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## 30 years community service



Firefighter Ranjike Dissanayake, Captain Steve Barling, Firefighter Allan Larkin



Firefighter Jack Dixon

### Effort rewarded.

The Churchill Fire Brigade held its annual presentation night to thank the volunteers, their families, and to recognise members' special efforts.

Held on Saturday October 22 at Churchill Hotel in the Function Room, the guests included Russell Northe MLA, Operations Officer Chris Loeshenkohl and his wife Jo, Life members, special guests, members from other local brigades and Churchill Brigade members

and their partners. MC for the night, President of the Brigade Allan Larkin, opened proceedings by welcoming everyone before asking Captain Steve Barling to say a few words.

Steve said it was great to see more people joining the brigade. He added it was good to hold such an evening to acknowledge the good things we do in and for the community.

Steve reported that the brigade attends between 160-170 call outs per annum,

adding it was good to have the extra members to assist with meeting this level of demand. However, it is not always easy to find people at all hours of the day so more members are required to assist with daytime response.

Steve commended Graeme Renwick and his helpers who do the Fire Equipment Maintenance work which brings an income to the brigade, allowing for the presentation night to be held and for it to have an up-to-date FCV (Field Command

Vehicle).

Russell Northe followed with words of thanks on behalf of the community for the efforts of the brigade.

He commented that the years ahead will be interesting with large and complex fires predicted which would test our volunteer and career firefighters as we face changes in our climate.

He assured the members of all brigades present of the community's appreciation of the fact that they are there for them.

Russell also thanked the family for the support they gave members to carry out their duties.

Operations Officer Chris Loeshenkohl extended his thanks to all members and thanked them for their dedication and commitment. He too thanked families for their support especially for those late night calls.

Allan Larkin then called on Chris to award a 30 year service medal which went to Captain Steve Barling. In receiving the medal Steve thanked past and present members for their support over those years.

Captain Steve then

awarded the Firefighter of the Year to Firefighter Jack Dixon.

Unfortunately, Jack was unable to attend.

Lieutenant Shane Renwick presented the Rookie of the Year award to Firefighter Ranjike Dissanayake. Lieutenant Steve Shankland presented The Most Consistent Trophy to Chris Gallagher.

Steve Barling then presented the Captain's Trophy to Allan Larkin for his work with the brigade and also in the community.

An enjoyable meal and time of social interaction was had by those present.

## Hazelwood Closes

Our faithful landmark has served the power industry for 51 years and now she is near to completing her work and will go into retirement.

Churchill & District News would like to acknowledge this imminent closure and the effects it will have on the employees and the flow on effect to the community.

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# Community Newspaper Association of Victoria Finalist

Churchill & District News was a finalist in the newspaper section of the Country Newspapers Association of Victoria's annual competition with a copy of the Boolarra Police Station reopening issue. The judges said:

"In many ways this is a "good old-fashioned country newspaper", exhibiting plenty of local colour and flavour. This edition features a newsy front page about the re-opening of the Boolarra police station, obviously of importance to residents. The rest of the paper

is filled with the interests and news of interest to its readership, such as a quilters' exhibition, community garden news, Lions Club and art news, much of it written by contributors.

Page design is decent and photos generally used well. The number of local contributors shows strong engagement from the community with its newspaper, as does the business support evident in the amount of advertising. More active headlines would have improved the paper's readability."



## Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish  
 Species: *Lambertia orbifolia*  
 Family: Proteaceae  
 Lambertia: Named in honor of Aylmer Bourke Lambert (1761-1842), an English botanist who wrote 'The Genus Pinus', published between 1803 and 1814.

*orbifolia*: From Latin, *orbis*, meaning circle or orb and *folium*, meaning a leaf, referring to the round leaves.

Common Name: Round-leaf Honeysuckle  
 Distribution: Gazetted as rare by the Western Australian government in 1980, this species is known only from very localized populations in south-western WA (King River - King George Sound, Scotts River).

Description: An erect, open shrub to 3 metres tall, usually with hairy branches. Leaves are opposite (rarely in whorls of 3) and almost

circular (slightly cordate, that is heart-shaped).

They concave upwards (slightly cup-shaped), entire, glabrous (not hairy), sessile (no stalk) or shortly petiolate (stalked) to 40mm diameter.

Flowers are red and borne terminally in groups of 4 to 6, surrounded by small bracts and are 40-50mm long, narrow when in bud but flaring to a trumpet shape when open.

Opinion: My specimen was purchased in 2006 from Mt Cassell Native Nursery in Pomonal.

It had presumably been grown by cutting from an established plant in the garden. I've also seen it in the Bush House Nursery at Allansford near Warrnambool too.

It went into the ground next to my garage door on the western side of the block and immediately produced a single flower (a group of 4),



so I expected it to turn up its toes. It didn't! Although it didn't flower in 2008, it did put on a reasonable amount of growth despite it being hot and dry.

In 2009 it decided to flower again, another single group of 4 flowers. Since then it has continued to grow happily, such that I now have to

regularly prune it away from the overhead power mains. It produces more flowers each year, though it could still be considered as sparsely flowering, compared to other *Lambertia* species.

Sources: Wrigley and Fagg- Banksias, Waratahs and Grevilleas, etc.

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## Rainfall



October was one of the wettest months for the year with 14 days of rain, plenty of wind blowing and cool nights to keep the heaters on. All the paddocks are nice and green and the farmers will be happy with their crops.

Thanks to Ron and Fay

for keeping the rain gauge records up to date while we were away enjoying the warmth of Queensland for three months.

The October Rainfall for Churchill was 112.5 mil, for a total of 699.5 mil for the year to date.

Bruce Stephenson

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# Churchill Neighbourhood Centre AGM



**Churchill**  
Neighbourhood  
Centre

The past year at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) has been one of new partnerships, programs and projects. One example is the Churchill Community Festival, a combined project for CNC, Churchill & District News, Federation University, Hazelwood Rotary, and Churchill and District Lions.

Highlights included local community group stalls, lawn mower racing, skateboarding workshops, open day for the CFA, Men's Shed, and Community Garden, Marimba workshops, traditional gumboot hurling, the Churchill Community Market, face painting, Devonshire tea, and activities run by local sporting groups. Already, next year's Festival is taking shape with some exciting things on offer.

The Community Café is another new program resulting from collaboration, in this instance between CNC, the Co-operating Churches of Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar, and St Vincent de Paul. The Community Café has also benefited greatly from support by the Anglicare Parent Support Program, funding from Latrobe City Council, and generous donations from the community generally.

Connections between CNC and the local community have also been strengthened by new classes and groups, including English for parents, yoga, knitting and crochet, Intel Learn Easy Steps, photography, and Positive Birth Movement Latrobe Valley.

2016 also saw CNC's first thank you dinner for our 50 plus volunteers, acknowledging all their hard work over the past years. Thirty-six attended a two-

course dinner prepared by our cooking tutor, Noelene Marchwicki, and her helper Robyn. As with so much at CNC, our volunteers demonstrate great team effort, and we couldn't do a lot of what we do without them!

In addition to new programs, in 2016 CNC's traditional activities have continued to flourish: classes such as patchwork, computers, tai chi, cooking and discussion, and continued support of the Churchill Community Garden and Churchill Men's Shed.

Like every year, 2016 was also one of change. We said farewell to Cora Pal, who has retired after almost 20 years of teaching creative writing at CNC, and we welcomed new staff. Emma Howell is our new Administration Officer and with her enterprising attitude, she hasn't looked back.

Abigail Brown was employed as project officer, to conduct a review of education and training needs in our local community. Her conclusions will inform CNC programs, courses, activities and strategic directions over the coming years.

We'd like to thank CNC's tutors for their commitment to the local community and the Centre. Their passion and knowledge is inspiring, and without them we wouldn't have the great programs and participants that we have today.

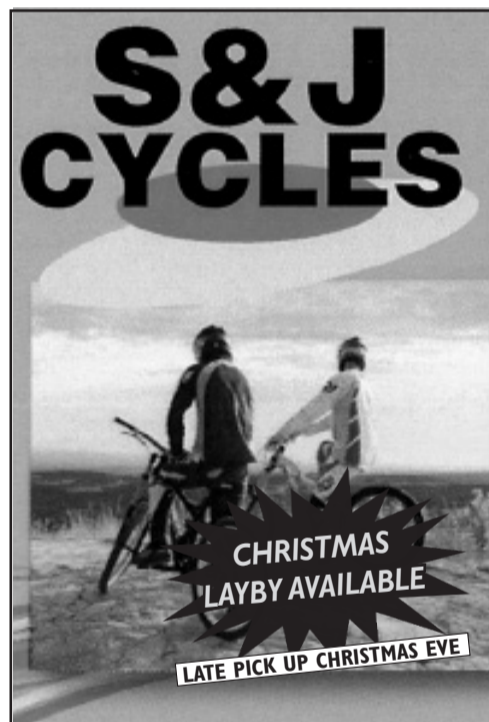
A special thank you goes to the CNC Board for their effort, perseverance, and support. Board members have contributed so much to the Centre's place in the community and growth, with really important changes being achieved, and this makes CNC's future very exciting and promising.

An extra special thank you goes to outgoing Board members Jacqueline McLure, Lorraine Andrew, Jean Baudendistel, Terry Goodwin, Margaret Goodwin and Peter Fawcett. Many of these Board members have been on the Board for well over ten years and their dedication, expertise and generous support will be sadly missed.

Welcome to the new Board Members, Milton Shields and Isobel Piper, who will join Sue Tettmann, Bronwyn Halls, Helen Fawcett and Anne Crawford in providing guidance and governance at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

Finally, farewell to Julia Leonard, Centre Coordinator, who has so expertly run the Centre over the last two years. Her calm enthusiasm, extensive knowledge and vision have been inspiring to all. Thank you, Julia – you are a gem.

Welcome and congratulations to Abigail Brown, who is now taking up the reins as Centre Manager. We look forward to working with you.



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## Computer and phone scams

This month, the Churchill town safety group is looking at Computer and phone scams.

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Delete the emails that look suspicious, before you open any attachments. These attachments often have viruses that "attack" your computer. Never give any banking or credit card details to people that you don't know or trust. If in doubt.

Have a look at [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au) and familiarise yourself with things that go on in the community, and spread the word to friends and family, so that no one gets scammed.



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# Russell Northe



Last month I had the pleasure of attending the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre AGM and I congratulate all office bearers on their elected positions. I also wish to acknowledge all outgoing office bearers for their service to the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre over the past 12 months.

I wish to pass on my best wishes as we farewell Julia Leonard, Coordinator of Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. On behalf of the Churchill and District Community we thank Julia for her contributions to the Churchill and District Community and wish her all the best for her future endeavours!

On Saturday October 22, the Churchill Fire Brigade's Annual Dinner was held at the

Churchill Hotel. The function provided an opportunity for the Churchill Fire Brigade to reflect on their achievements throughout the year.

I wish to congratulate Captain of Churchill Fire Brigade, Steve Barling on his 30 years of service and acknowledge other award winners including Firefighter of the Year – Firefighter Jack Dixon, Rookie of the Year – Firefighter Ranjike Dissayanake, Most Consistent Member – Lieutenant Chris Gallagher and Captain's Trophy – Firefighter Allan Larkin.

As we enter the summer period it's a timely reminder and important that fire plans are now in place and ready to be implemented in the event of a fire. I also want to acknowledge the

efforts of all our local CFA Brigades and volunteers who do such a marvellous job in supporting and protecting our communities.

Of great concern to

residents across Latrobe City is the increase in crime statistics, the Victorian Crime Statistics Agency's latest crime statistics reveal crime in Latrobe City has increased

by a staggering 18.4 per cent since December 2014.

Latrobe now has the second highest offence rate in Victoria with 19,167 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population.

Our local police do an amazing job in serving and protecting our community.

The Lions Club of Churchill and District will once again be organising a community function to celebrate Australia Day in Churchill.

As part of this the Churchill Lions Club is looking for nominations for Young Citizen Award and Citizen Award to outstanding persons who have contributed to the community during the previous 12 months.

The awards will be presented at the Churchill

Australia Day Ceremony on January 26, 2017.

Nominations close on December 20, 2016. For more information about the awards contact Bob Lowick, Secretary, Lions Club of Churchill and District Inc, 0408 377 781.

A reminder the next Churchill Community Market is on Saturday November 19, 8.30am to 1.30pm at the Churchill Hotel carpark. There will be over 45 stalls selling a range of things from fresh fruit and veggies to local arts and crafts. All proceeds from the market support Churchill community projects.

For more information about the market or stall bookings contact Bob Lowick on 0408 377 781 or email churchill.lions@gmail.com

My wife is out every night at bars. But she gets up every morning and gets the kids off to school. Does she drink too much? Ann doesn't drive. She only drinks at night. She just gets really quiet- but this happens every night.

Janis doesn't get drunk that often. But whenever we go to a party she drinks more than she should. In fact she doesn't seem to know when to stop. Sometimes I end up carrying her to the car. I know she drinks too much

sometimes. But that doesn't mean she is an alcoholic does it?

Each of the men in these examples wants an answer to the question "Does she drink too much"?

It is another way of asking

is my wife an alcoholic? Of course the same questions can apply to other family members and friends too. If only someone would tell us!

Al-Anon is a fellowship of relatives and friends to help, but one thing members

cannot do is tell you if your wife or anyone is an alcoholic. They can though ask you another question- Does her drinking bother you? If the answer is yes even sometimes then Al-Anon may be able to help you.

### 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.

## Does she drink too much?

## Volunteers needed for seniors' activities group

If you enjoy making friends and know your way around a cup of tea, Latrobe Community Health Service's planned activity group (PAG) could use your help.

The Churchill group meets on Wednesdays and Fridays at its temporary location at the town hall. It normally meets at the Latrobe Community Health Service centre, which is currently undergoing a

redevelopment.

The group runs activities for eligible seniors aged 65 years and above, or people with a disability.

Some of these activities include cooking classes, craft sessions, games and guest speakers. Sometimes, off-site events are organised. This includes trips to local attractions and events, such as car shows, expos and open

gardens.

The group is looking for up to two new volunteers to assist with things like driving the PAG van, helping prepare and serve meals, and providing general assistance to participants.

For more information



about volunteering for the planned activity group, phone Latrobe Community Health Service on 1800 242 696.

## Christmas Church Services at our Churches

### Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar

Blue Christmas Service: Boolarra 7pm Thursday, December 22 - a service for those for whom Christmas is a sad or difficult time.

Christmas Eve: Crib

Service Churchill 6.30pm, Boolarra: 8.30pm. Communion

Christmas Day: Churchill 9am and Yinnar 9.30am

### Churchill Christian Fellowship

Sunday December 18 at 10am

### Lumen Christi

Christmas Eve: Mass 8pm (Carols from 7.45 prior to Mass) at Churchill.

Christmas Day: Mass 9am at Churchill (no Masses at Yinnar or Boolarra on Christmas Day)



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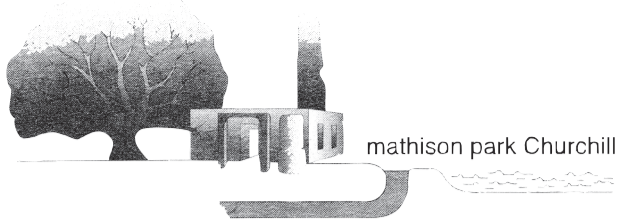
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# Messiah choir and soloists meet the orchestra



The Latrobe Chorale is one step closer to realising its performance of Handel's 'Messiah'. Recently the choir and soloists rehearsed for the first time with the Gippsland Symphony Orchestra under the baton of conductor David Williams OAM.

