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Hazelwood Cemetery State-wide gravesite commemorations



By Leo Billington
State-wide gravesite commemorations
On Sunday, February 21, members of the Victorian Vietnam Veterans Branch, assembled at the same time at 35 Victorian cemeteries in which 98 Australians who died during the Vietnam War are buried or commemorated. Hazelwood Cemetery was one of those cemeteries.

The state-wide gravesite commemorations marked the start of a year of activities by Victorian Vietnam veterans to mark the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. Adrian Rich, from Morwell, was a member of the 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (6 RAR). On the afternoon of February 17, 1967, a Viet Cong ambush in Phuoc Tuy Province triggered five hours of

vicious engagement between 6 RAR and two companies of Viet Cong from D445 Battalion. Adrian died in action in that battle. About 40 people gathered at Hazelwood to commemorate Adrian's death and to honour his service and sacrifice and to show that he is not forgotten. A wreath laying ceremony was held at Adrian's grave followed by a wreath laying

at the ANZAC rocks erected by the cemetery trust last year to commemorate the ANZAC Centenary. New plaques now adorn one of the rocks in memory of the Vietnam conflict. Hazelwood Cemetery Trust was honoured to be associated with the graveside commemorations working alongside the Morwell RSL Branch and its President, Bruce Jeffery.



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KidzFix Rally



The girls from Yinnar are back in town (albeit temporarily)

On Australia Day this year, four ladies from Yinnar and District decided to enter the KidzFix Rally. The ladies involved are Sue Embry,

Donna Lawless, Leanne Linton and Edna Stolk. The team will be known as the M&Ms. They have already purchased a vehicle and are busy preparing it for the Rally conditions.

The funds raised on last

year's Rally were used to provide a Nets Ambulance to transport premature babies around the Numurkah area. This year the Rally commences in Morwell and travels to Bendigo.

The money raised by the participants will be used for specific projects in our area to benefit children's health. Kidzfix organisers will be contacting Latrobe Valley hospital to target a project.

This is the first time a

ladies team from Yinnar and District has entered this event. It would be great for our local community to get behind these ladies and assist them with fundraising for this worthy project.

The ladies will be actively fund raising in the coming months and information on these activities will be published as they are finalised.

For donations and fund raising support please contact Edna Stolk on 0428 631 415.



Rainfall

February 2016

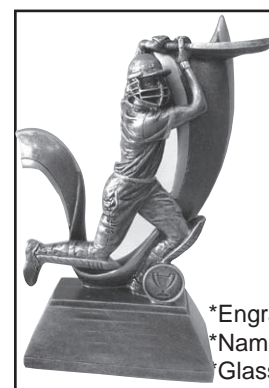
February rainfall in Churchill was sparse to say the least. Only three days of drizzle for the month for a total of 8.5 mil. This gives our area a total for the year so far, of 74 mil.

It is interesting to note a few recent highs and lows



for February. In 2009 we had only 3 mil, whilst two years later in 2011 we were drenched with 177 mil.

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A hub of activity – overview of Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Leaping into 2016 with a new website and program, the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is ready to grow.

One of 400 Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria, and one of four in the Latrobe Valley, the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre currently supports two community groups in addition to providing a range of classes and activities for Churchill and district.

From its centre at the Churchill Hub, Phillip Parade, staff at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre support the Churchill Men's Shed and Churchill Community Garden with intentions of, this year, starting community lunches

where people can meet and chat.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre coordinator Julia Leonard said, "People often think we are part of the Latrobe City Council when, in fact, we are a small not for profit organisation managed by a volunteer Board of Governance."

The biggest cause for the confusion, Ms Leonard said, was the centre's location in the Council owned Churchill Hub.

"They (people) think the Neighbourhood Centre and the Hub are the same thing, whereas the Hub is a building with lots of different services within it, and we are one of the tenants within the building."



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Other services in the building, such as the Churchill library and Maternal and Child Health Centre are managed by the Latrobe City Council.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is run by a Board of ten volunteers from all walks of life, bringing a diverse range of skills and experiences gleaned from

their experiences in the community. Current Board members include a disability worker, a cartoonist/graphic designer, a quilter, a nurse, a child care worker, a CFA member and a former teacher/librarian.

As a Learn Local organisation, the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre receives funding to provide

adult education training programs designed to meet the community's needs, with emphasis often placed on courses to help people become job ready, return to study or improve their literacy and numeracy skills. A community survey is currently underway to help determine how to best use this funding.

Some of the Centre's current classes include computers, creative writing, photography and life skills classes. The Centre also runs social groups and activities such as a book club, tai chi and craft classes.

"Neighbourhood Houses are about bringing people together to connect, learn

and contribute to their local community," Ms Leonard said.

The centre's most recent project does just that, working in conjunction with The Churchill & District News, Hazelwood Rotary Club, Federation University, Churchill and District Lions to create the Churchill Community Festival to be held on Saturday, March 19 at Philip Parade.

For more information or to get involved phone the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre on 5122 2955, email info@churchill.org.au, visit www.churchill.org.au or find the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Facebook page. 2016 programs are now available.

Cheesemaking Workshops in Yinnar

Cheesemaking as a hobby started ten years ago when LaBerta Forys happened to hear about a cheesemaking workshop that was being run at Yinnar South hall. Since then she has been honing her skills making cheese on a regular basis with two wine fridges full of cheese to prove it. Last year she started sharing these skills with others through workshops.

LaBerta Forys resides on a small farm at Yinnar, with her Chiropractor husband, David who works from a practice in Churchill. At home, they both enjoy cooking, gardening and caring for their alpacas, chickens and cats. They have lived in Yinnar since moving from the United States twenty years ago.

LaBerta has recently retired from her career as a Dietitian, and was a teacher of safe food handling at TAFE for some years.

Now LaBerta runs Cheshire Cat Grinnery Cheesemaking workshops,

Yinnar. The business name was a fun decision. David was born in Cheshire England, and here in Yinnar they put a grinning Cheshire cat on the front gate. From this happy cat evolved the business name.

In 2014 LaBerta co-instructed a cheese making workshop at Stephanie Alexander's Kitchen Gardens headquarters in Melbourne. LaBerta regularly attends cheese making workshops in Australia and the United States to extend her knowledge.

After one of these workshops several years ago five local women, who call themselves the Aussie Cheesemates, started regularly gathering at "The Grinnery" for cheesemaking sessions and having fun.

LaBerta makes many different soft, semi-hard and hard cheeses including Parmesan, feta, halloumi, Monterey Jack, romano, farmhouse cheddar,

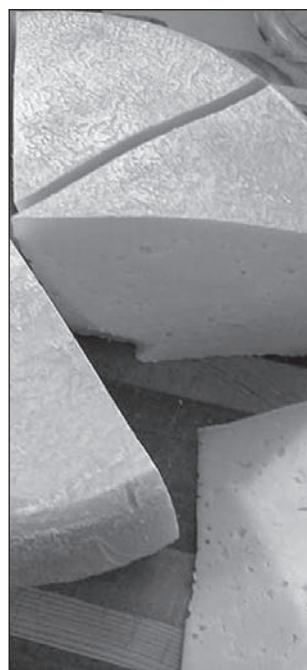
Camembert, Brie, emmental, mozzarella, Cheshire, Stilton, havarti and gouda.

Fruit loaf among other sourdough products is another speciality made on the premises. While the cheese and sourdough products are made for personal consumption only, she very happily shares her knowledge of how to make them with others in cheesemaking and sourdough bread making workshops open to the public.

Since cheesemaking supplies are unavailable locally they are sourced over the internet from Australia and the United States. LaBerta does offer small quantities of supplies to workshop participants so that they can practice what they have learned at home.

LaBerta is passionate about cheesemaking and is eager to share the intricacies of the craft with others through her workshops.

Contact her at grinnerycheeseworkshops@



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I recently took the opportunity in Parliament to once again highlight Gippsland's ongoing V/Line crisis after catching a replacement bus between Morwell and Melbourne and gaining first-hand experience of the frustration felt by local commuters.

Information on the V/Line website is not clear as to where the bus is stopping and expected arrival times – and commuters are being asked to allow up to an hour extra travel time on the coach.

V/Line staff are doing their very best in trying circumstances and like Gippsland commuters they are being let down by a lack of interest from the Government.

The current timing of coach replacement travel

times is unreliable and Gippsland commuters deserve more certainty during a time that is already causing a major inconvenience to their daily lives.

It is fantastic to see that Churchill Parkrun has now commenced. The event is a weekly free 5km timed run for runners of all standards every Saturday morning at 8am. The event takes place at Eel Hole Creek, Phillip Parade and McDonald Way, Churchill. To register you can visit <http://www.parkrun.com.au/register/> and for more information you can contact Matt via email mattbriggs@gmail.com or phone 0427 142 928. Well done to all volunteers who have assisted in getting the event up and

running in Churchill.

Churchill Hotel's Good Friday Family Fun Day 2016 is being held on Friday March 25, 12pm at the Churchill Hotel, 1 Balfour Place, Churchill. There will be market stalls, live entertainment all day, jumping castle, fairy floss, raffles, silent auctions and much more. For more information contact Stacey on 0406 612 331 or email stacey@churchillhotel.com.au

Churchill Primary School will be holding a Twilight Fete on Friday March 18 from 4-8pm. The fete will include rides, amusements, market stalls, hot food and much more.

The Churchill Community Festival will be taking place on Saturday March 19, from

Young regional leaders who want to influence State Government decision making are encouraged to apply for the YMCA's Youth Parliament program before April 7, to have their views heard.

This year's program will give 16-25 year-olds an introduction into the workings of State Parliament with 120 spots available.

Since Youth Parliament began in 1987, more than 20 bills raised by young people have become law, which highlights the importance of this program and the contribution young people make to our society.

During the nine-day training program participants will learn about public speaking, leadership skills,

teamwork and also have the chance to speak up for what they believe in.

For the last three days of the program, participants 'take over' Parliament, debating bills in the Parliamentary Chambers before handing them over for Government consideration.

I urge all young leaders from Gippsland to apply for this fantastic opportunity. Youth Parliament will sit during June and applications are available at: www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

With the Easter break fast approaching it is a timely reminder for those who will be travelling to take care on the roads.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and restful Easter with their family and friends.

Darrell White



Darrell White

Total funding of \$20,000 is available. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to successful applicants.

Applications open from Saturday March 5, 2016 to Sunday April 3, 2016.

Groups are eligible if they are "not-for-profit", based in Latrobe City and have an ABN. It should be noted however that groups who have already received a grant through Latrobe City Council's 2015/16 Community Grants Program are not eligible to apply.

To submit an application, visit Latrobe City Council's website: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/communitygrants.

Latrobe City Council staff members are available to help your group with an online application. Contact Caroline Melhuish on 5128 5664 to make an appointment.

2016 Sustainable Supply Chains for the Timber Economy of the future Conference

Latrobe City Council

has been pleased to be able to attract the "2016 Sustainable Supply Chains for the Timber Economy of the future Conference" to our municipality, which is scheduled to be held over the period from Monday April 11 to Saturday April 16.

This prestigious event is anticipated to attract registrations from not only throughout Australia, but internationally as well, and is expected to attract huge numbers.

There will be a number of Conference sessions at the Traralgon Little Theatre venue, whilst the Traralgon Recreation Reserve will be utilised as a manufacturing displays venue.

The Traralgon Court House location will undertake the role as "home base" for all those who have registered as participants. In addition, there will be a number of Field Trip options together with Exhibition and Field Day events conducted throughout

the week. For further information on ticketing and to purchase tickets, please visit <http://www.austimber.org.au/get-tickets/>

RACV National Veteran Car Club (VCCA) Rally

Display Day: Wednesday April 6, 2016 at Kernot Hall – 10am to 1.00pm.

The VCCA (Victoria) was founded in 1955 and caters for those who are interested in cars, commercial vehicles and motorcycles manufactured before January 1, 1919.

Club membership is open to anyone with an interest in these early vehicles. It is definitely not a requirement to own a veteran vehicle and membership of the club is a great way to enjoy a common interest and a fascinating hobby.

Melbourne Welsh Male Choir to perform at Latrobe Performing Arts Centre

The Melbourne Welsh Male Choir will be coming to Traralgon again, on



Sunday April 3, 2016, with an entertaining program of music from around the world.

The Melbourne Welsh Male Choir was formed in 1984, and has performed widely in Victoria, in Australia and internationally, through Wales, England, Austria, Canada, South Africa and the USA.

In 2008, they joined other choirs in a Festival performance at the Royal Albert Hall in London. In July

2014 they sang at the Salzburg Festival in Austria and in Vienna. In November 2014 they joined other choirs in the Male Choirs Association of Australia in a charity concert at the Australian Institute of Sport Stadium in Canberra.

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Brown onions occupy space for a long time and are cheap. Salad onions and leeks are quick growers and more expensive to buy so a packet

of 100 seeds is better value.

Vegetables for dry storing like pumpkins, potatoes and garlic are good value. Colourful potato varieties often don't store well.

Perennials like rhubarb, artichokes and asparagus once planted, produce for years. Information from Gardening Australia Magazine (April 2015). Written by Sheina Renton - Churchill Community Garden meets

every Monday at 10am at the Churchill Neighbourhood Hub in Phillip Parade. Join us then or on facebook.



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Community Survey

The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is conducting a survey about the current and future needs of Churchill and district.

