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Churchill veterans at the Anzac Day march in Morwell from L to R: Lyndon Giles, Rob Lee, Leo Priems, Peter Bolding, Geoff Brick, Bob Lowick and Ian Place. Inset: John Jeffries. Full story see page 8. and 9

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By Margaret Guthrie
 Last month's CDCA Community Forum and General Meeting focussed on progressing plans for celebrating Churchill's 50th anniversary in 2015.

CDCA's role has been to initiate planning discussions, provide a forum for local residents to put forward ideas, and provide

the impetus for community groups to begin planning their own celebratory activities and events in 2015.

CDCA is also actively pursuing some funding options that would support infrastructure and/or commemorative projects in Churchill next year.

It is our aim to provide some co-ordination of 50th anniversary activities over 2015. We are working towards hosting a 50th anniversary 'Calendar of Events' on our website - a webpage providing information about Churchill's 50th anniversary has already been created and is available at <http://cdca.org.au/about-churchill/churchills-50th-anniversary/>

We were pleased that several residents and CDCA members were willing to volunteer to form a working group to co-ordinate event planning. Working group members include Alan Scarlett, Linda Reid, Bruce Stephenson, Mike Ainsworth and Peter and Cassandra Ellerington.

Both CDCA and Churchill and District News will provide appropriate support within their respective capabilities. Likewise, Latrobe City Council's Events officer, Wendy Hrynyszyn, and Tayla Leeke (from Russell Northe's office) have offered further support that is in keeping with their respective roles.

Letters have been sent to numerous local clubs and organisations inviting them to start preparing to celebrate Churchill's 50th. We are hopeful that many local organisations will organise their own appropriate activities next year.

It is worth noting that

Churchill's actual 'birthday' falls on March 15. This was the date in 1965 when the new township of Churchill was proclaimed by the Shire of Morwell. This date falls on a Sunday next year, and it's been suggested that an appropriate commemorative ceremony should be held on that day. CDCA would like to see a commemorative plaque unveiled for the occasion - perhaps at the Churchill Civic Space alongside the Town Hall (presuming it is completed in time!). Such a ceremony could be followed by a community BBQ for local residents and dignitaries.

We'll keep you informed, via this column and our website, how plans to commemorate this date are going.

The Churchill and District News has launched a competition to design a logo for Churchill's 50th anniversary. The winning design will be used on our website, on 50th anniversary promotional material and to 'brand' publicity of 50th events. It has also been suggested that community groups could apply to sell items bearing the logo, such as t-shirts and caps, as a fund-raiser for their organisation.

CDCA would like to encourage anyone with an interest in, or talent for, design and/or art to have a go at drawing a logo and submitting their design to the competition judging panel. Terms and conditions of entry can be found in the Churchill and District News and on CDCA's website on our 50th anniversary page.

Our next meeting is a Committee meeting and will commence at 5.30pm on Tuesday May 20 in Studio 1, Churchill Community Hub precinct in Philip Parade. Observers are welcome.

CDCA can be contacted at any time by writing to us at PO Box 191, Churchill, emailing info@cdca.org.au or phoning 5122 2997. All local residents are welcome to contact CDCA to raise matters of local concern. Visit our website at <http://cdca.org.au/> for more information about CDCA

Churchill Fire Brigade



During May, smoke detector checks have been carried out by members of the Churchill Fire Brigade for our senior citizens.

It is not too late for any seniors who were not included on our present lists to ring 5122 1961 and let Ruth know so she can arrange a time.

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Appeal for Photos of Early Churchill

During this year and throughout next year, Churchill and District News is going to re-produce early articles and photos of Churchill. [See page 15 in this issue].

Can you help please? We are appealing to residents to search through their old photos of Churchill and allow us to scan them for use. We would collect, scan and return the photos to you.

Churchill and District News is also hoping to produce a series of 50th Anniversary postcards. If your photo is used we will acknowledge that. Please contact Ruth on 5122 1961 or email.

place@aussiebb.com.au if you are willing to help.

Churchill Rainfall April 2014

By Bruce Stephenson
 Churchill had some good rain in April for a total of 73 mil, following the March total of 38mil.

The yearly total is now 163.5 mil.



Churchill Community Garden



The planning for the Churchill Community Garden was off to a flying start with 30 plus people attending the Consultative Meeting/BBQ held at the Churchill Hub. Our host and work placement student, Cathy, worked extremely hard and with much enthusiasm to get the event organised.

The whole event was interactive and very positive with a diverse section of interested people in attendance. There will be a follow up meeting soon. The Community Garden and Kitchen will have the potential for wide ranging programmes and benefits for all the Community.

Churchill's 50th anniversary - logo design competition

A Competition is being conducted to design a logo for Churchill's 50th Anniversary. The winning design will be used to 'brand' 50th Celebration Events and Activities in 2015 and will feature on publicity and promotional material.

Prizes, including \$50 cash, will be given to the winning designer.

Please see the application form and Terms and Conditions of Entry below.

The Competition is open now and will close at 5pm on Monday June 23, 2014

Terms and Conditions of Entry

*The winning logo design will be assessed as the one that best encapsulates a representation of Churchill, past, present and future.

*The logo design may include recognisable Churchill landmark(s).

*The logo design must be suitable for reproduction on letterhead, website and other promotional material.

*The designer's name, age, address and contact phone number must be provided on the Entry Form as a separate piece of paper and attached with a paper clip, NOT a staple.

*The Entry Form provided in the Churchill & District News may be used.

*Entries must be original, unpublished work presented on an A5 sheet of paper.

*Multiple entries will be accepted.

*Permission to reproduce the winning design on materials associated with Churchill's 50th Anniversary celebrations will be assumed.

*The winning design will be published in the Churchill & District News and the artist acknowledged.

*The winner is guaranteed to receive a Certificate and a cheque for \$50. Additional prizes may also be awarded.

*It will be at the discretion of the Judging Panel to choose a winning entry. If no entries are deemed suitable, the competition will be declared invalid.

*Entries MUST be received by 5pm on Monday June 23, 2014.

Entries should be addressed to: Churchill's 50th Anniversary Logo Design Competition, c/- C & D News, PO Box 234, CHURCHILL 3842

No late entries will be accepted.

Entries will not be returned, so participants should keep a copy of their work if so desired.

The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

CHURCHILL'S 50th ANNIVERSARY - LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

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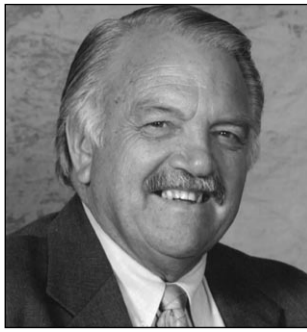
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Darrell White

– working together to ensure that construction works are coordinated to minimise community and business disruption.

After the completion of the pedestrian concourse, the main works have focussed on the realignment of Georgina Place. This has included the relocation of services – drainage, water main and mains power. Georgina Place will finally be reopened after new kerbs and channels and pavement have been constructed.

The new traffic islands and traffic aisles will then be constructed, providing a north-south alignment of the majority of the car park. A taxi rank and a separate bus shelter will be erected on two of the traffic islands along the realigned Georgina Place.

Street trees will be planted along the parking areas, similar to those in the southern car park between the West Place shopping centre and Churchill Hotel.

It is expected that there will continue to be disruption to traffic and parking for a few weeks, but this part of the Churchill Town Centre Plan should be completed reasonably soon. It has taken longer than anticipated, but the outcome will be a more attractive, accessible and safer Town Centre for locals and visitors to experience.

Latrobe City Council Budget – “Draft” Fees and Charges 2014/2015

As part of Council’s annual Budget preparation process, Council reviews user fees and charges

which are associated with Council operations across the municipality. In order to incorporate any proposed changes to the fees and charges into the 2014/15 Budget from July 1, 2014, the adoption of the Fees and Charges is required ahead of the Council adopting the 2014/15 Council Budget.

For the next financial year, the “draft” Fees and Charges have generally been prepared on the basis of CPI increases and/or benchmark market rates and/or Victorian Government and statutory charges.

A significant number of Council’s fees and charges require notice to be given to users. This notice can vary from one to two months depending upon the service. Undertaking community consultation in May followed by adoption in early June

2014, allows the required notice to be given for any changes to fees and charges in adequate time for implementation from July 1, 2014.

Advertising to the community of the “draft” Fees and Charges 2014/2015 will include displaying on Council’s website, Council’s Service Centres, Leisure Centres, Stadiums, libraries and childcare facilities. Community feedback through submissions is encouraged.

It is anticipated that Council will consider submissions in relation to the “draft” Fees and Charges 2014/2015 at a Special Council Meeting to be held on June 2, 2014; and will subsequently consider final adoption of the “draft” Fees and Charges 2014/2015 at an Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on June 10, 2014.

Town Centre Works – Pedestrian Concourse and Northern Car Park

Reconstruction of the Northern Car Park is now proceeding. Works are well under way, with all three owners of land in the town centre – Latrobe City Council, the Owners Corporation and 36th Penny

I trust that all community members have had a safe and relaxing Easter break, and hope that you managed to catch up with family and friends, or even had the opportunity to visit and experience some of Gippsland’s wonderful attractions.

April 25 is an important day on the Australian calendar and I was pleased to attend a number of ANZAC Day services across the Morwell electorate.

All ANZAC Day services across the Latrobe Valley were a fitting tribute to those who have served our country and provided an opportunity for community members to demonstrate their gratitude and respect to our courageous service men and women. We must also pay due regard to our local RSLs who do a marvellous job in hosting various ANZAC day services across the region.

I recently joined with Member for Eastern Region Danny O’Brien to announce the Victorian Government’s investment of \$80,700 from its \$1 billion Regional Growth Fund to renovate the historically significant Art Resource Collective (ARC) at Yinnar.

The project is important to the community and will see the kitchen and existing toilet block upgraded and security arrangements improved.

The space is in need of modernisation and required access for people with disabilities. The project will achieve this by demolishing the toilet block and constructing a new purpose-designed building with hot water, shower and wash station.

The kitchen facilities will be updated to comply with food safety handling regulations, and electronic locking systems will be attached to all exit doors.

Russell Northe



The following groups will receive funding for maintenance and administrative costs:

Boolarra South Landcare Group \$500

Morwell Churchill Corridor Landcare Group \$500

These grants will tackle land issues in the Latrobe region, and were some of the ways the Government continues to support practical action at a local level.

The Government is committed to tackling weed control across the five Landcare networks, this program is called *Waging War on Invasive Species* and can only be achieved through partnership working at a grassroots level. In closing, I recently had the pleasure of joining with Minister for Health David Davis, Deputy Premier Peter Ryan and Member for Eastern Region Danny O’Brien to announce the Victorian Government will be

The funding towards the \$121,000 project is being provided through the Regional Growth Fund to Latrobe City Council, with council also contributing \$40,300.

The Victorian Government continues to support the important work of West Gippsland Landcare groups with two local groups each receiving \$500 in funding.

investing \$73 million in a major redevelopment at Latrobe Regional Hospital.

Part of the Government’s commitment in the 2014-2015 Budget will include \$73 million for a major redevelopment at the hospital.

The Government’s investment will future-proof the Latrobe Regional Hospital, ensuring its staff continues to provide the best available health care for the Latrobe Valley and broader Gippsland communities.

The Stage 2a redevelopment of the Latrobe Regional Hospital will increase capacity, including a new emergency department more than double the capacity of the existing facility and a new 30-bed ward.

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Hazelwood Rotary



By Leo Billington

Hazelwood Rotary Club has maintained its connections with the local community through various projects over the past month.

The club will sponsor two local Year 11 students in the 2014 Rotary MUNA program. MUNA – Modern United Nations Assembly – simulates the workings of the United Nations Assembly. Teams of two students from Year 11 (preferably) represent a nominated UN country. Students are given topics well in advance. Resolutions cover issues such as education, environment, health, poverty, world peace and human rights.

Student delegates must research the topics and be able to express the views of the country they are representing and not their own and not Australia's. The objective is to encourage students to learn respect and tolerance for people of all races, religions and nationalities.

Our two students will represent Cuba.

At the club's last meeting, Professor Harry Ballis told us about Federation University and it was intriguing to learn about 1000 students finish Year 12 in Gippsland, but only 80 enrolled at Monash Gippsland.

FedUni made 1200 offers to students this year, with 744 entering, giving the highest number since 2003. FedUni has extra support systems proven at Ballarat to draw upon. An aim is to take "ordinary" students and make them "extraordinary".

Over the Monash years, student numbers dropped from 8000 by Distance Education to about 650 now, and on-campus numbers down to 900.

Local TAFE changes, which were publicly announced two days after Harry spoke to our members, should benefit all Gippsland students.

The eventual joining into the FedUni structure will be equivalent to RMIT, Swinburne, Victoria University, therefore replicating what is already at FedUni Ballarat.

Hazelwood Rotary is keen to make contact with Year 8/9 students who are interested in attending the 2014 Science Experience at Federation University Churchill on September 29 and 30, and October 1 (September school holidays) Cost per student is \$115.

For many years, Hazelwood Rotary has been a staunch supporter and advocate for the nationwide Bowelscan program.

SAVE YOUR LIFE is the message for Rotary's May 2014 Bowelscan month.

The Bowelscan bowel cancer awareness program is conducted each year. Test kits are available from participating pharmacies for only \$10.00 which includes the cost of testing and confidential notification of your results.

Medical experts endorsing the Bowelscan program emphasize that everybody over 40 should have a test every year and therefore people should act now before it's too late.

In Australia one person dies every 5 hours from

road accidents, one dies every 4 hours from breast cancer and one person will die every 2 hours from bowel cancer.

The test kits can be purchased from participating pharmacies and returned there for collection by courier. Envelopes are sealed for confidentiality.

The pharmacies are participating as a pro bono partner in this community service, for which Rotary is very grateful.

Limited numbers of more detailed leaflets are available from the pharmacies, or the Cancer Council of Australia has an excellent, authoritative website for detailed information. In its early stages, bowel cancer often has no symptoms. This is why it is important to screen. Like most diseases, bowel cancer can often cause symptoms which are similar to other unrelated conditions.

Not all bowel cancers show symptoms and experiencing symptoms does not necessarily mean you have bowel cancer.

However, people should make an appointment to see a doctor if experiencing:

bleeding from the back passage, black stools or any sign of blood after a bowel motion.

a change in usual bowel habit, such as straining (constipation) to go to the toilet or loose motions (diarrhoea).

abdominal pain or bloating.

weight loss for no obvious reason, or loss of appetite.

symptoms of anaemia – including unexplained tiredness, weakness or breathlessness.

Everyone is at risk of developing bowel cancer; however, the risk greatly increases with age, particularly from age 50.

People are also at greater risk if there is:

a previous history of polyps in the bowel.

a previous history of bowel cancer.

chronic inflammatory bowel disease (eg. Crohn's disease).

a strong family history of bowel cancer.

increased insulin levels or type 2 diabetes.

Bowel cancer is one of the most preventable cancers. Your most effective protection is to:

have a test at least every two years from age 50.

maintain 30 to 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise per day.

maintain a healthy body weight.

eat a well balanced diet.

avoid processed and burnt meat; limit red meat intake to three to four times per week.

limit or avoid alcohol - quit smoking.

Whilst bowel cancer is more common in people aged 50+, bowel cancer increasingly affects all age groups. If you have higher-risk symptoms, do not accept 'you're too young to have bowel cancer' as an explanation for your symptoms.

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Church News



The month of services started with George Telford taking our Churches of Christ service. George always brings a thoughtful and challenging message.

The Churchill Church ran an Easter Holiday program, which attracted 14 children of primary school age to a fun packed lively program, with an Easter message, games, craft activities and warm hot cross buns for a snack. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

Reverend Brenda has excellent talents in children's ministry, as well as challenging our congregation in Christian outreach, compassion and love.

