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## Junior Fishing at Lake Hyland



Churchill and District News Junior Fishing Competition saw 72 young anglers register to fish in Lake Hyland at Mathison Park on November 8, from 9am to 3pm on a hot, fine day.

Unfortunately, the fish were not co-operative and only three fish were caught in the first half hour. Only three fish for the entire day! We did however, have a great collection of twigs and sticks caught.

Despite the lack of fish caught, many families stayed all day, and enjoyed the

beautiful, peaceful surroundings of the lake and park after setting up shade areas to fully enjoy the day.

We wish to thank our sponsors and supporters without whom we would not be able to run this event at such a low cost to participants.

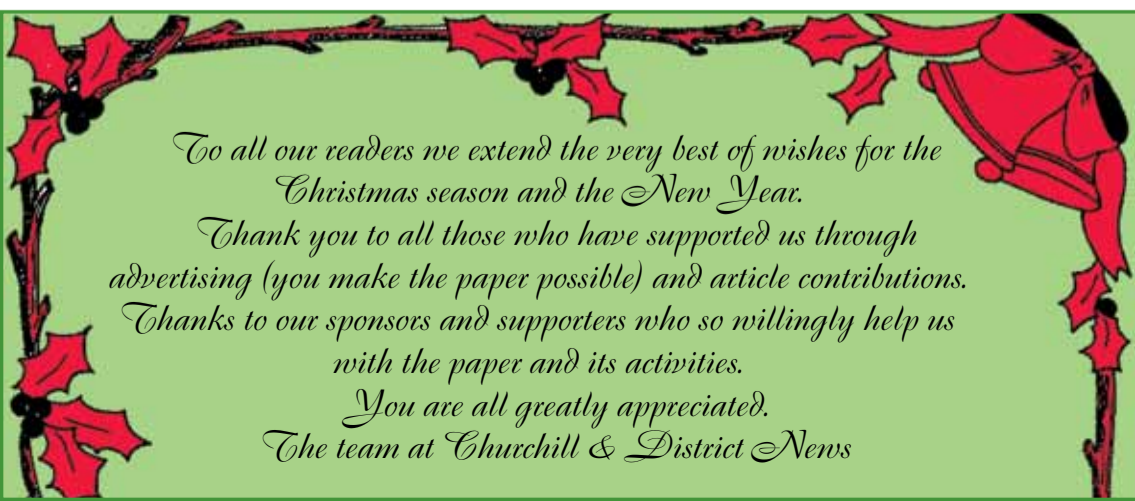
Each year GDF - Suez Hazelwood Power and Latrobe City Council contribute dollars to pay for costs such as Red Cross, prizes and administration costs. Latrobe City Council also supplies walkie talkies, witches hats

and barriers, plus safety vests. We are indeed grateful for this ongoing sponsorship and how it helps us to provide the Junior Fishing Competition each year, enabling us to run a safe and happy event.

The Department of Environment and Primary Industries had stocked the lake the previous Tuesday, so there were plenty of fish to catch. Some experienced fishers said that because the weather was so hot the fish had gone to the bottom where it was cooler. We also had Mick and his education trailer on site.

Mick was very happy to give out information and help with fishing needs. Our thanks goes to Mick and DEPI for that commitment each year. All children who registered for only \$2 were supplied with a sausage in bread, with onion if desired plus a drink. Thanks go to the Lions for their willing annual sponsorship of this event, and our other activities. Their support is invaluable.

Peter Gray of AMPWORKS was our MC for the day. Each year he donates his time and *Continued Page 2 . . .*



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# Junior Fishing Competition 2014



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# ... took it Hook,



## Disappointing catch

From Page 1 . . . equipment. Peter enjoys being our MC each year. He also acted as caller and presenter of prizes. Thanks Peter.

ProRent donates the cost of hiring a toilet each year. They also deliver and collect the toilet for no cost. This is a marvellous saving to our budget which enables us to host this event. Thank you to the team at ProRent. Your generosity is appreciated by the competitors and families.

Each year we supply a showbag of goodies for every competitor. Gippsland Water was very generous in providing contents items which were happily delivered to our office by Gerard Callinan. DEPI Fisheries, Latrobe Catchment Landcare, Water Watch, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, who provided the

bags, all contributed as well. Thanks all, for your special support in this provision.

A letterbox drop in Churchill and to local schools etc of an information leaflet is made possible by the generosity of Gippsland Trade Printers, right here in Churchill, for the printing, free of charge. Delivery was done by the Churchill Scouts. Thanks to GTP and Churchill Scouts for this mammoth task.

Tackle World in Morwell was very generous with provision of some prizes at discount prices, which meant we had lots of door prizes to distribute.

Valley Trophy Centre again, provided the medals for the first, second and third prize winners in each age group.

Gippsland Trades and Labour Council supported us with photocopying of tickets, meal vouchers and volunteer booklets. This

is of great help.

Mathison Park Development Committee ensures the park is mowed, tree roots are sprayed and the area is cleaned and tidy. Thank you committee members for that preparation effort, which makes our job so much easier.

