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Queen's Scout Award to Angus Sauppe



By Leo Billington
Family and friends from Scouting recently gathered at the Yinnar Scout Hall to congratulate Angus Sauppe in receiving his Queen's Scout badge.
This is the highest Award in Venturing and is of a similar nature to the Grey Wolf or Australian Scouting

Medallion (of which Angus has both), but to a more difficult standard.
Now at 18 years of age, Angus becomes the newest member of Yinnar's Rover Crew and it's great to see him continuing in Scouting.
Angus first joined the movement as a Cub Scout and then progressed through

Scouts and on to the Jeeralang Venturer Unit.
He comes from a family long associated with Scouting - his mother Sylvia is now Scout Leader at Yinnar and brother Max was awarded his Queen's Scout in 2013.
Venturer Leader, Greg 'Barney' Farrell in presenting the award to Angus, outlined

the huge commitment necessary to achieve this high award. Angus joins an illustrious group of past and present Queen's Scouts at Yinnar.
The group is expanding and special thanks go to Group Leader Col Richards. Yinnar Scout Group has also forged an advantageous connection

with the Churchill Scout Group with Group Leader Peta Whelan providing a leading hand in this.
For Venturers who relish extra challenges, the Queen's Scout Award is the highest award in the Venturer Scout section and carries an outstanding reputation within Scouting and the wider

community. To gain this prestigious award a Venturer must first reach Venturer Award standard in 13 Venturer Award activities.
They must then reach award standard in an activity area from each of Leadership Development, Outdoors Activities, Personal Growth and Community Involvement.

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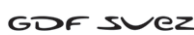
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Jeeralang Bush Dance and Pizza Night

Pizza and Dancing - a great combination

The Hazelwood-Jeeralang Community Association (HJCA) held a successful pizza and bush dancing night at the Jeeralang North Hall.

Approximately 96 folks, including lots of children, came to enjoy the food, company, music and the dancing.

For a modest cost those who came could have a choice of two soups, followed by sausages in bread with tomato sauce and then 47 pizzas cooked in the pizza oven at the back of the hall. For supper, pancakes with jam and cream were available if you had room.

The weather was fine which allowed attendees to stay outside without getting too cold or wet. The outside facilities of the hall, including a BBQ and play equipment lend themselves to this.

Inside the hall the



Briagalong Bush Band entertained with musical numbers interspersed with calling bush dances. The music was thoroughly enjoyed and the dancing grew in popularity as the evening progressed to the sound of much laughter and fun.

Peter of the HJCA said it was a good night. He attributed the increase in numbers from

last year to the Australia Post Neighbourhood grant received by the association which allowed them to do a letterbox drop of their association area.

Judy, of the Jeeralang North Hall Committee, also commented on the new faces and how good it was that people were now getting to know about the hall and its

activities. She added that this year it was more family orientated with families enjoying the outing. Judy felt that everyone enjoyed themselves in a laid back atmosphere. The committee however was extremely busy providing food for the hungry participants, but satisfied with the outcome.

Thorpdale Potato Festival a resounding success

The Thorpdale Potato Festival returned to the Thorpdale Recreation Reserve in the beautiful Strzelecki Ranges, West Gippsland, on Sunday March 8, 2015.

Beyond our wildest expectations, we were blessed with spectacular weather and even more spectacular crowds. Instead of the dreamt-of and hoped-for 5,000 attendees, over 9,000 folk from far and wide attended and from all reports had a wow of a time. We were heartened by the extremely favourable comments received during the day and following weeks.

Entrants for the spud picking, spud throw, tug-of-war and the "Mighty Vin Rowe Challenge" (300m run with a 50kg bag of spuds on shoulders) came from local and distant areas. In fact, the 2003 winner of the run returned to contest his crown – and led all the way, only to fall just short of the line.

We had fantastic support from our valued sponsors (Gold – Vin Rowe Farm Machinery; Silver – Bendigo Bank, Thorpdale Community News and Trentleek; Bronze – Cervus Equipment, Cutting Edge Electrical, Grahams

Seeds, Kelly Durkin Trucking, Rabobank, SJC Constructions, Victorian Farmers Federation, Australian Wool Network and RACV.) There were many, many more wonderful supporters and the community of Thorpdale really got behind the project of re-inventing and rejuvenating the Thorpdale Potato Festival. Happily, we were able to distribute \$30,000 to community groups from the profit raised as a result of the Festival.

We have decided that this event will be biennial and the date for 2017 has been set for Sunday March 12.

Fingers have been crossed for weather exactly the same as this year and we are already preparing for another fantastic day!

Further information on developments for 2017 will be commencing in mid-2016. For more information, contact: Barbara Butterworth, Marketing and Public Relations Officer, Thorpdale Potato Festival Committee, Email: thorpdale.potatofest@gmail.com,

Web: www.thorpdalepotatofestival.com.
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As part of the Small Business Festival of Victoria from August 1 to 31, many opportunities were created for those in small business to attend workshops, lectures and expos to learn how they could increase the viability of their business.

Several representatives including two from Churchill & District News, were among those who attended the Building the Vibe in your Business breakfast and lecture at Waratah Restaurant on August 11 from 7-9 am. The host for the morning was Phil Stone who is the General Manager of Planning and Economic Sustainability for Latrobe City Council.

He explained that Latrobe City Council is conscientious in promoting small business in the area and is pleased to act as host for these occasions. Phil then introduced guest presenter Gary Bertwistle who has many years of experience in this field. Gary Bertwistle began by asking:

Why should I buy from you? He gave some ideas and considerations for businesses to ponder.

*Have one single compelling statement for why people should buy from you.

*Put that on your paper, your business cards, Facebook page, web site, letterhead, email address.

*Work out what perceptions people have of you that will make them choose you instead of some other business.

*Create a perception that you are a great option.

*Speak to your customers in their own language i.e. cut out jargon. Be prepared to spend time and find out what people's pain points are.

What is it that annoys people? Listen and hear and see what is going on, then try to solve it for them. We need to disconnect from IT and connect with people.

*Stop writing and start telling a story. We need to look back to look forward.

*Each person or business has what Gary termed a back story- their history.

Letting others know this gives authenticity- a reason to believe, our guts, our purpose.

*Do a survey and ask people what they like about

your business.

*Decide outcome before income.

*If people receive bad service they will forget you. If they receive good service it's good news.

*Also ask - What would you like us to do for you?

*Have a dream. Work out what it is. Talk to each other in your business. What is it you really want?

*Have a plan. Break it down into small chunks and work on it bit by bit.

*Take counsel. Surround yourselves with people who will help and support you.

*Does all your staff fit? Do you need new people?

*True dreams are uncrushable.

*It can be done.

*Each business needs a leader.

The leader must be firm and say 'this is our dream and this is how we do it.'

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I wish to congratulate Churchill Fire Brigade on receiving funding for a thermal imaging camera from the 2015/16 Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP).

The program assists emergency service agencies with the purchase of operational equipment, trucks and funds minor upgrades.

Local emergency service volunteers make a significant contribution to supporting and protecting our communities, and it's important they are supported with the equipment they need to meet the challenges they face.

Last month I was pleased to visit Churchill and attend

the Latrobe City Council tree planting event at Eel Hole Creek in conjunction with National Tree Day. This year Planet Ark celebrated 20 years of National Tree Day which is Australia's largest community tree-planting and nature care event. National Tree Day started in 1996 and since then more than 3 million people have planted 21 million trees and plants.

The 2015 Community Sport and Recreation Awards are now open and I encourage the local community to nominate someone they know.

You can nominate local sporting volunteers, coaches, officials and

clubs for the awards. The awards have a long-standing reputation for celebrating the achievements of our grassroots sporting and recreation community. These awards are a chance to nominate and celebrate the commitment and passion of people or organisations that make a real difference in their local community and embody the true spirit of sport and active recreation.

I encourage as many people as possible to get their nominations in and support their local clubs and individuals. The categories include:

Community Sporting Club of the Year

Outdoor Active Recreation Initiative
Young Volunteer of the Year
Service to Sport and Active Recreation Award
Community Coach of the Year

Community Umpire or Referee/Official of the Year
Community Sport and Recreation Facility Award
Community Sporting Event of the Year

The 2015 Community Sport and Recreation Awards will be held at the MCG on Monday November 9, 2015. The winner in each category will receive \$3,000, while two runners up in each category will be awarded \$1,000 each.

In addition, a \$5,000 Award will be presented for outstanding achievement. Nominees across all categories are eligible for this special award. Nominations close on Wednesday September

30. For further information and to submit your nomination, please go to www.sport.vic.gov.au. A reminder for Churchill residents that the Churchill & District News Junior Fishing Competition will be held on Saturday November 7, 2015 at Lake Hyland, Mathison Park, Mackey's Road, Churchill. Juniors aged between 4-16 can participate and must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$2.50 per child and \$6 per family (three or more children).

Registrations will be taken from 9am to 2pm and fishing will be between 9am and 3pm. For more information you can phone 0422 823 179.

Councillor Darrell White



Latrobe Regional Gallery Exhibitions

Local artist, Tony Hanning's first public exhibition of drawings at the Latrobe Regional Gallery, invites the viewer to contemplate solitude and transcendence, in places that he sees as offering us a sense of the sublime.

The drawings propose to interpret actual places in the local and greater Australian landscape, which the artist sees as alluding to a greater presence.

The landscapes are intended to depict the realm of the imagined that the artist has encountered in readily accessible locations, to respond to beauty and wonder in the everyday.

Visitors are invited to view these drawings and imagine their own interpretation of what is beautiful. Tony Hanning has had a long and supportive association with this region and with the Latrobe Regional Gallery in particular.

Known mostly for his

glass-based works, he has never shown these drawings before. These contemplative works invite a second, a third or multiple views by attendees.

The Exhibition continues until 15 November 2015.

Balfour Place - Roadworks

Works at Balfour Place have been placed on hold, because of the likelihood of continued disruption as a result of inclement weather. The current plan is to postpone construction until October, to

try to minimise the period of traffic disruption.

When construction resumes, the next stage of works will include excavation and removal of the existing pavement between Philip Parade and west of the new roundabout, and construction of the new road, kerb, footpath, street lighting and entrances to Marina Drive and the southern car park. Splitter islands will also be constructed at each entry to the roundabout.

There will be further

disruption to traffic conditions when the works resume. Access around the existing Stage 1 works will be open "one-way only" from West Place on to Balfour Place (southbound). When the final seal is being laid, both at Stage 1 and Stage 2 (between Monash Way and Philip Parade), Balfour Place will be closed to allow for construction.

A speed limit of 40 kph will be maintained throughout the precinct during road works.

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



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CDCA notes from the Annual General Meeting



By Margaret Guthrie

Guest speaker at CDCA's AGM, held last month, was Latrobe City Council's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Gary Van Driel. Gary's topic was "The Role of Council's CEO".

Some of the key points Gary mentioned included:

The role of the CEO is to take directions from Council and to deploy the resources to put into effect these directions.

With a \$130m budget it can't be taken for granted that all expenditure will be efficient and effective.

One role of Council is advocacy. Recent efforts have included: to the Federal Government – retention of ASIC in Traralgon and gas prices for Australian paper; and at the State level – rate capping and unconventional gas extraction.

Of the \$130m budget, \$54m is planned for capital works. There is a need to improve the efficiency in delivery of projects. In past years capital budgets have been around \$30m so the challenge is to have the staff and resources to achieve the \$54m planned works.

Council delivers some 80 different services to the community.

The organisation has been very welcoming of Gary, and it is very knowledgeable but it can improve.

The big challenges looming will be to the budget with rate capping and reduced

funding from the Federal Government.

Gary's talk was followed by audience questions, which he answered 'off the cuff'. These included:

How do we progress the Arts and Culture Trail? The budget is very tight with rate capping and a reduction of Federal funds, so if this is a priority for the community it should confirm this with Council. If CDCA can't keep up the pressure others will have to. Try to get other funding bodies to quarantine their funding until Council can allocate its funding next year.

Delays in completion of the shopping centre car park: the land ownership and transfers to achieve the quality design have been very complicated. The Woolworth end component is finished except for some lighting. The Ritchies' end requires agreement from all in the Owners Corporation to fund the final asphaltting.

How will the town cope with more traffic due to some new large subdivisions? Developers need to demonstrate that their impact on roads and services is manageable.

How do we ensure new subdivisions preserve the character of Churchill with its recreation spaces and paths? The Structure Plan for Churchill provides the guidelines. There are 3-4 points in developments at

which the community can have a say.

Can Council have a role in developing affordable housing? A number of players have a role including Community Housing organisations and Not-for-Profits. Council is about to commence some work looking at this problem. Council has ensured land availability has been increased in an effort to keep housing costs down.

Why are the solar panels at the Hub not working as they should?

Gary promised to follow up on this query, as it required specialised knowledge of the issue, which he did not have on hand.

After a short interval, the formal business of the AGM was conducted. This included the presentation of the Annual Report and Financial Statement. Meeting Minutes and Reports are available on CDCA's website: <http://cdca.org.au/>

Committee nominations were received and Ian Gibson, Peter Grey, Margaret Guthrie, Peter McShane, Linda Reid, Charles Uber and Rob Whelan were duly elected. Stakeholder representatives also confirmed their on-going Committee membership: Lisa Dourley (MUGSU), Teresa Pugliese (Latrobe City) and Alan Scarlett (Federation University).

Unfortunately, no nominations from amongst the Committee were received

for Office Bearer positions and so, as per CDCA Rule 21.1, a Special General Meeting of Members has been called for Tuesday September 15. This meeting will consider a Motion for CDCA to go into recess. A 'Guardian of Assets' will be appointed if CDCA moves into recess.

