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## Australia Day Awards 2014



Darrell White (left) and Reverend Burney (right) with Kate Chisholm, Chloe Schonberger, Alyssa Degeus, Daniel Brick, Peter Gray, Christopher Alston, Riley Killury

**Churchill**

The twelfth annual Australia Day awards, run by the Churchill and District Lions Club, were held in the hotel car park on Sunday January 26 from 7.30am. Over 100 people came to enjoy the award announcements followed by the free breakfast cooked by the Lions Club members.

Peter McShane, President of the Churchill Lions opened the proceedings, with a welcome, and then introduced Councillor Darrell White.

Darrell, on behalf of the council, began his speech by acknowledging that we were meeting on the traditional land of the Braiakaulung

people of the Gunnai/Kurnai clan, and paid respect to their past and present elders, the first inhabitants of this area. He said that Australia Day was a chance to acknowledge that we live in a great country with many opportunities to achieve our goals.

We are a diverse and amazing population of peoples who have contributed to that diversity. Latrobe City is a small part of this great land but it too has that diversity, richness of cultures and opportunities. We have a proud history of welcoming people to live, work and play in Latrobe. These people are our neighbours, our friends, our family, our work colleagues,

volunteers or professionals.

We here have faced tragedy, shown strength and determination, started afresh and have found qualities of inclusiveness, honesty, integrity, compassion, generosity and friendliness in this place where we have put down roots.

Darrell wished everyone a happy Australia Day, and thanked the Lion Club, Churchill Hotel, Churchill & District News and all who had worked to make the day a success.

He also congratulated the recipients of the awards saying how fortunate we as a community are to have such worthy people

living among us.

The First Churchill Scouts were in charge of unfurling the Australian flag before the National Anthem was sung.

Rev Brenda Burney was invited to say some prayers for our country. You can see her preliminary remarks, Australia Day prayers, and her New Year message on the church page.

Peter McShane then began the awards presentation to the primary school recipients by introducing the primary school nominees. Darrell White presented the plaques and encouraged the young people.

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# Great results at the GEP



Bethany Leak



Cassandra Hooimeyer

Churchill & District News team is very proud of the achievements of two of our team members who studied Year 12 VCE in 2013.

Bethany Leak was dux of the Gippsland Education Year 12 students in 2013.

The subjects she studied were Renaissance history (her year 12 subject in year 11), food and technology, English, English literature, and further maths.

She chose two English subjects because that is an area she is passionate about and is relevant to the field into which she hopes to go. Maths she chose because it is good to have a strong understanding of mathematics; history because she has always been interested in it, and food tech because it gave her a more practical subject, and also gives more employment options.

In the future, Bethany would like to be an author or journalist. It is her dream to get a novel published one day. She would like to find out new things and share them in writing.

So far, she has tried to achieve her goals by putting in a lot of hard work. Bethany's family and friends were also really supportive and because Bethany knew they had high expectations of her, she worked hard to fulfil those expectations. Bethany will not let herself get into a habit of missing deadlines etc. and she tries to do her best at everything she does, and match the best of those around her. For example, Bethany is not strong at maths, but by getting help from those around her who were better at it, she was still able to get an acceptable score.

Mainly, Bethany's philosophy is you have to work hard and be very self-motivated. Having a goal in mind to visualise, and imagining the best-case scenarios, also helps her motivation.

Churchill & District News is proud to have Bethany as a team member and offer her warm

congratulations not only on her excellent score, but on her positive and inspirational attitude.

Another of our team members, Cassandra Hooimeyer also achieved a high score.

Besides a couple of random Year 11 subjects such as biology, history and English, over VCE Cassandra studied Year 12 English Language and English Literature, Legal Studies, Theatre Studies, Music Style and Composition and took a university extension in Philosophy.

Cassandra took the English subjects because it's an intriguing language in how it can be manipulated to attain certain ends and effects. Also she is fascinated with linguistic and conceptual analysis, and how this sheds light on individual and social philosophy; the extension in philosophy was a natural product of the same interest in worldview and truth. Theatre Studies and Music Style and Composition she took on to inform herself of areas in which she had very little skill and understanding, and Legal Studies was chosen with doubts on the recommendation of her Dad but ended up having a blast studying it - he knows her well said Cassandra.

Short term Cassandra's aim is to get into Human Resources, to which end she is currently completing a summer course in Certificate IV Human Resources.

For the long term Cassandra dreams of writing fictional and philosophical literature, and teaching and working in Christian ministry.

Most of the VCE subjects she took complement this passion in one way or another, and in future years she expects to keep expanding her education in these areas through experience, short courses and possibly tertiary education.

Well done to you both and our best wishes for your future.

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## Churchill Rainfall January 2014

Churchill started off the New Year with 30.5 mil of rain.

We were fortunate to get some good rain over the Australia Day weekend, although we had only 3 days when it rained.

For those readers interested in the Churchill rainfall total for 2013 the following details may be of interest.

Rainfall details for December 2013 were: Churchill had a rather dry month with only 38 mil of rain being recorded.

That made our years' total a reasonable 719 mil or nearly 29 inches. It was the lowest years rainfall since 2009 when Churchill had 576 mil.

The driest month for 2013 was January with only 4 mil of rain and the wettest was June with 143 mil.



# Mathison Park



## No holiday for volunteers.

While everyone else was enjoying a break, Mathison Park volunteers were hard at work. Several large branches of trees fell during the extreme heat and windy weather, which needed clearing as they were obstructing mowing paths and pathways.

The wind also caused havoc with the stakes and tree guards of our new trees planted along the Tramway Road section. Thanks Chris, Faye and Max. Both these operations, along with spraying of

willow seedlings and blackberries, added up to many hours of voluntary work.

Thank you to those who gave that time when a lazy day was more appealing.

A new bird's nest swing has been installed in the play equipment area at the Mackey's Road end of the park. It has been a joy to see the many children who have had great fun on it. Thanks to Chris and Faye for applying for the grant which secured this excellent piece of equipment.

## New Anzac Centenary Grants Program

· Victorian Government funds a range of activities to celebrate Anzac centenary

· Grants of up to \$20,000 are available

· Victorian Government supporting communities

Victorians will commemorate the Anzac Centenary from 2014 through a range of community activities to be funded by the State Government, Member for Morwell Russell Northe announced recently.

Mr Northe encouraged Victorian ex-service organisations, local government authorities, not-for-profit organisations and educational institutions to apply for grants of up to \$20,000 for projects that honour and share the stories of Victorian service men and women and their communities.

"The Anzac Centenary (2014-2018) will be a significant period of reflection about Australia's war service history, and there is a strong desire from the

community and the Victorian Government to develop projects that honour our Victorian heritage," Mr Northe said. "These projects will ensure that Victorians can better understand Australia's commitment to the war effort and the price paid by not only those who served, but the families left behind at home.

Projects might include establishing new war memorials, organising or enhancing local Anzac Day commemorative events during the centenary period, and publishing books that educate the community about Victoria's contribution to the war effort."

To learn more and to apply for assistance from the Anzac Centenary Community Grants Program please visit [www.veterans.vic.gov.au](http://www.veterans.vic.gov.au) or call 1300 366 356.

Further information about the Anzac Centenary in Victoria can be obtained at [www.anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au](http://www.anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au)

## Community Forum -

## Planning for Churchill's 50th Anniversary

By Margaret Guthrie  
Churchill will be 50 years old in 2015!

CDCA would like to see this occasion celebrated with a variety of events throughout the year. To ensure this happens, the community needs to start planning soon.

On Tuesday March 18 at 5.30pm, CDCA will facilitate a Community Forum for residents and local community groups, to discuss what sort of events might be organised by various clubs and organisations.

A representative from Churchill & District News will attend to talk about some of the ideas that the News has for 2015.



Your ideas and suggestions may help local groups plan activities in 2015 and/or assist in securing funding for local projects to commemorate the town's 50th anniversary.

Please note the time and date in your diary – 5.30pm on Tuesday March 18. The venue is likely to be the Board Room at Green Inc (in McDonald Way) – check the March issue of Churchill & District News for confirmation!

## Old Time Family Dance Jeeralang North Hall Jeeralang North Road Friday, February 28

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# Russell Northe



Russell Northe

Despite 2014 being well and truly underway, I would like to wish all community members a Happy New Year, and I hope that the festive season was an enjoyable time with family and friends.

Of course the Australia Day celebrations are a great way to commence the year, and it was pleasing to see our local Australia Day events being so well attended by people of all ages. It is always terrific to see such exuberance when it comes to celebrating our national events, and this year's Australia Day celebrations were no different. I made my way to a number of community events during the course of the day and all were fantastic services and testament to the many organisations who host such wonderful occasions. Australia Day is also a time to recognise the fabulous community service that so many dedicated people give to our communities each and every single day.

A number of people were recognised on the day, and I would like to congratulate all those who were nominated for, and received Australia Day Awards this year, and commend you for your actions which led to your nomination. It is an opportunity to celebrate the fantastic achievements of extraordinary people and highlight the work that they do each and every day, for the good of our towns and residents.

Well done to Churchill Citizen of the Year - Peter Gray. Peter has served in many roles across a number of organisations and events including Relay for Life, Churchill Fishing Competition, Churchill and District Community Association, Gippsland Community Radio and the Powerhouse Blues Club. It's obvious with Peter's immense community involvement that he is a most deserving winner of this award.

Congratulations to all the Churchill Students Alyssa Degus, Riley Killury, Christopher Alston, Kate Chisholm, Chloe Schonberger and Daniel Brick, Junior Citizen of the Year.

It's terrific to see our young citizens acknowledged in such a way and once again a big thank you to all involved.

We must note the efforts of our local service Clubs including the Churchill Lions who hosted Australia Day events, and in many cases provided breakfast to community members. So a big well done and thank you to the Churchill Lions for their organisation of this event and their continuing service to our community!

As part of the Australia Day celebrations a citizenship and award ceremony was held at Kernot Hall Morwell, with a number of local residents taking out Australian citizenship.

Whilst some residents have been here for many years, others are relatively new to our country and region, and we wish all our newest citizens the very best for a successful life in Gippsland.

Congratulations to Latrobe City Citizen of the Year, Frank Bezzina (Koko the Clown) and to the Recognition Award Winners : John Harris from Yinnar and Yallourn North residents Judy Lipman , Bill O'Donnell, and Warren Xerri, along with Jean Tops who is well known for her work with the Gippsland Carers Association.

Young Citizens Bayley Charalambous and Olivia Blackwood were acknowledged for their community efforts.

A number of local residents also received Order of Australia Medals

including Jack Vinall from Yinnar, Keith Chenhall from Traralgon and Vicki Hamilton from Newborough.

All have given extraordinary community service to their communities over a long period of time and are deserving winners of this prestigious honour.

On the same day I had the pleasure of representing the Minister for Regional and Rural Development, Peter Ryan, at the official opening of the Boolarra Bushfire Memorial Gazebo.

The Boolarra Bushfire Memorial Gazebo was an important reminder of the events of 2009, when the Boolarra Community was severely affected by the Delburn fire, which burned through 6,534 hectares of land and destroyed 44 houses. Following the devastating 2009 bushfires, the Boolarra community received funding to construct a bushfire memorial, with the Boolarra Community Development Group given responsibility to undertake the project.

We are now at the point of the 5 year anniversary of the Delburn and Churchill complex of fires that hit our region in January and February of 2009.

Many communities and individuals are still in recovery mode, but one can only be amazed by the leadership and resolve of

many individuals and community organisations over this period of time. We have come a long way since February 2009, but there is still more to do and I know many are working extremely hard though this recovery phase.

It's also opportune to recognise the ongoing efforts of the CFA and our career fire-fighters and volunteers. We are blessed in this region to have wonderful personnel serving our community in this capacity and we do thank you for your ongoing efforts. It's also a timely reminder that each property owner takes on the responsibility of ensuring they have a fire plan in place in the event that a fire hits our region.

As the hot weather continues I want to acknowledge the efforts of all our local CFA Brigades and volunteers who do such a marvellous job in supporting and protecting our communities.

I also wish to remind the community if you see something suspicious report it by calling Triple Zero (000).

With the 2014 school year underway, I urge all drivers to be careful on the roads, and ensure you obey all school hour speed limits. To all the teachers, staff and students, I wish you good luck for the start of the school year ahead and to students every success in your studies this year.

## Revised Latrobe City Council Procurement Policy

At a Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday January 28, Council reviewed its current Procurement Policy which had been adopted by a majority of Councillors in September, 2013, following a motion introduced at that time by Councillors Dale Harriman and Michael Rossiter.

The implementation of the Policy adopted in September did not have my support, not only because of the associated increased administrative bureaucratic procedures causing inevitable delays for Council, but also because of significant increased implementation costs required to apply the revised Council Policy, together with a potentially

## Darrell White

deleterious impact on Council staff morale.

With the Mayor having received a letter from the Victorian State Government's Red Tape Commissioner, Mr John Lloyd, on December 20, expressing his concern that Council's recently adopted Procurement Policy represented a significant departure from normal practice and introduced a questionable layer of regulation, the Mayor called a Special Meeting of Council to consider the following Notice of Motion amendments to the existing Policy:

That Latrobe City Council Procurement Policy 13 POL – 06 and delegations be amended as follows:

Goods and Services procured of \$150,000 and above and construction works procured of \$200,000 and above must be subject to public tender process.

Chief Executive Officer authorised to approve purchases of goods and services up to \$150,000 and construction works up to \$200,000.

Chief Executive Officer authorised to approve total variations for a contract up to an amount of \$200,000 and that any such variations be reported to Council.