The composer George Frideric Handel wrote his oratorio in English in 1741 and it was first performed in Dublin in 1742. It has since become a frequently performed and much loved piece of choral music and includes the famous 'Hallelujah Chorus' and other well-known tunes.

The Gippsland performances on November 19 and 20 will be "Big Messiah" performances with a choir of over fifty voices supported by a forty-piece orchestra. The orchestral arrangement will be the one written by Mozart and first performed (in German) in

1789.

Latrobe Chorale's performances of this popular work will be a performance in Warragul at the West Gippsland Arts Centre on Saturday evening, November 19 starting at 7.30pm, and repeated at Kernot Hall in Morwell on Sunday afternoon, November 20, starting at 2pm.

Esther Capitanio will sing the soprano solo part with Mary Mirschin in the alto role and Ian Moore singing the tenor solos. The choir is delighted to welcome the exciting young Geelong based singer, Stephen Marsh, as its bass soloist for this concert. Stephen is currently on a full scholarship with the Opera Scholars Australia Program; and most recently, was awarded the Betty Amsden AO Scholarship 'Opera Scholar of the Year', for Australian Music Events 2016/17 season.

The choir and orchestra members travel to their rehearsals from all over Gippsland and are looking forward to showcasing their achievements in performances for their communities on November 19 and 20. It should be quite a show!

Tickets for Warragul can be bought through the WGAC box office on 5624 2456 and for Morwell through Latrobe City Box Office on 5176 3333. They can also be purchased online. The Latrobe Chorale would like to acknowledge Latrobe City for supporting their Kernot Hall performance through a 2016 Community Support Grant.

Enquiries:

Kate Linde, President 0407 072 294 or Joëlle Champert Secretary 0457 526 369.

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## Spring brings increased work



Saturday October 22 dawned sunny but cold. It deteriorated as it went on. However, eight brave souls turned up for the working bee. Some rubbish was collected, the pile of clay was finally all removed (hard work), some fallen branches picked up and the Koori Garden weeded between showers.

Thanks for the welcome sustenance Gary, your cake was delicious.

The grass is getting longer and the Corrections teams are

doing a great job with their mowers and whipper snipper but they cannot keep up with the grass growth at present. Others have been organised and will come and help but the rain has made it too wet for their machines to come in.

It will be mowed and will look better when that happens. Please be patient.

Spring has seen the birds successfully producing another set of young. It is a delight to see the little ones and the protectiveness of the

parent birds.

Pacey's Tree Service has removed the unsafe trees around the playground. It has created the space needed to erect the shade sails over the play equipment.

We thank them for their generous support with this project. Watch this space!

Horses are not to be ridden in Mathison Park. They dig up the surface of the paths with their hooves and cause damage.

## Nappy Collective

Thank you to everyone who contributed nappies for our October Collection.

We collected 681 nappies - 152 from Newsagency, 350 from Discount Chemist and

179 from the Neighbourhood Centre for a total of 681 for the October collection.

The May collection was 726 - a great effort for the year from Churchill.

We also thank the Churchill Newsagency, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and Discount Chemist for their willingness to be the collection points.



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# Church News



## Co-Operating Church Snippets

We were pleased to welcome Reverend Jim Murray to the services at Churchill and Boolarra on Sunday October 16. Jim is the Presbytery Chairperson. He took part in the services including giving the sermon. He preached on the benefits of persistence and applied that to prayer, saying God knows what we want and when we will obtain it, but he wants to know we are serious about what is wanted. Prayer will be answered but not always when or how we want.

Some of our parishioners have been involved with the Community Cafe held each Monday at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre in the Hub. This has seen 30-40 people come and share a hot meal with the chance to meet others and share in conversation. The aim is to provide a welcome space where people who may be socially isolated or in need of a meal cooked for them can come. Donations of food items can be left at the Co-Operating Churches or dropped off at the Neighbourhood Centre in the Hub.

Coffee Connections had a

games day. People were welcome to bring a card or board game they enjoyed playing to show each other and recount some memories.

On Sunday October 23 we had a whole parish service at Yinnar. Rosslyn Jackson shared with us about the latest news from Wise Choices for Life. The service had a mission focus. There was a special offering for Wise Choices for Life. The service highlighted our need to look wider to extend our support of worthwhile projects. Wise Choices teaches people how to family plan to avoid poverty.

Junior Youth Group enjoyed the fun of a Family Feud night.

The last week of the month was dedicated to preparing for our Garage Sale and Family Fun Day. Masses of donated goods were displayed in the church and shed, while outside there was more. Devonshire teas, sausage sizzle and pancakes were served. A cake stall provided



for the sweet toothed and the plant stall provide bargains for gardeners. For the children there was a jumping castle and large games to play. The Churchill Fire Brigade came and let children squirt the hose while other members gave out bushfire preparedness brochures.

An interpretation of our journey of faith based on Hannah Hurnard's book "Hinds Feet on High Places" was held on Sunday evening October 23. Russell led those present through scripture, music and prayer as part of this journey.

## Student Connect

By Frank Lees  
Australians have so much to be thankful for, but too often we don't admit it enough.

People from other countries often say that we have nothing to complain about, especially as many of them came because of the freedoms that we have here.

Freedom of conscience, speech, association, and yes, freedom of religion, are often denied many in other countries.

It is that very freedom which often attracts people to countries like Australia.

Freedom from undue Government restriction is high on the list.

Because, what happens when people cannot talk about the beliefs which underpin morality is a stalemate, divided opinions, etc. etc.

This brief comment which I am privileged to submit each month is almost always finished with the phrase 'worth thinking about!' (and it will still, today) but when it comes to the lack of freedom such as many who come to this country have experienced, it is really not too difficult to 'think about' how blessed we



are in this country.

We do have so much to be thankful for.

We should be more thankful for it.

We should also be careful not to lose it!

Worth thinking about!

## Saturday Breakfast September - October



### September

By Rod Burney

Rwanda, the land of a thousand hills and a million smiles. A beautiful country full of beautiful people. Brenda and I had two weeks staying in the Gippsland diocese sister diocese of Gahini which is about one and a half hours to the east of Kigali the capital city of Rwanda. We stayed in accommodation called the 'Seeds of Peace' on the banks of lake Muhazi.

We went to Rwanda to attend the eightieth East African Revival Conference. A four day revival attended by over four thousand Christians from all over east Africa in the area where the first revival

took place. The first day of the conference we sat on the side of the hill with all the other people and listened to lots of choirs singing. African choirs are not the same as our choirs; there is lots of dancing as well as the singing.

Several bishops and priests from other dioceses in Rwanda as well as bishops and priests from other countries and bishop Alexis, the bishop of Gahini, were guest speakers.

I don't think anyone here can complain about long sermons, some of the bishops preached for nearly an hour.

Although we were the only four Mazungu (white people) in the crowd of four thousand we felt quite

comfortable as the people are so friendly. We also visited the Genocide memorial in Kigali. It was a very moving experience.

Katie Pekin who is the assistant priest at Warragul has a sponsor child with World Vision in Rwanda and Brenda, Katie and I had the great privilege of going to visit him and his family. World Vision has had it's critics but the work that we saw them doing in Rwanda is exemplary. I don't think that I could survive on the high carb diet that we were given but the food was good and the servings very generous. All in all we had a wonderful time and it is something that I will never forget.

### October

By Keith Enders

Dr Lynn Fowler the Chief Executive Officer of Barrier Breakers was the guest speaker for October.

Situated in the Latrobe Valley, Barrier Breakers Inc is a mental health advocacy organisation committed to providing both systemic and individual advocacy services to improve the quality of life of people who experience mental illness in the region. Established in 2006, the association's membership is Gippsland wide and consists of parents/carers with family members suffering a mental illness, patients/consumers, medical practitioners and other concerned citizens.

The association is an incorporated entity and is a tax-exempt charity. It is administered by a nine member Board of Directors, which includes health administrators and mental health professionals, GP's, carers and business professionals. There is no other similar organisation in the Gippsland region.

In her talk Lynn outlined some of the causes of mental health issues, which for some people, recurs throughout

their lives whereas for others it may only occur once and they recover. These include alcohol and drugs, smoking marihuana, traumatic events or physical trauma.

Lynn emphasised that mental illness should be equally regarded and treated by the community in the same way as other illnesses. She believes governments need to do more for these people. As many as one in five Australians may develop a mental illness at some stage in their lives.

Barrier Breakers help people with mental illness in a number of ways. For example if a person is having difficulty in organising their finances and paying bills, etc., someone can be made available to help them. Dealing with Centrelink and other government departments may be a problem and again someone can help. Finding adequate housing also is often difficult for people with mental illness, again help is available from Barrier Breakers. People are often referred to the organisation from other health providers and some folk contact them direct if they have heard of them.



Barrier Breakers has some part-time paid staff but also there are volunteers to help people. Some of these are students who require work experience during their courses.

More information can be obtained from Barrier Breakers web site: [www.barrierbreakers.org.au](http://www.barrierbreakers.org.au)

Their office is located at the Kath Teychenne Centre, 11-13 Breed Street, Traralgon and the phone number is: 5174 4588.

### November Breakfast

This will be held on Saturday November 26, at 7.45am at the Co-Operating Church, Williams Avenue. The guest speaker will be Max Chapman from the Missionary Aviation Fellowship which has been in operation for seventy years and now has 53 light aircraft operating from 15 bases in six countries and provides services for 600 Christian and humanitarian organisations. It provides access to medical care for people in remote areas, provides disaster relief, and makes community development projects possible.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders on 5122 1148 or at [ken.15967@bigpond.com](mailto:ken.15967@bigpond.com) by Thursday November 24.

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# Happy Birthday - Bruce Hall turns 90



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Bruce was born on October 11, 1926 at Albert Road Hospital South Melbourne. Each time there was a baby due his mother Alison had to travel to Melbourne in case of emergency, because local roads were so bad. Bruce Hall always wanted to be a farmer, an open air man, not locked up at some office job.

He was very fond of animals - cows, horses, sheep and pigs which he fed for eleven years. His family has been in the Budgeree area for generations.

Through his 90 years Bruce has seen many changes.

In 1928 he saw Kingsford Smith fly over in his "great big plane with three engines". He remembers sanding (grading) the roads with horses and tip trays.

The first graders were pulled by horses. Then came the power grader. 'Where are the horses?' was a question asked.

The 1934 flood of Morwell River was terrible. The road to Boolarra was closed due to several landslides. These were cleared with pick and shovel, horse and scoop. Fox's bridge was washed away, and abutments of bridges near

Boolarra were compromised.

The 1944 bushfire went right past the house about half a mile away. Seven houses were burnt on that day. They couldn't milk that night due to the closeness of the fire. Some Yinnar people came out to help beat out the fire using beaters made of bran bags.

In World War 2 Bruce joined the VDC (Volunteer Defence Corps). They did training and learned what to do if the Japanese landed here - retreat to the Baw Baw Mountains. Bruce saw a Japanese aeroplane fly over one morning. It was the one

which flew over Yallourn.

There was gunfire heard on one occasion which turned out to be artillery practice at Wilson's Promontory.

Being a dairy farmer he saw many changes from hand milking to machines. During the war years petrol was rationed as it was very scarce. Kerosene was used to run the milking machine.

Horses were used for the main farm jobs. Bruce would plough up to 70 acres for cattle feed and 30 acres for maize. Harvesting was a big task. He also had a large potato patch. Bruce rode a horse to round up the cattle for 30 years. He was charged by an Ayrshire bull twice but survived.

In 1955 the farm had its first tractor and the horses lost their pride of place. Up to 220 cows were milked by Bruce and his brothers which took about three and a half hours.

He attended Budgeree State School, receiving his Merit Certificate at 13. He was required to do correspondence school until the age of fourteen and a half. In all the years of farming he never became sick of the job. He says he was overworked and underpaid but he loved it.

He had two good dogs which were a great help.

The first wireless the family had did not have a speaker but earphones. His



dad would listen with the earphones and the children would get up close and be very quiet so they could hear too.

The telephone exchange was located at Roys, so you rang there and they would put you through to the exchange at Boolarra.

It was one of those you dialled with the mouthpiece and moveable ear piece attached to the wall.

Bruce married in 1959 and he and wife Margaret have four children - Alison, James, Lyndal and Alan. Electricity

was connected in 1963. Bruce was very community minded and was Secretary of Budgeree Hall Committee for 17 years and Treasurer for ten years; Chairperson of Boolarra Historical Society for 22 years; secretary of Gippsland Ayrshire Cattle Club for 14 years and Boolarra Representative on the Rural Rate Payers group for nine years.

To celebrate his wonderful healthy 90 years, Bruce and his close family had a dinner at the Churchill Hotel, as he didn't want a 'big do'.

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# Friends of Morwell National Park



at different stages of the walk. The following orchids were observed on the walk:

- Chiloglottis Valida (Common Bird Orchid)
- Glossodria Major (Waxlip)
- Caladenia Transitona (Eastern Bronze Caladenia)
- Caleana Major (Flying Duck Orchid)
- five other species of Caladenia

At the end of the walk lunch was had in the Kerry Road picnic area. Over lunch most of the walkers left, with a group of new walkers coming in for the Koala Count.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Foster's Gully	2	4	3	8	4
Stringybark Track	6	3	2	3	7
Jumbuk fire trail	2	4	3	1	2
Totals	10	11	8	12	13

Track. A few of the walkers had not seen koalas in the wild before and they were rewarded in seeing nine (seven on the Stringybark Track). Beryl and Darren took their group around Foster's Gully and found four koalas.

This brought the number of koalas located to 13. All koalas (some were mums and cubs) looked healthy. The numbers of koalas located have remained solid over the last five years.

**John's Jottings**  
This snippet on the activities of the Friends of Morwell National Park was sourced and edited from early Newsletter files.

"21st September, 1987.

Dear Friends,

What a great turn out for our September meeting considering the damp conditions, we really didn't expect too many people to brave the elements, so 17 Adults and 9 Children was a surprising attendance. After a brief talk over business matters we divided up into four groups and headed off to do some spotting. In keeping with last year's September survey we stuck to the main tracks through the park, however there were not enough people to do the Western boundary of the park, therefore we think we may drop this area from our future surveys. Koala statistics as

follows:-

Our surveys now are

	Sept 1986	Oct 1986	Sept 1987
Fosters Gully	6	6	6
North and Eastern Boundary	4	-	6
Stringybark	4	1	5
Western Boundary	1	-	no survey
Southern Boundary	3	3	-
TOTAL	18	10	17

starting to make some headway so our first aim will be to establish the viability of the Koala population within the park, and then ultimately if the survey results indicate that the population is dwindling, then the aim of our research will be to establish why and how to remedy the situation. Thank you to all those who attended because without your help this valuable information would not be possible.

Once our survey was complete we had a very

pleasant afternoon tea around the fire which finished off the

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day on a high.

Bye for now.

Yours sincerely,  
Gail Roche.

CO-ORDINATOR."

### October Activity Report

This month we had two activities. The first was a morning Orchid Walk while the second was the annual Koala Count. At the first activity we had Matt, Kerry, Beryl, Peter, Jessica, Rose and Darren (briefly). Other regular members were off in exotic locations. We were

joined by a large group of keen walkers from the Ben Cruachan Walking Club and the Field Naturalists.

Before the activity, Matt and Kerry collected the chainsaw and cleared a tree from across the Stringybark Track. Matt had told Parks about the tree earlier in the week, but they had not been able to clear it, so Matt needed to clear it before the Orchid Walk.

The overcast conditions were great for walking. The group walked the Stringybark Track to discover what orchids were to be seen. A range of diverse orchids was located

the Koala Count.