Until CDCA's future is resolved at the Special General Meeting, interim office bearers were appointed to ensure all responsibilities and under-takings are properly discharged.

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It was good to welcome Reverend Brenda back after her annual leave, looking refreshed.

During the time she was absent we had Reverend Janet Wallis and Reverend

Marilyn Obersby taking our communion services, while our worship teams filled in the other services with their own special touch.

The Ladies Fellowship held their annual Winifred

Keik Service with all the ladies taking part. Reverend Janet Wallis shared the message. A retiring offering was taken up to help support the training of women in Ministry.

Our attendance at the Lions Club Market continued in August. It was lovely to be out in the sunshine after a week of rain, meeting people and being part of a fantastic new initiative of the Lions Club. We had plants, jams, marmalades, and cakes for sale along with a firewood raffle.

Coffee Connections people were invited to bring along a picture or painting that meant something to them. It may have been a picture

given as a gift or a picture they chose or even a picture out of a book or newspaper. There was much interesting sharing with a variety of items shown.

This was all done while enjoying the fellowship of those present over a cuppa.

Saturday Breakfast began again after a spell during the cold winter months.

David Langmore of the LV Asylum Seekers Support Group was the guest speaker and he spoke about the group's activities and the treatment of asylum seekers in Australia.

A more detailed report will be found elsewhere on this page.

A special thank you is extended to Robyn, Garry and James Mauger for providing the activities for the Mad Scientist Night at Junior Youth Group. Many exciting happenings kept everyone engaged and enthusiastic as the whirrs, bangs and fizzies occurred.

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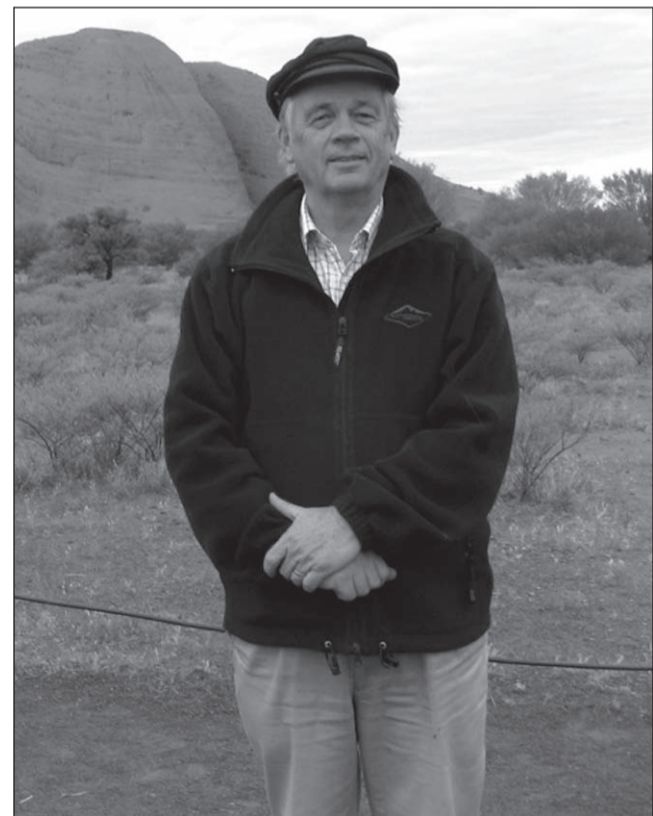
Saturday Breakfast

David Langmore from the Latrobe Valley Asylum Seekers Support Group was the guest speaker for the August Breakfast. He spoke about the group's activities and in particular about six young men from Afghanistan who had arrived by boat in Australia.

They were not allowed to work, do voluntary work or attend school to further their education. They received a low allowance that was not sufficient to live on, and depended on help from local people. At one stage they were living in a house five kilometres from Boolarra without their own transport. A local family 'adopted' one of them to give him support and help.

One of the young men was invited to have dinner with a family but permission had to be obtained before he could dine with them!

One asylum seeker has been told he will have to return home because he has family there, despite the fact that he was harassed by the Taliban. The Asylum Seekers Support Group has sought support from Federal MP, Darren Chester and local member Russell Northe concerning this young man. Other members of the group had relatives killed and some



David Langmore

have no family left.

The group is no longer together and one of them has been offered a scholarship by a school in Melbourne.

The information David supplied showed that the Australian government does not do a great deal for asylum seekers like these.

Keith Enders
 The next Saturday Breakfast will be held on September 26, at the Co-

Operating Church Williams Avenue starting at 7.45am. The guest speaker will be the very versatile Malcolm Grant who has visited us on several occasions already. His topic this time will be about one of Australia's strangest mammals, the platypus.

People wishing to attend should contact Keith Enders by Thursday September 24, on 5122 1148 or by e-mail at ken.15967@bigpond.com.

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Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington

Late in 2013, a new rose garden was completed surrounding the gazebo at Hazelwood Cemetery. This garden has just been extended thanks to funding received through Hazelwood Rotary Club. The extension was always planned once new seating was located immediately adjacent to the gazebo.

Assistance from the Rotary Club has also enabled tree guards to be obtained to protect newly planted ornamental deciduous trees. In the future it's planned to plant more deciduous trees thereby adding autumn colours and spring blossoms. The early plantings of Italian pencil pines were completed so long ago it's amazing nothing has been planted



since. We are now making up for lost time.

The Department of Justice has provided massive assistance in planting new tube stock trees which one day,

will give a new perspective to the cemetery precinct.

It's worth pointing out that the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust has received gifts of roses and seats to celebrate

memories of loved ones.

For information to join a Friends of Hazelwood Cemetery group, please phone Trust Secretary, Gayle on the office number, 5133 9183.

Medical students concert at FedUni.



Monash Medical Orchestra performed a varied range of music for an appreciative audience of about 150 at the Federation University auditorium on Saturday August 22.

Councillor Darrell White on behalf of Latrobe City Council, a joint sponsor of the concert, began proceedings by saying, "on behalf of Dr. Harry Ballis, Head of Campus at Fed Uni, and Associate Professor Shane Bullock, Director of Monash University's School for Rural Health I welcome all to the first regional performance of the orchestra."

Darrell also thanked Joseph Bonnici and Kurnai College for the loan of instruments and music stands.

The orchestra is a not-for-profit ensemble established in 2011 by a group of passionate musicians who were also studying medicine at Monash University. The orchestra was formed to provide players the opportunity to share their musical interest and continue performing whilst studying, using their creative and artistic talents.

The orchestra with their Chief Conductor Robert Dora, performed Symphony No 8 D759, "Unfinished" 1st Movement, the Dance of the Paper Umbrellas, Scheherazade Symphonic Suite op. 35, 3rd Movement, and "The Typewriter" before interval. Following interval Amanda Yong performed "Fight Against the Storm"

and "Spring Comes to Lhasa" on an ancient Chinese musical instrument. This was followed by a piano and cello duet.

Then the orchestra completed the second half with "Hungarian March" from "The Damnation of Faust," and music from popular shows.

Entry was by donation, the proceeds of which will help the orchestra to fund its needs.

Also provided were pre-event refreshments.

Dr Harry Ballis thanked Dr Margaret Simmons, before concluding the evening's entertainment by congratulating and wishing the orchestra well and thanking everyone for attending.

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Book review

'The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie' by Muriel Spark

Muriel Spark was born and educated in Edinburgh and has been active in the field of writing since the 1950's, having written novels, short stories, plays, poems, children's books, biographies and an autobiography.

She has won many literary awards in recognition of her achievements, and has been described as "the greatest living Scots writer of prose".

The story is set in Edinburgh in the 1930's at the Marcia Blane School for Girls, and follows the lives of the "Brodie Set" from their primary school years, where Jean Brodie is their teacher, until the girls reach adulthood. Jean Brodie has chosen these girls from other students at the school, attempting to turn them into the "creme de la creme" of society. Each

of the girls is "famous" for something, and learn about life through Miss Brodie's travels and love affairs. She believes that education should be a "leading out of what is already in the pupil's soul", a view that is not shared by the principal of the school, who believes education should be based on instruction, and notes that Miss Brodie's girls count on their fingers, just like Jean Brodie.

This leads to constant attempts to find a reason to dismiss Miss Brodie, who is unpopular with other staff members except for the music and art teachers, both of whom are male.

Her "set" acted complicitly by warding off the rigorous questioning by the principal, and propping up their books as a blind to what they were actually learning when the principal entered

their classroom: in fact they were very protective of Miss Brodie, and looking back, they all expressed gratitude and affection. However, in the end it is one of her girls who betrays her.

Jean Brodie is a charismatic and eccentric figure, who manipulates her girls and schemes to control her fate through the lives of these girls. She is often cruel, and displays a lack of personal concern for her students - her behaviour today would be regarded as most inappropriate and would not be tolerated.

The story is at the same time humorous and tragic, and themes touched on include fascism, war, religion and betrayal.

Members of our book group found the book quite easy to read but none had a desire to read it again.

Hazelwood Rotary Club



By Leo Billington

The Hazelwood Rotary Club will conduct a sausage sizzle on Saturday, September 19 at Bunnings in Morwell, with funds raised going to the Very Special Kids program which cares for children with life-threatening conditions by providing a children's hospice and professional family support services.

Over the last few weeks, we have agreed to supporting the forthcoming Pistons Car and Bike Show scheduled for Sunday October 25 at Gaskin Park. The Churchill & District News 2015 Junior Fishing Competition to be

held on Saturday November 7, will also benefit from our support.

This marvellous community event has been running for approximately 12 years at Lake Hyland in Mathison Park. This was originally run by the angling clubs and is now co-ordinated by C&DN. The Department of Fisheries stocks the lake before the event, and their education officer attends to help the young anglers and answer questions.

A guest speaker during August was Bruce Ellen, Latrobe Valley Express General Manager. Bruce

provided an informative overview of the paper's history as it celebrates 50 years this year. This length of time is a fine achievement in the current world of mass print media competing head-on with social media, both permeated by constant debate about which provides the most effective form of marketing. To learn more details about Rotary, please contact our new incoming President, Reg Kemp on 0427 353 887

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Prospective students voted with their feet yesterday by recording a 10 per cent increase in Open Day attendances at FedUni's Gippsland Campus.

"We are delighted to have hosted so many eager Open Day visitors at Churchill," Professor David Battersby, Vice-Chancellor, said.

"There was a noticeable increase in visitors from last year and our staff also reported that prospective students were staying at our information stalls for much longer.

We estimate Gippsland attendances went up from 2000 to 2200. It is exciting to have these great figures following our recent number one Victorian ranking for teaching quality," Professor Battersby said.

"As one of the nation's leading regional universities, FedUni is well-placed to cater for the needs of Gippsland students."

The University's 2015 Open Day website also recorded 19,099 visits from August 1, compared to 9,513 for 2014 -

an increase of just over 100 per cent.

"I would like to thank everyone who visited our Gippsland Campus on Sunday," Professor Battersby said.

"I hope you found the study program you were seeking. Any prospective students who want to make further enquiries are welcome to contact us for further information."

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Middle: Hub Preschool
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Fire Safe Kids Visits

Children from the Hub and Glendonald Preschools and some from Pooh Corner Child Care Centre have visited the fire station to learn how a firefighter dresses to be safe when going to a fire. They have also learnt about firefighters using breathing apparatus to find those lost in buildings because of smoke, and how they can help the firefighter to locate them by clapping, stamping and knocking on walls.

Using 000 to call for help in an emergency was also practised.

A clear message of having a working smoke alarm was emphasised to help escape

from a house fire. The visitors were also urged never to go back into a burning building but to remain safe.

Adults present were alerted to the fact that you cannot smell smoke when you are asleep and that children can sleep through a smoke alarm going off. Hence the need to have a working smoke alarm near the parents' bedroom.

The visitors then went outside to see the tanker truck, learn about some of its equipment before the excitement of squirting the hose. The visit ended with everyone sighting the lights and hearing the siren with hands over ears to protect

them from the loud sound.

Thank you to the firefighters who supported the presenter - Steve, Cameron, Graeme, Rob, Darlene, Ray Beaton from Hazelwood North Brigade and Mark Bruerton of Yinnar South Brigade. Your help was essential in delivering the program fully.

Churchill Fire Brigade will benefit from an equipment grant.

Churchill Fire Brigade has been successful in obtaining a thermal imaging camera through the 2015/16 Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP).

This program assists

emergency service agencies with the purchase of operational equipment, trucks, and funds minor upgrades. The thermal imaging camera will be most useful in helping brigade members locate the source of a fire and thus accelerate the putting out of the fire.

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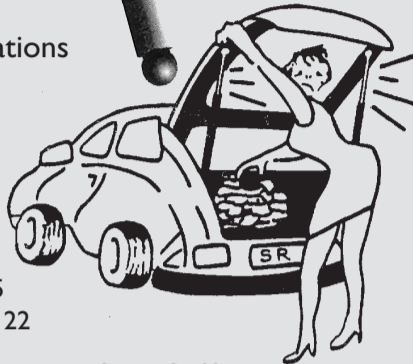
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Fed Uni Lecture



Viruses to cure cancer.

Federation University along with Morwell Rotary Club, sponsored a free lecture by Professor Kevin Harrington from the United Kingdom, entitled

"Cancer therapy Goes Viral: the role of viruses as a cause of cancer, and their repurposing to be anti-cancer drugs."

The lecture was held at the Auditorium at FedUni with about 80 people in attendance,

ranging from medical people, staff and fraternity, medical students, Rotarians and members of the public.

