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“Remembering Driffield” Historical Memorial opening

Seventy people, including many former residents, travelled from as far as Western Australia to celebrate the formal opening, by Russell Northe MLA, of a memorial to the community of Driffield on November 21.

Founded in the 1870's, Driffield was an active, vibrant community which contributed significantly to the life of the Latrobe Valley for the next 110 years. In 1980 the SEC proposed to establish two

large power stations and a coal mine at Driffield, and began acquiring Driffield properties, sending the community into decline. Although those projects did not go ahead, the more recent extension of the Morwell Coal Mine, and the accompanying diversion of the Morwell River and the Strzelecki Highway, led to the removal of the community facilities and houses.

The 'Remembering Driffield' Memorial was the vision of long term resident Barry

Bond. The shelter to house the memorial was constructed in 2009 using part of the compensation paid for the loss of the Community Hall and tennis courts. In 2012, Yinnar and District Community Association decided to help complete the memorial by sourcing grants and providing project management.

Grant funds were obtained from Latrobe City, Mirboo North and District Community Bank and the State Government's 'Putting

Locals First' Program. The development of the historical display began in January 2015 and has taken eleven months to complete.

In addition to six plaques describing Driffield's history, the memorial contains a Memory Wall comprising personal memories of life in Driffield. A large floor graphic displays a map of Driffield properties and facilities, including the changes to the route of the Morwell River and the Strzelecki Highway over the years.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

To all our readers we extend the very best of wishes for the Christmas season and the New Year.

Thank you to all those who have supported us through advertising (you make the paper possible) and article contributions. Thanks to our sponsors and supporters who

so willingly help us with the paper and its activities.

Thank you to all those who take the time to encourage the team in what we do.

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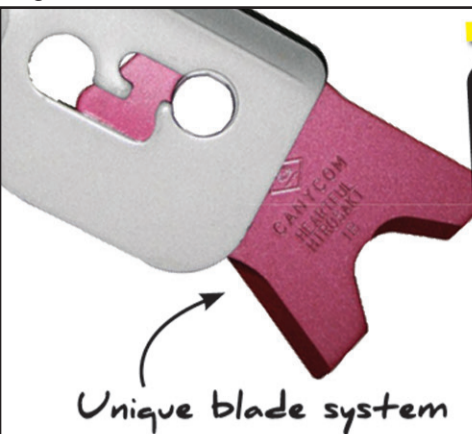
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A serious problem exists in our town

A serious problem exists in our town (and no doubt in other towns of our area). This year has seen the celebration of 50 years of being Churchill. The anniversary celebration in March was a triumph of success. It was a day when folks came out in hundreds to rejoice at our history, to meet again long lost friends and neighbours, to renew acquaintances and enjoy what was on offer for the day. It was a day to remember the hard work of those early residents who stood up and joined together to provide facilities for a town with so little.

This anniversary festivity was made to happen by a very small number of people who worked so very hard, that at the end they were worn out with all the other calls on their time in that association that they didn't want to take office in the Churchill and District Community Association anymore. No-one was prepared to step into their place. So CDCA is now in recess. We no longer have a liaising body with Council.

The Lioness Club has been around for many years, successfully run by dedicated ladies fulfilling the office

bearer's roles, who also worked hard over those years. They too decided they were tired and needed a rest, but no-one was prepared to take on those vacated positions. So we no longer have a Lioness Club in Churchill.

Throughout this year Churchill & District News has advertised for someone to help with advertising and with assisting our treasurer. There has been no positive response. Again the people on the C&DN team are getting tired and need some respite. Some of us have been flat out for 12-13 years. No-one can

work at the pace we have for so long and be as efficient as needed.

We appeal to you, if you want the Churchill & District News to continue please offer to help, especially in the areas of advertising, and assisting our treasurer. We also need a co-ordinator for our Junior Fishing Competition. What would Churchill be without our newspaper? It is a sobering concept and worth some thought.

What else will go if people do not start to put their hand up and help to share the load?

Keeping Christmas simple

By Noelene Marchwicki

Pear Salad

Rinse, peel, core and slice 1 kg of firm and ripe pears.

Place in a bowl and squeeze the juice of two lemons over the sliced pears to prevent discolouration.

Leave for three minutes and then drain.

Now mix 200gm of mayonnaise with 200gm of cream cheese (room temperature).

Mix till smooth.

Add ½ tsp of a dukkah mix (available in supermarket spice section)

½ tsp of salt.

Now add the mixture to the pears and toss to combine.

Top the salad with 100gm of chopped walnuts and fresh mint leaves.

This salad offers the crispness of the pears and the crunch of the walnuts combined with the creaminess of the simple but flavoursome dressing.

Garlic Chicken and Potatoes

This is the perfect Christmas chicken dish,

economical, simple and full of flavour.

Preheat your oven to 200 deg.

Wash 1 kg of potatoes and cut into chunks.

Place these into a large baking tray with 2 cups of water, set aside.

(You need 2-3 chicken drumsticks per serve)

Place drumsticks in a bowl and add 1 dsp of allspice, 1 tsp of sea salt, 1 tsp of sumac with 1 tbs of rice bran oil.

Mix thoroughly.

Now place the marinated drumsticks on top of the potatoes and bake for 30 minutes.

In a small bowl add 1 tbs of minced garlic, the juice of 3 lemons, 1 dsp of minced ginger, 1 tsp of chilli flakes and ½ tsp of ground pepper.

