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Churchill's 50th - 12 page Supplement feature - middle pages



Churchill celebrates in style



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An estimated 2000 people came to enjoy the 50th birthday of Churchill.

The weather forecast was not promising, but Sunday, March 15 dawned fine and calm. People arrived in Philip Parade to set up their stalls, and the Town Hall Plaza.

The Town Hall Plaza was ready for

the formal unveiling of the official 50th anniversary plaque, with flags flying, the new service memorial in place, and seating for guests and members of the public.

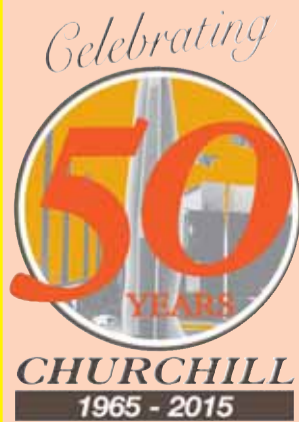
The day looked set to be a wonderful one to see the 50th birthday of Churchill's proclamation.

Philip Parade was closed off to cars to become a colorful precinct of gazebos and food vendors. Crowds began arriving for the church service and to view the displays and find long lost acquaintances. Photo albums on stalls were a great attraction.

Thank you to the wonderful organising

committee who put so much effort into providing such a memorable and well organised event.

Churchill & District News hopes you enjoy our colourful souvenir supplement in the middle pages of this edition as a keepsake of that fantastic event.



* ANZAC Day April 25. RSL service at 9am in the Town Hall Plaza, followed by refreshments in the Town Hall and the unveiling of the Hazelwood Honour Roll.
* Churchill & District News "Volume 4 Looking Back" history book launch, May 24 at 2pm at the Co-Operating Churches.

All welcome.
* Unveiling of Monash Way underpass artwork April- June. Date TBC.
* Churchill Football Club Past Players Reunion Day/Night event Saturday June 13. Watch the game in the afternoon and get together at 7.30pm for fellowship and finger food catering.
* Gippsland Trade Printers Open Day

Saturday July 18 from 11am-2pm Webster Street. Factory tours, showbags, wanted posters etc, BBQ lunch.
* Gum Leaf Quilters Quilt and Craft Exhibition September 12 and 13 at the Auditorium at FedUni 10am- 4pm.
* Churchill Fire Brigade Open Day and 70th birthday, Sunday October 11.

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Gallipoli and the Anzacs Churchill/Hazelwood district - A personal reflection

With the Commemoration of Anzac Day and specifically the centenary of Gallipoli, I wonder what significance those events hold for those of us who have made Churchill (Hazelwood) our home.

As a short-term resident of this town, I had no idea what the impact of the Great War had upon the lives of the people in this district. I have driven past the War Memorial in Morwell and the one at Anzac Lookout in Yinnar Road, and not given a thought to the names on those lists – until now. I have read the Honour Boards in several places but not made connections – until now.

Anniversaries are usually a time for reflection and this one, 100 years after the Anzacs landed at Gallipoli is of more importance than most.

Instead of continuing to drive past these memorials, one day recently, I stopped. I looked and read each and every name. Suddenly they assumed a greater meaning. These were the people who fought on a foreign shore, for a country they called home but which was not necessarily their birthplace.

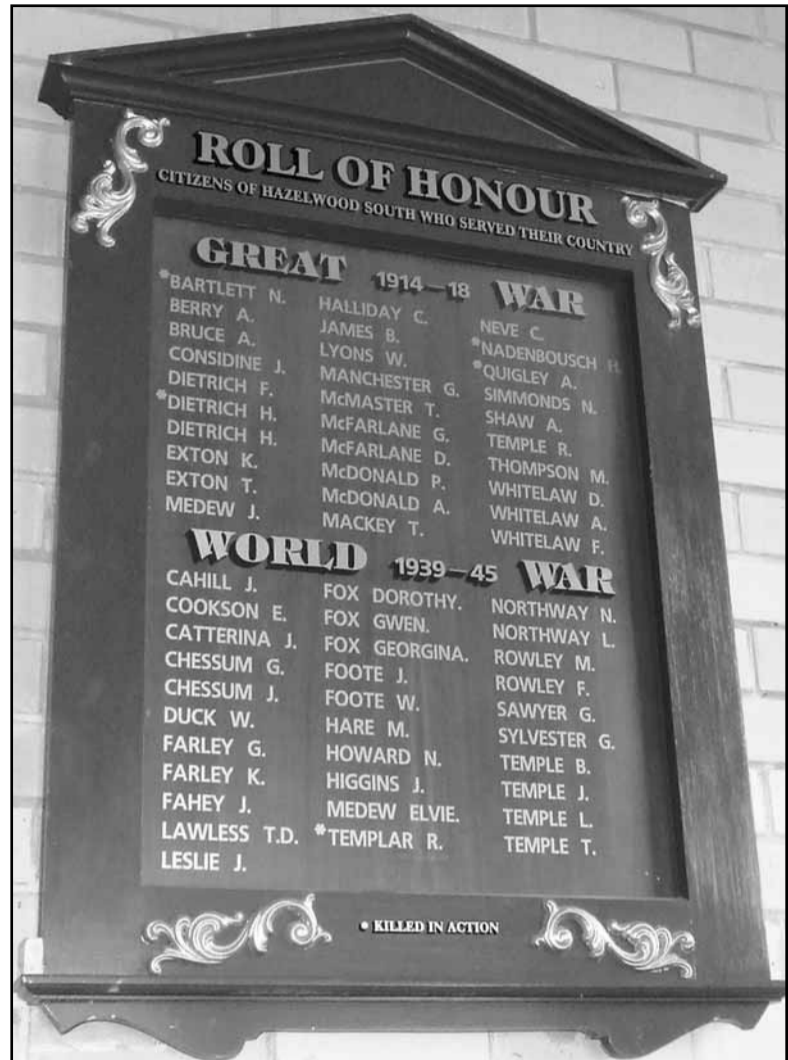
Some gave their lives in that dire conflict but a greater number returned, to resume former lives, or many to embark on new adventures.

In a previous issue of this paper (December 16, 2010) a comprehensive article describes the role played by the 44 pioneering families who took up allotments allocated under the Soldier's Settlement Scheme on the Hazelwood Estate.

Among the many questions I have about the events of 1915, the one that replays in my mind so often is – how did they do it?

War of the nature of Gallipoli is incomprehensible to me. None of my predecessors were involved and it has always been a distant and until recently, a highly romanticised notion.

It was truly shocking to learn about the reasons for Gallipoli ever happening in the first place. But then to discover what our Anzacs went through trying to fight



that unwinnable battle was greatly disturbing indeed.

After reading about the Gallipoli landing and the challenges and horror those people faced, I can only express awe and bewilderment.

So many came home to start new lives but in many

cases faced further hardship on the land, and to succeed in establishing and developing a thriving and prosperous home district is even more wondrous. We owe them much, the men and women of that time. The very least we can do is honour their memory and be proud.

Churchill Rainfall for March 2015

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By Leo Billington
Together with other scouts from Gippsland and Melbourne, 1st Churchill Scouts enjoyed themselves at the recent 2015 Scouts Air Activities Day held at the Latrobe Regional Airport.

Over 150 scouts took the opportunity to experience flying over the Latrobe Valley and participating in a wide range of other activities, many associated with skills necessary to complete particular badge work.

Being organised into specific time slots for their flights lasting up to 20 minutes, gave the day a huge

buzz as each group of two scouts waited enthusiastically for their turn. Four planes were kept busy flying "the circuit" with pilots, who volunteered their time, explaining the finer points of handling small aircraft.

Scout Leader, Jeff Kemp, from 1st Churchill was the key organiser. Jeff worked tirelessly over the past year co-ordinating use of the airfield, pilots and availability of planes, catering and ground based skills activities. Jeff organised the 2012 Air Activities Day also.

Jeff had everything in place for a similar day scheduled in

2014 but inclement weather resulted in the occasion being cancelled. It was with great determination that the highly successful March event went ahead.

Other organisations involved included the Rotary Club of Hazelwood, SES, Helimed Air Ambulance and the Traralgon West Fire Brigade. Latrobe City Council was kind enough to auspice use of the airport for the day.

Activities such as this are becoming popular in scouting and are therefore encouraging a growth in membership of this long time organisation.

Al-Anon "One Day at a Time"

When I think of the slogan One Day at a Time it reminds me of the Greek god, Janus. There was a picture of Janus with two faces, one face looking to the left and the other to the right. It seems one face is to the past and the other to the future. If one looks to the past and to the future, then it is impossible to see the present.

Before Al-Anon I was like Janus. I looked at the past considering what I should have said and done. I dwelt on past hurts which, of course, prevented me from having

present happiness.

Then I was constantly looking to the future, not planning but projecting. If we are looking ahead to the possibility of rain tomorrow, then we don't have time to enjoy the beauty of today. I would think about what would happen and try to mentally write the whole scene. He would say this and I would say that, and so on until the situation was resolved. However, the problem was no one had that script but me and since it was all in my head, my emotions would get in the

way and I would not follow it. In Al-Anon I have learned I have to face today. I can do nothing about the past and as to the future, I can plan ahead but I can't plan the outcome.

It is important to enjoy the good days for they, too, are One Day at a Time. I can't allow the yesterdays and tomorrows to ruin the joy of today.

I have reached a point in my life where I realise I don't have time to be unhappy. I have decided I can't allow anyone, including myself, to give me an unhappy hour.

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Firstly I would like to congratulate the Churchill and District Community Association for the success and hosting of Churchill's 50 year celebrations.

The 50 year Anniversary event was a fantastic opportunity to reflect on the town's many significant changes over the past 50 years, including the development of a new shopping precinct, housing estates, educational facilities, sporting and recreation clubs amongst other major investments and attractions.

I pass on my congratulations to the committee for putting on such a wonderful day.

Having such a great crowd in attendance is extraordinary,

and I am sure this number exceeded everyone's expectations with people travelling from interstate to attend.

Local community groups across the electorate can now apply for grants to build a new Men's Shed.

Grants of up to \$60,000 are available to help build new sheds, especially where there is a high level of community need.

Funds can be used to construct a new Men's Shed, redevelop an existing building into a Men's Shed or co-locate a Men's Shed in a multifunction community facility or hub.

Applications that demonstrate significant partnerships and support from

relevant community groups – such as the local council, neighbourhood house or adult-learning providers – are particularly encouraged to apply.

Applications close on June 19, 2015.

I encourage Learn Local students, teachers and organisations to enter the 2015 Learn Local Awards.

This year there are seven award categories at the Learn Local awards, with a total prize pool of \$50,000.

This year's award categories are as follows:

Outstanding Pre-accredited Learner

Outstanding Practitioner

Outstanding Pathways Program

Excellence in Creating

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The AMES Diversity Innovation Award

Learn Local for Business

Learn Local Legend

For more information or to nominate someone you can visit www.learnlocal.org.au/learn-local-awards.

Nominations close on June 12, 2015.

The winners will be announced at a presentation ceremony which will take place in Melbourne on the evening of Thursday September 10, 2015.

In closing, please remember that April 25 is ANZAC Day and the 100 year ANZAC centenary, and a number of services will be conducted around the Latrobe Valley. These services are

always well attended, and I encourage you to go along to and pay tribute to those who have served our country and show your gratitude and respect to our courageous service men and women.

The Churchill and District Community

Association is holding an Anzac Day service in line with Churchill's 50 year anniversary celebrations.



The service will be held on Saturday April 25, at 9am at Churchill Town Plaza, Phillip Parade, Churchill.

Darrell White

Churchill 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Congratulations to all involved with the outstanding event to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the proclamation of Churchill as a township.

The celebrations on Sunday March 15, 2015 resulted in a great day in its own right, with all those in attendance thoroughly enjoying a perfect Churchill day.

The intention with Churchill's 50th Anniversary celebrations has always been to make them a "year-long" series of activities throughout 2015.

I'm looking forward to further celebrations to recognise Churchill's progress over the coming months.

Latrobe City Council "draft" Budget 2015-2016 proposes a low rate rise as

public exhibition opens.

Council is continuing its downward trend of rate rises with a modest average increase of 3.15% that has as its focus demonstrated prudent financial management and a commitment to continuing service delivery.

For Council it is always a key challenge to set a rate rise that enables the continuing delivery of efficient and

effective community services that meet the needs of our community.

Council has managed to draft this budget in the face of some challenges this year with the State Government having announced its intention to introduced rate capping in 2016.

Council continues to be faced with cost shifting issues where State or Federal Governments either reduce funding or request that local government step in to deliver these services.

Examples of this include roadside weed spraying, landfill requirements and preschool funding.

Council's focus for capital works expenditure remains on Council assets renewal, with projects planned for 2015/16 including an \$11.7 million spend on road rehabilitation, \$9 million on the Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project, \$3.2 million on landfill rehabilitation and \$1.47 million on Council leisure and recreation facility upgrades.

Capital projects make up almost one third of the 2015/16 budget.

Council continues to remain in a strong financial position with no deficits and a continuing underlying surplus.

The operating budget of \$89.6 million enables Council to maintain existing services whilst finding efficiencies in service provision or to reduce costs wherever possible.

The draft budget is open for community submissions until April 22, 2015.

Feedback is valued.

Submissions can be made in a number of ways, either online, email to latrobe@latrobe.vic.gov.au or by mail.

For further details on the

draft budget, call 1300 367 700 or visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/draftbudget,"

Anzac Day 2015 - Churchill:

The next "50th Anniversary event" is scheduled to be the inaugural ANZAC Day ceremony on April 25, 2015 at the Churchill Town Hall Plaza in Philip Parade.

Morwell RSL has agreed to conduct an ANZAC Day service in Churchill, which is expected to commence at 9.00 am.

Appropriate arrangements for flags, wreaths and a bugler are being organised.

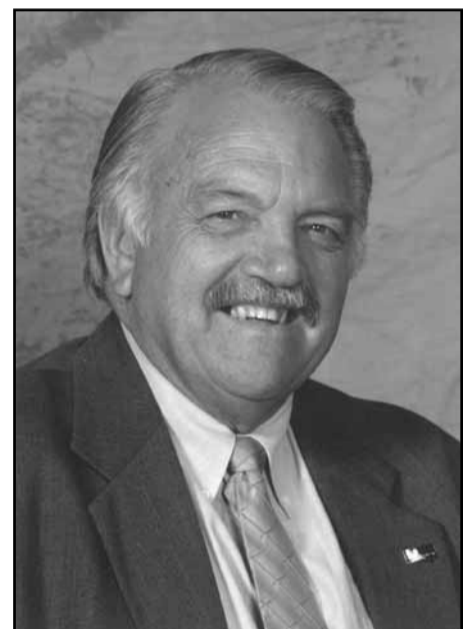
This ceremony will be another step in building a civic centre around the Churchill and District Community Hub, complementing the recent relocation of the Hazelwood Honour Roll (formerly at the Hazelwood Hall) to the Town Hall, and the erection of the CDCA service memorial.

Balfour Place Road Reconstruction:

The road reconstruction of Balfour Place will cause some disruption to traffic in Churchill town centre over the next few weeks.

The roadworks are necessary to rebuild the failing pavement within the street, and to improve safety and pedestrian access in the precinct.

It was necessary to complete the realignment of Georgina Place before Balfour Place could be rebuilt, in order to maintain bus access in the town centre.



In addition to reconstructing and resurfacing the road pavement, the works include replacement of the kerb and channel, driveway "infills" and footpath crossings, and construction of underground drainage and pits.

New footpaths will be constructed and public lighting will be installed.

There will be a number of temporary changes to traffic arrangements during the period of construction.

Balfour Place will be closed and access to the southern car park of the shopping centre, Churchill Hotel and the Bottle Shop will be affected.

The southern car park can be accessed via Marina Drive, while Churchill Hotel will be accessed via Canterbury Way East to the service road.

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Inaugural ANZAC Day Service for Churchill



By Margaret Guthrie

This year, for the first time, Churchill will have its own ANZAC Day commemorative service.

CDCA invites all local residents to join us at 9am on Saturday April 25, in the Town Hall Plaza for a ceremony conducted by Morwell RSL.

One of the highlights of this ceremony will be some brief speeches from students of our local primary schools.

Refreshments will be served by volunteers from Churchill Neighbourhood Centre in the Town Hall after the service.

Both Morwell RSL and Latrobe City Council are supporting CDCA to organise this event.

CDCA often works in partnership with other community organisations on Churchill projects.

Residents who have recently been into the West Place Shopping Centre may have noticed the display frame that has appeared on the concourse.

CDCA is supporting local

primary schools to display student art works on a regular basis, on topics chosen by the respective schools.

The display stand was commissioned by CDCA for this purpose and constructed by participants of the Churchill Men's Shed.

This new display has been undertaken due to the success of our ongoing partnership with Churchill Primary School to produce art works for community display at the end of each year.

Our 2014 project – the 50th Anniversary art works – are on display on the wall inside Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre (opposite the supermarket registers).

Our 2015 project with Churchill Primary School will provide new art panels for display next year.

CDCA was pleased to be able to have a window display in the former "Aussie Disposals" store in Commercial Road, Morwell in the lead up to our 50th Anniversary event in March.

This space was made

available to us through working with the "Reactivate Latrobe" project.

This month we have been able to support Churchill & District News to have a display in the vacant shopfront to promote our community newspaper and Churchill's history.

The photo display prepared by Morwell Historical Society for Churchill's 50th Anniversary event in March is still on display in the Churchill Community Hub.

CDCA has purchased this set of photos in order to keep the copy of the collection here in Churchill.

The display will be available for loan from CDCA for appropriate community events.

CDCA hired a photographer for the 50th Anniversary event in March to ensure the Churchill community would have a record of this historic occasion.

We have a CD containing electronic copies of these photos and have made a limited number of copies.

These CDs are available

for purchase at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre (inside the Churchill Community Hub).

Price is \$10 and profits will be shared between CDCA and the Neighbourhood Centre.

CDCA 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 April 21.**

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.

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Mathison Park - fallen trees



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Slowly it has lost its majesty with successive wind storms. Thanks to Chris the branches over the path were cut back making it safe. We have been able to gain some assistance from council to help remove the fallen trees.

