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Latrobe Relay for Life - A resounding success



Misprints team at the Relay for Life

The annual Relay for Life Latrobe event was again a financial and social success with the goal of raising \$90,000 realised.

Thirty-one teams registered with thirteen of those being new this year.

Latrobe Relay for Life Committee Chair Sue Van Heurck, was extremely happy with the outcome of the weekend. She said the local support had been amazing, from organisations like the Churchill Fire Brigade, Ampworks PA system, Coates Hire, Willaton Trucks, Rotary Club of Hazelwood, the Cougars,

Gippsland Trade Printers, Australian Airforce Cadets, Koko the Clown, Bushies Bakery, South Gippsland Young Farmers, Gippsland Water, Katrina's Garden Plant Nursery, the Cheesecake Shop, William Adams, the Doc Shop, Mac Waste, WACO, Manny's Market, MD Pictures, and Woolworths. Sue also thanked the committee saying it was small but awesome!

To all the small towns, and local area which supported the teams, Sue said a grateful thank you, saying the support received was

incredible. Sue had her hair shaved off for which she raised \$7,300 which went to her team Thorpy Hopes' total of \$12,000, the highest amount raised by a team.

The Spirit of Relay award which is given to the team which is the most involved and helpful to all, went to St Paul's Grammar School Grade 6 team.

Best Camp Site award went to A Fairy Good Cause. Best Hope Sign went to Break-a-Leg Theatre.

Eight teams made over \$5,000 which

means they can have a research project named after them. They were Flannelette Roses, Churchill Champions, MisPrints, St Paul's Anglican Grammar Grade 6s, Thorpy Hopes, Mairin Safety Shufflers, Moe Mad Hatters, and Latrobe SC.

Greg Allen, of GOLD 1242, has been emceeing the Latrobe Relay for Life for five years at least. In the beginning he interviewed Michelle Carroll, Relay for Life Co-Ordinator, on radio, and became aware of the fantastic *More editorial and pictures, Pages 22, 23 . . .*

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Hazelwood Rotary Club



By Leo Billington
The range of activities in which Hazelwood Rotary becomes involved is many and varied.

October saw the club co-ordinate barbeque catering at two significant annual events both of which are now well established in Churchill.

At the 2015 Relay for Life event, Gaskin Park – Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18 – Hazelwood Rotary, with assistance from the Churchill Scout Group, co-ordinated the barbeque evening meal on the Saturday and Sunday

morning's breakfast. Egg and bacon sandwiches were highly popular on the Sunday morning and many competitors, as they lined up to taste our superior cooking, remarked about the importance of Relay for Life as a fundraiser.

The club also supported the 2015 Pistons Car and Bike Show on 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. The weather was "just right"

for the large crowd in attendance and for all exhibitors. A vast array of well restored vehicles grabbed everyone's

attention. Friday October 9 was designated Hat Day, an initiative of Australian Rotary Health, one of the largest not-for-profit funders of mental health research in Australia. All the money raised during this year's Hat Day campaign goes directly to research helping the one in five Australians affected by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and many other illnesses.

Our club, along with the Mirboo North Rotary Club celebrated the occasion on

Monday, October 12. Both clubs competed against each other at a fun filled game of bocce.

Local members of VICMOW, Debbie and Greg Tormey, were our recent guest speakers. Together with other Gippsland based enthusiasts, they race ride-on motor mowers. These machines basically use the body of old mowers, combined with a motor bike engine and therefore become very competitive. Such a race event has been proposed as part of Churchill celebrations early next year.

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.

Rainfall for October 2015

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Community Groups Forum



On October 7, the Latrobe City Council ran a very interesting forum on succession planning for the various Churchill and District community groups.

Abby, and staff from Latrobe City's Community Strengthening Team encouraged delegates of each group to talk about their club or community group.

Lists were recorded and discussed about the successes, challenges, opportunities and priorities for maintaining and increasing each groups' membership.

Overcoming common problems such as engaging and maintaining an active membership base, were discussed creatively by Abby and the team.

It was suggested that

each club should not see itself as an isolated identity but one where there should be some opportunity to share resources, such as having some communal sports activities.

Other means of advertising each club's activities are (1) highlighting forthcoming events on the Latrobe City's web site called "What's On" and (2) utilising the social media's web sites.

Handout material and an email summarising the evening's workshop proved very useful for the attendees.

Abby plans to hold another Churchill and District community forum early next year. The proposed agenda is exciting and has relevance to all sporting clubs and community groups.

We hope you will attend.

The Community Strengthening Team was pleased to see a number of groups participate in the Churchill and District Community groups forum.

It was a great opportunity for groups to come together and share information and ideas, with the main topics of conversation being succession planning and ways in which groups can work more together. It was also terrific to hear of the many initiatives that groups are already undertaking to increase community participation.

Attendees decided that a follow up forum be held early next year with participation from other groups who were unable to make it. Further

details will be distributed in the new year. If you have any queries please contact Abby Clavarino, Community Development Officer on 5128 5658.

Gourmet meals on a budget

By Noelene Marchwicki

If you add up the cost of your convenience meals (take - aways) per week, with a little shuffling and making a menu of your week's meals in advance, you will make a significant saving over time.

Let's see what you can prepare

Cornish pasties - this will make eight pasties.

The recipe requires 500gm of plain flour, 250gm of margarine, 120ml of water.

Mix together to make an amazing pastry. Roll into a log and slice into eight pieces.

Sprinkle a rolling pin with flour and roll the pastry pieces out into circles, about the thickness of a 50 cent piece.

You will need to strain 1 can of chick peas, slice 2

fillets of chicken breast, 3 whole tomatoes skinned and deseeded, well mixed with 1 onion sliced and 1/2 a small cauliflower shaved into tiny florets, 1 dsp of crushed garlic, 1 dsp of crushed ginger, 1 tsp of mustard seeds and 1/2 tsp of ground fenugreek (or substitute with 1/2 tsp of curry powder).

You just need to heat the filling ingredients until the chicken is sealed and the other ingredients are warmed through.

Divide the filling between the eight circles, gather the pastry up over the filling and join the pastry at the centre.

Beat 1 egg and lightly brush the egg mixture over the pasties.

Place the pasties on a lined

oven tray and bake at 160 deg C (fan forced) or 180 deg in a conventional oven till the pasties are golden, about 35 minutes.

Serve with a fresh green salad mixed with a drained tin of whole kernel corn. Pasties can be frozen when cooked and cooled.

So what's for dessert?

You need three ripe avocados, peeled and deseeded, 1/3 cup of honey, 1/3 cup of Dutch cacao. Process until smooth and shiny.

Serve as a mousse with a light sprinkle of rock salt (six pieces per serve).

You can dress it up with fresh strawberries.

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The hugely successful Latrobe Relay for Life was held last month and raised in excess of \$90,000. The event was held on Saturday and Sunday October 17 and 18, at Gaskin Park in Churchill.

It was great to have 31 teams participate in the 18 hour event with a number of survivors and carers honoured in the opening lap.

Latrobe Relay for Life was a wonderful opportunity for the community to pull together in the fight against cancer.

Well done to Allison Gamble, Sue Van Heurck and the relay committee for their amazing work and success of the 2015 Latrobe Relay for

Life. This is in addition to the generous sponsors, donors and businesses that provided enormous support also. On Sunday October 25, the very successful Hazelwood Car and Bike Show was conducted at the Hazelwood Pondage.

It was a terrific day with a huge crowd in attendance with plenty of entertainment. A number of local groups and organisations assisted in making the day a great success. The next Churchill Community Market is on Saturday November 21, 8.30am to 1.30pm at the Churchill Hotel Carpark, 1 Balfour Place. The market is held on the third Saturday

of each month with a number of stalls selling fresh local vegetables, organic bread, locally made jams, clothes and much more.

With the festive season fast approaching, be sure to put December 20 in your diary for Carols by Candlelight.

The event will be hosted by the Combined Churches of Churchill and starts with a BBQ at 6pm and carols from 7pm. For more information about the event you can contact Reverend Brenda on 5122 1480.

Last month I attended the Living with Bushfire Conference at Federation University in Churchill. The event was held in conjunction

with DELWP, Latrobe City Council, Parks Victoria and Federation University. The conference provided an opportunity for the community, fire agencies and some of Australia's leading bushfire researchers to come together and discuss issues related to bushfire and the community.

As we enter the summer period it's a timely reminder and important that fire plans are now in place and ready to be implemented in the event of a fire.

I also want to acknowledge the efforts of all our local CFA Brigades and volunteers who do such a marvellous job in supporting and protecting our

communities. The Churchill and District Community Association last month held a meeting to consider whether the group would go into recess.

The committee agreed under the rules that CDCA would go into recess for a period of time.

The CDCA has been successful in receiving funding for a number of projects in Churchill including improved lighting at the Churchill underpass to increase confidence and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

I want to take this opportunity to thank President, Margaret Guthrie



and the CDCA committee for their strong advocacy on behalf of the Churchill community over a number of years.

Latrobe City Outdoors "Play Space" Strategy – call for community comment



Latrobe City Council is currently preparing a "Play Space" Strategy that will include recommendations to help improve outdoor play areas to encourage activity for children, young people and families in the municipality. A "play space" is a park or reserve with play equipment or natural play elements such as sand pits and sensory gardens.

Community input is being sought as an

important part of the process to ensure Council reflects the affordable aspirations of our community.

The aim is to provide "play spaces" that are accessible, attractive, functional and most of all, fun. It is recognised that children today spend less time outdoors. One of the key aims of this strategy is to encourage more people to visit "play spaces." The more people are outside and enjoying physical activity, the more likely our community can become a

healthier municipality.

We need to consider this style of interaction when looking at our "play spaces," to ensure they focus on accessible, connected and varied play.

Council is keen to have parents, grandparents, carers, teenagers and children consider what the strategy is proposing for their local area and "have a say." It's so important to receive feedback so that Council can shape the strategy according to

community needs and desires.

"Play spaces" are an important part of Council's commitment to improving physical activity as they provide much more than just an outlet for letting off steam. Having opportunities to play, socialise and enjoy being outdoors, in well-designed areas, will improve not just mental and physical health and wellbeing, but will offer a sense of a connected community in Latrobe City. Community feedback

is strongly encouraged regarding this "play space" Strategy via council's website at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay or by visiting one of Council's Customer Service Centres and requesting a hard copy.

The "have a say" period is open until November 27, 2015.

For further information contact Kat Marshall, Recreation and Open Space Development Officer, Latrobe City Council on 5128 5409.

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Peter McCallum Ride to Conquer Cancer

Gwenda Eleftheriou participated in the two day Peter McCallum Ride to Conquer Cancer. To participate she was required to raise \$2500.

The owners of Whistling Duck Café in Churchill have known Gwenda for many years through school and children involvement. When Kim and Demi started the Whistling Duck, Gwenda was there volunteering and helping them. Since the early times Gwenda now has paid shifts but still continues to volunteer when needed as well.

Gwenda lost her mother-in-law and a very close friend (who used Peter McCallum) to cancer, so she decided to do something positive and chose the Peter McCallum Ride to Conquer Cancer as her way to help.

So now it was the Whistling Duck's turn to help Gwenda. They held a Trivia Night and gave Gwenda the full proceeds from that (all staff worked for no wages) plus all the money from the

tips jar. That raised \$700. Then they gave \$2 from every burger sold raising another \$150. Staff also bought fundraising chocolates bringing in another \$200.

Gwenda reported prior to the ride that she had raised the required amount to enter and thanked all who had contributed to that total. All money raised from this ride will go directly to the Peter McCallum Centre, as they do not receive any government funding but do such an amazing job.

Never as an adult had she ridden a bike until her decision to participate was made. Since then Gwenda has given up her Monday shift as well as many other hours to train doing 65-100 km rides over all terrains to be ready for the challenge, which was to ride 104kms on day one to the Peninsula, and 103kms back on day two.

Upon returning from the ride, Gwenda reported that her determination to succeed and preparing well with riding up hills, had seen her achieve her



goal. Day two was tough she said with 50 km of hills and head winds, but she stayed the distance and was very proud of her accomplishments.

Recovery was not as hard as expected with no aching muscles, but it was a tough

task with two 4.30am starts, and trying to sleep in a tent when she was freezing cold. But despite all that, Gwenda is relieved she has completed the ride and proud of the achievement, calling it a great experience.



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Blessing of the Alternative Schoolies participants

Students and teachers from St Paul's and Gippsland Grammar campuses, plus their chaplain, will spend an alternative Schoolies Week visiting Rwanda and giving assistance to the people there. They attended our church for worship to be blessed and prayed for as they prepare for the VCE exams and the trip in November.

Before praying for the trippers, Reverend Brenda Burney asked the young people why they chose to go.

"I hope to train as a nurse when I return," said one "and this trip will, I hope, be a stepping stone which will help me make connections with others, share love and experience a different culture."

"I have always loved making connections with other people. I love learning about cultures. I want to be able to talk to people and find out their experiences. I would one day love to work for an organisation such as World Vision," said another.

"I would like to make as many people as possible smile, and share the love," added a third.

One of the teachers going said she had gone to Rwanda last year with a group of teachers and found the experience enriching.

She said you learn lots about yourself, in a new different environment. She was looking forward to going again and sharing it with the students.

Reverend Rich Lanham will be going with them as chaplain this time. He preached on the day, inspiring those going to use the opportunity well. It was also our last chance to say our farewell to Sarah Gover and thank her for all the amazing work she has done for many years as Anglicare's Community Development Officer for the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland. Sarah and her family are moving to Brisbane at the end of the year.

Lego Program

Cathie and Allan Halliwell organised and ran a Lego program for the Monday - Friday from 10am-12noon in the second week of the school holidays.

Forty-one children came to enjoy building, hearing a Christian message and participating in organised activities. Several other parishioners helped the program run smoothly.

On the Friday about fifty people stayed for a BBQ, outside in the warm sunshine.

We were all greatly encouraged by the positive feedback we received from parents and grandparents who



brought the children. This is a program we will consider running again in the future.

Many thanks to Cathie and Allan for arranging the program, and the resources to make the program so appealing.

