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Australia Day Awards 2015



Churchill-Australia Day

Approximately 300 people turned out to enjoy the Churchill Lions Club Australia Day awards and breakfast in the car park of the Churchill Hotel. Music by Bob Cooper before the awards, and the Blues Band after

the awards, created a cheerful atmosphere and helped to entertain the crowd. It was also an occasion for social interaction as people exchanged conversations with each other.

Peter McShane, President of the Churchill Lions Club, was MC for the morning's

proceedings. He thanked everyone for coming and introduced Darrell White our ward councillor. Darrell acknowledged our first peoples. He said Australia Day was an opportunity to come together with pride in the country. He reminded us to show kindness,

respect and help our neighbours.

Russell Northe wished everyone a happy Australia Day. He said Australia Day was a special day on our calendar to recognise people in our community - the young - our leaders
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50th Order of Events

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015

9:00: Closure of Philip Parade at Georgina Place intersection and at Community Health Centre.

8:00 - 9:30: Stall holders to set up outside Town Hall Plaza.

10:30 : Philip Parade closed at Corner of Balfour Place except for

car parking access.

10:00 - 11:00:

Churchill Combined Churches Church service in Town Hall.

10:00: Stall holders open.

11:40: Audience asked to be seated for formal 50th anniversary ceremony.

11:45 - 12:15: Formal

ceremony, including unveiling of commemorative plaque.

12:15 - 12:25:

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12:30 - 2:00: Lunch, Mix and Mingle, Lions BBQ.

2:15: Stall holders pack up.

3:00: Philip Parade to re-open.

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Churchill town celebrates 50 Years



The township of Churchill was established fifty years ago this year, and arrangements are in hand to celebrate the historic milestone with a special event on Sunday March 15, the day on which the establishment and the naming of the town was officially proclaimed in 1965.

The event on Sunday March 15, will begin with an Ecumenical Church service arranged by the combined churches of the town, organisations which played an important social and community role in the early years of the town. This will be held in the Town Hall from 10.00am till 11.00am.

Planning for this event began last year when the Churchill and District Community Association (CDCA) established a small committee to develop and plan the celebration. It is envisaged that other events to mark the 50th year will be held by community and sporting organisations throughout the remainder of the year.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The action will then move to the new town plaza adjacent to the town hall in Philip Parade, where a special plaque commemorating the proclamation of the town will be unveiled by two of Churchill's long time residents and community

workers.

A section of Philip Parade will be closed to allow for children's activities and stall holders.

Churchill Lions will provide a BBQ lunch, drinks and other food stalls will be available.

The event has been supported with funding from Latrobe City.

Peter Ellerington of the 50th Anniversary Committee said that it was hoped that the Churchill community would attend in big numbers and he encouraged locals to invite former residents back for the celebration.

occasion in the history of Churchill and we want to make the event a very enjoyable and memorable day," Mr Ellerington said.

The CDCA has commissioned a special 50th anniversary logo for the celebrations, and organisations wishing to arrange special events throughout the year are encouraged to contact Margaret Guthrie of the Association to obtain approval to use the logo in their promotion.

Further info:
Mike Anwerth
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"This is a very significant

Churchill Rainfall for January 2015

Churchill started off the New Year with quite a bang in January, with some good tropical induced thunder, lightning and drenching downpours of rain. Churchill's total for the month was 88 mil. We were fortunate to get some good rain over the Australia Day weekend.

Although Churchill was about 100 mil short of its yearly average, consistent rain did fall each month keeping our paddocks, lawns and gardens nice and green.

For those readers interested in the Churchill rainfall total for 2014 the following details may be of interest.

Rainfall details for December 2014 were 55 mil making the years total for 2014 a below average 645



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Vale Millie Coleman

Millie Coleman was born in 1922 in Leongatha, the youngest of three children to Grayson and Gertrude Dodd of Dumbalk.

Millie had a wonderful happy childhood on a dairy farm helping with daily chores. In December, one of her chores was to relay the cricket scores from the house to the cowshed. She told of fond memories rolling in a car tyre. Being small in stature she could roll herself up and fit inside the tyre. What fun!

One thing Millie was absolutely certain of was that she would not marry a dairy farmer!

However, soon after the war, she met a young man by the name of Mark Coleman at the local dances. The rest they say is history. Millie and Mark were married on February 22, 1947 in Leongatha.

They moved in with Mark's parents at their homestead "Fairview" at Yinnar, where they lived for a couple of years before their own home "Nameloc" (Coleman backwards) in Nuttall's Road was completed.

Millie quickly became involved in the Yinnar community, joining the Yinnar Dramatic Society in the late 1940s and playing women's basketball. Daughter Leanne and son Garry joined the family during this time.

She was also an active member of the Yinnar CWA until 1957 when Bronwyn was born. Bronwyn's birth

and severe disabilities led to Millie giving up much of her community activities.

In the late 70s, Millie was able to re-join the CWA becoming involved in many Song and Costume competitions. Millie also created many items of craftwork for CWA competitions. When diagnosed with macular degeneration causing her slow deterioration into blindness, Millie still managed to keep crocheting, even having a blanket on the go when she died.

Millie was a great supporter of Mother's Clubs and Football and Netball Clubs, working in the canteen of both on a regular basis. The Yinnar Hall committee and Yinnar Centenary committee in 1974 also saw Millie's involvement.

In 1980 Millie and Mark moved from the farm into Yinnar where they lived for twenty years. They loved those years of active retirement.

In 2000, they moved into a unit in Morwell for the next phase of their lives. Unfortunately, the last ten years of Millie's life were spent with continually deteriorating eyesight and being on her own after Mark passed away.

Millie herself passed away on December 23, 2014, only five days after moving into Mitchell House for the final phase of her life.



Throughout her life, Millie had her loves and her hates. Hate is such a strongly negative word but there were a few things she hated.

She hated being a bother to anyone, being late for anything, losing her eye-sight, and her name Emily.

To balance the ledger, she loved many things. She loved to be useful with dancing and music (especially in her early days).

She had been known to play the drums occasionally in her siblings' dance band. She spent time serving the community and being involved in the church and church guild.

She travelled overseas, the last time at the age of 82, just after Mark died. Her gardens created beautiful spaces around all her homes. Friends and neighbours always said how lucky she had been to have such wonderful people so close by. Her family's heritage often

told her family tales of their forebears. Most of all she lived for her present family of the Vickers, Colemans, Thompsons and Higgins, to whom she demonstrated love and compassion to children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, even getting down on the floor to play.

She treasured every moment with her family, and was always engrossed by details of their daily lives. She loved a good chat about goings on. Her love was unconditional and that love was returned unconditionally.

At her funeral, her son Garry finished his eulogy with these words to sum up his Mum this way-

"Millie gave beyond reason, cared beyond hope, loved without limit, reached, stretched and dreamed in spite of fears.

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Latrobe City residents are urged to observe the fire danger period currently in force until May 1, 2015.

Local CFA brigades have been called out to a disturbing number of fires lit by people who believed the restrictions were no longer applicable.

Churchill CFA captain Steven Barling, says that some people are unsure about whether fire restrictions are still in force as we have had

good rainfall and mild, cool conditions recently.

However, he stressed that it is still an offence to light fires during the fire danger period.

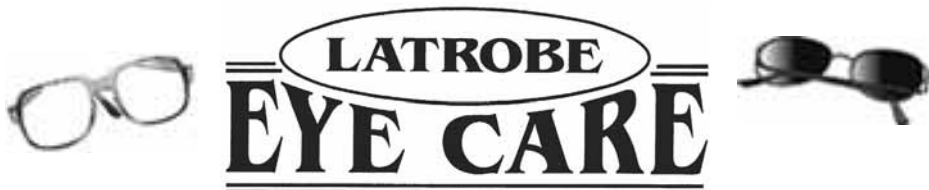
Steven said that although the deliberately lit fires were often started by people trying to do the right thing to prepare their properties for the season, burning off was not allowed and that CFA had a zero-tolerance approach to fires lit during the fire danger period.

Preventing bushfires is



everyone's responsibility, not just the responsibility of the CFA or Victoria Police.

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completed, and public street lighting installed.

Additional parking has been provided immediately to the east of the service station. This area will be completed when landscaping is planted.

The Town Hall Plaza is also almost complete, following the erection of flag poles and construction of informal seating along the lower section of the pathway. Landscape planting will be undertaken, with the aim of completing the project in time for Churchill's 50th Anniversary celebration on March 15.

The remainder of the car park works in this precinct

will be carried out on private land within the northern car park. Latrobe City Council has been coordinating works with the private landowners to try to minimise negative impacts on traders and customers.

Balfour Place - Reconstruction Works

The next significant project in the Churchill Town Centre will be the reconstruction of Balfour Place over coming months. This work is being undertaken because the road surface of Balfour Place is failing.

At the same time, the opportunity will be taken to incorporate footpaths and

improve the safety of the roadway entry to the Churchill Hotel.

In addition to reconstruction of the Balfour Place pavement, a new footpath will be constructed on the southern side of Balfour Place, and the roundabout will be shifted slightly towards the south. The entry to the hotel will be designed more as a T-intersection than its current sweeping curve.

Two of the pine trees that have grown from seed next to Balfour Place will be removed, while ensuring that the heritage-protected pine trees near the John Flynn monument are retained.



Town Centre Works - Northern Car Park

Most of Latrobe City Council's work on Georgina Place and West Place has now been completed.

Footpaths just below the service station have now been

As 2015 begins, I'd like to wish all community members a Happy New Year and I hope that your holiday season was restful. The year is certainly already off to a cracking start, with attendance at our local Australia Day celebrations being well attended and enjoyed. I made my way to a number of community events during the course of the day, including Churchill and Yinnar, and all were terrific services. These events were well attended by people of all ages, and it was wonderful to see all involved enjoying the festivities to commemorate our great nation. It is always

great to see such exuberance when it comes to celebrating our national events and this year's Australia Day celebrations were no different. A number of people were recognised on the day and I would like to congratulate all those who were nominated for, and received Australia Day Awards this year, and commend you for your actions which led to your nomination. It is wonderful that we are able to celebrate the fantastic achievements of extraordinary people and highlight the work that they do each and every day, for the good of our towns and residents. Well done to Churchill

Russell Northe



Citizen of the Year in Peter Ellerington. Peter has had many roles on committees including Churchill Primary School Council, Member of the Churchill Primary School Building and Grounds sub-

committee, Churchill Cricket Club and Churchill AusKick. Peter has assisted in raising money for SIDS and Kids to support families who experience sudden death of their child. It's obvious with Peter's immense community involvement that he is a most deserving winner of this award.

Congratulations must also go to all the Churchill Student and Junior Citizens of the Year Blake Whykes, Chelsea Minster, Zachary Carlson, Ebony Fitzgerald and Tom Lindsay.

I'd like to thank all service clubs that were involved in putting on an excellent spread

of food at various Australia Day events. It is certainly appreciated by the community and makes the day all the more Australian. Your hard work and commitment is to be commended!

A reminder to Churchill residents that Churchill will be celebrating 50 years since the proclamation of the township of Churchill was made by the Shire of Morwell on March 15, 1965.

The commemorative ceremony and plaque unveiling will be held on Sunday March 15, 2015 at the Churchill Town Hall Plaza, Philip Parade with a BBQ, displays and activities taking

place throughout the day.

For community groups wanting to have a stand at Churchill's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Celebrations on Sunday March 15, you can contact the Churchill and District Community Association for further information on 5122 2997 or 0407 876 443.

With the 2015 school year recently started, I urge all drivers to be careful on the roads and ensure you obey all school hour speed limits. To all the students, I wish you good luck for the beginning of the academic year and every success in your studies.

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Mathison Park Advisory Committee



The members of the Mathison Park Advisory Committee would sincerely like to thank the members of the Rotary Club of Hazelwood for generously funding the re-roofing of the gazebo at the Mackeys Road end of the park.

Many people used Mathison Park with Lake Hyland as a recreation area during the holiday period. The bird's nest swing is one of the most popular items of play equipment and is seldom unoccupied. The

crepe myrtles planted later in December along the eastern side pathway have done well. Several members of the committee of management made sure those and the other new plants were watered, and the lovely rain we have had has ensured their survival.

Plans are in the pipeline for extending the eastern side plantings. Beds and areas will be prepared in February and March, ready for planting in April and May. Fortunately we have secured a grant to supply 1100 trees, but the

terms require us to have them in the ground by the end of May.

Please take note of our working bee days - third Saturday in the month - and do try to come and help us. Big plans require big help and even if you can only come for an hour or two, it all helps, especially when we are planting in April and May.

Our next working bee is February 21. Phone Ruth 5122 1961, for details of where to meet as it is a big park.

Rotary provides new gazebo roof



By Leo Billington
Early in December last year, Churchill based plumber, Aaron Pearce and his employees, replaced the old roof on one of the gazebos in Mathison Park.

Fully funded by the Hazelwood Rotary Club, Aaron's team completed the job in time for Christmas. Dismantling the old rotten timber roof was required.

It was thin, second grade treated timber which should never have been used in the first place. In the interests of public safety and comfort, a new colourbond roof adds class and improves the image of a highly popular area within Mathison Park.

It's relevant to mention that three local contractors were approached to provide a quotation. Two didn't

want the job, showing no inclination to even suggest a price. Aaron was the one who wanted the work. This disappointing experience of trying to obtain interest from local contractors to attempt local work will resonate with many people.

The new coloured roof now matches that of the other two gazebos, fully integrating colours and materials.

