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Churchill and district remembers ANZAC spirit



Doris Paton, Don George, Christine Johnson, Darrell White, Melina Bath, Reverend Brenda Burney

An excellent crowd of people of all ages who were attentive and respectful, gathered in the Town Hall Civic Space to remember and celebrate the ANZAC's sacrifice and the ANZAC spirit which created a reverent atmosphere.

Hazelwood and District Rotary Club was the organiser of this year's ANZAC Day service in Churchill. Don

George, a Vietnam Veteran, was MC for the service and introduced proceedings with a welcome, and quoting the ANZAC Requiem.

Along with the general public there were representatives from Churchill Fire Brigade, Churchill Vietnam Veterans, Churchill Police, Churchill Scouts, Churchill, Churchill North and Lumen Christi primary

schools and Kurnai College Junior Campus, Navy Cadets, Churchill Lions, Hazelwood Rotary, the Co-operating Churches, Churchill and District News, Morwell RSL, all of whom had wreaths laid on their behalf.

Special guests Christine Johnson and Doris Paton representing the Indigenous community, Darrell White representing Latrobe City

Council and Melina Bath member for Eastern Victoria laid wreaths as well.

Ray Beebe of the Hazelwood Rotary managed this part of the ceremony.

Christine and Doris then were asked to speak about "What ANZAC Day means to me". Christine began by acknowledging her ancestors the Briakaulung People of the Gunaikurnai, and their elders

past and present.

Doris then proceeded: "It is an honour to remember them, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders men who fought for their country, from the Boer War and in those conflicts which followed. History reveals that over 1000 men fought in World War 1 and that 3000 served in World War 2, many fell in the battlefields of France

and Belgium and remain with their mates thousands of kilometres away from their ancestral lands. Some died as prisoners of war.

In their wartime service they received equal treatment and pay. In the trenches they were mates. Though, like many young men at that time they enlisted out of loyalty and patriotism, took a chance *Continued Back Page . . .*



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Churchill Fire Brigade



Annual Meeting - election of office bearers

During the month of April the Brigade held its annual meeting and election of officers and holders of other positions in the Brigade.

- Elected were:
 Captain: Steve Barling
 1st Lieutenant: Shane Renwick
 2nd Lieutenant: Graeme Renwick
 3rd Lieutenant: Steve Shankland

- 4th Lieutenant: Chris Gallagher
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Shankland
ANZAC Day
 Churchill Brigade members were proud to be part of the ANZAC Day celebrations held in Churchill and to lay a wreath in memory of those who had



April 2016

April was another dry month in Churchill when only 40.5 mm was recorded. This brings the total for the year so far to 158 mm.



Forecasters are predicting at least average rainfall in the remainder of the year.



sacrificed their lives to preserve the freedom we enjoy today.

Smoke Alarm Checks.

Also during the month of April, Brigade members visited the homes of Churchill's senior citizens who asked to have their smoke alarm battery changed and the alarm checked.

A couple of the alarms were found to be inoperative even with a new battery.

It was advised that these be changed.

A smoke alarm usually lasts about 10 years before it becomes ineffective.

Our seniors were grateful for this service. If you are a senior and you would like your name added to our list please contact Ruth to arrange a suitable time on 5122 1961.

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Churchill and District Lions Club



It was a perfect day for the Lions Club Community Market held on April 16 in the Churchill Hotel carpark. The weather was mild, cloudy but no rain. Like every week there was plenty on in Churchill but the market was missing people. Unfortunately we cannot continue to run the market if our local community does not support it. The Churchill Lions Club started the market to bring a regular event to our community where people can meet, talk, eat and be entertained at the same time, pick up some fresh produce, some plants maybe, or just look for that elusive bargain. At the same time the Lions Club would raise some funds that would then be used on community projects that better Churchill and assist people in need.

This year alone the Churchill Lions Club has donated and spent over \$35,000 on local community projects. It oversees local disasters and Lions projects that advance research into prostate cancer, childhood cancer, breast cancer also eye health research. Also we provide seeing eye dogs to the blind.

The Churchill Lions Club has just purchased and installed two new barbeques at Mathison Park, fitting new stainless steel surrounds for easy cleaning which is more hygienic. We also repainted the exterior, a facility that the whole community can use and enjoy.

Earlier this year the Club purchased new jumpers for the Churchill Auskick squad. The year before we purchased head protection helmets for the Churchill Football Club junior teams, and just this week approved sponsoring and purchasing jumpers for the Rams Churchill Soccer Club under eight kids.

We know that at times local organisations struggle financially, as do our schools, scouts and other charities such as St Vincent's, Berry

Street and a whole range of other charities that provide assistance in our community to people in time of need. This is why we, as Lions, are there. We give our time freely to serve our community to make our town a better place, and to assist our community in times of need. That is why you see us running barbeques and running a market because that's how we raise funds.

Every dollar raised from a sausage sizzle or at our Community Market goes back into our community, or assists someone or some organisation in need, and that is why we need our communities' support and especially at our market.

We can only make our Community Market great if it attracts people and has a good variety of stallholders. If people come and support it and purchase products, stall holders will come and they will stay, if people don't come, stall holders will not stay and our market will die. We would hate to have to abandon the market as so much hard work from members has gone into it.

Our goal has always been to provide Churchill with a great market that is a community event where Churchill people and families meet, chat, listen to some great music, have a bite to eat and pick up a bargain or two.

If you have suggestions on things that you think will make our market better drop us a line at Churchill Lions Club, Box110 Churchill. If we can make it better for our community we will, remember the Churchill Market is your market.

At our last meeting the Club hosted Paula Summerfield and Barbara Heskey from Breast Cancer Comfort Cushions and Hayley Mangion and Jill Williams from the Latrobe Regional Hospital Chemotherapy unit to talk on breast cancer and Breast Care Comfort Cushions. Paula Summerfield

told us how and why Breast Care Comfort Cushions started back in 2002, and how it has helped and supported so many women suffering with breast cancer.

Paula said that the group has grown from a small dedicated group in 2002, that is now spread all over Gippsland and beyond, and is still growing.

Paula said they attend every market all over Gippsland, including the Churchill Market, to promote and sell their products and promote breast cancer screening. The group is always looking for materials to make cushions, bags and other things and of course people to sew. The group makes approximately 1500 cushions each year. Lions President Geoff Brick, presented Paula with a \$500 donation from the Club to Breast Care Comfort Cushions to assist them in the valuable work that they do.

Jill Williams spoke about the breast screening process, the diagnosing process, the trauma and stress that can be involved and the need for support, not only for the patients but also their families. Jill thanked the Lions Club for its ongoing support and said that \$40,000 the Club has donated to the Hospital in recent years is much appreciated.

Hayley spoke on how the Unit has grown over the years and the benefits to the community and the large numbers of people that it now treats and supports.

The Club has been at Bunning's in Morwell doing sausage sizzles and recently catered at a clearing sale. The Club has a busy month in May with assisting at the Big Blokes BBQ in Morwell, and helping the Moe Lions Club at a Home and Leisure show in Moe, as well as being at Bunning's for a sausage sizzle and holding the Community Market on Saturday May 21.

On top of the world at Lake Tahoe

I was lucky enough to travel to America last month with agents from all over Australia. We travelled through northern California taking in many sites including Lake Tahoe, The Napa Valley, Sonoma County and San Francisco.

Beautiful scenery, lovely wine and of

course the charm of the Golden Gate city.

If I can help you experience this part of the world, or any of the many places I've visited in the last 10 years, please contact me.

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April 25 is an important day on the Australian calendar and I was pleased to attend a number of ANZAC Day services across the Morwell electorate.

All ANZAC Day services across the Latrobe Valley were a fitting tribute to those who have served our country, and provided an opportunity for community members to demonstrate their gratitude and respect to our courageous service men and women. We must also pay due regard to our local RSLs who do a marvellous job in hosting various ANZAC Day services across the region.

Fantastic to see Churchill Police station the recipient of State Government funding for a refurbishment. It is important that our police officers are able to work in modern facilities which

allow them to better serve our communities. We lobbied for funding for our regional police stations as well as for more frontline police. I know that the hardworking police officers in my electorate do an outstanding job with limited resources, and are doing their utmost to protect our people, uphold the law and ensure safe communities. It's pleasing that our country stations can be refurbished but it is also important that the government ensures we have enough police on the beat to protect our communities.

Last month 1600 barramundi were released into Hazelwood Pondage. Barramundi are usually only found in northern Australia however the unusually warm water in the pondage may provide anglers with the chance to cast a line for the

iconic species close to home.

Three sizes of barramundi were released consisting of 1000 fingerlings at 5cm, 500 fish at 10cm and 100 larger barramundi measuring 30cm. Fifteen of the larger fish carry acoustic tags to track their movements so more can be learned about their behaviour and preferred habitats.

Several listening stations have been positioned throughout the pondage and will monitor tagged fish movements and log water temperatures. To optimise the stocking trial and fish movement investigation, the pondage will be closed to all recreational fishing for six months. This will allow barramundi growth rates, diet composition, flesh quality and aggregation patterns to be studied without active fishing pressure.

Latrobe City Business Tourism Association's 2016 People's Choice Awards are now open with voting closing on Tuesday May 31, 2016. You can cast your vote by visiting www.lcbta.org.au or phone 1800 621 409.

Latrobe's Biggest Ever Blokes BBQ will be held on Friday May 20, 2016 from 11am to 4pm at Kernot Hall, Morwell. Table bookings are now open, \$1100 per table of ten - all-inclusive including food, drink, entertainment, raffles, auctions and much more.

To book your table contact: Alfi Prestipino 0412 747 476, Bruce Ellen 0412 527 146, Ian Nethercote 0418 513 808 or email latrobebbq@lvexpress.com.au

Latrobe's Biggest Ever Blokes BBQ will help raise awareness and provide

funding to assist research, diagnosis and treatment of this disease. All proceeds to prostate cancer research and awareness.

A reminder the next Churchill Community Market is on Saturday May 21, 2016 at the Churchill Hotel Carpark from 8.30am to 1.30pm. There will be over 45 stalls selling fresh fruit and vegies, organic foods, local arts and crafts, plants and much more. All proceeds go to support Churchill Community Projects. For more information or to book a stall contact Bob Lowick on 0408 377 781.

The Churchill & District News 2016 Short Story and Poetry Competition is on again. Entries are open in a number of categories. For more information, conditions of entry and entry forms, you



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In closing, the 1st Churchill Scout Group will be turning 50 this year with birthday celebrations taking place on Saturday October 1. For more information you can contact the Group Leader directly at gl.churchill@scoutsvic.asn.au

Darrell White

Grants Program on Sunday May 8, 2016, and close for applications on Sunday July 17, 2016.