Now in its 35th year of operation, the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre has offered a range of adult community education classes, community programs,

activities and groups for the community of Churchill and district.

To help us move forward we would like to hear from you about what you want from our organisation and for your community. You can do the survey online by visiting www.churchill.org.au and following the link to the survey.

You can also keep an eye out for project worker, Abigail, who will be out and about at the shopping centres, community market and the Churchill Community Festival. Contact 5122 2955 or drop into the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre if you would like a paper copy of the survey or would like to chat to Abigail.

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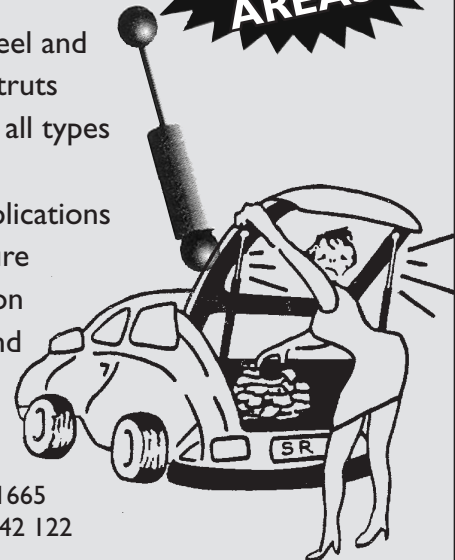
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Saturday Breakfast



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 10 at Boolarra at 10am, a service was held to mark the beginning of the season of Lent. It was one of silence, reflection and penitence. The traditional practice of imposition of ashes (marking our foreheads with the ash of last year's Palm Sunday crosses) was included.

Coffee Connections

A large group of Church friends met to enjoy a fine morning of food, friendship and prayer. We also had a lovely time talking about "an

interesting New Year we may have had". There was lots of laughter, as the memories and comments flowed.

Junior Youth Group

Junior Youth Group recommenced on Friday, February 12 from 5pm - 7pm. It was their first night for 2016 and was a Messy Games Night. Some new faces were welcomed. Those attending were asked to wear old clothes and bring a towel and a change of clothes because it would be very messy!

The toothpaste challenge was where the kids had to

squeeze out toothpaste as quickly as they could, only to find they then had to try to put it back in. That was to remind them that hurtful words come out quick but they are hard to take back. Water games with wet sponges followed. Porridge pants was a quiz game which resulted in porridge being poured into players oversized op shop pants if they got the question wrong. There was lots of laughter. Then the kids enjoyed a rice fight. For devotion Sharon put cat food in a brownie mix; the reason being even just a little sin (the cat food) can make life messy. It was a great night with lots of laughs which ended with an enjoyable dinner of chicken nuggets and chips.

Relaxed Worship

Cathie Halliwell has started a relaxed worship service at 11am once a month. The first was successful with people unable to attend early in the day finding it a more convenient time. It is suitable for all ages and children are

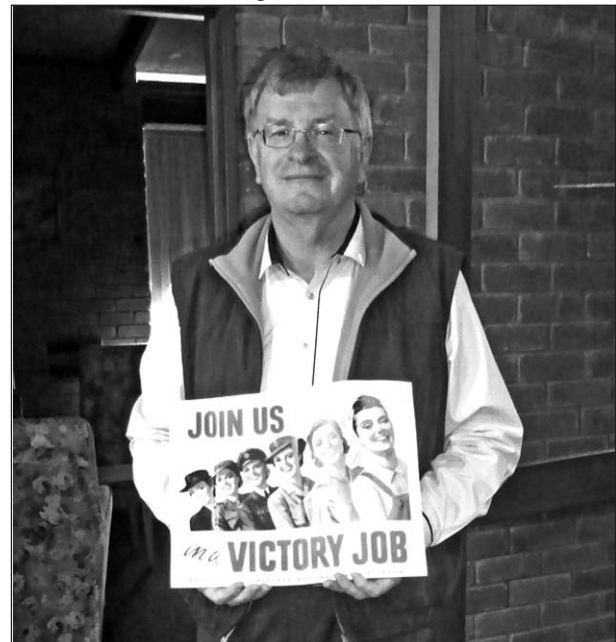
very welcome. The aim is for everyone to feel comfortable whether you want to sit on the floor, walk around or sit in a variety of chairs. The service is theme based rather than based on the Bible reading program used in normal worship services. There is plenty of singing, reflection and a time of learning as well. Why not come and check out the service on April 17, where we are looking at a Garden of Prayer for all the avid green (or not so green) thumbs out there.

Saturday Breakfast

The first breakfast for the year was held on February 27, with Russell Hadley as the guest speaker. Russell spoke about manufacturing of advanced aircraft, ships, a wide range of military equipment as well as smaller items such as ammunition during WWII - how this was done and what compromises were made. A fuller report appears elsewhere in the paper.

Thank you to our Worship Leaders.

During the month, Reverend Brenda took some annual leave and in her place the Combridge Worship Team, George Telford and Margaret Sunderland took the services. Each one added their own special message, prayers and music.



Russell Hadley

The First Saturday Breakfast for 2016 was held on February 27 at the Co-Operating Churches.

Russell Hadley was the guest speaker and his theme was women working during World War II. With so many Australian men enlisting in the armed forces, it meant a shortage of workers in industry, which could have been overcome by allowing women to fill the vacancies. The government encouraged women to apply for work but there was resistance by the male dominated unions, the Catholic Church and other people.

One of the problems was that Australia relied on British equipment which required trades people to manufacture them, and there were few women trained in those trades. Considerable numbers of women were employed in small arms factories in Lithgow for example, unlike other industries.

The situation in Britain and the USA was different where women were encouraged to work in

industries helping the war effort. The American model of production lines allowed unskilled people to produce aeroplanes, for example.

Australian manufacturing was hampered by the reliance on British equipment which was normally imported but when the war broke out exports to Australia were banned. This meant that Australia then had to manufacture its own aeroplanes, ships and weapons.

After the war, the returning service men expected to get their jobs back, which meant that any women doing the men's work were put off.

The next Breakfast will be held on Saturday March 19 at 7.45am and the guest speaker will be from the Traralgon City Band talking about the band's successful Remembrance Tour of the UK and Europe.

People wishing to attend should contact me on 5122 1148 or by e-mail at ken.15967@bigpond.com by Thursday March 17.

Keith Enders



Chaplain - Student Connect

By Frank Lees

Whilst we may hear about God being 'kicked out of our classrooms', let's take hope and look at the reading list of some educational institutions! Because there are many Christian themes prevalent with many authors. (Often the case with movies too).

Whilst the books and authors listed here are not necessarily on this year's book lists, the principle still applies.

So, take Steinbeck for instance, not known for devout Christian faith, yet he wrote about it a lot. In 'The Grapes of Wrath', the character Jim Casy is a preacher who has fallen away from the mainstream church. The struggles of life are highlighted a lot, and yet the desire to do what pleases God is contrasted alongside of the human inability to do so without faith. In the end, Casy is killed defending migrant workers, and Steinbeck shows what the Bible has said all along: that God is on the side of justice, etc.

What about Charles Dickens? In his stories of

redemption, salvation, and grace, he not only brings Christmas into focus ('A Christmas Carol'), he also highlights sacrifice a lot. In 'A Tale of Two Cities' Sydney Carton finds that his self-sacrifice will redeem him and save his friends. He switches places with the condemned Charles Darnay (they bear a striking resemblance to each other.) In the midst of his own sacrifice, Carton comforts another, telling her to keep her eyes on him. He remains a constant and steady source of hope and inspiration for her. Dickens also writes about compassion, healing, understanding, justice, and

ultimately faith.

Then there's Ralph Waldo Emerson who speaks about self-reliance and the power of nature. He speaks about losing oneself in order to find oneself.

Plus Shakespeare, who provides profound glimpses into the human heart, and often speaks of the power of the human soul and spirit.

Whilst Tolkein and Lewis etc, write about the constant search, even battles of life, and the expectant hope that God will live within us.

These, and other authors are simply retelling God's Word, the Bible. Take hope!

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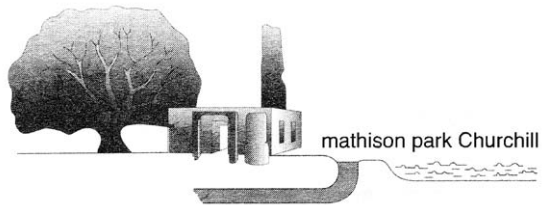


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Thanks to those who turned up to the last working bee.

The area around the new concrete blocks was tidied and the edges filled in, in readiness for the new table and seat sets to be bolted on.

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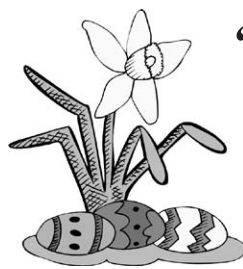
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Strong growth in student numbers at Gippsland Campus



Federation University Australia's Gippsland Campus welcomed more than 800 new students this year. The number of new students is around 200 more than the same time last year. Strong areas of growth include Nursing, where there has been an increase of about 100 students compared to 2015. Other programs with high interest

include Education; Health and Physical Education; Outdoor and Environmental Education; and Veterinary and Wildlife Science. "The strong enrolment numbers in Gippsland are a good indication of the high quality of our programs and teaching staff," Professor David Battersby, Vice-Chancellor, said.

"It is very satisfying to see such a large turn-out of new and current students at the campus, which is showing very positive growth. The good wishes of myself and the entire University go out to our Gippsland students as they commence their study."

O Week welcomes new students to FedUni

Federation University Australia's new students got their first taste of university life during Orientation Week, which kicked off on Monday February 22. Held at the University's Gippsland Churchill, Ballarat and Wimmera campuses, O Week activities included market stalls, barbecues, campus tours and sports events. Student Experience Officers were also on-hand to assist new students and advise

them on campus activities.

Highlights at the Gippsland Campus included a welcome event with comedy performers, free food and music, market stalls and a barefoot bowls event.

"Orientation Week is a great opportunity for our new students to socialise, make new friends and embrace university life," Professor David Battersby, Vice-

Chancellor, said.

"On behalf of the University I welcome all of our students and wish them well during their time here at FedUni and beyond."

New online Course Finder launched

A new and improved online course search website has recently been launched by Federation University Australia. Course Finder

provides a faster user experience, with enhanced search functions and an easy to read format.

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Hazelwood Rotary Club



By Leo Billington

The Hazelwood Rotary Club has taken a lead role in learning more about mental health issues in the wider community.

Autism

Club members listened to a guest speaker outlining details of the autism spectrum. Autism is characterised by marked difficulties in behaviour, social interaction, communication and sensory sensitivities. Some of these characteristics are common among people on the spectrum; others are typical of the disability but not necessarily exhibited by all people on the autism spectrum.

Our guest speaker spoke from personal experience outlining the daily routines required to assist and maintain a friendly, focused family lifestyle.

Schizophrenia

A guest speaker related a personal battle with schizophrenia. We learned how this situation first developed and since then has presented a wide variety of personal drama, some of which is now being carefully managed.

These two guest speakers provided club members with personal details which made us all reflect on life's challenges and how fortunate we are without these hoops and hurdles.

ANZAC Day 2016 – Churchill service

For this occasion, Hazelwood Rotary Club has been asked to manage coordination following last year's successful inaugural memorial service. The Morwell RSL will provide significant assistance on the day to effectively plan

and facilitate the day. **Rotary programs and activities which may interest students**

During this year, two programs for which students may nominate include:

MUNA – Model United Nations Assembly. The purpose of MUNA is to encourage young people to learn about other nations and to understand and appreciate the workings of the United Nations (UN) while they develop debating skills and gain self confidence in public speaking. The resolutions to be debated are based on some actually debated by the UN, as well as some proposed by the teams.

The debates reproduce genuine UN debates often with a fine flow of rhetoric, points of order, motions of dissent and bloc walkouts! MUNA is actually a United Nations initiative auspiced through Rotary clubs.

NYSF – National Youth Science Forum.

NYSF is a two week hands-on program for Year 11 students, working with a wide range of experts, to test drive potential careers in sciences and engineering. Rotary promotes this rewarding program and selects secondary students, nominated by clubs to attend the Forum each January.

For more detailed information about these two programs please contact Leo



Billington on 0458 661 848.

Uplift Project

Hazelwood Rotary Club member, Margaret Palmer has been promoting this project for several years. By going to www.upliftbras.org, the relevant information will be found.

Primarily, the program assists women in disadvantaged communities, often overseas, by providing bras. The project collects new and second hand bras and sends them to wherever requests are located.

For such communities, a bra is often unobtainable and too expensive.

Often the bra received through Uplift will be the only bra that woman owns. Please contact Margaret via Leo Billington on 0458 661 848.

For more information and photographs about what our club has been involved in, please have a look at our Facebook page. Club meetings have now commenced for 2016 and to learn more details about Rotary, please contact President, Reg Kemp on 0427 353 887.

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Friends of Morwell National Park

There are more Green Walks scheduled over the next few months. Each 60 minute guided walk has a meeting time of 10am with the walks departing at 10.10 am. The next Green Walks planned in Morwell National Park are:

Wednesday March 23

Foster's Gully Walk
Meet at Kerry Road picnic ground.

Thursday April 21

Billys Creek Weir
Meet at the Braniff's Road car park.