At the second activity for the day we had Matt, Kerry, Beryl, Peter, Jessica and Darren for the Koala Count. We were joined by a few locals and some International students from the University and the local High School. We had enough walkers to survey three different tracks.

Matt and Kerry drove up Jumbuk Road to traverse the Jumbuk fire trail. At the top of a hill they located two koalas a few hundred metres apart and then no more koalas. This is common for this trail.

Peter and Jessica took a group around Stringybark

### November Activity

Sunday November 20

The group will meet at 10.00am in the Kerry Road car park. The group will work upon two tasks – the Butterfly Orchid survey and if conditions permit, clearing along the Grand Strzelecki Track. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day. If we tackle the Grand Strzelecki Track, waterproof boots, gumboots or waders could be useful.

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Deep in concentration with an involved task, Betty didn't notice the others arrive, the table being set and the food laid out until she was asked to

come out of the back room to the delight of everyone to see her utter surprise.

Betty was presented with a gift and a lovely bunch of flowers, before being called upon to cut a colourfully decorated mud cake.

Betty began with Lifeline in 1998 and has been a regular Monday volunteer ever since.

She has been there with a paint brush in hand for all the five moves the shop has made over those years.

During that time Betty

also served on the Life Line Board for four years - 1998/99 and 2002/03.

When asked why she continued to help in the shop, Betty said it was a great social gathering place.

It provides her with companionship, being able to meet people along the way with all their different personalities. Betty said she recommends being a volunteer as it gives you a reason to get out of bed and go and help. In that time Betty

says she has had lots of fun, and surely she would have been the initiator of a lot of it.

CEO of Lifeline in the Valley, Claire Davies, said she had come to the party to celebrate Betty's 80th because she is an amazing volunteer.

Claire hopes Betty will continue until she is 90, declaring they do not want her to retire.

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## Council and HVP dedicate resources to litter removal

From October 1, 2016, Hancock Victorian Plantations (HVP) has funded 19 hours per week (0.5 EFT) for the provision of a Local Laws Officer as a dedicated litter enforcement investigator on HVP property.

Latrobe City Council's chief executive officer, Gary Van Driel, said the position had been established to reduce the incidence of rubbish dumping in the plantations particularly around Morwell, Churchill and Hazelwood North. "The illegal dumping of litter in these plantations

costs HVP around \$160,000 a year to clean up and dispose of. The dedicated Latrobe City Council officer will identify offenders with a view to issuing infringements or pursuing prosecutions for the more serious instances of aggravated littering, where hazardous items such as oil, chemicals, asbestos, nappies, glass, metals, have been dumped.

Providing media coverage of successful prosecutions will help to highlight the seriousness of the problem as well as educate the public

about illegal dumping, the penalties that can apply and the ways in which rubbish should be disposed of," Mr Van Driel said.

"Early indications are that the program is already making an impact.

There have been more than 50 investigations undertaken, resulting in the issuing of two \$311 infringements.

Three investigations are in progress, and one case of aggravated littering is being considered with a view to prosecution.

Over the coming months

we expect to issue more infringements and lodge more cases for prosecution, with the intent of getting the message out to the general public that these sorts of activities are unacceptable and that severe penalties apply," Mr Van Driel said. Simon Gatt, general manager HVP Plantations, said the organisation was very appreciative of Council's support on this issue.

"We look forward to the ongoing partnership with Council," Mr Gatt concluded.

## Bushfire Management Overlay update

An update of Victoria's Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) maps, which identify areas that are at risk of extreme bushfire, is currently underway by the State Government and Latrobe City Council has provided a submission.

Latrobe City Council's chief executive officer, Gary Van Driel, said that clearly identifying bushfire risk means that planning applications in those areas can be properly considered.

"Having comprehensive information to hand, through this update to the BMO maps, will help make communities more resilient to bushfires.

The mapping is not just for areas that have been affected by bushfires in the past, but also for high fire risk areas.

This might include plantations or areas of bush that are larger than four hectares. Clearly, Latrobe City has many such areas and it would be prudent for these to be included on the updated BMO maps.

The State Government has advised that after consultation with councils and consideration of submissions, the new BMO mapping will be approved by the Minister for Planning without further notice.

Once the updated mapping has been introduced into planning schemes, Latrobe City Council will directly notify those properties that are within the BMO who previously weren't, as well as those properties that are no longer within the BMO," Mr Van Driel said.

"If you are affected, you can request to alter the BMO on your property at any time through a process managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

The review process takes place about every six months.

This BMO mapping update is not about preventing

property owners from being able to build on their land.

It's about introducing additional conditions to ensure an appropriate response if bushfire risk occurs," Mr Van Driel concluded.

For more information, the public can contact the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning on 1300 366 356 or via email on [planning.systems@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:planning.systems@delwp.vic.gov.au) or refer to the website <http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning/planning-and-building-for-bushfire-protection/updated-mapping-bushfire-management-overlay-council-consultation-2016>

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## Possible Bank Agency in Yinnar

By John Harris

A feasibility study will be conducted to decide if a banking agency in Yinnar is financially sustainable.

The Mirboo North and District Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank will survey the Yinnar and Boolarra communities to gauge the level of support for over-the-counter banking services through an agency at Yinnar Farm and Hardware.

Yinnar and Boolarra have been partners with the Mirboo

North community in the development and operation of the Community Bank Branch which, in six years of operation, has returned over \$500,000 in grants and sponsorship to organisations in the three communities.

The survey will be distributed to all Yinnar and Boolarra residents during November.

Enquiries ring John - home: 03 5122 2737, mobile: 0431 972 672.

# Vale - Iris May Farley



Iris May Farley January 25, 1926 – September 29, 2016

Iris May Bond was born on January 25 1926, at the Morwell Hospital, the eldest of six children to Charles and Annie May Bond (nee Coleman) of Sunnyside Yinnar. They were a close dairy farming family who enjoyed the Yinnar and district community, all being active in community life and sport, especially the Yinnar Football Club.

Iris passed away on September 29 at 90 years and 8 months of age, after having survived a severe stroke in March 2015.

Iris went to Grade 8 at Yinnar Primary School and was a competent student, receiving dux of the school; travelling to school on horseback with three or four of her younger siblings on board. Due to the pressures of the farm and the Second World War she left school to help on the farm and to work in the Yinnar Bakery and the Yinnar Hotel, which certainly put her off alcohol. With her teenage years coinciding with WW2 it was clearly a difficult time for the local community and families as young men went off to war and others struggled behind to keep things going. She often spoke of the tragedy of war and of the POWs.

In her youth she was involved in the Yinnar Dramatic Society and fundraising for the Yinnar and District Memorial Hall, which her father later opened as Shire President. Later Iris and Toby were involved in fundraising

for the Hazelwood South Hall and associated community facilities.

Iris met Toby Farley from Jeeralang, at the Yinnar dances and they were married on July 1, 1950. They lived with Toby's parents George and Alice, on a small farm near Jeeralang Junction.

They all experienced the horror of the 1939 and 1944 bushfires with many local lives lost. It wasn't long before Terry arrived, then Des 15 months later followed by Heather about two years after.

There were many hard times on the land, but the neighbours and friends such as the Woodbridges, Willatons, Leslies, Kemps, Braniffs and Jelleffs among many others were lifetime friends. It was a very strong community with regular dances being held at Jeeralang, Jeeralang North, Jumbuk, Yinnar and later Hazelwood South, as well as community picnics and games days, and Friday night card nights in the local hall, all on a rotational basis. Even though some families moved away all these people kept in touch across the years.

The family left the Junction to farm on Nadenbousch's Road Hazelwood Estate on a property owned by Alf and Ann Bruce. Like Jeeralang, they quickly became part of a very close knit and supportive community that flourished around the Hazelwood area. The plan was to buy the farm and they were in the throes of doing this when the Hazelwood Power Station began to be constructed. They stayed as long as they could, taking the cows over the dam

wall while it was being built. By then Iris and Toby had saved enough to buy a property along Mackey's Road Hazelwood South. But before they had even shifted the house and started to farm there they were told that the farm would be acquired for the new township of Hazelwood, now Churchill. Later the farm was compulsorily acquired by the State Government, but was then never used for

Churchill. Des was able to buy some of the land.

Iris and Toby always worked hard on the farm to get ahead, and they only ever had one holiday as a family. They did not have access to electricity until they moved to Mackey's Road. They never spent money on themselves; it was always for the farm or family, but birthdays and Christmas were always special, for many years shared with Iris's extended family at Yinnar.

The children were never short on love and care. They had some great bonfire nights and celebrations each year.

A highlight was when Toby came home with a washing machine for Iris with a wringer on it and a big motor underneath.

It was very noisy and the whole house shook, but it did the job well and made it much easier than all the hand washing and using the copper. The kerosene fridge was another great joy along with the kerosene lamps! Radio was great company, with the music of the fifties, sixties and the regular serials. Toby passed away from a heart attack in 1987 aged 64.

Being involved in community and societal/community issues was an important part of Iris's life. She enjoyed reading newspapers, listening to the news, and radio, and being involved with politics, being an active member of the Country and then National Party for years. She wanted a better, fairer and more just society, especially for rural

communities.

She was an active member of the Yinnar CWA for many years enjoying all that it provided. She was recognised for her work in the CWA and took on a variety of roles from president to conference delegate.

Iris was also a Girl Guide badge tester. She regularly helped out at the children's schools and got involved as well in the canteen at the Yinnar Football Club where many family members played footy.

Iris was always a hard worker doing what was necessary without a fuss or bother. She was well organised and planned, reliable and would follow through on anything she committed to do.

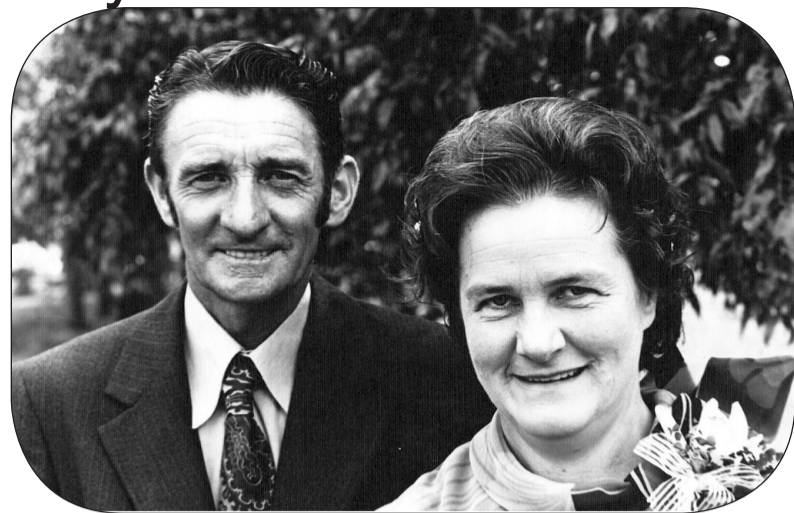
Son Des remembers her help on the farm; walking the cows to the dairy to get milked, milking the cows, (she was great with milking cows - had much practice), handling animals, and enjoyed having her own stock, rearing calves, helping draft cattle to be vaccinated, drenched and trucked.

She got the cows in each day until she was 80 and tripped on a stone along the track and had a horrid fall.

Des also fondly remembers Iris making and taking him lunch when he was harvesting, and how she supported him during his years playing football, and playing premierships with Yinnar and sharing in the joy and celebrations of victory and best and fairest awards and league medals.

Iris always supported the children in anything they did and took an interest in all of the family.

Iris made sure her children were well presented when they went out.



She liked things done properly, never half done. She taught the family to buy quality things that last and to value them. She liked the children to try things and to persist, not to give up, Heather says she cannot remember Iris losing her temper or yelling (until she became a little deaf).

Her children say they learnt so much from her and her message was consistent – among them; be thankful, thoughtful of others, conduct yourself well, have grace, live your values and enjoy life.

For those who knew this lovely lady Iris, her influence and beautiful manner will live on in our hearts and minds.



## Country and Western Music Night

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# Vale Charles (Charlie) Roy



Charles (Charlie) Roy  
April 30, 1925 - August 17, 2016

so much in his travels, but the rolling hills of home took some beating.

George Charles Roy, affectionately referred to as "Charlie" was born on Thursday April 30, 1925 in Morwell making Budgerie his home. Budgerie means "A good place" and Charlie agreed with this. Charlie often commented that he had seen

Born the only son to Allan and Annie Roy his life was all about farming and family. Once he was old enough Charlie set about clearing the land to establish one of the finest Jersey and pig farms in Gippsland.

From a young age Charlie

always worked on the family farm, together with his mother and father. He had a keen interest in the cows and their breeding. He attended the local Budgerie school, with a mind for mathematics. Mental arithmetic was his strong point, but spelling never his strength, finishing school at age 14. He spent his time from that day on working the land in Budgerie. He enjoyed his cricket and by all accounts was quite an accomplished wicket keeper for many years. He also enjoyed the local dances and it was here, at a local dance in 1946, that he set eyes upon his beloved Natalie, and married her in 1953. Together they continued the dairy and pig farming, while raising their beautiful family. Charlie's mother and father were not far from them, showing Charlie placed family above all else. Marjorie arrived in 1955, followed by Allan in '57 and Christine in '58 and the next generation of farmers was just as enthusiastic and often seen by his side out in the paddock. Charlie and Natalie continued to care for Charlie's mother Annie until

her passing, so for many years lived with three generations in the one house. Charlie's faith saw them attend church most weeks, but other than that, outings were few - to town to transact business and collect groceries about once a month, attending local shows and visiting friends for Sunday lunches. A highlight for Charlie was when his mother, Annie, cut the ribbon to turn on the power to Budgerie in 1966.

It was a lifetime of hard work, good times and family. However it wasn't without its challenges with the loss of their house in a fire, and the darkest time coming in December of 1974.

The tragic passing of his much loved son Allan broke his heart and made every day after that so hard. The strength of his character and the love for his family and his dearest Natalie pulled him through these dark days, as did the support and love of his lifelong neighbours and friends.

In 1979, the arrival of Charlie's first grandchild, a son, Phil born to Chris, soothed his aching heart. With each grandchild who arrived, his life and heart filled further with love. During his retirement Charlie continued his love for a veggie garden which kept him outside in all sorts of weather, attending to planting, preparing and harvesting his goodies. He took great pride in his home

and the gardens. They also travelled extensively.

The Boolarra Football club was another source of great joy for Charlie during his early retirement. Golf and bowls replaced milking cows. His other main one eyed interest was his beloved Magpies. A stirring rendition of the theme song at his 90th birthday in April last year was a testament to his love of the club.

Charlie's years have seen progress from horse and dray, the Grey Fergie, the one thirty-five and mechanical square baler, to the final years of the big New Holland and round baler.

All the time, marvelling at the horsepower of the equipment and how far it had come from those early days when all was done by hand and horse. Harvest time really was one of his favourite times of the year and he was always happiest in his work boots.

He maintained his connection with the local groups he had been involved with for many years: lodge, the Boolarra Historical Society and more recently the Happy Wanderers. His last outing before taking ill was a trip to Lakes Entrance, escorted by his life long friends Edgar and Edith Owen. He enjoyed this weekend very much. The Strezlecki Stringbusters were also a source of great fun to Charlie in his twilight years and to his joy they visited him during his long hospital stay

in July this year.

Made from a fabric that was truly one in a million, Charlie will be remembered by all as a true gentleman whose word meant something and his handshake was a guarantee. We will always remember his ever present smile, his happy nature, and for his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren his welcoming arms and most importantly the lessons that he taught them all.

On Monday August 22, a large crowd gathered at Christchurch Boolarra to farewell their much loved friend and family member, Charlie.