Mix to a paste with 1 dsp of rice bran oil.

Pour this mixture over the chicken and return the tray to the oven for 6 minutes.

Serve with steamed rice, a green leaf mix and pear salad.

Easy Christmas Pudding

Line 8 x 180 ml ramekins or small bowls with plastic



wrap allowing a 3 cm border around the edge .

Soften 1 litre of ice cream and process with a crumbled light brown fruit cake (700gm)

Add 60 ml of brandy or thick chocolate topping.

Process till well combined.

Spoon into the lined bowls.

Cover with the cling wrap then foil.

Freeze for a minimum of 8 hourscan be made weeks ahead and kept frozen.

To serve, turn out the moulds and peel away the

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Merry Christmas.

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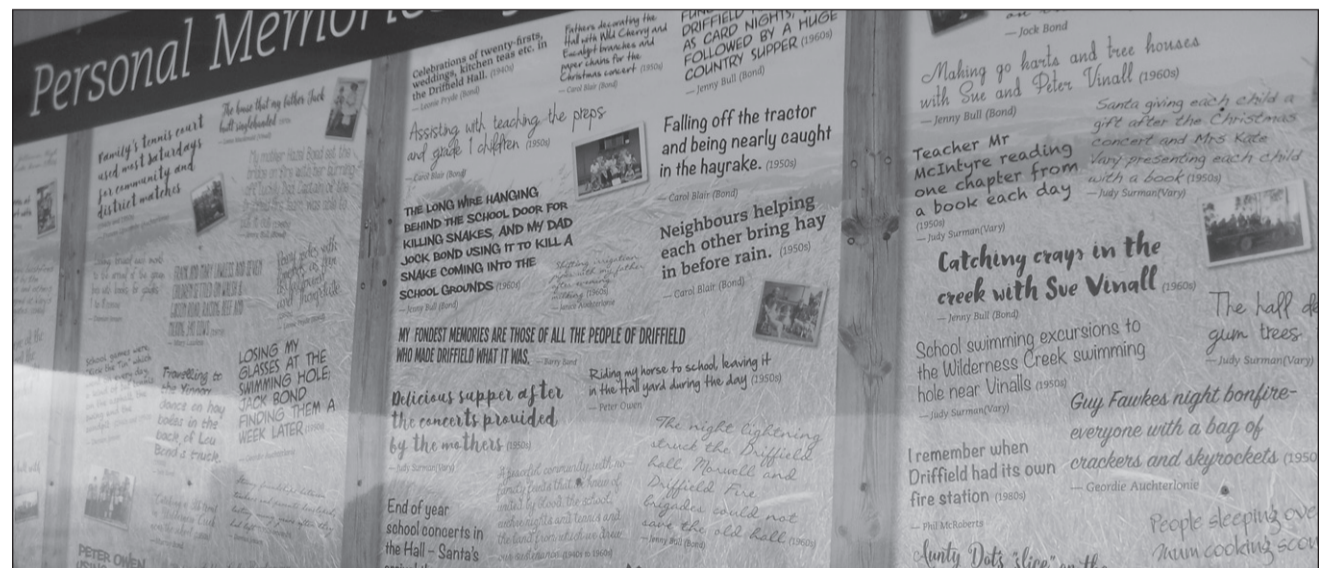
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**“Remembering Driffield”
Historical Memorial opening cont**



Member for Morwell
Saturday 21 November, 2015
Construction of the memorial shelter was made possible through compensation paid for the loss of Driffield community assets. The memorial display was jointly funded by the Victorian Government, Latrobe City Council, continuing and former Driffield residents and the Mirboo North & District Community Bank. This project was a long-term initiative of Driffield community members, primarily Barry Bond, completed with assistance from Yinnar & District Community Association, Yinnar & District Lions Club and, in particular, members of the Auchterlonie, Bond and Vary families.



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Bruce Stephenson

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Cr Darrell White

"Live Work Latrobe" to guide planning for future growth in Latrobe City

Latrobe City Council is planning for the future growth of the municipality. To guide this planning, Latrobe City is preparing three long term strategies: a Housing Strategy; Industrial Land Use and Employment Strategy; and a Rural Land Use Strategy.

The process to develop

these strategies is called Live Work Latrobe.

Live Work Latrobe is aimed at ensuring that a strategic approach is adopted in relation to planned future land use across the Latrobe City municipality.

Live Work Latrobe will result in a range of actions to guide the way

the municipality grows, and it will strengthen Council's position as a vibrant and competitive regional centre.

Each of the three Live Work Latrobe strategies is closely linked and has unique objectives and outcomes.

"The Housing Strategy will identify a framework for future housing within Latrobe

City.

It will investigate current and future housing requirements, as well as looking at opportunities for housing that is affordable, accessible and appropriate.

The Housing Strategy will also include Urban Design Guidelines which will outline how Latrobe City's streets and public places will look and feel in the future.

The Industrial Land Use and Employment Strategy will provide direction on the future supply, demand and locational needs for Latrobe's industrial and commercial land.

The Rural Land Use Strategy will set long-term guidelines for the future use and development of rural land in Latrobe City.

These guidelines consider the protection of valuable agricultural land and rural landscapes, as well as opportunities for rural residential living and rural industry.

Darrell White

Latrobe City Council is inviting all members of the community to contribute to a conversation about the future of where residents live and work.