Chief Executive Officer is not to further delegate or sub-delegate any approvals or

purchases between the values of \$25,000 and \$150,000 for goods and services, \$200,000 for construction.

Following consideration by Council, the notice of motion was unanimously supported by Councillors in attendance for this Special Council Meeting.

### Latrobe City "Sister Cities Festival"

This year Latrobe City's "Sister Cities Festival", which is held annually, is planned for Sunday March 30, 2014 at Kernot Hall, Morwell, commencing at 11.00 am. The purpose of this Festival is to celebrate our long standing Sister City relationships with both Takasago in Japan and Taizhou in China.

The Festival provides a unique community day which can be enjoyed by all of our community who want to experience Japanese and Chinese culture, and discover more



Darrell White

about our Sister Cities of Takasago and Taizhou. Further information can be obtained from International Relations Officer Jie Liu (Telephone 1300 367 700). The day's program will consist of a variety of activities including live performances, face painting, origami and food tasting.

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# Rotary Club of Hazelwood



By Leo Billington

Hazelwood Rotary benefited from its high public profile when the club successfully organised the 2013 Christmas Wrap at Mid Valley. Over almost one month, senior club member, Mac Wood, co-ordinated a roster of representatives from a wide range of local community groups to provide this invaluable service. Funds raised will be distributed amongst various locally based community organisations.

Each year we congratulate Mac Wood on his co-ordination of the annual Christmas Wrap at Mid Valley. This year is no exception. If one takes time to observe and ponder what's involved in ensuring all runs like clock-work over almost four weeks, you'll appreciate what Mac actually does.

Members of the Churchill and Yinnar and District Lions Clubs joined us for what easily could become an annual Bocce competition held at the Italian and Australian Sporting and Social Club Bocce Centre. This world class venue saw skilful competition amongst a range of novices and others with some expertise in Bocce. It was a great Bocce night, albeit rather hot and sweaty.

Also entering the competitive spirit were two clowns - at the same time! Or as someone remarked, there were many clowns, only two were dressed up for the occasion. Well known local clown, Koko, was suitably surprised to meet Beans, another local clown... Koko couldn't believe his luck.

Long time Churchill resident, Faye Last, was also inducted as a new member in December. Faye had been a long serving member of Strzelecki District Scout Association as a Scout Leader and, more recently was Group Leader at the Morwell East Scout Group for many years. By her own admission, Faye enjoys fundraising activities.

Also in December, a guest speaker was (then) Monash University Senior Lecturer, Dr. Barbie Panther, speaking about the Gippsland Access and Participation Project (GAP). Working in partnership with students, teachers, industry and the broader community, the GAP project aims to overcome education challenges in regional and rural areas. Beyond the barrier of distance faced by those in regional and rural areas, these challenges also include declining numbers of students studying mathematics and science subjects at secondary school, and the low levels of indigenous student participation in higher education. The GAP project is funded by the



Australian Government's Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations to help increase rural and indigenous participation in higher education. From January 20 to 24, 2014, there was a Science experience, for years 9 and 10 students to experience university life and take part in hands-on science, medical and engineering activities. Rotary Clubs are able to sponsor students for such an occasion. Hazelwood Rotary finished off the 2013 year with an exciting, enjoyable Christmas dinner, and the club has commenced its 2014 year with some barbeques and private catering for a 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

To obtain detailed information about Rotary and any of the above activities, or to enquire about becoming a member, please call Leo Billington on 0458 661 848. Hazelwood Rotary meets in Morwell every Monday night except on (Monday) public holidays.

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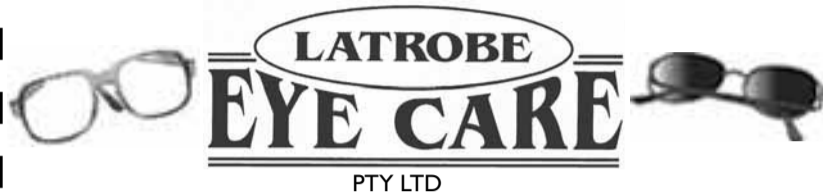
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# Church News

## Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar



Christmas services were well attended.

Carols and lessons service for the Sunday prior to Christmas told the Biblical story of Jesus' birth, including the old testaments forecasts.

There was lots of singing which also told the Christmas story.

On Christmas Eve, the Crib Service saw the children dress up and act out the Christmas story, while a dialogue between the leader and a Sheep called Hey Ewe was spoken, telling the story and its significance.

Jesus was born to bring forgiveness to the world, to remind God's people to be mindful of God's grace and forgiveness, by providing us with a saviour who also taught us how to live in love for God and each other, and how

we can be friends with God for ever.

This service was followed by a communion service at Boolarra church at 8.30pm. Christmas day at Churchill there was a service at 9am followed by preparations for Christmas dinner for some members of the community, who enjoyed the dinner and being with people.

Through January, only one service at 10am at alternating centres has been a time of worship and fellowship with picnic lunch and BBQ to follow the last two week's services.

The last week at Churchill, we sat out under the trees to get the real feel of being in Australia for Australia Day.

The gentle cool breeze and some good Aussie content made it a lovely finish to our 10am January services.

## Lumen Christi snippets

### New to the Parish

If you are new to our Parish we would love to hear from you. Just place your contact details in one of the collection plates and this will be forwarded to the Parish Offices.

### Reflection

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams, they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undivided restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former

concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds.

For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.



## Carols by Candlelight

Again in 2013, with Monash University's patronage, Carols by Candlelight was held in the Auditorium on the campus.

A good size crowd turned up to sing Christmas carols, to be entertained by a variety of performances and to share in remembering the reason for the season.

The children were well catered for with a version of the Christmas story suitable for their age group, songs about Christmas with which they could join in, and having fun with the glow stick used instead of candles due to being in the building.

There were messages too with Father Darek sharing his memories of Christmas in Poland, his home country, and participating in a Polish tradition of breaking, exchanging, sharing and wishing each other a happy Christmas with the beautiful wafers he provided.

The Latrobe Community Concert Band accompanied the singing of carols, as did Peter and David on their guitars. Peter and David also favoured us with some items. John Mazur provided the sound system and also used his slide guitar to entertain us with an item.

One special item was two small children singing a song, words of which were composed by the older of the two at 5 years of age, to which her dad, who had written music, accompanied them.

Two Australian drovers visited and during a conversation, wondered what it would have been like

if Jesus was born in Australia, only to realise, that although different, discovered that the circumstances of Jesus' birth would not have been much different if he had been born here.

Thank you to the many people, groups and organisations that made the night a success. Without your input it would not have been possible.



## Church Times

### Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Rev. Brenda Burney  
Willams Avenue,  
Churchill.  
Tel: 5122 1480

Glenda and Ian Combridge  
Tel: 5166 1819  
Sunday Service: 9.00am

### Lumen Christi Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill  
Tel: 5122 2226

Father Francis/Father Darek

Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

1st and 3rd Sundays:

Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am

2nd and 4th Sundays:

Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

### Boolarra/Yinnar

#### Co-Operating Parish

Week 1 - 11am at  
Christ Church Boolarra  
Ang. HC

Week 2 - 11am at  
Christ Church Boolarra  
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Week 3 - 11am at  
Uniting Church Yinnar  
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Week 4 - 11am at  
Uniting Church Yinnar  
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# New Year Message from Reverend Brenda Burney

## Happy New Year

February seems a little late for wishing everybody a Happy New Year, but that is my wish for you and for those you love. Each of us has our hopes and expectations for the new year ahead of us. I'm guessing that most of us hope for things like peace, for happiness, for good health and to be loved and cared for. As I watch my three year old grandson grow and learn and explore the world around him, I can't help but hope and pray that as he grows up he will continue to experience all these good things and more - that our country will continue to be one of the most peaceful and well-off nations of the world. Just after Christmas we visited Tarra Bulga National Park with our grandson and he loved it. I have some wonderful photos of him looking at the beautiful waterfalls.

He commented often on the trees and ferns, touching them and asking questions about them. I hope he has places like this to take his grandchildren in the future - and I know he will if all of us work together at looking after the world God has gifted to us. That is what communities do. They work together for the good of all.

This was highlighted in our Australia Day celebrations in Churchill this year. Once again, those who have brought something special to their community - both young and old - were awarded for their contribution to making our community a better place. I was privileged to be present and to hear their stories. Australia Day is an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for each other, and for the land we live in, to recognise its history, to engage in the present and to look forward in hope to the future. When we think about the things that are happening in other countries at this time, we need to remember how lucky we are to live in peace and with the kind of freedom many other people can only dream of. In saying that, I fully recognise that for many who call this nation home, life is not easy. There are still injustices and difficulties for many people.

We are blessed to have in our midst people from many nations and cultures, people of all ages from whom we can learn, people who are community-minded - who live their lives in the service of others and who want the best for their fellow Australians and for the land we live in.

This year, at our gathering in Churchill, I based my prayers on Australian Christian writer Bruce Prewer's prayers *Australia Day* and *Intercessions for*

*our Land And its People.* I share them with you now and hope that they will help you to reflect on how lucky we are and how you can help to keep our hopes and expectations for the year ahead alive and well.

God of Australia, you have loved this ancient land long before human eye explored it. On this Australia Day we offer both praise and plea for our nation. We bring you our gratitude for the diversity and wealth of this land and its people; for its weathered old mountains, fertile valleys, and vast plains; for its riches of mine and agriculture, forests and grazing lands; for the first people of this land who know and love this continent with an intimate, profound sensitivity; for the courage, vision and sacrifice of the early settlers from other nations; for the diverse cultures who now call Australia home.

We also recognise the evil which has marred our country and injured other citizens. We regret the greed with which we have exploited the good earth for quick monetary gain with little thought for the future. We are sorry for our history of inhumanity towards our indigenous brothers and sisters, and for the injustices they still suffer. We are sorry for our neglect of minority groups and the intolerance that still exists towards some of the newcomers to this land. We ask you to bless all people who call this great land home. Forgive our intolerances and enable us to treasure every face and every race, to put right injustices and to seek the common good for all.

We pray for our prime minister, Tony Abbott, for all premiers, ministers, parliaments, councils and courts, for service organisations and welfare groups. Help our leaders to do justice, to love kindness and to serve the people of this land with integrity.

We thank you that we live in a community where people care about each other. God bless Australia, guard our people, guide our leaders and give us peace. Amen.



## Annual Clean Up Australia Day



By Leo Billington

In March 2012, the Hazelwood Rotary Club joined with the Churchill Scout Group for Clean Up Australia Day.

Unfortunately, this combination was not organized for March 2013 but it will be, for March 2 this year.

Clean Up Australia Day is Sunday March 2, 2014 and is a simple way everyone can take

action to clean up, fix up and conserve our prized Australian environment, and Churchill will benefit as well. According to the national organisers, in 2013 an estimated 550,300 volunteers removed 16,150 tonnes of rubbish at over 7,341 sites right across the Australia.

Community involvement is free. The only cost is some of your time to help clean-up a selected area.

Details: When:  
Sunday, March 2, 2014 at 9.30am

Where: Eel Hole Creek area, Churchill. Volunteers to meet in the car park between the skateboard park and the Hub.

Volunteers: from Hazelwood Rotary Club, Churchill Scout Group, Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar and anyone from the wider Churchill community is also invited.

Contact: Leo Billington, Hazelwood Rotary - 0458 661 848

Jeff Kemp, Churchill Scout Group- 0419 594 147

Ruth Place, Co-operating Churches- 5122 1961

# Prostate Cancer Support Group

Local Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse Kelly Koschade, will be addressing the Latrobe Valley Prostate Cancer support Group on Wednesday February 26, at 7pm. Kelly will be discussing the progression of her role within the community since commencing in the post nearly 2 years ago, and answering questions regarding current treatments for prostate cancer.

Kelly is at Latrobe Regional Hospital, (LRH) and can be contacted at the hospital on 5173 8713, to follow up on treatments or to answer questions related to prostate cancer.

The Latrobe Valley Prostate Support Group is affiliated with (GRICS) Gippsland Regional Integrated Cancer Services, (P.C.F.A. ) Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, (CCV) Cancer



**Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia**

Council of Victoria. and (UICC) Union for international Cancer Control.

They meet at the Morwell Club, 136 Helen Street, Morwell, on the 4th Wednesday of each month commencing at 6-00 pm for a meal. The meeting starts at 7-00 pm when a guest speaker is involved, and round table discussions, on wellness conditions of cancer-related subjects.

For further contact details, contact Convener / Secretary, Colin.R.Bermingham, on (03) 5135 3353, (03) 5116 5672, Mobile 0419 116 825, or e.mail vietnamveteran@wideband.net.au

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John Harris, Yinnar - Latrobe City Recognition Award.



Nancy Sewell is pictured with Councillor Darrell White and President of the YDCA Herb Smith.

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## Christopher James Alston

**Born 22/1/2001**

Attends Lumen Christi Primary School Churchill.

Chris is a year 6 student who has struggled at times, but who has, during 2013, shown great responsibility in speaking up for injustices in his school.

He notices when people are not doing the right thing and acts on this. His teachers and those that know him have been very impressed with his growth and maturity this past year. The school will miss his input as he moves into secondary education.

He can be best described as a "boys boy" who loves to get dirty. If there is mud he will find it. He is an explorer who loves to ride anything. He frequently disappears to the pondage or Billies Creek to go fishing.

He is a boy who loves to pull things apart and put them back together to seek out how they work. He takes after his Dad when it comes to working on cars.

He is a young man who will assist where he can, and he has a mild learning disability which he has overcome by asking for help, and always looks out to help those less fortunate.