The opening and closing of the 2016/17 Community Grants Program is earlier this year, than in previous years, to allow Council to allocate grants to the community prior to the "Council Elections Caretaker Period" later this year during September and October.

It is planned that the Community Grants Program

process will be finalised at the Council's meeting scheduled for Monday August 22, 2016.

Council also resolved to modify its current Community Grants Policy for the 2016/17 financial year only, to allow applications from groups that have not acquitted their 2015/16 community grants. However, Council will require that those groups who receive 2016/17 grants to acquit all grants within the 2016/17 financial year.

The total amount

allocated per community group will not exceed \$5,000 and the following indicates the maximum grant amount per category:

Minor Capital Works - \$5,000

Community Development - \$2,000

Events - \$2,000

A group can apply in multiple categories, however, the combined amount requested should not exceed \$5,000.

To assist groups that don't

have access to, or knowledge of computers and on-line systems, Council will be holding three open "hands on" sessions.

Groups can attend the Latrobe Training Room at the Traralgon Service Centre to prepare and submit their applications on-line, with the assistance of Latrobe City Council staff on the following dates: Saturday May 21, 2016 from 9.00am to 1.00pm

Thursday May 26, 2016 from 3.30pm to 7.30pm

Wednesday June 8, 2016 from 9.00am to 1.00pm

Groups are required to register their interest in attending these sessions by contacting Council Officer, Caroline Melhuish, telephone 5128 5664.

In addition, Latrobe City Council Officers will be available to meet with community groups by appointment, to assist with their applications at an agreed date and time, during office hours.



Latrobe City Community Grants Program 2016/17

Council resolved at its Ordinary Council Meeting on May 2, to officially open the 2016/17 Community

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Mondays 10am - 12pm

Churchill Men's Shed

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

Mondays 9.30am - 2.30pm \$5 per session

Coffee, Cake & Conversation

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Saturday 30th April 9.30 - 12.30

\$30 or \$25 concession

Photography Workshop B

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Saturday 14th May 9.30 - 12.30

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Hazelwood Rotary



By Leo Billington

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

As the leading Rotary organisation in our local area, recent initiatives have extended its extensive community involvement.

Now endorsed as a Hazelwood Rotary event, the 2016 ANZAC Day Churchill ceremony drew an estimated crowd of over 250. With significant assistance from the wider community, the day was a success.

At the recent Victorian Rotary Shine on Awards, Hazelwood Rotary's nominee was presented with a winning

trophy for her service in supporting those diagnosed on the autism spectrum. [The 'spectrum' describes the range of difficulties that people on the autism spectrum may experience and the degree to which they may be affected].

The Shine on Awards are an annual award ceremony during which an award is presented in the form of a trophy to those judged to be "shining examples" through their actions and contributions to the community. The awards were first presented in Brisbane in 1993.

Kerry Lynch - Kerry has taken a key role in the formation of a support group for families with others on the autism spectrum who experience difficulties with social interaction and impaired and unusual verbal and non-verbal communication. This encompasses children from across the Latrobe

Valley in the Prep to Year 7 demographic.

Yinnar and Yinnar South Primary Schools are taking part in the 2016 Rotary Youth Community Awards program.

Internationally, Rotary projects are helping Fijians after their cyclone (Cyclone Winston) - earlier this year. For instance, one Melbourne based Rotary club responded to the horrific event providing home repair kits to nine villages.

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

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

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

Rotary helping in Fiji

Various Rotary projects are helping Fijians after their cyclone.

News reports showed the undamaged Rotahomes which were designed and built by Rotary to house previously displaced people.

Disaster Aid Australia, a Rotary initiative, responded to Cyclone Winston in Fiji.

Cyclone Winston was "off the scale" as we all know. After an assessment, we soon had volunteer assessors deployed in the affected areas. The Disaster Aid team worked

closely with local Rotarians and villagers; a vital aspect of our work.

Our response to the horrific event included provision of Home Repair Kits to nine villages. Disaster Aid is an initiative of the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills.

All materials were purchased locally, with Fijian Rotarians negotiating excellent prices for timber, galvanized iron and tools.

Peter Hazel, in his report from Fiji, says it all:

"without wishing to blow our own trumpet, we are the go-to NGO for government officials; we are the only NGO stating its clear intentions, our area of operation and skill sets and providing exactly what is being requested by those in need.

Working with Rotarians has made all the difference."

Have YOU thought of joining this worldwide organisation? You would be very welcome. Contact Reg Kemp on 0427 353 887.

Australian Plant Society

Plants in my Garden

(number 43)
By Mike Beamish
Species: Brachyscome spathulata

Family: Asteracea
Common Name:

Blue Daisy (in Tasmania)

Distribution: Found in alpine heath, open woodlands and sheltered forests, from the high country to the coast in Queensland, NSW, Victoria and Tasmania. In Victoria it is mainly found in the east of the state, with an outlying population in the Grampians.

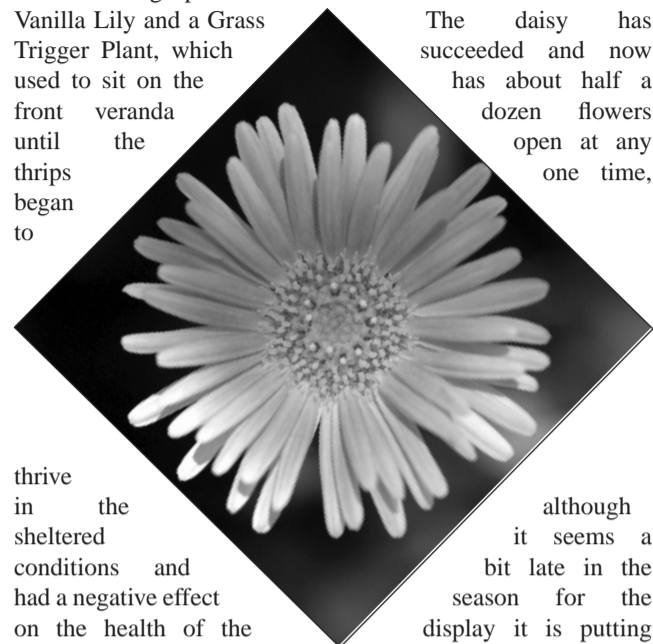
Description: A tufted perennial with basal leaves up to 11cm long and 3cm wide, with lobed or toothed margins, glandular-hairy above, sometimes purple underneath.

Flower stems are up to 60cm long, with terminal, solitary, mauve, white or rarely pink flowers up to 5cm across and stem leaves which reduce in size and become

entire up the stem.
Opinion: My plant lives in a large pot with a Vanilla Lily and a Grass Trigger Plant, which used to sit on the front veranda until the thrips began to

their good looks, put on some new growth and threatened to flower.

The daisy has succeeded and now has about half a dozen flowers open at any one time.



thrive in the sheltered conditions and had a negative effect on the health of the plants. The tub was turfed out into the weather a couple of metres away, the thrips have backed right off and all the plants have regained

although it seems a bit late in the season for the display it is putting on. The literature reckons it should flower in spring at this altitude and in summer up in the alps, but obviously my plant can't read!



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Good news is sometimes said to be hard to come by



By Frank Lees

The other month, a police officer in America shared a powerful message on Facebook after witnessing a young boy leaning over a homeless man.

It quickly became apparent what was happening.

"I watched as this young kid was walking past, stopped and walked over to this sleeping homeless man; touched him and began praying over him," the police officer wrote.

"This was an amazing sight! I pray this kid becomes a leader amongst his peers, and continues on this path!! Not all our youth are lost!! I HAD to post this"

The policeman said that he believed the boy, who

appeared to be 15 or 16, did this on his own because he "almost missed his bus while he was praying for the guy, which confirmed that he did it for no other reason than to pray for him".

The photo and message went 'viral' and the policeman said that he was happy it did because "people have preconceived notions of young men." He added, "Not all are lost. Some are doing wonderful things in the neighbourhood and community and it's not getting the same publicity in the media".

Good news.

Which is also another name for the central content of the Christian faith.

Worth thinking about!

Lumen Christi Parish Snippets Lumen Christi and Morwell Parishes Leader's Retreat



Lumen Christi and Morwell Parishes came together for an uplifting retreat at Boolarra recently. Those attending were from the Parish Council, Liturgy and Finance Committees of each parish.

Boolarra Community Hall was used as the venue and the retreat was facilitated by Father Denis O'Bryan from St Thomas the Apostle Parish, Clyde North.

Our retreat centred around pilgrimage and our willingness to accept the calling of God, prayer and meditation. Discussion was encouraged in Father Denis' presentation.

Co-Operating Churches Snippets



A one day holiday program was held during the school holidays. The children enjoyed learning about how special God's creation is and how wonderful is God's love for us.

The program included games, a snack, learning time with a special DVD presentation from the Story Book Bible and a variety of craft activities.

Music Playgroup was also held with a number of little people coming to enjoy music, a story and appropriate craft activities.

Thank you to all those who volunteered to help with

these programs.

Coffee Connections saw a grand turn up. Rene Stirling celebrated her 90th birthday with notes of appreciation, flowers and a cake. It was lovely to share that time with Rene. Barb and Lois with Russell and Neil, shared their experiences of visiting France and the war memorials and graves of Villiers Bretonneux, and other cemeteries. They commented on how welcome Australians were made to feel and how Australia is held in high esteem. They also observed how clean and neat everything was as the

villagers volunteer to keep everything in top class order. Junior Youth Group used newspaper to create paper aeroplanes and other articles and had competitions to see how well they could fly. There was lots of fun and laughter.

Saturday Breakfast had guests from the Yinnar South Landcare group talking about their activities.

The church was represented at the ANZAC Day ceremony at Churchill's civic space. Reverend Brenda led the prayers for the day, and Peter laid a wreath on our behalf.

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Yinnar

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Yinnar South

Mathison Park



Exciting additions enhance the park

Some very big thank yous are required for our wonderful supporters of Mathison Park.

Firstly thank you to the generous Lions Club which has paid for the replacement of the two broken barbecues in the old shelter, replaced the broken tiles of the bench top with stainless steel and painted the surrounds a pleasant lime green.

Thank you so much Lions. Secondly, the Kurnai Junior Campus Hands on Learning class students have made two table and seat sets to replace the broken, dangerous old seats in the vicinity of the old BBQ shelter.

Holcim Concrete supplied the concrete slabs on which

they are now located.

Thank you to the students and their teachers who have been pleased to make the furniture for us and to Holcim for supplying the slabs.

Latrobe City Council also needs our thanks for the community grant which has enabled us to purchase the new creative piece of play equipment - a climbing cube.

The council playground team installed the equipment and surrounded it with the mulch.

A very big thank you to all concerned.

Lastly a big thank you to the corrections teams who work in the park and keep it mowed, whipper snipped and tidied, making it a pleasant place to be and helping the

volunteers with their many tasks in maintaining and developing the park.