At the working bee our wonderful volunteers worked tirelessly to consolidate our piles of dead tree cuttings



for burning. To ensure the spraying of the ground where our new plantings will take place, the dead cut grass was raked up and added to the piles.

Marking out of where the new beds will go began that day and have since been completed.

We are grateful to Jim who has offered to do the spraying of our beds so they start off weed free.

Our next working bee will be on Saturday April 18, from 9am to approximately 1pm. All are welcome. We usually meet at Mackeys Road car park before setting off to our working destination for the day. For further information please ring Ruth 5122 1961.

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Thirty residents of Yinnar South, Hazelwood and Jeeralang have a better understanding of how a typical bushfire in their area could behave, following a bushfire simulation exercise conducted by Country Fire Authority experts last week.

Terry Hanley, CFA Wildfire Instructor from Warragul, and Craig Dunshea, Training Officer from CFA Sale, conducted the exercise.

An initial presentation covered key bushfire elements,

fire danger ratings and how they affect the CFA's ability to control a fire, plus residents' responsibilities in planning and responding to bushfires. Using a computer simulation, Terry demonstrated the behaviour of a fire starting in Yinnar under the influence of a north west wind.

He was able to show how the fire and the smoke cloud would spread and the dramatic effect of a wind change later in the day turning the fire.

Craig then demonstrated,

using a burn table which modelled the terrain typical of the Jeeralangs, how the behaviour of such a bushfire would be affected by the topography. Both presenters answered a number of questions from the audience.

In a wrap-up session led by Morwell Group CFA Brigades' Group Captain Steve Barling, a range of issues such as fire truck access to properties, CFA transition to digital communications, the Police Arson Project and

the importance of notifying private fuel reduction burns were covered.

Herb Smith, President of Yinnar and District Community Association and John Arkinstall, Acting Chair of Hazelwood Jeeralang Community Association, agreed that the exercise had been well worthwhile and have expressed their thanks to the CFA personnel for conducting the program and to Federation University for hosting it.



Latrobe Group of the Australian Breastfeeding Association

Latrobe Group of the Australian Breastfeeding Association meets every 4th Tuesday of each month at Glendonald Pre-School, from 12(midday) - 2 pm.

All mothers who wish to breastfeed their children are

welcome to attend.

Phone Anita 5195 5125 or 0428 164 628 for more details, or find us on Facebook - Australian Breastfeeding Association Latrobe Group.

A recent High Tea fundraiser turned the Churchill Football-Netball Social rooms into a classy dining room to compete with any hotel.

The event was held to raise funds for a former local girl, who along with her husband and three small daughters, is fighting cancer.

Nicola Richardson, nee Dear, along with her parents Jim and Noel, and her four brothers Jim, Greg, Laurie and Paul and two sisters Kathy

and Jayne, lived in Churchill from the mid-seventies until ill health forced Noel and Jim to down size and they moved to Morwell.

The whole family was very involved with the community of Churchill, mainly within the sporting fields, the boys with football and the girls with Blue Devils basketball.

Nicky moved away when she went to university in Melbourne, but returned for many years on the weekend and midweek to represent

Churchill senior basketball.

Her family now lives in Lakes Entrance along with Greg and Kathy and their families.

Nicky was able to attend this event and caught up with many of her friends and friends of her parents.

The day was held in sweltering heat, but the 100 plus people who attended had a very enjoyable day. Everything for the day was donated so all the money raised went to Nicky.

There were so many

people and businesses who helped, and I would like to pass on our thanks.

Special thanks must go to Sue, Debbie, Jennie, Nicki, the Churchill Football-Netball Club, Rockmans Morwell, Chantilly Lace Traralgon, (for the clothes for the fashion parade), all of the businesses and friends who donated to the raffle, and the dish washers at the end of the day.

We raised \$3150 that was passed on to Nicky, so a big thank you to all involved.

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Churchill's First ANZAC Day service

Churchill will celebrate its first ANZAC Day service on April 25 at the Town Hall Plaza beginning at 9am.

The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre volunteers will serve tea and coffee and home-made Anzac biscuits in the Town Hall after the ceremony.

Churchill Champions RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

Churchill Champions RELAY FOR LIFE team, is hosting their annual

Melbourne Shopping Tour in May.

Leaving from Churchill Shopping Centre at 6.30 am on

Saturday May 2, 2015

the day will be packed full of shopping and a lot of fun and laughter, while raising money for the Cancer Council.

Price is **\$51 per person** for the bus,

with the group visiting 11 of the popular outlets along the way.

BYO lunch and snacks, although we do stop at a fast food outlet during lunchtime as well.

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Co-Operating Churches Snippets

Clean Up Australia

The church was represented in the Churchill Clean Up Australia effort. Four very large bags of rubbish were picked up in an hour and a half. Thankfully the rain held off so the job could be completed.

World day of Prayer

World day of Prayer was held at the Co-Operating Churches this year. The service was run with help from members of Lumen Christi Ladies.

The women of The Bahamas wrote the service this year. The Bahamas are made up of an archipelago of 700 islands about thirty of which are occupied. The islands stretch from near the Everglades of south eastern USA to Cuba. It has a tropical climate.

The descendants of the African slaves constitute 85% of the population. The Bahamas is a member of the British Commonwealth, where English is the spoken language. It is famous as the first place Christopher Columbus came ashore on his journey of discovery.

Christianity is the dominant religion.

The women are working towards further addressing issues of domestic violence, and equal opportunities and rights.

The guest speaker this year was Sheila Smith from the Yinnar parish, who was visiting from Trinidad Tobago and who shared her experiences of her life there. After the lovely service, set with a colourful altar arrangement and clothing

worn by the participants the evening ended with supper and fellowship.

Combined Churches Service

The most rewarding part of the month was participation with the other two churches in the Combined Churches Service in the Town Hall for our 50th Anniversary day celebrations. It was fabulous with approximately 150 attending. Father Hugh Brown returned to give the homily which was both challenging and humorous. A fuller report of the service also appears elsewhere.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held following the 10am service on March 22. It was good to note all that had been achieved throughout the year. We have many challenges ahead of us,



but Reverend Brenda spurred us on to continue to serve God in our community.

George Telford took the Churches of Christ service on the last Sunday of March. It is always good to have George do that for us and his message is always worth hearing.

Saturday Breakfast

Guest speaker was Andrea Ramsay talking about her life

experiences, which include some difficult times for her, including the death of her husband and having to run their farm, and a motorcycle accident.

Andrea is an artist and also a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association.

Evening Service

Russell Hadley presented

a faith journey in song, scripture, prayer and commentary based on the book "Hinds Feet on High Places" by Hannah Hurnard. The first night covered "Hearing the Call, Desert Experience, Loneliness and The delay is not unto death but for the glory of God".

Farewell to Deacon Terry

A dinner to farewell Deacon Terry Rooney was held on Tuesday March 10, 2015 at the Italian - Australian Club.

Some 115 persons from Lumen Christi and Morwell parishes and parish councils attended a really pleasant night, including the parishes' administrator Father Frances O'tobo and Assistant Priest Father Antony Rebelo.

Terry and wife Marie have plans to travel. Terry as well as being Deacon is a musician

with a good community spirit and he believes there are a few jazz festivals on his travels that will require his presence.

New Bishop's familiarisation visit

Our newly ordained bishop Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan, embarked on a familiarisation visit to the parishes of Lumen Christi and Morwell on the weekend of March 21-22. It was not an official Pastoral Visit but more a get-to-know-you interaction visit.

The bishop celebrated mass at Lumen Christi on Saturday evening, then again at Saint Vincents and Sacred Heart in Morwell on the Sunday morning.

Lumen Christi and Morwell parish Administrator Father Frances O'tobo said the bishop was pleased to be in the parishes and to meet the people unofficially.

Father Francis added that the bishop enjoyed his time with us on the weekend.



Lumen Christi Snippets

Saturday Breakfast

Andrea Ramsay was the guest speaker at the Breakfast on March 28.

Andrea spoke about her life experiences, the good and the not so good, which included her husband dying when she was 50, and Andrea having to continue running the farm they owned.

Andrea came to Australia at age seven from England. Her mother was a talented artist and she taught her daughter, which gave Andrea an outlet for her artistic abilities. Andrea also teaches at the Traralgon Art Group.

Andrea had ridden

motorcycles on the farm and she decided at age 50, she would like to buy a road machine, much to the surprise of the motorcycle dealer. She has been a member of a number of motor bike clubs including Ulysses and the Christian Motor Cycle Association. Andrea is now retired but is interested in starting up a Traralgon branch of the latter club. An accident on her motorcycle restricted her for about a year but is back riding now.

Andrea has a strong Christian faith and strongly believes that God has been

a help and support not only during normal life, but also in times of struggle and trauma, including the Black Saturday fires when her house was surrounded by fire on the farm where she lives. Buildings and a vehicle were burnt along with parts of the farm.

Next Breakfast

The next Breakfast will be held at the Co-Operating Parish Church on Saturday April 18 at 7.45am. Carl Hood will be the guest speaker. Carl is keen at model making and he will be talking about his hobby of model making and his Great Western Railway

model layout.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders on 5122 1148 or by e-mail at ken.15967@bigpond.com by Thursday April 16.

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Week 3 - 11am at Uniting Church Yinnar
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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

Sunday Service: 9.00am
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35 Walker Parade, Churchill
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Father Francis/Father Antony
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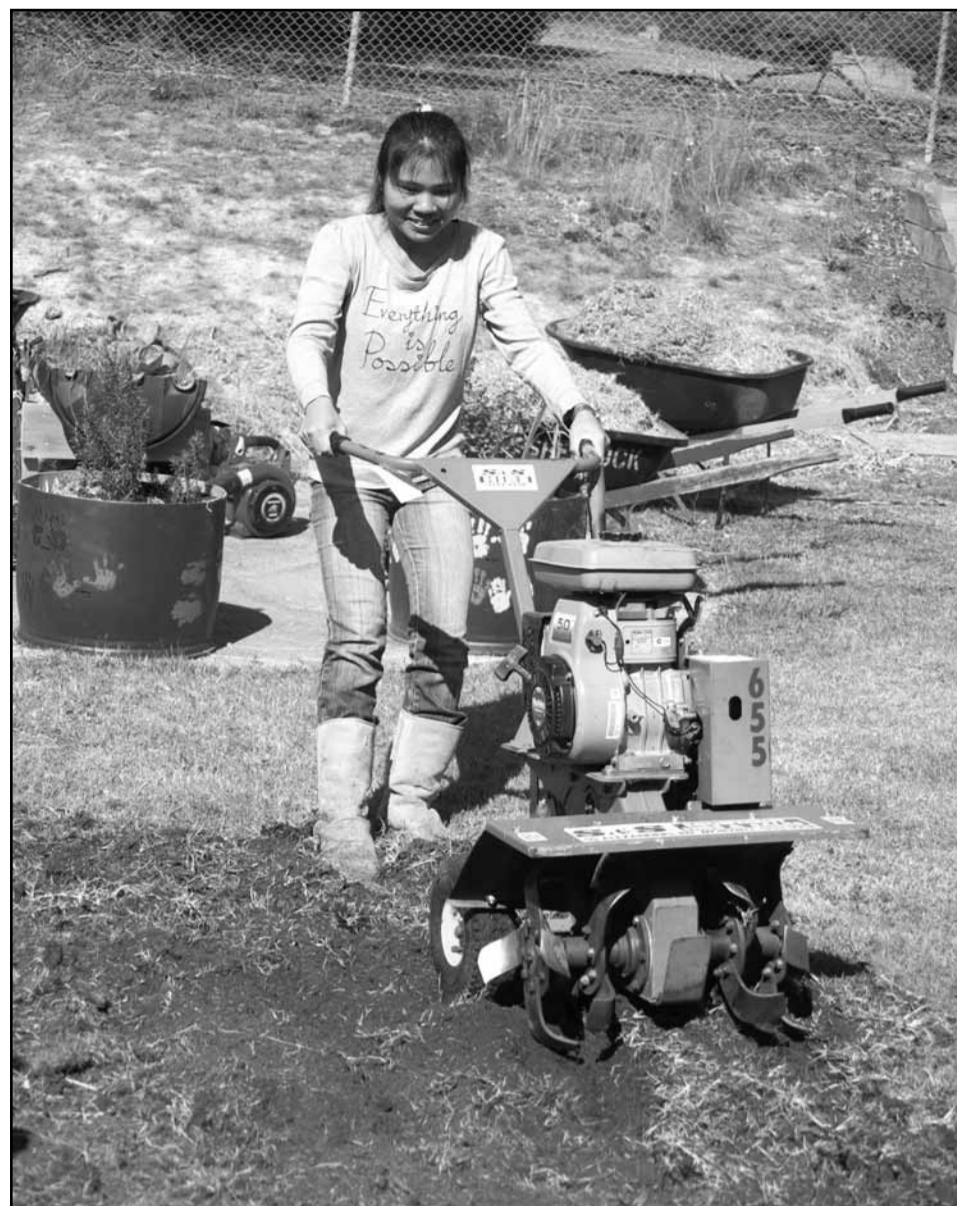
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Garlic in the garden

By Sheina Renton (Secretary Churchill Community Garden)

Information sourced from Organic Gardener Magazine (Jan/Feb 2010 and July/August 2010)

Garlic in the garden

It is discouraging to find your plants harmed by insects and diseases.

There are commercial sprays available, but not all plant disorders have to be treated with expensive toxic chemical remedies, as you can make alternatives at home from natural ingredients.

Garlic juice is a potent bactericide and pesticide that controls diseases in cucumber, pumpkins, tomatoes and soft fruit.

It also works well against chewing caterpillars, slugs and snails. Disadvantages include the smell (for some people) and its short duration in the environment: under normal conditions garlic is effective for between 24 and 72 hours.

Garlic spray recipe

Liquidise (blend) or crush 85g of garlic with 2 tablespoons of liquid paraffin. Leave for at least 24 hours then strain through cloth.

Add to 600 ml of soapy water (use 7g pure unperfumed soap). Dilute at a ratio of 100ml garlic juice to 1 litre of water.

Make it stronger if it isn't effective. Store out of sunlight in a glass container (not metal).

Liquid paraffin is available from pharmacies.

Do not substitute it with mineral oil (kerosene) as this can harm foliage.

To kill pests spray a strong solution, but as a repellent dilute with a little more water to cover a larger area.

Growing garlic

Garlic interplanted with roses and vegetables will discourage pests.

It masks the smell that pests use to find their host plant.

I never get aphids on my roses as I plant garlic under them.

Plant Australian-grown garlic cloves (as some overseas garlic has been treated to stop it from shooting).

You will be rewarded later in the year by aphid-free roses and fresh garlic for your use.

Separate whole garlic cloves and plant them twice the depth of the clove, pointy end up.



They may already be starting to shoot in storage: if so, plant them as soon as possible. Now is the best time to plant.

Keep your eyes out for future Community Garden activities and workshops.

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Community Garden



Churchill Community Garden enjoyed a productive day recently creating three ground-level vegetable garden beds.

Ten members of the community garden worked together all day with the fabulous results of planting vegetable seedlings throughout

the beds. Members learned how to use the rotary hoe (hire donated by S&S Hire) to dig out grass/weeds.

Soil (donated by Ryan's Garden Supplies) was added and then raked out into mounded beds. Bunnings donated vegetable seedlings which we then planted and

placed mulch around. We will soon have fresh healthy vegetables available for members and the community.

The herbs from the last activity are also growing well. Along with the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, it is wonderful to see many local community members support

and contribute to make the gardens possible, local people can work together and create such a worthwhile opportunity for Churchill.

Please come and join in our meetings on Thursdays starting at 10 am at the Neighbourhood Centre Hub building Philip Parade.



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Churchill Fire Brigade Community Bushfire exercise a success



The Hazelwood Jeeralang Community Association (HJCA) and the Yinnar and District Community Association (YDCA) held a Community Bushfire Exercise on Saturday March 21, 2015 at the Federation University Gippsland campus in Churchill.

The exercise was conducted by the CFA Community Education Team with the assistance of members from the Churchill, Yinnar and Yinnar South

brigades.

Prior to the exercise, attendees were given an overview of the key factors contributing to fire behaviour, the meaning of the fire danger ratings, community messaging, and how we can prevent and minimise the effects of a fire around the home.

A couple of scenarios were then played through, set in the local landscape, so that participants could consider what they might do as the fire progressed. Eventually, the scenarios were impacted by a late afternoon wind change, and the staggering effects to the size and shape of the fire once the wind change had impacted the fire area, were

also explained.

To cap off the afternoon, a demonstration was given using the burn table to simulate the local landscape including housing, roads, and property preparation.

The demonstration gave a fantastic insight into the local effects of a fire, which supported the learnings from the exercise.

John Arkinstall, Acting Chairperson of the Hazelwood Jeeralang Community Association, said: "This has been a great opportunity for members of our communities to safely learn about bushfire behaviour and risk. We hope the lessons learned on the day will contribute to a safer community."



50 Mile Farmers Market

An initiative has been developed for a farmers' market to be held on a monthly basis.

The concept is to source local primary producers within a 50 mile radius of Morwell.

The aim of the group, which is in partnership with

Re-Activate Latrobe Valley, is to encourage customers into the CBD of Morwell.

The first market was held on April 11, but will be held each second Saturday of the following months, the next one being May 9.

The market will operate between 8am and 1pm. in

Tarwin Street Morwell.

There is also an opportunity for traders who are interested to hold a stall outside their own premises.

For further enquiries please email morwellonthemove@gmail.com

Churchill's First ANZAC Day service



Churchill will celebrate its first ANZAC Day service on April 25 at the Town Hall Plaza beginning at 9am.

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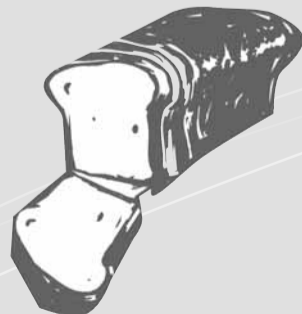
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Churchill Police Crime Report

Phil den Houting
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March has in general been a reasonably quiet month, but this does not mean that there has been nothing going on at all.

