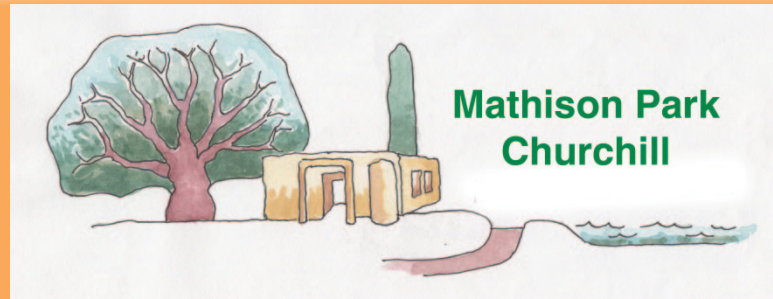


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Mathison Park memorial working bee



The Mathison Park working bee was held on a most beautiful sunny day for a change. There was a good turn up which meant we were able to have three working areas.

In memory of our deceased volunteer, Steve Millett, a memorial seat has been

installed. The working bee saw the concrete slab area prepared with the help of Bruce and his excavator along with some manual labour.

The slab was poured later in the week in readiness for the seat.

The seat was assembled, then on the

following Thursday, the seat was placed on the slab with the help of the Gippsland Interchange folks.

The second group at the working bee, went off to plant kangaroo trees in an area along the creek which had been prepared.

The third group drove to the Kurnai

College end of the park and did a mighty lot of clearing of fallen branches and trees.

Following morning tea the slab group joined the Kurnai end group to do further cleaning up.

The size of the burn piles was testament to the amount of work achieved.

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Book Review

"The Shelly Bay Ladies Swimming Circle"

by Sophie Green 2019

Sophie Green is a writer and publisher who lives in Sydney. As well as having had several fiction and non-fiction pieces published, she also writes country music under the pseudonym "Jolene". Her debut novel "The Inaugural Meeting of the Fairvale Ladies Book Club" was a top-ten best seller and shortlisted for the Australian Book Industry Awards for General Fiction Book of the Year 2018, and longlisted for the Matt Richell Award for New Writer of the Year 2018, and longlisted for the Indie Book Award for Debut Fiction 2018.

The Shelly Bay Ladies Swimming Circle is set in Sydney. One by one we are introduced to the characters, firstly Marie, the oldest in the group. She has recently lost her husband Norm with whom she swam every morning throughout the year. She has continued with this routine since his passing but it is not the same for her.

We next meet Theresa, a busy mother of two who also cares for her Nonna, who lives in a bungalow on the property. She also volunteers at the local hospital. Her

husband believes his only responsibility is to provide a roof over the family's head and she has decided to take up swimming again because

Australian doctor who has returned to live in Australia. Elaine had tried to join a local tennis group but she was not welcomed so she

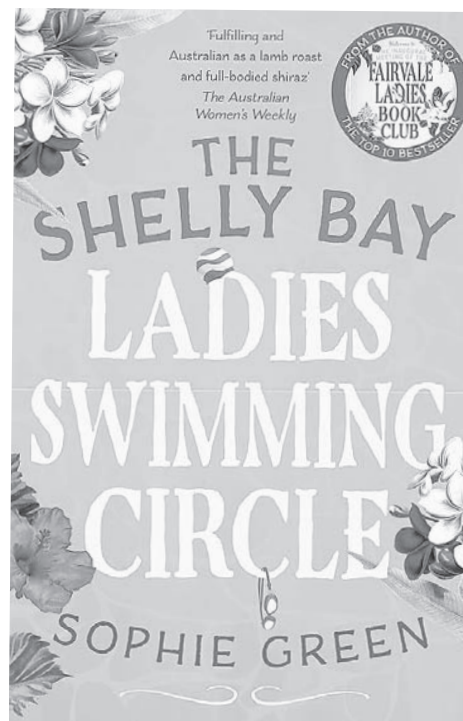
garden have gone without maintenance for some time she is concerned about the cost of repairs. Theresa discovers her husband is having an affair and her marriage breaks down. Elaine is really missing her adult children in England and the professional life she left behind and is drinking to drown her sorrow. Leanne is estranged from her family because she became pregnant after being raped by a friend of her brother. She gave the child up for adoption but it brought shame on her family.

The members all do their best to support each other but when one of them becomes seriously ill the true power of friendship is revealed.

This book met with a mixed reaction. It was felt the characters were very stereotypical although it was pointed out that it would be unusual for a grand-daughter to be caring for her Nonna when her mother (Nonna's daughter) was alive.

Despite the predictability of the story it was easy to read and illustrated the fact that each of these women had lost their identity in some way and were trying to re-establish it.

It also made the point that women are likely to discuss their problems with trusted friends, a fact that is important for mental health. The ending was a bit neat but it would be a pleasant book to read in the holidays.



he accused her of getting fat. She is quite self-conscious about getting started but she met Marie who invited her to join with her, so the morning swim became a regular routine.

When Elaine arrived on the beach one morning she was also welcomed to join with them. Elaine was English, married to an

jumped at the chance to join in.

The fourth member of the group was Leanne, a South Korean girl who Theresa recognised as being a nurse at the hospital. Leanne was very shy and had just decided to try an ocean swim after having lessons from Matt at the local pool.

Over time the four women get to know each other and as trust develops their individual stories unfold. Marie is missing her husband and as her home and

Rainfall



Churchill Rainfall

Rainfall for Churchill in October was below average for the month with 58.5 mm being recorded.

The total for 2024 to date is now 558 mm. Whilst most paddocks and parks are very green and look quite lush, the rainfall to date is below average for Churchill.

Rain at Hazelwood South

During October, the

weather pattern kept the temperatures low, and not a lot of rain. October had 58mm of rain, which was 28% below the monthly average. This year's October rain was 29% of the 201mm of record rain in October last year. For 2024 the rain is 15% below average. The soil moisture is low. The grass is growing a little, and the mowers are keeping busy.



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Line Dancers raise an amazing \$44,558 for Lifeline Gippsland



Big 2 - Day Event - September 21-22

L.V. Country Line Dancers (Linda Pink) Rebel Bootscooters (Sue Luke) and Ramblin' Rose (Elaine Kong) know the importance of keeping Depression/Suicide Awareness alive and how their Line Dancing classes help create a safe environment for students to exercise, socialise and develop friendships. Having supported Lifeline since 2018, even during COVID, this year's support has been nothing short of amazing.

We kicked off this year with an incredible night at the Italian Australian Sporting Club featuring Damian Mullin "Elvis Forever". The support of businesses, both local and afar was outstanding and we cannot thank you enough for helping to kick off this amazing year.

This was just the beginning of many activities, including an M&D Camp at Wooten Lodge Coongulla, inviting other dance styles who were more than happy to join us in celebrating how dance can help combat depression, foster happiness and improve health in many ways.

Besides these two big events, we had a wonderful Mid-Year Ball for our Beginners/Improver Line Dancers, crafts stalls, plant sales and so much more. We finished off the year with our Big 2-Day Event at the end of September which the whole weekend had the most amazing vibe of a year well done.

We started with our Gentle Social on Saturday and slightly harder on Sunday which saw 144

dancers through the door. The floor was full all weekend, dancing, laughing, and loving coming together for the final event for 2024. This \$44,558 includes the work of so many, not only our Line Dancers but all those who supported our bigger events which were many. We would like to thank every person who has been part of this amazing ride... and there are many. We cannot thank you enough.

If you would like to join this amazing group, then please check out our website for classes www.lvbootscooters.com

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Presenting the cheque - Linda Pink / Yaniesha Pillay / Sue Luke

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Church NEWS

Co-Operating Church Snippets

Coffee Connections

The topic for discussion and sharing was natural remedies and other hints. A good number attended. The devotion centred on how God had created our bodies to self heal and be immune to disease. The Bible gives instances of how people used natural remedies to heal. The Bible gives examples of healing using the God-given herbs and balms to achieve a cure. God uses the skills of the medical people to heal as well as his healing powers of love through compassion.

Liz had gone to a lot of trouble to make a display of books on the topic. She also read out a long list of natural remedies which she had found, some of which she uses herself. Others then contributed from their memories, some of which were stirred up by looking at the books or from what someone else said. It was a very informative sessions.

Sad News

Towards the end of October we learnt the news that Dorothy Rowley had died at age 102 years. Dot and her husband Eric, who died a few years earlier at 105, were wonderful members of our church, contributing in many ways. When life at home became



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too much they moved into care. We missed their presence at church. We thank God for their time and contribution with us.

Reverend Bec spoke on Mark Chapter 10:1-16

Divorce has become so prevalent in our society, we do not even raise an eyebrow. Somewhere around 40% of marriages end in divorce.

Jesus never makes any secret of the fact that he is a champion of the poor, the oppressed and the down-trodden. Jesus raises the status of the powerless. He turns situations around and uses them as an opportunity to defend the powerless, in

this case women. But also children.

Jesus argues with the Pharisees with quotes from the first book of the Bible. He reminds them that man and woman were created equally in the image of God. This fact had been ignored by leaders, and left women in an insecure position.

The Bible says "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two will become one flesh.

This picture of equality, mutuality and love is what we are aiming for. It is as if Jesus is saying: Marriage is about you, the man leaving

place of safety and privilege (ie your own family: parents, home, wealth etc) and going to her. This is something that next to never happened in the ancient world.

In an abusive marriage in Jesus' day, a Jewish man could use threats of divorce as a means of power over his wife because she desperately needed him.

For a woman the world was fraught with danger. She needed him for physical safety, financial security and social acceptability. Her well-being was tied up in staying in the marriage and yet it would seem that her husband could divorce her on a whim.

Jesus spends time with the powerless. Children of course back then were also looked down upon. But Jesus loves them, he enjoys their company, he blesses them.

When the disciples try to tell the parents not to bring the kids, Jesus is angry. Of course he is angry. 'The Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.'

The Kingdom of Heaven belongs to the powerless, the outcast, the despised. It does not belong to the powerful who use their power to abuse others, like the pharisees

twisting rules to their advantage and to facilitate control over another. We can all be guilty of that. Churches certainly have been guilty of that in the past.

Most of us likely know people in relationships where there is an unhealthy power imbalance. Four things Jesus models that I think we also need to think about.

Do not judge the powerless.

Disable the perpetrator's power and there are so many creative ways these days that someone exerts power over another: threats, financial control, isolating, gaslighting, stalking, fear.

Raise the status of the victim. Do not let them be isolated. Value spending time with them. Seek their opinion on matters. Invite them to social gatherings.

Be a genuine friend. Be ready to call stuff out. When someone is being gaslit they can get so confused they need someone to speak the truth, someone to name what is going on.

Jesus has moved on to hang out with the kids; to defend the vulnerable and

the powerless because they are the ones to whom the Kingdom of God belongs.

Cathie took our third Sunday service.

In the gospel reading James and John asked if they could sit on either side of Jesus when he came to his glory.

Jesus put them straight. It is God who chooses who will have those precious seats. Who was it who was on either side of Jesus when hanging on that cruel cross? Two criminals!

Jesus then went on to say he came to serve and give his life as a ransom for our sinful lives. Jesus is saying that we also need to be servants of others as he was when he washed the disciple's feet, and the many other examples we have in the gospels.

Cathie challenged us to look and see if we were being a servant to our community.

We should be serving with love that comes as second nature, just like Jesus, always putting others first because it is what we do, and the way we are.



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Sunday Services: 10.00am
Williams Avenue,
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See Church bulletin
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Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish Boolarra/Yinnar

1st and 3rd Sunday: 10am
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Church Christmas Services

COMMUNITY CAROLS: Churchill Sat. Dec 14 from 6pm. 762 Tramway Road, Churchill.

Co-Operating Churches of Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar

DECEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

Thursday, December 19. Blue Christmas Boolarra 7.30 pm.

Sunday, December 22. Relaxed Worship, Churchill, Combined.

