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## Merry CHRISTMAS

**Christmas Thank You**

2024 has flown by and 2025 is knocking on the door. It is time for Churchill & District News to say thank you to the wonderful supportive people and organisations, which help to keep our community newspaper up and running and to keep the community informed.

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Please keep your articles coming in as we plan to continue next year again from February. We wish you all a happy, safe and contented Christmas and New Year season and thank you all again for your support of Churchill & District News.

## The Joys of Christmas at Lifeline



As 2024 draws to a close, we reflect on the challenges faced by our community and the vital role Lifeline Gippsland has played in providing support through our Lifeline Telephone Crisis Service.

This year, our Lifeline shops have been instrumental in generating essential funds, enabling us to respond to a record number of calls.

We are deeply grateful to all who have supported us throughout the year. To our dedicated Churchill shop volunteers, generous donors, and loyal customers – your contributions have been invaluable. Whether you have donated goods, volunteered your time or shopped at our store, your support has made a significant impact.

In appreciation, we wish to inform our community that the Churchill shop will be taking a well-deserved break for the Christmas period.

The shop will close on Wednesday December 18, and will re-open on Monday, January 6, 2025.

During this festive season, we hope everyone has someone to share the Christmas spirit with—be it family, a neighbour, or someone who has had a challenging year.

We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Thank you Churchill and surrounds community for your continued support. Together, we can make a difference in our community.

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Happy Holidays!  
 Our last meeting for 2024 was on December 12. CDCA, like many organisations, takes a bit of a break over the Festive Season.

We hope everyone has a peaceful, safe and happy summer.

For months now, CDCA has been continuing to advocate to Latrobe City Council for accessible Council owned and maintained public toilets to be provided at the shopping centre.

Most recently we have been encouraging people to contribute to Council's "Have Your Say" online consultation on the 2025/26 Council Budget. This community needs to tell Council that we want decent toilets at the shopping centre. Funding for the construction of new public toilets in Churchill, as per Council's own "Public Toilet Plan" for Latrobe City, must be kept front and centre if it is to be a priority for Council expenditure.

CDCA will attend Council's December meeting, at which Council will conduct its mid-year review of the current budget. We will be advocating for an allocation of funds now (for



toilet construction), rather than waiting for next year's budget. Every delay means Churchill waits even longer for toilets – immediate funding will not provide toilets overnight, but at least such a project might get under-way!

At the time of writing there has been no further information from Council on their plan to upgrade the toilets at Hazelwood Village. However, with Council previously expressing their desire to have this upgrade done by the end of this year, readers may find that works are now underway to improve these facilities.

Much of CDCA's work in our community is done without a lot of fanfare. Did you know, for instance, that the Christmas decorations that appear on poles around the town centre each December are actually purchased by CDCA?

We usually receive an annual grant from Council and opt to spend a large portion of these funds

on purchasing new (or replacement) decorations for the shopping centre, outside the Hub and on Philip Parade. They are stored for us at Council's Morwell depot during the year and Council does the installing – a cherry-picker is required to get them to a suitable height!

You might also have noticed that a new Commemorative Sign has been placed on the Pioneer Wall on Monash Way (next to the Town Symbol). Council had this sign made and installed after advocacy from members, with the support of both CDCA and the Morwell Historical Society.

In January we will start the planning for next year's three "Churchill – Shop Local" markets. We will set the dates, notify stakeholders and, most importantly, look for sponsorship to cover most or all of our costs. Sponsorship is critical to the success of a free event for the community – because it is not really free: we pay so that there is no charge to the public!

We also think it is good to continue supporting our retailers by rewarding locals shopping here on market days. We have random voucher giveaways for an hour or two while the market is on, to spend in nominated Churchill stores.

## Rainfall



### Churchill Rainfall

Rainfall for Churchill in November was very scarce with only 14.5mm recorded to November 23. However the last week was very wet with rain being recorded for four days totaling 51mm. this contributed to the November total of 65.5mm.

The total for 2024 to date is now 623.5mm for Churchill.

### Hazelwood South

November started with little rain, till a warming Timor Sea produced a huge stream of moisture right across the continent, bringing good falls of rain across much of the continent,

and Hazelwood South. The 74.4mm of rain in November was 3% below the average, leaving a 14% deficit for the year so far. The low soil moisture is not a good start for the fire season, but the streams of moisture from the Timor Sea and Indian Ocean may repeat during summer. The tanks are full again, and the increase in rain, makes controlling the growth of grass and weeds harder. Hazelwood South had 18% more rain than the Latrobe Valley weather station. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

More about rain in February.

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# Churchill Neighbourhood Centre wins prestigious community development award

The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) has proudly been recognised for its exceptional contributions to the community, winning the Neighbourhood Houses Gippsland Community Development Award, sponsored by Latrobe Health Services. The award highlights CNC's transformative Community Value Project, which has delivered over \$3 million worth of essential resources and services to Churchill and district in the past year.



strengthening our community, and creating opportunities. To see it acknowledged in this way is incredible."

The award underscores CNC's commitment to community development principles such as empowerment, inclusion, and equity. By addressing growing needs and fostering resilience, the centre has strengthened its ties with local organisations and residents, opening doors for further opportunities to support the Churchill and district community.

The Neighbourhood Houses Gippsland Community Development Award was presented at the organisation's Annual General Meeting on November 20.

It serves as a testament to the collaborative spirit and dedication of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre team, their partners, and the entire community.

With plans to continue building on the success of the Community Value Project, CNC is looking to the future with optimism and a renewed commitment to making a difference.

For more information about the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and its programs, visit churchill.org.au or pop in for a visit.

The Community Value Project, part of CNC's newly established Community Resilience Projects subdivision, addresses pressing community needs through initiatives that provide vital resources, support services, and household essentials. Despite not being financially profitable, the project has created significant social value, making a tangible difference in people's lives.

The initiative has achieved remarkable outcomes, including:

Delivering \$1.8 million worth of food through the CNC Food Bank, distributing over two tonnes of food every month and now supporting nearly 6% of the local

population. Providing \$200,000 in social services, offering critical support to vulnerable residents.

Distributing \$300,000 worth of clothing and household essentials, ensuring those in need have access to basic necessities.

Central to the project's success has been CNC's partnership with the nonprofit Good360. Through this collaboration, CNC has been able to receive and distribute donations on a large scale, including pallet-loads of essential goods. These

resources are strategically distributed to other nonprofits and directly to the community.

The strength of this partnership saw CNC named Good360's National Member of the Month in February 2024, outshining some of Australia's largest nonprofits.

Nathan Brown, Manager of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, expressed his gratitude for the recognition. "Winning this award means so much to us. The Community Value Project has been about more than providing resources—it is about building connections,

## Merry Christmas

to all our readers and families

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# Friends of Morwell National Park

This month we had two events to share.

On the Saturday of the activity weekend, we had the launch of the new 'Birds of Morwell National Park' book and on the Sunday the activity was five birds walks across the morning.

On Saturday afternoon the launch of 'Birds of Morwell National Park' was held at Yinnar Memorial Hall on a warm afternoon. Over one hundred people attended the launch including representatives from many supporting community groups and the newly elected local Latrobe Council councillor - Leanne Potter.

On the Sunday we had five bird walks, and we

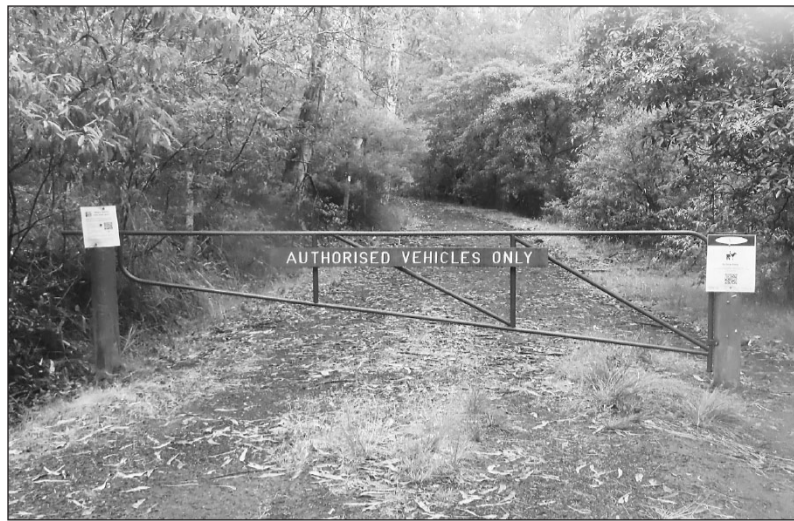
had Gordon, Caitilin, Matt, Anita, Ken, Rose, Joelle, Jay, Beryl and Darren. We had apologies from Mike and Cathy. We noticed that

improvements had been made around the picnic area. The gate has been repaired with the hinging post replaced. The fences had

barriers around the carpark replaced.

For the first walk of the day leaving at 8am, Matt took another four people around Fosters Gully.

At 9am, Joelle and Jay took two groups (with a total of 17 people) around Fosters Gully and Stringybark Track for those who wanted a longer walk. Another project in the Foster Gully section of the park was the replacement of the bridge



all been repaired, sections of across to Stringybark Track. the car park resealed and the The old bridge has now



walkers join Tamara and Anita for a walk around Fosters Gully. The first group of walkers returned a little wet but happy about their walk and opportunity to see many birds.

As the rain continued Matt took another five walkers around Fosters Gully. More of the earlier groups returned wetter than when they started, but they were happy about what they had seen.

As the rain got heavier the last group of the day (Wendy and Miriam) took a damp walk around Fosters

Gully. The next bird walk will occur on Sunday March 16, 2025, so if people missed out on this opportunity there will be another opportunity next year. The Junction Road car park and entrance to the Billys Creek section of the park continues to remain closed while dangerous trees are removed.

The Orchid survey that is completed each November was postponed for a week since this could not be completed along with the bird walks.



been removed ready for the new bridge. From the picnic area a koala was sighted in a nearby tree. A wallaby, wombat and many birds were also sighted over the day.

Between the second and third walks the weather turned wet, so, in light rain it was good to see nine keen

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Contact CDCA via our website: [www.cdca.org.au/contact us](http://www.cdca.org.au/contact-us) or message us on our Facebook page - search for Churchill District Community Association or write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill 3842

Next CDCA meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2025, 7.00 pm, Churchill Town Hall (downstairs), Phillip Parade, Churchill

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# Plants in my Garden



By Mike Beamish

## Species:

*Hibbertia procumbens*

## Family:

Dilleniaceae

## Derivation:

*Hibbertia*:

Named after George Hibbert (1757-1837), a distinguished English patron of botany and a nurseryman at Clapham, London, whose herbarium was presented to the Linnean Society.

*procumbens*: A Latin word meaning procumbent, which in turn means sinking down or bending down, and which is used in the botanical sense to mean spreading along the ground, but not as closely as prostrate.

## Common Name:

Spreading Guinea Flower

## Distribution:

Common along the Victorian coast, usually in open, sandy areas, but extending inland to the southern slopes of the ranges in Gippsland. Rare in NSW, only occurring

around Mangrove Mountain, near Gosford. Widespread and common in Tasmania, in damp heaths and open shrublands, from sea level to the mountain tops.

## Description:

A dwarf shrub, prostrate to 20cm tall and spreading to about a metre or so. Leaves are up to 2.5cm long by 2mm wide, linear, leathery, flat or slightly grooved, green and may be faintly hairy. Flowers occur in spring and summer and are very conspicuous bright yellow, up to 2.5cm across, solitary and sessile (no stalk) and may be profuse. Petals are broadly obovate and may be slightly notched, around 20-25 stamens in four groups.

## Opinion:

This is one of the species planted in my garden when it was first constructed back in the late 1980's. I originally had two specimens, one in the backyard in the northeastern corner that has since died off, and

the other on the western side of the house, that has suffered some dieback in the past and has split itself into sections. According to the literature, this species is very susceptible to Cinnamon Fungus and other soil pathogens, so I am probably lucky that the plant has survived at all. The literature also says that this species will tolerate plenty of sun, but prefers some shade and some moisture, which pretty much fits the bill in its current location, although it can be tough to get water to penetrate the soil on the gentle slope on which it is planted. According to my records, I successfully propagated this species from three cuttings in autumn 2000, but have no idea where these plants ended up. One may have been planted in my Mum's Morwell garden, but if I am correct, the plant I am thinking of died a couple of years ago. I should give the cuttings another crack,

as this is a nice, small, showy species that deserves multiple positions in the garden.

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:

Elliot & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 5.

Sharr – WA Plant Names and their Meanings.

Floras of Victoria, NSW and Tasmania online.

## Tribute to Carl Hood

The team at Churchill & District News was shocked and saddened at the sudden

death of Carl recently. After Carl and Andrea finished at the Churchill Post Office

where most people would remember them, Carl worked at other places for a while before joining the Churchill News team to help with advertising for a period of time. Later when we needed a person to take on our delivery round, Carl willingly accepted the role and has been doing it faithfully up until his death.

We pay tribute to Carl for his honest and dedicated approach to the tasks he took on. We will miss his assistance. We express our sympathy to Andrea and the family as they mourn Carl's passing.

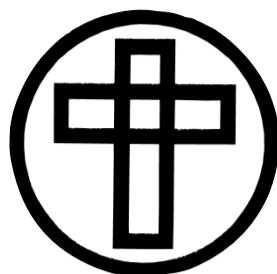
Carl was a man of many interests including Churchill Lions, The Coal Valley Male Chorus, acting, model ship building, all of which he shared with friends and acquaintances who will miss his visits.

Carl will be fondly remembered by many.

RIP Carl.

# Church NEWS

## Churchill Christian Fellowship



By Steve McNeilly  
(Pastor)

We had two major events at Churchill Christian Fellowship in November and by the time this comes out, we will also have had our Christmas Auction and Concert on Saturday December 7. More on that later.

First, a report on the healing revival meeting with Brett Lindner on November 1. Brett is a true healing evangelist. He takes it very seriously. In fact, he asked if he could lead a prayer meeting on the Wednesday night before his meeting with us.

This was a very powerful prayer meeting and it really helped prepare us for what God would do. On the night of the healing rally, two people came forward to commit their lives to Jesus and several people reported physical healings.

On Saturday November 9, Gavin Chatelier returned with his concert of Gospel Songs from the Legends. Not as many people turned up as they had for his Elvis Gospel concert last year, but it was still a great night.

Gavin is a wonderful entertainer. His singing was excellent (maybe some

would say a bit loud) but his stories of the great singers from years gone by, and from his own life, were fascinating. He had the audience singing along with some famous old songs and he even had some ladies out of their seats to help him with one song.

The Christmas Auction and Concert was something that we did a few times here in Churchill during the 1990s and also in Warrnambool in the 2000s.

The idea is for a fun night that puts a different spin on the traditional carols service. We had some singing items, some games, a short five minute Christmas message and the Auction. Single people or families who came to the night with tickets were all given a programme at the door and an envelope of fake money, which they could then use to bid for things

in the auction. We had all sorts of items and vouchers listed on the programme and a few "mystery items" that were reserved for near the end. It was hilarious fun and we hope it brought some genuine Christmas cheer to people who have done it tough in 2024. Hopefully, we can make this an annual event!