Professor Kevin Harrington is Joint Head of the Division of Radiotherapy and Imaging at the Institute of Cancer Research, Royal Marsden Hospital, London.

Through his work in finding cures for cancer, particularly in the fields in which he specialises - neck, head and melanoma cancers,

he has been able to use such things as viruses, (reovirus, herpes simplex virus, vaccinia virus, coxsackie A21 virus), antibodies and small molecules to selectively destroy cancer cells, in combination with treatments like chemotherapy and radiotherapy to selectively target cancer cells; to grow in and kill them, but leave normal cells, thus improving patients' cure rates with having fewer side-effects than

current therapies.

This is indeed good news, and is a tribute to Professor's twenty years of work in this area.

Following the lecture, a good range of questions from the floor were answered, including those from doctors and medical students about technical issues, while others asked about general cancer treatment, knowledge about cancer and concerns.

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Churchill Lions



President Geoff exchanged Bannerettes with District Governor Ian.

The District Lions Clubs District Governor, Lion Ian Gratton visited the club recently.

The District Governor was introduced by Lions Zone Chairperson, Kay.

District Governor Ian talked about new Lions International President Dry Jitsuhiro Yamada's message, that urged all Lions Clubs to support projects that bring dignity to children, and makes their lives better. Also to support programs that will help the next generation

to prosper and secure good health, find opportunity and achieve happiness.

District Governor Ian also talked of the need for recruitment of new members and new clubs.

District Governor Ian went on to talk about a project that he is very passionate about. That is the Lions International Measles Project to eradicate measles world wide, which aims to sell six million measles badges worldwide. This project has the backing of the Bill Gates (Windows

founder) Foundation, which will match all money raised by Lions worldwide through donations and badge sales. District Governor Ian asked the Club if it could assist the project by selling badges through our catering projects. Lion Ross Norman moved that the club purchase 100 Badges which the Club will sell at Bunning's BBQ's and at the Lions Monthly Market for \$5 each.

He finished his speech with a brief talk on his working life.



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Slightly acid soil or neutral soil with a pH of 6.5 to 7 is ideal as this is when most minerals in the soil become chemically available to plants.

As soil pH increases (pH7.5-8) availability of phosphorus and 5 trace elements decreases.

Some potting mixes are too acid for vegetables. Cheap potting mixes are usually so acid that seedlings won't grow at all. Buy a quality potting mix displaying the Australian Standards logo.

Using a soil pH test kit check your soil.

Acid soils are improved by adding garden lime or dolomite. Sprinkle at the rate of 1 handful per square metre, and rake in. Never mix these with poultry manure as they react and could burn plants.

Improve alkaline soils by watering on iron chelates (at the manufacturer's recommended rate) or raking in powdered sulphur at the rate of 1 handful per square metre.

Clay and saline soils also need improving. Rake in 1 handful of gypsum per square metre. Whichever conditioners you add, allow about two weeks for them to work before sowing or planting.

Soil preparation isn't just about chemistry. If you don't

have good soil, compost is the universal improver. Dig it in before each crop is planted. Animal manure is also a good soil improver. It should be decomposed (not fresh) and spread to a depth of 5-7cm over the garden's surface then dig into the topsoil. (see table below)

This analysis may vary depending on the animals diet.

Plants deficient in nitrogen are stunted, with pale green or yellow leaves.

A deficiency of phosphorus leads to poor root development, stunted growth and often a purple leaf discoloration.

Plants deficient in potassium have weak stems;

their leaves, especially the older ones, may be floppy with yellow or brown tips.

Soil for vegetables should have a loose, crumbly structure which is water absorbent but well aerated and drains easily.

For most vegetables dig soil to 30cm deep but do not bring the subsoil to the surface.

Information sourced from Gardening Australia Magazine September 2011 and the Yates Garden Guide 42nd edition.

Written by Sheina Renton from the Churchill Community Garden. We meet at 10 am every Monday at the Churchill Community Centre 9-11 Phillip Parade.

Nutrient content of organic animal manures	Nitrogen (N)	Phosphorus (P)	Potassium (K)
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Fowl (Pelleted slow release)	3.0	2.4	1.5
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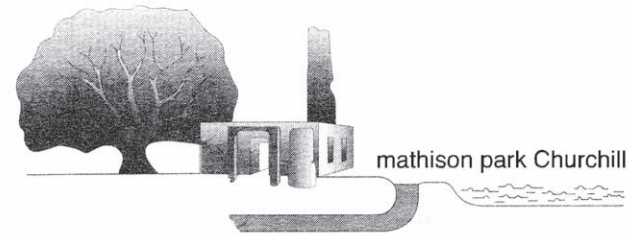


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The last working bee was again successful with lots of the mulch moved into place for the community corrections teams to spread around two areas of our new plantings.

With Jim's tractor, Dave's ute and Bill's vehicle towing a trailer, the loading and transporting went on all morning to achieve the desired outcome.

There was only a twenty minute stop for a quick cuppa

(thanks Bill for organising that) to replenish energy before work began again.

Everyone went home dirty but satisfied with the outcome. Dave and Bill had lots of vehicle cleaning to do after the rain made the tracks into the area muddy and slippery.

The following week the community corrections team came and spread the mulch around the infant trees and the result looks most attractive

and will help with mowing and weed control.

The last week of August saw heavy rain flood Mathison Park.

Some paths were impassable, the creek ran a banker and the lake overflow was working flat out.

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Revegetation on Eel Hole Creek area



Left: Phil Stone, General Manager of Planning and Economic Sustainability for Latrobe City Council.
Right: Russell Northe MP

Latrobe City Council staff was treated to a healthy BBQ lunch in the carpark of Latrobe Leisure Centre Churchill, before venturing down to the section of Eel Hole Creek between the Hub and the residences of the Federation University campus, to plant around 2000 native trees, shrubs and grasses indigenous to the local area.

This was organised as a National Tree Day event, one of thousands that occur annually across Australia, the aim being to offset carbon emissions from Council's vehicle fleet.

Councillor Gibbons spoke of the positive effects of planting trees; a way to revegetate the area, reconnect with nature, encourage people to go to parks and reserves, expand habitat corridors and numerous other things.

This follows on from other revegetation projects coordinated by Latrobe City Council along Eel Hole Creek between 2007 and 2009.

Council Officer Brett McGennissen led the group down to the planting area and explained that the reason the area was chosen was to improve the visual aspects of the area, improve the health of the waterway, provide a wildlife corridor and reduce the area of lawn mowing required.

He also explained that

all of the plants had been grown by Glengarry Plant Farm and Habitat Creations Gippsland Nursery at Moe. A majority of the seed for these plants was collected locally under contract by Seeds of Gippsland who were engaged by Council.

Federation University has been maintaining the site where the plantings occurred for a number of years, despite it technically being the responsibility of Council.

Over the past 12 months, Council has engaged contractors to treat blackberries, broom and other weed species along the waterway between McDonald Way and Phillip Parade, and this will continue into the future.

Mowing of the area into the future will be agreed upon by the two parties. Other management priorities and objectives along Eel Hole Creek will be guided by recommendations provided as part of a recent geomorphological study that was carried out under the guidance of an 'Eel Hole Creek Group,' consisting of representatives from Council, Federation University, Landcare and the Churchill and District Community Association.

In total there were over 80 participants involved with the planting including

Russell Northe, and all plants allocated to the project were planted within two hours and all trees and shrubs had tree guards installed.

One Council worker brought her young son along to help for the afternoon.

She said she had attended a previous tree planting with an older son who is now at school, and found the exercise

helpful in creating awareness of the importance of tree planting and appreciating nature.

Over the coming weeks, an additional 2000 indigenous plants will be planted along the creek banks by Habitat Creations Gippsland personnel under the direction of Council.

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FOR 5-12 YEAR OLDS**

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10am-Noon daily

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Co-operating Churches
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FREE EVENT
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Did you know that Kurnai College is the only accredited school for hosting International students in the Latrobe Valley.

Have you thought about becoming a Homestay host?

Among the many benefits of being a Homestay host:

- make a significant difference to the life of a student from another country
- you will be helping to create positive lifelong memories for a young person, through welcoming them into your home, life and to Australia
- introduce your family to an intercultural experience
- share Australian culture and life in the Latrobe Valley
- Homestay hosts will receive a weekly allowance

For further information on how to become a Homestay host please contact Corine Noblet 51323800 or email noblet.corine.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please note, successful Homestay hosts will be required to apply for and satisfactorily obtain a National Police Check.

The event is open to everyone and anyone, come for a day or come for the whole event.

Living with Bushfire: A Community Conference

Friday 9th - Saturday 10th October 2015

Federation University Australia, Gippsland Campus, Auditorium Building 3E, Northways Road, Churchill Victoria

Living with Bushfire: This conference is your opportunity to participate in a forum about living with bushfire. Presentations and panel sessions will be held with leading researchers, professionals and community members, as well as displays from a wide range of agencies and community groups.

Cost

Friday session (8:30am to 4:30pm) \$20

Friday night conference dinner (6:30pm) Fed Uni \$50

Saturday session (8:30am to 4:30pm) \$20

Day 1 Friday 9th October

Will feature ecological research, bushfire risk management and key note presentations by leading bushfire scientist Associate Professor Kevin Tolhurst from Melbourne University and senior fire managers.

Day 2 Saturday 10th October

Will feature personal reflections and learnings from recent fire events, social research and keynote presentations by bushfire urban design researcher Justin Leonard (CSIRO) and CFA Chief Fire Officer Euan Ferguson.

Registration is essential, places are limited

Sponsorship opportunities are available - for information please see the webpage.

Booths and poster display opportunities are available but limited - see the webpage.

For further information visit the webpage or contact

LWB.Conference@delwp.vic.gov.au OR

Peter West: 0427 409 619

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A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Don Evenden

By Leo Billington

Practical experience is better than a book

In his most recent book, 'The Bush', Australian author Don Watson writes:

"A good part of the heroism of pioneer farmers [families] resided in their willingness to endure drudgery and ignore the interior voice telling them that life should be more than this. They must listen instead to the one telling them that things could be worse.even as it [life] grinds him [them] down, the toilsome life builds him [them] up and goes some way to satisfying the chronic demands of manliness."

One recalls what Watson wrote when speaking with Don Evenden. Born into a pioneering family 77 years ago, Don could just about tell you the exact time of arrival in the Mirboo North Hospital. Effie and Henry Evenden welcomed Don as he was introduced to his siblings – sister Jean, brother Reg, and next sister Betty. Brother Kevin came after Don.

As we talk, Don is moving ahead at lightning pace, his memory jumping ahead. What a skill even at his age. There is no hesitation to tell his story. We have known each other for a long time although Don can go back further. Away he goes:

"My uncle Tom owned a general store in Mirboo North and my father was a carpenter working at the Yallourn Power Station. It must have been a long way to travel to work.

Mum was one of the Rogers family from Boolarra, pioneers in their own right. Any well researched history of that area will have a chapter about the Rogers. Anyway, the Evenden clan shifted to Morwell in 1944 taking up residence in Grandview Grove. Unfortunately, mother was stricken with arthritis requiring constant use of a walking stick. I was only eight years old."

It's easy to see Don still remembers his mother – eventually being bed-ridden for about 15 years requiring assistance from a local, friendly well meaning neighbour as well as from his sisters. "They were a great help to our Mum."

Henry Evenden was now employed by Morwell builder, Ron Jones, as well as making concrete house stumps in the backyard to make ends meet. Post World War 2 Morwell was beginning to experience a

building boom. Don was then enrolled at Commerical Road Primary School.

(Effie passed away in 1966, the same year when Don's youngest son, Greg was born. Married in 1960, Patricia and Don have three children – Ron the eldest then Coral and Greg.)

In Don's words, he "wasn't in love with school."

It wasn't far to walk to and from school however, Don was often side-tracked by a significant disruption to his rush to arrive at school – the then Morwell Saleyards.

(It is interesting to note the number of saleyards that have been built in this town. The first was behind the Railway Station on the corner of Collins and Station Street. Next was in Hazelwood Road, between Campbell's Café and Les Hare's residence. Still another was erected on the south side of George Street, and later one was on the site of Mr Ern Nadenbousch's residence in Hazelwood Road. From 'HARKING BACK' by Llew Vary. Remembrances of a local man on the early settlement of Morwell and the surrounding district as printed in the Morwell Advertiser and Gazette beginning Thursday July 30, 1942.)

"From home, I would walk northwards up Tarwin Street, turn right into George Street and thereon to school. But the saleyards distracted me, or perhaps I allowed them to distract me. Whatever the case, lunchtimes provided the best time to rush home, grab some food and then spend maximum time watching cattle and calves being herded and sold.

The school bell could be heard from the saleyards so a quick sprint always saw me back in class just in time."

Don's mischievous chuckle sends another message – did his "just in time policy" ever get him in trouble? Only Don knows, and anyway he wasn't being a nuisance. A young boy constantly hanging round saleyards during a weekday would never ever arouse any suspicions! "I left school at 14½ years and worked with Russ Billingsley marking lambs. His father, Ike Billingsley was a stock and station agent, and kept plenty of stock near Derhams Hill, north of Morwell.

I chased cattle, I yarded cattle; this wasn't enduring drudgery. I was enjoying it. We'd always had a house-cow

so I knew how to hand-milk."

He was soon off to work for local dairyfarmer, Mr Alec Oldham, who lived on Morwell's western outskirts near the Morwell wetlands area abutting the Morwell River. "I was about 16 and Mr Oldum was a share-farmer for Dick Brinsmead.