There was a rather nasty assault that occurred in Firmin Road on February 25, 2015.

In saying it was nasty, I don't mean that the person received injuries.

In fact, the victim was not injured at all, but what makes this assault stand out is the fact that it would appear to be racially motivated, and that is extremely disappointing.

A gentleman was out for a walk when he was harassed by three men in a white coloured twin cab utility towing a black jet ski.

These men taunted the pedestrian, and started to film him on their phones.

The vehicle then stopped as the male approached his address, and a passenger got out of the vehicle and approached the victim, extending his hand as if to shake it in friendship, only to withdraw this at the last minute, and attempted to strike the victim instead.

This was unsuccessful, and the male then ran back to the vehicle and they drove

away.

As this incident was filmed, I am going to assume that it will have made its way onto a social media platform of some description, and I would ask that if anyone has any knowledge of the assault, that they contact the Churchill Police Station or Crimestoppers.

There was an incident at Churchill Motors in Phillip Parade over the Labour Day long weekend where a number of vehicles located in their yard were broken into.

There have also been a couple of attempts to break into the Churchill Newsagency located at the Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre.

Fortunately, the offenders were not able to gain entry to the newsagency and investigations are ongoing.

There has also been another instance of graffiti in the pedestrian underpass to the shopping centre.

There has been a number of tags used on this occasion and police are investigating this.

It is sad to think that there are people who, for whatever reason, feel that they need to deface public property.

This is costly to the community financially, and the reputation of the town and

community is tarnished by this behaviour.

It was fantastic to see so many people out supporting the community at the 50th Anniversary Celebrations on March 15, and the sense of community pride that was evident was fantastic, but the actions of these people who deface community property really takes a bit of the shine away from this event. Let's tackle this issue as a community!

We have also been getting reports of a suspicious vehicle in and around the Jumbuck and Yinnar/Yinnar South areas.

This vehicle has been sighted travelling into private driveways at various times of the day, but mainly at night.

It can only be assumed at this stage that whoever is driving the car is up to no good.

If anyone has an instance where a vehicle attends at their house, particularly those in the more isolated areas of the district, please call 000 in the first instance.

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Hazelwood Rotary



By Leo Billington
The new colourbond roof on the Mathison Park gazebo has had a great many admirers who have appreciated what Hazelwood Rotary has done. We all recall the old roof which was completely rotten and waiting so long for a replacement was frustrating for many people who use Mathison Park.

Club member, Brenda Burney continues to play a key role supporting establishment of a community garden in Churchill, working in conjunction with a dedicated committee and the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. It's an exciting project, very innovative and follows on from Brenda's enthusiasm assisting a similar garden project at the Yinnar South Primary School.

The Rotary Junior Community Awards program will start at Yinnar Primary School when term 2 commences.

Bowelscan – the 2015 program

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

SAVE YOUR LIFE is the message for Rotary's May 2015 Bowelscan month. The Bowelscan bowel cancer awareness program is conducted each year. Test kits are available from participating pharmacies for only \$10.00 which includes the cost of testing and confidential notification of your results.

Medical experts endorsing the Bowelscan program emphasise that everybody over 40 should have a test every year and therefore people should act now before it's too late. In Australia one person dies every five hours from road accidents, one dies every four hours from breast cancer and one person will die every two hours from bowel cancer.

The test kits can be purchased from participating pharmacies and returned there for collection by courier. Envelopes are sealed for confidentiality. The pharmacies are participating as a pro bono partner in this community service, for which Rotary is very grateful.

Not all bowel cancers show symptoms and experiencing symptoms does

not necessarily mean you have bowel cancer.

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

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

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

- abdominal pain or bloating.

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

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

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

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

- ✦ have a test at least every two years from age 50.
- ✦ maintain 30 to 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise per day.
- ✦ maintain a healthy body weight.
- ✦ eat a well balanced diet.
- ✦ avoid processed and burnt meat; limit red meat intake to three to four times per week.
- ✦ limit or avoid alcohol.
- ✦ quit smoking.

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



an explanation for your symptoms.

Use Bowelscan or ask your doctor to be referred for further investigations.

General activities

During March, Hazelwood Rotary has:

- ✦ provided financial support to Kurnai College VET students who will travel to the Tasman Peninsula in April to undertake more bushfire relief work;
- ✦ provided barbeque meals at a fundraiser for Kurnai student Sam – "the car show for Sam/ Sam's Backyard" held early in March;
- ✦ co-ordinated the Clean-Up-Australia day at Churchill on March 1;
- ✦ welcomed guest speaker Rob Gaulton who described his role as a Chaplain at the Fulham Correctional Centre;
- ✦ been enthralled by the

travels through the First World War battle regions of France and Belgium by club member Jane Sharp researching her family history;

- ✦ provided barbeque meals at the recent Air Activities Day held at the Latrobe Regional Airport and organised by Jeff Kemp from the Strzelecki District Scout Association;

- ✦ provided financial support for "Chappie's / MAD Camp 2015", where on arrival at the camp, students will be given an "Undercover, Secret, Mission Possible" task. It will involve "Random Acts of Kindness" and is linked to the character trait of Courage. Club member Brenda Burney is the contact for this great event;

- ✦ provided a financial contribution towards the appeal to help victims of Cyclone Pam which

virtually destroyed Vanuatu. The Category 5 Cyclone hit Vanuatu on March 14 devastating a vast number of communities;

- ✦ attended the March 15 celebration for Churchill's 50th birthday displaying a range of club activities conducted over many years as the Churchill community expanded.

Our club remains busy and committed to supporting the wider community across a range of initiatives.

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.

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Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club

The Importance of Fungi in Carbon Management

Dr Mary Cole will speak to the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, May 22. Mary is an internationally recognised mycologist who has worked in the field for more than 30 years.

Mycorrhizal fungi act to bind and give structure to soils. Recent research has shown that a by-product of fungi has the capacity to hold far more carbon for longer in the soil than does humus.

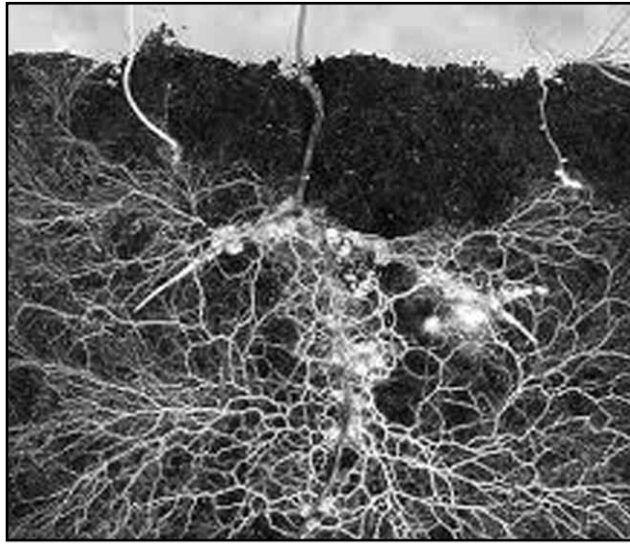
Common cultivation and chemical application practices lead to loss of the

fungal component in soils. Changing practices help to maintain the fungal web, capture carbon and enhance the water holding capacity, populations of soil microbes, and the nutrient density of plants.

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

An excursion on Saturday May 23 will be to Mt Erica.

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



A fungal web.

Australian Plant Society

By Mike Beamish
Species: *Boronia anemonifolia*

Family: Rutaceae

Derivation:

Boronia: Named after Francesco Borone, an 18th Century Italian botanist.

anemonifolia:

Named after the Genus *Anemone*, with the Latin epithet '*folius*', meaning leaf. Thus, this species has leaves similar to an Anemone.

Common Name: Sticky Boronia.

Distribution:

Widespread along the coast and ranges of eastern Australia, from south-east Queensland through NSW into

central Victoria and in Tasmania, in a variety of soils and climactic conditions.

Description: A shrub to two metres tall and 1.5 metres spread, usually with trifoliolate leaves. Each leaflet is up to 15mm long, narrow, thick, blunt and often toothed, with a strong smell of turpentine when crushed. Flowers appear in the leaf axils in springtime and are white to pink four-petalled stars up to 15mm in diameter

Opinion: My plant is still quite small, only 30cm or so tall, and planted underneath the spread of the Omeo

Gum on the northern side of the house at the western end. It came from a raffle prize a couple of years ago and is steadily growing without breaking any growth records. This season was its second flowering, both times just a smattering of a few odd flowers along the main stems, certainly not what you would call profuse. Still, it's young and little, and given that it is in some fairly solid shade, it's doing ok. According to the literature, it can be difficult to establish, requiring very good drainage and preferring dappled shade. I've

got the shade right, but drainage is not a characteristic of a Boolarra garden, so the gum must be doing a good job of keeping its neighbours free of wet feet.

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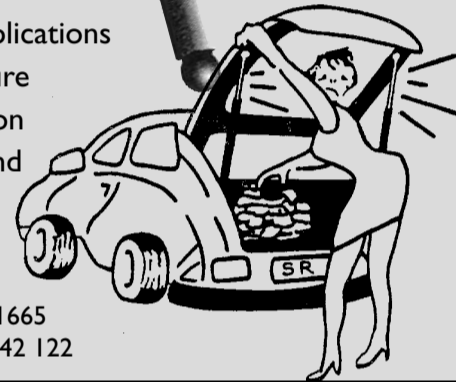
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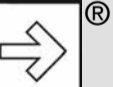


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CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

A Day to Remember



Members of CDCA and the Organising Sub Committee L-R: Margaret Guthrie, Alan Scarlett, Pete Ellerington, Bruce Stephenson, Mike Answerth, Linda Reid, Charles Uber.

An unexpected crowd of 2000 people came to enjoy the 50th birthday of Churchill. The weather forecast was not promising, but Sunday March 15 dawned fine and calm after rain through the night.

The sun peeped through and as people arrived in Philip Parade to set up their stalls, the day looked set to be a wonderful one to see the 50th birthday of Churchill's proclamation. It just got better and better as the day went along.

Philip Parade was closed off to cars to become a colorful precinct of gazebos and food vendors.

The Town Hall Plaza was ready for the formal unveiling of the official 50th anniversary plaque, with flags flying, the new service memorial in place, and seating for guests and members of the public.

At 10 am the Combined Churches of Churchill began their service in the Town Hall. Approximately 150 people attended, including past residents and former ministers/priests and Sisters of St Joseph. Darren Chester, Federal Member for Gippsland and Russell Northe, Member for Morwell were also there.

The service was prepared by the

Reverend Brenda Burney (Co-Operating Churches of Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar), with help from Father Francis Otobo (Lumen Christi Catholic Parish) and Pastor Tony Marsden and Linda Whitney (Churchill Christian Fellowship).

Members of the churches, past and present, and our current chaplain at Federation University, Reverend Frank Lees, participated in the service and helped to lead the rousing singing.

Audio equipment was supplied by Peter Gray of AMPWORKS and music was played by John and Margaret Sunderland and Rosemary Abtez-Rouse.

Father Hugh Brown who was parish priest at Lumen Christi and Chaplain at Monash University Gippsland, gave the homily which presented us with a humorous account of our history, but with a challenge to continue the work of the gospel in this wonderful place of Churchill we call home.

Following the service a plaque was unveiled by our centenarian Eric Rowley, with a few words describing how this area looked when he first arrived in 1928 when he was fourteen. Alongside him was

his wife of many years. Eric told me that Dorothy would probably be the oldest living person to be born in this area.

Fitting Bible verses and a prayer of blessing were said over the plaque.

The rock on which the plaque was placed was generously provided by Adrian Hunter, who also placed the rock in its position of honour outside the Town Hall.

The day was warm and sunny and people were then encouraged to go below into Philip Parade to join with the many others who were enjoying catching up with former residents not seen for some years, visiting the stalls and enjoying a BBQ supplied by the Lions Club of Churchill and District.

There was a busy hum of conversation and lots of colour and activity to take in.

The formal unveiling of the official town 50th Anniversary plaque took place around 11.45. am, and Mike Answerth MC'd the proceedings.

He welcomed guests, who included early shopkeepers like Anne Avery (Van Rhine), fruit and vegetables, Tony Radford butcher, and Ross and Liz Ollquist Pharmacists, plus David, the son of the

first residents Graham Ayres and family.

Christine Johnson gave the Welcome to Country on behalf of the Gunnai/Kurnai people. Speeches were made by Russell Northe, Darrell White and Keith Hamilton extolling the virtues of Churchill, congratulating the organisers of the day, sharing memories of their early days in Churchill, and praising those who over the years have fought to improve the facilities in a town which started with nothing. The positive future for Churchill was also expressed in the many projects under way and because of the ongoing dedication of the town's people to continue to work for the community.

Stall holders reported lots of positive outcomes from the day from good profits for sales of items and interest in membership.

The day started at 9am and concluded at 2pm, but many thought that was too early to have such a wonderful occasion come to an end.

Thank you to our magnificent community for getting behind this 50th birthday and making the day such an outstanding success.

Andrea and Greg Strack

Reverend Greg Strack and his wife Andrea, were the ministers at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill from 1987 for five years. Ministers then were rotated through the denominations each five years.

They had come from Canberra and found the way Churchill was organised was similar to Canberra. They were impressed by the way the Co-Operating Churches was set up with so many denominations working together, and the way the church worked with Lumen Christi. Andrea says she was surprised by the similarities between the liturgies used at both churches the first time they worshiped together.

The Stracks found the church people very welcoming. Andrea remembers fondly the Ladies Dinners provided by the men.

The Post Primary School began operation in Churchill buildings after starting in Morwell.

Andrea says it was an impressive school and organised well. Son Jason began Year 7 there and daughter Tina began her secondary education there.

Having the university close by allowed Jason to continue his education in town.

Andrea became very involved with the Neighbourhood Centre and enjoyed her time there.

The Strack children were involved with sport and Andrea says the town had great sporting facilities for families with children for a small town. The pool was built while they were here.

With access to larger shopping centres nearby and the train for Melbourne, the setting of Churchill was viewed very favourably. It was separated and had a lovely rural feel surrounded by farmland.

Churchill News was a wonderful asset with its focus on the town and its activities, giving a welcome to those coming into the town.

Andrea told of a special memory about thunderstorms saying you had a brilliant sighting of them and their lightning.

The Stracks enjoyed their time in Churchill calling Churchill a nice place to be, with access to other places for day trips not far away.

Churchill's 50th Birthday Big Day

From CDCA members and the organising committee:

Heather Farley: Congratulations to you and the rest of the CDCA and company who put on a wonderful day yesterday. It was a really important event for the town and went superbly. You should all be VERY PROUD. I think lots who missed it would be very sorry they had!

Rob de Souza-Daw: I was happy with the day and the accompanying weather. I renewed acquaintances with many, and met others who were residents in the early years of Churchill.

Linda Reid: It was a party about Churchill for Churchill. Very friendly and nostalgic.

Alan Scarlett: Just the right mix of activities, food and memorabilia.

Bruce Stephenson: What a great day !!

Margaret Guthrie: Such a joy to see so many smiling faces and conversations. A happy reunion for many folk. The day made me feel very proud to be part of the Churchill community.

Peter Ellerington: It was really good. The crowds we were hoping for came. I liked the community spirit and the catching up. It was wonderful to have David Ayres present. It was hectic but it was a good old fashioned get together. The team worked well together, showing initiative and helping where needed. There was no trouble and no hitches, and only three minor first aid needs. It was fantastic!



Linda Whitney, Reverend Brenda Burney, Father Francis Otobo, Father Hugh Brown who led the service.



The hall filling up . . .



Watching the unveiling



Eric Rowley unveiling the church's plaque



Singers who led the singing at the service

Celebrating 50 YEARS CHURCHILL 1965 - 2015 SPECIAL FEATURE



Darrrell and Keith unveiling the town plaque.

CHURCHILL 50th JUBILEE
 This plaque unveiled on 15 March 2015 commemorates the 50th anniversary of the proclamation of the town of Churchill. In 1963 planning began for a new town called Hazelwood. On 8 February 1965 the Minister for Housing Lindsay Thompson and President of the Shire of Morwell Les Here announced the town would be named Churchill to honour the British Prime Minister during World War II Winston Churchill who died on 24 January 1965. The Secretary of the Shire of Morwell Reg Lord signed the proclamation on 15 March 1965.



The Town Plaza ready for the day's activities.



Auskick

Peter Ellerington:

For the Auskick group the occasion was a good way to promote the program and encourage young kids to have a go. The big inflatable goal posts were an attraction for lots of the kids who could have a go at kicking or handballing the ball safely into the inflatable. It was a wonderful opportunity to speak to the parents and inform them about the program.

There was a positive response and two signed up their kids to participate.

It was great to be able to interact with the public.



Mike Answerth - MC for the day.



Keith Hamilton presenting his speech.



Churchill Junior Football Club Noel Hawkins :

It was a well organised day with good support from the community. Congratulations to Pete for such a good job of organising.

There were lots of kids who came to try out the handball and kicks. Some came back many times. The incentive was-three bull's eyes in a row won you a football. About 30-40 footys were given away on the day. Some prospective players were met and have returned to the ground for more information.

Lots of older players visited the stall and looked through the photo albums finding photos of themselves causing much reminiscing.

Noel said he had never seen such an event in Churchill before. Lots of people came to support the day. There was a great community feel to it.



Russell Northe giving his speech.



Peter Pooley and David Lees provided free entertainment.



Christine Johnson giving her welcome to country.



The seating for the official unveiling ceremony.



Gazebos and food stalls in Philip Parade.

Churchill Braves Baseball Club

They had a wonderful day with positive outcomes. They were able to promote their club and the Come 'n' Try day on March 22. Lots of kids queued up to have a turn at pitching into the net. The kids were enthusiastic about the opportunity.



Photo courtesy of Anthony F. Reynolds Photography Moe

Captain Koala was a popular addition to the festivities.

Churchill Scouts

Peta Whelan:
They thought it was a fantastic brilliant day. They had a computer showing pictures of events they had attended. It was also a good recruitment day, with four new cubs coming to the scout hall three days later to check it out. Many people visited their stall and enjoyed talking with them. They were able to learn some of the Scout history from them. One woman from New South Wales (Kerry Sunderland), made herself known and told them she was the very first Venturer Leader. Churchill Scouts turn 50 next year. It was very worthwhile for the Scouts.