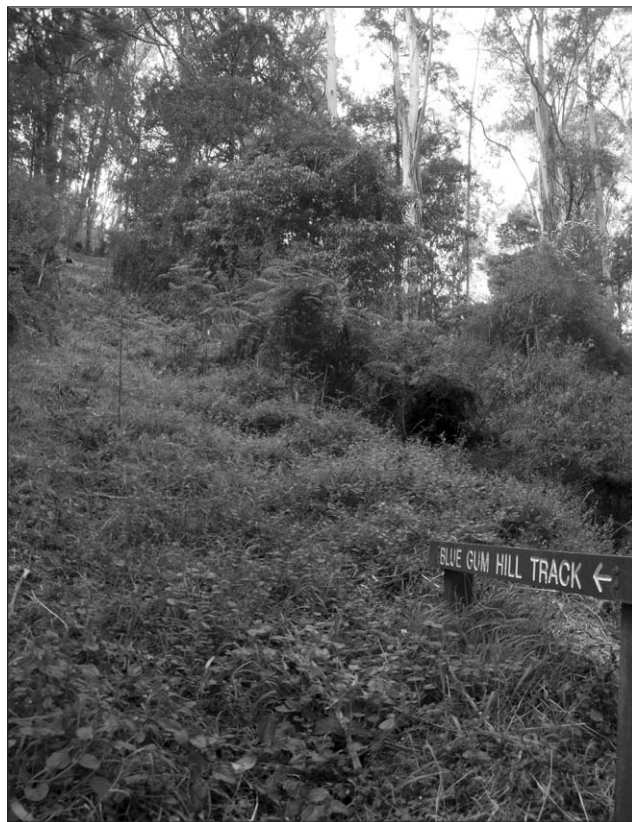
Registration at www.walking.heartfoundation.org.au/events/event or call the Heart Foundation's Health Information Service on 1300 362 787.

February Activity Report

At this activity we had Matt, Tamara, Ken, Yuto and Darren. We had a smaller group than usual, possibly because of the activity being in a different week. Activities are normally on the third Sunday of each month, but this activity fell on the second Sunday of the month. This may have affected how many people could attend the activity.

In the car park, Matt briefed the group about things that have happened over the last month. The chainsaw was back after being serviced and it, along with all of the safety gear, will be stored in the shed. Last month the need for our own bush cutter was discussed, and the quotes have been done and the best quote decided. The bush cutter is currently being purchased.

The magnetic signs for our vehicles while we are in the park have been made. Four sets have been made with Matt and Ken keeping a set each, since they are most commonly in the park. The signs are from a standard Parks template and they



printed them using a printer that Matt sourced. Craig was surprised that we didn't already have these signs. Matt also followed up about getting more keys to the shed and found it is not possible to get more cut.

We spoke about motion detection cameras and the range of animals Matt has found on them, over the last year. Many animals common in the park have been sighted along with a Bush Rat which was not previously identified in the park. The camera has helped to add at least one new species to record for the park. Hopefully more species will be added in the future.

Ken left after the meeting since the track would be very difficult to travel. The remaining group could all fit into the same vehicle and we travelled to the base of Blue Gum Hill spur track. We got out the chainsaw and safety gear and slowly carried the

gear (and ourselves) up the steep slope. Walking up the slope was very difficult with debris moving under our feet and many breaks were needed. There were a few trees and branches across the track and these were cleared as we worked up.

Closer to the top there was a large tree and many branches across the track. A few years before, this had fallen and blocked the track requiring a diversion around it. Now the thick vegetation had died back, making it possible to clear the track. It took a bit of work and Matt's skilled use of the chainsaw to clear the track. Much care needed to be taken with cut round logs rolling down a steep hill.

After clearing the track we carefully worked our way back down the hill. Lunch was a good time to break and part ways. With the small group, fence removal would have been very difficult. No fence removal was attempted, this will need to be left for another activity.

March Activity

Sunday March 20 at 6pm
The group will meet in the Kerry Road picnic area for a BBQ, spot light walk and moth survey. You will need to bring clothing and footwear suitable for the evening outdoors and the weather conditions. For the BBQ; a seat, cutlery, plates, drink, etc. would be very useful.



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* When installing it is a good idea to purchase photo-electric smoke alarms. (Look for Australian Standard AS3786).

* Monthly tests of your smoke alarms will ensure proper safety. Use a broom handle on the test button and the alarm will sound "beep beep beep".

* Smoke alarms have a year of manufacture displayed on them. Alarms should be replaced after 10 years (battery powered and 240v hard wired).



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what to do when the smoke alarm goes off? Especially children. Getting down low and crawling under smoke saves lives.

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Latrobe City's small business workshop program

Latrobe City Council is offering a series of small business workshops, to be held in the evenings, to support local business and commerce. Throughout the first six months of the year, business operators can tap into learning on marketing, starting your business right, employing the right people and business planning.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Michael Rossiter, said that the first session held early in February was full, with 20 registrations.

"This is the largest program of business workshops Council has conducted for at least five years. It's encouraging to see the enthusiasm for the program from the outset. We know that Latrobe City has a diverse range of small businesses and they are the biggest employer in our local economy. We also know that with the right encouragement their growth potential could

be significant. This series of workshops is aimed at getting the most out of each individual business.

We would like to think of the program as a way of local operators working on their business rather than working in their business. We want to help local owners to think outside the square when it comes to forward planning, to staffing, to marketing. It's one thing to establish a business but it's an entirely different thing to keep it running and then to become successful," Councillor Rossiter said.

"The events are low cost and are being held in the evenings so that there is no difficulty with time management. As well as getting expert advice and being able to take advantage of the skills and knowledge from the facilitators, we hope that participants can also reap the benefits of networking with other local business owners.



Bookings for events up until June are being taken now," Cr Rossiter concluded.

Small Business Workshop Program

April 13	Marketing for growth
5.30pm to 9pm	Moe Service Centre
May 12	Starting your business right
5.30pm to 9pm	Corporate Headquarters, Morwell
Jun 15	Business planning essentials
5.30pm to 9pm	Traralgon Service Centre

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Lyrics, love, laughter and larrikins in the LPAC line-up

The Latrobe Performing Arts 2016 season was recently launched and there's a huge program of shows designed to appeal to all tastes.

Latrobe City Council's coordinator performing arts and venues, Kathleen Roberts, said that the season was loaded with song, dance, drama and comedy.

"We continue with our perennial favourites, such as the Morning Music program, which this year will see the tributes to the Beatles, Doris Day and the war years - with a special performance featuring local artist, Jaz Flowers. We'll also see the return of the Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow, which will no doubt tickle your funny bone when the line-up is announced nearer the time.

We also present a strong dance program this year with

Sankofa by Asanti Dance Theatre - showcasing African music, dance and culture with a contemporary edge. For the first time, we will have the pleasure of hosting the Melbourne City Ballet. The company will perform 'Romeo and Juliet', a classic, tragic love story," Ms Roberts said.

"Music takes centre stage with an outstanding variety of styles. From 'Encore!' and 'The Mikado,' featuring Gippsland soprano Allison Rae Jones, to the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra which will present Mozart's 'Piano', and a cultural performance by Dave Arden, a Gunditjmarra/Kokatha songman and storyteller.

If drama is your thing we've got old and new, serious and funny. Never seen the British classic, 'Educating



Rita'? Don't miss out on this new production. Or consider some local flavour with 'They Saw a Thylacine', where the actors conjure the ghost of one of Australia's lost beauties - the Tasmanian tiger; or 'And Simon's Final Sound', an Aussie comedy about four ordinary people who try, fail, try again and fail better," Ms Roberts said.

"Each year, we find quirky shows for something a little different and this year is no exception. 'Circus Trick Tease' takes traditional circus and incorporates comedy, strength, poise and flexibility. Their show 'Aussie Aussie Aussie' is set to a 100% Australian soundtrack.

And of course, for our



younger audience we are offering a choice of charm, dance and fun. 'HIPPO! HIPPO!' is inspired by Hazel Edwards' series 'There's a Hippopotamus on Our Roof Eating Cake'. Andy Griffith's and Terry Denton's 'The 52 Storey Treehouse' will thrill young minds and 'The Peasant Prince', the true story

of Mao's Last Dancer, will enthral," Ms Roberts said.

"It is not too late to join the Latrobe Performing Arts annual membership program and reap the member benefits. We would also encourage you to take advantage of our subscription seasons as a great way to get to see three amazing shows," Ms Roberts

concluded.

Pick up your LPA season brochure, buy your membership or subscription season, or book tickets for your favourite show from our Box Office, either in person or by phone on 5176 3333, or via our website www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/lpawhatson

Being a Juror

By Hannah Billington

You are not required to have any special skills, expertise or level of education to be a juror. Keep the following in mind if you are selected to be a juror: listen carefully to the evidence, keep an open mind without prejudice or bias, be fair and impartial, be objective, and listen to all the evidence before you make any decisions.

Mobile phones must be switched off and not used in the courtroom.

Let the judge know if you have not heard or understood something, or if you need a break. Note taking is usually allowed and you will be provided with pen and paper.

You must not act as an amateur detective by conducting your own investigation. You are not allowed to visit the scene of

the alleged crime or consult books or people for more information. Try to keep your decision based on the evidence you have heard in the courtroom and not what has been said in the media.

It's extremely important not to talk about the case with anyone, except to other jury members in the privacy of the jury room.

Tell the judge immediately if something happens during the trial that makes you think you should not continue as a juror. This can include hearing something secret about the trial, being contacted by someone or becoming aware that you know one of the witnesses.

Your privacy will be protected. Jurors are not allowed to be filmed, photographed or interviewed by the press, and their names

are not permitted to be published. No information about jurors is given to the accused, their lawyers or any other parties involved in the case.

Attending the whole trial is compulsory. If you become sick or something happens that prevents or delays you from attending, contact the Juries Commissioner's Office or the court registrar as soon as possible.

You may go to work if you are not required to attend court during the trial, unless otherwise directed.

In a real emergency, your family/friends are allowed to contact you by leaving a message at the Juries



Commissioner's Office. The message will be given to you as soon as possible.

A final piece of personal advice - take a newspaper or book or similar to read just in case there are unforeseen delays at the court.

FLCL March Meeting Cancelled

The Friends of Latrobe City Libraries will not be meeting in March but the April meeting will be in the Churchill Hub library at 7pm on Wednesday April 27.

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MUGSU

Many Churchill locals would have noticed the influx of new students at the Churchill campus of Federation University. The President & board members of MUGSU are pleased to note another record number of first year enrolments by the University for the 2016 year. MUGSU provides events and activities for the new and returning students as well as student advocacy.

2016 Student Market Day

MUGSU Education Vice President Sarah Hall addressing students.

Your Festival Guide
Pages 28, 27, 26

Students at Meet Greet and Eat.

Nursing & Midwifery students enjoying Market Day

Multi-disciplinary Centre opens in Morwell

MPs Russell Northe and Melina Bath recently attended the formal opening of a new multi-disciplinary centre (MDC) in Morwell, a one stop shop for victims of sexual abuse.

"The centre which has been operating since late last year and which I have visited on a couple of occasions, brings together Victoria Police, child protection and sexual assault counselling services at the one site," Mr Northe said.

"I am pleased to see this project has come to fruition, as this centre will provide better integration and co-location of agencies improving the response to vulnerable victims."

Mr Northe said victims

would be able to access counselling from Gippsland's Centre against sexual assault (GCASA) staff and child protection practitioners.

"Sexual assault against any person is unacceptable at any time, any place and under any circumstances and victims of this abuse need the highest level of support we can provide," Mr Northe said.

"The MDC ensures those who have experienced sexual assault are being supported at a crucial time in their lives," Ms Bath said.

"The centres broad range of services, from health to legal to safety, will mean that sexual assault and child abuse victims will not have to repeat their story to different services after their experience."

Roger Alsop's "Home" at the Gallery

"Home" by Roger Alsop invites the visitor into an interactive immersive environment; two large scale video projections with soundtracks, which are based on paintings held in The Cbus Collection of Australian Art, managed by Latrobe Regional Gallery.

The internationally acclaimed Roger Alsop has developed cutting-edge technology, with a group of scientists and architects at the University of Melbourne, to shed new light on paintings by some of Australia's greatest painters - such as Tom Roberts, Frederick McCubbin, Rupert Bunny, and Arthur Streeton.

Latrobe City Council's arts director, Dr Mark Themann, said that by using hand gestures and passing them over an electronic sensor allows the visitor to manipulate the digital image and soundtrack (as seen in some sci-fi thrillers).

"Audiences can interact with the painting in ways unimaginable to their original creators. Viewers are able to zoom in, change the colour of the works and experiment with the image and soundtrack in endless ways.

