

# CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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## 50th Anniversary Quilt Exhibition



The Gumleaf Quilters of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre at the Churchill Hub, staged a special 50th Anniversary Quilt and Craft Exhibition at the auditorium at Federation University over the weekend of September 12 and 13.

Eighty-three quilts and 100 craft items were on display for the 276 appreciative visitors to admire. Two of the quilts

called waggas were very old. Demonstrations of quilting were given twice each day.

Stallholders included Churchill Community Garden, Libby's Cards and Charms, Churchill Neighbourhood House, Caked'licious, Button Ladies, Scroll Saw items, Stampin' Up, Di's Kids Fashion Accessories, Candles Plus, Prose Lewis Quilting, Inspiring Handmade

Creations by Tara G, Latrobe Spinning and Weaving Club, Batiks and Buttons, and Kaszazz.

This exhibition was a complementary hanging, which meant that the owners of the quilts and crafts did not have to pay a fee to exhibit their work.

This event is out of sequence with the biennial quilt and craft show run by

the Gumleaf Quilters, but was in response to a request in honour of Churchill's 50th anniversary. The quilts demonstrated many different styles and patterns, each exhibiting the amazing amount of time and patience which must be required to complete the intricate designs.

The crafts included knitting, crocheting, felting, embroideries, small

patchwork items, bags, dolls and dressed dollies, teddies and much more.

Light lunches and refreshments were available which included soup, sandwiches, Devonshire teas and drinks both hot and cold.

The organisers would like to sincerely thank Federation University for donating the hire cost of the auditorium. Thanks too go to all those

who made the effort to visit and admire the work. They would like to acknowledge the wonderful volunteers, some who are members of the Neighbourhood Centre and others who are not members, for all the magnificent work they did in helping to run the event so efficiently.

Thanks also are extended to Bronwyn Halls for the art work for the poster.



### Your community newspaper receives award

Churchill & District News is the proud winner of The Best History Story category in the Community Newspaper Association of Victoria awards.

The entry was for "Powerful memories of Hazelwood Power". We would like to thank all those who helped to create this article by allowing us to record their memories and their photos for future generations.

- Leo Billington and Ruth Place

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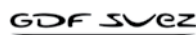
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By Margaret Guthrie  
 Last month, CDCA held a Special General Meeting to consider what options were available to the Association without any Executive Officers. Our organisation cannot function without a President, Secretary or Treasurer.

The Committee agreed that, short of winding CDCA down completely, there was no alternative under our Rules other than to go into recess for a period of time.

Sadly, the following motion was carried unanimously "That CDCA go into recess for a period ending no later than July 31, 2016 and hold the 2016 Annual General Meeting during the month of August 2016".

This means that CDCA may become active again at any time in the next twelve months. If the Association does not come out of recess beforehand, then the Committee is required to convene before the end of July next year and organise an Annual General Meeting, at which the future of CDCA will no doubt be further discussed.

During this next interim period, CDCA has appointed a 'Guardian of Assets'. CDCA invited an independent

community member, Mr Michael Answerth to take on this role, to which he agreed. He will act as a 'trustee' of CDCA records, funds and equipment until the period of recess ends.

The CDCA website will remain on the world-wide web, but will not have an interactive function. Nor will CDCA be 'contactable' via phone or email. Our Post Office Box (PO Box 191, Churchill) will be kept and mail collected, but only for the purpose of formalities.

Those local residents and stakeholder representatives associated with CDCA are sad to see the Association go into recess and disappointed that there are so few active members. CDCA has performed an important role within the Churchill community, focussing on a diverse range of issues, from residential development and town planning matters to safety hazards, infrastructure needs and Council policies.

This year, importantly, CDCA facilitated Churchill's 50th Anniversary celebrations (as we did for Churchill's 40th Anniversary), organised Churchill's inaugural ANZAC Day service and unveiled two public art works - the art mural in the Monash Way

pedestrian underpass and the Service Memorial sculpture in the Town Centre Plaza in Philip Parade.

Perhaps the latter are also fitting monuments to the work of CDCA within the Churchill community.

The Committee did note that this is not the first time

in Churchill's history that the Association has gone into recess. It took new people and new issues to revitalise the Association in the past. There may well be something ahead that generates new enthusiasm for CDCA and its role in advocating for the Churchill community.

## Rainfall for September 2015

September has been a relatively dry month in Churchill when only 37mm has been recorded. This brings the progressive total for 2015 to 549 mm.



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# Billys Creek Reserve re-vegetated



Yinnar South Primary School, the Yinnar and Yinnar South Landcare Group along with Latrobe City Council, have joined forces in a project to revitalise the Billys Creek Reserve. This is a Latrobe City Council managed reserve and is an ongoing project.

In May 2014 the willows and poplars were removed by Thompson Valley Excavations for 500 metres along the creek, including some from private property.

Extensive blackberry and weed control was carried out before planting.

Yinnar South Primary School and Yinnar/Yinnar South Landcare group planted 400 native trees, shrubs and

grasses on National Tree Planting Day in August 2014. The survival rate was very good.

Early in September, the groups returned to plant a further 500 trees, shrubs and grasses and to fill gaps.

This was preceded in March by more blackberry and weed control on the other side of the creek from the reserve.

It is planned to carry out further planting in that area in 2016.

Brett McGennissen, Latrobe City Council Officer, described this project as his favourite. He said he loves working with the twenty students, teachers and staff

from Yinnar South Primary School and the Landcare Group, seven of which had attended for the day's activities. The progress has been exciting and the enthusiasm of the participants is tangible. The good weather on the day just added to the positivity of the task.

Jay Duncan, President of the Landcare Group, described the project as an exciting continuation of the work begun in Martin Walker Reserve where the school children had also been keen participants. Their keenness came from the fact that with the help of Latrobe City and one of their knowledgeable volunteers, seeds had been collected locally and were propagated in the green house at the school, giving the students a fuller insight into the growth of plants.

Jay said that the Landcare Group may, for its next project, get the children involved in seed collecting themselves.

Jay is passionate about this project and declares that the partnership with Latrobe City Council is brilliant. She commended the children for their hard work even though they appear so small.

The school and Landcare Group would like to thank the Mirboo North

Community Foundation which gave the grant that provided the equipment and shelving for the greenhouse, and Greenhouse Communities for the grant which purchased the greenhouse itself.



## Old Time Family Dance Jeeralang North Hall Jeeralang North Road Friday, October 23

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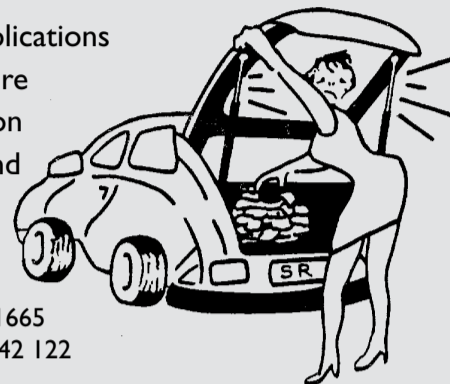
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## Balfour Place - Construction Works

Pavement reconstruction at Balfour Place has recommenced, with Stage 2 well underway.

While the primary aim has been to replace the failing pavement, the opportunity is being taken to add to the footpath network to improve pedestrian safety and access in the precinct between the southern car park and Churchill Hotel.

The resurfacing of the Owners Corporation land in the northern car park near the Hazelwood Village Shopping

area has also proceeded, with asphaltting of the parking area in the north-eastern corner being completed.

After a lengthy period of inconvenience for both the traders and the community, much of the final Churchill Town Centre Plan has now been implemented.

The patience of all those affected over time by these works is acknowledged and very gratefully appreciated.

See page 36 for a map and details

## Eel Hole Creek Environmental Study

A geomorphology study

on the environment of Eel Hole Creek between Philip Parade and Mathison Park has been completed. Among other recommendations, it identified opportunities for revegetation along the creek – as a consequence, planting of around 4,500 trees, shrubs and ground cover plants has taken place along the creek in recent weeks.

Another opportunity being considered along Eel Hole Creek is a review of the design and maintenance of the “creek crossing” between the Churchill and District Community Hub and

the Federation University student accommodation units. Although this is currently the main pedestrian route between the campus and Churchill’s commercial centre, it has not been regarded as a safe and accessible pathway by many students and staff, particularly at night.

The longer term plan is to construct a new crossing in a direct route over the creek (the Churchill East West Link).

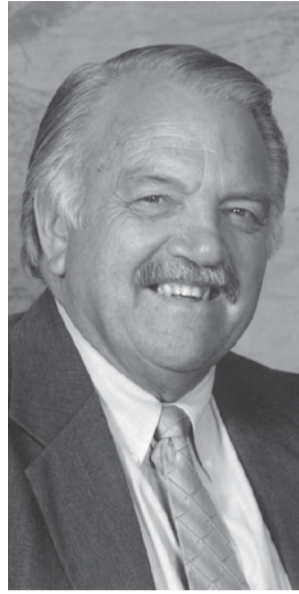
The upgrade of the current crossing will aim to complement this plan and provide improvements with long term benefits, but also

improve the safety of the precinct until the East-West Link can be funded.

## Churchill Bowling Club – Synthetic Bowling Green Project

Tenders have closed for the design and construction of a synthetic bowling green for Churchill Bowling Club.

The bowling green will be located at Gaskin Park on the former hockey field between Manning Drive and the Gaskin Park stadium. At this stage, it is anticipated that the tenders will be considered by Council at its meeting on November 16.



# Russell Northe MP



Last month I had the pleasure of attending the Churchill and District News 2015 Writing Competition awards evening.

It was a great pleasure for me to see so many young people from our community recognised for their creative writing endeavours.

There were 10 categories ranging from seven and under to adult categories, with prizes given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, illustrations and encouragement. Well done to all who received awards.

Four Latrobe Valley groups

will improve their own safety and security after receiving grants from the 2015-16 Community Safety Fund. Hazelwood Cemetery Trust was one of the recipients, receiving \$9,900 to help install security fencing and bollard barriers to deter theft and property damage at the cemetery. I commend Hazelwood Cemetery Trust for their commitment to the community, and I look forward to seeing the project come to fruition.

Over the past few weeks there were a number of events

held in Churchill including the Latrobe Relay for Life on Saturday and Sunday October 17 and 18, at Gaskin Park.

Latrobe “Relay for Life” was an 18 hour event starting at 4.00pm Saturday and finishing at 10.00am on Sunday. “Relay for Life” offers a great way for the community to raise funds for the Cancer Council of Victoria to help in the fight against cancer, while also demonstrating support for loved ones who have battled or are battling cancer.

The Churchill Co-operating Churches Family

Fun Day and Garage Sale will be held on Saturday October 31, 9am to 2pm, at 1 Williams Avenue. There will be a sausage sizzle, cake stall, Devonshire tea, plants and heaps of garage sale items.

For more information contact Glenda on 5166 1819.

The Churchill & District News Junior Fishing Competition will be held on Saturday November 7, 2015 at Lake Hyland in Mathison Park. Juniors aged 4-16 years 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 phone 0422 823 179.

Lastly, congratulations to Christine and Peter McLean of Churchill Hot Bread Bakery on celebrating 30 years since the opening of the bakery in Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre.

This is a wonderful milestone and congratulations on the success of the bakery over the years.

## OPEN STUDIOS LATROBE

Sunday October 25, 10am to 5pm

1: Sharon Anderson, Newborough	2: Lauren Perkins, Newborough	3: Mandi Thorpe, Newborough	4: Maria Germano, Tanjil South
5: Carolyn Henry, Yallourn North	6: Manfred Krautschneider, Morwell	7: Wayne Milner, Morwell	8: Powerworks, Morwell
9: Dana Ashlakoff, Hazelwood North	10: John Abery, Hazelwood South	11: Matchbox Gallery, Yinnar	12: Klaire Anderson, Yinnar
13: Amanda Thompson, Yinnar	14: Red Barrel Designs, Yinnar	15: Jenny Peterson, Boolarra	16: Sharon Van Vleet, Traralgon
17: Sue Coppock, Toongabbie	18: Alvina Edwards, Toongabbie	19: Glenys Mann, Toongabbie	20: Tracy Roberts, Toongabbie
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# COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING

## Churchill Fire Brigade

Churchill Fire Brigade has attracted a varied number of volunteers who have joined and served the Brigade well.

**Cameron Bowman**



Cameron is studying at the Kurnai University Campus doing his VCE.

Cameron wanted to help people and be active doing so, that is why he joined the Brigade.

Through his membership he has made a lot of friends, developed a sense of being needed and valued, as well as a sense of achievement in learning lots of new skills.

This has helped him to achieve his aim of helping others, but has also helped himself, as he now has a better time management awareness and of doing things with a sense of urgency.

**Craig King**



Craig King is a local Churchill resident who has been part of our town for 21 years. He works locally and is a family man.

Craig always wanted to join the Brigade and had spoken about it for some years.

However, he had a young family and they needed his time to allow them to do things.

As they grew older, Craig found he had the time. Also the 2009 bushfires were a great incentive to take that step of joining.

In joining he has found a good bunch of people to work with.

There is great camaraderie and there is the satisfying feeling of doing something for the community; putting something back.

Craig says he has learnt a lot of new skills, becoming more aware of fire hazards. He says it has made him keep his eyes open for things which could cause a fire.

**Mark Andruschak**



Mark Andruschak has lived in Churchill for 15 years, attending school at

Kurnai Churchill.