Photo courtesy of Anthony F. Reynolds Photography Moe

Lots of people came to look and chat.



Photo courtesy of Anthony F. Reynolds Photography Moe

Churchill Community Garden group had a successful event sharing their plans with Basil, their mascot.

Victoria Police

Phil den Houting:
It was a sensational day — great crowd, great atmosphere, fantastic for the community. They had a stand with people constantly stopping for a chat or information. The organisers did a fantastic job and it would be great to see something continue in the same vein. The sense of community spirit was tangible.



Morwell Historical Society

The Morwell Historical society arranged a wonderful display of old photos of Churchill which was exhibited in the Hub. Many people came to view them as they enjoyed a cuppa, or out of interest.

Celebrating 50 YEARS CHURCHILL 1965 - 2015 SPECIAL FEATURE



Rev Brian and Mrs. Barbara Egdar, ministers at the Co-Operating Churches from 1981-1985



Barry and Judy Twomey 1971-1981. Lived in Shaw Street



Roy and Eleanor James 1966-1971 Lived in McInness Crescent



Carmen Cook. Lived in Shaw Street



The Sisters of St Joseph started Lumen Christi School
L-R: Sister Maureen O'Kelly (1st Principal), Sister Madeleine, Sister Audrey. Absent-Sister Bernadine.



The Alexanders. L-R: Julie Alexander Firmin Road 1967. She was a News Girl. Angela Alexander, Kym Alexander, 1966. Lived in Howard Ave. Front Riley Alexander.



Photo courtesy of Anthony F. Reynolds Photography

Federal member Darren Chester with Margaret Guthrie, President of CDCA.

Churchill Fire Brigade.

Several members:

Surprised members couldn't believe how many people went to the fire station to look it over and see the trucks on show.

The new District 27 compressed air foam truck based at Churchill was there. It can be operated by remote control.

Kids and parents loved going up the wooden stairs to see the top of the tanker truck and to be shown and work with the monitor branch.

It was a great day for the members. Captain Koala was seen walking along Philip Parade also.



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

The ladies were very happy with the outcome of the day saying it went very well. They too were surprised at how many people turned up. Late in the morning lots of older folks went to the Centre and sat and chatted, catching up with old acquaintances while having a Devonshire tea. This is the best event of this type Churchill has seen in their opinion. The location was excellent.



Churchill Hockey Club

Carol Kemp:

They were in a good position on the grass near the Hub and thought that was an excellent place for them. They had quite a few young people come and try out at hockey, and some of them are prospective players. It was a fantastically successful day in that regard. It was wonderful to showcase what Churchill had to offer. The whole community was behind the day and really supported it. Community spirit could really be felt.



Celebrating **50 YEARS** **CHURCHILL** **1965 - 2015** SPECIAL FEATURE

The Churchill and District Lions.
 Lions members:
 The Lions were so busy cooking all day that they ran out of supplies, and had to go to all the supermarkets and buy up all their sausages, as demand was so great with the unexpectedly large visitor numbers. They were so surprised but happy that so many had come to celebrate the 50th anniversary.



L-R: Back Row:Pauline Prowse 1967-now, Leanne (Scholes) Maskeill 1966. Fiona Baptie 1967-1978.Now lives in Hawthorn.
 Front Row: Dael (Prowse) Jackson 1967, Janine Pollack 1967. Now living in Yinnar South, Irene Scholes 1966-1999.Now at Newborough, Kristina Davis Kitchingman 1971-1981 Hall Court. Now at Lal Lal

The Men's Shed
 Charlie Rawlison:
 The expectation was that maybe a few people might enter to see the facility, but the men were amazed at how many came in - men, women and children. Some asked questions, some just came for 'a sticky'; some showed interest in joining. Some members of other Men's Sheds came to visit too and compare. No machinery was working for safety reasons. It was deemed a good opportunity to inform the community about the facility.



The Koedijks:L-R: Back Row; Paul, Caroline, Michelle, Andrew, Gus. Front Row: Toni and John



Mike and Marion Answerth
 The great turnout of people, the beautiful weather, the new facilities of the town and the warm spirit among people gave us a great feeling of community pride in the town.
 The well-attended and moving church service was a great way to start the celebrations and the warm friendly spirit and co-operation continued through the day, with many former residents delighted to catch up with old friends and reminisce about the past. The fact that so many people travelled long distances to come back for the occasion meant that they had warm memories of their time in Churchill. The response by more than 30 community organisations, schools and sporting clubs in taking stalls and putting their achievements and history on show created a great feeling of collective pride in our town.
 The unveiling of plaques to mark this significant occasion meant that we now have permanent reminders that we have come a long way in our community development and want to pass on our history.
 Even the musical entertainment was genuine home-grown talent and the historical photo display created a great deal of interest.
 In our almost fifty years of living here, it was for us, one of the highlights in the town's history. Churchill has arrived as a united, proud and active community.

The Koedijks:
 Toni says she couldn't believe how quickly fifty years has passed. For John and herself it was a wonderful occasion to have six of their seven children with them to remember and celebrate. Toni said she thought it was very nicely organised and she saw lots of people who came up and said hello.

For John the highlight was attending the church service and seeing the unveiling of the plaque to mark fifty years of service to God and the community. It was also good to have people come and say hello and say they remembered him delivering their milk.



L-R: Geoff and Lyn McKay 1967-1997. Visiting from Queensland. Bought the first block auctioned in the private sector Bond Court. Geoff and Yvonne Marland 1971-now, Don and Barb Flanigan 1968-1979. Lived in Williams Ave until moving to Hazelwood North.



L-R: Diane and Col Wells 1969-1999. Shirley and Heb Kennedy 1969-now.



Churchill Fire Brigade displayed their trucks and had lots of visitors.



Churchill's service memorial.



Boolarra Koffee Kart was well patronised.



Happy to be involved.



Bob Cooper provided entertainment.



A cute part of the Piston Car Club display.

Mary Austin:

Mary Austin has been a significant part of our community for many years. She thought the day was wonderful. It started with having a good seat at the Church service. Looking around and seeing the hall fill up and enjoying the service itself. She reflected on the small number of people, who in the early days, had the energy to work hard to gain the facilities we have in town.

Mary was able to meet up with some wonderful people who remembered her. She remembered faces but some names escaped her. Mary loved going to the Hub which she hadn't been in for a long time. Mary says the committee did a wonderful job. She couldn't believe the number of folks who turned up.

Charlie Rawlinson:

Charlie, a long standing resident of Churchill, said he thought it was a good day. He enjoyed wandering around and meeting up with people he knew, describing that as 'magic'. It was lovely to see people who had left the town come back for the occasion.

Churchill Community Garden.

Cathy and Sheina:

Churchill Community Garden participated in these celebrations through having a plant stall and an interactive activity for a community-built sensory arch. We wanted to raise funds for our projects, develop our membership, create awareness about the community garden, and introduce the idea of our sensory garden. Our scarecrow "Basil" was a great hit. The members of this project were very happy with the day. They signed up thirteen new members. Good contacts were made and they found people willing to share knowledge about where to get equipment and ideas on drainage etc. It was a great way to showcase their plans and explain what has happened so far, and their plans for the future.

They are hoping to start to plant seeds and swap fresh produce when they get their gardens going. Many people said they knew nothing about gardening but members were able to say they had the expertise and were happy to share it. Attendance at the Thursday informal meetings at the Hub is a good way to learn and is encouraged.

Churchill Cricket Club

Graham Harvey:

The Cricket Club aimed at showing the public that they were a great club which had been very successful in Churchill for a long time. Their stall featured a display of premiership cups and photos. For visitors it brought back many memories and there was lots of reminiscing. Two founding members, Herb Kennedy and Col Wells came from different directions and met up at the stall.

There was a lot of interest in the photos with family members looking for their relatives. It was good to catch up with family and friends. They produced a booklet about the club's history and statistics which they handed out. Overall they thought it was a very good day and are very happy with the outcome.



Churchill and District News

The team:

As a significant part of Churchill for all its history, it was marvelous to have people drop by the stall and reminisce about the old copies of the paper we had on display, along with photos.

It was a wonderful opportunity to sell some of our history books and promote the fourth volume which will be out soon and launched on Sunday May 24, at the Co-Operating Churches at 2pm. We also had our 50th anniversary postcards on sale and they proved popular too. Books and postcards can be obtained by ringing Ruth on 5122 1961.



Lumen Christi Primary School

Dave Cooper:

Deputy Principal Dave Cooper said there was a lot of reminiscing. For him it was a way to learn more about the Churchill story. Their photo albums were great conversation starters. They were so pleased at the number of people who called by. As a public relations event it was excellent for the school, making lots of reconnections and new connections.



Churchill North Primary School

Churchill North staff who were at their stall had a wonderful time catching up with a lot of people. They were amazed at how many people turned up for the day and flicked through the photo albums on show. They also had a couple of examples of the old uniforms which brought back memories for those who visited their stall. It was hilarious watching people go through the photo albums looking for their photos. One of the staff was a former Churchill North Student who was able to catch up with many old school friends.

Churchill Preschool at the Hub

Sue Scarlett:

It was a time of renewing acquaintances – people coming back to talk and remember. It was a lovely community time to talk and enjoy. A great family day. Thanks to all the organisers.

Homily : Churchill Golden Jubilee by Fr Hugh Brown.

I am profoundly conscious that for today's great celebration there would be a multitude of people more equipped than me to speak about Churchill as you celebrate its 50 years of foundation. I have a sneaking suspicion that I was the only one who wasn't either dead or else engaged in other activities. Nevertheless it is a great honour to be with you today in what is an auspicious day in the life of this great, little town – thank you for the invitation.

About nine years ago Jeremiah Coffey, the then Catholic Bishop of Sale, asked me to come to Churchill. I was living very comfortably in Berwick at the time and my first question to him was: where the hell is Churchill? A couple of miles off the highway near Morwell, was Jeremiah's response in his mischievous Irish brogue. I said: can I have a few days to think about it and he said: No! I've learned since never to trust a bishop, especially an Irish one!

After over 40 years in ministry, I have found that people often ask me: did you find it hard to leave a particular place? Although I have been very happy in a multitude of ministries, I find myself saying these days that the one place I have missed the most is Churchill. And you know why? It's because of you - its people. You have become so important to me because you accepted me as I am, and in you I found people who are simply "the salt of the earth".

A homily is not a place to give a history lesson but I learned very shortly after coming to Churchill that this town and you its people were forged in a "pioneering way". You are a people that came here to a new frontier and you had the exciting, and at times, frustrating task of creating a community from its grass roots.

Needless to say, Hazelwood was already peopled by the myriad of farms and soldiers' settlements prior to Churchill's foundation. But in founding this town, the state government had high hopes, never fully realised, for a thriving metropolis at the foothills of the Strzelecki ranges.

We all know that Churchill was established to replace the township of Yallourn and to support the neighbouring Hazelwood power station and possibly to replace Morwell.

It was in this new community that you and many who have predeceased us, married, raised children, educated them, worshipped together and created your own identifying characteristics, especially in the football and netball clubs as well as the ever growing soccer club. You formed your own service organisations and you were proud to be the precinct of the Gippsland institute which later morphed into Monash University and, more latterly, into Federation University of Australia.

Without being disrespectful I have to smile at the thought of how the name of the university is abbreviated among the students and the locals.

So too, you saw your hotel come and go a number of times, something which irked me considerably when I moved here because the pub was derelict at that time, which forced me into having to cook for myself. I'm glad to see that it appears to be thriving again!

You only have to drive around Churchill to garner something of its history in the many street names associated with individuals and families who were part of the pioneering experience. So too, the Australiana of Churchill is to be found in so many streets that are identified by the names of the local flora.

The identity of Churchill was strengthened by the establishment of the Churchill and District News and it's a marvellous testimony to some of you here that this publication is not only still going but has always been a source of proclaiming with pride the happenings in the township and surrounding areas.

Churchill has had its pain and sorrow. The two things that come to my mind are the privatisation of the Hazelwood power station with the dismantling of the SEC, and the subsequent loss of employment for so many people and, in more recent times, the Churchill fire that was part of the holocaust that swept Victoria on that dreadful black Saturday. Both events, different in nature, only seemed to reinforce the pioneering spirit of the township.

In those early years of its foundation, Churchill was blessed by the presence of different religious communities and fellowship groups based on Christian principles. Some names tower in the memory of these groups, for example, Reverend Peter Arch and his wife, the founding minister of the Co-Operating churches, Father Noel Daly who had the foresight to buy land for a Catholic Church and school, Jeremiah Coffey, that irascible parish priest and bishop that I mentioned at the beginning. So too the pastors associated with the Churchill Christian Fellowship group such as Steve and Remy Gunsser, Steve and Sandy McNeilly, Tony and Hermanna Marsden. Each of you could add many other names to that list and I trust you will. The important fact is that the Christian associations



and churches were not just places of worship and fellowship, they also contained individuals who initiated so much of what we have inherited today in the life of the community.

Churchill has also been blessed by the presence of three primary schools and the Kurnai educational precincts which have survived despite the population vagaries that have marked the town. On a Catholic

note,

I would also mention the foundational presence of the sisters of Saint Joseph and their involvement in the foundation of Lumen Christi Primary School.

This variegated history of the life of Churchill brings me to the reason why we are gathered here today. Most importantly, we acknowledge the past but we live in the present and in the future.

So what is the future for Churchill? No one here can predict that with any certainty but I can share with you what this community, if it is truly to be a community must be. Saint Paul gave us a very clear indication in today's first reading:

"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace"

Saint Paul is saying to each of us that we are called to live a life worthy of the calling that we have received. And what is that calling? It is primarily to acknowledge that each one of us is a brother and a sister and that is the way we need to treat each other. It doesn't just apply to those who may attend any of our Christian churches; or to those who acknowledge some religious affiliation on a census form. No, it extends to a relationship of fraternity and solidarity with every member of the Churchill township. You may well think that's not possible and to an extent, it's true that we cannot always have a relationship of solidarity to others if they don't want it. But we can always be the first to make an attempt even at the risk of being rebuffed or scorned.

Look around you –some of the people here may give us the "irrites" or worse. So what! That doesn't mean we can't extend a hand. You know as well as I do that there are parts of the town where we feel less comfortable or perhaps even a little fearful. Again, so what! Doesn't it take just a little courage to visit people who don't live in the same blocks as we do? What about the people who live here but are from other cultures. We have plenty of them in Churchill but, sadly, at times, we also have a certain xenophobia relating to people of different religions and cultures.

Well, that's not what the gospel says. It was Jesus himself who could sit by a well and talk to a Samaritan woman; nor did he refuse to heal the child of a Roman centurion, a man who worked for an army of great oppression. Jesus himself didn't flinch from touching a leper, from refusing to condemn a woman caught "en flagrante", from entering the home of a tax collector, nor from dining with whoever asked him in for a meal. That is the calling that each of us is challenged to live up to.

Saint Paul was right: such a way of living requires humility and gentleness; it demands patience and above all a love that puts the dignity of every other person above our own. It is a daunting challenge but it's not impossible.

The gospel of Saint John today reminded us that we, as a community, are to live as people who believe with all our hearts that God will protect us and be with us in whatever we do together in his name. I suppose that means that Anglicans, Catholics, Protestants, the Christian Fellowship groups, SDA's, Muslims, Buddhists, atheists (who may not acknowledge our God but who share our common humanity) all of us have the responsibility to work together for the good of this beautiful and God-given piece of earth we call Churchill.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this homily, you are "the salt of the earth". So too, you are also a "light for the world". Be proud, in a humble way that you have done well and will continue to do so into the future.

Finally, please remember that "Churchill is a very good place to live; it is also, at least for me, a very difficult place to leave". If might I would just recall an incident that happened to me very many years ago when I was stationed in New Jersey, USA. It was my last mass before going to Rome and at the end of the mass, a very beautiful but large Afro-American woman, Bea Campbell, came waddling up the aisle of the church. She had a heart and soul bigger than anyone I've ever known. Well, she grabbed me in this very powerful bear hug and nearly asphyxiated me. Then she gave me a little banner – it was simply a piece of cloth between two pieces of wood. On the banner itself there was a rainbow and below the rainbow were the words: "When they try to run you out of town, get in front of the crowd and make it look like a parade!"

May you have a wonderful parade today!
Thank you.

Celebrating 50 YEARS CHURCHILL 1965 - 2015 SPECIAL FEATURE



Churchill Primary School choir which sang in the Town Hall Plaza after the unveiling ceremony.



The Piston Car Club had a successful day with a diverse display of old cars.



Above and below: Kurnai College music ensembles entertained the crowds during the morning.



First Churchill Scouts had a successful day recruiting future members.



Piston car Club cars.



Photo courtesy of Anthony F. Reynolds Photography llco

Churchill's iconic symbol.



Peter Cook

Peter Cook shared this special story. Up until he was eighteen, Peter's Dad had always cut his hair. However, when he was eighteen, and about to start work, he wanted a 'professional' haircut. His brother Robert, who lived in Shaw Street, recommended that he go and check out Wally Lacy in the new barber shop in Churchill.

Peter says Wally treated him very well. As it was Peter's first experience in a barber shop he didn't quite know what to expect. A clean cloth was draped around his neck instead of the old rag Dad had used, and the cut proceeded. It was the days of the square cut. On completion of the cut, Wally asked Peter if he would like oil or water. Not knowing what to say, Peter said, "Both". The haircut cost 60 cents.

The only disappointing thing Peter disclosed was that he only had a motor cycle and had to don his helmet messing up the neat cut. However that didn't deter Peter who continued to regularly attend the barber shop.

Kurnai College.

Junior Campus-Principal Matthew Jobling
 Kurnai College participated in the 50th anniversary celebrations. The Kurnai Music students gave performances in a variety of ensembles. The Kurnai College stand displayed photos from the opening of Churchill Campus and the University Campus, Yearbook covers, and copies of form group photos over the last 30 years. The form group photos proved extremely popular, although at times perhaps a little embarrassing considering the amount of laughing that was happening with former students showing their children or partner the older photos. There was lots of reminiscing and a great time was had by all as the town celebrated the history of Churchill.