He has now developed into a mature young man who looks after the welfare of others before his own needs.

His academic results have never been outstanding however he has shown great signs for the future, developing as a leader of his peers.

The future for Christopher perhaps lies in the mechanical field, or somewhere similar. Let him at it and he will fix it.

## Alyssa Rachel Degues

**Born 24/3/2002**

She is a student at Churchill North Primary school and this year will complete Grade 6 – described as a "very nice girl" who has potential to achieve – a leader.

At home she has a younger brother and always tries to help him as well as the other 11 siblings from the extended family.

Attitude – Can Do – Get in and do it. She expects little reward for her efforts. She appears to present as lacking confidence but her attitude always carries her through- her do-it approach permits her to be herself.

She is yet to establish a life- time goal but those who know her believe that she will be successful at whatever she does choose, however child care or welfare are looking good..

Her family believes that nothing fazes her and she makes every effort to achieve academic excellence.

She appears to be a natural leader who other students seek out for assistance, and is well respected by her peers and teaching staff.

She is always one of the first who puts a hand up to help either at school or in her home life. Last year she became involved in the Schools Junior School Council and became committed to its goals. Her duties included assisting teachers and other students, and she has been able to deal with any issue that has come her way.

## Chloe Joy Schonberger

**Born 17/7/2002**

Student at Churchill Primary School from where the following comments come:

Chloe has proven herself to be a reliable young lady in so many ways. She routinely manages the responsibility of helping in the setting up and delivery of the schools breakfast program, showing initiative and enthusiasm while doing so.

She is one of the few students who regularly offers to help with the less desirable tasks such as taking the recycle bin out and the clean-up process. She is always reliable, always on time and willing to do whatever is asked of her to help out.

Chloe has an excellent school attendance record, and is always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need, whether it be a fellow student or adults in our school community

Home - She never has to be asked to do anything. She always offers to complete chores such as dishes, bins, dogs and washing. If something has to be done she does it straight away and things run smoothly

Desires- She has expressed a desire to become involved in child care or nursing.

She has been involved in the cubs and scouts for 3 years and attained several badges.

Faults - She has the unique problem at home of a "floor robe" which is a bane of Mums.

She eats parents out of home and Dad says- big feet.

She loves reading, writing stories and gardening. Mud on the fingers makes her happy

## Riley James Killury

**Born 24/9/2002**

Student at Hazelwood North Primary School The boy who no one listens to properly – so he says. He is in grade 6 at the school – just wants to grow up and be heard.

Mums view - Loving affectionate kid who stresses her out with long winded solutions to any problem.

At school he is seen as a leader and has been a member of the Junior School Council for the past three years, and has adopted the role of School Vice - Captain for Hazelwood North Primary School for 2014.

In the past his school duties involved escorting new students and prospective families on guided tours of the school, and taking on a leadership role that provides support for fellow

students and assists them with welfare issues He is not backwards in assisting them in approaching a member of the teaching staff should it be required to resolve any problem. At school he is an average student who does not mince his words – he is not influenced by what others think and does his own thing.

A self-motivated young man who loves to assist others, and has taken a keen interest in the welfare of the Special Needs students at the school

At home he loves to try and fix anything that is damaged, and is building his own tree house, he also enjoys martial arts training.

He loves his dog Ammi which he rescued from the local pound, and they inseparable.

He is an early riser and every Wednesday morning, at 7am he travels to the animal shelter in Boolarra. He has taken an active interest in welfare, feeding, and caring, for no reward except a 'thank you' and watching the animals flourish.

## Kate Maree Chisholm

**Born 6/3/2004**

Kate is a student at Hazelwood North Primary School and is moving into Grade 4

Kate has been described as stubborn and a strong willed young lady.

She is an above average student who takes learning seriously, and enjoys having a go at new challenges. She has the ability to adapt as required.

In the school environment she is always approachable and makes a concerted effort to consider the needs of fellow student and staff members.

She has the ability to interact with people of all ages easily and is said to be a pretty switched on young lady.

Mum takes great delight in stirring Kate occasionally, and she responds with minor pranks. Kate is quick on the uptake.

Kate lost her father at the age of 6 to cancer, and since that time she has been involved in fund raising to assist others to get through the problem, with the sole hope that a cure can be found for cancer.

She became actively involved in the Relay for Life program, and goes to great lengths to complete her goals and help those in need. She readily volunteers to take on any fund raising activity to help out where she can.

Kate plays tennis at Traralgon South and anything she does she picks up easily – 'except tennis' - Mums words.

Jazz ballet/ tap is another interest and she has won several trophies for her efforts.

Her desire is to work in an Old Peoples Home to give the residents there a better life style.

She is a Cub with the 1st Morwell Scouts, and has completed some leadership programs. She has been described as natural leader and is

respected for her efforts.

However, a great deal of her time is taken up in raising funds for any worthwhile program that goes to assist those less fortunate than her. She jumps in quickly to put her hand up at all times, and is always on the lookout to help.

## Churchill Junior Citizen of the Year

**Daniel Thomas Brick**

One of his teachers at Kurnai College Precinct comments:

Daniel Brick has been an excellent all round student this year and in the past 4 years at Kunai College. He has always shown an interest in helping others and has been a model student in this aspect.

His interest in the wellbeing of those around him has been admirable. He offers his assistance and always gives others the opportunity to shine.

Outside of school he has been involved in sport through the Boolarra Football and Tennis Club. He has also been involved in community forums volunteering to help at special times.

He has expressed a keen interest in psychology and perhaps he will make it his goal as the following describe him somewhat – Always being actively engaged with the work in all psychology classes.

An enthusiastic approach to hard study on a regular basis in psychology.

Others say of him; Daniel always works to the best of his ability and asks questions when required.

Daniel always works with enthusiasm. He works independently and is always conscientious.

Daniel is an honest student who is held in high esteem by his peers and teaching staff, and is very friendly. He is an outgoing person who has a good sense of humour and in 2012 took on the role of a team leader.

About the same time he was injured through sport and was unable to participate in PE classes which he loves. He was offered a mentoring role in some of the other junior classes as an aid to the teachers. He accepted this role and was inspirational in it.

He completed his duties extremely well and in doing so he provided a role model for year 7 and 8 students.

In 2012 he was awarded by the school the Churchill Lions Club Year Ten Award – in recognition of being an excellent team player and the efforts made by him within the team environment.

One who holds a positive attitude to learning and who is supportive of his fellow students. This stands out as a key reason for his success and the standards obtained.

In year 9 he was also awarded by the Rotary Club of Hazelwood – Kurnia College all round outstanding student.



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Boolarra Australia Day recipients Les Hunt, D Billingsley, Jane Webster, Belinda Richards, Chris Wareham, Chelsea Stewart, Gary Mills, Ross Hall.

Daniel also takes an active role in volunteering for community projects such as Relay for Life, and takes an active role in the Boolarra community. As mentioned before Daniel is a keen sportsman and plays football for Boolarra, he enjoys athletics with the local harriers and loves tennis. He recently played in the under 16's football interleague football team.

I am aware that he takes his sports seriously but not at the expense of others. He has been observed apologising for minor mishaps on the football field and he is always keen to help others shine.

A real Australian spirit shines.

The 2010 recipient of the Churchill Junior Citizen of the Year Ashleigh Caldwell, presented the plaque to Daniel and then spoke of how much her award had meant to her and what an encouragement it had been to continue her volunteer work, to study and plan for her future.

## Churchill Citizen of the Year

### Peter Gray – Alias: Pedro

Peter was nominated for being a generous person who willingly supports his community through donating his time, equipment to various community groups and events; such as Powerhouse Blues Band for the past 35 years Relay for Life

Australia Day Awards- Churchill Lions Club

Both Rosedale and Drouin Speedways

Neighbourhood Watch

CDCA

Churchill Fishing Competition

Churchill & District News

Hazelwood Car Show

Gippsland Community Radio- Gippsland FM

104.7 - Announcer and technical guru

Meals on Wheels

MC for Gippsland Trades and Labour Council

The Moe Jazz music weekend.

Newborough RSL.

Traralgon Country Music Festival

Churchill Town Safety Group. – Just to

mention a few

Pedro is described as – Just one of those people who loves to help, makes no fuss, achieves and gives donations. His loyalty, personality and dedication are his attributes.

In conjunction with his wife, Sheryn, Pedro financially supports young drivers with race cars and expenses.

He has put his life into supporting local speedways He is a founding member of the Rhythm and Blues Club. He is Jam co-ordinator, mentor of young players and spends countless hours doing this voluntary work for the club – always with a smile on his face.

The President of the club states - that without Peter there would be no Blues Club, He is the hardest working guy in the club, Jam Co-coordinator, MC and donates all his own equipment to support this club.

Peter runs raffles which raise valuable funds for the club. On the committee he helps out with the paper work, incorporation fees and reports to comply with relevant laws.

Pedro is described by the President of the club as a quiet achiever, nothing is ever too much trouble. It would be a battle without him. He is the main man. With Pedro's support we can keep going.

Pedro – the comments keep coming mate. Please don't stop.

Well Done

The 2013 Churchill Citizen of the Year, Don di Fabrizio, presented the plaque to Peter who was so surprised to be nominated, but was 'stoked' to receive the award.

Peter McShane thanked everyone for coming, for the families for bringing the nominees, the Hotel for hosting the occasion once again, to Churchill & District News and all who had contributed to make the event a success.

He then invited all present to enjoy the Aussie breakfast.

Lions Club members were thrilled to see people using the provided seats and sitting in family groups enjoying the celebrations, both before the awards and then later when the food was served. It was the place to be on Australia Day.

## Citizen of the Year

### Yinnar

The Yinnar and District Community Association Australia Day celebrations were once again an outstanding success.

We were blessed with great weather and a great crowd who enjoyed the entertainment provided by the Molly McGuire's. Breakfast was provided by the Yinnar and District Lions Club and the Historical Society put on tea and coffee. The 1st Yinnar scouts did the flag raising ceremony.

Our young Citizen of the Year was awarded to sisters Chloe and Crystal Libreri. The girls have done a great job within our community, fund raising for the Chapman family and the Yinnar and District Lions Club, as well as many other community services.

The Yinnar Citizen of the Year was Nancy Sewell who has been involved with kinder, school and Church work for many years. Nancy was also treasurer of the Yinnar Recreation Reserve Committee of management for 28 years. She also managed to fit in work for St Vincent's and Meals on Wheels. A very worthy recipient of this award.

John Harris - Latrobe City Recognition Award. Yinnar and District Community Association's popular secretary, John Harris, was presented with a Latrobe City Australia Day 2014 Recognition Award for his community service spanning many years.

John and his wife Marilyn moved to the Valley after he finished his teaching degree. John

worked as a teacher at Yallourn, and then moved on to Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education as a lecturer, then to Monash University Gippsland where he was Director of Distance Education.

He has dedicated his life in a voluntary capacity through Apex, Lions, Community Banking Board, Jeeralang Fire Group and many others. John is the driving force behind many of our community grants, and his work in instigating the Local Emergency Action Plan (LEAP) for the towns of Boolarra and Yinnar after the 2009 fires, was exceptional.

John, we congratulate you for your achievements and your award.

## Boolarra Australia Day celebration 2014

Another great Australia Day celebration at Railway Park in Boolarra, with around 120 people turning out to enjoy an egg and bacon sandwich, and a chance to have a chin wag with friends they don't run into often.

It was perfect weather, and the park looked a treat.

The trees have grown now, and are very attractive shade trees that are greatly appreciated by the crowd. The kids had fun with the games organised by Kath and Dan Aveling, including sack races, egg and spoon races and gumboot throwing.

The older crowd members were kept on their toes by Australian trivia questions. The CFA and other volunteers started at 7.30 to ensure the hungry masses were very well catered for. The day also featured the Boolarra Community Development Group Koffee Kart, providing tea and coffee to the crowd. The Kart seeks to provide training and employment opportunities to locals, and to provide a source of income to local community groups. If you are interested in booking the Kart for an event, contact Tracy Anderson on 0408 038 769.

Cr Darrell White spoke movingly of the significance of Australia Day, and the values it represents, and how these are reflected in our community.

There was a brief community announcement from the Men's Shed, announcing they are trialling opening on Saturday mornings, to give people who work during the week the opportunity to participate in activities at the shed.

After the presentation of the Boolarra Community Awards and the raising of the flag and singing of the anthem, people moved to the other end of the park for the opening of the Boolarra Bushfire Memorial Gazebo.

The Bushfire gazebo is the culmination of over two years work by Marietta Herni, assisted by Gwenda Pither and Jill Simmonds, with contributions from RDV, Latrobe City, the Mirboo North Lions and the Salvation Army. Russell Northe, MLA made a welcome visit as part of his busy Australia Day schedule to open

the gazebo, and congratulated Boolarra on all we have been able to achieve as a community since the fire. Guests included John Mitchell, acting CEO of LCC, Laurie Paton representing RDV and Jenny Dentoom from the Salvation Army.

There were a large number of nominations for Community Recognition Awards this year. This reflects the enthusiasm people have for being able to have their friends' efforts formally acknowledged in front of an audience of their peers.

Once again it was a terrific range of recipients this year, with a number of the quiet achievers acknowledged, along with a number of people who have been closely involved in key community activities such as the CFA and the Boolarra Folk Festival.

Congratulations to the following recipients in recognition of their significant contribution to the community:

### Jane Webster

Through her tireless efforts in developing and producing an on-line newsletter for the Historical Society. This has increased membership and participation for the Society and promoted engagement with other Societies.