Since leaving school Mark has worked on a dairy farm and chicken farm, at the airport building planes, and is now doing some further courses to help him get into mining.

In 2009 Mark was working at Ritchies and stood in the loading dock feeling helpless as he watched the fire burn up the hill. He waited a few months and then joined the Brigade.

Mark says of his time in the Brigade that he has learnt a bunch of qualifications and had many experiences.

He says it is good being part of a group of like-minded people doing the same thing; sharing the experiences and working as a team.

**Darren Devlin**



Darren Devlin has lived in Churchill for 15 years.

He has studied at University here and worked in the area.

Darren joined to give back to the community, to re-connect with the community and to re-build his self - esteem and find direction.

He has been a proactive



member and is currently a lieutenant of the Brigade.

He has found a great bunch of mates, a sense of family and community within the ranks.

He has learnt lots of skills and had many experiences, some of which are travelling to other parts of the state to help fight campaign fires.

Through his connection with the Brigade he has developed his self-esteem and learnt more about himself.

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### Lions Club Market

We once again attended the Lions Club Market on a beautiful sunny Saturday morning which drew an ever increasing crowd to view the wonderful array of goods on offer. Thankyou to all those who patronised our stall. We plan to be there next month also.

### Music Playgroup

Music Playgroup for children under school age was on again in the school holidays on Monday, September 21 from 10.30am - 12 noon. The families, (16 children and 14 adults, many grandparents), who have come previously, came and enjoyed another fun session of music, dancing and storytelling. Many enjoyed making spring daffodils in the craft time. There was no cost and morning tea was provided.

### Saturday Breakfast

The guest speaker was Malcolm Grant talking about one of Australia's strangest mammals, the platypus. Malcolm's talk was illustrated with photographic support, and was well received by those who attended. A full report appears elsewhere on this page.

The guest speaker for

October 24, will be Kirsty Enders who will talk about her trip to East Timor (Timor-Leste) with a group of students from St Paul's Anglican Grammar School.

### Indian Dinner

Following three days of preparations 52 adults and several children came to taste the delicious flavours of authentic Indian cooking, with recipes derived from many parts of the Indian continent. The menu for the day consisted of a selection of entrees, flatbreads, rice, chicken and beef mains, vegetarian dishes, desserts and drinks. The large amount of food disappeared with people coming back for seconds.

Thank you to Ruth Courtis for arranging the menu, cooking and supervising the helpers to produce such a delicious meal enjoyed by all. Thanks to the helpers who made the organisation smooth while sharing the load.

### The Gideons.

John White came to our Sunday service to talk about the Gideons and their work world wide. They are a group of business and professional folks who are passionate about spreading the good news of Jesus Christ by placing Bibles



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### Seek First Men's Ministry

A good number of men came with a casserole to share for dinner. When that was over the topic of work was introduced, which brought out lots of chatter, so much so it was hard to draw it to a close. Some singing of special songs ended the session.

### Junior Youth Group.

Youth Group had a games night. There was plenty of fun and laughter, followed by a meal.



## Saturday Breakfast

By Keith Enders

The September Saturday Breakfast was very well attended to hear Malcolm Grant speak about the platypus and the Australian water rat, now known as rakali. Malcolm spoke very enthusiastically and showed his extensive knowledge of the two creatures.

The rakali is an Australian native rodent which is an aquatic predator which resembles a small otter in many ways. It has a blunt muzzle furnished with set of dense long whiskers and hind feet that are broad and partly webbed. Its body is elongated and streamlined and has small ears and a long tail with a white tip, which is one of the main ways in which it can be identified.

The rakali occupy a wide variety of natural and manmade freshwater habitats including swamps, ponds, lakes, rivers, creeks and irrigation channels. They make burrows in the banks of the waterways which can be flooded if the water rises and causes problems for the animals.

Malcolm also spoke about the platypus (*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*), Australia's very unusual animal. It is a furry, warm-blooded, egg-laying mammal which retains some features of reptiles. Like many other animals, platypus living in warmer climates such as Queensland, are generally smaller than those living in cooler climates such



as Victoria and Tasmania. The male on average, are 0.5 metres long and the females 0.4 metres.

The platypus has a furry streamlined body with a broad, paddle-shaped tail and a ducklike bill. It lacks ear flaps with the ear and eye both located in a muscular groove placed at the side of the head, which automatically pinches shut when it dives to protect the eye and ear under water.

The female platypus lays one to three whitish, leathery-shelled eggs like those of lizards and snakes, and are about 15 mm in diameter. The platypus lines the nesting burrow with vegetation.

Malcolm's talk was very

well illustrated with photos and diagrams, which gave a very good idea of what the animals looked like, along with their habitats and locations.

The next Breakfast will be held on October 24 at the Co-Operating Churches, Williams Avenue and will commence at 7.45am.

The guest speaker will be Kirsten Enders who will talk about her recent trip to East Timor with a group of students from St Paul's Grammar School.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders by Thursday October 22, on 5122 1148 or by email at ken.15967@bigpond.com

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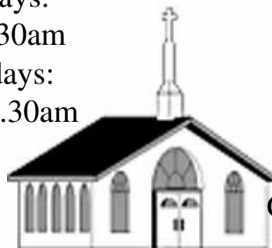
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## Chaplain's Comments

### Is science compatible with God's Word?

By Frank Lees

There is a lot said about air, and about fluid dynamics, in God's Word.

The fact that air has weight was proven scientifically just over 370 years ago. The relative weights of air and water are important (the correct terms would be mass, gravity and density).

Anything with mass has weight, and we know that air has mass because, for example, we can feel it when

the wind blows.

In God's Word (Job 28) we read about the "weight of the wind". I find that interesting. Also in God's Word (Job 36) we read about the drops of water which eventually pour down as rain, first becoming vapour and then condensing to small liquid water droplets.

These finally form into larger drops, etc. This is scientifically accurate, and very interesting!

Also with water, modern science has proved that the quantity of water on earth is

just enough for our needs. If the seas became three metres deeper, the water would absorb all the carbon dioxide and nitrogen, and no creature could live any longer.

In God's Word (Isaiah 40) we have mention of the waters being measured, and set at a limit. Isn't that interesting?

Facts for both air and water, scientifically accurate, found in God's Word. This is all evidence of design I believe. God knew what He was doing. Worth thinking about; and very interesting.

# St Vincent De Paul Churchill Conference celebrates 30 years



In this year of Churchill township's 50th Anniversary, a local organisation has celebrated 30 years of community commitment.

St Vincent De Paul Society started its Churchill Conference in 1985 in the

young township. The local Catholic community saw a need for helping those residents who were struggling to cope with everyday life.

The St Vincent de Paul Society provides assistance and support to people

who are disadvantaged and marginalised in our community. Based on a spiritual foundation, services are spiritually motivated and challenge our members and volunteers to maintain a relationship of personal

service to those with whom we work.

The St Vincent de Paul Society members and volunteers reach out to the most vulnerable in our community through good works.

## Hazelwood Cemetery Trust

By Leo Billington

Having recently received State government funding, Hazelwood Cemetery plans to implement tighter security measures. Unfortunately, security is an on-going matter across our wider community and the cemetery is not immune to the problem.

The ageing toilet block has been renovated using local government funding. Constructed in the early 1980's, urgent repairs were required and given due priority in the interests of public health and safety.

A working bee was held in mid-September with members from the Yinnar Scout Group providing invaluable assistance.

Completing community service proved quite popular with the scouts who saw the occasion as an extension of Scouting in the general public.

Thanks go to Yinnar Scouts Group Leader Colin Richards who co-ordinated his scouts, perhaps even with the lure of a barbecue lunch at midday.

Although still be ratified by the Trust, the following policy is being proposed:

### Hazelwood Cemetery Trust

In the public interest of health and safety the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust allows either fresh or artificial flowers (silk and plastic) to be placed at a grave site, or memorial garden site.

Unauthorised placement of ornaments, vases and flowers provide a potential safety hazard to employees/contractors required to maintain, mow and trim lawn areas. An overall clean-up will occur every three months.

Therefore:

\*only cemetery provided vases are to be used;

\*vases and glass and ceramic containers and other brittle materials are not permitted and will be removed for safety reasons;

\*dead, previously fresh flowers, will be removed as required by cemetery employees/contractors prior to lawn mowing;

\*plastic and silk

flowers are susceptible to being blown away. In these instances, these will be removed for disposal,

\*other ornaments are not permitted on a lawn grave and will be removed, and

\*any receptacles containing beer, wine

or spirits are not permitted. In keeping with this, empty receptacles which formerly contained these drinks will also be removed. To highlight "drink" is rather contrary to a facility such as a cemetery.

An invitation is always extended for people to take time one day and visit the cemetery.

Walk around the older sections; it's amazing to note many of the names



of early settlers while also appreciating the wonderful work being done to maintain the whole area.

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# Tribute to Ann Vernon



Ann Vernon (centre) was a valued member of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre community from 1997, and was a founding member of the Gumleaf Quilters. She was an integral part of the Centre, participating as a committee member, Gumleaf Quilter, volunteer, patchwork student, event caterer and in

many more ways. Ann's talents produced beautiful work in patchwork, china painting, cake decorating, penmanship, and above all her cooking, being famous for her scones and sponges.

Ann was always willing to share her cooking and catering expertise.

## Al Anon

Problem drinkers have big troubles and they directly affect the lives of at least five or more people. These friends, family and co-workers are in trouble too. "Everything was going wrong. There was never enough money. The kids were ashamed to bring home their friends. I was beginning to hope my husband wouldn't come home at all,"

says one wife to another at an Al Anon meeting.

"I know how you felt," a nearby male agrees. "When I couldn't read the paper, never mind putting a report together at work, because I was always worrying. My thoughts were torn seeing the kids coming home to a drunken mother or the house burning down. It was time I admitted to myself that I

Ann's scone recipe is included in the Cook Book.

The Neighbourhood Centre people are pleased to produce the Cook Book to honour their friend and fellow Centre participant in a way which was close to her heart - the sharing of food and good times with family and friends.

needed help. I found the help I needed at Al Anon."

Al Anon is a world - wide organisation. There is a meeting in Traralgon at Kath Tychenne Centre 11 Breed Street or you can contact 0419 864 377.

Also at Newborough on Wednesdays at 1pm or Tuesday at 8pm at the Uniting Church Hall or phone 5127 6413.

# Garden Group

Collection of seeds for some flowers and vegetables is done by leaving the flowers on the plant so they can form seeds. Cut off the dry, mature seed heads and place in a paper bag in a cool dry place. Shake the bag and the seeds should fall to the bottom of the bag.

Alternatively, rub the seed head between your hands over some paper and the seed should disperse onto the paper.

Extract broccoli seed from the dry seed pods by hand. Some seeds form inside the vegetable like curcubits (pumpkins and cucumbers etc.) and members of the tomato family (capsicums and chillies).

Clean tomato seeds from inside ripe tomatoes by putting in a strainer and washing till clean. Spread these on absorbent paper to dry. Store in an airtight container away from light in a cool dry place.

Legumes (peas and beans etc) should be left until they are mature, brown and dry and then the seed extracted by hand from inside the vegetable.

Most seeds will germinate in temperatures between 10 and 18 deg C. The top of indoor hot water systems is a warm place.

Covering the seed



containers with plastic or glass helps, but make sure there is good air circulation as condensation collects and seeds can get attacked by fungus.

The sun penetrating through clear covers can burn them so keep them out of direct sun until germination, when the covers can be removed and seedlings placed in filtered sun.

The general rule for seed-sowing is - the larger the seed the deeper the sowing depth.

Two and a half times the diameter of the seed is advisable.

Onion seed and related varieties should be planted 1cm deep and thinned out at seedling stage.

Hard seeds like capsicum and beetroot seeds benefit from soaking in hot water overnight when they will swell.

Pumpkins, cucumbers and zucchini don't like their roots disturbed so either sow 2cm deep directly where they will grow, or in a big enough container so that they can be transplanted without disturbing the roots.

Be careful when cultivating around the roots of these plants.

Plant more seed than you need and thin out when they have their first leaves.

Carrots and parsnips should also be planted where they will grow. Sprinkle seeds on top of friable soil before watering in with a fine spray. Keep continuously moist and thin out at seedling stage so they all have room to grow.

Legumes (beans and peas) and corn are best planted 2cm deep directly where they will grow. Water with seaweed solution and don't water again until germination.

Not all seeds need light to germinate but light is essential for some. Lettuce seeds need filtered light to germinate but not direct sunlight so don't plant them too deeply.

Information sourced from Organic Gardener Magazine September 2010 page 36-44

Written by Sheina Renton - Churchill Community Garden member - Join us at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre 9-11 Phillip Parade at 10am every Monday or visit us on facebook.

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# Hazelwood Car Show



The Pistons Car Club presents the 8th annual Hazelwood Car and Bike Show at Gaskin Park Churchill on October 25.

In previous years we have raised money for Rotary Centenary House, Latrobe Special Developmental School and the Chapman family. This year we are raising money for the Wilson family of Churchill, who need help to care for their daughter Madeline.

At last year's Car and

Bike show we had over 300 vehicles on display. Some of the vehicles travelled from as far as Melbourne just for this show. The range of vehicles included: vintage cars, hot rods, street machines, early model Holdens and Fords, a range of bikes, trikes, custom cars and modern performance cars.

Come along and support local community groups, Rotary, Morwell Cubs and Yinnar Scouts, at this great family fun day.