Tuesday, December 24. Crib Service 6.30pm.

Churchill Anglican Holy Communion
Wednesday, December 25. 10 am Churchill,
10am Boolarra.

Sunday, December 29. Anglican service.

Churchill Christian Fellowship

Christmas services for 2024 at Churchill Christian Fellowship.

* Christmas Auction and Concert, Saturday December 7, 7.30 pm.

Everyone welcome but, for ticket enquiries, phone 0409 173 747.

* Christmas Service, Sunday December 22, 3pm.

Lumen Christi Parish

Tuesday, December 24. Christmas Eve 6pm, Our Lady of Good Counsel, 76 Main Street, Yinnar.

Wednesday, December 25. Christmas Day, 9am Lumen Christi, Williams Avenue, Churchill.

Church NEWS

Pets in the Park



By Rosemary Abetz-Rouse

In honour of St Francis of Assisi's birthday, the Boolarra Cooperating Church held a Pets in the Park Service in Railway Park on October 13. Celebrating God's creation

and in particular animals, pets received a special blessing from our newly ordained priest Reverend Bec Hayman. Dogs were the most popular choice of pets, including a moodle, greyhound, collie cross, and

labrador. The service was followed by a free sausage sizzle.

We hold Pets in the Park every year in October, and we hope to see some more new people and their pets at our next one!



St Vincent de Paul Society

FESTIVAL MASS

GOOD WORK



Churchill St Vincent De Paul Conference recently hosted the Latrobe/Baw Baw Regional Council Festival Mass and Gathering.

The Mass was held on Sunday, October 13 at Lumen Christi Church and followed by lunch at Churchill Hotel.

The Mass included the commissioning of presidents, members and volunteers. There was a presentation of long service badges to conference members, member badges to new conference members, and acknowledgement of Emeritus Vincentians.



COMMUNITY SAFETY *Words of Wisdom*

Bank impersonation scammers

There is a rise in criminals calling, emailing or messaging people and pretending to be from the bank so that they can steal your money.

The scammers ask you for personal or financial information, or to transfer funds, or to give them a one-time security code over the phone. They often claim to be from the bank's fraud department and might say that there has been a compromised account or suspicious transaction.

They may use technology to make it look like the call is coming from the bank's phone number. They may send a message that looks like it comes from the same conversation thread as genuine bank messages.

How to spot the scam

You may get a call, message or email from a scammer claiming to be from the bank and asking for personal and bank details.

The scammer may tell you there is a problem with your account and ask you to transfer money to 'keep it safe'. They may say it is an urgent problem to get you to respond.

Anyone calling and behaving like this is probably a criminal.

What you can do:

- Do not use any phone numbers in a message.
- Ask for a reference number and

contact your bank directly through a phone number that you find and confirm yourself.

• Hang up if you receive a call from someone claiming to be from your bank requesting you to transfer money.

• Do not click on any links in an email or message on your phone, even if it looks like it comes from your bank.

These criminals ask you for personal or financial information like account details or security codes.

They will then use your account details to steal your money.

Stay protected

STOP – Do not give money or personal or financial information like passwords, security codes, PINs or tokens. Do not click on any links if you are unsure. Say no, hang up, delete.

If you have been affected

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

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

• Help others by reporting scams to Scamwatch.

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

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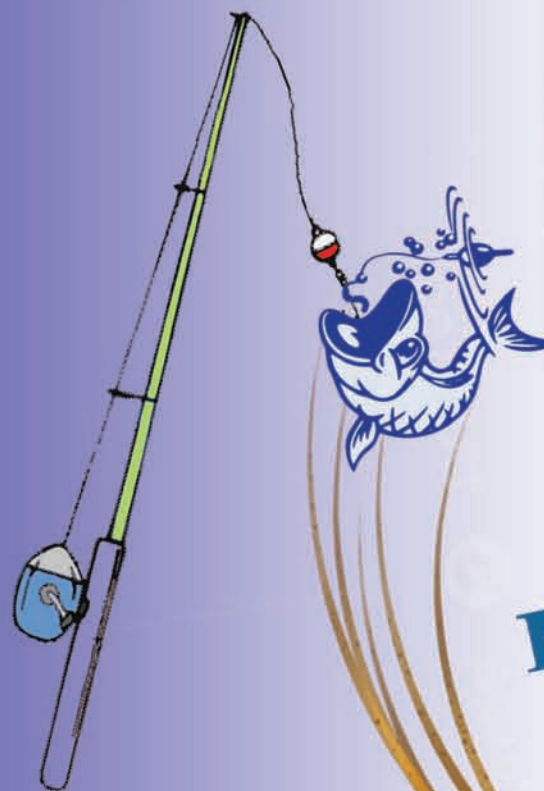
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quickly. Crime Stoppers say, "If you've seen something, if you know something, say something". This applies to arson or any suspicious activity you may see.

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Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists

Jean Galbraith: Writer in a Valley

The subject of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, November 22 is Jean Galbraith: Writer in a Valley.

Dr Meredith Fletcher, who was director of the Centre for Gippsland Studies at Monash Gippsland for twenty years, has written a biography of the world famous Gippsland botanist and writer, Jean Galbraith.

In her presentation, she will provide an overview of Jean Galbraith's writing on Australian flora for a diverse readership including naturalists, gardeners and children.

Miss Galbraith was a



Dr Fletcher with Wellington Mint Bush. Credit: Kylie Singleton

founding member of the LVFNC. She discovered several new plant species including the Wellington Mint Bush.

Everyone is most welcome to the meeting. For

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SCAMWATCH

Bulk email extortion scam targets Australians

Criminals are emailing people and falsely claiming they have hacked into their computers or webcams and have access to compromising images and videos of them. These criminals are threatening people by saying they will release the images and videos unless they are paid. They include personal details such as birth dates and addresses in the emails to intimidate people into sending them money.

These personal details are most likely from previous public data breaches. Anyone receiving this scam email should know that there is no evidence that the criminals sending these emails really do have access to people's webcam or computer.

There have been hundreds of reports recently of people who have been targeted in this way.

How to spot the scam

You receive an unexpected contact from someone claiming to have compromising sexual information about you.

The scammer threatens you and tells you to pay money or the information will be released.

The scammer pressures you to act quickly to avoid embarrassment and

reputational damage.

How the scam works

Scammers send you an email falsely claiming that your computer or webcam has been hacked and that compromising sexual images or videos of you have been recorded.

The scammers threaten to release these compromising images or videos if they are not paid cryptocurrency to a specified address.

The emails include your birth date, full name and, in some cases, mobile number and home address. This makes them seem more real.

What you should know

If you receive emails like this, do not respond and do not pay any money.

There is no evidence that the scammers who send these emails have access to your webcam or computer.

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Help others by reporting scams to Scamwatch.

For more information about how to avoid or report a scam, visit the Scamwatch website.

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Churchill & District News FLASHBACK

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News from Shire Council

Council has chosen to buy a new V8 Fairlane to replace the 17 month old President's car at a cost of \$345 more than a 6 cylinder model. Needless to say your two remaining riding councillors voted against the purchase.

Council has also decided to spend a total of \$15,000 dollars of your money buying a fountain for the Civic Centre Lake, Morwell. This was opposed by Central Riding.

Let's all get together

A procession through Churchill will mark 15 years of worship and witness by the Co-operating Church in Churchill. The procession will stop briefly at each of the places where the Church has had its home in the past. It will finish at the present Church with a Commemoration Service, lunch and children's activities.

Many people are expected to return to Churchill for this event including one of the very first residents and former Minister of the Church, the Reverend Peter Arch and family.

Basketball bounces

The season will start next week due to late team entries and not as stated in our previous issue. Due to lack of numbers there will be no Under 16 boys' teams competing this season. We are short of coaches and need help.

Newsboys' corner

Peter went to a scout jamboree in New Zealand during the Christmas holidays. He had a marvellous time there. It was quite an honour for him to go as he was the only one chosen from our area.

Churchill cub pack 'A'

This year promises to be another good one. All Cubs

from last year have returned and three new chums have been taken in, Trevor, Andrew and Jason. Three Cubs have started their Link Badge in preparation to going up into Scouts, Paul, Mark and Brent.

Bennett Sub-division

Council accepted a tender of \$68,350 for preliminary earthworks on the Bennett Sub-division, off Switchback Road, West of Gaskin Park. These works are to be carried out on behalf of the Housing Commission. The houses to be built will have a minimum deposit gap to enable those with lower incomes to purchase. Internal painting, paths, clothes lines etc will not be provided to ensure economy. Purchasers will then be able to provide these extras as they wish.

Morwell by-pass

The Country Roads Board has forwarded new plans for the Morwell By-pass but indicated that it may not be started for seven years.

Corner shop for Churchill

Three titles have been consolidated into one in preparation for a corner shop at the corner of Blackwood Crescent and Coolabah Drive. This project has been floundering for years but it is now under way.

Churchill Little Athletics

Congratulations to the Churchill children for being successful for the fifth year in a row for winning the Interclub Shield which will hang up in the Churchill School for another year. Thankyou kids for your hard work through the season and we will see you all back next year with some new friends.

Walkley Park Preschool news

All children and their Mums' have enjoyed a trip to Mrs William's farm, providing them with the

opportunity to indulge in a variety of new and exciting activities, highlights of which were milking the cow, feeding the animals and riding on a tractor.

Canoeing Champion

In April Rene Moll of Churchill became Australia's Canoeing Champion when he won the Australian Amateur Single Kayak Marathon race over sixty four kilometres at Yarrowonga. Rene's conquest at the National Titles tops his incredible sporting record which includes two successive wins in the 1979 and 1980 Red Cross Murray River Marathons and more.

Lions to help local junior sport

Churchill and District Lions Club has decided to allocate funds to support Junior Sport in the Churchill area. They would now like all Junior Sporting Clubs in Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra to send in written submissions saying what their Club requirements are.

New sports stadium

The first stage of Churchill's new Sports Stadium should be completed soon and ready for use in December. The initial stage does not have change or shower rooms. However the design allows for these facilities to be added at a later stage. Stadium users will have access to the change rooms at the Leisure Centre.

Cycling committee

The Churchill Cycling Committee has been in existence for almost 18 months. In that time they have organised several local rides, had a regular column in local papers, and input into future planning for cyclists in the Churchill area. They have also conducted a clinic on bicycle maintenance and control for young cyclists.



Lions Club of Churchill & District



2025 Australia Day Awards Criteria

The Churchill Australia Day Awards celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions made by individuals in our community. These prestigious awards are one of the highest honours that can be bestowed to publicly acknowledge local heroes, whose dedication, contributions and service to the community may otherwise go unnoticed. To be eligible for the Citizen / Young Citizen of the Year Award, nominees must:

- Be an Australian Citizen,
- Be a resident of the Churchill and district.
- For Citizen of the Year be over 25 years of age on January 1, 2025 and for Young Citizen of the Year be under 25 years of age on January 1, 2025.
- Not have received the same award previously.
- Have made contributions that have made a difference and made people's lives in our community better, or made our town and district to be a better place to live.
- Not be a current sitting City Councillor, nor have been in the past two years.
- All applications must have a supporting referee.

The decision of the Lions Club of Churchill & District Australia Day Awards Selection Panel is final, and no additional correspondence will be entered into.

Award recipients are announced at the Churchill Australia Day awards Ceremony event held on Australia day January 26 at Churchill Place, below the Town Hall. All nominees and nominators will be invited to attend the award Ceremony.

Further Information please contact the Australia Day coordinator:
Bill on 0418 327 287

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Hazelwood Rotary Club

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Stableford Saturday September 28, 2024.