The exhibition title 'Home' takes its name from the images portrayed in the paintings (by Roberts, McCubbin, Bunny and Streeton), which Alsop has

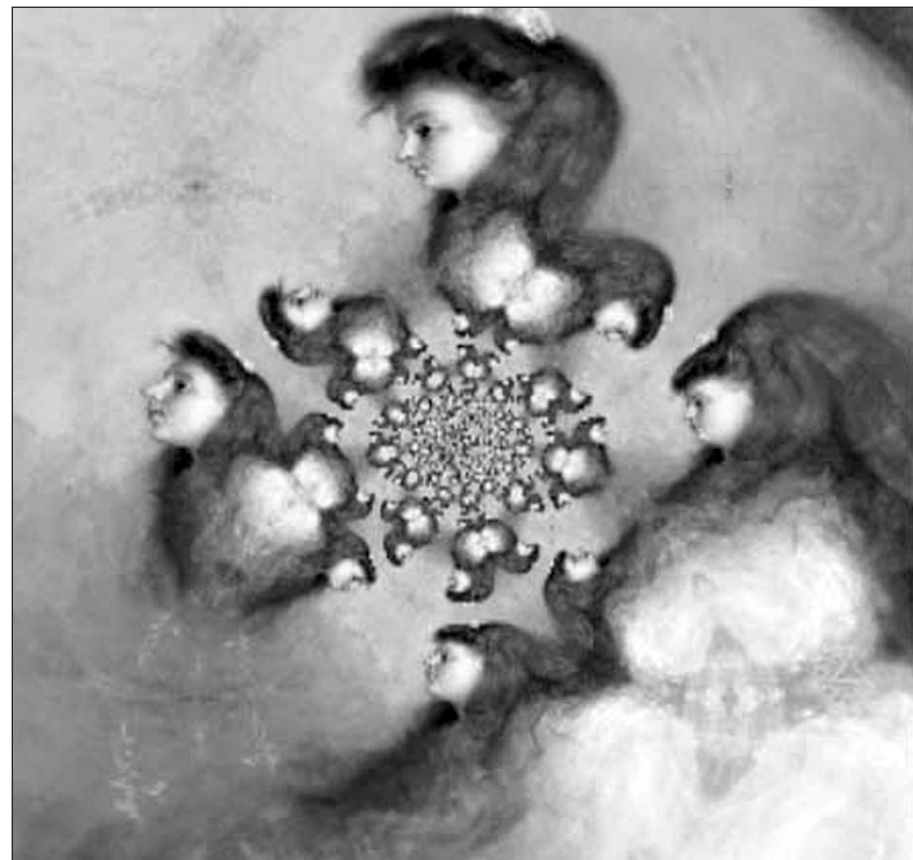


Image Credit: Roger Alsop, A new view of Tom Roberts: Portrait of a Young Girl, 2015, digital imagery. Referencing Tom Roberts, Portrait of a Young Girl, 1909, oil on canvas. The Cbus Collection of Australian Art

selected from The Cbus Collection of Australian Art. These painters have made redolent, lasting images of Australia's countryside and of the lives of Australians within that landscape. In all their works they highlighted the great personal relationship Australians have with the land, and their (new) home within it. In 'Home', the

visitor is able to physically and personally interact and change massively scaled video representations of these works. 'Home' gives the audience the opportunity to innovate how they access these famous Australian artworks," Dr Themann said.

"Your visit to a gallery no longer needs to be passive. Here you can change the art

work using very simple hand gestures which anyone can carry out and thereby create a new work, in collaboration with artist Roger Alsop.

Basic instructions are given, but most of all, there is no right or wrong way to interact, the only limit is your imagination," Dr Themann concluded. The exhibition is open to May 8, 2016.

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Gippsland towns are encouraged to apply now to host the Melbourne Cup trophy. Community groups and racing bodies across Gippsland have the chance to host the coveted Melbourne Cup trophy with applications for the 2016 Melbourne Cup Tour now open.

Member for Morwell Russell Northe, said the Victoria Racing Club (VRC) was encouraging towns, no matter how small, to apply for the opportunity.

"The Melbourne Cup tour provides regional towns with a great chance to feel as though they are part of 'the race that stops the nation'

and host a number of events that the community can get excited about in the lead up to the Melbourne Cup Carnival," Mr Northe said.

Mr Northe said since 2003, the Melbourne Cup tour had provided regional communities with the chance to get their eye on the \$175,000 prize.

"Over that period, the 18-carat gold Melbourne Cup has travelled more than 456,000 kilometres, visited over 333 towns and cities and engaged with hundreds of thousands of people," Mr Northe said.

"Once tour locations for 2016 have been confirmed by

the VRC, the club will work with the chosen towns to plan and host a range of community events to celebrate the Cup's visit. The types of events that have typically been held to celebrate the cup being in town include parades, civic receptions, charity dinners, community events and cocktail parties."

Member for Eastern Victoria Region Melina Bath, said Gippsland was fortunate to have a number of quality racing clubs in towns such as Drouin, Moe, Traralgon, Sale, Stony Creek, Bairnsdale, Buchan, Tambo Valley and Omeo.

"All these clubs work hard

to make country racing events a significant part of the local community," Ms Bath said.

"As part of last year's tour, the Cup visited Rosedale to celebrate the town being the home of the 1915 Cup winner's owner, the late Edith Widdis, exactly 100 years on from the win.

Applications to host the cup are open until Monday April 11, 2016 and I encourage all interested towns to consider making an application," Ms Bath said.

Online applications can be submitted at: <https://www.flemington.com.au/melbourne-cup-carnival/emirates-melbourne-cup-tour>

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New laws - credit cards

Tough new laws that will protect Gippslanders from excessive credit card surcharges will take effect this year.

The new laws passed through Federal Parliament recently, reducing the cost of living for thousands of people.

Member for Gippsland Darren Chester, said card and electronic payments were used for billions of transactions every year and it was crucial that consumers had confidence in the system.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) will be granted new powers to gather information from those involved in

the payments process, and the authority to issue infringement notices against those engaging in excessive surcharging.

"While many merchants pass on costs fairly, there are always some who abuse the practice and charge unfairly," Mr Chester said.

"That's why the Government took action to ensure customers are charged no more than the amount that reflects the true amount of the merchant's costs in accepting that payment.

If the ACCC forms the view that a merchant has engaged in excessive surcharging, they may issue

an infringement notice including a penalty for listed corporations of up to 600 penalty units, currently \$108,000, for each alleged contravention."

Mr Chester said tougher laws were an important step in further implementing the Government's response to the Financial System Inquiry and providing greater protection for consumers.

The ban on excessive surcharging will work in tandem with Reserve Bank of Australia Payments System Board standards that will set the permitted surcharge for payments. Further details are available at: www.rba.gov.au

Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists

Regeneration of the Strzelecki Gum

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A presentation on "Regeneration of the Strzelecki Gum" will be given by Harley Schingal at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, March 26.

Strzelecki Gum (*Eucalyptus strzeleckii*) is a large tree of the swamp gum group. It is listed as a threatened species in Victoria and a recovery program has been developed.

Harley Schingal, a Senior Environmental Consultant for Indigenous Design Land Management, will discuss conducting survey work, investigating threats to the species, and developing plans for management of remnants and revegetation programs with Strzelecki Gums in the Latrobe Valley area.

The meeting, from



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

On the following day there will be a related excursion to the Eco Reserve at the Wonthaggi Desalination

Plant.

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

Photograph: Juvenile leaves of the Strzelecki Gum by Harley Schingal

Al-Anon

If your home is unhappy because someone drinks too much....

We can help you.

Al-Anon family groups for families and friends of

problem drinkers.

Meetings: Traralgon Learning

Centre Breed Street, Monday

10am.

Newborough Uniting

Church Hall, Tuesday 8pm.

Newborough Uniting

Church Hall, Wednesday

1pm.

Phone 1300 252 666 or 0419 864 377.

Music Playgroup



A fun session of music, dancing and story-telling for preschoolers and their parents/care givers!

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

When: 10.30-12 noon

Where: Cooperating churches of Churchill, 1 Williams Ave, Churchill

Cost: Free

For more information, email Brenda Burney: bbbeans59@hotmail.com or phone: 5122 1480

Hosted by the Cooperating Churches of Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra



Hazelwood Rotary

Contact:
Reg Kemp, President - 0427 353 887

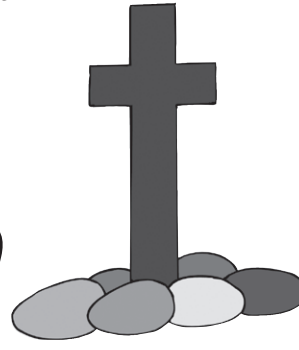
MEETINGS:
Mondays 6.30pm - 8.00pm

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"Hazelwood Rotary - an enthusiastic supporter of the 2016 Churchill Festival planned for March 19"

Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar

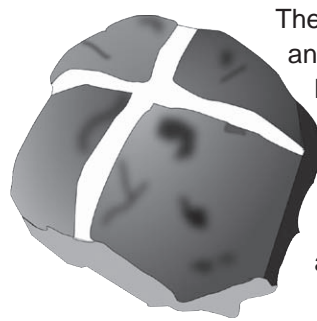
Holiday Program



This is a FREE program.

The Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar will run a holiday program in the school holidays on Tuesday, April 5, at the Church on the corner of Williams Avenue and McDonald Way Churchill, between 10 am and 12 noon. This program is for primary school age children. The program will include games, the Easter Story, activities, and a snack and drink.

Pre-school age children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.



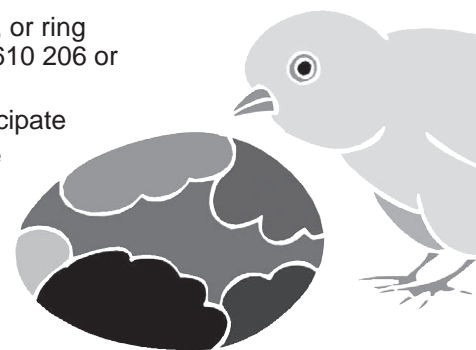

The program will be run by Reverend Brenda Burney, Ruth Place and other volunteers with Working With Children Checks.

Your child will need a completed and signed registration form which will include medical information (Medicare number and tetanus, immunisation, etc.). This can be done on the day or . . .

Forms are available from the church, or ring Reverend Brenda on her mobile 0439 610 206 or Ruth on 5122 1961.

Please Note: Children can only participate in the program if the required forms are presented on arrival.

Children must be dropped off and picked up by an adult. Children will be required to be signed in and out if they get picked up.

Town Safety Issues


The Churchill Town Safety Group has been busy over the last couple of months reporting safety issues around town and also out of town.

Hazelwood Road from the top of Boldings Road all the way to Firmins Lane has had many dead tree branches overhanging the road.

These are a hazard in windy weather with the possibility of a branch coming down on a motor vehicle or just lying on the road, that would cause damage to a moving car. These branches were reported to Vic Roads, and upon inspection, were trimmed accordingly.

We also look at street lighting, and report faulty street lights, ensuring a safe outcome when travelling at night. Also, various parts of roads around town have been repaired after being reported by the Churchill Town Safety Group.

If you notice anything untoward around town that needs fixing, you can report it to the Churchill Town Safety Group at ctsgrp@gmail.com and we will look into the matter for you.



FOR EMERGENCIES, RING 000

FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE, RING 000

Police advise members of the public that, if you require police assistance, call 000. The police communications operator will be able to assess your need and either send a police vehicle, relay a message or find out when the police station will be attended.

Strzelecki District Scouts Scouts celebrate Founder's Day



By Leo Billington
Cub scouts and scouts celebrated Founder's Day on Monday, February 22 with plenty of fun, games and barbequed food at the Norman

Brooks Park area in Morwell. Churchill scouts were well represented as well as leaders from the group.

Worldwide in nearly all Scout associations,

Founders' Day is celebrated on February 22, the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Baden-Powell (born in 1857), the founder of Scouting, and coincidentally also of

his wife Olave Baden-Powell (born in 1889). Scouts worldwide — roughly 30 million in 161 countries — celebrate his birthday each year as Founder's Day.

New issues from Australia Post



STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



January 21 – Legends – Singles Tennis Players – 12 x \$1.00

January 25 - Greetings Stamps – 10 x \$1.00

February 9 – 50th Anniversary of Decimal Currency – 1X \$1.00

February 3 – Cocos Keeling Islands – Year of the Monkey – 1x\$1.00, 1x\$3.00 + Miniature Sheet.

Tips for New Collectors

Today, there are very few letters in the mailbox bearing

stamps, so where can you get them? A good place to start is within your family. Somebody usually has an old album they started years ago and no longer need. Another way is to send letters yourself to family or friends and ask them to write back and put stamps on the letters. If these people are overseas, so much the better.

If you are getting parcels, ask for stamps on the package rather than a label. Most vendors are willing to do you this favour. You can also find penfriends to write to you. Be careful seeking them on the internet but sometimes in stamp magazines you can find names and addresses of other collectors wishing to swap stamps. You can ask your friends and neighbours to save stamps for you. Occasionally, local stamp clubs hold stamp and coin fairs which are attended by dealers from all over Victoria and you can buy there. There are also philatelic club stamp auctions and you can often pick up bargains there. You will soon accumulate a number of stamps for your collection.

do not put a monetary value on their collections. The value comes in the appreciation of what they have in their collection and the amount of effort they put in to accumulate a collection. You will need to have a knowledge of the commercial value of stamps you wish to buy, so you can get a good deal from dealers. This information can be found in stamp catalogues, in advertisements in stamp magazines or on line. A very good source is to be found at www.postbeeld.com. The prices there are in Euros which are worth two thirds as much again as Australian dollars. For example, A\$1.60 = 1 Euro. The site covers a very wide range of stamps and is an excellent reference source. It is important that you collect stamps of the best quality you can. A torn stamp has little or no value and if the stamp is used, the less the design is covered by the postmark the better copy it is. If you collect for the love of it, you will have a collection of great worth, whatever is in it.

Did you know?

The first stamp was issued in Great Britain in 1840. It was a black one penny stamp featuring the head of Queen Victoria.

In the next column, we will write a glossary of terms used in stamp collecting which will help you in your collecting. The March meeting of Latrobe Valley Philatelic Society is to be held on March 30.

