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Churchill Rams teams double winners



Churchill United SC was crowned the LVSL under 13 Black division League Champions and finals Cup Winners for 2025.

CUSC were led by Captain Jensen Reid for 2025 with his natural leadership qualities and flair on the ball on display every game. Ably supported by the always reliable and fast paced Jayden McDonnell and left midfield sharpshooter Mason Crawford who both finished with 10 goals each for 2025.

Only 17 goals were conceded by the team during the home and away season, which is a testament to the brick wall defence line that featured Vice Captain Ryan Stevenson, supported by Coaches Award recipient Nate Wookey, who would often be given the assignment of shutting down the opponent's key target player.

The Rams met their season arch rivals Moe United in the final series Final. This was played at Churchill in front of a large contingent of

family and supporters from both clubs. Moe managed to get the early jump on the young Rams going 1-0 up after 10 minutes. However through a freakish corner taken by Jensen Reid, the ball found the back of the net with the inswinger from the corner spot just before half time.

Churchill came out with intent and determination in the second half with quick passes and overloads, placing Moe on the back foot. The young Rams then took the

lead over Moe when Mason Crawford finished a dominant run down the left wing to then beat Moe's goalkeeper across the face of goal. Moe then

made formation changes to try and level the game back which saw them push more players forward. This was easily managed by Ryan Stevenson and

his supporting defenders. Churchill held out Moe to finish 2-1 winners and bring another trophy for the club.

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4	Traralgon Olympians Blue	14	5	6	0	3	28	39	-11	18
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By Linda Reid President

We have had another productive meeting with lots of interesting ideas discussed to advance Churchill.

Our guest speaker was Peter McKay from Pizza HQ putting forward the idea of a Caravan/Motorhome stopover with water and a dump point similar to Yinnar. An ideal site would be secure, a hard stand, close to shops and land that is currently owned by Council. It would need support from the community before it could progress to Council.

Council is currently developing a policy on websites. Whilst the stopover in Yinnar has been successful, the site is a big plus with security and access to amenities. The other major factor is that Yinnar paid for the development costs. Is this something that people in Churchill want to pay for and where on the priority list would it be? Please let us know your thoughts. We will have a table at the December market and a survey for your



thoughts.

We have an update on the Churchill public toilet. Money has been allocated for its construction and the public tender has been advertised and will close on November 6. Once the contractor has been appointed and signed, it is

anticipated that the facility will be open to the public by the end of May 2026. The toilet will be modular in design and will have two accessible toilets. This will ensure it is more resistant to vandalism, damage and assist with cleaning.

The next Churchill market is on Saturday December 6, so pop it into your diary. It was unfortunate that the weather worked against us for the September market. The December market is usually very popular so please

contact the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre if you would like to book a stall. Thanks to Churchill News, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Lions and CFA for their ongoing support. Wooreen Battery project will be sponsoring the December market.

The other exciting thing is a pilot of a guided history walk around Churchill. This will be advertised when it is ready to start.

Our next meeting is on December 11 and will be held at Pizza HQ at 6.30pm.

Rainfall



Hazelwood South Rainfall

Ironically, Hazelwood South had good rain, just when the fire restrictions came into force. October had 98mm of rain, 20% higher than the monthly average. One wet month, make little difference to the deficit of the ground water, and the early start to the fire season remains justified. The time for weeding and mowing is here, if done well; the seed spread for next year's weeds is minimized. The rainfall deficit for 2025 is 14% at the end of October.

Rainfall for Churchill

Throughout the month of October we have received almost 1/5 of this year's rainfall. Churchill has received a total of 105mm of rain over approximately 14 days for the entire month.

Even though this is abnormally higher compared to previously, it is most welcomed. The annual rainfall to date stands at 540.0mm. Will we be in for a wet Christmas?



Morwell & District Red Cross Branch

Members meet on the second Wednesday of each month (February through until December) at 1.30 pm. at the Meeting Room of Yinnar and District Memorial Hall, unless otherwise notified. New members and visitors are welcome to attend
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BOOK REVIEW

“The Orchardist’s Daughter” 2019

by Karen Viggers

Karen Viggers is an Australian author, podcaster, literary critic and veterinarian who enjoys bushwalking, nature and animals and sets her stories in the Australian landscape. She has written five novels which have been best-sellers in Australia and France – “The Stranding” 2008, “The Lightkeeper’s Wife” 2011, “The Grass Castle” 2014, “The Orchardist’s Daughter” and “Sidelined”, her current release.

The story is set in Tasmania and opens with a dramatic house fire in which Miki is thrown through her bedroom window by her brother Kurt who then returns aflame, having saved only his father’s black leather folder.

The parents have perished. We learn that the family was deeply religious and isolated themselves from society.

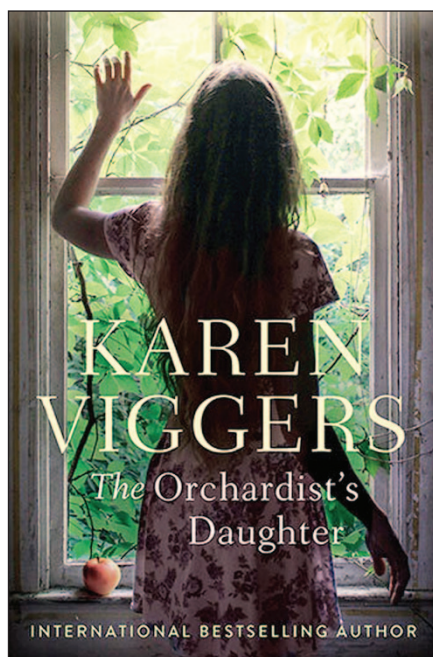
Miki was close to her mother, who home-schooled her, but had only left the property once in her sixteen

years.

We then meet Leon who has left Bruny Island to work as a park ranger and set up house in a logging community. He has concerns for his mother who is the victim of domestic violence, but is looking for a fresh start. He attempts to become part of the community by joining the local football team but is met with deep suspicion. He befriends Max, the son of the next-door neighbour, and they develop a friendship.

We meet Miki and Kurt again who have purchased the local take-away store. Miki serves in the shop but she is strictly controlled by Kurt and virtually a prisoner.

She longs for a proper education and the freedom to explore the outside world. She eventually finds a way to take time from the shop when Kurt is away in Hobart



on business. Tension builds in the story as the dark side of the township emerges over the locking down of the logging site, when reason comes from an unexpected visitor.

When Kurt discovers that Miki has been leaving the shop while he is away, despite his efforts to keep her locked in, he is overcome with rage and the dramatic results of his revenge bring the township together.

This book received a mixed reaction from our group, but all agreed it had too many side issues.

Whilst the writing clearly showed the author’s love of the Australian landscape, the story became unbelievable. The central theme for Miki, Leon and Max was the need to belong and the bullying and coercion they experienced, as well as the reluctance of people to intervene, even when they could see it happening. There is also a strong theme of conservation running through, both of old growth forests and the beleaguered Tasmanian devil, there is reference to drugs, a dabble in ageism and a stereotypical portrait of loggers as drunken perpetrators of domestic violence.

The final twist in the story was a step too far.

CNAV Awards

CNAV Award

This year Churchill & District News was the first finalist in the best article by a person 18 years or younger category of the awards.

The judge said of Claire’s entry:

We Walked the Kokoda Trail by Claire Lindsay

This piece is a powerful and emotional reflection on a journey that required immense courage and endurance.

With empathy and sensitivity, the writer draws the reader into the experiences of soldiers on



the Kokoda Trail during WWII, highlighting both their hardships and the mistreatment they endured.

The inclusion of lighter moments is handled with great skill, offering balance to the narrative while maintaining respect for the subject matter.

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LV Field Naturalists

Holly Butterworth will give a presentation on the ‘Australian Museum’s FrogID citizen science project’ at the next meeting of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club on Friday, November 28 starting at 7:30 pm in the Moe Library. This presentation will be followed by our Club’s monthly meeting and supper.

Frogs are among the most threatened animals on Earth, and understanding their populations is vital for conservation. The Australian Museum’s FrogID project empowers everyday Australians to help by recording frog calls using a free app.

In the Latrobe Valley region, thousands of local contributions are helping reveal how frogs are faring. Join Holly Butterworth, a frog call expert at the museum and FrogID Validator, to learn how FrogID citizen science is making a real difference, what local frog species to keep an ear out for, and how you can get involved, whether through FrogID, backyard ponds or DIY frog saunas!

Everyone is most welcome to come or zoom in to the meeting. For more information contact our secretary, Rose, on 0410 237 292.

Please visit our website www.lvfieldnats.org to register if you wish to use zoom to join the meeting from home.



Holly Butterworth and Motorbike Frog Albany WA
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Co-Op Church Snippets

Coffee Connections

The theme for October Coffee Connections was changes we have noticed in our lifetimes. The topics chosen were very varied and raised much interest and conversation. A topic like this is also a memory prompter for those sitting in the group. Choices ranged from pharmaceuticals, to bathing attire, to children's clothing, meal types, how places we knew as we grew up have changed, people doing needlework, (we saw some excellent examples)

transport and so on.

Shirley led our devotion which is re-printed here.

Change is an interesting topic as it covers many areas of our lives; our growth through childhood, adulthood and ageing. But one thing we can be sure about is that God never changes. He is there when we fall, our traumas throughout life, changes in family, schooling and employment.

Our Prayer

Lord Jesus you had many changes in your

life which has given us examples on how to face our situation and certainty that you hear us when we pray for help and direction. We have so much to thank you for in our lives; the changes you have enabled us to face and grow in your love for us. Amen.

Bec brought these following thoughts to us.

"When I was in Africa I had the privilege of walking and talking with a young man. His name is Theogen and he is a nursing student and a strong and dedicated

Christian. We talked mainly about God and prayer and then more about prayer, and about waiting for God's power before setting about doing anything. Theogen had an acronym he taught to me: PUSH, standing for 'pray until something happens'.

I find that the word 'power' leaps out of the text at me. So our verse for today: God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love, power and self-control.

Think about the roles and the tasks that God has called you to.

Is there a gift that once burned brightly? Did you once go about your tasks with a divine anointing, empowered and energised but have now lost heart? How do we fan that back into flames?

God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love, power and self-control. Are we losing heart? If so, what do we do, how do we come back from there?

Jesus says essentially (my paraphrase): 'You've got enough faith. It's not a lack of faith that's the problem. It's your attitude to obedience.

Our lives are not up to us. They are not in our hands. They are in his. We just have to obey. This is our freedom. Just do what we're told and stop fretting.

The thing we are commanded by Jesus to do (and we are told to do this over and over) is to love one another. It's not about us.

Paul says that the cross is the power of God. The ultimate symbol of someone laying down his rights, someone setting aside any claim to justice, someone offering forgiveness in the face of travesty: this is the power of God.

A self-disciplined stance helps us resist succumbing to fear. The power and the love also balance each other so that strength does not become harshness; and kind-heartedness does not give way to lenience.

Has the flame grown dim for you? Has power dissipated? As slaves of Christ, let us get rid of all those things that weigh us down and instead walk in the freedom of these words:

God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love, power and self-control".

Ian had his theme of giving thanks

The themes of hope,

healing and giving thanks are taken further in today's Gospel. Here we have ten lepers who are healed. All of them are healed, but only one of them comes back, praises God and gives thanks to Jesus. This one was a Samaritan. The story is both about Jesus' capacity to heal, and about the responses that people make to being healed. Only one person, and this one, a stranger, an alien, a foreigner, returns to give thanks.

The story comes as a reminder that God's healing is open to all people.

God's healing is open to all who are suffering. The role of the church is to seek out the suffering and bring good news to everyone, regardless of nationality or background.

It also comes as a reminder about being attentive to giving thanks to God for what God makes possible. Remembering also the times that we would rather forget, the bad times the bad situations, giving thanks for those lessons as well. Taken from 'Worship Notes' United Reformed Church.

Cathie

Cathie asked us to imagine a land where we only think about what we can do now for others; where we no longer look back to find a scapegoat to blame, but learn from others

to find a new way of living that will generate the happiness and joy that God longs for now.

We can imagine that land where people do not need to prove they are right to someone else, but understand we are all different. We can imagine that land of plenty where people do not need to take more than they need, but are happy to share what they have with those around them.