A Grade Winner: Ad. West 46 pts B Grade Winner: T. Sterrick 44 pts

C Grade Winner: G. Corponi 43 pts D.T.L : 1. D. Byers 46, 2. P. Kearns 46, 3. M. Brereton 45, 4. A. Sharrock 42, 5. S. Turner 42, 6. W. McGrath 42,

N.T.P : 3rd W. McGrath 42, 12th W. McGrath Pro-Pin : 14th P. Kearns

Birdies: 3rd R. Dent, C. Waring 3rd, R. Vesty 12th, A. Sharrock 12th,

W. McGrath 3rd, G. Spowart 3rd, A. West 12th, C. Waring 12th, S. Caldwell 12th, W. McGrath 12th , G. Corponi 12th, I. Heppelstone 14th

Target Hole: A. Jenkins Monthly Medal Tuesday October 1, 2024

Medal Winner: M. Ryan 72 nett Scratch : M. Ryan 95 Putts: M. Ryan 31

D.T.L : C. Stevens 78 C/B N.T.P : 3rd L. Brent, 5th M. Ryan, 12th M. Ryan, 14th M. Ryan Birdies: L. Brent 3rd

Stableford Saturday October 5, 2024.

A Grade Winner: R. Madigan 37pts B Grade Winner: T. Sterrick 38 pts

C Grade Winner: R. Welsh 35 pts D.T.L : 1. D. A. West 37, 2. R. King 36, 3. A. Wright 34, 4. J. Cahill, 5. G. Carponi 34, 6. D. Cluderay 33, 7. G. Sanders 33.

N.T.P: Pro-Pin 3rd C. Gilfillan, 5th J. Cahill, 12th S. Allison.

Birdies: 12th R. King, S. Allison, R. Dent. Eagle: 4th D. Cluderay

Target Hole: R. Madigan



Stableford Tuesday October 8, 2024.

Winner: C. Stevens 31 pts D.T.L: M. Hutchinson 29, L. Brent 29 N.T.P: 3rd L. Brent, 5th S. Gosling, 12th M. McQuillan, 14th S. Caldwell Birdie: M. Hutchinson 12th

4BBB Stableford Saturday October 12, 2024.

Winners: C. Gilfillan and M. Brereton 47 pts Runners Up: D. Taylor and B. Kilday 45 pts D.T.L. C. Sterrick and T. Sterrick 44, D. Cluderay and B. Cluderay 44, R. Noordam and W. McGrath 43, G. Beyer and M. Hammer 42, P. Junker and W. Sutton 42 N.T.P: 3rd G. Spowart, 5th R. Dent, 12th Pro Pin M. Brereton, 15th S. Allison Birdies: 3rd I. Fortune, R. Madigan 5th R. Dent, B. Cluderay 12th M. Brereton 14th G. Sanders Eagle: 4th D. Cluderay

Target Hole: P. Kearns 3BBB Stableford Tuesday October 15, 2024.

Winners: 84 pts M. Hutchinson 28, S. Caldwell 24, S. Turner 26

D.T.L: 76pts C. Stevens 40, M. Ryan 14, C. Gosling N.T.P: 3rd J. Blizzard, 5th J. Blizzard, 12th M. Ryan, 14th M. Ryan

Stableford Saturday October 19, 2024.

A Grade Winner: D. Burridge 38pts B Grade

Winner: W. McGrath 33 pts

C Grade Winner: T. Collins 36 pts D.T.L: 1. R. Madigan 37, 2. J. Cahill 35, 3. P. Flanagan 33, 4. T. Johnson 33, 5. M. Smith 32, 6. A. West 31, 7. R. Abel 30.

N.T.P: 3rd T. Collins, 5th P. Smart 12th (Pro Pin) R. Dent, 14th R. King.

Birdies: 3rd R. Madigan, 12th R. Welsh Target Hole: 18th D. Burridge

Stableford Tuesday October 22, 2024.

A Grade Winner: C. Gilfillan 35pts B Grade Winner: V. Reid 38pts

D.T.L: 1. M. McQuillan 36, 2. S. Turner 36, N.T.P: 3rd C. Stevens, 5th M. McQuillan, 12th S. Gosling, 14th M. Ryan

Monthly Medal Saturday October 26, 2024.

Medal Winner: Mark Ryan nett 71 Scratch Winner: P. Smart 81 shots

A Grade Winner: M. Ryan nett 71 B Grade Winner: S. Caldwell nett 69

C Grade Winner: S. Turner nett 69 D.T.L: 1. C. Warning 72, 2. P. Smart 73, 3. J. Soppe 73, 4. D. Taylor 73, 5. R. Davidson 73, 6. G. Sanders 73, 7. I. Fortune 74 c/b, 8. G. Spowart 74 c/b, 9. C. Sterrick 74 c/b

N.T.P: 3rd (Pro Pin) B. Mathieson, 12th G. Barnes, 14th G. Barnes.

Putts: D. Taylor 26 putts c/b Birdies: 3rd G. Barnes, R. Abel, G. Spowart, 12th W. Sutton, D. Vesty, S. Allison Target Hole: R. King

Stableford Tuesday October 29, 2024.

Winner: J. Blizzard 36pts D.T.L: C. Gosling 35

N.T.P: 3rd S. Gosling, 5th S. Caldwell, 12th S. Gosling, 14th S. Caldwell.

Latrobe Health Assembly



Wellways leads the new way forward for the WES

An exciting new partnership will see Wellways joining the Latrobe Health Assembly in delivering The WES (Wellbeing and Emotional Support) – a mental health service that has become an essential support for over 1000 people in the Latrobe Valley in the past year.

Designed specifically for the Latrobe Valley by locals with lived experience, the WES was piloted through a partnership between the Latrobe Health Assembly and Lifeline Gippsland. Having established the WES as a pillar of support in the community, Lifeline Gippsland is now passing the torch to Wellways to continue the delivery of the space to those who need it.

The WES, based in Morwell, provides a welcoming and safe space for anybody 16 years and over who may be experiencing distress, in crisis or feeling isolated or overwhelmed.

No referral or appointment is needed – visitors can simply walk in and receive free support. The WES is staffed by a mix of mental health professionals and peer support workers who have had their own experience of mental health concerns, or caring for and supporting someone who has, and visitors can expect to see the same friendly faces when they walk through the doors.

“Walking into the space

and being welcomed by the dedicated peer-support workers feels just like a warm hug.

To have supported over 1000 visitors within a year speaks volumes about how much the Latrobe Valley needs a space like this. We are thrilled to partner with Wellways to continue delivering the WES to the community,” says Latrobe Health Assembly chair, Tanya Rong.

“Wellways is excited to provide free wellbeing and emotional support to the Latrobe Valley through the

WES service and in close partnership with Latrobe Health Assembly. The WES is an innovative local meeting point that aligns with our vision and purpose to connect people, strengthen families, and transform communities for individuals experiencing social and emotional wellbeing challenges”, says Wellways CEO, Laura Collister.

The WES currently operates Thursdays and Fridays 12pm–8 pm, and Saturdays 10am–6pm. To learn more about the WES, visit <https://www.wellways>.



A Big Shout Out for my recent trip to Melbourne to catch a flight to Queensland. After recent storms and trees down on rail tracks (August) I was unable, due to disabilities, to board the large buses, so staff at Morwell Railway Station arranged for a taxi to get me there on time.

Many thanks to Vic Rail Staff and for the safe arrival on time to catch my flight!
Marie Ormston-Smith

Healthy Gippsland

Agencies on a mission for a healthy Gippsland

Agencies involved in improving the health and wellbeing of local people are being encouraged to badge their work under the brand ‘Healthy Gippsland’.

The new brand will unite projects and campaigns from groups involved in population health in the region such as local government, community

health, hospitals and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations.

Healthy Gippsland was recently launched at a learning and networking event hosted by the Gippsland Region Public Health Unit (GRPHU).

GRPHU Director Annelies Titulaer said Healthy Gippsland reflected the “collective mission” many agencies share in their work to improve population health.

More than 50 population health professions from across the region attended the GRPHU event in Morwell and donned ‘Healthy Gippsland #teamprevention’ t-shirts.

They will now have access to an online Healthy Gippsland portal which will store resources and share best practice work from across the region.

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Saucepan brownies



I found this very old recipe for brownies in a recipe book printed over 50 years ago.

What is a brownie?

It is a type of cookie (biscuit), the definition comes from America. The texture is fudge like and a little chewy. Nowadays there are many recipes for 'brownies'. This early recipe is delicious.

Ingredients:

85gm of butter/ marg, 60gm of dark chocolate, 1/2 tsp of vanilla extract, 1 cup of castor sugar, 2 eggs lightly beaten, 3/4 cup of plain flour, 1/4 tsp of salt, 3/4 cup of granulated nuts.

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Line a 20cm square pan with cooking spray and line with baking paper.

Put the butter/marg in a saucepan with the chocolate and melt over a low heat.

Remove from the heat and set aside to cool. When cooled but not set, add the vanilla extract and sugar and beat well.

Add the lightly beaten eggs a little at a time, beating well after each addition. Mix the flour and salt together and add to the chocolate mixture. Finally stir in the granulated nuts. Now pour the batter into the prepared pan. Bake in the preheated oven for 25 minutes. Turn out onto a wire rack and remove the baking paper, cool.

When cool slice the brownies into squares. Store in an airtight container.

Goat cheese, olive and potato bread



Ingredients:

190gm of SR flour, 190gm of all rounder potatoes, peeled and grated, 1 onion, peeled and grated, 1 tbs of dried rosemary (extra fresh sprigs for garnish), 100gm of crumbled feta cheese, 75 gm of sliced kalamata olives, 1 egg lightly beaten, 2 tbs of milk, 1 dsp of wholegrain mustard, sea salt and cracked black pepper.

Preheat your oven to 200 deg C. Grease a baking tray and lightly dust with fine polenta.

Mix the flour in a large bowl. Add the grated potato, onion, sea salt, black pepper and stir to combine.

Fold in the dried rosemary, 90gm of feta and 60 gm of sliced olives. In a jug, beat together the beaten eggs with the mustard and milk.

Pour into the flour mixture and use your wet hands to shape into a round. Transfer to the prepared oven tray, scatter with remaining feta cheese and olives and fresh rosemary sprigs.

Finally dust with flour and bake in the preheated oven for 45 minutes or until the bread sounds hollow when the base is tapped.

Serve as you like.

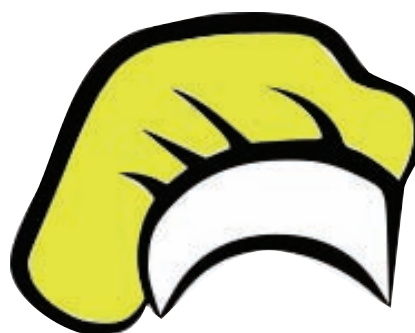
Mocha meringues



Ingredients:

1 egg white, 1/2 tsp of cream of tartar, 2 tbs of castor sugar, 1/4 tsp of vanilla extract, 1 tbs of cocoa, 1/2 tsp of instant coffee powder(not granules). If you are not a fan of coffee replace the coffee powder with an extra 1/2 tsp of cocoa.

Preheat your oven to 120 deg C. Beat the egg white and cream of tartar with your beater on high speed until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in the castor sugar, vanilla, coffee and cocoa. Divide and drop the mixture onto a baking paper lined oven sheet in 12 portions, about 5cm apart. Bake in the preheated oven for 40 minutes or until firm. Now the next step must be followed for the success of your mocha meringues. Turn off your oven and let the meringues cool in the unopened oven for one hour. Do not open the oven door while the meringues are cooling.



What do you know?



Here are the answers to last month's cooking quiz.

1. Wide egg noodles? Pappardelle pasta.
2. Goats cheese? Chevre cheese.
3. Another name for the herb Cilantro? Coriander.
4. What do eggplant, potato and tomato have in common? They all belong to the nightshade plant family.
5. A staple food made from a mixture of ground grains, seeds, water and salt? Bread.

Your November challenge

1. What is a pandan?
2. What is the difference between baking powder and bicarb of soda?
3. We know it as wild rice, but what is it?
4. What is gluten?
5. What is the difference between a lemon and a lime, as both fruits are yellow when ripe?