For our All Age Worship service instead of a message, Cathie Halliwell had set up some thought provoking stations to visit. It was a powerful way to reflect on Easter.

As is our custom, the Co-Operating Church in Churchill celebrated the beautiful haunting Tenebrae service with Lumen Christi parish at Lumen Christi. The readers tell the story of Jesus' last supper, betrayal, arrest, torture and death. As a candle is extinguished at the end of each reading, the darkness grows representing the separation of Jesus as he takes upon himself the burden of the sins of the world for our redemption. Then there is the tolling of the bell 33 times to represent the years of Jesus' life. People leave in silence to experience the separation Jesus felt from His Father God.

Also with Lumen Christi parishioners the Good Friday service at 9am was followed by the walk of witness around town where the story of Easter is again retold. As we gathered around the wooden cross outside the Co-Operating Church, the raindrops began to fall. It was good to retreat into the church and have

hot drinks and warm hot cross buns.

Our Lenten study groups challenged us to be the church God wants us to be-called to be disciples and serve and spread the good news of Jesus Christ as saviour and friend. This means sharing God's love and compassion; being there for people; and sharing our talents, and forgiving as needed. But above all it means we are never alone in our Christian journey as Jesus promises to be with us always.

Coffee Connections theme was 'high tea'. Attendance was excellent with 22 people ready to share the goodies provided for the extra special morning tea of sandwiches, little cakes, cup cakes and scones presented on two and three tiered plates. Card tables were set with white table cloths and cake stands of differing styles.

High Tea was begun by the Duchess of Bedford in the 1800s. There was a long period of time between lunch and dinner at 8pm and she would get very hungry so she introduced high tea. The servants were to supply little cakes and sandwiches. Lady Bedford began to ask her friends and so the idea became fashionable. Tea was from China and was very expensive so only the wealthy could indulge. However, later when tea became available from India, it was less expensive.

It was called High Tea as it was the main meal for the workers who sat on high-backed chairs.

Those attending brought along special/favourite cups and saucers, teapots, cake servers and stands, sugar bowls and pretty plates to talk about.

Retired Anglican clergy gathered at Churchill to share a service and enjoy some time together. It is good to be able to offer hospitality in the form of morning tea and the venue.



Church Times

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Rev. Brenda Burney
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Glenda and Ian Combridge
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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
Ang. PPP

Week 3 - 11am at
Uniting Church Yinnar
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Week 4 - 11am at
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\$80,700 to improve Yinnar's Art Resource Collective

The Victorian Government is investing \$80,700 from its \$1 billion Regional Growth Fund to renovate the historically significant Art Resource Collective (ARC) at Yinnar.

Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, said the project was important to the community and would see the kitchen and existing toilet block upgraded and security arrangements improved.

"ARC Yinnar is an artist-run, not for profit organisation that provides a focus for creative talent in the Latrobe Valley," Mr Northe said.

Established in 1982, the building accommodates the ARC Yinnar offices, gallery, ceramics, metalwork, photography, painting and drawing areas, private studios and public access areas for print-making, a retail outlet and a theatre.

Mr Northe said the space was in need of modernisation and required access for people with disabilities.

"The project will achieve this by demolishing the toilet block and constructing a new purpose-designed building with hot water, shower and wash station," Mr Northe said.

"The kitchen facilities will be updated to comply with food safety handling regulations, and electronic locking systems will be attached to all exit doors.

The works will be a major improvement to the building which is open up to four days a week and provides an important outlet for art and garden classes to a variety of community groups."

The ARC showcases art exhibitions once a month and music events up to six times a year.

Between 50 and 200 people a week utilise the property, depending on the number of classes and events held.

Member for Eastern Region, Danny O'Brien, said the upgrades would further enhance events and community usage at ARC.

"These upgrades will also allow access for people of all abilities to utilise the centre," Mr O'Brien said.

"The ARC Yinnar redevelopment project is strongly backed by the local community and deserving of Government support," he added.

Mr O'Brien said the funding towards the \$121,000 project was being provided through the Victorian Government's Regional Growth Fund with Latrobe



City Council also contributing \$40,300.

"The Regional Growth Fund is investing in community-led projects to strategically drive jobs, investment and innovation in rural and regional Victoria," Mr O'Brien said.

"Since it was established in early 2011, the Regional Growth Fund has invested more than \$380 million to support 1364 projects across regional and rural Victoria, leveraging \$1.55 billion in total investment."

Latrobe City Council mayor, Sharon Gibson, said the improvements made would make the arts more accessible and attainable by all in the community.

"For many years ARC Yinnar has made a significant contribution to the cultural life of Latrobe City," she said.

"It has provided opportunities for artists to pursue professional careers and community members to learn new skills, as well as share in the unique experiences that only the visual and performing arts can offer.

Once this work has been completed, I encourage all residents and visitors to visit and enjoy discovering one of the cultural "gems" of Latrobe City."

The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2014. For more information about the Regional Growth Fund visit www.rdv.vic.gov.au/regional-growth-fund.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

There are things you can do every day to help make your home safer but when you are on holidays it is not as easy. A home that looks unattended is generally an easier target for a burglar.

The key to deterring burglars while you are away is to make your home look like someone's at home. Before heading off on holiday, here are some easy tips to prepare your home:

Leave a radio on and tune it to a talkback station

Use a timer on lamps to make it look like someone is inside

Cancel deliveries, such as newspapers, or have a trusted person collect it for you

You should also have a trusted neighbour, relative or Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator empty your letterbox and take your bin out and in, even if it is empty

Hang some old clothes on the line and leave old shoes outside the front door

If you are going away for an extended period of time, consider getting a house-sitter and arrange for someone to mow your lawn

Try not to leave invitations or notes about holidays in plain view such as stuck on the fridge, next to the phone or on a whiteboard

If you are out for the evening, leave a light on and

close the curtains.

Here are some tips to manage your phone and messages before you go on holidays:

Divert your home phone to your mobile or lower the volume on your phone

On your answering machine say 'We can't come to the phone right now' rather than 'I'm on holidays and will be back on...'

If you live alone, say 'We can't come to the phone right now' rather than 'I can't come to the phone right now'.

Absence from Home register

Many police stations operate an Absence from Home register, where you can leave your contact information and the times and dates that you will be away.

The website for the form is http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?Document_ID=9479

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Anzac Day

April 25, 2014

ANZAC Day in our District

Boolarra

Anzac Day speech at Boolarra 2014

by Ray Stewart:

1914 is considered to be the end of the pioneer period. Towns such as Boolarra had now existed for over 30 years and were well established and thriving. Dairying was the main industry in the area and this also provided work in areas such as fencing and clearing. There was work in the bush and lots of employment here in the town itself, where there were over 30 separate places of employment.

Apart from the first rabbits starting to appear in the area, 1914 was also the year Britain declared war on Germany, marking the beginning of the First World War.

The Australian Government pledged full support for Britain and offered to initially send a force of 20,000 men. The outbreak of war was greeted in Australia with great public enthusiasm.

Up until late 1915, volunteers exceeded the numbers required to form the initial units with many men being turned away. By the end of 1915 however, military authorities became concerned that monthly enlistment numbers had dropped. Here in the Morwell Shire 91% of those that enlisted had done so by the end of 1916.

The reason for the drop was thought to be a result of the high number of casualties from Gallipoli during 1915 where the ANZACS suffered huge losses. Australia lost over 8000 men in less than nine months of fighting. New Zealand lost 2700 in the same period. Also people back home here were seeing once fit men returning with horrific injuries.

The authorities believed the answer was to organise campaigns to stimulate recruiting. Posters and newspaper advertisements began to appear seeking recruits, claiming 80 recruits per day were required from Victoria alone to replace soldiers killed or wounded in the fighting. Quite often during these recruitment drives the names of locals that had already enlisted would be put on display. Young men would then be encouraged to find a name of a mate on the list. The message would then be to enlist and give your mate a spell.

Any fit man in his 20s-30s that had not enlisted would probably be under a certain amount of pressure to do so. One response to the slow call to arms appeared in the Morwell Advertiser. The writer from Boolarra, wrote, that "men who are not prepared to go are becoming conspicuous"

After the evacuation of the ANZACS from Gallipoli, the AIF (Australian Imperial Force)

was reorganised and expanded from two to five infantry divisions, all of which were progressively transferred to France beginning in March 1916.

It is at this point I want turn our attention to one man, Fredrick Norris Hanks.

Fred was born at Elmore here in Victoria on the last day of March 1878; he was one of thirteen children. It had been less than 50 years before, that both his grandparents had been transported to Tasmania for crimes committed back in England; his grandfather for stealing a donkey and his grandmother for stealing silver spoons.

During October 1900 Fred, now 22, married 17 year old Victoria Hutchinson at Trentham. Their first child was born the following year and was to be the first of twelve. Around 1907 Fred moved the family to Gippsland where for some time they lived in a tent.

On March 29, 1916 during a recruitment campaign at Leongatha, Fred signed up to join the army. He was nearly 38 years old. He left Victoria in a small farm house at Nereena between Leongatha and Dumbalk, with their 6 surviving children. Two children had died only weeks apart during 1910.

Fred immediately started his 12 week basic training at Royal Park and in less than 3 months from enlisting, Fred was on board a troop ship for the six week voyage to England.

Fred was sent to France during November 1916, and within three months he had already been hospitalised suffering from trench feet. This was to be the first of several stints in hospital during the remainder of his time overseas.

On September 29, 1918 Lieutenant General Monash's Australian troops broke through the heavily fortified German Hindenburg Line, the last and strongest of their defences, the fighting lasted several days and resulted in heavy losses.

On October 3, Fred's Battalion encountered heavy enemy resistance near Beaurevoir. With his platoon pinned down, Fred rushed forward with his Lewis machine gun and engaged the enemy gun position with accurate and sustained fire, allowing his platoon to rush the position from the front and kill the occupants.

Then, as though Fred had a death wish, the following day when his platoon's advancement was held up by intense enemy fire from the ruins of a building, Fred again with his Lewis gun rushed across open ground and placed it on a bank only 100 yards from the enemy position. From here Fred poured bursts of accurate fire onto the enemy gun position knocking it out of action and disabling its crew. It was reported that Fred's conspicuous gallantry avoided

many casualties and allowed the Australians to secure the position.

The following day, October 5, Fred's 22nd battalion were to be the last Australians to take part in the last action fought by the AIF on the Western Front. With enemy lines now completely broken, the Australians, exhausted and depleted after 6 months of fighting without a break, were pulled back and rested.

As a result of Fred's acts of bravery his name appeared in the "London Gazette" on July 3, 1919 and His Majesty the King of England, approved the awarding of the Military Medal to Fred during October the same year.

Fred departed from England during July 1919 and returned home to Australia to be re-united with Victoria and the six children at Nereena.

Fred and Victoria continued to add to their family with another four children born after the war, making ten surviving, the youngest of their children died last year.

One of those children born after the war was my mum. You see Fred was my grandad.

The last house they lived in together was the little fibro cement house that still stands today behind the Tarwin Vets building at Mirboo North. As a boy I remember we often visited them and Grandad would usually sit alone in one of the back rooms or be out in the garden by himself. I used to think he walked funny, I now know why.

Fred and Victoria celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary at Leongatha in 1960, which was the last time I saw Grandad as he died 6 weeks later aged 82.

Grandma lived until 1972 and passed away when I was overseas in the army.

Unlike the first troops that headed off overseas in 1914, Fred would have been fully aware of what he was getting himself into. Why would he do this? Was he just trying to get away from the missus and kids or maybe it was the money?

Like many who volunteered for service in this area, Fred was a farm labourer and the casual nature of rural employment at the time possibly did not measure up against the high wages being paid for service in the AIF. A married man like Fred could receive up to eight shillings a day, most of which could be sent back home to his wife.

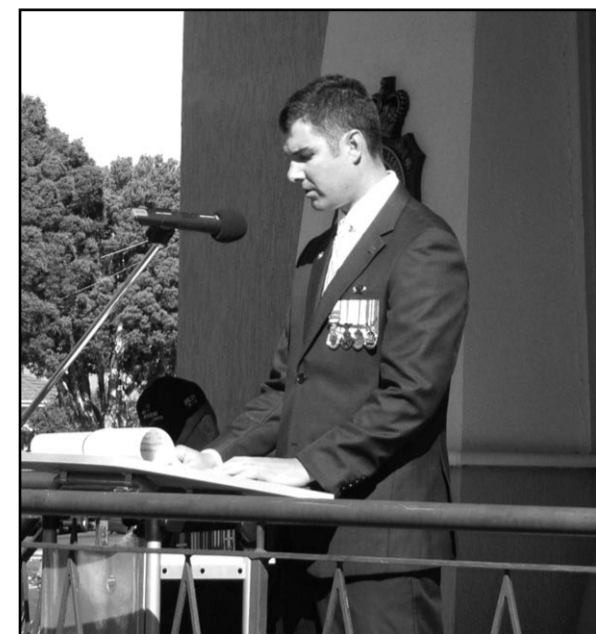
It also has to be remembered that the relationship between Australia and Britain was much stronger then. A high percentage of Australians 100 years ago, had parents or grandparents that had emigrated from the British Isles and felt compelled to fight to save the mother country.

During 2009 when my wife Wendy and I were in France, we caught a train from Paris and travelled north to the town of Amiens where we started a Battlefield Tour. This took in many of the areas where the Australians fought and we were lucky enough to visit the area around Beaurevoir where Granddad was.

To this day the French people in that area have not forgotten the huge sacrifice the Australians made. It is generally accepted that the breaching of the Hindenberg Line by the Australians was the significant turning point in the Allies eventual victory.

We visited the French village of Villers - Bretonneux that was almost destroyed by the Germans during the war. During the 1920s Victorian school children donated money towards the rebuilding of the school, which is named Victoria School, Wendy and I visited the school where there is a huge sign erected in the playground with the words "Let us never

Lest we forget



forget Australia"

When the children heard about the Victorian Black Saturday bushfires in 2009, they wanted to help. The village raised \$21,000 to donate to the bushfire appeal.

If any of you have plans to take a trip to France in the future, I encourage you to spend a day doing the Battlefield Tour of the Somme.

For Australia the First World War remains the most costly conflict in terms of deaths and casualties. From a population of fewer than 5 million, 416,809 men and women enlisted, of which over 61,000 were killed and over 156,000 were wounded, gassed or taken prisoner.

At the battle at Fromelles the Australians incurred over 5,500 casualties in one night when over 2000 men were killed.

Today we live in one of the best countries in the world. I wonder how different life would have been if those men and women who gave so much had not stopped the Germans in their quest to gain world domination.

Even many of those who survived such as my Grandad, were clearly affected for the rest of their lives.

Yinnar

Anzac Day 2014 commenced in Yinnar with a dawn service. Approximately 75 people attended to listen to Lyndon Giles deliver the address. This was followed by a very welcome egg and bacon breakfast supplied by the Yinnar and District Lions Club

A march later took place down the main street of Yinnar and about 200 people participated. The laying of wreaths took place at the cenotaph with several of the local school children and community groups taking part. The main Anzac Day address was delivered by Dallas Howell, who told of his experiences while serving in Afghanistan.

Morwell

More people than usual attended the Dawn Service at Morwell cenotaph.

Then later in the day, under sunny skies, the parade formed up near the community playground. Led by the Morwell Caledonian Pipe Band the parade began with the veterans at the forefront. Many veterans now march with family members especially grandchildren. Also in the parade were Scouts and Cubs, Girl Guides and members of the RSL Women's auxiliary. Many people lined the road and clapped the veterans as they marched by.

Around the cenotaph was a busy crowd of people of all ages, including many school children and youth who would contribute to the wreath laying ceremony, which seems to grow in number each year.