University Campus-Principal Nello Carbone
 Kurnai College has been a member of the Churchill Community now for 30 years and helping to celebrate Churchill's 50th birthday on the weekend was a tremendous honour. We manned a stall with some of the older members of staff who had been a part of the Churchill Campus over the years. To encourage past students to visit our stall we prepared every class photo from 1985 onwards. This was a real success as parents and grandparents stopped to find their photo in the displays. Many were eager to have a chat about the old days when the Churchill Campus was in its infancy. Kurnai College prides itself on being a valuable and contributing member of the Churchill community and we look forward to many more community events that we can participate in.



The jumping castle was a great attraction for the children.



Mike Answerth, MC beginning the formalities.



Philip Parade busy with stalls and people



Keith Hamilton and Darrell White unveiling the 50th anniversary plaque.

Hazelwood Rotary Club

Ray and Leo:
 The occasion provided Hazelwood Rotary Club with an opportunity to promote our existence at a venue where memories and celebration predominated. Our club has been a stalwart in Churchill's community over many years; therefore, interaction at "grassroots level" with people is vital for Hazelwood Rotary to remain relevant in achieving its goals. To this end, the day was extremely worthwhile. Our photographic display generated plenty of discussion, mainly from those who wished to reminisce - which is important as it provided "a personal anchor" to call Churchill home.



Piston Car Club display



Churchill and District Lions Club cooked every sausage available in town.



Churchill's 50th Anniversary banner behind the rostrum, ready for the official ceremony



The altar used in the church service



Kurnai College ensembles entertained the crowds

Churchill Primary School

Jacky Comber:

The newly formed Parents and Friends group have the aim of being more incorporated into the community. For Churchill Primary School the 50th anniversary celebrations were a great opportunity to start the year off with their new aims.

For them it was a great success as a public relations exercise and also a fundraising effort, which netted a tidy sum. The feedback and comments at the school have been positive. One of them was that Churchill should have something like this every year. Churchill Primary School choir sang a selection of songs in the Town Hall Plaza after the speeches and the plaque unveiling.

The day was excellent in all aspects, community, organisation and weather (how blessed were we). The CPS children seemed to enjoy performing in front of the audience and were appreciated. It was unfortunate the sound system did not work at first but then it did, with some tweaking from Peter Pooley. The system did not have a CD player and we did not have one handy, so we could not play the music. We all felt the kids compensated very well.

The cake stall run by the school's Parents and Friends was a huge success. While they raised a lot of money, a price cannot be put on the community spirit that was evident. It was great talking to people interested in our school. We had a number of past students who made themselves known to us.

We all feel that similar gatherings would be great. I have heard talk about a market once a month. Personally, I think that might lose favour quickly, but every now and then would be great for our community. I have also heard favourable comments about using the Philip Parade space, which till now has been what someone called a "dead space" - another person's words.



The Churchill Tennis Club.

Elaine and Carol:

The Churchill Tennis Club is trying to organise a reunion so this was an excellent opportunity to catch up with past players and spread the word. They had a lovely display of old photos which caused much interest. They described the occasion as a happy cheerful time of catching up and interaction. The weather was beautiful and people were so enthusiastic about the reunion this year. Some visitors came from as far away as Bairnsdale. They congratulate the committee on a magnificent effort.





Photo courtesy of Anthony F. Reynolds Photography (lice)

The new Town Hall Plaza ready for the formalities.



Sister Maureen O'Kelly read part of the prayers.



Neil Terrill read the old testament Bible reading at the church service.



Father Hugh Brown gave the homily in the church service.

The Combined Churches
 The Combined Churches tent was well attended with lots of reminiscing and making acquaintances again after many years. Some lovely bookmarks had been prepared and they proved popular with visitors to the stall. Information leaflets were also available. The highlight for the churches was the beautiful service at 10am which was attended by close to 150 people. It was so good to be able to celebrate 50 years of service to God and the community, and to pray for the future of our great town. Unveiling our plaque after the service by Eric Rowley was another highlight. Thanks go to all the organising committee and the churches committee who worked so hard to have it happen, and to all those who took part.



Eric Rowley, 100 years old, spoke of the days he first arrived in Churchill before unveiling the church's plaque.



Reverend Frank Lees, Chaplain at FedUni read part of the prayers.



Father Francis O'tobo gave the blessing. In the background is Peter Gray of AMPWORKS who generously provided the P.A. system.

Asbestos in the Home Removal Kit



Anyone in the Latrobe City community planning to remove a small amount of asbestos material as part of a home renovation, can now do so using the 'Asbestos in the Home Removal Kit'.
Removal Kit Contents:
 1 X DVD Instruction Guide (11 Min approx)
 2 x 5m x 3m x 200um Black Plastic Wrap
 2 x 600 x 450mm Printed Disposal Bags
 2 x 1100 x 700mm Printed Disposal Bags
 2 x Type 5 disposable

overalls.
 2 x Vented Flat Fold Respirators
 2 x 100% Nitrile gloves 'Pro-val' Disposable 1pr @ size 9 and 1pr @ size 10
 4 x Disposable Overshoes
 1 x Roll Duct Tape
 1 x 6m Printed Barrier Tape
 4 x Wipe Down Rags
 1 x 1lt. Spray Mist Bottle
 1 x 250ml PVA Glue
 3 x Asbestos Warning Stickers
 Obtaining The Removal Kit: The 'Asbestos in the Home Removal Kit' (for Latrobe City Residents only)

can be purchased from the Latrobe City Council service centre, Commercial Road, Morwell for \$30. The cost also covers the disposal fee at the Latrobe City landfill. A free asbestos awareness and education session (approx. 30 mins duration) is provided with each kit.
 Any Latrobe City resident planning a home renovation involving the removal of asbestos material should first contact Peter Collins, Latrobe City Council Waste Education Officer on 1300 367 700 to arrange an appointment.

Term 2 2015, 13 April - 26 June

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Term 2 2015 classes & activities

Located at the Churchill & District Community Hub
 9 - 11 Philip Parade, Churchill

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is a not-for-profit organisation. All classes need a minimum of 7 people to go ahead. Bookings are essential, mid term enrolments are welcome.

Health & Wellbeing

Country Kitchen Cooking with Noeline Marchwicki
 Learn basic principles of cooking country style using fresh produce. For the more adventurous cook. Contact us for weekly menus.
Tuesdays 10am - 12pm or Thursdays 6.30pm - 8.30pm
 \$132 for 11 weeks or \$12 a week

Tai Chi with Julie Lucas
 Slow, gentle and tranquil movements which enable harmony in mind and body, improved mobility, suppleness and mental alertness.
Tuesdays 9am - 10am and 6pm - 7pm
 Contact 5122 2588 for all enquiries.

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

Art, Craft & Creativity

Patchwork
 Learn patchwork, material choice, techniques and design. Learn new skills as well as share tips and tricks.
Wednesdays 6.30pm - 9pm with Jean Baudendistel & Anne Boothman
Thursdays 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm with Debbie Hannam
 \$110 for 11 weeks

Quilting Lessons
 Long arm quilting machine lessons.
1st Monday of the month 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm
 \$15 per 2 hour lesson

New Classes

We are taking expressions of interest for: Photography (SLR and point & shoot), The world's great religions, English conversation (bring your children!), Brazilian embroidery, Painting, Craft circle and more!

Volunteering

There are many ways you can volunteer your time at CNC:

- Help in the office
- Join the Churchill Community Gardeners
- Help with events
- Help with fundraising
- Become a volunteer tutor - help others to read and write
- Join the Board of Governance
- Deliver brochures

Contact us to find out more.

Computer Courses

With Pauline Garood. In most classes you can bring your own laptop or ipad/tablet, check with us first. Bookings essential!

Basic Computer Skills
 Scared to turn on a computer, but would like to know how to and where to go from there? This beginner class will help you to gain confidence with Windows as well as email and internet. Use our computers or BYO laptop.
Fridays 10am - 12pm \$66 for 11 weeks

All Things Computer
 This class covers ipads, tablets, mobile phones, internet, genealogy, email, skype and more.
Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm \$66 for 11 weeks

Social Media for Silver Surfers
 Master the art of social media and learn about ipads, notebooks, email and internet.
Tuesdays 3pm - 5pm \$66 for 11 weeks

Computers for Employment
 Learn to use Microsoft Office 2010 programs: Word, Excel, Publisher, Access, Power Point, Outlook, Windows 8 and QuickBooks.
Tuesdays 12.30pm - 2.30pm \$66 for 11 weeks

Photo Editing & Digital Scrapbooking
 Using ACDSsee photo editor learn how to edit and enhance photos. Create calendars, photo books, greeting cards, and photo DVDs.
Mondays 10am - 12pm or 12.30pm - 2.30pm \$60 for 10 weeks, materials extra

Writing & Discussion

Discussion Group with Isabel Temple
 Interested in discussing topical issues? Social issues on environment, community and world events are all covered from newspaper articles and documentaries.
Fridays 10am - 12pm \$6 a week

Friday Afternoon Discussion with Ebrahim Alvandi
 Open to everyone, students and local people, native English speakers and people with English as a second language. Our group invites you to interesting and engaging English conversation sessions that provide you with the opportunity to connect to people, expand your social network, share ideas, improve your communication skills or help people in their English skills.
Fridays 4.30pm - 6pm Gold coin donation

Creative Writing with Cora Pal
 Improve your writing skills, put pen to paper and share your stories. Short stories, poetry, fact and fiction.
Tuesdays 10am - 12pm \$66 for 11 weeks

Book Club with Isabel Temple
 Join the Churchill Bookworms, read and discuss a book a month! This is a CAE book club and cost includes the book borrowing. Contact us for the booklist.
Last Friday of the month 10am - 12pm \$130 per year / \$82 concession, plus a gold coin donation each week.

Funk it up with the 360 ALLSTARS circus

Coming to the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday April 22, from 8pm is the funky 360 ALLSTARS urban circus. With a phenomenal physical performance exploring all forms of rotation this unique show is sure to please.

Latrobe City Council's performing arts and venues coordinator, Kathleen Roberts, said that the stellar international cast included world renowned athletes, dancers and musicians.

"This production connects the street with the elite to deliver a radical urban circus! It reinvents the traditional circus by presenting contemporary performance styles instead of conventional circus art forms.

Replace acrobats with break dancers, substitute a basketball freestyler in place of a juggler, swap the unicyclist for a BMX flatlander, and let a Roue Cyr

artist put new meaning to the term "ring master" and you get an exhilarating circus performance like nothing you have seen before!

Add to this a stunning live soundtrack performed by award winning master musician Gene Peterson and chart topping vocal loop artist Sam Perry, 360 ALLSTARS is as aurally exciting as it is visually astounding," Ms Roberts said.

"360 ALLSTARS features artists from the UK, Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand. The performance is a spectacular, colourful and audibly exciting expression of a generation that has reinvented public performance!" Ms Roberts concluded.

Book your tickets to see 360 ALLSTARS at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday April 22 at 8pm. Visit the box office or call on 5176 3333.

Canberra delegation a success

The recent delegation to Canberra has been hailed a resounding success with a commitment from members of both the upper and lower houses to come to Latrobe City to tour the region.

Latrobe City Council's mayor, Councillor Dale Harriman, said that the delegation had undertaken a range of positive meetings throughout the week.

"We had three clear aims during our time in Canberra. The first was to advocate for the retention of ASIC in our municipality, the second was to promote the concept of a Centre for Resource Innovation with Federation University and the third was to promote the use amongst government departments of Reflex paper

from the Australian Paper mill at Morwell. We were able to articulate each case at each scheduled meeting and we received a positive response on all these issues," Councillor Harriman said.

"We got the clear impression that Latrobe City is most definitely on the radar in Canberra which is good news for business investment, jobs confidence and for the wider community in general.

Add to this the commitment from Senators Ricky Muir and Brigitte McKenzie and Mark Butler, Federal Shadow Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water to visit our region and we can be confident that the trip to Canberra was a sound investment," Councillor Harriman concluded.

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



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Vale Ray Saccomani



Ray Saccomani was a long time resident of Churchill. Born in September 1932, to parents Ada and Walter, he was their third son. The family were showmen, travelling around to different fairgrounds in Scotland and the north of England. They lived in Tilley wagons towed by trucks.

Because of the war, and the Italian sounding name, the family changed their business name to Peters to prevent abuse. Ray didn't have the opportunity of much schooling. As he was considered Italian he was often bullied and also had stones thrown at him. The family settled in Blackpool,

Lancashire when Ray was 14 where they had a children's round-about and a shooting range in the Olympia, an indoor amusement park.

Ray met Jane in 1958 and they married in October 1959. Along came Jo (1961) and Debs (1963). The following year they decided to come to Australia as £10 Poms, being one of the first migrant families to fly.

They arrived in Melbourne where Ray obtained work the day after they arrived. However they were not happy in Melbourne and after applying for a job at Foster Motors, they moved to Moe where they settled quite happily. Fraser Crescent in Churchill became their home in November 1966. Ray moved around a lot working at Fosters Motors, Yallourn, Trevalley's in Morwell, Ford in Morwell and Ray Massaro's. He also worked on the equipment with the Shire as it was known then, before going to the sawmill on Tramway Road.

Ray loved clowning around and he loved parties. He was one of the two Pom Poms in the Lumen Christi Revues.

In 1973 he decided that they would build their own family home, which they did, going on to design and make the furniture which forms the décor of their home.

Ray enjoyed hobbies where he could sit quietly and work such as marquetry, and, in later years building model boats from scratch. He would buy the plans, have them reduced to scale, then spend hours and hours building the boats up. Some he put motors in and sailed them on Lake Hyland.

They even had a naming and launching ceremony with friends in Melbourne when he finished 'The Britannia'. Unfortunately Ray did not have time to complete his last effort, The Duchess of Fyfe, a paddle steamer, before he died. But daughter Jo who is a carpenter by trade has taken it home to complete.

Among Ray's interests were playing games particularly on the android, also researching about his boats. Steam engine interest stemmed from his time in the fair grounds.

Jane describes Ray as a wonderful devoted family man. He encouraged both his daughters to have a go at anything they wanted to do. He was very proud of them.

Ray joined the committee for the swimming club when his girls wanted to learn to swim.

He worked hard with fund-raising activities to establish Churchill's pool, selling raffle tickets and having monthly progressive dinners.

Cooking was also an interest and Ray was a great cook with a roast dinner, stews, casseroles and pies that were memorable.

A very special memory for the family is of Saturday afternoons spent doing a large jigsaw together and then having fish and chips wrapped in paper.

Jane says it took a lot of time to get Ray who was usually very calm. He was excellent to work with when they designed and made their house and the furniture, making it a really enjoyable experience and one she will remember always.

Ray and Jane's marriage spanned 55 years. They loved their home made in Australia and want to live nowhere else. But Jane recalls they had lovely trips back to England which they also loved to visit and to catch up with family especially Ray's brother.

Noticing that Ray was tripping up with words, a visit to a neurologist revealed a brain tumour - the worst category you could have. Despite an operation and treatment Ray slowly deteriorated. He struggled through the symptoms of the condition but always with a smile.

He is remembered by his family as a beautiful person who loved and cared for them all; one whose place will never be filled.

The Smith Family

Anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations

The Smith Family in partnership with The Healing

Foundation and Kurnai College hosted an Apology Event at the beautiful setting of Lake Hyland in Churchill

on Friday February 27.

We were blessed with beautiful weather with over 50 students from surrounding primary and secondary schools in the Morwell and Churchill community, and 30 local community members and parents in attendance

The day began with some students playing the traditional clap sticks and others carrying the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flag to a central point to announce the commencement of the day. A warm welcome was extended to all our guests by Kurnai College Principal

Mr Anthony Rodaughan who was introduced by our MC Maneesha Nambirajan, Vice-Captain of the college.

This was followed by a Welcome to Country by local Gunnai Elder Colin Thomas.

Jean Morgan, a local Aboriginal woman then reflected on her experience and the importance of commemorating and acknowledging Kevin Rudd's Apology to the Stolen Generation, as an important step in the healing process for people who have been directly impacted.

After the official part of the morning concluded,



morning tea was provided and enjoyed. Students, parents and community members were then invited to rotate through a range of cultural activities. These included a cultural walk and weaving lesson by Dr Doris Paton, Gunnai Dreamtime stories told by Hollie Johnson, a reflection of his own personal journey by Colin Thomas and badge

making by local artist Ronald Edwards. These were all very much enjoyed by everyone.

A team of volunteers cooked a delicious BBQ lunch for all to share. Participants were invited to leave a personal message to commemorate the day on a large canvas which will be displayed on a rotational basis in the local schools.

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Hazelwood Rotary Club co-ordinating the Mother's Day Gift Wrapping at Mid Valley Shopping Centre on May 7, 8, 9 this year!

A partnership keeps Hazelwood cemetery tidy



By Leo Billington

During its history, the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust has benefited from community organisations making an occasional contribution to improvements.

For instance, in 1981, the then Yinnar Young Farmers completed a great deal of voluntary work, and in 1982 the new lawn section was established with a grant from the Morwell Apex Club.

The Children's Cemetery was an initiative of the Morwell Rotary Club in 1983 and in about 1984, the reticulated water supply was extended within the cemetery, funded by the Italian Catholic Federation.

Then in 1989, alongside an extensive program to spray blackberries, Traralgon Venturer Scouts assisted with cleaning old graves.

Over many years, government assistance from all levels has also made an invaluable contribution to the

management of the cemetery. Involvement of community organisations then fell away for a long period, and it's only recently that beneficial partnerships have been developed.

One of these has been with GDF-Suez and also with the Department of Justice and Hazelwood Rotary Club.

On specific occasions, the Yinnar and District Community Association has joined with the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust to lobby for improved road safety measures.

The Yinnar and District Lions Club has also been a strong supporter of the cemetery and is credited with doing "a power of work" in and around the external and internal perimeters.

Removal of old, dangerous trees, road-side maintenance and grass cutting have been key tasks willingly initiated and undertaken by the club.