In a traditional Anglican funeral service, Charlie was fondly remembered with the slide presentation of photos covering his 91 years.

A respected member of the Mirboo North Lodge, Charlie was also offered a Masonic Lodge Service as part of his farewell.

In a fitting tribute to Charlie, his grandson Phil, with help from other family and friends spent the days after his passing restoring his 1953 Commer.

From a seized engine to a rough idle in just three days, Charlie was carried from the gates of the Hazelwood Cemetery to his final resting place on the back of the Commer with a few bales of hay and his much loved push bike, chauffeured by his life-long friend Edgar Owen.

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# The Grand Strzelecki Track

## Track News and Mount Tassie Loop Highlight

The official launch of the second edition Grand Strzelecki Track walking maps was held at the Tarra-Bulga Visitors Centre, Balook, on Sunday October 16, officiated by Danny O'Brien MP and President of Grand Strzelecki Track Inc., Steb Fisher. Balook and District Residents Association (BADRA) arranged catering and other support to assist the Grand Strzelecki Track

management committee conduct the event, which was made possible with a grant from Wellington Shire. The day was a great success and attracted many visitors and guests from Gippsland and Melbourne.

Following the free barbecue lunch and formalities, separate guided walks were conducted along the Duff Sawmill Heritage Trail and the Macks Creek Valley, with buses returning walkers to the Visitors Centre.

These walks take in the most scenic parts of both the Mount Tassie Loop and the Macks Creek Loop and it was a rare opportunity to enjoy that experience with an informed guide and a free ride back to the starting point. After threatening rain it turned out to be a warm, sunny spring day, adding to the enjoyment of the rainforest and flora at its best. The 43 participants in these walks provided enthusiastic feedback on their experience and hopefully

many will return to explore more of our extensive walking track network.

The Duff Trail walk was also a celebration of the new Duff Sawmill Heritage Trail brochures and interpretive signage produced by HVP and BADRA with financial support from Wellington Shire. The new brochures can be picked up from the Tarra-Bulga Visitors Centre at Balook, the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre in Traralgon or the HVP Plantations Office in Federation University's Gippsland Enterprise Centre, 50 Northways Road, Churchill. If you haven't yet discovered the Trail, the coming warmer months would be a good time.

The 3.8km Duff Trail is part of the Mount Tassie Loop of the 110km Grand Strzelecki Track network which connects Morwell and Tarra-Bulga

National Parks, and includes three loop walks of one to two days each, radiating around Balook and the Visitors Centre at Tarra-Bulga. The whole Mount Tassie Loop is 18km and can be walked in a day if moderately fit, starting and finishing in Balook.

The circuit starts at the Visitors' Centre car park, via Link Track (behind the BBQ shelter) and crosses the Grand Ridge Road onto Telecom Track. An optional detour via the Suspension Bridge and Scenic Track is definitely worthwhile as it takes in the biggest trees in the Park, around three metres in diameter and 70m tall. If completing the entire loop you should walk in a clockwise direction down Drysdale Road which is quite steep. You will pass the historic Morningside Grange Homestead site and picnic area, continuing down amongst eucalypt plantations replanted following the 2009 fire from, where there are sweeping views over the valley. It then connects with West Face Track. There is an idyllic picnic area with a new table in a sheltered alcove beside the tiny Forget-me-not Falls, which provides a great spot for morning tea on both the Mount Tassie Loop and The Tarra Valley Loop which diverges near this point.

The walk to Mount Tassie along West Face track is a gradual climb through the most dramatically steep terrain in the range, passing West Face Falls along the way.

This area is undergoing rapid regeneration following the 2009 fire, with dense stands of Blanket-leaf and Rough Tree-fern between tall Mountain Grey Gums which are a favourite food of koalas. Colourful carpets of Forget-me-nots, a legacy of early settlement, are also to be seen in spring in sheltered areas along the track.

After reaching the Traralgon-Balook Road via the short but steep Pine Trial Track, it is a short climb to the Mount Tassie picnic area and a lookout with 360 degree views to Wilson's Promontory in the south, and across the Latrobe Valley to the Great Dividing Range and Mount Erica in the north. The memorial to

those who fought and perished in the Black Saturday fire is a feature of the picnic area, which is located just below the northern TV tower and Rotary cairn.

The walk continues across the open, wind-swept top of the mountain, then follows the Callignee South Road to connect with Duff Trail leading back to Drysdale Road and Balook. Remains of the historic giant tree stumps with spring-board slots can be seen beside the Callignee South Road, these stumps unfortunately being damaged in the 2009 fire but still standing next to an information board with photos taken before the fire. Very few of these historic stumps remain and they provide an eye-opening vision of the Great Forest that once covered the area.

Duff Trail is one of the easiest walks and one of the most scenic of the entire network.

The new interpretive signage portrays the rich settlement and sawmilling history of the area, as well as its natural history and current conservation initiatives.

The Trail takes you through an enchanting Blackwood forest with many mosses and fungi, which is a dramatic contrast to the open expanses previously encountered on the mountain.

Other features include remnant old growth eucalypts, regenerating rainforest and a revegetation area which is to be part of the 8,000 hectare Cores and Links Reserve.

The Grand Strzelecki Track volunteer management committee is still seeking new members with all skills and backgrounds (you don't need to be a bushwalker).

Sponsors for items of equipment and track improvement works that will contribute to the safety and enjoyment of track users, for example more interpretive signs, are also welcome.

Items we need are posted on the Track Support page of our website [www.grandstrzeleckitrack.org.au](http://www.grandstrzeleckitrack.org.au) and we are very happy to acknowledge all sponsors on that page as well.

Also visit the website to find contact information, purchase walking maps and keep up with news including track conditions and articles of interest.



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# Goodbye and hello at the Hub



The Latrobe Valley is experiencing times of change. Here in Churchill we were sad to say goodbye to our capable and much loved Hub manager, Julia Leonard. Her due diligence and skill have allowed the activities at the Hub to continue to flourish and expand. We now have vibrant and active local groups utilising our modern community

building. We wish Julia well in her move to Western Melbourne. We now welcome Abigail Brown as Coordinator of the Hub. She originally became involved in its' administrative activities, when she was employed to collate the information from a survey that was run early last year. She enjoyed the camaraderie

of the staff, and has since volunteered her time and talents to working in the office area. You will enjoy meeting Abigail. She is a lovely lady and willing to help in any way she can. Be sure to drop in soon to the Hub to see what new plans are to be implemented next year.



### A Story on a Stamp

In 1824, an expedition was mounted by the Governor of New South Wales to open up the country south-west of the settlement at Sydney Cove. The leaders of this expedition were William Hovell, a retired Naval captain and best bushman in the colony, Hamilton Hume. They were accompanied by six convicts. The expedition was outfitted by the Governor providing food and tools along with navigating and mapping instruments. Hume and Hovell provided the horses and a dray pulled by bullocks.

The journey proper began from Hume's property on Lake George on October 17, 1824. Their first real discovery was the Yass Plains, an excellent grazing area. The first impediment they met was the Murrumbidgee River which was in full flood. They made a raft of the dray body and a tarpaulin and Hume and one of the convicts carried out the dangerous task of swimming across the river, pulling across a light line in

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Hume's teeth. The line was attached to a heavy rope which was pulled across and attached to a tree on either side of the stream. The cart was pulled across a number of times to ferry the supplies and men and to swim the draught animals over the river. The next hurdle was to get down the western escarpment of the Great Dividing Range. Using the bullocks to good effect, they finally managed to reach the flat lands and found more areas of good grazing land. A few days later they reached a wide, deep river which Hume named the Hume after his father, the commissary of N.S.W. Because the river was too wide to swim and was flowing strongly, Hume made a rough wicker boat from wattle trees and a tarpaulin and the party successfully crossed, although with some difficulty. Travelling further to the south-west, they discovered and crossed the Ovens and Goulburn rivers and more rich pasture land. Ahead they could see the mountains of the southern part of the Great

Dividing Range. After two failed attempts at crossing, they found a way through at Pretty Sally and then crossed the rich country of red volcanic soils north-west of where Melbourne is today. They reached the sea at Corio Bay, a part of Port Phillip Bay near the site of present-day Geelong, and rested for three days before retracing their path. They arrived back at Lake George on January 18, 1825. They had opened up a great area of farming land for future settlement. Each was given a large land grant for their efforts. The two men had fallen out during the expedition and each wrote their own journal, both claiming recognition for the discoveries they had made. The path of the expedition is roughly followed today by the Hume Highway. The Hume River was renamed the Murray in later years. The two explorers were featured on an 18c stamp which was a part of the Explorers set of six issued in 1976.

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A lady who facilitates an Al-Anon group has sent in this article from one of her participants who says she is a lady who just wants to say a BIG THANK YOU to the Churchill News for printing an Al-Anon story.

After she read the story about the husband's drinking and how he would hit his wife after he had been drinking; that there was never enough money for food; how they would have to have the power

turned off; how she would have to walk to work when she had a part time job, but her husband would come to her job and upset everyone till they had to let her go again, says it was a miracle when she read the story in the paper. It stopped her in her tracks because that was her story.

She went along to the meeting that was advertised. The members who were at the meeting were very nice. They told her to look

for the similarities not the differences; and oh! were there similarities. She only had to look. It was spooky, some were so close to her own life.

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## School Visits to Gippsland

FedUni has hosted a number of excursions at the Gippsland Campus from Secondary and Primary Schools across the region. Throughout October the campus has welcomed Mirboo North Secondary College, Kurnai College, Maffra Secondary College, South Gippsland Secondary College, Heyfield Primary School, Neerim District Secondary College and Churchill North Primary School. These visits provide a great opportunity for younger students to see the university campus and learn about their post-secondary study options, while also having the opportunity to speak with current FedUni students and teaching staff.

### Conference to explore post-WWII economic impact in Gippsland

The economic impact of World War II in Gippsland was the focus of a conference at Federation University Australia's Gippsland Campus on Saturday October 29.

The Gippsland History conference - Post World War II Gippsland 1945-65 - explored how a surge in economic development saw industries thrive and expand attracting new people to the area after the War ended.

Dr Harry Ballis, Head of the University's Gippsland Business School, said the region experienced an economic and population boom after WWII, dominated by an expansion of local industries.

"Coal, gas, oil and paper and major projects such as the extension of the Macalister Irrigation District were some

of the industries that shaped the commercial landscape in Gippsland when WWII ended in 1945," Dr Ballis said.

"It was a period of great prosperity and the Golden Age of Capitalism in the mid-20th century following the end of the War and lasted until the early 1970s."

Post-War Gippsland 1945-65 was held at FedUni's Gippsland Campus and brought together members of the Gippsland Association of Affiliated Historical Societies, the Centre for Gippsland Studies, FedUni Library, the Collaborative Research Centre in Australian History and the University's Faculty of Education and Arts.

### Physical and outdoor education programs flourish at Gippsland Campus

A resurgence in outdoor and physical education at Federation University Australia's Gippsland Campus looks set to continue, with promising signs for student growth in the region.

Under FedUni the campus introduced several new degrees in 2016 covering sport, outdoor and physical education. The early signs show a revival of interest, with 35 students enrolled in the first year alone.

Brian Wattochow, Senior Lecturer at Gippsland, said it was particularly pleasing to see so many local students enrolled.

"Nearly all of the students at the moment come from the Gippsland region," Dr Wattochow said.

"We have quite a large number who have come to the program from VCE, but also many mature-age



students who have been in the workforce. Many students are planning to work as physical and outdoor education teachers, but they also want degrees that will allow them to travel and work throughout Australia and overseas. Others are keen to work in outdoor education centres and in community sport roles."

First-year student Molly Irvine, pictured, previously of Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon, said there were big advantages in having the course available close to home and with so many options available.

"I guess for me, sport and physical education have always been an important part of my life, so the range of subjects has made my studies very enjoyable," Ms Irvine said.

"When I graduate I hope to be a secondary school teacher of PE and outdoor education in a sports-focused school or institution, where I also hope to be coaching

and training those who have the potential to become elite athletes."

Dr Wattochow said all indications were that there would continue to be growth in the area.

"The courses we're offering represent a wonderful option for local students to gain qualifications and pursue careers in these fields.

We are already building connections within the Gippsland community so that students are able to gain valuable work experience while they study.

As the program grows its staff and student numbers I'd like to see the emergence of a community really committed to helping improve people's quality of life through healthy participation in sport, physical activity and the outdoors," Dr Wattochow said.

"We have great access to sport facilities and wonderful outdoor environments in Gippsland which our students use extensively during their

studies. One of the real features of the sport, outdoor and physical education courses is that students really get to know each other and make great friends along the way.

This, coupled with the dynamic nature of learning, makes for a great university experience as students prepare for their future careers."

Further information about FedUni's range of courses is available online at [study.federation.edu.au](http://study.federation.edu.au) or by calling 1800 333 864.

### Direct Applications and Info Day

Direct applications to FedUni are now open for 2017 entry.

You can learn more by calling 1800 FED UNI (1800 333 864) or visiting [study.federation.edu.au](http://study.federation.edu.au). The University will also be holding its annual Info Day event on Wednesday December 14, from 11am - 2pm. The event is the perfect opportunity to get advice about your study

options, speak to staff and tour the Gippsland campus. The event will also be taking place at FedUni's Ballarat and Berwick campuses.

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# Vale Robert (Bob) Mildenhall

December 5, 1924 - September 6, 2016

Bob Mildenhall was a hard working Christian man. He loved life, his Church, his family and had many plans and projects right to the end. A week before he died he bought a new chainsaw and went shopping for a new fruit tree for the orchard.

Bob was born in Footscray in 1924. He was a young boy during the Depression. His parents Charley and Margaret came from England.

Bob was the fourth of four children named David, Archie and Jessie. His father, Charley was employed in road making.

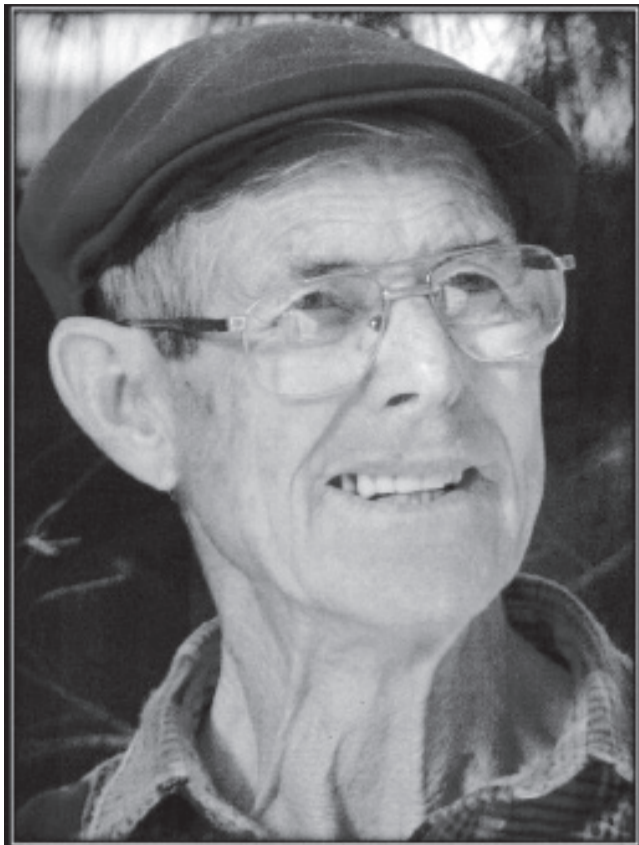
The family bought a property in Jeeralang North, and began a dairy enterprise. Bob started school when he was nine years old in a school of 24 students.