Eggplant tart



Ingredients:

2 tbs of olive oil, 6 baby eggplants, halved lengthways, 4 sheets of filo pastry, (available in the freezer section of your supermarket), 160 gm of finely grated parmesan cheese (the dried finely grated parmesan found on the shelves in the supermarkets), 2 eggs, lightly beaten, 125ml of thickened cream, a sprinkle of fennel seeds, 1 tbs of minced garlic and Italian herb mix, I used rocket leaves to garnish.

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Line a baking tray with baking paper. Grease a 22cm tart pan and sprinkle lightly with polenta. Brush the eggplant sides with 1 tbs of oil and arrange in a single layer on the baking tray. Season with fennel seeds and a sprinkle of Italian herbs. Bake for 25 minutes or until very tender. Now brush one filo pastry sheet with oil and line the tart pan, repeat with the remaining filo pastry sheet. Sprinkle half the parmesan cheese over the pastry and arrange the baked eggplant slices over the pastry in a circle. Beat the eggs and cream together and season with 1 tbs of minced garlic and pour into the tart pan over the eggplants, fold in the edges of the pastry and finally sprinkle the remaining parmesan cheese over the top. Bake the tart for 20 minutes or until golden and set. Serve warm or at room temperature. A great end of the week meal for me. Make it your meal and enjoy whenever it suits.

Pumpkin, pine nut and ricotta pizza

Ingredients:

1 large pizza base, 300gm pumpkin, thinly sliced, splash of olive oil, 20gm of pine nuts, 4 tbs of tomato paste, handful of fresh sage leaves (roughly chopped), 300 gm of grated mozzarella cheese, 1/2 cup of ricotta cheese, Italian herb mix.

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Place the sliced pumpkin on a roasting tray, drizzle with the olive oil, season with Italian herb mix and roast in the preheated oven until tender. Remove from the oven and toss with the chopped sage, set aside. Now increase the heat of your oven to 220 deg C.

Add the pine nuts to the pumpkin mix. Spread the pizza base with the tomato paste then sprinkle over the grated cheese to evenly cover the base, top with pumpkin, sage and pine nuts. Place the pizza in the now higher heated oven and bake for 15 minutes or until the cheese is melted and crispy. Remove from the oven, and top with heaped tps of ricotta cheese.

Slice to serve, enjoy.



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Travellers Aid Australia

Airport Launches Airport Assist

An Australian first in accessible travel Melbourne Airport has launched a new service, Airport Assist, a series of Mobility Hubs designed to improve the airport experience for passengers with disability and access requirements. Four Mobility Hubs recently opened at Melbourne Airport to help travellers navigate between the airport's car parks, check-in areas, baggage halls, and passenger pick-up and drop-off zones.

The Hubs will be staffed by Travellers Aid and provide support to travellers with visible and non-visible disabilities. The Airport Assist pilot service, the first of its kind in Australia, is designed to address the barriers faced by some travellers as they navigate the airport precinct, and will complement existing airline services.

The four-month trial will initially run from Monday to Friday between 10am and 6pm, and will offer the following services:

Accessible information to assist with navigation and understanding.

Buggy transfers between the T4 ground transport hub (including car park, PTV bus service, taxi rank, and Uber) and the Jetstar, Rex, Virgin Australia, and International arrivals and departures areas, with wheelchair connections to Qantas departures.

Wheelchair transfers from a hub located at Virgin Australia baggage claim/International arrivals.

Wheelchair transfers from a hub located at Virgin Australia departures.

Wheelchair transfers from a hub located at Qantas baggage claim to Skybus, taxi or Uber.

Sensory Packs

Communication Boards for non-verbal travellers.

Hidden Disability Sunflower Program lanyards and information.

Melbourne Airport CEO Lorie Argus said the service offering is the result of insights from research commissioned to better understand the barriers experienced by travellers with disability and access requirements. "We know that our growing precinct, coupled with increasing passenger numbers, means there are more people who need help moving around the terminals and car parks," she said. "One in ten travellers are now telling us that they need some form of extra help at Melbourne Airport, and with an ageing population, the number of passengers needing mobility assistance is only going to increase. We have spent the past 18 months working to understand where we need to improve accessibility and our research has taken into consideration people with both visible and non-visible disability, as well as those who do not identify with having disability but may require additional assistance. We hope this trial will help address the problems some of our passengers encounter getting where they need to go.

We are committed to creating a more inclusive travel experience, and the Airport Assist pilot is a significant step toward ensuring all travellers can navigate the airport with ease and confidence. This service will be offered to passengers free of charge and we welcome feedback on opportunities for improvement."

Travellers Aid CEO Elias Lebbos said: "We look forward to collaborating

with Melbourne Airport and Get Skilled Access to meet the needs of the growing number of passengers who require mobility assistance. From Melbourne's major train stations, events throughout Victoria and now at Melbourne Airport, Travellers Aid is committed to providing services that enable people of all abilities to travel safely, confidently and independently."

Get Skilled Access CEO Zack Alcott said: "The Hubs will change the airport experience for people with disability. Hopefully, the Hubs can ease the fear of what has traditionally been quite a stressful experience for people with access needs. The input of people with disability and access needs was key to designing the Hubs and offering specific services that meet the community needs."

Nick Morris, Technical Principal – Accessibility and Universal Design at Jensen Hughes, said: "The creation of Mobility Hubs ensures that all people – from those with disability, to families, ageing adults or people with medical equipment – are able to move through the airport with ease and predictability. Staff can assist and guide them to make sure that their movement through the airport is seamless. A fantastic innovation from Melbourne Airport."

Outside of the service's trial hours of operation, support for people with limited mobility is available via Melbourne Airport's Ground Transport team and the Chaplaincy service. Further information about Melbourne Airport Assist is available: <https://www.melbourneairport.com.au/onsite-mobility-hubs>

Youth Group (Ages 12+): Sponsored by Churchill Discount Pharmacy, this session is free of charge, held on Thursdays from 4 pm to 7 pm. Youth can explore the world of D&D with guidance from experienced Dungeon Masters, building skills that can translate into confidence and creativity in the real world.

Join the Adventure

Both seasoned players and complete beginners are welcome. Whether you are looking to escape into a world of dragons and dungeons, or simply seeking a social space to connect, D&D at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre has something for everyone.

For more details, visit churchill.org.au/dd and take the first step into an unforgettable journey.



Churchill & District News Writing Competition

Each year Churchill & District News runs a writing competition for our local feeder schools.

This year we had 175 entries. To run this competition we ask for sponsorship to provide printed and laminated certificates, prizes and goody bags for each entrant.

We say a big thank you to Hazelwood & District Rotary Club, Churchill & District Lions Club, Ampworks, Martin Cameron, and ENGIE.

This sponsorship is gratefully received as it means we have the resources to encourage the local writers in our primary schools.

Schools see this competition as a way to have their students participate in writing for a purpose.

The judges have commented that they think the standard of writing has improved over the years, so we are pleased to offer this opportunity.

A huge thank you to our judges for their conscientious work on assessing the entries which took many hours.

Thank you to our Churchill & District Team for all the work put into this competition. The first prize winners stories were

published in the October issue.

Prize Winners

Our winners for 2024 are:

Category 1. 7 and Under

- Nevaya Duric Equal 1st
- James Eden Equal 1st
- Amelia Equal 2nd
- Bodhi Webb Equal 2nd
- Charlotte King 3rd
- Callum Encouragement
- Rubie Encouragement
- Maya Duric Encouragement
- Olivia Stockdale Encouragement
- Maddy Star Encouragement
- Levi Fraser Encouragement
- Illustration
- Matilda Scherell Encouragement
- Matilda Burke Encouragement
- Portra Boston Encouragement
- Kayla Hood-Pearson Encouragement
- Telesha Tobin Encouragement
- Tilly Duncan Encouragement
- Illustration

Category 2 Children 8-10

- Luca Mulder Equal 1st
- Annabelle Taylor Equal 1st
- Polina McLindon Equal 2nd
- Ulyanna McLindon Equal 2nd
- Sam Clifford Equal 2nd
- Rhys Eden Equal 3rd
- Indy Griffiths Equal 3rd
- Kelani C Encouragement
- Asher Encouragement

Mordakye Encouragement

- Kaiden McCarten Encouragement
- Kai Tanti Encouragement
- Scarlett Masterman- Smith Encouragement
- Loghan Baker Encouragement
- Willow Seers Encouragement
- Sophie Telfer Encouragement
- Meliah De Pater Encouragement
- Hannah Price Encouragement
- Jack Tobin Encouragement
- Adrice Hagger Encouragement
- Kade Smee Encouragement
- Category 3 Children 11-12
- Ilsa Godfrey Equal 1st
- Addison Russell Equal 1st
- Matthew Ng Equal 1st
- Amelia Parry Equal 3rd
- Shimmy Wilson Equal 3rd
- Harvey McCartney Encouragement
- Saxon Edwards Encouragement
- Lyla Wilson Encouragement
- Jaxon Heslop Encouragement
- Kingston Riess Encouragement
- Sanne Schelfhout and Izzy Barling Encouragement
- Maeve Jones Encouragement

Dungeons and Dragons returns to the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre!

After nearly a year's hiatus, Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) is back at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, ready to spark imaginations, build friendships, and boost confidence for all who attend. This classic role-playing game, which has gained renewed popularity in recent years, is now being offered in two weekly sessions to cater to players of different age groups.

A World of Benefits

Dungeons and Dragons is not just a game; it is a powerful tool for personal development. Players embark on imaginative journeys filled with teamwork, strategic thinking, and problem-solving. Beyond its fun factor, D&D has been shown to improve social



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

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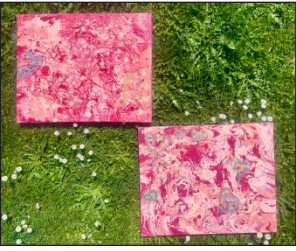
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Matchbox Gallery



Multi-disciplined artist Kelangel KrE8z has her first solo exhibition in Yinnar, 'For the Love of It', aptly named for her love of creating.

From canvas to cloth and beyond this artist loves experimenting. "Colours lift my soul and the paints look so exciting I just cannot help but want to play with them! From ink gel pen details to paint pours and glitter this current collection is also focused on human emotions and experiencing them.

The poured canvases represent the natural lack of control of our emotions we have, and the mystery, beauty and vulnerability that creates part of our human experience.

I could draw with precision or paint with a brush an exact detailed scene, but with the pouring technique I felt that doing it actually made it real, the exciting feeling to not have full control and power over my images and then figure it out. I used the colours to

represent my relationships with different areas of nature as inspirations too."

Also featuring in the exhibition are photography, fashion, and music videos created with her own original music.

Born and raised on a farm in Yinnar the artist has lived and created art and music in Melbourne, Sydney, Byron and the Hinterland and the Gold Coast.

During the pandemic in 2021 she returned to Australia after 16 years of living in Detroit, Michigan USA where all of her creativity was able to really bloom. She had gained deeper confidence in herself from the move overseas, along with love and support of other amazing artists and people from whom she learned and with whom she collaborated on many amazing projects. Her experiences included



teaching youth in schools, performing in nightclubs and concerts, teaching painting classes and acting in live theatre. She also had the opportunity to study for a music technology degree at a 150yr old University in a 100 year old music program.

She has now returned to her home town to have her children experience Australian life and their family here and bring some new fresh flavours to the area she was raised in.

The exhibition 'For the Love of It' will be at The Matchbox Gallery, Main Street, Yinnar from November 23 to December 15.



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2024 Latrobe Valley Philatelic Society Stamp and Coin Fair

Recently yet another successful Stamp and Coin Fair was held at the Uniting Church Hall in Traralgon. The dealers all had a good day with collectors from all over Gippsland and further beyond, descending on the tables from nine o'clock onwards. Most patrons found a bargain or two and went home satisfied. It was pleasing to see more young people attending this year.