The Co-Operating Churches supply tables and chairs for the volunteers as well as their encouragement.

Thank you too to Barry and Thelma Hicks who love to attend and help with the day, either helping inexperienced anglers prepare a rod, rescue a snagged line or help with weigh-in. It is always lovely to have their cheerful smiles and helpful ways.

### The winners

Overall Winner: Tytan Hinkly Category 4 – 8 He caught a 1kg carp.

Category in 4-8: First – Tytan Hinkly – caught 1 kg carp. Second – Leeton Hili – caught a 266 grams rainbow trout.

Third – Erik Hili – caught a rainbow trout 156 grams

Mystery weight for the day was 172 grams. Winner was Erik Hili being the closest with a rainbow trout at 156 grams.

Most unusual catch this year was a pair of underpants, which were caught by Lily Booth!

A huge thank you goes to the wonderful Churchill and District News team and volunteers, for their dedication and hard work to organise and provide this event for young anglers, and for their commitment to being there early for the day to set up, run and clear up at the close, then do all the follow-up required.

# Churchill Service Memorial



Some time ago CDCA commissioned a sculpture to be used as a Service Memorial to commemorate the fallen that have died in service of our community and country. Traditional memorials usually commemorate Armed Services personnel, but CDCA was of the opinion that a more inclusive view which included Emergency Services personnel, such as CFA, SES and Police, could be incorporated into the Churchill Memorial.

Boolarra artist, Paul Jesse, who is accomplished in Ferro-Cement sculpture techniques, was commissioned to create a memorial that would cause people to reflect on the meaning of 'service' and 'sacrifice'.

The following is a description of the Churchill Service Memorial



Churchill Service Memorial – Sculpture by Paul Jesse

Sculpture written by the sculptor, Paul Jesse.

“My sculpture is different from most War Memorial sculptures because it uses as its basis the reasons why people go into service or to war. One side of the sculpture is colourful and optimistic; its theme is home, family, community and the future.

These themes are crafted by flow lines which are connected to the other side of the sculpture through the round hole and the Crosspiece. These lines can be seen as a multi-layered connection between the sides. On the “dark” side of the sculpture, the lines begin with a spiral of coloured mosaics. This spiral is representative of our service people. Its beginning can be seen on one level as their soul. The spiralling mosaics of them flow to the other side of the sculpture where they create the landscape and figures.

These lines can also be seen as a range of connectors between the two sides, representing a flow of thoughts, love, fear, concern and dreams. They also represent physical communication such as letters and phone calls.”

This ‘Service Memorial’ will be located in the Churchill Plaza (adjacent to the Town Hall), along with four flagpoles, seating and garden beds. A plinth will be constructed to mount the sculpture on.

The Churchill Service Memorial has deliberately been designed as a thought-provoking public art work. It will complement the Art and Culture Pathway which links Switchback Gallery at the University Campus to the Town Centre. When it is erected on site, we hope Churchill citizens will pause to view the Memorial, ponder its meaning, reflect on the service of others and

commemorate the fallen.

CDCA is pleased to announce that an artist has been engaged for a further public art project at the Monash Way pedestrian underpass. The aim of this project is to create a bright, friendly and inviting space at the underpass, which residents have previously described as dirty, dull, out-dated and unsafe.

CDCA is facilitating a community consultation session with the artist, Doyle, on Tuesday December 23, at 4pm in Studio 1 at the Churchill Town Hall (Philip Parade entrance). This will be an opportunity to meet the artist and discuss the project. Designs for a mural at the underpass will be prepared early in the new year and the project is expected to be completed by April 2015.

CDCA’s final meeting for 2014 was held last month. Guest speaker, Ben Leigh, CEO of Latrobe Community Health Services, provided the background to the redevelopment proposed for the Churchill site, and presented the concept plans, including floor plans for the ground and upper levels and a representation of the building’s Philip Parade facade.

The redevelopment, presuming it gains full funding, will be quite an imposing building, with two storeys and an extension to the southern side. The Latrobe Valley University Training and Dental Prosthetics Laboratory, to be built on the second level, will provide additional job opportunities in Churchill, along with further training opportunities for TAFE and University students.

CDCA can be contacted at PO Box 191, Churchill or by emailing info@cdca.org.au. We will be taking a break over summer and will next meet on Tuesday February 17, at 5.30pm in the Board Room at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre in McDonald Way, Churchill.

## Rainfall for November

By Bruce Stephenson

The November rainfall in Churchill was 56.5 mil, this brings the total rainfall for Churchill to 590 mil for 2014 to date.



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# Darrell White

## Town Centre Works - Northern Car Park

Merry Christmas  
and  
a Safe and Prosperous New Year



Churchill & District Community Association wishes all residents,

their families and friends

a safe and joyous festive season.

Next CDCA meeting:

5.30pm Tuesday,  
February 17, 2015  
in the Board Room  
at The Gippsland  
Enterprise Centre,  
McDonald Way,  
Churchill.