Opportunities for community members to have their say include: Completing an online survey, or making a submission at: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/liveworklatrobe, attending a one-on-one discussion or engaging in a telephone conversation with a Council project officer, e-mailing a submission to Latrobe@latrobe.vic.gov.au, writing a submission to Live Work Latrobe, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264 Morwell 3840, contacting the team to provide feedback: Deanne Smith, Senior Strategic Planner - 5128 5499.

The outcome of the consultation will be used to inform a Live Work Latrobe Policy Directions Paper which will be released in early 2016. **Growing Aerospace Manufacturing project launched**

The recent upgrade of the Latrobe Regional Airport has been celebrated along with the launch of the Growing Aerospace Manufacturing project.

The project was funded by Regional Development Australia (\$3Million) and State Government (\$1.24Million).

Latrobe Regional Airport is home to Mahindra Aerospace, the only Australian-based manufacturer of aircraft.

The Airport also houses several other aviation organisations as well as emergency service facilities.

This upgrade has allowed Council to seek further investment and, at the same time, it places Latrobe City "on the map" as the premier location for the aerospace and aviation industry.

Key elements of the upgrade were the construction and resealing of the main apron area, the resealing of the main runway, reconstruction

of the main Code C taxiway, installation of a new runway LED lighting system and installation of security fencing.

Additionally, focus was given to sustainability in terms of harvesting rain water and planting native grasses.

One of the main features of the upgrade was the LED runway and taxiway system and that included a Precision Approach Path Indicator. This type of state-of-the art system improves take-off and landing for aircraft using the airport and ensures the safety and security for users.

This project employed more than 100 workers during the construction phase and employee numbers in the local aerospace industry increased from 140 to 200 full time workers.

Christmas/New Year

With Christmas almost here, I take this opportunity to extend to everyone a very peaceful and safe Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Russell Northe



Russell Northe, MP

provided \$5,000 towards the project with the balance of the \$18,800 project provided by former Driffield residents and the Mirboo North and District Community Bank.

The project has created an informative and attractive historical display, including recollections of former residents, at a shelter on a prominent roadside reserve near Yinnar, which overlooks the original location of the township.

The memorial captures the contributions of the Driffield community over more than 110 years and records the complete removal of a town to enable power generation for Victoria.

The Community Café at the Churchill Hub is looking for volunteers for the Community Café that will commence in early 2016.

Congratulations to Churchill & District News on being awarded the Best History Story at the annual CNAV conference held at Mooroolbark recently. Churchill & District News was recognised for the story 'Power(ful) Memories of Hazelwood'; the article commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Hazelwood Power Station. I recently joined with Yinnar and District Community Association members and current and former residents of Driffield to officially open the new Driffield Community Memorial.

\$10,400 was provided from the Regional Growth Fund for the Remembering Driffield Memorial project to commemorate the township of Driffield.

Latrobe City Council

The café will offer a free lunch once a week.

Volunteers are needed to help plan, prepare and serve the lunches. For more information or to register your interest you can contact Julia at the Churchill

Neighbourhood Centre on 5122 2955 or info@churchill.org.au.

Carols by Candlelight is being held at the Combined Churches of Churchill on Sunday December 20, outside the Co-Operating Churches,

1 Williams Avenue, Churchill.

A gold coin donation is required with funds going to breakfast clubs at local schools.

A BBQ will be held at 6.00pm and carol singing and the Christmas story will be held from 7.00pm.

Don't forget to take a chair or picnic rug and your carols booklet.

A reminder that Santa will be visiting the Churchill Newsagency, Shop 2 Hazelwood Village, Churchill on Saturday December 19, between 10.00am and noon.

As we approach Christmas and the New Year, I also want to remind everyone to nominate outstanding community members for Citizen of the Year awards for local Australia Day events.

Nominations for the Lions Club of Churchill and District

Citizens Award 2016 close on December 21, 2015 and will be presented at the Australia Day Ceremony in Churchill on January 26, 2016.

The person being nominated must be a resident of Churchill or the immediate surrounding district.

For more information you can contact Secretary of the Lions Club of Churchill and District, Bob Lowick on 0408 377 781. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Christmas is the perfect time to be putting locals first and supporting local businesses by purchasing your Christmas gifts locally.

I hope 2016 brings much joy and success to you and your family. Please be extra vigilant on our roads, to ensure we all get to and from our destinations safely.

Churchill & District Lions Club



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Saturday Breakfast



On December 5 at the Cooperating Church at Churchill, Norman Trewin gave a speech and slide presentation about Denmark's reaction to the Holocaust. This remarkable story, where over 8000 Danish Jews were rescued from the evilness that was the SS, stands as a testimony to what people of conscience can do when they band together.

The spontaneous reaction of most of the population of Denmark, assisted and led by King Christian X and the Danish Lutheran Church to get "their Jews" to safety, then welcomed them back, so that Denmark "could be whole again" stands as a beacon of light in a time of darkness.

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.

