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# Looking Back to our Issue One

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**Looking Back . . .**  
... through the eyes of local residents

My how we have changed, but so many things remain the same throughout the many years as they quickly pass. Here we are, now almost fourteen years after the launch of the new Churchill News after an absence of about twelve months. We relaunched the paper with issue Number 1 in November 2002, and after eleven editions per year, here in 2016 we are now proudly presenting to you edition number 150.

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# Churchill & District News celebrates



Churchill & District News is proudly publishing this, its 150th issue since going digital.

To celebrate this milestone and at the instigation of the Co-Operating Churches those of us available shared afternoon tea out. Joining

us for the time was Olivia Jackson a well known recent past member of Churchill and a long time supporter of Churchill News and then Churchill & District News.

Olivia was one of the founding members of the paper and those of us who

have been in Churchill a good number of years, remember her column for the News boys and girls and her organisation of them to do the deliveries of the paper each issue.

Olivia was also responsible for organising the break up party for these

young folks who thought it a great job to deliver the papers.

Very few people can boast that they have served in an organisation for fifty years, but Olivia is one and it is with deep appreciation we acknowledge that fact.

## Community Café now open!

**What is the community cafe?**

The community café launched in May and will offer lunch every Monday at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre for a gold coin donation. All members of the community are welcome to come along, share a meal and meet new people. We also hope that the regular meals will provide free and nutritious meals for those who need it most, as well as reducing the social isolation

felt by some members of the community.

**Who is involved in the community café?**

This project is a partnership between the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Cooperating Parish of Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra and St Vincent de Paul Society. Latrobe City Council contributed funding for the project through their community grants program. Volunteers from the local community help to prepare

and serve the meals each week.

**How can you help?**

Come along for lunch and bring a friend, the more the merrier!

Volunteer one Monday a month from 10am – 2pm

Donate some non-perishable food items (listed below).

The Community Café needs donations of the following unopened non-perishable items:

Flour (plain and self-raising), tinned beans and legumes (e.g. cannelloni, kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas etc) minced garlic and mayonnaise, pasta, rice and lentils, tinned tomatoes

and tomato paste, salt and pepper, olive oil and vinegars, tea bags and instant coffee, stock (vegetable, chicken and beef), dried herbs and spices (oregano, cumin, garlic, ground coriander etc), serviettes and dishwashing liquid.

Donations can be dropped into the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre (inside the Churchill Community Hub) or at the Cooperating Churches, Churchill (corner of McDonald Way and Williams Avenue).

For more information please contact Julia at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre: 5122 2955 or info@churchill.org.au

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# Hazelwood Rotary



By Leo Billington

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 and this is highlighted in the May edition of the Churchill & District News. Congratulations to those at the CDN office who assembled such a massive coverage of an important occasion.

Hazelwood Rotary organised and co-ordinated this year's Mother's Day gift wrapping at Mid Valley. It was a huge success which underlined just how popular the wrapping service is to everyone as they showed their appreciation and love for mothers. For Rotary members, these opportunities provide an excellent forum in which to meet a wider community. Funds raised will be given to Gippsland Rotary Centenary House.

One of our guest speakers during May was Abigail Brown who is completing a study of the current and future needs of Churchill and district. That is, the final document will outline

in detail, community needs resulting from a wide variety of consultations undertaken by Abigail.



Abigail Brown

Abigail's work is auspiced through the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and it's planned that Abigail's survey results will be available on the Centre's website later in June - www.churchill.org.au

Rotary clubs sponsor a range of youth related programs, some of which are ideal for students completing year levels 10, 11 and 12. One of these is the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) program. Each year, during May, Hazelwood Rotary has sponsored students enabling them to attend a MUNA function held at a school

camp north of Warragul.

This year, two Year 11 students, Madison Brooks and Georgina Anton from Mirboo North Secondary College, were sponsored by Hazelwood Rotary. From all reports, both students had a great time, enjoying a unique opportunity to meet many other students from eastern Victoria.

### Rotary Facts

By Rotary International providing vitamin A supplements during polio National Immunisation Days, an estimated 1.5 million childhood deaths since 1998 have been averted - which is testimony to the "plus" in PolioPlus. [Rotary's first PolioPlus project to vaccinate children against polio was in the Philippines in 1979.]

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.

For further information, please contact club incoming President, Leo Billington on 0458 661 848.

## Preschool enrolments go online

Latrobe City Council's preschool enrolments opened on June 9, and for the first time, the application process can be completed online.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Michael Rossiter, said that information sessions would provide further detail about preschool enrolments.

"Once enrolments open there will be an opportunity for parents or carers to visit our preschool centres to have a look round and chat with the friendly team. Whilst we would encourage everyone to enrol online, we are aware

that there may be some community members who are unable to do so. You can still collect a preschool enrolment pack from our service centres, preschools or early learning centres. Enrolments can be then made in person at any of our service centres or at one of our early learning centres where a member of our friendly team can help you complete your form. You can also enrol by post.

The benefits of preschool to a child's early learning potential are invaluable. Children learn through play and our structured and

tailored learning plans are delivered by qualified early learning teachers.

The program provides fun and engaging play spaces as well as social opportunities that boost your child's confidence as they head towards their primary school education," Councillor Rossiter concluded.

Enrolments opened on June 9, and close on July 13. Online enrolments and further information, as well as a full list of preschool open days, can be found at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/preschool

## New CEO for Barrier Breakers

An ordained Minister has taken the top job at Barrier Breakers, Gippsland's mental health advocacy charity.

This announcement was made recently by Derek Amos, Chairman of the association, who warmly welcomed Dr Lynn Fowler as the Charity's new Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Amos said Dr Fowler comes from a background in Christian ministry, where she had been leading a ministry organisation for the past ten years.

"Having had considerable involvement with people with mental illness over the years, she is enthusiastic about this new role with the mental health sector", Mr Amos said.

advocacy services for people with mental illness, who are in crisis. The association also advocates for mental health at a systemic level, seeking to raise community awareness of mental health issues and the needs of those with mental illness, and to encourage government at all levels to allocate a greater part of the available funding to mental health issues and accommodation for people with a mental illness.

Dr Fowler said that homelessness was fast becoming a major issue in the region, with a desperate shortage of affordable accommodation, appropriate to the needs of people with a mental illness.

supportive accommodation complex in Traralgon because of this desperate need," Dr Fowler said.

The public fund-raising campaign that Barrier Breakers ran for the project raised more than \$150,000 towards its establishment costs, and the organisation successfully lobbied the State Government for a major share of the funding. They now plan to lobby for the project to be replicated throughout the region with Sale and Wonthaggi as priority towns.

Mr Amos and Dr Fowler said they look forward to working together in an exciting and challenging year ahead.

For further information - contact Lynn Fowler on - 0490 137 149.

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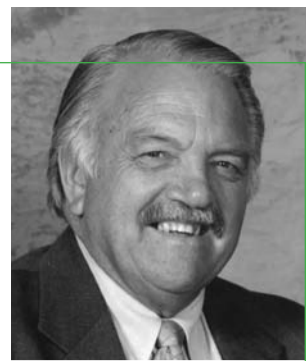
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## Have your say on Council's "Draft" Municipal Early Years Plan

Latrobe City Council's draft Municipal Early Years Plan 2016 - 2020 is currently open for community feedback and Council is hoping to hear the community's thoughts on three priority areas:

- Growing up Happy, Healthy and Safe;
- Learning for Life; and
- Strong Communities, Strong Families.

The "Draft Plan" is aimed to guide Council's role in planning and infrastructure development, as well as advocacy and community development for children.

The draft Municipal Early Years Plan sets out Council's actions within each of the three key areas. These actions have been informed by extensive community engagement activities and allow Council to provide activities and initiatives that are valuable and measurable.

Examples under the Growing Up Happy, Healthy and Safe umbrella are to increase participation in physical activity, to advocate for more open space in urban development and to improve the community's understanding of eating healthily.

For the Learning for Life category it is intended to address needs in the community in terms of accessing preschool, improve training for early years educators, increase access to libraries and advocate for parent education programs.

Actions in the third category, Strong Communities, Strong Families, include supporting community playgroups, education campaigns to promote the support services available to families, improving training for family support workers and encouraging more community members to volunteer in the

sector.

This "Draft Plan" outlines Latrobe City Council's strong commitment to supporting and advocating on behalf of families and children in our city.

Council is now wanting the community to provide feedback on the "Draft Plan" to ensure it aligns with the community's aspirations.

You can have your say by:

- Downloading the draft Plan from our website at [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/MEYP](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/MEYP) or collecting a copy from your nearest Service Centre

- Uploading your thoughts at [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/MEYP](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/MEYP)

- Posting your feedback (marked 'Municipal Early Years Plan') to Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell 3840

Or you can make an appointment to discuss your feedback with:

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Phone: 5128 5603

Email: William.Macpherson@latrobe.vic.gov.au

The Final Plan is expected to be presented to Council for consideration in July/August 2016.

## Council endorses "Live Work Latrobe" project reports

At the Ordinary Council meeting held on May 23, Council endorsed the Background Report, Consultation Report, and Policy Directions Report which were completed as part of Stage One of the "Live Work Latrobe" Project. These reports can now be accessed from the Latrobe City Council website at: [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/liveworklatrobe](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/liveworklatrobe)

The intent of the "Live Work Latrobe" Project is to provide a long-term plan for Latrobe City's future growth as one of Victoria's four

major regional cities.

Stage one of the project considered the three themes: housing, industry and employment, and rural land use. Throughout the extensive community consultation process, more than 370 people engaged with Council in various ways to help inform the reports.

Community feedback consistently recognised the interconnected nature of a strong economy, cleaner and greener environment and a healthy and connected community.

Improvements in clean coal technologies and mine management have the opportunity to enhance the desirability of Latrobe City as a lifestyle and investment destination whilst also benefiting local, regional and state economies, the environment and community health outcomes.

It is intended to engage the participation of the Victorian

State Government, major industries, our community and other key stakeholders during the next stage of the project, to develop effective strategies.

Stage two of the "Live Work Latrobe" Project will begin during June 2016 and will deliver three long-term strategies to guide future housing, industrial land use, employment and how Council can best utilise our rural land.

To find out more about Stage Two and how to contribute, please contact Nathan Misiurka, Strategic Planning team on 5128 5499 or email: [nathan.misiurka@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:nathan.misiurka@latrobe.vic.gov.au)



# Russell North

of locals, 1,130 nappies were donated through drop off points at Churchill Pharmacy, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and my electorate office in Morwell.

Thank you to everyone that donated towards this worthy cause and also to the Churchill & District News team for facilitating the collection points in Churchill.

The next collective will take place in October 2016. For more information about the collective or to register as a drop off point you can visit [thenappycollective.com](http://thenappycollective.com)

I also took the opportunity to visit the construction site of the Churchill Bowls Club Synthetic Bowling Green to see where the project is at. The new 40m x 40m synthetic outdoor Bowling Green is being constructed at

the disused hockey field on Manning Drive, Churchill.

In addition to the synthetic Bowling Green the project also includes paving, perimeter fencing, installation of security lighting and bollards to the car park area. The project being facilitated by Latrobe City Council is due to be completed by the end of this month.

This new facility will hopefully attract new members and allow more people in the Churchill community to get active more often.

I have spoken in Parliament on many occasions expressing concerns for local CFA volunteers in relation to the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) negotiations with the United Firefighters Union (UFU) that

will leave CFA volunteers worse off.

I have been contacted by a number of local volunteers who are concerned that the function and powers of the CFA would be diminished as part of this EBA agreement.

We all acknowledge that career fire fighters deserve fair pay and conditions, but we don't want to see a reduction in powers for the CFA hierarchy that would have a significant impact on our volunteers.

I have launched a petition to show the community support for local volunteers, copies of the petition are available from my electorate office, 66 George Street, Morwell or from my website [www.russellnorthe.com.au/petitions/](http://www.russellnorthe.com.au/petitions/)

Local clubs and

organisations are encouraged to apply for up to \$10,000 of funding to improve security at their clubrooms or facility.

The Community Safety Fund provided groups and sporting clubs with money to install safety equipment such as additional locks, vandal-proof lighting, alarms, fencing and gates and security screens.

These grants help community organisations to bolster security at their facilities, to prevent damage and create a safer environment for their members and the wider community.

Applications are open to community and sporting groups and councils until 4pm on Friday July 1. For further information about the grants, including guidelines for applicants, visit [www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au](http://www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au)

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The Churchill & District News 2016 Short Story and Poetry Competition is on again. Entries are open in a number of categories and for more information, conditions of entry and entry forms you can contact [deneditorial@aussiebb.com.au](mailto:deneditorial@aussiebb.com.au) or phone 5122 1961.

Entry forms and conditions are also available at [www.cdnews.com.au](http://www.cdnews.com.au) and all entries must be received by Friday July 22, 2016.

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](mailto:gl.churchill@scoutsvic.asn.au)

Last month I had the opportunity to visit Churchill and present participants of the Kurnai Young Parents program with nappies collected through the "Nappy Collective Giving Project".

This time round my office teamed up with Churchill & District News to collect the nappies and redistribute them to local organisations, including the Kurnai Young Parents Program, Berry Street and Anglicare Victoria.

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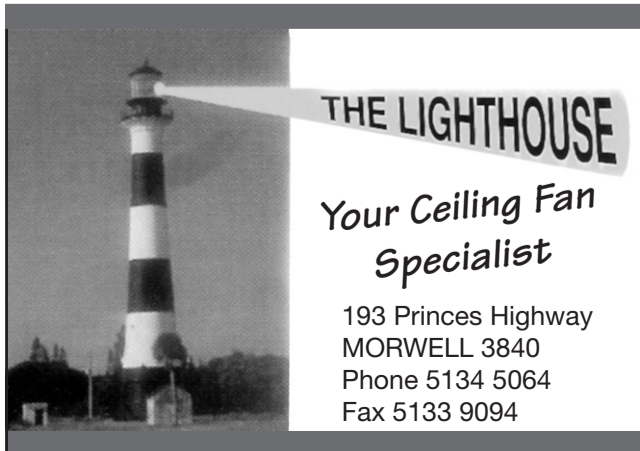
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## Portable heaters

Give heaters space. Put at least 36 inches of empty space between the heater and everything else, like furniture, curtains, papers and people.