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The realignment of Georgina Place and reconstruction of the northern car park have finally taken shape.

As I have written in past columns, the works have taken longer than anticipated, largely as a result of the delays in resolution of legal issues around land exchanges, and the need to reconstruct streets and car parks in relatively small stages.

There has been disruption, and I thank all the landowners, traders and customers of the Centre for their cooperation and patience.

The aim of the plan and the works has been to substantially improve the safety, accessibility, amenity and attractiveness of the Town Centre.

The aim is for the Town Centre to be pedestrian-friendly with slow traffic, aiming to increase the numbers coming to the Centre and spending more time in it.

In the longer term, the vision is for a more dynamic Centre with plenty of activity for longer hours.

Following the completion of works along West Place near the service station, there will be a period of little construction activity later in December (to avoid disruptions to Christmas trading), and early in January while the construction industry break occurs.

The final works will involve completion of a new car parking area along West Place, while some additional works will be carried out by the landowners within the car parks either side of Georgina Place.

### Town Hall Plaza and Pathway

The use of Churchill Town Hall as a Polling Booth for the State election on November 29, provided an initial use of the reconstructed entry to the top level of the Town Hall.

The stairway from Marina Drive, wheelchair access along the western side of the Town Hall and the gathering area near the entry all worked



effectively on the day.

Works on the pathway and lower plaza area are progressing.

Three new public lights and four flagpoles are expected to be installed before Christmas.

An additional footpath along Georgina Place, landscaping and erection of Churchill District Community Association's "Service Memorial" will complete the works.

### Balfour Place Reconstruction

The reconstruction of Balfour Place will take place after Georgina Place has been fully re-opened.

Submission of tenders for the reconstruction closed in November 2014, and a Council decision on the successful tenderer is expected in February 2015.

Construction is currently being planned to commence in about March 2015.

### Christmas/New Year

With Christmas almost here, I wish to extend to everyone a very safe, relaxing and joyous Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

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# Christmas Cheer for Churchill



Churchill Newsagency is again helping to celebrate Christmas this year by having a fun couple of hours on Saturday December 20, between 10 and 12 noon. The children will have the opportunity to meet and chat with Santa and tell him what they would

like for Christmas this year.

While they are waiting to see this jolly, white-bearded fellow they can have their face painted.

Come on down and say hello to the happy crew and join in the Christmas cheer at the Newsagency.

## Holiday care for potted plants

Before leaving, water pot plants by immersing them in water enriched with seaweed or kelp extract. Soak in a deep bucket or laundry tub for 10 minutes.

Bury outdoor plants in pots (under 15cm in diameter) in a shaded part of the garden. Plunging them into garden soil will reduce their water use by 60%.

Silica gel (water crystals) can help potted plants stay hydrated longer. Use a stick to push a few holes into surface and insert some gel into the holes then fill holes with potting mix. Don't spread gel on the surface. This holds water on the top so moisture can't reach the plant roots. These gels expand when wet so use sparingly and soak thoroughly before you leave.

Plug the bath and line it with a plastic sheet. Put a few layers of newspaper on sheet and place plants on top. Put in 3 to 4 cms of water and make sure the tap is not dripping or you could come home to a flood.

If you are only going for a few days pierce a small hole in the lid of a plastic drink bottle, fill bottle with water and bury the neck down a few centimetres into the soil. The water will slowly trickle out.

If you don't have any shaded spots to put your plants (eg. apartment balcony) erect a tepee with 50% shadecloth around pots. Make sure it's secure enough not to blow over in the wind. This will reduce evaporation by 50% to 60%. This is a good solution for large containers that are difficult to move.

There are simple battery-operated 7-day watering timers you can add to your drippers or weeping hoses. These systems can run over pots and garden beds. There are also electronic programmable types.

Information sourced from Gardening Australia Magazine (December 2002) Written by Sheina Renton.

The Churchill Community Garden member's wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy 2015.



If you wish to join us in establishing a community garden at the "Hub" (Churchill Neighbourhood House) please email us on [churchillcommunitygarden@outlook.com](mailto:churchillcommunitygarden@outlook.com). or contact Cathy 0400 633 335.



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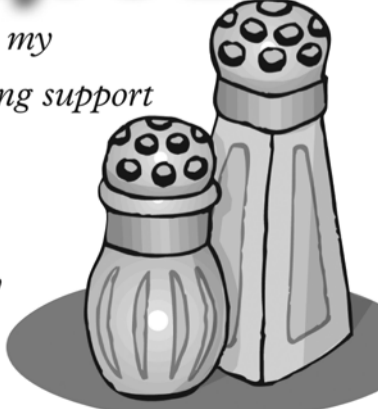
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**Monash Way Pedestrian Underpass, Churchill**

**Public Art Project** *Community Consultation*

4-5pm, Tuesday, December 23, 2014  
Studio 1, Churchill Hub Precinct  
(Lwr Floor of Town Hall), Philip Pde

*Meet the Artist, 'Doyle', engaged for project design and artwork to be undertaken at the pedestrian underpass in 2015*

Consultation Forum will include:

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- Opportunity for residents to express ideas

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# Church News

## Vale Bishop Jeremiah Coffey

Lumen Christi parishioners and long standing residents of Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra were saddened at the recent passing of Emeritus Bishop and former parish Priest, Jeremiah Coffey.