Les Maher, Senior Vice President of the





Anzac Day

April 25, 2014

Lest we forget



Morwell RSL welcomed everyone and led the service. As he was doing so, a fly-over of three planes paid tribute to the day's proceedings.

The service included a reading of members deceased since last ANZAC Day; prayer led by Lt Ashley Proctor of the Salvation Army; guest speaker Dallas Howell who served in East Timor and Iraq, and spoke of his experiences and his life, and singing of God Save the Queen and the New Zealand and Australian national anthems, led by choirmaster Ian Moore with accompaniment from the Latrobe Brass Band.

The Ode to the Fallen was read by President Bruce Jeffrey, followed by the Last Post, Silent Tribute and Reveille. The navy cadets were stationed at the flag poles to lower and raise the flags as appropriate. This was a sombre moving service of remembrance and respect for our veterans past and present.

ANZAC DAY SPEECH

by Dallas Howell

Good afternoon ladies and gentleman, boys and girls.

My name is Dallas Howell, Bruce Jeffries has asked me to speak to you all today to give a little insight into my experiences as a returned veteran or "Peacekeeper" as it is widely known.

I served in the Australian Army for eight years as a carpenter and joiner within the Corps of Engineers. During my service I was selected to support 5/7RAR in East Timor 1999 and 2000. In 2006 I served in Southern Iraq. I also conducted tasks in non warlike countries such as Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

I stem from a long family background in Australian Military Conflicts:

My great grandfather, Albert Howell served in the Corps of Artillery on the Western Front in France during World War 1.

My maternal grandfather, Sidney Gillett served in Egypt, Al Alamein,

Tobruk, Greece and Crete with the Corps of Engineers from the Division, World War 2

Last but not least my father Ross Howell, who is standing before you all today, served in the Vietnam War with 4RAR in 1968 and 1969.

I grew up in Morwell with my parents Ross and Sue. During high school I had a high interest in physical and outdoor education. In 1998, I remember speaking to an Army recruiting officer after receiving some information, and an appointment was made to sit their Army aptitude test in Melbourne.

After completing numerous exams I had obtained the required entry score to become a physical training instructor. They forgot to mention I would be part of the Medical Corps, which meant I would have to serve a few years before applying as a Training Instructor. The thought of helping doctors and nurses wasn't for me, so I joined the Corps of Transport instead. After my initial training at Kapooka, I was sent to Darwin via Puckapunyal in March 1999, as part of One Brigade at Robertson Barracks. I was 18 years old.

Six months later, I was selected to assist with the INTERFET Peacekeeping mission in East Timor with 5/7RAR. During my seven months there, we conducted numerous patrols and tasks. These included stabilisation of the city of Dili and surrounds, assisting with security and patrols of critical infrastructure including the airport and wharf. I was involved with removing deceased persons from the streets who had been slaughtered by the Indonesian soldiers; (a lot of these murdered people were women and children); fighting the plague of mosquitoes and feral cats, and conducting numerous convoys to Bailbo on the West Timor border. Quite often on these convoys we would be ambushed by the enemy which resulted in fierce gunfights. It was certainly something I had never experienced before and a real eye opener.

After coming back from Timor, I continued my role in Darwin until an opportunity came up to start an apprenticeship as a carpenter in the Corps of Engineers.

In 2002, I commenced my apprenticeship in Wodonga for 18 months, then on to Sydney for a further three years on the job training. After completing my trade, I was sent to 17 Construction Squadron at Holsworthy Barracks. In 2006, I was selected in a team of six to help re-construct a disused army barracks in Iraq awaiting the arrival of 150 troops from 2RAR. I was initially told by my Commanding Officer the job would take 2-3 weeks. I was told on Friday to enjoy my weekend with my family as I was flying out on the Monday. I found this hard at the time as I had a three month old daughter and a two year old son.

I flew out of Sydney on the Monday and spent a week in Kuwait awaiting the rest of my team. We then flew on to the Al Muttanah

province in Southern Iraq. Our camp was approximately 5 km square which was home to approximately 5000 American soldiers. Our jobs consisted of reconstructing old buildings and shelters built by the Americans during the first Gulf War. The temperature outside was a steady 46 degrees with some days climbing past 54 degrees.

Each week our base would be under attack from insurgent fighters firing mortars, rockets and Improvised Explosive Devices or IED's scrambled from the first Gulf War. Some of these were fired from more than 25km away. Our team had to source our building materials and supplies from locals which proved a big job, but we made do with what we had. In typical Aussie style and after three months of hard work, we found the Americans and Poms were coming to our camp all of the time, as it was considered five star conditions. The job requests were coming in thick and fast. My time in Iraq lasted five months, a little bit different from what I was initially told. As a result of our hard work, my team was the first in Defence to receive the Army Combat Badge and a Unit commendation; this was presented by a three Star American General in front of the entire 2RAR commitment.

This effort was a stepping stone for the Reconstruction Taskforce assigned to Afghanistan, which has only just finished last year.

Iraq was particularly hard for me and my family with missing such a big chunk of their lives. As a result I made the decision to leave the Army in 2007 and return back to Victoria.

In 2009 I joined the Victoria Police Force which is what I continue to do today as a Senior Constable.

Anzac Day today has the same meaning for me as I imagine it had for the original Anzacs.

Commitment, Mateship, Courage, Loyalty, Respect, Honour, Discipline.

A big difference to note since then is obviously the modern warfare and weapons. Soldiers today have things just as tough as our older veterans. I think today's forces have learnt from events in the past, especially since the Vietnam War, as I have seen how my own father has battled with many problems associated with serving in a war. There is certainly a lot more help and support out there for returned veterans such as myself, and I urge you all to get behind our service men and women, to support them as you have today and into the future. There will be many service men and women dealing with the scars from conflicts as recent as Afghanistan, who are going to need all the help and support they can get through organisations like the RSL, Department of Veterans Affairs, Soldier On and Legacy to name a few.

The spirit of the Anzacs is alive today as Australia's involvement in wars and conflicts teaches us to relate those experiences to positive values in our everyday lives. Those original Anzacs were young men

just like us, with families and moral values. We are proud to be Australian just like them and what we have learnt has taught us to fight for the Australia we have today.

We are grateful for their bravery, their courage, sacrifice and service to our nation.

We will remember them. Lest we forget. Thank you.

The Ode to the Fallen

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Poppy Tiles

Although Australia achieved Federation in 1901, most of us accept that World War One truly identified us as an independent nation.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the commencement of World War One. Between 1914-18, 112,399 Victorian enlisted to fight in the war.

Those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and did not return home are commemorated by the War Grave Commission, and in virtually every town in Australia are remembered with respect and pride on ANZAC Day.

However, those who returned home, often with horrific wounds, are not recognised unless their family has recorded their service in the inscription on their grave. Many men did not wish, or feel capable of discussing what they endured during the war.

Over time, families moved away, sometimes interstate, and the graves of these service men have been forgotten, and lie neglected. Younger family members may be unaware that their ancestors served at all, unless the family have kept the memories alive.

The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust, together with the Returned Services League of Australia (RSL Victorian Branch) wish to encourage families to renew their links to family members who served in WW1.

A small commemorative tile, with glazed white background and red Flanders poppy, has been prepared in kit form. The kit contains two Poppy Tiles, the Flanders Poem and the Ode of Remembrance. One of the Poppy Tiles will be attached to the headstone, while the remainder of the kit will be passed to family members. The second tile can be fixed to the front door or letterbox, to signify that this family has links to the First World War.

Boolarra Cemetery Trust believes that this is a wonderful project to strengthen community ties with our past. We have identified the graves of fifteen service men in our



cemetery, which will be identified by Poppy Tiles.

We also propose to compile a book that contains information on these men and are appealing for assistance to prepare this book, as some families no longer live in or around Boolarra. We are hoping to obtain photos, letters from the front, records of any medals awarded, and information on what direction their lives took when they returned home.

All information received will be treated with respect, copied and then returned to the family.

The book will be preserved in the Boolarra Historical Museum.

If you know any of the descendants of the men listed below, please contact the Secretary Glenys Morgan on 5169 6721 or write to P.O. Box 73 Boolarra 3870.

Once we have contacted as many descendants as possible we will advise of a date later this year, when they will be invited to come to Boolarra to visit the graves of these brave soldiers and celebrate their lives.

World War 1 returned service men buried at Boolarra

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Horseshoe Bend Fishway Project



Martin Fuller, CEO of the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority will speak about the "Horseshoe Bend Fishway Project" on Friday, May 23 at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting.

The WGCMA's ultimate aim is to construct a fishway and to restore flows around Horseshoe Bend. Over the last two years the Horseshoe Bend Fishway Project has included extensive community engagement and technical studies. A recreation management plan has been completed. The plan aims to provide native fish passage while protecting cultural heritage values and improving visitor experience. Aspects of the design are currently being reviewed and tested.

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

On the following day there will be an excursion to the Horseshoe Bend Tunnel.

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

Beech Gully Nature Walk

On Saturday May 31, the LV Field Naturalists' Club and Friends of Baw Baw National Park have combined to offer members of the public the opportunity to join in a nature walk.

We will explore along the 400m of the Beech Gully Nature Walk learning about the plants and wildlife (particularly fungi) of the Mountain Ash forests of the southern slopes of the Baw Baw plateau. After lunch we can also enjoy the short Mountain Monarchs Walk nearby.

Participants are asked to meet at the DEPI Office at Parkers Corner (north of Erica) by 9.30am. We can carpool from there to the Mt Erica car park where the walking loop starts. There is no charge for this activity.

People will need to wear clothing and footwear suitable for alpine conditions and bring their own lunch and wet weather gear. You might also bring a camera and hand lens.

To let us know that you are coming and for more information contact 5127 3393 or Parks Victoria on 5172 2186.

Lifeline Churchill Shop News

Autumn is here and that means the cold weather will be with us very shortly. So now is the time to have a look at the family wardrobes, to see what will fit and what will not, and what needs to be bought to keep everyone warm.

Our Lifeline shop in Churchill will have lots of good quality used winter clothing for all the family, so why not pop in and see what we have.

You will be able to pick up some terrific bargains. As well as clothing for the family, we also have bedding for your much loved pets.

We also stock books, crockery, linen, footwear, craft, and especially on Monday morning, whilst they last, we have plants for your garden.

If you are new to the area why not call in and check out what we have on offer.

If you can't find what you want, just ask one of our friendly shop volunteers and they will endeavour to help you.

Our aim is to get you to leave our shop as a very satisfied customer.

We are very proud that eleven of our twenty seven volunteers at the shop have been awarded the Lifeline National Golden Wattle award in appreciation of over



fifteen years of ongoing support to Lifeline.

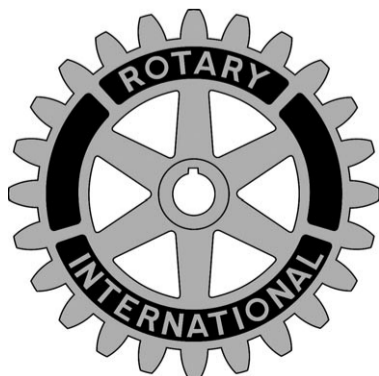
Just recently Betty Shore, Joan Sikkema, Barb Blackburne, Emma Pooley, Bernice Van Rossum, Ray Sharman and Eric Deppeler were all presented with the award by the then acting CEO of Lifeline Gippsland, Patricia Nalder.

These wonderful volunteers now join Janet Fyfe, Janet Lee, Jackie McLure and Annette Deppeler who have already been with our Lifeline Churchill shop for over 15 years.

The Churchill Shop is located in the Churchill Hazelwood Village Complex of shops, next door to the Medical Centre, and is open each week day from 9.30am until 3.45pm.

About Lifeline Gippsland

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The search for Victoria's best and most innovative school garden is on with entries for the 2014 Schools Garden Awards now being accepted.

Deputy Premier and Member for Gippsland South, Peter Ryan, said the awards were a great way for students to learn about recycling, reducing waste and limiting their waste consumption away from a typical classroom environment.

"Over many years, these awards, run by Nursery and Garden Industry Victoria, have encouraged generations of children to get out of the classroom and into the garden to increase their understanding of biodiversity and sustainability," Mr Ryan said.

"The awards provide schools with a way to get students out of the classroom and learn how to design, grow, maintain and harvest their own gardens."

Mr Ryan said he would be thrilled to see a school from Gippsland announced as a winner of one of the categories.

"There are four categories that encompass schools ranging from less than 100 pupils through to those who have more than 280 pupils, as well as a category for secondary and P-12 (primary to year 12) colleges," he said.

Mr Ryan said the Victorian Government has contributed \$55,000 to the \$80,000 prize pool, which includes nursery vouchers and four separate turf and installation packages.

"A new seedling grants scheme is also on offer this year to get applicant schools started with their gardens," Mr Ryan said.

The Victorian Schools Garden Awards program is now open to all Victorian schools, public and non-government and closes on August 1. Winners will be announced later in the year at a ceremony in the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne.

For more information on how to enter, visit: www.schoolsgardenawards.org.au.

Crime prevention tips – trailer security

To lessen the chances of your trailer being stolen consider taking the following safety precautions:

Register your trailer with Crimestoppers' Trailer Registry at TrailerRegistry.com.au

Park your trailer off the street and in a well-lit, secured area, preferably in a garage, at night.

When parking your trailer avoid parking too close to walls, high fences or vegetation, which might provide cover for the thief.

Photograph your trailer, including identifying features and store your photos for future reference.

Install a vehicle tracker. Trackers are small, quick and easy to install. Tracking units can deter thieves if advertised.

Consider marking or engraving your trailer with the letter 'V' for 'Victoria' and your driver's licence number.

Add one or two easily identifiable markings in different places on your trailer such as:

- welding your initials under the draw bar.
- engraving your name somewhere.
- drill holes in a pattern recognisable by you.

If the marking is easily visible, make sure it is not easily removed and make multiple markings spread over the trailer.

If you hide your markings, do not tell anyone about them, keep the information to yourself.

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markings are examples only. Make sure you choose a marking that is easy to remember and relevant to only yourself. Unfortunately, some people have duplicated these markings exactly which makes it difficult for police to locate a trailer's owner when it is recovered. For example, consider using your nickname, the name of your dog, your date of birth etc.

Welding letters on the draw bar is the minimum measure you should take to ensure easy identification. When steel is welded its molecular structure is changed and is irreversible. If a thief grinds off your welded markings you can rub back the area and apply some battery acid which reacts with the steel revealing any welds that have been ground off.

Other examples of easily identifiable markings you can create on the body of your trailer are:

Drilled or perforated holes are an easy way to mark your trailer.

Pressed lettering into sheet metal is difficult to cover up.

Welded letters on checker plate are very hard to remove without having noticeable marks in the checker plate.

For further information visit Crimestoppers' Trailer Registry at TrailerRegistry.com.au

Changes to Council meeting dates

At its meeting on April 7, 2014, Latrobe City Council resolved to make changes to its meeting schedule including the addition of a public presentation session a week prior to the scheduled Council meeting.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Sharon Gibson, said that the three-weekly meeting scheduled is a significant change to the current process which allows more time for the community to go through the agenda in detail.

"We will hold our meetings on a three-weekly cycle instead of the bi-monthly schedule that we currently use. Previously, the agenda was available three days prior to the meeting. Now with this change, the agenda for each meeting will be available ten days before the meeting.

We listened to our community and understand that they need more time to read and understand the agenda which we hope will lead to a more efficient meeting night.

The public presentation session will allow the community more time to engage with us and we believe that this

new system will help us achieve that aim.

Meetings will also now start at 6pm. We trialled the 5.30pm start but found that perhaps it was difficult for some people to get to our meetings so soon after the end of their working day. We will trial the 6pm start for six months," Councillor Gibson said.

"These changes will take effect immediately with the first Council meeting in the new cycle held on Monday April 28. The agenda for this meeting was available on Thursday April 17 (as April 18 was Good Friday).