Lots of free activities to keep the kids busy: face painting, jumping castle, temporary tattoos and henna art.

Great stalls to look at, and purchase tin signs, model cars and lots of other products.

There is also a raffle on the day, with the major prize of a V8 drive at Sandown and lots of other prizes.

The Morwell SES will be back demonstrating the techniques they use in a rescue situation to cut up a car. There

will also be the CFA and the police in attendance

There will be 38 trophies up for grabs in 28 different categories. All trophies come with prizes.

Come and see displays by Venom Wise, KoKo the Clown.

Gates open at 8am for entrants and 10 am for the public. Costs are Adults \$5, Family's \$10 and entrants \$ 10 per car.

## Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club "fire, flora and fauna"

At the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, October 23 Richard Loyn will discuss "Fire, flora and fauna".

Richard Loyn, is an award-winning ecologist, who began work at the Forests Commission in Traralgon, before spending many years at the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research.

Richard has a passion for forests, wetlands and fire ecology. His talk will question "can we live safely with fire and conserve biodiversity at the same time?" and will cover work done in Wombat State Park, Bunyip State Park Gippsland and North-east Victoria, forming part of the "Foothills Fire Project".

The meeting from 7.30pm



is at the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Old Sale Road and Chamberlain Road, Newborough.

The next day the Club excursion will be to Bunyip State Park.

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

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'The Cook Book' is the result of the combined efforts of many people at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

The collecting of recipes was started 18 months ago, initiated by Ann Vernon who has since died.

Sharyn McNamara could not see the project unfinished and so took up the reins, collecting more recipes.

Sharyn and Sue Townsend deciphered people's notes and typed up the recipes.

Edith Tarran supplied the

gluten free conversion table.

Bronwyn Halls did the artwork and the proof-reading. Anne Crawford compiled and edited the book.

There is a wide range of recipes recorded, tested and true, and easy so you have

time for other things.

'The Cook Book' is available at the Neighbourhood Centre for \$10.

## Book Review

### 'The Fine Colour of Rust' by P.A. O'Reilly

P.A. O'Reilly, who also writes under the name of Paddy O'Reilly, was born in Melbourne in 1959. She has written fiction, non-fiction

and screenplays and won the Age Short Story Award for "Snapshots of a Stranger" in 2002.

"The Fine Colour of Rust" is set in a small town in western Victoria, which is under threat of losing its' school.

Loretta is a single mother with two children whose husband left (with the good car) and has had no further contact with them.

Loretta fantasises about putting her children in an orphanage and meeting "Harley Man", "Beamer Man" or perhaps later in life "Merc Man", but in reality

she is very committed to her children.

She has a

bushland is cleared for a dubious development it is her friend Norm, the local junk yard owner, who is like a grandfather to her children, who exposes the corruption in the local council.

Whilst the book is full of typically Australian self-deprecating humour, it also deals with issues such as the struggles facing single parents, the effects of an absent parent on children, the gap between the "haves and have-nots", and especially the importance of loyal friendships.

The writing of P.A.O'Reilly is very descriptive, which makes it easy to visualise the predicaments described in the story.


Whilst this is not a work of literary genius, it is laugh out loud funny and most will enjoy it.



strong sense of justice and rallies the town in an attempt to save the school. Eventually she is successful in having the Minister for Education visit, with hilarious results.

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# Lumen Christi Annual Dinner



Top: Catherine Gunn and Marie Gunn  
Ann Shaw, Catherine Campbell, Lorraine McQuillan

Below:  
Allan Larkin, Rev. Brenda Burney, Father Antony

'Spring into spring' was the theme for the Annual Parish Dinner this year. Held at the Churchill Hotel the night saw approximately 80 parishioners attend a fine night of entertainment and socialising with plenty of entertainment to suit most tastes.

Special guests included parishioners from Churchill Co-Operating Church, and their Minister the Reverend Brenda Burney and husband Rod.

Out of town guests included Fathers Harry Dyer and Jonny from Moe along with Sister Liz and parishioners from Morwell Catholic Parish.

Some fine entertainment by three young parishioners had everyone in a happy mood which made for an exceptional evening.

Many took advantage to catch up with parishioners they had not socialised with for a while.

Hosted by the Parish Council the night started with Master of Ceremonies, Peter Junkers, welcoming everyone and advising those who wished to have a meal they should be seated or miss out.

After a blessing from Parish Administrator Father Francis Otopo, the evening's meal was started.



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# Jeeralang North Hall celebrates 60 years of dancing

The September dance was a celebration of sixty years of dancing held at the hall. It was well attended and the hall committee went to considerable lengths to make it very special, with a super dooper supper.

A delicious cake was cut by Bernie Mele and Zelma Mildenhall, both with long associations with the hall.

People were given the option of dressing up in period costume but few took the opportunity.

A rose bouquet was presented to past committee ladies and a parcel given to the men. A special thank you presentation was given to Ken and Alice Rae, who have supplied the music for many years.

Several ex - committee members were invited to attend the evening and it was good to see them.

Zelma Mildenhall was invited to say a few words and recalls some memories of the many years she and husband Bob had as part of the committee.

**The following words are taken from her notes.**

## History

In 1933 the Jeeralang North State School No 3390 opened, up the road from the hall's present site. The building was also used as a community centre.

February 14, 1944 a bushfire swept through the area and the school was destroyed.

A committee was formed to work towards a new school or public hall.

In 1952 the present hall site on what was then called Walkers Road was selected. The name of the road changed in 1965, but it took locals years to adjust to the name Jeeralang North Road.

Bill Mele was the foreman for building the hall which was under way in 1954. A meeting of the committee was held in the almost completed building.

The supper room was added at a cost of £400. The total cost of the hall was £1,395, 1 shilling and

sixpence.

£493 was allocated by the Shire of Traralgon towards the cost of building a public hall.

This money was from the State Bushfire Appeal. The committee had to raise £247 to be eligible for the grant.

In 1956 the school opened in the supper room.

It closed in 1961.

## Music

Special mention was made of Ken Rae who had been an original attendee at the dance.

Ken and Alice regularly supply the music for the dance and were thanked for their generosity. Another band remembered was The Country Wanderers with Graham Grant.

## Special Occasions

September 1955 was the Grand Opening Ball. Sir Herbert Hyland was the special guest.

August 1961 Grand Switch On Ball. Mr. Charlie Mele cut the ribbon to turn on the power.

September 1961 Deb Ball. Mr. Bert May was the special guest.

September 1995 40th Anniversary Ball.

October 2000 45th Anniversary Ball.

October 2001 Federation Dance.

September 2005 50th Anniversary Dance.

For many years an annual ball was held to raise money for the Traralgon and District Hospital. Mr. Len Walshe and Miss Marjory Cole came to represent the hospital and they judged the Belle of the Ball.

Bill Mele's birthdays - 80th in 2002 and 85th in 2007.

Bob Mildenhall's birthdays 80th in 2004 and 90th in 2014.

Bill and Bob were original pupils of the first Jeeralang North State School. Bob is the only living member of that student intake.

## Special Memories

Heart-shaped sponge cakes made by Shirley Mele for every dance for twenty-five years.

Sandwich loaves were



twice the size of today's loaves and not sliced.

Often when on the ladder cleaning the outside of the windows, a log truck would drive by and the driver always tooted and waved - then both windows and cleaner were covered with dust.

Before the new toilet block was added to the hall the old external buildings were a haven for every spider and creepy crawly in the area.

Fruit Tingles were always the prize for 'jump the broom' played early in the night by the children.

The winner often only had one lolly to eat - the rest were given to friends, brothers and sisters.

When the small children were tired they were put on a low stretcher in a sectioned off part of the supper room.

At home time parents could be seen trying to find their children in the mass of sleeping bodies sharing warm rugs.

Father Christmas made an appearance every December dance.

There was an unwritten law - the second last car didn't

leave until the last car had started.

Admission in 1961 was gents 4 shillings and ladies 3 shillings.

The dances were famous for the milk coffee served at suppertime.

The milk was heated in a stainless steel bucket in the copper.

The supper was served by people as the dancers sat around the hall walls.

## Years of Service

25 years Shirley Mele and Janet May,

27 years Muriel Martin,

28 years Nelly Mele,

31 years Ross Mele,

32 years Jack Touzel,

40+ years Hans Dortmans who remains on the committee,

50 years Bob and Zelma Mildenhall,

60+ years Bill Mele.

Jeeralang is an Aboriginal word, jerrar - long spear made of reeds langi - dwelling place. The area originally was a place of useful reeds.



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# Gippsland Immigration Park - New Piazza Opened



By Leo Billington

Funding received by the Gippsland Immigration Park Inc Committee has greatly assisted in construction of the new piazza at the lakeside community deck at Kernot Lake.

According to well known Churchill resident and President of the Gippsland Immigration Park Inc Committee, Mr Don Di Fabrizio, this financial assistance was very much appreciated. It was received at a time when progress on the overall Kernot Lake Heritage Walk project is moving ahead at a rapid pace.

"At this community facility, installation of clear heavy duty weather-proof plastic blinds last year and now the piazza makes the community deck a marvellous

attraction," Mr Di Fabrizio said.

Mr Di Fabrizio recalled the extensive assistance and financial support received so far. "Funding has been received from Regional Development Victoria, the Latrobe City Council and the committee. We have all worked together to achieve this goal.

Events such as Carols by Candlelight, community festivals and events will all benefit from the new enlarged area. Even when the deck is used, there is no interference with the natural environment; the lake can still be viewed."

In officially opening the piazza and thanking Don, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Robin Scott MP praised the voluntary work to develop the area, drawing

attention to the significant contribution made by post-war migrants to Gippsland's economic and socio-cultural development.

"Russell Northe has been a consistent supporter all the way. Initially he was instrumental in guiding us toward a successful funding application for \$45,000 from the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship, for the construction of the piazza.

As well as myself, Gippsland Immigration Park Inc Committee members including Maggie Auciello, Maureen Di Fabrizio, Ted Cowper, Richard Mee, Graham Goulding and Serge Auciello have all been very instrumental in getting a huge range of jobs completed," Mr Di Fabrizio said.

## Funding for sports clubs to buy defibrillators

Local sporting clubs are encouraged to apply for an automatic defibrillator to help save the lives of players, officials and spectators.

Member for Morwell Russell Northe, said the Defibrillators for Sporting Clubs and Facilities Program was now open and provided clubs with funding to purchase an automatic external defibrillator (AED) for their club or sports facility.

"A person's chance of survival decreases 10 per cent every minute without defibrillation after they've suffered a cardiac arrest," Mr Northe said.

"A heart attack is a medical emergency and every

minute counts. The sooner that an AED can be placed on the patient, the greater their chance of survival and recovery."

Mr Northe said clubs would be assessed on their location, the age of members and the sport played, and also the number of volunteers who will be trained to provide emergency care.

"Clubs who are successful in acquiring a grant will receive an AED package that includes a high quality defibrillator, basic training and a minimum of three years of essential maintenance," Mr Northe said.

"This program is a great opportunity for local sports

clubs to boost their first aid skills, improve planning for medical emergencies and ensure players and spectators suffering sudden cardiac arrest get help until paramedics arrive.

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# 90th Birthday Celebration



By Gwenda Dortmans

On Sunday August 9, over 150 family and friends gathered at the Jeeralang North Hall to celebrate the 90th birthday of Maria Dortmans. Maria was born Maria Van Der Heyden at Dintther in the Netherlands on

August 12, 1925. She married John Dortmans, a widower with four children, in 1945. John and Maria migrated to Australia in 1953 with their nine children. They had 12 children together with five being born in Australia. In 1958 they bought a 350 acre

dairy farm in Jeeralang North which still remains in the family, their son Fred and his wife Christine now own the farm. John died in 1980 and their son Renus in 2006.

At the birthday celebration, Maria was presented with a book, titled "So Be It", put together by her granddaughter Suzie Taylor. The book is the story of the Van Der Heyden and Dortmans family told to Suzie by Maria. Many family members contributed to the book by telling some of their stories, contributing photos

and proof reading. There is quite a lot of history in the book as it commences with the years surrounding World War 2 and the devastating effect it had on their lives.

At Maria's birthday all of the 15 children were present, with many grandchildren and great grandchildren also in attendance. They gathered for a catered lunch followed by the arrival of friends and more family for afternoon tea, the presentation of the book and cutting the cake. Family travelled from most states in Australia, Karratha in WA

and Mackay in Queensland being the furthestmost parts. This was a tribute to the amazing mother and Oma that she is to her 16 children, 58 grandchildren, 69 great grandchildren and 7 great, great grandchildren. The total of direct descendants is 150 and escalates to 200 when you add those that have married into the family. The family is still growing with at least one great grandchild on the way and four weddings planned over the next 12 months.

Maria now resides at O'Mara House in Traralgon

where she has been for the last year. Her health has improved since taking up residence there and she keeps active attending daily exercise sessions, gardening and regular outings. She keeps up to date with all her family members and knows about births and engagements before the rest of the family knows. She is diligent with birthday and congratulatory cards. Her positive attitude to life has stood her in good stead and Maria's philosophy is to take one day at a time.



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# Lions Club of Churchill and District



Three members of the Club, Lions Bill Hurenkamp, Ross Norman and Peter Tait are going on the Camp Quality EsCarpade which is an outback motoring adventure that takes place in October each year to raise money for kids with cancer. The Club has been involved with Camp Quality and the EsCarpade for 22 years. For Lion Ross Norman this year's EsCarpade is special as it is the 20th EsCarpade Ross has participated in, quite a remarkable achievement.

ages of 0-18 years living with cancer in Australia today. On average another 900 children are diagnosed with cancer in Australia each year - that is one child (0-18 years) every 9 hours.