Then Budes, a well known family butchering business, moved their operations to Latrobe Road. I got a labouring job pushing a wheelbarrow full of 'stuff'. After this I worked at Martin Walker's Yinnar South property doing general labouring jobs. I stayed for a short while."

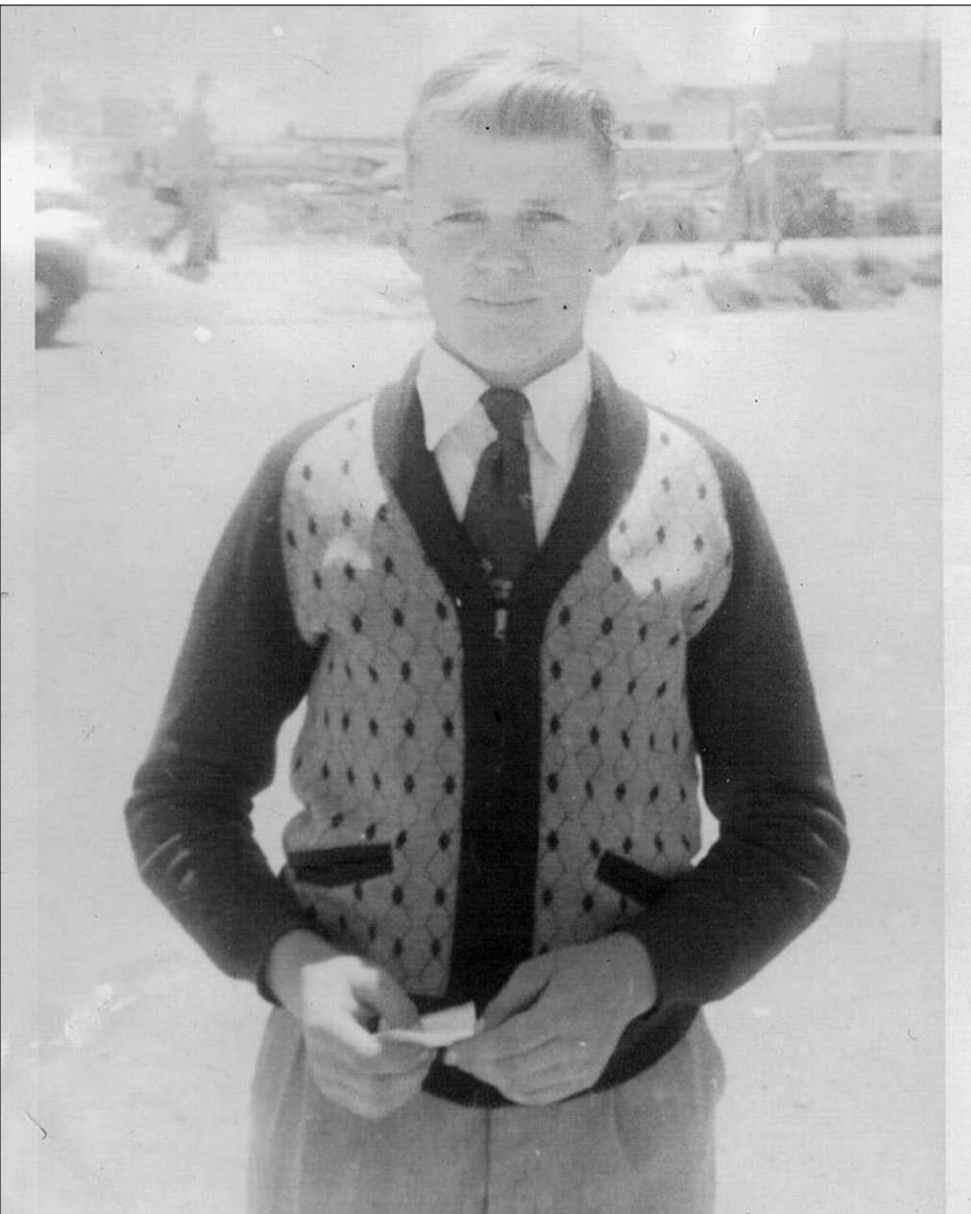
Don then changed his career path for a while when he commenced work at the Morwell Shire Council depot in Driffield Road (corner of Commercial Road). Always ready for a joke or two, Don soon settled in enjoying the shenanigans when a young lad mixes with older and wiser men.

"The work with the Morwell Shire involved driving a tractor. There was no flash job title but I ended up doing fencing work. However, the lure of cattle was too great and I went droving for Alf Ronald who owned land immediately south of Morwell, all of which is now used as an open cut and a power station precinct."

As Don reminisces and I attempt to keep up, it's obvious that he ignored "the interior voice telling him that life should be more than this." After 2½ years droving, he worked for Miss Ryan, who farmed along the Morwell River flats, before moving to more work on the Hazelwood Flats on land (known locally as Paynes) and eventually to Hazelwood North in 1964. Somewhere along the journey, there were periods picking potatoes at Thorpdale.

Somewhere about 1978, Don's uncle, Rupert "Snowy" Rogers sold him the Boolarra abattoirs (these days known more politely as a Meat Processing Facility). This involved managing a retail outlet in Boolarra as well as "the slaughterhouse". Through this time, cows were still being milked at the Hazelwood North property.

Quick as a flash, Don remembers his employees at Boolarra – Fred McPherson, Dave Redmond, Trevor Becher and Jack Raynor. One expects these guys to walk in and join our conversation.



Don Evenden in his teens

Don astride his horse



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Don Evenden



In 1983, Don relocated to Morwell buying the Budge's abattoirs in Latrobe Road Morwell. At its peak, Don was employing 26 full-time and four part-time employees.

While not for this story, in early 2000, governmental bureaucratic back-slapping began to erode Don's trust in people, particularly those who wore suits and said plenty. The then Victorian Meat Authority assumed a mantle of importance and so did its mates. Don found himself on the receiving end and, with the imminent expansion of the Yallourn Open Cut towards Morwell's northern boundary, "it" all became too much. Don sold out. Those of us who know more do know more.

"I could run rings around bureaucrats. A lot of people have used my knowledge.

(Perhaps Don gave it so willingly.) I often wished I had learned more at school."

While Don is drawn to cattle like a magnet, in recent years there has been an interest in horses. "I was 14 years old when, Topper, my first horse was grazed in our backyard. A quiet horse, she was a real friend.

Camp drafting grabbed my attention providing me with plenty of enjoyment and camaraderie. This complements my other achievements such as winning the 2011 Wally Ryder Walking Race at the Cobungra Mountain Cattleman's Get-together. I was second in the same event at Merrijig in 2012."

There will always remain a story about Merrijig, a story which animates Don to a point where one thinks a definitive solution would only be possible with a belated steward's enquiry.

"I overheard a remark that it would be pretty hard for an outsider to win [the 2012 event]. To me the final judging was dodgy. Sure I was keen to win, some would say I was highly focused." Don laughs; but there's no argument. He remembers that incident.

Then, almost tragedy. Following a September 26, 2012 accident "trying to load a beast" into a tandem trailer, Don experienced extensive

and intensive hospitalisation being critically ill from a neck injury and associated complications. "I am a lucky man, I was nearly gone." We don't dwell on this matter. A mental picture of Don laying under four massive legs attached to an aggressive, flighty beast is not for the faint hearted.

But as Watson wrote – "even as it (life) grinds him [them] down, the toilsome life builds him [them] up and goes some way to satisfying the chronic demands of manliness."

Don's love of dogs kicks in. He was about 14 years old when "Choco" literally walked into Don's life. The pup was wandering around Grandview Grove and must have known Don was friendly. The red and tan pup suffered later on from being poisoned. Don rebounded from the loss and dogs have followed ever since – "Flossie", "Bean" and today, "Jill" and her canine colleagues regularly team up with Don. "They're my workers."

Along this amazing journey where hard work, persistence, endurance, honesty and personal sacrifice have been standout milestones, Don has tried various sports – he took up tennis at 30 just for the fun of it becoming a regular playing partner with Max Cranwell in B grade and A

reserve competitions. He also successfully played mixed doubles with Gladys Gorrie for a number of years. First playing football at 17 with Morwell Rovers led him to Yinnar Reserves. Then there was badminton "for a fair while" at Hazelwood North.

"A lot of people know me and I know a lot of people. I'd do it all again but then I think about my non-love affair with school. Life is full of practical experiences, yet so many rely on textbooks.

Honesty is precious, it isn't available from shops. We would all do better by ignoring 'the interior voice telling that life should be more than this'; life is not a rehearsal."

I depart to write this story. Don rings shortly after. "I want you to mention George Stockdale, who worked with the late Jack Morgan, another great Gippsland auctioneer. I met George not long after leaving school and he soon became one of the most respected auctioneers around. Jack's son, Kevin is also known across Gippsland and together with George, they were the team."

Cattle, calves and those who have worked with them and those who still do, resonate loud and clear with Don.

It's a willingness to get on with it and don't complain.

Churchill memories of Anne Wilson (nee Arch)

Anne Wilson is the second child of five born to Reverend Peter Arch and Mrs Margaret Arch. Peter was Churchill's first minister of the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill. The other children in the family are Andrew, Mary, Simon and Ruth who

Anne remembers going off and climbing through the frames, walking on the joists and trying to guess what each room would turn out to be.

School was at Hazelwood South Primary School, near where the hotel is now situated. A cairn marks the spot. With the Arch family arrival the numbers attending the school reached 33 in two classes, but this grew and portables were added as the town population increased.

Anne says with her brothers and sisters, they walked down what appeared to her to be a country lane. Anne can also remember her father taking up to ten kids piled into the back of the station wagon to go to school.

The school had shelter sheds, big pine trees among which they played fairy games. She remembers cross country runs and always coming last. Another memory is of school milk, a little bottle of milk for each student. A milk monitor went out each day to bring it in, often after it had been sitting in the sun.

On Fridays the girls did sewing, and Anne still

has a cross stitch sampler of her work. The boys did woodwork. "It was a lovely country school," recalled Anne.



All the family at McInnes Crescent except Anne - 1968.

Across the road from their house was the area set aside for Churchill Primary School, but when they first settled into Churchill it was a big vacant piece of land. It was used for Guy Fawkes Night bonfires with crackers. She remembers one jumping jack landing in a child's pocket and causing mischief.

Anne vaguely remembers community things happening in their house, like church

services and the Community Association, but as she was quite young she thinks she was probably off to bed when things happened at night.

Mum Margaret was in charge of the post office in their home for a time.

After the underpass was built under Monash Way, the kids used to slide down the slopes either side on cardboard boxes.

When the church manse was built in Williams Avenue, the family moved there.

There were few houses in that area, but the milkman still came in his white cart. Sundays were special as he would bring cream which they had on apple pie after roast chicken or lamb, which was a great treat.

Churchill News was started by Peter Arch and Anne remembers the large round table in his study at

1 Williams Ave, with all the pages set out in order and the children going around the table assembling the pages and then stapling them. After that they would go out and deliver them with their Mum, who loved to walk with them

when they were little. Later the children did a block or two on their own. The area covered would have included McDonald Way, Firmin Road, Switchback Road, White,



All five Arch siblings at McInnes Crescent.

In order of age - Andrew, Anne, Mary, Simon and Ruth in Anne's arms.

Fraser, Heesom, McInnes, Howard and the courts off Howard.

Early church memories include meeting in the house in McDonald Way. It was there that she made her confirmation dressed in white with a white veil, joined by quite a few others confirmed for the occasion. Anne loved singing, especially the more modern innovative songs like 'Lord of the Dance.' Families were involved.

There were a number

of young guitarists who accompanied the singing. As young teenagers, Anne and her brother Andrew often played the guitar and sang at church services.

Sunday School was held in a separate room in the house. As she became older Anne would read the Bible in the services.

Life in Churchill in the early days was free and easy. You could walk anywhere without concerns. The kids went off and had picnics. Anne received her first bike when she was ten.

She remembers riding around the streets and going to visit her friends. It was a nice time and place in which to grow up.

In the 70s the family moved to Morwell after Peter left the ministry.

Anne went to Maryvale High School and says it was a wonderful school for them; it was an alternative, and good for them and the community. Her Mum worked there as a social worker, and her Dad also obtained work as he did a course in Educational Administration.



Andrew and Mary with Reverend Arch on lawn at McInnes Crescent - 1968.

was born here in Churchill in 1966.

Anne was seven years old when her father Reverend Peter Arch was appointed, and they moved from Kaniva to Churchill, taking up residence as the second family in town at 20 McInnes Crescent.

The town was under construction and all around their house were houses in various stages of completion.

1st Churchill Scout Group

1st Churchill Scout Group News and Events

This month our youth have been very busy.

Taylah Whelan has been awarded the Scout Medallion, the highest achievement in the scout section.

Taylah has now linked and joined the Jeeralang Venturer Unit.

Angus Saupe from the Jeeralang Venturer Unit has just been awarded the Queen's Scout.

This is an amazing effort and huge congratulations for achieving the highest award in scouting.

Well done Angus.

1st Churchill Scouts would like to thank a few of our local supporters:

The Latrobe City: with their community grants we have purchased a brand new

fridge and oven.

The Hazelwood Rotary Club: for a donation to the group for the purchase of a new section flag for our Joey Mob.

The Churchill Lions Club: for a donation to the group for the purchase of a new section flag for our Jeeralang Venturers.

Coming events:

Scouts are all preparing to go on Jamboree in 2016.