We can imagine that land where the cleverest of minds find solutions to community problems and seek to make that happen. We can imagine that world that lives in peace with ourselves.

We can imagine that world where laughter and song abide; tears and fighting are no more. We can imagine that land where people recognise the unique gifts and talents of others and encourage them to use their gift to benefit everyone.

We can imagine God watching over us and thinking to himself "At Last", some of the people got it, the land of promise was not round the corner or in some far part of the globe, it was right where we are at any given time, and all we needed was the will to make it happen, and the faith in God that can help us to see it through.

Churchill Christian Fellowship

By Steve McNeilly (Pastor)

From October 6 to 10, we were privileged to host the annual conference for King of Glory Ministries International. Guest speakers included David and Rosanna Palmer, Patrick O'Neill, Lynne Fowler of course, Adams Sabila, a fiery preacher who leads a large church in Kenya.

Adams also spoke at CCF on September 21, and our Men's Breakfast on September 20. It was a great conference and we only wish more people could have been there to appreciate the excellent ministry.

As we get closer and closer to Christmas, we are pleased to announce that we will be running our Christmas Auction and Concert again this year on Friday December 12. Ticketholders will be able to bid for real items and services with fake money

that we give them on arrival. All this in a programme including games, prizes, videos and Christmas songs. It is all about providing a fun, inspirational night for people who may have had a tough time of it in 2025. If you know someone who might enjoy this event, give us a call.

If you have noticed all the cars lined up on Tramway Road on Sunday afternoons recently, why not come and see for yourself, or come along on Fridays from 11am for our craft/ garden/ lunch social time.

Home Fellowship/Bible study meetings are held on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. Men's breakfasts are held at 9am on the first Saturday morning of each month. You will be most welcome at any of these meetings.

For more information, please call 0409 173 747.



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Last month, Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) recognised Gambling Harm Awareness Week, an annual campaign that aims to educate people about the risks of gambling.

The theme for 2025, 'set before you bet,' focused on highlighting the ways people can set limits when gambling to reduce their risk of gambling harm.

To support the week, LCHS hosted several events to showcase the ways people can set gambling limits, including setting a deposit limit, checking betting statements, setting reasonable time and money limits with the Your Play gaming card at venues, and taking regular breaks.

The events also featured available local supports.

One of the local gambling supports that was highlighted during these events was counselling—a service that Sandra Luxford has been delivering at LCHS for more than 14 years.

Sandra has worked with people from all walks of life: older women under financial stress, business managers who have lost everything, and young parents trying to break generational cycles. While no two stories are the same, many begin the same way.

Gambling starts as an escape from stress or trauma and quickly becomes an

overwhelming addiction.

Some of the things Sandra helps people with, include:

Solution- focused therapy that builds on small things that are already working.

Helping people find their own reasons to change.

Explaining how pokies and online games are made to keep people hooked, and the impact on the brain - it's not just about willpower.

Implementing practical tools such as self-exclusion programs, trying new hobbies, mindfulness, or family activities to replace time spent at the pokies.

"Counselling is challenging but so rewarding. When someone tells me they have not gambled for weeks or months, or when I see a family smiling together again — that is what makes this work so worthwhile," Sandra said.

"The door never closes to clients; we are always here, ready to help, even if they have had a wobble and want



to seek support again."

Do you or someone you know need help with your gambling habits? Counselling is just one of the many supports available to you.

The LCHS Gambler's Help team can help you through a range of support services.

For a free and confidential chat, give us a call on

1800 242 696 or email gamblingsupportservices@lchs.com.au.

holes and other road issues left over from winter conditions.

Remember to stick to the speed limits when travelling through these work areas and watch out for workers on the road.

With the bushfire season upon us, we need to look at some causes for roadside fires. Our cars can start fires if you pull over to the side of the road and park on the long grass.

The exhaust and catalytic converter under the car can get very hot and ignite the dry grass and before you know it, a fire will spread into the nearby bush.

Inspect the underside of your vehicle to make sure that you have not picked up any inflammable rubbish that may cause a catastrophe.

Stay safe and keep an eye on your community.

COMMUNITY SAFETY *Words of Wisdom*

Road safety and YOU! ...

With the winter months behind us now, we need to look at the roadworthiness of our motor vehicles.

During winter, we tend to forget about tyre pressures and tyre conditions and headlights and tail lights that may have failed.

We tend to have the lights on a fair bit during the day and the globes do not last forever. It is handy to have a spare set of replacement lamps on board. Remember, if your headlights do not work, your car is unroadworthy!

Also, do not forget to turn off your fog lamps when there is no fog or extreme conditions. Make sure you have your vehicle serviced regularly, and drive to the conditions.

Also, around the Latrobe Valley area, there will be road works done to fix pot

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Farmyard Animals

One of the first songs I ever learned at school was 'Old MacDonald had a Farm' which listed all the animals you could possibly find on a farm and the noises they made.

The difficulty was that the sounds accumulated as the song went on in the order that the animals were named.

The first was easy with only one sound but by the tenth you were struggling and it went on to more than that. They all had to be in the right order too.

At the school I went to, the animals were ordered by size from the horse down to the mice in the barn which made it easier but we introduced the odd animal to complicate matters.

I remember two dogs, a barking one (woof, woof) and Mrs MacDonald's Highland Terrier (yap, yap). Being a farming community the young animals had to have a separate verse for themselves so you can imagine by verse 20 it was a long song. There were arguments too over the correct sounds but

you could always argue that your cow made the noise you made and the inferior animal of your competitor made some less favourable noise in your estimation.

We know that farm animals were once wild animals that were gradually domesticated to provide food or to work with the farmer to help perform jobs on the farm.

Originally, the young of the selected animal or bird was captured and fed by the farmer until they were comfortable with each other's presence. Over thousands of years, the animals and birds lived happily in company with humans and provided food, clothing and aid to make life better for the people and safer for the animal.

Depending on where you lived in the world different locally native animals were domesticated from camels to buffalo to guinea pigs to pigeons. Needless to say we did not have a verse for any of these but no doubt the local children there would have.

The animals and birds living on the farm were often seen as personal pets of any one person in the family, particularly if they had been personally raised to maturity by that person.

The bonds between pet and master were quite strong and the passing of a pet was quite an emotional time.

For that reason, few people had a pet pig who would meet an untimely end when the farmer fancied bacon with his eggs. On the other hand a dog or cat were popular pets.

Farm animals feature on many sets of stamps from different countries. Indeed a whole collection could be put together on each animal in a thematic collection.

However, it would be more fun for a collector to choose which animals they would choose to have on their own farm. Perhaps they could add a beehive or a rabbit hutch or some quails in a cage to add an exotic touch.

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Tee Up for Mental Health – Gippsland

Traralgon Golf Club recently hosted the annual Tee Up for Mental Health fundraiser, with more than 180 local golfers taking part to support Lifeline Gippsland and the Rotary Club of Traralgon.

The event, in partnership with ACSO, continues to grow each year, with this year raising \$30,000, surpassing last year's total of \$25,000. Funds will support

youth initiatives locally through Rotary, as well as Lifeline Gippsland's crisis support services, including the 13 11 14 national crisis line and regional suicide prevention programs.

"Events like this help raise awareness about mental health and the simple steps we can all take to reduce stigma around seeking help," said Lifeline Gippsland CEO, Cindy Puller.

Alongside the usual 18-hole experience, golfers

enjoyed creative challenges, including a putting challenge on water and a \$10,000 hole-in-one on Hole 6. The day was made possible thanks to the dedication of the event committee, particularly the incredible team at ACSO, volunteers, and local community groups.

The final tally was \$30K which was shared equally with Lifeline and Traralgon Rotary to support mental health programs in the community.





Remembrance Day

We pause to honour the courage, sacrifice, and service of the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country in times of war, conflict, and peace.

As we wear the poppy and observe a moment of silence, we remember not only those who gave their lives, but also the families and communities forever changed by their loss.

May we carry forward their legacy with gratitude, reflection, and a commitment to peace.

Lest we forget



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CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT CHURCHILL 2025

Hello to our Churchill and district community.

Carols by Candlelight will be held again this year, back at the Co-Operating Churches, 1 Williams Ave. from 5.30 pm with the Lions BBQ.

We are trying something different this year. After the Lions have given us one of their delicious sausages in bread with onions and sauce, for a gold coin donation, the program will start at 6 pm with a designated children's time. This will include singing, a Your

Tube Christmas Story video and Santa's arrival on the fire truck. Then if parents wish, they can leave or stay to hear more about the reason for the season. There will be lots of singing of carols, a play and readings of the Christmas story and prayers.

All are welcome. We will take up a collection for the FedUni Chaplaincy. Carols booklets and candles will be available. It will be inside the church. Come along and celebrate and help welcome the Christmas season.

Jesus is the true reason for the season.

Come share the joy, love and hope that Jesus brings.

Saturday 6th December 5.30pm
Co-Operating Churches of Churchill, 1 Williams Ave

5.30 pm BBQ (Gold Coin donation)
6–6.45 pm Children's programme
6.45pm Santa arrives
7–9 pm All age carols programme
Featuring:
* The Coal Valley Male Chorus,
* A fun new Christmas drama in between the carol singing.

Carols books and glow candles will be available at the venue. A collection will be taken up for Fed Uni Chaplaincy



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COME AND WELCOME IN
THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group



By J. Duncan

Our Landcare Group has just found out that our 2025 funding application to buy acoustic bat monitors to find where our local micro-bats occur, was successful. This is a Victorian Landcare Grant. Our funding will also allow us to run at least one more bat workshop similar to the one we offered to the community last autumn.

To progress our bat monitoring project, we will have a new activity for any willing volunteers. This one can be done in your own time and in your home if you have access to a computer. We hope to find a group of volunteers willing to learn how to use the software programs that come with the acoustic recording devices so that we can de-code the signals that they record.

We need to start soon with this. If we can get people skilled up enough to use the real-time monitor in time for our next workshop in March, twice as many people will be able to attend the planned workshop.

The point of studying our local microbats is to look for ways to keep the population thriving. Bats can do so much.

They protect human health by eating huge quantities of mosquitoes every night; bats in farms and gardens can do the work of chemical pesticides - and at no cost!

Also, the fishing bats (Large-footed Myotis) that we found here this year are the only predator of the pest Gambusia (Mosquito fish) that threatens some of our small native fishes.

Thanks to the Fraser Coast Microbats Group for some of this information. They maintain a terrific website called 'All About Bats' which is well worth a look.

<https://www.allaboutbats.org.au/>

Other recent news is that we have now washed our pots ready for planting next year. We did this at our annual scrub-a-thon in the lovely surrounds of the Jeeralang North Hall. It is a good chance for us to catch up with others in the group and to marvel at how quickly a team of people working together can get a job done.

By the time this is published, we will have held our stall at the Yinnar Memorial Hall Community Market for the last time. We have been at the market for many years now, and it has been a great place to talk with people, give out information and sell some of our surplus plants.

I am sure we are not the only organisation that would like to express our thanks to the hall committee for working so hard to organise this enjoyable event over many years. We are sure that if you could have kept it going, you would have.

In early September, another interesting opportunity for group members was to join people from the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust on a bus trip around the Hazelwood Mine Site.

Those who went were able to get an idea of how our local landscape might look once mine rehabilitation is completed. Thanks to the Cemetery Trust and Engie for this invitation.

November is when we need to get our seeds planted for next year's re-vegetation projects.

If anyone is planning a project and needs plants, this is the time to order them from our local native nurseries or talk with us



about smaller quantities that we might be able to grow for you.

We are currently assembling a guide to help people choose the local plant species that suit their position in the landscape. If the planets line up between the time of writing and the Yinnar Market, we will be trying it out then.

Citizen Science can tell us a lot about our local environment

'The spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the birdies is....'

Well, the Great Aussie Bird Count from October 20-26 will have had a red hot go at answering that question. More than four million birds had been counted by the second last day. Some of us joined in, and surveyed local sites.

There are more opportunities to get involved with citizen science in November.