Old Time Family Dance

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Self Worth

Living with an alcoholic seriously affects feelings of self worth. Guilt from thinking that we caused the problem, doubt in our own ability to do anything right and fear of change, develop into a real sense of self hatred. Many of us try to conceal our feelings, but inevitably they express

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Clean Up Australia Day is Sunday March 1, 2015 and is a simple way everyone can take action to clean up, fix up and conserve our prized Australian environment and in turn, Churchill will also benefit as well.

Clean Up Australia 2015 will be celebrating 25 years of volunteer action across Australia.

In 2014, thanks to an estimated 572,406 volunteers, over 15,708 tonnes was cleaned up at 7,140 sites across Australia.

According to Clean Up Australia, since the national event started in 1990, Australians have donated more than 27.3 million hours taking to their streets, bushland, parks and waterways on Clean Up Australia Day, removing an estimated 288,650 tonnes of rubbish from 145,754 sites across the country.

Please consider joining

your local team to Clean Up Australia on Sunday March 1, 2015. This year, the Hazelwood Rotary Club will join with the Churchill Scout Group and Churchill Co-operating Church for Clean Up Australia Day.

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

Details:

When: Sunday March 1, 2015, Where: General Eel Hole Creek area, Churchill.

Volunteers to meet at the skateboard park car park at 9am.

Volunteers: from Hazelwood Rotary Club, Churchill Scout Group, Churchill Co-operating Church and anyone from the wider Churchill community is also invited.

Contact: Leo Billington, Hazelwood Rotary Club - 0458 661 848.



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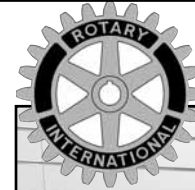
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Rotary Club



By Leo Billington
Readers of the Churchill & District News are always invited to enquire about learning more about Hazelwood Rotary and perhaps considering joining. During December last year, Hazelwood Rotary was applauded throughout the local community due to the co-ordination of the Christmas Wrap at Mid Valley Shopping Centre and funding a new roof on a gazebo at Mathison Park.

2014 Christmas Wrap - Mid Valley Shopping Centre
Long serving Hazelwood Rotarian Mac Wood, was the key co-ordinator involving a wide range of community groups who willingly helped through until Christmas Eve. The Christmas Wrap service began on December 1, and payment was by donation. A "four-figure dollar amount" was raised - a record for this community service. Congratulations to everyone. The club extends its thanks to

Mid Valley Management for willingly providing on-going support, encouragement and floor space for the four weeks. **New colourbond roof on a gazebo**
This had long been a well deserved project to enhance Mathison Park and to support the tireless work undertaken by the park's dedicated volunteer committee. The story is featured elsewhere in this edition of CDN. In addition to the above, student awards for Kurnai College (Churchill Campus) were provided by Hazelwood Rotary. The "cream" of 2014 students at Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 levels were worthy recipients of the club's generosity. If interested to learn more details about Rotary, please contact President Ray Beebe on 5122 1366. Also, please visit our Facebook site to see and learn more about the wide variety of activities involving Hazelwood Rotary.

Church News

Co-Operating Church Snippets

December was a full - on month with activities leading up to Christmas. There was:-

Christmas Club, a special service of reflection about the true meaning of Christmas prepared by Cathie, carols and lessons services, the Crib Service on Christmas Eve at Churchill, holy communion at Boolarra later in the evening, Christmas day services and Christmas dinner at church. Thanks go to Robern for taking the Christmas family service at Yinnar.

Sharon was kept busy throughout the month preparing wonderful activities for the children.

The Crib Service was a time to share the Christmas story in a different way with a lovely appreciative crowd. Thanks go to David and Sharon for their part in presenting the story with fun and involvement by all, and to Reverend Brenda for leading the prayers.

Thank you to the fire brigade who made sure Santa arrived after the service finished.

Special thanks go to Reverend Brenda for all her efforts in making all the above happen. Much behind the scenes preparation is required for success.

Thanks go to our wonderful cupcake makers for Christmas Club and Crib Service- Lois and Ruth C. Thank you to everyone who helped with Christmas Club especially Pat H.

We have a very supportive congregation.

The Ladies Fellowship



had their annual breakup dinner at Gaztronomy, enjoying the delicious food and fellowship.

The Coffee Connections folk had a lovely break-up time, sharing memories of Christmas and partaking of the feast of goodies brought to share.

Carols by Candlelight was a wonderful success, with perfect weather for outdoors. A report about it appears elsewhere on this page. Thank you to our community and the other two churches in Churchill for support and wonderful ecumenical co-operation.

The residents at

Hazelwood House had a special Christmas service also. Reverend Brenda and her helpers were able to join the residents for afternoon tea following the service.

Through January, only one parish service was held at 10am alternating venues. It is a relaxed time and a chance to intermingle.

The first Breakfast for this year will be held on February 21, 2015 at 7.45am. The guest speakers will be Rosslyn 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.

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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 on 5122 1148 or at ken.15967@bigpond.com.

Invitation to World Day of Prayer

A warm welcome is extended to all to attend World Day of Prayer, held this year at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, 1 Williams Ave, on March 6 at 7.30pm.

This service has been prepared by the women of the Bahamas, who live on 700 islands which make up this

nation.

On March 6, over three million people in over 170 countries and islands will be praying together during this global annual day of prayer.

Through World day of Prayer, Christians affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and both have



immeasurable influence in the world.

Following the service there will be a light supper and time for fellowship.

Carols by Candlelight

A new initiative by the Combined Churches in Churchill, saw Carols by Candlelight held in the grounds of the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill. The weather was perfect for an outdoor occasion. Round about 200 people, many of them children, brought chairs and enjoyed the warm evening ambience.

The Lions Club of Churchill provided a gold coin donation sausage sizzle and drinks to start the program.

The Latrobe Community Concert Band and Destiny Performance provided the musical accompaniment for carol singing, with items from Destiny, the Men in Black and the Co-Operating Churches Youth Group.

During the program a collection was taken for the breakfast clubs at our local schools.

That, with the gold coin donation for sausages and drinks, netted a handsome amount to keep our breakfast clubs functioning.

Carol singing and a story for the children, read by Sharon, were also included in the program, led ably by Mike Answerth as MC.

At 9pm on the dot Santa arrived on top of the Churchill Fire Brigade truck, to the delight of the children who had waited patiently for him to fill the large chair set aside for that purpose.

Delightful trinkets made by Barbara and George and paid for by CDCA were given to the children to add to their Christmas tree decorations. The children loved them and the lollies Santa handed out.

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood and District members helped with putting out the chairs and supervising

the parking of vehicles.

Rod Burney provided the P.A. system. Ian Combridge provided the lighting and the screen for the pictures for the children's story.

Congregational members of the Co-Operating churches put out the orange webbing and tape.

Members of the Community Singers and Lumen Christi helped to lead the singing.

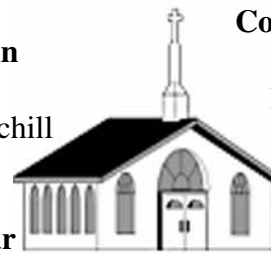
Reverend Brenda Burney gave the message with Father Antony saying the opening prayer and blessing, and Marion Answerth saying the closing prayer.

A huge thank you from the four member organising committee to everyone who helped make this night a great success. It is planned to repeat the occasion again on December 20 this year, so please mark it in your diaries.

Church Times

Churchill Christian Fellowship
Maple Crescent, Churchill
Sunday: 10.00am

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



Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

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

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

Lumen Christi Catholic Church
35 Walker Parade, Churchill
Tel: 5122 2226
Father Francis/Father 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

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of the future - as well as older folks. Russell thanked the Lions Club and the Churchill Hotel, The Scouts and Beans the clown for making the day special. Russell said well done to the award winners and those nominated for their work for our community.

The Churchill Scouts Bevan and Tamara Kemp, unfurled the Australian flag before the singing of 'Advance Australia Fair'.

Prayers of thanks and petitions were said for our country. The awards were then presented as follows.

For **Lumen Christi Primary School - Blake Whykes.**



Blake this year will be a student at Kurnai College Churchill having graduated last year from Lumen Christi Primary School in Churchill. He lives in Churchill with his family.

At the commencement of school 2014 he was elected by his peers to be School Vice-Captain and House Captain. He has grown into a great leader who encourages others and leads by example.

He is a good sportsman but has also gone to a lot of trouble last year, to encourage and support others to do their best on the sporting field.

The school is extremely proud of the way he has developed into a good role model for his peers and younger students.

He took a leading role in organising the School's Footy Colours Day. He organised activities, made sure equipment was all in place, encouraged everyone to participate positively and when it was completed, he thanked everyone. The school believes that his leadership and maturity and care for others deserves to be recognised by the wider community.

Lumen Christi school values are to Believe - Achieve- Succeed - Together.

As an integral part of these values the school has in place a Buddy System:

The program allows students to adopt a leadership role in helping younger students settle into school enabling them to develop self confidence in the school

environment.

Blake clearly met all the requirements of the School Buddy System and took it at times to another level.

Academic - Blake was awarded the Churchill Lions Club - John Tipping Award for Academic Excellence at the school graduation night.

He is good at anything he does-

Basketball - Churchill Under 14 - Won Most Valuable Player last year.

Soccer - Since he was 6 years of age he has played soccer at Churchill Soccer Club - He has won Best and Fairest Awards when in under 12s. Won the League Goal Kicker Award- represented Gippsland in the Country Championships at Ballarat.

Football - Under 12 at Churchill - Runner up. Best and Fairest with the Traralgon Junior Football League

Cricket- Churchill Rams under 13 team - won the Club's Field Award.

Fishing - He loves it with Dad.

Well done Blake.

For **Churchill Primary School - Chelsea Minister.**



Chelsea was a student at Churchill Primary School graduating in 2014.

Chelsea lives with her family in Churchill and has a brother Callum. When requested to nominate a student at Churchill Primary School for this award - School Student Citizen of the Year, Mrs. Gilmore (Principal) informed me that Chelsea was chosen because of her intuitiveness which in effect means - having the ability to understand or know something without any direct evidence or reasoning process.

During the Churchill Primary School 2014 Grade Six Graduation, Chelsea was awarded School's Value Award which relates to the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program, which provides students with a framework for the school community to utilise, thus creating and maintaining a culture based on positive regard and engagement.

These values define the school communities' expected behaviour which include, be respectful, be responsible, be understanding and be your best in all areas of the broader community.

As a senior student at the school, Chelsea at all times worked extremely hard on



ensuring the school's defined values were in place.

Chelsea loves socialising and being part of a team. She played basketball with the Churchill under 14 girls team Flames - having a go.

Scouts - For the past 12 months Chelsea has been involved with Churchill Scouts.

Well Done Chelsea.

For **Churchill North Primary School - Zac Carlson.**



Zac was born on March 24, 2003 and resides in Churchill and is currently a student at Churchill North Primary School.

All staff at Churchill North speak highly of Zac and his attitude towards learning. It was a resounding unanimous decision with the staff to select Zac for this award and they are all delighted to have him represent the school. He

- Is always respectful towards other people.
- Always follows the school values (Respect, listening, courage, trust, patience, cooperation, responsibility, team work.
- Is a very active member of the community.
- Is an excellent role model for other students.
- Always giving 100% effort to all areas of his learning and sport.

Pretty good comments from his teachers.

Zac currently lives with his grandparents and they support whole heartedly the teachers' comments. Zac currently plays football with Churchill under 12 - consistent vote catcher for the Churchill Best and Fairest as well as league votes.

He plays basketball with Churchill Cougars and plays Squad basketball.

Wipeout Football Umpire - 2014. Zac became involved with football umpiring as a

member of the local junior panel and his efforts were to be admired. He has already put his hand up to umpire in 2015.

Plays soccer for Churchill ZAC's ultimate wish it to be a pro basketballer. His outlook for life is have fun and to get to know people.

He is also being encouraged by his teachers to nominate himself for School Captain. Never give up Zac, you are an inspiration for others.

For **Hazelwood North Primary School - Ebony Fitzgerald.**



Ebony was born on October 14, 2004 and currently attends Hazelwood North Primary School being one of the youngest students in 4-5-6 composite class.

Until August 2014, Ebony was a student at Lake Nash Primary (Alpurarrulam) Primary School in Far North West Queensland, which is the main provider for the educational needs of Koori students in the area.

At Lake Nash Primary School, although very young it was observed that she was in effect a de facto child minder for young children, attracting other young students and developing an affinity to work with them.

In August 2014, Ebony moved back to Hazelwood North Primary School to continue her education.

At the school she is small in stature and struggles at times academically but more than makes up for it in the development of her obvious leadership skills.

Ebony's leadership skills, along with her well-developed social skills, have allowed her to assimilate into the school easily and quickly, and once at the school she seemed to again attract the attention of students successfully dealing with distress or emotional problems and the like.

It was noticed by the school principal that Ebony

had the ability to compose short songs, with a well-defined melody and meaning, which drew her to the attention of the other students at the school.

Ebony also began singing the tunes she composed, and they were recorded and played for all students over the school public address system. She also developed short concerts for all at the school.

Ebony in fact became a leader of the music group and encouraged all students to join in. It was observed that her performances were very good; she encouraged others to become involved with active support and positive reinforcement from her.

Ebony also had the ability to interact with everyone, in particular her fellow students, working with honesty and sincerity.

The staff at Hazelwood North believe that Ebony has fulfilled all the following school values:

- Responsibility
- Collaboration
- Challenge
- Resilience
- Curiosity

and as such see her as having the ability to develop further as a leader in the community of Hazelwood North Primary School.