Pet Blessing

On St Francis Day, a well attended Pet Blessing was held at Boolarra Railway Park.

There were dogs, guinea pigs and rabbits to be blessed.

Reverend Brenda organised a service which included hymns and Bible readings which were about animals. She also gave a talk about St Francis saying he was a rich young man who found God, started an order of monks and was said to be able to talk to animals.

Jean Quick of the Boolarra Animal Refuge gave a talk about her work with native animals. A collection was taken up towards her work.

The day, blessed by beautiful weather, was concluded with a BBQ in the park.

Coffee Connections.

A discussion, show and tell and poetry session about "Birds in the Garden" proved very varied and interesting as people shared their experiences.

Movie Night at Boolarra

A movie night at the church in Boolarra saw the screening of the Cecil B. DeMille's classic "The Ten Commandments." It is a long movie (just over 3 hours!) so a 7pm start was made. Supper was provided.

Saturday Breakfast

Kirsty Enders was the guest speaker and she talked about her trip to East Timor with a group of students from St Paul's Grammar School.

A full report of this venture is elsewhere in this paper.



Junior Youth Group

The Junior Youth Group enjoyed the excitement and experience of a bonfire and BBQ at Robyn and Garry Maugers.

Bible Study Group

A Bible Study group which will last for six weeks started late in October. The study is called "The Eye of the Storm" and is based on the

book of Job.

It looks at the book of Job from the perspective of life as it really is - where good things happen, bad things happen and just plain confusing things happen; where there is grief and agonising and asking why; and where there is God, whom we know as Lord of all, yet whose ways we don't always understand.

Christmas Services at our Churches

Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar:

Blue Christmas Service Boolarra, 7pm Thursday, December 17 - a service for those for whom Christmas is a sad or difficult time. Christmas Eve - 10am

Crib Service Churchill 6.30pm, Boolarra 8.30pm
Communion
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Churchill Christian Fellowship:
Sunday December 20 at 10am

Lumen Christi:
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Christmas Day Mass 9am at Churchill (no Masses at Yinnar or Boolarra on Christmas Day)

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Chaplains Comment

By Frank Lees

How has society's definition of what is 'right' evolved over time?

Many used to see rights as coming from God, and so did the definition of what was right and what was wrong. That view saw moral law as established by God, not defined by humans.

Over time the emphasis drifted away from that, and with this evolution of thought came the rejection of a universal moral law. Right and wrong behaviour are now determined, largely, as what is felt to be right or wrong by the individual at a particular moment in time. Behaviours that were once unquestionably wrong become first tolerated, then accepted, then embraced, even defended.

Often the reasons for a change in perception are primarily cultural and arise from a change in how society defines behaviour. Scientific

'validation' will then follow the cultural change. But science can never prove morality and goodness.

Therefore, the Christian worldview is that right and wrong are not determined by our feelings but by God. Because whilst it is true that everyone has feelings and desires, it is also true that everyone has a choice as to which feelings they embrace and follow and which feelings they do not.

The secular worldview is that right and wrong are not absolute and that our understanding of morality evolves over time.

As our societal evolution continues, Christians need to be especially careful in their response. Perhaps the best initial response is to say that while many may disagree, we are of the opinion that right and wrong are not determined by humans, and that not all feelings need to be followed.

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Saturday Breakfast

By Keith Enders

Kirsty Enders was the guest speaker at the October Saturday Breakfast and she enthusiastically spoke about her trip to East Timor with students from St Paul's Grammar School.

Kirsty began by giving an outline of the country's history which was originally a Portuguese colony from the 16th century until it was decolonised after the 1974 Portuguese revolution. In late 1975, East Timor declared its independence but later that year it was invaded by Indonesia. This resulted in decades of conflict between separatist groups, especially FRETILIN, and the Indonesian army which resulted in over 100,000 deaths, with most coming from hunger and illness because the Indonesians took most of the food from the East Timorese people.

East Timor eventually gained its independence after a UN referendum.

Portugal is a Catholic country and as a result Catholicism is the main religion, and the people are very devoted to the church and put a lot of effort into building churches for worship. During the conflict, they erected crosses on the tops of the mountains and hills which can



be seen over long distances.

The student group travelled around the country visiting schools and meeting local groups and were very warmly welcomed. Some of the students complained because they were not used to sleeping on concrete floors and washing facilities were minimal.

The locals often have to cart water to their homes or schools. The group travelled in 4WD vehicles as the roads were very rough and steep in places.

The students were able to see the local women weaving a range of items and also how the coffee crop was treated ready for sale. The markets were of great interest as well with local produce and products for sale.

St Paul's helps support

communities in East Timor through an organisation called Friends of Ermera Inc. based in Narre Warren. From time to time, fund raising events are organised.

Kirsty provided an excellent range of photographs, hand - made items and publications from and about East Timor.

The next Breakfast will be held on Saturday November 28, at 7.45am at the Co-Operating Church. Norman Trewin will be the guest speaker and his talk will be titled 'Denmark: A story of hope' about the amazing story of how a tiny nation resisted Nazi atrocities.

People wishing to attend should contact Keith Enders by Thursday November 26, on 5122 1148 or by email at ken.15967@bigpond.com.

Hazelwood Cemetery



By Leo Billington

There is a wide variety of requests to the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust from the general public.

On most occasions, enquiries are made by those researching family histories. This involves checking cemetery records; ever hopeful correct names have been recorded. Dates and next of kin are vital pieces of information which may be relevant and appropriate.

Other enquiries could be connected with unmarked

graves of which there are plenty in the Hazelwood Cemetery. A more detailed research task is therefore required, and if a positive result is forthcoming, then it's been a worthwhile exercise which could mean closure for family and friends.

The public notice below is a current example of research being undertaken. By law, a cemetery trust must ascertain who in a family (or extended family) holds the Right of Interment. In a situation such as this, it's important

to provide wide coverage of a public notice to ensure all possible avenues have been checked.

PUBLIC NOTICE HAZELWOOD CEMETERY TRUST

The Hazelwood Cemetery Trust needs to ascertain who may hold the Right of Interment for Plot 111 - Row G or Plot 80 - Row F in the Methodist section.

Please contact the Cemetery Trust Secretary on 51 33 9183 by November 30, 2015.

Churchill Community Market



Lions Club of Churchill and District

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Living with Bushfires Forum



A conference which gave professionals and the general public an opportunity to learn more about living with bushfires was held in the auditorium at FedUni on Friday and Saturday October 9 and 10.

Day 1 included guest speakers who spoke about fire science and how the research being done is helping the authorities and the general public to be more aware and to prepare more efficiently; the need to consult and engage more fully, with appreciation, with the locals to gather their knowledge of the area and use it to advantage; to hear about how ecological planned burns are being managed, especially with regard to protecting flora and fauna including our fauna emblem the Leadbeater's Possum; to hear the Bureau of Meteorology's predictions for a long hot dry summer which is predicted to last into April 2016.

It was also an opportunity for agencies and organisations and community groups to have a stall and showcase their work.

ABC Gippsland broadcast from the auditorium.

Associate Professor Kevin Tolhurst AM informed the gathering that scientific research has revealed that fire is a complex three-dimensional phenomenon. We cannot defend ourselves, our property and environment from bushfires unless we engage in long term planning, good building design and adequate warning systems, good preparation and good knowledge of fire behaviour. We need to shake off the complacency and get serious about how we live in fire-prone areas.

Joe Buffone, Emergency Management Victoria Sector, stated that we need to work and learn collectively to form partnerships to fight fires, as we are all responsible.

There is a need to build safer more resilient communities, with a community focus, using better

interface connections and respect between all agencies, governments and sectors.

Local information is necessary, acknowledging what happens at a community level in an emergency, noting what succeeds, using technology and science to be area specific with customised information.

Complex messages need to be communicated in a simple way, perhaps with the use of pictures or short animations to get the message across.

These aspects are being developed. Community education is paramount but people need to be pro-active and take the opportunities to gain the information and put it to use.

Steve McGibney a forecaster with the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) stated that fire behaviour has four factors - temperature, humidity, wind, state of fuels. This means that the higher the wind and temperature the higher the fire risk.

BOM delivers district fire danger ratings and warnings to the public and also other more complex information to the agencies.

An El Nino state is almost certainly predicted. There is less than a 20% chance of average rainfall this year in November and December. All these indicators lead to predictions of more bushfires, heat waves and severe thunderstorms with lightning strikes.

Australia's temperature has increase by one degree over the last century especially since 1970.

Fire seasons are becoming longer with more hot days, more extreme fire days and decreased rainfall.

Greg McCarthy, a Fire Ecology and Landscape Risk Planner has recently been involved with improving methods for determining ecological fire burns severity and extent in forests, by using high resolution colour and infra-red aerial photography.

This has been very practical in improving landscape risk planning and fire ecology outcomes, by mapping areas actually burnt and how severely.

Dr Jenny Nelson, a senior scientist with the Threatened Fauna Program outlined how Victoria's fauna emblem Leadbeater's Possum is being preserved. This small arboreal marsupial is restricted to an area 70 x 80 km in the Central Highlands of Victoria. They occur in Mountain Ash old growth forests over 100 years old.

The possums need hollow bearing trees for their dens (hollows need to be 30cm large so the entire colony can nest together for warmth) and well connected lower vegetation for moving through the forest, and as food sources of plant and insect secretions and arthropods (spiders, insects, centipedes, mites, ticks, scorpions). Shedding bark also provides foraging opportunities.

Bushfires are a natural disturbance for the possums, and can be a major threat depending on the severity, location, intensity and frequency of the fires, which can result in death, destruction of food sources and loss of hollows.

Protocols have been put in place to protect these special critically endangered creatures. No planned fuel reduction burns take place adjacent to their habitats. Fire recovery management includes providing nesting boxes, supplementing feeding, and installation of rope bridges so they can move through the forest and reduce separation of the colony.

Day 2 of the conference was themed "Property protection and social research".

Local people and those in other fire affected areas told their stories and how their communities had pulled together to re-build lost assets and social cohesion.

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Preparing for fire restrictions

Every year as we head towards summer, CFA and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) introduce the Fire Danger Period and Fire Prohibited Period respectively.

This is done to restrict the use of fire in the community to protect people and the environment. CFA's Assistant Chief Officer, Trevor Owen said "The timing of these fire restrictions depends on factors like weather conditions, weather predictions and the dryness of grassland and forests.

As the hot, dry weather has hit unseasonably early this year, fire restrictions in Gippsland are likely to

be introduced earlier than usual, possibly by mid-November," Mr Owen said. "CFA and DELWP want to remind people to clean up around their houses and properties in plenty of time before the restrictions if they are planning to burn items such as leaves and branches.

Cleaning up can often involve burning debris, leaves, branches, or burning off stubble and grassland on farms and rural properties.

We urge householders and landholders to reduce the risk of fire by planning, preparing and conducting any burning activities, large or small, carefully and safely, particularly if they are close to the bush."

Before lighting up you MUST register your burn-off with VicFire on 1800 668 511, or email burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au Keep your burn-off safe and legal.

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For more information on preparing and maintaining your property and burning off, visit <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/>

As soon as the fire restriction dates are declared for the region, we will inform our communities via media, social media and local CFA and DELWP contacts.

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Bushfire Forum continued...
Dianne Phillips is a vet. Planning what to do with your livestock and pets if threatened with a fire is essential as it can have devastating outcomes.

and then putting into action your plan. All agencies have a role to play in a fire emergency with deployment for asset protection.

After the fire there are agencies which will help with recovery and provide help and support. John Crane of CFA

used a fire table demonstration to show how fire reacts to slope and other factors.

The overall message of the Living with Bushfires forum was using all ways that are known and being developed for being prepared - not just for leading up to possible fires, but how

to manage after the fires with community engagement and support of each other, harnessing the capabilities of and building resilience which already exist within the communities affected, the members of which will be there long after the agencies have left.



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Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program, developed by Brotherhood of St Lawrence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.

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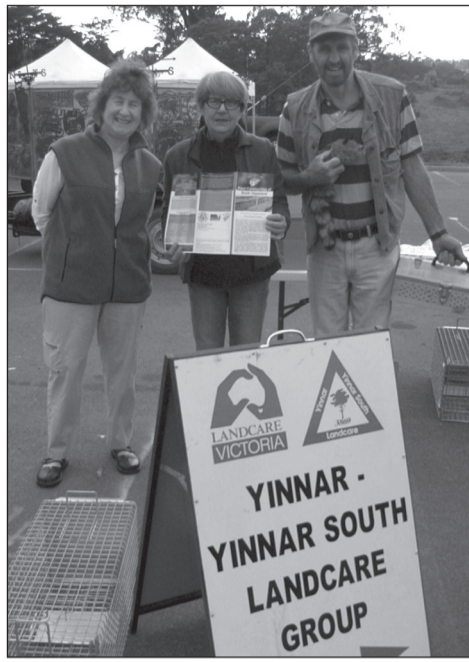
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Three members of the Club, Lions Bill Hurenkamp, Ross Norman and Peter Tait in our Club car CAMPQ along with 77 other cars, have just completed the Camp Quality EsCarpade, an outback motoring adventure that takes place in October each year to raise money for kids living with cancer. The Club has been involved with Camp Quality and the EsCarpade for 22 years. This year's EsCarpade started at Narrabri NSW on October 17 and travelled on dusty outback roads onto Mungindi Queensland, then onto Charleville, Longreach,

Emerald, Carnarvon National Park, Roma and finished in Goondiwindi on October 24. The Club raised over \$25,000 for Camp Quality, the EsCarpade in total raised \$1.33 million. All money raised assists children and their families living with cancer to attend camps and



Churchill Lions Club

Fun Days, to make their lives just that little bit better, and to give them hope and optimism and importantly, put some fun back into their lives.

We would like to thank all our many sponsors, especially our major sponsor the Hazelwood Medical Group and Medical and Aged Care Group associated with local Doctor Fred Edwards.