Until November 16 it will be FrogID Week run by the Australian National Museum. You download the FrogID map and record frogs calling. The app will guess what you might be hearing, and a human will review this and send you a result later. <http://frogid.net.au/frog-id-week>

Also until November 16 we have Australian Pollinator Week where you are encouraged to watch a flowering plant and see

how many different types of insects land in a small area over a few minutes. It can be really interesting to see what you get. <https://www.australianpollinatorweek.org.au/>

If you missed that one, you may want to join the Australian Bug Hunt between November 17 and 23. Unfortunately the organisers are using the term Bug in a more American sense to mean any type of insect. (For Pollinator Count the week before it was useful to understand that bugs are a particular type of insect. They are a bit like a beetle, but do not have hard wings.) Never mind. This activity wants you to photograph any backyard insects or invertebrates and post your photos to their iNaturalist address.

It could be a lot of fun. Insects, or bugs if you will, need all the help they can get with an apparent worldwide sharp decline in their populations. <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/bug-hunt-australia>

There is one more that we have more time to prepare for and might celebrate. How about International Bat Appreciation Day which will be on April 17 in 2026?

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group
<https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/westgippsland/yinnar-south/>

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MATHISON PARK - UPCOMING CLOSURES

Mathison Park in Churchill is getting a makeover!

Before the work begins, parts of the park will be closed for pre-construction works from November 2025. Work includes removing current equipment, removal of aging signage and park furniture and removing required vegetation.

The playground area will be closed from January 2026 - mid 2026 for the construction of an Adventure Playground.

Thanks for your patience while we update the Park!

Scan the QR code for more information, or visit:
www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Mathison_Park

This project has been supported by the Victorian Government through the Better Parks and Playground Program.

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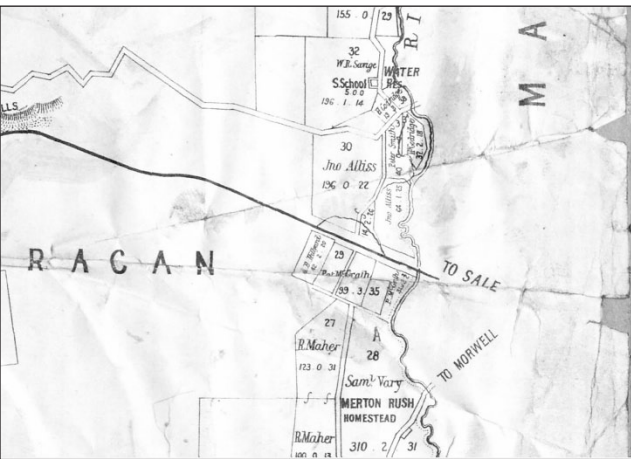
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Hazelwood Cemetery



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

After a lifetime living in Morwell, one's curiosity was piqued by being asked where was Alliss Street, Morwell? My curiosity was sparked and further research revealed more information.

A sign was eventually located, albeit a Google map shows it as "Crinigan Rd W" - that is, Crinigan Road West.

Anyway, Marion and John Alliss were early pioneers, selecting their farm land at Morwell Bridge. An accompanying map shows the proximity of their farm to other neighbours. Their son, George Sharp Alliss was killed in action while serving in France with the AIF 59th

Infantry Battalion in the Winter Offensive - winter of 1916/1917.

George died from gunshot wounds to his chest and thigh on Sunday July 23, 1916. Aged 39 years, George was wrenched from his loving family - J. Alliss (Norseman, W. A.), Mrs T. Wolfenden (Traralgon), Mrs W. R. and Mrs Fred Savage (of Moe, and named as his next - of - kin), and Mrs J. P. Kaye (Morwell Bridge).

There are descriptions of Flers/Guendecourt, where fighting occurred - "The mud was appalling, trapping men and foiling the planned assembly in

No-Man's Land. It got worse quickly. The mud was horrendous, limiting their capacity to move across the battlefield in the face

of enemy small arms and supporting fire. When they got to the enemy parapet, they were exhausted. Small groups of grimly determined men made it into some of the German positions and inflicted casualties, but repeating the theme of 1916, they couldn't hold their gains and were forced to retire. Nothing had been gained for over 170 casualties".

George enlisted at age 38 years and 8 months, naming his profession as a "labourer." He was buried in the Bailluel Communal Cemetery on the same day of his passing. Mrs Fred Savage was sent his belongings; "his identity" they called it - identity disc, belt, note book, chain and watch and hat.

In September 1916, The Morwell Advertiser published two separate tributes to George:

"O what a moral lesson our gallant hero taught.

He knew the danger in his path, enlisted and he fought.

In a foreign land he's sleeping.

One of the dearest and best.

And:

Midst the clash of fierce battle

And the roar of shot and shell,

George, while fighting for his country,

Like a gallant hero fell.

One of the best, a loving friend,

A man both kind and true,

So deeply mourned, so sadly missed,

By everyone he knew."

John Alliss died on November 8, 1887, and Marion on August 3, 1907. It is sad to note they are both in an unmarked grave.

Tucked away amongst other graves is one in which Catherine Louis Smith and her husband, William are interred. (Apparently, William was sometimes known as Will, or Bill, wherever he and Catherine were living.)

On Monday November 22, 1915 at age 44, William enlisted for service in World War 1, serving in the AIF Army Medical Corps. Born at Corindhap, he enlisted at Blackboy Hill in Western Australia, while living at Boulder. Gold was famously discovered near Boulder in 1893, sparking the Kalgoorlie gold rush.

William listed his occupation as a miner, mainly from him moving around distant parts of Australia.

The figures vary fractionally, recording Corindhap's population currently at approximately 100. Australian Bureau

of Statistics data gives the median age at 54 years. This rural village is about 35 km south of Ballarat and a few kilometres north of Rokewood. It is thought that the name was derived from an Aboriginal word which was descriptive of the place.

The village is about 300 metres east of the Frenchman's and Break O'Day gold leads, and the village was known as Break O'Day until after the mid-1860s. (Prior to then Corindhap was the name of the parish.) Gold was discovered in 1856-57, the most southerly of a series of mining areas stretching from Ballarat.

Within less than 20 years, gold mining had pretty much fallen off, but a large area of land had been selected for farms.

Blackboy Hill refers to a hill and former World War I training camp in Greenmount, Western Australia, the birthplace of the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) in the state. It was used to train over 32,000 men for active service, and the site is now a commemorative area. The name "Blackboy Hill" comes from the Western Australian grass trees, or "blackboys". The main camp meal was stew.

It is approximately 600 kms between Blackboy Hill and Boulder - Kalgoorlie. Discovery of gold gave rise to the famous Golden Mile. William enlisted at the Blackboy Hill training camp.

His service took him to England and France before returning to Australia on March 12, 1918. William's service is recorded on the Boulder Roll of Honour.

After returning to Australia, and with at least four dependent children, Catherine and William decided Gippsland was their new home. William died aged about 58 years,

Catherine when aged 86. Mining was his life, either side of serving in the AIF Army Medical Corps.

As sometimes mentioned

in these stories, Hazelwood Cemetery holds a wealth of personal stories - of hope, of success and, unfortunately sadness.



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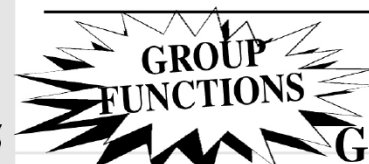
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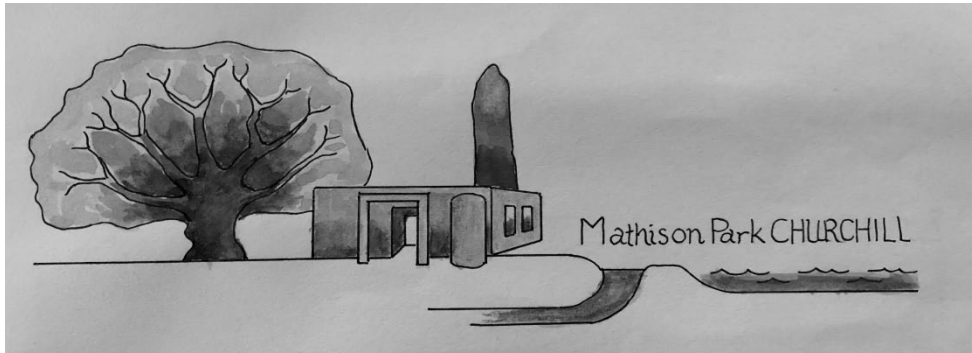
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Very good working bee

Mathison Park

A very good working bee was held at which a lot of weeding was done in our garden beds.

A fallen tree was cut up and added to the burning pile. Other branches and debris were also picked up, cleaning up areas on the east side.

Burn piles were also burnt.

Whippersnipping was done around some newly planted plants.

The Interchange crew was present over the month and helped picking up fallen branches and bark up the Tramway Road section.

You will notice in the Churchill & District News an ad from Council announcing the beginning of the establishment of the new playground in the park. Some preliminary work will be done but the park will be open at the picnic facilities and playground until next January.



The Latrobe Health Assembly continues!

When the Latrobe Health Assembly was defunded in the 2025 State Budget, many thought it was the end of the road, but the Latrobe Valley community had other ideas.

Thanks to powerful advocacy, strong partnerships and an overwhelming show of local support, the Assembly will continue; leaner, community-owned, and more determined than ever.

While the organisation will operate on a smaller scale, its' mission stays

the same: to bring people together to tackle the big health and wellbeing challenges of the Latrobe Valley such as mental health, early childhood development, chronic disease, food insecurity and social isolation.

“The work is not done here,” says Assembly Chair, Ms Tanya Rong. “Too many families still face health challenges every day, and our community deserves continued action and hope. This next chapter is about

handing the Assembly back to the people who built it; the Latrobe Valley community.”

The Department of Health has advised that a modest portion of the Assembly’s remaining budget is now permitted to be retained. This will assist the organisation in its transition toward an independent, community-owned model which will continue to drive local projects designed to make a real difference.

Stay tuned as we share information in the coming

months about this transition and find out how you can help shape the next chapter for the Latrobe Health Assembly.

Learn more or get involved at: www.healthassembly.org.au/latrobe-health-assembly-to-continue-powered-by-community-driven-by-purpose.

Health Hints

By Andy Gergis
Churchill Discount
Pharmacy

We have been hearing recently more and more these three letters RSV, what is it?

RSV, short for Respiratory Syncytial Virus, is a common virus that affects the lungs and airways. Most people get RSV at least once in their lifetime, often during childhood. For many, it causes mild cold-like symptoms — a runny nose, cough, sneezing, and sometimes a low-grade fever.

However, for babies, older adults, and people with weakened immune systems, RSV can become more serious and lead to infections such as bronchiolitis (inflammation of small airways) or pneumonia.

RSV spreads easily through coughs, sneezes, and close contact.

It can also survive for a short time on surfaces like doorknobs and toys. This is why outbreaks are common in childcare centres and during colder months.

There is no specific cure for RSV - treatment focuses on relieving symptoms. Rest, fluids, and keeping the nose clear can help. In more severe cases, especially in infants or elderly people with breathing difficulties, hospital care may be needed for oxygen or fluids.

The best protection is prevention. Regular handwashing, avoiding close contact with sick people, and cleaning commonly touched surfaces can help reduce the risk.

For babies at higher risk, such as premature infants or those with heart or lung conditions, doctors may recommend special protective injections during RSV season.

While RSV is common and usually mild, being aware of its signs - and acting early if breathing becomes difficult - can make a big difference, especially for vulnerable groups.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your doctor or pharmacist.

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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

2026 NOMINATION FORM

Nomination for: ☐ Citizen of the Year ☐ Young Citizen of the Year
☐ Young School Citizen of the Year

DETAILS OF PERSON/PERSONS/GROUP BEING NOMINATED

Full name of citizen/persons/organisation/event: _____
Contact name (if nominating organisation/event): _____
Residential address: _____ Town: _____
Postal address: _____
Suburb: _____ Post Code: _____
Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (M) _____
Email: _____
Date of birth of nominee (if nominating Young Citizen & Young School Citizen of the Year): ____/____/____

Please note that the information provided below will only be used by the Lions Club of Churchill in the selection process. If the nomination is successful in winning an Australia day award all or part of this information may be released to the media

Reason for Nomination:

Contribution/s to the community for which the person is nominated:
summarise (In 100-150 words) the reasons why your nominee should be considered.

Other significant contributions and achievements:

If you require additional space, please write on a separate sheet and attach to the form.