Junior Citizen of the Year - Tom Lindsay.



Tom was born on June 18, 1996 and currently resides in Yinnar South with his mother Lynn and his brother Jack.

Tom was an honest student last year at Kurnai at the University Campus, and was held in high regard by his peers and teaching staff. He has an outgoing personality and a good sense of humour.

He is a natural leader to whom others gravitate, and is always helping others, helping them to shine also.

These natural abilities resulted in him being awarded in 2014, the Morwell RSL Long Tan Award for Leadership and Team Work.

His academic results also saw him achieve in 2013 and 2014, the attainment of the Overall Achievement for VCAL, a result of sheer hard work.

Last year he was recommended by one of his teachers for an apprenticeship position with Valley Hydraulics of Traralgon, and is currently completing

studies in Certificate 2 - Engineering.

He is also currently employed part time at Woolworths Churchill as a shop assistant.

Tom is an avid mountain biker which resulted in him last year being awarded a 12 months scholarship by Ride for E Man - S&J Cycles Morwell.

Tom was nominated by the teaching staff at Kurnai to travel to Tasmania to assist with the bush fire recovery after the 2013 and 2014 bushfires. His efforts there resulted in him receiving a letter of commendation.

In 2014 Tom became mobile with his driver's licence. If anyone needs a lift or wants to go anywhere he will help.

Churchill Citizen of the Year - Peter Ellerington.



Peter lives in Churchill with his family and is employed as a Unit Controller at Hazelwood Power Station.

Education - Bachelor of Applied Science - Monash University.

The Principal of Churchill Primary School says Peter has been very active on the School Council and is a member of the Buildings and Ground's sub-committee. He often coordinates minor and major works that have had to take place at the school, and has been proactive in assisting to put together fundraising activities.

Peter has also been a major player in linking the school to the celebrations that will take place as part of the 50th Year Celebrations for Churchill in 2015. He has attended all meetings on their behalf and is the link for the school community to the wider community.

SIDS and KIDS

Peter's contribution to the work of SIDS and KIDS has, and still makes, a significant difference to the lives of the families that SIDS and KIDS support. The program itself provides support for families who experience sudden death of their child from 20 weeks gestation until six years of age. It also provides safe sleeping education to parents of babies, health professionals and emergency responders.

Following the loss of their triplets, Peter supported by his wife Cassandra, took it upon themselves to give back to SIDS and KIDS and embarked on a very impressive fundraising campaign. In 2012-2013-2014 they worked tirelessly putting together an event in Morwell to raise much needed funds for the program.

They approached local, state and national companies to donate goods and services to raise money at each of their events.

Over the past three years they have donated over \$63,000 to SIDS and KIDS. They are incredibly grateful for this wonderful support.

As mentioned previously by the Principal of Churchill Primary School, Peter is their lynch pin to the 50th Year Celebrations for Churchill 2015. Enquiries reveal that this is very much so. He is not just a seat warmer at meetings. He is very active and full of ideas. He is a mover and shaker.

Churchill Cricket Club – Milo Cricket – Peter became active with the Churchill group when his son began to play cricket, by organising the purchase of equipment for the program. Peter's roles also include – coordinating activities, organising equipment as may be required, preparing coaching programs.

Comment from the Club President – “Sensational job 2014, keep going”.

Churchill Auskick – The Little Big Time for the kids.

Peter took on a principle role again. Due to financial constraints the program was under severe pressure and he stepped forward to assist.

Peter became an active member with the Churchill group when his son began to participate, by organising a raffle that raised in excess of \$1000 in a very short period of time.

The proceeds from this have been used to purchase equipment for the program. Peter also sets up equipment as required, prepares lesson plans for the coaches, updates Auskick rules and paper work, gives coaching tips and was hands-on helping coaching staff.

Peter's activities as outlined, have a positive flow on effect for the children involved such as:

*children learn the fundamentals of motor skills for future physical activity and sports participation

*children learn the basic principles and importance of health and nutrition

*through physical activities and games, some very important mental and psychological skills are nurtured, which include self-motivation, self-responsibility, self-management, persistence, resilience and a best effort always attitude.

These programs also provided benefits to parents such as:

Convenient, local opportunities for safe, quality time that results in family bonding.

The opportunity to engage with children and other families in physical activities and games, creating greater social contact and interaction for all.

Keep going Peter. Well done.

Yinnar - Australia Day



By Herb and Janette Smith.

Yinnar and District Australia Day celebrations were an outstanding success.

Approximately 130 people attended and were fed breakfast by the Yinnar and District Lions Club, after which they were entertained by The BUGS (Boolarra Ukulele Group)

The formalities began with the raising of the flag by the 1st Yinnar Scout group followed by Chloe and Thomas Libreri singing the

national anthem.

Yinnar Primary school captains of 2014, Elly Walker and Nixon Hall, delivered our Australia Day message.

Councillor Darrell White and member for Morwell, Russell Northe, spoke and stressed the importance of youth involvement in our celebrations. Unfortunately there were no nominations for Young Citizen for this year.

There were two outstanding nominations for Citizen of the Year. Firstly Geoff Stolk who is currently

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

It was perfect weather, and the park looked a treat. The trees have grown now, and are very attractive shade trees that are greatly appreciated by the crowd. The kids had fun with the games organised by Shirley Carnes, including sack races, egg and spoon races and gumboot throwing. The older crowd members were kept on their toes by Australian Trivia questions. The CFA and other volunteers started at 7.30 to ensure the hungry masses were very well catered for.

The day also featured the Boolarra Community Development Group Koffee Kart, providing tea and coffee to the crowd. The Kart seeks to provide training and employment opportunities for locals, and to provide a source of income to local community groups. If you are interested in booking the Kart for an event, contact Tracy Anderson, on 0408 038 769.

Councillor Darrell White spoke movingly of the significance of Australia Day, and the values it represents, and how these are reflected in our community. Russell Northe, MLA spoke of the uniqueness of each community, of their individuality and idiosyncrasies and of the broader community values that we all hold dear.

After the presentation of

Boolarra - Australia Day

the Boolarra Community Awards, we had the raising of the flag and singing of the anthem, people ably assisted by our impromptu choir of Jan, Denise and Anne.

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

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

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

Ann Reiske

Through her commitment over many years to the ongoing success of the Boolarra Football Netball Club. Her involvement includes playing, coaching, umpiring, mentoring and promoting the juniors, fundraising and in the executive administration of the club.

Rick Teychenne

Through his active involvement in bringing music to Boolarra since the



Michelle Birkbeck (CFA), Kirilee Enders, Roz Carstairs, Ann Reiske, Simon Pickett, Paul Dodds. Missing: Rick and Regina Teychenne.

first Music in the Park in 1994, and as a key contributor to the establishment and ongoing musical quality of the Folk Festival. Twenty years on he is still actively involved as Stage Manager.

Regina Teychenne

Through the pivotal role her input played in establishing the successful format of the Boolarra Folk Festival, and her contribution to its ongoing success, especially in the marketing and merchandising areas.

Simon Pickett

Across a wide range of Boolarra community activities, including as a participant at football, cricket and tennis, as Treasurer of the Playgroup, as coordinator of the Auskick program and an ongoing involvement as a CFA member with key roles including Duties Communications Officer and Training Officer.

Michelle Birkbeck

As a dedicated and positive member of the Boolarra Fire Brigade, not only in her role as the 1st Lieutenant but also as a junior brigade leader. Michelle is a skilled incident controller and a key contributor in brigade management.

Paul Dodds

As a quiet and unassuming clubman with the Boolarra Football Netball Club, Paul is a reliable and effective behind the scenes worker, helping the club to run smoothly as Team Manager on a Saturday, and looking to help the club progress by accessing improvement grants.

Kirilee Enders

Through her acts of courage and compassion, and her ability to quickly assess a situation and apply her training for the well-being of endangered people.

Roz Carstairs

Through her ongoing efforts in coordinating and managing the Boolarra Primary School Library and promoting a love of reading and participation in the school community.

LATROBE CITY RECOGNITION AWARD Dr Fred Edwards

Since arriving in

Australia from England in 1990, Dr Fred Edwards has devoted himself to providing affordable medical services to the people of Gippsland. His commitment to rural Victoria has been constant.

Dr Edwards was one of the first practitioners to open bulk billing clinics in the community, making good medicine accessible to all. Throughout his time he has worked tirelessly to not only provide good quality medicine, but also to increase the medical resources in the rural area, by mentoring non VR doctors, registrars and students.

Dr Edwards first started work as a General Practitioner in Churchill at the Community Health Centre in 1990. In 1993, he opened his own clinic, Hazelwood Health Centre. Initially he was operating out of a caravan, such was his drive.

Dr Edwards has been involved in the expansion and setting up of many clinics in



Dr Fred Edwards and his wife Judy

the past 16 years. He has been a pioneer in the health care for our region and to this day plays a significant part.

2013/14 Latrobe Valley Relay for Life.

In 2014, 40 teams and over 900 registered participants through the Latrobe Valley Relay for Life, raised \$140,000 for Cancer Council Victoria's cancer research, prevention and support programs.

This year will be the 12th year that the event has been held.

Our Relay for Life event is organised and run by a local volunteer committee on behalf of Cancer Council Victoria.

It is a small committee of ten who run and promote the event for the whole year leading up to the next relay, and work hard in the local community to raise awareness of cancer prevention and support.

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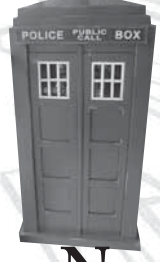
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Boolarra Folk Festival



The thirteenth upcoming and much anticipated FREE Boolarra Folk Festival looks like being another really good one. The festival kicks off at ARC Yinnar at 7pm on Friday February 27, with seven acts playing, drinks are available, admission \$10. During the main event in Boolarra on Saturday 28, thirteen acts will perform over an eight hour period in Centenary Park, once again a variety of music and styles will be on display. The always popular school drumming performance, with

Steve Shultz and the Boolarra Primary School children, gets the day started at 11am. In the evening the music moves from the park to the Boolarra Bowling Club, where three music acts will perform from 8.30 until 11pm, food and drinks are available. Once again the very popular market stalls will be in Railway Park, around 80 mainly local/Gippsland art, craft and food stalls will be in place. There are other attractions to see, the

Healing Tent including the Beyond Blue bus, community information stands and displays, buskers and workshops. The Boolarra Folk Festival with its friendly and relaxed carnival-like atmosphere is now the biggest one day annual event in Gippsland. The town's setting and lovely big shady parks, good music and market stalls, takes many first time attendees by surprise. The festival has gained a reputation for being safe and well organised,

which has led to an increase in families attending. It's a rare sight to see all age groups from young children to elderly folk all together in one place. Free camping is available at the Recreation Reserve where showers and toilets are available. There is also camping on the Boolarra Hotel grounds. If you would like to help out or need more information go to the festival website. www.boolarrafolkfestival.com.au or ring Ray Stewart on 0467 080 921.

Churchill Police Report

Welcome to 2015, and I hope that the year ahead is a good one. **Station Commander - Churchill Police** Well, we have been quite busy over the Christmas and New Year period with Operation Amity, a statewide traffic operation over the Christmas and New Year period. Fortunately, in the

Churchill area we did not have any serious injury collisions, which is a great result. Disappointingly though, this was let down with a number of persons spoken to in regard to drink and drug driving and other traffic offences. The other disappointing news is that Churchill, and the surrounding areas have experienced a number of burglaries, including thefts from houses

under construction. These have occurred predominantly during the day, and again over the holiday period when people have been away. I would urge people that if they see anything that is out of the ordinary, or a suspicious vehicle in the area, that they contact 000. Of course, if anyone knows of, or has any information, I would urge them to contact either the Churchill Police



Station or the Latrobe CIU, or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

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LOCK IT OR LOSE IT
Latrobe police are asking the community to take precautions to deter the opportunistic thief from stealing items from their vehicles. During October 60 per cent of the thefts from motor vehicles in the Latrobe Police Service Area were committed in residential driveways, front yards or outside residential addresses. Of more concern is the fact that 34 per cent of the thefts were committed on vehicles which were not locked. Another trend that police are seeing is the rise in tradesmen's tools being stolen

from the rear of utes, either at worksites or in driveways. Victoria Police Community Liaison Officer, Leading Senior Constable Brett Godden said "Handbags, wallets and phones being left in unlocked vehicles provides a temptation to the unscrupulous thief and we are asking the community to take the simple step of locking their vehicle." Some of the steps you can take to prevent being a victim of theft from motor vehicle are: Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. Lock your vehicle. For tradesmen lock your tools in a lockable tool box.

Park the vehicle in a locked garage at home. Park under a light in the street if you cannot park off street. Tradesmen can engrave their tools to make them readily identifiable. Leading Senior Constable Godden said "We also think the incidence of theft from motor vehicles may be higher as folks are embarrassed to report it if they have left the vehicle unlocked." For more information on the prevention of theft from motor vehicles go to the Help Yourself website at <http://helpyourself.vic.gov.au/protect-your-car>




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Churchill Celebrating 50 Years

By Margaret Guthrie

It's Churchill's 50th birthday this year!

Have you seen the 50th anniversary panels designed and painted by students at Churchill Primary School? These are on display on the internal wall (opposite the registers) in Ritchies supermarket. CDCA thanks management and staff for making this space available and assisting with the display. CDCA conducts a sponsorship project with Churchill Primary School that has enabled students' art work to be displayed publicly each year.

Many thanks to the teachers who support this program and the students who participate. Other schools are invited to contact us if interested in a similar arrangement.