The Club catered a lunch stop for over 600 hungry motorbike riders travelling to the Barry Sheene Tribute Ride to the Grand Prix on October 15 at Kernot Hall Morwell. Motorbike enthusiasts from Victoria and interstate travel from Bairnsdale to Phillip Island each year for the Grand Prix as a tribute to Barry Sheene, a British motorcycle champion who migrated to Australia in the late 1980s. A British 125cc champion at age 20, he finished second in the World Championship for that class a year later. A spectacular crash at Daytona in 1975 had threatened to end his career, breaking his left

thigh, right arm, collarbone and two ribs, yet he recovered to race shortly afterwards.

He won two world titles in 1976 and 1977 and retired from racing in 1984 and shortly after that moved to Australia. In Australia Sheene combined a property development business with a role as a commentator on motor sport, first at the channel Nine Network with the famously loud Darrell Eastlake, then moving with the TV coverage of the Motorcycle Grand Prix to Network Ten.

In later years, Sheene continued his passion for motorcycle racing by getting involved in historic motorcycle racing. He lost

his battle with cancer in 2003. The Australian Grand Prix Corporation, in consultation with the Sheene family, developed the concept of honouring Barry with a Tribute Ride from Bairnsdale to the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit during the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix each year. The Tribute Ride finishes with a lap of the Phillip Island Grand Prix circuit.

The ride is known as the Barry Sheene Tribute Ride (the Ride). The Ride and a dinner and an Auction of Moto GP memorabilia held the night prior to the ride at the Bairnsdale RSL, raises funds for the Australian Grand Prix's official charity

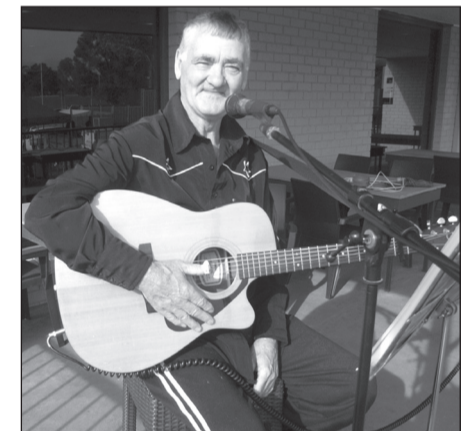



weather helped to make it a good day to be out and grab a bargain or two. It was great to see many local people out and about supporting and enjoying the market, and as it is now getting closer to Christmas it is hoped more people will attend to look for that Christmas present for someone special. The next market will be on Saturday November 21, again there will be some new stall holders.

With each month the market has grown and our aim is to continue to serve the Churchill community and provide Churchill with a great market that has a good mix of stalls - fresh fruit and vegetables, produce, plants, arts and crafts and with a variety of fresh food vendors, some great music, something for everyone.

A Market where Churchill people and families meet and greet, linger and enjoy.

of that year. The Lions Club Community market held in September in the Churchill Hotel Carpark was well attended, the good

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Community Cafe at the Churchill Hub - volunteers needed!


The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and the Cooperating Parish of Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra are starting a community cafe in early 2016 at the Churchill Hub. The community cafe will offer a free lunch once a week.

All members of the

community will be welcome to attend, and we hope that the regular meals will provide free and nutritious meals for those who need it most, as well as reducing the social isolation felt by some members of the community. Volunteers are needed to help plan, prepare and serve the lunches. There

may even be the opportunity for some growing and harvesting of vegetables from the community garden out the back! For more information or to register your interest please contact Julia at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre:

5122 2955 or info@churchill.org.au.




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


The Churchill Town Safety Group meets every two months to discuss the towns safety points with:
The Latrobe City, Federation University, the Churchill Hub, Neighbourhood Watch and the Churchill Police.

We take into account all things to do with the safety of the town. You can report any issues to us via our email address ctsgrp@gmail.com and we would be happy to look into them as required.

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Saver Plus Program assists lower income families

The Saver Plus program assists lower income families to save for education costs and build their financial skills, knowledge and confidence. Participants in the Gippsland Community covering the Latrobe Valley are eligible to apply.

It is an opportunity to plan and start to save for items such as uniforms, Year 6 camp, laptop programs, excursions, startup costs for Prep etc.

In May 2015, the Australian Government committed \$2.9 million to support the award-winning Saver Plus program over the next five years, together with a \$17.5 million commitment from ANZ.

Since its commencement, more than 26,000 people have joined the program nationally and saved more than \$15 million.

Saver Plus is Australia's largest and longest running matched savings and financial education program.

Saver Plus enables people living on lower incomes to build their financial capabilities, while saving for a purpose related to their own education or their child's.

The program includes MoneyMinded financial education, matched savings up to \$500 from ANZ, and support from a community organisation.

Participants benefit from increased financial capabilities, increased levels of financial confidence, increased financial resilience and improved personal and social wellbeing.

More than 87% of participants are saving the same amount or more up to three years after completing the program.

Who can join?

To be eligible, participants must:

- * have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card

- * be at least 18 years old
- * have some regular income from work (themselves or their partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment; and

- * be a parent or guardian of a child at school OR be attending or returning to vocational education themselves.

How does the program work?

Saver Plus participants are assigned a SaverPlus Worker at their local community organisation, and open an ANZ Progress Saver account at their local ANZ branch, into which they make regular deposits.

They attend MoneyMinded workshops to build their financial management skills and when they reach their savings goal after 10 months ANZ matches the amount, up to \$500, for the purchase of the nominated educational item.

This has been a very successful program, being recognised as world's best practice in 2008.



What are the benefits of the program?

Independent research published by RMIT in 2015 found that of participants who completed the program:

- 87% continue to save the same amount or more up to 12 months post completion.

- 93% reported that achieving their goals increased their self-esteem.

- 81% are better equipped to deal with unexpected expenses.

- 84% encouraged family members, including children, to save.

- 88% are more aware of where to get help with financial decision-making.

How did the program start?

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, the Benevolent Society and the Smith Family and other local community agencies.

The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

How to find out more

To find out more, contact Rick Pemberton Co-ordinator Saver Plus Berry Street t:0351 345 971 Mobile: 0407 567 312 rpemberton@berrystreet.org.au

important regional sectors as capacity and expertise grows.

Two keynote speakers, Mr Simon Talbot, CEO, National Farmers Federation and Mr Jeremy Haw, Managing Director, Hussey & Co shared their knowledge and experience in export development.

Hearing from those already establishing connections in a global market was the ideal way to start the Invest Gippsland program," Councillor Harriman said.

Chair of Regional Development Australia, Mr Richard Elkington, said that around 70 regional food and fibre business leaders from across Gippsland attended.

"These industry representatives were also able to network with key stakeholders including

Regional Development Australia, Gippsland, Committee for Gippsland, Agribusiness Gippsland and local government delegates.

The aim of the launch event was to build regional business awareness of the opportunities to export into Asia, with a focus on Greater China.

Trade development packs were provided, highlighting Government information and support that is available.

The program is being managed by Regional Development Victoria, Gippsland but takes a whole-of-government approach ensuring collaboration with experts in the investment, trade, planning, agriculture, local government and policy teams," Mr Elkington concluded.

Kangaroo Court at Latrobe Regional Gallery

Anyone who has walked out alone, onto an empty sports oval, a silent AFL ground, or indeed any arena, will know that these playgrounds so often resonate with imaginative energy. They can become places of vivid reflection, even though they are silent and empty. You may be intrigued by Nick Selenitsch's latest work, Kangaroo Court, currently on display at the Latrobe Regional Gallery.

Latrobe City Council's senior curator, Shelley McDermott, said that the artist suggests that an art gallery may not be that different in atmosphere to a silent sports-field.

"Nick Selenitsch feels that in a gallery with the works on display, you are left to creatively assemble

all the information in order to imagine. You could see the gallery as an arena, or a place, of potential action for yourself. Combining abstraction with materials derived from the worlds of sport, his work seeks to suggest a place for potential action, one which lingers in our imaginations.

Looking closer, Kangaroo Court consists of two sports-derived 'courts'. While they might look 'sporting', they are actually not for use, or they are actually for a different purpose. Sport has rules and clearly defined expectations of behaviour," Ms McDermott said. "Contemporary art has rules which are hidden, or keep changing unexpectedly, or are incomprehensible. Some rules are ragged, anarchic, rebellious or just

plain puzzling. Here, there are parallels between the title and meaning of a Kangaroo Court. In this kind of court, a rag tag judicial tribunal or a cobbled together assembly of amateurs in the law, know what they like and what they think is right. They make new rules and judgements on the fly, blatantly disregarding recognised standards.

Nick Selenitsch's courts, like those of a Kangaroo Court, are not to be completely trusted. You be the judge," Ms McDermott concluded.

Nick Selenitsch is a visual artist from Melbourne and is represented in Australia by Sutton Gallery.

Kangaroo Court by Nick Selenitsch will be on exhibition at the Latrobe Regional Gallery until January 17, 2016.

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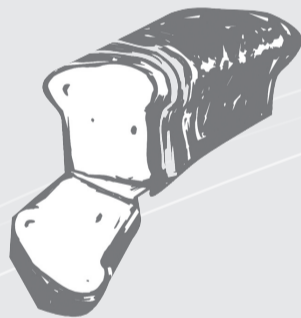
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Invest Gippsland to connect business to global markets

Representatives from State and Local Government, Regional Development Australia, and Industry came together at the launch of Invest Gippsland, a program of work designed to better connect Gippsland's businesses to domestic and global markets, supporting trade and investment.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Dale Harriman, said that the initial phase would focus on supporting businesses in the food and fibre sector.

"This is one of Gippsland's critical growth industries, representing around 50 per cent of the region's \$14 billion gross regional product and employing over 16,000 people.

The intention is to expand Invest Gippsland to other

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING

Churchill Fire Brigade



Churchill Fire Brigade has attracted a wide variety of volunteer members who have joined from all walks of life, who have served and are still serving the Brigade well. They invite you to become a member too.

Andrew Thompson



Andrew has lived all his life in Churchill, growing up here, attending school here and in Morwell before starting his working life. Currently he is working as a high voltage tester at Loy Yang. He is married with two children.

Andrew wanted to be able to help the people of this community, and joining the Brigade has allowed him to do that as well as be able to use the Brigade equipment, thus increasing his skills and learning.

Through his years at the Brigade he has been able to visit other parts of Australia to help with campaign fires, which has been interesting.

He has found being a part of the Brigade satisfying. Meeting good people, including other firefighters, has been a bonus, but it is helping people which has given him the most satisfaction.

Ranjike Dissanayake



Ranjike was born in Sri Lanka and came to Australia in 2012 as his sister lived here.

He had served in the Sri Lankan Air Force as an engineer and completed ten years service with them.

Ranjike applied to the Skilled Migrant Scheme and was accepted for permanent residency. At first he worked in Dandenong in a 7-Eleven store for one and a half years before obtaining a job at Mahindra Aerospace on the assembly line.

He and his family moved to Churchill. As he was taking his daughter to the swimming pool, he saw the sign outside the fire station requesting volunteers to join.

As he had a military background, he thought this would be a good idea and so applied on line and was welcomed into the Churchill Brigade. Ranjike has now finished his minimum skills training and has begun to turn out to incidents.

Ranjike says the guidance of Captain Steve, his past training and the way the other members welcome you, look after each other and show

kindness has been useful and helped him to succeed.

Ranjike has found joining the Brigade enjoyable, saying he likes it a lot. He has been able to get to know a lot of people in his new town, and learnt some new valuable skills.

Chris Williams



Chris moved into the area this year to study nursing at FedUni as a career change.

Not knowing anyone in Churchill, he decided to join the Brigade to make some friends at a place not far from where he lives.

Chris has decided that turning out is not for him after an injury. However he is able to help the Brigade most usefully by being involved with logistics and communications, two very important aspects of Brigade work.

This has fulfilled Chris's desire to be helpful and of service to his new local community.

Joining the Brigade has enabled him to make new friends and be welcomed by the friendly crew.

"They are not stand offish," says Chris. "They



regular basis. They need to stay in place to help the trees become established. If you see someone removing them please ask them not to. Thank you.

Our next working bee will be on December 13, when we hope to box up some squares for concrete blocks to go under new table and seat sets. It starts at 9am and will finish at approximately 1pm.

Phone Ruth on 5122 1961 for further information.

have welcomed and accepted me in my preferred role as an integral part of the team. Even though I am studying, I can be active and available most days during the week."

Steve Shankland



Steve has lived in Churchill for many years. He is married with two children and works locally in the power industry.

Steve has been a member of the Churchill Brigade for 13 years. He joined because at the time he was part of the emergency response team at work and became interested in that work. At the suggestion of a colleague, he joined Churchill Brigade. As is necessary, Steve completed his minimum skills and then added further training and accomplishments to his achievements including

need to be alerted to the need for bushfire survival plans. Hopefully the children will be the instigators of their parents planning what to do and making ready in case of a code red day.

Presentation Night

The Presentation Night was held at the Churchill Hotel. It was attended by Brigade members, former members, members of other local brigades and guests including Operations Officer Shane Mynard, Councillor Darrell White, and Barry and Val McLean.

Brigade President Allan Larkin, MC for the night, welcomed everyone present. Steve Barling, Brigade Captain, also welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming on the special 70th anniversary of the Brigade.

Steve informed those gathered that the Brigade had been formed in 1945 after the disastrous fires of 1944. It was registered in 1946. He commented that CFA has come a long way since then from using beaters and wet bags to put out a fire to the

appreciative of the work done by the Brigade and how it is carried out.

Steve concluded by thanking all the spouses, partners and girlfriends for their support of members remarking that fires happen unexpectedly at inconvenient times.

Darrell White thanked the members for their work in protecting the community in a reliable way. Darrell remarked that the community appreciates the work done by the members and our efforts also have an effect on our families too.

Darrell urged the members to meet the challenges that are presented by the diverse types of fires which occur in this area as a team, supporting each other and working together with the other brigades of the group.

To finish, Darrell remembered that his family had been severely affected by the 1944 bushfires, losing their house, and learning how

Mathison Park

Only a small party of volunteers was available for the working bee on the second Saturday of October, but they managed to clear up some fallen branches and clear some areas for the mowing crew.