Vacuum and clean the dust and lint from all heaters. A build up of dust and lint can cause a fire.

Check the cord on portable electric heaters. If the cord gets hot, frayed or cracked have the heater serviced.

Never use extension cords with portable electric heaters. It is a common cause of fires.

Turn off portable heaters when family members leave the house or are sleeping.

An adult should always be present when a space heater is used around children.

## Woodstove and fireplace safety

Have your chimneys cleaned and inspect your chimney and fireplace for creosote build-up, cracks, crumbling bricks and obstructions.

Place fireplace or woodstove ashes outdoors in a covered metal container at least three feet away from anything that burns.

A flue fire can ruin your chimney or stovepipe. To prevent flue fires, burn dry, well-seasoned wood. Burn small, hot fires. Do not burn trash.

Always use a fireplace screen made of sturdy metal or heat-tempered glass to prevent sparks from escaping.

## Alternative heat sources

Barbecues, charcoal grills and camp stoves are for outdoor use only. These items can produce carbon monoxide. Odourless and colourless, a build-up of carbon monoxide can be deadly.

They are not for you to



keep yourself warm or to be used as a heater indoors.

## Generators

If you have a portable generator, make sure you place it in a well-ventilated area. Read the manufacturer's instructions before using it.

Be sure generator fuel is properly and safely stored according to fire regulations. Never store fuel or flammable liquids in a basement or near an open flame. Always refuel the generator outdoors and away from any ignition sources.

If you choose to have a generator permanently connected to your home's electrical system, make sure a licensed electrician installs it and be sure to notify your electric company. Improperly installed generators can cause multiple types of hazards, not only for you but for power company workers as well.

## Flammable liquids

Use gasoline only as a motor fuel, never as a cleaner.

Always use gasoline in a well-vented area, outside is best.

Never use gasoline to start fires.

Store gasoline in an approved well-labelled container. Make sure the container is tightly sealed. Store gasoline outside the house, in a shed or detached garage. Store only small amounts.

Make sure all flammable liquids are stored away from ignition sources such as pilot lights, water heaters, electrical appliances and open flames.

## Natural gas – propane fuel

Like many other efficient fuels, natural gas is highly flammable. That means it can be dangerous if not handled properly.

If using a propane-fuelled heater, make sure it is designed for indoor use.



Read all of the manufacturer's instructions and make sure it is properly vented.

Do not use propane barbecues (or any other type of barbecue) indoors.

If you have propane-fuelled appliances, make sure they are properly vented and follow all manufacturers' instructions.

If you smell gas, do not operate any switches, appliances or thermostats. A spark from one of these could ignite the gas. Get everyone outside and away from the building. Shut off the gas supply.

## Smoke alarms and home escape plans

Working smoke alarms alert you to a fire and more than double your chances of surviving a fire. In a fire, minutes could mean the difference between life and death.

Install smoke alarms in every home, on every level, outside each sleeping area and in each bedroom.

Test and vacuum your smoke alarms each month to make sure they are working.

When the smoke alarm sounds, get out fast!

Plan your escape. Know two ways out of every room.

Once out stay out!

Practise your escape plan with your whole family at least twice a year.

## Candles

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## Worth thinking about!

By Frank Lees  
Probably most of us will receive emails from time to time about something clever that someone has worked out. Recently, there has been one circulating about



words, and specifically words which when the letters are re-arranged make different words, but add to the meaning.

For instance, 'dormitory' when the letters are re-arranged becomes 'dirty room'. Then there's 'the Morse code' which becomes 'here come dots'; and 'election results' which becomes 'lies - let's recount'; and 'eleven plus two' becomes 'twelve plus one'.

This is interesting (and there were lots more).

Words can be interesting in many ways, depending on how we use them.

I recently shared about some words which Moses used.

Briefly, this is about Moses being instructed to

speak to a rock in order to elicit the miracle of water from the rock. Instead, he speaks to the people, and hits the rock.

He says to the people "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?"

In doing this he not only hits the rock but also hits the people, with his words.

Plus, he claims the miracle as his own (by saying "must we")

There's a lot more in that account with Moses, but it's all about what he said as well as about how he said it.

So, this stresses the importance of using our words to create and not destroy, to build relationships and not tear them down.

Worth thinking about!

By Rosslyn Jackson  
Kyrgyzstan was the first country to declare independence from USSR in 1991 after the collapse of the Soviet economy.

This left the country with few resources of its own and a depleted population as many skilled Russians left at that time.

The Kyrgyz government was happy to accept foreign help so I was able to spend almost a year there as a volunteer in 2002-2003. I was also fortunate to visit for a few weeks in 2014.

Kyrgyzstan is a small country (a little smaller than Victoria) in Central Asia with China on its eastern border, Kazakhstan to the north, Uzbekistan to the east and Tajikistan to the south. The capital city Bishkek, where I spent my time is situated in the north of the country surrounded by snow covered mountains. Lake Issyk Kul in the north east of the country is a popular holiday spot for Russia and central Asia. There is also a large UN military base run by the US army on a permanent basis with other nations rotating through. The airport was upgraded to international standards for this purpose.

I worked in a medical program to update nursing skills. I came in part way through a ten year program contracted by the Kyrgyz government with USAid. They had been isolated from western advances in medical research and training during the decades of communism, so the nurses were keen to take on new knowledge and practice. There was also a program for doctors. The school introduced the concept of home visits and provided training for carers in the old peoples' home, also a new idea.

Under the Russian system if a person dies in hospital then the hospital is fined so dying patients were discharged home. We were able to take up their care and often restore them to health.

There are now more people employed and new buildings, mainly hotels, going up. There are more shops but the bazaar is still very popular for fresh seasonal food. The Kyrgyz language is more widely used now as most of the Russian population has returned to Russia. Kyrgyzstan is now part of the Commonwealth of Independent States with a stable united government.



The next Saturday at the rock hewn churches of Ethiopia. breakfast will be held on August 27, when we will look

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## Co-Operating Church Snippets

Relaxed worship is continuing each month.

A Holy Communion service is being held each month at Hazelwood House.

The residents are enjoying the time together in worship and fellowship.

Several of our parishioners are attending to help during the service and spend time with the residents

after the service.

Cathie and Alan Halliwell organised another Mother's Day High Tea. You can read a report about it elsewhere in the paper.

The money raised will go to buy more tiles to replace damaged ones on our manse and church rooves.

Coffee Connections was held with a good attendance. Inspiration was the theme.

People were asked to consider what or who had been an inspiration to them

- a person, place, garden, holiday, animal, hobby, interest.

As usual there was an amazing amount of sharing while enjoying a hot cuppa and goodies to eat.

The Lion's Club Market was held on a bright sunny morning and seemed to be well attended.

Our church stall did well with our wood raffle (on again next month) and the pickles, chutneys, plants and other goods. See you there again on

June 18. Youth Group had a newspaper night.

There was a themed fashion parade, a dice game and unwrapping a parcel with oven mitts on.

The night ended with throwing paper newspaper balls at each other which turned into a paper fight. All ended up with black hands and huge smiles on faces.

They had hot dogs for dinner. The devotion was about good news in the Bible.

## Church Times

### Lumen Christi Catholic Church

Williams Avenue, Churchill  
Tel: 5134 2849

Father Francis/Father Antony  
Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm  
Sunday: Mass: 9.00am  
1st and 3rd Sundays:  
Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am  
2nd and 4th Sundays:  
Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am



### Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill  
Sunday: 10.00am

### Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Sunday Service: 9.00am  
Rev. Brenda Burney  
Williams Avenue,  
Churchill.  
Tel: 5122 1480

### Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish

1st and 2nd Sundays  
11.00am  
Christ Church Boolarra  
3rd and 4th Sundays  
11.00am  
Yinnar  
5th Sundays  
11.00am  
Yinnar South

## Lumen Christi snippets



In front of family, friends and parishioners, 11 candidates were confirmed in a mass ceremony celebrated by Bishop Patrick O'Regan, Father

Francis O'tobo and Father Harry Dyer from Moe. Names of the candidates confirmed are Kayley Answerth, Carmelo Cardillo, James McLeish, Harry Van Rossum,

Cody Gruis, Riley Harding, Amy Hutchinson, Kristen Elliston, Caterina Reiske, Lance Townsend, Jacob Van Rossum. Congratulations to our confirmation candidates.



# Mathison Park



Another month and we are in winter. The boardwalk can be slippery when wet and frosty, please take care. We have erected signs at the beginning and end of the boardwalk to alert you to the fact.

Our wonderful volunteers have spent another productive working bee, erecting the signs, replenishing dog poo bags, cleaning up fallen branches, removing soil displaced when we put in the concrete slabs for the seats, and checking the new trees on the eastern side of the park. The checking required replacing stakes and tree guards, weeding, using taller stakes for some of our bigger

trees, and weeding around the bases.

Apart from a small time when we were in the picnic shelter for a well deserved cuppa and eats, we had a dry time with sunny breaks, making it good to be out and doing some satisfying work in the park.

Thank you to all those who have been using the doggy poo bags to clean up their dog's droppings. It would be wonderful if all park visitors with dogs did the same.

We have been having a display at the Lions Club Market and last month we gained two volunteers to help on the IT side of running the

park. We thank those people and appreciate their commitment.

Volunteers for the working bees are always welcome. We would love to see you on the fourth Saturday of the month. We meet in the Mackeys Road carpark at 9am and work through until about 12.30pm depending on people's commitments and through winter, the weather. For further information contact Ruth 5122 1961.



## STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



This month we are completing our stamp collecting glossary.

Overprint : Something printed on a stamp after the original printing.

Pack : A special sheet or folder issued by the Post Office which includes full details of an issue, plus selected copies of the issue, protected in a mount.

Pane : A block of stamps, sometimes surrounded by a margin, comprising part of a sheet or a page from a stamp booklet.

Perforation : Holes or something similar enabling stamps to be separated easily.

Philatelist : A serious stamp collector.

Philately : The study of postage stamps.

Postmark : An official mark struck on items passing through the post.

Provisionals : Stamps put temporarily into circulation, usually when the supply of a certain denomination has been exhausted. These are usually created by overprinting or surcharging.

Remainders : Stocks of stamps left after the stamps are withdrawn from sale. Some countries postmark these and sell them to dealers

at a reduced price.

Selvedge : The strip of plain or marked paper surrounding a pane or sheet of stamps to make handling easier.

Se-tenant : (French "joined together") Two or more unseparated stamps differing from each other in design and/or value.

Set : A complete collection of single stamps in an issue.

Sheet : An entire sheet of stamps containing the maximum number of stamps printed on a single sheet of paper. It is usually divided down the middle into two panes. (Mini sheets are small sheets containing a single value or the full set of stamps in an issue.)

Sheetlets : A modern innovation which is usually issued for collectors comprising a small sheet of a single value.

Surcharge : An over print which alters or confirms the face value of a stamp.

Tete-beche : (French "head-tail") two stamps printed side by side of the same or differing values but one is upside down.

Unhinged Mint : As for "mint", but with no disturbances to the gum from

being previously hinged in a collection.

Unused : A stamp which has not been obliterated or defaced by a postmark, but not necessarily with gum or in mint condition.

Used : A stamp which has been used for postage. There are degrees of use. Used has a heavy cancel, fine used has a light cancel and very fine used has only minimal cancellation markings.

Variety: Any stamp which contains a consistent design fault or has something missing from the original design.

Watermark : A design included in the paper on which stamps are printed during its manufacture. It is used as a security measure and can be found also on paper banknotes.

There are many other technical terms which are used only by specialist collectors.

A word about booklets, not included in the glossary. Booklets are a purse or wallet-sized book of stamps issued for the convenience of the public. Many postal administrations are now issuing special booklets just for collectors and are a separate area to collect.

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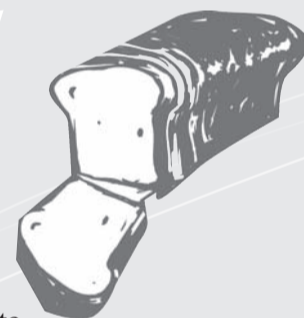
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## On top of the world at Lake Tahoe

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.

Safe travels, Kim (expert in everywhere - well almost!)



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# Soroptimists International

**Documentary highlights the plight of education for many girls worldwide**

Soroptimists International of Gippsland held a film evening on June 15 to highlight the plight of education for many girls and young women throughout the world.

The club screened a documentary about Malala Yousafzai, the young Pakistani girl who has bravely spoken out about the educational rights of women and girls.

Malala gained international attention after being shot in October 2012 by a Taliban gunman as part of the Taliban's violent opposition to girl's education in Pakistan. The 2015 documentary, "He named me Malala", recounts Malala's miraculous survival and determined quest to continue her fight. Malala's courage and bravery earned her the distinction of being nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, which she won in conjunction with another activist. Malala, now nearing 19, attends school in the UK.

The film evening was held at Lavalla Catholic College in Traralgon. It is the third time the local Soroptimist club, formed in May 2013, has held a film and supper evening as a fundraiser for local educational projects. The club aims to show films that focus on the rights of women and children throughout the world. The screening is always followed by a hot supper in keeping with the film.

This year the Soroptimists provided a Pakistani -



Arfa Sarfaraz Khan and Jo Jablonski prepare the Pakistani - inspired menu.  
Photographer: Judy van Beek

inspired supper. Ladies from the UMSLV (United Muslim Sisters of Latrobe Valley) assisted Jo Jablonski, the supper co-ordinator, with the planning of the menu. Dishes featuring goat, chicken and lamb were served along with typical Pakistani accompaniments, many of them yoghurt based. Desserts such as banana sweetmeat, carrot sweetmeat and semolina shortbread were served. Typical drinks, such as cumin-tamarind were available for sampling as well as the sweeter mango lassi. The cooks said they appreciated the culinary advice of local Pakistani women and even held a tasting evening in mid May to assess their dishes. The ladies from Pakistan also contributed to a table showcasing some of their cultural items.