Venturers are preparing to go to New Zealand for NZ Venture 2016

1st Churchill Scout Group will be turning 50 next year. Our birthday celebration will be on October 1, 2016.

We are currently looking for anyone who was once a member or leader at 1st Churchill to contact the group on either their facebook group

– 1st Churchill Scout Groups 50th Birthday, or to contact the Group Leader directly on 0439 363 261.

Meeting times and contact details

Joeys (Ages 6-8)
Thursday 5.30 – 6.30 pm

Leader: Bree Godden
Cubs (Ages 7-10½)
Wednesday 6.30-8 pm

Leader: Damian Anderson
Scouts (Ages 10½ - 14 ½)
Tuesday 7-9 pm

Leader: Aaron Marriott
Venturers (Ages 14 ½ -18)
Monday 7-9 pm

Leader: Barney Farrell
Rovers (Ages 18-26)
Friday 7:30 pm

Leader: Michael Thompson

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make their family and friends suffer. They don't intend to cause chaotic situations. They don't set out to abuse and embarrass their families and their friends.

However, alcoholism affects people's thinking and behaviour. Even though the

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Is Someone's Drinking Bothering You?

We who turned to Al-Anon and Alateen have learned that alcoholism is a disease and alcoholics have an incurable illness they cannot control. Alcoholics don't drink because they want to

Discover the hidden world of Graeme Base

Latrobe Regional Gallery is generating excitement in children and the young at heart with the new exhibition of Graeme Base's much loved illustrations as well as other activities.

Latrobe City Council's senior curator, Shelley McDermott, said that Base was one of the world's leading creators of picture books.

"His madly detailed alphabet book Animalia received international acclaim when it was first published in 1986, and has now sold over three million copies. The book also inspired an animated television series, has its own app and is the first offering in a detailed digital education program called The Graeme Base Educational

Suite.

Our exhibition of Graeme Base's illustrations will give visitors the chance to see his work come to life in a context outside of his well-known books. Highlights include two works from the much loved Animalia: Horrible Hairy Hogs Hurrying Homeward on Heavily Harnessed Horses and Lazy Lions Lounging in the Local Library, as well as illustrations from books such as The Sign of the Seahorse and The Eleventh Hour," Ms McDermott said.

"Alongside the exhibition there are other, exciting public programs on offer including the daily Families and Kids Base Space where you can discover Graeme Base's most loved books including 'Animalia', 'The Eleventh

Hour' and 'Uno's Garden' through books, images, activities and animation in The Lane.

A special story time in the Gallery each Wednesday from August 19 to September 30, will feature reading and activities from Graeme Base's most loved books, and our Super Saturday program on Saturday September 26, will see guided kids' art trail and activities in the exhibition itself.

We're delighted to be hosting this exhibition. Graeme Base's work is much loved and so instantly recognisable. This is a real family orientated exhibition with something for everyone. We look forward to seeing you at the Gallery," Ms McDermott concluded.

The Churchill & District News
is looking for volunteers.
We would like to hear from you!
Please ring Ruth on 5122 1961

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

OPEN STUDIOS LATROBE

Sunday, October 25, 2015

20 Latrobe Valley Artists

Various Locations

For more information

Anne Abery 0417 300 368

Friends of Morwell National Park



John's Jottings

This month I am providing ongoing snippets lifted from the Morwell National Park Management Plan (1998) which I'm sure will make interesting reading for you too.

I have split the heading 4.2 Pest plants and animals into 2 parts - I will deal with plants this month and animals next month.

Management Plan continued from last month....

"4.2 Pest plants and animals" Part 1

"Under the Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994 (Vic.) and National Parks Act, there are statutory obligations to control noxious weeds and vermin in National Parks.

A large number of introduced species occur in the Park, some of which are declared noxious weeds in Victoria. Many are introduced agricultural species resulting from a history of clearing, grazing and pasture establishment, particularly in the Billys Creek Valley, which was previously grazed.

A control program for pest plants in the Park has been developed and is being implemented. Particular problem species in the Park are Blackberry, Ragwort, Nightshade, Wild Teasel and Purple-topped Verbena.

A rare variety of nightshade, Solanum douglasii, is an aggressive agricultural weed that spreads quickly and dominates other ground species. Problems are arising when control programs for Blackberry are successful because of subsequent invasion by nightshade.

Wild Teasel inhabits creek banks, and Purpletopped Verbena is hampering natural regeneration in the east of the Billys Creek Valley. Both these species are proving difficult to control.

Sweet Pittosporum occurs in the Park (section 3.2) and has the potential to be a major

management problem. It is a vigorous invader of moist forests, and this is occurring in the Park at present. It has the ability to form a dense canopy, excluding less competitive species (due largely to the lack of light).

The high level of weed invasion from adjacent pastoral and residential land is a major concern (section 6.2)."

To be continued next month....

August Activity Report

At this activity we had Matt, Tamara, Beryl, John (briefly) and Darren. We had apologies from Wendy and Margaret; and Cathy and Mike who were travelling overseas. The group met in the car park and caught up on the news since the AGM earlier in the month. Matt reported that there had been problems with the hard drive and reading the memory cards used in the motion cameras. Matt was fortunate to get the hard drive repaired by CTCIT in Traralgon.

Latrobe Community Health has organised a new program of Green Walks for the remainder of 2015. Matt told us about the first Green Walk of the new program where Matt and Mike took three walkers around Foster's Gully.

The upcoming Green Walks planned for Morwell National Park are:

Thursday October 1, 10am Foster's Gully Walk (meet at Kerry Rd car park)

Tuesday November 3, (Melbourne Cup day) 10am Billys Weir Walk (meet at Braniff's Rd car park)

Wednesday December 2, 10am Foster's Gully Walk (meet at Kerry Rd car park) For registration and program updates go to www.heartfoundation.org.au/greenwalks or call 1300 362 787.

Matt also informed us that the motion cameras that he set

up last month near some deer tracks in the Billys Creek area had taken photos of at least six deer at the two sites.

Many people have told us of deer they had seen and neighbours have sighted deer on their properties adjacent to the Park, but none of us from the Friends group had seen them.

This is the first physical evidence of the elusive deer. It is believed that they are fallow deer.

With our small work group we were able to drive into the Park in one vehicle. We drove to an area where many small but deep holes had been dug. We hope that these holes were dug by bandicoots. There has been no reported sighting of bandicoots in the Park although they are found in a five kilometre radius of the Park.

The group set up the two motion cameras in the area hoping they will capture photos of bandicoots.

After this the group found a blackwood hanging down over the track impeding vehicles and walkers. Matt used the chainsaw to clear the tree from the track.

Next we moved to the beginning of the Blue Gum Hill track and as we walked in we saw quite a few advanced Tutsan beside the creek. Using a slasher we cleared the beginning of Blue Gum Hill track.

Over the day we had seen many animals. Along with many birds we had seen three different mobs of kangaroos along with a wallaby, trout and koala.

September Activity

Sunday September 20

The group will meet at 10.00am in the Kerry Road car park. The group will undertake the track maintenance. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

Get Fit - Play Tennis

ROUND ROBIN and TOURNAMENT

Manning Drive, Churchill



Churchill Tennis Club

Monday Sept 21, 2015

Churchill Tennis Club

Get Fit - Play Tennis Round Robin & Tournament
Monday, Sept 21, 2015 - 9.00 am - 11.00 am
Beginners entry Form

Player's Name.....
Phone No.....
Date of Birth.....

Tick the event you would like to enter.
Age as at September 21, 2015

7 & Under	10 & Under	13 & Under	16 & Under

Conditions of Entry

* Players enter at own risk.

* The referee's decision will be final.

I understand the Conditions of Entry

Signature of Parent/Guardian

For Further information contact
Carol Scott 0409 326 769

Entries close: Thursday, Sept 17, 2015

Post entries to: Churchill Tennis Club, PO Box 270,
Churchill VIC 3842

Never played before?

Come along and have a go in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Racquets and balls supplied.

9.00 am - 11.00 am

Non-competition players

(have never played competition before or played Section 8 and 9 in Latrobe Valley Tennis Association or C Grade and B2 in Loy Yang Tennis Association).

11.30 am - 3.00 pm

Competition Players

To Register:

Fill in the Entry Form and Mail to:-
PO Box Box 270, Churchill 3842
by Thursday, September 17, 2015
Entry Forms are also available at

www.cdnews.com.au

More Information?

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Boolarra Primary School

"Spell Off"

Throughout this term, at our whole school assembly on Mondays, a number of our students from Grade 2 to 6 took up the challenge of participating in this competition. They all did a wonderful job. This process identified our Grade 5/6 champions (Eve and Alex of Grade 5) who represented us in the recent GippSpell competition staged at Lowanna College. They both did extremely well with Eve making it into the fourth round and Alex to the third. Most importantly of all, Eve and Alex reported that they both enjoyed the experience and would recommend that we participate in this Spelling Competition again next year if possible.



Eve at the GippSpell Competition

entrance-way and gardens.

Wonderful Parent Help!

We recently purchased some additional soft-fall mulch to go under the play equipment. Charlotte and Jasper's dad, Malcolm Grant, along with Charlotte, Harry and Matilda's mum and dad, Rachael and Danny Maxwell, spent a morning recently toiling away spreading our soft-fall mulch and storing the remainder of the firewood we will sell next year. Whenever we request help, we are extremely lucky to have parents willing to pitch in and assist us in a range of ways.

Division Athletics

A number of our senior students competed at the Yinnar and District Schools' Athletics Champions' Competition at Joe Carmody

to bring their bikes. This year during our rigorous safety checks, we were delighted to discover that there were very few safety concerns with bikes or helmets. As always, we were very grateful for the fabulous support our parents provided that allowed this program to run smoothly.

Fathers' Day Stall

We are very grateful to parent, Tracy Anderson, for organising lots of fabulous, inexpensive gifts that our students were able to purchase for their Dads. They had a great time browsing through the selection of goodies on offer to make carefully considered purchases.

Footy Day

As is our tradition, on the last day of term three, our Junior School Council will invite everyone to come out of uniform in their team colours. They will be collecting donations to help buy specialised equipment required by Cooper Campbell, one of our incoming 2016 Prep students. We will also hold a Staff and Parents versus Grade 5/6 students football game. The students have a very strong team this year so they are a good chance to prevail.

Outstanding Maths Skills

For the past two years we have entered some of our students in the National Maths Testing program. This year we were delighted when one of our students, Quin Aveling of Grade 4, achieved a Distinction (placing him in the top 86% of all students who sat the tests across Australia). Best of all, last year when Quin participated, he found this daunting and didn't enjoy the experience; his results this year show what can be achieved through having a growth mindset. Sasha Chalmers of Grade 5 and her sister Indily Francis of Grade 3 also performed exceptionally well achieving Credits. We are proud of all our students who were willing to step out of their comfort zone to take on this challenge.



Term 3 Bike Education



Emre of Grade 6 competing on Champions Day

Below - Some of our athletes at the Yinnar and District Champions Day

School Improvements

Parent, Lauren Brownscombe, organised for the group Sunflowering the Latrobe Valley to come to our school, met with them and located the best position for a lovely sunflower maze. This should be in place on the fence-line that fronts Tarwin Street so everyone driving or walking past will be able to enjoy it. Parent, Brent O'Brien, put in many hours ensuring crumbling and potentially dangerous stumps in the play-ground were removed. We are eagerly awaiting a fence around our school car-park bus loop that will make this area much safer. There are also some modifications to our facilities scheduled that will make our school wheel-chair accessible. Once this work is complete, we will proceed with our plans to beautify our

Facilities

track in Newborough. Congratulations to our 12/13 year old boys' relay team (comprising Jacob Carnes, Lachlan Smith, Jedd Felmingham and Dublin Byrnes) as well as Jacob Carnes (1500 m and discus), Emre Cupples (1500m and shot-put) and Rosie McNamara (long jump and 100m) who now go on to represent the Yinnar and District schools at the Division Athletic Championships.

Bike Education

Our bike safety program kicked off with a safety presentation for all our grades provided by a representative from the Roads and Traffic Authority. Unfortunately our Grade 3-6's intensive two weeks of cycling, designed to embed road safety awareness and application, was impacted by bad weather. However it was wonderful to have so many students remembering



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Churchill Primary School



Book Week

Churchill Primary School was visited by many and varied book characters this month. There were witches, fairies, superheroes and a myriad of other book heroes and villains to entertain us. The students gave us a fashion parade of costumes and participated in cross age activities on Friday August 28. It is always amazing to see how much effort some of the children and parents put in to make it a great day. Our ES staff joined together and dressed as the A - Z of Convicts, a short listed book. Jo (our Primary Welfare Officer), dressed as Captain Underpants - a sight to behold!

Our real life Super Heroes.

Talking of our Education Support (ES) staff members - they are our school's real life super heroes. The teachers treated them to a lunch as August is ES month and it is the school's chance to celebrate and thank our ES

staff for all their hard work. They are an integral part of our learning and teaching programs. Thank you from all the teachers, students and parents to Jacki and Diane in the office, Jo, our Primary Welfare Officer, and Sue, Wendy, Vicki, Lorraine, Linda, Allana, Leigh and Michael, who work in the classrooms.

Principal's Day is also a chance to thank our Principal, Susan Gilmore, for all her hard work on our behalf. She has taken some well-earned leave and has been overseas for a few weeks. Jacquie Burrows has been acting Principal.

Fathers' Day afternoon tea

The P, 1, 2 classes invited their dads and special friends to afternoon tea. It was great to see so many dads accept the challenge of making a costume out of newspaper with their children. They all then had a fashion parade and ended with afternoon tea.