A lot of work has again gone into this year's EsCarpade campaign and not everything has been smooth sailing, with the Clubs EsCarpade car needing a new motor. Special thanks goes to Lion Kevin Hogan and mechanic Paul Stanton at Churchill Tyre and Brake Service for the work and time they have put in to get our car back on the road again.

The Club this month supported and made donations to Lifeline, Haemophilia Foundation, Peter McCallum Cancer Foundation, Stroke Foundation, Leukaemia Foundation and Cystic Fibrosis Victoria, as well as committing funds to this year's Christmas Toy Run.

The Club did a BBQ at Bunning's in August as well as a doing a sausage sizzle at the recent Tennis Club Come and Try Day.

The Lions Club Community market held on Saturday September 19, in

the Churchill Hotel Carpark was well attended, the great weather certainly helped, but it was great to see so many local people out and about and enjoying the market stalls, looking for that special something or enjoying the variety of foods on offer.

The market has been a challenge for the Club to organise but is steadily getting bigger and better with more people attending each market. The market is attracting new stall holders with new products at each market. There is live music at every market, and last month the Morwell Caledonian Pipe Band attended and gave a great performance enjoyed by all. Local duo Rod and Rhonda Owen again entertained with their special brand of music which everyone enjoyed. We thank both Rod and Rhonda and the Morwell Caledonian Pipe Band for their support and giving their time to come and entertain people at our market. It's this support that helps our market to grow and is good for Churchill.



Our goal is to provide Churchill with a great market that has a good mix of stalls, fresh fruit and vegetables, produce, plants, arts and crafts and fresh food vendors.

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The Club catered at the Barry Sheene Tribute Ride to the Grand Prix stop-over on

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Local girls Kayla, Tahli and Ruby danced in the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod in Traralgon. Kayla was placed first in her classical dance with one of her great friends Ruby, being placed second in

the same section.

Kayla also danced with her sister Tahli in a Tarantella National dance, performing in a troupe that was placed third. Both Kayla and Tahli danced in troupes over the

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# Friends of Morwell National Park

As we come into spring and the weather improving it may be just the opportunity to take part in a Green Walk. The upcoming Green Walks planned for Morwell National Park are:

Tuesday November 3,  
(Melbourne Cup Day)  
10am - Billys Weir Walk,  
meet at Braniffs Road car park.

Wednesday December 2,  
10am - Fosters Gully Walk,  
meet at Kerry Road car park.

For registration and program updates go to [www.heartfoundation.org.au/greenwalks](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/greenwalks) or call 1300 362 787.

**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, covering Pest Plants. This month I will deal with animals.

Management Plan continued from last month.....

"4.2 Pest plants and animals" Part 2

"As with most urban fringe parks, domestic pets, particularly cats and dogs, are a serious problem (section 6.2). Other introduced species in the Park include rabbits, foxes, sheep, feral goats,

European wasps and starlings. Rabbits contribute to erosion problems by burrowing and can have detrimental effects on regeneration and rehabilitation projects.

The fox is an opportunistic predator and scavenger, preying particularly on small mammals and birds. Foxes, along with dogs and cats, can have detrimental effects on native fauna, particularly lyrebird populations.

Stock such as goats and sheep entering the Park are an increasing concern, creating problems in erosion control and rehabilitation.

They inhabit the steeper and more inaccessible areas of the Park, making control

difficult. Over the past two years the number of European wasp nests has increased within the Park."

To be continued next month.....

## September Activity Report

At this activity we had Matt, Peter, Grant, Darren, Ken (briefly) and Craig. We had apologies from Tamara and Beryl.

Matt told us about the results from the motion cameras that he set up last month near diggings at Potato Flats. The digger was not found on the camera, but the normal range of wombats, echidnas, kangaroos, wallabies and even a cat were captured on the cameras.

Craig told the group that the Grand Strzelecki Track Committee is applying for a grant for tree planting and some of these trees are planned for the Park. Hopefully they will be able to plant out the sections along the track which were badly blackberry infested. The Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group has been tree planting, constructing a koala corridor between Boolarra South Reserve and Morwell National Park.

The group split to do track maintenance around Foster's Gully.

A large branch had fallen across the track, so Craig and Matt drove in with

the chainsaw to clear the track. The picture shows the size of the fallen limb and the difficulty it would have posed for any walkers who encountered it. The chainsaw after this use needs maintenance, so Craig will get this done.

Peter, Grant and Darren took the slasher and hedge trimmer to clear foliage from the track. The groups met up at Lyndon's Landing and worked together to clear the rest of the track.

The group reformed back in the Kerry Road picnic area to have lunch. There were no other important jobs that needed completing so we finished after lunch.





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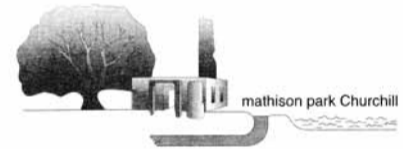
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## Mathison Park



Due to a variety of circumstances, there were several apologies for our last working bee and only four people were available. It was great to welcome back Henry.

Some branches over a seat were pruned. The tree guards and stakes were checked and those trees which were large enough had their guards and stakes removed. It is wonderful to see the way some of our trees have developed.

An older area of planting where the creek enters the lake was also visited to remove old tree guards and stakes.

Some of those trees are now quite tall and provide a great habitat for small ground creatures. We noticed several holes.

Over a cuppa about 11am we sat and solved the world's



problems before continuing on until about 12.30pm.

As previously reported, the community corrections orders teams are working in Mathison Park, and what a great difference they have made to the look of it.

The Department of Justice invited us to an evening to explain a little more the partnership we have with them to engage the teams working on the park.

We were presented with a certificate of participation and an extra encouragement

award to thank us for the work done through this partnership.

The Department supervises team placements from Warragul to Wonthaggi, Phillip Island to Longwarry to the border and inland to places like Wonnangatta.

At any time they can have 630 offenders to place, so it is important to have sufficient sites to accommodate them. There are at present 230 work sites, 130 individual placements and 13 work teams. Government money is supplied to carry out this

program, and there are strict accountability requirements placed on its use.

If you see the team working in the park please thank them and say something encouraging about their work.

It is our aim that these people obtain satisfaction from this work and can use this experience to become job ready in the future.

The November working bee will be on Saturday November 14 from 9am -1pm approximately. Hope to see you there.

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# Scrollers Return



There will be a second Scrollers Working Weekend to be held at Churchill Community Hall, Marina Drive Churchill, over the weekend of November 21 and 22.

Visitors are most welcome to call in and view Scrollers working with their scroll saws from 9.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday, and 9.00am till 1.00pm on Sunday. Admission to the hall for visitors is free.

There will be Scrollers from all over Victoria and some interstate visiting this weekend in Churchill. We will answer any questions that you may have on our craft, you can purchase timber suitable for scrolling, buy scroll saw blades or view lovely gifts to purchase. You are most welcome to spend a very interesting hour with

us. See fretwork, intarsia - pictures made from timber, wooden clocks, coin cutting, record recycling, and other interesting articles.

The Scrollers are members of the Australian Scroll Saw Association which is a not-for-profit organisation that has members from all over Australia. We keep in touch by means of a quarterly magazine and over the internet.

Every second year we have a major exhibition of members' work in a major city such as Adelaide, Wodonga, Wangaratta, Gympie and Kiama. This gives members a chance to socialise and exhibit their work.

The scroll saw is a diverse small woodworking machine that cuts a range of different materials such as wood, plastics, soft metals like brass

and copper, cardboard and paper with an appropriate blade. It has the distinct advantage over other saws of being able to cut intricate curves and corners with a range of blades specifically manufactured for the saw. It is used in the crafts of fretwork, intarsia, jewellery, folk art, model, toy and puzzle making, just to list a few.

Enjoy a day out. On the same Saturday, November 21, the Lions Churchill Market will be held in the Hotel Carpark from 8.30am till noon. Go for a bargain, have a bite to eat at the Lions barbeque, then call into the Community Hall in Marina Parade to see a great display of Scrolling and completed work.

For further information about the weekend call Bob on (03) 5135 3675

## Thank you Bev



Bev Thompson looks after the flower beds and gardens around our shopping centre here in Churchill.

Bev is paid to do some hours each week, but she does this with pride and passion, knowing that the

entrance to, and surrounds of our shopping centre being attractive is a drawcard.

## Rotary Club



By Leo Billington  
Since our successful barbeque fundraiser for the Very Special Kids program, which cares for children with life-threatening conditions by providing a children's hospice and professional family support services, Hazelwood Rotary now moves on to supporting other local initiatives.

The club will be supporting the forthcoming Pistons Car and Bike Show scheduled for Sunday, October 25 at Gaskin Park. This annual event is now attracting a larger crowd which is testimony to the hard work and long hours spent to create a unique show.

One guest speaker in September was Sue Smethurst, now a senior

journalist with *The Australian Women's Weekly*. A well-respected publishing figure, she has spent 20 years in media working across television, radio and magazines. Locally born and raised in our municipality, Sue generously provided time from an active work schedule to talk about her recent book.

In the recently published



*Behind Closed Doors*, Sue's central character, Katherine, breaks her silence and tells the story of how she survived decades of degrading abuse – and how it went unnoticed for so long. As the story unfolds praise is given to a local policeman who painstakingly uncovered the abuse and saved Katherine, spending two years forensically

gathering evidence and finding witnesses to bring her father to justice.

For many years, Hazelwood Rotary has sponsored the Strzelecki District Scout Association Scout of the Year Award. On Friday, September 11, Nathan Foley from the West Traralgon Scout Group received the award.

To learn more details about Rotary, please contact President, Reg Kemp on 0427 353 887

Also, please visit our Facebook site to see and learn more about the wide variety of activities involving Hazelwood Rotary

# Churchill local is hero in a campaign sharing the stories of older Victorians

Growing up in Gippsland, Lorraine Williams has contributed to the community throughout her life, as a member of the Country Women's Association, through various fundraising activities and was even one of the state's top badminton players.

But it was her love of gardening that she was most renowned for, with her garden, famous in the local community, boasting over 70 types of roses!

Lorraine will join 18 other Victorians in an innovative campaign set to shake up how older people are seen in the community.

Unexpected Heroes, the initiative of leading not-for-profit aged care provider Benetas, showcases the untold stories of older people in a unique photographic exhibition which ran at Melbourne Town Hall from October 5 to 9, during Seniors Festival.

The general public will then have the opportunity to share the stories of their 'unexpected heroes', such as a neighbour, grandparent or an older person they've just met, and upload their entry on Benetas' Facebook page to go into the running to win great prizes. Benetas CEO Sandra Hills said the campaign is all about increasing respect for older people.

"We believe that every older person has a story to tell, and it's these stories that



make them heroes," said Ms Hills. "Benetas has a fierce commitment to advocating for older people in our community and ensuring their voices are heard.

Unexpected Heroes is our way of contributing to that dialogue and standing proud in the fact that we value older people."

Along with encouraging people of all ages to upload a photo of their hero via social media, the campaign has a strong focus on encouraging younger people to understand

the lives of older people and to breakdown negative stereotypes associated with ageing, through the delivery of a school resource.

"We have a long history of nurturing and supporting the very special intergenerational relationships between older and younger people, and this campaign continues that journey.

We want the people of Victoria to share the story of their hero, and discover 'what's beneath the wrinkles'."

# ARC Yinnar building upgrade

Member for Morwell Russell Northe, recently joined with Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath, to officially open the newly upgraded Art Resource Collective (ARC) building in Yinnar.

Mr Northe said the \$121,000 project was funded with \$80,700 from the Government's \$1 billion Regional Growth Fund and the remaining funds from Latrobe City Council.

"ARC Yinnar is an artist-run, not-for-profit organisation that provides a focus for creative talent in the Latrobe Valley and we are pleased to be able to support such a worthwhile local organisation," Mr Northe said. The building accommodates the ARC Yinnar offices, gallery, ceramics, metalwork, photography, painting and drawing areas, private studios and public access areas for print-making, a



retail outlet and a theatrette. Mr Northe said funding was used to upgrade the kitchen and existing toilet block and improve security arrangements.

"This project was very important to the community as the building was in dire need of an upgrade to allow better access for people with a disability," he said.

"The works are a major improvement to the building which provides an important outlet for art classes to a variety of community groups." Ms Bath said ARC

showcased art exhibitions once a month, and music events up to six times a year with between 50 and 200 people a week utilising the property, depending on the number of classes and events held.

"It really is a great space for our wonderful local artists to come and focus on their creative talents," Ms Bath said.

"I'd like to commend ARC's members for their continued work in developing the art centre and making it a centerpiece of the town."

## Swooping Magpies

Please be aware (and make others aware) that nesting magpies are swooping.

The Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning (DEWLP) has some helpful information.

The birds and their nests are protected, so the best thing to do is move quickly

past their nesting site, (not running, though), walk with other people, cover your head (wear a hat or carry a stick or umbrella above your head), draw a pair of eyes and attach them to the back of your hat (birds are less likely to swoop if they think you are watching them), don't harass

them or throw things at them (this gives them more reason to see humans as a threat and may increase swooping behaviour), don't destroy their nests (this may prompt them to rebuild their nests, prolonging the swooping behaviour), and don't feed them.