Crib Service Churchill 6.30pm, Boolarra 8.30pm
Communion
 Christmas Day - Churchill 9am and Yinnar 9.30am
Churchill Christian Fellowship:
 Sunday December 20 at 10am

Lumen Christi:
 Christmas Eve Mass 8pm (Carols from 7.45 prior to Mass) at Churchill.
 Christmas Day Mass 9am at Churchill (no Masses at Yinnar or Boolarra on Christmas Day)

Church Times

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 Father Francis/Father Antony
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 1st and 3rd Sundays:
 Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am
 2nd and 4th Sundays:
 Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am



Churchill Christian Fellowship

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Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

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 Christ Church Boolarra 3rd and 4th Sundays 11.00am
 Yinnar 5th Sundays 11.00am
 Yinnar South



Garage sale and family fun day

Our garage sale and family fun day was a great success despite the weather turning wet towards the end of the day.

It was lovely to see people come and browse through the enormous amount of goods we had on sale in the buildings and outside (bric-a-brac, plants, cakes, jams, furniture, books, toys and games etc.) and then stop to enjoy a chat with others over a Devonshire tea, sausage in bread or a pancake.

The children had a lovely time playing on the jumping castles, playing Connect 4 giant version, attempting the jigsaws or having a balloon sculpture prepared by Beans the Clown.

Financially it was a success as well, but more importantly it provided a community space for Churchill and district residents. The funds raised will help to keep our valuable programs functioning.

Thank you to all who supported our day by promoting the event, providing goods for sale, attending and buying.

A huge thank you also goes to our church folks who worked so hard preparing, baking, helping on the day and then doing all the clean up under difficult circumstances in the rain.

A special feature of the day was having the Churchill Fire Brigade members attend and bring Captain Koala. It is the Brigade's 70th anniversary this year and we were able to help them celebrate by providing a beautifully decorated cake and balloons.

The members were also able to distribute valuable material about bushfire plans in preparation for the hot dry summer predicted.

Country and Western Night

Each year Boolarra/Yinnar congregation has a country and western night organised by Bill Armstrong a parishioner. This year Bill's relatives did the organising and made it a very special night for Bill. The musicians and entertainers have known

and admired Bill for many years and some came long distances to be there. A wide variety of music and entertainment pleased the appreciative audience which was the largest for many years.

This year the event was held in the Community Centre which proved to be a good venue.

Coffee Connections

A time of fellowship and food was preceded by a true or false quiz on some unusual facts, that people could have at least a 50 percent chance of being correct.

As well people were asked to bring along a favourite tea towel and share its story, where did it come from or who gave it to you? Some interesting stories were told.

Junior Youth Group

The Junior Youth Group spent their last night for the year geocaching in Mathison Park around Lake Hyland.

There is an app you can download onto your mobile phone which will help you locate the secreted box with a piece of paper in it on which you can write your name and then return it to its place for the next person to do likewise.

The young folks found the five located in the park before they returned to the church for pizza and a movie called 'Home' about an alien.



The young people enjoyed the film before heading for home about 9.30pm.

Junior Youth Group starts again in February 2016. New members are welcome. For information please ring Reverend Brenda Burney on 5122 1480.

Saturday Breakfast

Norman Trewin was the guest speaker and his talk was titled 'Denmark: A story of hope' about the amazing story of how a tiny nation resisted Nazi atrocities. A full report appears elsewhere in this paper.

Christmas Club

Children from Churchill Primary School have again enjoyed a visit to the church to learn about the Christmas story through a play between Beans the clown and Spirit of Christmas, a puppet. They then had time to do craft activities. It was lovely to have them come. We thank them for their good manners.

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Church News

Lumen Christi Snippets Tamboritha Retreat



The men of Lumen Christi Parish held their annual weekend retreat in a chalet at Mt. Tamboritha. Thirteen members of the parish took part in the weekend which included reading, talking around the large home fire in

the chalet, fishing, talking, quiet time, talking, 4 wheel driving trips, cycling, walks and more talking.

Parish members have been travelling to the high country retreat for many years and it has given some members a lot

to think about away from the pressure of city living.

Catering for the weekend was by the members themselves with good breakfasts of bacon and eggs, salad rolls for lunch and a very satisfying Saturday night

roast.

On Sunday morning after breakfast the parish members held a communion service. An altar was formed with flora and some geological specimens to reflect the mountain area they were in.

Theology



By Frank Lees
Federation Chaplain

Firstly, **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

What a great time of year this is, in so many ways.

The theology of Christmas (as a date to celebrate the birth of Christ) is interesting. However, over recent decades a growing trend has emerged regarding the demise of theology in general, not just the theology of Christmas.

The beginnings of this really started in the late 1800's, when theology no longer functioned as the 'queen of the sciences' (in which all academic study evolved around the study of God and His Word), but became a separate field of study through seminaries

only for those who were going into full-time ministry.

Natural empirical science used to be called moral philosophy, as the study of nature was seen as a complement and an extension of theology.

Universities (which grew out of King Charlemagne calling on the church to educate the masses of people in his empire during the ninth century) started as a Christian endeavour.

It was thought only theology could tend to unify all of the various studies together. Thus the name uni (one) versity ('tendency').

The word university, then, implies a Christian worldview for academic study.

Now, much of the culture is focused on a postmodern notion that truth cannot be known!

Theology may be considered obsolete by some, but consider the

following influences of some theologians of the past, and our need of such influences today.

For instance, Jonathan Edwards, who led the first Great Awakening in America in the 1740's. He was not only a revivalist and reformer, but a pastor, a great prayer leader, a theologian, and a writer who even penned scientific works (one of his famous writings was his study on spiders). This leader not only brought church and cultural reformation but was an acclaimed revivalist, theologian who actually became the President of Princeton University before he died.