We would like to set up a Facebook page and possibly a web site for the park.

Maybe you would like to help the park but working bees are not your thing but I.T. is. We would love to hear from you if you would like to help in that way.

Phone Ruth 5122 1961.

Our working bee in April was successful with a lot of cleaning up of fallen branches, bark and leaves taking place.

Thanks to those stalwarts who came and had fun with us.

Working bees are now being held on the fourth Saturday of the month. May 28 is next.



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Latrobe Valley Philatelic Society mounted its acclaimed display 'Australia at War' at Traralgon RSL Club on ANZAC Day for members and visitors, and

the following Tuesday and Thursday for students of surrounding schools.

The items to do with various memorials were of the greatest interest to members and brought back many memories of husbands and fathers lost in war or who died soon after they returned. The WWII ration books also brought forth many stories of the hardships here in Australia.

Sixth Grade pupils from Stockdale Road Public School, St Michaels School and St Pauls Anglican Grammar School attended the display. Members from

the Stamp Club explained the display which featured Australian Victoria Cross winners, items from the Boer War, World Wars I and II and following conflicts as well as the Home Front and peace-keeping forces from a stamp-collecting point of view.

Also on display were maps, newspapers and photographs relative to Australian wartime engagements. Items of uniform, flags and weapons from the collection of Traralgon RSL were also on display.

Members from the stamp club were on hand to explain

the display and answer the questions from the students. Members of the RSL Club also explained interesting facts about the weapons on display.

The display really stimulated the students, most of whom had relatives involved with the military in a number of ways. The most common comment from the children was that they realised that they needed to find out more about their forebears' involvement so that the memories could be carried within the family into the future.

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Every subject has its own vocabulary and stamp collecting is no exception. Here is a glossary of common stamp collecting terms.

Block : A number of unseparated stamps, usually four, not in a strip.

Cancellation: A defacing mark on a stamp to stop its re-use. Includes circular postmarks, slogan strip cancel, meter cancel, pen marks or a punched hole. Stamps with 'Cancelled' 'Sample' or 'Specimen' written or perforated on them are also cancelled for public use.

Cancelled to Order (cto) Stamps cancelled, but with original gum and not postally used.

Centred: The design is evenly spaced in the centre of the stamp with even borders.

Coil: Stamps printed in a long strip for use in vending machines. They usually have two opposite imperforate sides.

Commemorative stamps: A stamp issued to celebrate a particular event or to honour a person or organisation. They are usually on sale for a short time only.

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Condition: A stamp in good condition should be well-centred, clean, and not creased. If used, it should be clearly and lightly cancelled. No perforations should be missing or short. Unused stamps should be perfect. Comparative terms used to describe stamps are:- mint, unused, fine used, used, lightly or heavily cancelled, creased, torn.

Cover: The envelope or wrapper in which correspondence has been sent.

Definitive issues: Stamps used for a long period, as compared to commemorative issues.

Essays: Proposed designs for new stamp issues.

First day cover: A cover bearing a stamp or set of stamps postmarked on its first day of issue.

Gutter pair or strip: Two stamps or two columns of stamps from the centre of a sheet with selvage between the stamps.

Fiscal: Stamps issued to collect Government duties or taxation (also called Revenues).

Hinge: The specially gummed piece of paper used



to mount stamps in albums. They are not usually used for mint stamps.

Imperforate: Not perforated around the edges. Stamps issued like this need to be separated with scissors. Modern imperforates are usually found on miniature sheets.

Imprint: An inscription on part of the selvage of a sheet showing the name of the printer or the plate number.

Inscription: The name of the country, description, value, etc which is distinct from the design.

Issue: Stamps of a particular design or date sent out for public use. The term is also used for a particular group or series.

Mint: Term applied to a stamp in original condition, exactly as issued, with original gum intact.

Mount: A double strip of plastic joined at the base, allowing mint stamps to be displayed on an album sheet. The back strip is gummed and can be black or clear, and the front strip is clear.

More terms from O to Z will be explained next month.

Prostate cancer awareness



"Are you male and over 50, or over 40 with a family history of Prostate Cancer?"

This is the question that the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia asks you to consider and act upon if the question applies to you.

Apparently there are two tests that can be run to check for the presence of prostate cancer.

Men with a family history of the condition, should be tested every year as the PSA levels can go up rapidly with the presence of prostate cancer.

The Latrobe Valley Prostate Support Group

suggests a three step process to take control of the men's health issue.

1. Take control by discussing the issue with your G.P.

2. Ask for a referral letter to the Urologist.

3. Make the appointment with the Urologist to discuss your condition.

For further information phone 1800 220 099 or email enquiries@pcfa.org.au

A monthly meeting of Latrobe Valley Prostate Support Group (LVPSG), is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Morwell Club, (136 Helen

Street, Morwell). There is the option of arriving at 6pm for a meal and social chat before the meeting commences at 7pm.

Do remember, if you experience any of these symptoms then see your GP and the Urologist:

1. A need to urinate frequently, especially at night.
2. Difficulty starting urination or holding back.
3. Weak or interrupted flow of urine.
4. Frequent pain or stiffness in the lower back, hips or upper thighs.
5. Sexual dysfunction.

Remember, hope is at hand. With the help of your doctors and a personalised medical plan, and with the friendship of Support groups, you don't tackle this problem alone.

Federation UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA



By Giuseppe Marino. FedUni researchers lead mine safety project

Researchers from Federation University Australia are due to play a significant role in the Victorian Government's \$2.2 million Batter Stability project at Energy Australia's Yallourn Mine in Gippsland.

Researchers from the University's Geotechnical and Hydrogeological Engineering Research Group (GHERG) will carry out the five-year project in conjunction with Energy Australia at the Yallourn Mine site with technical support from the Victorian mining regulator, Earth Resources Regulation.

"Field work will start immediately, with the project due to be finished by June 2020," Professor Rae Mackay, Associate Dean of Research, said. "This project involves geotechnical and hydrogeological studies of mine batters. It stems out of recommendations by Victoria's independent Mining Technical Review Board to study the risk factors

that affect batter stability in mines and to make them safer," Professor Mackay said. "The findings will be used across all of Victoria's open pit coal mines to help prevent major accidents, such as wall collapses, and ensure mine rehabilitation is safe and stable into the future."

Experience Days at Gippsland

Federation University Australia's Gippsland Campus has recently been hosting a series of weekly Experience Days for secondary schools across the region. Each week features a different area of study, such as Nursing, Business, Engineering, Physical Education and Science.

Secondary schools from all corners of Gippsland have been in attendance, and the event has provided students with a great opportunity to see the campus, speak to current university students, take part in hands-on activities, and learn about the exciting career opportunities available.

The series of events forms part of the University's

program to connect with secondary schools through on-campus events, visits to schools, workshops and communication with Careers Advisory staff at each school. The Experience Day events have also been coordinated in partnership with the Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network, which has provided fantastic support.

Secondary students who are interested in attending an upcoming event should speak to their school's Careers Advisor for further details.

Mid-year applications now open

Applications for mid-year entry at FedUni are now open. Course information is available at study.federation.edu.au and you can apply online at apply.federation.edu.au.

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Churchill parkrun a continuing success



Since commencing on January 23, Churchill parkrun has enjoyed over 400 different walkers, joggers and runners completing the five kilometre course on Saturday mornings. Starting and finishing in front of the Churchill Hub, the weekly free event is run entirely by volunteers. It is attracting an average of 80 people each week of all ages and level of fitness who come from near and far.

There has also been a number of parkrun tourists who have joined in from other parts of Australia and one

from overseas, where they are also very popular.

Co-Event Director Heather Farley, said that the number participating each week was above that initially anticipated, and that the organising committee was delighted with the response.

“Getting out of bed early on a Saturday morning isn’t always easy, but we have a great group of people that turn up each Saturday at 7:45 am no matter what.

We’ve also had many people prepared to take it in turns to volunteer and some

that can’t run who help out on a regular basis.”

As volunteers are the essence of parkrun, the organising committee has been buoyed by the support it is receiving. “People are so encouraging of one another no matter what their level of fitness is, and for some participants the five kilometre walk can be quite a challenge, while others fly along.

This is the beauty of the parkrun concept”, said Heather, “every effort is acknowledged and everyone only competes against

themselves.” Trying to get a better time each week is often enough motivation for many, while for others it’s the opportunity to chat to someone along the way and then have a coffee with them afterward at the local café.

The opportunity to meet people and develop new friends is a common theme, along with being active. With the average of around 80 participants each week, a total of over 6,500 kilometres has been collectively achieved in the 14 weeks since it started.

The scenic course winds

its way along Eel Hole Creek before turning around near Hazelwood House and then back toward the Leisure Centre, before repeating the first lap and returning back to the Hub. “The two humps or hills are a challenge, but give participants a great feeling of accomplishment at the end. The sandy surface is kinder to knees than concrete, so many like both the challenge and the surface” said Heather.

Anyone interested in joining in needs to register on the parkrun Australia website and list Churchill as their

home run. Each person is given a unique barcode which they need to print off and take along. There is a Churchill parkrun facebook page and a webpage that anyone interested may wish to follow. “Each week we post heaps of photos of participants which shows the sheer joy and effort on the track” said Heather. “A picture really does capture a thousand words”

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ANZAC Day Yinnar



By Herb and Janette Smith

The Anzac Day dawn service got off to a foggy start which did not deter the 100 people who attended.

The service was conducted by Russell Williams, a Vietnam Veteran and also Morwell RSL committee member. The main parade kicked off at 9.25 am in brilliant sunshine. The march was led by the Morwell Caledonian Pipe Band. Approximately 100 veterans and their families marched with another 150 watching.

Yinnar's two surviving World War II veterans, Bill Welsh and Reg Selwyn led the march with many veterans of more recent conflicts alongside.

The placing of the crosses showing all conflicts in which Australia has been a participant together with the wreath laying took place at the cenotaph and was conducted by Bruce Jeffrey, President of the Morwell RSL.

The wreaths were laid by many organisations and attendees.

The parade then moved

to the Memorial Hall for the commemorative service where those present were addressed by guest speaker Darren Chester, the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. He spoke of the importance of continuing the Anzac traditions and also softening our hearts and hardening our heads in regard to decision making concerning global conflicts.

The service concluded with the playing of both the New Zealand and Australian national anthems by the Salvation Army band.

Community Garden Growing Strawberries

According to a 2014 choice report non-organic strawberries grown commercially in Australia are more likely to be contaminated with pesticides than any other fruit.

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Soaking plants in a seaweed plant tonic before planting helps protect them

from frost.

Six plants per person is recommended to supply enough ripe strawberries for everyone at one picking.