A big thank you is extended to Tim for the five hours of mowing which he generously did twice for us at no cost. This service is greatly appreciated with lots of grass.

The community corrections team was also able to do a lot of much needed

mowing in other areas as the grass continued to grow.

Bruce came to mow the area beside the Kurnai northern boundary fence and among the four rows of trees the other side of the fence. He also mowed paths between the trees on the western side of the creek. Thanks Bruce.

Another contractor will come to do some spraying of weeds. Thanks to Jim also. Committee people are forever replacing stakes and tree guards around the new trees as they are being taken on a

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obtaining his truck drivers licence, breathing apparatus wearing, and supporting the in-school programs. He has held the position of lieutenant for several years now.

Over the years he has had the opportunity to attend campaign fires in other areas, the one at Omeo in 2002, being the biggest. Black Saturday is strong in his memory too.

Through joining the Brigade, Steve has met a vast array of people from other areas as well as locally, learnt lots of new skills, some of which he has been able to apply at work, response to fires, hazards and prevention. Steve also has made some lasting friendships.

Fire Safe Kids

Ruth Place and Jack Dixon, our Firesafe Kids facilitators have been visiting Yinnar South Primary School to deliver the Fire Safe Kids program.

The students were attentive and eager to learn and share their already acquired knowledge.

Many of the students live in fire prone areas and

modern vehicles with modern radios and equipment. Steve further remarked that 70 years is a long time for any organisation to continue, but continue it has, with the support of the volunteers and the community.

The Brigade has turned out to many fires this year, both structure (including house fires) and bush fires as well as motor vehicle accidents. It has also turned out to many false alarms.

Achievements for the Year

The Brigade members have been kitted out in distinctive polo shirts which make the members visible as members of the brigade when out and about in the community.

A grant has allowed the purchase of a thermal imaging camera to make locating a fire source easier.

Churchill Brigade has shown strong leadership in the newly formed Merton Group and with training, which will continue. "We can be very proud of our efforts," said Steve.

The community is

hard that had been.

Shane Mynard predicted that all the information pointed to a severe and long hot dry summer period lasting into April 2016, with the Latrobe Valley area one of the regions with below average rainfall.

Shane was called upon to present the CFA Service Awards for length of service.

Mark and Rick Andruschak - Five year service certificate

Robert Bonfield and Andrew Thompson - Ten year service medal

Lindsay Bevis, Ruth Place and Graeme Renwick - Fifteen year service medal

Robert Langston Thirty-five year service medal

Other awards were:

Firefighter of the Year – Lieutenant Shane Renwick which includes the Darren Mclean Memorial Trophy.

Rookie of the Year – Cameron Bowman

Most Consistent – Chris Gallagher Captain's Trophy – Jack Dixon

Encouragement Awards – Gerry Earnest and Allan Larkin.

Hidden treasure discovered in Gippsland

Hidden treasure was recently discovered at the Soroptomist International Gippsland's Antiques and Collectibles evening, held in Traralgon. The fundraiser was attended by over 40 treasure-seekers who brought along their valuables and interesting curios for antique dealer Bruce Arnup to analyse and value.

Bruce is the owner of the Red Soldier Antique shop in Sale, and willingly gives his time to not-for-profit organisations to raise money. His encyclopaedic knowledge and obvious passion for finding interesting collectibles was obvious as he discussed and valued over 65 pieces during the course of the evening. Everyone enjoyed having their item given the centre stage as Bruce described its place of origin, age and value. Bruce also shared his insights into the changing nature of collectibles - what is 'in' and what is 'out' and how that may change over the next few years.

The highlight of the night was a valuation of approximately \$20,000 for a statue owned by an SI Gippsland friend. Another keen supporter had a brooch that she recently purchased for \$400, valued at between \$2,500 - \$3,000 by Bruce. By the end of the evening those present were discussing the other objects that they had left at home, wondering if they too may be hidden treasures!

Of equal interest was the magnificent supper that SI Gippsland members turned on for their guests. A wonderful array of homemade cakes, slices and sandwiches fuelled the treasure seekers as they enjoyed good company.

The evening raised just over \$1,000 for SI Gippsland, which will go towards local Gippsland projects that support the health and wellbeing of women and children.

Club President, Helen McAdam, was thrilled with



the evening and particularly wanted to thank Bruce and the Traralgon Bridge Club, who made their clubrooms available free of charge. "With support such as this it is so much easier to raise money and keep the work of SI Gippsland in the forefront," she said. "We certainly appreciate the generosity of Bruce, the Traralgon Bridge Club, and of course the treasure-hunters who made this such a fun and successful night."

Time to repot

By Sheina Renton

Now is a good time to give your potted plants new soil to get them growing vigorously again. Plants that have outgrown their pots should be planted into bigger pots and unhealthy plants might need fresh potting mix suited to the plant's requirements. See the correct potting mixes for various plants below.

Good basic potting mix

A good basic potting mix should have 40% composted bark fines 35% potting bark 15% river sand suitable for potting mixes and 10% cocoa peat. Most potting mixes available in bags do not contain sand as it makes them too heavy.

They are mainly composted pine bark and sawdust. These can cause problems in 12 to 18 months when the mix decomposes and the soil sinks in the pot or shrinks away from the sides

of the pot. The soil becomes water repellent and the plant needs repotting again. To avoid having to repot so regularly, add 15% horticultural sand (available at garden suppliers) to your potting mix. The sand stops the mix from clumping and the mix will last longer. Make sure the purchased potting mix has the Standards Association ticks logo on the bag.

Different plants need different mixes -

Camellias and azaleas - add three parts of basic potting mix to one part peat moss.

Succulents and cacti - add one part basic potting mix to one part sand.

Bromeliads - add one part basic potting mix to two parts pine bark pieces.

Orchids - add one part basic potting mix to three parts pine bark pieces.

If the pot has a narrower top than base it will be hard

to remove the plant without breaking either the pot or the plant. A solution is to remove as much soil as possible from the top and sides of the rootball with your hands. This will allow space to push fresh potting mix into the cavity around the inside edge and top surface. Watering will help the soil settle around the rootball.

A recommended application of suitable fertilizer will benefit them and they should be looking their best again in a few months.

Information sourced from Burkes Backyard Magazine September 2006 edition

The Churchill Community Garden group meets every Monday at 10am at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, 9-11 Philip Parade Churchill and new members are welcome. You can visit us on the Churchill Community Garden's facebook page.

Local Landcare news

Although nobody enjoys it, the removal of predators and pest animals from the environment is critical to the survival of many native species. Our group's current project is a "Focus on Fauna" Cats:

Cats feral and domestic are the number one threat to wildlife in Australia. If you are concerned about cats trespassing on your property, and you'd like to borrow a cat trap please contact Peter on 5122 2465. Cats can be trapped and surrendered to the pound in accordance with local laws.

If you have cats, the local laws covering the keeping, micro-chipping, registering and breeding of cats are available from Latrobe City.

If your cats have been out and get caught; it will cost you less to recover them from the pound if you have abided by these laws.

The Forever Friends volunteer group can currently provide assistance with the cost of desexing cats for people on pensions - foreverfriends.latrobe@gmail.com

Common Mynas:

They are aggressive colonisers of native bird habitat and will drive them out of areas where they have lived. Keeping pet food indoors or in areas that birds

can't access will help restrict their food supply. We now also have traps for common mynas available from Eric and Annette on 5169 1553.

There is a lot of information about this pest at the Canberra website where a long running project has significantly reduced their numbers. (A similar Gippsland project has also been successful in Stratford.)

When myna numbers are reduced, native birds return.

<http://fennerschool-associated.anu.edu.au/myna/index.html>

Foxes:

Foxes are also a major pest and predator of native wildlife and livestock. Like mynas, they also benefit from pet food left outside, and are common in urban areas as well as in the bush. So far we have had a demonstration of fox trapping, and we hope to be able to do more in the coming months.

Rabbits:

If you'd like to share the cost of a few days of ferretting/ trapping for rabbits and / or foxes in our district, please contact Jay or Joëlle on 5163 1393.

A list of locally found bird species from the Latrobe Field Naturalists Club is on our website. <http://westgippsland.landcarevic.net.au/yinnar-south/lists-and-documents>

Cats are also predators of lizards, frogs, native mammals and more.

There are some beautiful skink photos at the Friends of Morwell National Park website.

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Boolarra South Landcare Group is interested in any sightings of platypus and rakali in our local waterways.

Rakali are a football sized native water rat living in and close to rivers and streams.

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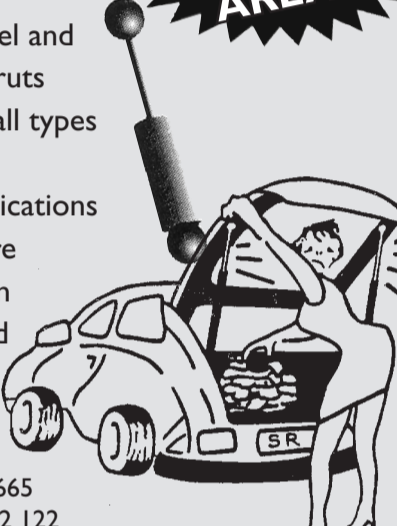
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By Leo Billington
Joeys is a gentle way to introduce children to a world of challenges and adventures through Scouting.
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At the Churchill Scout Hall for example, the Joey Mob meets for about one hour each week.

1st Churchill Joey Scouts have been hard at work to complete all of their peak achievement awards this year. They have successfully completed their Buddy, Care and Share and Environment badges and are not far off completing their adventure challenge badge. They have had many fun nights including ANZAC remembrance nights, play dough, Aussie bush and green night.



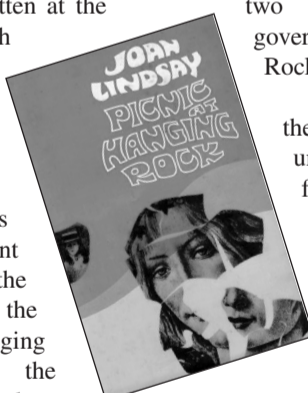
Joeys from 1st Churchill always say that they enjoy 'all the sleepovers we have.'

In other scout groups, Joey Mobs build spaceships from scrap items, grow plants from seedlings and sing songs together. Elsewhere other Joeys learn to recognise native birds and animals. Even messy paint nights are always popular. The Churchill Scout Group is now actively recruiting new members to join their Joey Mob. Group Leader, Peta Whelan is the person to contact to become a member of "the Mob".

"Picnic at Hanging Rock"

By Joan Lindsay

This is a story full of intrigue, mystery and horror, supposedly written at the turn of the 20th century, namely Valentine's Day 1900.



The setting is the Ladies College of Mount Macedon and the girls' visit to the foreboding Hanging Rock and the infamous picnic there.

The College is headed up by the snobbish English widow, Mrs Appleyard, who has no affinity with her teenage pupils or her staff.

The school is an English anachronism on the outskirts of the untamed Australian

bush. The mystery of the disappearance of the two girls and the governess at Hanging Rock is never solved.

The rescue of the third girl never uncovers any facts, nor does the early return of one of the younger girls in hysterics.

Their memories

seem to have been completely obliterated.

There is even more death and destruction to come.

The book is well written, the style is factual though the events fictitious.

The atmospherics of the sexual undertones and the display of the seeming supernatural powers of the rock, builds the tension throughout the book.

The characters are diverse - the distant corseted

headmistress who secretly relies on the bottle, the French mademoiselle who is caring and involved, the rich and beautiful young girls, the not so beautiful and forlorn orphan girl, the English toff, the struggling maid, cook, gardener and the policeman who has a good nose for gossip.

Although the book was written 48 years ago it stands the test of time.

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Retromoments 2: a reimagining of Suggett's iconic exhibition

Latrobe Regional Gallery is pleased to present Retromoments 2, a retrospective exhibition of works by Venus Bay artist Colin Suggett.

Latrobe City Council's senior curator, Shelley McDermott, said that this exhibition might be seen as the next chapter on from the original Retromoments exhibition in 2001.

"Retromoments 2 reimagines the original, monumental exhibition, with the addition of several new works. Suggett's works are relatable as they often replicate everyday objects and occurrences.

They are very much based in reality, but have underlying tones of humour, wit and often a darker sense of scepticism.

Retromoments 2 includes popular works from the first exhibition, such as Hawaiian Sausages and Beach. Both sculptures evoke the feeling of an Australian summer, with a touch of satire.

The sausages dance in the pan to the tune of Hawaiian music, while the figures in Beach gaze upward at the 'sun' - a large fluorescent light globe," Ms McDermott said. "When viewing Suggett's works you may encounter retro coloured tiles, fluorescent and neon lighting, shiny polished plastic, metallic surfaces and exposed



Image Credit: Colin Suggett, The Mickey Bronze, bronze, wood, paint, 2008. Collection of the artist.

electrical cords. Electricity is often visible within Colin's works.

He does not try to hide it - rather he accentuates and embraces it.

The material components of Colin's work are just as intriguing and wonderful as the themes and narratives he explores.

These various components and materials assist Suggett in

creating works with wonderful attention to detail. If you look closely at his miniaturised works you may notice a tiny cigarette, or a piece of rubbish.

You can sense his love for his creations, the fulfilment and enjoyment he gets out of crafting each and every piece," Ms McDermott concluded.

Colin Suggett's Retromoments 2 is on display until February 14, 2016.

Police plead for community to lock it, remove it or lose it

Police are reporting that there has been a spike in thefts of and from motor vehicles during the period June to September within the Latrobe Police Service Area.

Inspector Dean Thomas, Latrobe Police Service Area Commander, says "It is frustrating for police that despite repeated warnings a large number of the vehicles which had items stolen from them were left unlocked.

This just makes it ridiculously easy for the opportunistic thief to make off with items which have been left in the vehicle."

Almost half of the vehicles stolen during the same period

were also unsecured or had the keys in the ignition or handy to the offender.

Police say that intelligence shows most of the thefts from motor vehicles occur between Friday and early Sunday mornings, with nearly all committed in residential streets or residential driveways, debunking the myth that car parks are the most likely spot for your car to be broken into.