The display of 50th anniversary panels is the first of what we hope will be many commemorative activities held in Churchill this year to celebrate this significant milestone. CDCA knows of a few community groups who are planning their own events to celebrate our birthday.

The 50th anniversary logo

is available (on application) to promote such events and may also be used on merchandise as a fund-raising tool for local not-for-profit groups.

Application Form and Guidelines for Use can be found on our website: cdca.org.au (Click on the 50th logo on the home page to find this information.)

CDCA, in partnership with the Churchill & District News and 'Events Latrobe' will assist local groups to promote their 50th anniversary activities.

Sunday March 15 marks the 50th anniversary of the formal proclamation of our town by the Shire of Morwell. Housing construction by the State Government (the former Ministry of Housing) began soon thereafter.

CDCA has been planning a commemorative celebration for this date. A formal plaque unveiling will take place at mid-day in our new Town Centre Plaza on Philip Parade. This will be the first time Churchill citizens will come together on a site specifically designed as our Civic Space and designated for public gatherings.

A special celebratory

church service will be held in the Town Hall between 10 and 11am. All are welcome. Attendees are asked to park in the shopping centre precinct.

Philip Parade will be closed to traffic until 3pm to enable safe conduct of activities for pedestrians in this area.

A BBQ will be provided by the Churchill Lions Club, the Community Hub will be open, there'll be tea and coffee available and some activities will be provided for children.

Community groups are invited to have a stall in Philip Parade to promote their organisation, do some fund-raising, find new members and generally raise awareness about what Churchill has to offer.

It is not too late to book a stall space - contact Pete Ellerington on 0427 223 290.

CDCA's first meeting for 2015 was held on Tuesday February 17. Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, commencing at 5.30pm, in the Board Room at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre (formerly known as Green Inc) in McDonald Way. Next meeting is on March 17.

Observers and new members are very welcome.

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



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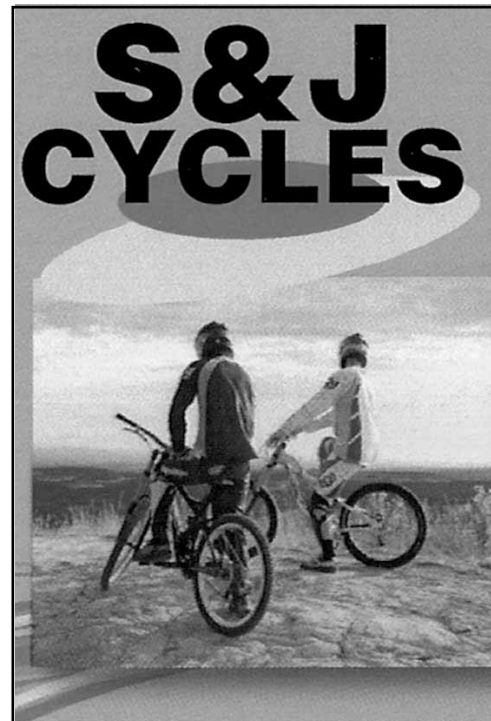
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Why not come over and 'Like' it and you can find out about all the exciting activities being held in Churchill during 2015.

This is also a good way to let friends and people you know who used to live in Churchill, or who you think

may be interested, find out news about Churchill's 50th.

Simply search "Churchill's 50 Anniversary" in Facebook, 'Like' the page and share it with your friends.

In the first 24 hours of Churchill's 50th Anniversary Facebook page being launched, it received over 400 'Likes' from past and present residents of the town.

Page



Churchill Town Safety Group

The Churchill Safety Group this month is looking at the theft of motor vehicles. Whilst it is easy to just park the car on a hot day and just leave the windows down and walk into the shops, we should be aware that these cars are an easy target for thieves. Not only do they steal the valuables from the car, but they can also take the car itself.

We have seen an increase in thefts again

due to cars being unlocked.

Also as the weather heats up, some people are leaving their children and/or pets in the car on hot days.

Even if it is only for a minute, the temperature can rise very quickly in the car and cause your child or pet much grief.

PLEASE THINK OF YOUR CHILD OR PET WHEN YOU GO TO THE SHOPS!

Contact the Churchill Town Safety Group to report local Safety and Security Issues:

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Churchill Community Garden

Community garden news

This is just a quick message of community garden news to give you the chance for celebration, involvement and feedback.

Sheina, Bronwyn and myself attended a Rotary meeting and gave a presentation about our community garden and sensory garden feature, with the goal of obtaining some funding.

The wonderful news is that they have donated \$300 towards the project and have members who are very interested in seeing the project get off the ground. This is wonderful support so we thank Rotary (and Brenda) very much and have to pat ourselves on the back for spending over ten hours developing the Powerpoint presentation, which was received very positively by the Rotary members.

Since our successful working bee we have received five worm farms and worms

(now behind the Hub shed). Four are set up with worms inside. The fifth one was set up by the Pooh Corner childcare kids recently.

The children filled the two wheelbarrows with water and soaked/pulled apart the coconut fibre that goes in the bottom of the worm farm. They then bucketed the fibre into the worm farm and placed the worms inside.

We therefore need to begin collecting food waste from businesses in Churchill to feed our little waste-munching buddies (community garden members can also save their own fruit/veg waste for our worms if they wish). We have received plastic buckets to use at participating businesses. It is a matter of asking you all who would like to be involved in collecting the buckets and taking them to the worm farms? I need a list of people and can then make a simple roster so no one is over-worked and gets tired of the project.

We have the opportunity to make our herb gardens now that we have some containers to plant them in. This activity will occur sooner rather than later due to the goal of having plants growing in time for the Churchill 50th Anniversary event on March 15. We will be organising the working bee and anniversary events at the next few informal meetings on Thursday mornings. At this stage I would like to propose doing the working bee in the evening and sharing a meal together as a social event too.

Everyone is most welcome at the informal meetings. I must say, it is very exciting to receive further funds for our projects, to have a project actually *planting* something, and to be addressing waste disposal in Churchill. I hope everyone is going to come along and enjoy our activities and togetherness!

Happy gardening,
Cathy Saleta
Coordinator Churchill Community Garden



Deadheading –

Remove dead flowers before they put their energy into producing seeds.

This keeps plants looking tidy, extends the life of annuals and prolongs the flowering of shrubs especially roses.

Basil, mint, oregano, and thyme are a few of the herbs that would be more productive if deadheaded regularly.

Pruning -

Pruning should be done as soon as flowers have finished and new shoots are developing on stems. Cut just above these shoots (about 1cm). Spring flowering trees and shrubs can be pruned now to encourage new growth where flower buds will

form next spring. Any leggy growth should be cut back to form a plant or tree with more flowering branches in spring. Cut out damaged and diseased branches and branches rubbing together which causes damage. Common spring flowering shrubs that should be pruned for more spring flowers are diosma, grevillea and members of the hebe, bottlebrush and protea species. Kangaroo paw should have spent flowering stems cut right off.

Fertilising your garden after pruning will encourage strong healthy new growth.

Happy gardening from all the members of the Churchill Community Garden who are in the planning stages of

establishing a sensory and vegetable/herb garden at the rear of the Neighbourhood House Churchill. If you would like to join us at our informal meeting at 10am every Thursday you would be very welcome. We meet to discuss ideas and enjoy each other's company while planning the vision for our gardens for Churchill.

By Sheina Renton

Hazelwood House Happenings

Benetas Hazelwood House would like to wish all the residents and their families a very happy and safe New Year. With support from the local community, we have a couple of big things happening at Hazelwood House throughout the year of 2015.

The staff is looking forward to making a sensory garden for the residents with special needs, so they can benefit from the garden by touching, smelling and reminiscing about the gardens

they had in their own homes.

We are also looking forward to turning one of the sheds here at Hazelwood House into a Men's Shed. The male residents can go out there and enjoy themselves pottering around in the shed like they did at their own homes, and to make friendships and have a good old chin wag.

We are looking forward to working with the community more so the residents of Hazelwood House can enjoy their life.

Minister visits Gippsland in support of Federation Training

The Minister for Training and Skills, Steve Herbert, and Member for Eastern Victoria, Harriet Shing, were on site at Federation Training's Yallourn Campus recently to discuss the future of training in Gippsland.

CEO of Federation Training, Wendy Wood, states that Federation Training is on track for a bright future as the premier provider of vocational education in Gippsland.

"Our bottom line is looking quite strong for this year, we had our first positive operating months in October and November which was a great indicator that our transformation plan is beginning to work," she explains. "We have spoken with the Minister who is very supportive of our

transformation and business improvement plan. Our business improvement plan over the past 10 months has been about bringing two organisations together, but the plan for 2015 is focused very strongly on growth."

Chief Executive Wendy Wood stated that "Federation Training plans to base its submission for access to the \$20m TAFE fund towards supporting students to complete their studies, and in particular the continuance of courses that lead to or support employment despite low enrolment numbers.

Funds will also be used to support teacher-led modernisation of course materials and quality improvement. Improving infrastructure and course

resources is also a high priority."

Federation Training has opened for 2015 enrolments.

"Our enrolments so far for 2015 look strong, particularly for our Yallourn Campus. We are really looking forward to a year of growth and hope that the community will really get behind us as their number one provider of vocational education."

Member for Eastern Victoria, Harriet Shing, also offered her support for the continuing of Federation Training's transformation and growth plan.

For more information on the programs on offer at Federation Training in 2015 visit www.federationtraining.edu.au or phone 1300 133 717.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Churchill & District Community Hub Strategic Plan 2014-2018

Latrobe City Council is seeking feedback from the community about the draft Churchill & District Community Hub Four Year Strategic Plan 2014-2018. The draft plan will:

- Bring individuals, community groups and organisations together to enhance service delivery
- Advocate for programs that help the community take an active role in planning, understanding and enhancing their future
- Promote the development of community capacity building

The draft plan will be open for public comment until 5pm Monday 16 March 2015.

We value your comments so please let us know what you think by:

- Uploading your feedback for the Churchill & District Community Hub Four Year Strategic Plan at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/churchillhub
- Posting your feedback to Jodie Pitkin, Manager Child and Family Services & Local Laws, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell VIC 3840
- Sending an email to: Jodie.Pitkin@latrobe.vic.gov.au

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Friends of Morwell National Park

Green Walks aim to get more people walking, more often, in local parks, state parks and bushland reserves. The next Green Walks planned in Morwell National Park are:

Thursday February 26, 10am - Billy's Weir Walk (starting from Braniff's Rd)

Thursday March 19, 10am - Foster's Gully Walk (meet at Kerry Rd)

The exact dates can change so check the Latrobe Valley Express closer to each walk for exact times.

John's Jottings

John has continued with his historical collecting and this month his snippet is from an article: BILLYS CREEK (A brief history of Billys Creek compiled by Hilmar Batza - September 2003)

"Lodge Track"

This track was named after a hall that had been built for Scouts and Rovers to use during the seventies.

In 1969, Morrie McGlashen, a civil engineer with the SEC, purchased 256 acres for less than \$2000 from a Mr Cameron who owned 400 acres (two titles) that included the area of the current Lodge Track, Clematis Track and the Zigzag Walk. The other title of land was bought by Harry Surman. Prior to Mr Cameron, the previous land owners included Koon, Colonial Mutual Life and Bryant.

Mr Mc Glashen was heavily involved in the scouting movement in Melbourne and wanted to build a 'Lodge' for the Reservoir 1st Scouts and Rovers to stay in when they came to the area. The whole area was over-run with blackberries. It took some three to four years to clear the land with tractors. Things sped up when Mr McGlashen was able to buy a bulldozer. Access to the land was initially from Bill Robert's place off Jumbuk Road.

The Reservoir Troop, who camped in tents at the weekend, dug a track down the hillside. Eventually a bulldozer was

hired to finish the track. A bridge was built across 'Side Creek' and a track carved into the hillside to get to where the Lodge was going to be built. Later the army widened the track and took it through to Morans Road."

To be continued next month.....

January Activity Report

At this month's activity we had Beryl, Matt, Ken, Peter, John, Darren, Helen, Gareth and Ranger Craig. The group met in the car park and caught up on the news from the New Year. Gareth was along for his first activity along with his wife, Helen who was back again. It is great to have some of the regular users of the Park along to help with the activities, and to learn more about the Park. If others are regular users, you are also very welcome to come along and help out in the activities.

The group split into two work groups, with Matt and John making repairs to some boxes, while the rest travelled along Billy's Creek to survey the remaining nesting boxes. Matt and John made repairs to four boxes, with three needing to be remounted onto their trees while the other needed a plate fixed to the front. Matt and John checked over the display board near the first Billys Creek crossing and conceded that a little maintenance and painting will improve the display.

The survey group surveyed the boxes not surveyed last month. There was again a healthy number of animals found in the boxes. In one of the boxes the sugar gliders were very active coming out of the box as we approached. The two sugar gliders watched us from further up the dead tree. The photo above is of one of these sugar gliders watching from the box. When you're next walking through the Park look at the nesting boxes and see who could be watching you.

One box had moving leaf litter inside. No animal could be seen, so we estimated that at least one Agile Antechinus was



under the leaf litter.

The surveyed number of animals is slightly higher than in the last few surveys.

The totals from the last two surveys were: Dec 2014 - Sugar Glider 37, Agile Antechinus 6. Jan 2015 - Sugar Glider 14, Agile Antechinus 1.

Totals - Sugar Glider 51, Agile Antechinus 7.

The group regrouped and located the trees (previously located, GPS'd and marked by Ken and Matt) where six new boxes were to be positioned. John had done a magnificent job in making six new nesting boxes over the last month. After the lunch break the group returned to make repairs to another box and to check again on the Agile Antechinus (which had moved elsewhere).



