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“Look Good, Feel Better” Volunteer of the Year



BY Mike Ainsworth

Churchill resident, Marion Answerth, has been named Regional Victorian Volunteer of the Year for “Look Good Feel Better” program which provides support for women with cancer. Workshops are held throughout the State at hospital cancer wards for ladies who are undergoing chemotherapy treatment to learn and experience effective and rewarding hair and cosmetic techniques, to make them “Look Good and Feel Better”.

Marion, who has been with the program for ten years, regularly attends workshops at hospitals in Bairnsdale, Sale, Traralgon, Leongatha and Warragul, and advises ladies on the use of hats, scarves, turbans and make up to improve their appearance and self confidence.

Local Co-ordinator of the “Look Good Feel Better” program, Val Taylor, made a presentation to Marion at Latrobe Regional Hospital recently, including a framed Certificate, a package of cosmetics and a floral arrangement.

Marion, who also does voluntary work for St Vinnies, Gippsland Rotary Centenary House, Lumen Christi Parish and the Diocese of Sale, said she enjoyed helping ladies going through the difficult time of cancer treatment, and received great satisfaction from seeing the smiles on their faces when they had been given a facial and fitted with a hat to suit their personality.

Picture (left) shows Marion after her presentation for Volunteer of the Year.

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Tom Lawless Memorial Unveiled

A plaque to the memory to Tom Lawless was unveiled in Mathison Park by family, city councillors and staff. A crowd of approximately 44 had gathered for the occasion, and included members of Tom's family, council representatives, members of Lumen Christ parish of which Tom was a member, representatives of the Churchill and District Community Association, and Mathison Park Development Committee and Friends.

The plaque commemorates the long time commitment of Tom Lawless to the development of the park.

Ken Harris, an equally long serving Mathison Park Committee member, recalled Tom's dedication, and spoke of one of his exploits with the big orange tractor.

In her speech Mayor Sandy Kam said,

"Mathison Park has had a long history of firstly being privately owned farm land then Department of Housing land and finally public open space, owned and managed originally by the City of Morwell and now Latrobe City Council. Since that time the park has developed into the premier piece of public open space in Churchill, and provides the community with a variety of recreational and social activities.

Many years ago Latrobe City Council established the Mathison Park Advisory Committee and sought community representatives to join the membership of the Committee.

Tom, being long known for his diligent community work, expressed a strong desire to be actively involved as an inaugural member of the Committee.

Since that time Tom continued to be both a dedicated Committee member and an active volunteer, assisting in the development and management of the park, with the results of Tom's and the other Committee members and park volunteers



hard work being seen here today with these lovely surrounds. Tom toiled away for many hundreds of hours on his infamous big old orange tractor, never shirking a job and never believing a job couldn't be done. His self-motivation was an example to all. I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge

both Tom and the other Committee members and park volunteers for their contribution and hard work over many years. Without their committed endeavours Mathison Park would not be as we see it today."

After the unveiling those present were invited to enjoy refreshments and a chat.

Churchill Rainfall May



May was the wettest month for 2013 with 54 mil of rain to May 29. We had 10 days with rainfall measured, the heaviest was on May 17 with 13 mils recorded.

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Boolarra celebrates Multipurpose Centre restoration



The redeveloped Boolarra Multipurpose Building was officially opened by Member for Morwell Russell Northe, who said the bushfire recovery project would provide modern community meeting areas and consulting rooms for the community's General Practitioner.

Representing Deputy Premier Peter Ryan at today's opening, Mr Northe said the \$524,000 restoration project, identified as a high community priority in the Boolarra Bushfire Recovery Plan, involved repair work, upgrades and improvements to the existing facility.

"The redevelopment project has retained the building shell but reformed the internal layout to improve access, storage, food preparation areas and install new toilets," Mr Northe said.

"The original building had previously been used by local groups for various meetings and was home to a number of consulting rooms for a part-time GP. These services are vitally important to the community, and this has been recognised with works delivering modern community meeting areas and consultation rooms."

Mr Northe said in addition to the many services provided through the Boolarra Multipurpose Building, the site was also used as the local recovery centre following the 2009 bushfires.

"Realising the facility offered greater potential

for a wider range of services to support this bushfire-affected community, its renovation became a key priority of Boolarra's Bushfire Recovery Plan," Mr Northe said.

"The restoration of community assets at Boolarra is a testament to the strength and capability of this local community which has undergone a shocking ordeal, picked itself up, organised itself, created a plan and rebuilt."

Mr Ryan congratulated Latrobe City Council for their sensitive renovation of the building, and the Boolarra community for their efforts to get their town back on its feet following the bushfires.

"The devastating bushfires destroyed 44 homes around Boolarra, along with many other properties and fencing in and around the township, including the much cherished Lyrebird Walk as well as the Grand Ridge Rail Trail to Mirboo North," Mr Ryan said.

"The Lyrebird walk is now as beautiful as ever, and the Grand Ridge Rail Trail has also been restored with \$1.6 million funding from the Victorian Government and a lot of dedication and hard work by community volunteers," he said.

Mr Ryan said the Government had contributed \$250,000 towards the project through its \$4.6 million Community Infrastructure in Bushfire Affected Communities program, with the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund providing the remaining \$274,375.

Probus Club



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The next meeting of the Probus Club of Morwell and District will be held on Thursday June 13, in the Morwell RSL Club at 10 am.

Guest speaker is Senior Sergeant John Brookes, who will speak about policing in other countries.

Agenda includes monthly activities such as day trips, lunches and theatre outings.

Probus is a club for active retirees who join

together to keep their minds active, expand their interests and enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month except January.

Visitors are always welcome. For more information please contact Lucy on 5122 2485 or Wilma on 5134 6197.

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Council, at its meeting on Monday June 4, considered and

adopted a revised "Securing Our Future 2013" - Government Investment Opportunities in Latrobe City Booklet. This Booklet outlines key priorities for local projects that can create real and sustainable jobs and growth within Latrobe City, but which will need the assistance of both Federal and/or State Government to enhance their potential to proceed.

This "Securing Our Future 2013 Booklet" also identifies and celebrates a number of our Latrobe City successes, including the provision of funding under the Regional Development Australia Fund and Latrobe Valley Industry and Infrastructure Fund to several local businesses, and the Latrobe

Regional Airport.

Council continues to be proactive in seeking support from all levels of government, for projects that will benefit our community long into the future. Support for projects focuses on three broad areas: new uses for the brown coal resource; economic diversification; and liveability within Latrobe City.

Council continues to support the sustainable use of brown coal and recognises that it is valuable for many uses, not just power generation. In this regard, Council continues to seek Government support for research and development into sustainable uses of brown coal, and has a number of major projects close to approval.

Churchill Town Hall Plaza

Stage One of the works at the Churchill Town Hall Plaza have been completed, and detailed plans are being finalised for Stage Two.

The main features of Stage Two include:

A pathway winding up the hill, designed for universal people access.

Landscaping on the slope up to Marina Drive, providing a "greening" of the space.

Re-establishment of access to the top level of the Town Hall from Georgina Place and Marina Drive.

Landscaping and seating between the Town Hall and Marina Drive.

Construction of a platform with flag poles to locate the War Memorial

commissioned by Churchill District Community Association(CDCA) near the north-east corner of the Town Hall.

Improvement of access to the Men's Shed and removal of a dark area to the south of the Town Hall.

The detailed plans are currently being reviewed by the Churchill Town Centre Plan Consultation Group, which I chair, and includes representatives of CDCA, town centre owners and traders, Monash University and Monash Student Union. This group provides regular feedback to Council on planning for Churchill, providing advice on issues such as concept and detailed designs, scheduling of works and consultation processes.

Northe's Natter



- A new Multi-Disciplinary Centre for the Latrobe Valley to improve responses to sexual assault; Families and householders in Churchill will also benefit from the Government's reforms to the

Fire Services Levy (FSL). The property levy replaces the old levy on insurance premiums, leading to a fairer system - with all property owners making a contribution to the fire services, rather than just those who take out insurance.

The Government has removed the unfair tax-on-tax, which charged GST and stamp duty on the FSL. Insured households in the Morwell electorate will save an estimated \$86.00 per annum from the changes.

In addition to a strong budget there are many State Government programs to which the Churchill community has been a beneficiary. Some of these projects include:

- \$25,000 to renovate the Churchill Scout Hall,
- \$100,000 committed to upgrade lighting at Gaskin Park,

Government's 2013-14 Victorian State Budget invests in major infrastructure and high quality services for all Victorians, while ensuring Victoria's finances remain the strongest in the nation.

Local budget initiatives include the following:

- Continuation of the night rider bus service for 2013/2014 that provides services to :

Churchill, Moe and Morwell from the Traralgon Entertainment Precinct on Saturday nights;

- Funding to open four new adult mental health inpatient beds at Traralgon;

- A five-bed mother-baby health unit in Traralgon as part of a \$9.4 million investment in mental health to assist women with a mental illness and their infants;

I recently had the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Churchill and District Community Association (CDCA). The CDCA do a wonderful job advocating on behalf of the Churchill and District Community, and have been able to achieve some great outcomes for the community.

It's wonderful to see such a diverse array of persons and organisations involved in the CDCA, and this is one of its great strengths. I look forward to continue working with the CDCA and its members in improving and enhancing Churchill and District into the future.

In the early part of May the Victorian Government handed down its 2013/2014 budget. The Government has a strategy to ensure Victoria has a strong plan going forward, and this is why the

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Hazelwood House Happenings



Residents enjoyed an afternoon of craft making hanging mobiles for Mothers Day. Each resident had their photo placed in the centre, surrounded by lovely decoration.



Volunteers week is celebrated during the month of May. Benetas Hazelwood House acknowledged our dedicated volunteers by inviting them to a luncheon at Ripponlea House. We all took a tour of the house and grounds, before enjoying a lovely lunch.



A group of our residents enjoyed an afternoon of viewing 'evening gowns over the decades' at Heyfield.

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Invitation

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Where: Jeeralang North Hall at
1000 Jeeralang North Road Jeeralang North

When: Saturday, June 15, 2013
Opening ceremony at 11.30 am
Free light lunch at 12.00 noon

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance and advise any dietary or other requirements, to Charles Uber on 5122 3668.

Wear your walking shoes or bring your horse or bike and spend the afternoon discovering the tracks and trails near the hall.

To get to the hall, travel south along the Jeeralang North Road, past the turn off to Government Road and continue along the gravel road for about one kilometre.

This project was funded by the kind donations made through the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund.



General Meeting and Community Forum

Wednesday June 26, 2013
7.00 pm

Green Inc. Board Room,
McDonald Way, Churchill

Guest Speaker: Mr Michael Answerth
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Topic: Churchill's Art & Culture Pathway

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From the Chaplain

By Pene Brook

This is my last reflection. I'm moving to a new place, new work, new friends to make to add to the old, new experiences to be had, both good and bad. There are some parts of the move I'm looking forward to and others I'm not. Most of the packing is done. In another time and place, this could include packing the family goods. If I can't pack God into a box, where is God in all this change? In the Christian tradition we speak of the changelessness of God and yet within that notion of God's changelessness, we know that God encompasses all change.

God can be found in all places and situations. Moses first encountered God in the desert through the burning bush. Through this encounter with the holiness of God within the bareness of the landscape, Moses realised that God is the God of all people and places.

We humans often spend time in the desert places where hope seems lost and there appears to be little around us to support and sustain us. Even in those places, God is there waiting for us to realise it and see. The most ordinary days, the place and time where we stand right now, are sacred. It's not only in churches, temples, mosques or other designated places of worship that we find God. God meets us in our ordinary everyday lives and turns them into sacred places and spaces. Living within the sacred means that we are called to live deeply. We need to strive to see things as they really are in their depth and intensity. It is there, and not in a superficial glance, that we will find God waiting for us, the divine welling through all parts of our lives no matter how painful, mundane or damaged. Life is a holy place and we are called to live it fully, compassionately and deeply.

Lumen Christi Snippets

Thank you to Father Francis

A big thank you to all who have farewelled Father Francis. He has now moved to Leongatha and will occasionally pop in. It was a privilege to have him work with us, and, of course, he brought his own inimitable style to our communities, not the least was his ability to bring music into his ministry.

We trust that he finds his new appointment a rewarding experience.

Timor Leste Carmelites visiting Churchill and Morwell

3 Carmelites, 2 of whom are from Timor Leste, stayed in the Parishes on the weekend of May 25 - 26. They were also here for the Lumen Christi 30th Anniversary of our Revues. I wonder what they made of the antics of Lumen Christi parishioners when they were a lot younger!

Churchill Cuppa

There is morning tea after 9.00am

Mass on the last Sunday of the Month.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone involved in the immense amount of preparation and running of the Lumen Christi Revue.

Community Singing

At the Eco Centre, Lumen Christi, Williams Av., Churchill:

Sunday, June 16: 3.00pm - 5.30 pm

Aboriginal Songs

Next month in July, we have a guest Singing Leader from Traralgon, Liyin Weckmann. Liyin runs a Singing Group in Traralgon 'Ladies' Fellowship' and sometimes leads the singing for the Gippsland Acoustic Music Club at Tyers.

She brings with her a wealth of singing experience and will teach you some delightful songs from different cultures of the world. Remember to mark this date in your calendar:

Sunday, July 14: 3.00pm - 5.30 pm

International Songs.

Co-Operating Church Snippets



The Ladies Fellowship held a BBQ at Bunning's and raised a good amount.

For all age worship the whole congregation was involved with telling the story of how Paul and Silas were put in prison for talking about Jesus, and how an earthquake could have set them free.

They didn't escape, and instead helped with the conversion of the jailer and his family.

CRE Sunday involved the presentation to the congregation of a CRE lesson in which they were the children.

The whole congregation was involved with telling the story of Pentecost when the disciples received the Holy Spirit.

The church was fantastically decorated with red material, flames of fire, wall hangings and red autumn leaves.

Thanks go to Lynn and Rick for their wonderful efforts.

Coffee Connections saw a good turn out of folks who came to share fellowship and to learn from Neil about how climate change has come about, and how it has and will affect us.

Saturday Breakfast didn't have a guest speaker

but people were encouraged to bring along items of progress they had made in tracing their family tree and share their experiences of this process.

Keith Enders has done a lot of work on his family tree and he was also able to show us on his computer how we could find certain information including newspaper clippings, monumental words, etc at www.ancestry.com

For anyone interested in tracing their family history there are lots of options using the internet these days.

A full report of the session will appear elsewhere on this page.

The final Sunday of the month saw the parish combine for a service and lunch followed by a presentation of Luke's Gospel by Reverend Philip Liebelt.

Philip delivered the whole gospel of Luke in action and words over two hours.

It was an impressive performance and being the whole of Luke's gospel gave the full story of Jesus' time on earth and its impact.

Thank you Philip for a mighty effort.

Saturday Breakfast



The theme for the May Saturday Breakfast was 'Family History', and people attending were invited to bring along an item relating to their family's history.

A variety of items were shown, including: a large brass rubbing from the tomb of a lady's ancestor in the 1500's in England, a family history, photographs and a story of a lone father who brought his family of 10 children to Australia, one large genealogy volume started in the early 1700's in Germany, but added to through migration to the USA and finally Australia.

A brief run down on starting family research was given and then a computer demonstration of some of

the sites available on the internet.

For example, Ancestry, Trove from the National Library of Australia which has old newspapers and documents, and World War II where brief defence records of individuals can be printed off.