## Year 9 and 10 Students encouraged to apply for Spirit of ANZAC

Year 9 and 10 students are encouraged to apply for the Premier's Spirit of ANZAC prize. Member for Morwell Russell Northe, said local students had until October 30 to apply for the tour that will visit Lemnos, Gallipoli and the Western Front.

"The Spirit of ANZAC Prize provides students with an amazing opportunity to travel overseas on an all-expenses-paid tour, while learning about and reflecting on the spirit of the Australians who gave their lives so we can enjoy the freedoms that we do

today," Mr Northe said. "It is important young Victorians have an understanding of our history and this award is an excellent opportunity to experience that history."

Mr Northe said applications could be submitted in a variety of mediums, including essays, artwork, musical compositions, and audio or video packages. "Since it began in 2004, this important prize has captured the imagination of students and has provided them with the

opportunity to see first-hand where Australian men and women sacrificed so much for future generations." Mr Northe said in addition to those invited to participate in the study tour, 16 regional finalists would be invited on a study tour to Canberra which includes a visit to the Australian War Memorial. "Applications close on October 30, and I encourage all local Year 9 and 10 students to consider applying," Mr Northe said. For more information or to apply online visit [www.veterans.vic.gov.au](http://www.veterans.vic.gov.au)

## Do you know an amazing Young Achiever?

Nominations for the Victorian Young Achiever Awards are now open.

Why not nominate a young person you know who is achieving great results or who is actively involved in the local or broader community.

You could make the world of difference to a young

person's confidence through a nomination and inspire them to continue their good work.

The Awards aim to recognise Victoria's outstanding young achievers up to 29 years of age who are making a real difference.

The current Victorian Young Achiever of the Year,

Georgia Retallick, spoke at the recent launch of the Awards about the importance of recognising our young people and the difference it can make to their self worth.

"Nominate someone, it could really make a difference" said Georgia.

**Family Fun Day**

**The Co-operating Churches**  
**1 Williams Ave Churchill**  
**Saturday 31st October 2015**  
**9.00am - 2.00pm**

**\*Sausage Sizzle\* \*Cake Stall\***  
**\*Devonshire Tea\* \*Plants\***  
**\*Heaps of Garage Sale items\***

**CFA & "Captain Koala" Get Fire Safe Info**

**Play Big Games Connect 4 Snakes & Ladders**

**"Beans" the Clown**

**Jumping Castle**

Contact: Glenda 51661819

## Love Gippsland Calendar Competition launched



Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester is encouraging entries in his fourth annual calendar competition. This year's calendar theme will celebrate Gippsland's rivers and catchments.

Gippslanders are being invited by Federal MP Darren Chester to enter his 2016 #lovegippsland calendar competition.

The Federal Member for Gippsland today launched his fourth annual photo competition to capture what we love about Gippsland.

This year's theme is "A river runs through it," as a celebration of Gippsland's river systems.

Residents are invited to submit photos featuring their favourite river, stream, lake, wetland or catchment area.

Mr Chester's calendar will feature the 13 best entries and more than 15,000 copies will

be distributed free of charge across the electorate.

Entrants are also encouraged to upload their photos on to social media using the hashtag #lovegippsland.

"Every time we holiday or go on a day-trip in Gippsland, we help to create jobs for local people," Mr Chester said.

"Gippsland is famous for its rivers and there are calendar-quality photos waiting to be taken in all corners of the region.

The #lovegippsland calendar competition is an opportunity to show everything there is to be proud about our region and I

am looking forward to seeing a large number of entries again."

The competition is open to budding Gippsland photographers of all ages, with accommodation prizes again on offer for the open and junior entry categories.

To enter, email your photo to lovegippsland@gmail.com, with a minimum resolution of 2MB.

Include your name, age, town, email address and a photo caption including the name of the river.

Entries close 5pm, October 30, 2015 and are limited to two entries per person.

## Latrobe Valley groups win community safety grants

Four Latrobe Valley groups will improve their own safety and security after receiving grants from the 2015-16 Community Safety Fund. Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, said Morwell Baseball Club, Hazelwood Cemetery Trust, Anglicare Victoria and Coinda Hill have all received grants to help improve security and reduce risks of theft, vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

"Local communities are best placed to identify solutions to local problems, and the Community Safety Grants provide funding that makes these solutions a reality," Mr Northe said.

"Community groups are the heart of our local communities, and are often managed on small budgets by local volunteers, so crime and anti-social behaviour have a significant impact."

**Community Safety Fund grants for the Morwell electorate are:**

• Morwell Baseball Club Inc - \$10,000 for the installation of security roller doors to prevent break-ins.

• Hazelwood Cemetery Trust - \$9,900 for the installation of security fencing and bollard barriers to deter theft and property damage at the cemetery.

• Anglicare Victoria - \$2,930 for a 10 week 1Drumbeat program that aims to divert Aboriginal youth away from antisocial and criminal behaviour using drums and music.

• Coinda Hill Association - \$2,280 for the installation of vandal proof external lighting to deter break-ins.

"I commend these recipients for their commitment to their organisations and the wider community, and I look forward to seeing these projects come to fruition," Mr Northe said.

## Successful Computer Workshop at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre for local Indigenous families



Loud laughter can be heard coming from the small computer room where a small group of Indigenous women are putting together a calendar for 2016.

Their calendars feature collages of cute photos of much loved family members.

A month ago these ladies wouldn't have known how to turn on a computer let alone produce something as creative as this from scratch.

Adele, who has been teaching the women "Computer Basics", said that it has been great fun and the sense of humour and support for one another has broken down the barrier of fear, and given the group the confidence to step out of their comfort zone and learn the new technology.

One of the participants May, says that the workshops have improved her overall self-confidence and she is so much more prepared to help her children with their school work and access the school portal Compass to further support her children's education.

May is looking forward to adding some more photos to her calendar over the weekend and set up her own desk top computer supplied through The Smith's Family's Tech Pack Program. She hopes to have it ready for printing at next week's final class.

Meeting at the Churchill Neighborhood Centre each week has seen this group also form special bonds with

the quilting group, sharing morning tea and chatting over a cuppa.

They can also access the library next door.

This program was initially funded by The Smith Family through their Tech Pack Program which provides a refurbished computer and some basic training to families without a home computer, but with the fantastic support of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and their coordinator Julia, the participants were able to continue for another five weeks!

One Group member has now set a goal on becoming a computer teacher herself in the future after learning so much and wanting to share her knowledge.

Another great outcome!

### Churchill Community Market



### Lions Club of Churchill & District

*With over 45 stalls selling fresh local vegetables, organic foods, local honey, nuts, jams and preserves as well as local Arts and Crafts, plants and trees, oils and incense, clothes, hats, scarves and much more.*

**There is so much to enjoy for the whole family**

**Come along bring the family pick up a bargain or two, enjoy live music, jumping castle for the kids, something for everyone**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21**

**IN THE CHURCHILL HOTEL CARPARK**

**8.30am to 1.30pm**

The Lions Club will be cooking sausages, egg and bacon sandwiches and hamburgers, as well, there will be baked spuds and yummy Turkish breads and dips

All proceeds go to support our local Community projects

**Market is sponsored by Churchill Hotel Management**

For more information on market or Stall bookings contact: Bob Lowick on 0408 377 781  
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A Churchill & District History Series

# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## A Brief History of the Churchill Urban Fire Brigade



Original Fire Station



Churchill-Jeeralang Pumper, Tanker & Salvage



Ready to Leave Old Station for New 13-12-1990



First Churchill-Jeeralang International pumper



First Churchill-Jeeralang Tanker



Dynas Type 3 Pumper



Bert Pencoe and the Churchill Salvage van.



Land Rover with Quick Fill Pump

By Ron Bennett – Officer and Firefighter 1976 to 2008

The following information on what is now the Churchill Urban Fire Brigade is compiled from Brigade Minute Books, Register of Members Books, information supplied by the Country Fire Authority, the author's diaries and other sources.

Information to date shows that the Brigade started out as the Jeeralang North Rural Fire Brigade on October 7, 1945.

This Brigade was first registered with the Country Fire Authority on

February 6, 1946 and was the 25th Fire Brigade registered with the then new Country Fire Authority of Victoria, which was formed after the disastrous fires of 1944.

Prior to the formation of the CFA the Jeeralang North Brigade was an adhoc bushfire brigade, where if there was a fire in the district the locals would just turn up and put out the fires with whatever they had at hand - wet bags, tree branches, Furphy water carts, knapsacks, beaters and rakehoes etc. The name of the

Jeeralang North Fire Brigade was changed on February 27, 1961 to Jeeralang Junction Rural Fire Brigade.

This Brigade served the Jeeralang district for many years until 1967, when the Brigade moved into the new township of Churchill into the tin shed Fire Station on the corner of Monash Way and Switchback Road.

It operated from here for the next 23 years.

During this time the Fire Station roof was raised when the Brigade was issued with a new 1710 Acco 3000 litre fire

tanker to replace the Austin tanker.

The Brigade also moved a large shed on site to become their meeting room.

They also built a garage in between the Fire Station and the meeting room to house the Silvan Trailer unit and the Churchill car.

During this time the CFA also issued a number of urban pumpers and tankers to the Brigade for their use.

To raise funds the Brigade collected bottles and papers so were recyclers for Churchill and district long before recycling became fashionable.

This bottle and paper recycling was eventually taken over by the Latrobe Shire.

The Brigade also did fire equipment maintenance to raise funds for the Brigade which it continues to do today.

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## A Brief History of the Churchill Urban Fire Brigade



The site before construction



*continued.....*

The Brigade continued to serve the Churchill and surrounding district as the Jeeralang Junction Rural Fire Brigade until October 29, 1974 when the name was again changed to become the Churchill/Jeeralang Rural Fire Brigade.

On December 19, 1990 the Country Fire Authority granted the Churchill/Jeeralang Rural Fire Brigade, Class D - Urban Fire Brigade status and it was registered as the 1151 Brigade of the CFA.

At a special meeting held on January 8, 1991 the Brigade name was again changed, this time to the Churchill Urban Fire Brigade.

### Churchill Urban Fire Gazetted Fire District

The Churchill Urban Fire Brigade area changed slightly from that of the Churchill/Jeeralang Rural Fire Brigade to that which is

now gazetted as the Churchill Urban Fire District. This area is the area bounded by Boldings Road to Tramway Road intersection, north westerly to the intersection of Monash Way, (old Midland Highway) Brodribb Road, along Brodribb Road to Yinnar Road, south along Yinnar Road to Switchback Road, east along Switchback to Fraser Road, south along Fraser Road to Billys Creek, up Billys Creek to Jeeralang North Road, down Jeeralang North Road to Morwell city boundary on Thompson Road, across to Bennetts Creek, North up Bennetts Creek to Farrens Road and back to Boldings Road.

The area between Bennetts Creek and Thompson Road is covered by the Hazelwood North Rural Fire Brigade with support from Churchill Urban Fire Brigade.

With the Churchill/

Jeeralang Fire Brigade being granted Urban Fire Brigade status, a new brick Fire Station in Phillip Parade was built from where the Brigade still operates today.

The new Churchill Fire Station was officially opened by the then CFA Chairman, Mr Len Foster, on November 2, 1991. The Churchill Fire Brigade has continued to grow and serve the community of Churchill, the Latrobe Valley, Victoria and interstate communities as required, as a well trained progressive volunteer fire brigade.

With the formation of the Jeeralang North Fire Brigade in 1945 and the continuous service to the Jeeralangs and the Churchill and district communities for the past 70 years, it would make the Churchill Fire Brigade possibly the oldest serving community organisation in Churchill today.

**Churchill Fire Brigade**  
is celebrating their  
**70th Anniversary**  
Saturday, October 31  
1 Williams

Ave, Churchill

10.30 am - 1.00 pm

**Meet Captain  
Koala and  
have a piece of  
Birthday Cake**



CAPTAIN KOALA

# Lions Club Citizen Awards 2016

The Lions Club of Churchill and District Inc. will once again be organising a community function to celebrate Australia Day in Churchill.

The event has proven very popular in recent years.

To enhance the event, the club will present a Young Citizen Award and a Citizen Award to the most outstanding person(s) in each category for their contribution to the community during the previous 12 months. This Award is now adopted as a tradition

and we ask that residents again nominate candidates.

Nominees must be a resident of Churchill or reside in the immediate surrounding district.

The nominated person's applications will be scrutinised by an independent panel of judges and the relevant winner for each category chosen. The decision of that panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The awards will be supplied and presented by the Lions

Club of Churchill and District Inc. at the Churchill Australia Day Ceremony on January 26, 2016.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Young Citizen of the Year Award - applicants must be 18 years or under on January 26, 2016.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Citizen of the Year Award - open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on January 26, 2016.

**Closing Date:  
December 21, 2015.**

# lions australia

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*we serve*



The Awards are provided by the Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. and presented at the Australia Day Ceremony in Churchill on January 26, 2016.

Person(s) who have made a noteworthy contribution during the preceding year and / or given outstanding service to the local Community over a number of years shall be eligible.

The person(s) being nominated must be a resident of Churchill or the immediate surrounding district. All information is confidential. The decision is final and no

correspondence will be entered into.

## 2016 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATION FOR (Please tick appropriate box):

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc  
Citizen of the Year Award

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc  
Young Citizen of the Year Award

Must be 18 years or under on January 26, 2016

Name: ..... Other Names: .....