We especially wish to thank the many local business who supported us. Your generosity was amazing!

We have also been privileged to host the Combined Churches Carols on Saturday December 14. A big thank you to everyone who calmed my personal fears and helped make it work in our much smaller hall!

Please feel free to visit with us any Sunday from 3pm, or enquire about one of our Home Fellowship/Bible study meetings. You will be most welcome.

For more information on any of these things, please call 0409 173747.

We take this opportunity to wish all Churchill & District News readers a safe and sacred Christmas season and a New Year that will bring more joy than sorrow!

## Co-Op Church Snippets

Cathie spoke of Jesus' sacrifice which has given us redemption.

When we make mistakes in our lives, sometimes we cannot undo them. If we say something hurtful, it is hard to erase it. We all say and do things intentionally or otherwise, that separate us from God and from others. We call this sin.

However, we are assured that when we confess our sins to God, and say sorry for our mistakes, God will forgive us and give us the opportunity to try again. This does not always shield us from the consequences of sin but allows us to be freed from being bound forever by those consequences.

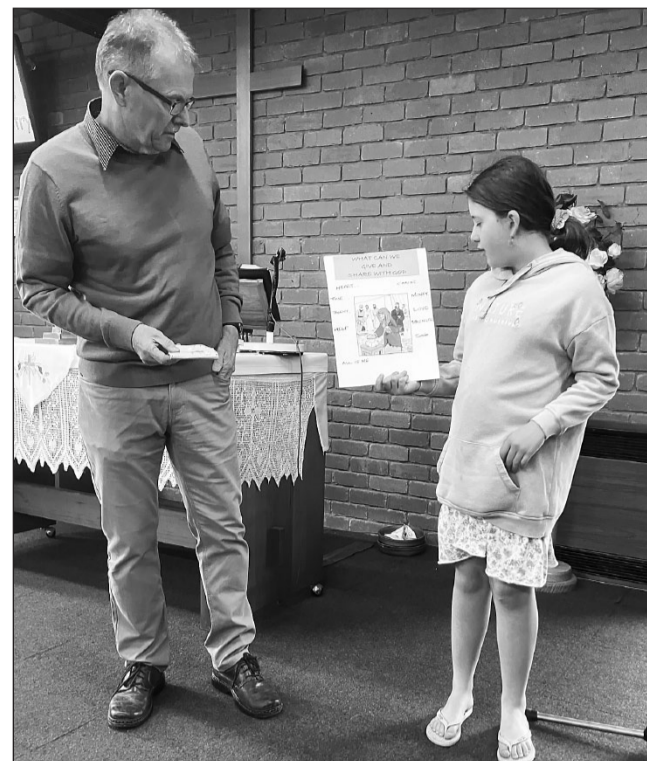
### Halloween was Light and Peace at Boolarra Church.

Lovely fairy lights balloons and smiling people greeted the children, their parents and groups of teenagers. The church was lit with candles which gave a warm glow to the atmosphere.

People were given a chance to light a candle and say a prayer which many did. It was a wonderful way to invite people into the beautiful old church and let them have a chance to ask questions and take advantage of saying a prayer for someone they knew.

Bec spoke about the time when Jesus will come again. She quoted from 1 Thessalonians 4:16 and 17

16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so



we will be with the Lord forever. There we are, those who have already died rise first, then they join with those of us who are still alive and together, prepared as the bride, we form the new Jerusalem, we meet our Lord and we descend with him to reign in the renewed heavens and the renewed earth

That is the hope that can

fading memory, heaven and earth will be renewed and God will make his home among us. Forever.

George talked about deception. He gave two examples of people who had studied hard to deceive the public. He then associated that deception with the teachers of the law in Jesus' day.



hold us. One day all death, suffering and despair will pass into the distance as a

When the look of your behaviour becomes more important than the heart of your behaviour, it is just that - it is deception. The danger facing all of us is that we start to play a part - a part of what we want others to think we are, as opposed to who we are - we lose our authenticity.

The word disaster comes from the Greek 'disastro' - to lose the stars. It was a sailing term used on cloudy or fog filled nights at sea, when all of a sudden, the stars could not be used for navigation. It reminds me very much of another star - and how the wise men used it to navigate their way to a lowly stable in Bethlehem.

Jesus is the star that helps us to navigate our lives - but when we lose sight of it - when we begin to focus on what our needs are and what we might look like to others, then we have lost Him



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Fr James Fernandez

**Saturday** 5.00pm St Vincent's, Morwell.

**Sunday** 9.00am Lumen Christi, Churchill.

10.30am Sacred Heart, Morwell.

Every 4th Sunday alternates Yinnar/Boolarra.

See Church bulletin or call 5134 2849

### Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish Boolarra/Yinnar

1st and 3rd Sunday: 10am Christ Church Tarwin St., Boolarra

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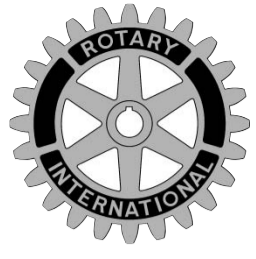
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# Church NEWS

## Rotary Club disbursements for 2024



Bible is full of examples of people losing their stars. The only way to remain authentic is to keep your heart and your head in check - to allow yourself to become a servant rather than the main event. In the world of people, it is someone whose behaviours are absolutely in sync with a heart that is trying to be pure. Speaking about the widow in Mark 12:41-44 who put in the money collection all she had, he said. 'This woman puts her faith completely in God - I will be provided for. She is humble, they the teachers of the law are not. She is prepared to give all for NO

return, they are not. She thinks of herself last, they do not. That is why Jesus says she put in more - and he may not be talking just about money. Perhaps she also put in more love, more belief, more thanks, more of herself. It is a fine example to us all'. November 17 saw us having a campfire in the carpark. We had alerted the neighbours of our intention and invited them to wander over and join us. After a day of heat, rain, thunder and wind, the sun came out and we enjoyed a time of fellowship making damper, toasting marshmallows and having a

singalong in a clear evening. We hope to have another after fire restrictions are over in 2025. Coffee Connections had a large turn up to hear Sue talk about her working life. Sue was involved with looking after abused children and teens as well as disabled people. The stories she told were horrifying about abuse, street workers, alcohol and drug abuse. It was very confronting to hear how so many of our children are abused in such disgraceful ways. There is greater need for more help to try to help these youngsters find and adjust to a 'normal' life without abuse.

Although a small group, the Rotary Club of Hazelwood and District has achieved an amazing lot of fundraising through their activities. They have been able to support the following organisations:  
 Rotary Foundation  
 Mirboo North Disaster Fund  
 Wheelchairs for Kids  
 Christmas wrap donations  
 Mercy School  
 Kurnai College  
 Churchill News  
 Churchill Schools  
 Churchill Neighbourhood Centre  
 Rotary Centenary House  
 Scouts  
 Latrobe Champions  
 Latrobe Regional Health  
 Projects we are involved in:  
 Bunnings BBQs,  
 ANZAC Day  
 Christmas wrap,  
 Morwell Family Fun Day  
**Wanted new members**  
 Rotary members love to raise funds to help people and organisations in need, locally, nationally and internationally. The Rotary Club of Hazelwood naturally comes under the umbrella of Rotary International. Rotary International channels our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity. Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership. Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in

their communities and to serve the public interest. International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more. Youth Service recognises the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs. Our Club has been active in the above mentioned Avenues of Service in recent times in the following ways:  
**Club Service**  
 Our Club though small in numbers, meets regularly on a fortnightly basis but is also active via phone and messaging in between meetings. Business is kept as informal as possible with a focus of friendship and support while actually doing things rather than just being a Club.  
**Vocational Service**  
 Our members come from varying backgrounds and wide fields of work bringing much expertise and variety to Club matters. We are able to bring together varying community groups to conduct activities such as Christmas Gift Wrapping at Mid-Valley Shopping Centre and two Christmas Family Fun Days in Morwell in the past two years.  
**Community Service**  
 The Christmas Family Fun Days in conjunction with Morwell Rotary provided a day of free activities for children in Morwell and surrounds but also brought together in one place a chance to connect with a wide range of community support services in the one location.

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood was the instigator of Centenary House, an accommodation and support facility near Latrobe Regional Hospital that spread across all Rotary Clubs in Gippsland. It supports and provides accommodation to families and individuals requiring treatment at the hospital. Our Club has been and continues to be a big contributor. Our Club coordinates and brings together schools, RSL, emergency services, Lions Club and community members for the Churchill ANZAC Day commemoration each year.  
**International Service**  
 Hazelwood Rotary has a long term commitment to Mercy School and Orphanage in Urriri, Kenya. Two of our members visit on a regular basis and spend an extended time working with the local people and community. We are also pleased to contribute funds regularly to support this facility in providing a home for highly disadvantaged children and a sound education to offer them a future. The school is particularly strong in developing independence and leadership in its students and also educating its wider community on health and agriculture.  
**Youth service**  
 Our Club supports academic excellence in local schools in Churchill through awards and also supports Scouting Groups. On a wider basis our Club contributes each year to Rotary Foundation that allows Rotary to attain major projects worldwide such as Polio Plus which is seeking to eradicate Polio from the world.



### Church Christmas Services

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 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.  
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 \* Christmas Service, Sunday December 22, 3pm.  
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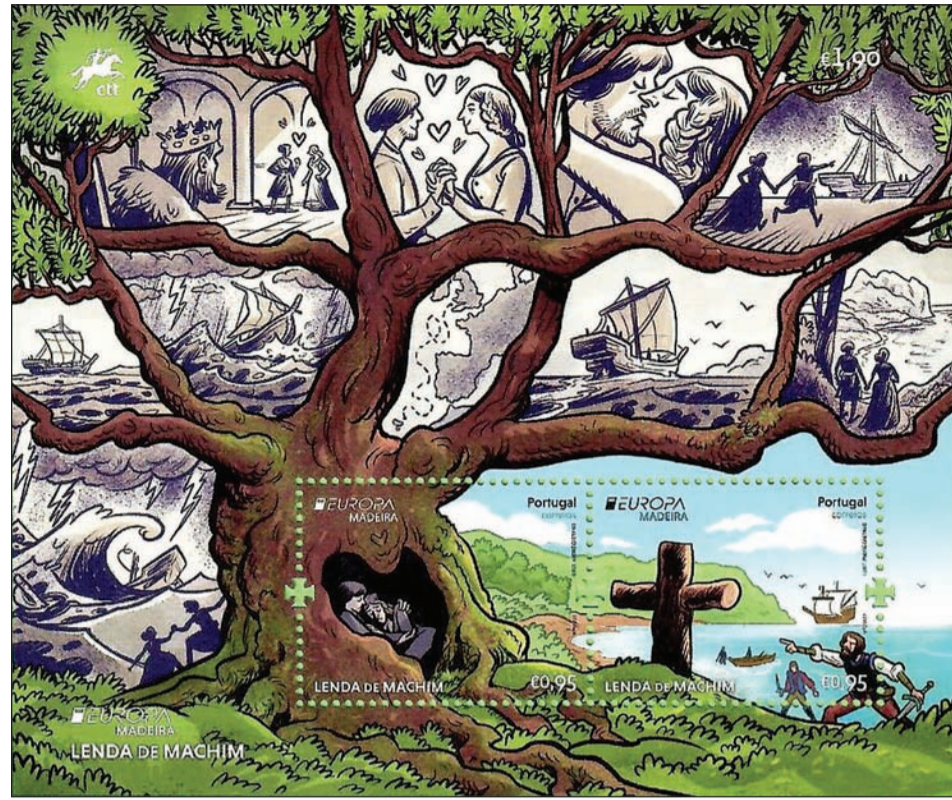
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# STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



A dot on the map – Madeira. Today it is a popular tourist destination because of its hospitable climate and cultural heritage, as well as its proximity to Western

much drier. In the early days of Portuguese settlement, convicts were used to cut through the rocky contours to form irrigation channels which still function today as water supplies for the drier areas and a source of hydroelectricity.

At different times of hardship, there have been large migrations from Madeira, notably to British Guiana, Northeast U.S.A. and Hawaii. The British Guiana diaspora was caused by a serious famine in mid-1850s. The one to the U.S. was to cash in on the cod fishing and the move to Hawaii was the re-settlement of Protestants. It saw the introduction to Hawaii of the ukelele, a traditional instrument of Madeira.

The flag of Madeira features three vertical stripes of blue, gold and blue with a red and white Cross of Christ in its centre. Its capital is Funchal.

The first stamps for Madeira were overprinted Portuguese stamps in 1868. An administrative name-

change saw stamps issued for Funchal in 1892. The Vasco da Gama omnibus design saw it go back to Madeira. The issue of the Portuguese Ceres set was used from 1928 to 1980 when Madeira was allowed to issue its own

stamps which could be used in Portugal. One distinctive feature of today's stamps of Madeira is the incorporation of the Cross of Christ into the perforation, making it quite distinctive.

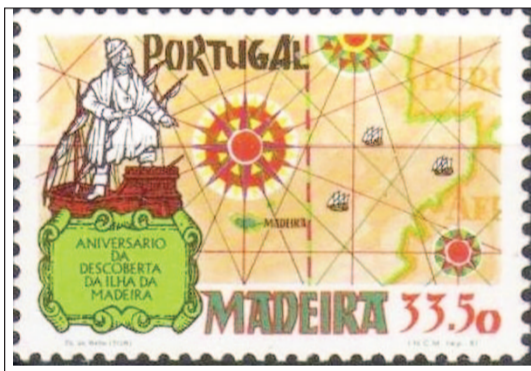
Along with its sister

territory of the Azores, Madeira issues interesting and colourful stamps in manageable numbers, which are well worth collecting, an unusual occurrence in today's collecting scene.



Europe.

The local economy revolves around fishing, fruit growing and wine production. Because it is on the Gulf Stream it enjoys a semi-tropical climate, and its' geography causes it to have a number of microclimates on various parts of the island, its' productive volcanic soil allowing cultivation of differing varieties of grapes. Parts of the island have up to 2,800 mm of rain while others are



which it is a part. The islands are all different peaks of a shield volcano formed on a transverse rift of the Mid-Atlantic trench. Their growth began five million years ago, and the uplift ceased about 700,000 years ago. The last volcanic eruption there has been calculated at around 6,500 years ago.

The Romans were aware of the islands and knew them as the Isles of the Blessed. They were inhabited probably by local Portuguese fishermen who settled there permanently. The Vikings visited around 900 A.D., and the Arabs from North Africa were also frequent visitors. The islands were claimed officially by the Portuguese around 1400 and became an important Atlantic port of re-supply of food and water for sailing ships going south to Africa and South America

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While leaving early is the safest option, those planning on defending their property

during a bushfire should follow the advice of the CFA and be prepared for a range of scenarios.

If water or wastewater services are interrupted during an emergency, Gippsland Water will aim to notify customers in several ways including SMS, website and social media.

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For more information visit, [www.gippswater.com.au/bushfires](http://www.gippswater.com.au/bushfires)

## Ambulance Victoria/CFA info night



Churchill Fire Brigade had the opportunity in November to have a visit from Ambulance Victoria Community Officer Cameron Eason and the Mirboo North ambulance.