Proceeds from the film evening are going to local educational projects the Soroptimist club is supporting in 2016. This includes financial support for a local Koorie Homework club and seeding funding for a Living Youth Libraries High School Project. This is a multi -

cultural project to promote understanding between ethnic groups in the Valley. It is to be trialled in one high school but will eventually be offered to other local high schools for all students to participate in. The Soroptimists see this as a positive way they can contribute to advocating cultural understanding between the various peoples who have come to live in Gippsland.

The Soroptimist club is a women's service group, which works to improve the lives of women and girls in the local community and at an international level. The club is affiliated to the worldwide organisation of Soroptimists International. Both genders do participate in social and work events. Interested women over the age of 18 are invited to attend a meeting. To find out more about the work of the Gippsland Soroptimist group and upcoming events, please email Soroptimist secretary, Anne, at sigippsland@gmail.com or phone Soroptimist President, Samantha Brick on 0427 824 722.

## Out of the Ashes

About ten years ago I could not take my husband's drinking any more. It went on day after day. I loved him too much to go on watching him kill himself. This was after twenty-six years of marriage with a lot of the same happening over and over. I had to accept my powerlessness repeatedly. I realised I had to not only let go of his drinking but him too. I loved this man

with whom I had grown up. It was very painful and lonely, fearful and sad.

With help from Al-Anon and a dear friend, I was able to do what I had to do which was separate from this man. I never stopped loving him in the next eight years even though the pain and loneliness was sometimes unbearable.

His drinking became worse. He was thrown out of

hotels etc. he wanted money but I said no. No was the hardest word to say. I kept on going to Al-Anon and having support. I'm so grateful.

Meetings:

Traralgon Monday 10am Learning House Breed Street.

Newborough Tuesday 8pm or Wednesday 1pm at the Uniting Church or phone Al-Anon 1300Al-anon 1300 252 666.

## Slipstitch embroidery

**Slipstitch threads together the wonders of embroidery in art.**

Several years ago the artist Tim Moore left his pencil case at Heathrow when flying to his new home, Australia.

Finding himself minus a pencil case on a long haul flight, he could not sketch on board so he did his first embroidery, using the in-flight sewing kit, on a sick bag.

Slipstitch presents an Australian perspective on the contemporary uptake of embroidery by a new generation of artists.

The exhibition features recent work from Moore, Mae Finlayson, David Green, Lucas Grogan, Alice Kettle, Silke Raetze, Demelza Sherwood, Matt Siwerski, Jane Theau, Sera Waters, Elyse Watkins and Ilka White.

Slipstitch showcases a

wide range of works, ranging from incredibly detailed to the expressive gestural, works which include both elaborate and reticent encounters with hand and machine based embroidery.

These contemporary works seek to break down preconceptions of the craft by exploring what embroidery can become once it transcends the regularity of pattern and decoration.

Latrobe City Council's arts director, Dr Mark Themann, said that in recent years contemporary artists in Australia have started to embrace embroidery following the pioneering work of earlier practitioners.

"In 1988 the German artist Rosemarie Trockel mounted a major solo exhibition in the Museum of Modern Art, New York.

Her paintings were made with woollen thread, using industrial knitting and embroidery machines.

She brought this medium into contemporary art, alongside a poignant engagement with political and feminist issues.

Stepping back centuries, embroidery delivered the now famous Bayeux Tapestry and was used as a tool for political narratives.

"Slipstitch aims to introduce a contemporary audience to embroidery's capacity to engage with the issues and art of our times," Dr Themann concluded.

Slipstitch is a NETS Victoria and Ararat Regional Art Gallery touring exhibition, curated by Dr Belinda von Mengersen and will continue at the Latrobe Regional Gallery until June 26, 2016.

## Thank you for nappies



From May 6 to 20, on behalf of the Churchill & District News, the local Discount Pharmacy and Churchill Neighbourhood House have been collecting clean, unused left over nappies for us.

We are delighted to tell you that there has been a great response.

The grand total of unused left over nappies that were collected here in Churchill from both boxes is 726.

Thank you all so very much for your efforts.

"The Nappy Collective" over the past years from 2013

has collected more than 734,000

clean, unused disposable nappies and donated them to many organisations in Melbourne that support families in crisis.

We are now able to distribute our collection throughout the local area, while still adding our numbers to Melbourne's total.

Working with Russell Northe's office in Morwell, who also had a collection box at his office, we will distribute our nappies to various recipients throughout



the local area.

If your group would like to participate in this or future distributions, please contact Russell Northe's office, phone 5133 9088.

Thank you to all who donated to the collection of clean, unused left over nappies so very much, you have made a difference to many lives.

There will be another collection in October, so please keep a lookout for the details and further information in Churchill & District News.



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## Open Day 2016

FedUni Open Day is

taking place on Sunday August 28, at the Churchill and Ballarat campuses. You can stay up-to-date with the event by visiting [federation.edu.au/openday](http://federation.edu.au/openday).

## Campus Tours

FedUni will be running a series of campus tours for students, parents and members of the general public on Wednesday July 13, with the session starting at 11am. You can book by emailing [info@federation.edu.au](mailto:info@federation.edu.au) or by phoning 1800 FED UNI (1800 333 864).

## Schools experience Science at Gippsland

Over 50 students from local secondary schools recently took part in an on-



campus Science Experience Day. The event gave students the opportunity to see the University's facilities, speak to current staff and students, and take part in a series of interactive activities that delved into the exciting world of science. The Science Experience Day was the final in a series of on-campus events that have taken part this year, covering all areas of study offered at FedUni Gippsland.

## Engineers and students network on campus

On May 12, the Gippsland campus hosted an Engineers Networking Event organised by Engineers Australia Campus Representatives. The

event was a great way for students from all year levels to start developing professional links with the engineering sector. Representatives from industry and business were in attendance, providing an insight into the wide range of careers and opportunities available.

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## Community plans to open a dairy farmer relief centre in Boolarra

Given the current dairy crisis faced by dairy farmers who supply Murray Golbourn and Fonterra, many farmers and milkers have been left in less than favourable economic positions.

Their costs of operation and living will not cease to exist, even though profits are now for many in the negatives. Given that Boolarra and surrounding towns have many dairy farms, a few locals from the Yinnar, Yinnar South and Boolarra Food Network are gathering support to form a dairy farming relief centre.

The idea is to support families facing this crisis while they negotiate their

financial situations over the coming months. The group hopes to lessen the burden on the farmer's living costs so that they may be able to cover their continuing overheads.

Once a hall is secured the dairy relief centre will be opened and a collection of the following items will be donated from the community.

These will include: shampoos, conditioner, laundry powders, toothpaste, dishwashing liquid and powder, dish cloths, scourers, hats and gloves for kids in winter, tea, coffee, sugar, bread and Milo. Vouchers for supermarkets and hairdressers, snacks for

school lunches, vouchers for medications at chemists, ladies pads and tampons of various sizes. Nappies for babies and tots, toilet paper, tissues, kids school supplies, pet food - dog, cat and chooks. Fuel vouchers, flour, cooking oil, cereal, breakfast spreads, tinned soup, spaghetti, vegetables, fruit, packets of pasta.

More information regarding the location of the relief centre to drop in donations or for farmers to collect goods, will be advertised on local noticeboards and shop windows once the centre is established. For further

information regarding registering for a relief package, community organisations wanting to assist the centre, businesses wanting to offer discounts for products and services for our farmers, please phone: Melissa Ferguson on 5169 1518.

## Community Garden

Winter is a good time to propagate from hardwood cuttings of some beautiful plants.

Some shrubs and trees that strike from hardwood cuttings taken now are:

Hydrangeas, crepe myrtles, viburnum opulus (snowball shrub), ginkgo biloba (maidenhair tree), English holly, poplars, weigelas, wisterias and most roses.

Hardwood cuttings are vigorous stems which have become hard and woody. New shoots will grow from buds along these stems. After winter pruning of these plants take some cuttings using the following technique:

With clean secateurs cut lengths 20 to 25cm long of pencil thick stems (not from top growth). Make sure there are four to six buds (nodes) on each cutting. Cut below a bud at the base and just above a bud at the top end. Make sure you plant the base of the cutting into the soil (not the top end). Rooting can be encouraged by removing a thin sliver of wood from near the base and dipping this end into hormone rooting powder (available from supermarkets or gardening retailers). Plant cuttings (half their length

deep) in good quality soil or a mix of two parts river sand and one part peatmoss and then water in. You can plant them in pots of six to eight per pot of 25cm diameter or in the garden. Place in a position protected from sun and frost and keep moist. Be patient as new shoots will form by summer if the cuttings have struck, and should then be left to grow on until autumn when they can be transplanted into the garden or into pots.

If you have admired one of these plants in a friend's garden ask them to save some winter prunings for you to get cuttings from. It may take a little longer for the plant to look established compared with those from a retail plant outlet, but it is much cheaper and you will be certain of getting an identical plant or flower as the parent plant you took the cutting from.

Information sourced from Gardening Australia (July 2006) and the Readers's Digest Illustrated Guide to Gardening. Written by Sheina Renton from the Churchill Community Garden which meets every Monday at 10am at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, 9-11 Philip Parade Churchill. Everyone is welcome.

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# Friends of Morwell National Park

## John's Jottings

This snippet on the activities of the Friends of Morwell National Park was sourced from early Newsletter files.

“October 20th, 1986

Dear Friends,

Our October meeting was again blessed with perfect weather, we have been very lucky this year.

The numbers of Koala's sighted was well down from last month although we had less eyes looking so this may account for the lower total. Perhaps luck plays a large part in our sightings; or perhaps

we should have known it was a Koala holiday when even the picnic area resident was not to be seen.

After Ian's close encounter of a tiger of the snake kind we should all be very conscious that it is that time of year when our native animals are becoming more active, snakes included. The Aplin household have been observing our resident Goanna sunning itself high up his trees on warm days, and the echidna who wandered about the garden collecting lunch. Sure signs that spring is here even if at times the

weather will try to disguise the fact. Our group found 6 different orchids in flower and hopefully more will be discovered next month.

Over afternoon tea a discussion was held to discuss the letter received from Mrs Kirner re land purchases. An attempt to formulate our ideas and priorities in relation to the expansion of the park.

Anybody with any suggestions are welcome to put them forward. Letters have been sent to the R.C.A. and the Shire requesting directional signs indicating the National Park off the Midland Highway. Replies have been received and these signs have been ordered - something to look out for.

The project for November will be the planning for interpretive signs to create a self-guided walk on the Stringybark trail. The aim will be to locate points of interest and formulate a basis for a text to accompany a photo or sketch. These will be erected at a later date on a project day. The installation of these signs will benefit the public by providing added interest, information and foster better understanding of our environment.

Looking forward to seeing you all, 1pm at the carpark on November 9th, 1986.

Regards, Yvonne Aplin.”

## May Activity Report

At this month's activity we had Matt, Tamara, Ken, Peter, Rose and Darren. We had apologies from Mike, Cathy, Beryl, John and Margaret. The group met in the car park to share news from the last month.

Matt reported that we have yet to buy the brush cutter. He has been in communication with Craig and found that whether we buy the brush cutter or they buy it for us, it will either way belong to Parks, especially for maintenance and insurance. So hopefully over the next month, Parks will purchase the brush cutter. Matt spoke about



a recent walk he had in the Park with Craig, Darren Hill and 20 employees from Parks Victoria. During the brief walk along the Billys Creek track these Melbourne based staff quickly saw one of our local parks.

After the discussion, the planned activity was changed to track clearing and rubbish collection around Stringybark and West Boundary tracks. The recent winds and storms had blown down some branches and with the rarity of Parks staff, it is now up to us to clear tracks. The group assembled into two cars and drove to the Kerry Road car park.

When approaching on Kerry Road we came upon a car parked on the road. A tree branch had come down across the road. Matt collected the chainsaw from the shed while the group cleared the smaller branches.

Finding the main entrance to the park blocked confirmed the need to work upon track clearing. While clearing the road another car approached and was able to get into the car park.

After clearing the road

we went through the car park and into the park. Matt's vehicle collected more work gear while Ken drove onto the West Boundary. The groups found a few branches down with some removable by hand and others requiring the use of the chainsaw.

While travelling up the West Boundary, the group broke into smaller groups with Matt stopping in two gullies to locate the motion detection cameras. At one of the cross tracks the chainsaw was again used to clear a large fallen trunk. At the end of the West Boundary the vehicles met up, but Rose and Tamara had continued on. This provided an opportunity to drive the tracks to find Tamara and Rose and look for more branches or trees down.

Ken enjoyed the opportunity to go bush bashing. He travelled towards Jumbuk Road and when returning met Matt, Tamara and Rose coming down the track. After some difficult reversing the groups travelled the remaining tracks finding one more branch across the track. Peter and Darren pulled the hanging branch

down while Ken drove off to get Matt with the chainsaw. The branch had gone from partially blocking the track to fully blocking the track. No vehicle could get through now with the track totally obstructed. The chainsaw cleared it away and the groups returned to the picnic area for lunch.

After lunch the groups returned to Junction Road and checked the Billys Creek track to find another tree down across the track. After clearing this, the group drove to the Weir finding no other track obstructions. On the return leg, a partly fallen tree across the track was removed to avoid future problems. Over the day we had seen a mob of kangaroos, wedge tail eagle soaring over the picnic area and a male lyre bird.

## June Activity

Sunday June 19, at 10am  
The group will meet in the Kerry Road car park to work on track maintenance upon the Silvertop and Muttonwood tracks. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.