Minutes will still be available on the Thursday after meetings as per normal. We hope that these changes ensure that we can provide a more open and efficient process for our meetings," Councillor Gibson concluded.

Further information of the public presentation session will be made available once the format has been confirmed.

Revised Council Meeting dates can be found on our website at http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/About_Council/Our_Council/Council_Meetings

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Federation University Australia

Dr Andrew West - pro tem Head of the School of Business and Economics at Federation University.

Federation University Australia is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Andrew West as pro tem Head of the School of Business and Economics at the Gippsland Campus.

Andrew is a doctor of philosophy with an interest in business and professional ethics. While engaged at the South African campus of Monash University, Andrew was asked by a staff member at Churchill if he would do a swap for a semester in 2007. The time came to an end but a vacancy arose for which Andrew applied.

The reason he wanted to stay on was because he and his family rated Churchill as a great place to bring up a family, with facilities and services available to enable them to live comfortably in a regional area. So he has stayed on and now has attained the position as pro tem Head of Business and Economics.

As Head of School Andrew's aim is to make this campus of FedUni succeed. He is happy living and working in this area and he wants that for others. It is his way of contributing to making this campus grow and be successfully sustainable. 2014 will be a bedding transition year. There is a mixture of Monash and FedUni students at present, but for 2015 his aim is to develop common programs across campuses.

"I want to make use of capacities and resources already here on this campus," he said. "We have a dedicated staff, excellent experience in off-campus study and a wealth of knowledge on which to call."

Andrew himself lectures in management accounting and aims to give students an insight into the wider context of how accounting can be used in society.

Andrew is well versed in these matters, as he has undertaken leading research and maintains an active interest in business and professional ethics, including ethical aspects of corporate governance. He also has published articles in Corporate Governance: An International Review and the Journal of Business Ethics.

Courses on Offer

The School of Business and Economics offers major courses in Accounting, Management, Marketing, Economics, Finance and Macro Economics, Business Information Systems, Sports and Events Management and Human Resources Management. A new degree program has been designed for 2014 – the Bachelor of Business (Finance and Investment) - which FedUni students can pursue to fulfil careers in financial management and planning, financial and investment analysis, banking and finance, corporate finance, treasury and portfolio management.

The aim of this new degree program specialising in Finance and Investment aims to deepen the region's capacity and skills in finance and investment.

Dr West said he encouraged prospective students to grow their career or commence a new one through the many flexible means of study FedUni offers in 2014. Courses can be taken on line, on or off campus or a combination of both. This is suitable for those doing a post graduate degree, or for someone considering a career change, or considering a conversion course, for mums at home wishing to increase their skills ready for workforce return.

Andrew enthusiastically encourages people to learn about the courses and pathways now on offer to help people launch into an exciting new path or study options that will take their existing career further. You may contact the School of Business and Economics on 5122 6380 or email buseco.gippsland@federation.edu.au or apply directly online via www.federation.edu.au A Positive start to the academic year.

Andrew confesses he and the staff were apprehensive about how the students would integrate and work. But he says he can report that the students, from a wide range of backgrounds, are all participating eagerly.

Quite a percentage of the new students are from families where they are the first to attend a university. These are the opportunities we want to provide said Andrew.

For those students who may be apprehensive about starting university, Andrew says they should not be, as attending a regional campus like Churchill puts them in smaller classes where they can have personalised individual attention, and where the students become known by name not just a number as can happen in metropolitan campuses.



It is the ideal environment for students where they can go to their lecturer, ask questions and seek clarification.

International Students.

Partnerships for international students are being developed, and it is hoped to encourage many students from overseas to use FedUni as their tertiary studies provider.

For our local students, meeting and interacting with international students is a wonderful way to extend their perceptions of the world and various cultures, developing a diversity of knowledge.

Mature Age Students.

Andrew would like to encourage mature age students to give FedUni courses a go.

"It is a great environment in which to take up studies for a first time or to re-commence study, as you are able to talk to your lecturer and work out any difficulties."

TAFE mergers seen as a positive step

The announcement of the formation of Federation Training Institute has been welcomed by Professor David Battersby, Vice Chancellor of Federation University and Dr Harry Ballis Head of Gippsland Campus.

This new training facility, a merger of the current TAFE providers (GippsTAFE and Advance TAFE) in Gippsland, will have its own Board and CEO. Its task over the next 18 months is to bring about the amalgamation of the two bodies into one entity.

"Federation University Australia is supportive of this development," said Professor Battersby. "The University Council has indicated that it would approve the full integration of Federation Training Institute into Federation University following the successful merger."

This is to happen from January 1, 2016.

Dr Harry Ballis sees this integration as a further step in providing educational training and education needs for a regional setting, with all providers working together to achieve this aim. FedUni is one piece in the jig-saw of establishing this provision. This step has come about by extensive discussions within the community, Harry explained.

"For the first time in my 26 years at Churchill's tertiary facilities, we can respond positively to initiatives from industry and form linkages with industry to hear about how courses can be developed and used to provide education and training to meet their needs", continued Harry.

"There will be no devaluing/valuing types of knowledge in what has been achieved in student's previous education. Knowledge from all academical and education training will be accepted," added Harry.

"This initiative of a multi sector environment has come from the community not from the top down."

Ballarat has already established relationships with industry and Gippsland will continue to follow.

Two steps will see this initiative succeed and be ready for January 1, 2016:

Form Federation Training Institute and align courses.

Have the new institute merge with Federation University for January 1, 2016.

Harry believes this is a positive move and he is very optimistic. "It will be good for the community and valuable for our young people to have a one stop shop for education needs that are geared for all students," he said.

There is a process in place which will make it much more logical for industry and the university to support each other in simple methods.

Gippsland Carers Meeting

This is to advise, that the next meeting of the Gippsland Carers Association Carers Support Group will take place on May 28, 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.

For more information, please ring Dot Kitwood on 0402 457 241.



You're invited!

Help the Soroptimist International Club of Gippsland celebrate our 1st Birthday.

Girl Rising is an inspirational film about the power of education for girls and women. The Soroptimist International Club of Gippsland will be showing Girl Rising on 29th May 2014 at Lavalla Catholic College auditorium 100 Grey St. & Grubb Avenue Traralgon at 7:30pm. Tickets will be \$20 including supper. Please save the date and contact Jo Jablonski 0429 042 040 or sigippsland@gmail.com to purchase tickets.

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Enhancing men's shed grants now open



Member for Morwell Russell Northe, encouraged local community groups with existing Men's Sheds across the electorate to apply for the latest round of grants from the Victorian Government's Strengthening Men's Sheds initiative.

"Men's Sheds are valuable community facilities that give men a place to meet and establish networks and I take great pleasure listening to men telling me their own personal stories of how a local shed has changed their life for the better," Mr Northe said.

"I would also encourage men in our local community, who are feeling a little isolated, to go along to their local Men's Shed and get involved," he said.

The grants can be used for;

- refurbishment for expanding activities due to a growing need or community demand,
- modifications to increase disability access, or
- modifications to meet OHS standards.

Funding is available to incorporated not-for-profit organisations and local councils.

"Applications that demonstrate strong support

from the community, through local council, Neighbourhood House or local learning centre endorsement will certainly be considered favourably," Mr Northe said.

Minister for Community Services, Mary Wooldridge, said the new funding round of \$500,000 was part of the Victorian Government's \$4 million Strengthening Men's Sheds initiative to either build new sheds or refurbish existing buildings.

"The Government is a great supporter of the Men's Shed movement, which plays a significant role in the lives of many Victorian men," Ms Wooldridge said.

"To date the Victorian Government has provided funding to refurbish 36 sheds and to build 41 new sheds across Victoria."

Applications for grants close on Friday June 27, 2014.

More information, including details of information sessions, is available at: <http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/for-business-and-community/community-involvement/men-in-the-community/strengthening-mens-sheds>

Mathison Park



You may remember that in March issue we printed a photo of the white duck and her duckling.

This was a unique outcome of the union between a black duck and the white duck.

Sadly the duckling appears to have been injured and is no longer to be seen on the lake.

Those who saw the duckling injured on the edge of the lake feel that it may have been attacked by a dog off a leash. Please keep your dogs under control. The autumn leaves are showing their colours among the deciduous trees on the Monash Way side of the park.

They are truly a beautiful sight. Thank you to those who came to the working bee for April.

The weather was very kind. With

the help of Bill's vehicle and trailer, Paul, Dave, Andy, and Ruth were able to clean up much fallen material- bark, branches etc.

John and Margaret inspected the new trees on the Tramway Road side and were able to remove many tree guards and stakes due to the height and strength of our new trees.

It was with a sense of satisfaction that we called it a day at 12pm.

Thanks to Andy who later used some strong posts to tie up a sagging tree.

The next working bee will on May 17, from 9am.

Even if you can only come for an hour, it all helps.

Please ring Ruth 5122 1961 for the meeting place and what to bring.

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Looking Back 50th Anniversary

Work Begins Today at Hazelwood Town [September 21 1964]

The Latrobe valley Water Board is expected to begin work today on pipe laying for the new Hazelwood township.

Sir Herbert Hyland, MLA, said today tenders for the first homes were expected to be called in December.

This follows the announcement on Thursday that the SEC is to build a 220,000 volt power line from Hazelwood to Dandenong at a cost of £1 ¼ m.

Mr. J.B. Mulvany, chairman of the Latrobe Valley Water Board, said today an £8,941 tender for the supply of water reticulation pipes had been accepted by James Hardie & Co Pty. Ltd. Melbourne.

Local firm

A £2,482 contract for supply of sewerage reticulation pipes has been let to Rocla Pipes Pty. Ltd.

These would be manufactured at the Traralgon branch.

The board work will be carried out in the first housing section which includes about 120 lots.

Sir Herbert Hyland said today tenders for the first homes were expected to be called in December. Tenders for roads in the first housing section were about to close and this contract would be extended if prices were suitable, to embrace a further 80 lots to make 200.

Survey

Surveys were proceeding on other sections so that road construction would be a continuing process.

A start on homes would be made once the roads and sewers were constructed.

Architectural designs for the first shops were complete and tenders would be called with the first homes.

Sir Herbert said that designs were well advanced for the main outfall sewer, and the first service basin for water supply.

Mr. Mulvany added that the main outfall sewer from Hazelwood would connect with the existing outfall near the Gas and Fuel Corporation at Morwell.

On Thursday the Minister for Electrical Undertaking, Mr. Reid, said the new £1 ¼ m. power line would be in operation from March, 1966.

By then the new Hazelwood power station would have three of its six generators in service to give an output equal to that of Yallourn.

Mr. Reid said the new line would be the third 220,000-volt steel tower line from the Latrobe Valley to Rowville terminal station, north of Dandenong.

A £500,000 contract had been let to 340 steel towers and stringing 400 miles of line. Work would begin next March.

1964. First Blow Struck

[It is assumed this article came from the Morwell Advertiser. At the top of the newspaper clipping it says "Vol 4 204 Thursday 24 1964 32 pages price 4d]

Bob Cherry, construction engineer and Mr. Max Williams, foreman, set the starting point for the first pipe laying by the Latrobe Valley Water Board at Hazelwood.

Work started there on Monday. Mr. J. B. Mulvany, board chairman said today the board was laying mains before the construction of roads and streets in housing areas.

The initial water supply would be from Billys Creek, while wastes would be discharged to the existing Latrobe Valley outfall at a point near the Gas and Fuel Corporation's plant. About £200,000 would be spent this financial year on the first stage works estimated to cost a total of £500,000

New town gets its first water pipes [September 24 1964]

Work on the provision of water and sewerage works at the new Hazelwood Township began on Monday.

Announcing this, the chairman of the Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Board, Mr. J.B. Mulvany said the estimated cost of the first stage works would be £500,000 of which about £200,000 would be spent in the current financial year.

He added that the work would continue progressively, the object of the Board to lay the mains before the construction of the roads and streets in the housing areas.

The initial supply of water, he said, would be from Billys Creek, while the town waste water would be discharged into the existing Latrobe Valley outfall at a point

near the Gas and Fuel Corporation's plant.

Churchill is a-Building [August 18th 1965]

The Latrobe Valley "model city" of Churchill becomes more than a pipe-dream every day of the week. With streets well under way, the first shopping centre plaza commenced, and most essential services about ready to go, M. Marley Pty. Ltd. are proceeding with construction of the first 100 brick veneer houses.

Churchill's new pastor surveys his parish [November 25 1965]

Churchill's first Minister, Reverend P. A. J. Arch and his family, moved into their new home in McInnes Cres. Churchill- and not even pouring rain could dampen their enthusiasm.

To date Mr. Arch has no set plans for his new parish- not even where the first church will be sited.

He said he had a tremendous amount of work to do in the next few weeks:

First he must prepare the way for his new congregation about whom he knows nothing- except that its members will eventually come to make their homes in Churchill.

Then there is the house. As Mr. Arch looked out the living room window he said he must get some topsoil before summer so that he could set about gardening.

At present the back and front yard of his home is naked clay with water-filled potholes.

The furniture came safely from Kaniva except for the carpets. They were delayed.

Now he has to place all the furniture in the house, then, when the rugs turn up, he has to remove the furniture to put the carpets down.

When the Advertiser called on Mr. Arch yesterday he was helping the removalists get the furniture into the house out of the wet.


His wife and family have left the deserted construction site to visit relatives in Traralgon.

Mr Arch will be commissioned at a special service at St. Luke's Methodist Church, Morwell, tomorrow at 8pm.

The commissioning will be done by representatives of the four co-operating churches- Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist and Churches of Christ.

The gathering will include representatives of the churches from Melbourne and Gippsland centres, and members of the Victorian Council of Churches.

At the conclusion of the ceremony an official welcome will be extended to Mr. Arch and family.



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Gallipoli 2015 Anzac Day Dawn Service Tour

The Victorian Government is sending 98 Victorian students and chaperones to Gallipoli to attend the ANZAC Day Dawn Service in 2015.

Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, is encouraging local students enrolled in years 9 to 12 next year, along with teachers from schools across the electorate, to apply to join the tour.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I know there is enormous interest in the Centenary amongst our youth today," Mr Northe said.

"I encourage any eligible student to access the website provided and seriously consider submitting an application," he said.

Victorian students will join others from across Australia, as well as descendants of those who served at

Gallipoli, Australian WW1 widows, and the thousands of Australians who were successful in the national ballot, in participating in the solemn ceremonies that will take place at Gallipoli on ANZAC Day next year.

Eligible students will be required to submit a written application, demonstrating their involvement in and commitment to community activities, and how they plan to share insights gained from their experience with their school and the community.

For more information on the Gallipoli 2015 ANZAC Day tour you can visit www.anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au/grants/#Gallipoli

Applications close at midnight on Friday June 13, 2014 and must be submitted electronically to gallipoli.dawn.service@edumail.vic.gov.au

Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter. The season has finally changed with days getting cooler and rain now more common. The summer past was not very hot and was remarkable for not very much variation in temperature or conditions across the season.

During the last month there were few Green Walks in the Park. Green Walks is a Heart Foundation initiative, in association with Latrobe Council. The program aimed to get more people walking, more often, in more local parks, state parks and bushland reserves. The groups varied in size and provided the opportunity for the community to experience the park. In the coming months there is one walk each month planned in Morwell National Park. The next Green Walks in Morwell National Park will be: Wednesday June 4, 10am - Foster's Gully Walk (meet at Kerry Road) - Thursday July 3, 10am - Billy's Weir Walk (starting from Braniff's Road).

Victorian Walks are working with Mike to make a feature walk out of the Foster's Gully walk. It would be based upon the old numbered walk along Foster's Gully. Mike has started work on this by locating most of the number location markers through Fosters Gully.

