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Churchill Community Festival

On a cool and blustery Saturday the Churchill Community Festival started, with community groups, a jumping castle, skateboarding workshops, and music.

Marimba workshops were a success with youngsters enjoying playing the musical instruments. The Kurnai Band started our

entertainment off at 10am with their school band, and vocalists. Bob Cooper was our MC for the day.

Available on the day were Devonshire teas, sausage sizzle, popcorn, patchwork display, quilting machine demonstrations, Beans the Clown, Men's Shed open, gumboot throwing,

painting and planting, giant board games, henna painting, sweets and savouries from around the world, name writing in different languages, community garden plant stall and the Churchill Library was open for the day.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers and community groups who made the day

possible, there were over 40 volunteers helping out at the Churchill Community Hub.

And of course thank you to the days sponsors: Latrobe City Council, Federation University, the Latrobe City Trust and Latrobe Community Health Service.



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Winners of the gumboot colouring competition



The winners received handmade and painted stools. The stools were made by the Churchill Men's Shed and painted by Anne and Ian Crawford.

Luna age 1, Lillia age 3, Ros age 3, Alex age 4, Annabell age 4, Jack age 6, Taleisha age 6, Maddison age 11, Branigan age 2, Ellaura age 9, Meika age 5.



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Churchill Fire Brigade



Fire restrictions lifted in Latrobe City

The Fire Danger and Fire Prohibited Periods finished at 1:00 am on Tuesday March 29, 2016 in the Latrobe City municipality. Although CFA places limited restrictions on the lighting of fires in the open air outside the Fire Danger Period, the lighting of fires may be fully or partly restricted under legislation and bylaws administered by municipalities and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

Points to always remember:

- Always remember to check local bylaws (Latrobe City 1300 367 700) before burning off and never leave a burn-off unattended.

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- Check the weather forecasts before you burn off.
- Never burn off in dry, hot or windy conditions.
- Phone the Vicfire Burn Off Line on 1800 668 511 to register your burn off so local brigades don't get called unnecessarily.

Churchill Festival

The Churchill Fire Brigade opened its doors to be a part of the Churchill Festival held on Saturday March 19.

The brigade had our two tankers on display which proved to be a hit with the young ones as they were set up to squirt water from the truck monitors.

There were many visitors to the station, as well as to a stand that the Brigade arranged at the Churchill Market held in the Churchill Hotel car park on the same day.

The showery start to the day soon disappeared with many market visitors stopping for a chat.

Most of the enquiries related to the lifting of fire restrictions, but there were also other enquiries about preparing properties, and winter home preparations.

The Brigade is very pleased to have been able to participate in the Festival, which we hope will now continue for many years to come.



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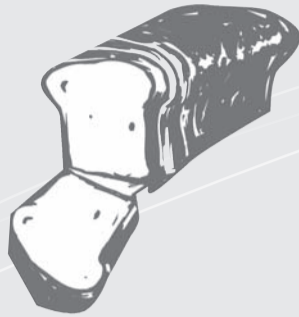
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Online activities will be

completed through Council's website and you may also have the opportunity to attend face-to-face sessions (such as interviews, focus groups, etc).

Tell your friends and family about the "Community Sounding Board": the more people participating, the better. Council's aim is to get input from a large and diverse range of community members with participation open to anyone who wants to be involved.

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The "Community Sounding Board" is here to help you have your say on Latrobe City Council projects and initiatives. Tell us how we could make it easier for you to get involved in Council issues that matter to you.

Contact the Coordinator Community Engagement on 1300 367 700 for further details.

Darrell White

Latrobe Regional Gallery "Re-Branding":

Latrobe Regional Gallery (LRG) situated at 138 Commercial Road, Morwell, is one of the largest public galleries in regional Victoria and is a member of the Public Galleries Association of Victoria.

Housing seven gallery spaces and a sculpture courtyard, LRG presents exhibitions and curated LRG projects across contemporary art and design, experimental and interdisciplinary

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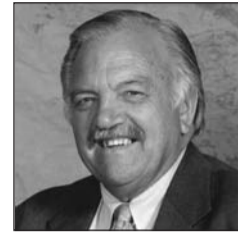
The Gallery has recently been "re-branded" with a new Logo and an updated webpage - www.latroberegionalgallery.com

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Russell Northe

I recently joined with the Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath and Shadow Minister for Youth, Training, Skills and Apprenticeships, Steph Ryan, to mingle with university students at Federation University Churchill campus Market Day to find out what was on their wish list for change.

The Federation Uni students raised a number of matters of importance during O-Week including increased measures to stop domestic violence, compulsory recycling in Victorian schools, better quality roads and public transport in Gippsland and a more inclusive education system.

We met some fantastic

people who spoke about very valid issues which are important to them and which they would like to see addressed by State Government.

It was really just a fun and relaxed day meeting with students and ensuring they know that we as their local Members of Parliament are there to represent their views as best we can.

We had some students mention how they felt regional Victoria was sometimes forgotten by this Government and I assured them I, along with my colleagues, were doing all we could to stand up for country Victorians to ensure those living in places like Gippsland have the same opportunities as those in the

city.

It was great to see so many enthusiastic students take the opportunity to say 'hello' and also speak to my colleagues and I about what matters to them.

MUGSU put on a fantastic market day with music, food, coffee and plenty of information and support for new students at Fed Uni Gippsland campus.

In closing, Latrobe's Biggest Ever Blokes BBQ will be held on Friday May 20, 2016 from 11am to 4pm at Kernot Hall, Morwell. Table bookings are now open, \$11.00 per table of ten - all-inclusive including food, drink, entertainment, raffles, auctions and much more.

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Churchill Community Garden

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Mondays 10am - 12pm

Churchill Men's Shed

The Churchill Men's Shed is a place for all men to spend time working on their own, or on community projects. Meet others and form new friendships.

Mondays 9.30am - 2.30pm \$5 per session

Coffee, Cake & Conversation

Swap ideas, recipes, discuss social and health issues, watch documentaries, anything goes! You can bring along your knitting or craft projects to work on. (This group doesn't meet on the last Friday of the month) **Fridays 10am - 12pm** \$6 a week

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Photography Workshop B

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Saturday 14th May 9.30 - 12.30

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Autumn in the kitchen



By Noelene Marchwicki
It is pickling season - tomatoes, egg plants and olives.

The preparation of the olives is a simple but lengthy process. The olives need to be scored and then soaked in water for 14 days (refreshing the water daily).

At the end of 14 days the olives will be placed in a bowl and covered with vinegar and let marinate for two days. The olives will then be placed on an oven tray and covered with sea salt for 24 hours.

Next day brush off the sea salt and the olives are ready to be added to the brine.

The brine

A mixture of water, vinegar, salt and sugar stirred together (making sure the salt and sugar are dissolved).

Now divide the olives between cleaned, dried jars and pour in the brine to the top of the jars, making sure there is no air in them.

Screw the lids on tightly

and leave in a dark cupboard for 60 days.

They are now ready to be enjoyed, I like them served as part of an antipasto, to do this I rinse off the brine and then pour over a mix of extra virgin olive oil, red wine vinegar, clove of garlic, crushed chilli, sage and rosemary. The olives pair well with feta cheese and salami.

Eggplant

Slice the eggplant into thick rounds, add cloves of garlic to the pan and fry in ghee, turning the eggplant twice, till cooked through and nicely coloured. Allow to cool on a cooling rack.

Make a brine with a mix of salt, water and vinegar, pour over covering the eggplant slices in an airtight container for two weeks, keep in a dark cupboard.

To serve, drain off the brine and add a mix of extra virgin olive oil, ginger, garlic, crushed chilli and coriander.

Tomatoes

Green tomatoes are the best. Roughly peel and chop tomatoes, onions, cauliflower and cucumber.

These need to be soaked in water in a large pot that has a lid, with salt, and let stand for 12 hours.

Next day place the pot with water and vegetables over a high heat and bring to the boil, continue to boil for 12 minutes. Drain the vegetables.

In a separate pan combine a mix of turmeric, mustard, cayenne pepper, curry powder, flour, brown sugar and malt vinegar, until you have a smooth paste. Stir this mix over a low heat till it thickens and then add the drained vegetables. Bring back to the boil, then remove and bottle in clean jars with airtight lids.

Be adventurous, try pickling beetroot, swede ...etc.



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Clean Up Australia Day

This was held on March 6. It was organised by the Rotary Club of Hazelwood. Participants of the Rotary Club, Morwell and Churchill Scouts and the Co-Operating Churches collected a very large container full of rubbish.

Thank you Rotary Club for organising this. It makes such a difference when our environment is clean.

Relaxed Services

Cathie Halliwell's relaxed worship services have attracted a wide variety of ages and interests who

have appreciated the worship format. These will continue.

World Day of Prayer

World day of Prayer was celebrated at Lumen Christi this year. This is a lovely arrangement we have with our Catholic parishioners, alternating venues annually and thus sharing the responsibility of organising the service. The women of Cuba prepared the service with the theme of "Jesus said to them Receive Children. Receive me".

Women in Cuba are an integral part of all aspects of

society but are not recognised for key positions in economy, politics and religion, this being a male dominated culture. Sister Liz Roberts was the guest speaker.

Seek First Men's Ministry

The initial Seek First Men's Ministry for this year was a BBQ with bring your own meat. Topic for the night was "When I was young". This was an excellent topic and brought out some interesting and varied memories.