Then there's Abraham Kuyper, also a notable theologian who became a pastor, started a denomination and university, and eventually became the Prime Minister of the Netherlands.

Plus, there's Martin Luther, John Calvin, Saint Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and other theologians who turned their worlds upside down.

Who said theology is irrelevant?

Again, **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Old Time Family Dance Jeeralang North Hall

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Friday, January 22

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The Committee wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Gippsland Campus Update - School visits to Churchill

A number of secondary and primary schools have visited the Gippsland campus in recent weeks, with FedUni hosting a series of tours, presentations and

workshops with students. These schools have included Lowanna College Newborough, South Gippsland Secondary College Foster, Mirboo North SC,

Maffra SC, Kurnai College, Neerim District SC, Traralgon South Primary School and Gippsland Grammar Sale.

Professor David Battersby, Vice-Chancellor

of Federation University Australia, has been appointed a national White Ribbon Ambassador.

White Ribbon is Australia's only national, male led campaign to end men's violence against women.

The campaign works through primary prevention initiatives involving awareness raising and education, and programs with youth, schools, work places and across the broader community.

"It is a great privilege to be chosen as a White Ribbon Ambassador," Professor David Battersby said.

"This appointment will provide me with a platform to campaign against male violence against women.

I ask my University colleagues to join me in this campaign."

White Ribbon is the world's largest male-led movement to end men's violence against women. Originating in Canada in 1991, White Ribbon is now active in more than 60 countries.

White Ribbon began in Australia in 2003 as part of UNIFEM (now UN Women), formally becoming a Foundation in 2007.

Year 8 University Experience Camp

FedUni's School Outreach team hosted a two-day University Experience Camp at the Gippsland Campus on November 26 and 27. Visiting secondary school students had the opportunity to experience life as a university student, participating in faculty-based activities and staying in campus accommodation.

There were 55 students from Mallacoota, Swifts Creek and Orbost who attended the camp, participating in activities in Nursing, Forensic Science, Engineering, Art and Outdoor Education, as well as interactive sessions with student ambassadors and a mock lecture.

FedUni's School Outreach Team coordinates a wide range of programs with Gippsland Secondary Schools throughout the year, with the aim of increasing participation in higher education and

supporting students in their transition from high school.

Yoo-dyillay Wannik Visit to Campus

Yoo-dyillay Wannik brings together young people through a partnership between West Gippsland Healthcare Group, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO), Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning Network (BLLLEN) and Drouin Secondary College.

A group of students was recently part of a visit to the Gippsland Campus, focusing on health and science in education. They are pictured left, during a medical-microbiology activity with FedUni's Dr Andrew Greenhill.

Andrew is a senior lecturer in microbiology and his research addresses infectious diseases in low-income countries.

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Mathison Park



Our working bee was so successful last month, with some valuable help from some very generous people. Jim did some prior spraying of the beds and path edges and around individual trees. This allowed Danny and Dean from Pacey's Tree Service who gave their time and brought their equipment for the day, to mow, and whipper snip an unmulched garden bed and other areas. Meantime our working bee volunteers whipper snipped the long grass among the new trees on the north eastern fence. When Danny finished mowing he used his bobcat to move mulch up among those trees. Our volunteers then

were able to spread that. Danny also dropped a load of mulch he had spare for the bed he had mowed. While all this was happening, John was going around making sure all the tree guards and stakes were in place around our new trees, many of which are doing very well considering a cold winter and less than average rain for this year. Jim will return and move the rest of the mulch around the trees on the fence line so that the Community Corrections team can spread it next time they come. Thank you to the



Churchill Fire Brigade members who turned out to burn a pile of rubbish in the park. This service is greatly appreciated. We had a Christmas breakup BBQ in the park early in December to thank our wonderful volunteers and those extra generous people who go over and beyond to help. The first working bee for 2016 will be Saturday January 9 at 9am. For further information contact Ruth 5122 1961.

Gardens and bushfires

You don't need to live near bushland to be affected by bushfires since sparks and embers can travel great distances. By following a few rules when planning your garden you might save your property. Plants adapted to living with bushfires such as proteas and grevilleas, are highly flammable. However no plant is fireproof not even large, water hoarding succulents. The northern and western sides of gardens are sunnier and drier so it's best to use less flammable plants in these areas. Hedges can become fire buffers, but choose the right plants. Conifer hedges burn fiercely while lillypillies and photinias are less flammable. Green lawns are effective fire breaks. Lawn around a house offers some protection.

Fruit and vegetable gardens provide little fuel for fires. Dried lawn clippings can pose a risk if left where they fall or used as mulch. Composting the clippings reduces the risk. Widely placed trees can break up 'crown fires' that quickly burn across the top of trees. Island beds placed in lawns can provide a break for grass fires. Plants with more water and salt in their leaves are harder to burn. Bedding plants like daylilies or geraniums, deciduous trees and shrubs and also broad-leaved rainforest trees like the blueberry ash are suitable. Plants rich in oils such as conifers and eucalypts, or loose-barked trees like paperbarks readily burn. Banksias, diosmas and hakeas also burn easily so avoid

planting these too close to buildings. By storing fuel, fertilizers, garden chemicals and piles of garden debris away from your buildings in a safe place and never under a building, you will reduce the fire risk. Information sourced from Gardening Australia Magazine December 2004 edition. Written by Sheina Renton (Churchill Community Garden) This year the Churchill Community Garden group has worked hard establishing a productive garden situated behind the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre 9-11 Philip Parade. We would like to thank the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and everyone who has supported us during 2015, and wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Al Anon

I can't face another Christmas like that again! This is typical of calls to Al Anon Family Groups in January. Volunteers on the helpline hear stories of ruined Christmases; too many drunken parties where partners refuse to leave until they are carried out; husbands or wives not turning up for Christmas having just popped out for a minute or two; fears of violence or verbal abuse; worry about the effects on children; endless excuses to the family and friends about the drinker's behaviour - all are typical in the lives of families of problem drinkers. It is the unseen effects

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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.