Some 15 members took part in the information session. They were shown over the ambulance and all its functions. Equipment such as a body lifter, patient carrier slide and workings



of the wheeled ambulance patient carrier.

Community Officer Cameron said it would be handy to know as brigade members may be able to assist ambulance members at incidents such as vehicle accidents and other incidents they attend with fire brigades.

Community Officer Cameron took the opportunity to display the workings of a defibrillator when used in first aid of a patient. This was good information for the members as the brigade has its own defibrillator and first aiders.



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# Hazelwood Cemetery

## Leo Billington

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

In the Churchill & District News, November 2022 edition, a story was written about John Barton Hoyle.

Born in 1860, John and his wife moved from Beechworth to Morwell in about 1890. Both persons are interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery. He was a popular person in Morwell's fledgling community, particularly playing a leading role as secretary of the Morwell Patriotic Committee. In this role John was instrumental in organising "send offs" and "welcomes home" to those boys who enlisted for World War One. He played a major role to have a soldiers' memorial erected in Morwell.

It was for this intensive, dedicated community work that Morwell RSL memorialised John Barton Hoyle with a personalised plaque in the Hazelwood Cemetery.

Almost two years later, the story appeared again - Latrobe Valley Express, Wednesday October 23, 2024. John did not write the second story, he died in 1921. The original story was written in late 2022. All rather strange.

So let us realise, it is courtesy to have bylines; that is, printed text accompanying a news story, article or similar, giving the author's name. This small piece of courtesy should not be abandoned.

Moving forward, over recent days, it appears there is plenty of interest in John Barton Hoyle's story.

My research has uncovered the following. Mary and John Hoyle's only child, Rose Catherine married William Neil Shaw on Thursday April 27, 1922. Their future home was at Hazelwood North. Both are interred at the Springvale

Botanical Cemetery.

William's father was Donald Shaw the first Morwell Shire President - following a municipal decision in 1892, the Morwell Shire Council was formed and Donald Shaw was elected President of the first Morwell Shire. He died on December 3, 1911, at age 79, and was buried in Hazelwood.

Donald Shaw had a cousin - Murdoch Macquarie, who stayed at the Shaw's Tramway Road farm for an extended period of time. Murdoch is buried at Hazelwood within the Shaw family plot along with other members of the Shaw family.

Lachlan and his only surviving brother, Charles and their mother, Margaret formerly Margaret Maclaine and widowed at a young age, were supported by Murdoch Macquarie's "protective arms." (Macquarie, Grantlee Kieza, 2019, p. 18).

Governor Lachlan Macquarie's sibling brothers were Donald, Hector and Charles - a Captain in the Black Watch. The Maquarie clan chief, Lauchlan MacQuarrie (different spelling of Maquarie did not seem to be a concern within the clan) had a son - Murdoch Macquarie, spelt McQuarrie on his headstone.

At age 16, Murdoch

was sent to India along with Lachlan - the future Governor - as part of a recruitment drive to maintain law and order in India. While there, Murdoch was promoted to the rank of Ensign although a colourful life ruined his ancestral reputation.

Grantlee Kieza in his book, 'Macquarie', p. 160 writes that Murdoch was in India for about 14 years. After travelling back and forth between India and England and Scotland, Lachlan Macquarie became Governor from 1810 - 1821. Somewhere Murdoch's history and his travels is lost amidst the volumes written about Governor Lachlan Macquarie.

Lachlan Macquarie was born on the island of Ulva off the coast of the Isle of Mull. Donald Shaw was born on the Isle of Mull, and together with parents Archibald and Ann and siblings - Marion, Donald, Neil, Coll, John and Jessie, left Scotland in September 1850.

In its' August 5, 1904 edition, The Ballarat Star's death notice told us that -

One of the earliest pioneers of Ballarat has passed away in the person of Mr Murdoch Macquarie, who died at the residence

of his cousin, Mr Donald

Shaw, Hazelwood, Morwell. The deceased, who was 84 years of age, was a native of the Isle of Mull, Scotland, being the son of the late Captain Lauchlan Macquarie. He was a relative of Sir L. Macquarie, at one time Governor of New South Wales.

He was a very early colonist, being one of the first arrivals at Golden Point, Ballarat, when gold was first discovered there. He went to Stawell in 1859, and resided there for close on 40 years, before taking his departure to his relatives in Morwell.

From Ballarat, Murdoch pops up in Stawell and was regarded as a highly esteemed resident of Stawell. He lived on Albion, a main road in Stawell near Reefs Road. He followed gold mining pursuits and worked in the Wonga and Birmingham mine. The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. 1848 - 1957) Saturday, July 17, 1937.

After a tragic mining accident in which he lost his mates - James Thompson 47 years old and Thomas Scott 50 years old, who were crushed to death by a fall of earth while working underground, it was reported that Murdoch was standing behind both men. Their bodies were crushed, one was reported as being decapitated.

Apparently Murdoch never fully recovered from this accident, and seeing his two mangled colleagues obliterated under a mass of clay and dirt. The Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser (NSW : 1871 - 1912), Saturday, July 30, 1818.

Some years later, in about 1899, Murdoch moved to Hazelwood North and to Donald Shaw's farm.

Quickly returning to one of Donald Shaw's sons - Neil. He married Rose Catherine Hoyle, John Baron Hoyle's daughter, at Morwell's Methodist Church on Thursday April 27, 1922.

Therefore, by marriage only, Rose Catherine Shaw, (Hoyle) was in a very long roundabout way connected to Governor Lachlan Macquarie.



IN MEMORY OF  
**JOHN BARTON HOYLE**  
 BORN 26th APRIL 1860 - DIED 6th JUNE 1921

J.B. Hoyle was Worshipful Master of Morwell Lodge 202 and District Grand Master of Sale District Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows. He was an active member of many committees and organisations in the Morwell district. During the World War I period, he was Secretary of both the Morwell Repatriation Committee and Morwell Patriotic Fund Committee. After World War I, he was Secretary of the Morwell Soldiers' Memorial Fund Committee. The Memorial was unveiled on 6th June 1921. J.B. Hoyle died that evening.

ALSO HIS WIFE  
**MARY JEMIMA HOYLE** (née Powell)  
 BORN 30th JUNE 1867 - DIED 6th FEBRUARY 1936  
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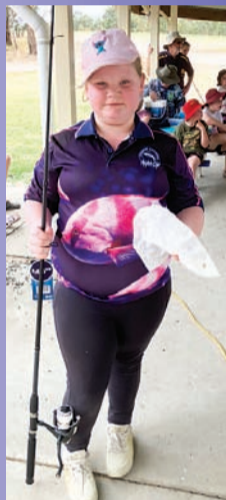
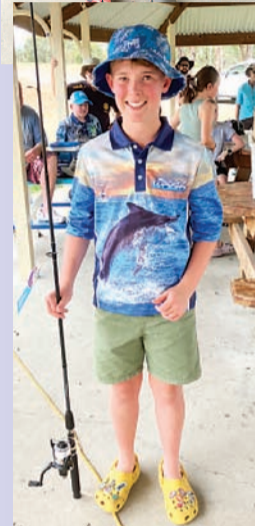
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# Lions Club of Churchill

## Community Family Fishing & Fun Day



### Churchill Lions Fishing Day a success

#### Churchill Lions Fishing Day a Success

A fine, very warm day dawned on November 23, the day the Churchill Lions held their annual Fishing Day. An early start saw the Lions set up their food van and the other necessary infrastructure such as bins, power, and signage.

Fishcare was on site with their attendants giving firsthand information to young anglers. The attendants loved the atmosphere and enjoyed the ability to share their knowledge. The 1st Churchill Scouts came and spent the day making badges for the children. Community First Aid was on hand also to deal with any mishaps, which luckily were few and not serious. Peter Gray of AMPWORKS was there with his public address system. Peter is a willing volunteer to help the Lions on this day. A coffee Cart came too, to cater for the adults.

Fishers and their families spread themselves out around the lake finding what shade they could as the day heated up. The lake had been stocked a couple of days before the event and some of the fish allowed themselves to be caught which caused much excitement. The largest catch was a big carp. It was tangled in the reeds so a brave adult ventured in and brought it to shore complete with a lot of mud. One little boy caught a tortoise.

Even though many of the anglers caught no fish they were happy to be there with their family members. The Lions supplied a sausage in bread and a drink for each fisher. A small cost of \$2 was all that was needed to enter.

Due to heat, the day was drawn to an end early at 2pm with prize giving. Many young people went home with a fishing rod, tackle box, chair or accessories.

One of the Lions major sponsor was BCF Traralgon. With an added \$500 from Lions it allowed for many prizes to be given. The Churchill Lions would like to thank BCF Traralgon; Latrobe City Council for the grant which helped to make sure all the rest of the day's organisation was well resourced; for media, which helped to promote the day including Churchill & District News, radio stations and Facebook pages; for the Mathison Park Committee who made sure the venue was ready for the event. It was heartening to hear adults come by at the end to thank the Lions for organising the day. Such comments make the hard work of organising so worthwhile. The Lions commented on the good manners and courtesy shown by the young people.

Well done Lions yet again for your amazing community service.





# Christmas



# with Noelene



<https://thegardeninggastronomer.blogspot.com/>

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

### Turmeric chicken



#### Ingredients

4 boneless chicken breasts, 1 and 1/2 tbs of ground turmeric, 2 tbs of lemon juice, 2tbs of fresh chopped mint, 2tbs of chilli sauce, 1 tbs of butter/ marg, 1 onion peeled and sliced, 400gm can of diced tomatoes, cracked black pepper to taste.

Toss the chicken breasts in the ground turmeric until well coated. Place the breasts in a dish with the lemon juice, mint and 1 tbs of chilli sauce, mix, covering the chicken breasts, cover and marinate for 4-5 hours. Preheat your oven to 160 deg C. Now melt the butter/ marg in a large frypan, cook the chicken breasts gently on each side for 6 minutes.

Transfer the chicken to a plate. Add the onions, tomatoes and remaining chilli sauce to the pan and cook over a medium heat for 5 minutes. Season with the cracked black pepper. Slice each chicken breast diagonally and then reform into breast shape.

Use an egg lifter to place the chicken on top of the tomato mixture, cover and warm through in the preheated oven for 20 minutes or until the breasts are cooked through.

Serve with steamed rice and/or a green leaf salad.

### Streusel loaf



#### Ingredients

(for the cake mix), 1/2 cup of plain flour, 1 and 1/2 tsp of cream of tartar, 3/4 tsp of bicarb of soda, 2 tbs of melted butter/marg, 1/2 cup of castor sugar, 1 egg lightly beaten, 1/2 cup of coconut milk.

#### Ingredients for the filling

2 tbs of melted butter/marg, 1/2 cup of soft brown sugar, 1/2 cup of granulated nuts, 1 dsp of ground cinnamon, 1/2 cup of plain flour, 2 tbs of breadcrumbs. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Grease and line a loaf pan.

Combine all the cake mix ingredients in the bowl of your electric mixer. In a medium bowl combine all the filling ingredients using a wooden spoon. Pour half the cake batter into the prepared pan and then top with half the filling mixture over top. Repeat the process with the remaining cake mixture and finishing with the remaining filling mixture. Bake in the preheated oven for 40 minutes. Remove from the pan using the baking paper to transfer to a wire rack and cool completely. This streusel loaf is delicious anytime of the year, it is also a great alternative for those who do not like fruit cake, just dress it with a piece of holly. Cheers!

### What do you know?

Here are the answers to your November quiz.

1. Green chiffon cake.
2. There is no difference between baking powder / bi carb of soda.
3. Wild rice is also an aquatic grass seed.
4. Gluten is a protein that works as a binding agent and causes severe reactions in people with coeliac disease.
5. The lime is smaller and marginally more tart than a lemon, limes are yellow when ripe.

Here is your December challenge.

1. A mixture of flour, egg, milk/water used as a coating?
  2. What is a dish of flame or heat braised beef called?
  3. What is another name for a Chinese cherry?
  4. What is a roux?
  5. What is the small Mediterranean fish of the Herring family called?
- You will find the answers in the February edition of Churchill News.



### Strawberry rice custard parfait



#### Ingredients

2 cups of ready cooked rice, 1 punnet of strawberries, sliced cross ways, 3/4 cup of desiccated coconut, 3 tbs of custard powder (blended to a paste with a little milk), 2 tbs of castor sugar, 1 and 1/4 cups of cream, (beat until thickened and peaks form), 625ml of milk (2 and 1/2 cups).

Place the rice in a large bowl and set aside. Heat the milk and add the blended custard powder and sugar. Stir over a medium heat until thickened and smooth, then pour over the rice in the bowl. Mix well together and place in the refrigerator to cool. When the rice custard is cool, fold in half of the whipped cream. Place a small amount of sliced strawberries in 6 parfait glasses or over the base of a glass dessert bowl. Sprinkle with coconut, then add 2 tbs of rice custard or more if you are using a dessert bowl. Repeat this process until the parfait glasses or dessert bowl are full. Finish with a layer of rice custard, finishing with the remaining cream and top with a strawberry slice. Serve chilled.

### Slow cooked Czardaz beef with caraway rice.

(Hungarian recipe).



#### Ingredients

1.5 kg of cubed beef, 1 cup of drained pineapple pieces, 1/2 cup of chopped celery, 1 onion peeled and sliced, 1 tbs of chopped parsley, 1 tbs of brown sugar, 1 cup of tomato puree, 1/4 cup of barbeque sauce, 1 tbs of Worcestershire sauce, 2 tbs of canola oil, 2 tbs of minced garlic and cracked black pepper to taste.

Caraway rice: 1 and 1/2 cups of uncooked rice, 1 dsp of caraway seeds.

Brown the cubed beef on all sides in a pan with the oil. Place the browned beef in the greased bowl of your slow cooker, add the remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Season with 2 tbs of minced garlic and cracked black pepper. Cover your slow cooker and cook on low for 4 hours. Near the end of the cooking time, prepare the caraway rice. Cook the rice in salted boiling water, till rice is tender and fluffed. Drain and gently toss the caraway seeds through the rice. Delicious.

### Fruit and cheese platter for Christmas

#### Ingredients

1 x 425 can of pear halves, 1 x 425 gm can of apricot halves, 200 gm of a blue veined cheese, 250 gm of creamed cheese, a handful of granulated nuts, a few fresh strawberries, a handful of whole pistachios.

Drain the canned fruit. Upturn the cream cheese and press the granulated nuts around the outside of the cheese, then slice diagonally into triangles. Place a triangle of the cream cheese on top of each apricot half.

Halve the pears lengthwise, slice the blue cheese into slices and place on top of the pear quarter. If you are using a soft blue cheese, spread into the hollows of the pears. Arrange the cheese topped fruit platter with a few fresh strawberries halved and whole nuts, decorate with fresh baby spinach leaves. Serve with savoury / plain crackers.