Lenten studies

Lenten studies continued throughout the month and were attended by an enthusiastic group. Thanks to Russell Hadley for leading the studies. The Boolarra/Yinnar folks joined with the Catholic ladies to do a study there.

Easter Club

Easter Club was held over two weeks with over 80 children coming to hear the Bible account of Easter, and participating in activities based on the theme. Thank you to all our wonderful supporters of the event who

help in so many ways to make sure the program runs effectively. It is always special to have some of the Catholic ladies come and help too.

Coffee Connections

Coffee Connections was changed from its usual Thursday timeslot to accommodate Easter Club. Held on the following Monday it was well attended and remembering/sharing a memorable family holiday, the first or a memorable car people have had, produced an interesting discussion often illustrated with pictures.

It was a time to enjoy the fellowship with a cup of tea or coffee and morning tea.

Junior Youth Group

Junior Youth Group had a fun night with an Easter egg theme. Chocolate was consumed!

Saturday Breakfast

The March Breakfast was held a week earlier on March 19 to avoid Easter. Starting at 7.45am the guest speaker was from the Traralgon City Band talking about their Remembrance trip to the UK and Europe. A more detailed report appears elsewhere on this page.

Parish AGM

We held our AGM on March 20 and celebrated our year's achievements by receiving reports from all our

various groups. It was good to look back and see what had been achieved. We also announced the results of elections for parish councillors.

Easter Services

Reverend Brenda arranged a moving Good Friday service for members of both Lumen Christi and the Co-Operating Churches before they went on a walk of witness around the town, finishing up at the Co-Operating Churches for morning tea of hot cross buns with a good chance to catch up and have a chat.

Easter Sunday we shared a joyful service of commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus who had conquered death and is our Saviour.

Chaplain

By Frank Lees

Reflecting on Easter...I find it amazing that so many did not recognise Jesus Christ after His resurrection. After all, most of these were His immediate followers.

In the account of the two walking home, Jesus does not compel them to believe, but He does explain how belief is possible. These two did not deny the claims of Christ, but they did find it hard to believe them.

So Jesus comes alongside of them, using the knowledge that they did have, and He asked them to see that Christ gave meaning to it all.

It's only after He talks this way with them that He reveals Himself to them.

Many today, like these two, are perplexed about faith in Christ. Many who may hold to some belief, also struggle with doubt.

We might ask that He would reveal Himself to us in

an unmistakable manner, and then we would believe.

Belief, faith, cannot be forced; and doubt cannot be overcome by compulsion. That is what we see as Jesus Christ talks with these two on their way home.

What He did with them, He can still do. He can still ask us to look at all we know, and see Him giving meaning to it; and after that, reveal Himself to us.

Worth thinking about!

Saturday Breakfast

Alan Wilson from the Traralgon City Band who was the Chairman of the UK/France Committee, was the guest speaker for this month, and his topic was the Band's Remembrance Tour to the UK and France which took two years of planning.

It was a tour that no other Australian band had attempted.

He began by telling about the tradition of brass bands welcoming troops back from war when they disembarked from their ships. It was this tradition that they wanted to carry on by playing at cemeteries in France where soldiers from Gippsland who served in WWI were buried.

It meant a lot of organising and the logistics also took a lot of work with 30 band members and 30 supporters with their instruments, some of which weighed up to 32 kgs. Moving about on buses

meant using well planned procedures to avoid chaotic situations.

They left in May 2015 and arrived in England where they competed in some band contests which are very popular. They played with some of the world's best brass bands.

The band was very well received in England and it won best overseas band in at least one competition. Some of the places they played in were Denshaw in Greater Manchester and also Saddleworth from the same area. They also visited the facilities of the Black Dyke Mills Band which is the champion English band.



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2nd and 4th Sundays:
Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am



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The large tree at the Switchback Road roundabout was destroyed in the freak storm we had recently. It has been a feature of our town since its inception and to see it reduced to a fallen wreck is heart-breaking. The comments heard around town expressed people's sadness at its demise. Fortunately no-

one was hurt in its fall, and the police were quickly on the scene. Many people stopped to take a photo and those who took a close up look would have noticed how grub eaten it was inside. Who would have thought it could be in such a state!

It has been floodlit at night and under its branches the Nativity scene has been located.

One good thing is that several industrious folks now have some firewood for the winter.

The town's iconic tree was not the only damage with many rooves losing tiles, and many other trees being uprooted or losing branches, which in turn caused damage to sheds, car ports, fences and the like.

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VicMow



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Adam 13 and Braden 9 are in the juniors Both Morwell boys.
B class was Colin, Sam and Nick - Colin and Sam from Korumburra and Nick from Newry.
Marty and Greg are in A class - Marty from Lang Lang and Greg from Morwell.

VicMow is a fun, family friendly racing ride-on lawn mower group. We have members from all over Victoria and they came together for the Churchill Festival on Saturday March 19. We had 17 racers from Camperdown, Lang Lang, Tooradin, Bendigo, Newry, Korumburra and Morwell, competing in four classes. Juniors - ages 8yrs to 13yrs, 110cc motor, C class with a 200cc, B class up to 250cc and A class up

to 450cc. Racing was fierce and close all day. The rain on Friday made the track nice and slippery and made for great racing with 16 races before the dust arrived. Our final events were a relay race and the Churchill Challenge. With the relay, we start off with the juniors racing two laps, then tagging a C class racer who then tag a B and finish off with our A class. Yellow team was the winner. Our Challenge race is the top three in A, B and C classes

and was raced over eight laps, with Troy Saunders in C class taking the chequered flag, just ahead of his brother Josh Saunders in A class.

A fantastic days racing was had by all.

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Plants in my Garden - APS



By Mike Beamish
Species: Prostanthera linearis
Family: Lamiaceae
Derivation: Prostanthera:
 From the Greek prostheke, meaning an appendage, and anthos, meaning a flower, referring to the small appendages on the anthers.

Linearis: A Latin word meaning linear.

Common Name: Narrow-leaved Mint-bush.

Distribution: The central and southern coast and tablelands in NSW.

Description: A faintly aromatic shrub to 3m tall and 3m broad. Leaves are green above, paler underneath, up to 5cm long and 4mm wide, linear to narrowly ovate on very short stalks and glabrous (i.e. no hairs). Flowers occur in

springtime, can be profuse, are up to 1.2cm wide and are white to pinkish-mauve in terminal leafy clusters.

Opinion: My plant came from Bunnings a few years back and has lived in the back south-east corner of the block ever since.

Of course, like everything else in the garden, (other than the prized gems which promptly drop dead) it has grown much bigger than required. At the moment, the mint-bush is spreading out of the garden bed and across the lawn.

There is plenty of good propagation material on it, so I'll grab a few cuttings before cutting it back to about half its size.

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Churchill Community Garden



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Potting mix doesn't have

soil in it. It's made from composted organic matter which rots quickly resulting in the mix shrinking. A solution is to mix equal proportions of potting mix to washed river sand. The sand slows the slumping process so you don't have to repot so often.

Choose pots big enough to allow a space for the mix to surround the rootball.

Avoid pots that absorb water depriving the plants of moisture.

Al-Anon

Nothing changed until I wasn't alone. The priceless gift of a friend listening on the end of a phone encouraged and supported me, and kept me focused with words of love and acceptance and the wonderful Al-Anon principles.

I have finally grasped that 'Serenity' is the key when faced with a life defining moment. The changes I am making are mostly small. I am

The sun on the side of a pot heats up the potting mix. Roots can't grow in soil that's too hot and moisture quickly evaporates. Place pots containing sun loving plants where the pot only is shaded, or place another pot inside allowing a 2cm air gap.

Written by Sheina Renton from the Churchill Community Garden

Information sourced from Burke's Backyard July 2010

changing negative to positive which is not that hard if I keep trying.

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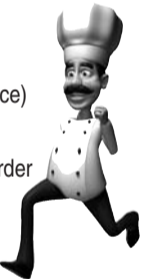
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the house. Ensure all your windows are secure and locked. Install automatic security lights outside the house. Video surveillance systems are readily available and are relatively inexpensive. They are a good deterrent too.

Let your neighbours know if you are going away for any period of time so that they are aware if any suspicious things happen. You can inform the local police if you take a holiday and they may be able to keep an eye out in your neighbourhood if something happens. Look out for your community and stay safe.



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Hazelwood Rotary Club



By Leo Billington

Hazelwood Rotary Club cordially invites members of the community to consider joining. As is always evident in each monthly edition of the Churchill & District News, there are plenty of activities in which the Rotary club is involved. Actually, anyone will find one or two, or more activities which will be of immense interest.

During March, the club co-ordinated a Clean Up Australia activity in Churchill along Eel Hole Creek and behind the Neighbourhood Hub, extending along past HPV offices adjacent to Federation University.

Scouts from Churchill and Morwell also assisted to earn points towards their environment badge. Members of the wider community provided their time as well.

Another Clean Up Australia on Sunday, March 13, also took place around the Jeeralang North public hall.

An exciting project in which the club was involved was the recent 2016 Churchill Community Festival. Hailed as a success, Hazelwood Rotary's traditionally barbequed sausages – with or without onion – drew the crowds.