Bishop Coffey passed away on November 19, at the age of 81 after suffering a stroke a week earlier.

He was well-known and much loved through Gippsland and especially among the Catholic community.

After being ordained in 1958 in Ireland, he came to Australia and the Diocese of Sale the following year. He served in many parishes through Gippsland including Yallourn, prior to coming to Churchill.

As the first Parish Priest to reside in Churchill, he was responsible for setting up a new parish in 1977 embracing Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar and naming it Lumen Christi Parish which means "Light of Christ". He believed that this was appropriate as this area was the source of light and power for the rest of Victoria.

As a relatively young priest, Father Coffey faced many challenges in those days in building a new school and church, and establishing a new spirit of community among the many new families

who settled in the town. To assist in this process he invited the Josephite Sisters, founded by Saint Mary McKillop, to establish a work force of four nuns in Churchill, teaching in the school and providing pastoral guidance and leadership among parishioners.

He spent 10 years building up the Lumen Christi Parish and became a well-known and hard-working member of the local community. His great perception of issues, his humble and friendly demeanour and his dry wit endeared him to many people, including those outside his own parish.

After ten years, Father Coffey left Churchill and took up the role of Rector at Corpus Christi Seminary, where he was responsible for the training of priests for Victorian dioceses. In 1989 he was appointed the seventh Bishop of Sale and served in that role until his retirement in 2008. Until his death he had been living in a nursing home at Bairnsdale.

Jeremiah Coffey made a very significant contribution to the Lumen Christi Parish and the community of Churchill, and his legacy will not be forgotten among his people.

May he rest in peace.



## Co-Operating Church Snippets

### Clearance Sale

The month began with a Clearance Sale conducted by Community Life Panel with help from many congregational members. A good amount was raised despite the adverse weather. Thank you to all

who helped, and for our clown who was a hit with the children. Members of the Churchill Community Garden came and held a stall. They raised some funds with sales and had two new members sign up.

### Taize Service

A wonderful, moving Taize service was held at Lumen Christi. The Lavalla Catholic College Senior Choir led the chant singing. One of the chants was sung in the Gunnai language. Intercessions time was accompanied by chants quietly in the background as points about which to pray were read out. People were invited to come and place a rose petal in the bowl of water if the prayer had special meaning or significance to them, or



someone they knew. The Grade 3-6 students from Lumen Christi School were present and it was lovely to see how they listened and joined in when the points were applicable to them. Included in this deeply meaningful service were Bible readings, prayers and the offering of a sign of peace to each other.

### Carer's Morning Tea

To support our Elders, a group of carers takes responsibility for watching over a small number each of members of the congregation. They keep in touch by phone, a visit or seeing them at church, but importantly are there in times of trouble. To say thank you to this group, the Elders and Reverend Brenda held a special morning tea to express their thanks.

The food was delicious and there was some sharing of ideas for future get-togethers for training.

### Bible Study

The series of Bible studies based on Jeremiah were completed this month. The ideas expressed were very open and forthright. The challenges of the study were seeds which need nurturing to grow and bear fruit.

### Coffee Connections

Coffee Connections was a time to remember when. As a lot of attendees are well

over 70, it was a very interesting time looking at old equipment, books about older times and sharing memories. The time passed very quickly and it would seem this topic could be revisited with ease.

### Bill and the Boys and Girls

At Boolarra, following a BBQ tea, Bill Armstrong and his relatives and friends supplied a wonderful evening of musical entertainment. The talent among that group is amazing, and it is very evident that they really enjoy playing together.

The Junior Youth Group breakup was held at the Morwell Gymnastics Academy.

### Anglicare Christmas Hampers:

Boxes were generously filled with food and toys for distribution to families through Anglicare.

### Saturday Breakfast

The final Breakfast for the year was held on November 22 and it was a DIY Breakfast where

attendees were asked to bring along some good clean jokes, funny stories or incidents, the idea being we finish the year with a good laugh!

### Christmas Club.

The Grade 1-4 children from Churchill Primary School enjoyed two weeks visiting our church to hear the Christmas story delivered as a puppet play, followed by doing craft activities.

The puppet play was a great hit, leaving the children asking for more.

### Churches of Christ Service

Our month of interesting and challenging services was complete with George Telford doing a Churches of Christ communion for us, and the Boolarra/Yinnar people having their service at the beautiful little church of Holy Innocents at Yinnar South.

Julie ran a Postie party afternoon at her place to raise funds for our church sponsored foster child.

A goodly amount of money was raised. Thank you to all who attended.