Private Address: .....  
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Occupation: ..... Private Telephone Number: .....

Date of Birth:..... Age:..... Marital Status:..... Children:.....

The person is being nominated for contributions to the community in:  
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Other significant contributions and achievements:  
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*Additional material may be attached if desired.*

Past and present membership of community/sporting/professional bodies, etc:  
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*Other significant contributions and achievements:*  
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*Additional material may be attached if desired.*

ANY OTHER RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:  
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OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY BE CONTACTED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE:

Name:..... Name:.....  
Position:..... Position:.....  
Address:..... Address:.....  
Postcode:..... Postcode:.....  
Telephone Number: ..... Telephone Number: .....

TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

Mr/Mrs/Miss:.....  
Address ..... Post Code: .....  
Organisation represented (if any): ..... Telephone/Mobile: .....  
Signature:.....

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
The Secretary - Bob Lowick  
Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc.  
Phone: 0408 377 781

FORM TO BE RETURNED TO:  
Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc.  
PO Box 110  
CHURCHILL 3842  
or Fax: 5122 1116



# Cooking with Noelene

By Noelene Marchwicki

I am so excited to get to share my thoughts and recipes with you through the Churchill News.

We eat to live, but the cost of ingredients is thwarting the home cook's enthusiasm, our busy lives leave us time poor and looking for the convenience of take-away prepared meals.

Convenience comes at a cost, not just monetary, more importantly our health.

Over the following weeks I would like to show you a way to get back in the kitchen and enjoy preparing your meals.

The first requirement is for you to note how much you spend on 'convenience' meals.

Convenience meals such as ...cooked chickens, take aways, frozen meals, store bought sauces.

Make a point to check your receipt, and write the amounts down. Set this aside as a reference point.

Changes for the good take time ....We will discover the next step to getting back in the kitchen in the next issue of Churchill News.

My recipe for you this week is raw, nutrient rich, sugar free, gluten free and offering healthy satiating fats.

## Sugar free salted caramel slice

First spray a flan tin with cooking spray.

The base:

Combine the following ingredients in a processor ....

1 cup of Brazil nuts

1 cup of desiccated coconut

2 Tbs of lsa (it's a mix of linseed ,

sunflower seeds, and almonds) ...you can purchase it in the health food section of your local supermarket.

1 Tbs of shortening (your choice margarine, butter, almond butter)

1 Tbs of stevia (a natural sweetener, or you can use castor sugar)

3 Tbs of water

2 Tbs of cacao or you can use Dutch cocoa

½ Tsp of sea salt

Process till the mix gives you a sticky consistency when you press it together.

Now line the base of your flan tin with the mixture.

Press the mix firmly and evenly into the base of your pan.

Place this in your freezer while you prepare the caramel layer.

Caramel filling:

Combine all the following ingredients in processor:

½ cup coconut oil melted

1 cup of macadamia nuts



2 heaped Tbs of tahani  
2 Tbs of stevia / castor sugar

1 tsp of vanilla extract

Pinch of sea salt

1 dsp of maple syrup / honey (optional)

Blend for 4 minutes till you get a caramel consistency (it won't be smooth, you are using nuts).

Spread this over the base and place back in the freezer.

Chocolate topping:

Melt ½ cup of coconut oil  
Now add ½ cup of cacao powder

2 Tbs stevia / castor sugar  
1tsp of vanilla extract

Pinch of sea salt

Stir till smooth, this takes time.

Pour this mixture over the frozen caramel and place back in the freezer. Freeze for 20 minutes, then remove from pan and slice.

This keeps well frozen ....But will store well in an airtight container in the fridge.



## No Charge Hard Waste Drop-off Weekend

The next no charge hard waste drop-off weekend is Saturday October 31 and Sunday November 1  
All transfer stations will be open extended hours 8am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday.

Fees apply for items listed as chargeable hard waste.

For further information please go to

[http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Our\\_Services/Waste\\_and\\_Environment/Hardwaste\\_Booked\\_Collection\\_and\\_No\\_Charge\\_Drop\\_Off\\_Weekends/No\\_Charge\\_Hard\\_Waste\\_Drop-off\\_Weekends](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Our_Services/Waste_and_Environment/Hardwaste_Booked_Collection_and_No_Charge_Drop_Off_Weekends/No_Charge_Hard_Waste_Drop-off_Weekends)

## Are you nursing a loved one with a terminal illness? **WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!**

The Latrobe Valley Palliative Care Fundraising Association "provides financial assistance to patients and their families"

By paying for equipment hire needed in the patient's home to help them be more comfortable and make it easier for their carer. If necessary, we can assist with financial help for medication and oxygen.

This service operates with the hard work of volunteers and the generous public who help us raise the funds needed to run the service, thereby making a big difference to numerous lives. Would you care to join us? Call the number listed below.

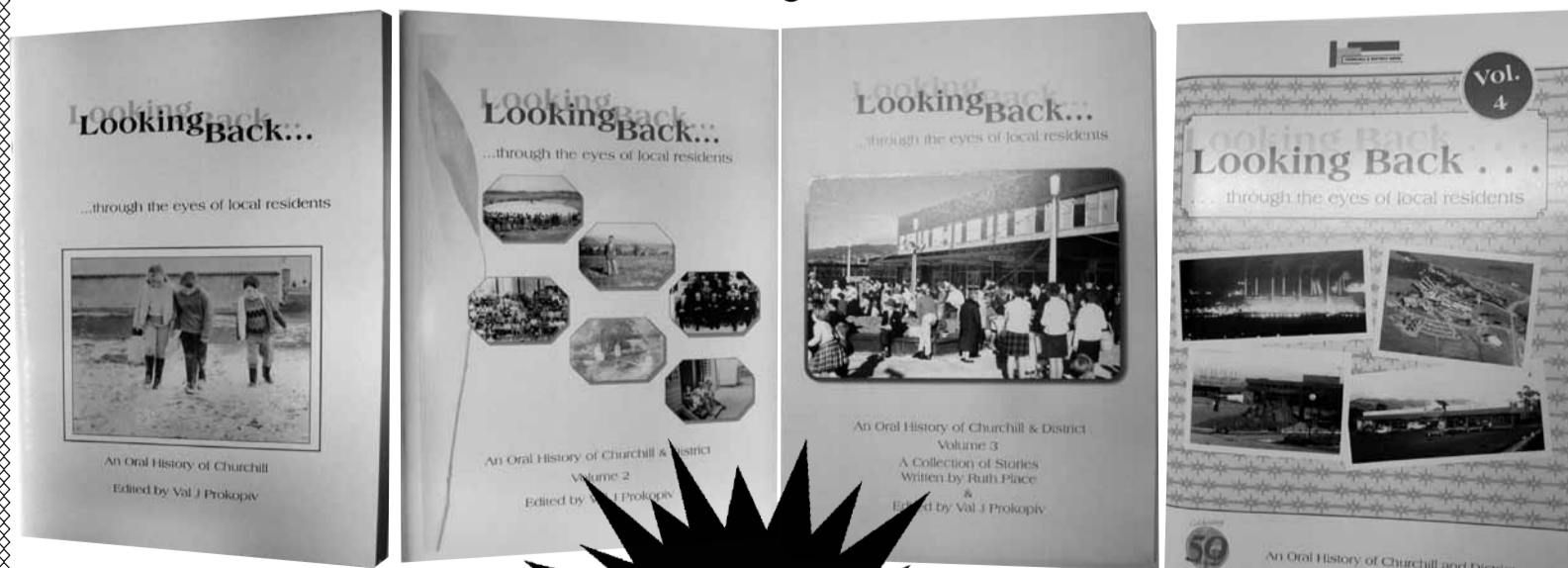
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# Kurnai College University campus

## Kurnai's Afternoon Study program

It's Thursday afternoon at Kurnai College's University campus and students are heading to the buses after another day in their VCE and VCAL courses. The library staff however sets out some fruit platters, puts on the urn and waits for the Year 12's to make their way in for some extra study and preparation... and they do. It's 3.05pm and today 51, mostly Year 12 VCE, students have already found their space, had a few strawberries, chatted to friends and worked their way back into the subjects that require a little more attention. Three paid tutors from the math/science departments of the University are circling the tables along with a range of teachers offering up some extra support before some afternoon meetings.

"Another really good turnout" says David Shields, one of the Leading Teachers managing the program. "Whatever we put on the table for this year level, they keep taking full advantage of. It's hard to keep up. We have had tutors getting a good workout each week, yoga and meditation well attended, we have brought in motivational speakers, past students, had 'managing anxiety' lectures and they keep attending and reflecting really positively on everything."

Kurnai's Afternoon Study Program has been running all of Term 3 with food, drink and tutors supplied to support them in their studies (courtesy of the Smith Families 'Learning for Life'). The program extended to two days a week to cater for the big numbers and for those who couldn't attend on the Thursdays.

"Whilst it is fantastic that these students are showing such a great commitment to their academic studies, it is also important that they understand the importance of having work-life balance" Mr. Shields said. "We know that 'burn-out' happens each year at specific times. We have ensured that during these critical times we have had motivational speakers, anxiety workshops, yoga and meditation. We also ran a week of fun activities last week during the time of highest stress for our Year 12 VCE students. All students were brilliant during this week and to watch them shooting nerf guns at teachers, singing karaoke and eating fairy floss at 1.30pm and then walk in at 3.00pm for 1 1/2 hours of intense study showed they understood this balance."

The Afternoon Study Program will continue to run through Term 4 as the Year 12's gear up for their exams. Kurnai will also be offering a comprehensive Holiday

Program that allows students over 30 hours of teacher support and library access. "The fact that our Year 12's have purchased over 130 exam revision lecture tickets (up from 89 and 87 in the past two years) it shows that this year's group are willing to make plenty of sacrifices and I have no doubt that they will again turn up. We hope we can keep supporting them in the way they deserve".

## Stress Less Week

One of the main planks of the college is to listen to the student voice so that they have a say in what happens at their campus.

In the past there had been a focus on study which had been addressed. But what else would students suggest?

In 2015 a Focus Group of 25 students was selected randomly from both VCE and VCAL streams in Year 11 and 12, to have a conversation with the Principal to find out what the students were thinking this year.

The recommendation was that the campus plan for some whole school down time. Principal Nello Carbone went to the Student Representative Council and they decided this should happen twice a year. Nello involved School Counsellor Kiyomi Marshall and VCE advocates Ange Bolding and Colleen Swift to lead the planning for the day.

Three days of fun activities were organised to coincide with 'Are You OK' week and was termed Stress Less Week.

It occurred in Term 3 in week nine, just before exams - a stressful time. Over three lunchtimes different varieties of food were provided and games were played. The students had great fun; there was lots of laughter, the staff joined in; there was a hot dog eating competition (how many could you eat in four minutes), as well as a custard eating competition (feed custard to your partner from a large bowl without the bowl leaving the table), karaoke and much more.

Nello said, "It was great to see the kids having such a wonderful happy time with lots of laughter."

It was so successful planning has progressed on to what to do next year and stress - less activities are definitely on the agenda, along with another Focus Group suggestion of having more assemblies as a whole campus on a monthly basis, with the students leading the assemblies and with stress - less activities thrown in. This will fulfill several objectives from the executive as well as the student perspectives.

## Equity Funding

The Government's announcement of additional equity funding for schools

was most welcome. Kurnai College will benefit from an additional \$880,000 which is definitely needed. Each campus will have discussions around how this money needs to be spent. This money is not staffing bridging money and cannot be used in lieu of the staffing process and excess. It may however alleviate some of the stresses and allow for some backfill. It is worth noting that the significant amount received by Kurnai was the result of lobbying by Brett Coad for each campus to be funded separately instead of the College as a whole. Brett's work has resulted in a significantly increased amount of funding finding its way to the College!

Areas for resourcing would be the College Numeracy plan, staff learning, the development of a College Numeracy plan and extra provision for the pathways work.

## Principal for a day

Last week, College Principal Anthony Rodaughan hosted three members of our local community as Principal for a Day! Scott Rossetti is a funeral director, Rod Beales is an HR manager at Australia Paper and Anthony Pavey is a union organiser for the CMFEU, which created an interest. All three engaged with the students as they toured across the campuses and gained many insights into

the real life of the College.

Following the experience, Rod Beales said "I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your team so much for the fantastic experience that today was. I have seen passion and commitment from staff and students that should be a model for others to aspire to."

Rod went on to say, "All campuses presented well and the overarching dedication to the students and their success was abundantly evident.

I was very impressed with all the students I met today. I saw how very proud of their work they are and took pleasure in discussing and showing it to me.

I saw so many smiling faces on the students today which are a very clear signal of their engagement. Not an easy task in difficult circumstances.

In summary, a great opportunity and I am grateful to have been able to participate."

This glowing endorsement of the College from an industry insider shows the value of Principal for a Day initiative.

All three participants are looking for ways they can work with us and support our students.



Above left, right and below Stress less Day



Principal for a Day Rod Beales, Scott Rossetti, Anthony Pavey and Anthony Rodaughan

# Boolarra Primary School

### Seussical the Musical

Our students did a superb job in both our whole school productions in two action packed performances on Thursday September 17. We are incredibly proud of the manner in which they stepped up for this challenge, took on board feedback throughout the rehearsals phase, worked as a team and gave 100% effort. What a fabulous way to conclude a very hectic term three!