Shipping records from the Public Records Office of Victoria were also demonstrated and obtaining UK census records.

The software program Family Tree Maker was demonstrated as well.

There will not be Breakfasts in June or July, with the next one in August.

Church Times

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill
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Father Hugh Brown/Father Jarek

Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

1st and 3rd Sundays:

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2nd and 4th Sundays:

Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

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Week 2 - 11am at

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Week 5 - 11am at

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After the lessons, the children eagerly went outside to see the fire truck where Captain Steve Barling and President Rob Langston showed them the equipment on the truck and let them have a squirt of the hose. To finish the visit they saw the lights flashing and held their hands over their ears as the



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LIFE AS A STUDENT AT MONASH GIPPSLAND

BY DIONA CHU - ISA PRESIDENT



My name is Diona. I am a second year Veterinary Bioscience student from Hong Kong, and I am this year's International Student Association President at MUGSU. Coming from a multicultural land of concrete, studying at Monash Gippsland is indeed a massive change for me. Unlike other metropolitan campuses, the physical space available on this campus provided me with more emotional and creative space, and allowed me to develop a special bond with the rural lifestyle I adapted here. It was only in such environment I was able to focus on my passion for my studies with less distractions, and also became more actively engaged in activities organised by the campus, residences and student union.

The decision that Monash University and University of Ballarat have recently made - to proceed with the proposal to form an expanded, regionally focused university in 2014 - pleased, and at the same time, disappointed my international friends and I. An establishment of a new university at this campus will mean that current Monash students may be given access to wider ranges of courses and support. However, future students, in order to attain an internationally recognised and reputable degree, may possibly be hesitant about coming to this beautiful region.

We trust that Monash, being part of The Group of Eight universities in Australia, will live to its vision to be an institution of progress and optimism, and to provide its students with education quality and opportunities. Yet whether or not the initiative of bringing two universities together shall lead to better Gippsland and Monash prospects will only be unraveled in a few year's time. Meanwhile, I have confidence that students will seek for what we believe is best for our own futures.

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Bug Blitz Captivates Students Again



The first 'Bug Blitz' event involving the three Primary schools in Churchill, was organized by the Gippsland Education Precinct in February 2013 and hailed an outstanding success by the principals of the three schools involved.

That event underpinned a new partnership between the Monash Gippsland Faculty of Education and John Caldwell from 'Bug Blitz', who teaches environmental education across Gippsland schools.

Recently, about 120 students from Newborough and Kosciusko Street Traralgon primary schools, were treated to a fun day of hands-on environmental and biodiversity activities. The event was run by Bachelor of Education students who teamed up with the 'Bug Blitz' organization to make bugs an exciting education tool for students big and small at Monash University's Gippsland campus.

and puppetry.

According to Dr Monica Green, from Monash Gippsland's Faculty of Education, the event was a resounding success, with a raft of learning for both the big and little students.

"As part of their studies, pre-service teachers are encouraged to extend children's learning using sites beyond the classroom for hands-on inquiry based activities. This can include school grounds, food gardens, or local wetlands," Dr Green said.

"For this event, the Monash students worked with the possibilities available within the university grounds and planned their activities based on what they had available in this environment.

It was a great exercise to demonstrate the importance of getting outside the classroom in order to engage students."

Mr Caldwell said all the primary students unanimously voted the day as great fun.

"The children had a wonderful time making playdough creatures and nests from straw and mud, feeling different textures, moving bugs through habitats guided by 'fairies', breaking free from paper cocoons, making mini habitats, playing with puppet birds, and catching an array of arthropods they found in the area," he said.

"They marveled at their discoveries and all put up their hands when I asked if they enjoyed themselves."

'Bug Blitz' is an internationally generated initiative that stimulate an active interest in biodiversity scientific, educational and creative tools.



Churchill Lionesses

By Pauline Prowse

We have been very busy so far this year, both socially and organising our catering arrangements. Six of our members travelled to Bendigo in February to attend the annual Lionesses' "Breakaway", a great get together for the clubs throughout Victoria, and a couple of clubs from across the border into South Australia, this year even Queensland was represented.

We were taken for a tour of the Chinese Museum and another visit was

to the Bendigo Pottery.

We held a Sausage Sizzle in April which was very successful, due to the generosity of Woolworths.

Sunday May 19, saw us at Monash University catering for a training day for all new office bearers in the Lions Clubs in eastern Victoria.

The rose garden at Hazelwood House has looked extra special this year, the annual pruning will take place in a few weeks so hopefully it will take the garden into yet another great year.

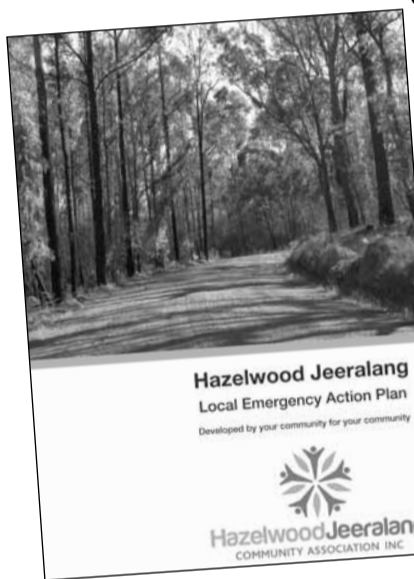


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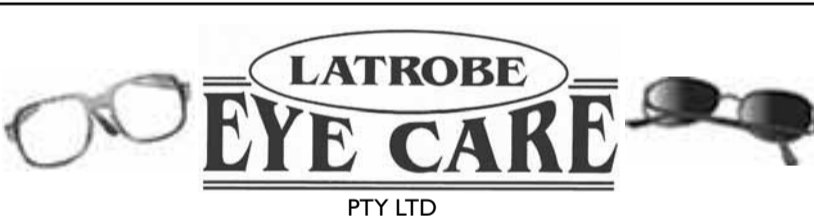
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Billy's Creek and The Morwell Fire Brigade



By Leo Billington

The first residents in Morwell were generally employed in railway construction. Houses clustered around the station which seems to have determined the site of today's present town. In January 1878, three blocks in Commercial Road were surveyed, followed by three more blocks in George Street in October of that year. Four years later, in October 1882, three more blocks were surveyed for sale in Elgin Street.

As a fledging settlement with minimal services, Morwell subsequently endured the fear of fires. Buildings featured wood construction, hastily built, rather flimsy by today's standards.

Historical records describe a large fire in early March 1890, detailing how destruction by that fire was limited to four buildings, because many of the town's tradesmen actually turned out to save other buildings in the centre of the Commercial Road business area. Even the then Bank of Australasia was saved – very important to save the bank!

In its Friday, December 25, 1908 editorial, the Morwell Advertiser, on page 2 called for "the urgent need of a water supply, and [an]organised fire brigade forces itself upon all townspeople whenever there is an out-break of fire, and it is to be hoped something effective will be done in that direction, or at least a supply of chemicals for extinguishing fires, obtained as speedily as possible before a more serious conflagration occurs in our midst."

There were other town fires – a house was destroyed in October 1910, the outside laundry at the Club Hotel burnt down in August 1903, and in Commercial Road, Mr Rankin's tailor shop caught fire on Friday, July 19, 1901 as a result of an exploding kerosene lamp.

After several major fires in 1912 and 1913 destroyed a number of shops along Morwell's Commercial Road business centre, there was strong community support for a fire brigade to be formed as well as a reticulated water supply to most parts of the town.

One fire on Wednesday, July 31, 1912 destroyed about five shops in Commercial Road, which prompted the editor of the Morwell Advertiser to take a lead role campaigning for a permanent water scheme. The "call to arms" for a water scheme was all the more relevant because in this fire, the Advertiser office was wiped out.

Another fire in Commercial Road on Tuesday, December 31, 1912, burnt five two – storey shops on the east side of Rintoull's blacksmith shop, in exactly the same area as the March 1890 fire.

On Friday, January 3, 1913 the Morwell Advertiser headlined, **DISASTROUS FIRE IN MORWELL. THREE**

BRICK SHOPS DESTROYED. SPLENDID WORK BY "BUCKET BRIGADE." THE NEED OF A WATER SUPPLY. "The most disastrous fire that has occurred in Morwell for over twenty years broke out shortly after 1 o'clock on Tuesday morning last, in the terrace of fine two-storied brick buildings in the main street, and for a considerable time there was every reason to believe that practically the whole town would be reduced to ashes; but fortunately, by the splendid efforts of a hastily-formed but splendidly organised "bucket brigade," and a parapet wall, the damage was confined to three buildings and their contents."

The reporter continued, "Old residents remembered the scene a little over 20 years ago, when the whole block was previously destroyed by fire, and they were loth to see a repetition of things. Everybody realised the great need for a water supply and a fire brigade, but as unfortunately there is neither in the town, threw bucket after bucket of water upon the leaping, devouring and merciless flames.

On the top ladder were Percy Hopkins and Percy Kelly, whilst Bill Miller, Rowell Bros., P. James, J. Bryden, G. Phillips, H. Cooper, and a host of others formed a chain and supplied buckets of water from an underground tank at the rear of Brown's chemist shop."

After the Morwell Fire Brigade was officially formed on January 1, 1915, increased community pressure to do something regarding a well resourced town fire brigade was greatly hastened, after a fire in Mr J B Hoyle's business, (or "establishment" as a business was then formally called) occurred on Thursday afternoon, October 14, 1915.

It took several years to shake the then Morwell Shire Council into action however, late in May 1912, Mr Sambell, a Melbourne based civil and hydraulic engineer working in Traralgon, tabled a report to the "President and Councillors, the Shire of Morwell."

Working with assistance provided by Mr Thomas Sinclair from Morwell, Sambell's report provided an outline of "a careful consideration of the proposal to supply Morwell with water."

This report suggested three sources – pumping from the Morwell River, by gravitation from a spring in the Haunted Hills and by gravitation from Billy's Creek. Allowing for increases in population, Sambell estimated a need for 6000 gallons per day.

The Morwell River and Haunted Hills options did not guarantee the required pressure, impacted by concerns about low rainfall in summer months. Billy's Creek was described in rather glowing terms – the creek's elevation was well above the

centre of Morwell township therefore capable of providing "excellent pressure with a main of ordinary diameter", its catchment area was approximately 5000 acres, in summer, the minimal discharge was about 1,200,000 gallons per 24 hours and "the average rainfall at the head of the creek is about 40 inches and the comparatively soft porous rock is generally covered with several feet of porous earth which retains a considerable quantity of rain as it falls; giving it out gradually, and by this means the flow of the creek is equalized".

Sambell did point out that a concrete off take weir would be required to act as a filter for sand and silt and be a storage to fill pipes. He went on to say "the best way to convey the water would be by means of cast iron pipes.

By having a service basin near the town, this pipe could be designed to deliver the quantity required in 24 hours. The only suitable site for the service basin is on "The Ridge" [east of the town centre].

It was proposed that a 5 inch diameter main would deliver 96,000 gallons per 2 hours into a service basin but the supply in this case to the town would generally be under a light pressure in the summer time.

The report to Morwell Shire Council concluded with various recommendations, including construction of a gravity fed water scheme from Billy's Creek with a cast iron 5 inch main, construction of an off take weir, notification of 1600 easements and, most significant, an application to the Governor in Council for the formation of a waterworks trust and for a loan of 9700 pounds.

As the year moved on, almost everyone had an opinion and expectation about how a new reticulated water supply to Morwell would benefit the small town. For example, during May and June 1912, it was seriously canvassed that fire plugs would need to be provided by the Council at suitable intervals.

The first meeting of the newly constituted Morwell Waterworks Trust was held at the Shire Hall on Thursday, September 19, 1912. Commissioner McDonald (President of Morwell Shire) was elected Chairman, and Mr Sinclair, Secretary and Collector. Other officers were appointed, and preliminary arrangements were made in connection with the carrying out of a proposed water supply scheme for Morwell. At the time, Morwell Shire's population was recorded to be 2896 people.

The Trust didn't waste time inviting tenders. A meeting on October 17, was held for the purpose of dealing with tenders invited for the supply of pipes and equipment, but "after a good deal of informal discussion, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting to 9.30" on [the following] Wednesday morning.



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Billy's Creek and The Morwell Fire Brigade, cont.

At that meeting the Waterworks Trust decided to call fresh tenders for the supply of pipes.

Mr Sambell believed the quotations were too high and there was always a better deal to be had by advertising again.

In October 1912, Morwell Waterworks Trust Commissioner English asked that "fresh tenders, returnable on 20th November, be called for the supply of pipes."; and asking if the Water Supply Commission would approve of wood pipes.

The Morwell Advertiser subsequently reported Thursday, December 3, 1912, that a tender "of Laughton & Sons for the supply; of 6 inch cast iron pipes for the mains of the Morwell Waterworks Trust areas, at £8/1/10 per ton was accepted.

Trust Engineer Sambell said it was a saving of £200 on the other tenders received."

Billy's Creek was named after William (Billy) Hillier who arrived in the Yinnar area in about 1848.

Yinnar began its life as a part of Scrubby Forest Station at Middle Creek, which as its name implies, was pretty heavily wooded.

Its southern section was quite mountainous, so its area of practical use was estimated as ten square miles.

The first holders were Nicol Brown and Billy Hillier. Eventually they divided the station into two with Middle Creek being the line of division, Brown taking the western half and Hillier the eastern half.

They held their leases from 1848 to 1868.

In his excellent "A Brief History of Billy's Creek," (September 2003), Hilmar Batza wrote that "both men had some sort of a 'fall-out'; Hillier built himself a hut and stockyard on the side of Billy's Creek and began a hermit like existence.

Around 1870, he was found dead on the bank after being speared by aborigines. He was buried on a small rise close by the creek.

Mr Sambell's recommendation to source Morwell's water supply from Billy's Creek required construction of a weir. Morwell based carier, George Issac ("Ike") Billingsley was in charge of construction and another Morwell identity, Les Hare secured the contract to cart the pipes from the Morwell Railway Station to Jeeralang using a dray and bullock team.

The depth of water at the weir's barricade was 12 feet.

In December 1912, an advertisement declared - Morwell Waterworks Trust. TENDERS are invited and will be received until 10.30 o'clock a.m. on THURSDAY, the 19th inst., for the following works: Contract No. 2. Cartage of 742 tons of 6-in. diameter C.I. Pipes, Lead and Fittings, in four sections.

Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Shire Office, Morwell, or at the Trust Engineer's Office, 331 Collins St., Melbourne. THOMAS SINCLAIR, Secretary. Trusts Office, Morwell. 12th Dec., 1912. (Traralgon Record Tuesday,



December 17, 1912).

In February 1913, the tender for trenching, laying and joining pipes went to F W Bladen and Co. and cost over 300 pounds less than the next lowest tender.

A Mr Miller supervised the works, Melbourne based Danks and Sons supplied all valves, bends and other special fittings for the main line and McIllwraiths supplied lead to connect the pipes.

Once again, the Morwell Advertiser (Friday, December 5, 1913), forever the crusader, announced that "just before going to press water from Billy's Creek arrived in the main channel, with a splendid pressure. More about the matter soon."

And then it was officially announced, "MORWELL WATER SUPPLY. "The Advertiser writes :- "During last week the novel sight of seeing water from Billy's Creek running down the main streets of the town was a matter that claimed the attention of townspeople generally.

With the use of a hydrant a stream of water was sent in the air some 40 or 60 feet, in the main street, whilst the gutters were

half filled with water flowing at a great rate.