"We are asking the community to take the simplest of prevention methods.

Remove items such as cash, wallets, handbags and mobile phones from the

vehicle and lock it.

Even if it is in your driveway."

For more information about preventing theft of and from motor vehicle go to the Victoria Police website at http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?Document_ID=40398 and download an information sheet.

Police ask that if people see someone they think is acting suspiciously in their area to ring triple zero and make a report or if they have information in relation to any of the thefts to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at www.crimestoppersvic.com.au.

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Book Sale



The Friends of Latrobe City Libraries held their Book Sale on the weekend of October 17 and 18 this year. The event was well attended and many individuals and family groups browsed through the huge range of items on offer.

An enormous thank you must go to the large number of community people who assisted in setting up for

the sale. The Friends are indebted to the Doc Shop for their assistance with transport and recycling.

Recently the Friends contributed \$2,500 towards additional technology items for the library staff instructing the Community on ipad and iphone usage.

The final meeting for 2015 will be at 7pm in the meeting room at the Traralgon Library

on Wednesday November 25, when the profit from the October Book Sale will be announced.

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Vicki Hamilton OAM - CEO/Secretary - Asbestos Council of Victoria/GARDS.

Reverend David Howie Officiating - Ecumenical service within the event for families.

There will be a free community BBQ with the compliments of the GTLC at the conclusion of the event.

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Al-Anon

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Churchill Neighbourhood Centre



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Front R L-R Anne Crawford (Treasurer), Bronwyn Halls (Secretary), Margaret Goodwin, Sue Tettmann (Vice President), Jean Baudendistel, Helen Fawcett (President), Lorraine Andrew. Absent Jackie McLure, Libby Luca.

The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is a place that brings people together to connect, learn and contribute to their local community through social, educational, recreational and support activities. In our 34th year we have offered opportunities for the local community to participate, learn, volunteer and get to know others through a range of classes and activities: patchwork and quilting, creative writing, cooking, computer skills, literacy, tai chi, discussion, book club, community garden and men's shed. The year has been one of change and consolidation.

We have had lots of change, including the arrival of Julia Leonard as coordinator for the Centre.

CNC started 2015 with a new look brochure of our own and we have been working at improving our use of Facebook, not only as a tool to promote our classes and activities, but also as a way

to share information with the community.

The CNC website will be revamped in early 2016.

In the past year the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre has been involved in many events in the community.

In March 2015, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre participated in the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Churchill, and this saw many people visit the Centre and enjoy the Devonshire tea on offer. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the Centre and be a part of a wonderful family fun day.

The success of this event has spurred on new partnerships for CNC, as we are now working with Federation University, Churchill & District News, Hazelwood Rotary and Churchill Lions Club on bringing an annual Churchill festival to town.

Catering for the Anzac Day Centenary service also

provided an occasion to participate in a community event and showed our willingness to support others in the community.

Neighbourhood House Week falls in May each year, this year's theme was 'Get to know your Neighbour and get involved in your Neighbourhood at your local Neighbourhood House'.

We celebrated with a community lunch, which was well attended by local community members and was a good chance for attendees to meet people from other community groups and find out what they'd been up to.

Following on from this we have been working with the Co-Operating Parish of Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra.

We plan to hold regular community meals in 2016.

The Churchill Community Garden is underway at the Centre with a lot of work going into preparing a Memorandum of Understanding between

this group and the Centre.

It is wonderful to add another dimension to the Centre that involves new people and new ideas.

A special thanks to the Men's Shed for building the wonderful raised garden beds for the Community Garden.

Thank you to our tutors, students and volunteers for participating in programs and events at the Centre and ensuring that Churchill Neighbourhood Centre has been an integral part of the Churchill community.

It has been great to see so many volunteers contribute their time, energy and skill to our organisation; their contribution is much appreciated.

Finally, our successful submission to the ACFE Capacity and Innovation Fund will allow us to investigate the needs of our community and provide information to assist us to plan innovative and diverse programs for the

future.

The Grant works in well with the decisions made at our Strategic planning day in June.

The Plan outlines our directions for the next two years with the main areas of focus to be: Community engagement; Programs and activities; Promotion and Governance.



We look forward to a very busy and exciting year ahead.

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Steve Scott, Vicki Schilling, Jodie Barnes, Rohan Trease, Dianne McDougall, Brian Scott

On a drive down McDonald Way you can see the Tennis Club courts, now all weather and floodlit.

That's now, but long ago on Friday August 20, 1948 a meeting was held in the Recreation Reserve pavilion, (then the footy ground, now the soccer club) for the purpose of forming the Hazelwood Tennis Club.

Mr Don Bennett was elected the first President with Mrs T. Thompson, Secretary/Treasurer.

Membership fees were fixed at five shillings per year and the site for the construction of the tennis courts was leased from the Recreation Reserve Committee, at a cost of five shillings per annum.

The first court was completed in 1950 and regular club competitions on Saturday afternoons commenced in

1951. In 1955 two courts were available for play and the Club affiliated with the Yinnar and District Tennis Association (Y.D.T.A.) and entered one team for competition matches.

After the development of Churchill as a township and Gaskin Park as a sporting complex, the Club changed its name to Churchill Tennis Club in April 1971, and cooperated with the Morwell Shire Council in the construction of three all weather en-tout-cas courts.

The official opening of the Churchill Tennis Club was performed by Councillor Keith White with Mr Dick Chessum as the inaugural President.

Randomly, names come to mind - Chessum, Farley, Williams, Skipworth, Peter, Rowley, Morris, Goldie, McGowan, Dear, Allan,

White, Pappas, Deppeler, Wilson, Munckton, McKenzie, Scott, Roberts – just a few of the people who helped make the Club a great sporting and social focus of the town.

To past players memories of the en-tout-cas courts, unless watered, were very dry and dusty, and blackened shoes and socks from the under surface mix, which always seemed to come to the surface.

It was quite a nuisance.

For a few years the club house was an old transportable building which served the purpose, even with its inadequacies.

The current building with change rooms, showers, kitchen, storeroom and meeting place was a significant improvement, along with three new asphalt

courts and later, “down the bottom” with more courts.

Tuesdays and Thursdays for training nights, Ladies' Days and Saturday's junior and senior competitions probably saw a couple of hundred players striving to fill teams to represent the Club in the Y.D.T.A., Latrobe Valley Tennis Association, Gippsland Tennis Association and later, the Loy Yang and District Tennis Association. Proudly, hanging on the Clubhouse walls are numerous Championship pennants won by teams from both junior and

senior competitions.

Also, members represented the Club in Country Week and Inter Region competitions throughout the State.

A very popular and well patronised Annual Tournament, open to all, was a great initiative by Mr Darrell White ably supported by Ian Wilson and Alex McDougall, along with the ladies running the kitchen, and this put the Club “on the map” for a number of years.

There are highs and lows in most organisations.

From the boom years of the 1970's, 80's and 90's, player participation has fallen away quite significantly with many and varied reasons for the cause.

Maybe this could be a rallying call for many Churchillians to again embrace the great social aspects of the Churchill Tennis Club.

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Treasurer: Carol Scott: 5183 6168.

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.**

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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

Friends of Morwell National Park

Green Walks

The upcoming Green Walk planned for Morwell National Park is:

Wednesday December 2, 10am - Foster's Gully Walk (meet at Kerry Road car park)

For registration and program updates go to 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.

Management Plan continued from last month.....

"5.1 The Park visitor Morwell National Park has been a popular visitor destination for people from the Latrobe Valley for many years. Major activities undertaken by visitors to the Park are picnicking, bushwalking, nature study and appreciation and bird watching.

The Park attracts almost 35,000 visitors annually. Visitor numbers are fairly evenly distributed throughout the year, although slightly higher in the summer. Trends over the last few years indicate that the visitor numbers will continue to increase.

The Park is part of Tourism Victoria's Gippsland Natural Discovery product region, which also includes Wilsons Promontory National Park, Tarra-Bulga National Park, Holey Plains State Park and various State forests.

Providing for the visitor

Morwell National Park will continue to provide visitors with an opportunity to relax in a natural setting.

Park management will work to facilitate good quality visitor experiences while at the same time conserving and protecting the Park's natural environment. Future development of recreational and visitor facilities within the planning area will be concentrated in the Billys Creek area (section 5.2.2).

Significant strategies include:



development of a day visitor area within the Billys Creek Valley, incorporating a car park, picnic area and toilets; creation of new walking tracks accompanied by trail interpretation or self-guiding walking information; ongoing monitoring of visitor numbers and users; preparation of high quality information on the Park's natural values."

To be continued next month.....

October Activity Report

This month we had two activities. The first was a morning Orchid Walk while the second was the annual Koala Count. At the first activity we had John, Margaret, Matt, Tamara, Beryl, Brenda, Mike, Cathy and Grant.

The group walked the Stringybark Track to discover what orchids were to be seen. A range of diverse orchids were located at different stages of the walk. The following orchids were in flower:

Caladenia	Moschata
(Musk Caladenia)	
Chiloglottis	Valida
(Common Bird Orchid)	
Caladenia	Camea (Pink Fingers)
Glossodria	Major
(Waxlip)	
Caladenia	Transitona
(Eastern Bronze Caladenia)	

The following orchids were found in bud:

Thelymitra	Media (Tall Sun Orchid)
Thelymitra	Pauciflora (Small Sun Orchid)
Sarcophilus	Australis (Butterfly Orchid)
Caleana	Major (Flying Duck Orchid).

At the second activity for the day we had Matt, Tamara, Beryl, Mike, Cathy, Peter, Ken, Darren and Grant for the Koala Count. We were also joined by a group of keen community members. We had enough walkers to survey three different walks.

Ken, Grant and Beryl walked the Jumbuk Road fire trail and located one koala. This koala was located at the beginning of the walk at the top of the ridge. Peter and Darren took four other walkers along the Stringybark Track and located two adult koalas, one with a baby cub.

Matt, Tamara, Mike and Cathy took the larger group around Foster's Gully. This group included a reporter from ABC radio who saw her first koala. This group had the most success locating eight koalas. The photo shows a group of three koalas (two adults and one cub) located early in the walk.

That brought the total koalas located during the day to twelve. More than last year!

Annual Stamp and Coin fair



By Don Ireland

A special display was set up in the foyer of the Uniting Church, Traralgon as part of the annual Stamp and Coin Fair, attracting dealers state-wide who offered stamps and coins for sale to visitors from as far afield as Bairnsdale and Warragul. The Fair was organised by the Latrobe Valley Philatelic Society, whose members put in a lot of effort to mount the event, so that stamp and coin collectors at large in the district have an opportunity to enhance their collections and to meet people with a common interest.

The display is the culmination of a full year's work by the Latrobe Valley Philatelic Society members to honour the Centenary of the Anzac landings. We began by showing a prize-winning display to give members who had not displayed before an idea of what was involved. Several worked on a display of their own which were put

into a club competition later in the year. These new works were of a high standard and were worthy of incorporation into this special display.

The display itself covers many fields of stamp collecting, including stamps themselves, thematic arrangements within various fields, wartime postcards from the Boer War to the present day, postmarks from field post offices, a P-O-W letter, and ephemera surrounding the armed forces and the home

front.

The display is to be set up next at Morwell RSL Club where a visiting speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Mulholland, RFD, JP, will present a talk on the life and accomplishments of General Sir John Monash, who rose through the officer ranks from Gallipoli to the war on the Western Front.

Residents of the Latrobe Valley especially are aware of Monash's contribution to the area after the War.

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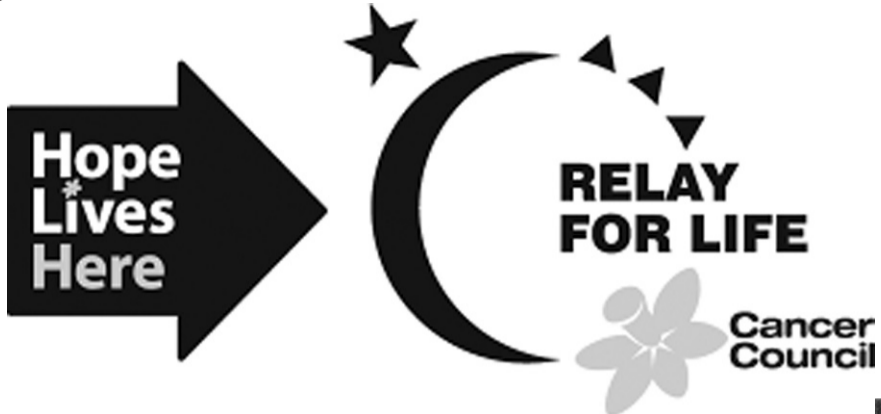
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work this event does and so offered his services. Greg also emcees other Gippsland Relay events. He classes this as a brilliant event for such a worthy cause, which commendably raises enormous amounts of money to fund research, but also promotes Sunsmart living.

Local Groups who participated include:

Flannelette Roses who began relaying five years ago in response to being effected by loved ones dying of cancer. They have sold flowers, strawberry and other plants as well as glow sticks. They love doing the event and raising the money which has totalled well over \$20,000 in five years.

Churchill Braves Baseball Club visited the event last year and saw how good an event it was, and decided they would like to join in this year and be part of the community. They all know someone who has passed away with cancer, or is a cancer survivor.

Churchill Champions held a Melbourne

Shopping Tour and raised \$1000. They have another planned for 2016 and to book please contact Chris on 0401 249 726.