Community / Professional bodies / Sporting or Service Groups your nominee has been involved with:

Background information about your nominee:

Referee in support of this application (this person may be contacted for further information)

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Nominations can be lodged at any time; however, nominations for the Lions Club of Churchill & District Australia Day 2026 awards close on Tuesday 15th December 2025 at 5.00 pm.

Nominations should be addressed to:

Lions Club Secretary
Australia Day Awards
PO Box 110
Churchill Vic 3842.
or email Churchill.lionsclub@gmail.com.

For further details

The Secretary: Peter Tait
Mobile: 0421 167 918

Privacy Statement:
The 'personal' details provided for the nominee will only be used to enable the Lions Club of Churchill & District to determine Award winners and to contact the Award winners. The winners of Awards and details of their contribution to the community will be disclosed to the media.

The Strzelecki Koala



There was positive koala news in September with the announcement of a vaccine for Chlamydia by the University of the Sunshine Coast.

This vaccine will prevent the disease from causing infertility and other painful health conditions. (The Age 'Finally, some good news for koalas' by Bianca Hall September 10, 2025) Hopefully the Strzelecki koala population will be included in any vaccination program in the future.

The Strzelecki koala population of around 2000 individuals lives in the Strzelecki Ranges and spreads out from the Morwell National Park. It is the only endemic and genetically diverse koala population of koala in the state of Victoria.

The Strzelecki requires extra protections like the Queensland, New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory for it to survive.

During spring and summer the Strzelecki koala is exposed to increased danger.

Car strike and animal attack are more likely

because there is increased travel by the Strzelecki koalas. They are moving through or beyond their home ranges to breed, or like the juvenile koalas, beginning to live independently from their mothers.

We need to be more vigilant at this time when we are driving through bush areas especially between dusk and dawn.

Other ways we can help the unique Strzelecki koalas to survive are:

Be responsible pet owners.(www.sandypoint.vic.au "A Guide to Living With Koalas in Sandy Point" contains good advice.)

Have escape aids like ropes or poles in backyard pools.

Provide fresh and clean water especially on hot days.

Protect, preserve and plant Strzelecki koalas food and shelter trees like the Mountain Grey Gum, Blue Gum or Strzelecki Gum.

Let others know about the Strzelecki koala and its importance.

Join or support wildlife organisations that research or assist the Strzelecki koala,

wombat and other native animals and their habitats.

Seek assistance if you see a sick, injured or dead koala, wombat or other native animal ring Wildlife Victoria (03)84007300.

If you wish to find out more about the Strzelecki koala go to www.melbournefoe.org and the Strzelecki Koala Action Team and watch the YouTube January 28, 2021 "The Importance of the Strzelecki Koala" by Friends of the Earth Australia

Record sightings of Strzelecki koalas to anthony.amis@foe.org.au and wombats to WOMSAT.ORG.au

Write to the local Members of Parliament and ask for increased protections for the Strzelecki Koala.

Upcoming events concerning the Strzelecki Koala:

WISP Everything Koala Event at Sandy Point Saturday January 10, 2026.

Melbourne Koalathon Sunday March 29, 2026.

Strzelecki Koala Festival Saturday April 4, 2026 in Yarram.

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This annual event was held this year at the Churchill Football Netball Clubrooms in Gaskin Park. Brigade members, guests and representatives from other local brigades were present.

Steve Barling, our immediate past Captain, welcomed everyone and set out the program for the night. After a delicious meal, Steve introduced our new Captain Matt Fisher who spoke thanking members for their efforts.

Firstly he thanked partners of members for their support of members who could be called out at any time to respond.

There are members he said who work behind the scenes around the station.

Darlene and Scott who do the gardening and mowing. Graeme, Jack and Allan for all of the Fire Equipment Maintenance, hose repairs and other jobs. D'Artagnan and Ruth for their Brigades in Schools work in primary and pre-primary schools. Craig King for the smoke alarm check program. Steve Barling and Craig Griffiths are our Group representatives. Jacob for the fire plug maintenance, and Derek who has a part in all



Churchill Brigade Captain and with Merton Group Officer Steve Barling

of the above. The BBQ crew who serve at Shop Local events, Darlene and Lisa for working as secretaries and dealing with the multitude of emails which come in.

He also thanked Graham and Summer for cooking the meal and the Football Netball Club for hosting the event.

Special thanks to Alanah for organising the dinner and night.

Matt then spoke of the changes which are to happen in CFA and our brigade saying change is hard work. We ask "how do we deal with it"? Matt wants us to accept it and get involved so we go forward positively.

A big change is Steve stepping down as Captain, but we also have new officers coming in to the Brigade Management Team. The fire station is going to be

Notice



DECLARATION OF THE FIRE DANGER PERIOD

The Fire Danger Period will commence at 1am on Monday 27th October 2025 for the Latrobe City Council Municipality

CFA's Chief Officer has advised that the Fire Danger Period for the Latrobe City Council area will commence at 1am on Monday 27 October 2025.

CFA declares the Fire Danger Period at the onset of warmer weather when fires in the open air are legally restricted.

This is to help prevent fires from starting as dry vegetation and hot weather increase the incidence of fires accidentally starting and spreading.

Certain restrictions on the lighting of fires are in force during the Fire Danger Period.

The CFA website provides information on what people can and can't do during the declared Fire Danger Period and days of Total Fire Ban.

Residents who suspect illegal burning off during the declared fire danger period should report it to the Police on Triple Zero (000).

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Fire Brigade

Presentation Night

renovated in 2026 to what we consider a good layout for future use. Through our recruitment drive we have eight new members, four of each gender. Some of those have signed up due to our recent acceptance of being asked to participate in a program called Fire Medical Response, which will be implemented after substantial training, around mid 2026.

Matt finished by saying that he was honoured to have been elected Captain. He then raised a toast to CFA.

The brigade awards were then presented.

Service medals were presented by Merton Group Officer Steven Barling representing CFA District 27 to:

- 15 year service medal**
Mandy Dempsey (absent)
- 25 year service medal**
Craig Griffiths, Ruth Place and Graeme Renwick
- 30 year service medal**
Scott Randall (absent)
- 35 year service medal**
Matt Fisher

BRIGADE AWARDS
Captain Matt Fisher made a special mention of families where children had joined after their parents had been members. He said our awards were a privilege to receive in recognition of

service.

Firefighter of the Year and Darren McLean Memorial Trophy (presented by Captain Matt Fisher)

– Craig Griffiths
Recognition award (presented by Lt Steve Shankland)

– Craig King
Captain's Trophy (presented by Ex-Captain Steven Barling)

– Graeme Renwick
Graeme received the award in recognition for his tireless work undertaking Fire Extinguisher Maintenance and his work on managing hose repairs for all brigades across District 27. Graeme responded and thanked the brigade for the appreciation of the work that is undertaken, but he stressed it was a team effort.

Declared Fire Danger Period

The Fire Danger Period for Latrobe City commenced on Monday October 27, 2025. This means that there are no fires permitted in the open air without a written permit, along with most activities with the potential to generate sparks.

While CFA does everything it can, we also look to the community to use common sense and take responsibility for preventing fires.



Captain Matt Fisher (right) with awardees from left: Craig King, Ruth Place, Craig Griffiths, Graeme Renwick

Churchill Fire Brigade Captain Matt Fisher said that residents could find information about what is and is not permitted during the Fire Danger Period by visiting cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can or by calling 1800 226 226.

A written permit is required to burn off grass, undergrowth, weeds or other vegetation during the Fire Danger Period. This permit may be issued by the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer or the CFA District 27 Office.

Please check with your municipality in the first instance.

Lighting a fire in the

open without a permit is an offence and can bring a penalty of over \$17,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment. Barbeques and fires for cooking and warmth do not require a permit, but must be lit in properly constructed fireplaces (to view complete conditions visit cfa.vic.gov.au/can)

Use of incinerators, chainsaw/lawn mowers, welding/grinding equipment and vehicles that come in contact with vegetation and machinery with an internal combustion/heat

engine is permitted provided conditions are followed.

Farmers can find legal guidelines and practical advice at cfa.vic.gov.au/farming – important especially for new farmers, bush block owners or hobby farmers.

A Total Fire Ban declaration means no fires can be lit for the declared district for that day unless there is a specific exemption or special permit issued. This applies irrespective of the Fire Restriction status for a given municipality. Further details at cfa.vic.gov.au/can



Craig Griffiths and his awards



Captain Matt Fisher receives his award from Group Officer Steve Barling



Craig Griffiths being presented his award by Captain Matt Fisher



Craig King receives his award from 1st Lieutenant Steve Shankland

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* Meet and Greet
* Purchases and Signings

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

Friends of Morwell National Park

October Activity Report

For this month we had two activities. The first was the annual Koala Count. Our group was joined by ten community members keen to find koalas. As the group met in the Kerry Road picnic area, Caitilin welcomed everybody and provided the necessary safety information. The walkers were asked to make decisions about which track they wanted to undertake.

Peter drove Tamara and Caitilin to Jumbuk Road so they could do some bush bashing along the Jumbuk Road track. Gordon, Darren and two community members walked around Stringybark track while Ken, Olga and the other eight community members walked around Fosters Gully Track. Some walkers went towards Fosters Gully so that they could complete two different walks over the day.

The first group to return to the picnic area was the group from Stringybark Track. They had seen three koalas and heard another and spotted another two koalas from the picnic area while waiting for the other groups to return. Tamara and Caitilin

returned next from their scramble down the hill. They saw three adult koalas with one koala holding a baby joey.

The last group to return was the Foster Gully group which made slow and careful progress while Ken gave them many tales about the plants and animals observed around Fosters Gully. The overall koala count across the three tracks was:

Track	Number of koalas
Fosters Gully	5 koalas
Stringybark Track	3 koalas
Jumbuk Road Track	4 koalas
Total	- 12 koalas and three additional koalas heard

Over lunch the group caught up on the news from over the last month.

The long-awaited information signs have been produced, but an installation date is yet to be set. Hopefully it will be before Christmas. This year.

With the bridge replacements and repairs along Billys Creek, the contractors have been appointed and a timeline established. The Junction Road car park will be resurfaced, and more rocks will be put into the creek

crossings to improve vehicle access.

Works will commence on Friday November 28, and conclude on Thursday February 26. During this time, the Billys Creek part of the park will be closed. It is not clear at this stage if the park will reopen from late December to mid-January when the contractors are on a break.

Latrobe City Council is seeking community feedback to help shape their upcoming Nature Plan. For more information and to participate in their survey, go to: <https://yoursay.latrobe.vic.gov.au/nature-plan>.

After a quick lunch for some of the walkers it was time to undertake an orchid walk around Stringybark Track. For the orchid walk we had three from our group along with eight community walkers. Five of these doubled up after the morning walk and three people came in just for this afternoon walk.

The list of the orchid species we saw during our Orchid Walk was: Mountain Greenhood (*Pterostylis alpina*), Maroonhood (*Pterostylis pedunculata*), Common Bird Orchid (*Chiloglottis valida*), Waxlip Orchid (*Glossodia major*), Eastern Bronze Caladenia (*Caladenia transitoria*), Pink Fingers (*Caladenia carnea*), Large Duck Orchids (*Caleana major*) in bud, Sun-orchids (*Thelymitra* sp.) in bud, Helmet Orchid (*Corybas* sp.) leaves

Thank you to Tamara and Caitilin for the photos and orchid list included in this newsletter.

November Activity

Sunday November 19, 10.00am

The group will meet in the Kerry Road car park to undertake a pollinators survey and nature walk and separately a few will complete the Butterfly Orchid Survey. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.



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What do you know?

Here are the answers to last month's challenge:

- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| 1. Basil. | 4. Batter |
| 2. Basmati. | 5. Clarify. |
| 3. Baste. | 6. Coagulate. |



Here is my challenge for you this month:

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. These letters remixed spell two different fruits - ENOSLM? | 4. Standard measure of strength of alcohol? |
| 2. Pungent or aromatic dried vegetables used as seasonings? | 5. To preserve meat or fish by hanging in smoke or by salting or drying? |
| 3. To coat food with a generous sprinkling of flour before coating? | 6. To stir a mixture vigorously? |

Barbequed chicken with chermoula rub



This chicken dish is so summer and could be just the thing for Christmas. The chicken can be cooked on a barbeque or in your oven, either way it is up to you.