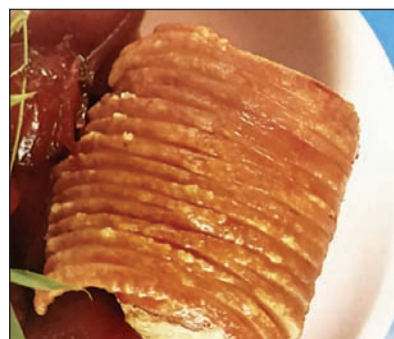


### Pork crackle

#### Ingredients

Pork loin, leg of pork or forequarter of pork. This is my Christmas gift to you, perfect pork crackle.

Preheat your oven to 220deg C. Rub the pork rind of your cut of pork with salt until thickly covered. Place in a baking dish and bake until the crackling is crisp, then reduce the temperature to 180 deg C. Continue to cook for a further hour until the juice from the pork runs clear. (check with a skewer). Transfer to a serving dish and keep warm. There you have it, so simple, so perfect. Merry Christmas from the Manor kitchen.



# Federation University student workforce ready

## Gippsland's first physio students ready to enter the workforce

Federation University Australia students are helping to address critical workforce shortages in Gippsland's allied health sector, with the first local physiotherapy graduands set to enter the workforce in 2025.

Almost all of the 22-strong student cohort have accepted job offers across Gippsland and beyond, well before they graduate from their studies, emphasising the importance of this course offering to the local community.

The Bachelor of Physiotherapy was launched in 2021 with support from the Victorian Government to help address local skills shortages, with the 2019 Gippsland Future Health and Community Services Workforce report projecting that the number of physiotherapists in Gippsland will grow from 167 in 2016 to 237 by 2036.

For student Bella Fraser, growing up in a sports orientated family and training as a professional dancer first sparked her interest in physiotherapy.

However it was not until the COVID19 pandemic and travel restrictions put her dancing dreams on hold that Bella decided to explore a career in physio, applying for Federation's new degree.

"It was week two, day one and we were sitting in class, and the lecturer knew every single person's name," Bella said.

"The relationships we have built with all our lecturers and fellow students, you cannot get that anywhere else.

I have made some of my lifelong best friends doing this course and I have been able to work as an allied health assistant in physio environments while I studied, because of being in a regional location."

The pivot has paid off, with Bella securing work at Through Life Physiotherapy in Warragul as well as Warragul and District Specialist School.

Fellow student Rhys Chambers knew from an early age he wanted to work in the health sector and after studying a Melbourne-based degree in health science, he decided he wanted to study closer to home.

"In the end, physio

sued me perfectly. I am a social person who has been involved in sports from a young age and wanted to pursue a career where I could give back to others and make a meaningful difference," Rhys said.

He has now secured a job at Progressive Physiotherapy in Warragul, where he will begin in February.

"I am super excited to dive headfirst into the role. I had great experiences in clinical placement and feel like I have a strong foundational knowledge and skillset to enable me to enter the workforce."

After studying science, fellow graduand Julia Malan developed an interest in the human body and movement and seized the opportunity to be able to study physiotherapy locally.

"The course broadened my idea of what a physiotherapist does, and it was a really personalised, supported experience because the cohort is not overwhelmingly large," Julia said.

Julia is now preparing to take up a position as a physiotherapist at Latrobe Regional Health, bringing



her skills to a range of areas in the hospital on rotation.

"I am looking forward to continuing that transition from books to the hospital setting and the wider exposure to different areas of the hospital, and how physios can help with different health issues like recovering from injuries and operations or managing a chronic condition."

Federation's Head of Physiotherapy, Professor Louisa Remedios said the impressive group of students was taught by passionate and talented

educators, along with clinical partners dedicated to their development as physiotherapists able to work in a variety of contexts, including regional and remote settings.

"The students have embraced every challenge, they have met every hurdle and looked after each other and cared for each other," Professor Remedios said.

"I think they will be a huge gift to the community and will have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of our region."

In 2025 there will

be approximately 160 students studying to be physiotherapists at the Gippsland campus, with that number expected to grow to 200 over the next couple of years. Scholarships are available for eligible physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech pathology students thanks to the Gippsland Primary Health Network, supporting students for the duration of their four-year courses.

For more information about studying physiotherapy at Federation University, visit [study.federation.edu.au](http://study.federation.edu.au).

LATROBE CITY COUNCILLORS AND STAFF EXTEND

## SEASONS GREETINGS

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE RUNNING LIMITED SERVICES DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON

### SERVICE CENTRES AND LIBRARIES

Latrobe City Council Corporate Headquarters and the Churchill Library will close on Tuesday 24 December and reopen at 8.30am on Thursday 2 January 2025.

The Traralgon, Morwell and Moe Libraries will close on Saturday 23 December at 12noon and reopen at 8.30am on Monday 2 January 2025.

### VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Located inside Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, the Visitor Information Centre is open 7 days a week from 10am to 4pm except Christmas Day.

The centre stocks a range of local maps and brochures as well as information on other regions throughout Victoria. They also offer Australian and locally made gifts.

Phone 1800 621 409  
[latrobecity.com.au](http://latrobecity.com.au)

### LATROBE LEISURE

Visit [latrobe.vic.gov.au/leisure](http://latrobe.vic.gov.au/leisure)

#### Indoor Leisure Centres

Visit [latrobe.vic.gov.au/leisure](http://latrobe.vic.gov.au/leisure) or contact your local Leisure Centre for opening hours over the festive season.

#### Outdoor Pools

Outdoor pools are closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Normal operating hours apply all other days. For more information, visit [latrobe.vic.gov.au/outdoorpools](http://latrobe.vic.gov.au/outdoorpools)

#### EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

Traralgon, Moe and Carinya Early Learning Centres will close at 2pm on Tuesday 24 December and reopen at 7.30am on Monday 13 January 2025.

#### MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH CENTRES

Restricted hours during the Christmas and New Year period. Please contact the central booking number on 5128 6128 if you need an appointment.

### LOST OR STRAY ANIMALS

If you find a lost or stray animal, please call the emergency after hours number on 1300 367 700. Normal pound operating hours will resume Thursday 2 January 2025.

For injured wildlife, please contact Wildlife Victoria on 03 8400 7300.

### IMPOUNDED PETS

The pound is open for the release of impounded pets from 10am to 12noon on both Friday 27 December from Driffield Road, Morwell. Please note, EFTPOS only for release fees, no cash.

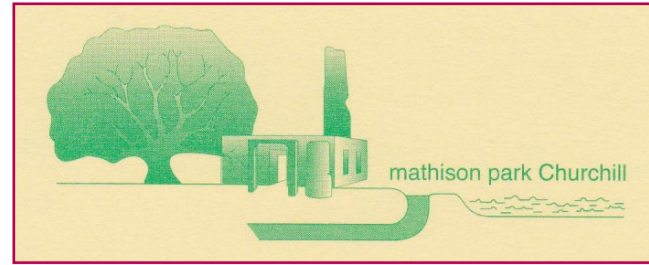
Outside of the advertised open days, we will meet your request for release if there are urgent circumstances.

Non-urgent release requests will be considered. Please call 1300 367 700.

Impounded pets may be viewed on Council's impound register online at [latrobe.vic.gov.au/lostpets](http://latrobe.vic.gov.au/lostpets)

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL





## November working bee outcomes

An excellent working bee was held in November with a good turn up.

Wally went off to do some watering and to continue his fence repairing.

Chris who had obtained a trailer load of pea gravel, with help from Andy, Faye, Jim and Ruth, added material to path edges to make them tripping safe. More needs to be done with the next trailer load.

Steve and Max went off to look after the burn piles which had been started earlier by Reg.

Chris and Faye removed some fallen material on the east side. The rest went to help Max and Steve who were cleaning up an old pile of logs. This material was added to the burn piles. More cleaning up and collecting of fallen material filled the space before a welcome

morning tea provided by Faye.

Further cleaning up continued until knock off time came at 12.30. It was a satisfying feeling to know how much had been achieved. We are all proud of the park and its beauty, with great walks to be had.

We are hoping our new bird signs will be erected before the holidays. The photos have been provided by Ken Harris and David Mules and all the birds have been spotted in Mathison Park.

Summer time is a great time to enjoy the park with its picnic facilities, walks and nature to observe.

We all hope you find some time to visit the park, walk the tracks, admire the lake and the plantings and have a picnic with your friends and family.



# WOOREEN ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM CHURCHILL COMMUNITY UPDATE

The Wooreen Energy Storage System will be constructed on the traditional lands of the Brayakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation. EnergyAustralia respects and acknowledges their continued connection to Country, culture, and community.

- Wooreen is an industry scale storage battery project that will be able to deliver 350MW of energy for up to four hours at a time, enough energy to power 230,000 households for four hours before being recharged.
- Wooreen will commence construction early in the new year and be completed during 2027. Wooreen will be constructed adjacent to the Jeeralang Power Station at Hazelwood North.
- Wooreen will provide around 80 jobs during construction with a strong focus on utilising local workers and suppliers.
- To find out more about the Wooreen Project, call into our Morwell Community Hub at 228 Commercial Road on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10am and 3pm to chat with one of our team members.

OR

- Scan the QR code to visit the project webpage to view the concept video and the Wooreen project approval documents.





# 2025 #lovegippsland calendar competition winners announced

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester has announced the 2025 #lovegippsland calendar competition winners.

“After much deliberation and scouring through hundreds of high-calibre entries, the three winners of my 2025 #lovegippsland calendar competition have been chosen, and their images are exceptional,” Mr Chester said.

“The winning images include an electrical storm passing over the Port of Sale, captured by Grant McKillop, a crested tern flying over Lake Tyers beach, photographed by Sue Allison and a very cute, curious echidna peeping out from a tree stump taken by Jessica Owen.

All three will receive a hamper of local products from Banksia Fine Foods and a ‘100% Authentic Gippslander’ t-shirt.”

Mr Chester said there were about 300 photo entries for the 2025 #lovegippsland calendar, and he was struck by the exceptional quality of the submissions across the board.

“This year’s theme ‘Love Where We Live’,



highlights the incredible beauty and diversity of our region with the 13 images chosen to feature in the calendar showcasing many beautiful places throughout the region, magnificent scenery, native wildlife and iconic Gippsland structures,” Mr Chester said.

“Congratulations to our winners and to all the entrants for so many wonderful entries; each year, I am amazed to see the beauty of our region and the talent of Gippslanders.”

Free copies of the 2025

#lovegippsland calendar are available from Mr Chester’s electorate offices in Sale and Traralgon.

“We will also be distributing the calendars throughout Gippsland to general stores, golf clubs, bowls clubs, op shops, and anywhere we can think of,” Mr Chester said.

“Businesses and community organisations can request a box of calendars through my office by calling 1300 131 785 or emailing darren.chester.mp@aph.gov.au.”



## Give the gift of your time this Christmas

Imagine needing to attend a medical appointment, but it is not possible to get yourself there. It could leave you feeling deflated and vulnerable.

It is a feeling that volunteer driver Olga does not want people to experience.

For almost five years, Olga has volunteered her time driving older residents who need help getting to and from medical appointments—both locally and near the city. The benefits of being a volunteer driver are many for Olga, a sense of giving back, helping those who need it, and making friends.

“The day begins for me when I put on my lanyard. It makes me feel proud to know in my small way I will be doing something to help others,” Olga said.

“I have been asked a few times why I volunteer. I always think of the cliché ‘money cannot buy you happiness’, but volunteer work can give you so much

more—the feeling of doing good is priceless.”

In 2023-24, volunteers like Olga have delivered more than 5000 trips.

Volunteer Program Team Leader

Adriana Pezzutto knows how important the service is, and what it means to the people who need and use it.

“This service can be the difference between someone getting the specialist medical care they need, or missing vital appointments,” she said.

No matter your experience or how much time you have to give, being

a volunteer driver is pretty simple—you just need a current driver’s licence. Latrobe Community Health Service provides the rest: a vehicle, a police check, volunteer training, and coordination of all the trips.

“Our current volunteers are incredible, but we always need more hands on deck,” Ms Pezzutto said.

Has Olga inspired you to consider volunteering? The festive season is a great time to start. We are currently looking for volunteer bus drivers and kitchen hands in Churchill and Morwell.

Find out more at [www.lchs.com.au/volunteer](http://www.lchs.com.au/volunteer) or reach out to our team via email on [volunteers@lchs.com.au](mailto:volunteers@lchs.com.au)



LCHS Volunteer transport driver Olga



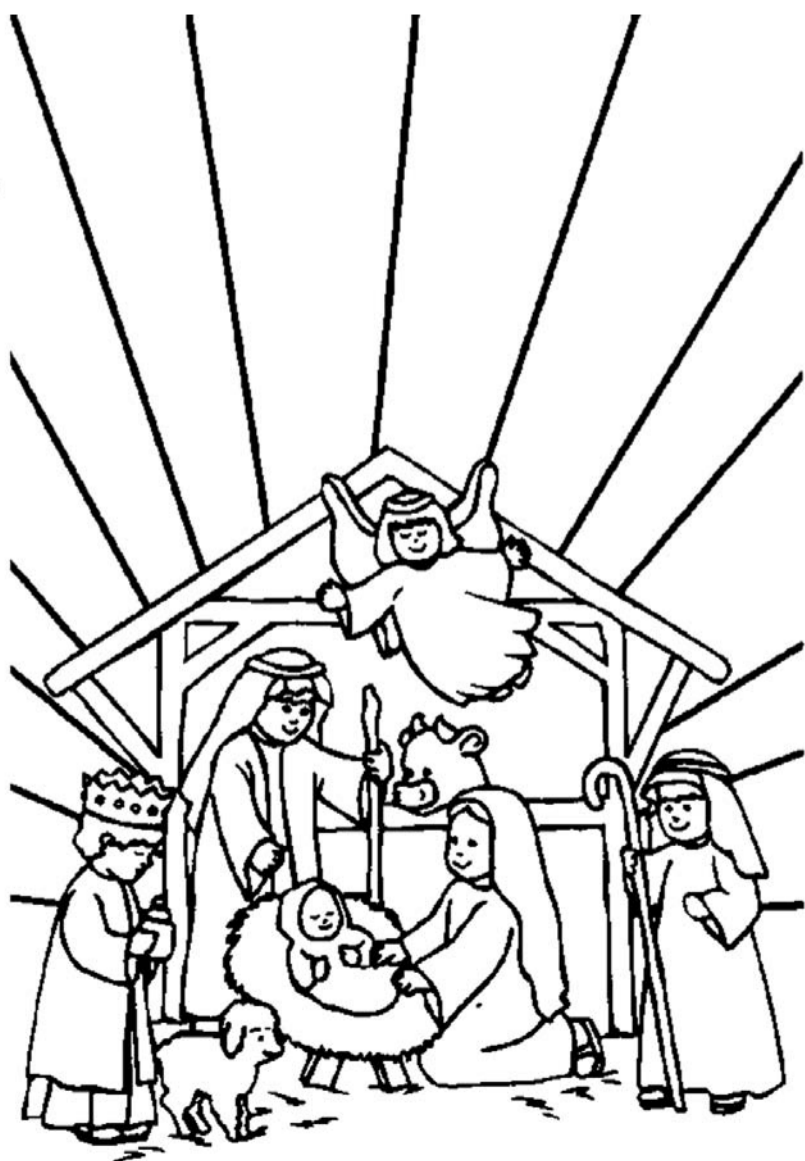
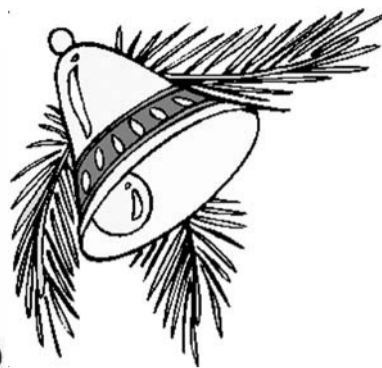
Latrobe Community Health Service wishes you a

# Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Our Churchill centre will be closed on:

- Tuesday, 24 December (from 3pm) ■ Wednesday, 25 December
- Thursday, 26 December ■ Friday, 27 December
- Wednesday, 1 January

# Christmas Fun Page



## Word Search

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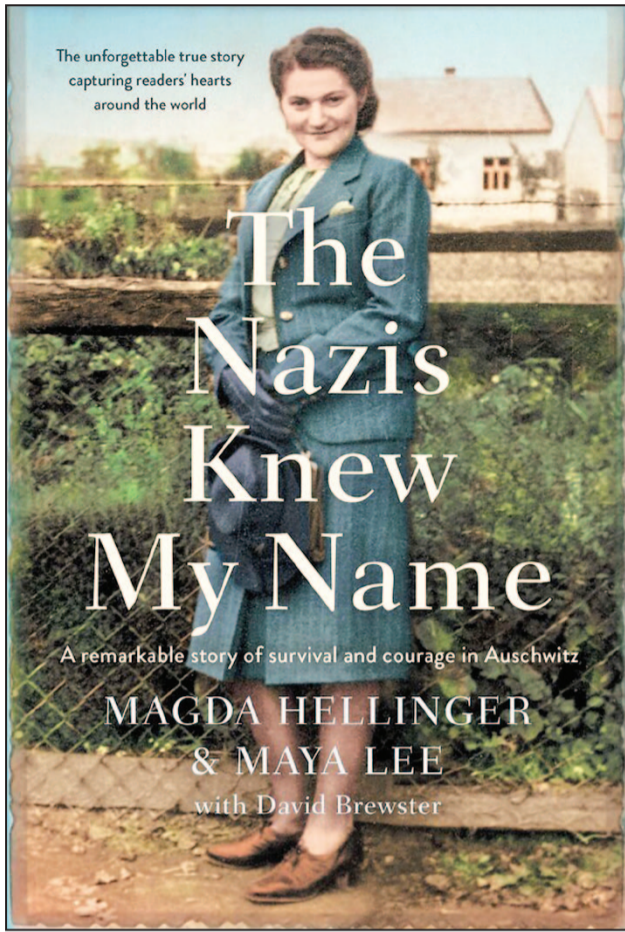
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# Book Review



help fellow prisoners and at times outsmart the guards. She was put in charge of several of the barracks at various times, the most horrendous being Block Ten where experiments were carried out on live women.

Magda seemed to be able to get the guards to do favours for her, such as ensuring certain prisoners such as doctors and her relatives were able to go to the barracks where she was in charge.

Despite contracting typhus and having several narrow escapes she survived the death march and doubtless saved the lives of many women.

This is not a book to read for pleasure, especially in the current world climate. Like each of the books we have read on the holocaust, it is harrowing.

There is no doubt Magda was brave and smart, but like all the other stories we have read, survivors possessed skills the Germans needed. Magda was a good organiser and she spoke German so she was useful.

As a character some of us were not able to warm to Magda, and felt the book read more like a curriculum vitae of all the positions of authority she had held in Auschwitz. It was not surprising to read that she had been accused, although found not guilty, of collaborating with the Germans.

The book concludes with testimonies from some of the survivors Magda helped during their incarceration.

Maya Lee is the daughter of Magda, the main character in this book. Magda believed the story of the Holocaust needed to be told and she sent written and oral material to Jewish museums all around the world. It is from these sources and personal recollections that Maya has written this book.

Magda grew up in Slovenia, a bright child in a middle-class family, who believed she had been blessed by a Rabbi and had a special purpose in life. She studied and became a kindergarten teacher, running a kindergarten for local children in her town.

As a young woman she got the call to register at a local venue to go to work for the Germans. With many other young women, she was put on a very overcrowded train and travelled for many days without food or water to be part of the "Second Transport" to arrive at Auschwitz.

Conditions were inhumane with prisoners being met with cruel and brutal treatment. Magda had been taught German by her father, so she was able to communicate with the guards and develop workable relationships with some of them. This enabled her to

## CNAV Awards 2024

### Special Mention for Churchill & District News

Best history story Judge: Heather Arnold, Local historian

Special Mention: Churchill & District News Looking Back: Let's Remember 1892 by Leo Billington. I liked this article, so I have given it a special mention, as it

was an eclectic look at what happened in 1892 in the local area. The writer had chosen 1892 because that was the year that the Collingwood Football Club was established and he is a big fan.

It does not matter which year you choose – it is an excuse to find snippets of the history of the community

in a particular year, and if you can add a photo or two it makes for an interesting article.

As someone who writes a lot of history, it is such a great idea to get your history 'out there' in bite-sized chunks.

Plus, you might also come across a story that can then be expanded upon.

# Bird book takes off

Saturday November 16 saw the launch of the book, 'Birds of Morwell National Park', at the Yinnar Memorial Hall. The book contains colour photographs of 106 bird species along with information about each one.

After welcome to country by Aunty Christine who spoke of her childhood and the importance of birds, Jay Duncan talked about the origins of the book which was created by members of the park to help people spot and identify birds there. 'If it is in the book it is in the park'.

The guest speaker was Sean Dooley, comedy writer and broadcaster with a long standing interest in and commitment to birds of Australia. He is closely involved with Birdlife Australia and the annual bird count was originated by him.

His talk was both entertaining and informative, ranging from tales of his childhood initiation into 'twitching' to his year long drive around Australia in search of different species - he broke the record for the number seen and wrote a well-received book, 'The Big Twitch', detailing his adventures and the 703 bird species he had observed.

Sean spoke passionately about the importance of protecting remnant vegetation for birds species to thrive - 'birds, like us, need habitat, food and family'. Connectivity between areas of remnant is vital so that wildlife does not get stranded and can flourish.

Sean stated that our nature laws are not giving enough protection to birds and other wildlife but he is thrilled about this book. He believes it will get people more involved who can then help to pressure the Government. He congratulated the Friends of Morwell National Park on their achievement.



The authors of Birds of Morwell National Park with Sean Dooley  
Left to right: Jay Duncan, Sean Dooley, Matt Duncan, Ken Harris, Caitlin Punshon, Anita Pither

The book, priced at \$10, has been published by the Friends of Morwell National Park Inc. 2004 and is available at the following local outlets:  
 Boolarra Post Office  
 Boolarra Store  
 Churchill Newsagency  
 Gippsland Art Gallery Shop  
 Tarra-Bulga National Park Visitor Centre  
 Yinnar Hardware

Yinnar Post Office.  
 The authors and editors wish to thank the following for their support:  
 Field Naturalists Club of Victoria  
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 Latrobe City Council  
 Mirboo North and District Community Foundation  
 Friends of Morwell National Park



# Darren Chester

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

#lovegippsland





# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## By Leo Billington Parts of Morwell's history worth recalling.

Years ago, the Morwell Advertiser, October 27, 1905, carried the following news:

The roads leading to Budgeree, Gunyah, and other centres are still in a deplorable condition, and the unfortunate settlers, who are obliged to travel them will be thankful when summer comes, and the mud and slush dispersed by old Sol (sunshine) who is the cheapest and best of road makers. Some of the trips to be frequently made by the settlers are really heart breaking to both man and beast. The unanimous opinion is that if the

idea of opening the country in scraps, and without provisions for a railway.

Mr Thomas Livingston was the parliamentary member for Gippsland from 1902. He was a dairy farmer in the Goulburn Valley before buying a dairy farm on the Agnes River in South Gippsland. Upon being elected to Parliament, he lived in Middle Park/Brighton until his death in 1922, aged 71.

Based on his comment regarding a railway through Gunyah, Thomas Livingston was well out of touch with this part of Victoria.

There is a reason for these words about Gunyah (from your scribe who knew the area during one's

Miss Alice Bickerton of Gunyah died in 1911 from consumption, and was initially interred at Boolarra before being conveyed to the Woodend Cemetery. Another Gunyah resident, Mrs Emily Radburn was interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery on April 22, 1913.

Mrs Emily Radburn's death was due to "an internal trouble." Morwell Advertiser, Friday April 25, 1913. Emily was on this occasion, a patient at Mrs Townsend's private hospital, which was located in a private residence at 258 Commercial Road, Morwell.

For anyone interested in reading detailed, accurate historical information about Morwell, find The Historical Society News, August 15, 1975. It is actually a repeat publication which first appeared in 1963. Compiled by the most authoritative local historian we have ever known, Mr I T Maddern, those who plug history stuff on Social Media should make his work mandatory reading.

Today, there is a carpark/office building at approximately 258 Commercial Road.

The next house was occupied by Dick Date, the blacksmith, and then came Mr Tatterson's residence, the dentist. Finally there was Tim Kennedy's place, on the corner, originally built for Miss Nichol, one of the teachers at Commercial Road School.

Dick Date was in business in Morwell for many years as a blacksmith and wheelwright, on the

site once occupied by Stan Gude's garage in Station Street, approximately opposite today's Morwell

Street was opened by Sister Mathers and it was called St Hilary's. This hospital was sold to Sister Danaher who

of movement to and from farming land either side of the creek. It was wide enough for a tractor and even



Government had given the money spent on the Boolarra-Foster road to shire council, the result would have been far more satisfactory. It is considered that twice the amount of work could have been carried out by the council in a satisfactory manner, for about half the money.

About two years earlier, the Morwell Advertiser, April 3, 1903 told its readers:

Mr Taverner, the new Minister for Lands has thrown open 9,000 acres in Gunyah Gunyah, and says he will bring in a bill for settlement, but Mr Livingstone does not like the

younger years), it has been mooted via Social Media that perhaps burials occurred at Gunyah.

It is well documented that there was not a gazetted cemetery in/at Gunyah. Perhaps the first officially recorded death was for 11 year old Gerald Quinn, who was accidentally shot when with a friend, was out shooting parrots. Gerald was interred in the closest cemetery, at Boolarra on Tuesday, January 13, 1903.

Another former Gunyah resident, Mrs Ellen Perry, who died in March 1909, was interred in the Boolarra Cemetery.

Railway Station.

Returning to Morwell's first hospital. It was advertised in the Morwell Advertiser, March 12, 1915 that Sister S B. Smith and Sister E. R. Mathers, Certificated Nurses from the Alfred and Women's Hospitals, Melbourne, having taken Miss Townsend's private hospital, are prepared to carry it on; on most up-to-date lines. 'Terms Moderate'. This was the start of St Hilary's Private Hospital in Morwell.

An interesting conundrum: In 1910 the only hospital in Morwell was Miss Townsends Private Hospital, 24 Hazelwood Road. It was a private house with three bedrooms for patients.

This hospital was purchased by nursing sisters Smith and Mathers in 1914 and they called it St Hilary's. In 1922 a newly built 12 patient hospital at 16 Elgin

in 1941 decided to sell it. Morwell Historical Society - The Morwell Post; Vol. 37, No. 6; November 2018. A block of units now occupy approximately 24 Hazelwood Road.

Miss Townsend moved to Trafalgar and took over McDonald's Private Hospital, located in Waterloo Road.

Debates about whether or not historical facts are accurate have raged on for decades, and will continue to do so.

Turning to another rather different and unique fact, there is a bridge perhaps euphemistically called the Hazelwood North bridge. It spans Waterhole Creek, which in a wet season, has a tendency to become rather fast flowing. This longstanding bridge is underpinned by solid two H-sections steel structural beams. It is not clear when the bridge was built, but its presence allowed freedom

early model vehicles.

Hazelwood North is an historian's oasis, if one digs deep enough.

On Saturday October 8, 1949, Hazel Jean Medew and Robert John Beasy were married in the Hazelwood North church. Hazel was the daughter of Mr and Mrs W Medew of "Devonlea", Hazelwood North. Robert was from the Yarram district before living at Hazelwood North. Hazel and Robert are buried in the Cobden Cemetery.

Robert's father, Charlie Caughey purchased about 100 acres for a dairy farm from Mr Thomas Fleming, who had formerly bought the farm from Mr Noble Tanner in May 1939. There is not much remaining of the Beasy farm buildings - although a dairy and hay shed stand stoically against Hazelwood North's changing industrial landscape.

**[ A CARD. ]**

**St. Hilary's Private Hospital,**  
**MORWELL.**

**SISTER S. B. SMITH and Sister E. R. MATHERS, Certificated Nurses from Alfred and Women's Hospitals, Melbourne, having taken Miss Townsend's private hospital, are prepared to carry it on on most up-to-date lines.**

**TERMS MODERATE.**



# Noelene Marchwicki's Cook Book Launch

Noelene has lived in this area all her life. She has five children Mark, Sean, Paul Dale and Nicole. Noelene decided she would be a stay at home Mum. Talking with a neighbour and friend who also had young children, she said we are going to start a catering business. The friend was horrified saying we cannot cook, but Noelene was enthusiastic saying we will learn as we go along. Noelene went to the print shop in Morwell and had two jumpers printed with their business and names. She advertised in the local paper. They did a story on her and it went on from there.



Noelene applied to My Kitchen Rules, was accepted but needed to pull out as she explained it was less about cooking and more about your back story.

Noelene began to manage Thrifty Specs.

Noelene's youngest son Dale, reached the age of moving out of home. To give Noelene something else to concentrate on he gave her the paperwork to Master Chef. Noelene was accepted and so began the twenty journeys to Melbourne. She resigned from Thrifty Specs to pursue this goal.

Making it to Australia's Top 10 cooks changed her life. She resigned from her position as an optical

dispenser and was able to start up and run catering events using the Neighbourhood Centre kitchen, and cooking classes in her home town of Churchill. Some years ago, we welcomed Noelene to share recipes in Churchill & District News.

We are glad Noelene asked us if we would like recipes to publish. Noelene knows they are read as she has lots of feedback from those she sees while out shopping for ingredients. Thank you Noelene.

Allan introduced our guest speakers.

1. Paul Mersey. Paul is a visual merchandising Manager, Divisions, Country Road and Trenery.

Paul is Noelene's son.

Not only is he involved with business, he is also an excellent cook. Noelene says he follows the recipes whereas she will add her own touches and use what is available in her fridge, garden and cupboards.

These are his words

'Thank you all for being here to celebrate the launch of A Selection of Delicious Recipes and Cooking Hints from the Kitchen of Noelene Marchwicki.

For those of you who know my mum, you will know this book is much more than just a collection of recipes. It is a reflection of her love, creativity, and generosity—values she has always poured into every meal she has ever made.

The kitchen has always been her heart and her haven, a place where she has not just created dishes but also memories, laughter, and moments that have brought family and friends together. Whether it is her perfectly balanced flavours, her clever cooking hacks, or her ability to turn a simple ingredient into something magical, Noelene's passion for food is evident in everything she does.

