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# Churchill prepares for Christmas joy



Hazelwood House residents Joyce Mouser, Bill Newton and Neville Hains prepare their tree for Christmas.



Carols by Candlelight committee members prepare the nativity scene for Churchill's carols night. See Page 5 for details.

By Phil den Houting  
Seasons greetings to one and all from all the staff at the Churchill Police Station. We hope that you have a safe and trouble free Christmas and New Year.

If you are travelling away, I would remind people to ensure that they have made not just travel preparations, but also preparations at home, making sure that houses and sheds are secured, and that mail and paper deliveries are suspended or diverted.

Timers on lights are a good idea as well, and let your neighbours, or friends know that you are away.

I would also encourage people to fill out an Absence From Residence form, which can be downloaded from the Victoria Police website ([www.polive.vic.gov.au](http://www.polive.vic.gov.au)) and give it to your local police station.

If you are travelling, please take care on the roads. Victoria Police will be conducting a statewide road policing operation, Road



Wise.

This operation will be targeting alcohol and drug driving, as well as speed and other such related offences.

Most of us will know of someone who has been affected by road trauma this year, and our aim is to try and ensure that such tragedies are reduced, if not totally erased. If you are not travelling, I would ask that people make a couple of plans for not only the Christmas period, but for summer.

We have had an extraordinary amount of growth in our region due to the mild temperatures, and the threat of a fire again raises its head.

If you do not have a

Bushfire Survival Plan, I would ask that you make one. These are not complicated and can simply be having a container with your important documentation in it beside the door and if a fire occurs, you pick up the box and leave. For more information on Bushfire Survival Plans, I would recommend that you visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au).

I would also like to again ask people to lock their cars, and secure any valuables that might be left in the car out of sight.

Unfortunately, we are still having a very high incidence of thefts from motor cars throughout the Latrobe area, and the majority of these thefts are occurring when the vehicle has been left unlocked, and with valuables left on seats and in plain sight.

Once again, both my staff from the Churchill Police Station and I wish you a very happy Christmas and a wonderful 2017.

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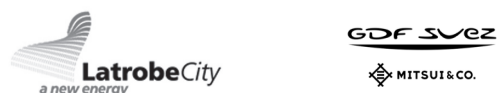
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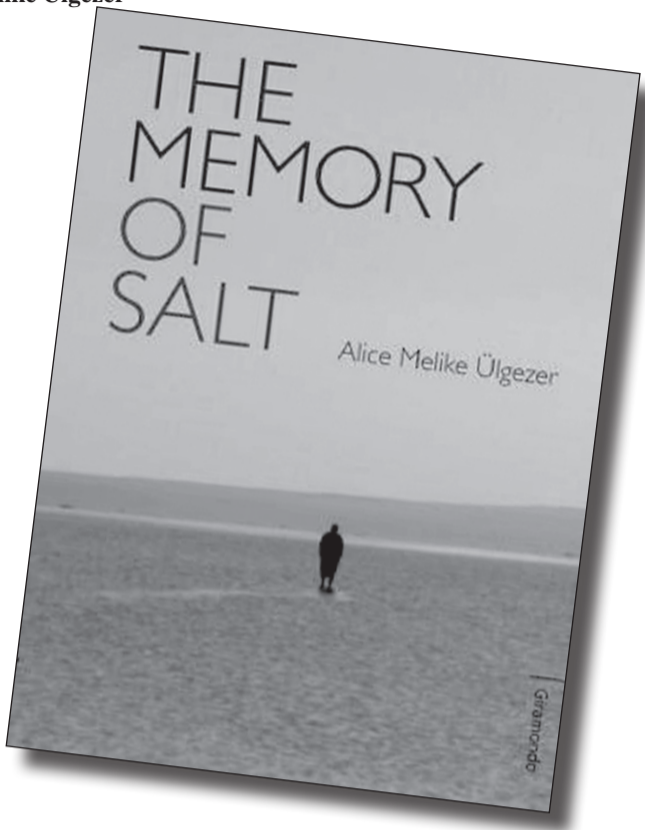
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**BOOK REVIEW**

**The Memory of Salt**

by Melike Ulgezer



This is the first novel by the author who lives in Melbourne, but has lived and worked in the deserts of South Australia and in Turkey, Syria and Egypt as an apprentice camel handler, writer, freelance journalist and musician. She has a Masters degree in creative writing and is researching a doctorate in the Qadiri Dervishes of Kurdistan.

The story tells of Mac, an Australian doctor who has been travelling through India and the Middle East on her way to take up an appointment at a children's hospital in London, and Ahmet, a self-taught musician working in a circus in Kabul. They meet by chance and fall in love, so go on to Istanbul to meet his family, then travel to London where their child Ali is born. Later they go to Australia.