Hazelwood Rotary was privileged to co-ordinate the first VICMOW ride-on-motor mower racing event held in Churchill. Working with VICMOW, the four hours of racing entertained the crowds who were perhaps keen to see thrills and spills. There were plenty of thrills and only one roll-over in which the driver was not hurt.

Watching youngsters race their machines was both intriguing and admirable. There could be future Formula One drivers come from Churchill.

Our main guest speaker in March was Ben McCulloch from Replas Pty Ltd, a Melbourne based

company specialising in recycling plastic wastage to further manufacture a huge range of products. Ben explained the rationale behind recycling plastics and outlined the company's corporate philosophy about sustainability and environmental governance.

May is Bowelscan month – and Hazelwood Rotary once again encourages everyone to remember the importance of screening programs to guard against bowel cancer.

Hazelwood Rotary, working with the Morwell RSL Branch, will be co-ordinating the 2016 Churchill ANZAC ceremony.

As mentioned above, these and other activities would no doubt be of interest to a wider community and may encourage you to think about joining Rotary.

For further information, please contact club President, Reg Kemp on 0427 353 887.

Al-Anon

Personal help

Many years ago I became aware of a drinking problem in my own home. I had no preconceived idea on alcoholism and was able to accept it intellectually as an illness. It made sense to me. However, emotionally I became so involved that my behaviour was not constructive - indeed it was destructive, particularly to myself. I tried all ways to make the alcoholic accept help with little success.

As the illness progressed

I went down also but much more rapidly. I became ill and attended many doctors. I had tests for various diseases including a brain tumour, so as you can appreciate I was a mess.

I never once told the doctors there was a drinking problem in my home; not because I was ashamed of my alcoholic; I didn't want anyone to blame him but I could see no answer to the problem.

I wore dark glasses for three years before I found help

at Al-Anon family groups. Day and night, summer and winter I became obsessed with suicide. I wanted to die.

I then found Al-Anon and slowly I found help.

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Scouts: Wow what a busy year



1st Churchill Scout Group News and Events

WOW! What a busy start to the year we have had so far.

On Saturday March 19, five Cubs and their Leaders, along with other Cub Packs from Strzelecki District, travelled to Melbourne Zoo to join with 7000 other Cubs and Leaders from all over Victoria to celebrate Baloo's Picnic and met the King of Sweden and other international guests.

The Cubs enjoyed walking through the rainforest area viewing the elephants, tiger, orang-utans, and the highlight was the butterfly house where several butterflies landed on the Cubs. They also enjoyed looking at the platypus and walking through the Reptile House.

This is the second event in a big year for the Cub section of the Scout Association as we

are celebrating 100 years of Cub Scouts. There are several other major events planned for this year to celebrate this major milestone.

Our Scout Troop along with 1st Yinnar Scouts entered the Stradbroke Cup and came home with a BRONZE! Well done one and all. The Stradbroke Cup is a camp where you are judged on your camping and scouting skills. This is a great effort for our young scout members to achieve.

It is great being able to join our scout pack with 1st Yinnar ensuring we can offer this and other great opportunities to our kids.

Venturers have been super busy.

Some kids went to New Zealand for three weeks in January, then home and off again to "Anything Goes" which is a fun filled camp held at Lardner Park.

Strzelecki at Pride

Eight members of Strzelecki District marched in the first ever Scouts Victoria contingent at Pride March along with 42 other Venturers, Rovers and Leaders from across Victoria. Some identify

as LGBTI, and some as allies, but all were there to promote scouting as a diverse, inclusive and supportive organisation. The response from the estimated 40,000 strong crowd watching was fantastic with lots of deafening cheers and many people giving us the Scout Salute. Jenna, a Venturer from West Traralgon wrote "I felt very proud to be the one of first group of scouts to walk in any Pride March across Australia, the atmosphere was nothing like I've experienced in the best way possible" and Taylah from Jeeralang wrote "As a Venturer Scout, I think that being a part of the Pride March was a good thing.

Not only was it a fun and enjoyable day, but it shows scouts supporting a cause we think is worth supporting. I would definitely go back next year!" The Chief Commissioner, Brendan Watson sent this message to our participants "We are all proud of you guys - well done today, you have Scouts Victoria's support as we work harder to ensure Scouting is a diverse and inclusive organisation in

Victoria".

Jenna, Claire, Taylah, Alex, Tammy, Barney, Zek and Connor.

1st Churchill also attended the Churchill Festival on March 19. What a great day. Our Joey Scout leaders were very busy all day making pet rocks with the kids and our Venturer Unit was selling Camp Donuts. It was really great to see so many people come out and enjoy the festival and show real Churchill Community spirit.

Coming events:

Anzac Day is in Term 2 and 1st Churchill will again be in attendance at the Churchill Service.

Venturers are off to Melbourne for the Amazing Race.

Cubs are Hunting Sher Khan.

Scouts are camping and hiking.

Joeys are learning about scouting.

1st Churchill Scout Group will be turning 50 this year.

Our birthday celebration will be on October 1, 2016.

We are currently looking for anyone who was once a member or leader at 1st

Churchill to contact the group on either their facebook group - 1st Churchill Scout Groups 50th Birthday, or to contact the Group Leader directly at gl.churchill1st@scoutsvic.asn.au

Meeting times and contact details:

Joeys (Ages 6-8)
Thursday 5.30 - 6.30 pm
Leader: Bree Godden.

Cubs (Ages 7-10½)
Wednesday 6.30-8 pm
Leader: Damian Anderson.

Scouts (Ages 10½ - 14½)
Tuesday 7-9 pm
Leader: Aaron Marriott.

Venturers (Ages 14 ½ -18)
Monday 7-9 pm
Leader: Barney Farrell.

Rovers (Ages 18-26)
Friday 7:30 pm
Leader: Michael Thompson.

More Scout news
By Leo Billington

A long list of Churchill residents - both current and past - have been at some time, members of the Churchill Scout Group.

With its well established Scout Hall and involvement in various community activities, there is plenty of interest anyone who would like to join.

World-wide, Scouting is held in high esteem.

Churchill Scouts participated in the 2016 Churchill Community Festival taking the opportunity to show their cooking skills and explaining just what life-skills can be learned in Scouting.

The group also joined in with Clean - Up Australia making a strong contribution to collecting rubbish along Eel Hole Creek.

Statistics recently released by Clean - Up Australia head office in Sydney, showed that on Sunday March 6,

7,117 Clean - Up Australia sites were registered, with an estimated 682,245 volunteers removing approximately an incredible 15,657 tonnes of rubbish!

Don't hesitate to contact the Churchill Scouts Group Leader, Peta Whelan on 0439 363 261.



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Surplus Nappy Collection

From May 6 to 20, 2016, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and Advantage Pharmacy of Churchill, with the support of Churchill & District News are collecting unused clean nappies to be donated to The Nappy Collective charity, Melbourne.

There will be collection boxes at Advantage Pharmacy, (soon to be trading as Chemist Discount Centre) Shop 7, West Place Shopping Centre, and Churchill Neighbourhood Centre at "The Hub" 9 Phillip Parade, Churchill, available for you to add any left over nappies you wish to donate to charity.

Too many nappies

Do you have leftover unused disposable nappies lying around? Drop them off at your nearest designated collection points whilst the collective is on.

Various groups helping people in Churchill and district have met to finalise plans to hold a community lunch. Hazelwood Rotary, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Co-operating Churches and Anglicare also met recently in the Hub to plan a food distribution outlet. It is planned to be involved in the Latrobe City network to include a local outlet in

Soroptimists Have Education Focus for 2016

The Soroptimist International Club of Gippsland has commenced a busy year by choosing education for women and girls as their local focus for 2016. With new office bearers elected, Samantha Brick President; Anne Lawrence as Secretary; and Wendy Ritchie as Treasurer, members were challenged to commit their fundraising and volunteer efforts towards education.

The club has chosen two particularly important local education projects to support this year. The first is the Koori student's homework club that meets weekly at a local primary school. Koori

We will accept unused nappies from open packaging. The nappies however must be clean. Labelling the size is extremely helpful too!

We will not accept cloth nappies. On average a baby can use 50-70 nappies a week. The families we assist are already facing very stressful circumstances so we aim to provide them with the easiest nappy options possible.

We only accept disposable nappies and disposable nappy bags.

At the end of the collection time, Churchill & District News will collect and forward the boxes to The Nappy Collective where the nappies are sorted, packed and swiftly distributed to many organisations that support families in crisis or in need, such as women's crisis shelters and refuges, mothers facing

Churchill.

This service was previously provided by Churchill Community Health Centre which in 1992/93 helped an average of nearly 40 families a month at a cost of about \$10,000. In the 1993/94 report from welfare worker Bev Knowles, it was noted that 504 families were helped and \$11,500 was spent.

students come together to do their homework and share their culture with adult volunteers. Soroptimist International will be providing stationery, equipment and food to fuel the brains of these young people. Members will also volunteer their time to assist with reading wherever possible.

The second project that will be supported is the Clemente program that is run by Federation University. The program allows women who left school early to enrol in a university subject to get a taste of higher education learning, and to develop aspiration to go on and even

homelessness, parenting support organisations and community organisations.