The annual display set up by Club members featured collections as diverse as Walt Disney characters, Scouting, Olympic Games and the History of Local Post Offices. One new aspect of the Fair was the new catering team from the Co-operating Church in Churchill. Well done ladies! We hope to see more collectors next year on the third Saturday in October.

Marianne – A Symbol of France

If you are a collector

of French stamps, indeed if you just have a few French stamps in a general collection, you are likely to have one of the many representations of this lady, who is the symbol of



liberty for this country. She first appeared in paintings glorifying the French Revolution of 1789. She is shown wearing the cap of Liberty, leading the common people against their oppressors, waving the Tricolour and urging them on. She first appeared on a set of French stamps in 1944 as a symbol of liberation

from German Forces who had occupied France during World War II, and has appeared in several guises ever since.

Her cap is fashioned after the traditional cap worn by rural peasants for hundreds of years. Usually, it is only her head which features, but in 1959 she appeared as a guide on the Ship of State.

Over the years, she has been shown in a number of ways; without her cap, in a stylised form, surrounded by the Europa stars and so on. In total there are over twenty designs and they come in a multitude of colours. The inspiration for the design



comes from a stamp from 1903, showing a peasant woman sowing seed from a basket.

She is wearing the peasant cap epitomising the timeless rural French woman. It is easy to see the resemblance in later designs. Why did the French embrace the popular design?

It was a symbolic way to show that Liberty will triumph over the worst of times, which is how the French people felt about the Nazi occupation and the toll it took on their country.

It has come to represent the way France sees itself, a country that cast off the shackles of oppression in the Middle Ages and a later oppression, and embracing the ideas of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity, the catch-cry of Revolution 250 years ago.

It would not be difficult to put together a collection of the Marianne designs as they were definitive issues of their day and can be easily obtained and the design will surely be used again.

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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

For this month, rather than write a single story drawing on our local history, a collection of historical snapshots is provided. Each one portrays parts of Morwell's history using information gathered by your scribe over almost 20 years.

Tarwin and George Street corner

Built in 1884, and opened in the following year, with some alterations made in 1906, the Morwell Mechanics Institute occupied this corner. Providing a place for public meetings, being a picture theatre and a public library, this magnificent building was reduced to ashes being destroyed by fire in 1935.

During the early hours of Thursday January 10, 1935, huge flames dominated Morwell as its' citizens were awakened "from their slumbers." Assistance was even sought from the Traralgon Fire Brigade - a long way to come in these early years.

Morwell's community leaders argued and debated the pros and cons of again building a hall on this corner. It is a long story, and a short version is that a new town hall was built on the corner of Commercial and Hazelwood Roads, and opened on October 27, 1936.

During the 1950's, a Maples Furniture store was built to occupy the corner site. In the intervening years, houses fronting both streets were built to use the site; and subsequently removed to make way for Maples.



Some readers may recall the Maples slogan - 'There's a Maples store right near your door.'

At least two of these houses were relocated to the western end of town - Driffield Road and Avondale Crescent neighbourhood.

George Street

Ernest William Miles was formerly a garage proprietor



in Morwell, located at 50 George Street. This was about where the carpark for Cheap as Chips is today.

For just over 18 months after coming to Morwell, Ernest owned and operated Morwell Auto Greasing Service. Born in London, in about 1905, he arrived

in Australia in 1924. After farming in Western Australia, he pioneered the "transport run" between Melbourne - Mildura - Broken Hill. Locally, Ernest was employed at the SEC and joined the Morwell Chamber of Commerce and the Masonic Lodge.

Ernest lived in Langford Street, and after his death in

November 1954 from a short illness, he was interred in the Yallourn Cemetery.

Some years later and located at about the same

(with the revolutionary east-west engine), Morris 1100 and the Morris Major Elite - being featured in early 1964 advertisements in the Morwell Advertiser.

Ted Nash and Richard Thomas Noy

Ted Nash was born in Mathima, North Eastern Tasmania. Going into partnership with Richard Noy, in November 1912, a general store was established by taking over the McDonald and Hone store in Commercial Road, Morwell.

Close on age 40, Ted enlisted for military service at Morwell on June 24, 1942. His next of kin was recorded as his wife, Alice Nash and their address was 34 Church Street Morwell - and their house is still there. Later in 1942, Ted became a member of the Volunteer Defence Corp, listed as "for part time duty." Officially, he was discharged in September 1945.

By this time, Ted had

Advertiser, printed an obituary on April 6, 1950 which in part read:

'His first employment was with the late Mr. John Rintoull, blacksmith, from whom he transferred to McDonald and Hone, storekeepers, the latter of whom is still alive and resident at Morwell.

After some years with this firm he entered into partnership in the business of Noy and Nash. When this partnership was dissolved, he worked in several grocery establishments in the town, until he again set up in business on his own account

to have a fire station built opposite today's Post Office. Unfortunately, he did not live to see a new, second station built in Church Street in 1953.

When I wrote the centenary history of the Morwell Fire Brigade, one anecdote about Richard showed just how humble a person he was - the push bike was his usual mode of transport throughout town. His luxuriant white moustache was also a stand-out feature.

It was during this long period of service Richard, with bountiful enthusiasm

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ten years ago next to the post office, corner of Commercial Road and Tarwin Street. He retired in 1947, when his health commenced to deteriorate.'

We should remember Richard for his strong involvement in community services. One of his strong contributions over 25 years was with the Morwell Fire Brigade. He was a foundation member in 1915 and played a leading role

and determination pushed to obtain, what was then, elementary facilities for firefighting. He is interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery.

There is a Noy Court in Morwell, but no Nash Street, or even a court. It seems that we have been scrooge-like in memorialising significant contributors to our local history.

Next month, there will be a short story about the Hazelwood North bridge.



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George Street address was M J Connells Garage. This family business sold Shell petrol, Dunlop tyres and provided a lubrication service for vehicles.

Today, that business is commemorated in a wonderful, accurate mural in Morwell, and that house as portrayed, was shifted west further along in Ann Street.

Many will recall Connell's Garage being well known selling new cars - Wolseley, Mini Minor

his own grocery business at 182 Commercial Road, (currently the Viva Shoes and Bags store). He and Alice had shifted to 41 George Street, approximately today's Manny's Market carpark.

Ted and Alice are interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery along with their son, John Edward Nash.

Richard Noy passed away on Saturday, April 1, 1950.

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Summer Preparations

It is not too late to plan and prepare especially with summer not far away. Fire Danger Periods (FDPs) have started in some parts of Victoria and other local government areas will soon follow.

Churchill Fire Brigade wants to share the following tips, resources and important information to help you get ready for bushfire season this year. We encourage you to use these resources to help you plan and prepare and please share with others too.

Prepare your property

Move furniture, woodpiles and mulch away from windows, decks and eaves

Prune tree branches so they are not overhanging the roof or touching walls

Keep grass shorter than 10cm. Regularly remove leaves and twigs

Do not have plants higher than 10cm in front of windows or glass doors

Check that your home and contents insurance is current and includes a level of cover in line with current building standards and regulations.

Find out more about

property preparation on CFA's website (cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property).

Keep burn-offs safe and legal

Check and monitor weather conditions – particularly wind – on the day of your burn and the days afterwards as fires can flare up in windy conditions

Notify your neighbours

Never leave a burn-off unattended – stay for its entire duration

Find out more on CFA's website (cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/burning-off)

Your Bushfire Survival Plan

You do not have to live in the country to be at risk of fire. If you live near areas that have significant bush, forest, long grass, or coastal scrub, then you need to plan ahead for the fire season.

Not everyone thinks clearly in an emergency. Taking steps to get prepared before the fire season means you know what to do when you are at risk of fire. A written, and preferably well-practised plan, will help you remember what needs to be done during a crisis. Use the

Bushfire Planning Template – Leaving Early (see website address below) to help you write down your plan.

Why should I leave early?

Leaving early is the safest option to protect yourself and your family. Leaving early means leaving the area before there are any signs of a fire – not when you can see flames or smell smoke. Leaving early means avoiding panic, being trapped, making the wrong choices and risking serious injury or death.

Defending Your Property

Planning to stay and defend is a big decision. You could be at serious risk of death or injury from uncontrollable fires on Extreme and Catastrophic fire danger days. Most homes in bushfire risk areas are not designed for Catastrophic conditions. CFA's Defending your property page (cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-and-during-a-fire/defending-your-property) can help you decide whether or not you are capable of defending your property – and tells you about the risks and preparations involved.

How to plan

Taking steps to get

prepared before the fire season means you know what to do when you are at risk of fire. Just as every family or household is unique, every fire plan will be different.

Which Fire Danger Rating is your trigger to leave?

Will you leave early that morning or the night before?

Where will you go?

What route will you take – and what is your alternative in the event that a fire is already in the area?

What will you take with you?

What do you need to organise for your pets or livestock?

Who do you need to keep informed of your movements?

Is there anyone outside your household who you need to help or check up on?

How will you stay

informed about warnings and updates?

What will you do if there is a fire in the area and you cannot leave?

Remember to decide who will do what as part of your plan.

Your destination and journey

Talk to your family and friends about how you will know when to leave and where to go to stay safe. It is up to you to decide on a suitable place to go when you leave early on a fire risk day. If you do not have friends or relatives in low-risk areas who you can visit, consider community facilities such as libraries, shopping centres, swimming pools or cinemas.

If you rely on others for care and support, your only safe option on serious fire risk days is to leave early

– never wait to receive a warning.

Why write down your plan?

Would you remember a plan that is just in your head if you are surrounded by smoke, heat and flames? In Victoria the bushfire season is long and is getting longer, and a written plan will help reduce uncertainty and anxiety. Use the Bushfire Planning Template – Leaving Early (available on cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-and-during-a-fire/your-bushfire-plan) to help you write down your plan.

Remember, any bushfire plan – written or not – is better than no plan.

Further Information

CFA's website provides further information (cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-and-during-a-fire/your-bushfire-plan)



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Strzelecki Koala

Juvenile Koalas

As the Strzelecki koala mating season has begun, young koalas are also on the move.

After being nurtured and raised by their mother for 12 months, the juvenile koala has to fend for itself. The definition of a juvenile is, a koala that is between "weaning and sexual maturity" (Ramsay p.3)

Before leaving her offspring to live by itself, the mother koala ensures that the young koala can select appropriate trees for food and shelter, has an awareness of predators, knows how to seek safety from dangers and has knowledge about its local habitat. No longer will the mother come to its' rescue when the young joey calls with a squeak or squeal. (Behaviour of the young and adolescent Koala Joey. www.koalainfo.com 22/10/24) After sharing a favourite tree with the joey, then leaving the joey for increasing amounts of time, the mother koala lets the juvenile koala know that it needs to be independent. The mother may already be pregnant again and will require all her energy to raise the new joey. At around twelve months old, the joey no longer has cuddles or play fights with its' mother. The juvenile koala now has to lead an isolated life.

According to an environmental study "The Ecology and dispersal Patterns of Juvenile Koalas, Phascolarctos cinereus, in Fragmented Habitat" by Susan Ramsay August 1999, (ses.library.usyd.edu.au 16/10/24), the juvenile koala will stay in its natal home range, that is home range where it was born and raised. Here, the juvenile koala is considerably safer because it is familiar with the trees and landscape. Because juvenile koalas are smaller, they can climb and feed off short and thin trees and so do not compete with their mother for food resources. (Ramsay p 119) Sometimes the young koala

may even share the same trees as its' mother.

Ramsay (p. 200) found that dispersal from the natal home range does not occur for the juvenile koalas until they reach a certain weight and condition which is when they are around two years old. The bigger young koalas, usually the males, leave earlier than the smaller koalas which tend to be the females. The juvenile koalas need to be a good size to survive the challenges of dispersal out of its natal home range.