The Parents and Friends' Committee also ran a Father's

Day stall for the students to buy some special gifts for their dads and grandads.

Sport Athletics

Many of our older students were the champions at the Yinnar and District athletics sports earlier in the year. They participated at the next level and 15 will go through to the District finals. We congratulate them and wish them well in their events. Not only have individuals excelled but some of our relay teams have also qualified for the next round.

Tennis

Mr Andrew Peavey has been teaching our older students tennis tricks. They have enjoyed the experience and their skills have improved under his guidance.

A very cute Visitor to school

On Tuesday Mrs Burrows brought a baby lamb into our grade. It was two weeks old. We took the lamb outside and fed it some milk from a bottle. The lamb was white and it always 'baaed'. It had



a woolly back and did lots of poo. The lamb lives on a farm. Mrs Burrows took it home after school. We kept it in our grade for the whole day. It was very cute.

From Jenny and Brayden
Prep/1 HM
Earn and Learn - making an economy

Earn and Learn
By Georgia Bruce
Grade 6
Every Thursday is when it is really fun
Running around all over

the Hub
New stock every time
At last the bell rings
All the stalls are open
Did you check out the stalls
Leaning over the tables
Eyeing off the products
Everything must go
All the stock is precious
Really enjoyable
Never gets old!
So come on down next time and visit our stalls
Earn and Learn
by Liam Beedle
Every Thursday at Earn

and Learn
Run out to the open area to set up
Time's ticking until the businesses open
At Earn and Learn a person named Nick
Dropped by every shop
Looking for what he wants
Nick just bought a raffle ticket instead
Time's up. Time to go.
Time to pack up

Top Left: Book Week Dress up Day Top Right: Grade 3 and 4 tennis
Middle Right: Ready for Earn and Learn market
Bottom Right: Jenny feeding the lamb and The girl's relay team

We would like to welcome our 2016 prep students and parents to our transition activities.

Thank you for choosing Churchill Primary School. Any parents who would like to see our school before the

activities below, are welcome to ring the office and book a School Tour.



DATE	TIME	TRANSITION ACTIVITY	PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Tuesday November 17, 2015	2:00pm - 3:15pm	Literacy and Fine Motor Skills	General Information Session including Principal Welcome and School Tour
Wednesday November 25, 2015	9:00am - 10:30am	Literacy and Technology	Literacy
Wednesday December 2, 2015	2:00pm - 3:15pm	Numeracy and Gross Motor Skill	SWPBS and Numeracy
Tuesday 8th December 8, 2015 State-Wide Orientation Day	8:45am - 10:45am	Classroom Activities with 2016 Class	School Uniform and General Information Session

Hazelwood North Primary School



Grade 1/2 Master Chefs

Mini Master Chefs at Hazelwood North Primary School

Mrs Vesty was very proud of her mini Master Chefs.

You may have thought that there's no such thing as mini Master Chefs, but now there is at Hazelwood North Primary School. On Friday August 14, 1/2AV made damper, or some people call them scones.

First Mrs Vesty gave us our procedural texts about how to make damper because we are learning about procedural texts. Next we collected our utensils and started to make our damper. After that we got our ingredients and made it. When our damper was ready we went to the Art room to collect them from Lisa and Mrs Vesty. We went into the classroom and ate half of our damper and the other half was given to the Preps. It was awesome and fantastic!

By Ashlee

Last week on Friday, my class made damper in the classroom. We made the damper because we are working on procedural texts. First we read the recipe to see what ingredients we needed.

Then we got the ingredients and the utensils. Next we started making it. First we put in the self-raising flour and a bit of salt. Then we mixed it. We rubbed butter into the

flour. When we put all the ingredients in the bowl we cooked it. We cooked it for 30 minutes. After that we did the tap test to see if it was ready. After we did the tap test, we brought it back to the classroom and plated up. After that we buttered it. I put jam on mine. Finally, we gave half to the Preps. I had fun.

By Zoe

On Friday August 14, 1/2 AV made some damper. We shared one half with the Preps. First we read the procedural text. Then we got our utensils and ingredients. Next we made the damper. I made my damper in a circle and cooked it. After that I put jam on my damper. Last of all I shared one half with Eli. I had so much fun!

By Claire

On Friday August 14, 1/2 AV made damper. First our class read the steps. Then we walked to the Art room, to put it into the oven for 30 minutes and five minutes to cool. Then we walked to the classroom. Then we cut four equal pieces. Next we shared half with the Preps. It was so much fun.

By Eliza

Recently on Friday, 1/2 AV made our dampers. First we got our ingredients. Next we followed the procedural text. Then we cooked it. If it

was cooked the sound will be hollow. Finally we spread it with golden syrup. Then we shared it with the Preps. I enjoyed it.

By Lloyd

Playgroup's Book Week Fun!

Hazelwood North Playgroup enjoyed the CBCA shortlisted book "Snail and Turtle are Friends" during a visit to our Library on Monday morning. Our little visitors then made and decorated a paper-plate Turtle and his friend Snail, to take home. The library was full of little feet exploring, sharing and enjoying our Library.

The Hazelwood North Playgroup meets on Monday mornings during school terms at the Hazelwood North Hall (at the tennis courts) Church Road, Hazelwood North. The Group meets from 9.30am - 11.00am. You can contact Tina on 0402 909 009 for further information.

Book Week Activity Day - Friday August 28.

A group of sixteen enthusiastic students organised an Activity Day for Friday August 28, to celebrate Book Week and to support the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Australia.

On that Friday students came dressed as their favourite book character, or wore the colour **RED** denoting **Read**



Every Day. All students participated in fun activities based around nominated and favourite picture books specially chosen, planned and organised by our Book Week presenters. The day commenced with grade parades in the School Hall to share our book characters and RED gear.

House Domino Competition

Over the past few weeks students have had the opportunity to participate and learn the game of dominos. Students have played games and challenged themselves at recesses and lunchtimes in

the Library. All students have been earning points for their Houses. Many students have had a go at trying something new, as previously many had not played the game of dominoes before. The overall House winners will be announced at the end of Term 3.

In the art room

Students at Hazelwood North Primary School have been working on the elements **form** and **shape** this term in Art.

Picasso and his unusual portraiture work was the inspiration for a recent activity

where students made their own collaged portraits and 3D portrait sculptures. It was a lot of fun, with some very imaginative pieces created!

Traralgon South Kinder Visit

On Wednesday August 19, Traralgon South Kinder came and visited HNPS for the morning. The children participated in a number of exciting activities which included making pet rocks and planting seeds. Before they left they enjoyed a healthy and delicious morning tea of fruit.

Book Week Dress Up Day - above and below



Hazelwood North Playgroup



Churchill North Primary School

Churchill North Chargers

On Thursday August 20, Churchill North Chargers represented the school in basketball at Warragul. They played five games and won each one. Churchill North is very proud of their players; while watching them play it was clear they valued team work and good sportsmanship. Well done Zac, Hayden, Lachlan, Riley, Bella, Jarrah, Hannah and Ebony. Good luck in the next round!

Churchill North's Skip-A-Thon

On Wednesday August

26, Churchill North held their Skip-A-Thon to raise awareness about being physically active and to help our community to be fit and healthy in life. Students across the school asked for sponsors to support their skipping, with prizes going out to students who raised the most money. All grades had a fantastic time trying some new skills. Joel enjoys skipping because "it uses up my energy". Bailey knows "we skip for exercise". Churchill North would like to thank all participants who raised money. Well done!

Learning Power Award

Churchill North has devised their new Learning Power Award. It aims to scaffold students in the development of their work quality, attitudes and behaviours to be powerful learners. Our intention is to clearly articulate the work quality, attitudes and behaviour that students will need to equip themselves with, in order to assist them in becoming resilient, engaged and independent learners. Congratulations to our last winners Marley R, Ruby I,

Chantel S, Tiana R, Max Fowler, Jorja H, Lucas H, Ben L, Hannah M, and Riley S. You have the learning power! Churchill North's Parent Information Night

On Tuesday August 11, Churchill North ran a 'Learning, Growing and Succeeding Together' Parent Information night at school. The aim of the night was to help create partnerships between home and school to help children improve in maths. The evening ran from 6.15 to 7.30 pm. Parents were shown some easy ways

of how they can incorporate maths at home and tips on how to support and extend their child.

Those parents who came along were lucky enough to receive a copy of our brand new 'Churchill North Targets' which have recently been developed by the staff at Churchill North.

It was a great night and we would like to thank those parents for taking the time to come along to support their child in their learning.

Churchill North Disco

On Friday August 7, the students at Churchill North were invited to a Disco which the Junior School Council held to raise money to buy some more outside games and equipment. The students had a fantastic time and were also able to purchase glow sticks. Chelsea thought it was "Brilliant because there was so much good music to listen to." Aleisha thought "It was fun because it made me smile." Thank you to all our organisers!



Churchill North Chargers



Junior Learning Power Award winners

Yinnar South Primary School

Such exciting times for Yinnar South Primary School. Our new admin block is almost complete and this week we moved into the hall to allow for the old classrooms to be removed and all our new spaces to begin. The students are loving the whole experience.

Maths classes saw students mapping the spaces and having input into the classroom design. Our student's problem solving skills were evident as they considered aspects such as the location of power points and whether furniture would block light sources. We encourage our students to feel proud of our school with a

strong sense of ownership.

Students and families assisted with the move (the heavy work was done by the removalists). On the day we had a lovely morning tea and BBQ. On the day of the working bee we also celebrated ES Month (Educational Support). Our ES staff are wonderful and do so much for the school and our students. We also celebrated Principal's Day. Students, staff and our School Council President surprised Principal Katy Grandin with a beautiful sign for our garden and a wonderful book that the students had made all about her.

Katy was so emotional

the students gave her a group hug.

This week we returned to Billys Creek to see how the trees we planted last year were going. Some of them were almost as big as we are. We felt very proud. As part of our re-vegetation project with Yinnar and District Landcare and Latrobe City Council we planted a further 500 trees. What an achievement!

Enrolments are now open for 2016. Why not come and visit and see the little school that is bringing 'Learning to Life'?

School Tours can be organised by calling Principal Katy Grandin (03) 5169 1540.



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Lumen Christi Primary School

First Communion

On Sunday August 30, we celebrated First Communion in our Parish and we offer our congratulations and every blessing to our very special candidates: William, Charlotte, Danielle, Darcie, Hannah, Hannah, Jacob, Lochlann, Natty and Shanayia. Like your families, the school is very proud of you as you take this important and exciting step in your faith journey. We also offer our thanks to our wonderful priest, Father Francis who was just lovely on the day. It was fabulous to see so many people coming out to celebrate with these special children – in fact we had so many people join us we ran out of chairs and had to raid the storeroom for more! Thank you to all those in the parish who helped on the day in a variety of roles, we really appreciate the interest,

support and care you show us *Music lights up our life*

After preparing all term the BIG night finally arrived and we presented our concert to an appreciative audience at Lavalla's Kildare Hall in Traralgon. The theme 'Music Lights up our Life' gave us the chance to celebrate different genres of music from pop to opera, classics to modern. On the night each item was presented by a 'music icon' and Lumen Christi was lucky to welcome legends such as Elton John, Janis Joplin, John Denver and John Lennon (and Yoko). The Juniors presented a hip-swinging, toe-tapping 'Footloose' as well as the AFL classic 'Up There Cazaly', the Year 3/4 team gave us a medley of different styled items and the Year 5/6 crew ranged from opera to hippies to 1960 popsters! Well done to all involved and a special thanks to the staff at Lavalla

for their assistance and use of the venue.

Year 5/6 Geography

'Fly By Us' is the busiest travel agency at Lumen Christi Primary School. The travel agency officers are known as the Awesome Foursome. During the class race around the world the Awesome Foursome have to check where people are going and write tickets, they will then charge the students the appropriate fare and keep detailed records. The passenger details show who is going where and how long was spent in a specific destination. There is also a custom/border control department in the classroom, but for security reasons no photographs were allowed. Every day Khristmas Evergreen writes up the rates of exchange of some countries around the world. Bernadette Brownson and Molvagol Sings are senior

management whilst Angel Sings and Kat Cloud are the assistants. Writing tickets and checking passports for mistakes, the Awesome Foursome run a tight ship and have discovered that the most popular destination of their clients is Israel.

Walk-to-School

Lumen Christi has held a number of very successful Walk to School Days and on August 25 we had another one. This activity relates to our Healthy Together program, which our community is really getting behind. Whilst we acknowledge that it can be very difficult for some of our students to change their arrangements due to bus travel and other reasons, even small inroads to a healthier lifestyle are a step in the right direction. On August 25, the staff of Lumen Christi facilitated a special effort of Walk to School by providing

a Walking School Bus from different points in Churchill. The Walking School Buses, led by a staff member, all arrived back to school in time for some toast before the bell rang to start the school day.

Book Week Dress-up

To celebrate Book Week we finished the week with a dress-up day where everyone was invited to come along dressed as their favourite book character or author. We had a great collection of Dr Suss and Harry Potter characters, as well as Wimpy Kid to one of Shaun Tan's 'Arrival' travellers.

Thanks to the students and families for putting in the effort to get dressed up – we had a fun day and at the same time celebrated some great literature in our classrooms.