The Nappy Collective is a Community initiative run by volunteers. They are a group of mums who had a handful of unused nappies that their toddlers did not fit into anymore. After considering the options of what to do with only six nappies – pass them onto a friend! Keep them for the next child! Throw them out – what a waste! – they began to wonder if there were other parents out there that also had a handful or even half a box of nappies they were unable to use. What if they were able to collect all these left over nappies and distribute them to families in crisis or in need? Collectively these handfuls of nappies could make a big difference.

In October 2013, they

Latrobe Community Health Service discontinued the program even though the socio-economic and health status of Churchill has since declined. This means that the need is now greater than ever.

Food would be sourced through Fair Share, Food Bank, Second Bite, local stores and generous people with excess produce from their gardens.

complete a degree. Volunteer tutors assist by offering their time to run university-style tutorial classes to enhance their learning. Soroptimist International will be making a financial contribution to the running of the program and members may also volunteer their time as tutors.

Club President, Samantha Brick, said that education was an important pillar in the development of women to be economically independent and develop leadership roles in the community. "That is why Soroptimist International, in our cause to advance the cause of women locally and globally, will always support

launched their first Nappy Collective via Facebook. They were overwhelmed with the response. Within two weeks, over 1500 nappies had been collected. The Nappy Collective was born.

Since then the collectives have expanded around Australia, bringing the total tally of nappies collected to date to over 734,000. There are now over 370 official drop points in 31 towns and cities across Australia. See the website at www.thenappycollective.com

A handful of leftover nappies may not mean much to you or me, but collectively we can make a huge difference. Remember collection between May 6 to 20.

Let's see if we can make each of Churchill's collection points a huge success.

The planned outlet would open for a few hours, perhaps one or two days weekly.

To maintain the service, HELP IS NEEDED to distribute the food and, importantly, to co-ordinate this community service. If you would like to help please contact Ross Ollquist 0438 661 208 or Julia at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre situated in the Hub.

projects that assist women to develop skills and become more knowledgeable about the world," she said. "These two projects are particularly exciting because we can not only provide funding but also volunteer our time in a very practical expression of assistance", she added.

Soroptimist International of Gippsland meets monthly in Traralgon. They always welcome new members and women are invited to attend any meeting to see if they are interested in joining.

Please contact Samantha on 0427 824 722 to find out more.

Men's Shed

The Men's Shed is located under the Town Hall building.

The men meet on a Monday from 9.30am-3pm. They would welcome newcomers declaring they are a friendly bunch who like to work with wood and chat together.

Over the last few years they have also done some community work helping to restore broken items at the preschool, helping the Community Garden



folks edge their garden beds and other jobs around the Neighbourhood Centre.

For lunch the men make

a monetary contribution and then take it in turns to provide the lunch. They invite you to come and have a look.

Mathison Park



Being the long weekend our working bee crew was small but effective.

As advised we fertilised our deciduous trees and checked on the stakes and tree guards of many of our new plants.

It is pleasing to note that many have survived this very dry summer and have grown despite being under pressure due to having their guards and stakes taken.

Replacing tree guards and stakes has been an ongoing activity of the park volunteers, one that is both frustrating and puzzling and shouldn't be necessary.

On the positive side we were able to remove lots of the tree guards from those trees which had outgrown them.

As well, some fallen branches were cut up ready to be removed at a later date.

We gathered at the picnic shelter for a late morning tea, thanks to Max, before heading off.

Thanks to everyone who attended.

During the past month the trees in the playground area have been inspected and some noted as dangerous and to be removed. We thank the

Latrobe City Council arborist and his crew for making a very dangerous tree safe.

It is our intention to add to the play equipment and erect shade sails over the play area when we secure the funding necessary.

This is an ambitious project but one we know will be a great asset to the park.

We already have a new piece of equipment be installed.

This was secured through Latrobe City Council community grant and we thank the Council for this addition.

As mentioned last month, dog poo collection bags have been installed at either end of the Eel Hole Creek pathway.

It is disappointing to see that the bags at the Kurnai end have been torn out needlessly and tied around the pole on one occasion, and on another a string of the bags has been ripped off and strewn around the area.

This is such a waste of the park committee's funds and says little of the respect for the facility by those who have done this.

A large kangaroo has been a regular visitor to the park in recent months.

Friends of Morwell National Park

John's Jottings

This snippet on the formation of the Friends of Morwell National Park was sourced from early Newsletters files.

All the files are available for viewing on the website.

"Newsletter August 1986

Dear Friends

The July excursion into the Billy's Creek property proved to be quite an adventure for young and old, and also a delightful surprise to those who had not been there before.

The adventurous parts were the four crossings we made of the creek, which was in full spate. Not everyone had remembered that gumboots were to be the order of the day (or had not received that information), so every time we crossed the creek those with gumboots went across first and their gumboots were either thrown or carried back for the others to use. After the third crossing we built a fire by the weir and thanks to Gail and Ian had a welcome cup of billy tea.

The surprise part was the hidden valley of semi-cleared flats along the winding creek, surrounded by steep slopes topped with tall eucalypts. It would certainly make a tremendous extension as a recreation annexe to take the strain off the existing park facilities.

Many thanks to those who came along and made it such a happy meeting.

Yours sincerely,
Margaret Loughborough"
Early Newsletters, documents, statistics and photos relevant to the Park can be found on our website <http://morwellnp.pangeaan.net>.

March Activity Report

At this month's activity we had Matt, Tamara, Ken, Beryl, John, Margaret, Mike, Cathy, Yuto and Darren.

This month's activity had us enjoying the benefits of the park.

We started with a barbeque and had a twilight walk followed by a moth survey.

The evening started around the barbeque where John and Yuto cooked while the group caught up.

John, Matt and Craig have started getting new equipment for the group.

Two hedge trimmers have been purchased and a brush cutter and ladder are still to be bought.

After the confusion of last month's early activity John, Beryl and Matt came the following week for another activity.

They positioned the motion detection cameras around the Billys Creek area.

One camera caught many images while the other had only a few, except images of the camera being turned off.

This was an unusual occurrence since you would not expect cameras in the National Park to be turned off.

John and Margaret had also earlier in the day put some new nesting boxes around the Billys Creek area.

John erected four new boxes to replace boxes which had come down.

Box C (originally constructed of chipboard) was replaced.

Boxes 4 and 26 were replaced with new boxes since they had come down and had been missing for a period of time.

Rob Howell had found box 14 and passed it on to John. John remounted this box as well.

During John and Margaret's trip to mount these boxes they encountered many trees down across the main track.



The park boundary was clearer but they still could not travel far enough to complete the other planned box repairs.

They will need to be left to another time.

The strong winds from storms recently have brought down many trees in Churchill and in the park.

While we started the barbeque the group heard a large branch fall further along the track. It had fallen across the beginning of the Foster's Gully track.

While the barbeque was running, Ken, Tamara and David were setting up the generator, light and sheets for the moth survey.

They returned to eat their quotas of allocated sausages. After dinner it was starting to get dark and we left for a twilight walk up to Lyndon's Landing.

The group needed to

climb over the newly fallen branch to walk along Foster's Gully.

The group searched and located many animals. Many different ringtail possums along with three different koalas were spotted.

A sugar glider in the fork of a branch watched us while many wallabies were heard in the undergrowth.

At Lyndon's Landing we stopped to take in the many stars. It was a clear evening with many stars on show.

Many constellations were identified and several satellites were seen to pass between stars.

The group moved back to the beginning of Foster's Gully track where Ken, Matt and the David's were monitoring moths.

The moth numbers were small with only a few out.

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By Leo Billington

May is Bowelscan month

Hazelwood Rotary has been a long standing, staunch supporter and advocate for the nationwide Bowelscan program. SAVE YOUR LIFE is the message for Rotary's May 2016 Bowelscan month.

The Bowelscan bowel cancer awareness program is conducted each year.

Kits will be available for purchase at local pharmacies engaged by a Rotary District / Club Committee and will continue to sell at the very reasonable price of \$15.

This includes the costs of testing and confidential follow up advice to your own GP. Have a check-up at minimal costs to be sure! Don't be lured into a false sense of security.

Participating pharmacies sell the kits which are then returned there for collection by a courier. Envelopes are sealed for confidentiality.

The pharmacies are participating as a pro bono partner in this community service, for which Rotary is

Bowelscan

very grateful.

Medical experts endorsing the Bowelscan program emphasize that everybody over 40 should have a test every year and therefore people should act now before it's too late.

In Australia one person dies every five hours from road accidents, one dies every four hours from breast cancer and one person will die every two hours from bowel cancer.

Not all bowel cancers show symptoms, but experiencing symptoms does not necessarily mean you have bowel cancer.

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

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

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

Abdominal pain or bloating.

Weight loss for no obvious reason, or loss of appetite.

Symptoms of anaemia – including unexplained tiredness, weakness or breathlessness.

Recently, highly respected Australian social demographer Bernard Salt wrote "that by 2026, 4.6 million baby boomers and 4 million Gen Xers will be subject to a bowel cancer lottery because of their age."

Another recent Australian commissioned report highlighted the following comments:

"More than 8 million Australians will be at risk of developing bowel cancer in just ten years."

"Bowel cancer attacks the middle aged with progressive lethality, with rates leaping tenfold between the ages 50 and 70."

"Bowel cancer strikes hardest amongst rural communities where the 50 to 79 age group comprises at least a third and up to half the local population."

Various reports now criticise the slow roll-out of the Commonwealth free testing program and also the limited appropriate medical

resources available in many country areas.