The reasons for juvenile koalas' dispersal from their natal home ranges, at the time of this study were yet to be determined. (I could not find any recent studies concerning the juvenile koala). Some scientists think that the trigger for dispersal starts when the koala reaches a particular size, strength and condition. Competition for quality food and shelter resources, "social organisation", and the prevention of inbreeding are other possible reasons (Ramsay p.206). Nevertheless the seasonal dispersal of juvenile koalas into new range areas is very important as this process enables gene flow between different koala groups and the future survival of the koala population.

However, the juvenile koalas face many dangers when they disperse into new terrain. Juvenile koalas risk being killed by predators like foxes, owls, and eagles as they travel on cleared land to suitable habitat areas (Ramsay p 96). When a juvenile koala is confronted by rejection in another habitat area because there are no vacancies in that home range, or the found woodland area is devoid of suitable trees, long distances are often travelled before settling in to a good habitat. Travelling through built up areas, especially where there is tree loss, also increases the injury and death rate of juveniles as they can come in contact with cars, feral animals, dogs and barriers like fences. (Redlands

Coast Koala Watch - Urban Koalas www.redland.qld.gov.au. 22/10/24). Difficulties faced during and after a juvenile's dispersal can affect the overall condition of the juvenile koala (Ramsay p 203). Poor condition makes the juvenile koala more prone to diseases and a decreased ability to cope with aggressive behaviour from other koalas or other animals.

The chance of death of the juvenile koala is likely even after dispersal because of the type of habitat the juveniles settle in. Ramsay's study involved fragmented woodland areas which had a land barrier covered in exotic plantation trees and blackberries to the north. Small patches of koala habitat expose the younger koala to increased danger as it has to often live in woodland margins. Here they are more exposed to predators and the less nutritious trees. Habitat size and vegetation quality are significant factors in ensuring the survival of juvenile koalas. Connectivity of suitable koala habitat areas is a must for genetic diversity and population maintenance.

(Planning Guidelines for Koala Conservation and Recovery, A guide to best planning practice. October 2006. P22 www.savethekoala.com).

Ramsay (p 210 and 211) stressed that habitat protection and habitat planting especially along dispersal routes is necessary for the koala species to move safely to new areas. Corridors and large areas for home ranges are essential for populations of koalas to survive the threats of fire, storm, flood and drought. (Ramsay p. 209) as they provide routes for the recolonisation of new areas.

Our unique Strzelecki koalas need corridors to connect good habitat areas, essentially large in size, to one another. This connectivity will help juveniles to move and settle more safely into new areas, with that spreading their special diverse genetic into the Strzelecki population



now and into the future movement.

How to help the Strzelecki koala survive into the future

Remember to drive carefully especially at this time of year when koalas are on the move to mate or for the juvenile koalas to find a new place to live.

Dogs are a threat and can do a lot of harm to a koala. Please constrain your pets in a koala proof yard and keep them in at night. If your dog injures a koala seek help straight away.

Back yard pools are a danger too. Place a log or float and rope into your pool so koalas can climb out.

Fences can be obstacles to a roving koala. Please place a pole against your fence to aid the koala's safe travel.

Retain, plant and protect koala habitat. Help your local Landcare group.

Support koala scientific and naturalist groups. Anthony Amis of the Friends of the Earth Melbourne appreciates people helping him record koala and koala scat sightings on the koala map. Contact Anthony at anthony.amis@foe.org.au or for more information go to www.melbournefor.org.au+



This young koala was observed crossing the Junction Road near the Billys Creek Reserve. It quickly found a huge tree but needed to stop and rest on various limbs before reaching the canopy of the tree.



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In news over the last month, Parks Victoria has advised that the removal of dangerous hanging branches in the Billys Creek section of the park will be included in a variation to the insurance claim already in place for that area.

The Billys Creek/Junction Road section of the park is still closed while arborists clear the remaining sections of track. There are still quite a few dangerous limbs hanging over track sections, however they have been making progress.

Works on the Kerry Road car park area and the bridge to Stringybark Ridge Track have not yet commenced, but we remain hopeful they will be completed this calendar year.

Two quotes for the realignment of Billys Creek Track were received and are being assessed. A contractor is expected to be appointed by the end of the year.

There was much joy to say that the 'Birds of

Morwell National Park' went to the printers recently. Huge thanks to Caitilin, Matt, Jay, Ken and Anita for all their hard work on this book. Thanks also to Tamara for providing a thorough scientific review of the content.

Recently there have been three groups of walkers in the park. Ken and Gordon showed the Entomology Society of Victoria around the Park on a walk, and they held an evening nothing activity. Mike and Cathy took two different groups from the Australian Plant Society on walks around the park.

On the day there were two activities. Firstly, for the orchid walk the group travelled over to Stringybark Track.

The family group could not maintain their enthusiasm so they turned around and returned to the picnic area at different stages.

However the rest of the group was hardier, and they completed the circuit.

Friends of Morwell National Park



Common Bird Orchid (Chiloglottis valid)

Pictured are some of the orchids Caitilin captured.

The walking group returned to the picnic area for lunch and awaited the Koala Count.

For the Koala Count we had enough walkers to cover the three main survey tracks.

Tamara and Anita were

delivered to the top of the park to walk back (with a little bush bashing) along the Jumbuk Road Track.

Mike, Caitilin and Darren went back to the Stringybark Track while Cathy, Ken, Gordon and two community members walked along the Fosters Gully Track.

The walks happened in good conditions with the sky overcast and with little risk of rain.

The good conditions helped (along with many observant eyes) to locate many koalas.

Two were seen from the picnic area and a total of five could be seen between the picnic area and the beginning of the Fosters Gully Track.

Caitilin captured some great photos of a few koalas seen during the count. Over

the count, a total of 17 koalas was sighted.

Number of koalas

Fosters Gully	seven koalas seen and six heard
Stringybark Track	six koalas seen and two heard
Jumbuk Road Track	four koalas seen

Total

17 koalas and eight additional koalas heard.



Pink Fingers (Caladenia carnea)



Latrobe Community Health Service

Free driving program helping Gippsland migrants get their licence

A collaboration between Latrobe Community Health Service and Gippsland Trades and Labour Council (GTLC) is giving Gippsland migrants the skills and road safety knowledge to drive on Victorian roads.

Nine women have completed the inaugural 'Let's Get Driving' program, supported through the Victorian Government's \$1.5 million Community Road Safety Grants Program.

It aims to increase the road safety knowledge and driving skills of participants so that they can get their Australian licence.

"The course is really about confidence, as much as it is about driving" Tammy Borg, GLTC Project Officer said.

"Many of our participants have come from different circumstances—so it's about creating a supportive and welcoming environment for

them to learn."

"We are really proud to deliver the first program in Gippsland that supports migrant women to get their licence," she added.

LCHS Settlement Engagement and Transition Support Worker, Nikki McNeilage says migrants face all kinds of barriers when it comes to getting their licence.

"Learning to drive on the opposite side of the road, taking the test in their non-preferred language, and even getting to VicRoads to take the test, are all common challenges for migrants," she said. Without the independence that driving brings, Nikki says many migrants struggle to find a job, access school or TAFE, or even get groceries from the shop to their home.

"We are not just talking about a driver's licence, we are talking about a person's independence and ability to live and thrive in the community," Ms McNeilage

said.

Participants received five core education sessions on road rules, driver behaviour, pedestrian and cyclist safety, as well as paid professional driving lessons.

The Victoria Police Road Safety Team delivered safety lessons and gave participants the opportunity to familiarise themselves with law enforcement.

"The feedback from participants has been fantastic; their confidence has skyrocketed and most have made plans to go for their licence in the coming months," Ms Borg said.

"Through this program we are not only helping build up the driving skills and safety knowledge of participants, but we are also creating safer roads in Gippsland."

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Looking Forward

The next Churchill - Shop Local Market will be our Christmas Market on Saturday December 7, 9am to 1pm at the Churchill Shopping Centre.

Free sausage sizzles, music, children's entertainment and lots of shopping voucher giveaways for randomly selected shoppers in Churchill CBD that day.

Plenty of gifts for purchase at the variety of market stalls and do not forget to browse our local retail stores, many of which carry an array of Christmas gift items.

If you are looking for bargains, do not forget to pop into the Churchill Lifeline Opportunity Shop, which will open in support of the market - your chance to browse the Op-Shop on a Saturday morning!

Speaking of bargains, a Town Garage Sale is organised for the same day. Register your home garage sale via the Facebook page "Churchill Garage Sale" to be included on the map. Maps will be available at the CDCA market stall (outside Churchill Post Office) and at the Neighbourhood Centre's stall (outside the Hot Bread Shop).

Maps will also be available at the Churchill Milk Bar in Blackwood Crescent. You can also mark your garage sale by tying a

blue balloon outside your home - pick up a balloon at the Milk Bar.

At the time of writing, there is no word from Council on when works will commence to upgrade the public toilets at Hazelwood Village. CDCA has been told that works are expected to be completed by Christmas and that the community can expect some disruption while works are underway.

CDCA has asked Council for the toilets at the Town Hall (Marina Parade entrance) to be opened while the market is on.

It is quite appalling that Churchill does not have fit-for-purpose available and accessible public toilets at the shopping centre. CDCA will be making representation to Latrobe City Council at its mid-year budget review in December on the absolute need for Council to prioritise funding of public toilet construction in the town centre.

We have been notified that Council has approved the Planning Permit Application from Revelop (the owners of West Place Shopping Centre) for a new Childcare Centre underneath the West Place shops, fronting Marina Drive.

CDCA made a submission on the proposed development, outlining concerns about parking, vehicle movement and safety concerns. It would seem that our concerns were not



deemed significant enough to require attention.

A Building Permit Application will now need to be lodged with Council, and approved, before any construction can begin.

Council has advised CDCA that the Churchill Town Centre Plan is under review and that the results of this review will be subject to community consultation in a couple of months time.

It is proposed to have a Council Listening Post in Churchill for people to view the revised plan and provide comment.

One would expect that Council's "Have Your Say" webpage will provide another forum for residents to provide feedback.

Council is also working on an Inter-City Bike Trail Plan which will outline proposed bicycle trails to link existing recreational pathways between all of Latrobe's townships.

Of particular interest to residents of our district is a plan to link the Grand Ridge Trail, from its current end in Boolarra, on to Morwell. CDCA has been advised that this plan will include extending the pathway

along Switchback Road in Churchill to meet the Yinnar to Morwell link.

Again, community consultation is expected in a few months when the draft plan is completed.

A Creative Latrobe project (funded by Latrobe Health Authority) has been mooted for Churchill and seems likely to get underway in the near future. Previous community consultation

appears to have led to a decision to provide an art installation at the Monash Way pedestrian underpass, although firm plans have not yet been finalised.

Lots happening in the near future in Churchill! If you want to know more, why not come along to a CDCA meeting? Local residents are very welcome!

CDCA meets at 7pm on the second Thursday of every second month, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall (park and enter from Philip Parade). Our final meeting for 2024 will be held on Thursday December 12. We will meet again on Thursday February 13, 2025.

You do not have to be a member of CDCA to attend our meetings, 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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Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: Pterostylis furcillata.

Family: Orchidaceae.

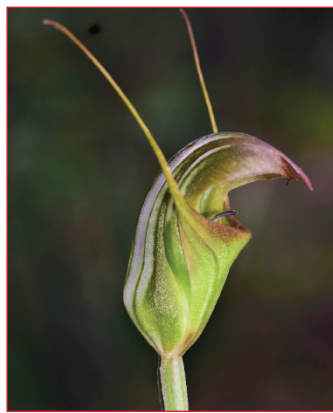
Derivation: From Greek, pteron, meaning "wing", and stylos, meaning "pillar, pole or column" and referring to the broad wings found on the upper part of the column in this genus of orchids.

furcillata: From Latin, furca, meaning "two-pronged fork", with the diminutive -illatus, referring to the apex of the labellum.

Common Name: Kurri Kurri Greenhood.