This book is her gift to all of us – a way to share her knowledge, her warmth, and her undeniable talent. It is not just about cooking; it is about connection, joy, and celebrating the art of sharing food with those we love.

Mum, we are so proud of you. You have poured your heart and soul into this book, and today, we celebrate not just your recipes, but also you – an incredible woman who has inspired so many of us, both in and out of the kitchen.

To everyone here, I encourage you to dive into these recipes and let them bring the same happiness to your lives as they have brought to ours.

Here's to Noelene and to the beautiful journey this book will inspire. Cheers!

2. Sharon Gibson. Sharon has gained a lot of respect for Noelene and her community involvement over a long time.

Sharon was honoured to be asked to speak about Noelene with whom she has worked over the years. Sharon wishes more people would take a leaf out of Noelene's book.

Sharon met Noelene on Gippsland FM 104.7 where she shared her love of cooking. Noelene is a kind soul, a lovely lady who will always help someone. Sharon has looked at recipes and thought maybe not, but trying them has found them delicious with lots of flavor.

Sharon loved meeting Noelene and working with her. "Churchill is so lucky to have Noelene in our community," Sharon acknowledged. Sharon wished Noelene all the best for the future.

3. Martin Cameron. Our local member who has taken some time out from his busy schedule to be present with us today. Martin happily accepted this invitation to be part of a community event.

Martin's first words to Noelene were, "I love your glasses". Martin says the younger generation does not do much cooking. They need to put their trust in people like Noelene to read and use her recipes and share them. Martin acknowledged Noelene's journey. He emphasised that both genders have cooking skills. He was buying three books to give his boys to encouraging them to cook. He hoped there would be more books in the series to come.

Ruth continued – 'Noelene, as you have heard, is a wonderful example of working for the community. Noelene herself says it is all about community. Noelene has graciously allowed the paper to use her recipes as a fundraiser with no proceeds going to her. This is another way she has agreed to support our community through supporting Churchill & District News.

Noelene we express our humble thanks for your amazing support; each month with new recipes and tips for the paper and for this means of financial support for our



Martin Cameron MP, Noelene Marchwicki, Paul Mersey (Noelene's son) and Deputy Mayor, Cr Sharon Gibson at the book launch

community newspaper.

To show our gratitude we would like you accept these gifts as a token of our appreciation of your generosity'.

Acknowledgement of the CDN team and Pizza HQ was given.

Noelene responded by thanking C&DN. She has always lived in the area before Churchill was a town. She remembers catching

the bus from the farm in to Hazelwood South School. People need to cook. You do not need to spend as much money, but you can add the flavours you like.

Sharing food with family and friends is a special time, especially if you have cooked the food yourself.

Noelene thanked everyone for coming to make the launch a special time.

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# Churchill & District Lions Club



What a busy couple of months it has been in October and November for the Churchill Lions.

Winter is over and all our members have returned from warmer climes re-energised and ready to attend to the job of supporting our community.

We had the pleasure of having a visit from District Governor Ian Davey for our first meeting in October, who took the opportunity to pass on messages from International President Fabricio Oliveira - "Make your mark".

DG Ian also presented Lion Peter North with Life Membership. A long serving member of 33 years and a highly valued and hard working Lion, Lion Peter is most deserving of this honour.

With the end of the footy season we were called upon to assist with catering at the Latrobe Valley Grand Final and also the Morwell East

Football Clubs' Final. Both events were well attended and well fed by our team of cooks.

A large proportion of our clubs' fundraising comes from catering for all sorts of functions, from Bunnings sausage sizzles to large company Christmas breakups and some corporate events.

This means we need to be up to date with all the rules and conditions to perform safe food handling.

Our first meeting in November was taken up with a food handling course run by the Latrobe City which was very well run and

informative, a big thank you to Latrobe City.

The club has been spending some time at the Traralgon Race Course doing catering and assisting with the Traralgon Derby Race day.

We also provided assistance to the Outdoor, Caravan and Leisure Expo with car parking.

The Churchill Community Fun Family Fishing day was a great success with many fish caught and some great fishing stories to be told.

The biggest fish being a monster carp of 5kg caught by Tarlee Jenning and the most unusual fish being caught by Cooper Harris, a pair of nail clippers. The lucky family who lost one of their fishing rods, only to have someone else snag a line to discover an eel on the line and also the rod they had lost.

A big thankyou to BCF for sponsoring all the prizes, Peter from Ampworks for the music and P/A, Latrobe City assisting with a grant to run the event, Churchill Scouts for tents and volunteer first aiders.

Free Skin Checks were offered on December 3 and 4 in the upper car park at the Churchill Shopping centre. Over 140 people took advantage of this offer, . The technicians did a marvellous job fitting everyone in for this very important service.

# 1982 Churchill & District News FLASHBACK 1982

## Cricket capers

Our efforts to play on turf seem to be at last bearing fruit, so let's all work hard and make Churchill Turf the best around.

Anyone with a bad habit of lifting their head while batting are invited to contact George Cain. George apparently keeps his eye right on the ball even when he is umpiring.

The new president, after the departure of John Harrison is club stalwart Col Wells, already a life member of the club.

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## Ride your bike at Yinnar South

A family bicycle ride will be held for the first time at the Yinnar South Fair. Two rides have been mapped out and certificates will be presented to all who complete either the 10km or 20km course.

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## 50 & Over Club activities

It was a lovely day when members travelled to Boolarra for the opening of the Boolarra and District Multi Purpose building. We arrived early enough to inspect the building before the formalities and unveiling of the plaque.

A Silky Oak was planted to commemorate the day, after which we enjoyed a chat and a lovely afternoon tea. Our Easter raffle prize will be a donated hand painted cake plate.

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## Hazelwood Rotaract activities

Fund raising activities for our entrant in Miss Latrobe Valley Quest, Kerryn Donchi, is going very well at the moment. The lamington drive was a great success selling 850 packets.

We had a good attendance at the bush dance at Yinnar. The dance floor was full of people stomping

and stamping to the music of Bobbsey Pie. Judging by the way many of our exhausted guests left around 1.00am, a good time was had by all.

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## Spinning news

The Churchill Jeeralang and the Hazelwood North Spinning groups have now joined forces. We now have expertise of two experienced spinners to call on for help when needed.

As part of the Latrobe Valley Festival a Heritage Day is planned at the Moe Folk Museum. Spinners are asked to come armed with their wheels and to add to the atmosphere, wear period costume where possible.

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## Latrobe Astronomical Society

The program for the evening will include screening of films made by NASA. The first one is entitled, "Who's Out There" and is narrated by Orson Wells.

The second one, "The Jet Propulsion Laboratory Pasadena" is about the NASA probes to the planets. One of these probes, Voyager 2, recently flew past Saturn.

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## Churchill football

The last fortnight has been a rather painful learning process for the Churchill Football Club, and it is hoped that we have learnt well and are able to apply the changes in future games.

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## Churchill Neighbourhood Group

Good news! We have our house at last! The Housing Commission have been kind enough to grant us the use of 39 Amaroo Drive as a Neighbourhood House. When I say we have a house, that is all we have, a bare house with no furniture. So please people of Churchill if you are buying new chairs

or a table and are wondering what to do with the old articles, take pity on us with a donation of them to our empty house.

At our first meeting you will need to bring your own chair or cushion to sit on, and bring a cup to enjoy a cuppa made in a borrowed teapot.

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## Churchill North Primary

In April Churchill North Primary School children went on a weeklong touring and cycling camp.

Places visited were Scrubby Creek where they saw sheep being shorn, Railway Weir, Quarry Reserve, Valencia Creek, Briagalong, Bushy Park and the Stratford Museum. During the week they cycled over 120 kilometres averaging 24 kilometres a day.

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## Apex at Mathison Park

Apexians planted 250 trees at Mathison Park in July and 2 trees in the garden of Churchill Neighbourhood House in Amaroo Drive. The Apexians have planted willows by the lake and poplars, golden ash and birches up on the hillside between the lake and Tramway Road.

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## What will I do with the kids?

Is the question many parents will be asking themselves. There are questions of who will look after them, what will they do, will they be bored? The YMCA holiday program and care program will be available each week day of the holidays and will be held in Churchill.

There will be two bus trips and other activities will include games, crafts, hikes, roller skating, trampolining, scavenger hunts, gymnastics and novelty days.

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# Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare

**By J. Duncan**  
**Busy spring season for Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare**

Landcare is never dull - these are some of our group's recent activities:

Pot Wash Day was on October 20 at Jeeralang North Hall. A good and purposeful time was had by all at this very social event. It was also a great day for getting the pots to dry upside down on the playground fence. Now they are all clean and ready to grow more plants - except for the ones that are not because we needed to stop and have our group meeting.

On Sunday November 3 we were back at the Yinnar Memorial Hall Market with plants to sell and information for people looking for it. We also had a couple of requests to grow plants for people doing revegetation work on their properties.

We concluded our tenth of the month activities for 2024 with a Pollinator Survey on November 10. With the assistance of Ken Harris from LV Field Naturalists Club, a small group of us spent time chasing insects at three different locations. These were: Hazelwood Pondage old caravan park site; the Stock Reserve on the north end of the town and the Yinnar Community Garden. We saw quite a few insects, but they were not very abundant and there were not many different species at any of these locations. The one solitary

November 16, many of us were involved with the Friends of Morwell National Park Bird book launch on a very hot day in the Yinnar Memorial Hall. This was followed by bird walks in the rain at the National Park the next day.

There was a week off before our Grasses Identification

Workshop that is happening as this goes to press. Yinnar Landcare members and volunteers from other groups



Grasses ID at Yinnar

with grassy woodlands in their patch will be there, as will staff from organisations that work on the ground in and around this area. Grass expert, Graeme Lorimer, is



Grasses Identification at YinnarSTH with Graeme Lorimer

native bee spotted was a reed bee on the Westringia bushes at the Stock Reserve. More planting for pollinators is certainly needed.

Just six days later on the presenter for this one. The fun part of preparing for it for us has been finding field work sites with native grass that is flowering now and has not been mown.



European Honeybee.jpg



Golden Grass Carpet.jpg



Green Grass Dart.jpg



hanging fly.jpg



Hover\_fly on Wattle.jpg



Pintail Beetle.jpg



reed bee.jpg



Unknown insect.jpg

### Insect Array

Part 2 will include planting in pots and containers. The workshops will be led by David Sparks. David has run propagation and garden workshops for our group previously. These were really well received, and we look forward to seeing more people getting to enjoy finding out more about this fascinating topic.

Once again, places will be limited and on-line booking is how we will manage this.

That just about finishes our events calendar.

Now, it is time to get back to the greenhouse to get ready for next year.

If any of our activities interest you, there are plenty of opportunities to participate as volunteers. It is an opportunity to enjoy doing meaningful and useful tasks in great outdoor places with other like-minded people. New group members are also welcome. People who would like to become active group members are even more welcome.

You can contact us on e-mail at [yinnar.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:yinnar.landcare@gmail.com) or call Rebecca on 0403 972 437. Landcare or by using this link. <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/westgippsland/yinnar-south/>

News from the workshop is that one of our members, Rose, brought in what turned out to be a very rare grass for Graeme to identify. She

gmail.com or call Rebecca on 0403 972 437.

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Travellers Aid received the prestigious Melbourne Award in the Access and Inclusion category. This accolade acknowledges Travellers Aid's dedicated efforts in making Melbourne an inclusive, accessible city for all its residents and visitors, to ensure that everyone can

access, participate and engage in all of the things that a lot of us take for granted.

Travellers Aid, a registered charity and social enterprise, strives daily to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in Melbourne's vibrant community. From providing access and inclusion services at Melbourne's major train stations, events and most recently extending its services during a four-month pilot at Melbourne Airport, the organisation is committed to creating a city that is not only livable but also fair and accessible to all.

"Our team shares a united vision and purpose: to ensure that everyone can access, participate, and engage in the

city's offerings," said Elias Lebbos, Chief Executive Officer of Travellers Aid. "Being recognised for our contributions toward making Melbourne one of the world's most inclusive and accessible cities is an honour."

Acknowledging fellow Access and Inclusion nominees, Accessible Accommodation and Access with Ash, Travellers Aid CEO Elias Lebbos highlights the importance of collaboration in driving positive change and expanding access across the city.

"Accessibility is within everyone's ability. Working alongside organisations with similar goals amplifies our impact and brings us closer to a truly inclusive community."

This award reflects Travellers Aid's ongoing commitment to providing services that enable individuals of all abilities to connect, engage, and participate in their communities.

The Melbourne Awards demonstrate the profound impact that social enterprises and community-focused organisations can have on a city's fabric, promoting inclusivity and enriching lives.

For further details on Travellers Aid's services or their education programs, please contact:

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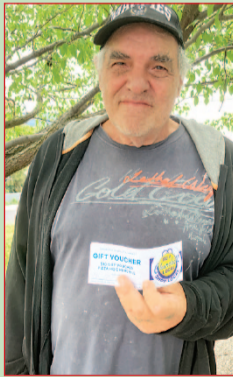
Thanks too, to Churchill Woolworths and the Reject Shop Churchill for their support. Their donations to help make the market a success are most welcome.

Darren Chester's office deserves a mention too, for providing 250 free "I Love Gippsland" 2025 calendars to distribute.

The many stall-holders (including our regulars), our popular musician (Bryce), face-painter (Luna), Santa (anonymous, of course) and lots of free sausages, fruit, chocolates, etc all make this a wonderful community event. It is great to see so many locals, and visitors from other towns, turn out to support the market.

No doubt many visitors were attracted, due to the Town Garage Sale held on the same day. What a great idea to bring more people to Churchill!

Many volunteers assisted - certain 'nameless' individuals, along with the crews from Churchill Fire Brigade, Churchill Lions Club, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Churchill & District News and Churchill & District Community Association. Thanks to all involved!



# Strzelecki koalas' Supporters

There are a number of groups that specifically raise awareness and give support to the Strzelecki Koalas. On November 3, some of these groups were present at the Strzelecki Festival in Sale. This event was organised by Mel, a vet nurse, who looks after rescued native and domestic animals at the "Mel & Menagerie" near Yarram. (www.melrescue.au)

**Some of the highlights of this festival were:**

The koala mascot who gave out lollies to the children.

The Strzelecki Koala Action Team's tent that displayed lots of relevant information about the Strzelecki Koala.

The showing of the "Koala" film.

A wildlife display where children and adults could



Strzelecki Koala Action Teams display.

see and learn about some of Australia's amazing animals.

Then there was the "Moonshadow - Flying Fox Rescue and Rehabilitation"

display. This group rescues orphaned grey headed flying foxes. The author was privileged to see a one week old pup and a four weeks old pup; pup being the title for baby flying foxes. Last year around 400 baby flying foxes were orphaned in Victoria. This is an alarming increase from the average of 70 which occurred in prior years. Mothers are often electrocuted on overhead wires, which causes her young to fall off her belly where it drinks from her nipple. Most orphaned flying foxes are found from November as this is the birthing time. The flying fox is regarded as an endangered

species. They are affected by heatwaves and man made causes like land clearing.