As a left hander he was made to write with his right hand, eventually becoming ambidextrous.

The war came and Bob was left at home to help on the farm, dairying being an essential service.

Bob's mother became ill when he was in his early 20s. They moved to town but Bob stayed on to work for the new owners, the Flints.

Bob's brother-in-law Tom Clarke started a quarry down the road from the property and Bob went to work for him. Bob was creative and inventive, using whatever he



Robert (Bob) Mildenhall

could to produce the result desired, with little or no cost. These skills he applied to machinery and other needs around the house, shed and later the church grounds.

Bob hurt his back while at the quarry and switched to other work including farming, contractor for postal service, selling vacuums and a timber mill. This was his favourite job - working with timber and machinery. Later he established his own farm

and had a swing saw in a small mill complete with tram tracks, which he used up until shortly before he died.

Bob lived with his parents in Traralgon after he left the Flint farm. Following his mother's death he and his dad went to live with Jessie. It was while there that he met Zelma Marsh, courted her and married her.

Then followed the children - Wendy, Alison, Howard, Rosalind, and Neil. He loved and adored all his children.

Soon after Howard was born, Bob started work as a loader-weigher at the SEC in a shift work position which he combined with farming. Even with all the noise around the

house while trying to sleep through the day, Bob was never grumpy or yelled.

Bob involved the children in the farm. He bought poddy calves that they raised. He let them use his tools and drive the tractor. He made toys for them out of bits of wood and metal.

Bob had large calloused hands from constant hard work that he did to support his family. He worked full time at the SEC while running 80 head of cattle, raising five children and actively contributing to his community and church. He was a Lifeline Counsellor working the night shift, and served on the Jeeralang North Hall Committee for 50 years.

Despite having only six years of schooling in a small country school and limited social life in his youth, Bob worked to improve his mind and develop ease in social

situations. He learned to dance and committed poems and Bible passages to memory. He took every opportunity to learn by testing his theories reading up on topics of interest to him, attending agricultural demonstrations and field trials. He had confidence in his own skills and knowledge and held to his ideas very strongly.

Bob took his responsibilities of providing for his family very seriously. Being a Depression-era child he was inclined to be frugal, a habit he continued throughout his life. Nothing went to waste as everything was re-used, he even straightened bent nails.

Bob developed an interest in Charolais cattle and bred them using AI. He embraced new technologies such as internet research and listening to opera on Utube and using an Ipad.

Music was important to Bob who taught himself piano, accordion, tin whistle and in his 80s the violin, with help from a friend.

Love of his few close friends, his nieces and his children and grandchildren whom he supported and encouraged were paramount to Bob and gave him a sense of thankfulness beyond his imaginings.

Good health accompanied Bob most of his life with a few aches and pains. He rarely missed church, attended Jeeralang North Dance and actively managed many projects right up until the last few days of his life.

His family count themselves blessed to have had such a wonderful man in their lives, and those in the community and church congregation would echo those sentiments also.



Family Group: Left to right. Back row Neil, Rose, Howard. Front row Wendy, Bob, Zelma, Alison

## Bringing a fresh perspective to timber industry

Gippsland resident Michael Dent was among young timber community ambassadors from across Australia to visit Canberra recently to raise the profile of their industry.

The delegation met with the Member for Gippsland Darren Chester, as part of a series of meetings with federal MPs in Parliament House, focusing on the need for governments to demonstrate a strong commitment to policies supportive of the timber sector.

Mr Dent is employed by HVP Plantations in the

Latrobe Valley. He switched from studying architecture to graduate in Forestry and has commenced a Master of Business Administration.

Concerned about low awareness, he wants to promote the environmental credentials of timber, and interesting job opportunities along the supply chain to school students.

The purpose of their visit was to raise awareness of sustainability practices within the timber industry, and to ensure the voices of timber communities are heard on issues that affect them.

Mr Chester said it was encouraging that young people were eager to explain the sustainability credentials of their industry.

"The forest and wood products sector is an important industry to Gippsland and is a major supporter of local jobs," Mr Chester said.

"Wood products are a part of our everyday lives. We must continue to encourage young people to explore career opportunities in the sustainable timber industry, while also supporting our

existing businesses to ensure that jobs remain available into the future."

The Canberra visit was part of the Timber Communities Australia Young Ambassadors initiative, a six-month skills development program, led by TCA national coordinator Helen Murray.

The other participants included Leilani Dawes from the Mount Lofty region of South Australia, Matthew Randall from Albany in Western Australia and Roy Head from Kempsey NSW.

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 Now remove the spoon and let the mixture slowly come to the boil, uncovered,



without stirring, until golden in colour.

Remove from heat and allow bubbles to subside.  
 Add 1/2 cup of sunflower seeds, 1 tbs of sesame seeds and 1 tbs of chia seeds.  
 Pour the mixture onto the tray.  
 Leave to set at room temperature.  
 To serve, break Brittle into pieces.

# Farewell to Mrs McGowan and Mrs Vesty

A retirement afternoon tea was held recently to say thank you and farewell to two valued members of the Hazelwood North Primary School community, Mrs Benda McGowan and Mrs Denise Vesty.  
 Past and present principals, teachers, students and parents came together to acknowledge the wonderful contribution these ladies have made to the school over their many years of service.  
 Brenda provided a welcoming smile and friendly

ear to parents, students and staff members over 20 years in the office.  
 Always cool in a crisis, nothing was ever too much trouble for Brenda, who would drop everything to ensure that the needs of others were met.  
 Denise was acknowledged as a passionate teacher who always had the best interests of her students at heart.  
 She provided a strong foundation to students beginning their learning journey, and provided valuable

mentoring and support to her teaching colleagues.  
 During a presentation ceremony, students and staff shared some of their favourite memories of Mrs McGowan and Mrs Vesty, and presented them with handwritten letters and cards.  
 Brenda and Denise will be greatly missed by all at Hazelwood North Primary School.  
 We wish them all the very best as they enjoy the rewards that retirement brings.

# Beat those garden weeds

Weeds need light and water to survive. If you lay black plastic (weighed down) over the weedy ground during the hot months, all vegetation will burn and seeds can't germinate.  
 Remove the plastic in autumn and add compost, mixed with fertilised garden soil, on top of the bare ground to 300mm or deeper, and plant your winter vegetables or ornamental plants.  
 Mulching is vital for

moisture retention and limiting weeds. It is not so important in the winter as it keeps the soil cold, but in summer and autumn mulching is vital.  
 Add nitrogen rich fertilizer under wood mulches because the nitrogen is depleted as the wood mulch breaks down. For vegetable gardens, mulches of straw, sugar cane or old shredded garden prunings will improve the soil as they break down.

Don't put freshly mowed grass on the garden as it might contain weed seeds and can form a moisture repellent layer on top of the garden.  
 Pulling weeds before they seed is the best way to limit their spread.  
 The Churchill Community Garden group needs members for administrative tasks such as managing their social media pages, and would like you to join them by phoning 5122 2955 Monday to Friday.

# 80th Birthday Celebration




Recently Ian Place turned 80 and was lured to a surprise party at the Churchill Hotel where he spent a pleasant night with family and friends to celebrate the occasion.

# Grants Available

A new grants stream to provide new equipment, updated facilities and further education and training is now open to Victoria's emergency services personnel.  
 Member for Morwell Russell Northe said the Emergency Services Volunteer Sustainability Grants Program was open to brigades, units, clubs and volunteers from the Country Fire Authority, State Emergency Service and Life Saving Victoria, along with marine search and rescue providers and other organisations identified in the Emergency Management Manual Victoria.  
 "Volunteers such as our

dedicated fire fighters and SES members are the backbone of emergency services and they should be provided with the best equipment and training available," Mr Northe said.  
 "Emergency service groups are invaluable to our community and up-to-date equipment, facilities and training help save lives."  
 Emergency Management Victoria is offering a grant pool of \$15 million to these organisations, with grants available for a range of programs and equipment.  
 \*Operational equipment  
 \*Facility improvements and maintenance  
 \*Community engagement and education

\*Training and Development (which includes program fees, travel and facility hire)  
 Other requirements that volunteers believe will develop their brigade, unit or club's services to the community and enhance their sustainability.  
 "I strongly encourage our local emergency service organisations to apply and will gladly offer my support for anyone doing so," Mr Northe said.  
 For more information and to apply, local groups would need to visit the Emergency Management Victoria website at <https://www.emv.vic.gov.au>

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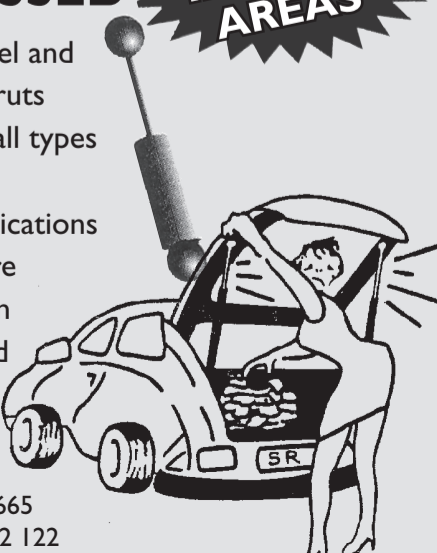
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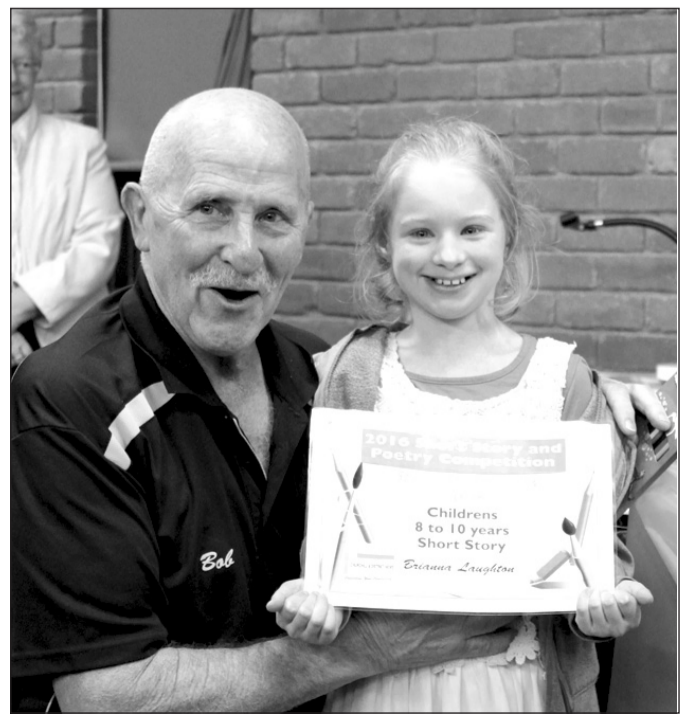


Right: Russell Northe MLA with Bridie Byrne



Ian Wilson - Hazelwood Rotary, with Aleah Munnich

Below: Darrell White - Latrobe City Council with Tessa Just.



Bob Lowick - Churchill Lions with Brianna Laughton

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## Anna’s Savanna By Tessa Just

I am a typical teenager living in a typical flat in a typical city. I am plain with straight brown hair and I live an ordinary, boring life. Nothing exciting ever happens to me. Until one day that all changed.

One ordinary day my Dad came home from work and sat down on the couch. He picked up the paper lying on the table beside him. But he didn’t read it. He just stared off into the distance. Ok, not ordinary. Mum didn’t notice anything wrong until we were seated at the dinner table eating spaghetti bolognese. That is, Mum and I were. Dad just pushed it round his plate. Finally Mum realized something was up. She looked at Dad. She looked at his plate. She looked back at Dad.

“What’s wrong?” she asked.

“Nothing,” replied Dad.

I can never understand why people say that, when there really is something wrong. I call it one of life’s great mysteries. Mum raised an eyebrow. I guess she can’t understand it either. “How was your day?” she queried.

Dad shrugged. “Ok.”

“Have you heard some bad news?” she tried.

Dad started to shake his head and then stopped.

Mum panicked. “It’s Grandma, isn’t it? Has she had a stroke?”

Dad looked bewildered. “Mum’s fine,” he said.

I could see that Mum was entering panic mode. I could imagine all the disasters and major catastrophes flying through her mind.

“Is it your brother? Has he been eaten by a lion?” wailed Mum. “Oh darling, when’s the funeral?”

Dad reached out and took her hand. “Everyone is fine. Daniel is fine, in fact he emailed me today to ask if we’d like a holiday with him.”

There was a stunned silence at the table. My Uncle Daniel has one of the craziest and most adventurous jobs in the world. He’s a ranger at a game lodge in Masai Mara, Kenya. Totally awesome.

Mum got over her shock and began to protest.

“Us? Go to Africa? How could we afford it? Think of the dangers – and anyway we’re both swamped with work.”

“Hey,” I cut in. “There are swamps in Africa. And probably crocodiles living in them.” Ok, not the smartest thing in the world to say.

Dad shushed me and turned to Mum. “I know, so I’ve been thinking, what if we just sent Anna?”

I choked on my pasta. When I finally regained my breath and assured Mum that I was fine, like ten times, I turned to Dad.

“Really? You’d let me go visit Uncle Daniel all by myself? Wow!”

“That’s just the thing,” protested Mum. “All by yourself. No. I’m sorry Anna, but I can’t do that. Daniel might be careless and you’ll be eaten by lions or charged by a rhino.”

“Can I borrow your credit card so I can pay him?” I laughed at my own joke.

Mum gave me a ‘that’s-not-funny’ look. Dad’s lips twitched. Again, not a smart thing to say!

“I’m serious, Anna. Anything could happen out there.”

“Anything could happen here, Linda.” Dad looked Mum squarely in the eye. “She could be hit by a car, or a savage dog could jump a fence and maul her, or the flat could collapse if we had an earthquake or...”

I could see Dad was warming to his topic. If he continued, Mum would be so scared she’d never allow me to walk down the street to get an ice-cream. So I butted in again.

“I think we get the picture, Dad,” I said.

Dad caught on quickly. He stopped what he was going to say, probably that a meteorite might hit the school, and continued on with his point.

“It doesn’t stop us letting her go to school.” I knew the meteorite was going to be his next example. “Or letting her go to see her friends, or letting her live in the flat. Life is full of dangers but it shouldn’t stop us from living our lives.”

For a moment there was silence around the table. I watched as Mum and Dad had a staring contest. Mum was looking pretty upset, so I tried to reassure her.

“Don’t worry Mum. I’ll be really careful and do everything Uncle Daniel tells me. And I’ll look out for snakes and other dangerous creatures...”

Dad interrupted with a meaningful cough. “Why don’t you go to your room and start making a list of the things you’ll need to take. Your mum and I need to talk for a bit. Alone.”

I grinned and left the table. I had a feeling that these summer holidays were going to be amazing. ‘Thanks, Uncle Daniel.’

A month later I stood at the airport in Nairobi. I was a bit worried I wouldn’t recognize my uncle since it had been about ten years since I last saw him and I had only been six. But I needn’t have worried, straight away I spotted a man who looked just like my dad but dressed in camouflage clothing. I grabbed my bag and headed over.

“Uncle Daniel?” I asked.

“Anna?” he said at the same time.

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We both nodded. Then laughed.

“Wow!” he said. “You’ve grown so tall.” He took my bag. “Come on. We need to get going if we want to make it back to Masai Mara by nightfall. We can talk in the car.”

The following day Uncle Daniel took me for a drive through the reserve. My goal was to see as many different animals as possible during my stay here. A pride of lions. Check. Hippos. Check. A cheetah. Check. An elephant so enormous it would have given Mum nightmares. Check. I’m kinda glad that we didn’t go too close. He could have squashed us flat if he’d wanted to.