### Les Hunt

For his thoughtful and incisive contribution to a wide range of community groups in Boolarra, and the region, over many years.

### Belinda Richards and Chris Wareham

In establishing the "small town" friendly, helpful service that the Top Shop epitomized, and for the extra care provided to needy members of the community.

### Chelsea Stewart

For her ongoing contribution to the success and atmosphere of the Boolarra Folk Festival as a showcase of quality music, and through her commitment to our quality of life in coordinating the protest against coal seam gas.

### Ross Hall

Throughout 41 years of service with the Boolarra Cemetery Trust, continuing a family tradition, and overseeing major changes to improve the amenities at the Cemetery.

### Gary Mills

For his tireless efforts to realize his vision for the Boolarra Pony Club as a top class regional facility, developing the skills of its members and with a tremendous reputation in the equestrian fraternity,

### Di Billingsley

Recognising her outstanding work as Secretary of the Boolarra Fire Brigade over many years, and more recently as 1st Lieutenant of the Brigade, and Junior Brigade Leader in the newly formed Junior Brigade.

Another great Australia Day.

Colin Brick, OA

Boolarra Community Development Group

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Federation University Gippsland will welcome new students on Monday 24th Feb

As part of MUGSU's Orientation Week to welcome all new Federation University Gippsland students, we will be holding our annual Market Day on Tuesday 4th of March. We are seeking local businesses to get involved with stalls on the day.

If you would like to have a stall at this fantastic business opportunity, please email Sarah the MUGSU Activities Director at [activities@monash.edu](mailto:activities@monash.edu) for your information pack.



# CDCA - Art Work from Churchill Primary School students



By Margaret Guthrie

We hope many of you noticed the wonderful display of Art Work from Churchill Primary School students that was on show in the West Place shopping centre concourse through December and January.

Following the creation of Christmas themed painted panels produced in 2012 for display over the Christmas and New Year period (which were again on display in December 2013), a further series of panels was commissioned for production in 2013. These were themed on the topic of Australia Day.

Congratulations to the students and staff at Churchill Primary School involved in last year's project.

The Australia Day panels were terrific - bright and colourful with a variety of well

thought-out designs that related to the topic. Many people stopped to look and traders commented on the pleasing and interesting display.

CDCA has partnered with Churchill Primary School to produce these panels for community display. Funding from Latrobe City Council has been utilised to support this on-going project.

We are very happy to announce that a further art project is to be undertaken in 2014.

This year we have invited Churchill Primary School to produce some art work that can be displayed in the Hazelwood Village shopping centre foyer over the December - January period.

Staff at Ritchie's Supermarket have been very helpful in determining size and display

location so that there will be no impediment to shoppers who will still be able to admire the art work that students produce.

Other schools, including pre-schools, in the Churchill and district area are invited to contact CDCA if they have ideas for producing art work for community display in the Churchill Town Centre.

Another art project that CDCA is working on is something to 'beautify' and brighten up the Monash Way underpass. After consultation with local residents, an artists' brief is being prepared for tender.

CDCA has sought assistance from representatives of Latrobe Regional Gallery, the University Art and Design Faculty and the Churchill Art and Culture Pathway project to develop this brief.

CDCA hopes to be able to secure funding to engage an artist to work with the local community to design some suitable art work for the underpass and its approaches.

Our January Committee meeting was cancelled as a number of members were unavailable. Our next Committee meeting will be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday February 18, in Studio 1, Churchill Community Hub precinct, Philip Parade (downstairs in the Town Hall building).

CDCA can be contacted at any time by writing to us at PO Box 191, Churchill, emailing mgcdca@hotmail.com or phoning 5122 2997. All local residents are welcome to contact CDCA to raise matters of local concern.

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# Churchill Lions Club



"I'LL ONLY BE A MINUTE"

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Churchill Lions Club in conjunction with Kid safe are stepping forward by having "DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN IN CARS" signage erected at local shopping centres, car parks and entertainment venues to remind us of the dangers in doing so.

"Despite the kids in hot cars issue being run for a number of years, it is staggering to think that Ambulance Victoria Paramedics were called to more than 900 cases of children locked in cars in 12 months. Almost two thirds of calls were to car parks, streets or public places, and nearly one quarter to outside a home.

Leaving children unattended in a car even for a short period of time can be fatal. On a typical Australian summer day the temperature inside a parked car can be 20 to 30 degrees hotter than the outside temperature"

Children's bodies are smaller and have underdeveloped nervous systems that place them at greater risk of losing fluid quickly, becoming dehydrated and



suffering from heat stroke.

Victorian legislation now makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence.

The clear message is to take the children with you even if you think you will only be gone for a few minutes. It could save their life or avoid them suffering brain damage.

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## 'Do Not Knock' stickers

Gippsland residents wanting to avoid door-to-door salespeople can do so by displaying a 'Do Not Knock' sticker.

Federal Member for Gippsland, Darren Chester, said the stickers must be displayed on the front door, with significant penalties applying for any door-to-door salespeople who do not comply with the request.

"There are a number of people in our community, particularly older residents, who don't appreciate salespeople visiting their homes during the day or in the early evening," Mr Chester said.

"If door-to-door salespeople knock on the doors of residents who clearly display a 'Do Not Knock' sticker they are breaking the law and could be liable for a penalty of up to \$50,000."

Mr Chester said local residents should also be aware of their rights under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) which stipulates that door-to-door salespeople:

- are not allowed to visit on Sundays or public holidays, before 9am or after 6pm on weekdays, and before 9am or after 5pm on Saturdays;
- must leave immediately, and not return for 30 days, if asked to do so;
- must inform a consumer of their name, the organisation they represent, and the purpose of their visit; and
- must inform consumers about their 'cooling-off' rights.

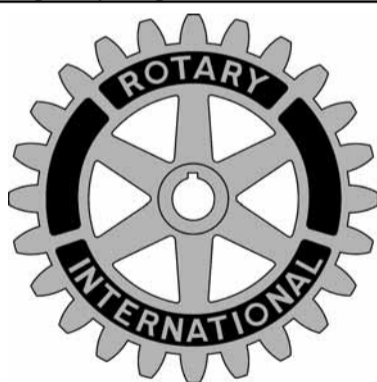
Mr Chester said local residents can request 'Do Not Knock' stickers from his Sale office on 1300 131 785 or by emailing darren.chester.mp@aph.gov.au

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money to the family in December last year.

This years Hazelwood Car and Bike show will be on October 26, 2014, we hope to see everyone there.



## Mentoring – making a difference

Berry Street and Whitelion work in Gippsland with young people whose life is not all smooth sailing. Issues they may face in daily life include domestic violence, neglect, and the threat of homelessness, becoming a young parent, drug and alcohol issues and financial difficulties.

They often need someone to support them through these events, and Berry Street and Whitelion run numerous mentoring programs to provide this support.

In Gippsland they include a Leaving Care Mentoring program to support some of the 400-500 young Victorians leaving State Care each year, the L2P Learner Driver Mentoring Program helping young people gain their 120 hours driving skills and the Community Integration Program (CIP), which helps to connect young people living in residential care with their local community.

Katie Gallop has been a Leaving Care mentor for the past two and a half years and has been matched with a young person for most of this time. When asked what her initial attraction to mentoring was, Katie said she "wanted to help a young person outside of the work environment and had considered doing so for quite a while."

Katie mentioned that "she and the young person catch up as much as possible, but sometimes this is difficult due to issues facing

the young person. When we do catch up, we go out for coffee, a chat, go for drives, and we also do practical things such as going to the Salvation Army, grocery shopping and I even assist the young person to pick up catalogues for her employment."

Katie said "there have been extended periods where there has been no contact with the young person, and there have been other priorities in her life, which makes it difficult as you get worried about them, and due to the nature of the relationship there are not many people you can ask about them. However, you continue to phone them, make visits to their house and leave notes to say that you are thinking of them and obviously talking to the coordinator of the program and debriefing with them."

Katie believes the main benefit of mentoring is "you get to hang out with a cool kid and give back to the community." She feels she is in a position where she can do this. She feels that it also broadens her horizons and gets to see what other services are out there.

She stated "it's a mutual exchange where we learn from each other and participate in positive activities."

It's not all smooth sailing, Katie has supported the young person through domestic violence, the threat of homelessness, becoming a young mum, and drug and alcohol issues and financial difficulties. These are

typical issues facing many of the young people with whom Berry Street works, and they often need someone to support them through these events.

Katie and the young person have a really good relationship that is respectful and has developed over the years.

Katie has seen her grow up and become strong enough to make significant decisions that will impact positively on her life.

These decisions have strengthened the relationship to the extent that Katie admires the young woman and believes she is an "absolute inspiration."

Katie is also a mentor for the Learner Driver Mentor Program, which she is yet to commence with the young person, but this is another important step towards her independence.

When asked what advice she would give to potential mentors, she said "Do it! It's not all good times, but there are good times. You need to be understanding and flexible".

It is also important to remain connected to your coordinator for ongoing support.

If you have time and the ability to persevere as well as work with the variety of issues that come up with young people then come along to our information night on mentoring on February 24, at Berry Street, 37 Elgin Street, Morwell from 6pm to 8pm for further information about this exciting opportunity.

Please contact Trent Kooyman at Berry Street on 5134 5971 to register.

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# Friends of Morwell National Park



Hello everyone and welcome to the New Year and this month's news item. The New Year has started cooler than normal except for four very hot days which changed the park (and some of the plants in my garden) from green to brown. Over the next two months the Healthy Together team (from the Latrobe Council) and the Heart Council will run a number of walks in Morwell and Tarra-Bulga National Parks.

The Green Walks in the Park Program aims to get more people walking, more often, in more local parks, state parks and bushland reserves. It is a Heart Foundation initiative, supported by funding from Parks Victoria to facilitate the promotion of Green Walks available across Victoria. Further information about the range of Green Walks is available at <http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/active-living/Pages/green-walks.aspx>

## Free Cyber Safety Kits to support local families online

Local parents can help to make sure that their children have positive experiences online by picking up a Cyber Safety Kit from the offices of Federal Member for Gippsland, Darren Chester.

Mr Chester said the kits have been developed by Telstra to help concerned parents better engage with their children about cyber safety.

There is a kit aimed at parents, as well as a kit for children and one for teenagers. All are available free of charge.

Mr Chester said it was important for parents to take a close interest in cyber safety with an estimated 2.2 million Australian children actively engaged in online activities.

"The internet is a great resource and can be an educational tool but it is open to inappropriate activity and parents must be aware of the risks involved," Mr Chester said.

## Managing on a low income Making every cent count

Over the next few months, we will be publishing articles supplied to us by Anglicare.

This is the first: Getting by on a low income can be tough. Here are some places to start to make things a little easier.

### Do you have a budget?

When there's not much coming in, you have to be completely aware about what you do have. Budgeting will show you exactly what you earn, and how you're spending it. Use our budget planner to track your spending.

### Case study: Susan starts saving

Susan, 34, is a single mum and office worker. She manages well on a low income but is concerned about how she will cope if an emergency or unexpected bill crops up. By drawing up a budget, Susan could see where she was overspending.

"I was amazed at how much we were spending on small, unnecessary items that quickly added up. By

The overall aim is to get a range of guided walks across the two parks which will attract different sections of the community (for example families, older people etc).

Guides are needed for the walks and the current list of volunteers is below. If you would like to be a guide you can contact Mike. The planned walks in Morwell National Park are:

Thursday, February 27: Matt.  
Saturday, March 8: Mike.  
Sunday, March 9: Mike.  
Tuesday, March 18: Matt, John.  
Sunday, March 30: Matt (t b c)  
Monday, March 31: Matt (t b c)

There are two tracks where the walks will probably focus: the Foster's Gully Nature Walk and the Billys Creek Track to the weir and return. Both of these can be completed in around an hour.

The new bridge at the first crossing of Billys Creek has been completed. The new bridge was needed when the footings to the old bridge were washed out when the creek flooded. One end of the bridge had dropped and in the long term it was not safe. The new bridge looks great and looks like it will be there for the long term.

### January Activity report Nesting box survey (continued)

At this activity we had Mike, Cathy, John, Margaret, Matt, Brenda, Wendy, Darren and ranger Tina. After meeting in the Junction Road car park and discussing the news from over the New Year, the group divided into two groups. Matt, John and Darren went to repair and replace broken nesting boxes while Mike, Cathy, Brenda, Margaret, Tina and Wendy undertook the remainder of the nesting box survey.

John had put together a list of boxes to repair or replace from the last activity and that is where this group started work. Rob made a visit to the group and took John off to find the location of the old rifle range. John is researching the history of the park and the area and is seeking information from many sources. This group repaired a number boxes (one which was upside down) and replaced one. The groups later joined in to locate a difficult box which had come off the tree. This was replaced.



check the boxes without interfering with any animals within the boxes. The image quality is good and better when viewed on a laptop or PC.

The groups had lunch together and surveyed the few remaining boxes after lunch. Over the day 12 sugar gliders, 2 Agile Antechinus and 2 eggs were located. This result is a similar animal count to last year. Soon some of the footage from the survey will added to the Friends of Morwell National Park website.

During the day, along with animals found in the nesting boxes, we saw a few mobs of kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, an echidna and many birds.

The group returned to the car park to view the footage from the camera and from the last month. The umbrella was used to improve visibility rather than avoiding rain.