Plant them 40cm apart in 20cm high raised mounds 30cm wide ensuring crowns sit above the soil surface.

Strawberries hate wet feet.

Mulch with straw to protect the roots and keep the strawberries off wet soil.

Small dry berries are the

result of insufficient water.

Strawberries are suited to container growing with the advantage of being able to move them for protection against frost and birds.

Information sourced from the April 2016 Organic Gardener Magazine.

Written by Sheina Renton from the Churchill Community Garden which meets at 10am every Monday at the Churchill Hub, Phillip Parade Churchill.

New members can join us then or ring 5122 2955.



Thorpdale Potato Festival returns in 2017

Exceeding all our hopes and expectations, the 2015 Thorpdale Potato Festival's success meant that we have a lot of work ahead of us to ensure that the 2017 Festival is as good as, if not better, than our rejuvenated event.

Work has started on the myriad of details required to make our Festival on Sunday March 12, 2017 even better yet. We have an extended group of helpers representing

all the community groups, and with that comes lots of new ideas and more assistance on the day to ensure that we streamline proceedings as well as we can.

More information on developments is coming soon. For more information, contact:

Barbara Butterworth, Marketing and Public Relations Officer, Thorpdale Potato Festival



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ANZAC DAY

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A huge crowd gathered in Morwell for the ANZAC Day march and service at the cenotaph.

The veterans, their family members and cadets and Scouts joined the parade which was led by three riders dressed in Lighthorse uniforms on the Waler Horses.

A growing number of wreaths was laid at the calling out of MC Les Maher.

There were representatives from many organisations,

schools and veterans families and on behalf of the different defense forces.

The guest speaker was Darren Chester Federal Minister for Gippsland, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

Excerpts from his speech follow.

Speech by Darren Chester

"I pay my respects to the traditional owners of the land, and on this most solemn occasion, acknowledge the service of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters in conflicts throughout our nation's history, and their continued service today.

Last year I was in Afghanistan and

ANZAC Day - Morwell

other parts of the Middle East. There are walls at the Australian headquarters in Kabul, and also at other bases, which carry the photographs of the 43 Australians who have died on deployment to the region over the past decade.

They join the 102,000 Australian servicemen and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, throughout our nation's history.

Even today, as we commemorate all Australian servicemen and women – Australian and New Zealand forces are standing side by side in Baghdad, in Kabul and in the skies above the Middle East – working together again:

This time to train and support local forces in the fight against terrorism.

As we pause to remember the original ANZACs, I urge everyone gathered here today to pause and remember our modern day warriors and peacekeepers from Australia and New Zealand, many of these young people call Gippsland home – they serve in our name.

Spare a thought and a prayer if you are so inclined – for almost 2000 Australians currently serving on deployments throughout the world in places like Kabul, Kandahar and Baghdad. Pray for their safety, pray for the people they are trying to protect – pray that their missions are completed successfully and they return as soon as possible to the arms

of those they love.

I said [to those servicemen and women] there was no greater service that anyone can give to Australia, than to put on the uniform of the nation they love and place themselves in harm's way to help those who cannot help themselves.

It was true in 1915 and it's true in 2016. We don't seek to glorify war by gathering here today but we do commemorate the sacrifice and the extraordinary service of so many young Australian men and women – along with our New Zealand allies.

I wrote this speech aboard a RAAF aircraft, high above the mountains and valleys of Afghanistan where many of those 43 young Australian men lost their lives.

As I looked around the young faces on the plane, I couldn't help but think about those other young faces in the pictures on the walls. They were all someone's son, someone's brother, someone's husband, someone's boyfriend, someone's father. We can never bring them back but we can make sure they are never forgotten.

Just as we read the names on honour boards in country halls or etched in marble on memorials across Gippsland and wonder 'what might have become of them' if they had the chance to return home and live a long life. We can't fulfil the promise of their young lives cut short by conflict – but we can honour them by the way we live our lives.

Just think about that when we pause in a few moments

time to pay our respects to the fallen... think about what others have given to allow us to enjoy our freedom and safety.

Our tribute to the fallen – to the original Anzacs and to the 102,000 killed in countless conflicts – is the manner in which we live today... our willingness to serve our community and make Gippsland an even better place to live.

About 50,000 Australians fought in the Gallipoli campaign which started on April 25 and lasted eight months. 9000 lost their lives and more than 19,000 were wounded.

You can't walk that battlefield without being absorbed by the emotion of the place. It is a beautiful peninsula and many of our boys rest in immaculately maintained graves that are a sign of everlasting respect by the Turks.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Australians fighting in France and Belgium – our troops arrived on the Western Front in March 1916 and participated in all major British offensives that led to Germany's defeat in November 1918.

More than 46,000 lost their lives – it was the industrial age of warfare – death and injuries of extraordinary proportions. Many more returned home carrying the internal scars of war which destroyed their young lives. At the many Commonwealth War Graves and in the Last Post service held every evening at the village of Ypres... our fallen

are remembered with respect.

Our world is being challenged by people who would seek to do us harm and the enduring values that the Anzacs demonstrated – and fought to protect – are as important today as ever before.

A commitment to peace, freedom and fairness, a determination to protect the innocent, the courage and adventurous spirit to travel to far off lands and help others, the bonds of mateship and camaraderie to stand together in hard times and the resilience, perseverance and dedication to duty...

These are all values and personal attributes our nation needs from us today.

Oddly, as we look around for celebrities or sportspeople or politicians to give us the vision or leadership we think our nation needs – we should look no further than ourselves and to those who sacrificed so much for the life we lead today. They set the example for us to follow.

That is what Anzac Day means to me – I take it as a personal challenge to ask myself: 'am I worthy of the sacrifice that others have made, am I honouring the people who have given so much and still serve our nation's defense force today?'

There are many ways for us to demonstrate our worthiness.

It's in our willingness to volunteer and help others in Gippsland who are less fortunate than us.

Our determination to be persistent and bounce back from adversity.

Our resilience as a community when natural disasters or other tragedies strike.

As Gippslanders - We can find the strength to continue together by drawing on the Anzac spirit.

Ladies and gentlemen, they have shown us the way, now it's up to us.

Today, as Gippslanders and Australians, we honour the Anzacs and we must commit ourselves to respecting their enduring legacy.

Lest we forget."



ANZAC Day Morwell Veterans including Churchill Vets ready to march

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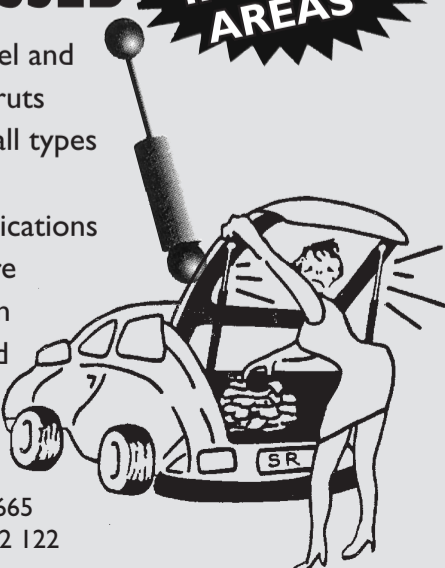
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The Johnston Collection



The present Curator of The Johnston Collection invited for the first time, the Gumleaf Quilters of Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, the folk at Coinda Hill, the Churchill Scrollers and other Gippsland groups, to contribute their craft pieces to be part of the 2015 Christmas exhibition held at the Johnston Collection Museum in East Melbourne.

The title of the exhibition was "Joyful and Triumphant". All the Christmas decorations were inspired by existing pieces in the Johnston Collection and must relate in some way to the history and life of William Johnston (a Melbourne based philanthropic antique collector and retailer).

The Gumleaf Quilters chose the kitchen and kitchen lobby areas of Fairhall Museum as the theme for their presentation. This focus

allowed the members of the associated craft groups to have fun in representing a working kitchen with food prepared and just ready to be eaten.

We now have the opportunity to enjoy viewing these creative works by our Gippsland folk, as portions of the 2015 Christmas Johnston Collection exhibition are now touring round the various

Regional Art Galleries in Victoria this year. Some of this delightful collection is presently displayed at the Latrobe Regional Art Gallery in Morwell.

To view other works in the Johnston Collection, visit the website johnstoncollection.org or phone 9416 2515 if you would like to visit the Fairhall Museum.

Boost for Traralgon Koorie Students by local Soroptimists



Vera Harrold, Koorie Engagement Support Officer receives vouchers from SI Soroptimist, Jo Jablonski for the Koorie homework centre.
Photo: Judy van Beek

Soroptimists International of Gippsland has a new project underway for 2016, much to the delight and gratitude of local Koorie Engagement Support Officer, (KESO), Vera Harrold.

Vera co-ordinates a Koorie homework support class based in a large activity room at Liddiard Road Primary School in Traralgon.

The homework class operates after school for two hours on Monday afternoons.

It caters for pre-schoolers, primary and secondary school students who attend various Traralgon schools.

The Traralgon Koorie Homework Centre has been running for 28 years, though not continuously.

It is not financially supported by the Victorian Department of Education, but relies on sponsorship, voluntary help and support from Wanjana Lidj, a local Aboriginal co-operative.

Wanjana Lidj provides transport to collect and deliver students home as well as assist with other running costs.

However, in 2015 the homework group was unable to operate due to a lack of financial support to provide stationery, food and sports equipment.

Gippsland Soroptimist, Jo Jablonski, came to learn of their plight and suggested it as a 2016 project for SI Gippsland.

SI Gippsland unanimously decided to donate \$1000 to the project to enable it to operate in 2016, with \$400 worth of food vouchers, \$400 of sports vouchers and a cash grant for stationery being given to the centre.

Soroptimists International of Gippsland members have also collected stationery and are looking at ways of donating fruit and vegetables

to be used in the afternoon meal.

Vera Harrold is delighted with the support of the Soroptimist group and how the year has started.

One of the best outcomes, she says, is just to see the pupils complete their homework.

This means they are keeping up with their classmates and the expectations of their teachers.

As well, the group of 35 students from various Traralgon schools has the chance to socialise through sports activities and a shared meal.

Some former students who have gone on to study post-secondary school have been willing to return to gain further tuition and to help out the Koorie students at the homework centre.

Vera says "overall attendance has picked up, a

very pleasing development to see this year".

Soroptimist International is a worldwide women's service organisation working to achieve positive outcomes for women and girls.

The organisation works at an international level and at a local level.

Soroptimists International of Gippsland has nominated improving education as a primary focus in 2016, both in advocacy and fundraising.

In June the Soroptimist group will be holding a film night with supper, as a fundraiser for their local education projects.

If anyone wishes to know more or would like to support this Koorie educational initiative, please contact the local Soroptimist club by email: sigippsland@gmail.com or leave a message for Jo Jablonski on 0429 042 040.