What Is Your Collection Worth?

Real collectors

CHURCHILL SERVICE CENTRE & LIBRARY HOURS

Following a six month trial period, the following opening hours will remain in place for the Churchill Service Centre and Library located at the Churchill Community Hub



NEW HOURS:

Monday	8.30am	to	4.30pm
Tuesday	10am	to	6pm
Wednesday	8.30am	to	4.30pm
Thursday	10am	to	6pm
Friday	8.30am	to	4.30pm



Phone: 1300 367 700



There's a new doctor in Churchill. Call 1800 242 696

Latrobe Community Health Service
welcomes Dr Lana Anderson
as its new GP in Churchill.

Services at the GP clinic include:

- general health services
- vaccinations and immunisations
- health checks • women's health
- children's health • skin checks
- mental health • bulk billing

Monday to Wednesday
from 8.30am to 5.00pm
20-24 Philip Parade, Churchill



Health News

Latrobe Community Health Service

Better health, Better lifestyles, Stronger communities

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Unplanned friendships at Planned Activity Groups

It's funny how life can take you thousands of kilometres from home, only to send you a friend from your hometown.

That was the case for Faye McGinn and Jean Tennant, who in their youth both lived in Musselburgh, not far from Edinburgh in Scotland. Both Faye and Jean relocated to the Latrobe Valley with their families more than 50 years ago.

Despite being in the same location twice in their lives, they only met at the Moe Planned Activity Group at Latrobe Community Health Service about six months ago.

As it turned out, their daughters both knew each other and had been colleagues. Faye and Jean are now firm friends.

"I never thought it would be possible to meet someone from home," said Jean.

"It's lovely," said Faye. "We sing our Scottish songs and still have our accents, and people



Faye McGinn and Jean Tennant at the Moe Planned Activity Group

have trouble understanding us sometimes."

Planned Activity Groups are run from Latrobe Community Health Service sites in Moe, Churchill and Morwell. The groups provide opportunities for older people and people with a disability to meet

new friends and participate in centre activities such as games and excursions in a safe and inclusive environment. Meals and transport are provided.

For more information about Planned Activity Groups, phone 1800 242 696.

Problem gambling: a first-hand account

Anne*, a client who sought Gambler's Help counselling through Latrobe Community Health Service, shares her story.

Before I retired, I had a powerful job with long hours; suddenly, I had nothing. My husband and I had moved from the house and friends I loved. I found a big hole in my life. I'd go to the shops, then to the pokies. I started getting home late, making excuses, dipping into our savings.

My family were worried, but I disregarded their concerns; they couldn't tell me how to run my life.

I stumbled on gambling help information in a local service guide. I didn't even know you could get help for free. I called the number, and got put through to a counsellor.

When I started talking with Tony, my counsellor, it was like a great load was lifted from my shoulders. With Tony's help I managed to stop gambling.

My family were very positive, very energetic in their praise and their relief. I've thrown myself into the gardening.

I'm saving money, and I'm not lying to cover my tracks.

It doesn't matter who you are, or where you're from, gambling can grab you when you're not looking. My message to people would be 'seek help'.

Latrobe Community Health Service runs a free and confidential Gambler's Help service for people with a gambling problem and their families.

Phone us on 1800 242 696 or visit www.lchs.com.au/gambling-alcohol-drugs/gambling.

*'Anne' is a pseudonym

Pain is not slowing Graham down

Graham Fisher is in his mid-seventies, but he still enjoys being on the move.

The Traralgon resident enjoys caravanning and four-wheel driving, and still works as a guard on the Walhalla Goldfields Railway train.

But when he started experiencing chronic back pain, Graham knew taking painkillers would affect his leisure activities. He wanted to learn about how to manage his pain without resorting to medication.

"Through the Better Health Self-Management course, I learned my limits and not to push myself too far," he said.

"I feel quite well and can get through everyday duties like gardening because I know how to manage my pain."

Graham also has a heart condition and diabetes, which he is managing through a balanced diet and exercise.

"I've recommended this course to friends; the facilitators are good and everything is explained to us well," he said.

Karyn Thomas, care coordinator at Latrobe Community Health Service, said Graham's confidence in managing his pain had increased since participating in the course.

"He's increased his exercise as well to keep himself fit, engaged with the community and involved in the activities he enjoys," she said.

The six-week course helps people with a long-term health condition learn how to set goals, manage symptoms and understand medication use.

The course is offered in Morwell, Moe and Traralgon. For more information phone Latrobe Community Health Service on 1800 242 696.



Karyn Thomas, care coordinator with Graham Fisher

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

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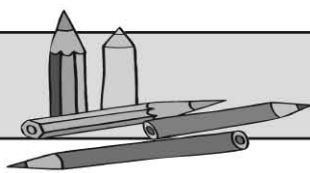
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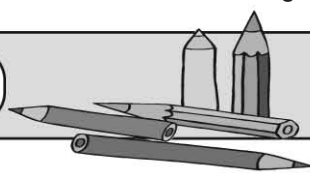
For more information on Market or Stall bookings contact: Bob Lowick on 0408 377 781

Email: Churchill.lion@gmail.com

School News



Yinnar South Primary School



Yinnar South Primary is excited to welcome ten new students in 2016. We are certainly starting to grow rapidly. Our new buildings are open and operating and the students love the vibrant new spaces.

This term our focus is Civics and Citizenship. The older students launched their term by holding mock court cases.

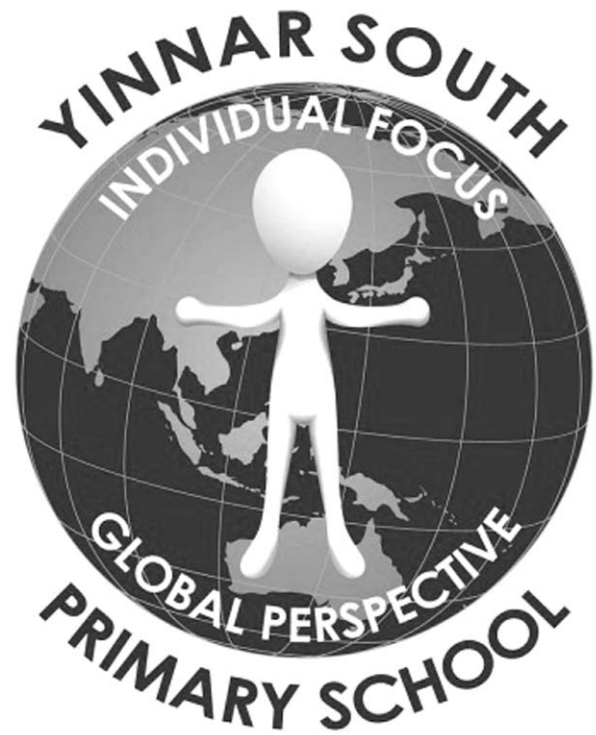
Yinnar South is a unique small school environment where students individuality

is valued. High expectations are supported by curriculum that is tailored to extend every child. We invite you to visit our school and see how we bring 'Learning to Life'.

School Tours can be arranged by calling Katy

Grandin (Principal) on 5169 1540.

2017 Preps and their parents are encouraged to visit early in the year so that we can tailor your child's transition to school.



Some of our new students (2 absent)



Some of the Wattle Students are learning about new letters in a small group clinic with Sarah (teacher)

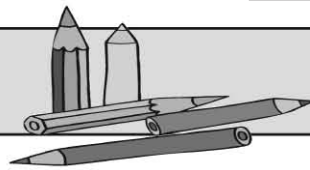


Michael (teacher) working with students during reading workshop

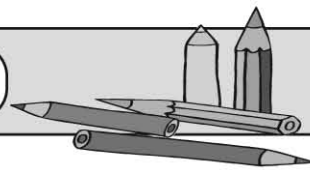


In Science the students were undertaking engineering problem solving activities. (STEM).

School News



Churchill Preschools



The children are enjoying their relaxed environment at Glendonald Preschool which is on Churinga Drive in Churchill.

The day I visited, the children were busy with a variety of activities including discussing what favourite vegetables they could grow

in their garden bed near the playground. The existing plants were being well cared for so it seems there are plenty of willing helpers.

In fact, it was delightful to hear the range of vegetables they would like to grow. I'm looking forward to visiting again soon to take some

photos of this garden bed.

Remember to visit the Latrobe City Council's website for further details about Preschools.

<http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/preschool>

The children at the Hub Preschool have had a delightful start to their early learning year.

The week I attended, the children were having

their first full-time week. They had obviously enjoyed a wonderful morning of activities and showed that they were already used to the routine of sitting at a table

to enjoy eating their healthy lunch prepared by their parent or carer.

Over the summer some of the children had been to the beach. From their talks

the teachers have taken the opportunity to show a variety of shells to their pupils. They were shown how to handle the fragile shells carefully, then they were encouraged to talk,

listen to stories and discuss some factual information about some of the shells.

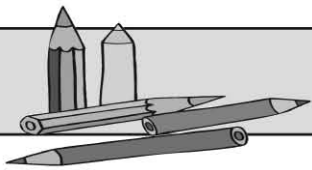
From the photos it is obvious the children are enjoying their activities at

Preschool.

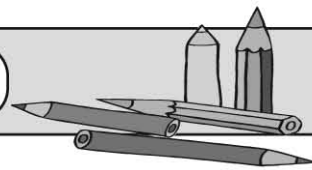
By the way, keep a lookout for this Preschool's display of cakes and edible goodies for sale at the Churchill Festival on March 19.



School News



Boolarra Primary School



Smooth start

Despite some unexpected chaos resulting from school facility upgrade work happening, our students and staff all settled in to the 2016 school year quickly.

What our students are saying about our school

Bella (Grade 3): I like BPS because we have two turtles; their names are Bubble and Myrtle. I went in Turtle Club and you have to feed them mealworms.

Alex (Grade 2): I like our school because I like to play super heroes and the people are nice.

Laura (Grade 1): I like learning. I also like the bell music.

Jem (Grade 4): I love

Boolarra Primary School because there are NO bullies and we have a pool for hot days.

Isabelle (Grade 2): I like our school because we have amazing teachers, nice children and good classes too. *Welcome get together*

To provide an opportunity for us all to meet and greet new families and staff, we recently had a Welcome Gathering in Boolarra Memorial Park. Our School Council President, Dan Aveling presented our student leaders with their badges of office.

Grade 6s

Our Grade 6 students were delighted to have their special school tops at the end of last year so they could

begin wearing them from day one. The only problem was our new student Louis has to have his name added to the list on the back of his top!

Student Leaders

Congratulations to our 2016 School Captains Lexi and Caterina who were unanimously voted in by both the students and the staff. The Deputy Captains are Alex and James. They are all doing a fabulous job helping to run our whole school assemblies on Mondays.

Junior School Council (JSC)

Our new councillors were selected by their class mates and are also already doing a great job helping us out with things such as Breakfast at School. This term they are

selling 99% fruit juice icy-poles to raise money for the Fred Hollows Foundation. On the last day of term they have set our out of uniform day to be a Dress as a Book Character Day and will collect donations for Give me 5 for Kids.

Other student leadership roles

Our Grade 6 students each have the important job of being a "Buddy" to a prep student. This sees them checking in with their "Buddy" during outside breaks to make sure they have someone to play with and helping them as required. This system works well as most of our Grade 6's fondly remember the support they received from their "Buddies"

when they were in Prep.

Many of our senior students were also elected as House Captains. In this role they will support and encourage students at our forthcoming school athletic sports as well as the Yinnar and District Sports. They also manage our sports equipment borrowing system during outside breaks, and set up activities for the 3-6 sports session.

Our Grade 5/6 students recently undertook Peer Mediation training and are now participating in a rigorous selection process. As soon as this is finalised we will have two senior students on duty during outside breaks to talk through minor play-ground

disagreements, to help all parties involved to feel heard and to arrive at acceptable solutions.

Fundraising

Our school benefits from the fundraising efforts of our hardworking parents. Our term one project is to run two stalls at the Boolarra Folk Festival; one selling Stuffed Potatoes and a Craft Stall featuring wonderful tie dyed items and other goodies made by our students under the guidance of our sensational Art teacher, Ms Karen Twomey. This year we are raising money to add to our set of five i-pads and to go towards a "Spider Web" to enhance our play-ground equipment.



School Captains Lexi and Caterina with SC President Dan



Preps 2016

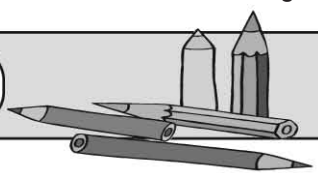
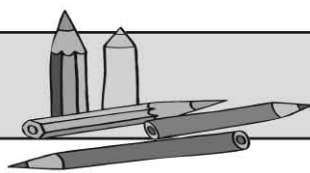


Ethan, Ruby and Chloe enjoying breakfast at school



Above: Grade 6 student Rosie supporting Bear on his first day of school

Left: Ethan and Makayla enjoying pancakes provided by members of local church groups on Pancake Tuesday



Preps



Most of the new staff

Respectful Learners

We welcome lots of new students, families and staff members. We have had a very smooth start to the year and the short first term has been busy getting the academic programs in place, and swimming sports and the athletic sports completed.