Some little trouble was caused by the air that had accumulated inside the pipes, but the Chairman of the Water Trust (Com. M'Donald) and the works overseer (Mr G. Billingsley), are keeping a watchful eye over things, and the various difficulties are being successfully overcome.

The pressure is as strong as could be wished for, and when the pipes are thoroughly washed out the water will be clear and pure.

Some of the townspeople have already got the water laid on, and in a very short time most of the residents hope to be participating in the same blessing. No time was lost by the Bowling Club in having a connection made with the green, which is now watered daily.

When Mr Sambell stated that he expected the water would be available by the end of November his statement was hardly credited, but in every detail Mr Sambell's estimates, both, with regard to time and expense, have been most reliable and accurate, and he said the Trust have every reason to feel proud of the manner in which the scheme as a whole has so far been carried out." (Morwell Advertiser, Tuesday December 16 1913).

Therefore the "circle of history" returns to the fire in Mr Hoyle's office on Thursday afternoon, October 14, 1915.

The local reporter was quickly on the job and wrote an extremely detailed account, in part of which was written, "The hydrant was placed on fire plug close to the Bank of Australasia; a short distance from Mr Hoyle's office, and hose smartly run out.

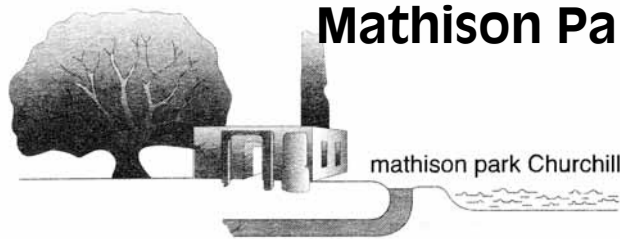
Fortunately there was a great pressure of water, and immediately the hose was turned on the effect was noticeable. This is the first fire that has occurred since the water was laid on to the town, and Fire Brigade formed, and the advantage of both was amply demonstrated, and the firemen have to be highly commended for the prompt manner in which they got the fire under control" (Morwell Advertiser, October 15, 1915).

Just how the water mains were laid out throughout Morwell's few residential streets, after being turned on at the first hydrant in front of the Morwell Post Office in Commercial Road (today, the site of the Commonwealth Bank) for all to witness, is another story for another time.

But one thing's sure, the volunteer fire fighters were pleased, as well as the bowling club.



Mathison Park



The Mathison Park volunteers were able to enjoy a meal at the Churchill Hotel Bistro as part of Volunteer Week, courtesy of Latrobe City Council.

Thank you to Latrobe City Council for this gesture. It was very much

appreciated.

The working bee was poorly attended and the weather was not helpful. However, the volunteers were able to install another seat along the

eastern pathway near the beginning of the long boardwalk. We hope it will encourage older people to take the walk around the lake knowing there is a seat for a rest on the way. This seat came to us with the courtesy of Latrobe City Council for which we are grateful.

The next working bee will be on Saturday June 15 at 9am. Ring Ruth 5122 1961 for information regarding where to meet.



Public Open Space Strategy Adopted

Latrobe City Council's Public Open Space Strategy was adopted on Monday May 20, 2013. The strategy has been a major piece of work for Council during the past two years.

Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Sandy Kam, said that the strategy provided a direction for the development of new public open spaces and the upgrade and maintenance of existing public open spaces.

"Following significant community and stakeholder consultation, a number of recommendations were made concerning planning, design, upgrade and improvement to parks, playgrounds, active reserves and pedestrian and bicycle pathways.

We also captured the community's aspirations in a vision statement that summarises the aims of the strategy," Cr Kam said.

Latrobe City will plan, provide and manage a diverse range of attractive, appealing and sustainable public open space facilities that are welcoming, accessible, and enhance the character of individual townships or neighbourhoods.

Cr Kam said that a variety of projects were planned for the 2013/2014 financial year, subject to budget approval.

"These include master plans for the Morwell Recreation Reserve Precinct, the Traralgon Recreation

Reserve and Showgrounds and the Warren Terrace Reserve at Hazelwood North. There will also be a review of the Traralgon Outdoor Recreation Plan."

Cr Kam added that there was good provision of open space in the municipality but there was always room for improvement.

"Public open spaces include playgrounds, parks, active sporting facilities, skate and BMX parks, pathways and bushland reserves. This strategy will allow us to take what we've got and to add value to these facilities through a program of upgrades, maintenance and planning. In fact, the new guidelines for planning require developers to supply more in the way of facilities and amenity than they have in the past. This is great news for our community.

Our public open spaces are the sorts of places that the community values. By providing a framework to improve existing spaces and create new ones we can ensure that our community can actively enjoy an outdoor and healthy lifestyle, and that the open spaces we do have provide linkages and connections in a way that fosters that very outdoor lifestyle we enjoy,"

Cr Kam concluded.

To review a copy of the Public Open Space Strategy please visit Latrobe City Council's website www.latrobe.vic.gov.au

Churchill Gardening Group



Here we are already half way through the year! With snow on the Baws Baws there is a general chill in the air. While winter conditions are forcing many plants to have their usual annual rest, there is still plenty of work to keep us warm and busy in the garden. If the weather is too adverse we can enjoy being indoors and reading a good book, gardening or otherwise.

I hope that you were able to make use of any autumn leaves that you had, to use as mulch or put in your compost bin. On a drive to Leongatha in May, I was delighted by all the autumn colours on the roadside, including wild apple trees that still had fruit on them.

Some small trees to plant for autumn colour, but more so for their bark, when the leaves have fallen, are the snake and coral bark maple. I have one that is called flamingo maple and it is beautiful from spring through to winter.

Cymbidium orchids are now sending up their flower spikes. To give a bit of support to the flowers, insert thin bamboo stakes in the pots to hold the flowers up. The flower spikes will put on a good show until well into spring. Orchids make excellent cut flowers for the house.

Now is a good time to plant

new perennials, or divide and replant others. Some perennials that come to mind are, shasta daisies, Easter daisies, gerberas, carnations, delphiniums, russell lupins, penstemons, and perennial phlox. Please remember the snail bait as the tender new shoots are like a party invitation to slugs and snails.

Camellias are flowering in all their glory, and more often than not the flowers fall face up and carpet the ground with added colour. Daphnes are now in bud and some flowers showing. They produce one of the most wonderful perfumes in any garden or house. Flowers picked for use in the house, is all the pruning that daphnes need.

A little tree or shrub that can look very interesting and a bit different is the silk tassel tree (garrya). A couple of other winter flowering shrubs/ trees are the gordonias with their fried egg flowers, and luculias with both pink and white flowered varieties exuding a beautiful perfume.

The winter flower garden can be brightened up by the red hot poker (Kniphofias). One red hot poker suited to winter is "Zululander". Other stars of winter / spring are the pansies in many colours and sizes, from very tiny

to quite large flowers; some with ruffled petals and all with pretty faces.

For a shaded spot or under larger plants, the winter rose (hellebores) with colours from creamy white to almost black, is hardy and very interesting. Another plant for a similar spot is the cineraria. It comes in both dwarf and tall varieties, some nice bright purples, pink etc, and often sets seed for next season - always a bonus.

Now is the time to plant asparagus, rhubarb crowns and strawberries. They all like as much manure/compost as you can give them. Redbeet, silverbeet, cabbages, cauliflower, broccoli and broccolini (my favourite) can all be planted now, with small plantings every couple of weeks or so to give you veggies up to early summer.

If you are not planting winter veggies, think about planting a green manure crop, to give your spring garden a boost. Broad beans, dwarf peas, wheat, oats, rocket etc, planted densely and chopped up when growing and dug under, does wonders for the soil and is better than weeds.

That's all for this month. Bye.

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Rotary Club of Hazelwood

By Leo Billington

Michael Malone was one recent guest speaker for our club with an inspiring story to tell.

He is a man with a mission after his first visit to Kenya with George Hendry, and assisted in the building of a school for the orphans.

While there Mike also built the furniture for the school. He took notice of other problems in the community and decided to do something to assist and make the community self sufficient.

He returned to Kenya to set up a small dairy giving the community milk for themselves and a small income on whatever they were able to sell. A fresian bull and cow were purchased with donated funds for the dairy.

This has not been as successful as originally hoped, due to drought and the community not fully understanding the importance of proper care and feed for a pregnant cow.

Unfortunately the first calf was lost.

On return to Australia from one of his trips, Michael met up with Alan Bourne who for many years was an agricultural consultant to the third world countries.

He recommended they establish a chicken farm. Michael returned to Kenya, a chicken house was built and stocked with 50 one-day old chicks. This was very successful and they currently produce 45 eggs a day for local consumption and for sale.

The locals, the chickens and the cattle all eat corn so a corn field has been developed. Michael's current project is to establish a corn mill and he has been assisted by his own Rotary Club of Leongatha and Mary McKillop school.

There are 42 Rotary clubs in Kenya and Michael's contribution from here in Gippsland continues to make a difference.

As a long serving member of Hazelwood Rotary, local identity, Mac Wood, is another inspiration to all volunteers and Rotarians as they make a difference in our local community.

At a recent Rotary conference, one key-note speaker summed up Rotarians as:



What is a Rotarian?

* A Rotarian is a person who digs wells from which they will never drink

* A person who vaccinates children they will never meet

* A person who restores sight for those they will never see

* A person who builds houses they will never live in

Hazelwood Rotary

Invites you and friend(s) to be our guest and join us at our regular weekly Monday evening meetings at the rear of the Italian Australian Club, Princes Drive Morwell at 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm. Please contact either President Margaret Palmer on 0413 847 446 or Leo Billington on 0458 661 848.

CDCA - Community Forum



By Margaret Guthrie

Churchill's Art and Culture Pathway project will be the topic for discussion at our next Community Forum and General Meeting, to be held at 7pm on Wednesday June 26, in the Boardroom at Green Inc (McDonald Way, Churchill).

Guest speaker, Mr Michael Answerth (Executive Officer, Gippsland Education Precinct) will provide an update on the progress of this project, including development of the art project at Churchill Skate Park, which is involving some of the young people that use this facility.

A progress report will also be provided on the 'East-West Link' plan that aims to better link the Town Centre with the facilities located on the eastern side of Churchill. A feature of this proposal is to improve pedestrian pathways between facilities, enhancing safety, accessibility and the network of recreational pathways within our township.

There is necessarily some overlap between the East-West Link pedestrian paths and the Art and Culture Pathway – the latter will provide a number of visually attractive points of interest for use by the local community and visitors (e.g. the proposed Eel Hole Creek Pavilion). Latrobe City Council and the Gippsland Education Precinct are collaborating closely on these projects to ensure the projects complement and enhance each other. CDCA and other stakeholder groups continue to be informed and consulted as the projects progress.

CDCA meetings provide a unique opportunity for members of the community to be kept up-to-date on various matters concerning Churchill. Our local State Member of Parliament, Russell Northe, attended our May Committee meeting and provided updated information about various matters, including lighting at Gaskin Park and potential funding for facilities to support the Regional Hockey Field.

Our meetings are also an opportunity for stakeholders to hear the views of local residents and follow-up

our concerns. Thus, our local MP has undertaken to find out how discussions are proceeding between the State Government (Department of Human Services) and Latrobe City Council regarding the 'vacant' parcel of land on Walker Parade which residents wish to have reserved as permanent parkland. Whilst Council maintains this land, it is owned by DHS and potentially subject to sale or development. Council is unable to declare this as a public park or invest in further infrastructure, such as seating, BBQ facilities and the like, until a decision is made regarding sale or long-term lease arrangements.

At our May CDCA meeting, there was also further discussion about the merger of the Gippsland campus with the University of Ballarat. A consultation paper, titled 'The Next Step' has been prepared by Ballarat University, canvassing two options for the re-naming of the University. These are 'State University' or 'Federation University'. Closing date for public comment (to the University of Ballarat) was June 3.

CDCA would like to encourage residents of Churchill and district to attend our next General Meeting and Community Forum on June 26. Along with our Guest Speaker and topic (Churchill's Art and Culture Pathway), this forum provides an opportunity to 'catch up' with the latest news from key stakeholders and their representatives.

Council's Township Liaison Officer, Teresa Pugliese, regularly attends, along with the Churchill Town Centre Place Manager, Ian Gibson. They are available to address various local issues and provide information to the community. Likewise, members of Victoria Police frequently attend, along with our local Neighbourhood watch Co-ordinator, Peter Gray. Alan Scarlett from the Monash Gippsland campus is also a regular attendee and able to provide the latest update on the university merger.

CDCA can be contacted at any time by writing to us at PO Box 191, Churchill, emailing mgcdca@hotmail.com or phoning 5122 2997.

Telstra Business Women's Awards now open

Deputy Premier and Member for Gippsland, Peter Ryan, is encouraging Gippslanders to nominate inspirational and innovative business women for this year's Telstra Business Women's Awards.

Mr Ryan said there were many motivated and high achieving business women within Gippsland who deserved a nomination.

"There are so many women in this electorate who are worthy of winning one of these awards and it would be marvellous to have a winner or finalist that hails from Gippsland," Mr Ryan said.

Finalists and winners across Australia have the opportunity to attend a workshop and networking event the night before the awards, as well as a share in \$200,000 in cash and prizes.

"These awards are a great opportunity for business women to raise their profile, grow their business networks and connect with women outside their sector or region," Mr Ryan said.

Learn The Craft Of Writing For Children

Andy Griffiths, Australia's most popular children's writer, will give an Author Talk and host a creative writers' Master Class at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon on Saturday June 15 from 11am.

Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Sandy Kam, said that Andy Griffiths was the author of over 20 books.

"His books include nonsense verse, short stories, comic novels and plays. Over the past 15 years Andy's books have been New York Times bestsellers, won over 50 children's choice awards, been adapted as a television cartoon series and sold over 5 million copies worldwide.

To have Andy Griffiths here in Latrobe City is a real coup. The creative writers' Master Class will begin at 11am and will take participants through the journey of how to write effectively, the creative process and getting your ideas down on paper. He will then give an Author Talk from 1.30pm, where he will talk about his works, his process of writing and take questions from the audience.

This is a golden opportunity for writers out there to learn from a master of the craft," Cr Kam concluded.

Both the Author Talk and the Master Class are free events but you must book by calling the Latrobe Performing Arts Box Office on 5176 3559.

The author's visit and Master Class is part of the State Library of Victoria's High Road to Reading program and is being co-hosted by Latrobe City Libraries and Latrobe Performing Arts Centre.



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"Yes, It's Ladies Night"



By Carol Cox

The Churchill Champions Relay for Life team is out and about fundraising again this year.

The local team participates every year in the Latrobe Valley Relay for Life raising money for the Cancer Council.

The 2013 relay starts at 4pm Saturday October 19, and finishes at noon Sunday October 20, Gaskin Park, Churchill. New team members are always very welcome.

Hoping to beat last year's total of over \$3000, the girls have put together something very special for the ladies of Churchill and surrounds.

Organisers Caroline Cox, Christine Morrey and Chantel Drew say "we are really working hard this year to beat our fundraising record, this cause is very close to our hearts and we are hoping the ladies of the community will really get behind this event and have a fabulous time! You will also see other fundraising ideas popping up around town so keep a lookout for the Churchill Champions fundraisers!"

"Yes Its Ladies Night" will be an interactive evening where you can partake in a little pampering, including hair styling station, mini manicures and massage, enjoy some gorgeous mini meals, scrapbooking

session or even learn how to fold a fitted sheet!