(www.littleaussiebat.com.au 22/11/24) The flying foxes' survival is crucial to the survival of the koala and other native species. Flying foxes are the pollinators of many plant species especially the eucalyptus. "No bats, no trees. No trees, no koalas".

Usually the Moonshadow rescue centre would not bring the grey headed flying foxes to a venue but they did this day because the pups required hourly feeding. The grey headed flying fox pups looked very content and safe in the special wrappings.

If you do come across an orphaned bat do not handle it but cover it with



A male Strzelecki koala spotted near the Morwell National Park.

a basket or box and keep people and pets away. Phone 038400 7300 for assistance. Carers of these animals are vaccinated against a rare but fatal disease that bats can transmit to humans. ("Wildlife Victoria. Pouch Checking Guide. How you can help orphaned Australian wildlife").

If you would like to meet groups that are involved in native animal preservation and find out more about our amazing wildlife visit Sandy Point on January 18, 2025.



Koala Mascot

There will be a "Koala and Friends Wildlife Wonderland Display". Go to 1 Church Parade, Sandy Point, Victoria 3959 and enjoy the event.

possible koala contact. Keep pets inside from dusk to dawn.

On hot summer days put out water for native animals



Four week old grey headed flying fox after a feed.



One week grey headed fox with its dummy in its' mouth.

How to help the Strzelecki koala this summer: Remember to drive carefully in bush areas. Ensure your pool and yard are koala safe. Keep pets away from

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- 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.

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### EWB (Engineers Without Borders) Incursion

On November 18, 2024 we had an EWB incursion, which was where four university students came in and talked about Engineering.

At the start, they introduced themselves to our class. They told us what part of engineering they worked on. When they had finished introducing themselves, they told us about how some people didn't have both of their arms or legs, so they have to have a replacement called a prosthetic. With a prosthetic, it helps you do things better. They all showed us what they look like and how it works.

Next, they told us our goal was to build a prosthetic leg from the materials they brought for us to use. Ms. Duncan split us into groups based on our skill level of different things. Once we were in our groups, we got a piece of paper and some money. The paper was for a plan and the money was to buy the materials that we needed. Our budget was \$65, and we could spend that on stuff we needed.

Once we had our materials and plan, we started to build our legs. We only had seven minutes, and it was stressful. We all practiced our teamwork, by communicating and helping each other. It was really hard making it stable enough for us to walk on it with the materials we were given. All the groups were really stressed out because their plan hadn't worked out the way they wanted it to. Nevertheless, we all kept on trying until our time was up. We had to bring the legs to the front of the class and walked on the leg. We had one leg bent while the leg was attached to their knee and someone was supporting them. We all had very much fun.

Overall, it was a great experience, and we hope that they will come back next year.

By Angela, Violet and Ivy-Rose

### Camp 3-6

Boolarra Primary School and Yinnar South Primary School went to the Summit for a School Camp. When we got there, we had to pick up our luggage and take them up to our bungalows. The teachers explained which bungalow we were assigned to.

We were all told to meet in a hot blue room at the end of the bungalows. We were all introducing ourselves to each other because we didn't really know each other's names.

When we were ready to do activities, we walked over to a barbecue area that was called a Rotunda. We were told we would be doing a trust activity first, which was called High Wire. After High Wire, we were all so hungry, that we got served cookies and fruit. After we ate, we went over to another activity, called Snowy River Challenge. You had to crawl through tiny spaces and help others climb walls.

We had the Mud Run on the second day, and had a big challenge. We had to fill up a bucket full of water. We had two sacrifices, Dylan and Ashton. We all had a bucket of water and had to pour water in others buckets to fill the barrel. After we filled the barrel up full with water we had to get three tyres. We had to all huddle up and run to the next part. We had two separate sides and had to catch five tennis balls in a rag and put them into the bucket. After that we had to put tyres on a piece of wood, that was connected to a rope. We had to pull the rope closer towards ourselves to collect the tyre and give the next people a chance to wheel the

tyres in. When we picked our tyres back up, we ran to an Obstacle Course, and found a partner, we linked arms and ran to the other side with a piece of wood in our hands. We put all the pieces back and ran to a rope in water that we had to climb under. We ran over to big puddles of mud, and got to cover ourselves in mud. After that we picked our tyres back up and ran to the Ball Pit. We climbed through it and it was really fun. When we finished all of those things, we had to start getting clean and have showers.

Later that night, we had dinner and it was chicken schnitzel, veggies, mashed potato with gravy, and spicy, curly fries. When we ate all our food the duty group had to go clean our plates, cups, wash the surfaces and push all the chairs in.

After we all decided we were tired, we walked to bed and got into our pjs. We stayed up for a little bit, but slowly started drifting to sleep.

On the last day we were on a Flying Fox which was very fun. Then we had Laser Skirmish. After we finished Laser Skirmish, we packed all our suitcases up and started heading down to the bus. We hope to come to this place once again.

From Avaleigh, Ethan and Liam.

### Funrun

On November 15, we the students of Boolarra Primary School, did a school Fun Run. We picked some prizes and raised money to improve our school grounds.

In the afternoon, we got to slime Mrs. Boka the office lady and Robyn one of the ES staff because we raised over \$2000. Later, just before the fun run started we got to slime Mrs. Duncan. It felt so good to slime them.

After lunch, the people

who raised the most money got capes, Sophia got a gold cape and Angus, Ruby and Callan got a blue one.

The activities we did were run through sprinklers, streamers then we got slimed and finally got colored. Lacey loved getting slimed, Ruby's favorite was getting colored, and Callan's favorite was getting icy poles.

After we did all the running, we got an icy pole and then took a group photo. Finally, after a long day we finally got to go home and wash up.

Over all the Fun Run was so much fun. All of us made lots of memories.

Ruby, Lacey, Emma and Callan

### BPS school fun run

On November 15, Boolarra Primary School had a School Fun Run. We raised money for the gardens so we could play in them. We raised over \$2000.

At lunch time, most of the 3-6 class were preparing for the school Fun Run. Firstly, we set up the streamers which we had to run through. Then, we set up the sprinkler to get the colour powder to stick to our

shirts. Next, we set up the slime, lucky last, we set up the colour powder to get us all colourful.

At the start of lunch, we slimed Alexander the office lady and Robyn who helps in the F-2 class. After lunch we slimed the Principal Mrs Duncan. The teachers used all of the rest of the slime during the Fun Run to spray the kids.

Thirdly, we gave out awards to the top four fund raisers which were, Sophie got 1st, Gus was 2nd, Ruby got 3rd and Callan got 4th. Each of them got a blue cape but Sophia got a golden cape.

Lastly, we had the actual run everyone participated in it. So many people got colour in their hair and all over their white shirts. So many people were covered in slime which got stuck in their hair.

Over all Boolarra Primary School had an amazing time and, we would love to do it again.

### Kinder visit

On November 13, the awesome Grade 5s from the spectacular Boolarra Primary School went to the kinder in Boolarra.

At eleven thirty we set off on our journey and walked all the way there.

When we finally reached our destination, Mrs. Duncan had to sign us in, it felt like forever because we were all so excited to see all the amazing kinder kids. The first thing we did was go outside and meet everyone. We played a game of tag and they showed us the cool swings and fast bikes.

Eventually, we went inside and learnt all the kid's names. After a while, we played some games that we haven't played before. The first game we played was Trouble, a lighting McQueen game. Some other games we played were Bush Bingo, Incy Wincy Spider and Zingo.

When it hit twelve o'clock we sadly had to leave. We all said our goodbyes and some of us even got a HUG! This was one of our best days in Primary School yet! We look forward to seeing them all again soon.

Daisy and Sophia



# SCHOOL NEWS

## CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

### Year 5/6 Market Day

On Thursday October 31, Year 5/6 students had their Market Day. During the term the students learnt about running a business. The unit was called Business & Economics in Australia. During the unit students learnt about wages, types of employment, how to run a business, taxes and insurance, renting vs buying and cost of living. The students worked in groups to make their own business

and then sold their goods to the rest of the school on Market Day. All the classes that visited the market had \$20 each to spend. Some of the stalls included lemonade stand, lucky dip, mini toys, lolly bags, bracelets and key rings, jelly and cakes, basketball shots and timed challenges. The students had an amazing experience working on their business and the rest of the school enjoyed buying from the stalls. Afterwards, the

students worked out if they made a profit or not. With some price changes most groups made a profit.

On October 31, 2024 we had our Grade 5/6 Market Day.

In the morning, we set up for the market. The first class that came through was F-1W. We did a pretty good job. My stall was key chains and bracelets and with every purchase you got a free lolly pop. The other stalls included lemonade, jelly, lollies etc. They were all pretty good. After recess we had 2/3 and Grade 4s, we sold quite a bit. In the

afternoon we had the 1/2s and the 5/6s. We had a great day and sold enough to make a profit.

Bella, Grade 6

On Market Day we sold frog in a pond and lolly cups. Our ingredients and products cost \$5. We sold a lot of items during the day. I am very proud of what I did on Market day, and it was lots of fun. It felt like we were real shop keepers. Thanks to Mr Taylor and Mr Chin for organising an amazing day.

Lilly, Grade 5

On Market day we were selling jelly and chocolate frogs. During the day we

didn't sell much until the Grade 5/6 came round and bought out everything. It was a really good day.

Tia, grade 6G

### Early Years Transition.

Churchill North Primary School has started their early transition program for students attending Foundation in 2025! What an exciting time this is for our new Foundation students.

This is a great opportunity for students to become familiar with their new school and teachers before starting next year.

We have had lots of fun getting to know each other while practising some school routines to help us transition from kinder to school! Some of the activities we have done so far - Read the book

'The Hungry Caterpillar' and made puppets, learnt about shapes and built animals using shapes.

Our students also got to meet our School Nurse Erin and learnt about germs doing a fun activity with glowing hands. Everyone has loved each session and cannot wait to start school in 2025!



# SCHOOL NEWS

## CHURCHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Churchill Primary School Victorian Education Excellence Awards

Congratulations to our very own Principal, Mrs Jacquie Burrows, on her amazing awards at the Victorian Education Excellence Awards held on Friday October 25, 2024.

Jacquie was honoured with two amazing awards:

The Outstanding Primary Principal Award in recognition of her leadership excellence in a Victorian government primary school; for her significant contribution to improving staff and student learning and wellbeing;

raising the quality of teaching; and improving the overall performance of Churchill Primary school over the last five years.

The Lindsay Thomas Award for Excellence in Education is awarded to the most outstanding contributor to Victorian school education

in 2024. Jacquie received this award in recognition of a comprehensive improvement approach which has been to introduce and sustain consistent instructional practices at Churchill Primary School. Additionally, the school has achieved significant improvements in both students' learning and wellbeing resulting from Jacquie's leadership, which has been recognised Australia-wide, and is evidenced by strong NAPLAN results.

We have an amazing team at CPS, and we are extremely proud of the school's achievements with Jacquie heading an exceptional leadership team who support the school-wide vision of better outcomes for every individual. "Churchill Primary School - Where everyone belongs, thrives and achieves!"

*Cultural Morning and Mural Unveiling*

On Thursday November 21, we held our Cultural Morning where we unveiled our Indigenous mural and bush tucker garden. Our Indigenous community leaders Christine and Nannette conducted an assembly with

our whole school, which involved a smoking ceremony, local Indigenous history and an explanation of our two new murals that were specially created for Churchill Primary School by Nannette. We would like to thank Nannette for her amazing murals that represents Churchill Primary

School so beautifully, and Christine for the smoking ceremony. We would also like to thank Dale for helping to plant our bush tucker garden with our Indigenous students. Make sure you come in and see the new additions to our school at the front entrance.



Mural - CPS Indigenous Students with Nannette, Christine, Jacquie Burrows and Gail Harding

Jacquie Burrows, CPS Principal

# SCHOOL NEWS

## HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

**Official school opening**  
Hazelwood North Primary School celebrated the official opening of our new school administration building, student toilets, basketball court, grass

areas and the gardens on Friday November 15. The Opening began with a Welcome to Country and a Smoking Ceremony conducted by Michelle Dow in the presence of guests,

visitors, students and staff.

This was followed with Harriet Shing MP giving a speech to the community about the school and how proud we are with the outcome. School Council president Leigh Markham along with School Captains William Walter and Taj Makepeace came up the front with Harriet Shing to cut the ribbon with a whole school countdown from 10. The students

have loved getting to use the new grass areas for picnics and are enjoying the new basketball court.

### Grade 3 Science

Last month in Science the Grade 3 students have been learning about the different states of matter. They conducted an experiment to see which method of adding heat using their bodies to change chocolate from a solid to a liquid was the most effective. There were many messy

hands and faces, with the results of rubbing with our hands being the fastest method

prompting much discussion among our "scientists".



# SCHOOL NEWS

## KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

On the evening of Wednesday November 20, Kurnai College hosted a memorable celebration for its Year 12 graduates at the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre.

parenthood while completing their studies, were celebrated for their perseverance and commitment to their education.

The night was also a time for families to share in the pride of seeing their loved one's graduate, with a number of families marking

the occasion of having a member graduate for the first time.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, the photo booth became a popular attraction, where graduates and their families captured fun moments in their formal

attire. The booth provided a light-hearted touch, allowing everyone to create lasting memories from the evening.

The night concluded with the graduates and their families leaving the venue filled with a sense of accomplishment and

excitement for the future. The celebration of Kurnai College's 2024 Year 12 graduates was a special and unforgettable event that marked a significant milestone in the lives of these students and their families.

The night was filled with pride and joy as students, families, and staff gathered to honour the hard work and dedication of the graduating class of 2024.

The evening featured performances by students, beginning with the talented Senja Sopandi, winner of the 2024 Kurnai's Got Talent with her beautiful singing. Students Darnell and Lexie also took to the stage, singing two contemporary songs with Darnell playing guitar.

It was an honour to have students from the Kurnai Young Parents Program graduating alongside University campus students. These students, who have balanced the challenges of





# SCHOOL NEWS

## YINNAR PRIMARY



### 1/2 Adventure Evening

It was a delight to see our Grade 1/2 students fully immersed in their Night of Adventure. They had a wonderful time with a town walk, engaging in craft activities, enjoying a delicious dinner at school, and a disco. The Grade 2s also experienced their first overnight stay at school as part of our introduction to the camping program.

### Prep Picnic Dinner

The Prep students really enjoyed their picnic experience at Yinnar Primary School. The Village Green was the perfect setting for laying out picnic rugs, enjoying dinner and playing some games. The Prep Picnic is the initial phase of our school camping program. The program is designed to gradually nurture students' confidence and independence, beginning with a school picnic, and culminating in a three or four day overnight camp at the senior level.

### Sporting Events

Our school's involvement and success in sporting events has continued this term, with some outstanding achievements to celebrate.

Our softball team and Grade 5 cricket team both competed at the regional level, showing tremendous skill and sportsmanship.

A special congratulations to our girls' relay team—Beth, Alice, Zoe, and Eleanor—who competed at the state level, marking a significant achievement as they represented our school for the third consecutive year! This is a testament to their dedication and teamwork.