John's Jottings

John has continued with his historical collecting and this month his jotting relates to milling and mining in Morwell National Park. This snippet is from our May 1987 newsletter.

"A smaller group met prior to our walk and we all benefitted from the extra time to discuss some issues. The extra time gained was well spent in the park with such capable guides as Ian and Os Brewster.

The sawmill was situated in the stringy bark walk area and although time, fires and vegetation has almost obscured most features it is possible to see and understand how it operated.

The exact locating of the site was very much a team effort that we must thank first of all Margaret and Frank for their initial enquiries and secondly Ian for his persistence and interest in following up all their leads. Only his retelling of how it operated made us understand and visualise what was there.

The mine shaft we thought would be a bit of a search but Mr and Mrs Brewster made an effort to be with us and led us directly to the site. Os and his brother had the dubious pleasure of digging this shaft to the depth of 104ft in 1946 before it was abandoned, and it was eventually filled in without yielding gold or tin. Again there is little to see but listening to what Os had to say about the shaft itself and the bush around it was most interesting. I cannot thank Mrs Lyndon and Mr and Mrs Brewster enough for making the effort to join us and sharing so much of their knowledge with us."

April Activity report

At this activity we had John, Matt, Beryl, Brenda, Mike, Cathy, Wendy, Darren, Tamara, Chris and He.

Chris, He and Tamara were all along for their first activity. He is an international student from China, studying locally. First item of business was to plan the day ahead. The activities were made more difficult since we had nobody there with keys to the shed, and therefore did not have access to waders, poison or other gear. Matt had a key to the gate so we could get vehicles into the work sites. We need more sets of keys for the shed, since this is the second activity this year we have not had access to the gear we needed for the activity. Mike will follow up with Craig about getting more keys made.

The larger group broke into two to work on two different tasks. Matt, John, Cathy, Mike, Tamara and Brenda went to put holes into the remaining bat boxes. This task was made more difficult since the map with the locations of bat boxes was with another, so the group had to operate from memory. The bat boxes were first checked with the pole mounted camera and if no animals were in the box a hole was added to the front of the box. Four of the bat boxes were found to have Sugar Gliders or Agile Antechinus, so these did not have a hole put into them. Some of these boxes were also the same boxes which had animals in them last month.

It is good to see the continued use of these boxes, which are very difficult for these animals to access. The small slit openings have been widened on some boxes to provide access, but the added holes should make it easier for animals to access and for us to survey.

The other group of Chris, Wendy, Beryl, Darren and He worked upstream in Billy's Creek removing weeds. Wendy and Beryl worked in the stream (in waders which Mike and Cathy had fortunately brought) while Chris, He and Darren worked along the creek banks. It was good to observe that there were not many small Tutsan plants and the ones we were locating were more advanced plants (missed in previous years).

There had been previous spraying so many of the plants we were locating were already sprayed. Most plants were in fruit so it was good to get rid of these berries which are easily spread by birds.

The groups met up when the bat box group had completed their work. One area the group will need to look into is the possibility of putting more nesting boxes into other parts of the park.

The boxes currently in the park are being well used and it would be interesting to see whether they would be used in other parts of the park and whether different animals may use them in other parts of the park.

Shane has discussed the possibility of providing or sourcing some more nesting boxes for us.

After lunch the groups joined together and worked on weed removal. The groups worked up to the Braniff's Road crossing of the creek. There were less weeds in the afternoon sections since the thick grass cover running up to the creek resulted in less weeds.

At the end of the day a koala was seen above the cars. Mike informed us that it was above us during lunch and most of us had not seen it.

During the next hour or so it had moved to its new location nearer the cars. Along with the many kangaroos seen during the day, many different animals were observed.

May Activity

Sunday May 18

The group will meet at 10.00am in the Junction Road car park. The group will work on two tasks – one group will work upon weed removal along Billy Weir track and from Billy's Creek while the other will complete track maintenance upon the Blue Gum Hill Track.

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

Note: this is a change from the original calendar, since the creek level remains low providing good access to the creek (only part of the creek from the car park to the Braniff's Rd crossing has had weed removal completed) and the Blue Gum Hill Track has become overgrown.

We will need the Park's slasher to help with the clearing of the undergrowth which is obstructing the Blue Gum Hill Track



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It's that time of year again - the ultimate comedy road trip returns!

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comedy to one big show for a raucous night out.

Latrobe City Council's performing arts and venues coordinator, Kathleen Roberts, said that audiences should be prepared for a cast of comic travellers to have them belly-laughing.

"Every year audiences are wowed by the incredible line-ups, and this year is no exception. With a mix of local heroes and international stars as well as the hottest newcomer discoveries of the Festival, we've got all your comedy bases covered.

This is always a sell-out show so get your tickets early," Ms Roberts said.

Roadshow enjoyed enormous success in 2013, performing a staggering 109 shows in over 60 regional towns and cities across Australia, before concluding the tour with a sell-out international leg visiting Singapore, Hong Kong, and India.

The Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow will be performed on Wednesday July 2 at Latrobe Performing Arts Centre from 8pm. Call the box office on 5176 3333 to

Creative Writing

If you have a way with words and enjoy reading and writing, the Creative Writing Group at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre may be just the place for you.

The group meets every Tuesday morning in term time from 10 a.m to 12 p.m.

Come along and hone your writing skills ... and get some friendly fun and encouragement as a bonus! Contact Henry Parniak, Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator on 5122 2955 or Cora Pal, tutor on 5122 1611 for further details, or just drop in one Tuesday morning. We hope to see you soon.

Reflection on Anzac Day



From Darren Chester, Nationals Member for Gippsland

As we approach the centenary of the military campaign on the Gallipoli peninsula, it is an appropriate time for reflection on the significance of this annual day of commemoration.

Although ANZAC day marks the landings at

Gallipoli nearly a century ago, ANZAC Day is revered by all Australians as the day to commemorate the lives of Australians and New Zealanders who have died in the service of their country.

Each year, thousands of Australians across the country attend dawn services at local memorials and cenotaphs. Prayers are read, the Last Post played and our national anthem sung. While each of these services follows a format that has existed for decades, each service has unique elements that reflect local traditions.

Services like those held in our towns and cities were also held in overseas locations where Australian servicemen and women have fought and died.

Our deployed service men and women also mark the occasion with a dawn service followed by a traditional gunfire breakfast. Those serving overseas undoubtedly reflect on the significance of serving on operational service on ANZAC day in the company of their mates, whilst being aware of their nation's gratitude for the sacrifices they have made.

Many of our younger veterans who have served overseas in the last decade, actively participate in commemoration services

as well as ANZAC day traditions such as two-up. Attending commemoration services and spending time with their mates from their deployments, add to the range of government initiatives that younger veterans can access to support their mental health.

One such initiative I had the privilege of witnessing was the Australian Defence Force and Sydney Theatre Company's Production, 'The Long Way Home'. This production was based on first-hand accounts and featured veterans on stage with professional actors. This novel initiative has been a resounding success playing in theatres across the country. The production was a deeply emotional and powerful reminder of the trauma of war, and goes some way towards sharing the personal experiences and untold stories of our younger veterans.

In November this year, a commemoration event will be held in the Western Australian coastal town of Albany, to mark the centenary of the departure of the first convoy of ships that carried the Australian Imperial Force and the New Zealand Expeditionary Force to the First World War. This event will mark the official beginning of our Centenary of ANZAC commemorative period, and is the first of a series of events that will mark the major milestones of the First World War.

As we embark on this commemorative period, which will include large scale events of national significance and ceremony, it is worth reflecting on the value of our own dawn services and local marches that remind us of the sacrifices our towns, friends and families have made across the generations in the defence of our country.

It is at these services that we can stand side by side with our own veterans young and old. It is at these services that we can stand side by side with those members of our community who have lost a family member in the service of their country.

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Looking Back...

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Looking Back - Red Cross

“Socks, caps, books, scarves, eye bandages, washers and undergarments”

Looking Back this month takes up the continuing story of the Morwell Red Cross Branch.

Now in its 100th year, a large number of members have contributed to the organisation's activities and following is a recognition of some of those tireless volunteers.

It's not possible to write a thorough detailed history via this community newspaper, but enough can be written to underscore this marvellous organisation which has become so strongly woven into our Australian way of life.

On July 22, 1910, the Morwell Advertiser reported on a meeting held in Morwell where “about twelve ladies were addressed by Miss Grace Watson, organising Secretary of the Australian Women's National League, for the purpose of forming a Branch in Morwell.”

Miss Watson explained “There was a Red Cross League also formed for the purpose of interesting women in defence, and being prepared to assist their brothers and sons if called upon to defend their country.

A class had been established at Traralgon and perhaps one could be formed in Morwell later.

It was resolved to form a committee from those present. Mrs Hall was elected President; Mrs Frost-Samuels Hon. Secretary; and Mrs McLean Hon. treasurer.”

From 1913 to 1918, Mrs Francis M Adeney, wife of Rev Allen Edward Adeney, Vicar at St. Mary's Church of England Morwell, played a leading role in the formative years of the Morwell Red Cross.

As Honorary Secretary for most of the period before they transferred to Sale, Mrs Adeney's name appeared regularly in articles and advertisements published in the local paper.

On many occasions the two worked together on Red Cross projects.

It wasn't long before the Red Cross Branch activities came under the focus of the Shire of

Morwell.

Everyone knew it was war time, yet the following public notice was published on Friday, May 5, 1916 in the Morwell Advertiser:

Shire of Morwell
WAR FUNDS APPEAL.
Secretaries or Organisers of Red Cross or Patriotic Funds within the Shire of Morwell are requested to make application to the President of the Shire for authority to appeal or collect, Thomas Sinclair, Shire Secretary.

Socks, caps, books, scarves, eye bandages, washers, undergarments, slippers, vests, medical comforts and mittens were typical of items being collected from around town and district to send to Melbourne Headquarters for the war effort.

Yet bureaucracy had to become involved.

Anyway, Red Cross volunteers acquiesced and pushed on undaunted. They knew their priority. In July 1924, as a central part of raising funds for the Gippsland Hospital at Sale, it was reported that “Mrs McDonald and Mrs Frost-Samuels waited upon the council on behalf of Morwell Branch of Red Cross, soliciting renewal of donation.

It was pointed out that last year the Council voted the Branch 30 pounds with which to make articles for the hospital.”

A verbal submission was explained to Council and “it was subsequently resolved on motion of Crs. McKay and Buckley that the Morwell Red Cross Society be granted £30 to buy material to make up for Gippsland Hospital, Sale.”



Early records from about late 1916 begin to refer to Mrs. Lily Jean Frost-Samuels (albeit sometimes misspelt by the newspaper as Samuels).

Following Mrs Adeney's departure to Sale, newspaper articles show the increasing role eventually played by Mrs Frost-Samuels.

Her obituary tells the full story:

MRS. LILY JEAN FROST-SAMUELS:

Widespread regret throughout the district was felt at the announcement of the death of Mrs. Lily Jean Frost-Samuels, which occurred at her home “Pen-Y-Bryn”, Morwell, on 2nd November. Born at Ballarat, the youngest daughter of the late George and Lucy Munro, she was educated at Ballarat College and Mrs. Nash's Girls School, Elsternwick.

Married in 1902 to the late Hugo Frost-Samuels, she came to Traralgon with her husband in 1907, later moving to Morwell in 1909, when Mr. Frost-Samuels became a partner in a legal firm.

Although the late Mrs. Frost-Samuels was a keen lover of her home and garden, she yet found time for a very active interest in the charitable work of the community.

Having the rare quality of leadership, by her kindly sympathetic understanding and knowledge, she had the gift of inspiring those with whom she came in contact with her enthusiasm and supreme love of generous living and generous giving.

Through her efforts the Morwell Infant Welfare Centre was established, and she was President of the Ladies' Committee until her resignation in 1948, owing to ill health.

The only member of the Morwell Branch of the Red Cross Society to receive a bar to her long service medal for over 30 years continuous service - she held office first as secretary and later as president.

Although not an active member of the Presbyterian Church she always gave to the church most generous support.

She was associated with the Australian Women's National League, Victorian Institute of the Blind and Deaf and Dumb Society, and gave generously both in effort and donation to any cause she deemed worthy.

She was cremated at Springvale on November 4th (private funeral). 69 years old (Morwell Advertiser, Thursday, November 10, 1949).

(Many will remember Mrs. Frost-Samuels as a keen lover of her home and large garden at the family home on the corner of Vincent Road and (the then) Princes Highway - where today's Morwell Hotel Motel is located.

Hugo Frost-Samuels died at the family home on January 7, 1948, aged 73.)

An example of work undertaken by the Red Cross during the Presidency of Mrs Frost-Samuels was collecting clothes and gifts for a local bushfire relief appeal during January 1939 when horrific fires raged across parts of Gippsland.





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Looking Back - Red Cross continued



In a letter to the editor, Mrs Frost-Samuels wrote in part, "...The quality of the gifts left nothing to be desired,

and encouraged us in no little way to continue our work of instant relief.....(Morwell Advertiser, February 9, 1939).

As President, Mrs Frost-Samuels must have been very frustrated following a letter received by Morwell Shire Council from Red Cross Headquarters, stating that efforts are being made to raise £100,000 state-wide in 1940.

During the following debate, Councillors Williams, Walker, Ronald and Auchterlonie initially endorsed the work of Red Cross.

But soon the mood changed – as reported in the Morwell Advertiser, Thursday March 28 1940:

"Cr. Hall said he regretted to say that as far as he was concerned the Red Cross was a wash out whilst he was at the last war.

Any Red Cross article he ever got he had to pay for. He once got a flannel, pair of sox and scarf that had been made in Canada. Cr. Ronald: Most of the Red Cross stuff went into hospitals.

Cr. Hall: Well, I never got any. Cr. Auchterlonie said he had not received anything sent by Red Cross whilst at the front; but when coming home he received a pair of sox knitted by Miss Nadenbousch.

Cr. Walker said he understood the present Red Cross appeal was for money, not material, and moved "That the Council make a donation of £23 towards the appeal."

After some, further discussion on the subject, it was resolved to hold the matter over until certain information desired had been obtained from Red Cross Headquarters."

Mrs Annie Noy, wife of Richard Thomas ("Dick") Noy, the first Captain of the Morwell Fire Brigade, was secretary of Morwell Red Cross during the 1930's.

Originally from Cardinia, West Gippsland, Annie and Richard were married in August 1898 and raised four children in Morwell.

Like all her fellow members, Annie was deeply committed to Red Cross to assist others less fortunate than herself.

Miss Rintoull was President in 1934.

Mrs Eveline Mary Hone, gave more than twenty years of continuous service to the local branch of the Red Cross Society.

In recognition of this effort, she was presented at Government House by the Governor, with the Red Cross gold medal in appreciation of two decades of devoted duty.

She was equally interested in the work of the local Presbyterian Church and participated to the full in its activities.

(Eveline was born in 1871 and died in 1948 in Morwell, aged 77 years. Wife of Alfred, Eveline's health had deteriorated over previous years as the result of a stroke, but the shock and effects of severe burns suffered when she was scalded with hot water accidentally spilt from the stove, contributed to her sudden passing.

Eveline came to Morwell from New Zealand with her parents, Mr and Mrs Andrew Gay, at the age of eight years.)

In November 1953, Long Service Medals for Red Cross Workers, Mesdames S. Gude, A. Green, P. Lubcke, Mrs Amiet and Miss Stamp were presented by a Miss Fraser from Red Cross Headquarters, who thanked the members for their untiring and loyal service to the Morwell Branch of the Red Cross over a period of twenty years.

(S Gude was Ruby Gude.

Ruby, eldest daughter of George Watson was married to Stan Gude. P L Lubcke was Marie Anna Lubcke, married to Percy Leonard Lubcke of Morwell.)

In January 1953, the Red Cross branch met to farewell Mrs. W. Laycock, who left Morwell to take up residence at Warragul.