A highlight of the evening will be a Fashion Parade at 7.30pm encompassing some of the beautiful garments displayed by stallholders.

Raffles galore and a Lucky Shopper Prize will be awarded on the night!

The evening will be on Friday July 5, at the Churchill Football Club Rooms and starts at 6pm till 9.30 pm.

Entry is free, but you can make your donation by joining in on one or all of the multiple displays on the night.

Light refreshments will be supplied.

Food, fashion, beauty and everything in between, there really is something for everyone.



Sealers Cove Walking Track Reopens At The Prom

The popular Sealers Cove walking track in Wilsons Promontory National Park that was severely damaged by the 2011 floods, was re-opened in time for the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

Deputy Premier and Member for Gippsland South, Peter Ryan, said the \$600,000 repair works were part of the Victorian Government's \$19.7 million Flood Recovery Program.

"We're delighted that this track has been reopened and can be enjoyed by the many visitors who come here not just for the long weekend but those throughout the year," Mr Ryan said.

"It's been a huge task to rebuild and repair the track that was so severely damaged by the floods and it's great news that people can explore this

beautiful place once again."

Mr Ryan said Sealers Cove was a much loved area of the Prom with around 15,000 walkers coming to the track and 10,000 visitors staying overnight at the hikers' campground each year.

"The March 2011 floods caused extensive damage to the two-kilometre boardwalk, and there were more than 20 landslides along the 10.2km walking track," Mr Ryan said.

"I'd especially like to thank all the Parks Victoria staff and contractors who have worked tirelessly to get the track ready and safe for visitors."

For more information contact Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au.

New Latrobe Valley Muslim Women's Group Walks For Charity



By Khatija Halabi

Rather than having a relaxing Sunday at home, 21 women and 19 children turned up on the morning of May 5, for a fun run/walk, where \$312 was raised for the Syrian Emergency Appeal. This was the first social event organised by the United Muslim Sisters of Latrobe Valley (UMSLV), a newly formed women's organisation.

"We wanted to honour the women in our society; for everything that they do and for the support that they give their families.

We wanted our first event to be for them where they could enjoy each other's company and for the children to have fun with each other", said Zeinub, UMSLV committee member.

Entry to the event was by donation with all proceeds going to the Syrian Emergency Appeal, through Muslim Aid Australia. "We are very thankful for the generosity of the participants who raised \$312 for this very worthy cause on the day!" said Syedaa Hussaini, treasurer of UMSLV.

While the UMSLV is a group formed by Muslim women the event invited members of the wider community to participate, and all the women and children got along harmoniously. The newly formed UMSLV has representatives from members that reflect the diversity of the Muslim community in this

region. Participants on the day came from Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Turkish, Moroccan, Palestinian, Jordanian, Iraqi, South African, Australian and Saudi backgrounds. Tammy Richards, a Boolarra resident said "While the day wasn't a bright sunny one, the participants certainly made up for it with the gorgeous smiles, bubbly

quickly they could run a full lap. The ladies kept up a good pace in an attempt to keep up with the younger ones! Once across the finish line all the children were awarded with gold medals and then everyone tucked into a wide range of healthy food supplied by participants.

Monash University's chaplain,



personalities, relaxed atmosphere and eagerness to walk/run a lap or two around Lake Hyland at Mathison Park, Churchill".

It was great to see people of all ages (some even being pushed in prams) gather at the starting line eager to start. The children of the group turned it into a huge race and we were all surprised at how

Reverend Penelope Brook, who participated in the event, stated that it was a well 'run' event and that such events are a wonderful vehicle for bringing people together.

This was the first social event of the UMSLV and the committee intends to plan future events for families.

Chester Recognises Local Firefighters In Parliament

Federal Parliament has been told of the need for younger volunteer firefighters to join the Country Fire Authority by the Member for Gippsland, Darren Chester.

Mr Chester made the comments during a speech in which he paid tribute to the efforts of all firefighters across Gippsland.

He told Parliament that he could think of no better organisation to recommend to people in the local community than the Country Fire Authority (CFA).

"At the start of this year, I encouraged Gippslanders to consider what contribution they could make to the community, and whether they would be prepared to volunteer some of their time to join a community organisation," Mr Chester told Parliament.

"The CFA is one of the most highly respected and iconic community service organisations

in our nation. The role of our CFA volunteers, in particular, in rural communities is something that deserves recognition."

Mr Chester said a lot of CFA volunteers were getting towards the more mature stage of their volunteer life and are working hard to encourage younger people to participate.

"There is only one thing that it costs you to become a CFA volunteer and that is your time," Mr Chester said.

"The CFA itself provides all the training and equipment, and that is obviously very important for the proper conduct of its roles."

Mr Chester said there was a job for everyone in the CFA.

"There are roles which go beyond the most obvious operational ones of firefighting, accident rescue missions, crew leadership, communications, all forms of emergency response,

incident controller, pump operator and so on," Mr Chester said.

"There are also non-operational roles, where perhaps people who might not necessarily have originally thought of themselves as a CFA volunteer can play a very important part behind the scenes.

Being a CFA volunteer allows the individual to also develop a range of skills which will serve them well in life.

They learn leadership and other professional development skills. They receive accredited training which is recognised throughout the world. It is also an opportunity for them to work as part of a team and to meet new people in regional communities.

I encourage Gippslanders who have thought about perhaps donating their time to any community service to consider what role they might play within the CFA."

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Crocka Foundation

Beating Hearts Fun Run

On Sunday May 12, Mother's Day, the first annual 'Beating Hearts Fun Run' was held at Lake Hyland in Churchill, with all money raised going to the Crocka Foundation. Over 300 participants took part in the 10km run or 5km walk, with many travelling from as far as Melbourne. The perfect weather allowed for everyone to enjoy the run/walk, with many mothers and daughters participating. The first adult to finish the 10km run was Ben Bailey, with Darren Fletcher coming in second. The first junior participant to finish was Flynn Shields. There were plenty of activities for everyone after the race, especially the children. These included a jumping castle, show bags and lucky dips, fairy floss and popcorn, cake stall and BBQ. Over \$10,000 was raised!



Kylea Williams with the first junior participant to finish, Flynn Shields.

A special thank you goes out to the Churchill and District Lions Club for cooking a BBQ breakfast and lunch, and for all the volunteers that helped out on day. Also to all the local businesses who donated items for our raffle. It was a great community effort!

This was the second major fundraising event for the Crocka Foundation since its launch in November last year, with a Gala Ball. This event alone raised \$40,000. Two BBQ's at Woolworths in Churchill have also been successful, and the selling of merchandise. The 'Beating Hearts Fun Run' will be an annual event, with the date set for early April in 2014. A trivia and auction night will be held in October this year. For more information on these events you can contact Kylea Williams on their email - crocka13@bigpond.net.au or like the Crocka Foundation on Facebook.

The Crocka Foundation honours a Churchill legend, David 'Crocka'

Williams. He died suddenly on January 1, 2011 to cardiac arrest at the age of 35. His wife Kylea Williams, created the foundation to keep his memory alive, to raise much needed funds into genetic heart research and to raise awareness and prevention of sudden cardiac death. All proceeds go directly to the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. The Institute plans on using the money for research into genetic heart disease for sudden cardiac death in the young of ages 0 to 40.

David was a fit young man who loved life. He was a concreter, running his own business, a keen footballer and coach for the Churchill Football Netball Club, playing well over 200 games and a Life Member. He had also conquered the Kokoda track in May 2010 and was a keen fisherman. His death has had a major impact on the community, leaving his family, extended family and friends devastated. It is a tragic reminder that heart disease does not discriminate and can strike anyone. If you have concerns see your GP immediately!



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Welcome to the

Churchill & District Community HUB



Latrobe City Council Service Centre and Library

The Churchill Service Centre and Library offers enhanced service delivery providing many benefits to customers including access to all Council related services, greater flexibility for customers paying accounts and access to all library resources. The service centre/library is an informal space open between 11am and 6pm Monday to Friday.

The library, previously co-located with Kurnai College at the Churchill campus, moved to the Hub in 2009. It has assumed its own identity with a 'lounge room' feel and bright and casual furnishings that invites visitors to stay longer.

As well as the vast collection, members also have access to the wider Latrobe City collection and the library consortium. There is free public access internet and WiFi along with access to daily newspapers, and patrons can access free library subscriptions to a number of electronic resources, including Britannica, Computer School, Busy Thing, Ancestry and yourtutor. Printing, fax and photocopying services are also available for a fee.

The library runs weekly Storytime sessions each Wednesday at 11.30am during school terms and a fun holiday program during school holidays.

Other events include digital literacy programs such as Skype and iPad workshops, researching family history and author visits.

Sharing space at the Hub means young children and parents attending the preschool or Pooh Corner have quick and easy access to the service centre, as a one stop shop for Council services.

For further information regarding library services, how to join Latrobe City Libraries or our programs please call Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700.

Maternal and Child Health Service

Latrobe City Council's Maternal and Child Health (M&CH) Service provides support and education for families with children aged from birth to five, across the municipality. The friendly team at Churchill encourages families to attend ten key age and stage visits for each child as well as facilitating new parent groups, as a way of providing additional support and information to first time parents.

The Enhanced M&CH Service is an additional support service for vulnerable families, where more intensive support may be of benefit.

Our M&CH nurses are highly trained and can help families with various matters such as breastfeeding, sleep and settle, growth and development, nutrition, parent support, parent emotional and physical health, oral health, and linking families with other services within the community.

M&CH Services being located within the Churchill and District Community Hub allows families to locate the service in a central and easy to access site, whilst also having the convenience of accessing other services and facilities within the one facility.

Staff can also build positive relationships with co-located services and better understand that service. This allows the staff to provide a more comprehensive service to families.

To make an appointment with the M&CH service or to make an enquiry, families can contact the central booking line on 5128 5331.



The Churchill Hub was opened in early 2009 as a result of a partnership between community, local and state government. The underlying concept in the Churchill and District Hub is to provide a venue that brings individual members of the community, groups, organisations and agencies together in an atmosphere of support to address and meet community needs.

Services provided at the Churchill Hub include Latrobe City Council's maternal and child Health, preschool, childcare, service centre and library as well as the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

Churchill Hub Preschool

The Churchill Hub Preschool provides an early education program for children aged between three and six. The program is aimed at providing children with a variety of experiences and activities to help them develop skills such as observation, concentration, group participation and co-operation. The program is flexible to cater to individual abilities and interests and includes excursions and special visitors.

Parent and community involvement is a very important part of the preschool program. The parent committee also performs an extremely important function helping with fundraising, purchasing and repairing equipment, excursions, materials and also grounds maintenance. In our program we believe parents and staff form a team committed to offering the best possible education and care for children.

The preschool has strong community hub links with Pooh Corner childcare centre that provides before and after preschool care as well as benefiting from borrowing library books for the preschool program. The parents of the preschool can also access the library service. There is also an opportunity to promote the library story time service in the preschool. The preschool is supported by the hub users group with events such as emergency evacuation procedures and community events.

For more details call Sarah Auteri, Team Leader for Early Learning and Care – Central, on 5128 5562 or Early Education Teacher, Sue Scarlett at Churchill Hub Preschool on 5132 3993.

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Drop by and have a chat with us to see how we can help you. We'd love to see you.

The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre can be contacted on phone 5122 2955 online at www.churchill.org.au by email on churchillnc@bigpond.com and on Facebook 'Churchill Neighbourhood Centre'.

Pooh Corner Childcare Centre

Pooh Corner Childcare Centre is a 75 place purpose built centre. The centre has five separate playrooms and care is provided for children aged from birth to five years. The centre is open from 6.30am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday.

Nutritious meals are provided for the children and an education program is delivered in all age groups. Caring staff will ensure your child's time at Pooh Corner is educational and staff will offer many opportunities for learning through play.

Staff and students from Monash University use Pooh Corner as well as families from Churchill and surrounding communities, including Moe, Morwell and Traralgon. Families using Pooh Corner also have the opportunity to visit the library, maternal and child health service, the neighbourhood house and the Churchill preschool.

Pooh Corner staff are able to pick up and drop off children to the Churchill Preschool if requested.

Families who are interested in enrolling their children at Pooh Corner are encouraged to make an appointment to come and have a look around. The centre offers an orientation program and encourages families to introduce children slowly to childcare to ensure a smooth transition for everyone. Currently, the centre has limited vacancies.

If you would like more information please contact Jodie Petesic on 5122 6227.





Corporal Luke Townsend, who joined the British Army after serving with the Australian Army, is returning to the UK following a successful tour of Afghanistan in which he has managed to break up an enemy bomb-making network, attacking coalition forces in Helmand.

Australian Luke (30) has spent the past six months as an Intelligence Analyst for the elite Brigade Reconnaissance Force (BRF), mainly composed of the Catterick-based Queen's Royal Lancers.

During the tour they have been responsible for disrupting insurgent networks across Helmand, and Luke was involved in finding and destroying explosives and equipment used for making deadly Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

Luke, who previously served in the

Local Soldier Serves Well

Australian Army Intelligence Corps, spent a number of months collecting and analysing intelligence which led to an early morning raid on one particular suspect's compound.

He said: "He was pretty shocked that we were there for him. It is very difficult to catch these guys, they are slippery by nature.

Our previous successes meant he was the last link in the network and with his arrest we reduced the threat in the area significantly.

When it goes well, it is really satisfying. It's down to the guys reporting what they see."

The BRF have been targeted with booby traps when searching suspicious compounds.

Luke said: "There is a little bit of pride, in knowing that you are affecting them so badly that they are having to do something

about it but at the same time, particularly when you first find it, it's a little sickening because you immediately think, 'What else is here?'

I feel a great sense of responsibility, if the guys were to move into an area and be attacked by a threat that I had not identified. That would play on my mind."

Luke is the 3rd of four children of Peter and Sue Townsend of Hazelwood South.

Luke's brother, Owen, is currently serving with the Royal Australian Engineers and his sister, Marie was a Writer in the Australian Navy for four years.

Luke spent his school days at Lumen Christi Primary School, Churchill and his secondary education was at Catholic Regional College, Traralgon.

Luke always had an interest in the Defence Force and whilst at school he chose to undertake his work experience at the Army Tanks workshop, Puckapunyal which he thoroughly enjoyed.

He followed his brothers Owen and Duncan in joining the 304 Army Cadets in Newborough and obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Luke met his wife Roxanne while in the Cadets, and she has waited patiently for him to return from his various deployments in both the Australian and British Armies.

Luke joined the Australian Army Ordinance Corp at the age of 18 where he learnt to speak fluent Timorese.

Deciding on a different career path within the Army, he was accepted into the Intelligence Corp which saw him deployed to East Timor and various other SE Asian locations, much of which was done in secret due to the work he was undertaking.

After five years in the Australian Army, and attaining the rank of Corporal, Luke left the Army and ran a successful computer business in Morwell. After selling the business he then worked for Bilfinger Berger at Loy Yang for a short time.

The yearning for Army life was too strong and he and Roxanne decided to move to the UK where he enlisted in the British Army ending up in the British Royal Lancers.

Since then Luke has undertaken two tours of Afghanistan with the second tour as Intelligence Officer for the Regiment.

He has obtained the rank of Corporal within the British Army and his ability and success has been recognised by being awarded a place in a Masters course at Brunel University in London, despite not holding a Bachelor's Degree.

Luke said, "It is a great honour and an exciting new chapter in my life, so I will move to London at the end of this year to take up my position.

It will be a bit different to what I am used to, but it is a subject that fascinates me," he said.