Formed about 25

years ago, and with a solid membership of about 15, the work undertaken by the club in Yinnar, throughout the immediate district, including around the Hazelwood Cemetery, is to be congratulated. The club is your typical "quiet achiever".

One occasion springs to mind - the 2009 fires - when devastation was rife throughout Yinnar, Boolarra, Churchill and further afield, the Yinnar and District Lions Club was busy assisting others supplying food and hay.

When they weren't doing this, they were firefighting as most club members are also CFA volunteers.

Volunteerism is strong throughout Australia. In fact, the nation would collapse without volunteers.

Yinnar and District Lions Club is an excellent example of a highly focused volunteer group dedicated to improving their local community.

Hazelwood Jeeralang Community Association Community Safety Booklet launch



A small but enthusiastic group of community members and supporters of the project, attended the launch of the important and valuable Hazelwood-Jeeralang Community Association Community Safety Booklet, held at the Federation University Gippsland Enterprise Centre (formerly Green Inc.) on March 5 at 7pm.

John Arkinstall and Garry Mauger were acknowledged as a significant two of the group which made this project happen. John was the MC for the evening.

Guests included Alan Scarlett representing FedUni, Jason Helps from Victoria Police, MLA Russell Northe, Darrell White and Heather Farley from Latrobe City Council, and representatives from other community associations.

John Arkinstall introduced the 34 page book by saying it was developed as a resource for those in the area to use as a support against crime, arson, and dumping of rubbish. It gives guidelines to follow to assist agencies. It also encourages community support of agencies to prevent

crime over a large spectrum from littering to terrorism.

Community meetings brainstormed, consulted agencies and took information which was collated then handed back to agencies for approval, a long process but important.

To accomplish the book's launch, there were numerous in-kind supports, and a State Government grant from the Community Safety fund grant through the Department of Justice, resulted in a successful project which came in under budget.

Jason Helps commended the group on a marvellous idea which he believed could be successfully rolled out to other community associations.

Darrell White said that out of adversity had come opportunity which had helped to bring the Hazelwood-Jeeralang community together and supportive of each other.

He hailed the book as a great reference of how the agencies work, and how to communicate with them. He congratulated the group on a magnificent outcome, achieved with a great deal of effort. "This is an excellent

book to take to other small communities. Your experiences in developing it will help them adapt it for their own use," he ended.

Heather Farley said it was a way of alerting people to issues which are important to them and how to engage with them to stay safe. It is particularly essential for those moving from urban to rural settings.

Russell Northe was also very enthusiastic, endorsing previous speakers' remarks. The State Government was happy to give a grant of \$10,000 after John had shown him the draft, which impressed him as a prevention and safety document with potential to be applied in other settings.

It is the type of thing which needs a whole community approach, driven as it was by the community. Russell said he was pleased to "give it a plug" in Parliament.

The booklet has been widely distributed among the Hazelwood-Jeeralang residents, but others who may wish to have a copy can contact the Hazelwood-Jeeralang Community Association.

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Churchill Hockey Club

Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill



'A firm grasp on the eternal realities enables a leader to stand apart from his age to show it the way.'

Winston's early life

'Biology need not be destiny.'

Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill was born on November 30, 1874 at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire, the son of Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill.

His father was the third son of the Duke of Marlborough and a relative of the Spencer family.

His mother (Jennie Jerome) was an American socialite, who spent little time with their sickly child, Winston Spencer Churchill, whom they considered slow and less than aristocratic, with his red hair and pronounced

lisp.

He was also stubborn and a bully, not the most endearing qualities. Like all socialites of this era, his mother employed a nanny from the local village to raise and educate him.

Into Winston's life came Mrs Elizabeth Anne Everest, a loving and caring nanny. She was a plump, cheerful lady, full of stories. She was very protective and Winston so adored her that he gave her the nickname 'Woomany' or 'Woom'. She nurtured, comforted and encouraged him, and eventually his much younger brother Jack, during their childhoods, and later during the traumatic two years Winston experienced at his first boarding school.

Her love of the small, rambunctious and chesty

child and his younger brother provided a refuge in both their early lives.

Mrs Everest was a caring Christian who regularly attended the local Church of England. Her belief in the practical aspects of Christianity, was infused into Winston and Jack. The need not to be outwardly showy, but to be compassionate to the poor and to live to help others were the simple truths that were modelled.

Her faith meant she had no fear of dying as she believed that a divine power was in charge and would look after her. Consequently at a young age, they were encouraged to pray regularly, learn memory verses from the Bible, and sing favourite hymns.

Winston's education

'Great heights are only reached by overcoming great obstacles.'

To introduce the skills needed to read, Mrs Everest used the book 'Reading without Tears'. It implied to Winston that he would need to master the challenge of reading without tears, hopefully before being sent off to boarding school.

In his free time at home, he was at his happiest playing with his steam engine and an army of toy soldiers.

At the age of seven, he was sent off to boarding school.

It was a barbaric place with little consideration for the age and fragility of its pupils.

It was here that he developed the resilience and perseverance needed in the face of brutal discipline.

Later he attended a Preparatory School run by two maiden sisters.

Their love and attention encouraged their stubborn pupil to master subjects

which interested him, such as French, history, poetry, riding and swimming.

The exam for entry into Harrow had to be read and recorded in Latin.

It was only out of sympathy from the Headmaster, who had watched Winston sit for two hours staring at the unintelligible questions, that Winston was accepted as a student.

He had written the number 1 (or others say it was an ink splodge) and nothing else. Latin was never mastered.

In fact, he repeated Year 3 at Harrow three times beginning at division three and eventually finishing in division one of Year 3, as the higher grades had to be taught in Latin.

Winston was pleased to repeat as he believed that he developed a good understanding of the grammatical structure of the English language.

He read prolifically and memorised entire passages of literature and poetry.

The love of the drama and phrasing of the King James Bible and other great literature continued to fascinate Winston.

All his teachers found Winston to be a non-conformist, and really, the naughtiest student in class.

They regarded him as backward even though he was reading books beyond his years, he was still a poor student.

His reports placed him at the bottom of the class. This led to open ridicule by other members of the school community, as the students in each class were paraded in academic order as they walked to their classrooms.

What happened to change Winston's bleak future?



Winston seated with his brother Jack

"Great heights are only reached by overcoming great obstacles"

Eager to improve his physical and academic skills, Winston decided to initiate a program that would turn his life around. He swam to improve his lung condition and rode his favourite horse up to five hours a day to improve his balance and strengthen his physique. For his troublesome speech, he devised a tongue twister that would focus on the correct pronunciation for the letter "s."

'The Spanish ships I cannot see, for they are not in

sight.'

He also had teeth removed and special dentures made. The problem never went away but by pausing to carefully craft his sentences, the drama of the moment was enhanced. Once in Parliament, he would practise his speeches for anything up to eight hours a day, often in front of a mirror, with his best works being written in the bathtub! He also developed the habit of taking an afternoon nap, allowing him to work late into the night, much to the chagrin of his advisors and other members of Parliament.



Winston Churchill's birthplace

Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill



A young Winston going to Parliament

Winston's listeners even in the public arena were aware of his articulation problem, but chose to overlook his speech deficiency. Instead they carefully listened to his every word. Winston included prompts in the margins of his speeches to remind him to pause and seemingly grope for a word to aid his performance. This technique also added to the sense of drama of the occasion.

However, the trauma of his early childhood schooling, combined with his parents' anxiety about his poor physique, atrocious academic record and poor social skills, led him, like his parents and paternal grandfather before him, to develop the 'Black Dog' as Winston called his depression.

Some claim that his depression led him to be self-centred and have fantasy feelings of being a hero.

Whatever the weakness or illness, Winston continued to strive to overcome his childhood flaws. His determination to improve his weaknesses seemed to strengthen Winston's character.

Perhaps his focus on mastering his own problems may have led him to be sensitive towards the needs of the nation, and fulfil his mum's hopes of one of the members of her family becoming Prime Minister.

Winston as a soldier

'The courage to look hard realities in the face is essential to effective leadership.'

When Winston was fourteen, after continuing poor results at Harrow, Lord Randolph despaired of his son entering the Bar. What was the alternative? As he entered Winston's room to discuss the future with his son, he saw on a table a carefully laid out an historically correct battlefield for some ancient war. Lord Randolph was impressed. He asked Winston what he thought about joining the Cavalry. Winston was delighted as he wouldn't have to master Latin!

They applied for Winston to attend the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, but there was an entrance exam that he had to sit for three times before he was accepted into the Cavalry in 1894. He loved military life and enjoyed learning such subjects as tactics, fortification, topography, military law and military administration. One year later he passed his final examinations, eighth out of 150.

1895 was a year of great change for Winston.

His father died on January 24, 1895 after a lingering illness. Up to the end he remained anxious about Winston's abilities and future. Soon after the funeral, on February 20, he joined the 4th

Queens Own Hussars as a 2nd Lieutenant Officer. As The Hussars were waiting to go to India, Winston applied for leave to go to Cuba instead, as an observer with the Spanish Army which was fighting the rebels in the Cuban War of Independence. It was here that he began his writings as a war correspondent for the various English newspapers as a means of supplementing his income. His accounts of the many battles became very popular with the readers at home.

He also developed his taste for cigars in Cuba and these later became part of his world-wide persona during World War Two.

He soon rejoined his regiment and went to India late in 1895. They formed part of the Malak Field Force in a campaign against the Pathan hill tribes along the borders of Afghanistan. When Winston was in the field, he proved to be a dashing soldier, building a reputation for exceptional courage. However, he was an enigma to his brother officers due to his sensitive and moody nature, which was a complete contradiction to his behaviour in the field. Away from the battlefield, army life as a subaltern in India bored Winston to the point where he considered

resigning his commission. He read widely and began writing books during this time. When he returned to England, his mother persuaded Winston to look to politics as his future career after making a name for himself in the army.

In 1899 Winston Churchill was successful enough to look to writing as a source of funding for a political career. He was laying the groundwork for this by standing for the seat of Oldham, but his inexperience led to a resounding defeat. When the Second Boer War broke out soon after, he was recalled to his regiment and went to South Africa. However before he left to fight, he was pleased to also be contracted to become a war correspondent for the Morning Post.

His reputation as a dashing soldier expanded, and his acts of bravery were notable. He also proved to be a very good war correspondent, with his despatches being widely read in England. Winston's accounts of his exploits in the field, his capture by the Boers and his apparent miraculous escape, made him a household name at home. Since India, he had become a religious sceptic, however with the opportunity to consider how amazing his rescue had been, he noted in his book,

'that his own feeble wit

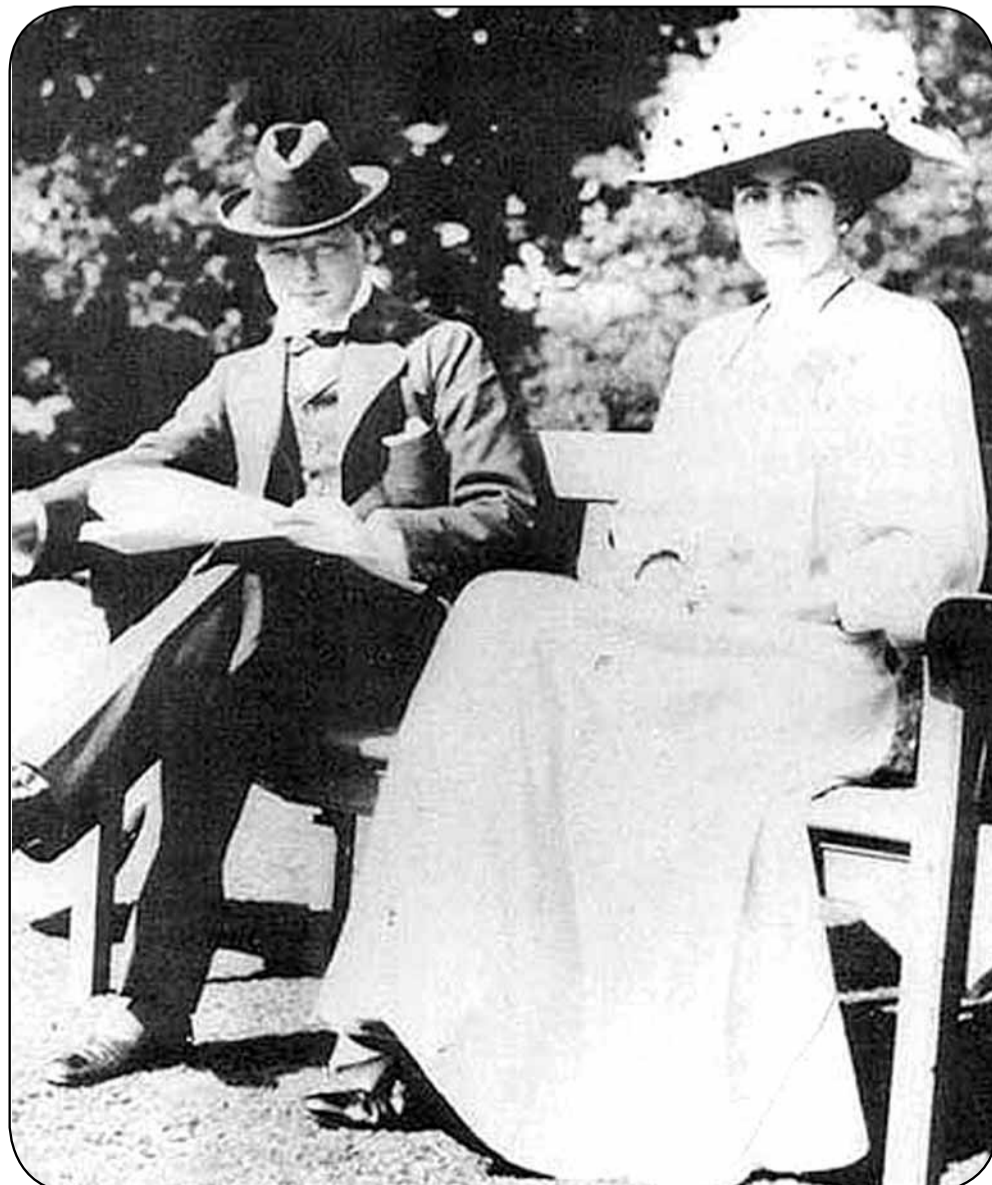


and strength could not have saved him from death by the Boers but the assistance of a High power that interferes with the external sequence of causes, affects us more often than we are prone to admit. He said he prayed long and hard for guidance, and that his prayers were swiftly and wonderfully answered.' (My Early Life, 276)

He was then commissioned as a Lieutenant in the South African Light Horse (SALH) under General

Buller and took part in the liberation of Ladysmith, but then took an extended leave of absence from his regiment and joined the main army as a war correspondent to cover the relief of Kimberley and the fall of Johannesburg. Later he resigned his Commission in the SALH and returned to England to pursue his career in politics in 1900, but briefly returned to the battlefield in World War 1 in 1914.

To be continued next issue . . .



Winston Churchill with his fiancée Clementine Hozier

Lumen Christi Primary School



in the Church for the Easter celebrations.

Throughout the term we have continued with our weekly whole school or class masses, and we are continually blessed to have the support of our priests Father Francis and Father Antony. We welcome Churchill News readers to join with us [most] Thursdays at 9am in the Church. Check the Parish bulletin, school newsletter or contact the school for details.

Achieve

Across the year levels we have all been working extremely hard, there certainly has been no easing into the year slowly. The staff has done a tremendous job of creating environments that have high expectations in regards to learning, effort and relationships. The staff also has been learning this term across various areas of the curriculum and deserve praise for the things they do behind the scenes. Congratulations to this term's Spelling Bee finalists and champions Ryan, Josh, Sierenna, Bayley, Jacob, Katelin, Amy, Codey, Kirsten, Shannae, Jasmine and Mitch.

To capture the learning across the term we asked students to name some of the learning they have done this term:

Lily P/1/2: I have been learning to write letters.

Thomas P/1/2: I can do numbers.

Cooper P/1/2: We have been learning about playing safely and not making people sad.

Grace 3/4: I have learnt about solids and liquids.

Jacob 3/4: I didn't know that the Aborigines called Ayers Rock Uluru

Freya 3/4: I loved everything we did this term - I can't choose just one thing!

Riley 5/6: I've enjoyed all the PE - Athletics and the ball games.

Courtney 5/6: I've been challenged by the maths, but I've enjoyed it - especially the geometry.

Luke 5/6: In geography we have been doing the Amazing Race. I have enjoyed that.

Succeed

We have been able to share many success stories this term that happened both

at and away from school. We have had some terrific off-campus learning activities including the Year 5/6 Education Session hosted by the Morwell RSL, as well as the 'Anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generation' event. The Year 3/4 team also took a trip into Morwell to offer the AFL Hawks some tips to get them a third premierships in a row. Also on the sporting front we have held our Annual School Athletics and have the Yinnar and District Sports day planned for the last day of term [fingers crossed for kind weather]. In the Sustainability area the highlight would have been the delivery of 12 tonnes of mulch, which was enthusiastically spread by our senior students who put into action their learning from our 'Creation' RE unit. It is terrific to offer these opportunities that link with our curriculum and offer the students a varied and interesting learning environment.

..... Together

The Together event for the term was definitely the School Fete held as the previous edition of Churchill News was going to print. We wrote then that we guessed the weather would be kind to us, and shine it did. We were blessed with a beautiful day and a strong crowd to record a very pleasing profit by the end of counting. A huge thankyou to all who contributed, helped and attended. A great night was had, but more pleasing was the chance to come together and enjoy working collaboratively for the school. We were lucky to have so many great supporters and sponsors, who we have already thanked through our school newsletters.

Lumen Christi sport report by Mrs Savage

Grade 3-6 were fortunate to be involved in a Hockey Clinic which was held by Hockey Victoria. Michael, and representatives from Churchill Hockey Club, provided clinics which focused on how to hold a hockey stick, how to move a ball and many other tactics. Flyers were also handed out for those who were interested in playing for Churchill

Hockey Club.