Distribution: This is a natural hybrid between the Snake-tongue Greenhood *P. ophioglossa* and the Coastal Greenhood *P. alveata*, so only occurs where the distributions of these two orchids overlap, namely between Nelson Bay, Kurri Kurri and Dungog in NSW, north of Newcastle.

Description: Arising from an underground tuberoid, non-flowering plants form a ground-hugging basal rosette, consisting of 2-4 ovate leaves, up to 30mm long and 20mm wide with wavy or crinkled margins. Flowering plants don't form a rosette, only a single stem up to 20cm tall with 2-3 basal leaves and 2 similar 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 30mm long by 13mm 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 am 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).

Jones – A Complete Guide to Native Orchids of Australia (2021).

St.Matt's Opportunity Shop

26 Main St. Yinnar
Opening Times: Monday, Thursday, Friday 10am – 4pm

All the Christmas stock is in the shop now. There are plenty of gift ideas, decorations and clothing including party dresses. Eftpos is available for sales over \$10.

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New volunteers are needed so if you have a day or half day to spare you

can enquire at the shop. St.Matt's is operated by the Co-operating Churches of Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar and the funds raised support the church, Federation University chaplain and food bank. The volunteers are a friendly group and would love to see you there.

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Churchill Chinese Restaurant
Peter and Sue have been running their family business since 2014. They open seven evenings a week from 5pm until 9pm Sunday – Thursday and 5pm until 9.30 pm Friday and Saturday. They are also open Tuesday to Friday lunch time 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm. Customers have the option of dining in or take away meals. They offer a wide range of dishes on their extensive menu and their special lunch and dinner packs are very good value. Although the restaurant does not sell alcohol it has a BYO licence. It also serves tea and coffee.

Churchill Discount Pharmacy
Andy Gergis took over this pharmacy in 2021, updating the business and increasing the range of products sold. Along with filling prescriptions, he offers free local delivery, free medication packaging and a free script reminder service. Vitamins, beauty products and a variety of health aids are available, along with a range of household goods and giftware. The pharmacy, located close to the Hazelwood Health Centre, is open Monday to Friday 9.00 am - 5.30 pm and Saturday 9.00 am -1.00 pm.

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

Dispersal of cremated remains

Generally, people are unaware that all interments (burials) are regulated and recorded within cemeteries. To scatter ashes within a cemetery without Cemetery Trust permission is illegal.

According to the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), in 2023, the approximate rate of cremation was 56% while the burial rate was estimated to be 38%. Just over six decades ago, the cremation rate was less than 4%.

For the Hazelwood Cemetery, please phone our secretary on 0402 391 164 for further details about dispersal of cremated remains.

Remembering former Morwell identities

In this month's edition of the Churchill & District News, the local history editorial refers to Richard Noy and Ted Nash. As

business partners, a general store was established in November 1912. Ted remained in business as a grocer and Richard concentrated mainly on his "lively interest in community affairs of the town, and was a keen footballer, alongside being one of the stalwarts of the Morwell Club." His leadership to establish the Morwell Fire Brigade was amazing.

Charles Henry Berg was born in 1876, in Dunedin New Zealand. He married Margaret Flewin in 1902, in Victoria, Australia. He died in 1964, in Traralgon, Victoria, Australia, at age 88.

In its' May 4, 1964 edition, the Morwell Advertiser, gave prominence to Charles as being the driver of Morwell's first hire car.

Margaret Berg's father was John Flewin. John's father, Mr George Flewin, was a brick maker by trade, and is credited with making the first kiln of bricks burnt in Ballarat. John became an expert brickmaker, and in 1875, decided to join "the rush to Gippsland." In

doing so, he selected land at Hazelwood North. As bricks were urgently needed, John decided to make some and burnt the first kiln ever made in the district, at an easterly location close to the former Morwell Butter Factory. He subsequently opened a brickyard in O'Flaherty's paddock (then became known as Kleine's) which he managed for some time, before eventually selling the yard to Brownsword and Cooper.

Margaret's mother was formerly Margaret Shephard Watson, her father being Robert Pettigrew Watson.

Robert Watson, at age 73, died on March 16, 1894. Following his pursuit of work around Queensland, New Zealand and New South Wales, he settled in Ballarat. It was here Robert witnessed the Eureka Stockade riots. Arriving here, he selected land at Hazelwood North, almost opposite the land selected by John Flewin. Margaret Berg's parents were close neighbours.

Identification of unmarked graves remains a continuing project at the

Hazelwood Cemetery.

This month, unmarked graves for members of the Waddell family are mentioned. John Waddell died in April 1919. His passing was acknowledged in the Morwell Advertiser, April 18, 1919, in reference to him as "a very old colonist, and probably the oldest man in Gippsland."

John's son, William married Mary Elizabeth Pakenham in 1866. Her father was the Reverend Robert Pakenham and, it is believed the Pakenham district (West Gippsland) was named after him. Mary's eulogy highlighted her "love of nature and that for many years, she decorated Morwell's Methodist church with flowers."

Two sons of Mary and William, John Robert and Arthur Edward enlisted for service in the first World War.

Upon enlistment at age 26, Arthur Edward's occupation was a labourer and born at Thorpdale. He was wounded in action in France; and on various

occasions, suffered from mumps, dyspepsia (indigestion) and a multitude of abrasions.

At age 28, John Robert's occupation was given as an engine driver, born in Yendon. While in France and England he suffered from mumps, measles, and laryngitis. Mary was also born at Yendon.

John Pearson, in his book 'Duty Nobly Done, Great War Enlistments from the Shire of Morwell', provides a snapshot about the brothers - they both enlisted on July 16, 1915 and both embarked on September 29, 1915 on the RMS Osterley - which as pictured, was used as a troopship by the Australian Imperial Force.

John and Arthur returned to civilian life in Gippsland, Arthur to South Gippsland and John to Wallace Street, Morwell. John Robert passed away in 1930, Mary in 1937 and William in 1941 - including John Waddell, these four family members are in unmarked graves at the Hazelwood Cemetery.

In editorial printed Friday

April 18, 1919, the Morwell Advertiser reported that Hector Ewen Westley, aged 20, died in a Melbourne hospital from typhoid. An updated report named his illness as pneumonia. Hector worked "in the baking trade and it was a chill that brought about pneumonia."

Hector's mother, Annie, died in July 1934 and is buried alongside him. Husband and father, Jack Eli Westley, employed as a contractor in Morwell, died in August 1953 and was buried in the then known Springvale Cemetery.

Regarding typhoid cases in Morwell about the time Hector first became ill, his brother Jack was being treated also. Two others were listed in about March 1913 - Miss Rowell from Yinnar and Mrs John Lowe. It was also noted the Westley family lived next door to the Lowes. It was concluded an outbreak of typhoid in this instance was from water in an underground tank used by both families.

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Drove Morwell's first hire - car

New Zealand born Charles Henry Berg (88), of 46 Hazelwood Road Morwell, who died in Traralgon and District Hospital on May 8, was well known by hundreds of people in this part of Gippsland as the driver of Morwell's first hire-car.

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SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY



Faith Bandler Biographical Writing

Lately the Grade 3/4/5/6 class at Boolarra Primary School has been writing biographies on a person called Faith Bandler. She is a famous activist who helped to change Aboriginal rights. We have been trying to make our biographies more interesting by adding transition words. Transitions words are words that connect sentences/ideas.

Callen and Daisy

Maths

Sometimes we get the big grid mat out to use for hands on learning. This time we were reflecting different shapes over an axis of symmetry using elastic and rope. It took cooperation and communication to work it out but we got the job done!

Regional Athletics

On October 15, I went to Region Championships in Moe for High Jump. When I got to the track I was really scared because I saw kids from Omeo, Phillip Island, Traralgon and many more competitive schools.

When it was finally time for me to go and have a practice jump I was really nervous because all of the other girls were so tall! We started at 95cm, and no one got out until way later in the competition. I came fourth out of 14 amazing girls and beat my PB by 8cm at 126cm. Unfortunately, I didn't make it to state but hopefully I will next year.

Sophia

Swimming lessons

For the whole of one week the wonderful children of Boolarra Primary School did swimming lessons at the Traralgon pool. The lessons themselves went for roughly 30 minutes. In the lessons we did things like backstroke, learn to float and grab sinking things at the bottom of the pool. One of the best parts was at the start when we were allowed to have free play for around 30 minutes. The little children had their lessons first. Overall, the lessons were fun but very tiring.

Callen

Swimming from the F-2 Class.

Recently our school did

a swimming program at the Traralgon Aquatic Center. Here are some thoughts from our younger students.

'I liked doing under water swims in our swimming lessons.'

Connor

'I am proud of my extremely fast swimming!'

Gewalin

'My favourite thing for our school swimming was doing torpedo'

Harry

'I was proud of my torpedo.'

Jack

'I loved the free play swimming!'

Azaleah

'I was proud of my good concentrating skills, so I could be the best at lots of different swims.'

Jackson

'My favorite thing in the school swimming program was the free time swim!'

Oscar

All of our school really enjoyed doing our swimming program, it was super fun!



SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY



Buddie Program

On Fridays this semester, 4H have had the amazing opportunity to be buddies for F/1W. The Grade 4s have the responsibility to help their little buddies with any activity that we complete. We then head to assembly together.

So far this semester, we have read books together, created buddy posters, crafted, played games and are now preparing a special number for the Christmas Concert. The Grade 4s have flourished with the chance to begin their senior school journey.

Nevaeh likes that we can help our buddies with reading, activities and colouring. Mack likes how his buddy is really kind to him and never rude to him and he likes Miss Wood's

grade. Kasey and Eddie think that buddies are a little bit cool. Poppy thinks it's fun because we get to spend time with the little kids and help them. Chais likes that we get to do fun stuff with our buddies. Austin thinks his buddy is awesome because he is always there for him and they agree on their ideas.

Year 2/3 Reading

In reading the students in Year 2/3 have been learning all about the Vikings. They have enjoyed learning lots of new facts and extended their vocabulary. They are now using their knowledge to write stories set in those times. Here are some facts they wanted to share:

Vikings use runes to write with. Vikings raid people to get rich. (Miah)

Eric the Red was called this because he had red hair.

He had a son called Leif Ericsson. The wine glasses were called goblets. Jarls is a Viking chief. (Bella)

Viking ships are called long boats. Viking alphabets are called runes. Oarsman are Vikings that row the ship. Berserkers are fierce warriors. (Asher)

They have long ships that have a big snake at the front. They have twelve different layers (realms) of gods like Thor. (Addy)

Men wear bear skins. Shields were really popular in Vikings time. The Jarl is the chief of the Vikings. The Vikings raid and plunder. Vikings live in huts. Their writing is called Runes and they write on stones. They have less than 26 letters but have more than 28 sounds. Armour is made by a blacksmith. (Xavier)

When writing stories the students have been focusing on adding lots of detail and description to make them really interesting for their audience. They were so proud of their writing that they decided to enter some competitions. Asher, Amelia, Kelani, Callum and Lily all received a Commendation from the Churchill & District News Writing Competition. Additionally, Lily will now become a published author after coming in the top 20 for her age group in the Fishy Stories Festival competition.

Year 2/3 students have also been very busy in the garden. They have planted some strawberries in our new garden beds and raised some seeds ready to plant once they grow. They cannot wait to see the fruits of their labour.





SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY



Year 3-6 camp

On Wednesday October 9, 2024, Grade 3-6 students of Hazelwood North Primary went to Camp Coolamatong up near Paynesville for three days, two nights. There were two arrangements of cabins and lots of great food. In the activity of canoeing we got taught how to row with a paddle correctly. Some people fell overboard but some could get back on and some swam back. We all enjoyed this activity. In the activity of bush cooking, we got taught how to correctly make a fire and cook damper, pancakes and popcorn on it. We got to eat it afterwards. In the Indigenous activity session,

we went for a bush walk and learnt about types of trees and their uses, and how people built shelters. For rock climbing, we climbed a rock wall and had to wear a harness and a helmet. For some it was hard and others it was easy. In the tribal challenge we had to build a wall out of sticks to protect ourselves from getting wet with water balloons. In boat riding we went on a 45min boat ride and had lunch at Ocean Grove. It was so nice. Between activities we had free time and had so much fun on the tree swing and the obstacle course.