## Church Times

### Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Rev. Brenda Burney  
Willams Avenue,  
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Tel: 5122 1480

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

### Lumen Christi Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill  
Tel: 5122 2226  
Father Francis/Father Antony  
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  
UCA. HC

Week 4 - 11am at  
Uniting Church Yinnar  
UCA Service of the Word  
Week 5 - 11am at  
Yinnar South Anglican H C



**Churchill Christian Fellowship**  
Maple Crescent, Churchill  
Sunday: 10.00am

## Church Christmas Service Times

### Lumen Christi

The Mass times are as follows:  
Christmas Eve: Mass at 8.00pm  
at Lumen Christi  
Christmas Day: Mass  
at 9.00am at Lumen Christi  
(Note: There won't be Christmas Masses  
at Yinnar or Boolarra)

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

Christmas Eve, crib service Churchill  
6.30pm, Boolarra 8.30pm.  
Christmas Day 9am at Churchill and  
9.30am at Yinnar.

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**Lumen Christi Parish - Tamboritha weekend**  
 Members of Lumen Christi and Morwell Parishes were invited to a men's weekend at Tamboritha in the high country.  
 Eight members attended the retreat and reflection weekend. Activities included walking, exploring the

local area, group discussion and time for reflection and meditation.  
 The weekend is catered for by the senior members of the parish and no-one goes home hungry. Tamboritha has been a parish men's activity for many years and has been well attended over time.

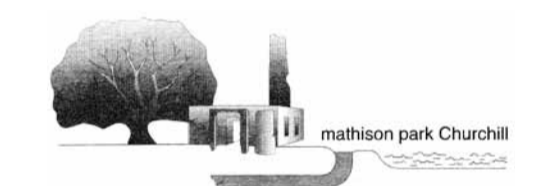
## Saturday Breakfast

The last Breakfast for this year was held on November 22, and there was no guest speaker. Each person attending was asked to bring along some of their favourite jokes, funny stories or humorous incidents. There was quite a variety and a good laugh was enjoyed by all.  
 The next Breakfast will be held on February 28, 2015 at 7.45am at the Co-Operating Parish Church, Williams Avenue. The guest speakers will be Ros Jackson and Milton Sheilds who recently visited Uganda with Wise Choices for Life.

Wise Choices for Life is a ministry set up to empower vulnerable Ugandan men and women in the child bearing age group, with the knowledge and skills to break the poverty cycle. Targeting young adults first, the training in reproductive health challenges the world view of many that large families produce strength. Replacing this with children by choice not chance.  
 People wishing to attend should contact Keith Enders by Thursday February 26, on 5122 1148 or at ken.15967@bigpond.com

## Mathison Park

Six fantastic volunteers - Max, Chris, Faye, David, Paul, Ruth - turned up for the last working bee. We had 100 trees left out of 550 to plant, which we had received as our share from the 70,000 trees allotted to Latrobe City Council, being a fire affected area.  
 It took nearly all morning to plant them, but there was a great sense of satisfaction in the effort expended.  
 Thanks to Chris who went home and filled lots of containers so we could water them in.  
 Morning tea, provided again by Faye, was welcomed after our efforts. It was also a chance to interact socially. It is great being a volunteer in Mathison Park.



Latrobe City Council also, for the community grant.  
 Please note - horses are not to be ridden on the gravel paths as they churn them up.  
 Our next working bee will be on December 20 from 9am - 1pm. We would welcome lots of help as we have trees to plant, and many fallen trees and branches to clear up. Phone Ruth on 5122 1961 for more information.

After we finished we were able to remove a scraggly tree in our new planting area on the east side of the lake.

The continuation of the new pathway behind the toilet block past the fishing platform to the rotunda is complete and is a wonderful addition to our walking paths.  
 Thanks to Allan and Angus for another great job.  
 On December 4 the park volunteers were treated to dinner at the Churchill Hotel by Latrobe City Council, in recognition of their hard work and dedication over the year. Thank you Latrobe City Council. Thank you to



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It is a good idea to have a plan that your family can work with in case of an emergency.  
 Put together an emergency kit consisting of food items, a battery radio, a folder with wills, passports, insurance papers and other important identification items.

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# Defacing Churchill's artistic assets



Some attention-seeking, thoughtless people are defacing some of Churchill's unique artistic assets according to Project Manager of Churchill's Art and Culture Pathway, Mike Answerth.

"Through the development of the Art and Culture Pathway we have been able to create special art features in Churchill, which not only capture the history and life of the town but have the potential to attract visitors", he said.

"For more than a year these features have remained untouched and provided a unique example of community commitment to public art and the skills of those involved.

Unfortunately, recent acts of graffiti vandalism to the Shopping Centre mural in Philip Parade and the skate park portrait of bush fire victim, Nathan Charles, have marred the good work of artists and students who participated in the project".

Mr Answerth said that the defacing of the image of Nathan Charles was particularly disappointing, given the fact that the young users of the skate park had requested a tribute to the young BMX champion who had greatly enjoyed using the park, but tragically lost his life in the bushfires on Black Saturday. His family, who regularly visit the park, were particularly upset by the graffiti on Nathan's image.