Australia-wide media coverage now makes constant reference to the importance of screening programs and the fact that through screening bowel cancer can virtually "be detected before it starts."

Whilst bowel cancer is more common in people aged 50+, bowel cancer increasingly affects all age groups.

If you have higher-risk symptoms, do not accept 'you're too young to have bowel cancer' as an explanation for your symptoms.

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

On-line sales of the Rotary Bowelscan Test Kits will re-commence on May 1, 2016 and finish on June 15, 2016.

Please note that Hazelwood Rotary continues to support and promote Bowelscan as a Community Service Project without financial gain.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Knitting and crochet in Churchill

Autumn... and the thoughts of many turn towards the cooler weather, and clothing for it. Scarves, hats, gloves, jumpers, even blankets... and fun ways to make them for yourself, your family and friends, and charities.

There are many groups in the Latrobe Valley for people interested in knitting, crochet and other crafts. Regulars at the knitting and crochet group in Churchill include people who can knit but want to learn to crochet, or who can crochet and want to learn to knit; some can do both, but need help deciphering a pattern, or just enjoy the company and inspiration.

You can bring your own projects (including those UFOs - unfinished objects - that have lurked for years), work on something new to pick up a new skill, or

contribute to a local charity project.

We've a growing "stash" of yarns, needles, hooks, patterns and teaching material for members' use; why not "de-clutter" your home by donating all the yarn, equipment and patterns you've finished with?

The knitting and crochet group meets at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 12:30 during school terms.

You can also take craft projects to the Coffee, Cake and Conversation group, held at the Centre on most Friday mornings from 10 to 12:30.

In both cases, there is a contribution of \$6 per session. Become a Member or Friend of the Centre while you are at it, and your coffee and bikkies are free.

Enquiries: 5122 2955, info@churchill.org.au, www.churchill.org.au



Latrobe City Office Bearers Workshops

This conference was organised and supported by Latrobe City Council.

Steve Tong, Manager Community Development and Gary Van Driel the CEO of our Council spoke about the format for the night and the reasons for the workshops being run by their professional consultant, Julia Hocking.

Sixty-six clubs were represented on the first night, and listened to Julia speak about "Good Governance for Office Bearers". A further fifty club members were listed to attend the second workshop.

Julia spoke about the

need for each club to have a "mission" statement which described in no more than eight words, the focus and plan for each organisation or club. The committee members should make decisions based on the details in that statement. If necessary, have a printed copy of that mission statement in front of each member at the commencement of each meeting. In this way all members remain focused on their club's common goals.

Useful handouts on the roles of the committee members, and ten principals that promote good governance

have been good to refer to, when relaying information back to the team members.

A useful website to refer to on the roles of committee members was recommended, called companydirectors.com.au

Julia also mentioned the Victorian Managed Insurance Agency as having useful resources. This website is <http://www.vmia.gov.au/>

Referring to the Consumer Affairs website <http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/clubs...incorporated>

allows clubs to view a balanced list of reasons why or why not to be incorporated.

Julia recommended that incorporation is better for clubs or organisations that have a voluntary committee.

After the Coffee/Tea/Networking Opportunity a second workshop was run, but this time the participants were given a hypothetical scenario for the committee's club called "4 legs for Heart" 4LG.

Our workshops finished on time!

May our meetings do likewise.

Many thanks to the LCC team for running these workshops which allowed for further networking contacts.

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2. The author's name must only be on the entry form and not on the manuscript

3. Entries must be original, previously unpublished work.

4. Each entry must include a title

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8. Entries must be received by July 22, 2016.

9. All pages should be numbered.

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11. Length of stories is to be:

Adult: 1000 - 2500 words

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Children: up to 500 words

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Poetry, free or rhyming verse to be:

Adult: min. 8 lines and max. 48 lines.

14-18 years: min. 8 lines and max. 48 lines.

Children: up to 20 lines

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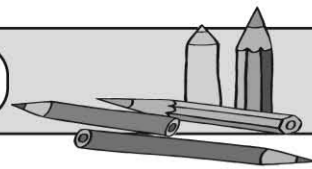
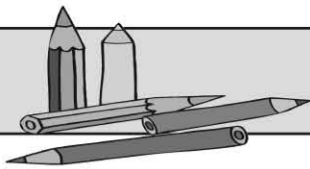
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Connecting Your Community



From Our School Captains,
Caterina and Lexi:

Prep buddies

It has been nice to see that our new Preps have settled in at school so well. The Grade 6 buddies have done a great job caring for them, and we're sure they have all enjoyed their first term at Boolarra primary school.

Drumming

Well done to all the students who turned up to the Boolarra Folk Festival drumming. It was great to see everybody walking around

a great first term at Boolarra Primary school!

Harmony Week

Every student in the school wrote messages of hope and encouragement on links of friendship that were joined at assembly. These links are now displayed in the main corridor at school. The Grade 3/4 students wrote to children in Detention Camps. Following are some samples:

Hi, my name is Jessica. I am a female. I am about 130cm tall. I have 4 sisters and 1 brother. I live in a

and she is a tortoiseshell cat. She used to be very fussy. She didn't eat any of the food we bought her. What is your name? What do you want your job to be when you're older? I want mine to be about caring for cats at a cattery. I have a dog and she is very crazy and she's a girl. Once she ate our cat's food. I hope you have a good time and do lots of fun things. I'm from Boolarra Primary School.

By Lana.

Hi, my name is Ethan A. I am 9 years old (turning

Table Tennis, Football and Basketball. 6. How old are you? My answer: 9. 7. When is your birthday? My answer: July 2. So why I wrote this letter was because I care about your life and I want you to get out of the "Detention Centre"! Bye! Kind regards

More Fabulous Writing

Ruby Mac' of Grade 2 was one of our Term 1 Writers of the Term for this piece:

Last Saturday it was the Boolarra Folk Festival. I was drumming.

I bought a lot of stuff, like a necklace for five dollars from the crystal shop. I also got some pants and a colourful top.

My favourite thing I bought was some crystals in a lucky dip for one dollar. They came from the same crystal shop.

In the afternoon I went to the park and my brother Angus gave me a bracelet that had all the colours of the rainbow. Angus tied it up on my hand for me.

I made some new friends on the spider web but they were way older than me.

When it all finished we went back to Narnie's house. She is my Grandma.

Aussies of the Month

On the last day of term Lexi of Grade 6 received this special award in recognition



of the stoicism and positivity she showed finding ways to tackle learning tasks with both arms in plaster casts following a skate park mishap. Charlie of Grade 3 also received this special award as he settled in at our school so smoothly, quickly making lots of friends, getting used to our routines and looking for ways to help others.

Parent Helpers of the Term

Sheree Dubois and Kate Dykes were joint winners of this award as they did such a spectacular job raising over \$2,000 for I-pads for our

students through Stuffed Spud Stalls at the Folk Festival and the Yinnar and District Sports. Junior School Council

This wonderful group of students raised \$100 for the Fred Hollows Foundation through selling icy-poles at recess time. They also assisted at Breakfasts at School, managing the toast production very efficiently. On the last day of term they organised an out of uniform day with the "Dress as a Book Character" theme and raised more money for "Give me 5 for Kids".



enjoying this event with their friends. Thank you to everyone who worked on the Boolarra Primary School Stalls, we're sure everybody loved their products.

Our school sports were a success.

The captains of our four houses showed great leadership and encouragement skills. Well done to all the event champions, the winning team Irving, and Strzelecki on getting "Best House Spirit".

Mr Peavey will be back with us next term taking basketball instead of tennis. Thanks to Mr. Kilday for organising this so it doesn't cost us or the school. We're all going to enjoy his company.

Well done everyone for

quiet country town called Boolarra. I've been living in my house for about 2 years, I am in year 3 and I'm 8 years old. My interests are videos, especially "Mako Mermaids". What's your name? Where did you used to live and where do you live now? What is your dream? My dream is to become a baker. I'm encouraging you to not give up hope and to fulfil your dreams. You don't have to answer the questions.

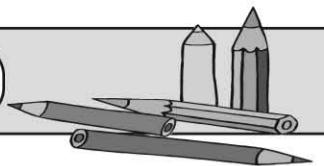
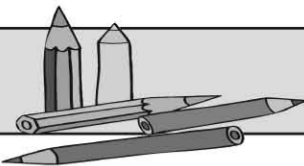
By Jessica

Hi, my name is Lana and I am 8 years old. I'm a girl. I care about you because I want your life to get better and I hope it does. What is your favourite thing? Mine is cats. I have a cat her name is Daisy

10). My birthday is July 2, I am 137cm tall, I am a boy, and I have blue eyes. I have autism which means I find it hard to communicate without fights. I have blonde hair. I am one of the smartest in the class! So, I have 7 questions for you (Note: You don't have to answer!).

1. What flavour ice-cream do you like? My answer: Peppermint, Bubble-gum. 2. What gender are you? My answer: Male. 3. What is your name? My answer: Ethan A. 4. How many out of broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, lettuce and zucchini do you like? My answer: lettuce and carrots = 2/5. 5. What is your favourite sport? My answer: Tennis,





Year 10 Driving Simulator Program

All year 10 students have had the opportunity to participate in the driving simulator thanks to the work of Australian Road Safety Sense. Students have experienced the dangers of impaired driving, fatigue,

Campus Year 10 cohort the "School Programs Award".