“5.2 Visitor recreation activities and facilities,

5.2.1 Access

Parks Victoria aims to provide a range of access conditions to ensure that people (including those with limited mobility) are given the opportunity to use existing and new recreation facilities, participate in a wide variety of programs and have access to a range of natural environments.

Existing vehicle access to Morwell National Park is via Jumbuk Road and Kerry Road to the Kerry Road picnic area at Fosters Gully. From there further access in the Park is by walking or bicycle only (section 5.2.3, table 4 and figure 3).

The proposed access into the Billy's Creek Valley is via Braniffs Road. All other public access in this part of the planning area is via walking tracks only.

Access for management

purposes, search and rescue, and fire vehicles is provided.

Table 3 - Existing And Proposed Facilities At Billy's Creek Valley

Location

Proposed Facilities

Main gate

Major entrance sign, main gate, Park regulations sign.

Main road Main road

from entrance to bridge across Billy's Creek to car park (Braniffs Road entrance and bridge at Braniffs ford).

Main car park Picnic tables, gas barbecues, main car park, toilets, information shelter and walking track signs (display board area adjacent to 1st crossing).

1st creek crossing

Picnic table, foot bridge (existing).

2nd creek crossing

Picnic table, foot bridge (existing).

Potato Flat Picnic tables, signs.

Grassy area No formal facilities, area to be slashed for dispersed picnicking.

3rd creek Foot

bridge (existing).

Weir Picnic tables, signs interpreting the history of the weir, visitor safety,

'swimming at own risk' sign

(toilets as demand requires).

To be continued next month.....

November Activity Report

At this activity we had Matt, Peter, Ken, Tamara, Japanese student Yuto and Darren from FMNP. Also present was Landcare Australia and members from a number of local Landcare groups. The representatives from Landcare were joined by ten members of different Landcare groups.

On arrival everybody was welcomed by Nicole and asked to sign up on the Landcare enrolment list. Matt welcomed the group and Ken had discussions with the organisers about the value to using a 500m grid in comparison to the 250m grid planned. A 500m grid was agreed to. The smaller grid has four times the coordinates and would take four times the work to map the Park. After welcoming the large group, Matt and Ken left to undertake the Butterfly Orchid Survey.

The training then began. Nicole discussed the project through the Strzelecki Ranges making a koala corridor along the northern side of the Strzeleckis between Boolarra

and Morwell National Park. A brochure about living with koalas is currently being printed and will go to 900 property holders along this corridor. The training began with a session from Jenny about Eucalypt plant identification. Factors like venation, capsules, values, leaf shapes and buds are used to identify different eucalypt species. A range of techniques was demonstrated and trialed.

Training then moved to scat and site analysis techniques. The techniques of site identification and tree location were discussed. Thirty trees over 100mm in diameter are recorded at each site. Each tree is marked, measured and identified by type. Raking and exploration are used to find koala scat in a metre circle around each tree. Two and a half hours of training were then followed by lunch.

After lunch the group then moved off to the first survey site. The grid reference was beside the Foster's Gully walking track, so movement around the site was easy. The central tree was located and marked. The group broke

into pairs with some doing tree identification and others recording the results. The identification teams worked an arc around the central tree identifying 29 trees, which were then numbered, measured, tree type identified and scat evidence called out. The recorders documented the results. In this site there were only two gums (most of the others Muttonwood or Sweet Pittosporum) and these were the only trees with scat evidence. After two hours at the first site, the group was ready to move on.

Since it was now past 3pm, some of the group left while the rest moved onto the next survey site near the west boundary.

On returning to the car park we found Matt and Ken who had completed the Butterfly Orchid Survey. They had had a good day, finding each of the sites without great troubles and without any incidents. They had a successful count finding more orchids at each site

and all orchids were in good health with more flowers. Considering the recent low local rainfall (10mm in October and 17mm in November) it was great to see the orchids in such a healthy state. On the walk back from the last plot, they counted the Butterfly Orchids seen along the track and the count came to 180.

December Activity

Sunday December 20

Activity 1 – 9am Junction Road Car Park: Nesting box survey.

We will use the pole-mounted camera to view the animals in the different boxes.

For this activity you will need to bring clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

Note: the early start time (9am) so that all boxes can be surveyed before lunch.

Activity 2 – The Christmas BBQ will celebrate the year and will start at about 1.00pm. You can come to one or both activities.

Churchill LifeLine

Another twelve months have passed, another year draws to a close and that means the holiday season is upon us.

Whether you donated goods or money, shopped at our Churchill Lifeline Shop or at the huge Lifeline Book and Plant sales, Lifeline Gippsland and their Churchill shop volunteers would like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful supporters in Churchill, Yinnar, Boolarra and surrounding districts for their continued support during the year.