It was reported that "in the absence of the president, Mrs. A. A. Crook, Mrs. Stan Gude, on behalf of the Auxiliary paid a warm tribute to the splendid service Mrs. Laycock had given the branch since coming to Morwell, as a fellow member, friend and extremely competent treasurer.

Mrs. Gude thanked Mrs. Laycock and extended to her the good wishes of the branch, and happiness in her new home (Morwell Advertiser, January 15, 1953). (Mr W Laycock was the ANZ bank manager.)

A branch of the Junior Red Cross was formed in November 1954, at Morwell East as the result of a meeting at the Tobruk Street State School, which was attended by 120 girls and boys.

This idea was suggested by Branch President, Mrs A A Crook to the teaching staff and subsequently adopted.

In the 20's and 30's the branch worked tirelessly for the Gippsland Hospital in Sale, donating money, linen, night attire, groceries and toys.

Also, during the 1930's, funds were raised for the unemployed.

At this stage, we will leave the Morwell Red Cross Branch until later in August

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when, in Morwell, it's planned to plant trees and special Red Cross roses in the historic area once well known as Alexandra Park.

This park area was opened in August 1904 and an English oak was planted to

perpetuate the memory of the four soldiers - Sgt. McDonald, and Privates Thomas Rose, Frank Walker and George Bolding - who went from this district, and died at the front in South Africa, during the Boer War.

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Boolarra Primary School



day was a great success.

Congratulations to Yinnar Primary School who yet again were the overall winning school on the day; we were very proud to be placed second.

Yinnar staff members were also responsible for coordinating the day and did a sensational job!

ANZAC Day

Our P/1/2s made some gorgeous wreaths and laid these at the town cenotaph on the day before ANZAC day.

Our school captains Grace and James laid another wreath at the Boolarra ANZAC ceremony on Sunday April 27.

Athletic Champions Day

Sixteen of our Grade 3-6 students recently competed against the 'champions' from Churchill, Hazelwood, Thorpdale, Yinnar South Primary Schools and Lumen Christi to determine who would go on to represent the Yinnar and District schools at the Zone Athletic Sports.

Egg Roll

We didn't get any photos of our traditional end of term Egg Roll in the last edition so we'll include some here.

Dress as B,P, or S day

Our Junior School Council raised \$100 for drought relief by selling icy-poles throughout term one, and collecting donations from students and teachers who came out of uniform dressed as something that started with B, P or S on the last day.



Yinnar and District Athletic Sports

We had acceptable weather so were able to stage these sports during the last week of term 1. All students from the six participating schools joined in with enthusiasm and an excellent attitude which helped to ensure the

Again, all of the students conducted themselves with great sportsmanship and enjoyed the wonderful facilities at the Joe Carmody track in Newborough.

Several students won through to the next level: Grace of Grade 6 in the 100m, long jump

and discus events, Jemma (also Grade 6) in the high jump and long jump, Eve of grade 4 in shot-put and discus, Sasha and Emre both of grade 5 in discus.

Library Classes

This term our students will have Library classes with Ms Roz Carstairs instead of Physical Education with Mr John Duck.

We are very lucky to have the services of such a vastly experienced and talented Librarian as Ms Roz Carstairs.

BluEarth (promoting cooperative games and fitness) classes will continue to be run by Ms Jo Dryden on Thursdays.

Grade 5/6 Urban Camp

During their Melbourne Camp our students are looking forward to behind the scenes tours of the MCG, the Shrine of Remembrance, the Victoria Market, the Old Melbourne Gaol and Parliament House that the general public don't get to experience.

The 5/6s will have a marvellous time that will complement and enhance the work they are doing in the classroom.

At the same time they will have the opportunity to establish new friendships with students from Thorpdale and Narracan Primary Schools, which will stand them in good stead when they go on to secondary school.

Writers of the Term

Aleasha of Grade 1 was one of the students to receive this award for her Boolarra Folk Festival recount included below:



On Saturday it was the Boolarra Folk Festival. It was at the park.

We all played drums.

My Nan came and she gave me some money. I got a slushy and it made my nose freeze.

In the afternoon we went back again to have some dinner.

We listened to the music and I danced with my sister.

Then we went for a walk to the other park. I played on the slide and the playground.

It was good and really fun.

Churchill North Primary School

Grade 1 Dinner

During the last week of Term 1, Grade 1's had a special dinner at school.

Students went home after school and came back all dressed up.

Students sat at the dinner table with a formal table setting, ate spaghetti for dinner and ice-cream and fruit salad for dessert.

Students played games and had a great time dining with their peers.

CNPS first Disco

The Junior School Council held a disco

during lunchtime.

Glow sticks were sold prior to the disco and all children enjoyed themselves showing off their moves.

What we're getting from the Maths Specialists Initiative

This term, teachers have been participating in a range of intensive maths programs which have been designed and supported by our dedicated maths specialists.

Teachers have been involved in Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) where they

have been learning about key features of an effective maths lesson, such as; warm-up games, how to engage and hook students into the learning, having a clear learning intention and designing successful criteria with students so that they feel ownership.

In PLC's and on Data Analysis days, teachers also learnt how to best use data to drive their teaching.

Teachers are very excited about all the fresh maths ideas, resources and content knowledge being gained from the Maths Specialists

Initiative that they will use to lift students' outcomes in maths.

CNPS New Preps

During Term 1 the Preps were busy learning their alphabet sounds and had a Wheels Day when learning the letter 'w'.

The Preps also had a special tea at school where they ate spaghetti bolognaise and fresh fruit salad and ice cream.

They also had sack races and played lots of games, finishing the evening off with an icy pole before going home.



Kurnai College Junior Campus

German Students

The six German students assigned to Kurnai had a productive and interesting time during their visit. Samuel Schubert commented that he thought people here are happier and friendlier than in Germany. He thinks we have a great lifestyle. During their Australian time the total of sixteen exchange students had four days at Pambula where they enjoyed swimming, surfing and beach games.



German Exchange student Samuel Schubert

Then they had two days in the outback where they learnt bush skills like lighting a fire and cooking on it. Samuel was very pleased with his time here in Australia, saying it had been a great opportunity.

Junior Campus School Captains

Jacob Hibbert and Maneesha Nambirajan have been elected School Captains.

They plan to help achieve a few things to make the school a pleasanter place. They would like to address some of the things the school has not looked at previously.

Student2student Program

Research shows that one of the best ways to support primary and early secondary level students to improve reading is for the



Junior School Captains Jacob Hibbert and Maneesha Nambirajan

help to come from others near their own age. At Kurnai College we have commenced the student2student program, which is offered to students who are assessed as reading 1-2 years behind their actual age.

For example, a student may be 10 years old but reading at the level of an 8 year-old.

The student2student program runs for 18 weeks. Some of our Year 10 students are matched with buddies from a primary

school, with both students only knowing each other's given names.

The buddy telephones the student 2-3 times a week and listens to the student read for at least 20 minutes each time. The buddy keeps a simple record of each phone contact and reports progress to a volunteer supervisor fortnightly.

Matt Devonshire, Maneesha Nambirajan, Ginny Brick, Emily Dal Pozzo, Regan Webster, Sophie Fitzpatrick and Racheal McKenzie have volunteered to be buddies this year.

They have been paired with their student and given the reader and are trained by the Smith Family to develop literacy skills in others. Emily, one of the buddies, says she was pleased to be asked to be part of the program and sees it as a way to improve her own literacy and communication skills at the same time as helping someone else.



Student2student buddy Emily Dal Pozzo

Kurnai College at the Precinct

Enthusiastic New Staff member

Rachel Weiss started new at the beginning of 2014 at the Precinct. She is teaching classes in Psychology, Health and Maths.

Rachel grew up in Emerald, completing her primary and secondary education at the primary then secondary schools respectively.

A Bachelor Degree in Psychological Science was then gained at the Australian Catholic University. The next challenge was a

Dip Ed degree at RMIT.

This year is Rachel's graduate year of full time teaching.

Last year she spent counselling students at Emerald Secondary College in well-being. This role has given her the opportunity to use those well-being skills with her students at the Precinct.

Rachel is enthusiastic about being in Churchill, as she relates very much to the rural

setting and feels comfortable and at home.

Rachel has received a very warm welcome from the school community and says she feels well looked after.

Rachel has four classes and enjoys the adult learning environment of the Precinct. Being a young teacher at the beginning of her work life interacting with students at the end of their schooling life has allowed some positive relationships to flourish.

Rachel is thoroughly looking forward to extending her connection with Kurnai College and the broader community.

ANZAC Day.

The Kurnai School Captains from the Precinct attended the ANZAC Day ceremony in Morwell. Hayden Stephen and Sarah Mayo laid a wreath on behalf of the Precinct students.



Left: Rachel Weiss, new teacher at the Precinct.

Above: Precinct School Captains Hayden Stephen and Sarah Mayo with Precinct Principal Nello Carbone, at the ANZAC Day ceremony in Morwell

Churchill Primary School

It has been a short time back at school but there is still lots happening at school. Term 2 has already had some significant events.

ANZAC Day

Several students represented the school at the Yinnar and District March on ANZAC Day. It was a beautiful autumn morning as we remembered those who paid the ultimate price in their service for Australia. Anzac Day was the focus for the first week back. Mr Bob Lowick came in to Grade 1 and Grade 2 as a guest speaker, to talk about service in the Australian army and what ANZAC Day means to him. The students also asked some very thoughtful questions. Many classes learned about the ANZAC legend.

Yinnar and District Sports

On April 3, we all got on the bus to go to the Yinnar and District Sports. There were some very competent performances by students from Churchill PS and we came fifth. All the schools were very close in points. The events were distance run, sprint, long jump, discus (target throw P-2), shotput (bean bag throw P -2) and high jump. There was a rest period for every group as well, to eat and get back some energy.

We congratulate Yinnar on winning the sports *Champion's Day*

On Monday April 28, the Champions from Yinnar and District Sports competed against one another to see who would represent Yinnar and District in the District finals.

Reese Adams was there and gives this report:

The day was great with lots of great competitors. Nineteen students from CPS went and eight schools competed in the events. I saw several people were in several events. The events were 1500m, 800m, 200m, sprint 100m, discus, shot put, long jump and high jump. People from our school won ribbons. There were lots of teachers and coaches there. They did a great job. I saw close races. I was amazed at some of the jumps. One boy from Yinnar jumped about 1m 40cm. Everyone there seemed to put in a huge effort and some went on to the next level. Two relay teams will be there. I will be in discus and the 800 m. Those who will go onto the next level are Courtney Henshaw, Claire Pendlebury, Monai Porykali, Lachlan Bell, Chloe Huizer, Mitchell Bruerton and me (Reese Adams).

Leadership Day

The Junior School Council and our School Captains went to the Sale Memorial Hall on Monday April 28. It was a great day and Mason and Shelby, our School Captains, have written this report:

It was a GRIP Leadership Conference for student leaders. GRIP stands for generosity, responsibility, integrity and people. These are the main concerns for leaders.

The first activity of the day was Simon Says. We learned from this activity that we were like Simon because people naturally follow leaders and we are the Simons in our school. Our next activity was Guess Who. We had to find people who matched the pictures. One was a person who wears glasses, can juggle. That meant that we had to talk to and mix with students from other schools. Our next activity was School Yard Super Hero. We had to write the answers that matched the pictures on the screen. It taught us that leaders are like Heroes because they serve others.

HERO stands for: H is for Helper willing to assist others, E is for Encourager who uses kind words to others, R is for Role Model who

displays the right actions towards others, and finally O is for Organiser who volunteers to organise events to help others.

Our next activity was to lead like a strawberry not like a water melon. This means that how we appear on the outside is how we are on the inside. It was not all hard work! There were lots of opportunities to get up on stage and make a fool of yourself and to make noise. We even got to dance. As School Captains, the biggest thing was learning how to improve to be a better leader. Thanks to Mrs Gilmore and Mrs Dyson for a wonderful day out.

Book Fair

We had a Book Fair at the end of April. The theme was Churchill Primary School is a Cool Place to discover hot books. We are building enthusiasm and participation in reading. The students were allowed to make a wish list to take home to their parents. Parents responded by purchasing books. The wish list may not have been fulfilled but it was good to hear the students discussing their choices. It was a great success and it was great to see the students excited about books.



CPS students at Yinnar War Memorial

Group of CPS Champions



Pictured below are Mr. Walsh and a group of our senior students in their rest break.



Preps and some grade 4 students at the book fair.



Mr. Lowick and Grade 1 girls



Lumen Christi Primary School

ANZAC Day

Our student leaders represented our school at the recent Anzac Day ceremony held in Morwell. All seven school/house captains attended with their families and represented the school with pride.

It was great to see these young leaders so keen and proud to be part of the day – a big thank you also to their families for supporting their children's participation on the day.

In the lead up to Anzac Day our senior students were guests of the Morwell RSL, who offered an education session about Australia's role as Peacekeepers in different conflicts.

On the day prior to Anzac Day, our Year 5/6 students led the school in a moving Anzac Day service, which also included a wonderful presentation by teacher Lorraine Glowacki about her trip to Gallipoli.

All these experiences combined to see the students of our school gain a much greater

understanding of ANZAC and this was shown by the generous spirit in which our community purchased Anzac Badges – we sold out, and then sold out again of our re-stock during our Anzac service on the Thursday.

Easter Pageant

With Easter celebrated at the end of the school holidays this year we presented our Easter Pageant at the start of the Term 2 instead of at the end of Term 1, and wasn't it just magnificent.

All students have a role, with each year level traditionally having the same part of the story so that across the years each child experiences the whole story.

All involved, both staff and students, need to be congratulated on their preparation and delivery as the pageant, as always, was of the highest quality.

Thank you to all our families and friends that attended, including Father Francis Otopo.

We were very impressed.

Multicultural Day

On April 29, Lumen Christ enjoyed Multicultural Activities in multi-age groups. Here are some reflections from the students.

I liked Multicultural Day because you get to make pancakes, and see the Queen and make Beefeaters.

In Russia we made Faberge eggs, it was fun!

Katelin

I loved Holland because I got 3 pancakes. We made the pancakes. They had icing sugar on them, we used toothpicks to turn them over. We ate them.

It was very, very, very, very fun!

Lochlann

I liked Russia because we got to decorate eggs. In China we made tangram pictures with the 7 shapes.

In Holland I learnt that if your last name starts with Van you are Dutch.

Harry

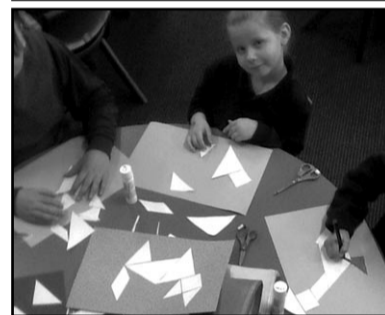
Suitcase Stories

Last term Lumen Christi was fortunate to receive a Multicultural Grant to support our LOTE program.

As a result each child was able to enjoy "Suitcase Stories", a performance which featured tales from a number of migrants to Australia.

They were funny and likeable individuals who presented some of the events that brought them here.

Anthea was able to present the performance on her own which showed her flexibility and capability and added to the quality of the special day.



Yinnar Primary School



The last two weeks of school last term were incredibly busy, with lots on the school agenda.

First of all we had author and illustrator Michael Salmon, who wooed all of us with his ability to produce outrageously good drawings outrageously quickly.

It was a wonderful time and it certainly whetted the appetite of many a budding artist in our school.

In the last week of school we enjoyed the company of all the District Schools at

our District Sports Day, held at the Yinnar Recreation Reserve.

The children all had the opportunity to throw, jump and run as far and as high and as far as they could. The weather looked threatening but turned out to be perfect with cloud cover and virtually no wind at all. Congratulations to all the other schools who attended and we look forward to having some fun with you again in a year or so.