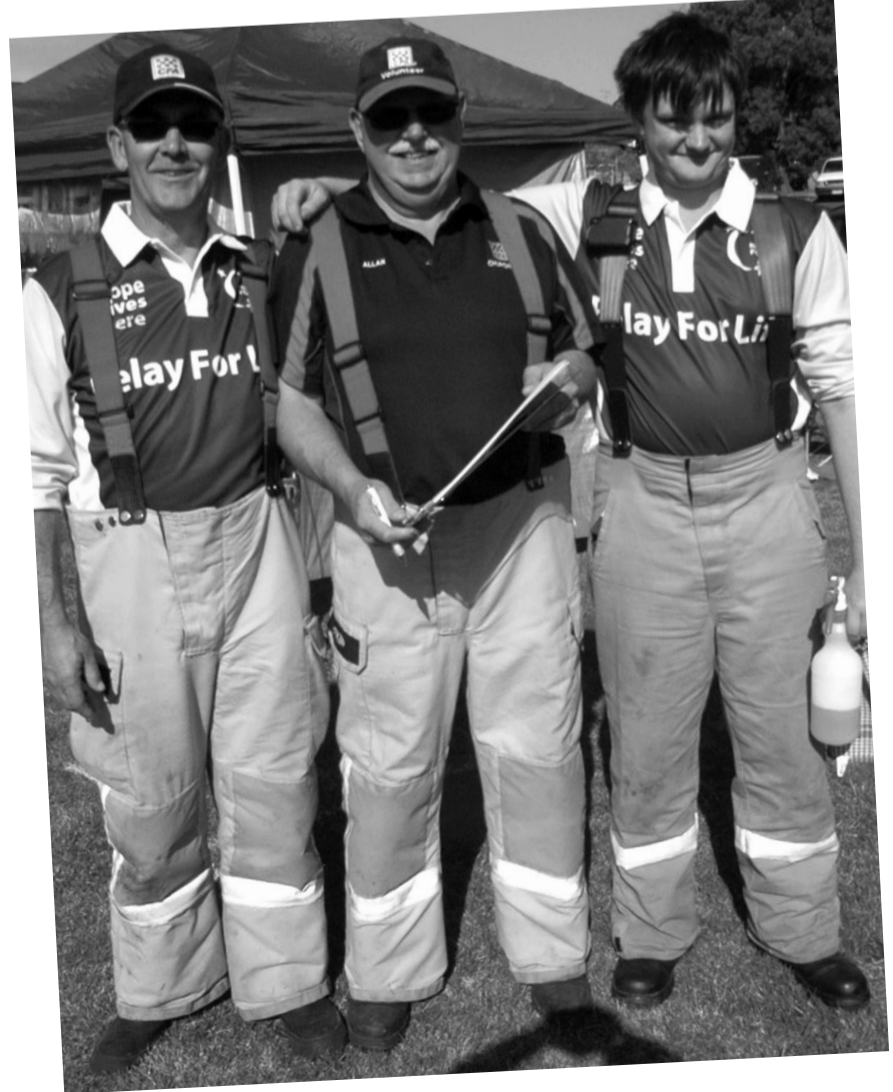
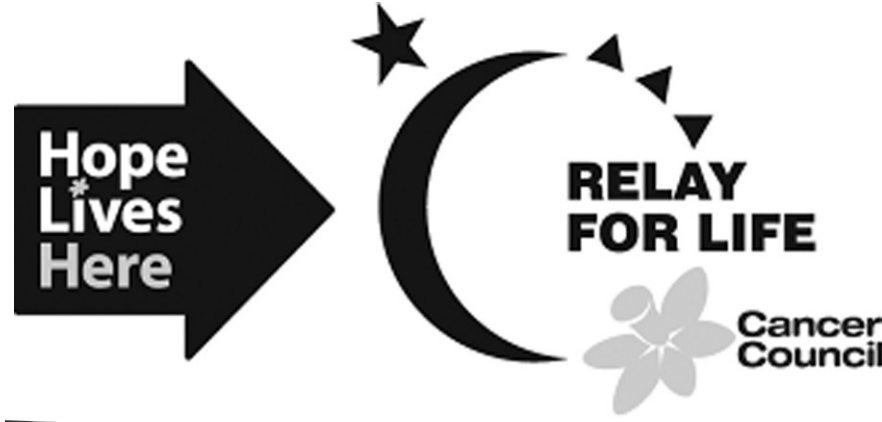
They also ran a raffle which netted \$2,400, had a donation of \$400, and were selling recipe books for \$20 each. On the day they had hearts of hope on which people could draw a heart to add to their banner.

MisPrints had colouring books with Sunsmart messages for sale, and these are still available. On the day they had the Chain of Hope, Milkshake Madness - milkshakes made by pedal power, Roman Chariot Rides, and massages for ten minutes.

Break-a-Leg Theatre used theatrical events to raised their money.

Fish Finatics entered, for the first time receiving donations for family and friends and running a raffle on the day. Kellie says they enjoyed meeting people and supporting a great cause.





Boolarra Primary School



Prep transition started with a visit to the Preschool by the school Captains and Principal



Past student Lauren doing work experience at our school



Senior students investigating the parts of flowers



Work experience student Sammy, helping out some of our students

Churchill Preschools

The Hub Preschool

Story time at Churchill Hub Preschool

Noeline from Latrobe City is visiting us each Tuesday to tell and read stories to the children.

We use this time to develop our knowledge of books and print, the world around us and to stimulate our imagination.

Many of the children are showing an interest in the written words and the alphabet, matching the same and recognising some of the letters.



We are encouraging the families at Churchill preschool to join the local library as it is a free service and a great resource for learning.

Glendonald Preschool

Term 4 began with a fun camp set up in our classroom. The children brainstormed ideas about what they would need for camping. Some suggestions included a torch to spot kangaroos, a camp fire, marshmallows, food, blankets and a pillow, a river and fishing rods. The children created papier mache chops, sausages and hamburgers for a camp fire barbeque. Camping in the classroom

was lots of fun! The children at Glendonald enjoy participating and enjoy a lot of music and movement activities. Last week they wore wings and moved around the room to classical music.

On November 4, Wiggly Worm Dance Company visited Glendonald.

The children had the opportunity to participate in

a range of fun movement and drama activities.

Learning about patterns is another area the children have been working on recently. We have created patterns with art/craft materials, invented our own body percussion patterns and made patterns on the floor with a variety of objects.

The children are noticing there are patterns all around us in our environment.



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Kurnai College University Campus

Year 12 Health and Human Development - Birthing Kit Foundation

Year 12 Health and Human Development investigates health issues in developing countries. After learning about the issues faced, we decided we wanted to do something to help.

The Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) is an organisation dedicated to improving conditions for women who give birth at home in developing countries. An estimated 385,000 women die annually in childbirth, many from preventable infections acquired during childbirth - 90% are in developing countries.

A birthing kit has all the essentials needed to achieve a clean birth; a sheet of plastic, soap, gloves, cords, gauze and a sterile scalpel blade, all in a small press seal plastic bag. It only costs \$3 to make and transport to its destination.

Year 12 Health and Human Development worked as a team and assembled 200 kits to send to sub Saharan Africa. The project took a lot of planning and preparation,

as well as fundraising – we are still working toward the required \$600. The support from Kurnai College staff and students on Pyjama Day has helped fund this project.

The birthing kits are now assembled and are on their way to sub Saharan Africa to ensure that 200 women can avoid infection, and 200 babies have an increased chance of survival.

Thank you to everyone involved in the project – what a success!

Celebration Day

Celebration Day for the Year 12 VCER and VCAL students was held on the large open space near the college with a carnival theme, organised by the students themselves with staff support.

There was a jumping castle, water slide, water fights and inflatable zorb balls to entertain. The day began with the staff providing an egg and bacon roll breakfast, before everyone moved to the activity area. Fairy floss was also on the menu. The event concluded at 1pm when all three campuses converged on the Churchill Junior Campus

for a healthy living lunch.

The Year 12s enjoyed themselves. It was a chance to relax and let off steam, as well as remember and celebrate their past 13 years at school before having to face their final exams.

Year 12 VCE Exams.

The exams began with English on Wednesday October 28 and ran for two weeks. The school believes these students have worked hard and are well prepared, having taken the opportunities presented to them for extra study and support.

Year 12 VCAL Students.

VCAL students are now finished and are out looking for employment. Some have already been successful in gaining work, with some obtaining apprenticeships.

They have been a great bunch of students. Engaging and working with the local and wider community (trips to Tasmania to help bushfire affected folks) has been beneficial and expanded their horizons, developing social conscience.

Healthy Lunch

Students from all three

campuses came together to enjoy the benefits of a healthy lunch at the Churchill Junior Campus. They enjoyed activities such as Tae Kwon Do, Tai Chi and gymnastics before being joined by the Year 12s for the lunch.

A whole college photo was taken.

This event was organised by student members of all three Student Representative Councils, who met, discussed and actioned an idea from the students.

Allowing the students to plan in such a way shows them that they are important contributors to the school community and the local community.

On the Road.

The music students have been “on the road” to the different primary schools in the area putting on a variety of performances for the younger pupils. This is their eleventh year of doing so. This gives the students experiences in performing, setting up their equipment, emceeing and looking after each other. It also showcases the college music program with the

hope of encouraging future participants.

A feature of this year’s tour is that some pupils from each primary school put on a performance for the older students.

These performances have been well received and the students from Kurnai have enjoyed interacting with the younger pupils. Competence in performance was noted as the visits progressed.

As Churchill campuses have more diverse musical groups they have been able to supplement the performances at the Morwell schools.

College Concert.

All campus bands congregated at Morwell Campus in the Hexagon which holds 300 people. It was crowded with standing room only as parents and family members and friends came to hear the end result of lots of practising for this occasion.

The performances were a reflection of the year’s work in all its diversity.

It is one of the few occasions in a school year when all the students can

come together as a whole school.

College Idol Results.

First Prize winner was Michelle Hawkes who was accompanied by Dylan Goodwin who is an experienced accompanist. Both are Year 11 students.

Second place was Sera Kingston, (Year 11) again accompanied by Dylan Goodwin.

Third place went to Zekinta Halge who is at Churchill Junior Campus. She was accompanied by Cameron Fowler.

The evening was well attended with standing room only. Churchill Campus Language Centre was the venue.

The performances were appreciated by the students, parents and teachers.

The judges were all from outside Kurnai College. This activity gives great encouragement to the student’s talents and is a confidence builder, but it demands a large pro-active commitment to prepare properly.



VCE and VCAL Celebration Day



Birthing Kits assembling.



Birthing Kits assembling.



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Kurnai College Junior Campus

Healthy Living Expo

On October 22, all three campuses came together for a Healthy Living Expo to promote looking after your body and mind properly whilst eating healthy food. The Expo was organised through the SRC from each of the three campuses and Danielle Clarke and Julie Nethercote from the Smith family.

The students from the three campuses combined in their house colours to participate in the activities.

Taekwondo, which was run by Mark Martin from TKD Gippsland, along with three volunteers to show the students that Taekwondo facilitates fun, fitness and self defence in a controlled and engaging environment.

Samantha Brick took the session on Brain gym, which aims to stimulate the brain through a range of skills and techniques that improve hand-eye coordination, whole body flexibility, binocular vision, and spatial and listening skills.

Tai Chi, which promotes health and wellbeing through gentle movements that enable

harmony in mind and body, and improves mobility and mental alertness, was taken by Lorraine Strobel from YDHS).

The unfortunate weather meant that the activity Teen Gym that was being run by Churchill Leisure Centre staff had to be cancelled.

All staff and students came together on the oval for a whole school photo taken by Jo Drury.

The students, teachers and presenters were supplied with a healthy lunch organised by the Smith family through Manny's Market and Subway.

Students said they "loved the free lunch" and "enjoyed the day". Thanks go to Danielle, Julie and the Kurnai College SRC representatives. The Churchill campus representatives are Emily Griffiths and Shelby Love (Year 7), Tahlia Baker and Ally McGown (Year 8), Dylan Beedall and Natalie Butler (Year 9), and Kimberly Gordon, Hayden Kimpton, Chloe Libreri, Mirrin McKay, and Teresa Simpson (Year 10).

Kurnai Idol

The annual Kurnai Idol Championships at Kurnai College has seen students from all campuses performing their way to attain the available positions in the Grand Final.

The performing students arrived with mixed emotions. Needless to say they still got up and performed their songs to the best of their abilities, even if they were trembling at the knees or hands. The students accompanying the vocalists all did a remarkable job in playing either piano or guitar.

The judges for both finals were all musically minded community members. Mrs Beth Turner and Mrs Lindel Lay have judged in previous years and both were pleased at the students' improvement and ensembleship. Ms Karen Symons was judging this years' series for the first time and she admired the willingness of the performers in taking part in this event. All judges commented on the assistance and determination of the student helpers, the performers and the

atmosphere of the finals.

The audience attendance and participation in both the Semi-final and Grand Final evenings have been well attended and very supportive to all performers.

The continued support from A&P Electronics, Valley Trophy Centre and Kurnai College has allowed this College Event to operate since 2008.

The Results

All participants received a medallion for their efforts. They included Gabrielle Hines, Tayla George, Carlin Graham, Travis Towers, Tammin Stanbridge, Dakoda Jenkins, Ashlee Skinner, Natalie Butler, Nathan Britt and Sarah George.

Third Place received a Trophy and monetary voucher (\$50), which went to Churchill campus students Zekinthia Halge and Cameron Fowler.

Second Place received a Trophy and monetary voucher (\$75), which went to University campus students Sera Kingston and Dylan Goodwin.

First Place received a

Cup and monetary voucher (\$100), as well as having their names engraved on the Idol Championship shield - University campus students Michelle Hawkes and Dylan Goodwin.

The shield will be housed at University Campus.

We would like to thank Valley Trophy Centre and A&P Electronics and also our supporters.

Year 10 Central Australia camp

Late on the last day of term 3, a group of tired, sunburnt students arrived home from a two-week trip to central Australia. Year 10 students from Churchill and Morwell travelled by bus on this trip, taking in the scenery and sights of Australia's red centre.

Along the way, there was a stopover at Coober Pedy. The students took a quick look at life in this opal-mining town. It was then onward to Uluru. The view of 'the rock' as the sun goes down is thrilling, watching it change colour with the dying light.

The next day the group walked the base track around the whole of Uluru, taking in

the immense size as well as the rock paintings at sacred sites located at the base of the rock. In the distance from Uluru is Kata Tjuta (the Olga's), which the group had great fun walking through.

The students went on to walk the rim of King's Canyon, a gruelling hike in the heat, and included a stop at a spiritual waterhole deep in the canyon. Doing the walk at King's Canyon is an amazing experience and the canyon is one of the best sights in central Australia.