Ingredients
1 x 1.6 kg large chicken, cut in half and flattened (I flatten the chicken with a rolling pin), 1 lemon cut into quarters.
Chermoula Rub - 1/2 bunch of coriander, chopped, 1/2 bunch of flat leafed parsley leaves chopped, 3 tbs of minced garlic, 1 tsp of sweet paprika, 1 tbs of minced ginger, 1 tsp of ground cumin, 1 tsp of ground coriander, 150ml of rice bran oil, juice of 1 lemon, 1 tsp of salt.
First let's prepare the chermoula: Mix all the ingredients in a medium bowl until well combined. Massage the chermoula all over the chicken and leave to marinate for an hour. If using your barbeque, preheat it to its hottest setting, or preheat your oven to 220 deg C. and line an oven proof dish with a light spray of cooking spray. Cook the chicken skin side down for 15 minutes, then turn it over and cook for another 15 minutes or until cooked through (test with a skewer inserted into the drumstick). If the skewer comes out warm, remove the chicken onto a serving plate and serve with lemon wedges.

WELCOMING SUMMER

Honey pork with vegetables



Ingredients
375gm pork fillet, sliced into thin strips, 4 tbs of honey, 60ml of Worcestershire sauce, 15gm of butter/ marg, 2 zucchini, cut into thin strips, 1 cucumber cut into thin strips, 1 red capsicum cut into thin strips, 1tsp of sesame seeds.
Combine the pork, honey and Worcestershire sauce in a medium bowl. Mix well to combine, marinate for 20 minutes. Drain, reserving marinade.
Melt the butter/ marg in a frying pan over a medium heat. Add reserved marinade, cook stirring until marinade thickens. Add the sliced pork strips and stir fry until pork is tender.
Arrange the zucchini, cucumber and capsicum strips between serving plates. Top with the pork mixture. Sprinkle with sesame seeds to serve along with steamed mixed grain/ rice.

Ricotta and sultana cheesecake



Ingredients:
500gm of ricotta cheese, 1 tbs of lemon juice, 2 tbs of vanilla extract, 100gm of castor sugar, 3 eggs lightly beaten, 1 tsp of ground cinnamon, 250ml of cream, 170gm of sultanas, icing sugar for dusting.
A favourite of my husband Ken, on what would have been his 73rd birthday today. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C.
Grease and line a 23cm / 9" round springform pan.
Combine the ricotta cheese, lemon juice, vanilla extract and sugar in your food processor.
Process until smooth. With the processor still running add the beaten eggs and cinnamon.
Process for 1 minute. Transfer the mixture to a large bowl and stir in the sultanas and cream. Mix well. pour the mixture into the prepared pan.
Bake in the preheated oven for 1 hour or until cooked through, check with a skewer.
Let stand in the pan for 10 minutes before removing to a serving plate to cool completely.
Prior to serving dust with icing sugar.

Savoury avocado and lemon muffins



Avocados contain essential oils, vitamins and minerals which are so beneficial for our body's nervous system.

Ingredients
2 medium avocados, peeled and roughly chopped, 1 tsp of lemon juice, 350gm of plain flour, pinch of salt, 1 tbs of baking powder, 2 lightly beaten eggs, 225ml of milk, 4 tbs of rice bran oil, 4 tbs of butter/ marg, melted, 1 and 1/2 tbs of lemon zest, 1 tsp of cracked black pepper.
Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Lightly grease a 12 hole muffin pan. Place the avocado in a bowl with the lemon juice and crush lightly with a fork, set aside. In a medium bowl mix the flour, baking powder and salt. Beat the remaining ingredients in the bowl of your mixer. Add this mixture to the flour mixture, stirring until nearly combined. Finally fold in the avocado mixture, do not overmix. Spoon the mixture into the prepared muffin pan. Bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes or until the muffin tops are springy when touched. Remove from the oven and leave to cool in the muffin pan for 5 minutes. Now remove the muffins to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container, these freeze well.

Chocolate mint fudge



Ingredients
300gm of 70% cocoa chocolate, 60ml of cream, 105gm of maple syrup, 80 gm of white chocolate, 1 tsp of mint essence.
Place the chocolates, cream, maple syrup in a small saucepan and over a medium heat, stir until melted. Add the peppermint essence and stir through. Pour the mixture into a 23cm x 23cm dish lined with baking paper and set overnight in your refrigerator. Then cut into squares. Just before serving lightly sprinkle with sea salt (optional).

Garden Path Kitchen Door

Churchill & District News will be launching a new collection of my favourite recipes, hints and tips to create tasty dishes all year round. The book is called 'Garden Path Kitchen Door', incorporating the food associated with our seasons. It is best to use fruit and vegetables in season when the flavours are at their best. Tomatoes are available all year round, but the tastiest and juiciest are those ripened under the summer sun. Many of the recipes in Garden Path Kitchen Door are simple and quick to prepare, ideal for our busy lifestyles. All recipes are simply presented so you can easily see what you need and how to prepare the dish. Never be afraid to try out new ideas of your own especially using ingredients that you have grown or are readily available in season. 'Garden Path Kitchen Door' will be launched at Churchill Pizza HQ on Saturday November 29, 9.30 am to 11.30 am. There will be door prizes and giveaways. Gippsland F.M 104.7, will also be joining us as the launch of 'Garden Path Kitchen Door' coincides with the 60th year celebration of Churchill & District News in print. *Hope you can come and join us.*

Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: Prostanthera aspalathoides.

Family: Lamiaceae.

Derivation:

Prostanthera: From the Greek prostheke, meaning an appendage, and anthos, meaning a flower, referring to the small appendages on the anthers.

aspalathoides; Named after the genus Aspalathus (southern African peas known as Cape Gorses) with the suffix -oides, meaning like or resembling. So they apparently resemble a South

African pea?

Name: Scarlet Mintbush.

Distribution:

Usually associated with mallee vegetation in the drier areas of Queensland, NSW, Victoria and South Australia.

Description:

A dwarf shrub to 1m tall and broad, with many ascending branches. Leaves are linear-oblong to obovate, to 1cm long and 1mm wide, crowded along the stems, mid to deep green, glandular, hairy, margins entire, apex blunt and strongly aromatic. 2cm long flowers occur from

mid-winter to early summer in the upper leaf axils and can be red, pink, orange, apricot or yellowish, profuse and conspicuous.

Opinion:

This one needs excellent drainage and plenty of sun, both of which are a problem in Boolarra, so much so that I'd recommend large pots or tubs to keep it alive long enough to flower. Even then, getting them to over-winter can be a trial! I've had a number of these over the years, both red and yellow forms and they are a pain to maintain. My current specimen is in a waterwell tub in the front yard, but is still probably too shaded for its liking. It has not died completely yet, but it has died back about a third and certainly does not look happy nor appealing. They are not hard to propagate from cuttings, so the nursery industry likes them and you should not have trouble tracking one down if you want to give it a go, even Bunnings should have them.

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 8.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

4BBB Stableford – Grand Final Fun Day Saturday October 4, 2025.

Winners: I. Fortune/P. Junker 46 pts

Runners Up: G. Barnes/C. Waring 40 pts D.T.L: 1. D. Taylor/G. Spowart 39, 2. B. Mathieson/P. Chapple 38, 3. P. Jordan/A. Auld 38, 4. R. Davidson/R. Able 37 C/B N.T.P: 3rd I. Fortune (Propin), 12th J. Welsh Birdies: 3rd I. Fortune

Target Hole – G. Barnes Monthly Medal Stroke Tuesday October 7, 2025.

Medal Winner: V. Reid 75 nett Scratch Winner: M. Dear 99 D.T.L: M. Dear 78 nett Putts: V. Reid 26 N.T.P: 3rd L. Van Rooy, 5th S. Caldwell, 12th M. Dear, 14th L. Van Rooy

4 Person Ambrose Saturday October 11, 2025.

Winners: L. Bevis/C. Gilfillan/D. Byers/ T. Webb 63.125 Nett

D.T.L: 1. P. Smart/G. Maddocks/C. Wilson/ R. Madigan 64.75 Nett, 2. W. Sutton/ R. Welsh/A. Sharrock/B. Rowley Nett 65.25, 3. J. Balding/T. Bennett/C. Waring/ D. Burridge 66 Nett

Stableford Tuesday October 14, 2025.

Winner: C. Stevens 38 pts D.T.L: J. Clegg 28 pts N.T.P: 3rd L. Brent, 5th J. Clegg, 12th C. Barnes, 14th M. McQuillan

Stableford Saturday October 18, 2025.

A Grade Winner: J. Cahill 38 pts B Grade Winner: S. Sanders 41 pts

C Grade Winner: T. Bennet 34 pts D.T.L: 1. G. Sanders 38, 2. C. Gifillan 36, 3. A. Auld 36, 4. A. Sharrock 35, 5. I. Fortune 35, 6. A. Jenkins 35, 7. C. Hogbin 35, 8. C. Sterrick 34, 9. R. Sands 33. N.T.P: 3rd S. Sanders (Propin), 5th J. Cahill, 12th T. Webb, 14th B. Skinner Birdies: 3rd B. Skinner, 12th G. Sanders, T. Webb, 14th T. Webb

3BBB Tuesday October 21, 2025.

Winners: S. Caldwell/K. Del Piccolo/ C. Cunningham 43 pts

N.T.P: 3rd S. Caldwell, 5th M. McQuillan, 12th S. Caldwell, 14th C. Barnes

Men's Monthly Medal (Stroke) Saturday October 25, 2025.

Monthly Medal Winner: P. Kearns 64 Nett Scratch Winner: T. Webb 79

Putts: J. Sanders (Snr) 23 A Grade Winner: P. Kearns 64 Nett

B Grade Winner: C. Sterrick 67 Nett C Grade Winner: K. Del Piccolo 69 Nett

D.T.L: 1. V. Monument 70, 2. P. Flanigan 70, 3. I. Fortune 70, 4. R. Davidson 71, 5. A. Auld 72, 6. C. Stevens 72, 7. T. Webb 73, 8. P. Smart 74, 9. M. Brereton 74 c/b N.T.P: 3rd P. Smart, 12th R. Dent (Propin)

Birdies: 3rd P. Smart, P. Kearns, 12th V. Monument Target Hole – P. Jordan Stableford Tuesday October 28, 2025.

Winner: L. Van Rooy 35 pts D.T.L: 1. K. Del Piccolo 28 pts, 2. S. Caldwell 28 pts c/b N.T.P: 3rd S. Caldwell, 5th S. Caldwell, 12th L. Van Rooy



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Plastic Film and Bubble Wrap

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Next Meeting - 7.00 pm Thursday, December 11, 2025
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GPAC-Queen Forever

In 2026, Queen Forever celebrates 20 years of electrifying live performances

Saturday February 14, 7.30pm

GPAC Main Theatre , \$75

From Gareth Hill's spine-tingling portrayal of Freddie Mercury to Scott Bastian's

soaring Brian May guitar solos, Brad Hodgkinson's thunderous drumming, Darryn McLaughlin's flawless bass lines, and Danny Oakhill's sweeping keyboards, Queen Forever recreate the power, drama, and brilliance of Queen in their prime.

Queen Forever has built

their reputation as hands down the most entertaining Queen tribute in the world, thrilling audiences with their unmatched live performances and showmanship. Their shows do not just entertain, they unite audiences in a shared celebration of music that defined generations.



Latrobe Community Health Service

Latrobe Community Health Service is updating facilities at our Churchill site to better meet local needs. It will soon become a hub for child and paediatric services, responding to growing community need for these services.

Dr Buras has been leasing two rooms to run his private practice from within our Churchill site. However, to make space for our expanded paediatric services, in August we informed Dr Buras that his two rooms would be needed for our

expanded services, and so his leasing arrangement with us will end from November 15.

Because patient records are held by Dr Buras, it is his obligation to communicate with patients.

Even though his patients come to our LCHS building, privacy requirements mean LCHS cannot initiate individual patient communication about his future plans.

LCHS has offered support to Dr Buras to find an alternative location for his practice, and to help

communicate any new location to his patients. Dr Buras has not taken up our offer of support at this time. We appreciate the longstanding relationship with Dr. Buras and acknowledge the importance of continuity of care for his patients

We are committed to providing high-quality, accessible health services and look forward to welcoming families to our expanded paediatric space soon.