Graffiti on private and public property is an offence and Churchill police are investigating these matters. Anyone with information relating to these incidents should contact the Churchill Police Station.



## Commemorative Postmark for Churchill

2015 is Churchill's 50th Jubilee. In January 1965 the British World War II Prime Minister died. The Postmaster General's Department issued a five pence postage stamp in May 1965 to commemorate Sir Winston Churchill.

Bruce McMaster, President of the Morwell Historical Society has announced that Australia Post will use a commemorative postmark at the Churchill Post Office during 2015. Letters and packages at Churchill will be postmarked with an image featuring the British Prime Minister.

Mr McMaster stated that "the Hazelwood Joint Planning Committee 1963 identified land for the proposed town of Hazelwood. Before the first house had been constructed, Sir Winston Churchill passed away and the Minister for Housing, Lindsay Thompson was determined that the new town be named Churchill to commemorate the British Prime Minister. The naming of the town resulted in considerable controversy as many of the local residents were adamant the planned town should be named Hazelwood".

Mr McMaster added "the proclamation to name the

town Churchill was signed by Reg Lord, Secretary of the Shire of Morwell on March 15, 1965.

The President of the Morwell Historical Society stated "the Society was pleased with Australia Post commemorating Churchill's 50th Jubilee with a special postmark as it commemorated an historical event for the town and will promote throughout the wider community, the 50th anniversary of Churchill.

Churchill's 50th Jubilee will be of interest to Latrobe City residents and the commemorative postmark will be of interest to philatelists".



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# Looking Back . . .

## Feature Celebrating with a series of

### *The following items are taken from the* **Guiding in Churchill**

By Zelma Mildenhall - Kangaroo  
 Presently, Churchill and District has six active Guide units. Three Brownie Units for girls 7-10 years old, two Guide units for girls 10-14 years old and one Ranger Guide unit for girls 14-18 years old. There are a total of 90 girls involved.

The first Guide in the area was Lorraine Glazebrook (nee Porter). She was a Lone Guide, a special branch of Guiding open to girls who are unable to attend regular Unit meetings: their guide activities are usually posted to them and answered the same way. Her enthusiasm and interest in guiding activities intrigued the other girls at Hazelwood North Primary School.

Interest grew and in 1957 the 1st Hazelwood Guide Company was formed with nine girls and Mrs Bessie Porter, Lorraine's mother, as Captain with Miss Joan Moody as Lieutenant.

The younger girls wanted to join in the fun of Guiding, so Mrs Lurline Mildenhall and Mrs Betty McInnes were approached and persuaded to become Brownie Leaders. The 1st Hazelwood Brownies started with 10 girls in 1958.

Guiding, like all youth movements, cannot function without the support of parents - previously known as the Local Association. Our Support Group was formed in 1958. The first office bearers were Mrs Rita Woolacott - President, Mrs Jessie Clarke - Vice President, Mrs Mavis Maxwell - Treasurer and Mrs Mary Cranwell - Badge Secretary.

After Churchill township was established it was necessary to form new Units to accommodate the influx of girls. 1st Churchill Brownies was formed in 1968 with Mrs Cynthia Caldwell as Brown Owl. The 1st Churchill Guide Unit was formed a year later in 1969 with Miss Roslyn (Lyn) Grassie as its Captain. The town continued to grow and in 1975 saw the start of the 2nd Churchill Brownie Unit, with Mrs Babs Walker and Mrs Joy Freeman as its leaders.

In April 1978, the Ranger Guide Unit was formed with six girls and Miss Val Webster as Leader, Mrs Ann Van Rhine and Miss Wendy Haustorfer were to be the next Leaders. After Wendy and Ann left Mrs Judy Lambert became Leader and is still there today. They meet at Churchill, Morwell and Traralgon as there are few Ranger Guides in the Region.

The Ranger Guides have carpeted and decorated one room of their own at the Guide Hall as their den.

Present Guide Personnel:

1st Hazelwood Brownies - Mrs Zelma Mildenhall.

1st Churchill Brownies - Mrs Jennilyn Mann, Mrs Janine Johnson.

2nd Churchill Brownies - Mrs Helen Sutton, Mrs Judy Vary, Mrs Gillian Turpin.

1st Hazelwood Guides - Mrs Debbie Gallagher, Mrs Kath Tania.

1st Churchill Guides - Mrs Jeanette Stevenson, Mrs Kerry Oldham. Mrs Carol Kemp, Miss Leanne Radovic (Junior Leader.)

Ranger Guides - Mrs Judy Lambert.  
 District Leader - Mrs Avis Porter.

#### **First Hazelwood Brownie Pack**

The first Hazelwood Brownie Pack began on September 23, 1958. Mrs Lurline Mildenhall was leader (Brown Owl) with Mrs Betty McInnes helping (Tawny Owl).

The first enrolment took place in the Hazelwood South hall which was decorated with shrubs and flowers making it a fairy glade. All of the district joined in the fun, even Santa arrived with a gift for each child.