However, after this long tiring hike, it was found that the bus battery was flat. The group responded with enthusiasm and decided to push the bus to try and start it. So, in the heat of the day, they pushed the bus and it started - an amazing feat that all the students will remember.

There were a few days around Alice Springs seeing the sights of this amazing town, including a trip to a desert theme park to see local animals.

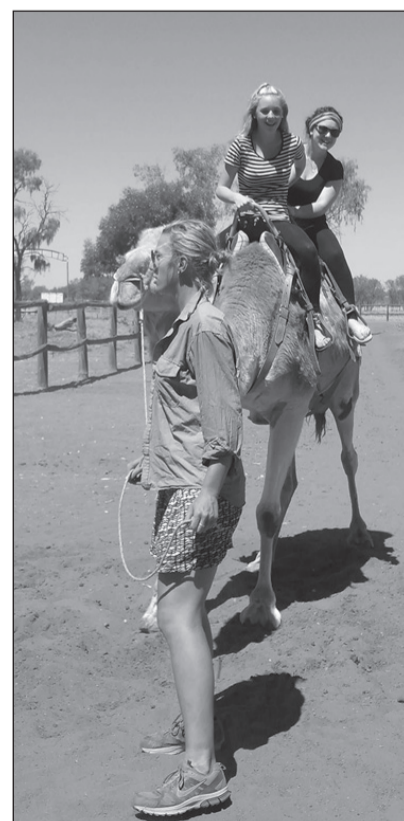
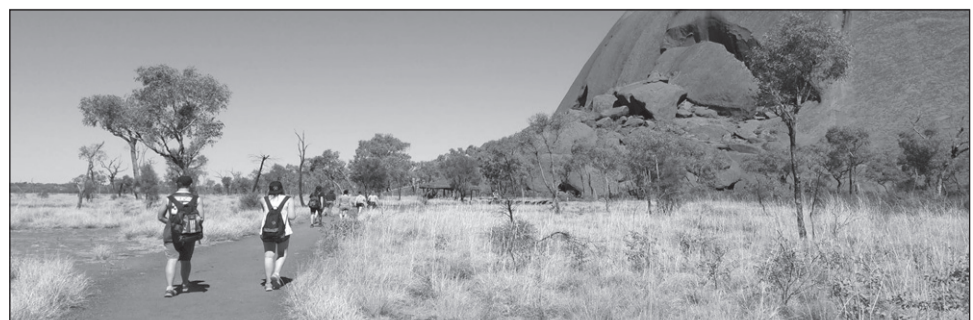
It was a wonderful trip with many memories for the students to take with them.



Standing row - Vocalists: Dakoda Jenkins, Tammin Stanbridge, Michelle Hawkes, Travis Towers, Sera Kingston, Carlin Graham, Zekinthia Halge, Tayla George and Gabrielle Hines.
Front row - Accompanists: Ashlee Skinner, Natalie Butler, Dylan Goodwin, Nathan Britt, Cameron Fowler and Sarah George.



Kurnai Idol results (pictured right to left):
3rd place - Cameron Fowler accompanied Zekinthia Halge (Churchill); 2nd place - Sera Kingston (University) was accompanied by Dylan Goodwin;
1st place - Dylan Goodwin accompanied Michelle Hawkes (University).



Year 10 Central Australian Camp



Churchill North Primary School

School Basketball

On October 12, eight people were selected to play basketball in Dandenong at the regional finals. The eight people were Riley, Hannah, Hayden, Ebony, Lachlan, Jarrah and Zac.

The team played five games, they won two and lost three. The team tried their best and trained without

complaining. To make finals they needed to come first, second or third but they did not. The team would like to thank Miss Wells for putting in her time and effort for coaching us and to parents for driving us to Dandenong.

By Hannah M

Mini Olympics

On Wednesday, October

14, Churchill North held their Maths night. This term's theme was a Mini Olympics! Students competed against their family in a range of events such as Marble Grab, Javelin, and Paper Plate Discus.

Students also had the opportunity to get their photo taken in the Olympic photo booth. A big congratulations

to Tiana for winning the raffle and the Dwyer family for their great estimation skills, winning three out of five lolly jars! Hayden said, "It was fun playing the activities and winning the lolly jars. My favourite event was mini golf where I used a cotton ball and spoon to fling it into a cup." Afterwards everyone enjoyed a free hotdog for dinner.

2/3 Swimming

In 2/3K we have been fortunate enough to have spent the last six weeks being a part of the swimming program.

Students have been learning survival skills, pool safety and having fun too. During our swimming lessons we have been learning how to float on our backs, kick while

floating, do a torpedo, safely enter the pool and lots of other fun things. My favourite part of swimming was free time because we were allowed to play down the deep end. We had lots of fun at swimming.

By Jazmine and Miss Koene



Yinnar South Primary School



Yinnar South Primary Grows

The start of the 2016 school will see Yinnar South Primary School tripling in size since Principal Katy Grandin started in 2012. Katy attributes the schools growth to the passionate staff and parents, engaged students and the support of the local community.

Visitors to the school are invited to see how the school tailors the educational program to suit individual students. Each student is encouraged to maximise their potential through innovative and authentic learning experiences. Maths, literacy and science are embedded

into everything students do, including the Stephanie Alexander Garden and Cooking Program and our Developmental Curriculum.

New Buildings

2015 has been a productive year for the little school with the big heart. A major building project (due for completion this month) provides the school with a new administration block, a new double classroom, a new toilet block and a wonderful storage space. These buildings complement the existing Junior Transition Centre, the library and the hall (incorporating the kitchen and restaurant).

Prep Transition Day

The first prep transition day was fun with students creating faces and discussing emotions as part of our term focus on 'Wellbeing'

Playgroup

Playgroup provides an opportunity for children to play and explore. Future student Mergie, explored textures as he discovered dinosaurs in the rice.

CFA Visit

The students had a wonderful time learning about fire safety with the CFA Volunteers.

School Tours can be arranged by calling Principal Katy Grandin on 51 691 504.



Churchill Primary School



Respectful Positive Learners Sport

Five of our students competed in the Gippsland Regional Athletics Carnival at Newborough Track recently. They represented not only Churchill Primary School but the Latrobe Valley district. To get to this stage these students came first or second at Yinnar and District Sports and first or second in the Zone Finals.

Mitchell Bruerton competed in shot put and was placed 9th in the Gippsland competition. Claire Pendlebury, Chloe Huizer, Monai Porykali and Hannah Zomer placed 8th in the girls' relay. Claire also competed in the 200 metres race and came in 7th and Monai competed in the 800 metres race. She

is not sure of her placing. The students report that the competition was really tough. They found their opponents seemed really tall and fast. Students from all over Gippsland were there on the day and while they were not competing our students made friends with students from other schools. They wish to thank the many parents who came and supported the students and to Miss Woodman.

First Aid Lessons

St John Ambulance representatives Danni and Tina came to CPS to give our students first aid lessons. The students took the lessons very seriously and were very interested in the information. They received certificates for

the day. The younger students were taught what to do in an emergency, including putting an unconscious person in the recovery position. They enjoyed practising on class mates. Older students were shown CPR on a dummy. The students were taught D R S A B C D. D is check for danger, R is to try to get a response from the person, S is send for help, A is clear the airways, B is check for breathing. The Junior school stopped here, but the senior children were shown that C is CPR and D is for using a defibrillator.

Discovery Club

On Friday October 23, Grades 4, 5 and 6 walked down to Federation University to do activities and learn our way around the University. Some of the activities we did were art, TLC (Technology Learning Centre) and nursing. The nursing creped me out because all the mannequins had their mouths open and their eyes shut. They looked so real Caitlyn got really creeped out and I went outside with her and we sat down. In TLC we made our own games. I made an arcade game. It was fun but art was my favourite. We sat at these big tables and the person sitting across from you drew you and you drew them. After we did the activities we got to graduate from Federation University Discovery Club. Five people got to wear gowns. It was very cool but the hat was weird. I didn't know how to put it



on. We got a certificate and shook Diane or Dr Dyson's hand. Then we walked back to school.

By Claire Pendlebury

Brianna Amerbeg outlined the activities as Claire did, but she also added some different details to her report. She added that there was a scavenger hunt which the students filled in at the end of the activities. She enjoyed the nursing more than she enjoyed the art and computer work. She added that they became aware of what sort of courses the University offered to the students.

The students really enjoyed their day at the University and being able to look forward to the options they might have for the future.

P - 2 Excursion to Old Gipps town

On the same day, Friday October 23, the students from Prep, One and Two went to Old Gipps town to see what things were like in the olden days.

This was part of the curriculum studying Old and New.

Imogen Stivic reports: On Friday I went to Old Gipps town. My favourite part was the blacksmith.

The best thing was the blacksmith gave us a bell and it was cool. He also made a swirl for the fence in the shop.

Brian Parkes said his favourite part was the fire truck and the excursion was fun.

Academic Excellence

University of New South Wales International Assessment: This competition is offered to our students and they can sit Test Papers in computers, science, English, spelling, writing and mathematics. Hundreds of students throughout Australia and from overseas are involved in the different age groups. We congratulate Josh Gina, Monciel Strack, Stella Voarino, Jeremy Courtis, Tristan Lehrner and Mitchell Berechree who challenged themselves and sat tests during term 2 and term 3.

Love is in the Air

We congratulate Hollie Woodman and James Burke on their recent wedding and wish them every happiness in their marriage.



Top Left: Regional Athletics team- Mitchell, Savannah, Chloe, Monai, Hannah

Top Right First Aid lessons
Bottom photos The Grade P-2 excursion to Old Gipps town



Lumen Christi Primary School

Lumen Christi has started the term extremely well. Term 4 is a terrific time to reflect on what has been achieved as well as preparing for the excitement of finishing the year, Christmas and summer holidays. A great example of growth can be found in our young Prep students who have gone from quiet, unsure and very dependent to confident learners who thrive both in

teachings of Jesus, which are taught from the first day of Prep through to Year 6 Graduation. At Lumen Christi we have a wonderful opportunity to connect with our local Vinnies Conference. As a school community we support the Vinnies Winter and Christmas Appeals, and earlier this term the senior students coordinated and hosted a School Disco that

tremendous examples to our young students of community spirit and how to live a life based around the Gospel values given to us as a key part of our faith.

Socktober

As part of the unit of work on "Serving Others" and supporting Catholic Mission in its work in Madagascar, Grade 3/4's coordinated some fundraising amongst our

Transition to 2016

We are getting ready to welcome our new 2016 students throughout this term. We have already enrolled a

had students who challenged themselves when it came to the giant swing while others loved looking for many small creatures in the diverse pond

involves using nets to catch bugs and water creatures. We caught a water scorpion. At first it looked like a stick but then it started moving. We



and out of the classroom. Our staff has also been engaged in some extremely influential learning of their own this year, and they deserve to be acknowledged for their commitment and dedication to the students and their families.

Reaching out to others

As a Catholic school a core feature of our day-to-day interactions with each other is our willingness to reach out to others. The model of how to live is based on the

raised over \$200 which will go directly to kick-starting our Christmas fundraising. We encourage all families and Churchill News readers to keep an eye out for how you can contribute to our Christmas Appeal which will get underway later in November. The school would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the 'birthday' of our local Vinnies who turned 30 over the recent school holidays. These local volunteers are

school community. Students were asked to come in their interesting socks for a day, while bringing in a gold coin donation, and were also offered the opportunity to "Guess the lollies in the jar". The actual number was kept secret until the big reveal at the school assembly! Creation of sock puppets was also another avenue explored by students across the school. Grade 3/4's thank everyone for their support.

growing number of students and look forward to local Lumen Christi transition opportunities ahead of the statewide Orientation Day on December 8. We welcome any other families considering Lumen Christi to make contact with us so your child and family can be involved in all our transition activities.

Art, art, and more art

The Art room under the leadership of Mrs Ruane, has been a hive of activity this term as everyone worked feverishly to complete their sculptures. The 5/6's have designed and produced wire and plaster models of creatures, the Year 3/4's 'birds in nests' while the juniors have worked on some

environment. Canoeing saw some rivalry between teams when it came to paddling around the lake, while the flying fox proved a hit. The low ropes and climbing wall required support from fellow classmates while the initiative course really stretched groups into working as a team.

Student Camp Report

by Shaye Tapai

Last week, Grade 3/4 went to Phillip Island Adventure Resort for camp. On the way we went to San Remo to watch the pelicans being fed. One pelican really liked Austin and tried to sit on him. The activities we participated in were: giant swing, bouldering wall,

think it was about 10 cm long and it was worth 100 points in the 'Spotto' game.

Keeping fit and healthy together

As partners in the community program, Healthy Together, Lumen Christi encourages and supports our students to be active both at and out of school. During October we have kept a tally in each classroom of when students have to be active to get themselves to and from school. To support walk-to-school month, we have offered a weekly teacher escorted Walking School Bus from three locations in Churchill, followed by a breakfast back at school. We hope



pretty spectacular looking pigs that would look at home at 'Fashions on the Field'.

Year 3/4 camp program

Grade 3/4 spent two days at the Phillip Island Adventure Resort in Cowes, rotating through various activities and enjoying a night walk to Smith's Beach. We

low ropes course, canoeing, initiative course, flying fox and ponding. At night time we went on a night hike to Smith's beach to watch the sun set and play games. My favourite activity was the giant swing because you could go really high and it was fun. I wasn't scared. Ponding

this initiative leads to more students travelling actively to school. On the sports front the Year 3 to 6 students have been attending weekly sessions with local tennis guru Glen Kirstine, while the whole school will undergo their summer swimming awareness program soon.

SPORT

Churchill Junior Football Club



U 10s Best and Fairest
Lachlan Kerr



U 12s Best and Fairest
Hayden Weir



U 16 Best and Fairest
Ryan Lowrie

This last year has been a very successful one for the Churchill Junior Football Club with an increase in numbers so that the club could field Under 10s, Under 12s, and Under 16s teams. Unfortunately there were not enough players to field an Under 14s team.