I was about to tell Uncle Daniel this when he stopped the jeep and pointed.

“Giraffes,” he said.

“Totally awesome,” I said, watching the giraffes reach out and pull leaves off the branches with their blue tongues.

“I love giraffes. I think they’re my favourite animal in the world.”

Uncle Daniel grinned. “Then you’ll love where we’re going next.”

“Where?” I asked eagerly. “Tell me.”

But Uncle Daniel just gave me a mysterious look and started the jeep. I heaved a fake sigh of exasperation, but it wasn’t long before we stopped again.

Uncle Daniel handed me some of binoculars. “I don’t want to get too close.”

I raised the binoculars to my eyes.

“Whoa!” I cried. “Babies! Baby giraffes!”

“It’s the giraffes’ calving ground,” Uncle Daniel informed me.

“Totally neat,” I sighed. “And totally sweet.”

My eyes swept over the group of babies and mothers and stopped at a mother and calf beside the river.

“Has that baby just been born? I think its mum is trying to help it stand.” I said.

Uncle Daniel raised his own binoculars and took a look.

“No-o. I think it’s stuck in the mud, up to its belly. It doesn’t happen often but when it does the crocs feed well.”

I stared at my uncle. “How can you state that so matter-of-factly?” I asked crossly.

“Sorry,” Uncle Daniel tried to soothe me. “But it’s a fact of life, Anna.”

“Can’t you do something? You know, dig it out?”

“It’s not poss...” Uncle Daniel stopped mid-sentence and gazed at the helpless calf through the binoculars. He glanced at me. “Ok. We’ll try. Just don’t get your hopes up, even if we get it out it might not survive.”

He grabbed the radio and spoke in Swahili with someone back at the lodge, then he hooked the handset back up and turned to me.

“The men are getting the gear we’ll need and then they’ll head over here.”

Thirty minutes later, six African men from Uncle Daniel’s patrol group arrived with spades, ropes and straps. We drove slowly towards the two giraffes. As we approached, the mother became agitated and moved off a bit. This pleased Uncle Daniel and we followed her, the jeep bumping over the rough ground, until she was a safe distance away. When we returned to the baby, the men had unloaded the gear and two men were preparing to start digging around the baby’s front legs.

Another two, rifles at the ready, watched the water for crocodiles. I wondered if that would make my mum feel better or worse.

As the men began digging, the calf began to throw her head around wildly. She let out a bleat of distress.

“Wait,” called Uncle Daniel. “Tie a cloth over her eyes.”

This done, the work began in earnest. Half an hour later, the men had dug down to her knees. They switched places and Uncle Daniel and another helper began removing mud from under the calf’s belly. I could see the baby’s sides heaving. I didn’t know if it was because she was hot or scared. It might have been both. I reached out and gently touched her nose. Her nostrils quivered and her blue tongue came out and licked my hand.

“Don’t worry Savanna, we’ll get you out of this,” I murmured.

Uncle Daniel glanced up at me. “Savanna?”

I grinned. “Yep. Anna’s Savanna.”

“Right,” said my uncle. “Strap please, Anna.”

I passed it over and Uncle Daniel slid it under Savanna’s belly. At this point, the patrol member Uncle Daniel had assigned to watch Savanna’s mum joined us.

“She’s disappeared,” he said, jerking his head in the direction of where the mum had been.

Uncle Daniel grunted in annoyance.

“Hopefully she’ll come back when we’re done. Right, now let’s have a shot at pulling this one out.”

The five men grabbed the rope and heaved. Savanna didn’t budge.

“Let’s use the jeep.”

They attached the rope to the tow ball and one of the men slowly drove the jeep forward. The rope became taut and inch

by reluctant inch the mud gave up its victim. Five minutes later Savanna lay on the bank. We washed the mud off her while Uncle Daniel gently felt her gangly legs. He breathed a sigh of relief.

“No bones are broken. Now we just need to hope her mum is nearby.” He glanced at the setting sun, then turned to his men. “Meshack, Kopano, take the jeep and see if you can find her.”

We waited in silence for the men to return. Uncle Daniel alternated between massaging Savanna’s legs and trying to make her stand, but she was too exhausted to even attempt it.

“What happens if her mum’s not around?” I asked eventually.

“She wouldn’t last the night. If a crocodile didn’t get her, the lions or hyenas would. Hopefully her mum hasn’t gone far.”

Just then the scouts returned. “No sign of her anywhere.”

My uncle seemed to avoid looking at me. “Please Uncle Daniel, please. We didn’t dig Savanna out just to leave her for the lions or hyenas or...”

Uncle Daniel rested a hand on my shoulder. “Ok,” he said. “Let’s take her home.”

The trip back was uneventful. I sat beside Savanna and spoke softly to her. I told her about where I lived and about school. I told her that when I went back, it would all seem really boring compared to this life. I told her that because I lived in a flat I wasn’t allowed a pet, but she was better than any dog or cat. Uncle Daniel glanced in the rear view mirror at us.

“Don’t get too attached, Anna,” he warned.

‘Too late,’ I thought.

“She needs to go back to her mum tomorrow.”

I nodded.

When we got to the reserve, we made a straw bed for her in the shed where the jeeps and other equipment were kept. Savanna lay very still. Uncle Daniel got a bottle and went to heat up some special formula.

I looked up when he returned. “Is she going to make it?”

“She’s dehydrated, which this should hopefully fix,” he said handing the bottle of milk to me. “And because she’s been unable to move all day, her legs are stiff and cold.” He settled down and began to massage them again.

I tried to tempt Savanna with the bottle, but she took no notice. I glanced questioningly at Uncle Daniel.

“Offer your fingers first. And then when she’s sucking them, slide the teat in and slide your fingers out.”

I tried this and got her sucking the bottle, but as I was removing my fingers she stopped.

“Keep trying. She’ll get the idea.”

I had to try three more times before Savanna was sucking happily at the bottle of milk. I grinned at Uncle Daniel and he smiled back.

Silence hung in the air for a bit. I gazed down at Savanna. Long curly eyelashes framed the big brown eyes that looked back at me.

“Guess you never thought you’d be doing this, did you?” Uncle Daniel said.

I shook my head. “I’ve always wanted to have the weirdest pet in the world.” I looked down at Savanna and stroked her spotted neck. I looked back at my uncle to find him staring at me.

“Savanna’s not a pet, Anna.”

“Yeah, I know but...”

“No ‘buts’.”

“But I want her to be safe. It’s so dangerous out there. Anything could happen.”

I could feel tears threatening to spill. Uncle Daniel reached over and gave my shoulder a squeeze.

“I know. A ranger gets to see close up how cruel things can be in the wild. But it would be even more cruel to keep Savanna locked up. Life is full of dangers but it shouldn’t stop us from letting Savanna live her life.”

I smiled a weak smile. “You really are my dad’s brother.”

Savanna, who had finished her milk, chose that moment to struggle to her feet. We moved aside and let her get up. She was a bit shaky, but she was standing.

“Good girl, Savanna,” said Uncle Daniel. “You’ll be ready to head back tomorrow.”

Early the next day, Uncle Daniel, the men and I watched as Savanna slowly walked toward the group of mothers and their babies. One female took a few steps away of the herd.

“That will be Savanna’s mum,” said Uncle Daniel.

The two walked toward each other. Then her mum reached out her long neck and sniffed her baby. She could probably smell human on her because she started to wash Savanna all over. I let out a huge sigh of relief.

Uncle Daniel glanced at me. “Happy? Cause you’ve still got a whole week left and a lot more animals to see. Hint, hint”

I grinned at him. “Sure. I’m happy. That is the cutest thing I’ve ever seen. Now, let’s go and find a charging rhino. I’ve brought my credit card.”

Uncle Daniel was still laughing as we drove off.

# Lions Club Citizen Awards 2017

The Lions Club of Churchill and District Inc. will once again be organising a community function to celebrate Australia Day in Churchill.

The event has proven very popular in recent years.

To enhance the event, the club will present a Young Citizen Award and a Citizen Award to the most outstanding person(s) in each category for their contribution to the community during the previous 12 months. This Award is now adopted as a tradition

and we ask that residents again nominate candidates.

Nominees must be a resident of Churchill or reside in the immediate surrounding district.

The nominated person's applications will be scrutinised by an independent panel of judges and the relevant winner for each category chosen. The decision of that panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The awards will be supplied and presented by the Lions

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## 2017 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

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FORM TO BE RETURNED TO:

# Peter's camera collection

Peter has lived in Churchill for the past ten years.

He has had an interest in photography and collecting cameras from the time he was ten years old.

His grandfather taught him much about how to compose a good photo and encouraged him to use the camera to good advantage.

His grandfather's camera was a Voigtlander with a hand ground lens made in the 1930's.

To have a successful photo with this type of camera, a light meter was used to check the available light, distance, speed of film.

The photographer would position the light meter in front of his subject and note the filter with the greatest density that still allows incident light to pass through.

The letter or number corresponding to the filter was used as an index into a chart of appropriate aperture and shutter speed combinations for a given film speed.

After setting the camera with these requirements, a good photo would be captured.

Another camera in the collection is an Exaster with a view finder attachment.

It may be a surprise to you that the view finder on your



new digital camera was first thought of in the 1930's.

Most cameras now have a screen on the back for framing and viewing photos, but only some possess a viewfinder which allows you to shoot in bright sunlight.

If it was not for the price of film, which is now difficult to purchase, Peter would still be using these old cameras to take photographs, as both cameras are in good working condition.

Now he keeps them for the enjoyment of showing

them to others.

Peter has also added to his collection over the years, many different lens, tripods, an enlarger, flash sensors and other camera accessories.

Many cameras today are automatic Digital single-lens reflex (DSLR) and are quite easy for anyone to use.

Try to think of times gone by when manual focus was used.

Set your camera to manual, have a try to see how it feels, and look at your results.

You may be surprised at what you achieve.

Peter was pleased to show off his camera collection at the Churchill Quilt Show and has done this at other local functions.

Some of the collection is now on display at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

Like most collectors Peter has an interest in more than one collection, and his interests are cameras, clocks and cars.

He is an active member of the Gippsland Latrobe Valley Chevrolet Car Club and likes to show off his old Chevrolet.

He also enjoys visiting displays by the Pistons Car Club.

It is amazing that in 1839 the Daguerreotype camera was announced by the French Academy of Sciences.

From then till now, cameras have had many

improvements making them easier and quicker at taking photos.

In 1888 Eastman patented a Kodak Roll film camera.

In 1900 the Box Brownie was on sale until the 1960's.

Improvements have continued until now everyone can carry and use a camera with them constantly, combined with their mobile phone.

## Maintaining Swimming Pool and Spa Safety

With longer days and warmer weather approaching, many Victorians are preparing their home's outdoor areas for summer, and this is the time where home maintenance can play a significant part in the safety of your family.

Latrobe City Council's municipal building surveyor, Chris Watson, said that swimming pool and spa owners should ensure their safety barriers are properly maintained and working.

"It is the law that swimming pools or spas on private residential properties in Victoria provide safety barriers to restrict access to the pool or spa.

The responsibility for safety barrier maintenance applies to all home-owners with a pool or spa, regardless of whether they have children living there or not.

Properly maintained safety barriers around pools are a vital measure to help

secure the safety not only of the home-owners' children, but also that of friends' and neighbours' children.

Cleaning out your existing swimming pool so that it is ready for summer can be a timely reminder to check your pool safety barrier and perform any required maintenance," Mr Watson said.

"The building team at Latrobe City Council are available to answer all your questions regarding pool safety – either visit our website and look at our helpful checklist or call us.

We want the community to enjoy being outdoors over summer but we must make sure that home-owners know their responsibilities," Mr Watson concluded.

Key maintenance areas to be aware of are:

• structural soundness of the safety barrier



- gates self-closing and self-latching mechanisms
- shrub and tree branches trimmed so that they are not within 900 mm of the barrier
- remove items such as toys, pot plants and chairs from near the safety barrier so they cannot be used to gain access to the pool

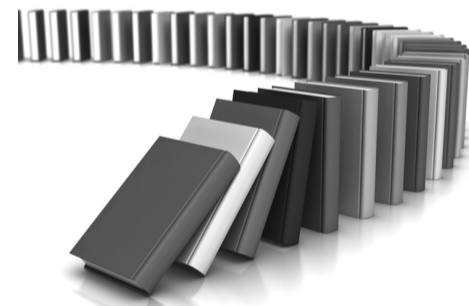
For more information on the maintenance of swimming pool and spa safety barriers including a comprehensive self-assessment checklist visit [http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Building\\_and\\_Planning/Building/Pool\\_and\\_Spas](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Building_and_Planning/Building/Pool_and_Spas) or contact Latrobe City Building Services on 1300 367 700.

## Thank you to helpers

The Friends of Latrobe City Libraries wish to thank all the people who volunteered to assist with the set up for their recent Book Sale.

The large number of hands made short work of this task and their assistance was greatly appreciated.

Regardless of the weather it was nice and warm in Kernot Hall and many people browsed and bought books over both Saturday and Sunday.



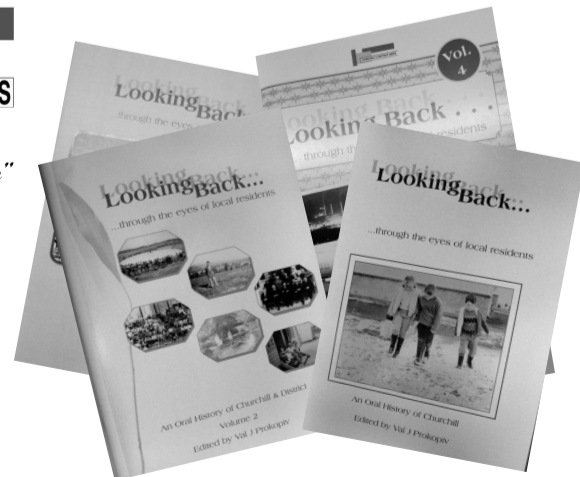
Money raised will be used to support library programs and projects.

Contact Jill Beck 5174

1005 for further information concerning the Friends of Latrobe City Libraries.

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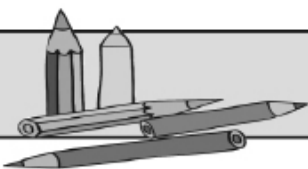
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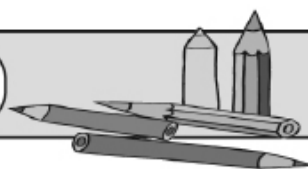
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# School News



## Boolarra Primary



### Fabulous Fundraising

In term 3 \$1,444 was raised for the "spider-web" play-ground equipment that our students requested. This was achieved through a Bake Sale at a Boolarra Football / Netball Club home game and a Firewood Raffle. We are very grateful to all the parents who supported these ventures and to Lana and Bailey's Mum, Joy and Dad, Lloyd for all the work they put in.

### Junior School Council

This student leadership group is busily raising money to get an all ability swing

at our school so one of our prep students has some play-ground equipment he can access in his wheelchair. They have written letters requesting support for this project. We are delighted that the Mirboo North Rotary Club has pledged \$250, the Traralgon Apex Club is providing tickets in their Giant Christmas Trailer raffle and Russell Northe has indicated he will support and promote any events we organize. The Junior School Council has raised \$750 themselves through selling

baked goods, along with Milo and raisin toast during recess breaks, a guess the jelly-beans in the jar competition and an out of uniform day. Later this term they will hold a "Wheels Day" and a "Favourite Movie Character" themed day. Staff at the school ran a series of Nutrimerics parties that raised \$1,400.