District Commissioner, Mrs H P Pearson and Assistant District Commissioner, Mrs W Graham, officiated at the enrolment ceremony.

The Sixes were called Fairies, Sprites, Elves and Leprechauns. Now we have Mullokas, Lalagullis, Junjarins and Tintookies - Aboriginal names that belong to the Australian bush fairies.

The Promise, the eight point programme, the uniform and badges have all changed, but Brownies remain enthusiastic, energetic and full of fun. They respond to encouragement and a challenge, and they still ask questions!

Pack Holiday is still a special time for the Pack. Schools go camping and have overnight stays, but the anticipation, preparation and planning for Pack Holiday is marvellous.

We held special celebrations for our twenty-first and twenty-fifth birthdays. Mrs Lurline Mildenhall cut our cake at the twenty-first birthday party.

The Pack first met on Saturday mornings

as girls came from farms. Now we hold our meetings after school each Tuesday.

Mrs Shirley Simpson (Wallaby) and Mrs Zelma Mildenhall (Kangaroo) became leaders of the Pack in 1976 - although Shirley had been helping for some months previously. This team worked together until Shirley retired to Lakes Entrance in March this year.

Saturday October 27 - Strzelecki Division Brownie Revels were held at Maryvale Campus of Kurnai College in Morwell from 10a.m. to 3.00p.m.

Theme - Bookworms

Brownies and Kangaroo joined other brownies, leaders, pack guides and helpers in a variety of activities. We tried our hand at calligraphy, made owls and bookmarks from coloured card, played croquet, enjoyed singing, play-acting, "book" games and puzzles.

Boronia Division Commissioner opened the Revels, and Heath, Morwell District leader, closed the day.

Tuesday, October 30 - We completed our preparations for Pack Holiday to be held at Burnet Park, Glengarry West on November 9, 10 and 11. Our theme is Spots and Stripes.

Tuesday November 6 - We tried to tie reef knots. We worked in pairs with each person only allowed to use one hand. Very few pairs were able to complete a knot! We then played a variety of games - Snakes and Ladders, Targets and String games. Everything is ready for Pack Holiday.

Badges: Footpath Natalie Jessop,



Hazelwood Guide Leaders 2/9/2002  
 Mavis Thompson, Kath Tania, Marj Lenscak



Back - Ann Van Rhine, Maren Chandler State Commissioner, Kath Tania District Commissioner, Marj Lenscak Division Commissioner, Meredith Milligan, Jeanette Stephenson  
 Front - Judy Vary, Carol Kemp, Zelma Mildenhall, Helen Sutton



Hazelwood Brownies - 1966



Hazelwood Brownies - Pack holiday, 1986

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## A Brief History

### Guides

The Guides go camping at Burnet Park, they camp in tents and cook over open fires. The Guides compete with Scouts in such events as the Cohen Shield and Stradbroke competitions where they have competed successfully and won many events.

They have a camp called "Eve Graham" at Moe in November, where, working in patrols of four to six girls they erect their own tents, cook on open fires and have fun for three days.

They go to Melbourne for Guide events with other Guides throughout Victoria.

Many Guides take part in Strzelecki

Showtime each year.

### Brownies

Brownies go on pack holidays, but do not camp out under canvas as Guides do. They usually have a theme and dress up. They play games, do craft and go on walks.

They go to Burnet Park for their pack holidays. Brownies make many useful things for Mothers Day and Fathers Day and have a lot of fun.

### Ranger Guides

Ranger Guides go hiking, camping, take part in Showtime and go on Venturer hiking competitions such as The Armstrong and

Hoadley Hike. The girls help with the Red Cross Blood Bank, Carols by Candlelight, child minding and the elderly or disabled in their homes. They also help out at the "Eve Graham" camp and water activities days on the Hazelwood Pondage.

Ranger Guides put a lot of work into achieving their Queen's Guide Award. They take part in many activities such as canoeing, bushwalking, first aid, debating, ideals and many more.

### First Ranger Guide Camp

The first Ranger Guide Camp took place in the USA in 1961 and Rangers attending

there each brought a few ashes home from the campfire. These were then taken to Ranger gatherings and sprinkled in new campfires. This has become a tradition for Rangers. Only girls present can carry ashes home. Since this tradition began, campfire ashes have travelled from USA, Switzerland, Taiwan, Holland, Belgium, England, Japan, Hong Kong, Okinawa, Korea, Philippines, Perth W.A. in 1979 and in Churchill Victoria 1981.

### Queen's Guides Hazelwood/Churchill

Gwenda Thompson, Bev Thompson, Ros Porter, Ann Hunter, Christine Young, Frances Lawless, Annette Mols, Susan Lambert.



Presentation of Good Service Award to Zelma Mildenhall by Betty Barrett, Region Commissioner, 17/2/1987



Brownies Pack holiday 1982



Tree Planting, Mathison Park, 1982

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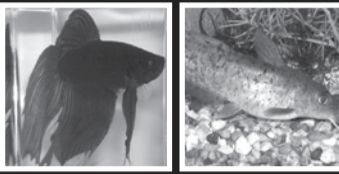
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# Churchill Community Garden

by Cathy  
 The community garden has been busy with a number of activities and projects over the past few months. Two key events have been the group's first gardening workshop and a plant stall at the Cooperating Churches' recent garage sale.