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# Supporting the local community is no easy task

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We help support Churchill businesses through space for advertising in our community newspaper, letting the public know through this source the great products and deals that are available by shopping in Churchill.

We do need to cover our printing and distribution costs which are paid through offering space in the newspaper to advertisers.

We would like to be able to print all the articles which come to us in full, but paid space is sometimes not enough to do that.

To do all the things we do, we need advertising

support from local district businesses, but in saying that we also feel that working with our advertisers is a partnership of mutual support of our community and our newspaper, and we hope our advertisers feel that way too.

We know Churchill & District News is read. We frequently have feedback from locals saying they love to get their Churchill News (it still gets fondly called by that name), sit down with a cuppa and read it from cover to cover.

Many comments include praise for the paper and its' reporting. "It is getting better and better", "I love reading about.....".

We have 11 issues annually which are published about the middle to later in the month. It is printed

and distributed by the Latrobe Valley Express as a supplement, but is independent of it.

We have a possible readership of 10,000 plus, in the areas of Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar, Yinnar South, Hazelwood North and South, the Jeeralangs and Mirboo North. There are several new housing estates nearby so numbers are increasing; an advantageous time to let newcomers know about the businesses here in Churchill and surrounds.

Presently we print 4,500 copies per issue.

We do have extra copies available at three outlets in Churchill where people in out-lying areas can pick up their copy. It is a free newspaper generally of 28-32 pages. Advertising revenue



determines the size of each issue.

We have a special 10% discount if you advertise with us for six out of our eleven issues.

Advertising Works. To place your message in Churchill & District News, please call 5122 1961.

Churchill News is run entirely by volunteers who work really hard to put the paper together each month and run our other activities throughout the year. You can read 'About Us' on the web site- cdnews.com.au.

## Media art exhibition to challenge your understanding of knowledge

Experimenta, Australia's leading media arts organisation, presents 'Experimenta Recharge: 6th International Biennial of Media Art' at Latrobe Regional Gallery from May 14 to July 3, 2016.

Media art is inherently multidisciplinary, born out of the processing power of computer technology that makes it possible for the first time, to generate a substantial interplay between various media.

This international group exhibition generates many diverse possibilities for the visitor. One potent question 'Experimenta Recharge' presents is: does knowledge change when it is presented in different technological forms and cultural contexts? By producing unconventional perspectives via digital technology, can experimental artists provide new meaning for a new generation and can artists using the digital lead us to entirely new modes of consciousness?

Latrobe City Council's arts director, Dr Mark Themann, said that these questions were for the viewer to contemplate as they browse the works of artists consciously inspired by the past, and who use some of the most contemporary of tools.

"The exhibition presents works from Australian and international artists, featuring five new commissions, artist representation from every mainland Australian state, and six international artists, five of whom are being shown in Australia for the first time," Dr Themann said.

To give you a further glimpse into the exhibition, Artistic Director, Jonathan Parsons has selected multidisciplinary works that draw from photography, installation, electronic sculpture, interactive and immersive media, robotics, bio art, live art, sound art, 3D printing, games, animation, film and video. Japanese collective teamLab is presenting '100 Years Sea',

an animation which draws on traditional Japanese art and logic to animate predicted sea level rises over the next 100 years.

Dubai-based artist Maitha Demithan has painstakingly digitally knitted together flatbed scans of body sections to produce luminous images of her Emirati community.

The art work by Cake Industries (an artist collective) is the result of inviting 15 subjects to have their portrait taken using 3D printing technology.

PLEASE NOTE: "Latrobe Regional Gallery is currently looking for local unsung heroes, community leaders or extraordinary people living in Latrobe City who might want to have their own 3D portrait created by Cake Industries.

If you know somebody who fits this description, please contact Latrobe Regional Gallery on 5128 5700, or go to [www.latroberregionalgallery.com](http://www.latroberregionalgallery.com)

for an application form,"

Dr Themann concluded. 'Experimenta Recharge 6th International Biennial of Media Art' will run from May 14 – July 3, 2016.

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A Churchill & District History Series



# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## 150 issues . . . we take a look back at our history

Here is a reminder of some of the news from that Number 1 edition.

Page one news highlighted the inaugural writing competition that was held to relaunch the paper. Photos of successful winners adorned the front page, with some entries for you to read and enjoy, published later in that edition. This very successful competition has been held each and every year with the current year 2016 competition just launched in the past month.

Other front page news included a call from Monash University Gippsland Campus to the local community, to support a campaign to keep an engineering school in Gippsland.

Page two featured an editorial which began with a summary of the previous history of the Churchill News that began in 1966. This was a general information sheet to distribute news to the residents in the new town of Churchill. Now thirty-six years later the new look Churchill & District News has been re-launched after a twelve month recess. Working in conjunction with Monash University with far more sophisticated equipment and an enthusiastic group of volunteers the paper is now a far cry from those first editions. Churchill & District News has been with the community now for fifty years growing stronger each year.

A gala day attracted a large crowd in 2002. It was organized in conjunction with Community Safety Month. The day featured displays and activities from various organisations within the community. These included Latrobe Community Health Services, Quantum Support Services, Department of Human Services, Latrobe City, Neighbourhood Centre, St John's Ambulance, Latrobe Coordinated Community Transport, Youth Action Centre, Churchill Fire Brigade, Victoria Police, Associated Angling Club, the Education Precinct and Kurnai





College. The Churchill Lions Club cooked a BBQ lunch for the crowd to enjoy and the Powerhouse Blues Band provided the entertainment.

In May of 2016 a very successful Community Festival was held, which included lawn mower racing, a local market, jumping castle, gumboot throwing, local community garden on display and many other activities. Many of the same organisations that participated in 2002 are still attending and doing great things for this very same community.

Keen gardeners were led down the garden path by Arch Van Berkel in a "Talking Gardens" evening in 2002. In a lively and informative talk and demonstration, the well known horticulturist and nurseryman passed on barrow loads of information about propagation, drought resistant plants and pruning roses. Though many in the audience gasped as branches fell to the pruning shears, Helena Coltman also demonstrated the art of Christmas table decorations. After tucking into a delicious supper many of the audience left with armloads of pot plants and lots of new ideas. Perfect weather brought crowds of people to the giant Garage Sale that followed. Everything from books to a boat was on sale for the bargain hunter.

Churchill Community garden in this year of 2016 now has a thriving garden of vegetables and herbs at the rear of The Hub, and give us lots of gardening information and news through items in our paper each month.

There was news of the fishing competition held on a perfect spring day in 2002 for the Associated Angling Club's annual Junior Fishing Competition at Lake Hyland. There was an excellent turnout with 99 young anglers taking part. While the Associated Angling Club has closed, the Churchill & District News has continued to sponsor a very successful fishing competition each year in Lake Hyland. Many a budding angler has been lucky to win prizes such as tackle boxes, fishing lines and other fishing items. The fishing competition allows many lovely photos to fill the pages of the paper each year. This event will now





be run by a partnership of Relationships Australia Victoria and Churchill & District News.

It certainly doesn't seem 25 years ago that a meeting was held at the old Churchill Police Station to try to form a Lions Club. So began the story of the local Lions Club.

History now tells us how correct their vision was, when 40 or so men from the town and surrounding area accepted the proposal and the Lions Club of Churchill & District was chartered. The story covers some of the marvellous challenges that the Lions accepted and the dedication with which they perform the projects. They continually raise money for many charities. The Lions Village Licola is a major ongoing project, and the towns of Boolarra, Thorpdale, Yinnar and Morwell have all received assistance at varying stages. Some of the most rewarding projects have been the development of Hazelwood House Hostel - a huge undertaking, participation in helping Yinnar Lions Charter and of course the Charter of the Churchill Lioness Club. Both these clubs have been very successful. The major overflow project into the 2000's was the Hart Walker child's mobility device through the Children's Mobility Foundation. The Club has purchased two units which have been fitted to very worthwhile recipients named Tara and James, whose quality of life has increased dramatically. Camp Quality is a major project with the Caper vehicle being readied for 2002. This is the eighth time the club has participated in the Camp Quality Caper, with total fundraising in excess of \$100,000. Well done.

The Lions Club today is still going strong working for the community, but unfortunately the Lioness Club went into recess a few months ago.

The year 2002 saw the Latrobe Co-ordinated Community Transport Project provide transport services to and from medical appointments and ran services to the Latrobe Regional Hospital for medical and visiting purposes. The friendly, highly trained volunteers and staff are committed to delivering a safe and reliable service for people who have difficulty accessing





public or commercial transport.

"Time to turn off the taps" is the news from Gippsland Water in 2002 as they announced that stage one water restrictions on properties in all serviced areas would be effective from December 1. Long range weather forecasts showed that total October to December rainfall is likely to be 60-70% below the long-term average in southern Victoria. The Gippsland Water Board believes that it is vital that the community develops a greater appreciation of the value of water and the importance of conserving our precious water supplies.

Rebecca Lynch, Coordinator at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre said they offered a variety of Community Adult Education Classes in a relaxed, friendly environment, and at an affordable price in 2002. Computer classes offered the chance to learn at your own pace in a small class setting with patient and experienced tutors to guide you. There are a variety of special interest classes running which offer an opportunity to learn a new skill and meet people with similar interests. These included teddy bear making, creative writing, women's discussion group, candlewicking, embroidery, stumpwork, folkart, sewing, patchwork quilt making, reading group, calico dolls, heritage quilt and battenberg lace. A number of craft and cooking classes making Christmas goodies is to begin shortly.

Many classes are still offered today from the Neighbourhood Centre, with skilled tutors and friendly staff to help out. They will welcome your enquiries at any time.

Margaret Guthrie of Churchill & District Community Association (CDCA) says the group meets monthly. At the last meeting the Association adopted as priority items for the 2002/3 year the following: safe communities survey, safety audit including overhanging trees, branches and cars parking across footpaths, continuation and development of walking tracks around Churchill, provision of public toilet facilities in Churchill, also the Canterbury Way and Monash Way intersection. Other items discussed included the need for footpath repairs around Churchill and a need for rubbish bins along the Eel Hole Creek walking track.

Sadly, after many years of continuous efforts to improve the surrounds and safety of Churchill



township, some months ago, in 2015 after a long and busy time, the CDCA group went into recess because of fewer volunteer numbers.

Many small items of local news appeared in Issue No 1, such as information about a Glendonald working bee. Help was needed to tidy the park and view the progress, and then enjoy the free morning tea provided.

Another call for help came from Lifeline calling on all Bookworms! A bookfest began in Newborough with over 40,000 books to choose from, including science fiction, cooking, biographies, children's books, magazines, craft, gardening, history and many other topics. Amongst the collectibles are early Australian authors including Mary Grant Bruce and Ian Idriess. This was a great opportunity to stock up on books for the Christmas break. Today we are still invited to call into the Lifeline annual book sales, to buy ourselves new reading material from their huge book sales that are a major fund raising activity for them.

Morwell Citizens Band appealed for new members also. "Do you fancy yourself on a flugelhorn? Are you ready to play the cornet? Could you be tempted to tangle with a trombone? How about yearning for a euphonium? Or being terrific on a tuba? Or desiring to be a drummer?" Well, Morwell Citizens Band needed you in 2002, and would still welcome you into the Latrobe City Brass Band today as a new member should you wish to join them.

The Yinnar local history group was also looking for new members in 2002, and the past year had been very busy in the "Goods Shed". With more display space they would like to add to the collection. They are very interested in items that everyone had and used, for example great-grandmothers crochet hook, local photographs and newspaper clippings. They like to hear people say "We had one of those!" They are planning to expand the collection on the Dairy Industry and in the future set up displays in the Park.

Hazelwood Rotary Club presented a report of their activities during a few busy weeks and is gearing up for activities prior to Christmas 2002, which will include the sale of Christmas puddings and cakes, wrapping of presents at Mid Valley and participation in the Churchill Christmas Carols.

Over the past months the Club has provided catering at the water skiing championships at Hazelwood Pondage, assisted at Home and Leisure Expo and held a working bee to erect seats in Mathison Park among other projects. The Rotary Club in 2016, is still doing remarkable work such as this throughout the community of Churchill and district.

The 2002 school reports from Lumen Christi, Churchill and Yinnar South Primary, gave us lots of ideas and photos of what the students had been doing. The Kurnai group that travelled to Queensland and visited the four theme parks had a great time. These reports with many photos still continue every month in our paper in 2016, giving all residents information of the current school curriculum, sports days, school rules and other activities. Schools that participate are Churchill Primary, Lumen Christi, Churchill North Primary, Hazelwood North Primary, Yinnar South Primary, Boolarra Primary, Yinnar Primary, Kurnai College Junior and University Campuses.

The Guide report in Issue No 1 told of three regional activities during the second half of the year. First there was Wheelies Day at the Morwell Traffic School where the older guides went to the BMX track while younger girls decorated their bikes. Next there was roller skating at Moe for older girls who had a fun time. The final regional activity was sleeping under the stars at Lardner Park. The guides took cardboard boxes in which to sleep. Sleep? Who Slept? \$800 was raised from this night out for Anglicare. The report continued with other activities that the busy guides had participated in.

Sadly the Guide group

has been discontinued.

The sports reports contained results and updates of various local clubs including Churchill swimming club, junior basketball, tennis, badminton, United soccer club and Boolarra lawn bowls. Many sport results continue to be published in the Churchill News today. Sporting activities are still very popular throughout the district, with many and varied results published monthly which now includes darts, golf, baseball and many others. It is with special interest that we watch the emergence of the local lawn bowling green now being constructed and hopefully finished on time at the end of June 2016, after a long and at times, difficult history. New members will be warmly welcomed.

Churchill's Youth Action Centre was open in 2002 and ran a variety of activities that were free of charge and suited all interests. Next would be cooking classes to give young people the opportunity to try and taste new recipes. Christmas spirit will next be created in December with activities that relate to the holiday season.