Remember that not everyone has someone to share Christmas with, so take

the time to check in with your neighbours this year. For those who are alone and need support our Telephone Crisis Supporters are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 13 11 14.

We wish everyone a safe, healthy, holiday season, and we hope that the New Year will bring everything you wish for.

Our Churchill Shop will be taking a break over the Christmas and New Year period, closing at 4pm on Friday December 18, and then we look forward to your ongoing support when we re-open on Monday January 11, 2016.



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Churchill Town Safety Group

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Find.Save.Keep

Jenny Peterson at the Latrobe Regional Gallery

In the exhibition *Find. Save. Keep.*, currently on at the Latrobe Regional Gallery, local artist Jenny Peterson investigates the art of collecting, and uses found objects as printing plates.

Latrobe City Council's arts director, Dr Mark Themann, said that the exhibition highlighted collecting as a human act.

"We all take part in the act of collecting, as part of our everyday existence. Peterson's interest in collecting comes from the desire to use found objects to make images, and to explore their material qualities. She aims to reveal and re-present something of the history of the objects, and so they become a new collection.

Peterson collects broken road signs and other objects during road trips in the local region. Scratched and dented metal surfaces are fixed as traces of memory into soft paper. Signage techniques are mimicked by gathering and printing words about collecting, the souvenir and the journey. The exhibition features intaglio prints, photographic prints, as well



as some small 3D works," Dr Themann said.

"Peterson connected her collecting and printing during a regular road trip she makes from home in Boolarra to the coast through South Gippsland. During her repeated road trips to the coast she glimpsed seasonal changes such as newly fallen trees, animals, herd movement and farming activities. She also saw obvious changes to the condition of the road and road signs that were damaged by vehicles, tree branches and the slow accumulation of dirt

and mould.

The photographic prints document the roads travelled and the collection sites. These works on paper become a new collection and represent some of the experience of living in regional Victoria, and of driving and looking.

This is an intriguing exhibition that will appeal to all of us who live in regional Victoria, who drive and who observe their surroundings.

Find.Save.Keep will be on until January 17, 2016.

Operation Flinders and local community partnership

First graduation for young people at risk

Young people at risk in the Latrobe Valley have had a chance to change their lives thanks to a new partnership between world renowned youth adventure transformation program, Operation Flinders, and local businesses and organisations.

Operation Flinders is a charitable organisation whose programs take participants between the age of 14 and 18 years on a remote outback program on its Yankaninna property in the far northern Flinders Ranges in South Australia.

Thanks to the new partnership, nine young boys from the Latrobe Valley region have recently completed the Operation Flinders eight-day program and have officially graduated from the program.

The program's Latrobe Valley partners include GDF SUEZ Australian Energy, the five Latrobe Valley Rotary Clubs, the Department of Education's Flexible Learning Options Campus and the Victoria Police Youth Resource Team.

Operation Flinders Chief Executive Officer, John van Ruth, said the partnership with the Latrobe Valley organisations was extremely valuable, providing an

opportunity for these young teenagers to help them make positive life choices.

"Operation Flinders is very pleased to be able to have offered our internationally recognised program in the Latrobe Valley for the first time, and to have the opportunity to turn around the lives of young people who in turn can grow as valued members of the community," Mr van Ruth said.

"Participants have just undergone an intensive week-long outback exercise encompassing both physical and psychological challenges.

All participants have come through the program with flying colours despite some tough times. It is great to watch these young people really find themselves and start to see themselves in a much more positive light.

Providing a pathway and continued positive impact on these people and changing the course of their lives is something we take very seriously.

This has been made possible by the generous support of local employers, community organisations and state bodies, and I would like to thank them for getting behind such a great cause to help young people in the region."

The Latrobe Valley partnership has initially funded one team to take part in the program in 2015, and is expected to build to two teams each year for the following five years until 2020.

"It is a world's best practice program based on sophisticated psychological practices that, together with the physical challenges, provide a real opportunity to transform the lives of young people at risk," Mr van Ruth said.

"Our participants are largely nominated by schools because they are at risk of offending or taking a wrong direction in life. Some may have been subject to trauma or abuse. Our program provides a short term circuit breaker which allows participants to see themselves in a new, more positive light.

The Operation Flinders program had been clinically proven to be an effective crime prevention initiative as well as a very positive influence in encouraging program participants to stay at school."

The intervention is targeted at both male and female youth who present with a range of family, forensic and social risk factors that put them at high risk of future long-term offending."

Tour de France Champion to ride in Jayco Tour

Hundreds of elite cyclists, including reigning Tour De France champion Chris Froome, will travel through Latrobe City during the 63rd Jayco Herald Sun Tour between February 3 and 7, 2016. The tour will take the competitors from Melbourne, through the Yarra Ranges to Gippsland before finishing on the Mornington Peninsula.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Michael Rossiter, said that hosting stages of the tour would put Latrobe City on the map.

"This prestigious event has a high standing in the world of competitive road cycling. To have two stages come through our region is

testament to our growing reputation as the premier regional host for elite sports events.

Stage two, on Friday February 5, will see riders race from Yarra Glen to Moe, a distance of 144km. Stage three, on Saturday February 6, will see cyclists set off from Traralgon and ride through Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra before finishing the day at Inverloch," Councillor Rossiter said.