Year 7 ALPs night

On Thursday March 3, the Year 7 students in the ALPs program had a sleepover in the Language Centre at school.

This allowed the students to have focused bonding time to build on new friendships

program. The three Year 10 girls were also instrumental in running many activities for the Year 7 students. For dessert, everyone had ice-creams, and at 9.00 pm we went to the gym and played minor games run by the Year 10 girls, before the finale came at 11.00pm - LIGHTS OUT!! Students were picked



weather (a few students unfortunately crashed into trees resulting from wet weather), distractions (testing what it would be driving and texting at the same time), concentration, and lack of experience, peer pressure and mobile devices in a safe environment. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students as we know that these distractions and weather conditions can result in accidents on our roads, and this program allowed students to see first-hand what can occur if concentration is lost.

The Program organisers awarded the Churchill

and get to know more about one another. They played team games such as - ball in a bucket, beads on straw, ping pong ball on honey and many other minute-to-win-it activities. The favourites were macaroni on pasta string and ball in the cup games. Some of the students played a basketball game and others simply chatted. For dinner, pizza and drinks were provided. After dinner, three of the year 10 ALPs girls, Hayley Huizer, Libby Hodgson and Georgia D'Alia delivered a questions and answers session on their experience in the ALPs

up at 7.00 am after a great night spent with our class mates.

Silent Reading Program

The daily 20 minute silent reading program has continued at Churchill Campus, across all year levels. Many students are taking the opportunity to improve their learning through reading. Some students still need to take advantage of this opportunity.

Eight benefits of reading are outlined below:

1. Enhanced Smarts

Reading helps in almost every area of learning. Those that read have higher

intelligence, and general knowledge than those that don't. No matter what you want to do or become, you can't do it without more knowledge. Reading is an excellent way to get where you want to go.

2. Reading reduces stress

When someone has a stressful day, a book can easily distract him or her. Fiction is fantastic for this; books can enable you to be relaxed.

3. Greater tranquility

Reading can soothe like no other. Even with high-energy people, reading can force them to sit and be still.

4. Improved analytical thinking

Studies have found that reading boosts analytical thinking. Readers improve their general knowledge, and more importantly are able to spot patterns quicker. If you can spot patterns quicker, your analytical skills receive a boost.

5. Increased vocabulary

Reading increases your vocabulary and improves your spelling, but did you

know that reading increases your vocabulary more than talking or direct teaching? Reading forces us to look at words that we might not have seen or heard recently. In fact, language in children's books is likely to be more sophisticated than your average conversation.

Knowing what other people are saying, and using the perfect words to convey your feelings, is a critical part of being a better human. Better listeners are more successful in life.

6. Improved memory

Some people find that they remember stuff much easier when they've been reading consistently.

7. Improved writing skills

As reading improves vocabulary and critical thinking, and being constantly surrounded with writing from people who are better than you, a person's writing can only improve. That's why English classes in middle and senior school make you read selected novels. The more you read, the better writer you'll become.

8. Helps prioritize goals

Many times we're certain we know what we "really want" in life. Yet some people find that activities like reading show them things they didn't know about themselves.

When you remove yourself from your school environment, you'll start to see things that you might really want to do, that you're not doing yet. Reading gives you a chance for your thoughts to wander and appreciate other opportunities.

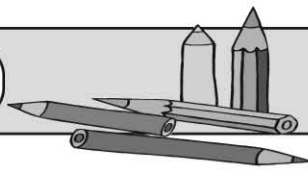
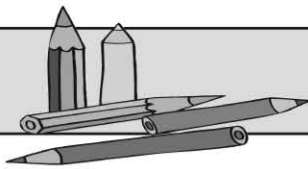
State Schools of Victoria Gippsland Swimming Championships 2016

Bridget Cain from Churchill Campus recently represented Kurnai at the State Schools of Victoria Gippsland Swimming Championships in Sale.

Bridget had a successful day with four gold medals and one silver medal from her five swims.

She will now compete in the state finals at Melbourne Swimming and Aquatic Centre at Albert Park in Melbourne, at the start of next term. We wish her well.





Show and Shine Day

Show and Shine is a day where the children of Churchill North Primary School show their parents work that they have completed recently. All grades from Prep to Six had the opportunity to show work to their parents. Show and Shine happens once a year at Churchill North Primary School. Parents enjoy seeing their children's work. The children feel proud and happy to be able to display their work to their families. The children of Churchill North Primary School love showing their parents their school, classroom and work and look forward to next years Show and Shine.

By Ben. L 5/6 P

Pirate Day

On Thursday February 28, P/1B celebrated Pirate Day. The students in P/1B could be seen wearing pirate costumes to school. If you were at school on that day you would have seen the fun and joy



the students had in wearing their costumes and others had in seeing them. There were a range of fun activities for the Prep One children to participate in on the day,

such as: pirate maths games, a treasure hunt where students found pictures beginning with the letter 'P' as well as pirate mask making.

Who would have guessed that learning could have been so much fun, especially while being dressed as a pirate.

By Alma 5/6SB



Academic Growth Award

Churchill North's Academic Growth Award shows an improvement within the academic achievement of individual students in the areas of English (spelling) and Maths (counting, addition or multiplication). It is presented to the children within each grade who demonstrate the greatest growth within these learning areas.

We would like to congratulate the following people for improvement in their academic growth for term 1: Brandon R, Dylan W, Ebony W, Jamie G, Tiana R, Sofia L, Noah D, Andrew S, Natalie M, Emmie S, Ryder M, Meika H, Anthony R, Koen W, Brayden W, and Tahlia H. Well done!

Cyberbullying

Churchill North has been learning about what cyberbullying is and how to avoid it. Cyberbullying is being bullied on yours or someone else's electronic devices, using things like text messages, Internet and sometimes calls as well. If you do get cyberbullied please follow the cyberbully process. It is important to know what cyberbullying is so that you can follow the cyberbullying process and stop the cyberbully that's cyberbullying you.

What to do when you get Cyberbullied:

1. Avoid retaliation. If you receive a message, phone call or anyway that they can talk to you, that says anything hurtful, private, or embarrassing, try not to text them back any mean things. Possibly ask "who are you?"

Even though they might not tell you, do not worry. The four other steps will help you.

2. Collect evidence. What I mean by collect evidence is, take a screen shot. Print out the bullying to keep for evidence. When the bullying is over and someone you know is being cyberbullied and they don't know what cyberbullying looks like, you can show them the evidence that you printed out from when you got cyberbullied.

3. Block the bullies. If they keep on sending you mean things, block the bullies. They can't talk to you then. I know people don't want to be spoken to rudely, mean, or like they are a dummy. So what I would do if I was getting cyberbullied is block them.

4. Report the bullying for removal. Report the bully to the Social Media Company. They will remove the bullying in 48 hours from where it occurred e.g. if Facebook is where the bullying occurred, they will remove the bullying from Facebook. If they didn't remove the bullying, it may then be reported to eSafety, then they will remove the bullying.

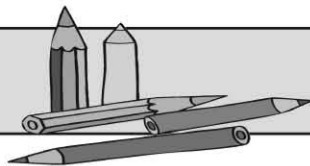
5. Talk to someone you trust. Tell someone you trust about the bullies and that you reported to the Social Media Company.

(But honestly I would ask my parents' permission on contacting the Social Media Company, or I would get my parents to contact the Social Media club.)

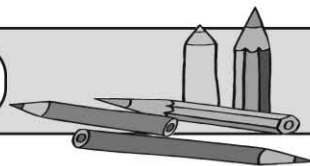
By Tayeisha Galea and Ben 5/6P



School News



Churchill Primary School



Respectful Positive Learners

As always there have been plenty of happenings in the month of March at Churchill Primary School.

New Playground

Our new playground arrived two weeks early and it has been received by the students with great enthusiasm.

Students from Grade Prep to 6 have enjoyed the new equipment and some older youth have been seen enjoying the playground.

The new playground has been funded by our very

The day of the fete turned out to be a drought breaker day with high winds and rain most of the day. With great disappointment, the rides were cancelled in the morning, but the committee decided to continue with the other activities and stalls indoors.

A big hit with the students were the face painting and the silly string arena.

We would like to thank all the sponsors who donated goods and services to the fete. We also wish to thank the stall holders.

The Lions Club provided the BBQ and the many food

it was a hot day for the Yinnar and District Sports. It was a great day as the heat came later in the day. Our students participated in all the activities with great sportsmanship. There were sprints, long distance, long jump, high jump, shot put and discus events.

We had a number of students who were age group champions and will go through to the next level. Congratulations to Hazelwood North who won the day and to Yinnar South who came second.

Easter Club at the Cooperating Church

The Cooperating Church volunteers again gave our students from Grades 1 - 4 the opportunity to come to the Church and hear the Easter



hardworking Parents and Friends Group.

Fete

The Parents and Friends group have worked for many months to prepare for a monster fete to help raise money towards the new playground and other activities to benefit the students. Unfortunately, the only thing that was out of their control was the weather.

stalls and popcorn and candy floss meant no one went hungry.

The Football Club and Baseball Club also provided activities for the children.

A surprise guest on the night was the Easter Bunny who delighted both the small children and not so small people.

Yinnar and District Sports

Contrary to our Fete Day,



Story and participate in Easter activities. Many of these people have been volunteering for years and we do appreciate their efforts, and the huge effort of Mrs Ruth Place and Rev. Brenda Burney for the leadership they provide.