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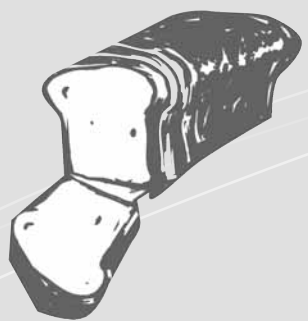
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One Month Until Festival Lift-Off

In just one month, the **Thorpdale Potato Festival** will return to the Thorpdale Recreation Reserve in the beautiful Strzelecki Ranges, West Gippsland.

On Sunday March 8, 2015, at 9:30 am, the music will start, the food will start cooking, the athletes will be warming up and the fun will definitely start.

Food will play a big part in the Festival - there will, of course, be baked potatoes plus rotator potatoes, the Calamari Brothers, a Pie Van, afternoon teas and coffee, bush doughnuts and fish burgers, hot

chips, salad rolls and BBQs to stave off hunger pangs. There will be something for every taste. There's nothing better than eating fresh, locally grown produce and it's even better when you get it from the farmer who produced it. You will be able to purchase some of our wonderful produce on the day.

See the vintage car and farm machinery displays and view the photographs in the photographic competition; have a laugh at the brave hearts on the bucking bull and see some of Thorpdale's pictorial

history. You will marvel at the dexterity and strength of the shearers in the Quick Shear competition, and the sheep dogs can't fail to impress as they gather in their woolly flocks.

New to the Festival will be the "Hessians on the Field" which will showcase the designing/dressmaking talents of entrants and the versatility of hessian, whether it is the new, coloured variety, or old spud bags.

A major raffle will be held on the day, with the first prize being a fabulous painting

worth \$1,500 by the well-known local artist, Graeme Myrteza. You can't win it if you aren't in it.

Entry fees are: Adult \$10, Child 4-16 \$5, Child under 4 - Free. Family (2 adults, 2 children \$25). Family (2 adults, 3-4 children \$30). Date: Sunday March 8, 2015 - 9:30 am - 4:30 pm.

For more information, contact: Barbara Butterworth - Marketing and Public Relations Officer Thorpdale Potato Festival Committee - thorpdale.potatofest@gmail.com - Ph: (03) 5634 6242.

Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington



After a long wait of about 18 months, re-connection of mains water to the Hazelwood cemetery has commenced. While work is still to be completed, the specific purpose, high pressure pipe is being installed.

The work is being undertaken by a local Morwell business highly skilled in underground trenching. Installation of this new water pipe requires specialised machinery as the terrain does present some challenges.

Work to re-connect the mains water supply is being made possible after a successful funding application was made to the Cemeteries and Crematoria Regulation Unit - which is part of the Victorian Department of Human Services.

The accompanying photograph shows the new water pipe worming its way towards the cemetery.

The Hazelwood Cemetery

Trust has also been fortunate to receive two new bench style seats. These were donated and both will soon be in position near the gazebo.

The Trust has also decided to rejuvenate the children's section. Established some years ago by the Morwell Rotary Club, it's now time to re-think the garden and how it may be made more appealing.

To this end, the cemetery trust will on a regular basis, inspect the area for broken items made from, for instance, glass and/or mirror glass. These items present a safety hazard which is not conducive to the safety of the wider community. Cemeteries come under state government regulations and Occupational Health and Safety is a major component of part of the legislation. Therefore, the Trust will implement an occasional clean-up when required.

Library Friends

By Jill Beck

The next meeting of the Friends of Latrobe City Libraries will be at 7pm in the Morwell library meeting room on Wednesday

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Community Garden
Join other local gardeners and share and learn ideas, skills and interests. The focus is on edible produce and other garden types like sensory, cultural, and native gardens.
Thursdays 10am - 12pm

Men's Shed
The Churchill Men's Shed is a place for all men to spend time working on their own, or on community projects, in woodworking, furniture restoration, metal working or anything else. It is a great chance to meet others and form new friendships.
Mondays 9.30am - 2.30pm \$5 per session

Writing & Discussion

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Churchill Neighbourhood Centre acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government and Latrobe City Council.



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Looking Back . . . Feature Celebrating with a series of

The following items are taken from the Music played in 1965

by Barbara Cheetham
Take a trip down memory lane and remember these songs.
These are just a few of the most popular songs that were listened to in 1965.
They were playing on the radio as you moved into your new homes in Churchill.
Now 50 years later, many of the performers are still our favourites, as you still have their songs and music on cassette, long play records or CD today.

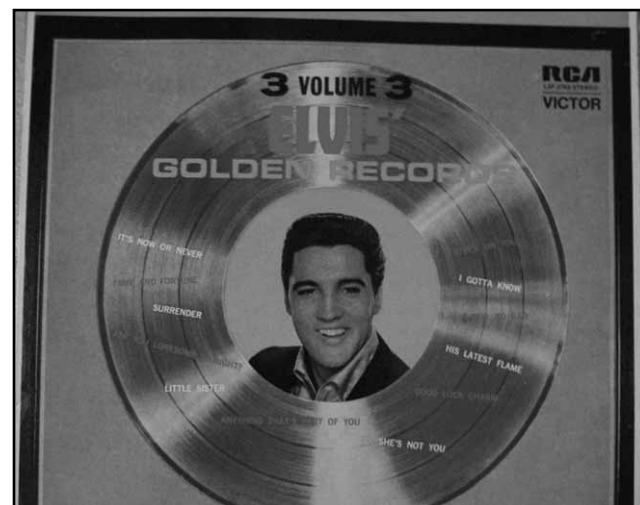
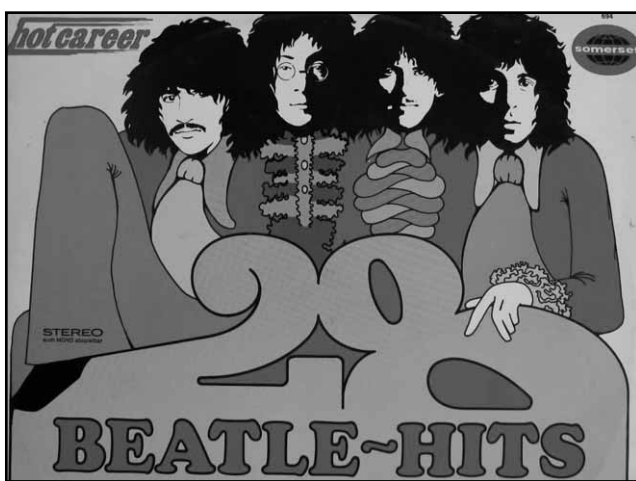
- Que Sera Sera - Normie Rowe
- The Carnival is Over - The Seekers
- Help - The Beatles
- Rock and Roll Music - The Beatles
- Crying in the Chapel - Elvis Presley
- I'll Never Find Another You - The Seekers
- The Wedding - Julie Rogers
- Under the Boardwalk - Rolling Stones
- Mrs Brown You've Got a

- Lovely Daughter - Hermans Hermits
- Ticket to Ride - The Beatles
- Funny Face - Billy Thorpe and the Aztecs
- She's So Fine - The Easybeats
- Downtown - Petula Clark
- I Got You Babe - Sonny and Cher
- The Seekers were an Australian folk-influenced pop group, originally formed in Melbourne in 1962.
There were four members

of the original group, Judith Durham, Athol Guy, Keith Potger and Bruce Woodley.
During the 1960's the group had ten top hits which included, "I'll Never Find Another You," "A World of Our Own" and "Georgy Girl."
The Beatles were an English rock band formed in England in 1960.
There were four members, John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr. They were a hugely popular group who

travelled the world and the word 'Beatlemania' was formed. The group survived until 1970 when they disbanded but their music still lives on today.
Elvis Presley was often referred to as The King of Rock and Roll, or simply The King.
His style of music entertained us all over many years, which included rock, pop, country, gospel and blues.

His death at age 42, was a great loss to the music industry.
Have you have enjoyed this 'look back' at music in the late 1960's and remembered earlier days living in Churchill, as the new town was being formed?
Perhaps you have also had a sing-a-long as you work around the house and garden. Enjoy your memories.



The following articles are re-published from the 25th Anniversary edition of Churchill & District News

Lions Club of Churchill & District (Inc.)

The Lions Club of Churchill and District Inc, was formed on the 20th January 1977 and chartered with forty members in the old Kernot Hall, Yallourn on 9th March 1977.
The Charter Executive was -
President - Gil Sheppard
Secretary - Ian Schmutter
Treasurer - Jeff Evans
Of the original forty charter members, eleven still remain with the Club, which has a membership of twenty-nine.
Although members of an individual Lions Club, every Club is also part of the International Association of Lions Clubs.
This name and distinctive emblem provide a common

bond for Lions from six continents. The worldwide motto is "We serve."
Lionism is more than sharing a name. It is sharing a commitment to the highest standards of service and fellowship on local, national and international levels. This commitment is best described by an example of projects actively participated in. These projects are typified by -
Senior Citizen's Annual Luncheon
Providing an annual outing to Melbourne for Senior Citizens
Providing holidays for underprivileged children to Licola Camp
Donations to local youth, sport organisations and schools

Hosting overseas Youth Exchange students
Refurbishing Woodside Life Saving Club clubrooms
Assisting families in need with physical and financial help, so it goes on and on with plenty of variety.
On the National front, the Club is ever ready and willing to provide assistance in time of need. As instances, the Club has provided monetary support, among others, for the victims of the Newcastle Disaster and the East Gippsland floods in recent times.
Further support is given to the following programmes:
Drug Awareness
Diabetes Research and Screening
Deafness research and

development of the Bionic Ear
Organ Donor Register
Sight Conservation and other District projects.
Internationally, activities are best described as sharing a special wish for world understanding and peace. Through Lionism, friendships are developed with other members in cultures and areas vastly different from our own.
Briefly we share a sincere commitment to fellowship and serving all people in need.
The Lions Club of Churchill and District which is untiring in its efforts has three main projects underway at the present, namely - the provision of labour for the toilet extension at the Hazelwood South Public Hall,

the preparation over 6 days, of approximately 30,000 salad rolls for the Great Victorian Bike Ride and possibly the most important of all, the establishment of a Village for the Aged in Churchill.
In addition to these major projects, the requests continue on for assistance to individuals and families.
Lions Clubs Objects
To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
To unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship,



good fellowship and mutual understanding.
To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
To encourage service-minded men to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.



Charter Night 19th March 1977

We Serve



The Churchill Lions Club serving the community with their usual sausage sizzle

stories from the first 25 years

Churchill's 50th

25th Anniversary edition and memories of local residents

The following articles are re-published from the 25th Anniversary edition of Churchill News

Rotary Club

Rotary Club of Hazelwood Incorporated was chartered on Saturday November 18, 1978.

The first president was Rotarian Arthur Davis, who later became Governor of District 982.

The club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Morwell, with many of their members joining the new club.

Current serving charter members are Graham Benson of Yinnar, John Breheny and Keith Williams of Churchill, David Crane, Bruce Johnston,

Ken Rae, Tom Thomsen and Tom Thwaites. Mike Anwerth, Fred Edwards, Owen McKenzie and Ross Ollquist are also members living in Churchill.

The Club was responsible for the planting of trees at the Hazelwood Pondage and provides considerable input into the planning and manning of the annual Yinnar South Country Fair.

Members are proud to have provided the 25th Anniversary Commemorative

Wall near the spire with the name of the first few hundred families to settle in Churchill.

The Rotaract Club of Hazelwood was sponsored by the Club as part of a continuing heavy commitment to youth programmes, which include International Youth Exchange (David Scott is currently in Finland,) the Rotary Youth Leadership Award and New Zealand exchanges.

Ross Ollquist – President



Ray Beebe, Mac Wood, the late Bruce Johnston and Reg Kemp painting the scout hall



The 25th Anniversary Commemorative Wall



Installing seating at Mathison Park

Churchill Football Club recognises achievers

The Churchill Football Club is to recognise outstanding sports achievements by Churchill and district residents at a special Sports Achievers Dinner to be held on Saturday 17, November as part of Churchill 25th Anniversary celebrations.

Local individuals who have achieved State or National representation for their particular sport, or who have been successful in other major ways, will be presented with certificates of recognition by the Churchill Football Club.

Special guest for the night will be Jeffrey Bond, Head

of the Sports Psychology Unit at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. Mr Bond, who has been Sports Psychologist to four Australian Olympic Games teams, has a wide reputation as a sports and business psychologist throughout Australia and overseas. He

assisted 1987 Wimbledon champion, Pat Cash, in his triumphs and has worked with AFL football clubs St Kilda, Melbourne and Sydney. He is also psychologist to basketball team the Canberra Cannons, three times winners of the NBL championship. His work includes conducting

psychological workshops for Government and business organisations.

Among the Churchill based sportspeople to be recognised on the night are expected to be: Greg and Paul Dear who have represented Victoria in interstate football, Duane Pendelbury,

Commonwealth Games representative in Auckland, junior golfer Terri McKinnon, water polo player, Fiona Ollquist and bowler, Sandy Caines. The dinner is to be held in the Football Club's Social Club, commencing at 7.30 pm. Contact Mike Anwerth for further information.

Churchill Football Club History

Churchill Football has made a vital contribution to the fabric of the Churchill and district community by providing boys and young men with the opportunity to play football at the highest level within Gippsland. Being affiliated with the Latrobe Valley Football League since 1984 has created a supreme challenge for the club, both for the players on the field and for the committee off the field.