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Friends of Morwell National Park

John's Jottings

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

"Newsletter October 1986
Dear Friends

The September meeting was a great success with 20 Adults plus 12 Children attending, an excellent turnout. We were pleased to see a number of new faces amongst the group.

Chris Porter covered the difficult task of male, female and tree identification with practiced ease. Her preparation obviously paid off. Thanks Chris for all your assistance.

The survey was divided into five groups covering most of the park. It seemed that those who walked through areas of Grey Gum saw the most Koalas. One group was particularly excited by sighting a cub on its' mother's back. At least this indicated

not all of the females are infected with the dreaded Chlymidia.

Rumour has it that one group thought their leader was navigating by the stars, trouble was, it was raining at the time!!

There was a total of 18 Adult Koalas, plus one cub seen on the day. The foundation is now laid for future surveys. This monitoring is the basis for a continuing program in years to come and will provide invaluable information for their future conservation.

There will be a second survey on October 12th, starting at 1pm from the park picnic area. Hopefully this may enable us to form conclusions, based on the combined knowledge of the surveys. Naturally surveys will now be continued on an annual basis.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next meeting.

Yours truly,
Gail Roche."

April Activity Report

At this month's activity we had Matt, Tamara, Ken, Beryl, John, Rose, Peter, Yuto and Darren. We had an apology from Margaret. The group met in the car park to discuss the plans for the day.

After Matt had collected the fuel needed for the chainsaw the group broke up into three groups. One group with Matt, Peter and Rose went to

Stringybark Track to work upon removing a number of trees and branches that come down across the track. Over the last month many trees and branches had come down including one which fell across the beginning of Foster Gully track, which came down at our last activity. Parks had come through and cleared the tracks a few weeks ago but more branches and trees had come down since.

Ken drove Beryl, Tamara and Yuto to Billys Weir where they donned the waders and entered the creek at the weir and found many tutsan to remove. Around the weir there were many to remove since we did not cover this area last year.

John and Darren drove in to complete the repairs to the nesting boxes which John could not complete last month because of trees across the track. New strapping was attached and boxes refitted to trees. Ken came back and joined the pair as they finished up the last boxes. This group then went to Billys Weir to find that the weeding crew had travelled only 50 metres since the many tutsan needed to be removed. Many large plants (in fruit) were found and removed.

John and Darren helped the group move downstream



with the group getting down to the Blue Gum Hill side creek. Meanwhile Ken with a net searched the wattles for lacewings. He located and photographed the rare Dusty Wing Lacewing. This is a new sighting and species for the Park.

The group broke for lunch at Billys Weir. During lunch Matt, Peter and Rose returned and updated us on their progress. Many obstructions include one large tree have been removed from Stringybark Track. The group broke after lunch.

Overseas study tour open to students

Students wishing to study Australia's wartime history at overseas locations are encouraged to participate in the Victorian Government's Spirit of ANZAC Prize.

Member for Morwell Russell Northe said students would be asked to consider the impacts World War I had on families of young soldiers.

"The Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize is a unique opportunity for students to participate in an overseas study tour to locations that are important to Australia's wartime history, while also reflecting upon those Australians who serve our nation," Mr Northe said.

In addition to the overseas tour, a group of regional finalists will participate in a study tour to Canberra, where they will visit key sites of national significance including the Australian War Memorial.

Mr Northe said Lavalla Catholic College student, Isis Tyler, was one of 22 students selected for the tour of Gallipoli for ANZAC Day this year.

"Isis was the sixth

Lavalla Catholic College representative to receive the opportunity of a lifetime of an overseas study tour," he said.

"Whilst St Pauls Anglican Grammar student, Lily Van Berkel, will visit the Australian War Memorial as part of the same program later this year."

Students can choose to study one of two themes:

What would it have been like to have grown up in a family directly affected by World War I? What was the impact on women? On the community? And most of all, on the expectations and responsibilities of young people your age; or

What do sources of evidence, including visual art and monuments, suggest about the experiences of the ANZACs during World War I?

Secondary school teachers are also invited to apply to become chaperones.

Applications close on September 23 this year.

For more information, visit www.dpc.vic.gov.au/soap

2016 Gippsland Business Awards

By Leo Billington
Nominations are now open for the ever popular, prestigious Gippsland Business Awards.

Now in its 19th consecutive year, these awards have stood the test of time. In this time, a huge range of different businesses have been successful in being recognized for their excellence in business.

The awards require about four questions to be

answered to ensure an entry for subsequent judging. The questions require business owners and/or managers to "look into" their respective businesses and consider what is happening or what is not happening. Answering the questions could possibly be a well-deserved, timely form of self-assessment for your business.

Some business awards are considered as popularity contests. The Gippsland

Business Awards are more than that, being methodical, analytical and relevant.

There are various categories suitable for all entries including manufacturing/export, franchise, retailing, new business, food and wine, hospitality, tourism and building services and construction.

For all the necessary details, please go to www.gba.org.au

Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists



National Park they spent four days of intense bird watching and will show a variety of birds, mammals (mostly antelope) and also wild flowers.

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

The following day is a fungi excursion to Duff's Sawmill track.

Visitors are most welcome to both activities; there is no charge.

For more information phone 5127 3393

Photograph: A Bontebok by Ken Harris

South Africa Trip

At the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday May 27, two experienced Club members and photographers,

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Learn more by attending a confidential meeting in your community.

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News from Morwell Historical Society

By Leo Billington
Morwell Historical Society extends an invitation to Churchill and District residents.

The Morwell Historical Society is now housed in the former Morwell Masonic Hall at 12 Hazelwood Road. The massive exhibition

is now open to the general public at the following times:
* First and third Wednesday and the last Sunday of each month;

* Times for these occasions are 11.00 am to 2.00 pm
There are many local historical and pictorial

displays including Churchill's 50th birthday celebrations held last year.
For further details please phone Bruce McMaster on 5134 1149 and/or visit www.morwellhistoricalsociety.org.au
Another option is to visit

the Society's Facebook page.
The photograph of an early farmhouse on the Hazelwood Estate farm is one of the many exhibits on show.



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National Reconciliation Week Activities

National Reconciliation Week: May 27 – June 3, 2016

Reconciliation Week is approaching from the end of May.

The following events are being held in various venues in Morwell. These are open to everyone and you will be welcome to attend.

Footprints: The Journey of Lucy and Percy Pepper

An exhibition that traces the lives of an Aboriginal family in the first half of the twentieth century.

Their story is a remarkable parable about the strength of family in the face of adversity.

Date: Monday May 23 to Thursday June 16, 2016.

Time: Visit during normal library hours Monday to Friday: 10 am to 6 pm.

Saturday: 9 am to 12 noon. Closed Sundays and public holidays.

Venue: Morwell Library, 63-65 Elgin Street, Morwell.

Morwell Co-Op Flag Raising And Bbq Lunch.

Date: Monday May 30.
Time: 11.30 am – 1.30

pm.
Venue: Morwell Co-op, Corner Collins and Buckley Street, Morwell.

All welcome, kids activities and a great time provided!

There is no need to RSVP to this event.

Latrobe City Council flag raising and afternoon tea.

Date: Tuesday May 31, 2016.

Time: 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm.

Venue: Latrobe City Headquarters, 141 Commercial Road, Morwell.

Flag Raising Ceremony followed by a free afternoon tea in the Latrobe Regional Gallery Foyer.

Everybody is welcome to join with Latrobe City Council in celebrating this important week!

There is no need to RSVP to this event.

Braiakaulung Advisory Committee Meeting.

Date: Wednesday June 1, 2016.

Time: 10.30 am to 12 noon.

Venue: Meeting Room,

Latrobe Regional Gallery, 138 Commercial Road, Morwell.

The Braiakaulung Advisory Committee advises Latrobe City Council on issues affecting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members are invited to attend.

There is no need to RSVP to this event.

Latrobe Families Group: free family soup and movie fun night.

Date: Thursday June 2, 2016.

Time: 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Venue: Kommall Hall, 27 Hourigan Road, Morwell.

Parents need to attend with their children.

All welcome to come along and enjoy!

Place: Italian Australian Club, 499-501 Princes Drive, Morwell

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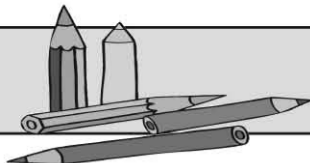
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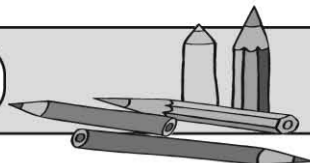
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School News



Churchill Primary School



Learning at CPS

This term in our special programs, (Information, Communication, Technology, the Arts and PE) students from P-6 are participating in a unit of work which involves investigating a country from around the world. Tasks involve learning a traditional dance, singing a song in the language of their country, present a play using a traditional folktale, creating a cultural artefact, creating a piece of art work in a style known from their country, as well as complete some research questions about their country.

Students have been really enjoying investigating other countries so far this term and

are sharing things they have found out with their peers. It is very amusing watching some of our year 5/6 boys learning how to Hula! Students are working towards presenting all aspects of their project through various media forms at the end of term and Mrs. Hawthorne and I look forward to seeing their finished products! – Mrs. Burke

Today I have chosen to write about what my class has been learning and the subject I will be choosing today is I.C.T. We are doing a project where you pick a place in the world and that is what you work on. For example, Australia, you would have to think about the traditional things about Australia and

other things. That's basically all you have to do with the project in I.C.T. Thanks for reading what my class is learning in I.C.T. – Mckenzie

Book fair

During the week of May 2, Churchill Primary was hosting a Scholastic book fair where students could come and buy a range of different books. It was great to see so many students getting excited about reading and discussing different books they would like their classroom teachers to buy for their classrooms! Thanks to all the families who came along and supported this fundraiser for the school.

Student Leadership at CPS

From a school captain

I will be talking about my

role as school captain and the things I have to do like assembly and events.

First I will talk about assembly. Me and the other school captains get up in front of the school on Monday's and give out awards and talk about events.

Now I am going to talk about the ANZAC day ceremony. People of Churchill went to the memorial near the skate park. We laid a wreath and gave a speech and sang the National Anthem at 9.00am. There were about four schools in total.

Lastly, I'm going to talk about the leadership conference. All of our school leaders and I went to Traralgon to go to a leadership

conference. We learnt about growing leadership and traffic light leadership. These things will help us lead our school better, more efficiently and confidently. – Hayley C.

From the Student Representative Council

On Thursday April 21, the 3-6 leadership team went to Traralgon for a GRIP (Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, People) leadership conference. We were learning about improving our leadership skills.

This term the SRC are running a disco to raise money for lunchtime activities for CPS students. The rest of the money will go towards other purchases for students' equipment. The disco is

currently in planning stages with more information and details coming soon!