The workshop was about composting and worm farms and attracted 15 people from the community. It was conducted by Nola, the Regional Education Officer for Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group, who gave a highly informative, interactive class about how to turn organic waste into a garden resource. We learnt that anything which has been growing can be composted except for meat and related materials, where higher temperatures are needed to destroy dangerous micro-organisms. We learnt that a well managed compost heap will not smell. A balance of carbon and nitrogen materials mixed and watered regularly will allow the materials to decompose effectively. Ants will invade a compost system that is too dry. Vinegar flies and smelliness will be found in one that has a poor mix of carbon and nitrogen waste.



The church garage stall was a great success. The community garden sold vegetable seedlings, talked with visitors and ran a seed planting activity for children. A new banner, painted by a community garden member, was proudly displayed and a few new Friends of Churchill Community Garden were added to our gardening family.

The group is excited about winning a grant and is in the process of obtaining approval for our first few garden-building projects. We hope that our first projects will be a raised vegetable garden bed, shade/sensory garden, paths, compost bays, a propagating area and some espalier fruit trees. New members are always welcome and can contact the Coordinator Cathy on 0400 633 335 for further information or email us at [churchillcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:churchillcommunitygarden@gmail.com). We meet on Thursday mornings from 10am and finish around 12 noon. It is a great idea for people to join our friends list so you will be informed of the community garden's progress and hear about events and workshops for 2015.

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## Jeeralang North Christmas Dance



Seventy-three people (a new record) attended the November 28 Christmas Dance which began at 6.30pm with a BBQ provided by the Hall Committee.

The weather was ideal for being outside to enjoy the lovely peaceful surroundings and balmy evening, before going in to enjoy the dancing. Later a delicious supper was also provided.

People had the option of wearing a decorated Christmas hat. Troy was the winner and Zelma was the runner-up.

The Hall Committee would like to thank the regular crowd of folks who come to the dance for their patronage over the year. They would also like to give a special huge thank you to Ken and Alice Rae for their music to dance to.

They wish everyone best wishes for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The next dance will be on January 23, at 8pm.



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Here is what the judges said - Best News Feature Story - Finalist

### Churchill and District News

Bushfire stories, it seems, will go on forever. Churchill and District News, while covering fires over the seasons, recalls the 2009 burn, and assures its readers of the resilience of their own and wider community; and the bonding emanating from

adversity. So '2009 Bushfires – 5 years on ...?' records and recognises those who help to rebuild communities.

Their work and worth is commendable. The story is commendable.

Thank you to our contributors to that feature, Colin Brick, John Harris and Garry Mauger.

## Hazelwood cemetery



By Leo Billington

### A community facility now vastly improved

Over recent years, the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust has consistently implemented measures to improve the cemetery's environment and precinct making it cleaner and more orderly for everyone.

According to Hazelwood Cemetery Trust Chairperson, Leo Billington, as a general use community facility, the cemetery has been an integral part of central Gippsland's history since 1879. "Visitors now constantly remark about how clean the cemetery environs are looking.

There are plenty of wheelie bins which are all used to their full capacity.

New rubbish bin enclosures have proven to be successful.

"Wheelie bins are housed in these enclosures preventing used and discarded items such as artificial flowers and wrapping paper from being blown around during inclement weather," Mr Billington said.

"Continuing with this task, the Trust regularly disposes of broken items – ceramic and glass containers, toys – and well worn, unwanted plastic and silk flowers and wreaths.

Unfortunately windy days provide a significant challenge distributing light-weight items across a large area creating an untidy vista.

Fresh flowers placed in containers provided by the Cemetery Trust may remain. The general public is very understanding and for this, the Trust extends its sincere thanks.

The new gazebo is proving popular as a place to sit, rest and reflect.

Roses, planted last season around the structure, are in full bloom and complement an array of standard roses donated to the cemetery," Mr Billington explained.

"A solar panel to power a water pump for tap water throughout the cemetery has been useful during the last 12 months with no mains water connected.

Our mains water supply suffered significant damage in September 2013, and mains water has not been supplying the cemetery since then.

However, recently, the Trust was successful in obtaining a financial grant which will enable a new water pipe to be connected.

The Hazelwood Cemetery Trust is very excited to be able to replace the 1.5 kms galvanized pipe with high-tech poly pipe so necessary to provide mains pressure water once again.

The past year without mains water has been a period of angst for many, but the general public can be assured the work will be completed as soon as practicable.

The old galvanized pipe installed in 1983 by the then Morwell Shire Council has now disintegrated. Unfortunately this pipe is beyond repair; it was suitable 31 years ago but not now.

Meanwhile, visitors will notice a clean-up commencing in the adjacent southern area which will one day house a new extended memorial section," Mr Billington added.

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