Landcare Education

This term we have been fortunate enough to access the Landcare Education sessions

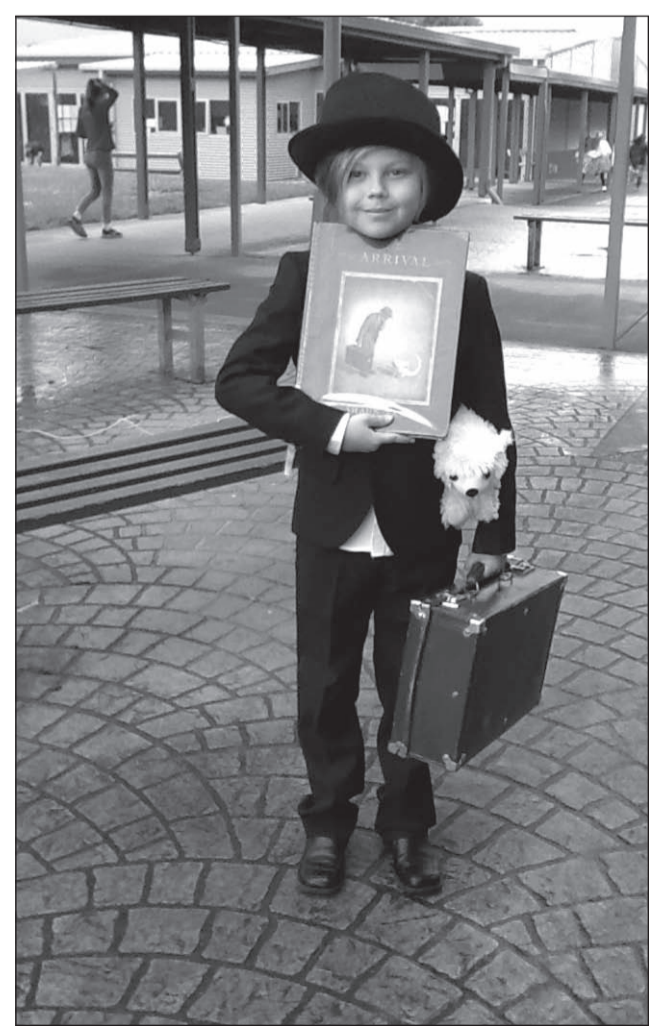
on offer. Our Juniors ventured in ordinary conditions to the Traralgon Railway Reserve to investigate habitats and bugs, while the Year 3/4 students had a terrific incursion when the bugs came to us!

The Year 3/4 students had buckets of pond water that they investigated and identified a whole range of interesting pond life.

Representative Athletics

Congratulations to the staff and students who have participated in a series of athletics days in the past few weeks.

By the time this edition of Churchill News has been printed the next stage of competition would have taken place – thanks too goes to those parents who have generously helped out in some volunteer capacity... Much appreciated!



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Kurnai College Junior Campus

Melbourne Discovery Camp

On Tuesday August 18, at 7:30 am; a group of Year Nine students and teachers from Kurnai College Churchill eagerly waited for their train to Melbourne. Two trains, and a long walk lugging our luggage behind us, we finally arrived at Melbourne Discovery Hotel. When we arrived, they had an introductory session (I'll spare you the long boring details), we were given room keys and had to walk up the 96 steps (yes we counted) to get to the floor where our

rooms were allocated.

Everyone sort of settled into their rooms before going out in to the big city for a bit of lunch and a cruise along the Yarra River. The Yarra River Cruise included a lot of beautiful sights. After the cruise we hung around Federation Square checking out the sights and sounds for a little bit before heading back to the hotel for dinner. After eating the delicious food, all the students and teachers headed to the Eureka Sky Deck; a lot of students went on the Edge! Then it was off

to the hotel for showers and bed.

The next day we got up early and had breakfast at 7:00 am!! After breakfast we headed to Hardrock Climbing Centre and climbed some climbing walls. Some people are crazy! After rock climbing we were off to Melbourne central for lunch. Then we headed to the Museum for the afternoon. We went through the dinosaur walk, body and mind, the museum's garden walk.

After the museum trip we went back to the hotel. We

spent a few hours at the hotel before going out for dinner. We ate different pizzas and went to IMAX to see the new Mission Impossible - Rogue Nation. We got back to the hotel at around 11:30 pm.

We had a sleep-in the next day and didn't get up until 8:00 am, had breakfast and headed out at 9:00 am to start on our scavenger hunt around the city. After our scavenger hunt we ended up at Federation Square. We all got lunch around Federation Square and then split into four different groups. Some

students went to the Spencer Street Outlet, some went to do op-shopping, some did a graffiti tour and some did a photography challenge. It was great fun.

After all the students came back from their group's activities, half went to the Old Melbourne Gaol, while the others toured the State Library, then after an hour we switched. After that we all headed back to the hotel and ate dinner a little earlier so we could go to Galactic Circus and play Laser Tag! (Even the teachers joined in) Then we

went back to the hotel and off to bed! (our last night)

The next day we woke up and had breakfast, packed our stuff then we were all off to the Victoria Markets. After two hours at the markets we all came back and grabbed our luggage and lugged it all the way back to the train station. As we tiredly waited for the train, we finally got on the train and got back to Morwell at 2:45 pm. Now, back at school, students (and teachers!) wish they were back on Melbourne Camp.



Churchill Preschools

Hub PreSchool

Science week

We had Justine Barrett, the Happy Scientist, come to visit us at Churchill preschool.

With Justine we explored the properties of water, dry ice, detergent and universal indicator. We asked the questions, "What would happen when..?", "How did that happen?" when we mixed them together in different experiments.

The children have cooked

popcorn and looked at the changes that heat makes to popcorn.

We have cooked chocolate crackles and watched the cophera melt then become firm again when cool.

We have watched our daffodils flowering and the buds appearing on the trees; and we have played in the muddy puddles.

Fire Station visit

The children had a fun excursion visiting the Churchill Fire Station. The

fire siren sounded and we were able to watch the firefighters get changed and take the truck out of the station.

We have been discussing and learning when and how to call the emergency services and what is your full name and address.

With the parents and children we have discussed where is your smoke detector at home and where is the safe place to meet in case of a fire.

GlendonaldP reschool

The children at Glendonald Preschool have been very excited. They have attended their first excursion which included a bus trip down to the Churchill Fire station. Accompanied by their teachers and some helpers, they were introduced to Mrs Place and some of the brave firefighters. They were delighted to see the firefighters uniforms and the fire equipment. They even had a go at squirting the big hose. Wow, that was fun! They learnt about what to do if

there was a fire and practised dialling triple 000. Of course a trip to the Fire Station isn't complete until the sirens blared....and yes, it was very loud!

Back at Preschool the children have continued to talk about the Fire Station excursion. Captain Koala (the classroom Fire Captain) has been called out to many fires. Children phone Captain Koala up and tell him where a fire is located. By the end of the week he was exhausted from his firefighting duties. The Preschoolers think fire

fighters are very brave and help our community a lot!

Other recent highlights at Glendonald Preschool have included a visit from Thingle Tootle (road safety), making and eating toast, starting our Show and Share sessions and creating some fun dramatic play spaces including a vet centre and a dinosaur cave.

Parents have also enrolled their children into a local Primary School for 2016. Enrolments are also being taken for Pre-schoolers for 2016. Please place your enrolments now.



Baseball Finals



Sunday August 31 – Senior Preliminary Finals

The 2015 home and away season saw both A-Grade and C-Grade finish in third position on the ladder and playing in the preliminary final. Both sides had the task to take down last year's runner up.

The Braves A-Grade then took the field to try and also displace the Dodgers and find themselves in the final against top-spot Traralgon. The Dodgers had beaten the Braves in the Preliminary finals the past two years.

N Simpson took to the mound for the Dodgers. With a 1.3 WHIP and 2.29 ERA the Braves answered with

they'd come to the plate.

At the top of the second inning, the Braves started with one out as the lead-off went down swinging. A walk to A Curry, a single to Halse and an error by Dodger's L Halket loaded the bases for the Braves. Back at the top of the order, a fielder's choice saw the Dodgers get the out at the plate, leaving the bases loaded but not giving up a run. Now with two out, a single by B Jones to left field saw two runs scored. On the next pitch, an M Prior single saw the Braves score again. A single by S Gill loaded the bases once more. A single by C Cooen to left field scored another two but the side was retired as S Gill was thrown out headed to third.

Now with a solid starting lead of 5-0 the Braves went back out to field in the bottom of the second. D Simpson flied out in foul territory before his brother N Simpson walked onto base. A fly ball from Wilson saw a double play and the Braves had retired the side

before M Prior struck out D Simpson looking.

The fifth saw the Braves go down in order and quickly head back out. In the bottom, M Prior started by striking out N Simpson. An error, a single, a strikeout and a walk had the Dodgers two down with the bases loaded. A nine-pitch at bat from Dodger's L Halket saw him walk on base and push the Dodgers' first run home. The next batter, Smith, then struck out swinging ending the fifth inning.

A J Halse single to left field was the Braves only offence in the sixth as the Dodgers started to gain some momentum. A hard ground ball found its way to centerfield for the Dodgers N Robinson to single before being pushed home by a D Simpson triple to right field. A fly out and a sac-fly saw the Braves get two outs but also let in another two runs for the inning. A single and a groundout ended the sixth with the Dodgers starting to claw back at the Braves, still slightly ahead 5-3.

Batting from the top of the order in the seventh, the Braves were a good chance to add some more runs to their tally. A one-out walk by B Jones and

a single to right field by M Prior put a runner in scoring position. S Gill took to the plate and singled to centerfield to score another two runs. A single to centerfield pushed the runners around before the Dodgers were able to get the two outs they needed to retire the side. The Braves had got back their two runs and now lead 7-3.

The bottom of the seventh started with A Poxon making it on due to a hit by pitch. A fielder's choice saw Poxon then go out at second while the next fielder's choice got the Braves' second out, but an error allowed a run to score and N Robinson to move to second base. A D Simpson single to left field pushed another run home before N Simpson flied out to right field.

The Braves started the eighth with their first two batters going out. T Bellerby then walked onto base and B Jones pushed him around after making it on being hit by pitch. A fly out to center field then

retired the side.

With the Braves up by two, T Bellerby came on to close the game. A hit by pitch sent the first batter, B Wilson, to first base. A ground out pushed Wilson to second while the Braves recorded their first out. Two doubles by the Dodgers scored two runs to tie the game at 7-7. A single to centerfield scored another run and pushed the Dodgers up by one. Another hit by pitch and double scored another run for the Dodgers as they finally started to find their bats and get some hits. A D Simpson sacrifice fly scored another run for the Dodgers as the Braves recorded their second out.

A walk and a third hit by pitch loaded the bases with two out in the bottom of the eighth. The Dodgers were now up 7-10. S Gill then came onto the mound to close down the game. A single to centerfield scored another two runs before S Wilson grounded out. With no time left, the game was called and Moe/Newborough Dodgers had pushed the Churchill Braves out of the A-Grade final. In an odd twist of events, at the conclusion of the A-Grade game, the C-Grade game was still being played.

For the third year in a row, the C-Grade preliminary final was being played between Churchill Braves and Traralgon Redsox. Each year the Redsox had pipped the Braves at the post and won by one run. In 2013, the Redsox won 11-10 and ended the Braves premiership defence. In 2014, the Redsox won via walk off 13-14.

Once again playing as the away team, the Braves jumped on the offence early in the first. With P Jones, A McKay and A Craddock all hitting themselves onto base, R Beamish batted the Braves' first run in despite going out himself. An error by the right fielder saw another run score off the bat of H Jarrett and a hit by S Gillett scored a third. A fly ball and a fielder's choice then retired the side.

D Haines took the mound for the Braves against the Redsox side and despite having two of the first three batters walk onto base the Braves were able to retire the side scoreless after a fielder's choice and a strikeout.

The Braves started on the back foot in the second with a fly out to start the inning but the next two batters hit themselves on base and each scored when A Craddock hit to left field. Beamish then walked on base to put H Jarrett at the plate. H Jarrett hit a fly ball to shortstop which saw an error recovered to get the out at third, injuring A Craddock in the process. A flyball to left field then retired the side with a 5-0 lead.

In the bottom of the second, Redsox batters J Beames and R Mowatt each hit themselves onto base

Beames was called out on interfering with a play on his way to third base. S Keast walked on before P Townsend was put out for the second out of the inning. A single and a double by W Brooker and J Galea then scored the Redsox's first two runs before K Neilson flied out to retire the side.

The top of the third saw the Redsox tighten up defensively as once the Braves' first two batters reached base, the Redsox struck out a batter and made a double play to give the Braves their first scoreless inning.

Batting from the top of their order, the Redsox found their bats with a change in Braves pitcher. An error by shortstop allowed the first batter onto base before P Jones made the first out by catching a fly ball. Four outfield hits scored four runs for the Redsox before L Curry was able to strikeout the next two batters. The Redsox took the lead for the first time in the match 5-6.

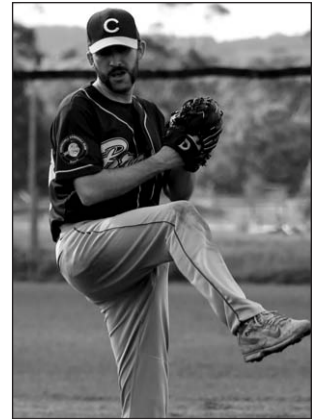
The fourth inning didn't go the Braves way at all. The first two batters each went out and R Beamish was able to make it on base and around to second on a drop third strike and wild throw. With H Jarrett at bat, Beamish was caught stealing to leave the Braves offence scoreless in the fourth.

The Redsox continued where they left off in the third with three of the first four batters getting hits – the third being a fielder's choice at second base. Another change in pitchers for the Braves at the top of the Redsox lineup saw three hits and an error allow six runs across for the Redsox to extend their lead to 5-12. The last two outs came when G Duncan struck out J Neilson and J Beames.