Many of the people who assist at Easter Club have also been volunteers for our Breakfast Club over the years. Thank you from all of us.



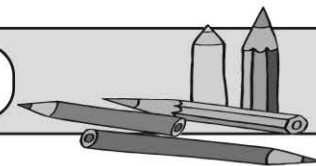
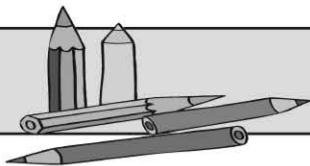
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The Hub Preschool

Over the last month the children have been busy learning more about our local environment and the patterns that are in nature.

In the science and art play areas they have learnt about colour and the delights of mixing it to create new colours. This activity has led to the children to turn their art experiments into beautiful large butterflies, which were then displayed around the room. Other learning experiences involved writing letters, creating envelopes, designing stamps, and then posting their letter in the classroom's letter box.

These activities have helped the children to understand the process needed to make and send a letter via our postage system.

The children are showing strong skills early on in the year in being able to correlate known mathematical shapes, to various animal and bird attributes.

In the vegetable and flower gardens the children are actively composting their scraps and they are also pouring all their unused clean water from their play activities into a watering can, to be used on their autumn seedlings.



A visit from the Pacific Smiles Dental Nurse

Glendonald Preschool

I was invited to attend the Glendonald Preschool on St Patrick's Day as there would be lots of fun and some surprises too. In fact I had a lovely warm welcome from a number of green-haired, smiling children.

They obviously had enjoyed using the colour green in their various craft working areas.

The children, in the last few weeks, have been discussing the change of seasons and learning what will happen to our trees

and yards when the autumn weather gets colder.

In their craft and art lessons, the children were able to use different textures of materials and plastic templates to create a variety of autumn leaf patterns. These were displayed along the picture windows on the sunny side of the room. Beautiful!

Of course, March craft activities wouldn't be complete without the favourite bunnies and egg shapes being decorated and displayed to celebrate Easter.

The Johnston Collection Community Access Gallery

Exhibition Celebration

This exhibition is supported by our Gumleaf Quilters and Friends.

Visit the Latrobe Regional Gallery to view the creative exhibits they made for the Johnston Collection Christmas Display "Joyful and Triumphant".

Go and admire the exquisite handiwork of all the amazing exhibits.

The Johnston Collection, a museum of fine and decorative arts housed in Fairhall, East Melbourne holds an annual Christmas exhibition which is presented by a different Victorian region each year.

Supported by Creative Gippsland, "Joyful and Triumphant" is a collaborative arts initiative comprising all six Gippsland municipalities: Latrobe City, Bass Coast

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Shire, Baw Baw Shire, South Gippsland Shire, East Gippsland Shire and Wellington Shire.

The makers completed their works over a period of eighteen months, with some individual pieces taking hundreds of hours to complete.

In the process of making their work for The Johnston Collection, the makers often continue crafting traditions of meeting to talk and tell stories while they worked on their pieces.

In some instances, whole communities were involved in



the creation of the work.

Exhibition is from April 16 - June 12, 2016.

Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday 11am to 4pm. Admission is free.

Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club

Platypus: World's Strangest Animal

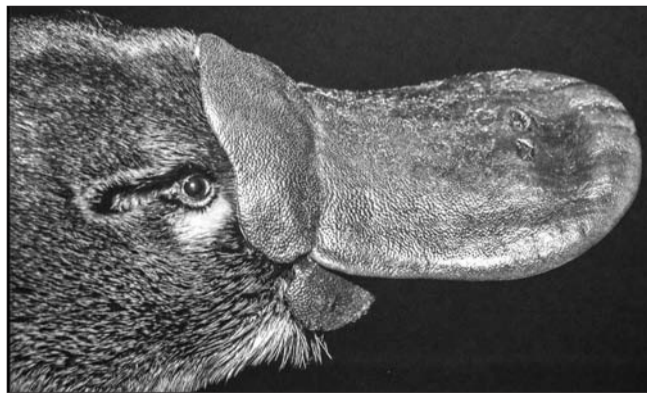
A presentation about their book "Platypus: World's Strangest Animal" will be given by David Parer and Elizabeth Parer-Cook at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, April 22.

David Parer and Elizabeth Parer-Cook are Emmy award-winning natural history filmmakers producing television programs for the ABC.

Their 2003 documentary "Platypus: World's Strangest Animal" was the first in-depth film about the fascinating lives of these egg-laying mammals.

In 2015, they published a book by the same name.

They will speak about their experience capturing the animals' behaviour, and



techniques and equipment used.

Their DVD, book and prints will be available at reduced prices.

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

The following day's excursion is to the Yanakie Isthmus.

Visitors are most welcome to both activities; there is no charge. For more information phone 5169 1668 or 0428 422 461.

Photograph: Head of a platypus - Liz Parer-Cook

Churchill Lions

Churchill Lions enjoyed being part of the Churchill Community Market

Churchill Lions agreed that the combination of VicMow, Lions Market and Hub activities worked well. They reported a good flow through of people on their way to and from the mower races which they said attracted an enthusiastic crowd, but also benefitted the market bringing more patrons.

The day went well with the market being the best

so far with extra stalls. The festival created rewards for the people of Churchill and surrounds with extra dollars being generated, which in turn will flow back into the community.

There was a good crowd of people who created a fun atmosphere. The market strives to cater for all age groups and there were certainly things for the children to do while parents and grandparents surveyed the goods on sale.

The Churchill Lions is dedicated to continuing the market, and encourages the community groups of Churchill and surrounds to take the opportunity to come along and use the market to showcase their group, and perhaps raise the membership or interest folks in attending working bees etc.

The Lions are working hard to promote Churchill and its groups and urge people to take advantage of the opportunity offered.



ANZAC Day Service Churchill Township

at the
Town Hall Civic Space
Flags to fly at half mast

9am start

9.30 am finish

Flyover at 9.20am

Wreaths are welcome

To include:

Ode to the Fallen

Last Post - flags raised

One minute silence

Reveille

New Zealand National Anthem

Australian National Anthem

SPORT

Girls to continue their path to the top



Gippsland Football Club is pleased to announce that training for the female development squad commenced on Friday March 18 at Trafalgar Soccer club. The girls are a vital part of the club, and an area where much investment will occur in order to give the girls exactly the same opportunities as the boys to develop a pathway to achieve their highest standing in the game.

The club is keenly aware of the growing popularity of women's soccer in Australia following the magnificent performance of the Matildas at the recent World Cup and

Olympic qualifiers. A club spokesperson said, "We want to work in partnership with the LVSL and GSL to grow the participation of girls and increase their opportunities. Gippsland FC have deliberately chosen to go down the path of development squads, as opposed to entering teams into Metro leagues like the boys, so that the local girls game can continue to strengthen its base.

The program has been designed so that it does not interfere with the girls home club commitments and Gippsland FC are keen to hear from girls or their coaches if they think they have the qualities to be a part of the Development Squad. Peter Boyes will be the coach and for any queries he can be contacted on 0407 543 150.



Mid Gippsland Darts Association Summer Competition 2016



DARTS LEAGUE LADDER after Round 6

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	%	Pts
BULLSHOT	6	6	0	41	13	455.6	12
YINNAR TIGERS	6	4	2	32	22	355.6	8
COYOTEZ	6	3	3	27	27	300.0	6
JOKERS	6	3	3	25	29	277.8	6
COLLABORATORS	6	1	5	22	32	244.4	2
REAPERS	6	1	5	15	39	166.7	2

In Round 4: Coyotez team had a convincing win over Yinnar Tigers defeating them 7-2 on the night. Highlight for the night for the losing team was the 11 tons by Yinnar Tigers' Mark Taylor. Chloe Helmuth of "Coyotez" scored a double on the night with the most tons (2) and the Ladies highest finish of the night with 36. An off night for the Yinnar Tigers.

Round 5: The Yinnar Tigers struck back this week with a convincing win over the Collaborators team winning 7-2 on the night. The driving engine of the team Mark Taylor had the most Pegs for the night with 6 scored. For the Collaborators Veni Rowe had the most Tons with 4 on the night.

A fun and fundraising night was held for the Mid Gippsland Darts League between Rounds 5 and 6. Fun Night results March 10; 1st Life Winners; Aaron Donoghue / Chloe Helmuth. 2nd Life Winners; Warrick Roberts / Angela Wilkes Final; Warrick Roberts / Angela Wilkes defeated Aaron Donoghue / Chloe Helmuth.

Round 6: Yinnar Tigers crept back into the winning frame of mind with a 6-3 games score against Reapers. Sharon Taylor (YT) with highest Ladies score for the night of 112 and most pegs for the night with 3. Just to round out the night Sharon also scored a ton. This takes Yinnar Tigers back into the top two on the ladder.

Churchill Bowls Club



The club has received word from Latrobe City Council that work will commence on the Churchill Bowls Club's new synthetic bowls green, on April 11, 2016, with a completion date sometime in late May or early June.

Since the Bowls Clubs inception in 2005, Latrobe City Council and Councillor Darrell White have recognised the need for a bowls facility in Churchill. This recognition and support has been provided by Latrobe City, through the provision of financial assistance, allocation of community grants, technical and procedural expertise, culminating in the construction of a bowls facility by June 2016.