The total survey results are shown below:

	Sugar Gliders	Agile Antechinus	Other
December 2013	25	2	0
January 2014	12	2	0
Total 2013/14	37	4	0
Total 2012/13	36	6	2
Total 2011/12	16	2	1

### February Activity

#### Sunday February 16

The group will meet at 10.00am at the Junction Road car park to complete weed removal along Billy Weir track and from Billys Creek. You will need to bring clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

The survey group was finding the new camera excellent to

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# Health News

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## Don't wait for dental services

**The days of waiting for long periods of time for public dental services are over.**

Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) operates the only public dental clinics in the Latrobe Valley and has managed to successfully blitz its dental waiting list since last October.

All members of the community can receive affordable and professional dental care at LCHS, with the combination of both public and private dental care now available.

Ms Janice Ford, Manager Dental Services at LCHS hoped eligible members of the community would take advantage of the

reduced waiting list to improve their oral health. "Good oral health is necessary for good overall health," said Ms Ford.

Ms Ford said especially with many Latrobe Valley residents consuming sugary drinks regularly, tooth decay is an especially common ailment.

"In Latrobe, 19% of residents drink soft drink every day, compared to the state average of just 12%," she said.

"Tooth decay can lead to cavities and exposure of the inner layers of the tooth that may become sensitive and painful."

To make an appointment to see a dentist at LCHS, phone 1800 242 696.



Above: Latrobe Community Health Service dental assistant Simone Albanese and dentist Dr Pegah Tavakol in the modern Morwell dental clinic.

## Smile - it's the New Year

**Make having a healthy smile the top of your priority list this New Year.**

At Latrobe Community Health Service's (LCHS) private dental clinic in Morwell, anyone can make an appointment to see a dentist for a range of dental services.

Ms Janice Ford, Manager Dental Services at LCHS said there are no eligibility criteria to receive private dental services. "Our private dental service is able to provide

a range of dental treatments including more complex and cosmetic dental procedures," said Ms Ford.

Ms Ford said clients choosing to book private appointments could use their private health insurance where applicable, as at any other private dental service.

To book an appointment to see a dentist at LCHS' private dental clinic in Morwell, phone 1800 242 696.



## Free dental care for children at LCHS under Child Dental Benefits Schedule

**Eligible children can access free dental treatment up to the value of \$1,000 over two years at Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS).**

The new Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) which came into effect on 1 January 2014 provides financial support for each eligible child aged between two and 17 years to access basic dental services.

Eligible families are those receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A, Disability Support Pension or other relevant Australian Government payments.

This new scheme replaces the existing Medicare Teen Dental Plan (MTDP).

Ms Janice Ford, Manager Dental Services at LCHS welcomed the new scheme as a wonderful way of promoting the future health of the community.

"Some parents may delay taking their children to see a dentist because of cost; we hope this new benefit will help reduce that barrier," said Ms Ford.

"Good oral health is necessary for good health, and starting young is a great way to ensure the long-term health of our community."

LCHS runs the only community dental clinic in the Latrobe Valley, with clinics in Moe, Churchill and Morwell.

For further information or to make an appointment to see a dentist at Latrobe Community Health Service call 1800 242 696.

*Eligible children aged between two and 17 years can access the Child Dental Benefits Schedule at LCHS dental clinics across the Latrobe Valley*



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## Save up for Sale

The Friends of Latrobe City Libraries have decided to cancel their March sale of surplus stock from the libraries due to insufficient amounts. Please save up for a future large sale in October and another opportunity to have your keepsakes valued by notable ABC broadcaster, Bruce Arnup. Meanwhile the Friends would welcome new members. Find out more by contacting Jill Beck on 5174 1005.

## Gippsland Carers Association Carers Support Group

This is to advise that the next meeting of the Gippsland Carers Association Carers Support Group will take place on February 26, 2014, at 10am at Gippsland Disability Advocacy, 8 Hopetoun Avenue, Morwell. People who provide care for a loved one with a disability are invited to attend, to share a cuppa and chat with others like themselves in a welcoming and non-judgemental environment. This meeting will feature a presentation by Jo Hosken of Scentsy. For more information, please ring Dot Kitwood on 0402 457 241.

## DEPI Junior Fishing Clinics

During the early part of January the Department of Environment and Primary Industries ran a series of Junior Fishing Clinics in Gippsland. The first one was held at Mathison Park in Churchill, with fishing in Lake Hyland. Speaking with Mick Douthat, Education officer with DEPI, he said the clinics were designed to give youngsters an insight into how to fish, set up their rods and tackle, plus how to cast.

Also the young folks learnt about the rules associated with fishing, like size and bag limits. They also learnt about the types of fish caught in the waters where the clinics were held. Rods and other equipment were supplied, so it was an opportunity to get children out of their homes and into the environment to have a go. About 6 children took advantage of the Churchill opportunity.



Pictured with Mick Douthat are Zoe Boulton (left), and Amelia Boulton (right).



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The post-war period saw reconstruction and regeneration that focused on social welfare, national emergencies, natural disasters such as floods and bushfires, development of the blood service and first aid programs, all of which were sustained by the extensive Branch network and thousands of volunteers.

Another great Australian story was borne from the Great War, one that continues to serve Australia, one that has evolved with the changing face of humanitarianism, one that has been woven into the fabric of Australian life for 100 years...that great Australian story is Australian Red Cross.

Australian Red Cross extended its involvement with concerns of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, especially in International Humanitarian Law programs and refugee services.

In 2014 we celebrate the contribution of the millions of people who have helped make Australian Red Cross what it is today. Red Cross is an organisation that the Australian people have embraced. It's an international icon that people have adopted and adapted to serve the needs of people locally and abroad, whilst always maintaining the seven fundamental principles of Humanity, Impartiality, Independence, Neutrality, Voluntary Service, Universality and Unity.

Today in the 21st Century, Red Cross works tirelessly to help communities prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters; increase international aid and development; champion International Humanitarian Law; address the impact of migration; partner with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; reconnect socially isolated individuals with their communities; strengthen communities trapped in a cycle of disadvantage; and provide a world-class Blood Service.

It all began on August 13, 1914, nine days after the outbreak of World War I. Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson, wife of the Governor-General, formed a Branch of the British Red Cross at Government House in Melbourne, calling for volunteers to assist with the production of comfort parcels for soldiers.

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Very quickly, Red Cross became the premier wartime voluntary charity, especially appealing to Australian women across the nation.

Red Cross thanks the general public and many generations of Australians whose support has made it possible for members and volunteers to do this work. They will continue to need this support through the next 100 years and beyond.

Twenty-five years later, during World War II, Red Cross was the largest charitable organisation in Australia, both in terms of the scale of its operations and also in the support it received from the Australian people.

The Red Cross Centenary story is about the extraordinary generosity and compassion of everyday Australians.

From a national population of seven million, nearly half a million people, mostly women, were members of Red Cross at that time.

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# Boolarra Folk Festival 2014



The twelfth Boolarra Folk Festival will begin on Friday night, February 28 at ARC Yinnar, with performances from Redwood, Britt, The Pegs and In Spite of Ourselves. There will be a \$10.00 entry fee with drinks available at the bar.

The much anticipated main event will be the following day, Saturday March 1, and as always will be a free event, however we will again ask for a \$2 car parking fee as vehicles enter the town.

The music will begin at 11am amongst the shady trees in Centenary Park, where 14 acts will entertain with almost non-stop music through until around 7.30pm. Some of this year's acts include Karavana Flamenca, Molly Maquires, Khristian Mizzi and the Sirens, Coalville Road, Borderline, Nigel Wearne and many more, as well as the much loved Kids Drumming, and new in 2014, local dance group, Blak Mistiq.

There will once again be around 70 market and food stalls in Railway Park along with community group stalls, healing tent and busking.

The organising committee will be selling merchandise at the Information Tent such as festival t-shirts, programs, stubby holders and raffle tickets, where all money raised will go towards staging



another free event in 2015. A selection of Boolarra Folk Festival red and white wines will be for sale in both parks with the proceeds also going towards the staging of the 2015 festival.

This year we are pleased to be continuing the Open Stage Event between 8.30pm and midnight which will be held for the first time at the Boolarra Bowling Club, where food and drinks will be available.

The Boolarra Pub and Top Shop will be open for dinner. We encourage patrons to stay on the Friday and Saturday nights by bringing a tent or caravan and camping at the Boolarra Recreation Reserve, where showers and toilets are available for free.

The Boolarra Folk Festival has a reputation for being a well organised event. The friendly and relaxed environment appeals to all age groups and it's pleasing to see the continuing increase in family groups attending.

We are always seeking volunteers to help out for a couple of hours during the day with activities such as selling of wine, manning the Information Tent or helping set up in the morning, if you can afford a couple of hours please ring Gabby on 0459 219 329.

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Not from Churchill but prepared to travel to our lovely town? Great! You are more than welcome.

If interested please call me, Marilyn 5122 2329

# Bushfire Memorial

A new memorial gazebo that will enable the Boolarra community to gather, reflect and remember the devastating 2009 bushfires was opened recently by Member for Morwell Russell Northe.

Representing Deputy Premier Peter Ryan at the opening, Mr Northe said the Boolarra Bushfire Memorial Gazebo was an important reminder of the events of 2009, when the Boolarra community was severely affected by the Delburn fire, which burned through 6,534 hectares of land and destroyed 44 houses

"Following the devastating 2009 bushfires, the Boolarra community received funding to construct a bushfire memorial, with the Boolarra Community Development Group given responsibility to undertake the project," Mr Northe said.

"After much thought and extensive consultation, it was decided that the preferred option was for a gazebo or shelter in Railway Park, for people to gather together to reflect on the events of late January and early February 2009.

The project involved the construction of a gazebo with seating, tables, landscaping, a memorial plaque and an electric barbecue,

The gazebo is located at the entrance to the reconstructed Grand Ridge Rail Trail which had been destroyed in the 2009 fires." Mr Northe said Apprentices Group Australia (Morwell) undertook the construction of the gazebo for material cost only.

"Local tradespeople were used for concreting, electrical and plumbing services and the Boolarra Men's Shed members assisted with painting and

finishes to the gazebo," Mr Northe said.

"TRY Australia constructed the tables and benches, which are wheelchair friendly, and local draftsman Chris Langridge also put a great deal of personal time into the project.

The Mirboo North Lions Club also donated furniture with the Salvation Army providing artwork for the project."

Mr Northe said the total cost of the Boolarra Bushfire Memorial Gazebo project was \$26,625, with \$8,000 being provided through the Commonwealth and Victorian government's joint Community Recovery Fund and a further \$16,625 through the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund. The Mirboo North Lions Club and Salvation Army contributions totalled \$1,000 each.

Mr Ryan said the Victorian Government was proud to support community recovery efforts through the Community Recovery Fund.

"The \$10 million Community Recovery Fund is designed for projects such as the Boolarra Bushfire Memorial Gazebo, so the community can reflect on the circumstances of the 2009 fires, but also to look forward to an optimistic future," Mr Ryan said.

"\$2.5 million of the joint fund was dedicated to fund bushfire memorials, of which Latrobe City Council received almost \$160,000 to construct nine bushfire memorials, including the Boolarra Bushfire Memorial Gazebo.

The Government will continue to support bushfire-affected communities, not only to rebuild morale, but also to rebuild growth and investment opportunities."



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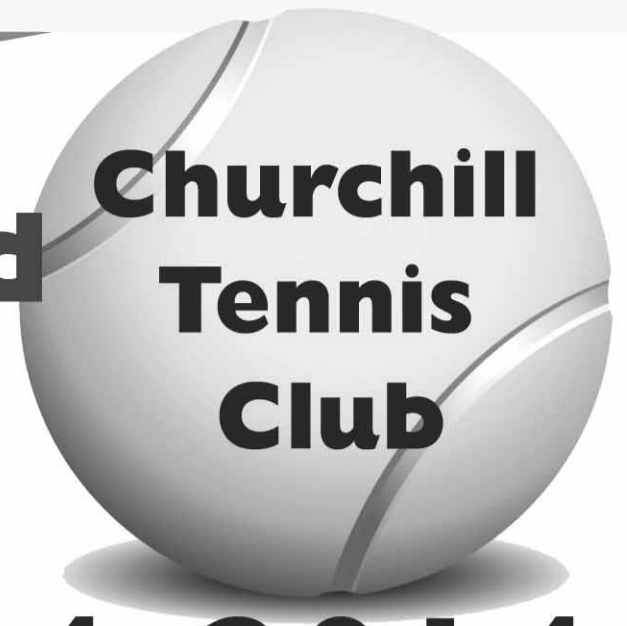
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# Happy New Year for Soroptimists



The Gippsland club of Soroptimist International celebrated their first Annual General Meeting recently, putting in place a new executive and sub-committees for 2014. Samantha Brick has continued as President, with Grania Sheehan and Helen McAdam accepting the shared position of President-elect. Wendy Ritchie remains Treasurer and Joanne Ramslear remains correspondence Secretary.

Samantha commented that the mix of experience and new members taking on leadership roles will be very good for the club and provides a good platform for a successful year for the club. "We are looking forward to another year of fun and fundraising for women and children in Gippsland and beyond. We are always looking to welcome new members and anyone who is interested in attending a meeting or having a chat about our club is welcome to contact me on 0427 824 722", Samantha added.

In her President's report, Samantha noted many highlights for the year, including successful fundraising events and members' achievements. Of particular note was the highly successful Morwell Christmas Shopping event, that not only raised money for Soroptimist projects, but also resulted in over \$10,000 being spent on one night in Morwell.