Churchill's Youth Action group wants to give teenagers an opportunity to get involved in a wide variety of activities at all levels, and have the opportunity to be a committee member and help to run events in the local area. The aim is to promote attitudes and values that help celebrate difference, empower young people and support non-judgmental and respectful behaviour by giving all local youths the opportunity to suggest and participate in activities of their choice. The Youth Action Centre in Churchill was held in the Youth Building at Gaskin Park at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. It no longer functions.

Time now to mention the very valuable advertisers who help keep the Churchill & District News in production. Here are the advertisers who were there to bring to you our number 1 edition in the new format. They were Monash University, Hazelwood Power, Valley Poultry (who offered a free \$10 chicken

voucher for a best chicken recipe.) Monacellars Wine and Spirits, Quantum Support Services, Churchill Noodle Bar, Newsagent, Hotel, Morrison Veterinary Services, Santoshi Yoga Centre, Aerial Skydives, Ken and Janine's Carpet Cleaning, Strut Regas, and Hazelwood Shopping Centre which included Future Flicks, Cafe le Mac's, Florist, PDP Computers, Hotbread, Chiropractic, Foodworks, Kat's Hair Design, and Hazelwood Health Centre.

We thank them all so very much for helping us to produce a new paper. It is with regret that some of them over the course of the last fourteen years have either gone out of business, left the district, had a name change or two during that time and some of you are still advertising with us. We are proud and grateful to have had you with us on this long journey in time.

The Neighbourhood Renewal Project was a work in partnership with local residents and the Neighbourhood Renewal Team at Quantum Support Services, to significantly improve the social, economic and environmental conditions in the Glendonald housing estate and surrounding areas. Meetings were held in Glendonald kindergarten.

The Glendonald Residents Group was formed. Many activities were undertaken for several years before this initiative came to an end.

Shopping centre changes. It has been hard to keep up with the changes which have occurred over the ensuing years to redesign and change our shopping precinct. For those who have lived in Churchill for a number of years it is hard to remember what the original shops looked like.

A Civic space has been created. ANZAC Day services have been initiated and are now an annual event.

Hazelwood Power has had several changes of names over the time. Hazelwood Power will operate as International Power Hazelwood from January 2003, GDF -Suez and now ENGIE.

Neighbourhood Watch came into being and has had some changes over the years,

for a time becoming part of CDCA meetings. It is now the Churchill Town Safety Group.

The Community Association will be erecting a large pine tree near the roundabout as part of Churchill's Christmas decorations. The large star will be in the large eucalypt and the Nativity Scene will be in pride of place. Other decorations will be erected near the big cigar. Sadly the big tree fell over this year in the violent wind storm. The nativity scene has been vandalised and is no longer set under the tree.

On Friday November 29, at the Binishell Monash University, we had an underage rage dance. It was put on by the Youth Action Centres and FreeZA.

There were about thirty teenagers there, and most of the youth workers from the YAC's and the One-Stop Shop.

The Binishell has been demolished due to structural faults. Monash University has now become Federation University.

Churchill Hardware and Building Supplies, your handyman store on Switchback Road served the local community for 20 Years. Unfortunately this has now closed.

The inaugural Boolarra Folk Festival was to be held on Saturday March 22, 2003 at the Centenary and Rail Trail Parks in Boolarra, Victoria. The theme for our first festival was "folk and drums". The theme incorporates traditional and contemporary folk music with Latin and African percussion groups.

Our community welcomes everyone to our lovely village, nestled in the foothills of the Gippsland Strzelecki Ranges.

The Boolarra Folk Festival is a free event. Congratulations to the Boolarra Festival for your ongoing success.

If you have become interested in seeing a copy of issue No 1 Churchill & District News 2002, you can find it on our website at cdnews.com.au with all other monthly copies of the paper through to the current issue.



## Fees and charges survey provides valuable feedback

Latrobe City Council is delighted with the huge response to its recent 'have a say' on fees and charges, with more than 600 surveys completed.

Feedback from the survey will now be collated for presentation to Council at the end of June.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Michael Rossiter, said the online survey aimed to find out the way in which the community interacts with Council facilities and services.

"It wasn't just about asking who uses what facility or which services were most popular.

We wanted to find out why people didn't access some of our services and to

try to understand what the barriers are.

We offer a wide range of services, delivered from numerous facilities.

We apply fees to those services and we want those fees to be a fair reflection of the level of service we provide", Councillor Rossiter said.

"We would like to thank all those people who took the time to tell us what they thought, through the duration of the survey.

Fees and charges are not particularly glamorous subject matters but they are certainly important in terms of Council operations. We do appreciate the feedback", Councillor Rossiter concluded.

### Stockman's chicken soup

Ingredients:

2 litres of boiling water,  
2 packets of dried chicken noodle soup,

2 bunches of small Dutch carrots left whole,

1 bunch of spring onions sliced finely (green stalks only)

2 handfuls of fresh spinach leaves along with 1 tbs of crushed garlic

Place these all in the slow cooker.

Cover with a lid and bring to a simmer.

Place 1 kg of chicken mince in a large bowl with 2

## Cooking with Noelene

By Noelene Marchwika

tbs of cornflour , 1/2 bunch of spring onions finely sliced ( green stalks only ), 1 tbs of minced garlic.

Mix thoroughly with your hands.

When the stock begins to simmer roll the mince mixture into golf ball sized shapes and place in the slow cooker.

Let them simmer away filling your kitchen with warming aromas till you are ready to serve.

### Mother's Day cake

(because every day is mother's day)

Here's a really great gift for mum ...make her a cake - a delicious fruit cake.

Place in a large bowl:

3 cups of mixed dried fruit, ( I used a mix of candied peel, sultanas and raisins )

Pour in 3 cups of fruit juice ( I used an orange and mango juice )

Let this sit overnight till the juice is absorbed into the fruit.

Next day preheat your oven to 120

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Add 3 cups of self raising flour to the fruit and juice mix.

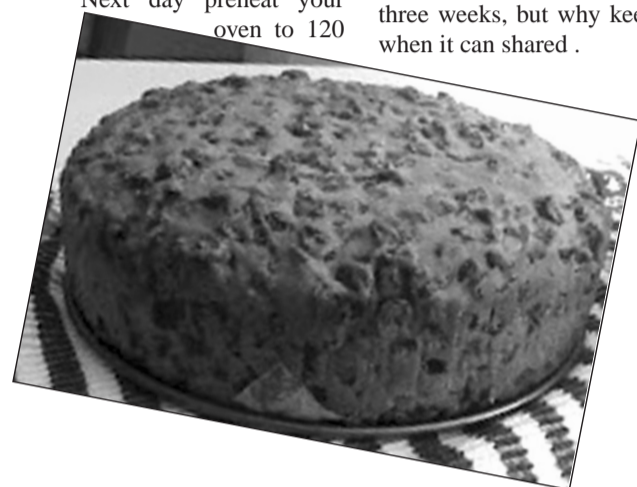
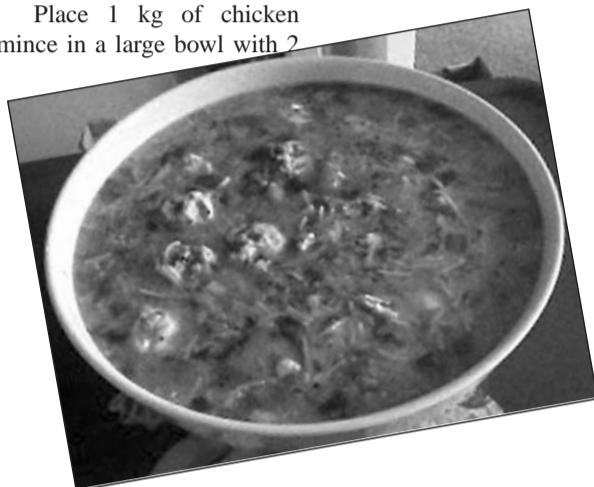
Mix well with a wooden spoon.

Spoon the batter into a 22 cm baking pan that has been prepared with spray and lined with baking paper.

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By Mike Beamish  
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Jephcottii: After Sydney Wheeler Jephcott who first collected the species in 1878.

Common Name: Green Grevillea, or Pine Mountain Grevillea.

Distribution: Found in Victoria and NSW in several small areas in and adjacent to

## Australian Plant Society

the Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park in north-eastern Victoria.

Grows in the thick scrubby understory of closed Eucalypt forest or as the dominant shrub in open woodland, often on steep hillsides and among granite boulders.

Description: Plants in open situations are usually low and bushy, while those in shaded forest are up to 3m tall and leggy.

Flowering occurs for long periods, with the terminal clusters being highly attractive to insects and birds.

Opinion: My plant is situated in the bed on the north wall of the house, which historically has proven the most difficult for me to keep under control.

At the moment it is in need



of some severe pruning. This one is about 2m tall and a bit leggy, with its foliage mainly concentrated around the ends of the branches, making it a little ugly overall.

I'll need to work out some plans to knock it back a bit and get it to thicken up.

The flowers are not

particularly showy and don't stand out from a distance, but close up they have all sorts of subtle colours from pale green to cream with suffusions of pale pinks and yellows.

For details about our June meeting of LVAPS please contact Marg on 0428 601 425.

## Churchill Town Safety Group



SAFER COMMUNITIES GROUP

This month we are looking at graffiti. In the past, there has been a fair bit of graffiti around Churchill. When it is noticed, we report it to Latrobe city council, and someone is sent out to evaluate the problem and clean it up where necessary.

They can't do anything if they don't know about it in the first place. It is very easy to report graffiti to the Latrobe city council. Simply log into:

[http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/About\\_Us/Contact\\_Us/Report\\_an\\_Issue](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/About_Us/Contact_Us/Report_an_Issue)

You can also download a photo to help with the clean up.

It is also valuable to report graffiti to the police. A particular "Tag" may be of interest to them and may help to locate the offender.

Let's get together and keep Churchill tidy and report these and other issues as required.



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I have learned to live more fully than I thought possible. I believe that everything happens for a reason and according to God's plan for us.

I believe Al-Anon is part of His plan for me. I've come home to a place where I've found love and acceptance. I continue to go to meetings

and do service work on myself because I never want to forget what I was like before.

Meetings:

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Entry forms and conditions are available online at [www.cdnews.com.au](http://www.cdnews.com.au)

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#### Open \*

1. Open Primary age children 7-12 story or poem.
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3. Open Adults 18+ story/drabble or poem

#### Local \*\*

1. Local Children's 7 and Under Short story/poem or picture story
2. Local Children's 8 - 10 yrs Short Story/Poetry (illustrations welcome)
3. Local Children's 11 - 13 yrs Short Story (illustrations welcome)

4. Local Children's 11 - 13 yrs Poetry (illustrations welcome)
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8. Local Adult Poetry.
9. Local A Children's Story: A story written for children
10. Local Drabble- a 100 word piece of fiction

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### Churchill & District News Short Story and Poetry Competition 2016 Entry Form

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Title of Story(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Category \_\_\_\_\_

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I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original unpublished story or poem, written by myself.

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

9. All pages should be numbered.

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11. Length of stories is to be:

Adult: 1000 - 2500 words

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Children: up to 500 words

Length of poems is to be:

Poetry, free or rhyming verse to be:

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

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Children: up to 20 lines

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Connecting Your Community



# Volunteer thankyou dinner



Volunteers Bob, Sue, Sue, Alan, Ross and Joe

Volunteers at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) perform a great number of roles including: being board members, community garden members, men's shed members, office work, volunteer tutors and class assistants, graphic design, fundraising, helping at events, sewing, MCs and much more! We had over 60 people volunteer for us in the last year totalling

approximately 4500 volunteer hours!

We thought it was time to say thank you and let our volunteers know how much we appreciate them. So on Monday May 16, we held a dinner to thank all of our wonderful volunteers.

Thirty five volunteers enjoyed a two course dinner, prepared by Noelene Marchwicki and her helper Robyn. The wait staff for the

evening were CNC staff Julia, Emma and Abigail, giving our volunteers a chance to relax and enjoy the evening.

After dinner each table turned into a quiz team answering questions about the Neighbourhood Centre for a prize.

It was a fun night, and we are all looking forward to next year's event!

# ANZAC Appeal

by Don George  
Appeals Officer  
Morwell RSL Sub-Branch  
On behalf of the President, Committee and the members of the Morwell RSL Sub-Branch Inc. I would like to thank the citizens of Churchill for their generous support for our ANZAC Appeal and for buying our ANZAC Day tokens.

I would like to also give a big thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time and worked tirelessly to raise funds for our ANZAC Appeal.

One hundred percent of funds raised from the ANZAC Appeal is used to provide support and welfare for our veterans, ex-service personnel and their families

in our community.

I would also like to thank everyone who attended the Churchill ANZAC Day service and for making the service a great success.

I hope that next year we will see an even larger attendance to make the Churchill ANZAC Day service a bigger success.



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All community members welcome to come along, share a meal and meet new people.

**Mondays 12.30pm - 1.30pm** Gold coin donation

##### Knitting & Crochet

Share & learn skills, swap ideas, get help & inspiration, share stories, bring your UFOs. Work on your own projects or knit for a cause.

**Wednesdays 10am - 12.30pm** \$6 per session

##### Churchill Community Garden

Join other local gardeners to share and learn ideas, skills and interests.

**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

##### Creative Writing

Improve your writing skills, put pen to paper and share your stories. Short stories, poetry, fact and fiction.

**Tuesdays 10am - 12pm** \$6 per session

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##### Coffee, Cake & Conversation

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

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\$110 for 10 weeks or \$90 concession  
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Learn basic principles of cooking country style using fresh produce. For beginners and the more advanced cooks. Contact us for weekly menus.

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##### Tai Chi

Slow, gentle and tranquil movements which enable harmony in mind and body, improved mobility, suppleness and mental alertness. Contact 5122 2588 for all enquiries.