Fete

On March 18 we have the Churchill Primary School Fete. It will be held on Friday evening, from 4pm – 8 p.m. The fete will be held in the school grounds and we are promised a huge event. There will be rides, amusements, show bags, a cake stall, market stalls, hot food, lucky envelopes, BBQ, face painting and much, much more. Wrist bands for the rides can be purchased at the school office for \$25.00. The wrist band means you pay no more and that you can be on the rides and amusements as often as you wish. Come along and join in the festivities. Community members are

Positive

very welcome.

The Parents and Friends Committee and the School Council have been planning this event for about a year and we thank them in anticipation of a terrific fete.

Starting school

It is a giant leap for young children to start school and we are always happy when the preps settle in very well, which they have done again this year. They are enjoying the attention from the “big kids” out in the playground and they are very enthusiastic in their learning. Mrs Harding is looking forward to a great year, as are Ms Corbett and Mrs Vicki Duffus.

Student Leaders

Our new School Captains have started the year energetically and we congratulate Lily Booth, Hayley Caldwell and Liesel Kuhne for undertaking this great responsibility.

The House Leaders for the year have been elected: Blue House: Lachlan Bell and Delphine Johnson. Red

House: Brianna Griffiths and Blake Billing. Yellow House: Claire Pendlebury and Ryder Lesiw. Green House: Charlize Hayes and Owen Towers. Their first responsibility has been to encourage their teams to win the coveted trophy at the school sports.

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) has also been elected by their peers and these school leaders are Savannah Lehrner, Monai Porykali, Marli James, Georgia Bruce, Will Towers, Hayley Kamphuis, Jade Hawkins, Moncidel Strack and Teshawn Harrison.

Mr Russell Northe presented all these leaders with their badges on Friday February 26. He encouraged them to take their responsibilities seriously but also to enjoy their leadership year.

New Staff

It is with pleasure we introduce our new staff members: Mr Leigh Churchill is in Grade 5/6; Mr Tim Fitch, Miss Kelly Blutchter and Ms

Lisa Kimpton are all in Grade 3/4; Miss Kate Nightingale, Miss Lina D’Alia and Mrs Andi Van Aalst are in Grade 1/2; Ms Ebony Corbett is in Prep. Mrs. Michelle Foster is our Literacy Support Teacher. Our new Business Manager is Mrs. Katrina Palmer and our new Chaplain is Mr Matt Stear. They have all begun the year enthusiastically and the students are enjoying getting to know all the new staff members.

We also welcome back all of the other staff members, students and parents who make this school a great place to be.

The staff were privileged to have Maths Consultant, Andrea Hillbrick, run a maths professional development day on Thursday February 25. We had a very informative day and are very excited to try the practical maths activities she shared with us.

Sport

Mrs Burke is taking on the ARTS and PE program this year and has been working

with the students to participate in athletics ahead of the school sports on February 23, and the Yinnar and District Sports on March 11. The school sports were run very quickly in the morning as the day was going to be hot. The students had a lot of fun running, jumping and throwing. Congratulations to all our students for their partnership and sportsmanship.

Our age group champions are: 5/6y.o. Alana Helyar and Lucas Gina, 7y.o. Jaye Henshaw and Sienna Duncan, 8 y.o. Hayden McCrae, Jaxon Griffiths and Jenny Baker, 9 y.o. Hayden Middleton, Callum Lewis, Vivian Huynh and Courtney Stivic, 10 y.o. Josh Gina, Stella Voarina and Hayley Kamphuis, 11y.o. Blake Billing, Bailey Caldwell and Oriana Dale, 12 y.o. Lachlan Bell and Monai Porykali.

Yellow House won the House trophy by a very narrow margin.

The swimming sports were held on Monday

February 15.

Marli James reports: We had a choice of freestyle, backstroke, butterfly and breaststroke. We could have participated in them all but no one from our school chose butterfly. All but one of us did freestyle, a few people did backstroke and I was the only one who did breaststroke.

We walked to the Leisure Centre and when we got there we had to wait a while to compete. Representing our school were Marli James, Jayda Foster, Hayley Kamphuis, Moncidel Strack, Madilyn Bryce, Jordyn Bryce, Lachlan Bell, Ryder Lesiw and Delphine Johnson. Moncidel came first in all of his events and he will go through to the next level. Ryder may also get to the next level.

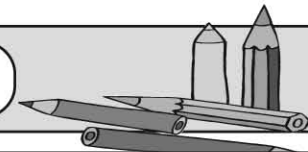
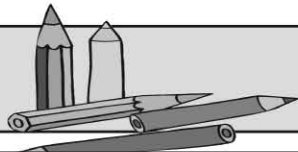
Thanks to Mrs Gilmore for taking us and cheering us on, and to Mrs Burke for organising us to go.



Above: Sports - age group champions



Right - Captains and House Captains



Our new Preps all settled into class

A Great Start

Every school morning at Churchill North Primary school students are treated to the luxury of having breakfast at school. For a small donation children can choose from an assortment of tummy filling items including, spaghetti on toast, yoghurt, fruit, cereals, warm Milo and toast. Breakfast club is much, much more than filling tummies. Children are welcomed into breakfast club, they participate in each step of the process including washing their hands as they enter the room, asking respectfully for what they would like and

waiting patiently while their breakfast is served. Riley enjoys going to breakfast club as he can talk to his friends. Marley thinks it is great as if you forget to have breakfast at home you can have it at school. All children who attend breakfast at the club, leave with a thank you for breakfast and a satisfied smile. This program is such a success due to the dedication of the program organiser Ms Lindgren and the committed volunteers who help to run the program.

New Leaders

Churchill North Primary expects their students to

be respectful, responsible, co-operative, trustworthy, courageous, patient and to have a good sense of teamwork. Churchill North has recognised certain students within our school demonstrating these values and has awarded them with leadership roles. Churchill North would like to congratulate our new School Captains Tayeisha, Freya, Hudson and Lucas. We would also like to announce our new Sports House Captains Bella, Lleyton, Riley, Shawn, Cody, Alma, Ebony and Jarred. Well done on your excellent behaviour and

work ethic which constantly demonstrates the values of this school.

An Interview with Steph CNPS

2016 is the beginning of an exciting new school year for CNPS and Steph is a Prep who has started in class P/1B. Steph has answered some questions on how she felt about beginning school. Steph said her favourite thing at school is playing on fun equipment with other students. She also loves learning the sounds from the alphabet. She has made over ten new friends that she loves playing with. Steph has also

learnt to count all the way to 40. On the first day Steph was nervous, she felt scared. With the new friends she has made I think she has settled in just fine into our school. I think all Preps are like Steph. They have all settled in great with their teachers and they are on their way to becoming successful learners.

By Lucas H 5/6P 5/6SB Goes Swimming

On Friday February 8, grade 5/6SB of Churchill North Primary School went swimming at the Latrobe Centre. It was a fun active thing for all the students who participated. They

walked down there with their teachers. Each student has a teacher that helps students to build trust and confidence in the water. There was also free play, which is a time when students get to try new things by themselves. Free play also builds students' confidence and helps them to have the feeling that they can do it. Another reason students go swimming is to help improve their skills with swimming. This fun filled activity has found its way into the top list of activities that Grade 5/6 SB of Churchill North Primary School love and enjoy.

By Alma 5/6SB



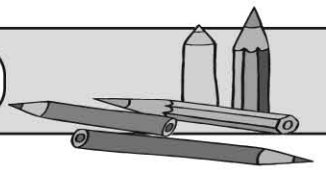
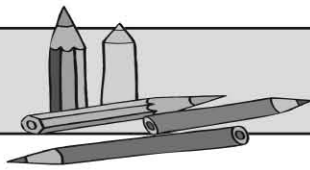
CNPS leaders



Marley and Rylie at breakfast club



Steph starting school



2016 Leaders

Our school leaders this year are very excited to represent our school and help out the teachers when needed. Our leaders were chosen last year by our Principal Mr Jorgensen, while being helped by our last year's School Captains Amy and Sophie.

Mr J, Amy and Sophie were looking for the five school values: Responsibility, Resilience, Collaboration, Challenge and Curiosity. Our leaders have shown all these values and that's why they're leaders of this school.

Who are the leaders you might be thinking, well I have

an answer for you.

For Green House Captain we have Nikita,

Vice-Captain is Georgia.

For Blue House Captain we have Lleyton,

Vice-Captain is Lachlan.

For Red House Captain we have Kate,

Vice-Captain is Lily-Rose.

For Yellow House Captain we have Bridie,

Vice-Captain is Riley.

For School Captain we have Charlotte,

Vice-Captain is Alison.

Our House Captains and Vice-Captains have the responsibility of organising the entire house sports. Throughout the year we are going to further develop our leadership skills.

This week we will be going to a camp at Marlo where we will learn how to be more independent. In term 2, our Captains are attending a leadership course held in Traralgon.

We are very excited to be given these opportunities to learn independence and leadership skills.

By Ali

China trip

In mid-March two students from Hazelwood North Primary School are going to China. They are doing all the stuff listed below and more, they go to see the Great Wall and do things the Chinese people do.

On February 1, Jazmine and Cheyenne started to fundraise for their trip to China. They did lollies in the jar competition and the closest guess was 155. The actual amount was 154, Nikita guessed the closest therefore she won all the lollies in the jar.

They held a sausage



sizzle on February 19. The sausages were delicious! We raised about \$350 out of the sausage sizzle. We also sold jam and green tomato pickles and raised \$112.

We have been using most of our school values such as Collaboration, Responsibility, Resilience, Curiosity and Challenge.

We are extremely excited about going to China because we like Chinese food. We also are excited to do some fun activities like going to the Great Wall and also going to the experimental school in Wenzhou, because we go to school six days a week instead of five like we have here.

We are also a little nervous because we have never been on a plane before so we don't know what it is like to take off.

We are also nervous about staying at the homestay because we might not be together. We are also a bit nervous because we are going to another country and we're not sure what they use to cook.

We are looking forward to all of this stuff because we get to see what Chinese people do at the school and what the cities look like at night time.

We stay with people at homestay for a few days then we go do some stuff around Shanghai. Then we head home on the plane to see our families which would be exciting after two weeks.

By Cheyenne and Jazmine

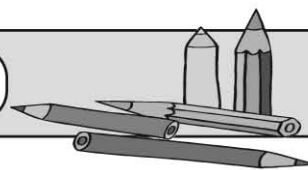
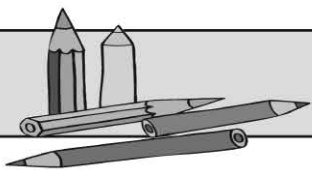


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Welcome to Term 1, 2016

Message from Campus Principal - Matt Jobling

"Welcome back to all our students and families for another school year. We would especially like to welcome new students and their families who are joining the Kurnai Learning Community for the first time.

It has been great to see students already actively engaged in classes and taking on the challenge of learning.

At our campus assembly I spoke about the concept of time and that it is the one resource available to us all in equal amounts, and that it is incredibly valuable as it can't be replaced once it is gone. How we choose to use the time we have has a direct impact on how much we learn, how productive we are, and what we are able to achieve. Achievements in learning lead to opportunities later in life, and it is for these reasons that the time in class is so important.

We hope you enjoy and add to the positive learning environment at Churchill Campus."

Churchill Campus 2015 Awards

The annual Campus Awards ceremony was held on Tuesday December 15, to acknowledge the many notable achievements of Churchill Campus students over the year. Students were recognised for their achievements in a range of academic competitions, contribution to Student

Representative Committee, and Peer Support. College and Community Music Scholarships were also awarded to support budding musicians.

Other awards are explained in more detail below with the 2015 recipients names included.

Achievement Awards are presented to any student who has achieved outstanding results in most of their subjects in both semesters. Kurnai College Pillar Awards - these awards are based on Kurnai's four Pillars, which are Engagement, Work Ethic, Relationships and Academic Excellence.

Year 7 Achievement Awards: Mekaela Wendlandt, Bradley Scholten, Oscar Ewen, Hayley Sheers, Shelby Love, Meg Dunn, Jaryd Xuereb, Brodie Cook, Tim Hutchinson, Blake Whykes.

Year 7 College Pillar Awards: Engagement - Brooke Dalrymple, Work Ethic - Sophia Scholes, Relationships - Antonio Cardillo, Excellence - Academic Dux of Year 7 - Amelia Bolton.

Year 8 Achievement Awards: Blake Gittos, Ashlee Skinner, Megan Fyfe, Bailey Ireland, Gabrielle Medew, Tammin Stanbridge, Hannah Dal Pozzo, Liam Hobbs, Amber Jones, Chelsea Michael.

Year 8 College Pillar Awards: Engagement - Ally McGown, Relationships - Julia Marchionne, Work Ethic - Kim Langanke, Excellence

-Academic Dux for Year 8 - Jacquie Gordon.

Year 9 Achievement Awards: Mikayla Baker, Josh Kerrison, Aaron Drinken, Hayden Drinken, Georgia D'alia, Nikki Dalrymple, Tahlia Goodwin, Lachlan Huizer, Lachlan Berryman-Lambert, Tayla Kelty-Roberts, Anthony Ernst.

Year 9 College Pillar Awards: Engagement - Courtney Hooimeyer, Relationships - Tayla Cheffers, Work Ethic - Drew Makepeace, Excellence - Academic Dux for Year 9 - Natalie Butler.

Year 10 Achievement Awards:

Tahlia Medew, Blake Hunter, Alice Davey, Meika Ormrod, Shannon Clarke, Carly Baptie, Cooper Turner, Kim Gordon, Alicia Ewen, Maddie Hill.