Lumen Christi recently held our annual school Athletics Day on Monday March 16. All students competed in sprints, long distance, shot putt, discus, high jump, long jump and the most famous parent teacher relay. This day is held every year to help prepare for our Yinnar and District Athletics Day. Congratulations to Green House team for winning the day.

Lumen Christi is part of the AFL School Ambassador Program which aims to develop and promote Australian Football in the classroom and sporting fields. We were fortunate enough to receive an invitation to attend a Hawthorn Football Club Clinic. The Grade 3/4s participated in various stations that focused on kicking, handpassing and tackling. The students and teachers were very excited to meet some of Hawthorn's famous players, and it was a fun day had by all.

It's A Jungle Out There

Trust the French to come up with an elegant word for what people have been doing since Adam was a boy. Parkour. Parkour is the art of running, jumping, sliding and finding other ways of moving around your environment. The students at Lumen Christi have had plenty of practice running around and making tight turns to avoid a collision and now there is another aspect to this playground pastime. Rocks. Not the bright shiny ones that were Marilyn's best friend, just rocks. Not quite monoliths, these rocks, purchased and delivered by a supplier on Holmes Road, have not only changed the landscape but how it is used by all students. At recess and lunch all sorts of games and stories are played out in the area surrounding the rocks. Students who would freeze as they approached an athletic track hurdle, conquer the rocks; maybe the natural shape of the rock is less of a threat. Yes, it is a jungle out there and it is the survival of the fittest.....as the photograph demonstrates.

What a terrific start to the year we have had - We have welcomed our Preps and new families, shared in the fun of our fete and along the way made tremendous progress with our learning. We have certainly experienced our school theme of Achieve, Believe, Succeed

Together. Believe

As a school we value and promote our Catholic faith as being a part of all we do. This term we celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation with some of our students. During the preparation for the sacrament the candidates,

families and staff all worked together to support each other with the liturgy taking place in March. Father Francis led us in his beautiful, gentle way and the children certainly were made to feel special and indeed loved by God. Congratulations to Austinn, Gabrielle, Freya, Darcie, Grace and Summer.

As a conclusion to our units of work about Lent and Easter in all grade levels, the whole school presented an Easter Pageant to the school community. We had a strong attendance from families, which was lovely, and in the presentation the children indicated they indeed knew the key events of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Congratulations to the students on their performance and the staff on their preparation and time put into this very important event. In Art the senior students also created Stations of the Cross artwork for display



Kurnai College Junior Campus



Swimming Carnival

The annual Kurnai College Swimming Sports day was held early in term 1. This was a day when all three campuses get together and have a day at the Moe Outdoor Swimming Pool.

There are the traditional swimming races but several fun events for the students to get wet, such as diving (don't think anyone actually dives), penny drop and lilo races, and more.

A few of the students went on to compete in Traralgon at a local inter-school swimming meet. Having obtained places at this meet, the place-getters went on to compete at Sale, at an inter-district meet. Vincent Schoutens (Year 7 Churchill Campus), Bridget Cain (Year 8 Churchill Campus), Fabienne Schoutens (Year 11 University Campus) and Sophie Fitzpatrick (Year 11 University Campus) won through to compete at the State School Swimming Championships, which will be held at the Melbourne Swimming and Aquatic Centre early next term.

All four competitors are a part of the Traralgon Swimming Club, with the club members training at the Churchill Leisure Centre and the Morwell Leisure Centre.

German Student Exchange

During the term, Churchill Campus has hosted some German students. This is an exchange program that has Churchill Campus students exchanging with German students. The German students come and live with the Churchill students, attending school and becoming involved with the Australian culture for several weeks.

At the end of the year, the Churchill students will go to Germany and stay with their German host family, attend school and participate in the German culture. This has been a very successful exchange program to allow Churchill students to become immersed into the German language, and has been operating for many years.

Trip to China

A small group of six students has combined with students from the University Campus and Morwell Campus to spend some time in China. This program allows the students to be immersed in the Chinese language and culture. The students will attend classes at Chinese schools and stay at host family homes.

All students have been studying the Chinese language as their language other than

English at secondary school, and see the value of Chinese as a second language.

Churchill Campus 30 Year Anniversary

On March 15, a special day was held at Churchill celebrating the town's 50 year anniversary, with Churchill Campus Kurnai College participating as it celebrates 30 years since the establishment of Churchill Post Primary School in 1985. Although the Campus began its existence as Churchill Post Primary, the amalgamation of Morwell Technical School, Morwell High School, Maryvale High School and Churchill Post Primary, formed Kurnai College. Over the 30 years there have been many changes to the school with the changing of principals and staff, the governments of the day and of course, now, the children of the children are passing through the school following their pathways hopefully to success.

Year 8 Enterprise Project

Over term 1, the Year 8 students have been learning economics and the requirements for operating small businesses.

The students, working in small groups, have created a small business, determined what goods/services are

marketable, and organised to operate and promote a stall on Enterprise Day on Tuesday March 24.

Community Fun Run

The annual Latrobe Valley Community Fun Run was held recently.

It was organised by the Harrier's athletics club to raise money for Gippsland Rotary Centenary House. Centenary House enables country outpatients to have treatments at the Latrobe Hospital for cancer and other problems, but not be confined to the hospital. It also allows patients to have family stay with them.

Kurnai College was the largest team from any school or organisation that participated, with 45 participants.

The Churchill and University Campuses had a large number of staff participating.

Kurnai's participants ranged in fitness levels from being up with the lead runners to the more sedate walkers of the 5km route up and down Kay Street in Traralgon.

It was an enjoyable and fun morning for all.

Year 10 Mirboo North Pool Relationship Building

More than half of the Year 10 students went to the

Mirboo North swimming pool for an opportunity to come together as a group in readiness for the transition to the University Campus. It was also an opportunity for the students to develop a relationship with their new team of teachers. The students enjoyed a day of swimming, jumping on the 'nessie' and BBQ.

Silent Reading

The student body at Churchill Campus as a whole have been participating in silent reading sessions at the beginning of each school day.

It has been shown in studies that students reading books of their own choice at their level of understanding, enhances their literacy levels – vocabulary, comprehension and expression, to a significant extent.

It is extremely important for students to improve their levels of literacy as they move through their school years to enhance their pathway opportunities in the future. It is also important for the value in reading to be encouraged and extended at home.

Year 9 Outdoor Education Surf Camp

A successful camp was had by all at Shallow Inlet.

I had an amazing

experience camping and surfing. It was really fun, I enjoyed every bit of it.

When I was surfing I learnt heaps of things. I learnt how to move on the board, I learnt how to get on the surfboard, I even learnt how to surf properly.

My best experience was surfing and to see the wildlife. It was great to see wombats and wallabies.

My worst experience was putting on the wetsuits; they made you look funny.

On the surf camp everyone did a really good job with the cooking. It tasted yummy. I really enjoyed the food.

On one of the nights it was scary because Mr Leeson scared the hell out of Bella and Ebony but it was still fun.

On the night walk it was exciting because we did something adventurous.

After the surfing lessons everyone was tired but at least everyone had an amazing time. It was also good to see everyone have a go.

Josh Garth

Year 7 and 8 camps are coming up in May.

Year 10 Uluru/Central Australian camp will be in September.



Boolarra Primary School

Folk Festival

Our students did their usual sensational job kicking off the music program with some stirring drumming. Our stall was also very impressive with lots of wonderful items our students and other family members provided. The fruit salad was scrumptious and was one of the best food options available at the Festival, in our unbiased opinion!

All up from this venture we made \$938, which is an increase on last year. The profit margin was assisted by one of our parents (who wishes to remain anonymous) paying for all the items purchased for the fruit salad, and to Ms Karen Twomey using her Art budget to pay for the material used in the craft items.

Garden Beautification

This year's fundraising money will go towards making over our entranceway and beautifying our gardens. This project was greatly assisted by some significant clearing work undertaken by some of our parents who removed some trees that were planted too close to the school, along with some blackberry infested, scrubby trees.

Next term we will commence planning what to do with our newly bared garden beds and all our other garden beds. We will also be investigating what can be done to enhance our entrance area.

Fabulous Student Leadership

The senior students recently did a superb job spreading the soft-fall mulch that we purchased to go under our play-ground equipment. They teamed together and encouraged each other really well!

Our School Sports

Prep student Kallarnie's grandparents, "Rusty" and Jackie McGlade did all the

fact that their youngest child, Anna ceased attending our school about 10 years ago! We were very grateful to lots of our parents for helping out; all jobs were speedily and cheerfully taken care of, usually without anyone having to request help!

We are now all getting ready for the Yinnar and District Athletic Sports which are set for Monday April 20.

Strzelecki won the team spirit trophy. By Carly.

My favourite events were the sprint and the long distance. My house colour is blue and we are called Irving. Irving was in 4th place. By Sophie.

I did the egg and spoon race. I liked it the best. It was funny when my friend dropped her egg. My house colour is red, it is called Morrow house.

By Bella H.

Out of Uniform Day

On the last day of term one, Junior School Council encouraged everyone to dress as a celebrity and bring a donation for our Local Wildlife Warrior, Jean Quick. We had some sensational costumes with characters such as Taylor Swift, several Australian



Preps Matilda and Aleeah racing at our Sports Day

line-marking for our school sports. They have been doing this job for many years despite

Below are reports about our sports provided by some of our P/1/2 students:

On Tuesday March 10, the whole school did the Boolarra House Sports. My favourite event was the high jump because you jump high and land on the mat. I really enjoyed the long jump because you jump from the mat and you land in the sand on two feet. The event I need to work on is the discus because it is too small to hold. My house team is Morrow which is red. Morrow came in 3rd place. Penaluna House won. By Chloe

Our Sports are when we practise for the Yinnar Sport's Day. I liked the egg and spoon race. I think I have to work on keeping the egg on the spoon! At the start of my long distance race nearly all the girls fell over. My house colour is green, we are called Penaluna. Penaluna got the big trophy. Strzelecki got the house cheering trophy. It was fun. By Ebony.

At the school sports I found shot putt hard but I loved long jump because I tried my hardest. My house is Strzelecki, we wear yellow.

cricketers and Princess Kate in attendance. \$63 was raised from donations and \$50 from icy-pole sales throughout the term.

Below are some pieces provided by some of the term one recipients of this special award:

An Easter Story

Once upon a time there was an Easter Bunny and he was having a rest. But then he realised that it was Easter. He didn't have any eggs so he made some but there wasn't enough eggs so he made some more and then there were enough.

By Ruby McNamara - P/1

The Boolarra Folk Festival
On Saturday February 28, I went to the Boolarra Folk Festival. First of all we met at the pub and when we were all there we walked down to



Dress as a Celebrity Day - Maddi (Dolly Parton) and Rosie (Cash Cow)



Mirabel (Bob Marley) and Emre (Selena Gomez)

the park.

In the first part of the drumming I went on the sudos and in the second half I went on the cow bells. At the end I packed my cow bells away.

My sister Briannon watched me drum but when I went to find her she had vanished into thin air! I was trying to find my sister for

ages.

When I found her I got fairy floss, an ice-cream and mini donuts in a six pack.

When it was finished I was sleepy and tired so I went to Tracey's for the night. In the morning I had pancakes for breakfast.

By Chloe Dudek - P/1/2



Harry, Laura and Kirra



Darcy hard at work spreading mulch

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Hazelwood North Primary School

Book Fair

On Monday March 15, the Book Fair started. We sold lots of books, stationery, posters and pointers.

We had a colouring competition for the Preps and story writing for Grades 1-6.

I really liked being a Book Fair Assistant and making the advertisement was really fun. Our theme for the Book Fair was Once Upon a Time, so the writing competition had to start with 'Once upon a time' because it had to have something to do on the Book Fair.

The winner of the colouring competition was Chelsea.

The winner for the writing comp for Grade 1's was Eliza.

For the Grade 2's it was Jada.

Grade 3 was Alyce.

Grade 4 was Levi.

Nobody for the Grade 5 level entered a story.

The Grade 6 winner was Amy.

The Book Fair Assistants and Kaye had a fun time doing the Book Fair but I think it could have been better and sold more if it went for a longer time. We made \$1907 just from the books. We all had a good time doing the Book Fair and I would like to say thank you to Kaye and

all of the Book Fair assistants, they all did a wonderful job. If I was a Book Fair assistant again I would do it all the same.

By Niki and Maddy
RSL Excursion.

On Wednesday March 25, class 4/5/6 D went to the RSL in Morwell. We talked about World War 1.

First we watched some videos then they explained about the Black Hand Gang. We got some lemonade while we watched some more videos. We tried on some outfits and had some pictures taken.

Ted explained some jobs in the army, we also saw an epic training montage! The montage showed us how they trained and what they had to go through. Ted talked about a special gun they used in the war.

Soldiers who got messages across the field were called runners. Most of them only had 24 hours to live because they were running across fields where the enemy had clear shots. They often were shot.

The soldier's packs and gear weighed over 40 kilos. In the trenches there were mice and rats and sometimes dead bodies. Some soldiers were sent home because the flesh

on their feet rotted off. They used donkeys to carry heavy equipment.

It was amazing to learn about the war and it is good to learn about our history.

Hazelwood North Primary School - Writing Competition Entries.

A little story.

Once upon a time there were six gnomes. Each of them lived in their own house. All of their houses were very tiny, and all made out of wood that they chopped down from the forest. All six of the gnomes lived in a very small village, with a gigantic tree in the middle of it.

One day a knight dressed in silver armour rode through the village on his horse. His horse was lovely because it was brown with a sparkling black mane. The knight walked up to one of the gnome's doors and knocked several times very loudly.

"Knock. Knock. Knock."

The second gnome answered the door because it was his house and the knight said,

"Can you please come to my castle and help me protect it from any enemies?"

The gnome wasn't sure at first, but he changed his mind when the knight said,

"If you come you will all

have a very yummy dinner."

The gnome said that would be wonderful because they hardly ever had a good dinner.

The second gnome ran to every other gnome's door and knocked very loudly.

He said, "Follow me, I have something wonderful to tell you all."

When all six gnomes had gathered the second one said, "A knight wearing silver armour has come to see if we want to live with him in his castle. If we go with him we will get a special dinner every night."

All the gnomes liked that idea. So they all happily hopped on the back of the knight's horse, and rode to his castle.

When they arrived the knight took the gnomes inside for a tour of the huge castle, because it was frightfully big. They could also get terribly lost. After the tour of the castle the gnomes started to have a wander to check out the castle even more.

Soon the gnomes guessed it was dinner time. OH IT WAS SUCH A FEAST! The six gnomes got too excited to even think about what they were going to eat. Sooner than they thought they had their plates right in front of them.

They had a huge feast. They all loved it so much they ate all their dinner in a flash.

Dinner only went on for a few minutes and then it was bedtime. The six gnomes dressed in their pjs and got into bed. They were very tired.

The next morning the sun was shining very brightly. The gnomes got dressed and went for a walk outside of the castle. On their walk they found some lovely things, like butterflies, humming birds and some very colourful flowers. The gnomes had a fantastic walk.

Later on that day the knight called the gnomes inside for lunch. Lunch went on for quite a long time because they all couldn't stop talking to each other.

Weeks went by and all the gnomes and the knights had a fantastic time.

In the end they all live happily ever after!

Ryan - Grade 6

Hazelwood North House Sports

A couple of weeks ago it was the H.N.P.S House Sports. It was jam packed with sporting events and the oval was a collage of red, green, blue and yellow.

There were posters, banners and chants. There

were heaps of awesome designs they created to cheer on their fellow house mates. It was an athletics day all over again.

We all think that the Prep's first experience should've been a good one and it looked like they really enjoyed themselves.

The activities that were held on the day were shot putt, discus, sprints, long distance, high jump, relay and long jump. Bean bag accuracy and bean bag distance for the Preps instead of discus and shot putt.

At the end of the exciting day the teachers and parents had a relay. Red House won the relay for teachers and parents. Over all Blue House succeeded and won the house sports! We learnt how to collaborate as a team and express our feelings through posters, chants and banners.

By Sam and Mitchell
House Chess Competition

In term 1 the people who wanted to, got to go in the house chess competition.

We played lots of people. The house that won was yellow, in second place was red, in third place was blue and in fourth place was green.

It was really fun and enjoyable. We liked it a lot.
By Jazmine and Ben



Above: Russell Northe with the School and House Captains
Below: Age level Champions



Above: Book Fair Winners
Below: High Jump at the school sports



Preschools

The Glendonald Preshool

The Glendonald Preshool has an active group of interested parents which has raised funds to purchase a new cubby house, bikes, scooters and swings.

The children love showing their new play equipment to friends and helpers.

In the classroom the children are learning about the importance of eating a variety of healthy foods and fruits.

It's lovely to hear that the children also enjoy tasting new fruits during their class - time recess breaks.

Recently the Responsible Pet Education Instructors came to the Preschool to talk about safety around animals.

Animals have particular ways of showing emotions, and they, like us, need to have time on their own.

The most common ages for dog attacks are on children between



and play areas but also at the Traffic School in Morwell, where they and the Easter Bunny visited one Wednesday night.

In the classroom the children have been learning about seeds and bulbs.

With Jen's help, the children learnt about mixing soils with

aged compost to make a suitable potting mix for the various seeds and daffodil bulbs.

The differences between red beans, radishes and pumpkin seeds were highlighted. What else was needed for these seeds and bulbs to grow?

Tender loving care, some water and sunshine also would be needed.

Happy gardening, everyone!

We hope you all have had a nice Easter.



the ages of 0 to 4 years age bracket, followed closely by the 5 to 9 year olds.

Children are often bitten by their own dog or by one known to them.

To find pet information and advice, go to the DEPI website. www.depi.vic.gov.au/pets

In the last week of Term One, the children had a Teddy Bears Picnic. Many great activities were enjoyed.

The Hub Preschool

The Hub Preschoolers have been very busy, not only in the classroom



Yinnar South Primary School

"One of the things I love about a small school is the flexibility around taking students out of the school and providing a variety of experiences," said Principal Katy Grandin.

Excursions in the last few weeks of term one included performing at the Gippsland Ethnic Communities'

Council Cultural Festival and a visit to the Morwell RSL.

At the cultural festival the students sang three songs in Mandarin. It is amazing how quickly the children learn languages.