**Tuesdays 9am - 10am and 6pm - 7pm**

#### Computer Courses

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Get Fit - Play Tennis

# ROUND ROBIN and TOURNAMENT

Manning Drive, Churchill



## Monday, September 19, 2016

### Churchill Tennis Club

Get Fit - Play Tennis Round Robin & Tournament  
Monday, Sept 19, 2016 - 9.00 am - 11.00 am

#### Beginners entry Form

Player's Name.....  
Phone No.....  
Date of Birth.....  
Tick the event you would like to enter.  
Age as at September 19, 2016

7 & Under	10 & Under	13 & Under	16 & Under

#### Conditions of Entry

\* Players enter at own risk.  
\* The referee's decision will be final.  
**I understand the Conditions of Entry**

Signature of Parent/Guardian

For Further information contact  
Carol Scott 0409 326 769  
Entries close: Thursday, Sept 15, 2016  
Post entries to: Churchill Tennis Club, PO Box 270,  
Churchill VIC 3842

### Never played before?

Come along and have a go in a relaxed and friendly environment.  
*Racquets and balls supplied.*

**9.00 am - 11.00 am**  
**Non-competition players**

(have never played competition before or played Section 8 and 9 in Latrobe Valley Tennis Association or C Grade and B2 in Loy Yang Tennis Association).

**11.30 am - 3.00 pm**  
**Competition Players**

To Register:  
Fill in the Entry Form and Mail to:-  
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by Thursday, September 15, 2016  
Entry Forms are also available at

**www.cdnews.com.au**  
More Information?  
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Section Played		
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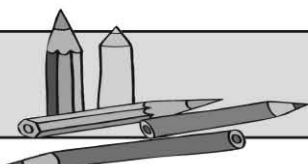
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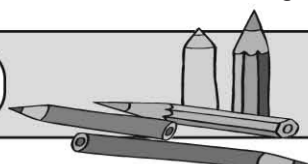




# School News



## Churchill North Primary School



### Learning Club

At Churchill North Primary School we have been doing Learning Club after school every Wednesday for an hour. Learning Club is when people from the University come to our school and they work with our students. They do lessons on our interests and the subjects we want to work on. We also play games. In Learning Club it has been fun and educational. Thanks

to Miss Wells and Miss Fox for organising this program.

### Little Athletics Program

On Tuesday May 3, Dennis Huffer came to Churchill North Primary School to coach us. Dennis is a well-known athletics coach. Dennis works for an organisation called the Little Athletics Program. Dennis coaches a lot of sports you may know such as high

jump, sprinting and more. All students attending were able to have a go at these events. Students were so happy and joyful for this activity that they loved.

### Churchill North Primary Basketball Try-outs

On Tuesday May 3, Churchill North Primary school had their first school basketball try-outs which were a success. We had more

than 15 people enter and it was a blast! In July we will be playing the real games, however we do not have a team as yet. The team will be decided in the following weeks. As Churchill North will be a strong team they will hopefully win every game.

The school basketball has been going for a long time. We will be playing a lot of other schools like Warragul, Moe, Morwell and

Traralgon as well as any other local teams. Churchill North Primary School students are very excited.

### Churchill North at Old Gippstown

On April 28, Churchill North Primary School's Grade Preps to 2 went on an excursion to Old Gippstown. Students had a great time seeing and learning about all the olden day things.

When interviewing Tahlia in Grade one, she said "she loved riding the old, red fire engine and going down the big yellow slide". While there, Tahlia learnt how to play a song on the piano.

When she was asked to compare our days with the olden days she noticed the horse and cart transport as well as the jails.

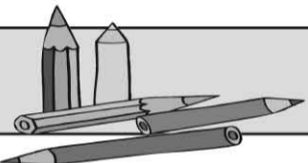
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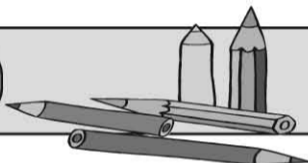
Left: Dennis teaching athletics  
Right: Leah in Learning Club



# School News



## Churchill Preschools



### The Hub Preschool

An important road safety program was run at the Hub recently.

With help from "Thingle Tootle", the children were reminded of some special road safety rules.

They learnt that it is important to always wear their seat belt when travelling in a car.

Also when out walking, they are to always hold the adult's hand to cross the road safely, using the "STOP, LOOK and LISTEN" method to check that the road is clear

before crossing.

Melbourne Museum staff visited to tell the children about their dinosaur exhibitions. Now how do we remember those long names they give dinosaurs? It's intriguing, just try this:-

The dinosaur Chindesaurus becomes Chintoe-saw-us. Now what does it look like?

Below is a photo of us holding an olive python at Preschool. Reptile Encounters visited us to show and discuss with us the eating habits and habitat of stick insects, turtles,

green tree frogs, lizards, pythons and a crocodile. We learnt how to remain safe around snakes and what to do if we see a live snake.

The Hub's winter vegetable garden is now full of beans, kale, broccoli, radishes, snow peas and herbs. It's a very productive patch.

The last week of Autumn continues to display its lovely colours in the classroom with the various tones of colour in the children's autumn - leaf craft work.



The children are helping to hold a python

### Glendonald PreSchool

We've been having a very exciting time at preschool preparing for Mother's Day. The children made their mothers presents - including the cards and the wrapping

paper. We also cooked some lovely treats to have at our shared morning tea.

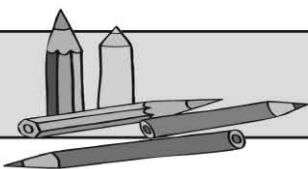
We have been discussing healthy eating versus sometimes foods. The children have made posters

and decorated the preschool with bright fruit paintings. We are discussing some healthy foods we can make at preschool as the children have shown great interest in helping to cook.

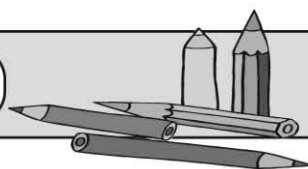




# School News



## Churchill Primary School



Churchill Primary School students compete in the Latrobe Valley Division Cross Country.

On Wednesday May 25, Delphine, Teshawn and Hayley went to Gaskin Park with Sharon to have a go at the cross country run.

There was lots of waiting and feeling nervous before the start, but these students had already put in a fabulous effort by being chosen and then deciding to give it a go at this high level of competition.

Finally they all got to race - Here is Teshawn's story....

'We had to wait, wait and wait! At the start I got squished by all the kids lining up to race. We ran 3,000 metres and we went up and down hills. I was nervous and I wondered if I would come last. But I tried really, really hard. I sprinted at the last part and I came eighth! I was counting which place I was coming as I was running. I feel good because last year I came 28th and this year I came 8th'.

Hayley and Delphine were next to run and both girls were excited. Their story continues.....

'We ran 2 kms and it was very challenging. The end was the most challenging because you had to sprint the last part of the race.' Hayley tells us... 'I was singing a song whilst I was running that was in tune with my breathing.

At the end I was so proud. All the other kids were saying well done and good job to Delphine and myself.

We ran against 25 other students from all over Latrobe Valley'.

Teshawn and Hayley are now going on through to the next round of the Cross Country at Lardner Park on June 16 and we wish them all the very best from all our school community.

**Work Experience**  
From April 25 to May 6 the Year 10s had work experience.

Each Year 10 went to a different work place of choice. We (Mickayla and Rachael) went to Churchill Primary.

As soon as we walked in the door we were treated like professionals.

We were separated into our classrooms and introduced to the teachers we would be working with.

From the start we were respected by the students, they treated us like we were their own teachers.

During our time at work experience we engaged in many classes the students did and took charge.

We also got the opportunity to experience working in the office as office ladies, answering phones and taking messages.

On the Monday after work experience we were asked to come in and help run the cross country, where we assisted in running the course.

Mickayla - When I first entered the classroom where I would be working I was treated respectfully by the students and also the teacher.

When I walked in I instantly worked with a student on her English work.

Whilst working with my class I noticed what kind of new things you could undertake when being a teacher.

I would have the students come up to me for help on maths or writing, I felt like I belonged in the classroom.

Doing work experience was the best thing I have ever

done, I was really glad that I attended the primary school.

It was an amazing experience.

Rachael - I thoroughly enjoyed my work experience at Churchill Primary, I was instantly treated like a colleague. Throughout the week I was able to run classes and teach the students.

I had them breaking down maths equations, writing retells, roleplaying, going on a bear hunt and I also taught a science class where the students made their own hovercraft from balloons and paper plates. I connected with the students, I worked with the teachers, and I definitely felt like I belonged up in front of the classroom helping the students to learn.

My week of work experience with Churchill Primary was one of the best experiences and it was extremely fulfilling.

### Teddy Bear Hospital

Teddy Bear Hospital is a world-wide program that provides primary school students with the opportunity to interact with student doctors.

The program aims to

alleviate the 'white coat anxiety' children often feel when visiting health professionals. Teddy Bear Hospital is a unique and interactive way for children to experience the atmosphere at a hospital or general practice without being patients themselves.

The day involves primary students bringing their own teddy bears (patients), and medical students acting as their doctors.

The children rotate through a number of role-play scenarios, simulating experiences such as calling an ambulance, examination of eyes and ears and using asthma devices. The importance of good hygiene, healthy eating and physical activity are also encouraged.

On May 25, 2015, Teddy Bear Hospital happened at Churchill Primary School with the support of the Monash University Medical Students. Participation in the Teddy Bear Hospital program was free of charge.

Eight stations were set up and the children rotated through them.

They included knowing

about syringes and their purpose, asthma and how it is treated with ventolin, x-rays showing broken bones and how x-rays show what is inside your body, the stethoscope and how it is used to take your blood pressure. Dentists and teeth, healthy, not so healthy and sometimes food groups, an operation on a teddy to show the main organs inside our bodies, doctors dressed in surgical masks and gowns and wearing gloves.

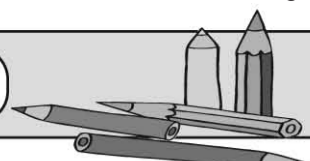
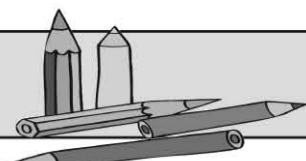
The session ended with a mock emergency situation with a teddy falling off the stage and hurting himself, incorporating how to dial 000, what questions would be asked by the operator and then having a pretend ambulance called to help the teddy and take him to hospital.

During the time a person dressed as a huge teddy walked around the room talking to the children.

The time was a positive one with the children really loving the experience but also learning important lessons and putting any fears to rest.







### Year 8 Camp

On Monday May 2, 42 Year 8 students, three Year 10 Peer Support students, one bus driver and four teachers set off for a week at Karoonda Park in Gelantipy, north of Buchan. The first stop for the students was the Buchan caves for a guided tour.

Whilst on camp, the students participated in activities such as rafting on the Snowy River, abseiling, high flying fox, horse riding, initiatives courses and night walks.

The camp provided students with the opportunity to develop leadership skills, build new friendships, challenge themselves in numerous situations, see their peers in a different light and step outside their comfort zone.

The Year 8 students were also supported by Year 10 students, Sam Findlay, Arie Hendrikse and Mitch Vandermeer, who completed a week of their Work Experience whilst on the camp. A special thanks must also be extended to Robin Fitzpatrick (Camp Coordinator), Glen Stephenson, Matt Sheridan and Mary Corponi for making the camp such an enjoyable experience for all of the students.

### Churchill Campus Awareness Day

Once again, Years 5 and 6 students from the Churchill district feeder Primary Schools spent a day at Churchill Campus experiencing activities in the secondary school setting. The students were exposed to the school layout, the Churchill Campus Year 7 students and staff. The activities were based on the subjects that the Churchill Campus has in its curriculum. The day started off with Peer Support running getting-to-know-you activities for all the students, followed by science, art, Chinese, music, drama, humanities, woodwork, English, and sport. The last period was all together in the Gymnasium for a fun sporting activity to finish off the day. The Years 5 and 6 students were grouped so that they mixed with students from the other Primary Schools, along with a couple of Year 7 students and the current Year 10 Peer Support students.

At the end of the day the Year 5 and 6 students had a wonderful day and enjoyed the activities in which they participated.

### 2016 Year 7 Camp Camp Coolamatong!

On May 3, Kurnai College sent their Year 7s off to school camp on a bus and two mini buses. The Camp is located

out of Bairnsdale on the Banksia Peninsula on the Gippsland Lakes.

The first stop was a brief visit to the playground at Bairnsdale but it was extremely windy so the stay was short.

We were divided into six groups and there were two Year 10 Peer Support Leaders in each group to help out with the activities. The groups rotated through a variety of activities.

We did many activities over the four days but my overall favourite was Bush Craft. In Bush Craft we split into four groups and we watched the instructor show us how to light a fire using steel wool, sticks and a battery. After we lit the fire we got some more sticks and made it bigger.

Then it was our turn to go and rock-climb while the other group who was rock climbing took over our fire. When we came back we were located to a new fire and we got to start making pancakes, damper and popcorn using the fire to cook them.

I had a go at everything but the popcorn was the best. Every now and then we would have to get more wood. After the two hours had passed we put out our fire and packed up. The instructor told us a few stories about the people who lived where Camp



Coolamatong was located. We took lots of risks and we faced some of our fears and worked together as a team.

By Alanah Shankland

### Beach Visit!

One of the favourite activities was a half day boat ride to the 90-mile beach. After we travelled on the fairly big boat for about forty-five minutes, the groups eventually landed at a nearby dock located at a track that led to the 90-mile beach. After reaching the beach we played a game which involved making giant craters to hide in from the teachers.

The objective of the game was to try and get as far as you could, using the craters to hide in without being spotted and identified, to get a football near the people who were trying to find you.

The spotters were not allowed to move; however if they identified you, you had to go back to the start and start again. Once you got the football you had to get it back to the line that you started on, but once you got your hands on the football, the spotters were allowed to move and they are allowed to do anything that it takes to get that football.

We had lunch on the island behind the beach, before returning by the boat back to camp.