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Soup van started Friday January 17

6.00 pm at White Parade reserve

6.30 pm at Illawonga Court

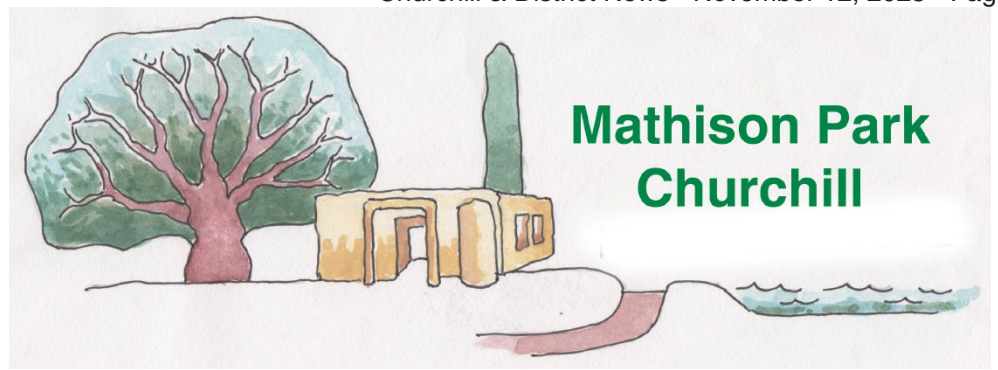
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Disc Golf to be a feature at Mathison Park

Latrobe City Council is pleased to announce that construction of a new 18-hole Disc Golf Course at Mathison Park, Churchill has commenced.

This exciting project, funded by VicHealth, aims to provide a new and inclusive recreational opportunity for residents and visitors, encouraging active lifestyles and greater community use of one of Churchill's much-loved open spaces.

To celebrate the completion and launch of the course, we warmly invite you to attend a free community event:

Friday, 28 November 2025

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Mathison Park, Churchill

The event will feature a range of family-friendly activities, including:

- A free community BBQ
- Free face painting
- Fun activations and opportunities to try disc golf

We encourage you to join us in celebrating this exciting new addition to our community and to experience the sport of disc golf first-hand



Gippsland New Energy Conference

From Tuesday 9 – Thursday 11 September 2025, Latrobe City Council hosted the Gippsland New Energy Conference (GNEC) for the second year in a row, at the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre.

The event featured keynote speakers, industry panels, community sessions, and site tours of local renewable energy projects. Delegates explored

key themes including offshore wind, hydrogen, workforce development, and regional investment.

The conference attracted 1,000 attendees from across Australia and internationally, including all offshore wind companies, major manufacturers, and delegations from the British Consulate and the Norwegian Business Association, delivering a major

boost to local businesses and shining a national spotlight on Latrobe City's energy potential.

Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Dale Harriman said the event was a huge success and showcased Latrobe City's reputation as a leading hub for new energy in Australia.

"The economic impact of GNEC was immediate - local hotels were fully booked, and

thousands of dollars flowed into the local economy. Latrobe City and wider Gippsland were profiled across radio, television, national print, and social media as the centre of Australia's new energy future," said the Mayor.

"With over 200 speakers and 65 sessions, the event brought together industry, government, universities, and community groups.

"GNEC helped to facilitate business connections, provided targeted education, supported business transformation, enhanced regional capability and attracted investment.

"We have heard that the conference provided a valuable opportunity to connect organisations like VicGrid with local businesses, opening doors for future partnerships across the region. VicGrid's Industry

Capability Network (ICN) Gateway page received 219 Expressions of Interest from local businesses within just 24 hours."

The event saw 1,373 local bed nights with an economic impact of \$771,659 and a Return on Investment of \$38 to every \$1 spent.

Council will again host Gippsland New Energy Conference in 2026 and 2027.



A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



By Leo Billington

Local history with beards attached

In 19th century Australia, railway leagues were formed to lobby governments for construction of railways focussed on carrying produce to cities and ports.

On Friday morning September 2, 1910, about 20 representatives of five railway leagues in the Mirboo North and Bulga districts attended a meeting with Mr Alfred Arthur Billson in his Melbourne ministerial office. Mr Billson was the Minister of Railways, accompanied by colleagues, Mr Thomas Livingston MLA and Mr John M'Whae MLC.

There were two key reasons for this meeting on this date - to extract a promise from Mr Billson for the extension of the Mirboo North railway line to Balook, in the Bulga district, and then attend the final day of the Royal Melbourne Show. A record attendance for this final day was 55,000 people.

Pressure to have an extension to Balook never produced any positive results. But what apparently appealed to the Morwell Advertiser journalist at the time, was the "score of bearded farmers and settlers" who attended that meeting.

We must wonder about "bearded farmers and settlers." Were they different from "ordinary farmers and settlers? Were they an odd bunch who looked untidy; did they look threatening; did beards keep some warm during a cold Gippsland winter; did beards show masculinity; did beards show superiority; was there a shortage of steel to manufacture razors; were they just too lazy to shave; did their beards hide food from previous meals, yet still available for the next meal - questions galore, and there could be more.

Beards, and moustaches, stand singularly proud in old photographs. Let us have a look.

Mr Billson's biographical notes say "A sturdy, jovial figure with handlebar moustache." Twitched at either end, his photograph shows pride and masterful command of his facial hair. Likewise for Mr Livingston and Mr M'Whae. However, theirs were not beards - perhaps neatness and tidiness in high office was required.

It is noted that Charles Darwin even believed that beards were a symbol of power used to attract women, and he tried to prove that bearded men are better

at procreating. At other times in history, beards were considered unclean, even inappropriate.

Writers of social history believe towards the end of the 19th century, men embraced a fuller, and sometimes unkempt look when it came to their facial hair.

The accompanying photograph has been used countless of times - showing five local Morwell citizens seated outside a Commercial Road hairdressing saloon. John Caddaye, John Beaver Jones, John Flewin and Joe Buckley display their facial adornments. Being a portly person, Joe's white beard may indicate masculinity, whereas John Caddaye perhaps not. Actually, Joe was a Morwell Shire councillor for 17 years, and his full white beard perhaps symbolises his social position.

Another well used photograph shows Mr and Mrs Henry Godridge and three of their six children. Henry proudly sits, telling the photographer how to portray his masculine role; and with beard as well.

There are other examples of beards seemingly displaying strength within their local community. Mr George Bolding, who died in 1910, was a "mover and shaker" in the fledgling Hazelwood North community. William Tulloch, 1849 - 1919, soon became prominent with his building activities - hotel and residential - alongside a wide range of small businesses and spending time and money to establish the Great Morwell Brown Coal Mine.

After his arrival in the Morwell area, Robert Porter, 1839 - 1926, rose to prominence through his farming pursuits on a large tract of land immediately south of the then small township. Walter Edney J.P, 1838 - 1904, was active in local affairs. He was elected a member of the first Buln Buln Shire Council, and filled the presidential chair on two occasions. He was a justice of the peace for nearly thirty years and sat regularly upon the local Bench. He was a guardian of the local Church of England, and frequently conducted services in the church. He was also a member of the committee of Traralgon Agricultural Society, and other community groups, particularly with cricket.

Beards and more beards, there are many more displayed upon our early community dignitaries.

However, moustaches "squealed out" for attention.

Captain John Hall's impact on Morwell's commercial centre and various community activities is well documented. Records tell us he was an upright proud person, keen to expand his business interests - and his luxurious handlebar moustache underscored his success. However to a point in his life as it is recorded Captain John Hall later fell on hard (financial) times.

Early Morwell businessman, Mr Thomas Kleine produced a droopy moustache as did highly popular citizen, John Barton Hoyle. It could be said John's spectacles made him look more like a school teacher or a family doctor.

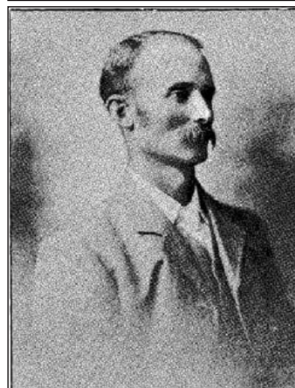
Glancing back to Mr Billson, a really "clean cut facial appearance" was preferred, but with small handlebars. Mr Thomas Livingston MLA sported a "wrap round" and Mr John M'Whae's dainty moustache fitted his round face. Local MLA between 1938 and 1952, during which he held 12 different ministries, Herbert John Thornhill Hyland's friendly trilby hat was enough to signify his importance to country folk.

Another example establishing personal prominence, two Morwell Shire Councillors, Martin Walker and D J White are easily recognisable in photographs.

The question remains for local history enthusiasts; did beards (and sumptuous moustaches) show masculinity; did these adornments show superiority?



Edw. S. Ball Cambridge
MR. GEORGE BOLDING.



Johnstone, O'Shannessy and Co. Melb.
MR. THOMAS KLEINE.



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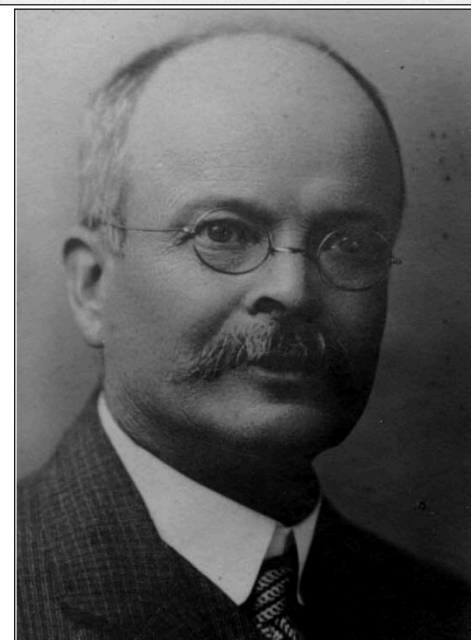
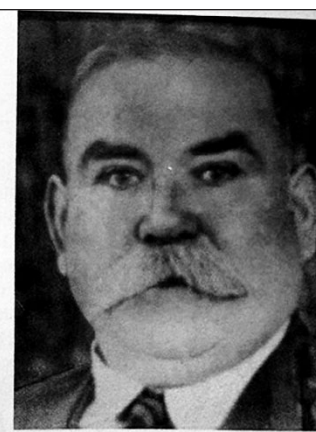
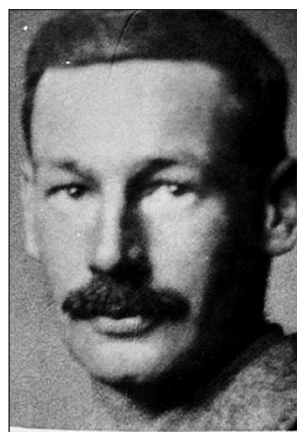


The Falk Studios Sydney
CAPTAIN JOHN HALL.



I-r John Caddaye, JB Jones, John Flewin, Sam Cooper and Joe Buckley.

This photo was taken outside a Hairdressing Salon in Commercial Road, Morwell. "Snowy" Maxfield sold his hairdressing salon to Tom Twomey in March 1924. The Society knows that Flewin died in 1926 but we do not know when the photo was taken and we don't know if the business was owned by Maxfield or Twomey at this time.



John Barton Hoyle (1860-1921)



Johnstone, O'Shannessy and Co. Melb.