The Churchill Bowls Club thanks Latrobe City Council and Councillor Darrell White for their belief in our project and their steadfast support in ensuring a positive outcome

for the people of Churchill and district.

Being a Welcoming Inclusive club, our organisation encourages and offers the opportunity for people from all walks of life, to participate in the sport of lawn/indoor bowls.

We are currently seeking new, past and current players, interested in joining and being part of the Churchill Bowls Club.

This also applies to people with disabilities who are encouraged to join our organisation, either as a player or as part of our governance team.

The Churchill Bowls Club Easter Egg raffle was drawn on Thursday March 24, with the winner being A. Kennedy from Traralgon. The club would like to thank all those people who supported our fundraising venture.

Thursday night indoor bowls commenced on

February 11, with an increase in the number of new players experiencing and enjoying the game of indoor bowls. Anyone wishing to play is welcome to turn up on a Thursday night by 7.20pm. Games start at 7.30pm sharp. Cost for the night is \$4.00, which includes a light supper. So come along and enjoy a fun and sociable night out

The Churchill Bowls Club will once again be entering ladies indoor pennant teams affiliated with the Latrobe Valley Indoor Bowls Association. Any enquiries contact team manager S. Burrows.

The club will also field a team in the Traralgon lawn bowls winter competition commencing in May. Any enquiries contact team manager H. Kennedy.

Any enquiries, regarding Churchill Bowls Club please ring W. Brown on 5122 1860 between 9 am and 5 pm.

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SPORT

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

Churchill Ladies Pairs Champions for 2016



Jill Beck and Lorraine Peake with an overall score of 117 points. Well done girls. Overall runners up were Dawn Judkins and Margie Munckton 115 points in a close finish. Congratulations to you all.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club Results

Saturday 5/3/16
Mens 27 Holes Foursomes
Championship

Winners J. Ambrosini (29), J. Tettman (28). Total Hcp 28 1/2. Nett 106 1/4. Scratch Winners: G. Beyer. Gross 123: R. Scurlock, H/C R/Up B. Barnes 107 1/2 J. Jeffery. Ntp 5th D. Shields, Pro Pin T. O'Reilly, 12th T. O'Reilly. Target Hole B. Barnes. Dtl D. Ellwood and S. Chobbin 112 3/4 - M Sanders and K Hogan 109 1/2 - F Keighran and A Casey 109 1/4 - Mamun and K Hills 110.

Ladies Stableford
Tuesday 8/3/16

Winner E. D'alterio (20) 44, Dtl B. Beebe (33) 44, Dtl A. Hibbert (28) 41. Ntp 14th E. D'Alterio, 5th E. D'Alterio, 12th J. Blizzard.

Saturday 12/3/16 Mens Stableford

A grade 0-16 K. Hills (12) 43 points, B grade 17-20 D. Taylor (19) 40 points. C grade 21-27 B. Kilday (22) 36 points c/b. D grade 28-36 B. Mathieson. Ladies winner V. Verheyen (26) 38 points. Dtl M. Soppe 38. Mamun 37. A. Sharrock 36. T. Sterrick 36. R. Timms 36. G. Blizzard 36. B. Rowley 36. Ntp 3rd B. Kilday 5th P. Kearns. Pro pin

3rd B. Kilday, 12th K. Hills, 14th K. Hills. Target hole P. Kearns. Birdies D. Ellwood 14th.

Ladies Stableford
Tuesday 15/3/16

Winner C. Barnes (36) 37 points, Dtl D. Judkins (27) 34 points, Dtl A. Hibbert (28) 32 points, Ntp 14th C. Barnes, 5th M. Munckton, 3rd M. Mc Conville.

Saturday 19/3/16 Mens Monthly Medal

A Grade 0-16 M. Maselli (16) 86, 70 Nett. B Grade 17-20, P. Williams (19) 95, 76 Nett C/B.

C Grade 21-27 G. Spowart (20) 98, 78 Nett. D Grade 28-36 D. Radnell (29) 96, 65 Nett - Medal -Ladies

M. Dear 86 Nett. Dtl P. Kearns 73, D. Ellwood 74, F. Hasna 76, M. Brereton 76, A. Auld 76, T. Sterrick 76, C. Hogbin 77 c/B. Ntp 3rd M. Sanders, 5th C. Thompson. Pro Pin 12th Nil, 14th B. Kilday. Target Hole J. Barnes - Scratch D. Ellwood 84. Birdies J. Jeffery 3rd M. Brereton, 3rd M. Maselli, 3rd B. Kilday 5th. Putts T. Webb 26.

Ladies Tuesday 22/3/16

1st. Round Pairs Championship.

Winners D. Judkins (27) 34 Pts and M. Munckton (29) 23 Pts. Total 57 Points. Runners Up J. Beck ((28) 26 Pts and L. Peake (39) 26 Pts Total 52 Points. Ntp 5th M. Dear, 14th M. Munckton.

Saturday 26/3/16 Mens Par. A Grade 0-17

C. Hogbin (17) +6. B Grade 18-24 P. Williams (18) +4. C Grade 25-36. B. Barnes (36) +4. Ladies V. Verheyen + 2 C/B. Dtl J. Sterrick +4, A. Sharrock +5, J. Tettman +3, V. Monument +3, P. Shields +2 C/B. Ntp 3rd R. Dent 5th R. Dent 12th R. Scurlock 14th H. Martin - Pro Pin 3rd R. Dent. Birdies P. Williams.

Ladies Tuesday 29/3/16. 2nd Round Pairs Championship.

Winners J. Beck (29) 32 Pts and L. Peake (39) 33 Pts, Total 65 Points. Overall Winners J. Beck (29), L. Peake (39). Total 117 Points. Daily Dtl M. Dear (15) 32, and J. Armstrong (45) 31. Total 63 Points.

Overall Runners Up D. Judkins (27) and M. Munckton (29). Total 115 Points. Ntp 5th J. Beck, 14th M. McQuillen.

Churchill Football Netball Club

Welcome to another season at CFNC. Our committee has welcomed a couple of new faces as well as farewelled a couple of others, and our executive remains unchanged with Mick Johnson still in the President's role.

All coaches for football and netball have been set for some time, and they have all been working hard with our players to get them ready for another season wearing the blue and gold. Congratulations to our successful D Grade side which brought home the premiership last year. Well done to our A Grade girls and the Reserves for making the Grand Final.

This year we have revamped our membership packages as well as set our social calendar before the season, so everyone can get those babysitters booked! Please look at our facebook page where we will be posting regular updates.

Social events already booked in are:

May 7 - Hypnotist and Comedian after the Rosedale home game.

June 4 - Country Bus Crawl after the TTU away game.

June 25 - Past Players reunion during and after the Sale City home game.

July 2 - Mid Season Ball after the Glengarry away game.

July 30 - Reverse Shuffle night after the Yarram home game.

August 13 - Murder Mystery Night after the Gormandale home game.

Membership has been changed to include four different categories (for more info, please contact cfnc.secretary@hotmail.com or call 0438 230 283).

Premier Package - \$500

- Entry into all nine home games for season 2016
- CFNC Polo shirt
- CFNC Stubby holder
- Entry into after game membership draw after every home game (must be present to win)
- Five tickets in the after game meat raffle after every home game (must be present to win)
- Two tickets to attend the CFNC annual presentation night at the end of the season
- Invitation to a luncheon at one home game (date to be advised) where each premier club member will receive:
 - A fully catered day commencing at 12:30pm and concluding 30 mins after the final siren.
 - A sit down lunch at approximately 1pm.
 - Finger food and nibbles throughout the afternoon.
 - Beer, wine and soft drink.
 - Exclusive access to the corporate box to view the game.

Booth Baron Package - \$200

- CFNC Polo shirt
- CFNC Stubby holder
- Entry into after game membership draw after every home game (must be present to win)
- First can free in the booth at every home game for season 2016 (must present Booth Bar attendants membership card to redeem)
- At one home game (date to be advised), all Booth Baron members will receive a free BBQ lunch and free beer for the duration of the senior match

General Member Package - \$60

- Unlimited access to social room facilities
- Entry into after game membership draw after every home game (must be present to win)
- Discounted venue hire
- Website member access / club newsletter
- SMS alerts regarding upcoming functions and events
- Voting rights

Social Member Package - \$25.

- Unlimited access to social



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MEMBERSHIP 2016

Please complete this form and return to the Club in person, via email to cfnc.secretary@hotmail.com or via post with cheque or credit card details. Payment can also be made by EFT (BSB: 633-000, Acct No: 110 757 937), if using this method, please include full name as reference.

Post to: **Churchill Football Netball Club**
PO BOX 111
Churchill 3842

Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Town: _____ Postcode: _____

Mobile Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

In lodging this application, I agree to abide by the CFNC Guiding Principles

Signature of member: _____

* Liquor Licensing Laws limit regular entry to Social Rooms for non-members.
* As a Good Sports Accredited Club, CFNC adheres to the Responsible Service of Alcohol Policy and relevant legislation.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	SOCIAL MEMBER	\$25

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Churchill Football Netball Club CARES
Cares about our players and members
Acknowledges our responsibilities to the community
Respects our team mates, opponents & facilities
Encourages everyone to achieve their goals
Supports our principle of a family friendly club

**** NOTE: All 2016 players must hold GENERAL membership or above ****






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