### Sailing

Sailing was one of the best activities on camp. We went for a sail on 'Duck Arm' of the Gippsland lakes. There were six to eight students in a group and two yachts sailed. The captains allowed us to freely control the yacht and the sail. It was truly a great experience. The Captain allowed us to switch the sail when we tacked (zig zagged) up and down the stretch of water, we got to steer the yacht, and stand at the front to do the Titanic pose. Some of us leaned back over and dipped our heads in the water. We were really lucky as it was quite windy and we glided through the water at a good speed.

By Breanna and Sophie

### Survivor

One of the activities at camp was Survivor. Survivor was where you were stranded on an imaginary island and we had to try get off it by doing a series of activities that would give you clues for the map. There were two teams competing as only one team could be rescued. Some of the activities were: a maze, quicksand, lava and loads more.

The second last activity was throwing darts at water balloons and when the water balloons popped we would then gain the piece that we would use for the very last

activity. The last activity was to use a slingshot to hit the target. If the target was hit, a rectangular piece of wood would fly into the air and signify your victory. It was a great activity and everyone had to demonstrate teamwork, communication and resilience.

### Archery

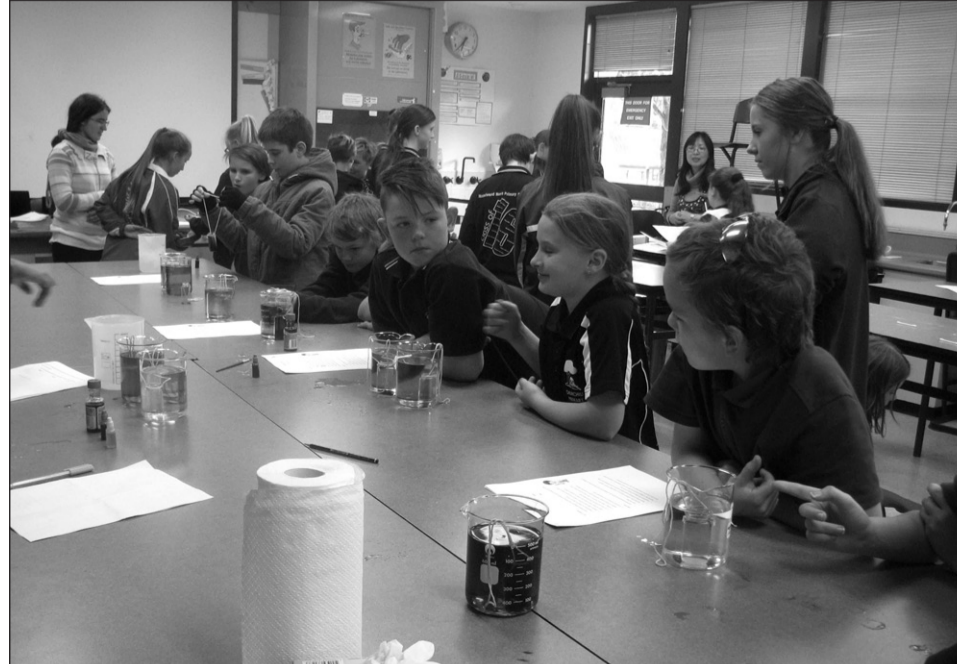
Archery was another fun activity. We learnt how to shoot at targets – of course some were better than others. We didn't get to shoot any apples off heads but a couple were sharp enough shooters to hit balloons on the targets. We also went down amongst the trees to shoot at some targets up the ridges.

### Adventure Race

The Adventure Race was a lot of fun.

It included, kayaking, climbing up a very steep hill, bike riding, and finding the codes in a bush. One activity was orienteering on bikes through the scrub. Using a compass and clues, we had to find the most locations. There was also a great Trivia night where teams were pitted against each other, along with individual challenges. A movie night followed the night walk with several falling asleep watching the movie.

It was a great camp. Thank-you to the Coolamatong staff, the teachers and Year 10 Peer Support students.







VCAL Students help out at Lion's Wilderness Village, Licola

Kurnai College has established a partnership with the Lion's Wilderness Village in Licola. On a recent trip Brett Gay along with long time Kurnai friend and mentor, Ken Taylor, took a group of students from the senior campus up to the wilderness to volunteer their services in refurbishing a cabin and helping out in general.

In partnership with the Churchill Lions Club and the Wilderness Village the students did the following tasks on the Churchill Lions Cabin:

Prep work for painting (sanding, filling, washing walls) including repair to some timber work.

Two coats of paint on the entire external timber area of cabin three. Use necessary hand tools, electrical orbital sanders, drop saw, battery



drills and battery screw drivers.

Measuring, marking and cutting timber decking boards to replace damaged decking and base boards.

Built steps for unit six and also helped Lions members with the pruning and removal of low branches around the site.

There are a number of Cabins in need of repair and the plan is to make three trips annually.

Trips are revolved around giving the students a sense of respect for others, mutual trust, self-confidence and discipline while helping out on a community project.

The students are VCAL students, mostly studying in their final year.

They were joined by five students and two teachers from the LVFLO on the Monday. LVFLO is a partnership school between Kurnai, Traralgon College and Lowanna College that caters for students who have disengaged from mainstream education with a view to re-engage them with education, training or employment. Dawa, Kieran, Harry and

Doug were the four students from Kurnai.

Feedback from Lions volunteers and others at the Village has been very positive, saying that the students were

a credit to themselves and the school; it was great to see them after meal times cleaning up after themselves and others, taking their dirty dishes to the kitchen; interacting with Lions members both during work processes and during meal times.

A positive was the failure of mobile phone coverage which saw the students put their phones away and socialise.

The Village CEO was very impressed with their work and says they look forward to seeing them in the future back at Licola in one way or another.

He also said, "I very much hope we will continue this as an ongoing project, or series of projects, for these and other pupils through Kurnai, and sincerely believe it to be a win-win arrangement.

Lions Wilderness Village is a charity for disadvantaged and disabled kids and the work the teams did goes a long way towards enabling them to continue this work.

Thanks were also extended to Brett Gay for making it happen and so obviously being there for the boys, and to Ken Taylor for his continued enthusiasm in it all.

Brett reported that the boys had worked hard and enthusiastically, being proud of doing something for someone else. They also learnt more about themselves and each other. Work on a metal chair has been brought back to the workshop at Kurnai to keep the momentum going.

Two of the boys would like to return to the Village during the holidays to do some further work and some may offer to be junior leaders. *Afternoon Study Sessions.*

Sponsored by FRRR and Smith Family Learning for Life, the afternoon study sessions have had a positive response.

There has been a big turn-out for the Thursday afternoon study sessions with over 40 students staying back after school to push ahead in



their studies. The students have access to free tutoring from high-quality and highly-academic University students and the teachers volunteer their time, adding extra support for their kids. Fresh fruit and later in the time, pizza is provided.

There is an engaged atmosphere as the students sit down, ask for help or assist each other.

To accommodate the growing numbers and demand for another day, the school has also created a Tuesday afternoon study session. Students can again access to free tutoring in maths, science and English as they snack on some hot chips and fresh fruit to keep them going. With 25 students on the first night and a further 29 the following week the school is excited to see the level of dedication our students have.

Term 2 can be a bit flat for students and Year 12s often regret the lack of effort they put in during this time. The teachers are therefore so impressed with those pushing themselves during this time as they will build fantastic momentum coming in to the extremely important Term 3.

"We encourage all of our students in Years 11 and 12, VCE and VCAL to take advantage of these sessions as being in such a positive study space with positive people can push you to new limits. We also encourage the use of the library on any afternoon as it is open and accessible to all.

We want to train our students to be self-motivating, self-sufficient, able to make great choices and be positive decision makers," said David Shields the organiser of this initiative.

#### *Past Students Mentoring*

The University Campus is also trialling a mentoring support program that has former Kurnai students acting as mentors for the current Year 11s and 12s. "We always have great role-models coming out of Kurnai and this program is a way to keep them involved in our community for that

little bit longer," said David Shields.

It involves calling the allotted student three to four times a term to see how they are travelling, how their studies are proceeding and to see if they are maintaining balance in their lives. The school already has past students signed up and students already being supported. If any Kurnai Senior student would like to know more they can contact David Shields.

#### *SRC meets with the college Principals*

Daniel Schneider, school Captain and Madison Robertson, SRC (Student Representative Council) representative reported that the SRC, which includes the school captains, was able to meet with the college Principals, Anthony Rodaughan, Nello Carbone and Geoff Block to discuss the things the SRC has been doing and what they would like to achieve. They said the Principals listened and have given the students some really good ideas to think about and develop.

#### *SRC Conference*

Many schools in the area came together to discuss ideas, and share challenges, at an SRC conference. Kurnai students gained a good idea of where schools are at and rated Kurnai as having many positives, but conceded there are some things which need to be put in place.

One of those was putting in place means by which new students to the campus could be helped to navigate their way around this different campus set up, especially

with using the University and its room naming system. They have already addressed that issue by placing up some signage to help.

#### *Community Groups Consultation*

Representative Abigail from the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and Josh from Headspace met with student representatives and talked about things that could be done around Churchill to help the students. Abigail has been surveying the public to ascertain the needs and wants of people and this was a chance to give out the surveys and receive feedback from the student population.

Surveys have been given to all the university campus students and it is up to them to fill them in.

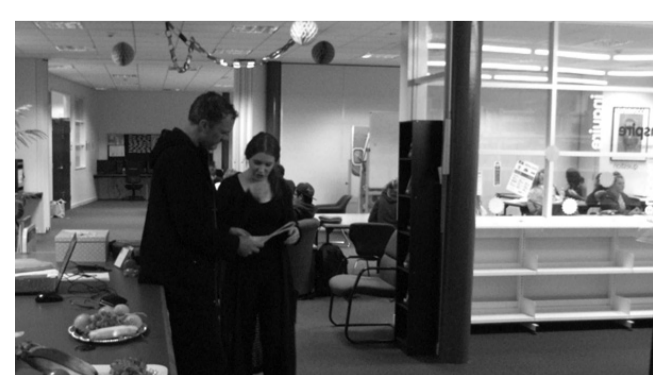
The student reps voted the meeting as a good way to have input into what their future generation users of facilities may need in Churchill.

One identified facility was a safe place for students for after school where they could just hang out; that provided activities for them to do, and be a place of opportunity for social interaction.

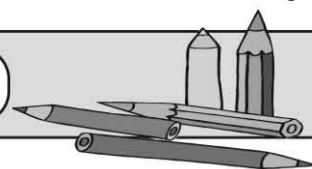
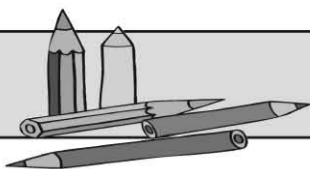
The students have invited Abigail and Josh to attend assembly and speak to the student body.

Josh told them that Headspace is an organisation which works with at risk youth with mental, social and emotional issues of a short or long term nature. These young people can attend group or individual meetings to address their issues.

Headspace's focus in Churchill is on social interaction.





**Whole school maths**

This allows our students to work in smaller groups at their point of need to ensure we are strategically supporting as well as challenging them all. It also sometimes allows students to work with different teachers, in different classrooms with different 'class-mates'; all of which can be very helpful. Recently we talked to a group of Grade 5/6 students about what a helpful attitude to maths looks like.

Collectively they arrived at the following: If you believe you can, are prepared to struggle, willing to work hard, push on even if you don't 'like it', get satisfaction from mastering something you set yourself to achieve and are willing to practise the things you need to work on, you will succeed! We're looking forward to seeing this being applied by them all!

**Soccer**

Our soccer players represented our school brilliantly at the recent Yinnar and District tournament. Our teams didn't have a lot of success, with one drawn game our best result but it was lovely to hear from Caterina of Grade 6, Samantha of Grade 5 and Jem of Grade 4 that they enjoyed the challenge. This was evident in their beaming big smiles as they provided this information!

**What some of our students say about our school**

I like Boolarra Primary School because the children are nice and friendly. I have a lot of friends and the teachers are really nice and helpful. This school is near the rail trail so if we were doing bike ed we could ride safely over there. We also have bonus recess if you do not have your name in the book.

By Alira

I like Boolarra Primary School because the teachers are awesome. I like Boolarra Primary School because it is small, quiet and peaceful. By Indily of Grade 4.

I like Boolarra Primary School because I get to play with my friends all the time. I also like it because when I fall over people always see if I'm ok. I like my teacher too because she gives me fun work. By Jasper of Grade 1

In Prep at Boolarra primary school I had a buddy called Ryan. He was very supportive and was always there for me. I was very frightened at first but gradually settled in towards the end of the year.

In Grade 1 we were a bit sad our buddies had left but we were excited we were finally able to swim in the pool. Also we were able to do a bit more on the drums.

In Grade 2 we had a

little opportunity of playing a sudo or something more special at the Boolarra Folk Festival. Also on sports days our expectation levels were higher.

In Grade 3 we started bike ed. It was all very new but I got used to it. Also we started 3-6 games; this made us all look forward to Friday afternoon!

In Grade 4 we were allowed to join the Bike Ed team, unfortunately I didn't make it.

In Grade 5 we all look forward to the folk festival. There are the amazing stalls, the drumming and catching up with friends. Also we were able to get responsible jobs like JSC and house captain. Fortunately I got both jobs.

In Grade 6 you get a chance to be School Captain.....By Lexi (one of our School Captains)

**Cross Country**

It was a pleasure to also hear positive reports from students who clearly enjoyed the challenge of competing at the Yinnar and District Cross Country run where the standard was very high.

Congratulations to the Yinnar and Hazelwood North Primary School teams who were very strong long distance runners. Our highest placed competitor, Caterina of Grade 6 came 7th and as a result was an emergency for the next level of competition.

**Easy healthy eating sessions**

One of our parents, Gabrielle Francis kindly provided these sessions for our parents and other community member in our Life Skills Kitchen.