Year 10 College Pillar Awards: Engagement - Chloe Libreri, Relationships - Hayden Kimpton, Work Ethic - Maddie Schneider, Excellence - Academic Dux for year 10 - Lucy Severson.

German Exchange Students

A very warm welcome is extended to our five German Exchange students Romana, Susanna, Emma, Johanna and Alena who have joined our Year 10 cohort this week. The girls were excited to start their school experience in Australia and are already actively participating in classes. Their second day at our school was spent at the swimming sports in cool and overcast weather, which may



not have matched their initial expectations of Australia. The German connection has long been a part of the Churchill Campus program and has been a great experience for scores of students who have been on exchange to and from Germany.

The benefits for the exchange students and our learning community as a whole, - continue to grow our understanding of different cultures and encourage a global perspective. Thank you to the host families for caring for these students and also the teachers for accommodating the extra numbers in their classes for the duration of the exchange.

Kurnai Education Hub Pilot

The Kurnai Education Hub Pilot (KEHP) is a partnership between the Smith Family, Kurnai College, Federation University, Latrobe City Council, Department of Education and Training, Baw Baw, Latrobe Local Learning Network and AGL Loy Yang.

The Hub is an initiative based at Kurnai College to create activities, events and opportunities that inspire students to stay at school, complete their education and improve their future study and career options.

Focussing on Kurnai College, the Hub has four aims:

1. Supporting student wellbeing and engagement, so students feel safe, supported and are more likely to stay at school;
2. Improving foundation

(literacy and numeracy) skills and outcomes to help students do well at school and stay at school to broaden their career options;

3. Increasing knowledge about and confidence in future pathways, helping students understand career pathways and what steps they should take to achieve their career goal;
4. Encouraging and supporting parental engagement with learning, so parents feel welcome and involved in their child's school and education.

AGL partnership renewal

In December 2015 AGL Loy Yang announced a further three years partnership with the Smith Family/Kurnai Education Hub Pilot. The event saw members from AGL, the Smith Family and Kurnai College communities gather together in Kurnai's VCAL Automotive room to celebrate the renewal, which saw AGL Loy Yang provide more than \$75,000 to continue making a difference to students' educational outcomes.

Gemma Laidlaw, a success story of the partnership, was present on the day to tell her story of how the partnership with AGL Loy Yang and Kurnai confirmed her passion for becoming a diesel mechanic. Gemma has an apprenticeship through AGA and O'Connor Transport as an apprentice diesel mechanic. Gemma was a Churchill Campus student who went on to the senior

campus to follow her pathway to employment.

Kurnai Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday February 16, Kurnai College held its annual swimming carnival at the Moe outdoor pool. The student contingent was great in light of the unpredictable weather.

Competition on the day was steady in the main pool while diving appeared to be the main attraction. For other students they were happy supporting fellow team mates in events, catching up with friends from other campuses and playing in the kid's pool. Hot snags were a welcome relief for those eager competitors who braved the chilly waters.

Well done to all students who competed on the day and to those students who have qualified for the next round. Congratulations to the following students:

Year 7 Champions: Matthew McCafferty, Gabrielle Hines and Amity Larcombe

Year 8 Champions: Amelia Bolton and Vincent Schoutens

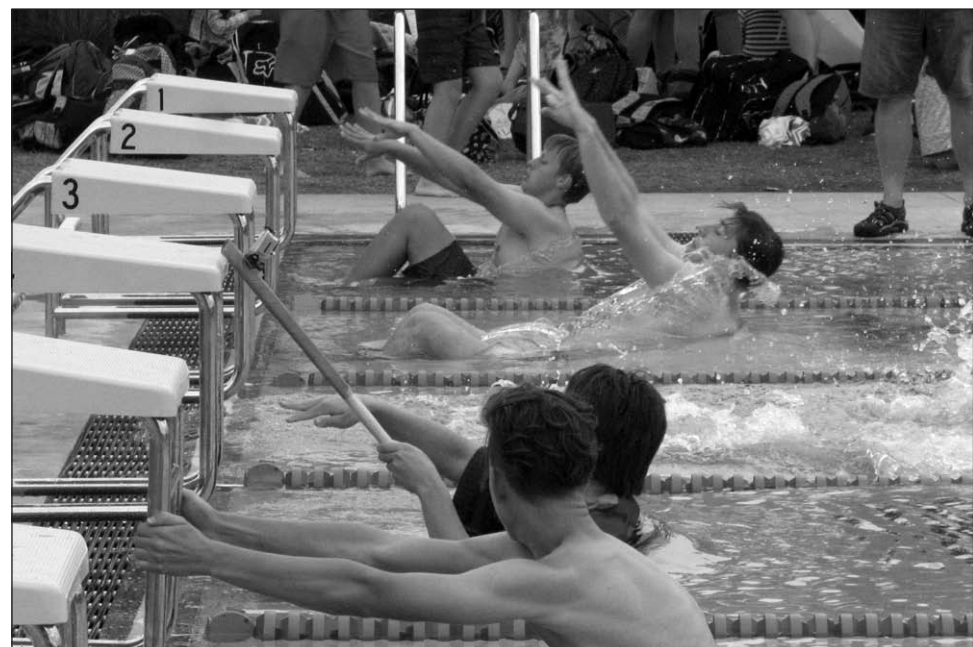
Year 9 Champions: Bridget Cain and Grady Long

Year 10 Champions: Hayley Huizer, Tayla Kelty-Roberts and Alexander Devonshire.

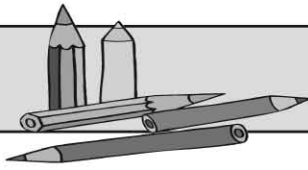
Honourable mention to Bridget Cain who broke the 50m butterfly (34.06 sec).

The overall standings on the day were:

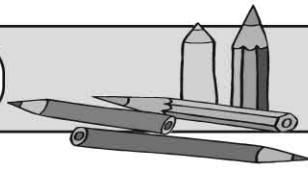
1st Freeman, 2nd Forsyth, 3rd Siddle and 4th Thorpe.



School News



Kurnai College University Campus



Swimming Sports

On Tuesday February 16, the College held its' annual swimming sports at the Moe outdoor pool.

We had a great turn out of students with 550 attending the day, which was impressive considering it was a cold and overcast day.

The students could participate in the traditional swimming events or the fun novelty events that are always popular. Joseph Bonnici and his crew provided music for the day and there were many spontaneous group dances such as the Nutbush and

Macerena. This created a really fun atmosphere for all.

Freeman (Green House) was the overall winner on the day. Congratulations to all of the students who attended and a big thank you to Nadia Smith from the Morwell Campus and her helpers, who put so much time and effort into the day to make sure that it was successful.

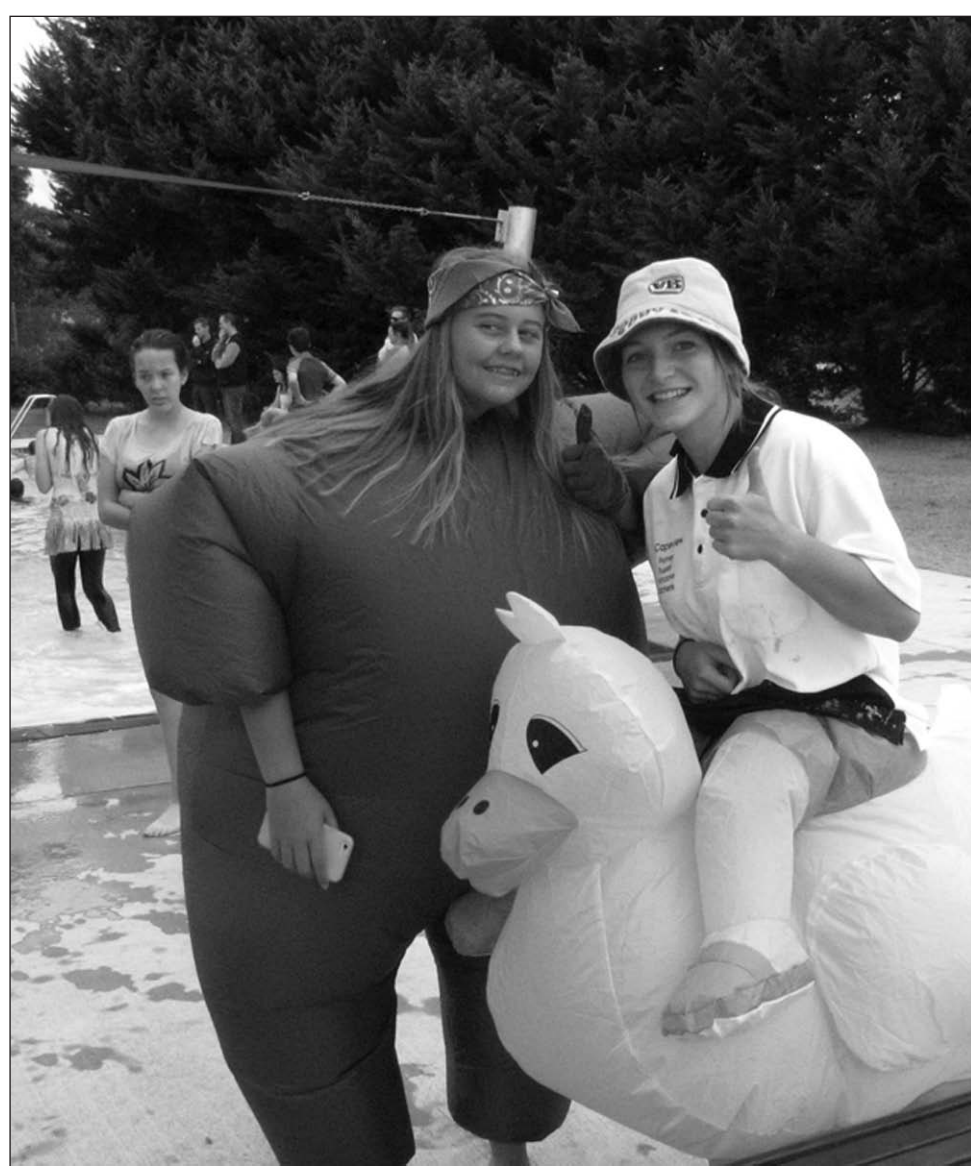
School Captains

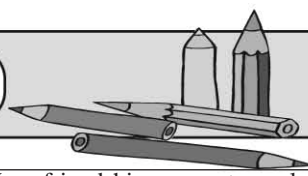
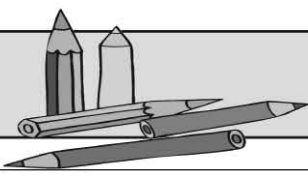
The University Campus now has its 2016 School Captains and Vice Captains in place. The Captains for this year are Regan Webster and Daniel Schneider. Vice Captains are Chloe Libreri and Aiden Quigley. This leadership group will lead the

Student Representative Council together with teacher, Todd Miller for the year.

The SRC is the group that brings their ideas to the school administration for improvement of the University Campus. Over the past few years many worthwhile ideas have been adopted that were initiated through the SRC and we look forward to many more ideas from this group this year.

The Captains and Vice Captains were announced to the whole school at an assembly where they were presented with their badges by Kurnai College Principal, Anthony Rodaughan.





Welcome to 2016 at Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School. Our year has started well with the new group of Prep recruits enjoying their transition to school. The senior students have also faced a new challenge with all Catholic schools transitioning to a different way of accessing technology.

This change has enabled a tremendous leap in performance in the way students are able to interact with both their teacher and classmates, to improve their learning both in and out of the classroom. Staff also have benefited from these improvements, and like the students, they are learning to maximise the features of the new system.

At the end of last year the school community handed over to the local Vinnies our Christmas Appeal donations. In 2015 the senior students in particular were outstanding in their efforts to contribute over \$1000 worth of hamper items. We were so proud of our collective efforts to support



this crucial community service.

At this final Christmas Mass school Principal Mrs Brewer also announced our

2016 student leaders. Our student leaders were elected from votes from the student body after each leadership candidate presented a

speech to the school community.

At our Opening Mass for 2016 Father Antony welcomed our Preps as well as blessed and distributed the leadership badges to our Student Leadership Team. The school is thrilled to announce that our School Captains are Riley Harding and Carmela Cardillo, Vice-Captains Codey Gruis and Amy Hutchinson with House Leaders Kirsten Elliston, Kayley Answerth and Amy McCord.

Another exciting initiative just starting at Lumen Christi is our involvement with the University of Melbourne #

Network of Schools. We were extremely lucky to be accepted into this program that utilises the skills and expertise of the University's Education Research Team. As one of only 12 schools around the nation, Lumen Christi will have the opportunity to work with some of the best educational experts in the country to enhance our learning and teaching.

The term has also been busy with other community events. By the time this edition of Churchill News has been printed we would have had our Annual Fete, School Athletics and Clean-Up Australia Day. We hope the weather was kind to us on our Fete night, and we also would like to thank all those community members that joined in and helped out at these events.

The start of the school year is a very busy time. New stationery to be labelled, new shoes to be broken in and new

friendship groups to explore.

The students of Lumen Christi were kept very busy with not only the day to day events of their new classroom, but with the preparations for the annual school fete. The students from Grade 5/6, pictured, were speechless for a period of time as they exercised their lungs inflating the balloons that decorated the school fence for the fete, held on February 26.