Finally we held our Easter Fair on the last day of term. It seemed a little strange this year,

with Easter still more than two weeks away.

However the Junior School Council organised some fantastic, fun activities and all the children had a wonderful day. We started off with our traditional Egg Drop.

The JSC had written a stimulating design brief that had to be adhered to and challenged all our would be design geniuses. We had a fantastic turnout of parents and a lot of fun, as we sent over 80 wonderful designs hurtling towards the ground, hoping that the egg within wouldn't break. Whether it did or didn't wasn't

as important as the fun and effort in putting the craft together.

After recess we had our competitions and activities and the two hours that they ran seemed to go by in an instant. Chocolate and non-chocolate prizes were all appreciated and thanks to our parents for their very generous donations.

Most importantly we raised over \$700 for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. Well done to all!!!

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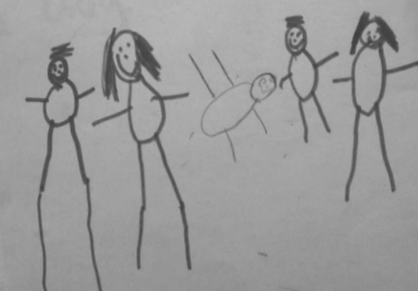
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Hazelwood North Primary School

Hazelwood North P.S. Prep children.
 The teachers of Hazelwood North Primary School are very proud of all the Prep children, who have worked very hard during Term 1, to learn and practise their writing skills. Most started the year only being able to write their names, but with their enthusiasm and determination to learn how to write, they have progressed significantly. With teacher support and guidance they are proud to share their recent Easter holiday thoughts with the community. Please enjoy.

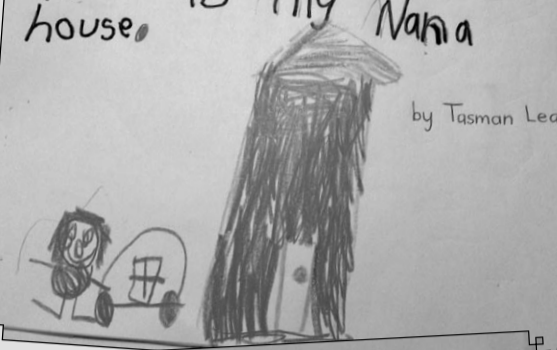
On the holidays I went to my Nana's house. I played with the dog.

by Archie




On the holidays I went to my Nana's house.

by Tasman Leah




On the holidays I went on a world trip. I went to a hotel and when it got dark I went to a restaurant.

by Lloyd



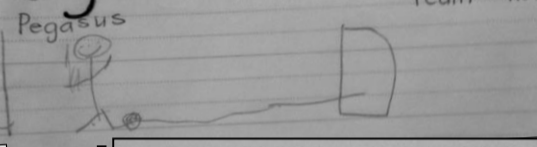
On the holidays I went to the Meds vale. I got two pink bunnies.

by Eliza



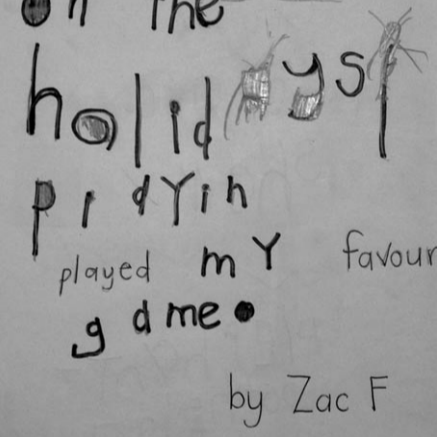
On the holidays I went to Soccer and I Versed Pe Ysus. mi mithnm team won.

Pegasus




On the holidays I played my favourite game.

by Zac F



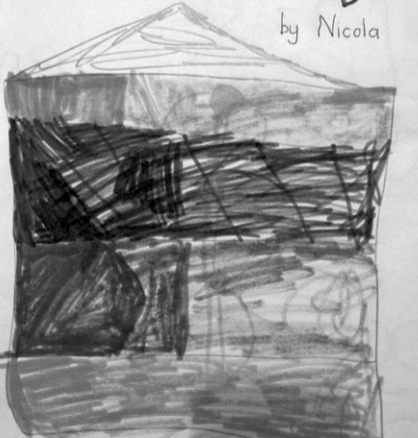
On the holidays I went to Losp Loches Port for Easter. We went fishing.

by Claire




On the holidays I went to the Swimming B pool.

by Nicola



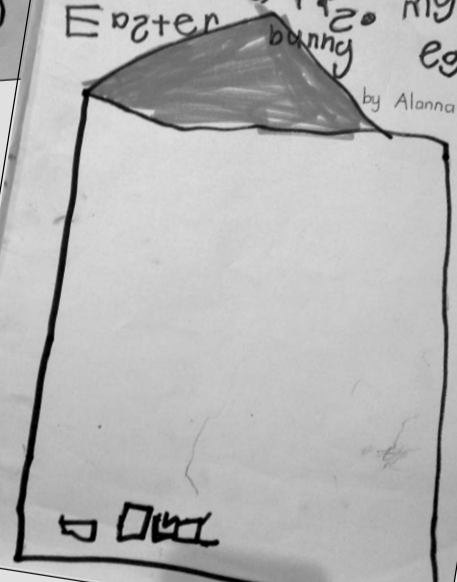
On the holidays I went to gran and pops house.

by Elsa




On the holidays I went to my Nana's house. I got a bunny egg.

by Alannah



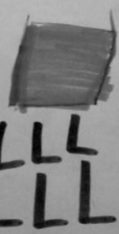
On the holidays I went to my Nanny and Poppo's. I loved it!

by Breanna




On the holidays I went to the movies. It was the Lego movie.

by Aaron



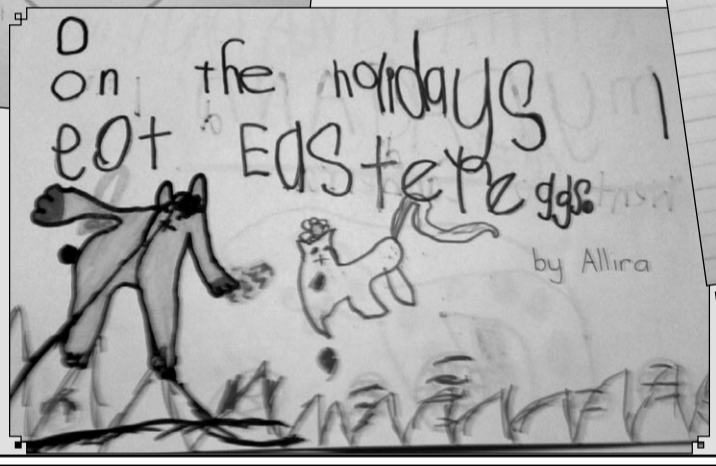
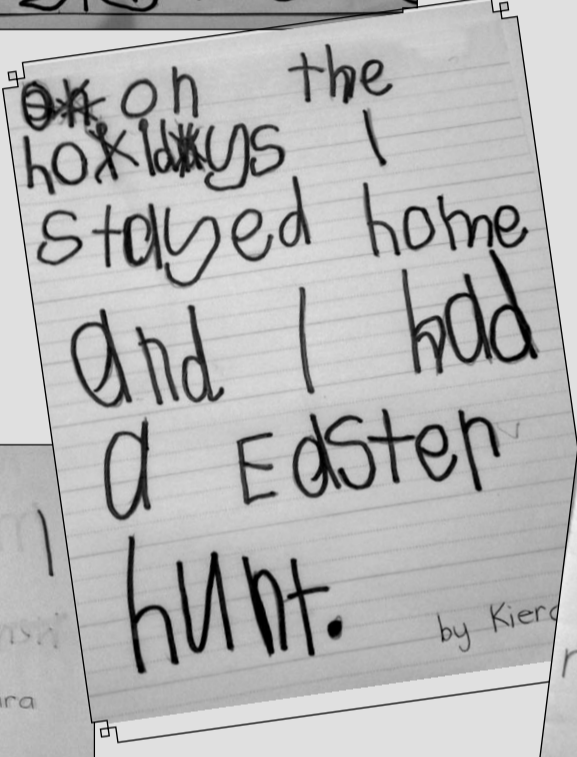
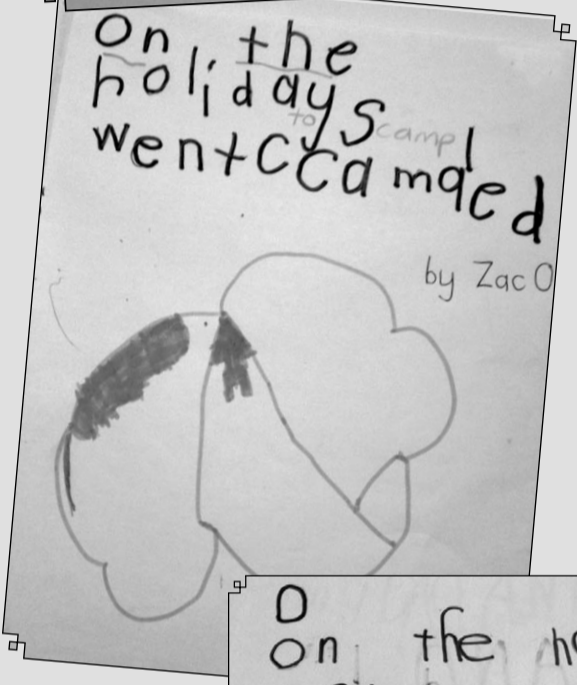
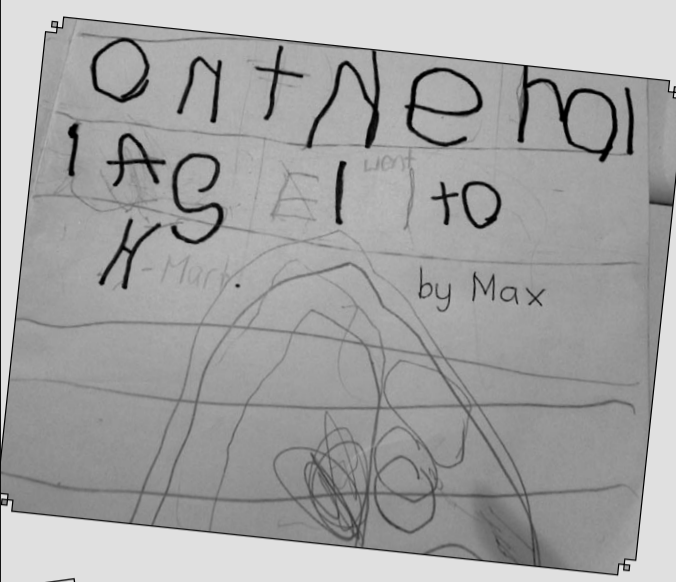
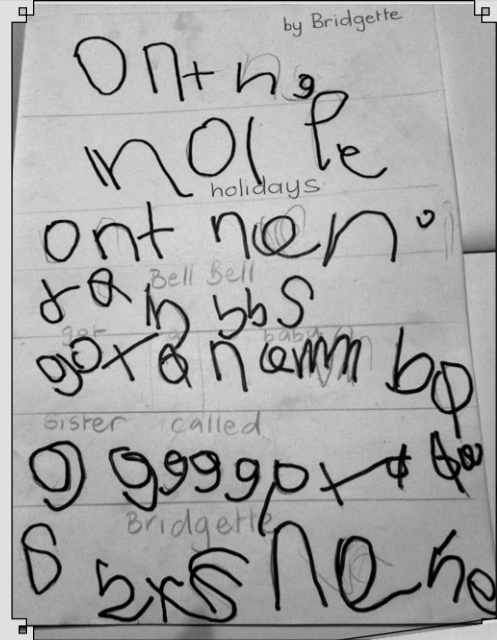
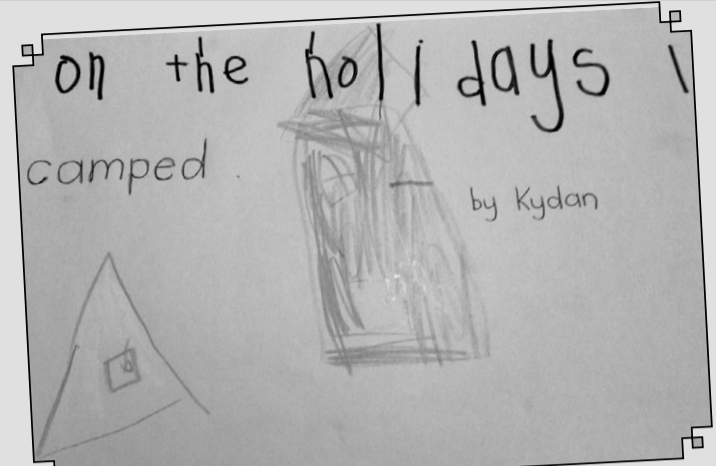
On the holidays I went to Porapunka it was fun.

by Logan



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Hazelwood North Primary School continued . . .



Yinnar South Primary School

Yinnar South Primary students are truly embracing the school logo. **Individual Focus, Global Perspective.** This term our whole school focus has been on Civics and Citizenship. The junior students have loved exploring ideas in this area in their newly created Investigations Space.

The seniors have been working on Individual Education Research Projects in a range of personal interest areas ranging from Levels of Government, Laws, States/Territories, Australia Day and Australian Emblems. As they finish their projects they are very proud of their personal achievements.

Katy (Principal) is off to China over the holidays to begin the process of establishing a sister school in conjunction with several other

local schools. Our students are very excited about being able to use their Mandarin skills to communicate with the school in the future. **RSL**

We were going for an excursion to the Morwell RSL. When the school bus got there we were excited, especially me.

Ted and Jeff (Returned Service) told us about the army and techniques that they use. They told us that they were in the Army and the Navy. They showed us some guns displayed on the walls and told us about them.

I felt very, very happy on the way home back to school. I really loved this excursion.

Travis. (Grade Three)
Wow! My school, Yinnar South is going

on an excursion. We are going to the Morwell R.S.L. on a bus. Everyone is wildly excited about the excursion.

When we got to the R.S.L everyone jumped off the bus excitedly. Ted is a member of the R.S.L. Ted showed us in and told us to sit near the screen because he was going to show us a movie.

Jeff, another R.S.L member talked about the movie. We asked questions. Most people asked more than one question but I didn't ask any questions because I was shy.

We watched some slideshows. There was so much information, I had to concentrate.

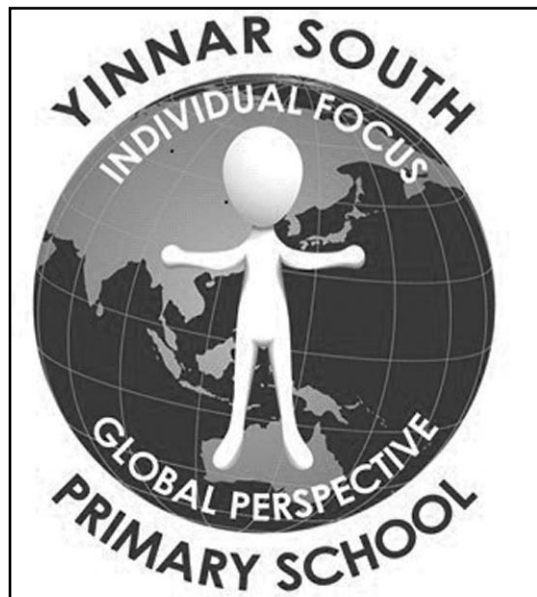
Ted took us on a tour around the R.S.L. He showed us some huge guns and some small guns.

He also showed us some large knives that were presented on the wall. He told us the names of the guns and knives.