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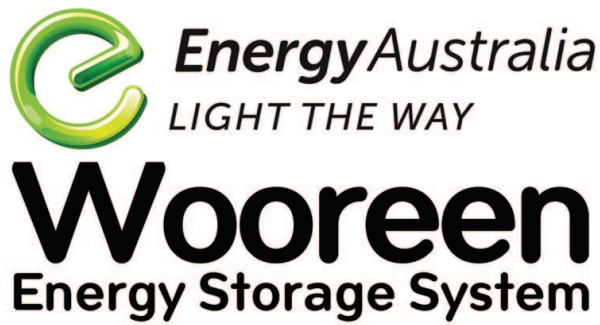
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Churchill Soccer Club Rams Under11 League champions



POS	TEAM	P	W	B	L	D	PTS
1	CUSC Purple	14	13	0	1	0	39
2	Morwell Pegasus Maroon	14	12	0	2	0	36
3	Traralgon Olympians Purple	14	10	0	3	1	31
4	Traralgon City Purple	14	6	0	5	3	21
5	Fortuna 60 Lions	14	4	0	9	1	13
6	Moe United Red	14	2	0	10	2	8
7	Sale Green	14	2	0	10	2	8
8	NYUSC Blue	14	2	0	11	1	7

Churchill United won the LVSL U11 League Championship in 2025, finishing on top of the ladder in the premier division. The Rams were locked in a seesawing battle with Morwell Pegasus for the title, coming down to the final match of the season when the two teams played one another. Locked on equal points going in, the match was an effective Grand Final to decide the League Champion – an eventuality

that is very rare to occur in soccer. After losing 2-0 away to Pegasus in round 7, the team regrouped and developed a new game plan to negate the Flying Horsemen's attacking flare. Churchill prepared for this final fixture with mid week practice matches against Gippsland United, who were undefeated in the top Melbourne Metropolitan leagues. Testing the new game plan the boys defeated

GUFC in these keenly contested matches both home and away. Now primed and ready to take on Pegasus the boys duly saluted with a devastating display, winning comfortably 4-0 to claim the title. Congratulations Tommy Lawless (GK), Charlie Jones, Nate Wookey (Captain), Oscar Kaminski, Jake Kaminski (VC), Tom Breheny, Kai Tanti, Noah Sanders, Mason Crawford and Noah Haddock (VC).

A warm welcome from the new owners of the Yinnar Hotel



Brothers Nathan and Steven Brown, along with their wives Mary Ann and Bethany, are proud to introduce themselves as the new owners of the Yinnar Hotel. As a Gippsland family, they're thrilled to take on this well-loved local landmark and ensure it continues to be a place where everyone feels welcome.

Having now been part of the Yinnar Hotel for just over a month, the new team has proudly retained every existing staff member. They've made it clear that their first priority is supporting the current crew and maintaining the friendly, familiar service that regulars know and love.

The menu and atmosphere that the

community enjoys will remain the same for now. Changes will come gradually and thoughtfully — improvements designed to make the hotel more comfortable, modern, and enjoyable for both diners and staff. Small touches to freshen the dining areas and enhance the beer garden are already underway, helping to make the space even more inviting.

While the team hopes to improve the feel of the venue, they note that the building itself isn't owned by the business, so any major renovations will take time and careful planning. For now, the focus is on creating a welcoming, enjoyable environment that brings people together.

Local favourites are staying right where they belong. The Stringbusters will continue to perform on the last Wednesday of every month, keeping their long-running tradition alive. Parma Nights will continue every Tuesday and Wednesday, and Steak Night remains a Thursday favourite — just as the locals expect.

The Browns say they're grateful for the warm reception they've already received and are excited to carry forward the pub's strong community spirit. Their goal is simple: to look after the people who look after the pub and ensure the Yinnar Hotel remains a friendly, familiar place at the heart of town.

Federation University Emerging Artist Awards Reflections on Inversion

25 October 2025 – 26 January 2026



Karen Zipkas | Liam Maree Rogers

The Federation University Emerging Artist Award has always been a long-standing tradition before the Art School's closure (2024), and a testament to the exemplary talent in Gippsland's contemporary emerging art scene, providing exhibition opportunities at arc Yinnar.

This year Latrobe Regional Gallery is proud to be hosting the last of the Federation University Emerging Artist Award recipients; Karen Zipkas with *Reflections on Inversion*, and Liam Maree Rogers with *Still Breathing*.

We are proud to offer a paid exhibition- at national standard – in our state-of-the-art gallery spaces, with full curatorial and technical support, giving the emerging artists a memorable start to their flourishing art careers.

The Federation University Emerging Artist Awards has been curated by Visual Artist and arc Yinnar member Liz Tyler with additional curatorial assistance and support from the Latrobe Regional Gallery curatorial

staff. *Reflections on Inversion* is a folio-based body of work developed in Karen Zipkas' last year as an Art student. This body of work possesses a profound connection to climatic advocacy, dwelling on Solastalgia, and the climatic effects that sought to threaten and overthrow/ devastate the forests of Mirboo North, during the infamous Mirboo North Storm Cell (Feb 2024). This exhibition presents these thematic concerns throughout a constellation of site-responsive artworks that were activated through the employment and conjunctions of analogue, DIY, and contemporary technologies.

A home-made trailer camera obscura conveys many of the artworks produced for this exhibition. The white enclosed box trailer (Van trailer) floats as both an adoration and tribute to the traditional practices, and analogue equipment of the pioneers of mid 1900's landscape photography, and the very physics that compose the practice of photography itself.

This DIY trailer camera

obscura stands as testament of a humble, upcycled mentality that seeks to be resourceful in a world that is driven by mass production.

Reflections on Inversion warrants an array of multi-dimensional and multidisciplinary works that span across drawing, analogue photography, sculpture, digital photography, painting, and video work.

Presented as a methodical narrative—part recollection, part liveliness – this exhibition unfolds like a journal of lived experience. It reveals the fleeting beauty that can emerge in the aftermath of climate rupture, fragile and momentary against the sheer weight and presence of absolute loss. Furthermore, inseparable from the collective grief that lingers—a sombre reminder that what has been broken will not simply heal but must be mourned.

Karen Zipkas is a Gippsland-local, visual artist and recipient of the Federation University Emerging Artist Awards (2024).



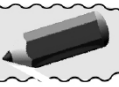
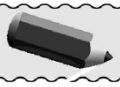
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Waratah Bay Beach Camp
On August 13 to 15, the Year 3 to 6 students of Boolarra and Yinnar South Primary School went to Waratah Bay Beach Camp. We all met up at Yinnar South Primary and drove in the bus for just over an hour. When we arrived, we met our camp instructors and had lunch while they explained the rules. Once we all understood what we had to do we found our rooms and made our beds. Then, we headed down to the beach and played some games including cricket,

footy, flag races and sand sculpture building. For dinner we had pulled pork, veggies and for dessert we had jelly and vanilla ice-cream.
On day two, we woke up and had breakfast and we were all very excited for the coming activities of the day. Firstly, we did the Flying Fish, a gigantic swing that was the height of a big electric pole, and most of us went to the top! Secondly, we went right next door to the swing, to an activity called Nitro Crossing. Basically, we had

a basketball and a bucket full of water 'The Nitro', and we had to get it across the poles with only a rope that was dangling above us.
On the last day, we woke up and had a special departing breakfast of pancakes and whatever toppings tickled our fancy. For seconds, we had to stand in a hula-hoop next to a bin, quite a far distance away and the kind people that cooked our food for us, threw pancakes at us and we had to catch them on our plates! When it was time for our final activity of

the three days we walked up the top of a hill, and saw a tower that was so big and little foam blocks all around. We all sat down around the instructor as he told us how to be safe around the tower.
Then, a few of us got into harnesses and helmets while one of us was up on a harness standing on top of the foam blocks that were stacked up on top of each other to make another tower!
We all very much enjoyed our time at Waratah Bay Beach Camp, and can't

wait for the next camp.
By Sophia and Angus

Arts – Boolarra Primary School
Students from Boolarra Primary School have been making decorations for Halloween for the disco that was held at the Boolarra Hall on October 31, 2025. We have made paper pumpkins and paper chains.
Some of the white paper chains will be used to make ghost balloons that will go on top of the roof at the

hall.

We have also been working with Garyelle to design and paint a banner to make a display for Conference of the Birds. The banner is really big and you will be able to see it from a far distance when you come past it.
We hope lots of people come to the Boolarra disco to see the amazing art work students at Boolarra Primary School have been working on.
By Daisy and Jakayla.



Left and right: Banner painting for Conference of the Birds and art work for Halloween
Top middle Waratah Beach camp.
Bottom photos Waratah beach Camp



SCHOOL news

Churchill North Primary

Grade 1/2 H Swimming

At Churchill North we provide a swimming program for all grades. Each grade is transported to the Churchill Leisure Centre by bus and enjoy fully supervised lesson instructed by qualified Churchill North staff. Each grade has six sessions, they are divided into different group abilities, have their lesson and also have some fun time in the pool with their friends.

The aim of the program is intended for all ages. With the junior students we are

encouraging water safety, to have fun in the water, water movement feeling safe as well as swimming techniques. The higher the ability of the students we cover all swimming strokes, water safety where they get to use the life jackets and other safety equipment.

The Grade 1/2 students absolutely loved their swimming lessons held at the end of Term 3. The growth shown by the students was amazing. Dustin said 'I liked the challenge because I faced challenges. I learned how to

torpedo'. Penny said 'I liked going to the deep end and I learnt that when you breathe in you can float.' AJ said 'I liked it and I learnt how to torpedo'. Caden said 'I liked all of it because I love swimming and I learnt how to torpedo'.

Murphy the Therapy Dog Brings Joy to Churchill North Primary School

Once a week, Murphy the Therapy Dog visits Class 5/6T at Churchill North Primary School. Murphy belongs to their teacher, Mr Taylor, and just like the

students, he has completed two years of education to become a certified therapy dog.

During lessons, Murphy works alongside the students, offering comfort and support to anyone who may be feeling anxious or unsettled. He also enjoys spending time with individuals who need a quiet moment during their learning.

Sometimes, other students across the school come to visit Murphy — or he pays them a friendly visit instead!

At recess and lunchtime, Murphy can be found outside interacting with everyone. He loves going for walks and playing ball with students across the school.

The students of 5/6T say they feel very lucky to have Murphy as part of their class each week.

Eddie said he likes Murphy because "he is soft, cute and fluffy." Arya described him as "adorable," while Kasey added that she loves "how cute and adorable he is."

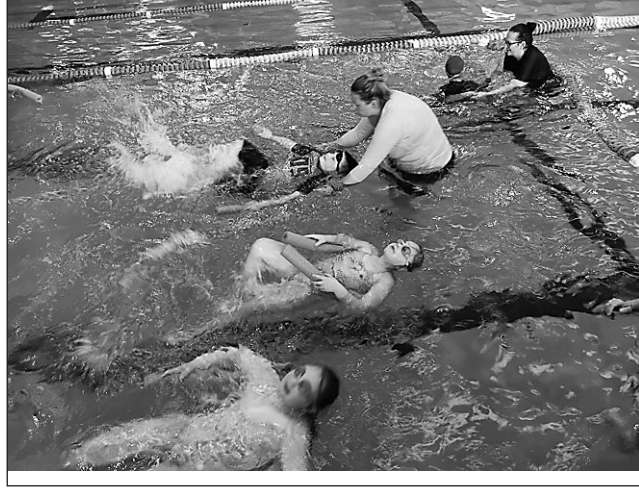
Mack said, "I love him

because he's cute and helps me relax." Chais shared, "Murphy is cute and loves cuddles." AJ said, "He helps calm me down and he's such a well-behaved dog." Chloe described him as "cute and gentle," and Nathan said, "Murphy is cute, fluffy and helpful when I haven't had a good morning."

Jeremy added, "Murphy helps keep us calm and helps other students too — and he's cute!" Theo said, "He's helpful and nice to have in the class."



Murphy the Therapy Dog and below with the students



Swimming classes were a great success as the student learnt to swim with their qualified teachers.



SCHOOL news

Yinnar South Primary

Southies come back to welcome in Term 4

What a full-on first week back it has been for our Southies! Students have returned full of energy and

excitement, ready to take on Term 4.

Our sports focus this term is cricket, and students have been getting active, learning new skills, and working

together as a team. The sound of bats hitting balls and cheers from the field has filled the playground all week.

While we were away, our school garden kept on growing.

This week, we were thrilled to harvest a crop of fresh produce - including

broccoli, snow peas, cauliflower, carrots and onions. Students enjoyed exploring the garden, picking vegetables, and learning about where their food comes

from. It has been a fantastic start to the term, and we cannot wait to see what the rest of Term 4 brings!