Luke is an avid reader of military history and modern military weaponry.

When he completes his Masters, Luke and his wife, Roxanne will look forward to returning to Gippsland to see their families, and who knows where the next phase of their journey will take them.

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SAFER COMMUNITIES GROUP

Churchill & District Lions Club



By Sam Gillett

Churchill Lions Club has had an active month of fundraising and community projects. Recent donations included a cheque presentation from Churchill Lions Club President, Peter McShane, for the Latrobe Relay for Life held in October 2012.

Other activities included assisting with the BBQ for the Crocka Foundation's "Beating Hearts Fun Run Walk" on Mothers Day, with an additional \$1500 donated to the Crocka

Foundation's cause to raise awareness and prevention of sudden cardiac death.

Fifteen members and other volunteers from the Churchill and Yinnar Lions Clubs also assisted in Latrobe's Biggest Ever Blokes BBQ on May 31, serving food to approximately 800 people in Morwell to raise awareness of Prostate Cancer.

Churchill Lions meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, and can be contacted by email at churchill.lions@gmail.com

Works Begin On Flood Repairs

A number of long-awaited road repairs are now underway in Latrobe City, thanks to emergency funding from the Victorian State Government.

Latrobe City Council mayor, Councillor Sandy Kam, said that flood events during 2011 and 2012 caused a significant number of landslips, erosion and road damage in the municipality.

"The first project will be in Quarry Road, Yallourn North, with works started on Monday May 27. The amount of construction work required to repair these landslips is far greater than what Council would undertake in a normal year. With Council's road crews fully committed to improvement projects and routine maintenance, we have engaged consultants and contractors to undertake this special program of works.

Council is now finalising a program of works for

the other 18 landslip remediation sites across the city. As works are scheduled, information about traffic delays and temporary road closures will be made available on Council's website at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au and in the 'Council Noticeboard' in the Latrobe Valley Express.

We understand that these slips have significantly impacted the lives of some residents, so we will continue to work with the State Government to ensure safe solutions are implemented as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we would ask that road users in affected areas remain patient and drive carefully while our repair crews are on their roads," Cr Kam concluded.

The Quarry Road repairs are scheduled for completion by June 30, weather permitting.

Firearm Licences Are A Privilege, Not A Right!

Firearm ownership and use is a privilege and should not be taken for granted. Firearm owners and users must act responsibly and within the law.

Gippsland Police receive complaints from the public on a daily basis in relation to people using firearms in a dangerous or illegal manner. Police remind the public that shooting from the roadside is illegal as is shooting onto or across private property. Section 130 (1) of the Firearms Act 1996 is explicit and states;

'A person must not carry a loaded firearm or use a firearm in a town or populous place or on any thoroughfare or place open to or used by the public for passage with vehicles.' An offence against this section carries a penalty of 60 penalty units (\$8460) or 12 months imprisonment.

Section 131 of the Act stipulates;

A person must not
(a) Possess, carry or use a firearm on private property or
(b) Discharge a shot, bullet or other missile from a firearm onto or across private property without the consent of the owner or occupier of the property.

This section also carries a penalty of 60 penalty units (\$8460) or 12 months imprisonment.

In recent years local farmers have been reporting heavy stock losses due to spotlight shooters. The major problem is that 'shooters' do not positively identify their target. Hunters MUST positively identify the target before they pull the trigger.

With the popularity of deer hunting reaching an all-time high, it is imperative to exercise safe firearm handling practices at all times.

This also extends to the transportation of firearms when

travelling to and from the hunting zones.

Section 126 (1) applies to a person who is carrying or using a firearm and that person must;

(a) Ensure that the firearm was carried and used in a manner that is secure and is not dangerous and
(b) Take reasonable precautions to ensure that the firearm was not lost or stolen.

This section too, also carries a penalty of 60 penalty units (\$8460) or 12 months imprisonment.

If you have any inquiries about firearm related laws and regulations, contact our local Divisional Firearms Officer at Morwell Police - Station, Leading Senior Constable Ian Miles.

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Churchill & District News Short Story and Poetry Competition 2013

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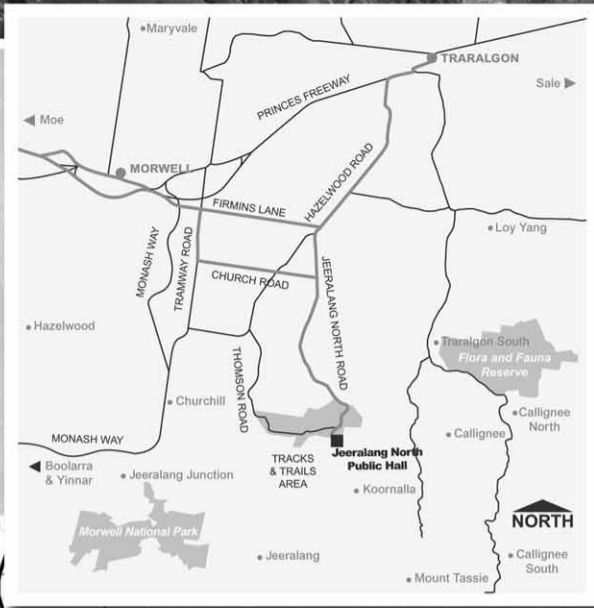
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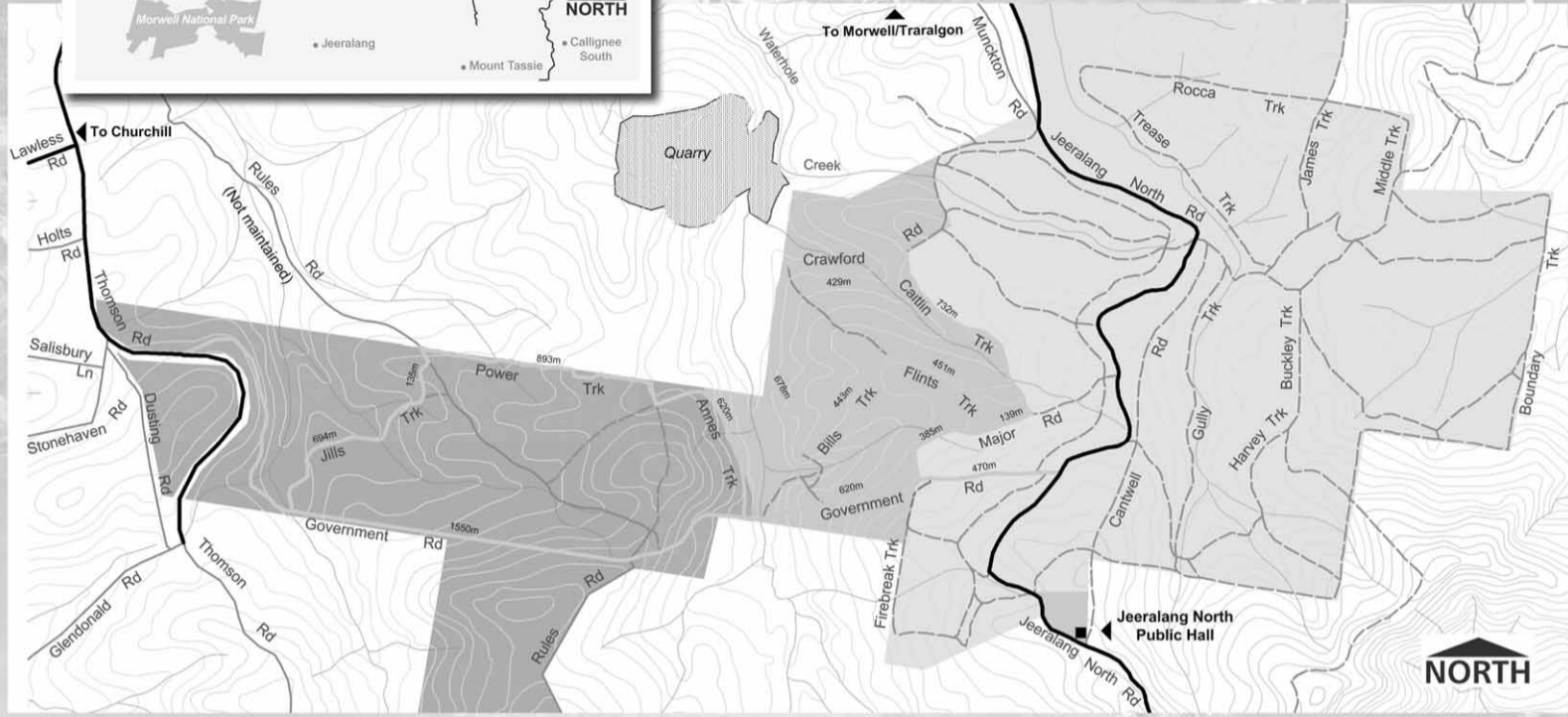
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Invitation to Jeeralang North Trails Opening

Walking, horse riding and mountain bicycle tracks starting from Jeeralang North Hall are now shown on a large map at the hall, and on a brochure or on www.hjca.org.au website.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the successful completion of the project on Saturday, June 15, at 11:30am at the Jeeralang North Hall. A free light lunch will follow at 12:00.

The Hazelwood Jeeralang Community Association has published a brochure showing the major trails. Track name signs and an information shelter have been installed. The project was funded through the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund.

Open forest heath lands, vigorously growing regrowth after the 2009 bushfires, some old mountain ash rainforest and replanted pine plantations assure a varied experience. Soil types also vary from sandy to clay ensuring varied vegetation. Winter and spring will provide colourful wildflower displays.

Wildlife abounds with scores of bird species from lyre birds and king parrots to tiny wrens, echidnas, wallabies, wombats and grey kangaroos plus a myriad of other smaller marsupials.

The Tracks are in the Parks Victoria Education area, State Forest of Department of Environment and Primary Industry and on HVP plantation land.

Residential Students To Benefit From Pilot Transport Program

A pilot program to improve life for residential students at Monash University's Gippsland campus will start this month.

The 335 students who live at the Churchill campus are now eligible to receive a \$100 Cabcharge gift card to help address long-standing issues with public transport outside business hours and at weekends.

Monash Gippsland's Pro Vice Chancellor, Professor Robin Pollard, said the University recognised students living on campus were constrained in undertaking activities off campus if they did not have a car.

He said the initiative aimed to fill some of the gaps in the public transport services and provide a quick and safe journey.

"Transport is often raised as an issue for many residential students - particularly our international students - and this program aims to not only address that, but also ensure life on campus is a more enjoyable experience," Professor Pollard said.

"In the past other schemes had been trialled but we think this pilot program is an investment in our residential students. It enhances their independence by providing them with the maximum amount of flexibility and enables them to use it when and where they choose."

Amy Cameron, a Churchill-based third-year primary education student and Residential Adviser, said transport was often a major bugbear for those living on campus.

"Getting to and from Churchill has often been difficult for residential students if they don't own a

car, especially out of hours, and this program will be well received," Ms Cameron said.

"For various reasons public transport doesn't work for everyone as it can be inflexible and students don't always feel safe travelling by themselves in the evening. This pilot program has the potential to really help out with some of those issues."

Diona Chu, president of the International Students Association (ISA) at Monash Gippsland, said the scheme would assist many students who lived at Churchill, particularly with access to and from local railway stations.

"The ISA appreciates that Monash is acknowledging that transportation is a major problem in the area and welcomes this quickly implemented additional transport service," Ms Chu said.

"This will definitely be a good way to ease the financial burden of travelling to and from the campus for students. For residential students this is especially so, because many do not have cars and do not receive public transport student travel concessions, and perhaps this scheme will encourage retention of international students at the Gippsland campus.

We are concerned about the sustainability of this scheme and how long will Monash be committed to give out Cabcharge vouchers. Are there any better ongoing alternatives?"

Mr Alan Scarlett, campus manager, said the cards were valid for 12 months and the pilot program would be reviewed later in the year.

He said the campus would continue to investigate other transport options.

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May Activity Report

Sunday May 19

This month the group returned to the Grand Strzelecki Track to continue work on removing weeds from Billy's Creek.

The group continued on from the twelfth creek crossing moving towards the park boundary. The creek level remains relatively low, especially for this time of year.

Also a worrying sign is that the Grand Strzelecki Track beyond the park boundary has many tutsan plants, both seedlings and advanced plants in fruit.

Many plants grow beside the track, in the undergrowth, in the track itself and on the creek banks. Many tutsan are growing very well far away from the creek. With many tutsan upstream it will be very difficult to eradicate

tutsan from the park. There are also willows in Billy's Creek upstream from the park.

Students Walk

The walk started at the Tugla-Bulga end of the track in very grey and overcast conditions. While we organized ourselves and prepared our gear, it rained and this was the first of many showers during the day.

Each student was to carry the gear they needed for the next two days, which meant each student was carrying a pack of about 15-20 kilograms.

Students worked in groups and each group needed to carry a tent, sleeping bags, sleeping mats, stove, extra clothes and food.

The year 10 and 11 students were all studying the VCE subject Outdoor and Environmental Studies, and this trip had them

using the skills and knowledge gained in classes.

Thirteen students undertook the walk and in rotation, groups of students were responsible for map reading and navigating the group. Over the two days the trip covered about 26 kilometres.

This is not long for a two day hike but the terrain on the second day would be more difficult.

On the first day the walking was easier with the whole track being vehicle width, and the group being able to easily walk two abreast. Much work had been done recently on this track.

During this first day there was only one creek crossing, so many did not get wet here being piggy-backed across by other students. Throughout the day there were regular showers, resulting in us always being damp.

Beside one section of the track it was burnt out where there had been a recent lightning strike.

This track had been used as a containment point for the firefighting.

The scorched blackened environment on one side was contrasted by the healthy bush land on the other.

We walked through areas burnt by the 2009 Delburn fires. It was great to see the regrowth and regeneration of the bush.

The last section of track was closed because of nearby logging, so the track detoured onto the road.

A few kilometres along the road we were at the camp site an hour before dark. The students then set up their tents and sleeping swags and started making their dinners.

Most students were challenged by using their cooking stoves and were still cooking when it became dark.

Eating and cleaning up in the dark, while avoiding the rain, was more challenging.

Early the next morning (from 3am) we heard the sound of log trucks and tree felling. The next morning we were up before daylight, preparing for some difficult hiking. It did not rain this day but we got wet from 60 creek crossings. Many students tried to skip across stones at the creek crossings to avoid getting wet. The students set a cracking pace all day looking forward to getting home.

The track conditions on this second day were very different. The terrain was difficult and the track in places was soft under foot. The track was mostly single file but it is well signposted, so getting lost is not a significant concern.

In some sections, some scrambling is required. The track has been improved since last year with steps cut into steeper banks and markers included.

In some parts the track has changed with trees falling across the track. Scrambling over or under large fallen trees was required in some parts.

Lunch was taken early at the base of Billy's Creek Falls. This was a very pleasant environment in which to eat.

Over the day many leeches were located and removed from our bodies.

A few students sustained a few injuries, but they soldiered on to the end. The last few kilometres through Morwell National Park seemed like a stroll compared to the terrain covered earlier in the day.

June Activity

Sunday June 16

The group will meet at 10.00am at the Kerry Road car park to complete some track maintenance.

You will need to bring your lunch and suitable clothing for the weather conditions on the day.



Andy Gillham - "Parks of West Gippsland"



"Parks of West Gippsland" will be discussed by Mr Andrew Gillham, Latrobe Ranger in Charge on Friday June 28, at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club meeting.