The commitment required

by all those involved is fully recognised, each year gradually improving, but much remains to be done, including encouraging greater support by Churchill and district residents.

The club has a long association with the district, having formally established in 1925, as the Hazelwood Football Club in the Central Gippsland Football League. In 1935 the club joined the Mid-Gippsland Football League and played at the

Hazelwood South Recreation Reserve. The club had a stronghold on the League during the years 1951, 1952 and 1953, winning successive premierships, and creating a record 54 straight wins.

In 1971, the club moved to Gaskin Park and changed their name to Hazelwood-Churchill United Football Club. "United" was later dropped from the name.

In 1981 the club decided to change their colours from "maroon and white" to

Back Row: Bob Mc Clure (Coach), Mark Anwerth, Stephen Wyatt, Steve Austen (Captain), Chris Rasmus, Peter Kearns, Anthony Hourigan, Darren Grieve, Greg Cleary, Michael Kokshoorn, Robert Kokshorn, Jeff White, Bill Brown, Lyndon Giles, (Runner). Front Row: David Knight, Robert Mayo, Bernie Willaton, Andrew Smart, Adrian Kearns, Craig Skinner, Stephen Knight, Ken Hutchinson.

"blue and white", with the thought to an eventual move to the Latrobe Valley Football League. At the same time, it was determined that the club be renamed Churchill Football Club.

Though the club enjoyed great success in the Mid-Gippsland Football League, with seven Senior, three Reserve, three Thirds and two Fourths Premierships, it took four applications before finally getting accepted into the Latrobe Valley Football

League. This occurred in 1984 following the club's success in winning successive premierships in 1982 and 1983.

Churchill has produced two MGFL best and fairest players: Ken Jennings won the title twice, and Peter Ludlow once.

Dale Foster, Jim Dear, Greg Dear, Paul Dear and Bill Brown are all Churchill footballers who went on to join VFL Club, Hawthorn. Last season Anthony

Pavey was drafted to North Melbourne.

In addition, Kevin 'Pedro' Neille, a past Senior Coach and Senior player of the club, is this year's victorious Latrobe Valley Football League Inter-League Coach. The club was also represented in the Inter-League team by two of its outstanding players Coach Darren Hall and Number One Ruckman Jim Dear.



CLUB ROOMS BEING ERECTED

These clubrooms were destroyed by fire, and sadly most of the memorabilia was lost



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Boolarra Primary School

December 2014

Parents / Community Helpers

We are very grateful for the support we received throughout 2014. Some of our students shared the following thoughts in this regard:

Emre of Grade 5 shared that when her Mum organised our working bees and set up the school's first turtle, she felt proud because her Mum was helping the school to get better for everyone.

Brooke (of Grade 4) said that her Mum is really good at being on School Council but she misses her Mum tucking her in when she is at the meetings; she feels happy and proud that both her parents help the school to be better.

Lexi (of Grade 4) advised it makes her feel happy that her Nans have made so many goodies for the JSC to sell and that these goodies are so popular.

Grace (of Grade 6)'s family donated lots of blueberries to the Olden Days Night and this made her feel grateful and valued.

Jude (of Grade 4)'s parents shopped for the ingredients for school cooking. His Mum also helps with the school pool and our egg sales. Jude thinks this is awesome!

Grade 6 Graduation

Some of the current Prep students and our Grade 6's of 2008 attended our Grade

6's special farewell ceremony staged at the Boolarra Football / Netball social rooms. It was lovely to have the Big and Little Buddies there to pay tribute to our very special senior students as they concluded their time at our school.

2015 Preps Transition Program

Everyone was really impressed with the maturity and composure shown by our seventeen incoming Preps during their weekly activities at our school. They all seem set to make a very smooth start to the 2015 school year.

P/1/2 Dinner / Gr. 2 Sleep-over

The students, Ms Cheryl Hilton, Ms Finley Smith, Mr Herb Smith and Ms Lisa Papa all did a fabulous job at this much anticipated annual event. It was pleasing to see how well the children listened and followed instructions. This experience helps ensure that next year's Grade 3's are well equipped for the 3/4 Camp to Forest Lodge which is set for December.

Waratah Bay Camp

A wonderful time was had by the Grade 3/4s on their beach camp with the students from Thorpdale and Narracan.

The camp facilities were wonderful (ensuite bathrooms in every bedroom) and the food was plentiful, fresh and nutritious. Our students demonstrated that they had built on

their cooperative/collaborative skills with most of the teams working very effectively together.

2015 School Captains

At our final assembly for 2014 our Grade 5s presented speeches outlining their credentials for this important job. Each grade and the teachers and ES staff then voted for the candidates they believed will do the best job. The outcome of this process was announced at our End of Year Concert: Mirabel McCreddie and Emre Cupples will be our 2015 School Captains, with Jedd Felmingham and Darcy Hough as the Deputy Captains.

Junior School Council

Our JSC did a sensational job throughout the school year to earn a celebration lunch at the Boolarra Top Shop.

Concert

Each grade performed a song and a dance routine at the Boolarra Memorial Hall. We also presented attendance awards and showcased the keyboard, guitar and other talents of some of our students.

Our Christmas Hamper raffle was drawn with seven lucky people going home with lots of goodies.

2015 Grade Structure

We will operate a Prep / 1 class to be taught by Ms Abby-Lee Brown, a Prep/1/2 that will be taught by Ms Cheryl Hilton, a 2/3 that Ms

Finley Smith will take, a 4/5 that Mr Patrick Kilday will teach and a 5/6 with Ms Tammy Estcourt. Each class will have approximately 17 students.

Brilliant Start to 2015

There was a very productive working tone in all our classrooms from the very beginning of the first day of school.

Our new Preps settled in brilliantly and many showed an amazing capacity to sit and concentrate for long periods of time, which was very impressive. It is clear that we are going to have another fabulous year at Boolarra Primary School.

2015 Boolarra Folk Festival

This is set for Saturday February 28. As is tradition, our students, under the direction of drumming guru Steve Shulz, will be opening the music program at 11:00 am. We'll also be holding a stall at the Folk Festival, selling hand-crafted goodies created by all our talented students and parents. We hope to also be selling fresh fruit salad. If you are looking for a fabulous day out, with free entry, great music, lots of stalls and food options available, head to the Boolarra Folk Festival!



Playing Weed the Garden Spotto on day 1



Grade 2s sleepover at breakfast



Holly with her buddies Mathilda and Poppy on the first day of school

Churchill Primary School



Left: Prep/1 Class with Mrs Harding and Mrs Sue Hunter, and Mr Leigh Churchill. Above: Mr. Haider with Caitlyn and Dylan in the new hen house

The Great Start to the Year

The year began very smoothly with a number of new families joining our community. Churchill Primary School welcomes all of our families and we thank them for choosing our school. Most of our new students have joined us in Prep and they have been very settled so far.

We have a Prep grade and a Prep /1 grade. Mrs Gail Harding and Mrs Halie McColl are teaching the Prep/1 grade with the help of Mrs Sue Hunter. Ms Jody Ellis is the Prep grade teacher with the help of Mrs Butler. Mr Leigh Churchill will spend his intern year in the Prep/1 grade. These teachers are pictured here with their grades.

New to our school this year is Mrs Alana Risely, who will be teaching the students in the Performing Arts. We look forward to this new specialist program.

Student Leaders

Our school Leaders were chosen by their peers last year. Caitlyn Sorby and Jeremy Curtis are our School Captains and Rhys Luxford and Dakota Wilden are the Vice Captains. They introduced themselves to the school community at assembly and they have lots of wonderful ideas for the school. We look forward to the election of the House Captains and our Junior School Council members.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support :

Respectful Positive Learners Churchill Primary School

is a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support school. As with all organisations, we continually reflect and review what we have been working on. Our journey has been an exciting one and we are proud of the progress we have made in developing our school culture. Our Values from 2015 are Respectful Positive Learners. The shift in emphasis is to continue to foster positive attitudes and positive mind sets towards learning. The behaviours and attitudes around these values are specifically taught and the students are acknowledged when they exhibit these values.

Animals in School Program

There was great excitement this week as the students were introduced to our new resident chickens. There are lines of children wishing to go into the enclosure to pat the chooks. The chooks are an extension of our gardening program, and each week a grade is rostered on to do some gardening and to maintain the hen house. The students have specific jobs within the program. This program is under the direction of our volunteer, Mr Joseph Haider. This week's shed monitors from Grade 5/6 are Dylan K and Caitlyn S. Later, there will be other animals introduced, including rabbits and guinea pigs. The public is welcome to look at the animals from the oval side of the fence and food such as bread, vegies and fruit could be put in the cage.



Top: The school leader s Caitlyn, Dakota, Rhys and Jeremy with Principal Mrs Susan Gilmore. Bottom: Grade Prep with Ms Jodi Ellis

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Looking Back...

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Power(ful) Memories of Hazelwood Power

The continuing story:

Kevin Turpin

Kevin Turpin of Churchill, was an apprentice boilermaker at the time he ventured onto the Hazelwood site works. It was 1965 when he started work for Tuba Steel Constructions. There were none of the amenities of today recalls Kevin. Here are Kevin's memories.

"I started work as an apprentice boilermaker with the company called Tuba-Steel which mainly subcontracted to Babcock and Wilcox, based in a small workshop in Madden Street, Morwell.

The Di Fabrizio Brothers had a small fabrication shop next door before in later years, moving to the vacant Gas and Fuel workshops in Tramway Road.

The first job I can remember with Tuba-Steel was melting down lead ingots at our Madden Street workshops to fill the keel of a steel Sydney to Hobart racing yacht, built by company owner Ernie Eggers. I earned \$5 an hour.

I can remember my first recollections of Hazelwood Power Station. Ernie Eggers owned a 300 SL sports Mercedes car. I threw my toolbox, welding mask etc into his car's boot and away we went. The road to Hazelwood Power Station followed the Mirboo North rail line and I recall speeds of 100 mph. Was I glad when we stopped at the job.

Upon driving through the security gate, I was amazed at the magnitude of the site; so many people working on such a diversity of jobs.

Some worked on earthworks, sculpting out the cable tunnels to house many kilometres of cable supporting racks beneath the power station; others laying concrete slabs at basement level and other levels up to the boiler structure; some working on the construction of a chimney stack so high in the sky; others working on the construction of the support and auxiliary steelwork for the boiler, (at that time two boilers were complete). This was boiler number 3 and turbine house extensions. So much going on!

In hindsight it was amazing that this monstrous building was being put together like a giant jig-saw puzzle, with hardly any cherry pickers or travel towers; only air winches, a crane mounted at roof level, bosun chairs, scaffolding, ladders and sweat.

The construction workers themselves were a mixing pot of German, Italian, Greek, Maltese, English and many others. Not necessarily skilled labour but willing to have a go in their new country.

I feel the term 'wog' was more a term of endearment than disrespect.

I learnt many new words (like hammer, chisel etc in Italian, Greek and so on) as well as others, some I could repeat at home, and others well.

We had an on-site workshop, crib shack and office on a hill about 400 metres from the actual construction site, to which we would travel at 'smoko' and lunchtime on the back of an old VW cut down ute,

about 12 of us, standing up and hanging onto a rail. That wouldn't happen today. I have fond memories of playing 500 in crib shack. There were billy boys who made the coffee for you and brought orders for lunch and even placed bets on for you.

Tragically, some work mates lost their lives on site due to bad decisions by themselves or others. It was gut wrenching when the site alarm would sound to summon the rescue crew.

Asbestos use on site was rife. We would be welding skin casing on the side of the boiler wall and other tradesmen were lagging pipes with the stuff above you. It would rain down.

I knew a few over the years have passed away because of exposure from its' use. No-one using it on site knew how dangerous a material it was, and still is.

Beam walking was a term used by riggers, trades assistants and tradesmen in most cases to get from one job to another, because there were no walkways installed yet. It was something I couldn't get used to, walking on the top of a beam maybe 100 feet above the ground with no handrail, carrying tools, welding leads etc.

I saw a guy once who lost his teeth, not by being hit by anything, but by leaning over the handrail about 80 feet up, yelling out to his trade's assistant on the basement, and out came his false teeth.

When I was getting married, they put a cowbell weighing 15 kg on me. I had to go and find a grinder to take it off. Other larks included chaining prospective grooms to a pole or handrails.

Hazelwood Power Station was an eye-opener for a young 17 year old, but it taught me a lot in my trade, and about people.

I learnt to think outside of the square. If a guy works hard and achieves he should be proud; proud too of his family and bringing them up. Unless you took pride in your job you were a pretty ordinary tradesman."

Max Williamson

Max Williamson of Morwell, was a civil engineer and an SEC (State Electricity Commission) section leader manager. It was his responsibility to oversee the builders and trades maintenance work at Morwell, and then into the new Hazelwood Power Station.

Unit 1 of the station came on line in 1964. In 1971 construction of the station finished and all units were up and running. It was time

for an official opening. It was going to be a mighty occasion with thousands of dignitaries of every ilk being invited.

As a section head, Max received an invitation to the opening and the luncheon. An official program was produced with the names of those giving speeches. A souvenir booklet was produced. The Gippslander train was to leave from Flinders Street station

to Morwell station, with all the SEC Commissioners on board. They were to be taken by bus from the station to Hazelwood. There would be a bus tour of the features of the area after the opening.

Henry Bolte was the Premier at the time, and it is thought he had upset the unions, and provoked some unrest, causing rumblings of a stand up demonstration

on the day. As security at Hazelwood was a low priority in those days, it was therefore considered too dangerous, and so the opening was cancelled. However, all the invited guests enjoyed the lunch and the opportunity of seeing the plant first hand.