Fetes are essential to raise vital funds for any school, yet they also serve an equally important function, building friendships between the volunteers.

A fete is an ideal opportunity to showcase your talents, from flexing muscles with the setting up of the stalls to the fine detail required for cake decorating. Adults and students worked together, sharing their skills, talents and interests to ensure that there was a wide variety of stalls and activities.



Gold Medal Victory - Chris Franssen's journey

Chris Franssen defied odds in 2015, to compete successfully in the boxing segment of the Master's Games held in Adelaide, bringing home a gold medal.

In 1989, Chris had been a passionate boxer which saw him win a National Amateur title by the age of 21.

Unfortunately, a casual kick of the footy with friends saw Chris land on his knees taking a mark. The result was a knee injury which ended his boxing career and led to a series of operations, getting around on crutches to walk for the next six years.

Chris lost his ability to do the things about which he was passionate - boxing under trainer Mick Canavan, the thrill of the fight and the associations with others of like interest.

Mick was a gifted trainer who had seen potential in Chris and guided him to his success.

The future in boxing was thus marred and halted. Dark times began for Chris with some unwise decisions.

Early in 2014, Chris went to Melbourne to catch up with some friends at a pub. Waiting alone, the bar manager approached with a free beer and began to chat.

That bar manager, Charlie Liparota, was involved in the world of professional boxers as both promoter and former trainer. A bond grew between the two as the common interest was explored. A strong friendship evolved and regular catch ups were arranged.

Early in 2015 Charlie mentioned to Chris that the Masters games for retired

fighters had been scheduled for October that same year. Chris had never heard of these games that were organised every second year, and immediately showed interest in competing. After two weeks and lots of phone calls they decided to give the games a try.

There was excitement, anticipation and nerves. Chris after a 27 year break was eager and committed. Twice a week Chris made the trip to Melbourne to train hard to achieve his dream and that of Charlie's to train a winner.

The time approached and Charlie was full of apprehension.

Chris was down to fight Darren Guelfi, a left handed fighter, an ex - Australian champion, a fighter well respected in his time who had had many more fights than Chris.

Two hard rounds were fought, Chris using Charlie's advice and with Chris being jubilant with a win. But the bond between boxers was present. Both fighters embraced and congratulated each other.

The judges awarded the prize to Chris. Both Chris and Charlie were thrilled.

But Charlie summed up the experience by saying:

"After a few moments I realised that it wasn't about the gold medal or about the judges, this whole experience was about the journey. A man with unfinished business willing to make sacrifices to achieve something he had longed for a good part of his life; a man proud to be given the opportunity to show his skills in front of his partner

and children; a man who understood about the highs and lows of life and was now approaching the age of fifty, realising that these moments are the ones that count, the ones you'll remember and be remembered for. For me I find myself humbled to have been given the opportunity to embark on this journey with Chris and find myself earning respect from those around him, a respect that doesn't sit too easy with me. In my opinion Chris was the Ferrari and I only the mechanic, but my modesty is challenged by those around me as they tell me that I played an important part. Chris proved to me that he had enough trust in me to take my advice and try something completely new at such an important time in the bout and execute it perfectly. For me, that was my gold medal.

Well all I can say is that we worked as a team, trained as a team, won gold as a team and celebrated as family."



Mid Gippsland Darts Association Summer Competition 2016



LADDER after Round 3

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	%	Pts
BULLSHOT	3	3	0	18	9	200.0	6
YINNAR TIGERS	3	2	1	17	10	188.9	4
COYOTEZ	3	2	1	15	12	166.7	4
JOKERS	3	1	2	12	15	133.3	2
REAPERS	3	1	2	8	19	88.9	2
COLLABORATORS	3	0	3	11	16	122.2	0

Round 1. Yinnar Tigers vs Reapers.

Yinnar Tigers players were firing in the first round of the MGDA Summer Competition. Coming off being premiers of the Winter Competition, Yinnar bounded off the blocks defeating Reapers 8-1. Highlight of the match was the Most Pegs for Ladies on the night of 4 by Sharon Taylor (YT). Sue Berger (Reapers) had highest finish for Ladies of 62. In the Men's Steve Lethborg (Reapers) had highest score of 144.

Round 2. Yinnar Tigers vs Jokers.

A solid match by both teams with Yinnar Tigers edging out Jokers to win 6-3. Highest finish scored by Marty Akkerman (Jokers) 110. Mark Taylor (YT) most pegs with 6. Congratulations to Brian Casey Jnr on scoring a highest individual score of 180 on the night.

Round 3. Yinnar vs Bullshot.

It was looking like Yinnar Tigers hadn't turned up to play on this night going down to Bullshot 3-6. Sharon Taylor (YT) highest Ladies finish of 84. Congratulations Aaron Donoghue (Bullshot) with an individual highest score of 180.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Mens Stableford Saturday 6/2/16

A Grade 0-17 G. Beyer (8) 37pts, B Grade 18-22 J. McCafferty (18) 39 Pts, C. Grade 23-28 R. Ancilleri (27) 39 Pts, D. Grade 29-36 J Ambrosini (29) 34 Pts, NTP 3rd A. Sharrock, 12th P. Jordan, Pro Pin 3rd. A Sharrock. Birdies S. Sanders, DTL J. Sterrick 38 - S. Sanders 34 - T. Sterrick 34 - K. Hills 33 - G. Spowart 33 - A. Sharrock 33 - D. Taylor 33 - V. Sammut 32 C/B.

Ladies 3 Person Dropout Tuesday 9/2/16

Winners Score 46 and 3/8 J. Armstrong (45), J. Timbs (45), J. Beck (29), NTP 3rd. J. Armstrong.

Mens Monthly Medal Saturday 27/2/16

A Grade 0-18 T. Gabbett (18) 86, Nett 68. B Grade 19-25 G. Spowart (21) 91, Nett

70. C. Grade 26-36 J. Sterrick (34) 97, Nett 63. Ladies M. Dear 73 Nett. Ntp 3rd N. Lugton, 5th W. Judkins. Pro Pin M. Donaldson. 12th N. Lugton, 14th D. Gabbett. Target Hole B. Baldock. Birdies - N. Lugton J. Jeffery. 12th Putts J. Barnes 28 C/B Dtl Mumun 66- B. Barnes 69 - J. Barnes 69 - B. Mathews 69 J. Ambrosine 69 C. Hogbin 70 S. Sanders 70 J. Butler 70 Sanders 70 All On C/B.

Ladies Monthly Medal Tuesday 01/3/16

Scratch Winner E. D'alterio (20) 94. Monthly Medal Winner

Hibbert (29) 72. Dtl E. D'alterio (20) 74. Dtl L. Peake 75 C/B. Ntp 3rd. M. Munckton, 14th V. Verheyen, 2nd Shot 5th M. Munckton 2nd Shot. Putts J. Blizzard 29.

Mens 2 Person Ambrose Saturday 20/2/16

Winners T. Gabbett Hcp 19 and F. Borgwardt Hcp 29 Combined Hcp 12 Nett 61. Runners Up R. Scurlock Hcp 9 and D. Byers Hcp 17 Combined Hcp 6.5 Nett 61.5. Ntp 3rd M. Donaldson 5th P. Williams. Pro Pin M. Donaldson, 12th T. Davey, 14th T. O'Reilly. Target Hole D. Byers. Dtl K. Hills and T. Webb 61 3/4. A. Casey and T. O'reilly 62 1/2. J. Sanders and M. Sanders 63 1/2. A. Mammon and Fabian 64 1/4.

Ladies Open Day Tuesday 23/2/16

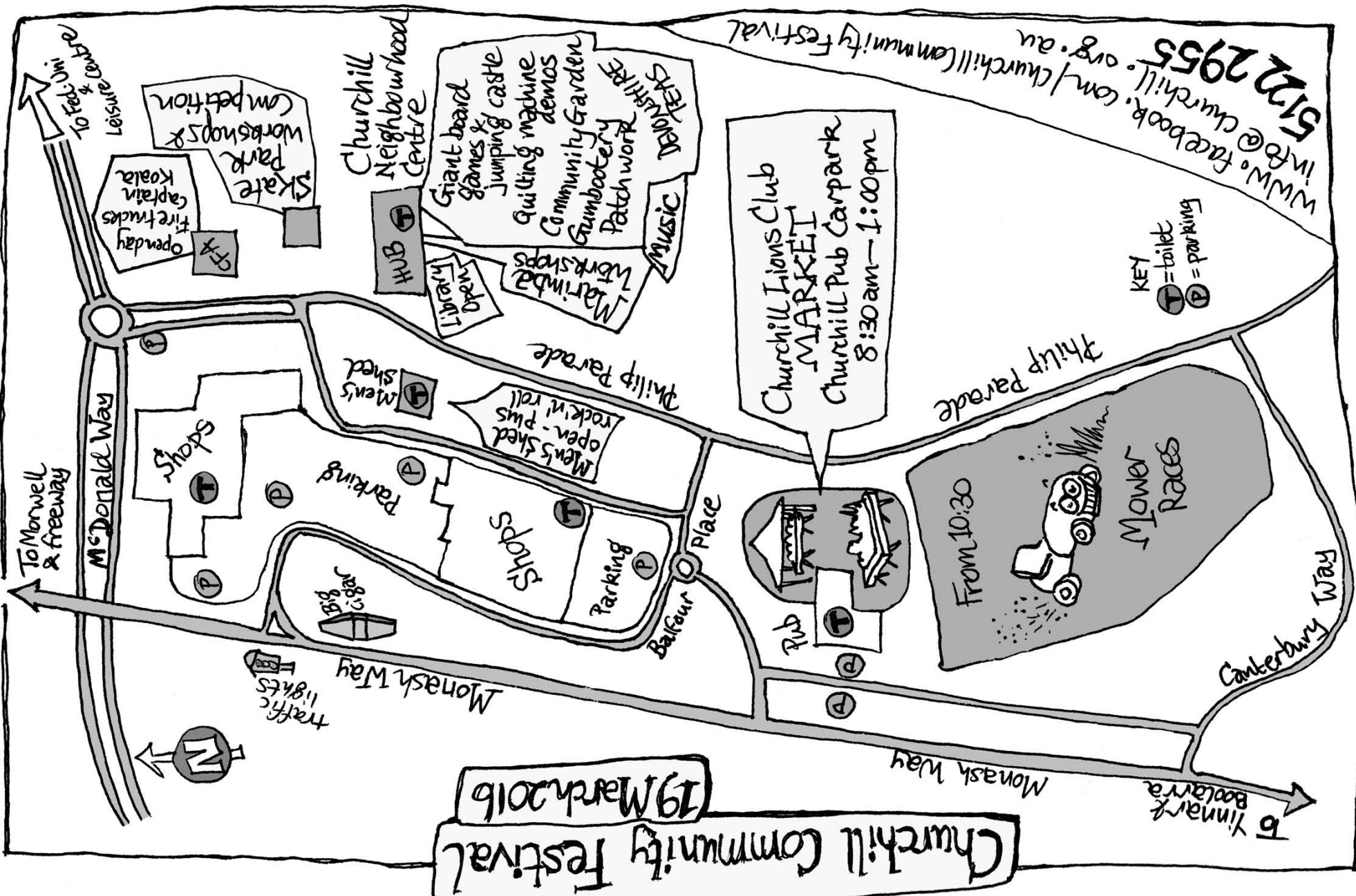
Winners Score 50 Stableford Points H. Croft (41), V. Rowley (41). Runners Up M. McQuillen (36), J. Beck (29), Ntp 3rd. S. Traill and D. Kidd, 12th A. Hibbert and M. Dear, 14th M. McQuillen and J. Beck.

Churchill Community Festival

Saturday March 19th

Time	What	Location
8.30 - 1.30	Lions Churchill Community Market	Churchill Hotel Carpark
10.30 - 2.30	VicMow mower racing	Next to the Churchill Hotel
10.30 - 2.30	Carpet Bowls	Churchill Town Hall
10-3	CFA open day	Churchill Fire Brigade
10 - 2.30	Skateboard workshops	Churchill Skatepark
2.30 - 3	Skateboard best trick competition	Churchill Skatepark

- And more!**
- Marimba workshops
 - Music
 - Sausage sizzle
 - Patchwork display
 - Beans the Clown
 - Gumboot throwing, painting & planting
 - Henna painting
 - Name writing in different languages
 - Instagram photo competition
 - Blender bike
 - Children's craft
 - Jumping castle
 - Devonshire tea
 - Popcorn
 - Quilting machine demonstrations
 - Men's shed open
 - Giant board games
 - Sweets & savouries from around the world
 - Community garden art
 - Churchill Library
 - Make a pet rock
 - Information stalls



In and around the Churchill Community Hub



Churchill Community Festival

19th March 2016

10:00am - 3:00pm

- MUSIC**
- Churchill Park Worksop & Competition
 - Spake Park machine demos
 - Quilting machine & koola
 - CTA truck & koola
 - Grant board games & CTA
 - Grant board games & CTA
 - Henna painting
 - Sausage sizzle
 - Carpet bows
 - Hockey exhibition
 - Garden art
 - Gumboot throwing, planting
 - Instagram photo competition
 - Community wishing tree
 - Library open
 - Pathwork display
 - Blender bike
 - TEA
- ACTIVITIES**
- Rock'n'roll dancing
 - Roller racing
 - Community Market
 - Marimba workshops
- WORKSHOPS**
- Ballon sculptures
 - BEADS the dawn & dusk

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