By Macy, Val and Sarah.
Whole School Planting
Our school continues to

progress! New buildings, basketball court, Reflection Garden, and now lots of new plants adding to the colours, textures and aromas around our grounds. Students rolled up their sleeves and contributed by digging holes, placing plants in them and surrounding them with fresh soil, mulching and watering, putting up tree guards, and generally tidying up again. Many staff and parents were also involved, with Kaye once again demonstrating her amazing organisational skills.

Year 2 Sleepover

The Year 2 Sleepover for 2024 is complete! After a very excitable start to our evening, the students settled well to make their own 'Pizza Muffins' for dinner. This was accompanied with 'Cheesy Bread' and



'Herb Bread' made by Mrs Saddington which we ate while our pizzas cooked. All our students washed and dried their own dishes, then participated in a colouring competition.

toast, muffins and fruit, hot chocolates and fruit juice. Students again washed and dried their own dishes. Breakfast was followed by a morning play in the glorious

sunshine where they could happily greet other students arriving for their school day. A great success, and the students would like to thank everyone involved!

This was followed by ice-cream in cones, and glow party games outside once it turned dark. We got changed into our pj's - movie and popcorn time! Teeth and toilet time followed, and then lights out. Our last cute night owl fell asleep around midnight, and students began waking up around 6:45am. Bedding was packed away and we got dressed. Breakfast was served just after 7:30am with cereals,



SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS



Sport and Recreation Surfing Excursion

Recently our Sport and Recreation students traded their textbooks for surfboards embarking on an exhilarating adventure at Venus Bay with renowned Offshore Surf School. The conditions were perfect and as the group gathered, their excitement was palpable as they prepared to take on the waves.

The day began with an informative session led by experienced instructors who shared essential safety tips and techniques. Students learned about wave dynamics, paddling strategies and how to get up on their boards. After the briefing, it was time to hit the water!

With boards in hand, students dashed to the beach,

laughter and shouts of encouragement filling the air. The thrill of catching their first wave was infectious, as some students quickly found their rhythm, while others faced the challenge with determination. Instructors provided personalised guidance, helping each participant improve their skills and build confidence in the water.

As the sun began to shine, the group gathered on the beach to share stories of their triumphs and tumbles. The camaraderie fostered through this shared experience highlighted the importance of teamwork and support in both sports and recreation.

This surfing lesson not only offered students a taste of adventure but also

reinforced their understanding of water safety and the physical benefits of surfing as a recreational activity. With smiles all around, the day ended on a high note, leaving everyone eager for the next week.

VCE VM Caringal Scout Camp

The Year 12 VCE VM/VPC students had an incredible time volunteering at the Caringal Scout Camp. Our students dedicated their efforts to cleaning and maintaining the camp, by undertaking a storm damage clean up around the Caringal Chapel. Students also engaged in group activities and catering for the large group.

Accommodation was provided in fully-equipped cabins, where the students

were responsible for meal preparation, cleaning, and general duties. Upon completion of this camp, each student received a letter of appreciation from Caringal, which can be included in their portfolios and resumes.

It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved!

Market Day

On Thursday September 19, VCE VM students and staff hosted a market day to coincide with parent teacher conversations.

Students from various VCE VM and VPC elective groups worked collaboratively to plan this special event. Each class ran their own unique stall or activity. The afternoon was a great success with a good turn out from the school community with almost \$2500 raised. All proceeds from the event will go towards a local charity.





SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY



It was a spooktacular night in September as the students of Lumen Christi Primary School put on a spine-tingling concert that left the audience both enchanted and a little spooked. The event, held at Lowanna College, showcased some classic hits like “Thriller” and “Hocus Pocus”. Parents and community members filled

the seats and watched on as their children transformed into skeletons, zombies, vampires and monsters!

Recently, Grades 3 and 4 from Lumen Christi School enjoyed a two-day stay at Camp Allambee. Students enjoyed a range of activities such as the big swing, archery, the giant flying fox, and a scavenger hunt. A particularly popular

activity was the hut building, where students used natural materials and rope to build a cubby of their own design.

The weather was kind, and students were able to enjoy all outdoor activities without being drenched. The night walk was chilly, but students enjoyed looking for the various constellations as they listened to nocturnal animals and guessed which

animal was nearby.

During free time, the students were able to play table tennis basketball, and as always at Camp Allambee, the Gaga ball pit was the place to be.

Everyone enjoyed the food and after a movie night, and in a Lumen Christi first, all students were in bed and asleep well before 10pm!



SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY



News from Grade Prep

We are excitedly moving ahead with lots of new literacy learning, notably starting to learn some long vowel sounds. This challenge is being embraced by the Prep students and they are doing well reading words with these new phonemes. Writing words with long vowel sounds can be tricky as there are multiple ways of writing these sounds. Your child might benefit from practising some spelling at home using: long ‘a’ - a_e, ai (middle of a word), ay (end of a word).

Grade 1 and 2 Excursion to Gumbuya World

Our students in Grade 1 and 2 enjoyed an excursion to Gumbuya World to participate in their “Wildlife Heroes” education program. Students learned how they play a vital role in the protection of some of our unique Australian animals.

Students had the opportunity to meet animals from a variety of habitats. Students were encouraged to ask questions to further develop their problem-solving skills to become part of the next generation of Wildlife Super Heroes!

Grade 3 and 4 Camp to Woorabinda

Beginning our term with camp has definitely been a highlight! The students were all fantastic and really pushed themselves out of their comfort zones. We are so proud of them! Here is what they thought about Camp Woorabinda.

“When we first arrived, we cooked steamboats on a fire. It was a great experience for people who have never been to camp. We all went to assemblies in the morning and the night. The boy’s dorm was called Lyrebirds and the girls dorm was called Kookaburras.

One of the most popular things was the zipline and completing the high ropes course. One of the best things at camp was trying my hardest to map out the exact area of the farm at Woorabinda.”

Laine and Henry.

“Woorabinda, a long-lasting camp, was a great camp to experience, for you could choose what you wanted to do for the second day. One of my highlights of camp was making a fire and cooking steamboats on it. When we made the steamboats, we also put potato, carrot and pumpkin with the sausages. On the second day, I chose farming as my elective, for it was different. Before we went to the farm, we had a map with circles on it to show where a piece of the map was. Once you found all of the map, you had to put it together. Once we put it together, we had to guess where the farm is and walk there. Somehow, we got there on the first try. At the farm there were chickens, sheep, llamas, and cows. There were also some

veggie patches that we could help grow. We got to feed all the animals at the farm. After that we made a fire and cooked pizzas on it. On the last day, we did archery and got to go to the billycarts as well. Woorabinda, a picturesque camp, was worth it for the many activities.”

Daisy

“I had a lot of fun at school camp. My highlights were: getting to go on the zipline and making up nicknames for the instructors. I had so much fun at camp.”

Jess

“At camp I was able to have lots of fun but the ones I had the most fun in was

1. The high ropes course
2. Rock wall
3. Maze. Those were very fun, and this was my favourite food.

1. Last day breckie
2. First day lunch
3. First day dinner”.

Zeke

Athletics News

Congratulations to the 16 students from our school who recently competed in the regional athletics competition on Tuesday October 15. Well done to Morgen, Eleanor, Elliott, Jayden B, Juliette, Quade, Zoe M, Austin, Jayden M, Aidan M, Eli, Beth, Mikinlee, Jobe, Harry T, Tahlia and Alice. Their commitment, fabulous attitudes, and willingness to give it their all is quite inspiring. A special congratulations goes to our girls’ relay team for making it through to the

State Championships for the third year in a row—an incredible achievement! Congratulations also to Alice and Elliot for qualifying for state-level individual events. We are very proud of each and every one of you!

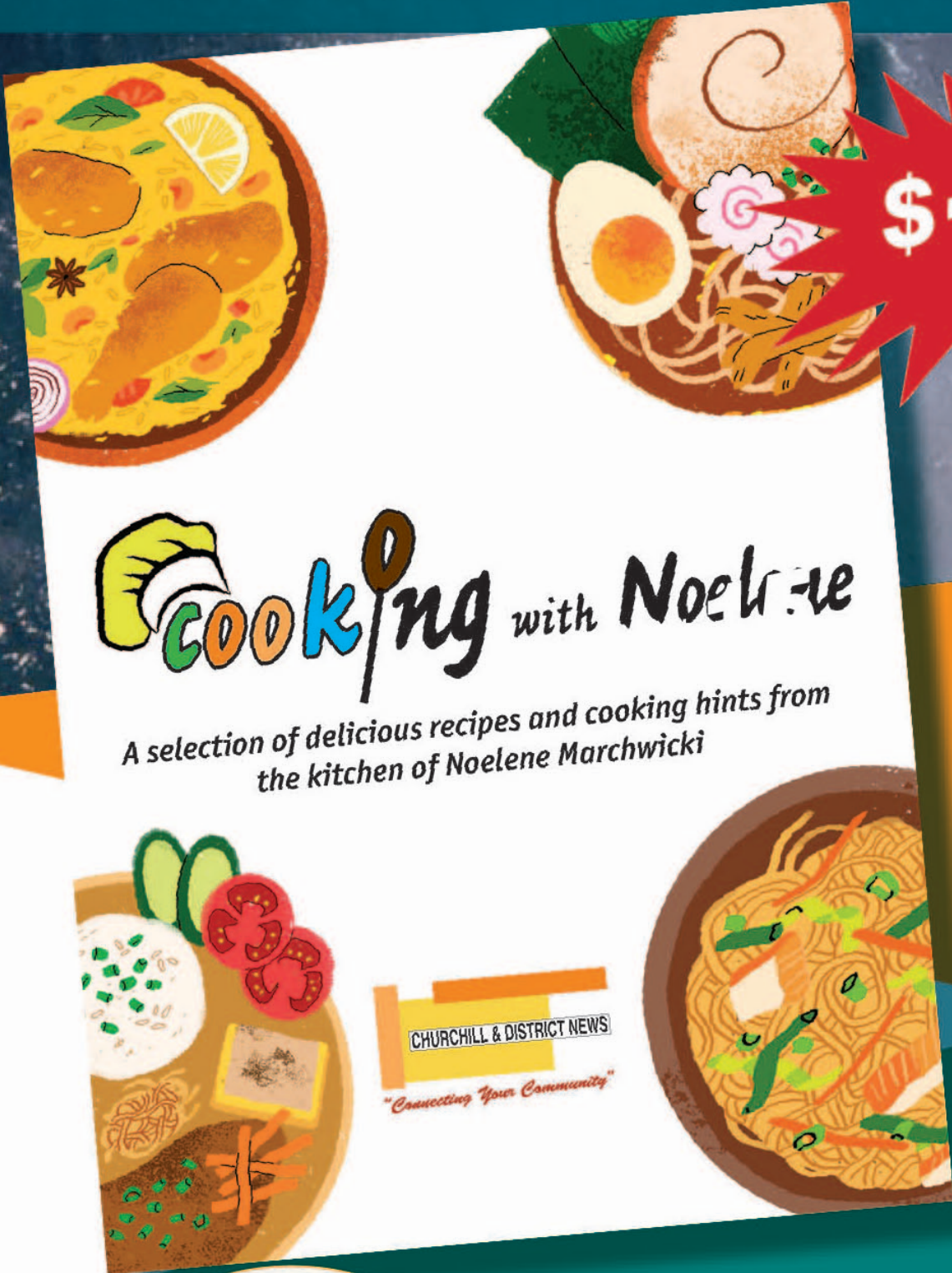
A big thank you to the parents for their ongoing support, which plays such a key role in these successes. We wish Alice, Elliott and the girls relay team all the best as they head off to the State Championships.



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