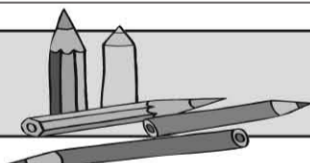
There will be opportunities for students at CPS to participate in lunchtime activities run by the SRC. Activities will include play dough, netball, basketball and a reading corner in the yard.

Cross country

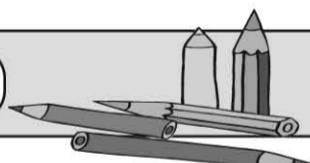
On Monday May 2, the 3 to 6 students participated in cross country at the track at Gaskin Park. The top six in each age group made it through to the next round, the Yinnar and District cross country. That was on May 9. Many people did a good job and good luck to the students competing at the next round.



School News



Churchill Preschools



Glendonald Park PreSchool

Coming back this term we are very pleased to see our garden growing strong and some flowers just beginning to open. We are continuing to care for them each session.

We have begun talking about healthy bodies. We have a Doctors clinic set up and

we are discussing what food is 'healthy food' and what food is a 'sometimes food'. Through this we are creating displays for the parents and we will hopefully be cooking some 'healthy foods' in the next few weeks.



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ANZAC Day

On April 25 Kurnai College participated in the Morwell, Yinnar and Churchill ANZAC Day ceremonies. The college was represented by the University Campus, Morwell Campus and Churchill Campus school captains who laid wreaths at each of the cenotaphs.

On these days where the school participates in public events it is always with pride that we look at our young leaders and how they represent the college when they are called upon to do so.

The University Campus school Captains, Daniel Schneider and Regan Webster and Vice Captain Chloe Libreri carried out their duties on the day with pride and with honour.

Rachel is going to the USA

Words cannot explain the excitement I felt upon being accepted into Tufts University's Adventures in Veterinary Medicine camp. Having wanted to be a veterinarian for as long as I can remember, seeing the 'CONGRATULATIONS'

at the top of my acceptance email was the greatest feeling imaginable. So now, I am headed to Massachusetts in America!

Having heard about this camp through word of mouth and a quick internet search, the realisation that I would actually be participating in such a prestigious program was unreal. The application required lots of information about myself and my experience with animals, which I was lucky enough to have lots of, having done work experience and volunteering at different veterinary clinics. Academic records were assessed and a letter of recommendation was needed by someone that



Victorian SRC Conference delegates

could attest to my veterinary experience and an academic reference from a teacher.

This camp offers potential veterinary science students with hands on experience and knowledge to help kick start our learning.

Throughout the program we attend various lectures and lessons, from topics such as learning about haematology (blood) work, large animal medicine and even about work on pigs. We go to zoos, aquariums and a wildlife sanctuary to look at the kind of work veterinarians do in those fields, as well as looking at a sheep and chicken farm.

We learn from renowned lecturers about infectious diseases, dogs and their body

language and the different opportunities vets have on the world stage. We are blessed with learning hands on experience practicing with sutures, basic pet first aid, assessing and diagnosing a dog and shadowing accredited vets while they work.

This opportunity is one that will equip me with so many skills to assist with my future career. I cannot be more excited and more thankful to Tufts University for this amazing opportunity.

VIC SRC conference 2016

At the beginning of Term 2 Kurnai College, University campus had the pleasure of hosting the VIC Student Representative Council

Conference 2016. Students participated in a variety of leadership and personal developmental activities, interacting with students from Sale, Kurnai Junior, Leongatha and Traralgon Secondary College. Students were given the opportunity to bring forward new ideas after being instructed to pick an area of school life that could be improved for their peers and presenting this to senior School Advocate Todd Miller and Principal Nello Carbone. Each student found being exposed to new leadership activities and upcoming events like youth congress very rewarding, a few hoping to attend the event later in the

year.

By Chloe Libreri and Sophia Patikisa

Outdoor Ed Surf Camp

At the end of last term, the students from the Outdoor Ed class all went to the Surf Camp not knowing what to expect. We knew that we would be going to Wilson's Prom and we'd be learning how to surf. By the end we had achieved a lot out of the trip. We stayed for two days at a campsite and we went on a bushwalk to Squeaky Beach. During the surfing lessons, none of us thought we would've been able to stand up on our boards, but not even one lesson in, nearly all of us had caught at least one wave. By the end, all of us were

confident to be out in the surf and many of us went to the back with the largest waves. Surf camp was an amazing experience for me and it's taught me a lot of new skills.

Jackie Gordon

Prior to surf camp students participated in three weeks of intensive swim training at the local pool preparing themselves for the surf camp. Students were introduced to aquatic safety, which included performing contact rescues and non-contact rescues, survival strokes and improving swimming efficiency. They also had to complete a 200m continuous swim using a variety of lifesaving strokes.



Regan and Daniel ANZAC Day



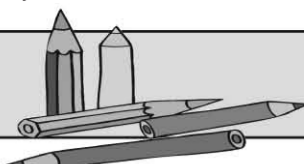
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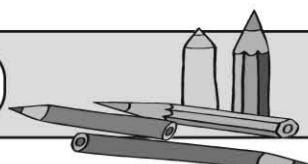
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School News



Hazelwood North Primary School



Anzac Day Ceremony

The school honoured our soldiers and volunteers in an Anzac Day ceremony by listening to the Last Post, The Ode and observing a minute's silence. The students completed the ceremony by singing Advance Australia Fair.

Brooke, Mason and Charlie are pictured at the ceremony.

School Student Leadership Group

GRIP Leadership Conference (Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, People)

Recently, the two school captains and the four house captains attended a youth leadership conference in Traralgon. A variety of schools attended from across Gippsland including Pakenham and Drouin. We participated in lots of interesting activities including traffic light leadership,

contributing to my team, people to influence, growing as a leader and bye, bye bullying.

Traffic Light Leadership is where you focus on the negative (red), slowing down on (amber), and go forward on (green).

We thoroughly enjoyed the day and hope that next year's leaders can experience the GRIP Leadership Course as we found it to be very useful and challenging. We will take what we have learnt and use our training and new leadership knowledge at school

By Charlotte and Alison
Woorabinda Camp

On Monday April 18, Rhys, Corey T, Imogen, Tahlia, Olivia and Hunter went by bus to Woorabinda Camp.

When we first arrived at camp we gathered together with all the other kids for a

cook - out. We had sausages, potatoes, carrots and pumpkin. Not everyone liked the meal.

We went back to our dorm and unpacked our gear and met the other kids.

We then had a talk about the rules and the three C's which are:

- Courtesy
- Consideration
- Co Operation

For the remainder of the day we got to do Greet and Meet activities.

We went on the zip line, skyline and canoeing. Canoeing was fun, we found a water dragon, got wet and bumped into big rocks. The zip line was scary for the first time but after the first time it was great fun. We did the death drop on the zip line where you close your eyes and fall backwards, it was great!

We did a night hike and learnt the story of Jimmy and the story of Cole which was very interesting.

We went to wallaby corner where you get to see lots of different animals.

Dance night was so much fun, you had groups of students who got to have their 15 seconds in front of the audience. Also a girls against boys dance night.

On the last night we had a camp fire and every group did



a skit.

Our experience was amazing and we learnt lots of new things that we could use in future life.

Hazelwood North Primary Grade 4 Students

Civic and Citizenship Awards

We recently presented our Civic and Citizenship Awards to those students who displayed outstanding responsibility, empathy and a general caring nature to their fellow students both within the classroom and in the playground.

Bailey Perez, Lucy Thompson, Kydan Makepeace, Melina Turnbull, Maddy Salmon and Sophie McKenzie are pictured proudly displaying their Civic and Citizenship Awards.

Cross Country

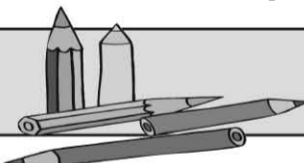
Our students enthusiastically participated



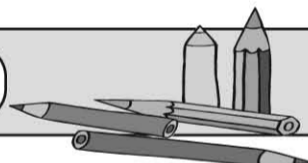
in our school cross country event which involved running varying laps according to age

group around the perimeter of the school. Our students proved how very fit they are!!!

School News



Churchill North Primary School



Behind the scenes

At Churchill North Primary School we have a dedicated staff of Teacher Integration Aides who work tirelessly to support students, teachers, family members and community members of our school. In a recent President's report presented at the School Council Annual General Meeting, Mr Franks commented on their commitment by saying, "A team of 14 Teacher Integration Aides work diligently in supporting class teachers, students and our school community. Their support is provided in the following ways - the extension and additional support to

students, welfare support to students and families, coordination of playground twice a week, Breakfast Club daily, language development programs in articulation and expressive language, after school care program, lunch time reading club, social skills program, lunch time craft and sport and library support." Our school just wouldn't be the same without the continued support of our Teacher Integration Aides.

Pet Responsibility Day

On Wednesday March 23, Berry and Baby the dog came to visit Churchill North Primary School to teach students about safe and responsible pet ownership and

interactions. All the children learnt how to approach a friendly dog and a nasty dog. Annie and Thayne loved meeting their furry friend and approached him with care.

School House Sports

On Monday March 21, Churchill North Primary School held their annual School Sports Day. The weather was cloudy and perfect for a sports day. The day was based on athletic sports. The senior children participated in discus, shot put, distance throw and the 100 metre sprint. The junior grades participated in novelty events including a sack race and a kanga jump as well as a sprint, long jump and an

overarm throw. The students came to school dressed in their house colours to show support for their house. Everyone had lots of fun on the day. Blue house won with a total of 625 points, followed by Red house on 536, Yellow on 505 and Green house on 472 points. Regardless of whether children were in the winning house or not, they all showed the school values by participating in and enjoying all of the events of the day. All of the students, volunteers and teachers should be proud of the effort they put in to make such a fantastic, fun Sports Day.

By Lucas. H 5/6P

Small Wheels Day

On Friday April 15, there was a planned out activity for all prep 1s in Mrs Dunne's grade, called Small Wheels Day. Small Wheels Day is when all students in Mrs Dunn's grade had the chance to bring their bikes to school and ride around the school's basketball courts.

I was privileged to be there when this activity took place. As I walked into the classroom, my ears were full of the noise of excitement for

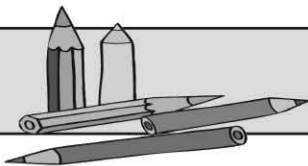
all students were ready. The very first question the teacher, Mrs Dunne asked was "Why are we having Wheels day?" and a girl raised her hand with an amazing answer "We are having Wheels Day because we are learning about 'wh' and wheels starts with it."

Although this year's Small Wheels day has come and gone, the joy it brought to prep 1 students will remain in their memory for a long time.