We are also incredibly proud of Jayden M. and Elliott, who both represented our school in the high jump at the state level. All our athletes performed exceptionally well, achieving personal bests.

### Excursion to the Shrine of Remembrance.

Our Grade 5/6 students recently travelled to Melbourne to the Shrine of Remembrance. In Term 2, students engaged in a novel study "Number the Stars" where they learnt about World War 2. Our second English unit for Term 3 was another novel study, "War Horse", where students learnt about World War 1. This excursion was a fantastic and

memorable experience to deepen and consolidate our classroom learning. Through a guided school program tailored to the students' age group, students learnt about wartime history, heard about diverse people from all walks of life, and experienced the living importance of remembrance in Australian communities.

### Student Leadership

The process for selecting leadership positions for 2025 is underway, with students actively involved in writing applications to showcase their interest. Teachers are guiding students in Years 3 to 6 through the skills needed for crafting compelling applications and are providing extra support during lunchtimes to assist with this important task. While not every student will secure a leadership role, it is inspiring to see so many students eager to participate in the selection process and demonstrate their willingness to take on new responsibilities.

Our school leaders this year, Quade, Dusty, Bonnie and Hudson have been tremendous leaders and role

models for our students. The following is what they had to say about their role in 2024.

"This year, we School Captains have been very busy. We have been regularly visiting the Yinnar Kinder and have organised various events and activities throughout the year. One of the initiatives we led was Bully No Way Day. This year, the Bully No Way colour changed from orange to purple, symbolising peace, strength, and standing up for each other. We visited each grade for around 45 minutes to teach about the importance of respect and that bullying is unacceptable.

We also supported NAIDOC Day and ran Wacky Wednesday. This year, Wacky Wednesday focused on inclusion and the importance of being yourself. We hoped to convey the message that it is not okay to discriminate and that it is perfectly fine to act differently from others.

Last term, we organised Yinnar's Got Talent, with Kane taking first place. This term, we will be hosting Wheels Day, where we will focus on road safety and staying safe on wheels.

Being a School Captain has not been easy, but it has been incredibly rewarding. It is a valuable role for developing leadership skills and gaining new experiences".



# SPORT

## Churchill Cobra's season is well and truly underway

For the first time in many seasons, most games have been played and weather is yet to play a part.

Our A Grade side, now led by Ryan Ayres, finds itself in second position winning five of its six games, many by big margins.

Brae Kelly has been Mister Consistent at the top of the order with nearly 200 runs to his name including a fine knock of 75.

Right behind him is Ryan Ayres, already with a century and a half century in the books. Other worthwhile knocks came from Ryan Harvey, John Keighran and Steve Warr all belting out big 50s.

With the ball, both Chris Williams and Steve Warr have 12 wickets to their name. Chris with two hauls of five wickets and Steve being once again, super consistent.

A Grade are also involved in the new Twenty 20 competition each Tuesday night. The first game was a win with Yinnar setting 112 after Ryan Harvey ripped through the top order and Ross Whelpdale controlled the middle. We started quickly, but soon



lost wickets at a consistent rate. The two Ryans held it together with Ayres making a quick 50 and Harvey not out 31, passing the score with four overs up their sleeve.

Watch our Facebook for the next Tuesday night home game. Well worth the watch.

Ross Johnson's B Grade team has found the going a tad harder. Their highlight came in Round 7, with their

first win beating Mirboo North away after starting the game all out for 37.

It was an amazing comeback and will give the team a mountain of confidence heading into the rest of the season. Batting for B grade has been a struggle with only five half centuries so far for the season.

Archie Normans first



senior 50 in Round 4 along with Ijaz Ahmed's 67 to drive a win in Round 7 were the highlights.

Ross Johnson, leading our batting also heads up the bowling with 14 wickets for the year at an impressive average of 10.43. 16 year-old Jacob Dunn is on his heels also with 14 wickets. B Grade is building momentum and would hope for a much better run home. Our ladies, playing each Thursday night have also had six matches so far enjoying two wins in a very tough competition.

Danielle Cole, Emily Lugton and Simone Forbes have contributed strongest to the runs with all three providing consistent scores in the 20s and 30s during their 16 over competition.

Our bowling spread has been a little more even although Danielle Coles' four wickets lead the way. The Round 1 win against Traralgon Imperials was a highlight chasing down the large total of 83 and winning the game on the last ball of the day.

C Grade also finds themselves on the top of the ladder with super impressive performances winning all games played. Our batters sit one and two on the leaderboard with Craig Dekaste on 385 runs including two centuries

and two half centuries at an average of 128.33. Shaune Wernham is on 208 runs at an average of 104.00 with a well earned century in Round 4.

Craig also leads the bowling for the competition with nine wickets so far to his name.

He is ably supported by Captain Rob Harrington who has eight. The C Grade team will be hard to beat and are aiming to go one better than last years' second place finish.

Under 12's will enter Round 4 and last years premiers have yet to drop a game, sitting comfortably in second place on the ladder.

Some great all-round performances from the team, many playing well under their age limit, and Simon Forbes has the team humming. Harvey Brighton and Ed Forbes being



standouts with the bat with a fairly even spread of wickets from the bowlers. The 12's train on a Thursday night at 4.30pm and play Mondays at 5.00pm.

The Cobras are fielding teams in A grade, Women's Premier, B Premier, C Grade, and Under 12's but are always looking for new players. Our mini cobras will be on Thursday nights at 4.30pm at Andrews Park West in Churchill, beginning November through to December and then starting up again in February. Registration for 6 - 10-year-olds includes a free Churchill Cricket Club Polo.

If you wish to be part of the club this year in any form, follow us on Facebook, email us at churchillcc@hotmail.com, or simply pop down on a Tuesday or Thursday night to say hello.

## Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Stableford Saturday November 2, 2024.

A Grade Winner: D. Burrige 40pts B Grade Winner: B. Barnes 40 pts

C Grade Winner: B. Mathieson 39 pts D.T.L: 1. P. Junker 38, 2. R. Zomer 38, 3. C. Gosling 38, 4. M. Hutchison 38, 5. B. Cluderay 37, 6. C. Gilfillan 37, 7. B. Kilday 36, 8. A. Sharrock 36, 9. S. Turner 35 c/b. N.T.P: 3rd C. Gosling, 5th C. Gosling, 12th (Pro Pin) D. Cluderay, 14th D. Taylor. Birdies: 3rd J. Welsh, C. Gosling, 5th D. Taylor, 12th T. Collins, R. Madigan Target Hole: G. Sanders

Melbourne Cup Day 4BBB Stableford Tuesday November 5, 2024. Winners: P. Kearns, R. Sands, W. McGrath 53pts c/b Runners Up: S. Vary, C. Gardiner, R. Dent, A. West 53 pts Third: J. Clegg, C. Fleming, M. Soppe, Greg Beyer

4 Person Ambrose Saturday November 9, 2024. Winners: D. Byers, M. Hutchison, C. Waring, R. Dent Nett 56.375

Runners Up: W. McGrath, A. Wright, J. Garth, M. Hammer Nett 56.625 Third: G. Sanders, T. Sanders, D. Cluderay, B. Cluderay Nett 57.5 N.T.P: 3rd C. Gosling, 5th P. Bolding, 12th (Pro Pin) J. Welsh, 14th R. Abel.

Target Hole: C. Waring Stroke Monthly Medal and 1st round of Championship Tuesday November 12, 2024. Day Winner and Medal Winner: M. Ryan 87/67

Nett B Grade: C. Sterrick 103/70 Nett Scratch Winner: R. Madigan 85 D.T.L: 1. M. Smith 91/70 Nett c/b, 2. S. Turner 95/70 Nett c/b Putts: S. Caldwell 27 Birdie: 3rd M. Smith N.T.P: 3rd L. Van Rooy, 5th S. Caldwell, 12th J. Clegg, 14th C. Sterrick

Stroke Round 1 Club Championship Saturday November 16, 2024. A Grade: A. Jenkins 68 Nett B Grade: C. Gilfillan 66 Nett C Grade: C. Sterrick Nett 68

Scratch Winner: R. Madigan 79 D.T.L: 1. R. Madigan 68 c/b, 2. B. Kilday 68, 3. A. Sharrock 69, 4. K. Barnes 72 c/b, 5. S. Turner 72, 6. C. Thompson 73 c/b, 7. G. Sanders 73, 8. M. Brereton 74 c/b, 9. P. Jordon 74 N.T.P: 3rd (Pro Pin) M. Ryan, 5th M. Ryan, 12th D. Byers, 14th P. Flanigan Target Hole: D. Burrige Birdie: 12th D. Byers

Stroke Round 2 Club Championship and Star Medal Tuesday November 19, 2024. Day Winner: J. Sands 65 Nett B Grade: C. Sterrick 73 Nett Scratch Winner: J. Sands 84 Star Medal Winner: C. Stevens 75 Nett D.T.L: 1.

C. Stevens 75 Nett c/b, 2. C. Carder 76 Nett c/b N.T.P: 3rd M. Dear, 5th M. Ryan, 12th L. Van Rooy, 14th M. Dear Birdie: 12th M. Ryan

Stroke Round 2 Club Championship Saturday November 23, 2024. A Grade: D. Byers 66 Nett B Grade: S. Caldwell 73 Nett C Grade: M. Hutchison 70

Nett c/b Scratch Winner: D. Byers 82 D.T.L: 1. C. Waring 70 c/b, 2. T. Collins 70 c/b, 3. C. Sterrick 70, 4. Ash West 71 c/b, 5. B. Cluderay 71, 6. Adam West 72, 7. J. Banfield 73 c/b, 8. D. Burrige 73 c/b N.T.P: 3rd D. Burrige, 5th G. Tatterson, 12th (Pro Pin) Ash West, 14th M. Hutchison

Target Hole: M. Soppe Birdies: 3rd T. Collins, 14th Matt Soppe

Stroke Round 3 Club Championship Tuesday November 26, 2024. Women's Scratch Champion: M. Dear 283 Women's Handicap Champion: S. Turner 224 A Grade Handicap Champion: S. Turner 224 B Grade Handicap Champion: C. Sterrick 228 Day Winner Hcp: V. Reid 74 Nett

Day Scratch Winner: M. Dear 98 D.T.L: 1. S. Turner 78 Nett, 2. M. Dear 79 Nett D.T.L: 1. C. Stevens 75 Nett c/b, 2. C. Carder 76 Nett c/b N.T.P: 3rd L. Brent, 5th S. Turner, 12th M. Ryan 14th M. Ryan

## Latrobe Sport, Recreation & Movement Expo

**Stallholder registrations now open**

Is your sport, recreation club or group looking for new members? What better way to promote your club to community members than by registering to have a stall at the Latrobe Sport, Recreation & Movement Expo. All stallholders on the day will go into the draw to win a \$500 Intersport Traralgon voucher.

Latrobe City Council

has worked with community members to co-design the Latrobe Sport, Recreation & Movement Expo to promote local opportunities for community members to be active and move their body.

The Expo will consist of stalls, come and try sessions, skill development sessions, music and free food.

This event aims to attract over 40 stallholders and up to 1000 attendees on the day.

**Event details**

Date: Sunday February 2, 2025. Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm Location: Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium (GRISS) Catterick Cres, Traralgon VIC 3844 Cost: FREE If you require any further information, please contact Alisha Brooks via email alisha.brooks@latrobe.vic.gov.au or phone 0437 189 320.





# Churchill Fire Brigade



## Churchill fire brigade presentation and awards night

The Churchill Fire Brigade held its annual presentation night at the Churchill Hotel. Commander Grant Trevorton from CFA District 27 HQ, past members and associates, guests from other brigades and members and their families attended.

Following the meal Captain Steve Barling spoke. Steve reported that the brigade had received 138 call outs for the financial year which is average for the brigade. In 2013 there were 213 a year. Steve attributed the decrease to community education through information being published in Churchill & District News, other community safety events and activities, and the valuable work done by the Fire Safe Kids program in our schools. This he says, has seen a decrease in false alarm calls.

The Open Day was a success in late 2023. Social media was well used to promote the day and also to promote the brigade. This medium is one we need to embrace and expand to build on this success.

Steve enthusiastically informed the people that the members are an amiable group. Steve singled out Jack Dixon, Allan Larkin and Graeme Renwick and commended them for their work with fire equipment maintenance and hose testing and repair, which brings in an income for the brigade.

The Officers were thanked for their effort. Special mention was made of Shane Renwick who was Captain until December 2023.

With so many training modules online Steve encouraged members to take up new skills, and keep practising and learning.

The community values the brigade as attested to by



Firefighter Darlene Parkinson receives her 35 year Service medal from Commander Grant Trevorton

good feedback Steve receives when out in the community. Steve thanked the families of the brigade members for their support, as it is through this support we can get out and do what we do so well. Steve was very proud of the brigade and members, and thanked them all.

Steve finished by thanking the neighbouring

brigades for coming to support the Churchill brigade and our community and for contributing to what we all do.

Grant Trevorton was called upon to present the CFA awards. He offered congratulations to the recipients.

Five Year Certificate - Bridget King, Alanah Shankland and Kayla Dransfield.

Ten Year Service Medal - Luke Robinson

Twenty-Five Year Service Medal - Shane Renwick. Shane responded with thanks to all, especially the members who were still with him from the start of his volunteering. He said he has many happy memories of his time with the brigade.

Thirty-Five Year Service Life Member Medal - Darlene Parkinson. Darlene responded and thanked the members.

Grant extended thanks to all members for their service, and for what they do for the Victorian community.

Brigade Awards followed Captain Steve Barling

presented these awards.

Churchill Fire Brigade Life Membership - Shane Renwick. This award is offered to all members who have served 25 years with the brigade.

Firefighter of the Year - Derek Watson

Captain's Trophy - Craig Griffiths

Recognition Award - Craig King

### Fire Restrictions

The recent spell of hot weather and drying winds has meant that our landscape is changing as we get closer to the summer period, and it is looking like 2024/2025 will be a much more normal summer than we have experienced for quite a few years.

This means that we are very likely to have fire restrictions implemented in Latrobe City from early to mid-December, which will mean that no fires are permitted in the open air without a written permit.

Further details will be made available through a range of channels once the

date has been set and the Fire Danger Period is declared.


Check it out - [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au)

Have you checked out CFA's web site lately? The site is a great resource that provides much information. There is Information on the latest Four Day Forecast and the Fire Danger Ratings for today, and the next three days. There is the latest Community messaging regarding any incidents across the Victorian landscape. There are shortcuts to handy information about what you can and cannot do, Fire Restrictions, Burning Off, Applying for a permit to burn, and so much more.

The latest news, how to prepare your property ahead of summer, where to get advice, and information on how you can become a volunteer.

Make sure you check out the [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au) website, and enjoy the rich information that is helping to keep our community safe.

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## Fire Danger Period

The Fire Danger Period commences at 1:00am Monday 9th December 2024 in the following municipalities:

- Baw Baw Shire Council
- South Gippsland Shire Council
- Wellington Shire Council
- East Gippsland Shire Council
- Latrobe City Shire Council

See the full list: [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-danger-period/fire-restriction-dates](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-danger-period/fire-restriction-dates)

## Melina BATH MP

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