Andy is responsible for the management of 52 parks and reserves spread across the greater Latrobe Valley area. This includes sites such as Baw Baw, Morwell and Tarra Bulga National Parks, the historic Walhalla township, numerous State and Regional parks and dozens of small bushland and conservation reserves.

His presentation will focus on the diversity

and uniqueness of the parks and reserves, local management issues and the systems and processes used by Parks Victoria to achieve management outcomes on the ground.

The meeting at 7.30pm is at our new venue, the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Old Sale Road and Chamberlain Road, Newborough.

On Saturday there will be an excursion to Mt Worth State Park.

Visitors are most welcome to both activities; there is no charge. For more information phone 5634 2246 or 5127 3393.

Streetlife Grants

Member for Morwell and Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business, Russell Northe, has announced that applications for funding under Round Two of the Victorian Government's Streetlife program are now open.

Councils and trader or business associations in the Morwell electorate are eligible to apply for funding under the program, which supports projects that aim to revitalise shopfront trading activity in local business districts.

"Streetlife is a \$6 million initiative that has funding over four years to 2016 to help small traders in community shopping precincts improve their business and retail management skills," Mr Northe said.

"Working in partnership with their local council or representative business or trader group, retailers will participate in projects designed to attract more customers

to their area and generate increased sales and revenue.

Applications are now being sought for round two funding, and councils and trader groups are encouraged to submit their proposals for individual program grants," he said.

Mr Northe added that up to 35 grants will be offered to councils on an 80:20 co-funding basis, and up to ten grants will also be offered to trader and business associations to support smaller, more localised projects, and also to establish new trader groups.

"We have listened to the needs of small retailers in the Morwell electorate and created a new Streetlife category for prospective traders associations to apply for funding to assist with legal and strategic advice," Mr Northe said.

"By broadening the reach of Streetlife funding and supporting smaller projects, we are ensuring

that an even greater number of retail businesses have the opportunity to gain valuable skills under the program."

Streetlife was launched by the Victorian Government in September 2012, with 24 Victorian councils and 8 trader or business associations offered First Round funding in March this year.

Projects under Streetlife will enable small retailers to develop better marketing strategies, grow their online presence and capability, and build more sustainable business practices.

Applications for Round Two funding close at 5 pm on July 23, 2013.

Further information on Streetlife, including the eligibility criteria and application process for Round Two, as well as the Streetlife Information Sessions can be found at: business.vic.gov.au/streetlife.

Gallery exhibition gives us a reason to 'Laugh out Loud'

Something is spreading in Latrobe City and it's highly contagious. If you set foot inside the Latrobe Regional Gallery you're bound to end up infected. Nobody is immune. And no, it's not a virus. It's laughter. Remember that? The feeling when something's so funny you're moved to chuckle. Well, if you dare to laugh out loud in public, come and see what we're talking about.

Latrobe City Council arts director, Julie Adams, said that if sports teams could use performance enhancing drugs to improve their game, why couldn't artists use mood enhancers in the same way?

"Seriously, who doesn't need an injection of mood lighteners every now and again? And the Gallery is a safe space to use them.

LOL is the perfect place to shake off the winter blues, the economic woes, Melbourne's losing streak or whatever affliction is keeping you glum. If you appreciate the great Aussie sense of humour or you just like dancing sausages, this show is a must.

You can smile, chuckle, guffaw, smirk, grin or bellow at the quirky, laconic and downright anti-

authoritarianistic (bet you don't see that word too often in a Council news release) artworks on offer," Ms Adams said.

"What's on show? Well, there are paintings, ceramics and video, birds, sailors and super heroes; small things, gigantic things, moving things and just plain weird things.

But you've got to see it for yourself. So, what are you waiting for? There's even a money-back guarantee if you fail to laugh.

By the way, did I say that entry is free?" Ms Adams concluded, with a wink.

Laugh out Loud is on until September 15. Artists include Joanna Braithwaite, Jim Cooper, Rodney Forbes, Linda Marrinon, Kate Mitchell, Tim Moore, Tom Moore, Colin Suggett, collaborative duo Gregory and Watts and Julian Wolkenstein.

Caution: this exhibition will bring a smile to your face and may even cause outbreaks of giggling. We suggest those who are prone to particularly loud bouts of laughter ensure they take a friend with them for support.

Neighbourhood Watch

By Peter Gray.

This month we have been discussing motorists speeding in the Walker Parade area.

The Churchill Police had a good look at hooning in Churchill and managed to come up with some good results in the past months, with one major contributor having his car impounded for a while.

Don't hold back when you see motorists misbehaving.

Simply note their registration number and type of car and any other details, like the driver (male or female, old or young etc) and report to 000.

That way, your call gets logged and the Police may be nearby and can take care of the matter ASAP.

If you have any other issues that

you need taken care of, please send us an email with your details (street lights out, hazards etc) and we will address the needs as required.

The town Safety groups' email is ctsgrp@gmail.com

If you are on Facebook, you may be interested in "Eyewatch" a very up to date page on crime in our area and it keeps you posted on what goes on.



Gippsland Sports Academy Awards

Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, today spoke in Parliament on the Gippsland Sports Academy Annual 2013 Awards Night and the ongoing efforts made by the Academy.

Mr Northe said "Last Friday evening I had the pleasure of attending the Gippsland Sports Academy 2013 Annual Awards Dinner, and what a night it was with over 240 people attending.

The Gippsland Sports Academy is an important part of our local community, giving young athletes the opportunity to develop and enhance their skills and participate in regional, state and international competitions.

The Awards evening was also an opportunity to acknowledge the dedicated team of coaches, staff, volunteers and parents who assist in delivering the diverse array of program's whilst supporting our young athletes.

A number of sports are delivered through the Academy including football, table tennis, badminton, tennis, swimming and volleyball."

Mr Northe said "Drew Ginn OAM was a guest speaker on the evening and as a Gippslander he certainly inspired athletes and coaches who were in attendance, having competed in the sport of rowing at 4 Olympic Games and 9 world championships."

The Academy acknowledged milestone years of service for three of its board members, Jackie Madden, Howard Williams and Darrell White, who were thanked for their respective 5, 10 and 15 years of dedication to sport in Gippsland.

"Congratulations go to Academy Board Chair Darrell White for winning the Phil Shelley Award for sport development, whilst swimming champions Caiden Gill and Mikaela Cornelissen were awarded the David Drane Award for Encouragement and Tim Forsyth Award for Sporting Excellence respectively."

He concluded "In closing, well done to Judi Buhagiar; Chief Executive of the Gippsland Sports Academy for the outstanding ongoing work that she does for the academy."

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Churchill Primary School

Art Show

Mrs. Jordan and the art classes have been very busy all year, and this has paid off for our students. 30 Students from Churchill Primary School exhibited their art work at Latrobe Arts Centre in May. A very successful opening of



the exhibition was held and Eloisa Tripodi from Latrobe City congratulated all the students on their work. She also congratulated the families who came to the opening in support of their children. The art work was colourful and looked stunning under the lighting and in the frames provided. The themes were mythical creatures (G 5/6), sea creatures (P, 1, 2) and pirates (3/4).

ARC Competition Winners

Gallery ARC in Yinnar recently held a competition called Gippsland Creative Waste Exhibition. A group of grade 3/4 students entered with a piece of art - penguins which were made from recycled coke bottles. The penguins were very cute with their little hats and scarves. The board they were on was decorated with Styrofoam to mimic the Arctic conditions in which penguins live. The entry won the primary schools' section of the competition.

Super Singers

Our Glee Club was invited to sing songs at Ritchies to help celebrate the one year anniversary of the opening of Mitre 10. It was great that a good number of the Glee Club members could come on Saturday May 18. Their parents were a great support for the Glee Club also. Thanks also to Ritchies for the show bags and the fun family activities. We also thank them for their continued sponsorship.

The Glee Club headed to Melbourne for a one day rehearsal of the State School Spectacular on Wednesday May 29. The State School Spectacular is a huge event for students from all over Victoria. It will be held on Saturday July 27 at Hisense Arena, Melbourne Park. Tickets are available from Ticketek. The students are very excited and will be in Melbourne for 2 days beforehand to practise with all of the other 2000+ students.



Footy Success At Yinnar and District Level

Our Boys' Football team won the Yinnar and District competition and went on to play at the Regional Competition on Friday May 31. They had only one point scored against them on the day. They played four games and the Grand Final. Mr Mahoney said it was hard to pick a stand out player as they all played well and were very consistent.

The girls' netball team tried their best on the day and had mixed success. They were defeated by some very talented teams.

Professional Development Days for Teachers

Churchill Primary School teachers joined with teachers from our cluster and Monash University students and



lecturers at the Churchill Hotel on Monday May 20. They were treated to a day with James Nottingham learning about how to challenge learners and how to make learning challenging. There were many highlights from the day as James is not only a very experienced education consultant, but also an entertaining speaker.

Several staff members have attended Maths programs both locally and in Melbourne. The quality of the



presenters has been excellent. Numeracy is a school priority, as is building the capacity

The beach is a place to relax. It is somewhere you can rest your feet, other than when you are walking on the hot, yellow sand. When you walk along the beach, you can feel the sand as it comes through the gaps between your toes. The smell of the beach is an Aussie BBQ, with sausages cooking and it mixes with the salty smell of the waves. Lunch is ready and the sausages taste delicious. Before I go home, I have a dive in the bad tasting, swirling, salt water. It deposits sand in my mouth. It does not taste too good. The feel of the water is cold and sandy. If you go to sleep near the beach you can hear the waves crashing on the beach. The sun is high in the sky and my skin begins to burn. It hurts but it is worth it because the beach is my favourite holiday.

By Ashlee Skinner

The beach has yellow, soft, sinky sand, so you can see your footprints. There are people fishing and swimming in the light blue water. Others are sunbaking on their towels. They had better watch out for crabs in the sand. Those who are burying someone or just mucking around should also watch out for crabs.

You can smell the salty water and you can taste the sand when the wind picks up and you open your mouth. You can hear kids screaming and having a great time playing in the sand and running around and into the water. The seagulls are squawking and stealing chips and the bait from the fishermen. You can feel the sand going through your toes and it sticks to you from head to toe. You feel hot so you go for a swim in the refreshing, salty, light blue water. By Alysha Clarke

of our teachers to offer high quality Maths programs. Staff members have also attended professional development on Autism, Aus Vels implementation and Writing recently.

Two Beach Stories

Some stories about the Beach from our students. (to cheer us up in cold weather)



Churchill North Primary School

CNPS Concert Band

The Concert Band is going full steam ahead, with two groups rehearsing every Wednesday after school. The first group is focusing on learning to play a few notes on their instruments, learning to read rhythmic values and learning to walk and play at the same time. The second group is further advancing in leaps and bounds. All students are excitedly preparing for the School Concert in Term 3.



games and adopt a "can-do" attitude to give it their best shot!

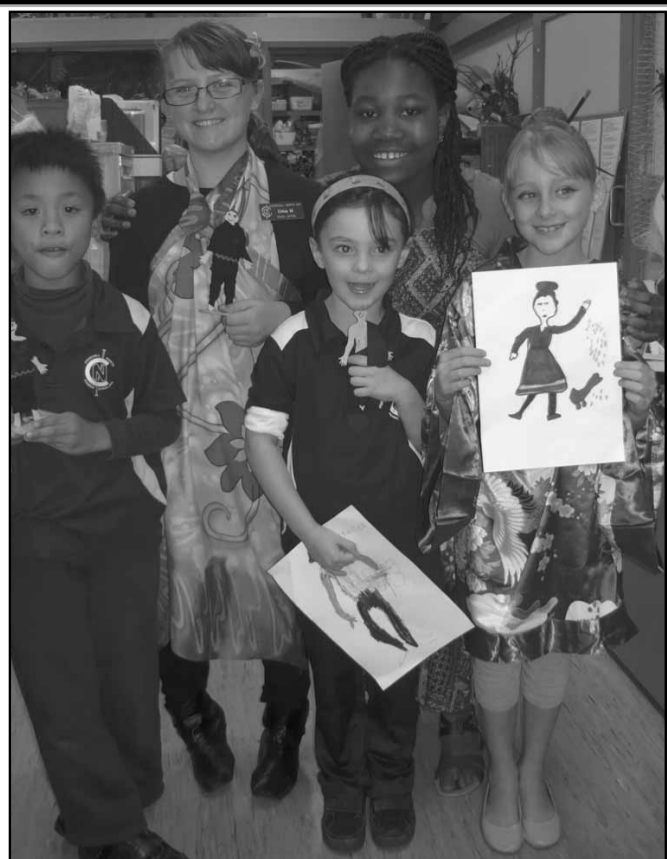
The Winter School Athletics Carnival was held on Monday June 3, and was organised by our House Captains. Students were busy practicing their house chants and cheers, designing house coloured outfits and practicing their athletic skills. "We really looked forward to the Winter Sports. This is a time where students come together in their House Teams, encourage each other and compete against students their own age", Skye, Maddie and Guy 5/6H.

We have been fortunate to have secured a visit from Latrobe City Energy Basketball including USA Import player, Russell Permenter who will come to our school on June 18 and 19. Russell will run practical skills sessions for each of the grades.

Again this year we will be in partnership with SEDA; Sports Education and Development Australia, and host another SEDA student, William Flanigan. William will attend our school and run sports activities for all students. We look forward to having William at our school on a regular basis, to give our students additional sporting expertise and opportunities.

Asian Languages

Wednesday May 22 - CNPS students participated in an Asian Languages Special Activity Day and



"Awesome!", "The Lotus Flower Origami rocked!", "The best thing was drawing and making statues of the Hmong people with Mrs Algie!"

Australian Paralympian Stuart Tripp makes a trip to CNPS

On Tuesday May 21, we had a guest speaker. We were privileged to have Stuart Tripp, an Australian Paralympian, come and speak to all the students about his journey through life. Stuart Tripp competed in the London Paralympics.

Stuart came to talk to us about his life and how he hand cycles in the Paralympics. But the main message we got from Stuart was that you can do anything if you try and that was an inspirational message to everyone. He taught us not to give up on our dreams, even when life knocks us down, we can stand back up.

Stuart asked students to think about their goals and what they wanted to achieve now and in the future. He asked students to visualise this and practise hard to achieve their life dreams.

Stuart is in practice for the next Paralympics in Rio 2016, at present his training consists of riding 520km a week!!

Shayla 5/6H

Lunchtime Disco

Once again the Junior School Council held a lunchtime disco for all students. A gold coin donation was received from every party person who attended the disco, and we raised over \$100 for the Junior School Council. Even our Welfare Officer, Mrs Lugton, came along to party with students, wearing her disco accessories! At the end of lunchtime, all students were hot, exhausted, but highly motivated!

CNPS Sports Update from the

House Captains

On Wednesday May 15, all classes travelled to the Churchill Tennis Courts throughout the day for group tennis clinics with Glenn Kirstine. Glenn volunteered his time to provide clinics for the whole school and we were lucky enough that the rain held off for the day. Students were rapt to learn new tricks and skills about how to play tennis. All students enjoyed the sessions and



enjoyed activities such as making Lotus Flowers, the native flower of Vietnam, decorating scrolls to represent China's beliefs and culture, Islamic Stars, which are a religious symbol of Bangladesh and learnt about Japanese culture and decorated magic fans. Students dressed up as pirates, cowboys and Indians, kung-fu pandas, Japanese geishas, Bangladeshi people, karate kids, ninjas, African children, Aussies and British police officers. Students' comments on the day were:

- * Effective behaviour management program
- * Well maintained buildings and grounds.