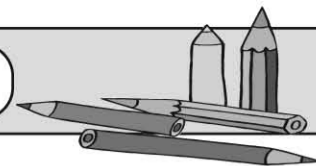
By Alma



School News



Lumen Christi Primary School



Term 2 has already had some terrific highlights. We have celebrated ANZAC Day both at school and in our community, as well as celebrating Mother's Day. For ANZAC day the school community gathered and had a moving, and educational, service led beautifully by our senior students. The school was represented by our student leaders at the local services held on ANZAC Day, and we congratulate them and their families on their willingness to be part of these important ceremonies in

our community.

For Mother's Day the school welcomed families to school to share in a busy day starting with a shared family breakfast, then a whole school Mass followed by our annual Mother's Day stall. We hope all our Mothers had a lovely Mother's Day.

In the first week of May we joined with all schools throughout our Diocese to celebrate Catholic Education Week. The event was opened with a Mass and Leadership Awards Dinner held in Traralgon for all schools

spread from Narre Warren to Orbost. At this annual event we were thrilled as a school community to hear the wonderful news that our own Jessica Middlemiss was the winner of the Daniel Ahern Award. Jess was recognised with a scholarship

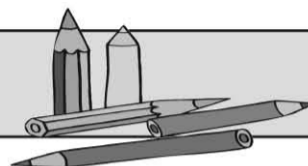


as she begins her teacher training at Federation University. Jess is pictured here receiving her award from Bishop Patrick. Later in May our Year 6 students will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation and are busy preparing themselves for this important event in their faith journey. We look forward to this special evening which we will share with our Parish and are very excited to be welcoming Bishop Patrick who will lead us.

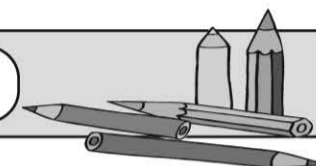
On the learning front our staff development has been

built around extending our understanding on developing our students as readers, while the staff also participated in a spirituality day with our colleagues from the Wellington Shire Catholic Schools. As we crawl closer to winter our sport focus changes to footy, soccer and netball. This term all students will have weekly coaching sessions with community coaches in football and netball, with senior students participating in inter-school carnivals later in the term.

School News



Boolarra Primary School



Boolarra Primary School has some very talented student writers. Here are two of their stories for your enjoyment.

Hallucinations

I make my way through the hot, flame red sand. A ghastly draught stings my face and tumbleweeds of thorns prickle my skin. I force my way against the howling gale struggling to compete. The sun continuously pours down on me like a tub of steaming water. There is no sound except for the low moaning of the sandy blast.

The air itself is wobbling like a pot of boiling water. My skin is burnt and blistered and is so blazingly warm that if you needed to you could fry bacon on it. My mouth feels like an entire desert itself, full of cacti and prickling thorns. It tastes of nothing but grit from breathing in too much sand.

Suddenly I stop, I see a sight I never thought I'd be this happy to see. Rolling hills and a meadow sprouting thousands of vivid flowers that all seemed to have a

glowing aura of their own. Trees providing homes to many birds and possums. The most wonderful sight of all was however, a rushing stream full of wonderful, lovely, gorgeous...water! I leap towards it and dive in only to get a mouthful of sand.

Suddenly I am looking at the ground, the hot, steaming, sandy, ground. The dunes are still looming around me. Yet there is something strange about them. They look fake and unrealistic like an illustration from a book

and all of a sudden I know why. I lift the novel off my face to reveal the safe, warm surroundings of my bedroom.

By Eve

The Haunted House

"Go in!" yelled the bullies, "tonight!"

Angus was terrified. No one liked the Haunted House but he had to do it or the bullies would get him in very big trouble.

All the way back home he could hear the bullies saying "Go in tonight!"

When Angus was nearly

home, he saw the bullies running down the street yelling "Ghosts and skeletons are in the Haunted House!"

That night, Angus went to the Haunted House. It was a dark night and very cold. As soon as Angus opened the door and got inside, the door shut and he turned on his torch. While Angus was walking up the stairs, a white shadow slid up the stairs. He could feel the hairs on his arms stick up. The shadow got closer and closer, he ran and the white shadow ran too.

Then to Angus' surprise he tripped over the top step. Then lots of white shadows came at him, picked him up with their cold hands and threw him down the stairs. Angus looked up and at least five shadows came walking down the stairs. It took about two minutes for Angus to notice who it was. It was the bullies!

The bullies just laughed and walked down the street.

The End. By Jem Mills



2016 egg roll, picnic and assembly



While the classroom teachers were planning, our students cleaned up the gardens

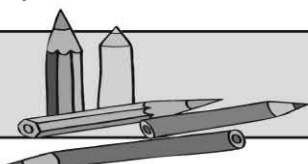


Carlene and Declan enjoying the picnic lunch

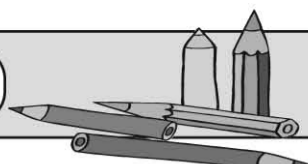


Lots of our families attended a picnic lunch on the last day of term

School News



Kurnai College Junior Campus



Kurnai College Athletics Carnival

The Kurnai College Athletics carnival was a very successful event on Tuesday April 20.

The sun was shining and the students and staff from all three Kurnai Campuses had a most enjoyable time together at the Joe

Carmody Athletics Track in Newborough. This has been the first athletics event for the last couple of years as previously cancellations had occurred due to poor weather. Our college sports days are fantastic opportunities to see our campuses come together as one.

Although the number

of students attending the athletics was disappointing the participation in the day was excellent. The students who did attend had a thoroughly enjoyable day and many participated in the activities.

The activities on the day included the traditional track and field events as well as

several fun events for all to participate in, such as football kicking, limbo, caterpillar race and water balloon throwing.

The champions for the day, those who participated well in activities and scored points for their house, from Churchill Campus included Sophia Scholes (Year 8),

Mathew Ounjit (Year 8), Chloe Franssen (Year 9) and Bailey Shirreff (Year 10)

Several event records were broken on the day and congratulations must go to Paula Hendrikse for her effort in equalling the high jump record of 1.35 m.

The overall results showed the winning House

to be Freeman (Green) House over Siddle (Yellow), Forsyth (Blue) and Thorpe (Red). However, it was the boys from Forsyth and the girls from Siddle that participated the most, but Freeman had the balanced effort between the sexes.



Hayden Naylor



Jack McFarlane

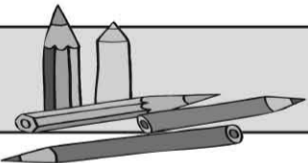


Bridie Kimpton, Paula Hendrikse, Chloe Franssen, Emily Chessum

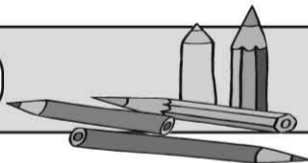


Mathew Ounjit

School News



Yinnar South Primary School



Yinnar South Primary School has had a very busy start to Term Two.

The Junior Leadership Team had an engaging day learning about how to be great school leaders at the GRIP (Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, People) Leadership Conference. The GRIP conference encourages students to think about the

importance of generosity, responsibility, integrity and people. This complements our school motto, 'Learning to be WISE - Wellbeing, Integrity, Self-Mastery and Empathy.'

Hancock Plantations Victoria provided us with an incursion on the topic of safety around trucks. The students were surprised at how long it takes a truck to

stop, particularly if the roads are wet. The highlight for some students was getting to sit in the cabin of the truck.

This term we have introduced our Play Pod into the yard and the students are enjoying playing with the assorted 'loose parts' during recess and lunch. It is great to see the imaginative, collaborative

play. It is fascinating how students create challenges for themselves and enjoy problem solving.

This rich play complements our focus on Stem problem solving (science) and builds our students oral literacy, which in turn will assist their literacy skills.

Yinnar South Primary

has a focus on individualised education. Our students enjoy small class sizes and a high adult to student ratio. We teach through a stages not ages approach, which means every student can be extended to achieve their personal best.

Our numbers have been increasing rapidly with most of our students in grades Foundation to three.

2017 Prep enquiries have now opened. Why not visit the little school that brings Learning to Life?

WISE Little Owls Playgroup is held on Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.30. New members are welcome. Enquiries: (03) 5169 1540



Churchill Cougars Auskick



Churchill Auskick was off to a flying start on Sunday April 17. Thirty of Churchill's youngest and keenest AFL players showed up to learn the basic football skills they need in a fun and safe environment.

Boys and girls aged from 4 to 9 spent the beautiful Sunday morning learning skills like handballing, tackling and kicking before taking part in three separate Auskick games.

For the Auskick games, the kids debuted Churchill Auskick's new footy jumpers which were kindly donated by the Churchill and District Lions Club. The jumpers are an extremely important part of the Churchill Auskick program as they allow the kids to feel part of the Churchill Cougars Football Netball Club.

The Churchill Auskick program is important for Churchill as it encourages kids to get out and play sport and become active members of our community.

Churchill Cougars rely on the Auskick program as a stepping stone to the junior under 10's team and hopefully one day to play senior football for Churchill. Senior Cougar

players were also on hand to pass on tips and give advice on football skills.

Churchill Auskick runs from April 17 to June 19, at 10 am every Sunday at the Churchill Football Ground (Gaskin Park) and is open for kids aged 4 to 12.

If you're unsure if your kids will like Auskick, please bring them down for a session and see what they think before signing up.

Registrations are still open and can be done online at www.aflauskick.com.au

Any questions please contact Pete Ellerington on 0427 223 290.



Mid Gippsland Darts Association Summer Competition 2016



LADDER after Round 10

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	%	Pts
BULLSHOT	10	9	1	65	25	722.2	18
YINNAR TIGERS	10	8	2	56	34	622.2	16
COYOTEZ	10	5	5	49	41	544.4	10
JOKERS	10	4	6	39	51	433.3	8
COLLABORATORS	10	2	8	36	54	400.0	4
REAPERS	10	2	8	25	65	277.8	4

Round 7: Yinnar Tigers (YT) came with a strong showing for their match with Jokers winning 7 games to 2. Round 8: A top of the ladder clash between Yinnar Tigers and Bullshot produced a very tense match, with it all coming down to the last game, Yinnar Tigers eventually winning 5-4. Reno Borg (YT) threw the highest men's finish for the night with a solid 100. Mark Taylor (YT) was on song with 5 pegs for the night and 4 times hit the 140 mark in three darts. Rounding off a good win Sharon Taylor (YT) made a confident 2 tons. Round 9: Yinnar Tigers again had to fight off strong competition for a 5-4 win over Coyotez. Team members again made strong personal scores. Mark Taylor with 5 pegs and 11 tons scores. Reno Borg threw in his "ton" to cap off the night. Round

10: Yinnar Tigers had another good win to keep the pressure on the ladder leader, defeating Collaborators 7-2.