### Fundraising

We are very grateful to parents Sheree Dubois and Kate Dykes for organising the popcorn and slushies that were sold at our Seussical performances. They, along with Shirley Carnes, organised the wonderful monster raffle that was drawn after the evening show.

We would like to also thank all our raffle donors, the parents who chased up prizes and the very generous anonymous donor who paid

for the popcorn and slushie machine hire. We don't know how much was raised from this venture yet, but we think it will definitely be enough to get started on the work to improve our entranceway!

### 2016 Preps Transition Program kicked off

During the last week of term three, the pre-school students joined us to enjoy an action packed performance by Jilly Easto. Jilly explored and celebrated many different musical genres with our students' assistance.

### Local Wildlife Warrior

Jean Quick brought some of her patients to a recent whole school assembly. This allowed our students to see and hear firsthand how the money we raised to help Jean is put to good use.

### Athletic Excellence

Grade 6 students Jacob and Emre did exceptionally well representing the Yinnar and District schools in the Division Athletics meet.

Jacob placed 2nd in the 1500 m race and Emre third in the shot-put. Jacob has qualified to represent the Latrobe Valley schools in the Gippsland Athletics meet set for mid-October.

### Congratulations!

Our Writers of term 3 were: Ethan Armstrong of Grade 3, Aleasha Reid of Grade 2,

James of Grade 5, Kallarnie of Grade Prep and Mirabel of Grade 6.

Our Aussies of the Month were Alex of Grade 5 and Caitlyn G of Grade 6 for the incredible growth in their confidence and stage presence throughout the Seussical development; they definitely stepped out of their comfort zones and shone!

Our Parent of the Term award went to Rachael Maxwell who is always on the lookout for ways to help our students and our school.

### Maths Stars

Our strongest performing

students in mathletics, the online maths practice exercises students tackle at school and at home, were: Grade 2 students Tom who mastered 95.95 of the tasks he tackled and Claire with 93.65 mastery.

### Hatching Chickens

Angus's mum brought in an incubator and some eggs. We put the eggs in the incubator and she told us to roll them three times a day. I rolled them once.

Everyone got a turn at rolling the eggs. We had a roster so we could remember whose turn it was next.

Some of the eggs hatched but some of them didn't. When they hatched we had to put them in a box that had food, water and a heater in it.

When the chicks hatched we could hold them. I held one and it felt very soft and cute. We couldn't keep them for long because they would get very stinky and too big for the box.

By Aleasha Read, Grade 2

Ethan's writing is dynamic and his characters are full of personality and energy.

Diary - 13/07/15

Ethan Armstrong

These mid-year holidays were awesome!

On the first 0 to 4 hours of holidays I got under an electric blanket, set it to 9 and played video games.

1 day later...

I watched "Good Games SP" because I haven't watched it in 12 weeks and it's only on once a week. I heard that a game called Yoshi's Woolly World was released not long ago. Yoshi's Woolly World is good news because I have a Wii U already.

Lachlan, my brother, said that he "is going to get the game when he has enough money."

Continued to the last day of holidays....

I watched a movie on

Netflix called "Garfield and the Pet Patrol." My holidays were awesome but I want them going FOREVER! My holidays were better than last holidays.

Diary - 27/07/15

Ethan Armstrong

I had a sweaty and fun weekend. On Saturday I went to the "Men's Club" in Morwell. I got so sweaty that I drank four Cokes! That was almost 50 teaspoons of sugar. Naughty me! "Heh, Heh!"

On Sunday night I went to my cousin's house. Chloe helped me with logos on my Ipod.

Last night I had a scary dream. It was about how I got this disease and if I hit a body part on something more I would lose that body part for the rest of my life. So, I asked some people in my school to donate money to support me. They said 'yes'. I woke up at 6:50am. I was terrified!

I miss my weekend. I wish it wasn't over yet.



Above: Jilly Easto Show

Below : Jean Quick visit

Right : Caitlyn painted as Maizie Bird

Seussical characters - Holly the sweet kangaroo and Sasha the sour kangaroo

Carly painted as a monkey



# Churchill Primary School

*CPS- "Respectful, positive learners"*  
*Victorian State School Spectacular.*

Twenty-one Churchill Primary School students along with Mr Dubois, Miss Woodman, Jo Whitelaw and Jacki Comber made their way to Melbourne for a three day "Camp". They were part of the massed choir of the State School Spectacular. It is not until the last two days rehearsals, that the whole show comes together and the items practised at school become part of the big picture. On Saturday, September 12, two shows were performed at Hisense Arena. The show is an incredible event involving around 6000 students from primary and secondary State Schools all around Victoria. Below are reports from two of our students.

On Thursday, September 10, we went to school at 7 am to go to the State School Spectacular. We left school about 7.30 and I found out that Lily, Maddy, Nelly, Hayley and I were with the boys. It was very noisy. We stopped at Officer and we found out that the battery on the mini bus was faulty and we had to call the RACV to help us. We got back in the bus. Then we decided to write a song about the dumb things you could do on a bus. There were some things that happened like someone putting their arm out the window, someone decided to paint their nails and nearly spilt nail polish everywhere. When we got to Melbourne, the teacher got in trouble for parking in the carpark because the bus was 10 centimetres taller than the roof. A teacher lost her card, but, luckily, found it on Friday. We practised all day Thursday and all the "oohs and aahs" we had practised at school, fitted in with the main singers who were singing the melodies. When we got to the hotel, we found out who our roommates were. In my room were Nelly, Lily, Maddy and I. We woke up

at 3am and played UNO then we went back to sleep until 6.00. We had our showers before the teachers came to wake us. We practised singing and movements to go along with the tunes all day Friday. When we left the arena, a teacher ran into a boomgate. Our song got longer and longer!

By Jordyn Bryce.

On Thursday, September 10, 21 kids went to the Victorian State School Spectacular. On the way they stopped at the service station for a toilet break. When Miss Woodman tried to start the bus, it would not start. It turned out the battery was flat, so we called the RACV. At the arena, we had to park in the carpark but our clearance was too high and we kept hitting things. Finally, we got to the arena and we started to sing these songs. "Best Days", "Calling all Hearts", "Story of my Life", "Alice's Theme", "Happy", "Take Me On", "Your Song", "I Wish", "Am I Wrong?" and "Best Night". For dinner that night, we had Pizza and Gelato. When we got to the hotel, we went to bed. In the morning we had breakfast and got ready for the day. During this practise day, we ran through the whole show and we got to watch some of it. For dinner, we went to a pub and I had fish and chips. You could choose between a parma and chips, a burger or chips and fish and chips. The next morning we were allowed to go to breakfast in our PJs. We still had heaps of time so we went to Federation Square. We ended up being a bit late for the performance. They nearly forgot us. The first performance was awesome. After that one we went outside and had a break. The girls were doing flips and handstands. The second show was also amazing. After this, we packed up and came back to school. It was very late on Saturday night when we got home.

By Lily Booth

*Churchill & District News Writing Buddies Competition.*

A number of students from CPS were awarded prizes in the recent competition. This competition gives students a purpose for writing. We would like to thank the Churchill & District News team for the time and effort they take to read every entry and award the winners. This is an amazing effort for a small band of dedicated writing judges.

*Footy Day*

As per usual, Collingwood supporters outnumbered all other teams at our recent footy day. The rest of us were vocal in our support for our teams and we had a great day with footy activities in multi age groups. It was a lot of fun and the weather held out fortunately. The eagerly anticipated (by Grade 6) Teachers vs Grade 6 football match did not take place, due to the condition of the oval.

*Buddies*

Every year, our senior students have a Prep buddy. They meet every week and take part in activities, ranging from art activities to hearing the Preps read or reading to them. It is a really enjoyable time for all the students. The older buddies also look out for the younger students when they are out in the playground. This program is one of the ways we build respectful, positive relationships.

*Thank you*

Special thanks to Sharon M, a member of our ES staff, also Sharon Molcentin Taylor, a talented member of staff who helps to improve learning for our students.

*Kinder Children Transition Program:*

We invite parents and students enrolled in Grade Prep in 2016 or prospective parents and students to attend the following transition sessions. We thank you for choosing Churchill Primary School and welcome you to our school.

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 December 8, 2015 State-Wide Orientation Day	8:45am - 10:45am	Classroom Activities with 2016 Class	School Uniform and General Information Session



Above: State School's Spectacular Team.

Top: Liesel and Milla Reading, Liam and Hamish Reading, Marli and Evie

## Churchill North Primary School

*Churchill North's School Concert - The Wizard of Churchill*

On September 3, Churchill North students got to the concert at 6:30pm. We all sang beautifully. We were all very proud. In Grade 3/4C we sang "Dumb Ways to Die". We also were monkeys. Janae was the wicked witch. She was very good, she even sounded like a witch. At the end, we all got to dance and bow.

By Zoey  
*Dental Visit*

On August 31, the children from P/1D had a dental nurse visit. Students learnt about healthy eating habits and tooth care. Each student received a dental pack containing a tooth brush and tooth paste, though students enjoyed the dental mask and gloves in the bag the most. This is what our students had to say:

Tiana: "The dental nurse

told us we must eat healthy food such as carrots, tomatoes and strawberries."

Ruby: "We learnt that you have to brush your teeth twice a day at morning and at night."

Alex: "We brushed the toy's teeth to make sure they are healthy."

*Grade 2 Sleep Over*

On Thursday, September 17, it was the Grade 2 sleep over at school. We had ice cream and jelly for dessert.

We watched "Sponge Bob Out of Water". I got to sleep next to Jazmine for the sleep over. Mr Clarke let us read stories in his Camper. It was awesome.

By Chelsea M in 1/2  
*Melbourne Rebels Clinic*

On September 15, Grades 4/5P and 3/4C welcomed Will Nicholson, a representative of the Melbourne Rebels, into the school. Will taught the students a variety of rugby union rules and skills

throughout each activity. They practised holding and throwing the ball, throwing backwards, putting the ball down for a try and running with the ball.

Alma thought it helped him to improve his running skills and his throwing of a rugby ball. Bella thought it was awesome because she learnt how to pass and got to see a rugby player.

*Superhero Day*

On Friday, September

12, we had Super Hero day to raise money for sick people. We raised money for Muscular Dystrophy. I dressed up as Iron Man. I like Iron Man because he blasts through walls. He also invents cool machines like talking robots. Iron Man is cool because he flies and fights the bad guys.

By Ben 2/3K

## Churchill Preschools



### Churchill Preschool

Amy from the Melbourne Museum brought the skull and leg bones of a tabosaurus to Churchill preschool. We listened to a story telling us how the dinosaurs lived all those years ago and how they became extinct. We were able to touch, feel and measure ourselves against the skull and leg bones.

Amy also brought fossils

in rocks and we had to guess what the imprint of the fossil was.

We have been pretending to be palaeontologists digging for fossils in Plaster of Paris rocks, looking carefully at the stones we have found in the yard, just in case there was a fossil in the stone. We also have made and played with dinosaur toys in our forest.



## Kurnai College Junior Campus

### Kids Teaching Kids

On August 9, the Year 7 ALPs students went on an excursion to Morwell Campus Kurnai College, to take part in the 'Kids Teaching Kids' program. Lisa Benn of Morwell Campus had organised a wonderful day where groups of secondary students taught other secondary students and local primary school students on issues pertaining to environment sustainability.

There were several workshops that the local students were rotated through. These included, an art workshop where the

students spray painted a small poster on saving endangered animal species, computer programs on becoming aware of endangered animals throughout Australia and the world, an indigenous Australian workshop on the dance, tools and weapons of local indigenous Australians, and looking at microscopic organisms from healthy pond life.

A group of Churchill Campus students; Hayley Speers, Blake Whykes, Meg Dunn, Matthew Courtis, Timothy Hutchinson, Ruby Reilly, Sophia Scholes and Sydney Simpson, were

involved in presenting a workshop on Australian plant adaptations to fire. Their workshop included a practical activity where students held hakea and melaleuca seedpods over flames to show how some plants only shed seed after a fire has passed.

When this group of students were workshopping their topic, the other Campus ALPs students participated in other workshops run by Morwell Campus students.

All students participated in a productive and cooperative manner. It was a great way for students to learn from their peers on the issue

of sustainability.

### Stress down day

On Friday, August 28, the students at Churchill Campus participated in a Stress down day. The day was organised by the SRC and Sarah Cohen. The students participated in a casual clothes day and were involved in two major activities during the day.

Each year level participated in a presentation from Marisca Seinen and Claire Davis from Lifeline Gippsland. The presentation provided the students a means to identify symptoms of stress and also ways to cope with stress.

The students gathered in groups of about six and on an outline of a body identified what stress and anxiety may look like. They also then came up with ways that people coped or learnt to deal with stress and anxiety. The group work also enabled the students to carry this out in a fun and non-confronting manner.

The two presenters from Lifeline then acknowledged the thoughts of the students at each year level presentation. The presenters then reinforced the ideas and how best to deal with the issues that create stress and anxiety.

All students then participated in relaxing stress-free activities during the afternoon. There were several options offered to the students ranging from an art session, board games, computer games and Wii-games in the library, active physical games in the gym and a movie in the theatre.

The wearing of casual clothes enabled the SRC to present Lifeline Gippsland with a donation of \$250.

If you know someone who needs to talk with someone:

Lifeline 131114 or [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)



# Tennis Come and Try a Racquet Success



Fifty young enthusiastic participants came to Churchill Tennis Club to either try tennis for the first time or to show their skills in a round robin ANZ Hot Shots tournament competition.