During your visit we will provide you with all the information you need to enrol your child at Churchill North Primary School. For further information and school tours, please contact Principal, Debbie Edwards on 5122 1976.



Lumen Christi Primary School



Student Leadership Team

Last Month [May] the Student Leadership Team from Lumen Christi was among more than two hundred students who gathered at St. Mary's Cathedral in Sale to celebrate the launch of Catholic Education Week. The Mass drew representatives from the 34 Catholic primary schools and 7 Catholic secondary colleges in the Diocese of Sale. Many students travelled between two and three hours to attend this special Mass, celebrated by the Bishop of Sale, Most Reverend Christopher Prowse. The Mass featured the Lavalla Catholic College Choir, a procession of students carrying their school banners and extensive student involvement in the readings and offertory procession.

Where did our classroom go?

Lumen Christi is excited with their building program about to start. The first stage was to clear the area where the extension will happen, and that meant that the Year 5/6 class had to relocate, as well as the chooks! Very quickly one morning the work crew had Year 5/6 portable up and gone before even the



school photographer had the chance to get a shot of the room being hoisted through the air. This building program will mean that every classroom in the school will be less than 4 years old and be the very best of contemporary learning design. As an added bonus the remaining portables will also be removed and a significant part of the playground reclaimed and freshened up. Next step in the process will see the security fences going up hopefully towards the end of this term.

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

Don't these young lads look like proper little gentlemen, wearing white cotton gloves to protect their dainty little fingers from that nasty, dirty ink. At first glance you may be forgiven for coming to that conclusion and the truth is the complete opposite. The boys, Keegan and Cameron, are wearing the gloves to protect the paper from their oily little fingers. The newspaper in question is an issue of The Age Monday April 24 1916, hence the protective treatment. The students in Grade 5/6W are taking turns to read through the newspaper, not only to read local history from almost a century ago, but also to choose a snippet of information that they can either research further or it might just give them the germ of an idea for a story of their own. Reading through the paper one can't help but notice that, as the saying goes, The More Things Change The More They Stay The Same. Here are just some of the headlines that could easily have been taken from today's newspaper:

French Refuse To Be Drawn, Outrage On Greek Frontier,



Italian Progress, Secret Session Of Parliament, Cyclist Killed By Motor Car, Missing Girl, A Message From The Pope. The most worrying article was German Sausage Mystery. Seemingly a Dog Tax was introduced allowing only the wealthy to be able to keep a dog. Dogs disappeared. Sausages were in abundant supply all of a sudden. This may just have been wartime propaganda, but considering the horse meat scandal in Europe recently, who knows! Standing guard in the centre of the photograph is Jarrod. He is the paper boy, in this case at least, he brought in The Age to share with the class.

More Paper

That's the thing about paper. It is such an everyday material that we take it for granted, never really giving it a second thought. Not so for young Michael from Grade 5/6W. He is always thinking about paper, glancing at coloured paper

squares, wondering what he can change them into. You guessed it. Michael is an origami enthusiast. Michael is pictured left, teaching his classmates some basis origami techniques and by the looks of it, and the shortage of coloured paper squares, origami as a hobby is catching on.

Mossvale Park

Yesterday after snack, we went to Mossvale Park on the bus with Prep/One H. We played on the playground and then we got in groups. We found leaves and after that had lunch. It was fun!

By Daniel

Yesterday Grade Prep/One went on an excursion. We went on a bus to Mossvale Park. We had a play. Then we got into groups. We went for a walk to find signs of autumn and find things for our bags. Then we had lunch and got back to school. It was a fun day!

By Ryan

Autumn Leaves

Red leaves
Purple leaves
falling to the ground.
The fairies collect them
for the butterflies' wings.

Leaves

Fat leaves
Skinny leaves
Big leaves
Fig leaves



Yinnar South Primary School

This month has been one of celebrations for our wonderful little school.

Lorax Library

After lots of work by our dedicated volunteers, Maria Chemis and Jenny Rumble supported by staff and students, we were finally ready to open our newly refurbished and renamed Lorax Library.

The new carpet looks fantastic and the comfortable big cushions invite students and adults alike to want to curl up and read.

We have started to add even more books to our well resourced library.

The evening was lots of fun with supper for all, followed by an information evening for our parents. We explained the restructuring of our curriculum and our focus on 21st century skills.

Our Ultranet coach was also on hand to assist parents to log on to the Ultranet and to explain our role as an Ultranet Report Writing Pilot School.

The students watched "The Lorax" on our interactive whiteboard.

"The Lorax" reflects the schools focus on sustainable practices.

Russell Northe MP Member for Morwell attended and officially opened the library. He kindly donated a signed Koko the Clown book to add to our collection. He was terrific with the students and we appreciated his time.

The students were excited to present Maria and Jenny with thank you cards and a small gift to recognise the huge amount of work they have put into the library.

Growing not Going

Our second fantastic celebration was the fact that we officially doubled in size since new principal Katy Grandin started at the beginning of 2012.

We have had three new students enrol in the past two weeks and several more enquiries for this year and next.

We are already receiving enrolments for prep next year and expect a strong enrolment.



Hazelwood North Primary School



Chinese Lessons

At Hazelwood North Primary we learn Chinese with York. He is our teacher. He has taught us how to speak in Chinese. Some words we have learnt are hello, goodbye, thank you, I love you, nan, poppy, sister and brother.

By Alyssa, Grade 1.

At Hazelwood North Primary School we are learning Chinese with York, our Chinese teacher. He has taught us words like: run, jump, walk, stop, numbers and how to say "My name is..." and lots of other words.

By Ally, Grade 1.

We are learning Chinese. Our teacher is York. We can say hello and goodbye, and count to 20. I love Chinese at my school Hazelwood North.

By Kayla, Grade 1.
4/5/6

Environmental Enquiry

This term 4/5/6 have been doing an enquiry on how can we make a difference.

We have been put into groups to learn. We have used all sorts of things like posters, quizzes, films, making electrical circuits and work sheets.

We have learnt about climate change and global warming, pollution, greenhouse gases,

non-renewable energy and renewable energy.

We have used worksheets to find out what we have learnt, what we want to learn and what we already know. We made posters to show our learning. At the moment we are working on what types of things we can do to make a difference, some of our ideas are power free day, clean-up day, save the trees and raise awareness day.

Next week we are having guest speakers to talk to us about how people make a difference in our community.

It has been fun. We really enjoyed making the electrical circuits and pulling apart the torches.

By Sam and Emma
Junior School Councillors

At Hazelwood North Primary School we have a group of Junior School Councillors. The captains are Emily and Blake.

We meet whenever we feel it is necessary.

Our meetings are at snack or lunch and usually last for about 15 minutes. We have a boy and a girl from each of 3 to 6 classes.

We fundraise for the school and for World Vision.

We have a sponsor child, her name is



Fezila. The types of fund raisers we do are selling icy-poles, crazy hair day, dress up days etc... We try to make the school the best it can ever be.

In our meetings we have a roster on what to do. The leaders of the group came up with the roster. We talk about what fundraising ideas have worked well, what hasn't and what needs improving around the school. We run the meetings and the teachers are only there to supervise.

The Junior School Councillors work really hard to make the school a better place. Lately we have made changes to the school. We all have jobs to do when something is underway. We hope what we do encourages kids to go to

Special Library Visitors

Recently members of the Hazelwood North Playgroup visited our Library for some fun activities. After a story, song and game, the children enjoyed choosing books from the library shelves and sharing them with their parent/carer. The visit was filled with enthusiasm, excitement and the patter of little feet everywhere.

Hazelwood North Playgroup meets on Monday mornings during school terms.

Time : 9.30am - 11.00am

Where : Hazelwood North Hall (at the Tennis Courts) Church Road, Hazelwood North

Contact : Tina 0402 909 009



school. All we want is for the school to be a happy and safe learning environment.

By Amy and Gen

5/6 Soccer Hazelwood North
May 2, 2013

At Hazelwood North on a sunny Thursday morning, the boys and girls from 5/6 went to play soccer at Traralgon soccer ground against some other schools, and they had a great time.

Some of the teams Hazelwood North played were Lumen Christi, Yinnar and Churchill Primary.

The boys and girls had their first game and they played against Churchill. The girls won but the boys lost.

We also played Lumen Christi and Yinnar. The boys and girls both won against the two teams.

After all the games were finished we had a presentation of a trophy and our girls won the competition and will be going to the next level. We had a great time.

By Ben and Aston.

Netball

On May 17, some girls from Hazelwood North played netball. They played against Churchill, Yinnar, Lumen Christi, Boolarra and Thorpdale. They won against Churchill, Lumen Christi, Boolarra and Thorpdale. They got in to the grand final with Yinnar, but lost. All the girls said it was really fun and they all want to go again.

Foot ball

On May 17, grade 4/5/6 went to a footy event in Yinnar. Every one said it was really fun and great. Everyone who came to the footy said they would love to do it again.

The team played Churchill, Boolarra, Lumen Christi and Yinnar. Hazelwood North came 2nd.

The team worked together hard and as a team. Hazelwood North had a big mud fight at the end.

By Kiara and Alyssa



Boolarra Primary School

Mothers' Day

One of our parents did a super job shopping for goodies for our school Mothers' Day stall. Our students enjoyed exploring the selection on offer and choosing gifts for their Mums, Nans and other significant women in their lives. The stall is not a fundraising activity but is a service we like to provide for our students.

Dental Hygiene

Our P/1/2s learnt a great deal following an informative presentation by a dental health care practitioner.



Junior School Council

Throughout this term our Junior School Councillors are selling Milo and raisin toast during recess time to raise money for Jean Quick. Jean is our fabulous local Wildlife Warrior who regularly looks after animals and birds that we find injured or at risk.

Football and Netball Tournament

We entered a netball team in the recent Yinnar and District competition. We had insufficient numbers for our own football team so we combined with some senior students from Thorpdale to form a team. Both our teams competed valiantly but were unable to score any wins. However, there was a marked improvement in the performance of both teams in each successive game they played. It was also wonderful to

see the Thorpdale and Boolarra students getting to know and enjoy one another's company during the football competition. Interactions such as this help establish relationships that will assist our students in small cohorts (such as Adam, our only Grade 6 boy) when they transition on to secondary school.



Fundraising

Our School Council decided that our fundraising this year will go towards a permanent cubby house in our play-ground. Our students have been requesting one of these for several years. Our next fundraising effort is a Pie Drive. The pies are from a locally owned business, Out of Dough Bakery. Order forms are available from the school and are due in by June 18, and pies will be delivered by June 27. For more information please contact the school on 6169 6471.

Zoo Trip Follow Up

The P/1/2 students all made dioramas to show what they have learnt about a particular animal, its dietary needs and habitat. The grade 3-6s visited the P/1/2 classrooms to view their dioramas and provide feedback. The grade 4/5/6s are especially adept at providing constructive and respectful feedback as they have all been practising this as they critique each other's ANZAC projects.

Visiting Arts Show

Each year we arrange for some cultural enrichment performances to be staged at our school. The most recent of these was titled "Lucas Proudfoot, Circular Rhythm". This performance was not only entertaining but also actively involved

the audience and provided lots of interesting information about Lucas' Aboriginal heritage.



Learning Together

Our teachers recently undertook a professional learning day with the teachers from other schools in our cluster. The presenter on this day was acclaimed British Educationalist, James Nottingham. James reminded us of the importance of really challenging our students and ensuring that they are all learning. We have identified some strategies that James shared that we will all now use with our classes. Later this term our teachers will have the opportunity to meet with their colleagues from other schools in our cluster, to share what we are doing in our respective school and in doing so learn from one another.



Kurnai College Junior Campus

Year 7 Camp

Year 7 camp was a huge hit this year, and will sure be a lasting memory for many of our students. I was particularly impressed with attitudes of our students – keen, enthusiastic and willing to give just about anything a go. Students had the opportunity to engage in a range of outdoor activities, including sailing, rock-climbing, mountain bike riding, archery and bush cooking. They also were challenged with a number of challenged-based problem solving activities, including Survivor and the Adventure Race.

This year, as part of the Peer Support program, fourteen year 10 students participated in the camp as student leaders. Two year 10s were placed in each activity group and did a fantastic job of supporting and encouraging the year 7s.

Aside from the planned activities students were given several hours of free-time per day. It was great to see our students making the most of this time, whether it was on the go-cart track, playing volleyball, using the giant swing or learning to ride a unicycle. Playing sport with the teachers was also a big attraction, with games of 3 on 3 basketball or kicking the footy on the lawn occurring during most breaks.

Thursday night saw a Trivia Esxtravaganza with students in teams of 10 competing against each other for a range of prizes. There were questions on a range of topics from general knowledge, entertainment, music and sport. In between rounds each team had to nominate a member to take part in a practical challenge for bonus points, which provided great entertainment for the night.

Overall the staff was extremely impressed with the attitude and enthusiasm of the students, as well as the support and leadership shown by the Year 10 Peer Support leaders. With great teamwork and the forging of many new friendships, this will no doubt be a lasting memory in many students' minds.

Straight Talk for Boys

Yesterday we had the pleasure of taking 32 Year 8 boys to the Waratah Restaurant to take part in a program called Straight-Talk. From the minute the boys got on the bus to the point of return to school their behaviour was flawless. They carried themselves like absolute gentlemen all day and represented the school in fine fashion. For a number of the boys this was an unfamiliar setting, sitting down for a formal meal with 2 adults from the community speaking to them about careers and pathways. It was very pleasing to look around the room and see such engagement across the tables. Discussions flowed, there was plenty of eye contact and lots of questions were asked. When guest speakers addressed the whole group (apart from laughter and chuckles when required) you could have heard a pin drop. The feedback from the event coordinators and the male guests was extremely good. All our boys expressed their enjoyment. It is our belief that this program was very beneficial and it was clear that the boys will have taken plenty away from the opportunity.

A big thankyou to Blake Hunter and Ryan Carlson, who on behalf of the students, presented each of the guests with a gift, followed by a few final words of thanks and appreciation.

We will be following this fantastic event up at school with more "boy stuff" in the near future.



Gippsland Education Precinct

Looking to the future

Last week a group of us from Year 11 travelled to Melbourne to attend a Careers Expo at the Caulfield Race Course. This was a really great event, which had many of Australia's Universities and TAFEs exhibiting.

The major advantage of attending this event is that it gave us all an opportunity to speak with the University and TAFE providers about the courses they offered, and we were able to ask them questions about their entry requirements for specific courses.

One very interesting fact that I learnt was that universities have different ATAR (VCE or university entry score) for the same course – which is very handy to know.

My personal career goal is to become a paediatric nurse through studying with one of Monash University's campuses in Melbourne or here at Churchill.

I would recommend anyone looking to study after secondary school to go along to this careers expo as it allows you to see what career choices are on offer, and allows you to gain a greater understanding of where you can study.

Meg Van Rooy
Captain, Year 11

Learning healthy ways

On Thursday May 29, over 250 year 10 students gathered at the Senior campus at Kurnai College Precinct.

They were entertained and informed about a whole range of health and wellbeing issues. Sessions addressed a wide range of issues that young people may confront as they move towards adulthood.

There were four keys sessions that student groups rotated through. The topics included; road safety, sexual health, smoking and health, and mental health.