### Sensational student achievements

Brooke of Grade 6 was deemed to be the best girl rider at the LV Bike Ed Challenge. Quinn O' of Grade 6 made it to the 4th round in the GippSpell

spelling competition and Eve, also Grade 6, placed 2nd overall. Some of our students participated in the Australian Maths Competition, one received a Distinction (placing in the top 16% of all participants in her year level), two received Credits (placing in the top 22% and 45% of their year levels respectively) and 10 students achieved "Proficiency" awards.

### Parent / Student Learning Forum

We have organised James Anderson, who presented to the staff at our school and neighbouring schools earlier in the school year, to present an evening workshop for parents and senior students. The focus will be on building our students' learning powers. We know that if we work in

partnership with our families our students are more likely to thrive.

### Chess Tournament

We recently hosted an inter-school Chess Tournament at our school. The senior students who conduct Chess Club identified the ten students we entered in this competition. In total 34 students participated, each competing in seven games. Dublin and Georgia of Grade 6 helped manage the results entry on the computer system supplied by Chess Victoria. The remaining Grade 5/6s and 3/4 students also helped us out by keeping as quiet as mice in the adjoining classrooms throughout the competition. Congratulations to Alex of Grade 6 who placed third overall and was the highest placed girl. Congratulations also to our chess team who achieved third place for our school. Well done to Mirboo North Primary School on placing second and Yinnar Primary School on coming in first place and qualifying to go to the state final. Our

students said they learnt a great deal and enjoyed this experience. The youngest competitor, Claire of Grade 2 said "It was a great challenge and a lot of fun!"

### It's All about RESPECT!

Our current school-wide Attitude / Skills and Knowledge focus is on Respect. Ms Cheryl Hilton was very impressed when her P/1/2 students arrived at the following definition through brainstorming: "Respect is how you treat people - nice not hurtful. You should treat others the way you would like to be treated."

In collaborative groups the students then discussed what Respect looks like. The following ideas were reported back:

- Listen when someone is talking to you.
- Look after other children's things (toys etc.) if you are playing with them.
- Play with people who don't look lonely.
- Apologise if you hurt someone's feelings.
- Use manners - say thank you, please and excuse me.
- Tell the truth.
- Look at the person if they are talking to you (don't have your back to them).

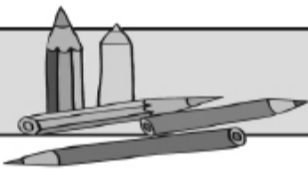
Dublin managing the Chess results  
Claire the youngest chess player  
Georgia and Rosie on Harry Potter fundraising day



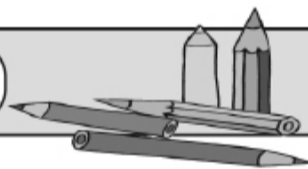
Former student Daina did work experience at the school



# School News



## Churchill Preschools



It is a delight to visit our Preschools to see how these youngsters learn by playing in formal and informal settings.

They are able to work in small groups, understand the need to take turns when playing with shared equipment and now they are being introduced to some of the other skills needed for

their Prep year in 2017.

### The Hub Preschool

"Hugo" recently visited these children to learn a few new skills.

He wanted to ride his bike but there was a problem. The children needed to make "Hugo" a safety helmet for him to remain safe while riding.

Next, "Hugo" learnt about the healthy foods that should be eaten and what to do with the scraps. Fortunately at the Hub, the Community Garden's worm farm is not far away, so "Hugo" and the children were able to go and put their scraps into the top layer of the container.

Then it was time for "Hugo" to learn how to draw happy faces.

So much to learn. What a

busy and interesting time the children have had!

### Glendonald Preschool

The Preschool team is developing a garden bed, made from recycled car tyres that's on the edge of the tanbark play area. These will help to maintain a clean concrete walk and play area, as well as provide the children with the opportunity to learn how to prepare and plant vegetable or flower seeds in

the soil that's in the middle of each tyre. The Latrobe City Council is providing the soil.

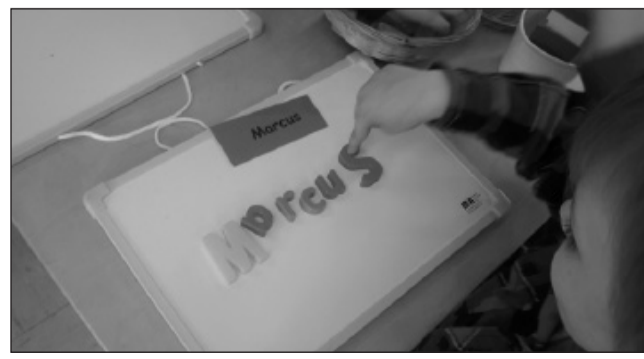
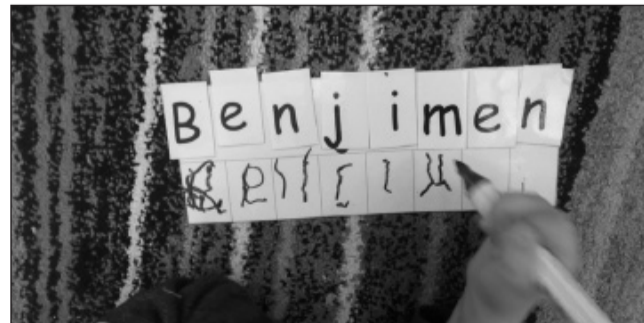
It's great to be able to plant something to eat and something that will make the surroundings more beautiful.

In the literacy sessions, each child is learning how to select the letters needed to make their first name.

At the writing desk each day the children sign themselves in. They enjoy recording their name and their skills are steadily

improving.

Preschool provides so many opportunities for the children to learn.



# School News

## Churchill North Primary School

### Churchill North Primary School Concert Second Performance

On Thursday October 6, Churchill North Primary School had a second viewing of the School Concert. This viewing was for all grades to see each other's concert items. There was lots of clapping for

to reading at home each night by reading at assembly on Monday. Natalee, Leah and Marley have all read in excess of 125 nights at home so far this year. The students were a little nervous but on the whole enjoyed the celebration of their achievement and the opportunity to share their love



each grade's performance. The children loved all of the items, this was evident by the enthusiastic clapping that was heard after each one. It was great for family members to see their siblings perform with smiles on their faces. All students enjoyed the opportunity to see each other's songs and dances.

of reading at assembly. Learning Club

Learning Club is a place where we learn to make and do new things. Learning Club is on Wednesdays after school. My favourite activity was making stress balls. I learnt to draw outlines of animals better. I worked with Victoria and I thought she gave us fun activities to do. We got a lunchbox and book as a prize for going to Learning Club. Thank you Smith Family and volunteers for all your help and fun activities!

By Alma 5/6SB

**Reading Celebration Reward**  
Three students from Grade one/two, at Churchill North Primary School demonstrated their dedication



By Dylan R

**Latrobe Community Health Service at Churchill North Primary School**

At Churchill North primary School, students have had a lady named Claire, come in to teach students at Churchill North Primary School about health.

Claire is a staff member at the Latrobe Community Health Services. As mentioned earlier, Claire comes into different grades, at different times to teach students, and teachers about healthy food, dental health, and if needed, other topics

a grade picks about health. Claire has taught students at Churchill North Primary School for a while now, and based on the improvements some students have made, everyone has grasped the concept that too much of anything is bad for you, especially too much sugar. Based on the systematic analysis of everybody's brain, everyone enjoyed this program, and has taken it to heart.

By Alma

**Churchill North Primary School Mathematics Competition Entrants**



On Monday October 24, twelve students at Churchill North Primary School were presented with certificates for their participation in and achievements within the Australian Mathematics Competition.

Students from across Grades 3-6 participated in this internationally recognised competition with Chelsea, Kain, Ethan, Alma and Noah achieving a participation award. Ben, Robert, Adyan, Declan, Jorja, and Riley achieved a proficiency award. Also Jeremy and Lizzy achieved a credit award. Congratulations on your achievements!!!

**Churchill North Basketball Competition**

On October 12 and 17, students at Churchill North Primary School had a basketball competition. The 3-6 students had all different

teams. They had to make a team of five players to enter the competition. There were eight teams that entered the knockout basketball competition with the remaining two teams left being in the grand final. On October 17 we had our grand final.

Team 1 made the final and that was Bella, Lizzy, Leah, Brandon and Lleyton. Due to Brandon not being here on the day, we had Ebony take his place.

Team 3 also made the final and it was Jordan, Jeremy, Tyson, Robert and Riley. We had five minutes on the clock. The team with the highest score won the competition and received a bonus prize as well. The scores were 8 to 4. Team 1 scored 8 and Team 3 scored 4. Everybody enjoyed watching and playing this game.

By Bella Lizzy and Alma

# School News

## Churchill Primary School



### St Johns First Aid

Churchill Primary School students all took part in St John's first aid training at the start of the term. Hayley, Zac and Maddison wrote about their experience.

On Monday October 17, a lady came down to our school. Her name was Tina. She showed us CPR and what to do if you find someone unconscious. The steps are DRABCD. D for danger, R for response and send for

help, A for Airway, B for Breathing, C for CPR and D for defibrillation. Tina showed us how to do cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on a test dummy, then we put our partners into the recovery position.

It was very enjoyable. I know I enjoyed it lots and I hope every kid learns this because it might be useful in a situation where they find their friends, guardian, parent, brother, sister, uncle,



or a random stranger unconscious. You may save a life!!

### Inursion - Bushland Animals

On Monday October 24, Black Snake Productions came to the school to show us some of our Australian native wild life. Most of the wildlife were reptiles and there were a few nocturnal animals. A lot of people thought the brush tail possum was the cutest by far and the Australian Bird Eating Spider was the

scariest. Teagan the wildlife expert knew lots about all the animals and wasn't afraid at all (she didn't even flinch at the spider). The shingle back lizard was interesting because it has lots of forms of defence including a tail that looks like it's head, and very sharp jaws. Holding the snakes was pretty cool, although lots of people shied away from the pythons. Lily and Liesel (School Captains)



### Police Station Visit

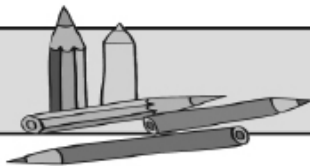
As part of a unit of work on My Community the Prep students attended the local Churchill Police station. They were given a tour of the police station and heard about the role of a Police Officer and learnt what to do in an emergency. Here is what some of our Prep students had to say -

"I learnt about 000 which is how you ring police, fire or ambulance and who we need

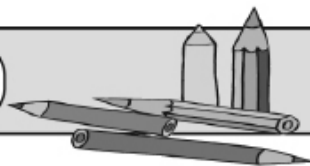
to call if you are in trouble. A police officer's job is to look after people. My favourite part was when we went into the jail." Chayce

"I learnt that if you get in trouble and you need help you call a policeman. I liked going into the computer and someone said hello to us on the speaker." Taneesha.

# School News



## Kurnai College Junior Campus



### 2016 China Study Tour

A trip that was organised to include some of the third term holiday was a cultural study tour to China. A group of our Churchill Campus students involved with leadership programs and the Mandarin course, joined students from the Morwell Campus and were escorted by a group of Kurnai staff.

The tour enabled the students to travel to Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, Dalian and Hong Kong. Several of the students had not experienced flying overseas prior to this experience. Some of the

No. 7 Middle School of Dalian Economic and Technology Development Zone. The students joined in activities with a Year 8 class of the school. This also surprised our students who were soon to learn how much schoolwork the Chinese students were expected to carry out in a day. The students then spent the next four nights in homestay with a Chinese family, living in and being part of the regular Chinese lifestyle. They all came away feeling spoilt, as the host families were generous with their time, showing them about and

### Year 10 Central Australia Camp

Over the third term holidays a group of Churchill students joined with a group of students from Morwell Campus to attend the annual Year 10 Central Australian camp. The camp provides the students with a range of experiences that few people get to enjoy. The long bus trip into Central Australia enabled the students to get to know each other and made that part of the trip more enjoyable. Everyone was amazed at the sights of Uluru, the Kata Tjuta (the Olga's) and



sights that were seen included Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and the Mu Tian Yu section of the Great Wall whilst in Beijing. The group then travelled to Xi'an, to see the amazing complex where the Terracotta Warriors

showering them with gifts. On the return trip home, there was a stopover in Hong Kong. This included a visit to the 'Peak' to see the sights overlooking the extremely busy port city of Hong Kong. The students also visited the

King's Canyon. There was also the camel ride for those that dared. All the students enjoyed the nights at the camping grounds. **University Discovery** The Year 8 students went on an excursion to Federation

houses for students in residence.

After a break, two female students, who were veterinarian scientists, came in to talk about what they do, and what the course entails. The first person told us she did experiments on trees to see how they fall.

The other one told us that she was doing bacteria experiments on cats. She said she took a saliva and faeces sample which she placed in a dish and looked at the bacteria.

After the talk by the students, we began activities. We started at the nursing area, where we used stethoscopes and listened

scavenger hunt all around the University looking for the items listed. After the scavenger hunt, we had lunch.

Finally, we filled in a career work sheet. All students wrote down their dream job and found out what was needed to do to achieve that goal.

At the end, the University staff and students were thanked and we walked back to Kurnai. It was a pretty good day.

### The Big Day Out

On October 18, the students from the three Kurnai College Campuses had the opportunity to join together in a stress-free day held at the Churchill Leisure Centre. This day was organised by the SRC representatives from each of the campuses and representatives from the 'Smith Family'. The SRC

students could just sit about and watch or talk.

The students who attended had a great time and most of them participated in some of the activities, if not all.

The staff from both campuses generally were involved and encouraged the students to jump in and join them.

The student staff's dodge ball games were very popular with the students - both participating and watching.

The Smith Family also organised for the day to be catered for by the joint Campus canteen staff.

All the students had plenty to eat as well as bottled water and fruit being available all day.

Julie Nethercote and her staff at the Smith Family deserve a very big thank you for the day.



are located. The Oriental Pearl Tower and shopping were highlights in Shanghai.

The major part of the tour was to spend four to five days at our sister school in Dalian. The Kurnai students arrived to a red carpet welcome at

amazing Ocean Park with fun rides and activities and one of the world's best Aquariums.

All of the students learned a lot whilst on tour and the staff were very proud to have been involved with this group of students.

University for the day.

At the introduction, the first thing the person at the University talked about was what life was like there and what everyone does. They talked about the course options and about the



to each other's heartbeats. Then we looked at bacteria on our hands. We washed our hands and compared it to our hands before we washed them. Finally we used the defibrillator. We placed it on the dummy and pressed a button. All of the students had fun carrying out the activities. Later we went on a

representatives from each Year level participated in organising the event and also in setting up on the day.

There were activities running continuously throughout the day. These activities included Zumba, boxercise, dodge ball, basketball goal shooting, some market activities or



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# School News

## Kurnai College University Campus

### Celebration Day

Year 12 students have worked hard and have reached the end of their secondary education. To celebrate and let their hair down briefly before exams, they have a celebration day. The students came dressed up and participated in a number of activities on the golf driving range with permission from FedUni. Included were a waterslide, giant twister and jumping castle. The school

provided them with a BBQ breakfast and later lunch back at the campus. The principals are pleased to report the students behaved themselves all day and the school was proud of how they conducted themselves. Mr Whippy man spoke highly of the students' manners and conduct.

After lunch, the students were wished all the best before being dismissed for the final time.

### Year 12 Exams

VCE and VCAL exams started on Wednesday October 26 and continue until November 18. The teachers believe the students are well prepared and are confident the students will do well. This cohort has been a conscientious group which has taken advantage of all the opportunities afforded to them by the school. They have proved themselves to be good citizens in the school

community.