Samantha praised the traders involved, including Morwell Newsagency, Viva Shoes and Bags, Soularity, Podicare Shoes, Impressions that Last, SNJ Homeware, Priceline, Gazbar, and Gaztronomy. "We had a fun night of shopping, with traders generously providing drinks and nibbles along the way, culminating with a lovely dinner at Gaztronomy to conclude the evening", she said. "It was wonderful to enjoy such a social evening, raise money for our projects, and inject that sort of money into our local economy." Other businesses also supported the evening, with discount vouchers and hamper contributions.

The Club also congratulated its youngest member, Leisel Ritchie, who recently won the ADF's (Australian Defence Forces) Long Tan Award for Leadership and Teamwork at Kurnai College. The club was thrilled that Leisel also was offered her first preference at Monash University's Clayton campus, and wished her well for her tertiary studies. In recognition of Leisel's contribution, the Club has decided to invite young women, secondary or tertiary students, to join the club at a highly discounted rate. Anyone interested is welcome to contact Samantha.

# Latrobe City Council Libraries share in \$1 million book funding

**Latrobe City Council receives \$13,442 from \$1 million allocated from 2013-2014 Victorian Government building stronger communities.**

Latrobe City Council will receive \$13,442 to add new books to its collection in the lead up to next year's Premiers' Reading Challenge, Member for Morwell Russell Northe, said today.

Mr Northe welcomed the new funding for Latrobe City Council from the 2013-14 \$1 million Premiers' Reading Challenge Book Fund.

"The Book Fund is an excellent initiative which has helped to increase participation in reading," Mr Northe said.

"This funding will also give our students the opportunity to develop and expand upon their reading and literacy skills which will assist them throughout their lives.

I congratulate Latrobe City on receiving this funding, and look forward to hearing some positive stories coming from our community members and local libraries."

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Sharon Gibson, said that this funding would go a long way towards creating happy readers in Latrobe City.

"This funding can be put towards stocking our library shelves with new books, and we can encourage all young people to take up the chance to join the Premiers' Reading Challenge.

There's comfort and adventure to be found in climbing into the world of a story, and reading is a foundation for learning. We want our young people not only to learn but to have the

enjoyment of the delights of reading!" Cr Gibson said.

Minister for Local Government, Jeanette Powell, said the Victorian Government was determined to encourage more children to read, to read more, and to read more widely.

"The \$1 million 2013-2014 allocation from the Premiers' Reading Challenge Book Fund provides a wonderful boost to library stocks, for the benefit of the young readers of Victoria," Mrs Powell said.

Mrs Powell said more than 231,000 young people participated last year and together they read over four million books.

"From Dr Seuss, Roald Dahl, Mem Fox and Graeme Base to J K Rowling and Paul Jennings, there's already something to challenge and delight young people of all ages, with more to come following the latest Premiers' Reading Challenge Book Fund allocation," Mrs Powell said.

"Victoria has a world class public library network and the Victorian Government is intent on improving library services and facilities across the state.

The four-year \$4.5 million Premiers' Reading Challenge Book Fund complements government's \$17.2 million Living Libraries Infrastructure Fund, and the \$38.6 million Public Libraries Funding Program for 2013-14."

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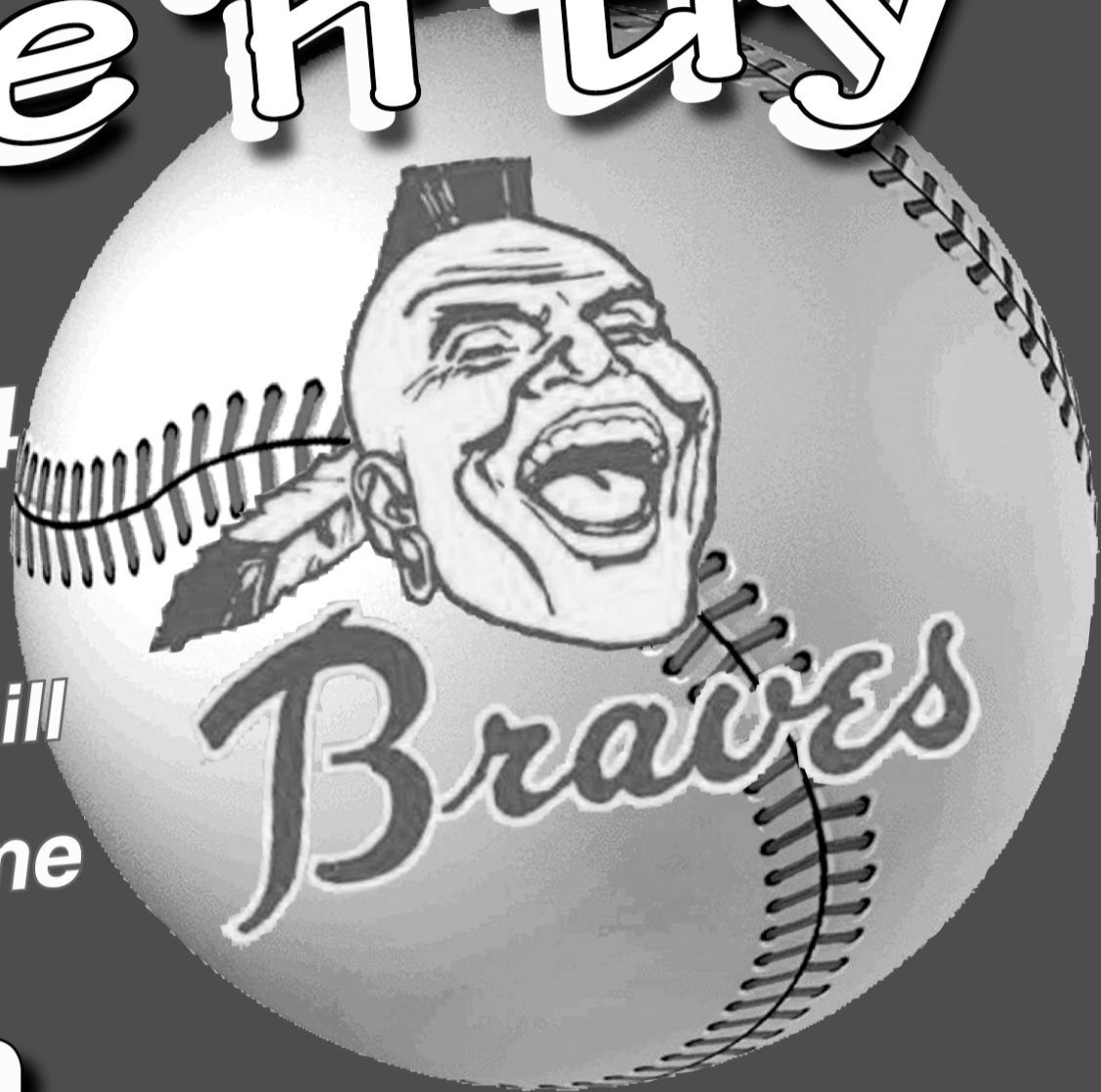
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# Yinnar Scouts Celebrate 90 Years



By Leo Billington

Late last year on Saturday, December 7, the Yinnar Scout Group officially celebrated its' 90th birthday.

The first Yinnar Scout Troop was formed on June 24, 1923 with one patrol named the "Kangaroo" patrol. The History of Yinnar and District, published in 1974, notes that "Mr W F Walker, (then Councillor Walker) became the first Scoutmaster and Mr John Brewster was his assistant."

During December 1924, Mr Charles Game, then the general secretary of the Victorian Boy Scouts Association, visited the troop wishing them every success for the future. Ninety years later, the group is still going.

Mr Game also visited the Morwell Scout Group in October 1921 to wish that group well and continued success into the future. That group, now known as the 1st Morwell Scout Group, held its first meeting on Thursday November 30, 1916, 97 years ago. Like the Yinnar Scouts, Scout meetings in Morwell were first held in the Mechanics Institute until it was destroyed by fire. Then an appeal for a shed, a hut or similar was made and the fire station became home for the Morwell Scout Troop.

At Yinnar, meetings were initially conducted at Mr Walker's home and then at the Yinnar Primary School. Around 1960, the group meetings were held in the former Yinnar Mechanics Hall, which was destroyed by fire in 1963.

The current hall, a former Jeeralang Hall, was relocated to its present site and officially opened in 1964 by Colonel John Connan, the then Morwell Shire Engineer. John Connan was also the District Commissioner for the Strzelecki District Scout Association from 1957 to 1961.

In welcoming guests to the 90th birthday celebrations, Yinnar Scouts Group Leader, Colin Richards, outlined the group's history congratulating the achievement of such a significant milestone.

According to Colin, the group has withstood the usual fluctuations experienced anywhere in membership of youth groups. Yet Yinnar Scouts is now growing once again as a result of a concerted membership drive program throughout Yinnar and District.

Colin also acknowledged the presence of some former members of the Scout troop including Phillip Williams (the group's first Queens Scout), Ian Blake and Ivan Walker.

Colin and his committee, including scouts, must be congratulated on their organisation of the birthday and the detailed displays which were shown in the hall. Other

official guests included Russell Northe MP and Victoria's Chief Commissioner, Mr Bob Taylor.

Proceedings in the afternoon were opened with the Australian Flag being unfurled and later in the afternoon, a family barbeque meal was enjoyed by everyone.

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## Chessum Family

# Purple Passionfruit, Chooks and a Colourful Blackboard

At Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, England, on December 23, 1860 at age 24, Samuel Chessum married Miss Elizabeth Walker (19 years old) and they had 10 children – five daughters and five sons.

Elizabeth and Samuel were from Biggleswade and given that travelling afar was a luxury, it was to be expected that at least two from the same town would attract each other. Samuel's parents were both born in Biggleswade.

(Biggleswade is a market town and civil parish located on the River Ivel in Bedfordshire, England. Traditionally, Biggleswade was a well known vegetable and produce growing area.)

Elizabeth and Samuel's sixth child, James was the only one who migrated to Australia, arriving in Australia in 1919. James was married on February 8, 1894 at age 22, to Sarah Jane Casterton, then aged 24.

Sarah followed James to Victoria arriving a year later, and yes, Sarah and James had been married in Biggleswade.

Sarah and James had five children – all boys. In order of birth-date, their names were Sidney James, Percy, Reginald, Fred and Jim (he was not called James).

All five boys remained in Victoria until their deaths – Sidney died at Stawell, Percy at Inverloch, Reginald at Dandenong, Fred at Albury (albeit not quite Victoria) and Jim in Melbourne.

Sidney James Chessum was born on January 11, 1895 at Islington, London and at age 19, married 19 year old Florence Augusta Courcha on June 15, 1914.

They were married at Hitchin, Hertfordshire. On March 5, 1915, less than one year after being married, Florence died while giving birth to their first child – Reginald George. He was born in Hitchin, Hertfordshire late in February, 1915.

Jane and James Chessum took over the custodianship of Reginald George and, with their other sons, migrated to Australia seeking a new life.

Reginald George immigrated to Australia on the S.S. Athenic, departing Liverpool on October 23, 1915 on its last voyage, arriving on December 10, 1915, 3rd class to Melbourne. He was accompanied by Jane, Reginald, Fred and Jim. James had immigrated to Australia on S.S. Indrapura, arriving on November 25, 1913 accompanied by his son Percy, then 16 years old. Eldest son, Sidney James remained in England at this early stage.)

Once James arrived and Jane and children then followed, electoral records for the Division of Flinders 1919 list Jane Chessum as "home duties" and James Chessum as a "farmer", both living at Drouin.

Later electoral records for the division of Walhalla 1931 record Reginald Chessum as a "labourer" and his wife, Kathleen (nee Moyes) as "home duties" and both living at Yinnar.

Electoral records for the Commonwealth Division of Gippsland – State Division of Gippsland South – subdivision of Morwell 1931, show Frederick Chessum as "farmer" at Jeeralang Junction and his wife, Ivy (nee Hill) as "home duties".

The same Divisional records show James Chessum of South Hazelwood as a "motor driver", Jane Chessum of Jeeralang as "home duties" and James Chessum of South Hazelwood as a "farmer."

It is assumed James Chessum, the "motor driver" is actually Jim Chessum since the name Jim was often the other more widely accepted version of James.

We now turn our attention to Jane and James Chessum, "home duties" and "farmer" respectively.

They settled at Hazelwood South about 1920. Ultimately, Jane and James owned farmland stretching from the corner of (today's) Glendonald Road southwards to just past Riga Court, but not quite to the Jeeralang West Road intersection, with frontage along today's Monash Way. Morwell's rate records show James paid his first rates in 1927.

Their grandson, Reginald George Chessum, at 25 years of age, married 17 year old Joyce Gardner in Abbotsford, Melbourne on January 6, 1940.

They had three children – Melvyn Bruce, Florence Joyce and Garry Russell.

Florence Butcher (nee Chessum) lives in Newborough and what follows are some of her personal recollections from the early days living at Hazelwood South.

Florence was born in a house located on the corner of White Street and Commercial Road, Morwell. Her parents lived here for a short time while their house at Hazelwood South was being built.

The owners of the Morwell house were Mr and Mrs Tim Kennedy. Mrs Jenny Kennedy (nee Smith) was the sister of Florence's maternal grandmother. Florence started school at Hazelwood South when she was just on 4½ years old.

Joyce and Reginald George Chessum (George from now on), lived at Hazelwood South for about 11 years, having built the house on the corner of Glendonald Road and Monash Way.

The old house is there albeit more modern looking than what was built in the mid - 1940's. A narrow block of land was excised from James' dairy farm for Joyce and George.

George attended the former Hazelwood South State School and upon leaving school, he trained as a fitter with the State Electricity Commission at Yallourn.