The students also enjoyed a variety of other cultural

performances including a wonderful Indonesian dancer.

We finished off the day with a picnic at the Immigration Park. Thank you to the CECC for hosting this exciting event and providing us with lunch.

The students enjoyed bringing history to life by visiting

the Morwell RSL and learning about some of the ways our servicemen represented our country.

It was a great outing and the students were proud to hear stories from our returned servicemen.

At Yinnar South Primary we tailor your child's educational experience to their needs. Why not

visit us to see how we 'bring learning to life.'

Our school is growing strongly and we welcome new enrolments. Personal school tours can be arranged by calling Principal Katy Grandin on (03) 5169 1540.



Churchill North Primary School

Junior School Council Disco

On Friday February 27, the music was pumping at the lunchtime disco that was held by the Junior School Council.

Eighty-three children participated and had the option of buying glow sticks to wear during the disco. Prizes were given out throughout the disco.

Students danced the afternoon away, and were mesmerised by how they glowed in the dark.

Street Scene

Louise from the RACV visited our school to teach us about road safety. We listened to a story and learnt how to be safe on the way to

school. We played a listening game to help us listen to the traffic when we are crossing the road.

By Cory P/1D

In the Junior Classroom

The Preps and Grade 1's have been very busy during March. They all enjoyed coming back to school for tea one night.

The night began with games followed by a delicious tea consisting of chicken, potatoes, peas, corn and carrots followed by ice cream and jelly. Before they went home they had an icy pole and then more games were played after tea. Jelly was made by the children when they were

learning the sound 'j' which they thoroughly enjoyed that night.

5/6SH Swimming

5/6SH has just finished school swimming lessons at the local leisure centre. In the past six weeks of swimming we have learnt to do continuous swim, standing dives and kneeling dives, and how to be a better swimmer overall.

If you are not a very confident swimmer you can transform yourself into a better swimmer in these lessons. The continuous swim is a drill and you need to swim up and back two times in one lane. The standing

dives and kneeling dives are all about being confident in what you're doing and not to be afraid. In these lessons I learnt to dive and did a dive on my own! Being a better swimmer is all about looking at yourself in the beginning, then seeing the progress you have made by the end. You are more confident rather than saying "I can't do it".

All in all I think learning to swim is a great opportunity to improve at swimming.

By Riley S

AFL Clinic

On March 20, Grade 3 and 4 students from Churchill North Primary were invited to Morwell Recreation Reserve

to participate in an AFL clinic run by Hawthorn football players. Students enjoyed tackling bags, bumping, practising their kicking and handballing technique, and having question and answer time with the footballers. Students were so excited, with some going onto a football field for the first time. We hope to see some Churchill North students playing in the AFL one day.

Ride 2 School

Ride 2 School day is a one day event where all schools are encouraged to support students to ride to school to support students being physically active.

We encouraged students, parents and carers to either walk, ride, scoot or skate to school.

The response from the students was fantastic this year and the excitement within the students in the morning was amazing. We had 25 students ride, 35 with scooters, 42 walked and one with a skate board.

All students were given time during the day with their grades to walk, ride, scoot or skate on the basketball courts, around an obstacle course. There were heaps of happy faces enjoying the fresh air and exercising at the same time.



Above: Seth busting some moves.

Right: Louise from RACV

Below: Paul and Zander enjoying their Prep/1 dinner



Left: Ride to school

Above: Joel perfecting his handball skills

Below: Question time with the Hawks



Churchill Primary School



Above: Easter Raffle winners

Right: The school choir which sang at the 50th Anniversary celebrations



Churchill Primary School has been very busy this month. Testing of all students has been completed.

The Preps have been coming to school full time since the long weekend.

Suddenly, we are counting down the days to the Easter break.

Our Easter raffle winners were all school community members.

The Prep to Grade 2 classes held an afternoon for family members to come and join in Easter activities with the students.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents participating.

Sport:

Sport has been prominent this month.

We had our Churchill Primary School sports on March 12.

The day looked a bit like rain, but turned out to be a great autumn day with cloudy, but dry weather.

It was sunny at times and a very energetic day was had by all.

Parents and grandparents turned up to cheer the children

on.

The winning house when all the points were counted was Green House.

We congratulate all of our students on an amazing effort.

C.P.S. Age Group Champions were: 12/ 13yo: Jake Easton, Dakota Wilden; 11yo: Rhys Luxford, Monai Porykali; 10yo: Kyra Henshaw, Blake Billing and Nick Middleton; 9yo: Josh Gina, Hayley Kamphuis; 8yo: Sarina Shirreff, Campbell Pedler; 7 yo: Riley Pedler, Jaxon Griffiths, Jenny Baker; 5/6 yo: Jaye Henshaw, Shantelle Easton. Congratulations to all of these students.

Football Clinic:

On March 20, the Grade 3/4 children participated in a Football Clinic, run by Hawthorn Football club at Morwell.

Churchill Primary School students were shown how to kick, tackle, bump and handball by Hawthorn players.

They also got to have a question and answer session with Jarryd Roughead, who told them about the training

and nutrition required to play football at an elite level.

The children had a fantastic time and their enthusiasm continued even with the rain!

Churchill Primary School Choir:

Under the guidance of teachers, Sharon Reidy, Jo Whitelaw and Hollie Woodman, our choir sang at the Morwell Multicultural Festival on March 13.

They sang a lullaby from the Torres Strait Islands accompanied only with clapsticks.

They also sang "I Still Call Australia Home". The four soloists were Dakota, Jordyn, Madilyn and Claire.

The group also sang at the Churchill 50th Anniversary celebrations on Sunday March 15.

We are really proud of the students who put themselves forward to practice and perform in front of an audience.

Churchill 50th Anniversary:

Churchill Primary School was proud to be a part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations.

The day was a wonderful community gathering.

Our parents made a huge effort baking cakes to sell and selling drinks, for which we thank them very much.

Many past students made themselves known to teachers and parents.

There was a lot of interest in our old photos.

Churchill Primary School opened in 1968 and will celebrate 50 years of community involvement in 2018.

There will be more information as the anniversary draws nearer, but meanwhile we will start to post class photos on our Facebook page, as time allows.

Left: Lakisha at the RSL

Right: Green House captains with sports teacher Haley McColl



Above: Age champions
Below: Footy clinic- ball kicking skills

RSL visit by Grades 4/5/6:

We were met by a man at the RSL.

We were introduced to Ted who is a retired soldier. Ted talked about the war.

He showed us around and there were pictures of World War 1 and 2.

He showed the very gun that shot down the enemy's best sniper.

He showed us pictures of Australian soldiers in trenches and we saw a video about a big cannon.

The video told about

the soldiers on the beach at Gallipoli and how they tried to get up the hills, but there was too much enemy fire.

We learned about a nurse, named Alysha, who disobeyed orders to save some men.

We also learned about other wars that Australian soldiers have been involved in.

I feel angry and upset and confused about why so many soldiers have to die in war.

Jamal Johnson - Grade 5.



SPORT

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

Churchill & Monash Golf Club Results

Saturday March 7, 2015

– Mens Stableford. Winners – A Grade- G. Beyer (7) 39pts. B Grade- R. Welsh (21) 35pts. C. Grade- I. Hepplestone (31) 38pts. N.T.P- 3rd – H. Martin, 12th- B. Kilday, 14th – G. Beyer. Birdies-3rd- P. Blunt, M. Dear, 14th V. Monument.

Tuesday March 10, 2015

– Ladies Stableford. Winner – J. Beck (33) 34pts. Runner Up- E. D’Alterio (22) 33pts. C/B. B. Beebe (33) 33pts. N.T.P- 3rd- M. Dear, 5th- D. Thomas, 12th- L. Casey, 14th- J. Beck. Birdies- 11th and 14th- E. Leggo

Saturday March 14, 2015

– Mens 27 Hole Foursomes Championship. Winners – Scratch- G. Spowart and H. Martin – 131. Foursomes Handicap Winners- I. Hepplestone and D. Radnell (48.75) 103.25. Runners Up- J. Barnes and M. Rennie (40.5) 104.5. N.T.P- 3rd – T. Sterrick, 5th- J. Thornby, 14th- P. Williams.

Tuesday March 10, 2015

– Ladies Pairs Aggregate Stableford Championship- Round 1. Winners– P. Dessent (45) 33 pts and M. Dear (17) 38 pts (71 C/B). Runners Up- V. Verheyen (28) 40 pts and M. Munckton (31) 31 Pts (71 C/B). N.T.P- 3rd- P. Dessent, 5th- H. Croft, 12th- M. Munckton, 14th- M. Dear. Birdies- 3rd- P. Dessent and V. Verheyen, 14th- M. Dear.

Saturday March 21, 2015

– Mens Par. Winners – A Grade- T. Gabbett (17) +1. B Grade- J. McCafferty (19) – 1. C Grade- H. Speake (31) square. N.T.P- 3rd – P. Shields, 5th- K. Hogan, 12th- M. Wright, 14th- A. Auld. Birdies- 3rd- C. Thomas, 12th- I. Hepplestone.

Tuesday March 24, 2015

– Ladies Pairs Aggregate Stableford Championship- Round 2. Winners– J. Beck(32) 30pts and A. Hibbert(31) 39pts = 69pts. Runners Up- M. Dear(17)

37pts and P. Dessent(45)

27pts = 64pts C/B. Overall Champions- M. Dear(17) and P. Dessent(45)- 71 + 64 = 135pts. Overall Runners Up - H. Croft(39) and B. Beebe(33)- 71 + 63 = 134pts. N.T.P- 5th- M. Dear, 12th- E. Leggo, 14th- M. McQuillen.

Saturday March 28, 2015

– Monthly Medal Stroke. Winners – A Grade- D. Byers (16) 68 Nett. B Grade- P. Williams (19) 72 Nett. C Grade- H. Speake (30) 71 Nett. Scratch- D. Byers (16) 84. N.T.P- 3rd – T. Sterrick, 5th- T. Sterrick, 12th- A. Auld, 14th- D. Byers. Birdies- 5th- D. Ellwood.

Tuesday March 24, 2015

– Mary Mitchell Day (Stableford). Winner– J. Beck(32) 38 pts C/B. D.T.L- E. Leggo (30) 38 pts. H. Croft (38) 36 pts. N.T.P- 5th- A. Hibbert, 14th- E. Leggo

Busy Braves run Come ‘n’ Try day

It was an ideal morning for playing any game when members of the Churchill Braves welcomed new and existing players to a full program of learning the basic skills of baseball.

Boys and girls joined the Under 16, Under 13 and Under 10 groups in a series of activities guided by members of the Braves League team.

The group was divided into three, according to age and then rotated through the various skills of hitting, pitching, fielding and catching.

As the parent of three players said: “Baseball is a good, fair sport for kids and nobody is left out. There used to be more kids involved but when football was changed to Sunday morning, baseball missed out.”

Brad Jones, who plays 2nd base or catcher and is an Occupational Therapist, described baseball as an ideal sport for kids because it provides an opportunity for everyone regardless of ability. “You can’t hide anyone away and everybody has a role to play.”

Certainly everyone who

attended the Come and Try Day had a go at everything, and quite a bit of natural talent was demonstrated in the process. ‘It’s really good fun’ was the general opinion and ‘more kids should try it.’

Some of the Under 13 group had a particularly interesting experience being dressed in full gear and then dodging balls pitched at them by the Braves. They weren’t allowed to catch the ball or turn their backs. As Coach Shane Gill reminded them “the point is to trust your gear.” Quite a challenge for some of the younger ones



Mid Gippsland Darts Association Summer Competition

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Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	Bye	For	Against	%	Pts
REAPERS	5	5	0	0	34	11	377.8	10
COYOTEZ	5	3	2	0	25	20	277.8	6
TRARALGON REBELS	5	3	2	0	23	22	255.6	6
YINNAR TIGERS	5	2	3	0	24	21	266.7	4
MOTLEY CREW	5	1	4	0	17	28	188.9	2
LATE COMERS	5	1	4	0	12	33	133.3	2

Yinnar Tigers darts team have been going through the “yips” losing the last three games of the current season. Round 3 Yinnar played Coyotez from Morwell losing 6 games to 3. Best players for Yinnar were Mark Taylor and Peter Campbell. Round 4 and Yinnar Tigers played Traralgon Rebels losing 5-4 in a close match. Yinnar played without their Captain Mark Taylor, and that was perhaps the difference on the night. Best players-Pete Campbell and Mike Bailey. Round 5 – Yinnar Tigers played Morwell Reapers losing 8-1 on the night. Highlight of the match was the three “tons” and highest score by Yinnar’s Sharon Taylor. With the run of losses the Yinnar Tigers have now slipped to 4th on the Mid Gippsland Darts Association League Ladder.



but they were still laughing afterwards.

The uniforms, gear and extra equipment are purchased with funds provided by sponsors and the fund-raising efforts of the club.

A game of Wiffleball was enjoyed at the end – still baseball, just a bit slower, with some very elastic rules, suitable for all ages. A BBQ lunch finished off a very enjoyable morning.

The Braves heavily promoted the event in the lead up, hosting barbeques as well as a stall at the 50th Anniversary event. The stall

went well as people of all ages stepped up to throw at a speed gun. The fastest throw clocked in at 117km/h from Club Coach Tim Bellerby.

The week after, the Churchill Braves hosted the Boolarra-Jeeralang Panthers in the inaugural Brave-Panther Cup. In the lead up to each season the two clubs will play a match relevant to the club whose season is about to start. The Braves won the baseball match against the team of cricketers and will play the return cricket match in approximately six months time.

If you want to know more about the Braves, in particular their junior programs or about baseball in general, have a look at the website, find them on Facebook or call Sam Gillett on 0429 393 418.



Friends of Morwell National Park

At the February Green Walk there was a large group of interested walkers. It is great to see large groups discovering the park and returning later to complete their own walks. More Green Walks are scheduled for autumn. Each walk will be a 60 minute guided walk rated easy to moderate. Meeting time is 10.00 with the walks departing at 10.10 am. The next Green Walks planned in Morwell National Park are:

*Tuesday May 5, Foster's Gully Walk.

Meet at Kerry Road picnic grounds.

*Tuesday June 23, Billys Creek Weir.

Meet at the Braniff's Road car park. Registration is essential at www.heartfoundation.org.au/active-living/walking/Pages/events-and-park-walks.aspx or call the Heart Foundation's Health Information Service on 1300 362 787. Local enquiries, contact Bonnie, Local Coordinator Heart Foundation Walking 1800 242 696.

John's Jottings

Recently I have been reading the Morwell National Park Management Plan (1998) and found it interesting. The Park Management Plan applies to both the original area and the Billys Creek Annexure.

For the next few months I will provide snippets lifted from the plan. I'm sure they will make interesting reading for you too.

Summary

"Morwell National Park is an area of natural beauty, suitable for passive recreational activities, that is particularly valued by the people of the Latrobe Valley.

The Park has regional significance as one of the few areas of remnant natural vegetation in the Strzelecki Ranges. This vegetation, predominantly Damp Sclerophyll Forest dominated by Blue Gums and marginal warm temperate rainforest with narrow strips of Fern Gully, will be protected.

Rehabilitation of the

Billys Creek Valley, much of which has been cleared and used for grazing, will be undertaken as a priority. Re-establishment of the native forests and understorey on heavily modified sites will be continued, as will efforts to control the extensive infestations of introduced species.

Future developments in the Park will provide day visitor areas for picnicking and barbecues, and improved opportunities for bushwalking in more remote areas of the Park.

Major management directions for the Park are summarised below:

- Significant natural features, flora and fauna will be given special protection.
- Biological surveys to identify significant fauna will be encouraged.
- Co-operative efforts with adjoining landholders to control pest plants and animals will be undertaken.
- The revegetation program for degraded areas

will be continued.

• Visitor enjoyment of the Park will be enhanced by developing Billys Creek Valley for day visitor use, extending bushwalking opportunities and improving interpretation."

To be continued next month....

March Activity Report

At this month's activity we had Beryl, Matt, Kerry, Darren, Rose, Japanese exchange student Yuto, and John briefly.

Rose was along for her first activity, returning to the area after many years in WA where she had been involved in many similar groups. John came to get us started and catch us up on the news from the last month.

In the car park we met two Melbourne walkers who were walking to the Jumbuk rest area that day. Great to see walkers out walking the Grand Strzelecki Track. Matt and Kerry had been to the

shed and collected the waders and other gear needed.

The group split at the beginning with Matt and Kerry driving off to remove a grove of Bella Donna Lilies at the base of Clematis Track, while the rest of us donned the waders and gumboots and walked in to where we finished last month. The lilies Matt and Kerry removed were very advanced with some being the size of a cantaloupe.

Beryl, Rose, Yuto and Darren entered the creek and removed a range of weeds. A few tree guards were also found,

Wendy would be proud. Tutsan of all sizes was found. Matt and Kerry joined the group and they worked up to the Tebb Terrace entry to the park.

Over the day a number of kangaroos were sighted along with a koala and a few crayfish.

April Activity Sunday April 19

We will run two activities on April 19. You can come to one or both activities.

Activity 1

The group will meet at 10.00am at the Junction Road car park to erect the six nesting boxes made for us by the Morwell Men's Shed. These six new boxes will be located into a new area, be numbered and have their GPS locations recorded. This should only be a short activity.

Activity 2

The group will meet at 6.00pm in the Kerry Road picnic area for a Spotlight walk and moth survey. We will start with a BBQ before setting up for the Spotlight walk and moth survey which will occur when dark.

The simple BBQ and salads will be provided by the group and organised by John. Bring your own snacks, drinks and chair. You will need to bring clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the evening.



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CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

To all members of our community

Dear Community Members,

You are cordially invited to attend the launch of the Churchill & District News Volume 4 of our "Looking Back... through the eyes of local residents., an oral history of Churchill and District series.

To be held on Sunday, May 24 at 2pm at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill at 1 Williams Avenue Churchill.

There will be a time to share your favourite memory of Churchill. After the formalities, a light afternoon tea will be served, provided by our wonderful Ladies Fellowship.

All four volumes of the series will be on sale. The cost of the books is \$15 each. We have a launch day special of all four of our books (Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4) for \$55.

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