September 21 dawned bright, sunny and warm, but deteriorated into a cold blustery day hampering tennis moves.

The day was divided into two sections. The first section was for those who had no or little tennis experience. The children ranged in age from five to ten years. Sally Kirstine had the children divided into ability groups and then proceeded to demonstrate and teach the required tennis skills.

Sally reported that these young people were enthusiastic and picked up the skills showing some promise. They were able to play a modified game using their new skills.

The winners for the morning session were Sophie Efanidis, Tom Hoghton and Nathaniel Foster. Each participant was also given a participation certificate, a play - anywhere net and wristband.

Between the two

sessions the Churchill Lions Club provided and cooked a sausage sizzle with a drink for each participant.

The second session was for the older crew who were divided into groups to play a fast four tournament. The young people are to be commended for persevering under cold trying conditions. Some of them fortified themselves between rounds with extra sausages being kept warm in the oven.

To end the afternoon session, the young people were given the opportunity to test the speed of their serves against the speed gun. It was great fun watching the efforts.

The winners were Alex Devonshire First and Scott Mildenhall, Runner Up.

Griffin McLure First and Michael Molinari, Runner Up.

Ashlee Downing First and Lincoln Pead, Runner Up.

Each person received a participation certificate and a choice of key ring plus a vibro dampener.

As Sally was presenting the prizes each time she acknowledged the partnership with Churchill & District News in staging

the event for the very reasonable price of \$2 per entrant.

Tanya Watson Participation Leader Country South East visited. She was able to explain her role as a supporter and promoter of tennis in the clubs and associations across Gippsland.

She expressed the hope that the participants had had an enjoyable time and that they spread the word about the day, finishing with saying that tennis is an awesome game.

Carol Scott, Treasurer of the Tennis Club helped to organise the event also. She expressed thanks to Lia and Kaye for helping with the younger entrants and a special thank you to Sally Kirstine, President of the club, who organised the day's activities so capably from her vast experience. Sally has a wonderful manner with the young tennis enthusiasts and they respond to her very well. Carol also thanked the Churchill & District News for their support of the event.





# Ladies Foursomes Championships



President Barb Beebe with Scratch Champions Jan Blizzard and Maureen McConville, with Captain Susan Jeffrey

Last month the Churchill and Monash Golf Club held their Ladies Foursomes Championships. The weather interrupted the two week event and the final day had to be postponed for a week.

### Men's Pairs Aggregate Championships

Round 1 Saturday September 5, 26 Players

Sponsor: On Course Golf Shop - Winners: Paul Jordan Hcp 29/Tom Collins Hcp 31 - Points 65. Dtl: D. Elwood/G. Beyer Points 62, J. Armstrong/M.Allan Points 62. Ntp: 3rd G. Beyer - 14th J Barnes.

### Ladies Foursome Championships

Round 1 Tuesday September 8, 12 Players. Winners: Marg McQuillen and Lorraine Peake Hcp 36 , Score 90 net.

DTL: M. Mc Conville

and Jan Blizzard Hcp 25 1/2, Score 92.5 net. NTP: Longest Drive: Lorraine Peake. Longest Putt: Dot Stait.

### Mens Pairs Aggregate Championships

Round 2 - Saturday September 12, 23 Players. Winners: P. Jordan and T. Collins 62 C/B. Championship P. Jordan and T. Collins 127 pts. Runner up G. Beyer and D. Elwood 124 pts. N.T.P. 3rd H. Martin, 12th H. Martin, 14th G. Beyer.

### Mens 3 Person Ambrose

Saturday September 19, Winners - J. Thornby/C. Thompson/D. Byers - 69 - 60 1/3. Runners up - J. Barnes/D. Ellwood/M. Rennie 71 - 60 1/2. DTL - G. Sanders/M. Sanders/J. Sanders - 69 - 62 1/6. NTP - 3rd J. Armstrong, 5th R. Dent, 12th J. Sanders.

### Ladies 2nd Round Foursome Championships

and Jan Blizzard Hcp 25 1/2, Score 92.5 net. NTP: Longest Drive: Lorraine Peake. Longest Putt: Dot Stait.

Tuesday September 22, 2015

Day Winners B. Beebe (32) M. Munckton (31). Scratch Winners M. Mcconville (23) Jan Blizzard (29) 84.5 Net. H>cap Champions - B. Beebe/M. Munckton 181 Net. H>cap Runners Up - M. Mcquillen/L. Peake 182 Net

### Mens Monthly Medal - Stroke, 44 Players

Saturday September 26, Winner: A Grade J. Sanders (12) Gross 86, Nett 74. B Grade J. Barnes (20), Gross 87, Nett 64. Medal Winner. C Grade M. Soppe (36), Gross 115, Nett 79. DLT J. Armstrong 74 - J. McCafferty 75 - R. Dent 75 - D. Byers 77 - D. Caldwell 77 - G. Beyer 78

N.T.P. 3rd J. Sanders, 12th D. Ellwood, 14th R. Dent. Eagle D. Caldwell.

### Ladies Stableford, 17 Players,

Tuesday September 29, Winner J. Blizzard (30), 33 points, DTL C. Barnes (37), 32 points. M. Dear (17), 30 points.

NTP 5th M. Dear - 3rd D. Judkins - 12th M. Dear - 14th D. Judkins. NTP 5th M. Dear, 3rd D. Judkins, 12th M. Dear, 14th D. Judkins.

### Saturday October 3 Alan Watts Memorial Golf Day - Stableford

Winners A grade R. Dent 37 points, B grade J. Armstrong 33 points, C grade V. Monument 34 points.

NTP 3rd M. Allan, 12th G. Beyer, 14th H. Martin Birdies R. Dent 12th . Target

Hole D. Taylor.

### Ladies Monthly Medal

Tuesday October 6 Medal Winner:

A. Hibbert ( 32), 74 net. Scratch Winner: M. Dear (17), 92 net. DTL M. Dear (17), 75. L. Peake (42) 75.NTP. 3rd A. Hibbert, 5th M. Dear, 12th M. Mcquillen, 14th A. Hibbert . Silver Spoon V. Verheyen.

# Sharon is Ladies Champion



Sharon Taylor of Yinnar Tigers team, won the Mid Gippsland Darts Association Ladies Singles Championship.

Sharon, in her second year of playing darts, showed strong nerves to defeat another fine ladies darts player, Chloe Helmuth of the Coyotez team. Sharon also recorded the highest ladies score for the tournament.

Results for the Mid Gippsland Darts Association Men's and Ladies Singles Tournament were:

Mens Singles Champion

was Scott Smith (Bullshot), Runner up; Warrick Roberts (Bullshot). Ladies Singles Champion; Sharon Taylor (Yinnar Tigers). Runner up; Chloe Helmuth (Coyotez).

Exceptional scoring 180 (Highest Score) x 4 Scott Smith (Bullshot), 180 x 1 Peter Campbell (Yinnar Tigers). Mens Highest Score; 162 - Warrick Roberts (Bullshot). Highest Finish Men; 154 - Mark Taylor (Yinnar Tigers). Ladies Highest Score; 140 - Sharon Taylor (Yinnar Tigers). Ladies Highest Finish; 57 - Chloe Helmuth (Coyotez).

# Mid Gippsland Darts Association Winter Competition



### LADDER after Round 10

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	%	Pts
YINNAR TIGERS	10	9	1	69	21	766.7	18
BULLSHOT	10	8	2	62	28	688.9	16
COYOTEZ	10	5	5	48	42	533.3	10
TRARALGON REBELS	10	4	6	36	54	400.0	8
PADLOCKS	10	3	7	29	61	322.2	6
REAPERS	10	1	9	26	64	288.9	2

Into the fifth round and Yinnar Tigers had a very comfortable win defeating Traralgon Rebels 8-1. Standout for the night was Reno Borg (YT) pegging out in five games. Mark Taylor (YT) rounded off with highest score of 177. Round six saw the good form of the Tigers continue with a 9-0 defeat of Reapers. Highlight of the night was the Women's highest score of 130 by Sharon Taylor (YT). Again Yinnar Tigers Reno Borg's flash of brilliance with six pegs for the night. Rounding off Mark Taylor threw the perfect score of 180.

Round 7 and the Tigers had to fight harder to throw off Padlocks winning 6-3 on the night. Mark Taylor (YT) threw 140 twice in the match also finishing with most pegs (7) and most tons (12). Round 8 was a torrid affair and the good run of the Tigers ended losing to Bullshot 5-4. Highlight of the night was a perfect score of 180 by Reno Borg (YT). Round 9 and the Tigers were back to some very steady darts defeating Coyotez 8-1. Round 10 was a nervous round for the Tigers but they held their nerve to defeat Traralgon Rebels 7-2. Yinnar Tigers sit a game ahead on top of the Mid Gippsland Darts Association ladder.



Handicap Champions Margie Munckton and Barb Beebe with Captain Susan Jeffrey.

### Traffic Management

# Balfour Place Reconstruction Churchill Town Centre Plan

Reconstruction of Balfour Place is proceeding, with the first stage of works largely completed.

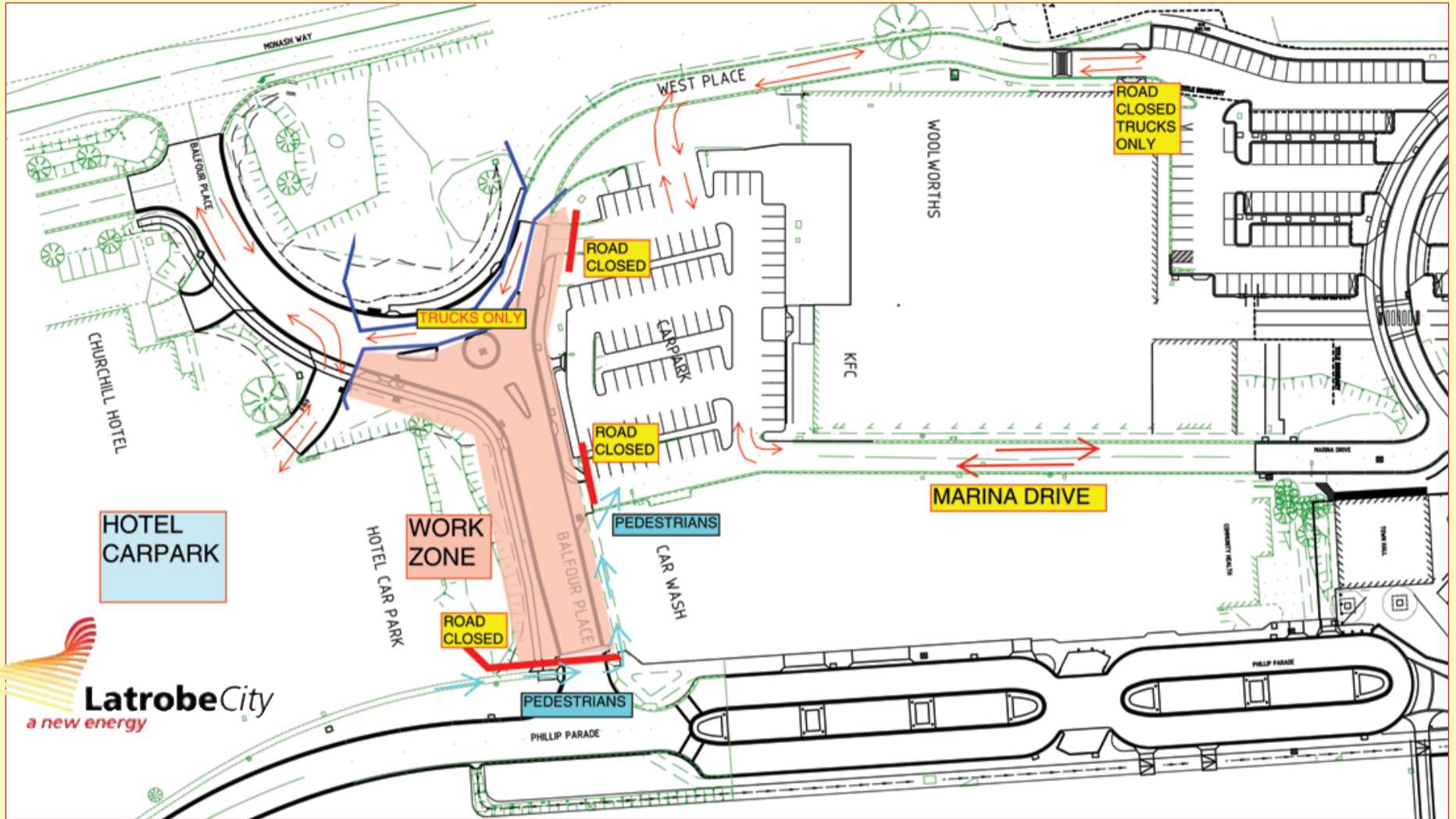
The first section of pavement replacement, drainage, footpath and public lighting enhancement and relocation of the roundabout has been completed, with the final seal of asphalt remaining.

The works program for the first stage took longer than expected. The risk to carry out works during winter to try to hasten the project was unsuccessful due to poor weather at critical stages.

After a short postponement, works re-commenced in the week beginning Monday, September 28. The focus of the

works will be the reconstruction of the pavement, drainage, footpath and public lighting between the new roundabout in Balfour Place and Philip Parade. Traffic splitter islands will be constructed on each leg leading into the roundabout.

The construction works will again lead to changed traffic conditions, as shown below.



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