Most students will sit five exams. It is a time a pressure for the students and their families.

The school wishes the students all the best. Graduation will be held on November 22.

The students will then have to wait patiently for their results.

Speaking with some students after their English exam they gave various words

'nervous', 'calm when inside the exam room', 'English is the longest and the first', 'glad it is over'.

### Year 9 Transition

Year 9 students come to the University Campus to be introduced to the school and get a feel for it so they are comfortable when they attend classes at this campus in 2017.

Teachers took the students on tours of the campus so they fully explore the school and nearby university, being

orientated to the facilities available. Then they attended three sessions of their own choosing so they could get a feel for the subjects to be able to choose the one they will study in 2017.

At lunchtime the school provided them with pizza.

This is an important part of transition and the first of three more steps which will follow in 2017 as they move into VCE and VCAL full time.



# School News

## Lumen Christi Primary School

Term 4 has started well at Lumen Christi, with everything going to plan except the weather.

A highlight for this term will be the Reconciliation Program for some of our students in Year 3/4. This is the first primary-aged sacrament these students will receive and the key concept of forgiveness is a lovely message for us all, both young and old. In the same spirit that Jesus showed forgiveness we too can have this same attitude in the way we say and show we are sorry for the things we have done wrong to

others.

### Oh What A Feeling!

It is not just Olympians who have a trademark celebration with a successful event, Usain Bolt from Jamaica has his archer pose and Valentina from Grade 4 has her high hat throw. Valentina was one of a group of students who, last term, participated in the Gippsland Region Athletics day at Newborough.

As the temperature rises and puddles become less frequent there are more games and activities to be involved in. This term,

Grades 3-6 are involved in a weekly tennis session while the whole school will also be coached in fitness activities games, directed by students from Federation Training. This initiative to link with Federation University/ Training has many benefits for both our students and the young adults.

The junior students participated in a Responsible Pet Ownership session where they were taught a range of skills including safe behaviours to have around unfamiliar or potentially rough dogs.

Our Year 3/4 students have been lucky this term to extend the Lego STEM sessions that our junior students enjoyed so much last term. The Year 3/4 students have been using all their science-technology-engineering-mathematic skills to build and modify a series of models.

In November we start our annual fundraising drive for the Vinnie's Christmas Appeal. Our fundraising kicks off with our Bethlehem Bazaar day to be held on the last Thursday in November. On the day our school hall will be transformed into a Bethlehem

marketplace from 2000 years ago with stallholders dressed to impress, and eager for your donations and patronage on their carnival type stalls. The funds raised then go directly to buying goods to be used to create Christmas hampers by the local Vinnies group. We urge all school families, parishioners, businesses and community members to get behind this initiative.

While we are enjoying 2016 we also have an eye on 2017. We are looking forward to welcoming and celebrating the arrival of our Prep 2017 group, while at the

same time preparing for the graduation and departure of our Year 6 students. Our Year 6 group have been fantastic ambassadors for Lumen Christi and have had a strong final year. We wish them well as they begin the transition to secondary school this term.

On Remembrance Day 2015 our ANZAC Garden was officially opened and blessed. This sacred space takes a central position in our grounds and is the location of our commemorative services for ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.



**Camp Rumbug**

From Wednesday October 19 to 21, the Grades 3/4/5/6's went to Camp Rumbug. The camp was in Foster North and we stayed for two nights. While we were at camp we did lots of fun activities and challenges.

These activities included Team Challenge, Raft Building, Giant Swing, Canoeing, Mud Run, Flying Fox, Low Ropes and Bush Craft.

Team Challenge was an activity designed to build up your collaboration skills. In our group we did different activities working together. The first challenge was called Radio Active Rescue. The group was split into two different teams, team one had to get the bucket which was on a platform 2.5m away and bring it to where we started. Team two had to get the bucket back to the platform.

The next challenge was called Nitro Crossing, in this challenge groups had to get each team member from one side of the crossing to the other. The last challenge was called Pole Forest Challenge. In the Pole Forrest Challenge one of the four teams was selected to be the taggers. The tagger had to tag other people and the last one to be tagged was the winner, however, it wasn't as easy as it may seem because all the poles had three little pieces of wood attached

to them and if you fell off you would have to go back to the start.

Another activity was the Giant Swing also known as the Scare Bear. Everyone would put on a harness and helmet and help pull a rope. There were two main jobs the ropey and the pullers of the rope. One person is the ropey and would stand in a designated area and hold a black rope and everyone else would be pulling a yellow rope. One person is clipped in and dangling in the air and once the instructor says 'go', everyone would let go of the rope and the person in the air would pull a small rope. When the rope was pulled they would fall a little and then start swinging.

The next activity was the Flying Fox. You would get in a harness and walk up this hill carrying two ropes. Then you would line up in pairs. You would climb up on the platform while the instructor attaches the rope. When the coast is clear, you can go off the platform holding on or no hands. On the Flying Fox, you could see incredible views of the lake and the valley while you race your partner to the bottom. Once you got down, another instructor would take you off the rope and you would hand your two ropes to the next person in line.

On the Mud Run, groups had to run around the camp

going to obstacles such as the commando course, mud pit and slippery hills. On the second lap the teachers stopped at the mud pit and dunked all the children into the mud. As revenge some of the children ganged up on the teachers by getting buckets of mud and water and throwing it at them. Then everyone had a huge mud fight resulting in every adult and child being covered in mud.

Camp was a lot of fun and a great experience. Thank you to all the teachers and aides for planning and taking us on this camp.

Bridie, Kate and Charlotte.

**Camp Rumbug**

On Wednesday October 19, Hazelwood North P.S attended Foster North's Camp Rumbug. Camp Rumbug is a productive camp that provides enjoyable and playful activities for anyone who attends.

When we first arrived at Camp Rumbug we met with our main leader, Amy, who got straight into the rules of camp and what was scheduled for the rest of the day; she also told us what groups we were in. We got started on our first two activities afterwards. Group 1 had canoeing first and then the Mud Run. (The Mud Run is a 1.4k course that has lots of features like a mud pit, two muddy hills, different obstacles and a long running

track.) Group 2 had the opposite, the Mud Run then canoeing. Group 3 had flying fox first then Team Challenge. Group 4 had the opposite again, Team Challenge then flying fox. The rest of the activities that we did on the other days were low ropes course, raft building, the giant swing and bush craft.

On the first night we had a campfire down at the intersection. First Amy taught us heaps of camp songs. The first song was called 'The Banana song', the second was 'The Old Brown cow', 'The Coke Song', 'Tarzan' and 'I'm A Little Teapot.' She also told us a story about her and her friend going to Africa to help a poor village; she also taught us a song to go with it. On the second night we did lots of games in our teams. If you came first you got four points to go towards our teams, second got three points, third got two and fourth got one. All the points added up at the end declared how many materials we got for the water balloon challenge. The water balloon challenge is a game where you have to do the best you can in a team to protect your water balloon from bursting when Amy dropped it from the abseiling tower afterwards. Unfortunately we weren't able to drop them from the abseiling tower because it was too dark and the next morning



we didn't have enough time.

Overall the experience was extraordinary and the school would definitely want to attend again.

By Georgia

**School Sport Victoria**

On Monday October 24, two students from Hazelwood North Primary School participated in an exciting yet nervous experience in Melbourne. This event is where kids from all around Victoria compete in an athletics event that they have practised and trained for.

The two students who qualified were Ben and Lily-Rose. They were doing field events involving arm strength and technique. This was Lily's second time competing at state level and Ben's first time!

To get to state level we advanced through many competitions. The first stage

was called District, which was held at Yinnar Football Oval, all of the school then participated in that stage. The second stage is when you go to Newborough and that stage is called Division, some of the students that got a score of three made it to this stage to compete at Division. The next stage after that was Regionals that is at Newborough as well, students that got 1st or 2nd place got to go to State Finals...

Lily participated in discus at 11:00 in the morning. Discus is a fairly flat, round object that resembles a UFO. She threw her P.B (personal best) which was 22.10, and she came 9th out of 18 under 12/13 year olds. Ben competed in shot-put at 2:00 in the afternoon. A shot-put is a large heavy sphere that you push from your cheek to achieve the distance required. Shot-put also requires a lot of strength and technique. Ben came 15th out of 16. Ben threw a shot-put the weight of 2kg and Lily threw a discus the weight of 750g. Both students did an excellent job getting to this stage!

At the end of the day both students had a fun and joyful time on this experience. Both students travelled by car.

Camp Rumbug Activities



# SPORT

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## Churchill Bowls Club

It was pleasing to see such an excellent turnout at the official opening of our new synthetic bowls green.

Although the green has been officially opened, there still remain some minor works to be undertaken before we can start playing bowls in earnest. These works involve the delineation of rinks and the installation of pegs and rink markers. This work should be completed in the next week or so.

The club anticipates conducting barefoot bowls and twilight events as soon as the above work is completed.

The club will commence playing Pennant competition in the 2017/2018 season where we anticipate fielding two teams. Being a relegation system, the West Gippsland Bowls Division which is our local governing body, have entered us in Division 6. It will then be a matter of how we fare in the competition, as to our progress though the different divisions.

The club has started working on our web site and it is hoped to be completed by the end of October.

The club is now accepting



memberships with the following membership packages available -

Full membership \$60.00, this year only

Social membership \$50.00

Indoor Bowls membership \$25.00

For details regarding membership contact W. Brown on 5122 1860.

Until further notice the green will be open for practice on Mondays from 10am till 12 noon and 4pm till 6pm.

Wednesdays 10am till

noon and from 4pm till 6pm.

Fridays 10am till 12 noon and from 4pm till 6pm.

The Churchill Bowls Club conducts indoor bowls every Thursday night at our clubrooms at Gaskin Park Hall commencing at 7.15pm, however to enable team selection to take place, people are asked to be there no later than 7 pm. Cost for the night is \$4.00 with a light supper, tea and coffee served. So come along and enjoy a fun night.

Until next month, cheers.

## Churchill & Monash Golf Club

### Mens Stroke Saturday 8/10/16

A Grade, 0-18 J. Thornby (16) 90 74 C/B, B Grade 19-24, R. Welsh (23) 96 73. C Grade 25-36, Mamun (25) 98 73. Dtl J. Barnes 74 - P. Kearns 74 - P. Smart 75 - B. Kilday 75 - J. Sanders 75 - H. Martin 75 C/B. Ntp 3rd P. Smart, 12th P. Smart, 14th R. Welsh. Target Hole Mamun. Pro Pin P. Smart. Birdies 14th R. Welsh.

### Mens Stableford Saturday 15/10/16

A Grade 0-18, J. Sanders (10) 33. B Grade 19-23, G. Spowart (22) 36. C Grade 24-36, J. Sterrick (26) 34. Dtl R. Welsh 34 -T. Sterrick 34 - R. Dent 32 - S. Hall 32 - J. Sloyan 31 - W. Judkins 31 - S. Sanders 31 - Mamun 31. Ntp 3rd J. Sterrick, 5th C. Thompson, 12th T. Collins. Pro Pin J. Sterrick. Target Hole M. Johnson

### Mixed Championships Final Round Sunday 16/10/16

Winners H/Cap, T. Sterrick and S. Turner 73. Runners-Up, B. and V. Rowley 82½. Scratch T. Sterrick and S. Turner 94. Runners-Up G. and J. Blizzard 109.

### Ladies 4bbb Tuesday 18/10/16

Winner D. Judkins (26) 27 Points.

### Mens Par Saturday 22/10/16

A Grade 0-18, A. Auld

(17) +3. B Grade 19-36, J. Jeffery (25) -1. Dtl D. Ellwood 0, T. Sterrick -2, W. Judkin -2 C. Hobden -3 C/B. Ntp 3rd P. Smart, 5th J. Anderson, 12th T. Collins, 14th W. Judkins. Target Hole D. Ellwood.

### Mens Churchill Plate Sunday 23/10/16

Team Winner Churchill Monash 1, S. Sanders, T. Sterrick, J. Sanders, R. King.

Team Runners Up Churchill Monash 2, J. Thornby, C Thompson, J. Barnes, B. Barnes. A Grade 0-10, T. O'Rielly (5) 37. B Grade 11-17, R. King (16)36. C Grade 18-36, B. Barnes (34) 36. Scratch T. O'Rielly (5) 74 Net. Dtl S. Sanders 35, H. Brown 33, G. Shandley 33, T. Male 33, D. Halcott 32. B. Caldera 32 E. Heller 32. Ntp 3rd, K. Hall (Moe), 5th R. Borg, 12th R King, 14th P Draper. Target Hole T. O'Rielly.

### Ladies 4bbb Championship Tuesday 25/10/16

Winners M. McQuillen (35) and A. Hibbert (27) 30 Points. Runners-Up V. Rowley (42) and D. Judkins (26) 29 Point C/B. Ntp 3rd S. Turner, 5th M. McQuillen, 14th M. Mc Conville. Birdie 5th M. McQuillen.

### Saturday 29/10/16

Mens Monthly Medal A Grade M. Brereton (11) 81 70. B Grade S. Sanders (21) 93 72. C Grade T.



Collins (33) 105 72.

### Ladies:

M. Dear (16) 106 90. Dtl J. Sanders 72- M. Mosali 72 -J. Sloyan 73 -A. Auld 74-M.Sanders 75 c/b- J. Sterrick 75 c/b.

Ntp 3rd J. Sterrick 5th P. Smart 12th D.Byers 14th J. Sterrick, Target hole B. Baldock - pro pin J. Sterrick. Scratch winner J. Sanders 81 c/b, Putts T. Sterrick 24.

### Tuesday Cup Day Stableford 1/11/16

### Ladies Winner:

M. Munckton (30) 35 points. Dtl M. Dear (16) 32 points. M. McConville (29) 32 points. Ntp 3rd M. McQuillen, 12th M. Munckton, 5th M. Dear 14th V. Verheyen.

### Mens winner :

W. Judkins (18) 30 points, Dtl M. Soppe (30) 29 points c/b, Ntp 3rd J. Tetterman, 12th G. Beyer.

## Mid Gippsland Darts Association Winter Competition 2016



### DARTS ASSOCIATION LADDER after Round 15

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	%	Pts
BULLSHOT	15	13	2	94	41	1044.4	26
YINNAR TIGERS	15	11	4	78	57	866.7	22
JOKERS	15	9	6	64	71	711.1	18
COYOTEZ	15	5	10	63	72	700.0	10
REAPERS	15	4	11	58	77	644.4	8
MUSTANGS	15	3	12	48	87	533.3	6

Round 13: Yinnar Tigers were quick out of the stalls defeating Jokers 9-0 on the night. Some personal highlights were Jo DeMaria's (YT) highest score of the night with 139 and Sharon Taylor (YT) with 100 twice. Men's highest finish went to Yinnar Tigers' Mike Bailey with 138 scored.

Round 14: Yinnar Tigers

took on Reapers in a hard fought match that saw the Tigers scramble a match win defeating the Reapers 5-4. It was touch and go through the night and the Reapers finally succumbed in the last game of the night. The Tigers had a lapse in form and will need to be more consistent to do well at finals time.

Round 15: A hard fought

match to finish off the season proper. Yinnar Tigers defeated Mustangs in a tight 5-4 result. Tight games all night held the Tigers in check. The finals approach this week with Yinnar Tigers to play Bullshot in the second semi-final. The first semi-final sees Jokers play Coyotez. Good Luck to all teams.

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Some services are still available while works are underway at our community health centre at 20-24 Philip Parade, Churchill.

You can still see a doctor, a psychologist, be assessed for services or apply for emergency relief.

When our centre is completed in late 2017, it will feature a dental prosthetics laboratory, student learning centre, and more health services.

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