He would ride his motor-bike to Morwell daily to board a bus to Yallourn. Florence clearly remembers him leaving his bike under the same tree in Commercial Road, Morwell each time. It was apparently George's self-imposed routine.

From a Morwell Council meeting report published in the Morwell Advertiser on November 21, 1940, George Chessum, [from] Jeeralang Junction, age 24, [and] married, applied for a position as a truck driver with Morwell Shire Council. There were five applicants, all were married so the paper reported. Mr Nigel Reed from Papyrus Street was the successful applicant. Unfortunately, George and the others were overlooked. One presumes feedback was given following the announcement of the successful applicant!

George then enlisted in the Australian Army on August 9, 1941 and saw service in New Guinea and at one stage, the Morwell Advertiser, as was the custom then, reported on October 2, 1941 that "Private Geo. Chessum, returned to Seymour on Tuesday, after spending his leave with his wife in Hazelwood."

He was discharged from the CMF and AIF on January 1, 1944 with the 1939/45 Star, Pacific Star, Defence Medal,

War Medal and the Australian Service Medal 1939/45. His discharge notes



Bruce and Florence

indicate he was "in Australia for 375 days" and "outside Australia for 304 days". George was discharged "Medically Unfit for Military Service – Repat. Case". He was in the Repatriation General Hospital at the time his discharge papers were signed.

Florence recalls her father was "never a really strong, healthy person" who suffered from a rheumatic heart disease, not necessarily connected to wartime service. He had served in and around Lae before returning home to continue working for the State Electricity Commission at Yallourn.



Florence and doll



Bruce and Florence



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## Chessum Family

# Purple Passionfruit, Chooks and a Colourful Blackboard

Irrespective of his condition, George managed to continue riding his trusty motor bike to Morwell. By this time, Joyce had her driver's licence and a car. She had apparently been driving from age 17 and was granted a licence when living at Hazelwood South because the address was classed as "isolated".

George Chessum died on December 4, 1952 in the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, aged 37. Printed in the Morwell Advertiser, December 18, 1952, the family notice read: "BEREAVEMENT CHESSUM.-Mrs. J. Chessum and children desire to express sincere thanks and appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbours for floral tributes, cards and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Dr. Phillips and nursing staff of Yallourn Hospital, and to the Reverend Brown, of the Church of England, Yallourn."

Florence's family had moved to Hernes Oak before her father passed away. While here, Florence started at a new state school in the former Hernes Oak Public Hall.

Following two years schooling here, Florence then attended Yallourn State School, then Yallourn High School and, when her family relocated to Moe, it was off to Moe High School for Florence. Then it was back to Yallourn High when a shift to live in Newborough was made.

Nursing at Yallourn Hospital was Florence's chosen career and, as she recalls, "it was compulsory to live in the nurses quarters." These buildings later found their final resting place at the Woorabinda School Camp.

Florence's memories revert to Hazelwood South. George arrived in Melbourne, aged five months. It does not appear that George had any ambition to be a dairy farmer like James. Nevertheless, James' cowshed, located somewhere closer to today's Riga Court, was where traditional hand milking took place and the warm milk was delicious to drink.

There were other neighbours along Glendonald Road and further along towards today's Churchill shopping centre. One friendly neighbour was Joe Higgins who owned a farm where the shopping centre is located today. Another was the (Keith) Quigley family from Yinnar.

Joyce and George were also friends with one of the McFarlane families; who lived near a tennis court somewhere along the Hazelwood Estate Road.

Florence clearly remembers the tennis games and her mother, Joyce, was quite "a handy player". George also played cricket and was once Captain of the Hazelwood Cricket Team. His sporting pursuits were remarkable given his heart condition.

Florence can still visualise her parent's square house – a central passage, from which you accessed either of two bedrooms, a front (lounge) room and the kitchen. The bathroom was at one end of the passage and the front door at the other end. Out back was a lean-to clad in cement sheeting - the washhouse and then further out back, a long drop toilet – of which Florence was "terrified." Hot water for the bath was first boiled on the wood stove.

Wood had to be chopped for the kitchen stove and the front room open fire.

"Dad loved passionfruit, the Nellie Kelly purple type, and he was a great vegetable grower. He also plucked chooks – while the eggs were an important part of a daily diet. The meat also supplemented what else could be obtained from the veggie garden. Plucking chooks was a necessity of life," Florence explained.

As regards the Hazelwood South School, Florence "can still see the blackboard superbly decorated in coloured chalk explaining and describing the various weekdays, the seasons

as they came and went and the mighty calendar so everyone knew what day it was."

Florence's mother re-married and her grandparents, Jane and James eventually moved from their Hazelwood South dairy farm to Melbourne. The Morwell Shire Council rates book records the last rates on their farm being paid in 1943.

They both went to first live in Holden Street North Fitzroy. Jim (not called James) Chessum had married Norma Ailsa O'Neil and they resided "just around the corner" in Falconer Street, North Fitzroy (believed to be a Slade Softdrinks owned house) so were in close contact with Jane (who had always preferred to be known as Jenny) and James.

(Norma Ailsa O'Neil was the daughter of one of the co-founders of Slades Softdrinks. Slades Beverages (now called Slades Soft Drinks Pty Ltd), had its humble beginnings back in 1867. The story started when Frederick Moneaux O'Neil and brother Thomas began their first soft drink home delivery business in Melbourne.

Trading under the name of O'Neil Brothers Soft Drinks, they established their manufacturing and distribution at 9 Woodside Street, North Fitzroy.) Effectively, Jim had married "the boss's daughter."

From Clifton Hill, and in failing health, Jenny and James moved to Thomastown to live with their second son, Percy and his family. James died on June 9, 1954 and, eight months later, Jane (Jenny) died on February 10, 1955.

Before finishing this chapter of Florence's personal recollections, we need to recall the eldest son of Jane and James, Sidney James Chessum. Following the death of Florence Augusta Chessum, he married Annie Totty and migrated to Melbourne, choosing to live in the South Yarra-Toorak area. Family records show that Sidney James was a storekeeper in England and then a plate layer on the railways in Victoria. He died in Stawell in July 1978.

To make Florence's memories all the more interesting, it's mentioned that her mother was a "handy woman, self sufficient, independent and a hard worker.

She came from a very poor family and her self resilience was hardened by this background. This is illustrated by how Joyce handled her need to go shopping. She would put the kids into the pram and walk to Morwell, a distance of about five miles (approximately 10 kilometres) along the then Ridge Road, to the then Ridge (accommodation) Hostel and then down Commercial Road to the shops." It was perhaps hoped that a friendly neighbour may offer "a lift" to Mrs Chessum and her children – if lucky.

Florence's memories are coloured by a richness of experiencing life without the modern conveniences so prevalent today. There was sadness, joy, happiness and a strong respect for her parents. The old dairy farm has long since been sub-divided and busy travellers would not realize the wonderful history which once resided there.

Thanks Florence.



Florence (Grandma) and Bruce



George and Florence (Grandma)



# Churchill Fire Brigade



## Santa Run Christmas Eve

The annual Santa run on Christmas Eve 2013 was again a success. Churchill brigade thanks those brigades which came to support the effort - Drifffield, Yinnar and Boolarra. Thanks go to those who wore the big red suit for the occasion also.

## Fire Restrictions

Fire restrictions are in place. That means that it is not permitted for fires to be lit outside anywhere, at any time without a permit. That applies to backyard incinerators and open fire facilities.

## Churchill Brigade

The Churchill brigade members have had a busy time so far this fire season. Most call-outs have been to fires which are accidental and re-ignited fires from prior burns.

The fire on Jeeralang West Road was caused by a fuse on a power pole. No damage eventuated due to the quick response of the Churchill brigade and supporting brigades.

More recently the brigade attended some fires which had been deliberately lit by persons unknown. One was the fire which destroyed a Mitsubishi Ute in Beswick Street.

Another was twelve wheelie bins in a compound in Walker Parade. There have also been some deliberately lit grass fires along the Yinnar road.

The police are investigating all

these incidents. The Brigade is asking everyone to be vigilant and if they see anything, to report it to 000 or

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.

The Morwell Group of brigades members have been attending fires outside our area and district at Glenaladale, Cann River and Orbst in strike teams. The members are deployed for two day periods to help fight the fires, or help people to prepare to meet the fire.

Currently the Morwell and Churchill ultralight vehicles (small slips on or utes) are away with these efforts. All local appliances are at home on call for local events.

With predicted hot weather continuing later into February and March, the brigade is strongly encouraging people to have a fire plan, whether they are in rural areas or in town.

No-one can consider themselves safe anywhere if the threat of a huge fire comes upon them.

## Having a fire plan means

You know if you will stay or go and where you will go.

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You know what is important to take if you go, including medications, important documents like passports, purse with credit cards etc.

# 2014 Gippsland Business Awards - an opportunity to showcase Gippsland businesses

Leo Billington

Nominations will soon be open for the 2014 Bendigo Bank Gippsland Business Awards.

This year, nominations and entries will come from a large range of Gippslands' small to medium businesses. The winners have the honour of being publicly acknowledged as they join an illustrious group of top businesses in Gippsland. The occasion has fast established a reputation as the alumni of Gippsland businesses.

According to Gippsland Business Awards committee chairperson, Graeme Sennett, each year, an exciting, diverse and innovative range of entries are received indicating that Gippslands' small to medium business sector is extremely vibrant. With continued, strong sponsorship support from the Bendigo Bank Community Banks across Gippsland, this year's Gippsland Business Awards will be once again successful.

"The regionally prestigious annual 2013 Gippsland Business of the Year was announced last year at a gala presentation in August and the Maru Koala and Animal Park located at Grantville was the worthy recipient.

Every year, for the past 16 years, the Gippsland Business Awards has provided an ideal occasion for businesses to promote their achievements, with great pride, subsequently telling others throughout Gippsland and Victoria.

The Bendigo Bank has really got behind the Gippsland Business Awards as its major sponsor over recent years to provide every opportunity for businesses to promote themselves and to therefore grow and expand. In addition, the awards always



benefit from many support and in-kind sponsors," Mr Sennett explained.

This year, the Gippsland Business Awards gala presentation night will be held on Friday, August 29.

All relevant details regarding nominations and entries will be in the March edition of the Churchill and District News.

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## A new era in tertiary education begins

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In January 2014, the new FedUni flag was raised and the new branding for the university was unveiled. Television and newspapers ran advertisements for the new regional university. A new era in tertiary education had become a reality for all regional students of Victoria.

The Open Day was a great success with many prospective students and their families visiting the campus to see what was offered.

It has resulted in applications to study at FedUni. "This is a good sign," said Head of Campus at Churchill, Dr Harry Ballis.

A study has highlighted that Monash University's policies had created limitations for our Gippsland students to access tertiary education.

A regional provider was needed to work together with the community and local businesses to help make a smooth transition for our students and to be an incentive for going on to further education.

Talking with Harry, he enthusiastically reported that a very positive response from local school principals and community leaders had been received. "The community is embracing the idea of FedUni and responding very well," he continued.

Further developments are under way with goodwill talks proceeding with TAFE and Advanced TAFE C.E.O.s to add alternative pathways to tertiary education. Harry said that discussions had been very positive, with a desire to work together expressed.

"We have the Education Precinct here and that fits well with this concept of all providers working together to achieve the best outcomes for our students."

Harry is keen to see that FedUni is the campus not only of the attending students, but of the community. To that end he is extremely pleased that two conferences will be held at the campus in the near future.

The first is the Gippsland Industry Summit and the



Dr Harry Ballis

second, the secondary principals of Gippsland.

Harry's plan is to work hard to develop the link with the community so that the community can take pride in this facility so close to home, and be invited to use the facilities.

If you would like to come to the university and have morning tea or ask for a guided tour you would be welcomed. Phone Lindy on 5122 6211 to arrange a date.

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## Kurnai College Junior Campus



### Year 7 Students Make The Transition To Secondary School

Students at Churchill Campus have made a positive return to their studies, despite having to endure numerous days of sweltering hot weather. Our Year 8 to 10 students have picked up where they left off from the Headstart program which ran for the last fortnight of school in December, whilst the Year 7 students have begun their secondary schooling with enthusiasm and the occasional anxious moment as they become accustomed to new processes and find their way in a new environment. Most Year 7 students attended and benefited from the comprehensive and tailored transition program run last year in conjunction with the local primary schools. The primary school teachers were just as keen to see the Grade 6 students settle into secondary school as many of the parents were, which illustrates the care

and commitment they have for their students and the transition process wouldn't be as successful as it is without their invaluable support and contribution.

Over the last few years the transition process has developed a strong reputation for preparing students to make the adjustment from primary to secondary school, and it requires a lot of effort and commitment on the part of the Year 7 team, currently led by Mr Adam Hogan to ensure it meets the needs of students and their families.

In addition to the transition program from 2013 the first two days of this year were spent getting to know what to expect and how to access and make the most from the different resource areas, such as the library and the information technology available at the school. Year 7 students have been teamed up

with selected and trained Year 10 students in a peer support program which will continue to provide support and guidance for the semester. The Year 7 students were also supplied with plenty of resources they need to make a smooth and positive start to their learning for the year. An information evening was held in the second week back for parents, to outline the learning planned for the year, introduce the Year 7 team of staff and explain many of the supports and procedures that relate to secondary school. There was also an opportunity for questions, followed by informal chats with staff whilst enjoying a BBQ. Kurnai College Churchill Campus is looking forward to supporting the learning journey of this cohort of students over the next four years and will work hard at preparing them for the challenges beyond.

## Churchill Preschools



All the children are settling in well and everyone is looking forward to 2014.