SCHOOL *news*

Hazelwood North Primary

2025 Year 2 Sleepover
On Thursday October 9, our Year 2s had their sleepover at our school. So much fun was had by all and so much excitement and happiness was visible on everyone's faces! All of our Year 2 students displayed our school values of Respect, Resilience and Responsibility so beautifully throughout the evening, night and morning. A huge thank you to our amazing 17 Parent Helpers who helped with putting

up our plastic curtains, helping with dinner and with breakfast the next morning for our Year 2 students. Dinner involved our students building their own pizza muffins with garlic bread. After dinner some giant fun games were provided by Mrs Young. These included totem tennis, bowling, charades, outdoor twister, jenga, giant snakes and ladders. Mrs Connolly then brought out the disco-lit

music boom box speaker for some fun music tunes, to have a groove to with our glow stick necklaces and bracelets. Ice-cream dessert was served near darkness and it was then time to have some popcorn, get into our Pjs, brush our teeth and settle in for a movie. Well done to Liana Seppings, Jenny Young and Brodie Murdoch for sleeping over with our students and for giving up some of their own family time to do so.

This has been another great experience for our Year 2 students to help prepare them for camp next year and beyond! We are grateful for all of our Year 2 families for their support in allowing us to run this wonderful experience for our students. Bring on our next Year 2 Sleepover in 2026 as this year's Year 1 students are already excited for it! *Trash with a Porpoise*
On Tuesday October 14

we had the pleasure of having 'Trash with a Porpoise' perform at our school. 'Trash with a Porpoise' is a comedy sketch show featuring puppets, song and plenty of trash! The students were presented with a show that used puppets made from recycled materials. The students and staff watched the Trash Puppets team as they navigated the depths of our waterways battling whirlpools,

exploring marine life's living conditions, cracking jokes with a walrus and learning how to reduce our impact through everyday actions. With a wonderful cast of trash puppet characters including crabs, sea slugs, penguins, a sea horse, a porpoise and a puffer fish, Audiences were mesmerised by the diversity of sea creatures and the stories, songs and jokes they share.



Top left
Glow Stick Group
Top right:
Getting ready for bed
Bottom Left:
'Trash with a Porpoise'
Middle bottom:
Outdoor Twister fun
Bottom right:
Ready to make pizza muffin dinner



SCHOOL *news*

Kurnai University Campus

Pink Day
Our Student Representative Council (SRC) hosted a vibrant Pink Day on October 14 in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Students and staff came together for a delicious BBQ lunch and took part in a free raffle with over 30 pink-themed prizes up for grabs. Congratulations to our SRC for their incredible effort in organising the day. **Making an Impact in Fiji**
During the recent school holidays, Mr. Brett Gay participated in a volunteer project in Fiji, spending two

weeks assisting and engaging with the local community. Students from Kurnai College and Mirboo North Secondary College worked collaboratively to raise funds and collect donations in support of a Fijian school in need. The combined efforts and generosity of students, families, and community members enabled significant improvements at Saint Joan of Arc Primary School. Sincere thanks are extended to all who contributed to this initiative. Your support has created meaningful and lasting benefits for the students and

staff of Saint Joan of Arc Primary School. **Year 12 VCE VM City Project Day**
On Thursday October 9, our Year 12 VCE VM and VPC students took part in a Melbourne Project Day as part of their Personal Development outcome assessment. The day was designed to build teamwork, problem-solving, and navigation skills through a mix of escape room challenges and city exploration activities. "It was such a fun and memorable experience — we really learnt how

important communication and teamwork are!" "The escape room was a challenge, but escaping together made it all worth it!" Students demonstrated exceptional maturity, collaboration, and confidence as they made their way through the city, navigating new environments and supporting one another throughout the experience. **International and VPC excursion**
On Tuesday October 21, the VPC and International English Language Program students took part in an excursion to Allambee

Camp. "On Tuesday, we went to the Allambee camp. We went there by school bus. There were many activities there. We used GPS to find the treasure on a beautiful hill. We played billy carts. I have never played it before. I think it's interesting. It's fast and exciting. We saw some animals, such as big horses, sheep and alpacas. The alpacas have a long neck. But I didn't see a kangaroo. We fed the sheep and we touched the horse. It was fun." By Pengyang Lin, International English Language Program Student.

Celebrating the last day of Year 12
On Thursday October 23, our Year 12 students celebrated the end of their classes with a celebration day. They enjoyed a fun-filled day at the Leisure Centre, starting with a delicious breakfast. The day was packed with exciting activities, such as a colour run, photo booth, a giant hungry hippo game and staff and student games. There was a lot of laughter and lasting memories made. We wish all our Year 12s the very best for their next chapter.



SCHOOL news

Lumen Christi Primary

Lumen Christi lights up the night with Glow Disco fun
Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School in Churchill was glowing - quite literally - on Friday October 17, as students came to school for the much-anticipated Glow Disco, organised by the school's dedicated Parents and Friends (P&F) group.

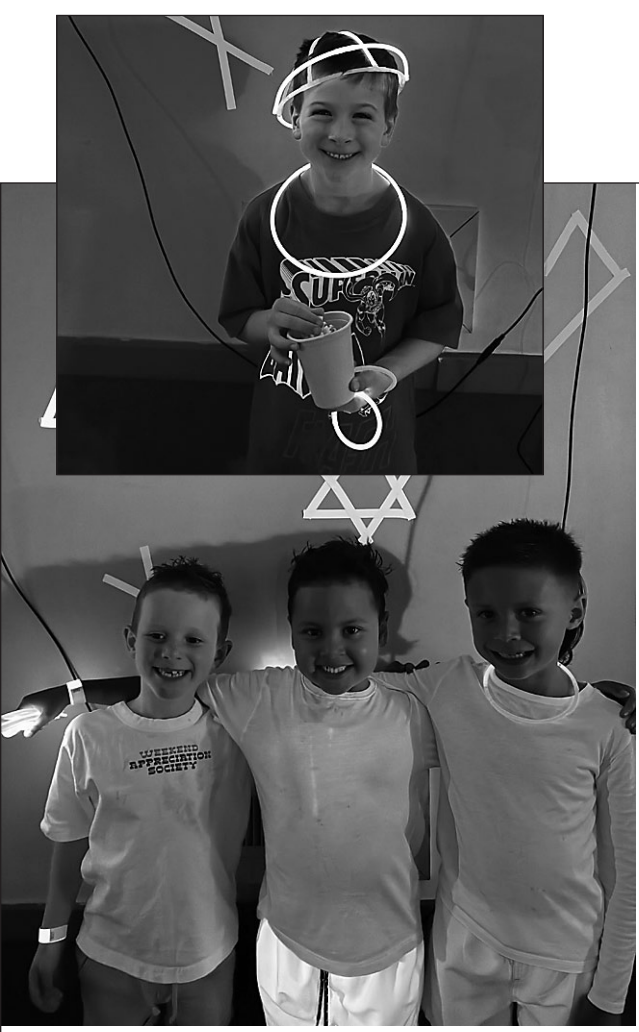
The school Eco-Centre was transformed into a vibrant sea of neon lights, glowing wristbands, balloons and flashing dance floor moves as children from all year levels enjoyed a night of fun, music, and community spirit. DJ beats, colourful light displays, and plenty of energy filled the room as

students had a wonderful time under the glow of fluorescent decorations. The event, organised by the P&F group, aimed to bring children from all year levels together for an evening of celebration and connection. A small, generous group of parents volunteered their time to

set up, supervise, and serve drinks and refreshments to the children. Principal, Sally Darby, praised the P&F group for their hard work and creativity. "Events like this really show the wonderful community spirit of Lumen Christi. This amazing group of parents always comes

together to create something special for the children. The smiles on their faces at the Glow Disco make all the planning, effort and hard work worth it," she said. The Glow Disco was not just a celebration of light and laughter, but also a successful fundraiser, with proceeds supporting future

school projects and activities that enhance student learning and wellbeing. As the Glow Disco ended and the last glow sticks dimmed, one thing was certain - the Lumen Christi community knows how to light up the night with joy, friendship, and plenty of fun on the dance floor!



SCHOOL news

Yinnar Primary

Camp Rumbug
Our Year 3/4 students recently enjoyed a fantastic two-night adventure at Camp Rumbug. With perfect weather, delicious food, and plenty of exciting adventure activities, the camp was a great success. A huge

thank you to the dedicated staff who attended (Katie, Caitlin, Shari, Lexi, Chloe, Charlie, Nicole, Jodie) and supported the students—it's always a big commitment, and your efforts are greatly appreciated. I was fortunate to spend time at camp

and was impressed by the students' teamwork, enthusiasm, and respectful behaviour—although they certainly returned home very tired. *Regional Athletics* Congratulations to the 17 students from our school

who recently competed in the regional athletics competition on Wednesday October 15. Congratulations to Elliot, Claire, Jayden B, Bonnie, Juliette, Sadie, Scarlett, Eli, Tom, George, Mack, Farrah, Mikinlee, Jobe, Innocent, Harry, and Jaz.

Unfortunately, both Aussie and Jayden M were unable to compete due to their recent injuries. Competing at this level is a wonderful achievement, and you should all be very proud of your efforts and results.

Congratulations to Harry, Eli, Tom and Jobe who came third in their relay event and a fantastic result for Eli who came first in his high jump event. Well done to everyone who participated.



Gippslanders urged to sign highway petition

A petition calling for the state and federal governments to work together on the proposed Princes Highway by-pass in Traralgon has begun collecting signatures in the region.

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester and State Member for Morwell Martin Cameron have joined forces to kick-start progress on the long-awaited project.

Both MPs have launched a petition and spoken in their respective Parliaments about the long delays caused by congestion in the region's largest town.

"With 15 intersections involving roundabouts and traffic lights, it now takes at least 15-20 minutes to

get through town and that can be much worse on long weekends and school holidays," Mr Chester said.

"Providing a Traralgon by-pass would reduce congestion, improve safety and productivity, increase liveability for locals and boost the visitor economy in Gippsland. It would also create jobs during the major construction phase.

There are well recognised social, economic and environmental benefits to be achieved in delivering this road transport project as a matter of urgency.

Now the full duplication to Sale has been completed, the next highest road transport infrastructure project in our region is to by-pass Traralgon."

Mr Cameron said the congestion was impacting the liveability of the region's largest town and productivity of the transport sector, also making it difficult for drivers to make it to and from Melbourne with required rest breaks.

"The Traralgon bypass has long been identified as a priority project that is required to remove heavy vehicles and through traffic from the increasingly busy Traralgon town centre," Mr Cameron said.

"As freight volume grows it is becoming an increasing point of delay and the impacts upon the amenity of Traralgon are increasing. We are sick of hearing excuses from the State Government.

We need to see some money on the table to finalise designs and the approvals process to get this project moving. This is an issue which has been talked about for more than 30 years while the congestion and safety issues continue to increase in Traralgon."

Both MPs believe there are potential disaster resilience benefits associated with a well-designed bypass.

A study undertaken by the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority in 2016 recommended that the construction of a retarding



Traffic congestion is undermining the liveability of the region's largest town according to Federal MP Darren Chester (pictured) who has launched a petition supporting the proposed Traralgon bypass with the support of State MP Martin Cameron.

basin upstream, where the proposed bypass is planned, would also form a crucial element in mitigating floods which emanate from the Traralgon Creek.

"This petition calls on the the House of Representatives to work with the Victorian Government to prioritise funding to finalise the design, approvals and costings with an aim to commence construction and deliver a Traralgon bypass on the Princes Highway by 2030."

Mr Cameron said the petition was one way to

demonstrate community support for the project.

"We need to build momentum and demonstrate the community supports our efforts to improve safety on the Princes Highway with the bypass the next big project for the region," Mr Cameron said.

"It would create jobs and future-proof our major transport link."

The petition is available for signing at the offices of Mr Chester and Mr Cameron in Sale, Traralgon and Morwell.



BIG cake bake

What a fabulous turn out we had for our Annual BIG Cake Bake Fundraiser, with around \$1260 being raised on the day.

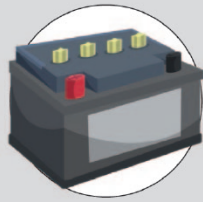
We have a fabulous fundraiser coming up. It is our Annual Christmas Hamper raffle, with tickets available now until it is drawn at 1:30pm on Wednesday December 10, 2025 at the Italian Australian Club.

Tickets are \$2 each, with three prizes up for grabs.

First prize is a \$100 Christmas hamper and \$50 Bunnings voucher. Second prize is a \$50 Christmas hamper and \$50 Bunnings voucher. Third prize is a \$50 Bunnings voucher in a handmade Christmas stocking.

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

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