"We are looking forward to welcoming the riders into our city and to seeing them off when they leave the next day. The economic benefits of hosting such a large scale event will be significant.

There are hundreds of riders who take part but there are also rider support crews and tour management teams.

We are known here for our love of top quality sports and to see this kind of competitive cycle racing on our roads will be thrilling. It's certainly not every day that you get a champion of the standard of Chris Froome coming to our region. His presence will provide inspiration to our local young cyclists and other athletes who wish to achieve excellence in their own careers. I know that he and the other riders will be well supported during their time in Latrobe City," Councillor Rossiter concluded.

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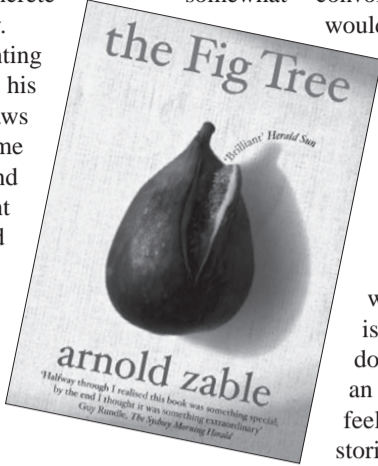
The Fig Tree by Arnold Zable c 2002

This is a collection of true stories of reminiscences of a migrant's past, and the challenges faced in making a new country into a new home despite the inescapable pull of the original country of birth.

The story that moved me the most (probably because it had the most resonance) was his early life in Carlton and the memories of his hard working Polish father and the image of the persistent fig

Book Review
The Fig Tree

tree even concrete couldn't stymy. somewhat convoluted but would resound with a different audience I would imagine. The writing is finely done with an intimate feel and the stories of



the holocaust are also very moving.

The issues raised in the book are relevant and universal in any time. After all, the majority of Australians were once boat people.

The need for family and belonging and the hurt of uprooting one's past, dealing with racism and prejudice is never easy, added to that the necessity to learn a new language and culture.

Federal MP calls for Gippsland to aim for zero road toll this Christmas

Federal Member for Gippsland and road safety advocate Darren Chester, has called on Gippslanders to aim for a zero road toll over the holiday period.

Mr Chester has told Federal Parliament that local roads would soon become busier due to the increase in holiday traffic, and drivers needed to consider their own personal safety and the safety of their family.

"Our region has many

attractions which bring people from right across Australia to visit," Mr Chester said.

"Unfortunately, summer is also a peak period for accidents on our roads. People travelling longer distances than perhaps they are used to leads to fatigue, which is one of the major factors contributing to road trauma.

I call on Gippslanders and the people visiting our region to aim for a zero road toll over the holiday period."

Mr Chester, who is co-chair of the Parliamentary Friends of Road Safety, said people were more likely to die on a rural or regional road than on a metropolitan road.


"The five-year average for rural road fatalities in Victoria is 148 people. I have great concerns about that, and I am working with the police and my community on initiatives to reduce the rural road toll," Mr Chester said.

"There is a misconception


that only city drivers or visitors to our regions die on country roads. That is simply not the fact.

The majority of people killed or injured on rural roads are local people. I appeal to Gippslanders and also those travelling through the region over the summer period to take care on our roads, drive to the conditions and make sure they enjoy a well-earned summer break in the Gippsland community."


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group to do the planning and facilitate the day.

During the later part of this year, the club has sponsored and supported Yinnar Primary School students to complete the Rotary Junior Community Award. At the conclusion of the program two students were presented with their awards - Chloe McCulloch and Jess Hoghton. Rotary Club member Brenda Burney is to be congratulated for her dedicated efforts promoting this prestigious award within the school.

Strzelecki District Scout Association 2015 Scout of the Year, Nathan Foley told us about his time in Scouts, highlighting many memorable experiences and what he hopes to achieve in the future. Hazelwood Rotary has financially sponsored this award for over 15 years and the stature of recipients gets better each year.

Our Club in the Community

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood is committed to supporting local, regional and international projects that benefit the community. Some of our assistance activities for 2015/16 are listed: Pistons Car and Bike Show, Relay For Life support, Very Special Kids support, Operation Flinders supporting 'at risk' youth in the Latrobe Valley, Polio Plus, Sponsoring local



student, Matthew Devonshire to attend the National Youth Science Forum, scheduled in January 2016, Healthy Villages (Malaria Prevention) in the Solomon Islands, Sponsoring Scout of the Year, The Junior Community Awards, last year involving Yinnar South Primary School and this year continuing at Yinnar Primary School. Bowel Scan has finished for the year with over 100 kits being sold in the local area, Sponsorship of the Churchill & District News for \$500 to assist with production of the local paper, ongoing support of the Combined Churches with food vouchers, sponsorship of School of St Judes in Tanzania.

Hazelwood Rotary Club members wish everyone best wishes for Christmas and an enjoyable, prosperous New Year for 2016.

For more information and photographs about what our club has been involved in, please have a look at our Facebook page.

By Leo Billington manages to maintain its influential and informative range of activities. Guest speakers have brought different perspectives to the attention of all club members.

Early in November, we welcomed Margaret Guthrie who presented a talk on the first ANZAC Day Service in Churchill this year. Hazelwood Rotary Club has been asked to take over coordination of this event next year as the current organisers cannot continue with the event. The Morwell RSL is willing to assist on the day and there is a need for a small



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