At Glendonald Park, Mrs Marianne and Mrs Lauren are back, and are organising a family BBQ to give the new families the opportunity to meet and get to know each other.



## Prevent Disease with Vaccination

As Gippsland families commence another school year, Gippsland Medicare Local (GML) is reminding families and carers to ensure their immunisations are up to date.

GML Board Chair and Gippsland GP, Dr Nola Maxfield, has said the need for precautions against vaccine-preventable disease is highlighted by cases of measles during 2013 in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

In Victoria alone there were 19 confirmed cases during August and September.

"Measles are infectious and often cause severe illness resulting in hospitalisation, long term complications and sometimes death," Dr Maxfield said.

With no treatment for measles available, Dr

Maxfield said the only therapy for measles is to keep the patient as comfortable as possible.

"We know children interact very closely with each other in schools, kindergartens and child care centres and it is vital that they are fully protected against vaccine-preventable diseases."

The National Immunisation Program provides free immunisation for children against 16 different diseases, including; measles, mumps and rubella, diphtheria, tetanus whooping cough (pertussis), polio, hepatitis B, rotavirus, meningococcal C, chicken pox and invasive pneumococcal disease.

"Immunisations are available through GP clinics, Aboriginal health centres, community health centres and local council immunisation

sessions," Dr Maxfield said.

"The only really safe way to protect children against measles is to vaccinate on time, which means two vaccinations - one at 12 months; and the following one at 18 months or four years of age."

Parents who are keen to track their own and their children's health care and have a simple, accessible medical record, now have the option of signing up for an electronic health record. To register for an electronic health record, or visit the ehealth website at: <http://www.ehealth.gov.au/internet/ehealth/publishing.nsf/content/home> or call Gippsland Medicare Local on 5126 2899 for more information.

More information

Measles vaccine (MMR) is provided free

for people born after or during 1966 who have not already received two doses of measles vaccine.

Measles is spread by breathing infected airborne droplets caused by coughing and sneezing and by contact with hands, tissues and other articles soiled by nose and throat discharges. Others are at risk for up to two hours after the infected person has left the area.

Parents can check their child's vaccination history by contacting their GP or accessing the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register at [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) Parents can request a history statement for download or to be sent in the mail.

Alternatively, they can call the Department of Human Services on 1800 653 809.

# Boolarra Primary School

### Magnificent Start:

We made an incredibly smooth start to the school year this year. The working tone that was quickly established in all four classrooms was outstanding. Congratulations to all our students and families on being so well prepared for school! Hopefully the photos we've included capture how industrious all our students were in the very 1st session of day one. We're clearly in for another sensational year at Boolarra Primary School!

### Welcome to our Preps:

This year we are joined by Harrison, Ruby, Chelsea, Claire, Isabella, Millie, Kobi, Alex and Angus. They have all settled in extremely well and were clearly ready to be with us.

### Grade 6's:

We have been impressed with the support our grade 6s are providing to their "Buddies". They are definitely managing this big responsibility well!

### New Staff Members:

We are also delighted to be joined by Mr Patrick Kilday who is teaching our 3/4 class and Ms Jane Webster who will share one of our P/1/2 classes.

### 2014 Classroom Arrangements:

P/1/2 H (taught by Ms Cheryl Hilton) has 17 students and will be supported by Education Support Officers Mr H (Herb Smith) on Monday and Tuesdays and Ms Lisa Papa on Wednesday to Friday. P/1/2SW (taught by Ms Finley Smith and Ms Jane Webster) has 18 students and will be supported by Education Support Officer and trainee teacher Ms Kim Love. 3/4K (taught by Mr Patrick Kilday) has 19 students supported by Education Support Officer and trainee teacher Ms Caitlin Twomey. Grade 4/5/6E (taught by Ms Tammy Estcourt) has 22 students and will be supported by Education Support Officer and trainee teacher Ms Danni-Elle Kyle.

### Specialist Classes:

On Monday mornings all our students will have tennis lessons with Mr Andrew Peavey, on Tuesdays they will do athletics training with our P.E. teacher Mr John Duck, and on Thursdays they will undertake BluEarth cooperative games with Ms Jo Dryden. Ms Karen Twomey will provide Art classes for all students throughout the week as well as providing intensive, one on one literacy support for students who will benefit from this.

### Welcome Get Together:

To provide an opportunity for us all to meet and greet new families and staff members, we had a Welcome Gathering in Boolarra Memorial Park from 5:30 - 7:30 pm on Thursday February 6. Our School Council President, Luke Potter presented our 2014 student leaders with their badges of office. Many of our families enjoyed this opportunity to have a picnic dinner together and socialise

with one another and the staff.

### Shop at Ritchies in Churchill?

If so could you please collect a "Community Benefits Card" from the office. Last year we received over \$642 through this program which was used to buy books for our Library.

### School Pool:

Thanks to the efforts of the parents who maintained it over the holidays, the pool was able to be used during the hot weather from the very first week of the school year. This certainly provided some refreshment and enjoyment for our students.

### Boolarra Folk Festival!

As is our tradition, our students will kick off the music program at 11:00 am on Saturday March 1, with our drumming routine. This year we will also run a craft stall at the Boolarra Folk Festival featuring goodies made by all our students during their Art classes. We also hope to sell fresh fruit salad.



First Swim in the school pool



School Captains Grace and James



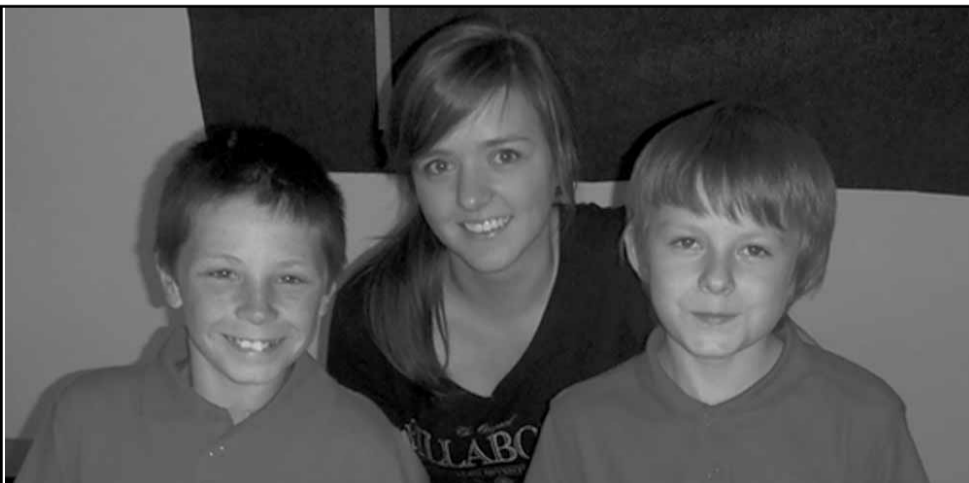
Mr Patrick Kilday with Georgia and Caitie



Ms Finley with some of her Preps



Ms Lisa Papa with some of her Preps



Caitlin, Declan and Ronan



Holly and Caitlyn hard at work Day 1 term 1

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# Sports

## Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

### Men's Stableford

21 December 2013. Winners: A Grade: F. Keighran (13) 35 pts, B Grade: T. Sterrick (12) 44 pts., C Grade: S Thompson (25) 41 pts.

D.T.L.: T. Gabbett 38, H. Speake 37, B. Kilday 36, R. Welsh 36, C. Thompson 36, C. Thomas 36, P. Sheridan 34c/b. N.T.P: 3rd D. Ellwood, 12th J. Jeffery, 15th J. Thornby. Birdies: J. Jeffery 12th, J. Thornby 5th.

### Ladies Stableford:

December 24, 2013. Winner: A. Hibbert (28) 36 pts. D.T.L.: J. Blizzard (28) 34 pts c/b. N.T.P: M. McConville 3rd. Birdie: 3rd M. McConville.

December 28, 2013. Winners: A Grade: C. Thomas (12) 66. B Grade: A. Casey (23) 68. D.T.L: D. Beyer 62, P. Williams 68, K. Hills 60, G. Blizzard 70. N.T.P: 3rd B. Barnes, 5th C. Thomas 12th B. Kilday, 14th C. Thomas. Scratch K. Hills 72. Count Putts: K. Hills 25.

### Ladies Stableford

January 3, 2014  
Winner: D. Stait (44) 39. D.T.L.: M. Dear 34. N.T.P: D. Stait 14th.

### Men's Stableford

January 4, 2014  
Winner: A. Grade: D. Ellwood (12) 39pts c/b. B. Grade: A. Casey (23) 36pts c/b. C. Grade: J. Ambrosini (26) 37pts. D.T.L: P. Williams 39, P. Coad 38, G. Sprowat 36, C. Hogbin 36, G. Blizzard 36, G. Down 36, B. Barbes 34c/b. N.T.P's: 3rd G. Sprowat, 12th G. Sprowat, 5th G. Harvey, 14th B. Barnes. Birdies: T. Sterrick 5th, B. Barnes 14th, R. Welsh 12th.

### Men's Stableford:

January 5 2014 Winner: G. Blizzard (25) 36pts. D.T.L: B. Barnes (30) 33pts. N.T.P: 14th T. Sterrick.

### Ladies Stableford:

January 5, 2014. Winner: M. McConville (23) 44pts. D.T.L: H. Croft (37) 39pts.

### Ladies Stableford:

Januray 7, 2014. Winner: C. Barnes (32) 38pts. N.T.P: 3rd A. Hibbert.

### Mens Results:

January 11, 2014. Par -  
Winners: A Grade: G. Miller (17) -1. B Grade: A. Sharrock (18) +1. C Grade: J. Woodbridge (31) +10. D.T.L: H. Speake +4, J. Ambrosini +3, V. Monument +1, P. Junker sq, G. Spowart sq, G. Down +1. N.T.P: 3rd R. Dent, 12th G. Harvey, 5th K. Hills, 14th J. Banfield.

### Ladies Stableford:

Results - January 12, 2014  
Winner: M. Munckton (36) 43pts. D.T.L: Heather Croft (37) 38pts. N.T.P: 3rd M. Dear

### Stroke: - January 18 2014.

Winners: A Grade: 0-17 M. Brereton 66net. B Grade: 18-22 J. McCafferty 64net. C Grade: 23-36 R. Ancilleri 60net. D.T.L: A Sharrock 66, T. Sterrick 67, A. Casey 69, C. Thompson 70, P. Smart 70, J. Banfield 71. N.T.P: 3rd G. Beyer,

5th H. Martin, 12th M. Brereton, 14th P. Smart. Lady Winner: M. Dear (16) 32

### Ladies 2 Person Ambrose - 21 January 2014.

Winners: M. Munckton and D. Judkins 67.5. D.T.L: E. D'Alterio and V. Verheyen 68. N.T.P: 3rd and 5th M. Munckton.

### Monthly Medal

January 25, 2014. A. Grade: (0-16) J. Thornby (13) 66.

B. B. Grade: (17-21) J. McCafferty (18) 70

C. C. Grade (22-36) G. Harvey (22) 69 c/b

D.T.L: G. Beyer 68, R. Welsh 69, G. Sprowat 71, P. Ludlow 71, T. O'Reilly 72c/b, D. Byers 72c/b. N.T.P: 3rd B. Kilday, 5th P. Williams, 12th J. McCafferty, 14th G. Harvey. Scratch: G. Beyer 76. Count Putts: G. Beyer 25.

### Ladies Stableford - January 26

2014. Winner: M. McConville (21) 35pts. D.T.L: J. Blizzard (28) 33pts. N.T.P: 3rd M. Munckton, 5th

H. Croft.

Par - 28 January 2014. Winner: H. Croft (37) +2. Winner: 9 Hole Comp. E. Leggo (44) +3. D.T.L: M. Munckton +2. N.T.P: 3rd V. Verheyen 5th J. Armstrong.

### Stableford - February 1, 2014.

Winner: A Grade: H. Martin (16) 35pts B Grade: B. Kilday (18) 41pts. C Grade: J. Barnes (26) 38pts. Ladies Winner: V. Verheyen (28) 28 pts. D.T.L: T. Gabbett 40, P. Ludlow 37, P. Junker 37, G. Down, H. Speake, D. Randel, L. Stein. N.T.P: 3rd B. Kilday, 5th R. Dent, 12th G. Down, 14th P. Ludlow.

### Monthly Medal Ladies

February 4, 2014

M.M. Winner: E. D'Alterio (20) 67 net. Scratch: E. D'Alterio (29) 87. D.T.L: H. Croft 70, L. Casey 72, C. Barnes 75. N.T.P: 3rd M. Munckton, 12th L. Casey, 5th A. Hibbert. 2nd shot 5th E. Leggo, 2nd shot 14th C. Barnes. Count Putts: E. D'Alterio & C. Barnes.

## Thursday night indoor bowls

By Sam Gillett

Thursday night Indoor Bowls resumed on Thursday February 6 at Gaskin Park Hall.

Anyone wanting to play can attend. Games start at 7:30pm with teams being selected at 7:20pm.

The club will be conducting an Easter Egg raffle to be drawn on April 17.

Congratulations to the Giles family from Hazelwood who won the Churchill Bowls Club Christmas Hamper raffle at the end of 2013.

Tickets will be available to purchase

at West Place Shopping Centre over the coming weeks.

Tickets are \$1 each or three for \$2.

The Bowls club will also be hosting a Bunnings BBQ on April 5.

The club will be starting construction of their new amenities block at the clubrooms this year.

A new kitchen and men/ladies/disabled toilets are planned, while also improving foyer access at the entrance.

When completed, all work will make the hall more user friendly and all on the same level.

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