Under 10s

The Under 10s made the elimination finals. Jack Dowd played 50 games and he is the last player to do so due to changes in age restrictions. He received a medal.

Twenty-eight children played throughout the year, at Traralgon and five home ground games.

One girl, Hayley Kamphuis joined the team, giving up dancing to play. She showed great determination.

There was good achievement from Coach Brad McCartney and his two assistants Ben Dowd and Rory Crawford for their training of the players and their game days preparation.

The team had a good season with commendable achievements making the finals. The players are described as a great bunch who have worked hard as a

team. The club is very proud of them.

Under 10s Trophy Winners: Best and Fairest- Lachlan Kerr. Runner Up Best and Fairest- Duncan Gaw. Most Consistent- Jack Dowd. Most Determined- Lleyton Hecker. Most Courageous- Seth Gaw. Most Improved Zac Bollard.

Under 12s

The Under 12s were trained by a first year coach, Ryan Vink. He turned up at the club saying he would like to put up his hand for a coaching job. Ryan also plays for the seconds at Churchill.

Club President Noel Hawkins says it is so good to see someone from the seniors come along to help. Ryan loved the work and brought together a new group of players who have come together as a team and improved as the season progressed. They achieved one win only but can hold their heads up high and be proud of their perseverance.

Ryan was ably assisted by Team Manager, Jaymee Tyas. Reece Adams, Zac Carlson, Hayden Weir and Rhys Luxford all reached their 50th games total. This

is a big achievement for these players as it shows their commitment to the team and the club, as the games must be played at one club. These boys are described as good team players. Hayden would help Deb Donavan (Under 16s Team Manager) with her team.

Under 12s Trophy Winners: Best and Fairest- Hayden Weir. Runner Up Best and Fairest- Zac Carlson. Most Consistent- Reece Adams. Most Courageous- Reece Brown. Most Improved- Dylan Kamphuis. Coach's Award Dominic Kerrison.

Congratulations to all the team members for a good season's effort. Under 12's Team Runners were Scott Gregor and Chris Harding.

Under 16s

Two big achievements were realised in this season for two team members - Joel Mason and Dustin Weir both reached their hundredth game with the club. As they are younger team members they will be able to play again next year in this age group.

Ryan Carlson, Ryan Lowrie, Aidan Ekananake and Cain Iorangi all reached their 50th game.

Congratulations to these players for a great year of dedication and sportsmanship.

This team made the elimination finals - a terrific effort. These players have great potential and if they stay playing together as a team, can go a long way according to President Noel.

Under 16's Trophy Winners: Best and Fairest Ryan Lowrie, Runner Up best and Fairest Ryan Carlson and Patrick Ludgate. Coach's Award Jeremy Radoc. Most Improved Niggle Proykali. Most Consistent Joel Mason. Thanks go to Rodney Croft, Deb Donavan for Team Manager and Greg Weir as trainer of the Under 12s and Under 16s.

Team Runners for the Under 16s were Shaun Craddock (who also helped with the Under 12s) and Shaun Hecker.

A big thank you is extended to the Mirboo North Football Club for lending players throughout the year which was a great help. This was also a reciprocal arrangement as the teams played on different days.

Graduates: The following players received a plaque of

recognition of games played, as they graduate to play with the Thirds next year - Patrick Ludgate, Jeremy Rodoc, Nathaniel Wilson, Justin Van Tilberg, Matthew McKenzie and Ryan Carlson. This plaque is sponsored by the seniors.

Noel Hawkins, President, expresses grateful thanks to Deb Donavan (Secretary) for amazing support as well as Stacey Lilywhite, Shaun Craddock (sponsorship securer), Christine Ekanayake (Registrar) and committee members Rodney Croft and Ryan Vink for their commitment throughout the year. "Without these dedicated members a club doesn't work," he said.

An amazing aspect of this club is that none of the coaches, and only two of the committee have children playing in the teams. This is most appreciated and a mark of their dedication and passion to continue to see young children being able to participate in a successful club and sport.

If the club is to continue and thrive it needs more support from parents and community to share the load

and fill the jobs such as goal umpire, time keeper, canteen duty, and washing jumpers and helmets to name a few.

Noel and Deb are asking you to put your hand up and take a turn. Ring Noel on 0428 358 307 or email noelhawkins74@gmail.com.

The AGM will be held in December. Please check the club Facebook page (Churchill Junior Football Club) for the date.

The club would like to say a big thank you and acknowledge their sponsors- Lakes Oil, Churchill Maintenance and Fabrication, Hip Pocket, Valley Trophy Centre, Cool Aqua, McNair and Hurlie, JMack, Massage on the Moo-ve and Bolt Co.

Also acknowledged are the Game Day awards providers Valley Trophy Centre (weekly medals for Best on Ground), Churchill Fish and Chip, Glendonald Pizza, Churchill Chicken, Vintage C'hill, Jump and Climb, and Ruth Courtis.

If you would like to be a coach of the Under 10s, 12s, 14s, and /or 16s in 2016, please contact Noel Hawkins on noelhawkins74@gmail.com.

SPORT

Yinnar Tigers duo win Memorial Mixed Doubles



Mark and Sharon Taylor from Yinnar Tigers darts team have won the Mid Gippsland Darts Association Betty Spence Memorial Mixed Doubles event. Playing in their new team shirts sponsored by Yinnar Hotel they defeated Shane Spence and Kathy Tutchell from the Padlocks team.

Churchill Junior Basketball



Mid Gippsland Darts Association Winter Competition



LADDER after Round 13

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	%	Pts
YINNAR TIGERS	13	12	1	87	30	966.7	24
BULLSHOT	13	10	3	76	41	844.4	20
COYOTEZ	13	5	8	59	58	655.6	10
TRARALGON REBELS	13	5	8	48	69	533.3	10
PADLOCKS	13	5	8	44	73	488.9	10
REAPERS	13	2	11	37	82	411.1	4

Round 11. Yinnar Tigers defeated Reapers 7-2. Mark Taylor for Tigers was at his best with three 140 finishes and Peter Campbell chipping in with the highest darts score in a single throw (3 darts) of 180 on the night. Peter also had the highest finish throwing 109.

Round 12. Yinnar Tigers were tested on the night but ran out winners 6-3. Mark

Taylor with most tons (8) and one of a few to throw the highest score of 140 on the night. The Tigers sit pretty on top of the league ladder just one game ahead of Bullshot with 4 rounds to go.

Round 13 was a torrid affair with the Tigers playing the fast finishing Bullshot team. Tigers started well but in the second half of the night's draw started to falter.

Tigers eventually winning 5-4 and getting that little bit of breathing space on the ladder before the finals. The team had great support from Reno Borg and Mark Taylor, both had Men's highest score for the night of 140.

Warrick Roberts (Bullshot) cracked the 100 tons for the winter season achieved in 13 rounds. Great effort.

Inaugural 2015 Gippsland Hockey Championships at Churchill

The inaugural Gippsland Championships were held between East Gippsland Hockey Association, West Gippsland Hockey Association and Latrobe Valley Hockey Association on September 19 and 20, 2015.

The categories offered were Under 13 Mixed, Under 15 Mixed, Under 17 Mixed, Men and Women. We had two great days with fantastic hockey on show.

The results were as follows:

Under 13 Mixed: Finalists: West Gippsland Hockey Association and East Gippsland Hockey Association: Winner - West Gippsland Hockey Association: 1 - 0.

Under 15 Mixed: Finalists: West Gippsland Hockey Association and East Gippsland Hockey Association: Winner - West Gippsland Hockey Association: 5 - 1.

Under 17 Mixed: Finalists: East Gippsland Hockey

Association and Latrobe Valley Hockey Association: Winner - East Gippsland Hockey Association: 1 - 0.

Women: Finalists: West Gippsland Hockey Association and Latrobe Valley Hockey Association: Winner - Latrobe Valley Hockey Association: 12 - 1.

Men: Finalists: East Gippsland Hockey Association and Latrobe Valley Hockey Association: Winner - Latrobe Valley Hockey Association: 3 - 0.

On October 24, Churchill Blue Devils had four representative teams attend the Korumburra Basketball Tournament, which is the first for the new squad season.

U/10 boys and girls and U/14 boys and girls travelled across to South Gippsland for a great day of basketball with some terrific results.

U/10 boys came away Premiers in A division. The boys won three of their four pool games, with a one point loss to Maffra. They met Maffra in the Grand Final and this time defeated them 31 to 21. Churchill's Luke Cheffers

was awarded MVP for the game.

The team consisted of Will Towers, Hudson McCulloch, Ben Burrows, Oliver McColl, Harry Bugeja, Jarrod Thomas, Luke Cheffers and Eli Sutherland.

Other results for the Blue Devils were -

U/10 girls won one of their three games, with a close loss to Maffra 20-24. Maffra went on to play in the Grand Final.

U/14 girls A division won two of three, with a loss to a strong Maffra team which then went on to make the

Grand Final. The girls had strong wins against Sale and Traralgon.

U/14 boys, also in A division, won two games from four. Their wins were against Southern Peninsula and Maffra. They lost against Korumburra and Traralgon, with those teams playing off in the Grand Final.

The teams next competed at Moe on November 7 and 8, with Churchill sending six teams to the Moe Tournament. Then the Blue Devils have their home tournament at Churchill on December 5 and 6.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Mens - Saturday October 17, 2015.

Winners Par Event A Grade L. Stein (13) +3, B Grade C. Hogbin (19) +4, C Grade D. Radnell (34) +4, NTP 12th P. Williams, 14th J. Mc Cafferty, Birdies 12th S. Sanders.

Ladies 2nd Round 4bbb Championships Tuesday October 20, 2015.

Winners M. Mc Conville (25) and J. Blizzard (29) 49 Points, DTL L. Peake (42) and J. Beck (31) 45 Points. NTP 3rd B. Beebe, 5th M. Deer, 12th M. Mc Conville, 14th V.

Verheyen. Overall Champions V. Rowley (40) and L. Casey (38), 86 Points. Overall Runners Up M. Mc Conville (24) and J. Blizzard (29) 84 Points.

Mens - Saturday October 24, 2015. Winners Stableford Event

A Grade G. Beyer 35 Points (0-18 Hcp). B Grade G. Spowart 35 Points (19-23 Hcp). C Grade T. Collins 39 Points (24-36 Hcp). DTL J. Sloyan 37 Points, G. Blizzard 34 Points, M.

Soppe 35 Points, C. Thomas 34 Points, T. Sterrick 34 Points, A. Auld C/B. NTP 3rd K. Hills, 12th G. Beyer.

Ladies Invitation Day 4bbb Tuesday October 27, 2015

Winners M. McQuillen (41) and B. Stimson (24) 40 Points. Runners Up L. Peake (42) and D. McKay Count Back 40 Points. DTL D. Judkins (24) and C. Carter (25) 39 Points. H. Croft (41) and P. Murphy (28) 38 Points.

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Hazelwood Car and Bike Show



Lots of families came out to see more than 280 cars and bikes on display at this year's Hazelwood Car and Bike Show at Gaskin Park, Churchill, and helped the Pistons Car Club raise over \$ 8,500 for the Wilson family of Churchill.

The Wilson family have five year old Madeline who has hyperchondroplasia. This affects her arms and legs, meaning she is short in stature.

Madeline also has ADHD and is also on the Autism Spectrum, she has no sense of danger and has no fear. Madeline needs constant supervision and has a terrible time sleeping. The Wilson family would like to build a

safe room, to give Madeline a safe place to sleep and play.

Some of the vehicles travelled from as far as Melbourne just for this show.

The range of vehicles included: vintage cars, vintage caravans, hot rods, street machines, early model Holdens and Fords, a range of bikes, trikes, custom cars and modern performance cars.

The SES did a great job demonstrating the techniques they use to cut up a car and the kids loved climbing on board the CFA trucks for a look around.

The police and Neighbourhood House were giving out information.

For the kids there was free face painting, three big

jumping castles, temporary tattoos by Tattooed Sister and Henna Art, by Ruth.

There was Venom Wise with snakes, owls, dingos and other Australian animals, KoKo the Clown had the crowd laughing and made some amazing balloon animals. Elsa from 'Frozen' and Spiderman were roaming through the crowd entertaining everyone.

The Pistons Car Club would like to thank everyone for coming to the Hazelwood Car and Bike Show and making it a great day and raising money for the Wilson family.

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Your Community Newspaper award

Churchill & District News was represented by two team members at the annual CNAV conference held at Mooroolbark, which was a celebration of the association's ten years of existence. It was another opportunity to network, share ideas, hear about how other newspapers operate and participate in workshops.

It was the tenth anniversary of the group and people who had attended the original conference at Monash University Gippsland, were asked to share their memories and thoughts.

The CNAV has come a long way in those years, lobbying for government advertising for us and through the annual conference, giving newspaper teams a chance to show and tell, and learn from each other, as well as gain skills from the workshops and share ideas. The standard of the newspapers has certainly improved and developed through that means.

A keynote speaker spoke passionately about drugs, putting the statistics into proper perspective. He urged us to report the news correctly.

We participated in two workshops - Engaging with your Community and How to write a newspaper story, where to place hard and soft news in the papers, and legal issues. The first workshop shared some ideas which we hope to put into practice in the future.

Later in the afternoon Jeremi Moule, Executive



Churchill & District News editor Carol Scott and Co-ordinator Ruth Place with the CNAV award.

Director Strategic Communications, Department of Premier and Cabinet, spoke of the lobbying done by CNAV reps to secure more government advertising for our papers, and of the appreciation he now had for the community newspapers and the representatives. He said he would do as much as he could to promote the issue, but clarified it by saying there was only so much money to go round.

He has created a map of where community newspapers are located and he can use that to target campaigns of need in appropriate areas.

At the awards dinner that

night, Churchill & District News was awarded the Best History Story.

The judge's remarks are as follows:

"Power(ful) Memories of Hazelwood.

Interesting three part article to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Hazelwood Power Station. One of the best features of the article is the inclusion of oral histories of former workers. Add original photographs and other research and the articles provide a great record of a part of Victoria's industrial heritage."

It was a worthwhile experience to attend.

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