Mark Taylor (YT) threw two 140s with Peter Campbell throwing just one. Mark Taylor and Reno Borg made the most of the night making 5 pegs each.

Brian Casey Senior Memorial Doubles - Australian Italian Club April 29, 2016. Winners: Mark Taylor (Yinnar Tigers) (2) with Kyle Schroeder (Reapers). Runners up: John Rheinberger (Jokers) (1) with Sue Berger (Reapers). Mens Highest Score: 170 - Mark Taylor (Yinnar Tigers). Mens Highest Finish: 88 - Dean Sherson (Collaborators). Ladies Highest Score: 146 - Sue Berger (Reapers). Ladies Highest Finish: 32 - Sharon Taylor (Yinnar Tigers). 180 x 1

- Mark Taylor (Yinnar Tigers), - John Rheinberger (Jokers). A big thank you goes to Angela Wilkes for a very well run night and thanks also to the Casey family.

Thanks to everyone who turned up to play, with some great darts thrown on the night and a lot of fun.

We hope we have more players next year so no-one misses out playing.

Well done to Mark Taylor who threw some great darts again and to the young junior player Kyle Schroeder.

John Rheinberger and Sue Berger who both threw well all night just missing out by the peg in the end, which was finally hit by young Kyle to win the night.

Also it's great to see new junior players having some fun, they could be the future of our local darts.

Churchill and Monash Golf Club Results

Saturday April 2, 2016
Mens Stroke - Tournament - Sponsor Drummond Golf Traralgon

- Winners - A Grade Scratch D. Scurlock (0) 73. Hcp - 0-17 - D. Halkett (8) 69 - B Grade Scratch H. Martin (13) 91 C/B. B. Kilday (22) 69 - C Grade Scratch - Mamun (28) 96 - Hcp - 27-36 - Mamun (28) 68 - Dtl. C. Hogbin 70 - J. Smith 71 - C. Barnes 71 - J. Tettman 71 - Fabian 72 - S. Sloyan 73 C/B - D. Scurlock 73 C/B - M. Soppe 73 C/B Ntp. 3rd J. Tettman 5th D. Scurlock 12th D. Halkett 14th R. Abel. Target Hole D. Taylor. Birdies 3rd D. Scurlock 14th C. Barnes - Eagle D. Scurlock.

Ladies - Tuesday April 5, 2016

Monthly Medal - Winner Scratch M. Dear (15) 95 80 Net. Monthly Medal Winner - D. Stait (35) 104 69 Net. Dtl - J. Blizzard (28) 98 70 Net - M. Mc Conville (25) 97 72 Net. Ntp - 3rd M. Munkton - 5th M. Mc Conville - 12th M. Munkton - 14th M. Mc Conville. Putts - C. Barnes 27- M. Munkton 27. Birdies - D. Stait - M. Munkton.

Saturday April 9, 2016
Mens Stableford - Sponsor New Churchill Motors. Winners - A Grade

0-16 - A. Sharrock (16) 39 Pts. B Grade 17-25 D. Byers (17) 38 Pts. C Grade 26-36 J. Sloyan (28) 41 Pt. Ladies J. Armstrong

Dtl - B. Mathieson 39 Pts - T. Sterrick 37 Pts - G. Spowart 37 Pts - F. Borgwardt 36 Pts - M. Maselli 36 Pts - T. Webb 36 Pts - R. Dent 36 Pts - R. Barnes 36 Pts. Ntp - 3rd T. Sterrick - 12th T. Sterrick - 14th T. Webb. Target Hole - G. Spowart - Pro Pin - T. Sterrick. Birdies - 3rd M. Maselli - 3rd T. Sterrick.

Ladies - Tuesday April 12, 2016

Stableford - Winner - L. Peake (38) - 37pts. Dtl - M. Dear (15) - 35 Pts. Ntp - 3rd M. Mc Conville - 5th D. Judkins - 14th L. Casey - M. Munkton 27. Birdies - D. Stait - M. Munkton.

Saturday April 16, 2016
Mens Stroke - Sponsor Ray Ancilleri Electrical. Winners - A Grade - 0-16 - T. Webb (9) 80 71 - B Grade 17-25 D. Taylor (18) 87 69 - C/B. C Grade 26-36 I. Heppstone (30) 95 65 - Ladies - V. Verheyen (25) 98 73. Dtl - B. Kilday 69 G. Blizzard 70 P. Williams 71 W. Judkins 71 T. Sterrick 72 D. Radwell 72. Ntp - 3rd J. Barnes 5th T. Makepeace 12th C. Hogbin 14th I. Heppstone. Target

Hole - P. Junker - Pro Pin C. Hogbin. Birdies - 5th T. Makepeace.

Ladies - Tuesday April 19, 2016

Drawn Partners - Stableford - Winners M. Mc Conville (25), L. Casey (35), J. Armstrong (45) Score 84 Points. Dtl - D. Judkins (26) J. Blizzard (27) H. Croft (40) Score 83 Points. Ntp - 12th M. Dear.

Saturday April 23, 2016
Mens 4bbb Par - Sponsor Gippsland Mowers and Chainsaws

Winners - A. Casey (26) - C. Barnes (30) - Score +10. R/Up - J. Jeffery (25) - B. Barnes (29) - Score +9. Ladies - M. Dear (15) - V. Veheyen (25) - Score +4. Dtl - R. Timbs and R. Abel +7 - P. Jordan and T. Collins +7 - H. Martin and G. Spowart +7 A. Sharrock and R. Welsh +6 C/B. Ntp - 5th G. Spowart 14th R. Timbs. Target Hole - P. Jordan - Pro Pin - H. Martin.

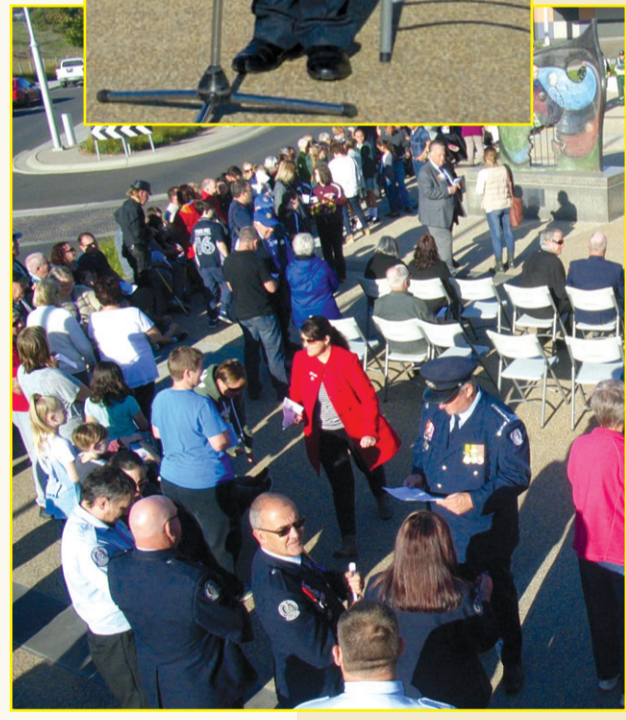
Ladies - Tuesday April 26, 2016

Royal Womens Hospital 4bbb - Winners M. Mc Conville (25) and J. Blizzard (27) Score 49 Points. Dtl - C. Barnes (35) and S. Jeffery (37) - Score 47 Points. Ntp - -5th M. Dear 12th L. Casey 14th V. Verheyen



ANZAC DAY 2016

Churchill's ANZAC spirit . . .



From Page 1 . . .
of adventure and to prove themselves equal to Europeans. When they returned to civilian life they found they were treated with the same prejudice and discrimination as before.

They enlisted at a time in Australia's history when they lived in a segregated society where they could not vote and where they were not counted in the census until 1967.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples have played a significant role in the armed forces, many women knitted for the forces, worked in the munitions factories in Melbourne and raised money for the war effort.

Many stories are written about individuals, about brothers and sisters and their contribution. During World War 2 the army and RAAF depended heavily on the labour of Aboriginal and Islanders forces in Northern Australia.

We remember the Aboriginal Squadron N9 from Lake Tyers Gippsland.

We will remember them - great grandfathers, our grandfathers, our uncles, our brothers and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have had a significant but little known role in the armed forces.

Lest we forget." Councillor Darrell White and Melina Bath MP then took it in turns to introduce the students from our local schools to say what ANZAC meant to them.

The students were praised for their efforts and congratulated for their words as each school came forward.

Churchill North Primary School - Lucas Hobbs, Hudson Roncari, and Freya Seegers.

"Good morning, I am Lucas, this is Hudson, and Freya. We are the school Captains of Churchill North Primary School.

Today we will be saying what ANZAC Day means to us. ANZAC Day to us means the honouring of those who had gone to war and remembering those we had lost in the war.

I'm going to tell you a fact, people wear poppies because it was the first flower to grow back after the war. Lest We Forget.

one of Australia's important occasions. It marks the remembrance of the first major military action fought by Australia and New Zealand.

Thank you." Churchill Primary School - Lily, Liesel and Hayley.

"Today we shall remember the ANZACs, showing gratitude and respect; remembering their bravery that took them to Gallipoli so we could have freedom.

We should also remember all the other soldiers who fought in the other wars. If we did not have these brave soldiers who fought in the wars then we would not have freedom today.

Lest We Forget." Lumen Christi Primary School - Riley and Carmela.

"ANZAC Day is of great importance to many people around the world. It is particularly important in the Australian calendar. But it is a time to remember and reflect on all those affected by war and conflict over the years.

As a nation we gather together on this day to remember the people who fought for us and remember what these amazing people did for us, a new nation.

Even after the war was over, many people, not only the soldiers, were never the same people they had been a few years earlier.

It is essential that the youth of today understand the history of this wonderful country and ANZAC Day is a vital part of our history."

Kurnai College Junior Campus - Zek and Tayla Kelty-Roberts.

"Hi, I'm Tayla, to me ANZAC Day means thinking and remembering about all the people who served in war for our country and those who lost their lives fighting for what we have today. Thank you, lest we forget."

Zek "ANZAC Day is a day to remember those who have died so we could live our own lives"

Reverend Brenda Burney thanked the students for their presentations then led the gathering in a prayer for ANZAC Day followed by the Lord's Prayer which she invited people to say along with her.

Don George read the Ode to the Fallen which was

followed by Joseph Bonnici playing the Last Post, the Silent Tribute and Reveille.

Everyone joined in the singing of our National Anthem to conclude the service.

Don then thanked everyone for their help in putting the service and day together and for everyone's attendance especially the school children, their teachers and the Scouts.

Don made special mention of the generosity of the people of Churchill and surrounds for their support of the ANZAC Day appeal.

The occasion was supplied free of cost with amplifying equipment by AMPWORKS and first aid coverage by St John Ambulance.

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