Hazelwood Power Station remains unopened and the souvenir booklet has become a rare collector's item.

TRAIN TIME TABLE

8.35 a.m.	"The Gippslander" departs Flinders Street Station, No. 1 Centre Platform
8.52 a.m.	Departs Caulfield Station, No. 4 Platform
9.11 a.m.	Departs Dandenong Station No. 1 Platform
10.40 a.m.	Arrives Morwell. Join buses for travel to Hazelwood
4.00 p.m.	Join buses for return to Morwell Station
4.41 p.m.	"The Gippslander" departs Morwell
6.13 p.m.	Arrives Dandenong Station, No. 2 Platform
6.32 p.m.	Arrives Caulfield Station, No. 1 Platform
6.50 p.m.	Arrives Flinders Street Station, No. 1 Centre Platform

PROGRAMME



Hazelwood Power Station Official Opening

by

THE HON. SIR HENRY BOLTE,
K.C.M.G., M.P.

Premier and Treasurer of Victoria,
on Thursday, 11th March, 1971

PROGRAMME

* 8.35 a.m.	Departure of "The Gippslander" from Flinders Street Station, No. 1 Centre Platform—Morning tea served on train
10.30 a.m.	Morning tea available to car travellers at Hazelwood Power Station
11.00 a.m.	Guests move to ceremonial area
11.30 a.m.	Official opening ceremony
12.10 p.m.	Inspection of power station
1.00 p.m.	Luncheon
2.30 p.m.	Bus tour of works area and surrounding district
3.30 p.m.	Afternoon tea

*Full train timetable is shown on back page of programme

PROCEEDINGS

Mr. J. W. Schulz, Manager, Latrobe Valley Region, State Electricity Commission of Victoria, opens the proceedings.

Councillor J. C. Vinal, President, Shire of Morwell, welcomes guests to the Shire.

Dr. W. H. Connolly, Chairman, State Electricity Commission, invites the Hon. The Premier to open the power station.

The Hon. The Premier addresses the gathering and declares the power station open.

Following the official opening ceremony, guests are invited to inspect the power station. Buses will be available to convey guests from the point where the inspection ends to the marquee for luncheon.



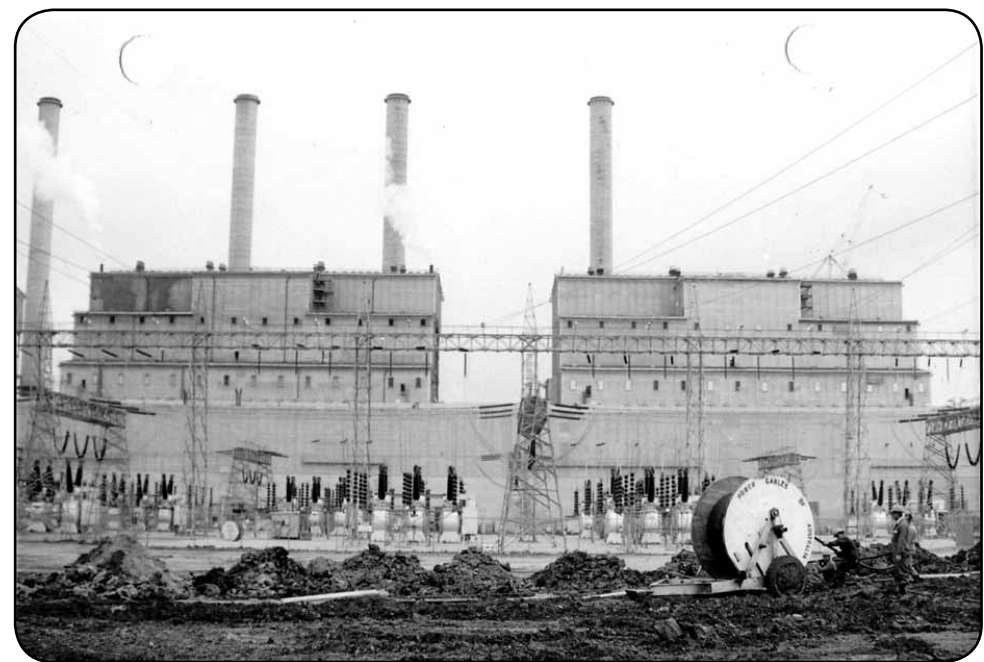
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Cyril Hibbert

Cyril began his working life by becoming an electrical fitter in the switchyard at Yallourn. As an apprentice he did some of the wiring for C Station, then the switchyard, before going into operations at A, B, C and D stations. This was followed by time at Yallourn Briquette Works. Next, it was back to C Station as an electrical plant operator in the power station area. Then into the Test laboratory, which nearly drove him crazy. The job at Hazelwood came up so he jumped at the chance.

Cyril worked for the SEC for 39 years. His job was in transmission with Hazelwood Station Control Centre - the electrical distribution side as a shift operator in the main switchyard. He had a trainee with him.

When Unit A machines came on line they went through transmission personnel. Cyril looked after distribution from the switchyard through the outgoing lines to local and Melbourne areas. It was a very responsible job.

Transmission was annexed to the station.

"It was a good place to work," said Cyril. "There was great camaraderie, as I got on well with the Unit Attendants. It was nice to have a talk with

them and they in turn were so helpful. I was accepted as part of the overall operation. I liked to get around and meet people."

Cyril got to know what everyone did and how things operated so that if an emergency or a fault arose, he was able to work together with those involved to solve the problem. This created a relationship where people were confident to report.

The explosion in No 3 generator was remembered as a terrible accident caused by hydrogen in the tunnel into the generator, which was hydrogen cooled.

Several years before Cyril took a redundancy package, Cyril joined the Social Club. He was invited to stay on and take over the retirees group, most of which he had worked with for a third of his working life. Cyril's wife Enid was elected onto the committee and Cyril says it is great to do things together.

Many lost contact with their working friends when they left, and this was harsh for some and they often died off. To maintain contact was a good thing. They have monthly meetings, discussions, trips to the pokies, and day trips in between. An annual BBQ is held. They

write to Hazelwood Power and receive cheques to run it. Several of the members have died these last few years. "We mourn the loss of these friends and their wives," said Cyril.

Special times were when they organised the 30th anniversary and were asked to help as tour drivers for the 40th anniversary.

Mick Bren

"Back in 1969 I first became involved at Hazelwood Power Station. I had applied for a Unit Attendant's position, and after eliminations and an IQ test, I made it, with 10 other applicants, into the nine month intensive training course.

Having for the first time entered the control room, I thought, I would never get to know all of the controls, lights, alarms and their various functions, for as long as I lived.

However, once into the swing of the course and the high standard of teaching, it all gradually began to take shape. We graduated in June 1970, and were placed in various Stages (1-4) to continue on-the-job training and gain experience with seasoned operators. At that stage, Unit 8 was just being

commissioned, although I did not see much of that as I was stationed in Stage 1.

March 11, 1971 saw the official opening of the \$230 million Hazelwood Station. From that time Hazelwood was generating up to 60% of the State's power, and was the largest power station in Australia. In those earlier days, Hazelwood supported some 1200 employees, and had a very good safety record. Maintenance of the plant was undertaken with a rigid permit procedure, and as such accidents were kept to an absolute minimum. The Station had an excellent social club, with several functions throughout the year, and culminating with the Christmas picnic for members' children with most presents costing more than the annual membership!

The canteen at the station was an excellent money-spinner for the social club, which maximised the benefits to members with minimum outlay. There were largely four groups at the station, Management, Administration, Maintenance, and Operations.

Operations, of which I was a part, was responsible for running the boilers, turbines, generators and associated auxiliary plant. We

all operated on a shift basis, that being six afternoons, six days and six nights all of eight hours duration.

Every 12-15 months each of us went onto a relief roster for three months, filling in for those on leave or sick. Overall, each shift became a little family, working together as a team, and where many outside activities, such as golf, cricket, soccer and footy, added to the camaraderie.

1978 became the blackest era at Hazelwood, after an explosion in Unit 3's generator claimed the lives of three personnel. Blame laying and finger pointing did not help the situation, and did not help the families of those involved. Stricter permit procedures followed and made the station just that much safer.

I could go on about many of the personal things that went on in the station, mostly humorous, some more serious, but I think some things are best left just where they happened.

In 1979 I did another nine month course to become an Assistant Unit Controller, and in 1983, made the rank of Unit Controller. In the late 1980's, 12 hour shifts were trialled, i.e. two days and two nights and a five day break. Oddly, it did not suit everybody, but

the majority adjusted to it and I personally felt it gave us a better quality of life. Still in the late 1980's, restructuring began, the bean counters moved in and decided to cull a few workers and then a few more, and then still more, with Voluntary Departure Packages (each one the last, mind you). More and more personnel decided to take up the offer.

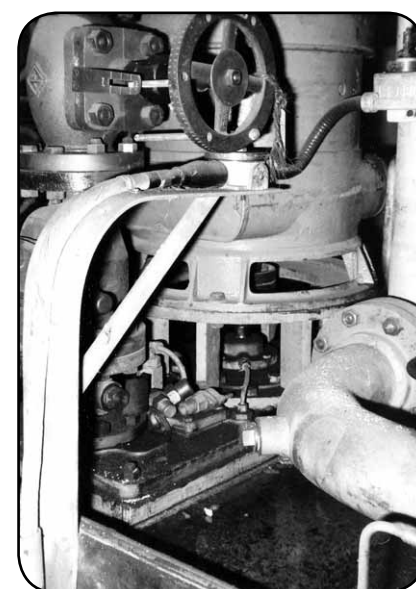
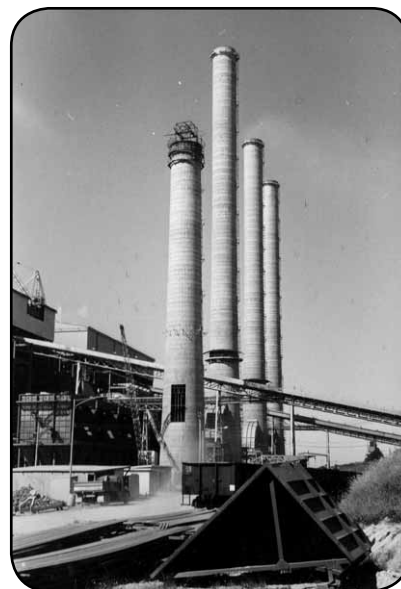
As the plant was being run into a poor state and we were trying to maintain generation, sometimes against very trying conditions, some of us more seasoned staff decided to take up the package offer, and in 1992, I decided it was time.

I loved the place and workmates, and to this day still miss it, but at the time, enough was enough."

Ken Highton responded to our appeal for old photos and some of his have been included in this section of our history.

Ken was involved with the cabling which he describes as the nervous system linking the various sections of the construction and making it all work. He worked for

GEC-AEI Cables.



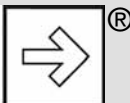
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Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists

Alan Noy Director of Indigenous Design Environmental Services, will speak to the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, February 27.

For almost 20 years the importance of, and funding for, biodiversity conservation has been growing. Landcare and other organizations were expanding as was private sector contracting. However, recently the appreciation for our biodiversity and allocation of appropriate resources has begun to decline. Thus the contractor's role is changing. Alan will illustrate, with current projects, how his company is tackling these new challenges.

The meeting from 7.30pm is at the Uniting Church Hall



Australian Spotted Crake at the Morwell Bridge Wetlands

on the corner of Old Sale Road and Chamberlain Road, Newborough. An excursion on Saturday February 28 will be to Andersons Inlet.

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

Churchill Creative Writing

By Cora Pal

The ever popular Churchill Creative Writing class is running again this term.

Why not join this friendly group of people who love

reading, writing and good conversation? Beginners welcome.

For further information contact the Coordinator at Churchill Neighbourhood

Centre on 5122 2955 or just drop in at the Hub between 10am and 12pm on a Tuesday morning.

Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: Hibbertia dentata

Family: Dilleniaceae

Derivation: Hibbertia

Named after George Hibbert (1757-1837,) a distinguished English patron of botany and a nurseryman at Clapham, London.

dentata: From the Latin 'dentatus', meaning toothed or having a toothed margin, referring to the leaves of this species.

Common Name: Training Guinea Flower

Distribution: Widespread along the east coast of Australia, from south-east Queensland through NSW into eastern Victoria, in open forest areas and rainforest margins, quite often in moist situations.

Description: A trailing plant or light climber, prostrate without support, but scrambling a couple of metres through surrounding vegetation if it gets a chance. The leaves are up to 10cm long and 3cm wide.

They are usually dark green, but can be reddish bronze when young or during the colder months. The flowers

occur mainly in spring and early summer, but can flower sporadically at any time of year. They are up to 4cm across, bright yellow, usually with five notched petals and numerous fluffy stamens in the centre.

Opinion: Of the more than 150 species of Hibbertia, only two are climbers; Hibbertia dentata and H. scandens, the Climbing Guinea flower. H. dentata is not as vigorous as its cousin, hence the common name Trailing rather than Climbing. My original plant is in the bed surrounding the frog pond, but it has been



breeding!

There are now more plants growing in the adjacent beds, so I guess this species likes the conditions in the area and is happy to self-seed itself around the place.

I haven't actually noticed any seed pods on the plants.

No meeting at TAFE building this month due to weekend activities.


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Beyond the Classroom

A showcase of Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) artwork from Traralgon College, Lavalla Catholic College and Kurnai College University Campus brought the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre alive on Friday February 6, 2015. Latrobe City Council's deputy Mayor, Peter Gibbons said that it was great to see art being taken up at a young age.