We tried on some old Army uniforms. The uniforms were different colours. They were very big because they were adult clothes. We got a photo with the clothes on. There weren't enough uniforms for everyone, so some people held medals, hats or helmets.

Then it was time to go, but I wanted to stay longer. It was another 20 minutes to get back to school. Some of my school mates played 'I spy'. I was excited and I was amazed with all the information about the Peace Keeping Forces and what they do around the world.

Alyssa (Grade Five)



Latrobe Valley Hockey Association Round 3 April 26/27, 2014.



Above: Peter Stewart (Yallourn) takes the ball into the circle while Matt Wells (Churchill) prepares to tackle him.

Left: Luke Wilson (Yallourn) takes a free hit, watched by Sam Phoenix (Churchill).

Perfect conditions produced perfect hockey for round three of the LVHA home and away season. Players are beginning to run into form now and the quality of the games was very high.

Once again the competition is shaping up to be very close across all the grades with a good close season likely.

In women's A Grade, Rovers Thunder was too strong for an improving Churchill side and defeated them 5 - 0.

Goals were scored by Penny Kerr (2), Greta Tatchell and Dianne Olsen. Best players for Rovers were Bec Cheater, Jasmine Langstaff and Greta Tatchell. Nathalie Goodfellow, Rachel Wangman and Leanne Linn were Churchill's best players.

Unfortunately, Yallourn were forced to

forfeit their match against Traralgon Yellow.

In Women's B Grade, Rovers Lightning was too strong for Moe and defeated them

4 - 2 in a quality game. Goals for Rovers were scored by Ally Mitchell (3) and Cheryl White. Jared Cake scored twice for Moe. Best players for Rovers were Tye Hourigan, Ally Mitchell and Loretta Mitchell. Jenny Massey, Jared Cake and Kerren Cake were Moe's best on the day.

The second game was between Traralgon Blue and the Latrobe Development Team (LDT). Traralgon were too strong on this occasion and defeated LDT 4 - 0. Traralgon's goals were scored by Carly Gilbert (2), Zoe Treloar and Alice Ravenshall. Best for Traralgon were Carly Gilbert, Holly Stockdale and Michelle Quail. Ally Mitchell, Loretta

Mitchell and Leonie Barrett all played well for LDT. The men's competition remains tight with all sides capable of winning on the day.

The first game of the day was the grand final replay featuring Yallourn and Churchill. Churchill scored first at about the 15th minute with a penalty corner conversion scored by Dean White.

Yallourn replied about 10 minutes later after a drive from Chris Liddle was deflected into the goals by Andrew Read. A second goal from Churchill was disallowed after it had been struck from outside the circle so the teams went to the half time break locked up at 1 goal apiece.

The second half was well fought with both teams displaying a high level of skill. A goal in the 20th minute from Oliver Pritchard put

Yallourn ahead. Churchill was unable to reply, despite pushing hard in the dying stages of the match. The final score was a 2 - 1 victory to Yallourn. Best players for Yallourn were Luke Wilson, Oliver Pritchard and Chris Thompson. Best for Churchill were Mathew Wells, Dean White and Lachlan White.

The second men's game was played between an undermanned Moe side and Traralgon. Moe displayed their great skill and strength and were able to defeat an unlucky Traralgon side 4 - 2.

Goals for Moe were scored by Brendan Wynne (2), Kerren Cake and Ian Still. Zafar Iqbal scored twice for Traralgon. Best for Moe were Brendan Wynne, Paul Cake and Hew Graves. Traralgon's best were Harry Broad in goals, Zafar Iqbal and Marika Bagley.

Results LVHA Round 2 April 6 and 7, 2014

Women's A:

Traralgon Yellow 9 d Churchill 0

Goals:

Traralgon Yellow: Jo Wade (3), Marika Bezley (2), Callum Lipman (2), Sue Poole and Annie Broad.

Best Players:

Traralgon Yellow: Marika Bezley, Jo Wade and Sue Poole.

Churchill: L. Lawrence, A. Mitchell and E. Robertson.

Rovers Thunder 1 d Yallourn 0

Goals:

Rovers Thunder: Penny Kerr.

Best Players:

Rovers Thunder: Rebecca Cheater, Mandie Hourigan and Venus Bramell.

Yallourn: Louise Watson, Marion Vince and Melanie Tunks.

Women's B:

Traralgon Blue 1 d Moe 0

Goals:

Traralgon Blue: Holly Stockdale.

Best Players:

Traralgon Blue: Holly Stockdale, Susan Poole and Carly Gilbert.

Moe: Laura James, Jenny Massey and Nicole Walker.

Rovers Lightning 2 dw Latrobe

Development Team 2

Goals:

Rovers Lightning: Tye Hourigan and Isabella Tatchell.

LDT: Tanya Thompson and Rachel Wangman.

Best Players:

Rovers Lightning: Tye Hourigan, Leesa Tatchell and Isabella Tatchell.

LDT: Alice Stewart, Irhaam Zafar and Rachel Wangman.

Mens

Yallourn 12 d Traralgon 1

Goals:

Yallourn: Chris Liddle (4), Luke Wilson

(3), Hayden Wise (3) Oliver Pritchard and Kevin Arbuthnot.

Traralgon: Jarryd Wright.

Best players:

Yallourn: Chris Liddle, Hayden Wise and Guy Dawson.

Traralgon: Geoff Harris, Michael Johnstone and Zafar Iqbal.

Moe 2 d Churchill 0

Goals:

Moe: Callum Robertson-Duncan and Jordan Beal.

Best players:

Moe: Greg Wood, Brendan Wynne and Callum Robertson-Duncan.

Churchill: Mathew Wells, Falkert Janssen and Dean White

Churchill Bowls Club

The Churchill Bowls Club has started the construction of the new amenities extension at the club rooms. The new toilets and kitchen, when completed, will be at the same floor level making it easier to move around.

The construction and unveiling of the club's new synthetic green will coincide with Churchill's 50th anniversary in 2015. To celebrate both occasions the Bowls Club intends to conduct a massive recruitment

campaign including sausage sizzles and other entertainment. The winner of the clubs Easter raffle was J Takanen from Boolarra. The Club thanks all who purchased tickets and supported the club.

The Indoor Bowls Ladies team started their season on Monday, April 29, fielding three teams in the competition. If enthusiasm is any indication, they should give a good account of themselves this year.

Bridges Gippsland has come aboard and is generously supporting the ladies pennant team for 2014.

The support and assistance of Bridges and all sponsors is greatly appreciated by all members and patrons of the Bowls Club.

The Men will be representing the Churchill Bowls Club in the Traralgon District and Mirboo North lawn bowls winter competition. Under managers H Kennedy and V Hargreaves,

the hope for the season, starting in May, is to go better than last year where they just missed out on finals.

The Indoor Bowls sessions continue every Thursday night at the Churchill Bowls Club's clubrooms at the Gaskin Park hall. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the fun night. The cost is \$4 a person and a light supper is served. The games start at 7:30pm with the teams being selected at 7:15pm.

Mary Mitchell Day Golf



On Tuesday April 29, Churchill and Monash Golf Club ladies celebrated Mary Mitchell Day. Mary is the only lady Life Member of the Club. Her involvement has spanned many years from its first conception as a social club, through acceptance into the West Gippsland Association.

Mary's support of the Club and her encouragement of all players has been remarkable. Emily Leggo, a young and upcoming member won the Mary Mitchell Salver in the celebratory stableford game on Tuesday. The ladies presented Mary with flowers and she cut the special cake.

Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

5.4.14 4B.B.B. Winners; D, Byers and J. Thornby 48pts. Runners-up; I.Heppleston and G. Down. D.T.L.; B. Rowley and J. Welsh, D. Scurlock and R. Scurlock, T. Sterrick and W. Judkins. N.T.P 3rd G. Beyer, 12th. H. Martin, 14th W. Judkins

8.4.14 Foursomes Championships. Winners; D. Judkins (25) and M. Munckton (32) 67 1.2net. D.T.L. H. Croft (34) and E. Leggo (35) 72 net. D.T.L. E. D'Alterio (19) and V. Verheyen (25) 73net C/B. N.T.P. 12th J. Armstrong

12.4.14 Par. Winner; A grade 0-21 A. Sharrock (17) -2. B. Grade (22-36) Ch. Doyle (25) +3. D.T.L. T.Collins +1, J. Jeffery -2, B. Rowley -2, H. Speake -2. N.T.P. 3rd J. Ambrosini, 12th K. Hills, 14th B. Kilday

Ladies Winner M. Dear(16) -5

14.5.14 Ladies. Foursome Championships (Rd. 2). Winner : D. Judkins (25) and M. Munckton (32) 77.5 net. D.T.L. M. Dear (16) and A. Chapman (26) 85 net. .. H. Croft (34) and L. Casey (34) 89 net. Winners Overall Scratch; A. Chapman and M. Dear 200 gross. Winners overall H'cap; D. Judkins and M. Munckton 145 net. Runners-up Overall; A. Chapman and M.Dear 158 net. N.T.P. 3rd. K. Hills, 5th. R Golf.

18.4.14 Good Friday Cancer Care Day. Ladies Winner M. Munckton(32) 37pts. Runner-up J. Armstrong(45) 34 pts. N.T.P. 3rd. S. Caldwell, 5th. M. Dear, 14th. M. McConville. Mens Winner H. Speake (30) 38 pts. Runner-up P. Ludlow (20) 37 pts. N.T.P. 3rd. P. Smart, 12th. G. Harvey. \$405.00 donation to Cancer Care Latrobe Regional Hospital.

19.4.14 Stableford. Winner A. Grade 0-12. B. Kilday (18) 39pts. B. Grade 13-24 C. Green (22) 35pts. C/B. C. Grade 24-35 J. Barnes (25) 35pts. D.T.L. C. Doyle 34pts, T. Sterrick 34pts, A. Sharrock 34pts, H. Speake 33pts,C/B. R. Welsh 33pts C/B. . Walsh, 12th D. Caldwell, 14th B. Rowley

26.4.14 Monthly Medal. A. Grade (0-12) T. Gabbett (10) 73 C/B. B. Grade (19-25) C. Doyle (23) 67 C. Grade (26-32) P. Jordan (26) 74. D.T.L. J. Jeffery 70, R. Dent 73, P. Ludlow 75, G. Beyer 75, C. Cumming, J. Ambrosini 76 R. Welsh 76. N.T.P. 3rd A. Casey, 12th H. Martin, 5th G. Beyer, 14th R. Dent

Medal C. Doyle 67, Scratch D. Scurlock. Count Putts I.Heppleston 27. Lady winner M. Dear (16) 73.

29.4.14. Mary Mitchell Day (stableford). Winner E. Leggo (38) 34pts. D.T.L. V. Verheyen (25) 32 pts, J. Blizzard (28) 32 pts. N.T.P. 5th E. Leggo, 12th L. Peake, 14th L. Peake.

SPORT

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

Churchill Junior Basketball Under 12 Girls Victorian Country Division 4 Champions



On April 11,12 and 13, the Churchill under 12 boys and girls were involved in the Vic Country Future stars (U/12) Championships co-held in Traralgon and Churchill. There were 32 boys and 30 girls teams from across country Victoria competing. Teams came from as far as Mildura, Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong, Warrnambool, Colac, Shepparton, Horsham, Hamilton as well as teams from across Gippsland.

Friday and Saturday were grading games to place teams into their divisions. After the 2 days our boys' team had won 3 and lost 3 - made division 3, while the girls lost to some tough teams and ended up in division 4.

The under 12 boys lost their quarter final on a last second shot to Yarrawonga, who went on to take out the division 3 title.

With the girls winning their quarter and semi-finals on Sunday morning, they went on to play Hamilton in the grand final. With a great first half the girls led 12 to 2. They were able to hold Hamilton even in the second half, to run out 9 point winners and were crowned Division 4 champions, which was

a fantastic effort.

Team members were Jessica Hoghton, Alanah Shankland, Chloe McCulloch, Monai Porykali, Kiarna Cluderay, Bethany Blakely, Molly Sawyer, Lily Rose Williamson, Jasmine Croft, Amy Hutchinson

Coach Andrew Tomkins

Under 12 Boys

Friday 11/04/14 Churchill 22 Lt Geelong 79, Churchill 41 def Sale 38, Churchill 36 Lt Warrnambool 46. Saturday 12/04/14 Churchill 39 Lt Western Port 45, Churchill 49 Def Morwell 17. Churchill 55 Def Wallan 47. Sunday 13/04/14 Quarter final Division 3 Churchill 45 Lt Yarrawonga 47,

Under 12 Girls

Friday 11/04/14 Churchill 5 Lt Maffra 40, Churchill 19 Lt Shepparton 33, Churchill 12 Lt Swan Hill 34. Saturday 12/04/14 Churchill 15 Lt Bellarine 28, Churchill 10 Lt Portland 27. Sunday 13/04/14 Quarter Final Division 4 Churchill 30 Def Kyneton 19, Semi Final Division 4 Churchill 29 Def Echuca 19. Grand Final Division 4 Churchill 28 Def Hamilton 19.

Future Stars Basketball Tournament returns for a second successful year.

Over the school holidays Latrobe Leisure was proud to be one of several host venues for the 2014 Basketball Victoria Country's Future Stars tournament. Hosted by the Traralgon Amateur Basketball Association, the event was played across multiple venues including both the Latrobe Leisure Traralgon Sports Stadium and Latrobe Leisure Churchill. The Latrobe Leisure venues were on display to visitors from across the state with a number of teams travelling

considerable distances to participate, as well as many teams from across Gippsland. This was the second time that Latrobe Leisure has been a host venue for a major basketball event since being highlighted in 2012 with the FIBA Oceania Youth Championships.

The event was made possible through the strong working relationships with the venues, the local Basketball Associations and Basketball Victoria.

The event also provided the local

Churchill Junior Basketball Association with an opportunity to raise some much needed funds through a BBQ at Latrobe Leisure Churchill for the duration of the event. The local community also benefited strongly with a large number of the 66 teams staying for the three day tournament locally, as well as helping the local economy with their daily spend in the towns.



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Successful Tennis Come and Try



Forty-four young people took advantage of the popular Tennis Come and Try offered by the Churchill Tennis Club, in association with Churchill and District News.

The day was organised into two sections with 9am-11am being for beginners and 11.30am-3pm being for those of more experience. Ages ranged from 7-16 years.

The beginners group consisted of children who had no previous experience, to some who had played previously but who also came to pick up some coaching and extra skills. Some even played a game. Sally Kirstine, who is the President of the Churchill Tennis Club, is also a tennis coach and has marvellous organisation and teaching skills and a lovely manner with the participants.

With Sally's skills, near perfect weather and the Lions Club of Churchill to provide and cook the BBQ and supply



drinks, a great day was had. At the end of each section, scores were added and prizes given. Prizes included things like medals, wrist bands, caps and towels from tennis Hot Shots and Tennis Victoria. Each participant went home with a memento of the day.

In presenting the prizes, Sally thanked the Churchill and District News members for their support and promotion of the event. She remarked at what great value the day was at just \$2 for the tennis and food. Thanks were also extended to those who helped on the day- Erin White, Carol Scott, Leslie Spittall, Liam Rhimes, Hunter Eenjes, Ben McCormick and Ruth Place.

Prizes awarded were:

Beginners (3 sections):-

1. Equal first Mackinley Eenjes and Lincoln Pead

Runners Up Tianna McLure and Hannah Buckton

2. Griffin McLure 1st and James Wirken Runner Up

3. Tara Bosch 1st and Jeremy Courtis Runner Up

Competition (4 sections)

1. Conner Kennedy 1st and Macey Austin Runner Up

2. Jayden McCormick 1st and Matthew Courtis Runner Up.

3. Dash Hanratty 1st and Liam Rhimes Runner Up

4. Stephen Darvill 1st and Nicholas Duck Runner Up