The participants not only learnt a lot but also were able to whip up some scrumptious goodies.

**School camping program**

Our Grades 3-6 shared an outdoor education program with Thorpdale and Narracan Primary Schools, which is designed to help keep the costs for our parents down, share the planning workload and allow our students to forge new friendships that will serve them well when they transition to secondary college and beyond.

Our Grade 5/6s recently enjoyed an action packed, educational urban camp in Melbourne. Our Grade 3/4s will enjoy a seaside camping adventure at Waratah Bay in September.

**Fabulous behaviour!**

We are accustomed to impressive yard behaviour but this year the standard seems even higher. As a result all our students recently enjoyed an extra play-time to celebrate following our play-ground rules.



Above left - our boys soccer team that competed at the Yinnar and District soccer tournament

Above right - A group of us braving the Eureka Sky Deck Edge



Above - Jem with Work Experience student Britney during our Cross Country run

Right - A group of happy students enjoying recess break with Ms Stacey, one of our Education Support Officers





# School News

## Lumen Christi Primary School

### Welcome to Winter!

As Term 2 comes to a close it is a good opportunity to reflect on all we have done. On a sad note though, at the end of June we farewell our Principal, Mrs Jo Brewer.

Jo has been at Lumen Christi since 2013 and we thank her for her commitment to excellence.

We wish her well as she takes on the exciting challenge of opening a new school for the Diocese of Ballarat in 2017.

Mr Dave Cooper has been appointed to lead the school through to the end of the year.

In relation to 2017 at Lumen Christi we have already started our transition/enrolment process.

With a strong number of siblings already committed to our 2017 Prep group, we have offered a welcome to

potential new families to visit the school to speak to us about securing a place for 2017.

We offer our incoming Preps the chance to try-out primary school during our 'Come and See' sessions and for interested parents we encourage you to contact us to arrange a school tour and Principal meeting.

In the area of faith we continue to be blessed by having regular opportunities to join together as a community to celebrate Mass.

Both Father Francis and Father Antony give so freely of their time and we welcome all our families, friends and parishioners to join us each Thursday at 9am.

In May we were joined by Bishop Patrick who led the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Year 6 candidates.

The Mass held during the regular parish Saturday Night Mass was just lovely, with musician Nathan Klep ensuring our liturgy was of the highest quality.

Our school is blessed to be supported by such talented parishioners.

In June the Catholic Church celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart, an event that prompts us to reach out in service to those in need.

Again our parishioners through 'Vinnies' set a fine example for us so we were happy to contribute in a small way to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Also in early June we were fortunate enough to receive an offer for our Year 5 students to attend a Pilgrimage Mass hosted by Bishop Patrick at St Mary's Cathedral in Sale.

Learning at Lumen Christi

continues to be exciting for all, with this term finding the teachers at times doing some of the most challenging learning. As part of a few inter-related projects, the staff has been involved in reviewing and analysing their own performance.

Our current focus is centred around boosting the reading performance of all students across the school, and the staff deserve praise for the way they have participated in this challenging, yet very rewarding learning experience.

As a school we continue to be involved with the internationally recognised University of Melbourne: Network of Schools which offers support to the school to further monitor and support the learning by both students and staff.

As part of our program of consistent improvement across all aspects of the school, the Lumen Christi staff will participate in a Catholic Education Office initiative referred to as School Renewal.

A key part of this will be a two-day intensive planning retreat.

During this time staff will review our school's performance across a range of areas, and develop plans and future goals.

Away from the classroom the Year 3/4s made a visit to Federation University for the annual Bug Blitz activity hosted by teaching students. We thank Federation University for the invitation to participate in this opportunity, and in return we hosted a number of enthusiastic students who are completing

their teacher training.

On the sporting field we have participated in an extended set of netball and AFL coaching sessions. All students, Prep to Year 6, had the chance to participate in some netball and AFL sessions, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue from Yinnar FNC and Brett from AFL Gippsland for the outstanding coaching lessons they presented to our students.

This term the senior students represented the school in the Winter Inter-School carnivals for soccer, netball and AFL football.

We wish all Churchill News readers a warm and cosy June, and remind you all to get ready to read our Churchill News Story Writing entries in future editions.

# School News

## Yinnar South Primary School

Yinnar South Primary School is having an Information Evening on Wednesday, June 22 at 6.30pm.

This evening will provide prospective parents, caregivers and interested parties with information on our innovative school and the wonderful opportunities that our students have.

Our individual focus means that we teach all students at their point of need, and students are encouraged to express and embrace their personality.

Our 2017 Prep enrolments are now open and we are

looking forward to welcoming a fantastic group of new students.

Our school has been growing and the new learning spaces look wonderful.

Please RSVP to the school on 5169 1540 if you would like to attend this evening.

### Natural Play Spaces and Play Pod

The students have been building cubbies in our forest and in the sandpit. Students have developed the important skills of negotiation, collaboration and communication as students play together.

### Student Leadership /Student Voice

The GRIP Leadership conference was enjoyed by our Junior Leadership Team. At Yinnar South Primary we have a shared leadership model, which means all students have the opportunity to develop leadership skills.

### Frog Bog (Stage One)

The students are loving our new bridge and stage one section of our Frog Bog. This has been a terrific project with lots of students and parent involvement. Thanks to Mirboo North and District Community Foundation for supporting this project.



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## Churchill Bowls Club on the move



By W. Brown

After a 50 year hiatus, Churchill's new lawn bowls facility is finally under way at Gaskin Park Sporting Precinct Churchill. The bowls green is situated on the redundant hockey ground in Manning Drive, with the adjacent club rooms being part of the Gaskin Park Stadium.

The project is the initiative of Latrobe City Council, which has recognised the need for a bowling facility

in Churchill, to cater for the diverse needs of the Churchill and district community.

Latrobe City Council has appointed A.B Berry, whose company is internationally known for its expertise in synthetic bowls green construction, as the principal contractor.

Construction works began on the 40m x 40m bowls green in mid May with the removal of soil to a depth of approximately 500mm to

form the solid foundation on which to build the green.

Once the excavation work has been achieved, 12 rows of drainage pipes will be installed in conjunction with other required works and procedures, to ensure the stability and long term sustainability of the green is assured. When earth and drainage works are completed the synthetic green which comes from the United Kingdom will be laid in

position. It is envisaged the project will be completed by June 30, with the green being operational after that date.

Whilst the green is being constructed, club members have been kept busy in the clubrooms putting the finishing touches to improved disability access and the completion of new toilet and kitchen facilities. These improvements will make our clubrooms more user friendly and functional for members

and patrons, making their stay at our club a more enjoyable experience. Lawn bowls is a sport that is rapidly appealing to a younger demographic. We at the Churchill Bowls Club welcome and encourage people from all walks of life to be part of a sporting activity that generates a high degree of social interaction, making it an ideal sport to make and cultivate friendships.

Being a Gippsport Welcoming Inclusive Club,

we invite new, current and past players to be a part of our progressive organisation committed to serving the Churchill and district communities.

The Churchill Bowls Club thanks Latrobe City Council for supporting our project and their steadfast support in ensuring a positive outcome for the people of Churchill and district. For further information billpatbrown@bigpond.com

## Latrobe Valley Hockey Association

By Linda Reid

The synthetic sports pavilion at Churchill's Federation University is a step closer to being constructed after Latrobe City Council nominated the project as the first priority in the 2017/18 budget.

It will depend on being successful in obtaining

state funding through the Community Sports Infrastructure Fund.

This is a collaboration between Latrobe City, Federation University, Latrobe Valley Hockey Association and state government.

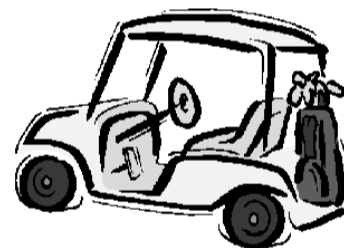
The Hockey Association has lobbied for five years for

the construction of toilets, change rooms, shelter and clubrooms.

The facility is used by all Latrobe Valley hockey clubs and attracts players from south and east Gippsland.

This will allow us to attract some major carnivals and help boost visitors to the Latrobe Valley.

## Churchill & Monash Golf Club results



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 Hosp. 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

Saturday May 7, 2016. Mens Stroke - Sponsor Rennie Property Sales - A Grade 0-16 - A. Sharrock (16) G86 N70. B. Grade 17-25 V. Monument (25) G98 N73 C/B. C. Grade 26-36 F. Borgwardt (27) G 95 N 68.

Ladies - V. Verheyen 76 Net. DTL J. Butler 70, J. Ellwood 71, R. Scurlock

71, J. Sanders 72, C. Thomas 72, M. Soppe 73 C/B, J. Banfield 73 C/B. NTP - 3rd Pro Pin T. Webb, 5th P. Smart, 12th D. Mcgrath, 14th T. Webb. Target Hole - J. Jeffery. Birdies - 3rd J. Butler, 5th P. Smart, 14th T. Webb.

Ladies Tuesday May 10, 2016. Doris Chambers Foursomes Stableford - Winners B. Beebe (32) D. Stait (34), Total Hcp 33 31 Pts. DTL L. Peake (37), M. Dear (15), Total Hcp 26 27 Pts.

Saturday May 14, 2016 Mens 4bbb - Stableford Championship Round 1. Winners - P. Jordan and T. Collins - 45 Pts. Runners Up - G. Beyer and D. Byers - 42 Pts. DTL R. Welsh and C. Spowart 41 Pts. G. Blizzard and V. Monument 40 Pts. L. Oates and R. Timbs 40 C/B. NTP - 3rd M. Sanders, 5th J. Barnes, 12th E. Hayeshills, 14th J. Armstrong. Target Hole - R. Dent.

Ladies - Tuesday May 17, 2016.

Volunteers Day - Winners T. Sterrick, M. Dear, M. Munckton, J. Armstrong - Score 65 6/8. Men NTP 3rd

W. Judkins, 12th T. Sterrick, 14th I. Heppelstone.

Saturday May 21, 2016

Mens 4bbb Stableford Championship Round 2. Winners J. Sterrick and T. Sterrick 49 Pts. Runners Up J. Barnes and B. Barnes 46 Pts. C/ Winners T. Sterrick and J. Sterrick 39 + 49 88pts. C/Shipo R/U G. Beyer and D. Byers 42 + 41 83 C/B. Ladies C. Sterrick and J. Armstrong 35 Pts. DTL Mamum and Fabian 44 Pts. J. Sanders and M. Sanders 44 Pts.

K. Hills and E. Hayes Hills 42 Pts. I. Heppelstone and R. Dent 42 C/B. NTP 3rd G. Beyer, 12th C. Hogbin, 14th G. Beyer, Pro Pin G. Beyer. Target Hole B. Barnes. Birdies 3rd J. Sanders - G. Beyer.

Ladies Tuesday May 24, 2016

4bbb - Winners B. Beebe and J. Armstrong 36 Pts C/B. R/Up J.Beck and M. Mc Quillen 36 Pts. NTP 3rd D. Judkins, 5th M. Dear, 12th M. Dear, 14th M. Dear.

## Mid Gippsland Darts Association

### Summer Competition 2016



#### DARTS ASSOCIATION LADDER after Round 15

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	%	Pts
BULLSHOT	15	14	1	103	32	1144.4	28
YINNAR TIGERS	15	12	3	81	54	900.0	24
JOKERS	15	7	8	60	75	666.7	14
COYOTEZ	15	6	9	64	71	711.1	12
COLLABORATORS	15	3	12	55	80	611.1	6
REAPERS	15	3	12	42	93	466.7	6

Coming into round 11 Yinnar Tigers were still pressuring ladder leaders winning 6-3 over Reapers. Mark Taylor (3) and Reno Borg (2) with highest score on the night of 140. Reno also made the highest score of the night and Mark rounded off with the most pegs (7).

Round 12: A close fought affair with Tigers hanging in for a 5-4 win over Jokers. Mark Taylor again featuring with the highest score of 177 on the night. This score is the highest at the moment in the league.

Round 13: A lacklustre showing by Tigers on the night saw them defeated by the top team Bullshot 7-2. Bullshot team members were on fire with 180s by Scott Smith and Aaron Donoghue. Yinnar Tigers did present some defence with Reno Borg scoring the highest for Tigers with 140 and also had most tons on the night with 12. Sharon Taylor chipped in with her own highest ladies score of 121.

Round 14: Yinnar Tigers returned to the winning list with a 7-2 defeat of Coyotez. Reno Borg and Mark Taylor (2) had highest scores of 140. Mark also had 12 Tons for the night.

Round 15: The last match of the regular season and Yinnar Tigers started badly losing the first three games before rallying to defeat Collaborators 5-4. The Taylor's featured on the night with Mark having 2 x 140s and Sharon with ladies highest score of 133. It's now off to the finals with Bullshot, Yinnar Tigers, Jokers and Coyotez teams facing off for the premiership.

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# Mothers' Day Tea Party



By appreciative participants. A very enjoyable afternoon tea was thoroughly enjoyed by over thirty people at the Cooperating Churches on Mothers Day. There was much chatter as everyone met with friends and made new ones. Many mothers were thoroughly delighted to be

taken out for the afternoon. There were also young family groups enjoying time out. The afternoon tea menu was superb and the presentation was marvellous. Some of the food on offer was three different types of sandwiches, including salmon, egg and ham. There were four flavours of slice, jelly, hedgehog, lemon

and mars bar. Tartlets were flavoured with caramel, lemon curd and custard while mini cakes came in four flavours, strawberry, lemon, vanilla and chocolate. Specialty items included scones, jam, and cream, ginger kisses, strawberries and yo-yo's. What a feast. For hot drinks there was a choice of speciality fruit and herbal teas, or hot chocolate, or Moccona coffee in Velvety, Rich or Intense flavours. Many thanks go to everyone who worked in the kitchen on the day. You did a remarkable job. We all enjoyed a lovely afternoon away from our kitchens.



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