The sessions were run by Living Positive Victoria – who talked about sexual safety, the Laryngectomy Society who talked about the damaging effects of smoking. Representatives from Headspace and Youth Support and Advocacy Service who are more commonly known as YSAS – both talked with students about mental health, and the negative impacts of drugs and alcohol. Local officers from Victoria Police showed students a confronting video on reckless driving and the devastating outcomes, and took them through many of the road laws and rules that apply to P platers.

One of the event's organisers Ms Wendy Ruddell, college nurse, said "The presentations were very interactive and based on real life stories which made it more meaningful for our students.

We have received great feedback; students were amazed at the honesty of presenters who shared their stories. I believe they've gained an appreciation for the consequences of making good and bad decisions."

Ms Ruddell also advised, "The aim of today was to support our young people through providing preventative health information so they can make educated choices for their own health and wellbeing."

The day was supported by The Smith Family and Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, and Manny's Market in Morwell donated healthy fruit that students grazed on throughout the day.

Homestays for International Students

Do you have a spare bedroom? Would you like to host an International Student?

Kurnai College is seeking interested community members in the Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill areas to host students from June 2013 - as part of the Kurnai College International Student Program.

Host families provide paid long term accommodation for overseas students (aged 15 – 18) from China and Japan.

These students provide an enriching cultural exchange experience for your family and will give you a chance to develop international friendships and gain a greater understanding of another culture.

If you are interested or would like more information about this program please contact Geoff Block or Corine Noblet on 5132 3800.



Churchill Preschools

May has been a busy month for Churchill's Preschools.

By Sam Gillett

Barb from Bunnings visited Churchill Hub Preschool and completed some mosaic work with the children. The children mosaiced a series of different colours and shapes and these will be placed on the wall outside. This continues the preschool's focus on patterns and shapes.

An Aboriginal didgeridoo player, Robert Muer, visited both Preschools. He played his didgeridoo for the children and told them some Aboriginal stories. Kieran Halliwell, from Glendonald Park, brought along his didgeridoo and the two played together.

Since the visit, Glendonald Park children have made and decorated didgeridoos and boomerangs, as well as making dot paintings.

They are also in the process of changing their shop into an office. The children started to write letters and lists and decided that they would prefer an office. This will help with the literacy

program.

Glendonald Park hosted a Mother's Day evening. The children put on a concert for the parents, singing and dancing to songs they chose themselves. The night ended with a partner dance between the children and their parents and a presentation of gifts.

Glendonald Park would also like to thank the businesses that contributed to their Mother's Day Raffle: Bethany Lees Body Shop, Chantilly Lace, Churchill Leisure Centre, Churchill Chemist, Le'keyah Day Spa Traralgon, Debbie Simpson, Churchill Hot Bread, Italian/Australian Social Club, Silvana Hair Studio, Dyoligy Traralgon, Hairhouse Warehouse Traralgon, Churchill Fish and Chip Shop and Churchill BBQ Chicken.

For Mother's Day, the Churchill Hub held a Special Persons Day. All the children brought along a parent or special person to celebrate with.



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Churchill Braves "sitting pretty"



By Sam Gillett

At the end of May, after seven rounds, Churchill Braves' A-Grade find themselves sitting second in the Latrobe Valley Baseball Association.

After coming off short to Traralgon in the first two rounds of the competition and comfortably defeating Sale, Churchill's A-Grade had to play against them once more. Churchill's pitchers Matt Hardie and Mat Prior kept Sale scoreless throughout the game while they piled on runs to come out 9-0 victors.

The next week, Churchill had the first home game in A-Grade's two-game series with Moe. Both teams were tied at two wins each so these matches were important in setting up the ladder. Churchill were able to score runs early in the game. Coming out of the third with a 9 - 3 lead. Churchill came out with an 11 - 4 win and were looking ahead to do the same the next week.

While all other Churchill grades had a bye, the A-Grade travelled to Moe to complete the series. Errors were costly for the Braves as a total of six for the game led to Moe capitalising. At the end of the third, Moe piled on five runs to take a 6 - 3 lead. Churchill fought back with four runs of their own but Moe were consistent bringing runs around. Coming into the seventh, Churchill were seven runs down. They could only bring across two and had to bow out with a 10-15 loss.

The next week, they competed against an undefeated Traralgon side. Churchill were unable to do it with the bat as they ended up losing 11-3.

In B-Grade, Churchill's performance was better. They were able to score runs in five out of six innings and came out with the win against Morwell 10-6.

They then took on Moe. Despite good signs in the beginning for Churchill, Moe/

Newborough jumped to a 9-1 lead. The Braves started to rally but were stopped too soon and denied the win. The final result saw the Dodgers come out victors 9-6.

After the bye they took on Morwell. After a strong start, Churchill let Morwell get ahead. In the final innings, with the scores all tied up, Churchill got three runs across the plate to give them the win, 10 - 7.

In C-Grade, Morwell and Churchill played a classic game, with the Braves' Mitchell John holding Morwell to one run and Cougars' Trevor Banks was also miserly on the mound. Braves won 5-1.

They next faced Moe before the bye. Churchill's C-Grade team hit well with Hayden Jarrett and Sam Gillett both hitting triples and Rob Mongan getting an In-the-Park Home run. The Braves finished with a 23 - 7 win.

After the week off, they faced a Morwell side, once again. Due to Morwell not having

an Under 16 team, they played a morning game. Morwell came from behind in C-Grade to win 13-10. After hitting seven runs in the first innings, Churchill looked like they were going to take the match. Morwell fought back and at the end of the fourth Churchill brought three runs across the plate to tie up the game. Morwell went on to collect three runs of their own and quickly shut out Churchill to seal the win.

Churchill next take on Moe at Burrage Reserve, Moe, on June 16. Their next home game is against Traralgon on June 23 at Andrews Park.

Training has been moved to Gaskin Park. Juniors train at 4:30 with Seniors after at 5:30.

Follow the team on Gamechanger for live match-day scores at <http://www.gamechanger.io/>

Sending Christmas Cards or Postcards to Friends, Neighbours, Family this year...?



Churchill & District News are offering a series of cards for you to purchase **PLUS** your opportunity to have your own personalised photo added to the cards.

Postcards (min. 6) ... 50c each **Folded cards (min. 6)... 75c each**

Further details in the JULY issue of Churchill and District News

Churchill Bowling Club

By Sam Gillett

The Ladies indoor bowls pennant season kicked off on May 29, 2013 with three teams from the Churchill Bowls Club competing in the Ladies Latrobe Valley Carpet Bowls Association.

Division One – Managed by M. Newton

April 29: Drew with Trafalgar Park

May 6: Defeated Moe RSL 27-26

May 13: Defeated Morwell Gold 35-6

May 20: Defeated by Morwell Blue 20-23

May 27: Defeated by Moe Bowling Club 18-27

Division Two – Managed by J. Medew

April 29: Defeated Trafalgar Park 24-18

May 6: Defeated by Moe RSL 16-35

May 13: Defeated Yallourn North 22-20

May 20: Defeated by Morwell Yellow 11-30

May 27: Defeated by Moe Bowls Club 12-30

Division Three – Managed by G. Thompson

April 29: Defeated Trafalgar Park 28-19

May 6: Defeated Moe RSL 33-14

May 13: Defeated by Yallourn North 21-25

May 20: Defeated Morwell Red 25-15

May 27: Defeated by Moe Bowls Club 16-17

Churchill sit third in Division One, fifth in Division Two and second in Division Three. As the ladders show, the ladies are doing nicely and will hopefully be involved in finals.

The men, under manager H. Kennedy, commenced the Traralgon Winter Lawn Bowls competition on May 19 and have won one and lost one game.

Thursday night indoor bowls, which is open to the general public, is starting to draw some good attendances. Anyone wishing to play is welcome to turn up on a Thursday night. Cost is \$4.00 for the night with a light supper after the games.

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West Gippsland Women's Golf Pennant Finals



Division 1 Winner - Morwell



Division 2 Winner - Pakenham



Division 3 Winner - Drouin



Division 4 Winner - Garfield

Ladies Foursomes Championship



On Tuesday May 21, the final round of the Ladies Foursomes Championship was held at Churchill and Monash Golf Course. The winners were Merryn Dear (H/C 17) and Shirley Turner (H/C 23). They won the Scratch with a score of 194 and the Handicap with a score of 154.

Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

4/5/2013 Men's 4 BBB Stableford Championships Rd. 1 Winners J.Thornby and D. Byers 43 pts, Runner - Up H.Martin and B.Sebire 42 pts, DTL D.Taylor and G.Spowart 41 pts, G.Beyer and T.Piper 40 pts NTP 5th G.Beyer, 12th G.Beyer, 14th P.Smart Birdies P.Smart 14th Eagle D.Byers 18th

Ladies Winner M.Dear (17) 31 pts

5/5/2013 Kick Butt Ladies Winner C.Barnes (27) 29 pts, Mens Winner P.Jordan (26) 38 pts DTL A.Auld 35 pts, V.Monument 34 pts, D.Taylor 34 pts, A.Casey 33 pts NTP 3rd J.Thornby, 14th J.Thornby Birdies D.Taylor 14th, R.Dent 3rd

Winners Men 31.09 - Ladies 23.37

7/5/2013 Ladies Monthly Medal Winner B.Beebe (29) 74, Scratch M.Dear (17) 96 DTL V.Verheyen 77, M.Dear 79, J.Beck 80 NTP 12th D.Stait Count Putts H. Croft 29

18/5/2013 Mens 2nd Round 4BBB Championships Winners J.Thornby (12) D.Byers (14) 42 pts, Runner - Up K.Hills (7) A.Casey (20) 40 pts DTL G.Beyer, T.Piper 37 pts, P.Smart, R.Scurrah 37 pts NTP 3rd K.Hills, 12th K.Hills

4 BBB Champions 2013 - J.Thornby - D.Byers 85 pts

19/5/2013 Mens Stableford R.Dent (9) 31 pts

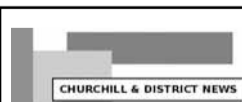
21/5/2013 Ladies Round 2 Foursome Championships Winner M.Dear (17) S.Turner (23) - 100 - 80 net, DTL J.Beck - B.Beebe 85 1/2, D.Judkins - D.Thomas 85 1/2

Foursome Champions 2013 Scratch Winners M.Dear (17) S.Turner (23) - 194, Handicap Winners M.Dear (17) S.Turner (23) 154 Handicap Runner/Up J.Beck (25) B.Beebe (28) 165

25/5/2013 Mens Monthly Medal Winners A.Grade D.Ellwood (12) 76, B.Grade

T.Serrick (17) 76, C.Grade V.Monument (24) 71 Medal Winner DTL N.Hutchinson 77, G.Beyer 78, B.Sebire 78, P.Shields 78, A.Sharrock 79 c/b NTP 3rd F.Keighran, 12th H.Martin, 5th, G.Beyer, 14th P.Smart Birdies G.Beyer, 14th P.Smart Scratch Winner G.Beyer 84 Putts R.Dent 28

28/5/2013 Ladies Stableford Round 3 Silver Spoon Winner E.D'Alterio (20) 32 pts, DTL S.Jeffery (33) 30 pts, B.Beebe (28) 29 pts Silver Spoon Winner J.Beck (25) 25 pts NTP 3rd A.Chapman.



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Teenagers living in Gippsland who are eligible to receive Medicare Teen Dental Plan benefits will be smiling to know they can use their vouchers at Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) dental clinics, including the one in Churchill.

"Currently the Medicare Teen Dental Plan provides dental benefits of up to \$163.05 per eligible teenager per calendar year, to help with the cost of a preventative dental check," said Ms Janice Ford, LCHS Manager Dental Services.

"Vouchers can only be used during the calendar year in which they are issued."

LCHS operates public dental services in Warragul, Moe, Churchill and Morwell.

If you would like to use your Medicare Teen Dental Voucher to have a dental check, please phone 1800 242 696 to make an appointment.

Teen Dental Vouchers must be presented on the day you attend the clinic, along with a current Medicare card

Teenagers aged 12 to 17 years are eligible when they receive Austudy, Carer Payment, Disability Support Pension,

Parenting Payment, Special Benefit, or Youth Allowance.

They may also be eligible if their family, carer or guardian receives Family Tax Benefit Part A, Parenting Payment, they receive the Double Orphan Pension or if their partner receives Family Tax Benefit Part A or Parenting Payment.

Teenagers who are aged 16 years or older and receive financial assistance under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme (VCES) or the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme (MRCAETS) from the



Department of Veterans' Affairs are also eligible

If you believe that you are eligible and have not received a voucher, please phone Medicare on 132 011.

Home care services for people in need

Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) Ambulatory Care comprises district nursing services and palliative care.

The program provides a wide range of general and specialist nursing services for people with diverse medical conditions in their own homes.

"Nursing care is undertaken by Registered Nurses and Enrolled Nurses who can provide a comprehensive assessment of health needs," said Mrs Teena Twaddle, LCHS Manager Ambulatory Care.

"The nurses work closely with clients, their families and carers in a friendly, caring and holistic way to establish a care plan that is tailored to the individual's needs."

Nursing services include the management of diabetes and other chronic health conditions, wound management, medication management, as well as clinical assessment, health monitoring and palliative care.

However, Mrs Twaddle said the District Nursing Services is not an emergency or crisis response service.

"All emergencies must be directed to and emergency service such as the local hospital or ambulance service," she said.

Nursing services costs \$3.50 per visit for eligible low income earners including healthcare card holders and pensioners.

In the case clients are not eligible or where an organisation may purchase services from LCHS on behalf of an individual, a fee-for-service may apply.

Those fees are variable according to income or service required; there is no charge for palliative care services.

The service is available seven days a week, including weekends and public holidays, from 7.30am to 8pm.

To find out more about the Ambulatory Care Service, phone LCHS on 1800 242 696.

A collaborative approach to healthcare

The community have an opportunity to lend their acting skills to the new generation of healthcare workers attending Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS).

Volunteers act and respond to questions from students as if they were an actual patient, and give feedback to the students afterwards.

Through volunteering to be pretend or simulated clients, the community can help more than 200 healthcare students annually learn to improve their interview skills, according to Ms Mollie Burley, Senior Lecturer from the Department of Rural and Indigenous Health at Monash University.

"The simulated clients are really wonderful volunteers who train

to represent a real life character with all their medical and social issues," said Ms Burley.

"The students learn to collaborate in a student supervised clinic where they start by interviewing simulated clients."

Training with older volunteers will also help students better understand the needs of a growing older population.

"The interviews are captured on video for the students to review and improve their interview skills," said Ms Burley.

Presently, LCHS are seeking volunteers of all ages and walks of life willing to attend the LCHS clinic in Moe.

Ms Jane Taylor, Interprofessional Educator, said the contribution



of volunteers was invaluable in helping students grow and learn.

"You do not need formal skills, just the ability to remember information from the background statement," Ms Taylor said.

"We would encourage anyone who might be interested to give us a call and find out more."

To find out more or to register to volunteer as a simulated patient, please phone Volunteer Coordinator Joanne Creighton or Kerry Bell (Tuesdays and Thursdays) on 1800 242 696.

It's time for a break!

Would the person you care for benefit from overnight respite at Mayfair House?

Located in Traralgon, Mayfair House is a three bedroom home that caters for the frail aged or people living with dementia and have low care needs. It gives carers a break by providing supported accommodation with a professional carer.

Accommodation is available from one night or up to two weeks and clients have the chance to participate in social activities. Mayfair House is a great way for people to meet others. It is also a wonderful place to start accessing respite out of the home without feeling like you are in an aged care facility environment.