With time running out, the Braves were seven runs down headed into the fifth. The Braves would need to score the maximum seven runs and then shut out the Redsox to force extra time as, unlike the home and away season, you must play to a result and you must finish the innings.

H Jarrett started in the batter's box for the Braves and got to a full count before being hit by pitch to get on base. A single to centerfield by S Gillett, a single to left field by L Curry, a double to left field by B Gill an error by J Beames, a walk to P Jones, a fielder's choice, a walk to G Duncan and a single to right field by R Beamish pushed the Braves' offence for six runs. G Duncan was on third while R Beamish made it to second on a steal. With only one out, and one run to come to tie the game H Jarrett was up to bat. On the ball to give Jarrett another full count, the catcher missed the ball and Duncan stole home to tie the game.

With the innings cap reached at seven runs, the Braves tied the game and



sent it to extra time. They only needed to shut out the Redsox to continue. A flyball to second base and a strikeout gave the Braves two of the three outs they needed. A single to centerfield by P Townsend wasn't enough as W Brooker struck out leaving the Braves a chance to snatch the win.

Now officially in extra time in the sixth inning, H Jarrett grounded out to start. S Gillett singled to right field before advancing to second on a wild pitch and successfully stealing third base. A single to right field by L Curry scored Gillett and gave the Braves a one run lead. A hit by pitch to Brad Gill pushed a runner into scoring position for the Braves but a fielder's choice off B Haley gave the Redsox another out. A walk to P Jones loaded up the bases for the Braves but no more runs were to come in.

The Redsox came out firing with the bat as J Galea hit a double to lead off the sixth for the Redsox and was promptly batted in when K Neilson also hit a double. A strike out to Welbourne gave the Braves their first out and when Neilson attempted to steal third he was promptly caught stealing preventing the Redsox from getting the winning run on third base. A walk to the next batter showed it was not be an issue as the third out came when B Dillon struck out for the Redsox to send the teams back out again.

Now in the seventh with a larger audience, G Duncan led off with a walk to get on base. R Beamish's at bat was able to push Duncan around to third despite striking out himself so when H Jarrett hit to the first baseman, the Braves took the one-run lead once more. A flyball caught by the first baseman then sent the Braves back out to field in a similar situation to the sixth.

Redsox batter B Townsend quickly became the first out when a foul fly ball was caught by S Gillett at third base. An error and two walks loaded the bases for the Redsox with S Keast up to bat. A single to centerfield sent the tying run home. With P Townsend now batting for the Redsox and one out, J Beames successfully made it home on a wild pitch to end the game.

After one hour of extra play, the Redsox emerged victorious by one run, 14-15, to meet Moe/Newborough Dodgers in the Grand Final



their own M Prior on the hill. Prior's 1.24 WHIP and 2.98 ERA combined with the second highest tally of strikeouts in the league (59) gave the Braves the slight advantage.

The Braves started off well as lead-off hitter T Bellerby took N Simpson to a full-count before being walked onto base. A fielder's choice, a single and another fielder's choice left the Braves two-down with runners on first and third. A flyball to right field retired the Braves scoreless in the first with two stranded.

Prior added to his tally straight away striking out Dodger's lead-off batter L Halket. A single to J Smith was all for nought when he was caught stealing second base before N Robinson grounded out. The Braves ended the first retiring the Dodgers line-up as quickly as



SPORT

Churchill Rams Soccer



WNBL pre-season match in Latrobe



A collaboration between Latrobe City Council and the Traralgon Amateur Basketball Association will see a pre-season game between the Bendigo Bank Spirit and Dandenong Rangers on Sunday September 27, 2015, tip off at 2pm.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Dale Harriman, said that the game would cap off a two-day visit to Latrobe City which will feature junior clinics and coach the coach sessions.

"We know that Traralgon has first-class facilities worthy of hosting a WNBL pre-season game. It's great news that Bendigo Spirit will visit and play here. It's testament to our reputation as host for major regional sporting events.

As well as being a great opportunity to host an elite sporting event at our facilities, a fixture like this has the potential to inspire our young sporting stars of the future. Our community can access a game at this level without having to travel to the city and we can show off our municipality and its surrounds to visitors who may wish to experience our hospitality again in future. It's a win-win situation," Cr Harriman said.

The visit will be a special one for three of the Spirit's stars, Gippslanders Belinda Snell, Kelly Wilson and Andrea Wilson. The Wilson sisters hail from Leongatha, and Snell began playing basketball when she was

eight, at Mirboo North.

Snell, who is an Opals regular, said the Traralgon visit was special for the trio.

"We want to show local basketballers, boys and girls, that you can play the game at the highest level no matter where you live. The Spirit prides itself on being country Victoria's team and we want locals to know there is a clear pathway between playing in the local leagues and playing in a national competition.

Most of our team grew up in regional Victoria and we are all really looking forward to catching up with as many locals as we can, and to show them what we can do."

Coach Simon Pritchard said the game would be a great chance to get in some much-needed match practice. "Because these girls play basketball all across the world, we really value the preseason games.

There will be some world-class talent on the court, on both teams, and I encourage the Latrobe City community to come along to the clinics and the game and see that talent up close," Mr Pritchard concluded.

For more information about the pre-game activities and the game itself visit http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Whats_On/Events/Events_Calendar/Events_Calendar/2015_WNBL_Preseason_Camp



UNDER 7'S 2015

Back Row: Stephen Breheny (Coach), Myles Bell, Jack Thomas, Byron Marks, Ashton Ceeney, Koden Bell, Tyson Stephens, Max Fowler, Connor Thompson, Ryley Tabone, Sara Bonnici (Coach)
Front Row: Blake Breheny, Jack Breheny, Aaron Kovacevic, Eli Sultherland, Mackenzie Owen, Paul Bonnici, Chantel Stephens, Jorja Kovacevic Absent: Lucas Robson



UNDER 11'S 2015

Back Row: Tom Sands (Coach), Claire Irving, Matilda Wakefield, Troy Aitken, Vincent Delany Barbara, Daniel Masters, William Bonnici, Ebony Webb, Charlotte Kanavan, Will Xeni, Tim Delany (Coach), Tyler Morgan, Joseph Bonnici (Coach)
Front Row: Jarrod Thomas, Connor Pyke, Riley Pyke, Liam Masters, Parker Mason, Ben Burrows, Bobby Kanavan, Gabrielle Bonnici, Hannah Williams Absent: Charlotte Ryan

"Thanks to all the players, parents, coaches and volunteers for a great year of junior soccer. In 2016 the Churchill United Soccer Club

aims to field junior teams in under 7, under 9, under 11, under 12 and a girls only under 13 age groups. The club will also be hosting a

'come and try' day early next year so please keep an eye out for details in future additions of the Churchill & District News."

Churchill Bowls Club

Latrobe City Council is well advanced on concept drawings and plans for the installation of Churchill's 40m x 40m synthetic bowls green at Gaskin Park Churchill, planned for early 2016.

Once the concept plans are finalised there will then be a tender process from which the successful applicant will be announced.

It is envisaged that work could commence on the green installation as early as the New Year.

Once the green is installed and operational, the club intends to conduct social bowls for the remainder of 2016 as part of our recruitment campaign to attract local people to our club. Our organisation is

currently speaking with BowlsVictoria with the purpose of participating in Pennant Bowls competition in 2017 and beyond.

Our indoor and social bowls programs will not change with the Thursday night games still open to the public

The Ladies Indoor Pennant, Division 4 team has ended the season on top of the ladder, in the Latrobe Valley Indoor Bowls League, culminating in a very successful season, however they were narrowly defeated in the play offs by Moe. Unfortunately our Division 2 team missed out on this

years finals, although they still gave a good account of themselves throughout the

season. It is all looking good for both teams next year.

The bowls club conducts indoor bowls every Thursday night at our clubrooms at Gaskin Park Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

However to enable team selection to take place, people are asked to be there no later than 7.15pm. Cost for the night is \$4.00 with a light supper, tea and coffee served. So come along and enjoy a fun night.

The Churchill Bowls Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday October 6, 2015 at our clubrooms Gaskin Park Hall Churchill, commencing at 7.30pm.

All welcome to attend. A Committee meeting will follow the A.G.M.

Gippsland Multicultural Services presents:

Gippsland where we all belong

FESTIVAL

Free Event All Ages!

Join us and celebrate our inclusive community in a fun filled afternoon with your family & friends

Saturday
October 10, 2015
1pm - 4pm
Immigration Park
Princes H'way, Morwell

**KIDS ACTIVITIES • FOOD VENDORS
FANTASTIC MULTICULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT**

This statement will be signed by Community leaders and members and a photo of us all taking a stand together for our community at 2:30pm.

Gippsland is proud to be an inclusive multicultural, multi-faith & diverse community in the Gunai Kurnai Land. We offer our respect to the Elders of the Gunai Kurnai people, past & present.

Our community stands together to reject all forms of racism, hatred and bigotry, and to support an inclusive & cohesive & respectful way of life.

OCTOBER 2015. Signed.

If wet, alternate venue will be Kernot Hall

For more information call GMS on 5133 7072

We, the undersigned are proud to respect and value the contributions that all members of our diverse community bring to our region. We are proud to belong to a community that respects all of it's members-"Gippsland, Where We All Belong."

• racism
• Islamophobia
Say YES to partying!

• hatred
• homophobia
Say YES to partying!

Health News

Latrobe Community Health Service

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New doctor for Churchill community



Latrobe Community Health Service this week expanded its network of GP clinics to Churchill, welcoming Doctor Lana Anderson to their site at 20-24 Philip Parade.

The organisation has existing GP clinics in Traralgon, Morwell and Warragul.

Dr Lana comes to Latrobe Community Health Service with more than 20 years of experience as a general practitioner.

Dr Lana has a particular interest in paediatrics, mental health, skin checks, and women's health.

"It's great to be able to bring more choice in health services to a town like Churchill," said Dr Lana.

"I'm really looking forward to getting to know the local community."

Appointments with Dr Lana - or any Latrobe Community Health Service doctors - are available by calling 1800 242 696. Online bookings are also available at www.lchs.com.au

Doing more to help people after a stroke

For 63-year-old Lachlan Mclean, there was no warning when he suffered a stroke two-and-a-half years ago.

"I got out of bed one night and immediately realised my arm and my leg weren't working. My wife told me to lie down, and called the ambulance. I never knew what happened," he says.

After three months doing rehabilitation, Lachlan left Latrobe Regional Hospital. "Physically I've been pretty good, but speech has been slower to recover," says Lachlan.

"We often see a functional decline in stroke patients if they leave hospital rehabilitation but do not pick up other activities to maintain their health," says Jess Chambers, speech pathologist at Latrobe Community Health Service.

"We believe we can do more. The clinic we run at Latrobe Community Health Service aims to assist people to live more independently and to avoid functional decline," she says.

Staff work together with clients to plan a mix of physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology and other services they might need.

"I do speech therapy with Jessica, and my language has become better and better," says Lachlan.

"That's part of it. The other part is catching up with other people who have had a stroke. Seeing their progress is good."

Jess says Lachlan's got a great sense of humour and great attitude in therapy.

"He's focused and always wanting to get better. We have good banter, and we can have a laugh when things get difficult."

Community members can get a referral from their current healthcare professional, or self-refer by calling 1800 242 696.

New high risk foot clinic for Gippsland

Latrobe Community Health Service recently launched a podiatry-led high risk foot clinic.

"For people with acute foot problems such as wounds, ulcers, infections and diabetes-related issues, care in Gippsland only extended so far before they needed to go to Melbourne," said Stacey Beacham, podiatrist at Latrobe Community Health Service.

"This new clinic addresses that problem."

Clinic patient Edwin Eyles said the time saving from not travelling to Melbourne was enormous.

"Before I started coming here, I used to go to the Alfred Hospital," Mr Eyles said. "When you travel to Melbourne, you've got to make a day of it because it's such a long way.

The foot clinic really saves a lot of travelling to Melbourne."

"The staff are good here. I prefer to see the same person, because you build up a friendship."

Ms Beacham said staff had



Above: Mr Eyles with Podiatrist, Stacey Beacham.

undertaken additional training in order to provide the specialised service in Gippsland.

"From podiatrists, to dieticians, to diabetes educators, all of our staff provide a very advanced level of care," said Ms Beacham.

"We also have teleconferencing with Monash Health for further expert input."

"We know that if you have one amputation, you are 50 percent

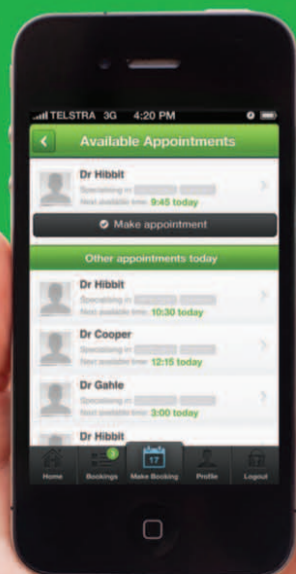
more likely to have another amputation within five years.

Our podiatry-led high risk foot clinic aims to help those with acute footcare needs, but also to intervene earlier and prevent patients from getting to the stage where they need an amputation."

Community members can get a referral from their current healthcare provider, or self-refer by calling 1800 242 696.



Above: Lachlan Mclean and Speech Pathologist, Jess Chambers.



Book your next appointment at Latrobe Community Health Service online!

Download the Appointuit App or visit the Latrobe Community Health Service website. From here click "book online now" and follow the instructions to register.



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