"Art is an important part of our culture here in Latrobe City and it is fantastic to see teenagers not only exploring art, but also sharing it with our community."

General Manager Planning and Economic Sustainability, Phil Stone, said the night was a live performance showcase.

"There were five live performances from drama and theatre studies students from Lavalla Catholic College

and Kurnai College, which demonstrated the talent and creativity of our local arts students.

Their studies deliver them the chance to create pieces of art or performance pieces, which is fantastic for developing their creative talents, and to have the opportunity to put on a formal exhibition of their work is an exciting prospect for the students," Mr Stone said.

"The Latrobe Performing Arts Education Program is very proud to offer this opportunity to celebrate the considerable achievements they have made in their VCE art and design work in studio art, drama and theatre studies.

The exhibition is currently open and will run until Tuesday March 4. The artwork on display is well worth a viewing," Mr Stone concluded.

Community Safety Initiative

The Hazelwood Jeeralang Community Association (HJCA) is pleased to advise that it has completed the preparation of its booklet "Community Safety" and distribution across the Hazelwood Jeeralang area has commenced.

Residents who use post office boxes in place of a roadside mail delivery may request a booklet be mailed to their PO box, by contacting the Association's Secretary by email or paper mail at the details below.

The Community Safety project used local community input from public meetings earlier in the year, to inform a wider understanding of safety issues in the community, including, arson, theft, hoarding, rubbish dumping and other anti-social or disruptive behaviours which negatively impact our community.

G a r r y M a u g e r ,
Chairperson of the Hazelwood

Jeeralang Community Association Inc., reaffirmed that "A safe, caring and vibrant community is where we all would like to live. Here is an opportunity for each of us to contribute to creating that safer place in which we can all relax and enjoy."

The preparation and distribution of the booklet is a culmination of a project funded by a Community Safety Fund grant from the Department of Justice, and in-kind assistance from numerous agencies including Victoria Police and Latrobe City.

The booklet aims to inform residents who they could contact to achieve an effective response when they observe safety issues which may impact on our community.

Project Coordinator John Arkinstall said: "In assembling the booklet we sought out the concerns of our

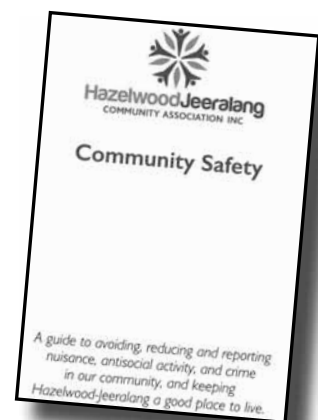
community, and then brought together information from police, local government, and other relevant agencies into a single summary source of support.

We hope our efforts to empower the community with links to sources of information to deal with these concerns will be of lasting value.

We are grateful for the support of the Community Safety Fund Grant from the Department of Justice, Victoria Police, the Gippsland Arson Prevention Program and other agencies for this project."

The Hazelwood Jeeralang Community Association Inc. is a not-for-profit association which seeks to serve and advocate for the communities in the greater Hazelwood - Jeeralang areas.

For further information: Garry Mauger, Chairperson, Hazelwood Jeeralang Community Association 03



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For those with PO boxes a copy of the brochure may be requested by contacting:

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mail the Secretary at PO Box 409 Churchill Victoria 3842.

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

Churchill Bowls Club

By Sam Gillett
Green Setback

The Churchill Bowls Club has suffered a major setback in its objective of establishing a lawn bowls green in Churchill, with the defeat of the previous Government at the 2014 November elections. Regrettably the combination of the former State Government losing the election, and Latrobe City Council failing to provide its contribution in the required time frame, has resulted in the withdrawal of the funding, putting the bowls green project in jeopardy.

However the Churchill Bowls Club is resolute in its objective of establishing

a lawn bowls facility in Churchill, and will continue to fight against the lack of equity that exists in regard to the provision of appropriate sporting facilities for older members of the Churchill community.

Our Thursday night indoor bowls commenced again on Thursday February 5, starting at 7.30pm at Gaskin Park Hall Churchill. We look forward to meeting new and past players.

The winner of our Christmas Hamper was N. Van Den Ham from Bairnsdale. The club would like to thank everyone who supported us by purchasing tickets. We will once again be conducting our annual Easter



egg raffle prior to Easter, with members selling tickets in the Churchill shopping centre.

The Churchill Bowls Club has recently been accepted as an affiliated member of BowlsVic, which is another step forward in our quest for a bowls green in Churchill.

Anyone who would like information regarding the Churchill Bowls Club can contact Bill on 5122 1860.

Baseball Returns to Churchill

By Sam Gillett

Churchill Braves head coach, Tim Bellerby, announced that the first training session for the 2015 season was on Wednesday February 18, taking place at the home ground at Andrews Park West.

The Braves early start to training is to get them ready for a season in which they are hoping they can get all grades into the finals as they've done the last few years. With the introduction of a new team, the South Gippsland Miners, into the league this year, it becomes an even more difficult feat.

The Braves are hoping to recruit some fresh blood into

the Club to give themselves the best chance to do this. They are hosting a stall at Federation University's Clubs Day, as well as hosting their third Come and Try Day on Sunday March 22, in conjunction with the Churchill & District News.

The Churchill Braves had a shift in various coaching roles over the off season, though Tim Bellerby maintained his spot as A Grade coach after making finals in his first season in the top spot last year. Despite making it to the Grand Final in B Grade this season, Ross Coenen stepped down as coach and handed over to Floyd Haines. Sam Gillett took over

the C Grade coach position from Dave Haines after being assistant in 2014.

Junior positions have also changed as Sam Gillett heads the under 16s instead of the under 10s as he has done the previous two years. Brad Jones is entering his second season as under 13s coach and Tim Bellerby has taken over the under 10 T-ball division.

Junior numbers have struggled recently and the club is hoping to recruit as many as possible in 2015. The under 16s division has especially struggled in recent years and the club implores any person - young or old - to come down and give baseball a try.

Churchill and Monash Golf Club

Ladies First Main Event

The ladies from the Churchill and Monash Golf Club will hold their 2015 Open Day for visitors from other clubs on Tuesday February 24.

It will be a 4BBB commencing at 9.30 am. Entry is \$12 a pair and a tasty lunch is available for \$6. Good company, fun and exercise with the chance of winning some lovely prizes.

For further information phone 5174 1005.

Golf Club Results

Saturday December 6, 2014 - Mens Stableford. Winners- A Grade - D. Ellwood (13) 37 pts. B Grade - P. Williams (20) 39 pts. C Grade - B. Barnes (30) 32 C/B. N.T.P - 3rd- H. Martin, 5th - K. Hills, 12th- A. Auld, 14th- D. Ellwood. Birdies- 12th- V. Monument, 3rd- H. Martin.

Tuesday December 9, 2014- Ladies American Foursomes. Winners- M.

McConville and V. Rowley (31.5) 64.5 C/B. D.T.L- E. Leggo and D. Stait (36.5) 64.5.

Saturday December 13, 2014 - Mens 4BBB Stableford. Winners - W. Judkins and J. Barnes 50 pts. Runners Up - R. Welsh and P.Ludlow 46 pts. N.T.P - 3rd - R. Scurlock, 12th- C. Green, 14th- B. Kilday.3 Birdies- 3rd-P.Junker, R. Welsh, D. Ellwood.

Sunday December 14, 2014- Christmas Break-up 9 Hole Stableford. Mens Winner - G. Beyer 20 pts C/B. Runner Up - P. Jordan 20 pts. Ladies Winner - M. McConville 21 pts. Runner Up - V. Verheyen 19 pts C/B. N.T.P- 3rd- P. Williams, 5th- G. Blizzard. Birdies- P. Williams

Saturday January 17, 2015 - Mens 4BBB Stableford. Winners- G. Spowart and C. Spowart. Runners Up- G. Beyer and C. Thompson. N.T.P - 3rd- C.

Thompson, 12th-B. Kilday. Birdies- 3rd- M. Coad.

Tuesday January 20, 2015 - Ladies Stableford. Winner- L. Peake(38) 39pts C/B. D.T.L- J. Blizzard(31) 39pts, M. McConville(22) 37pts. N.T.P- 5th (2nd shot)- V. Verheyen

Tuesday December 16, 2014 - Ladies Christmas Ambrose 9 Hole. Winners - J. Blizzard(31) and C. Barnes(33) 34 pts. Up The Line - V. Verheyen(28), V. Rowley(40) and J. Armstrong(45) 38.5 pts.

Saturday January 24, 2015 - Mens Captains and Presidents Day - Stableford. Winners- A Grade- D. Ellwood- 38pts. B Grade- T. Gabbett- 36pts. C Grade- P. Shields- 43pts. N.T.P- 3rd- R. Welsh, 5th- M.Brereton, 12th- P. Shields, 14th- B. Kilday. Birdies- 12th - P.Shields. Winners - Presidents Team

Tuesday January 27, 2015 - Ladies Stableford. Winner- V. Verheyen(31)

42pts. D.T.L- B. Beebe (33) 37pts, M. McConville (32) 36pts. N.T.P- 3rd- J. Blizzard, 5th (2nd shot)- B. Beebe, 12th- M. Munckton, 14th(2nd Shot)-J. Blizzard.

Saturday January 31, 2015 - Mens Monthly Medal Stroke. Winners- A Grade- R. Scurlock (7) 69 net. B Grade- P. Ludlow (18) 66 net. C Grade- H. Speake (32) 66 net C/B. Scratch- R. Scurlock(7) 76. Count Putts- K. Hills 26. N.T.P - 3rd- G. Spowart, 5th- P.Ludlow, 12th- S. Sanders, 14th- T.Gabblet. Birdies- 3rd G.Spowart, 12th - M. Sanders.

Tuesday February 3, 2015 - Ladies Monthly Medal Stroke.

Winner- M. Dear (20) 66 net. D.T.L- V. Verheyen (30) 69 net. D. Judkins (23) 70 net. Scratch- M. Dear (20) 86. Count Putts- M. Dear (20) 27. N.T.P- 3rd- M. McConville, 5th (2nd shot)- M. Dear, 12th- M. Dear, 14th(2nd Shot)-K. Raber



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Volunteers needed urgently

Latrobe Community Health Service is in urgent need of volunteers to support its ongoing community work.

Volunteers are critical to the organisation's success in reaching the community, according to Anne Coxall, Senior Manager, People, Learning and Culture.

"I think the thing that surprises our volunteers is how rewarding they find the work. They arrive ready to help, and leave feeling deeply happy," said Ms Coxall.

"Our volunteers really help keep the doors open here. I don't know what we'd do without them."

Volunteer Keith Bilton said volunteering had been a worthwhile commitment.

"Being retired, it gets you off the couch and involved in the world," he said.

"And after being plied with a cup of tea and cake, how could I refuse?"



Latrobe Community Health Service volunteer Alan Dingwall

Alan Dingwall, who has been a volunteer driver with Latrobe Community Health Service for more than five years, agrees that volunteering has had a positive impact on his life.

"I absolutely love getting up in the morning and going to the centres and seeing who we have to pick up.

The clients and staff have been my family. It feels good inside to hear I am doing a great job."

There are multiple volunteering roles to be filled urgently, including drivers, visitors to elderly people in their homes, general helpers for planned activity groups, simulated patients to role play clinical treatment with students, and many more.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Adriana Pezzutto on 51365306 or email adriana.pezzutto@lchs.com.au

New website now live!

The new Latrobe Community Health Service website – www.lchs.com.au – is now live.

"We're very excited about the new site," said Rick Davies, Executive Director Corporate at Latrobe

Community Health Service. "Every part of the site is designed to make our services easy to find, and easy to understand."

"The content, the navigation, and the look and feel of the site are all brand

new. We think our clients will find it a vastly improved experience."

The new site is responsive, meaning it will work on a smartphone or tablet.

"We realised that a quarter of all visits to our website were from a smartphone, and that number is growing," said Mr Davies.

"One of our goals is for people to connect to services when and where they need them, so having a website that works on a phone is really important.

"I really encourage the community to jump online and have a look.

"We offer such a wide range of health services, and now they are easier to find than ever."

The new website is www.lchs.com.au



5 tips for staying cool during summer heatwaves

Gippsland residents are being reminded to take particular care of their health during the heat of the summer months.

"Despite a relatively cool start to summer, the end of February is expected to be particularly hot," said Dr James Bvirakare, Medical Director at Latrobe Community Health Service.

"The heat is a deceptive threat. We view it as part of everyday life in Australia, but it can have a very real impact on our health. This is particularly true for people who are elderly and people who have a medical condition such as diabetes, kidney disease or mental illness," he said.

Dr Bvirakare said there were several easy steps that can be taken to reduce the health impact of heatwaves.

"The Department of Health has extensive advice on coping with the heat. We need to keep fluids up, avoid the hottest parts of the day, and look after our neighbours," he said.

Department of Health recommendations include:

- 1 Drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- 2 If you don't have air conditioning at home, keep yourself cool by using wet towels, putting your feet in cool water and taking cool (not cold) showers. Or spend as much time as possible in cool or air-conditioned buildings (for example, shopping centres, libraries, cinemas or community centres).
- 3 Stock up on food, water and medicines so you don't have to go out in the heat.
- 4 Eat smaller meals more often and cold meals such as salads.
- 5 Avoid strenuous activity like home improvements and gardening.

For more tips about staying cool this summer, visit the Department of Health website at: <http://goo.gl/2SNwam>



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