The relationship is doomed from the beginning, not least because Ahmet is a psychotic paranoid schizophrenic who frequently uses hashish and sometimes heroin, becoming quite mad and very violent. The story tells in harrowing detail about episodes of domestic violence, many of which are witnessed by Ali. Add to the mix that Mac is a highly educated woman, Ahmet is not well educated, there are language and cultural barriers, as well as religious differences, Ahmet being Muslim and Mac being Christian, although

apparently not practising, and the hurdles are enormous.

Despite this Ahmet and Ali share a love of music and often go busking and drinking together, and Ahmet is always trying to get Ali to understand his very mystical take on his faith.

The story jumps around in place and time, and sometimes Mac is the narrator and at others it is Ali. I enjoyed the book from the point of view of the issues explored, many of which are very relevant today.

However the language was over descriptive – some members of the book group described it as pretentious and contrived, and the frequent use of Turkish words and phrases, most of which were explained in the text, disrupted the flow of the book.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor

I would like to inform your readers about the Warragul Philatelic Society.

We meet at the Warragul North Primary School, Balmoral Street, Warragul on the second Friday of the month at 7pm, where we have circuit books from other clubs from which to buy.

New members are welcome. Our subscriptions are just \$10 per annum for adults, juniors are free. We have a monthly competition, with a prize.

Members share their knowledge of collecting and we invite guest speakers to run workshops on tips and methods of collecting.

We have an extensive library from which members are free to borrow.

We have an Evaluation Officer to advise the public about collections they may have had in a cupboard, or have inherited.

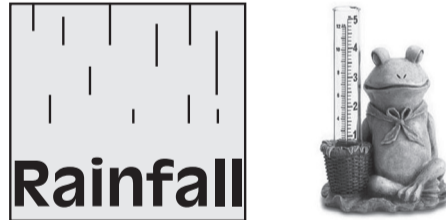
We conduct a Fair each June at which stamp and coin dealers buy and sell, and members of the public

are invited to obtain items they require to complete collections.

The club also runs an auction once or twice a year for members to sell surplus stock and purchase items they need to complete their collections.

If any of your readers are interested in attending a meeting, they are welcome to phone me on my mobile: 0409 793 081.

Yours faithfully,  
Jeanette Mowbray  
President



**Rainfall**

**Churchill Rainfall for November 2016**

Churchill enjoyed a mixture of wet, windy and some sunny days for November which included a day in the high 30s. We had nine days that rained for a total of 57 mil for the month. Our total for the year to date is 756.5 mil. That is just over 30 inches in the old measure and the average yearly rainfall for this area.

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# Planning Minister at Latrobe City Developers Forum

Seventy-five people from Latrobe's business and developer community attended Latrobe City Council's Developers Forum on Thursday November 17. Minister for Planning, Hon Richard Wynne, the Red Tape Commissioner, Matthew Butlin and the Lead Director Regional of Victorian Planning Authority, Tim Peggie participated at a Question and Answer panel at the forum.

The forum was designed to provide an opportunity for businesses to engage with Council and discuss future development projects. The forum was supported by local developers, real estate agents, planners, surveyors, consultants, builders and financial providers.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Kellie

O'Callaghan said the forum was a way to establish and maintain greater relationships within the local development sector.

"We were delighted to have Minister for Planning, Hon Richard Wynne, present at the forum. He answered a number of questions in relation to planning fee increases and acknowledged the contribution that our regional city makes to the state.

He also spoke about the role of the Victorian Planning Authority in the Latrobe Valley and its aims to provide support and capacity-building for councils in regional Victoria, through the provision of targeted funding and staff resources. The program, including a 'Planning Flying Squad' and 'Smart Planning' (to cut red

tape) unblocks delays in the planning system to speed up the delivery of projects that provide employment growth.

Mr Butlin advised that he would be spending two days a week in the region for the next few months. Having direct access to his office will be a great benefit in enabling our local developers to get direct advice and hopefully to progress plans for development.

"The timing of the forum was perfect. The impending closure of Hazelwood means our community will look to government for economic hope. The forum provided a chance to have conversations with government about streamlining processes that will genuinely encourage economic expansion," Councillor O'Callaghan concluded.

## Christmas with a drinker in the house

Oh my! It is nearly Christmas again and here come the worries of each Christmas. Not enough money; the promises that never come; not enough food or gifts for the children!

But the man I married doesn't give up his grog or drugs. That's what the money is spent on. The excuses get larger and we cannot afford to go places this year. The children have missed out again.

What do you want for Christmas? Just a peaceful Christmas with no police like last year. Then the promise that he could do the shopping to save me, but the job he was doing for himself fell through.

Again no money! He was sure he could find someone who needed some work done. After asking around he found a pub owner who needed some work done. Oh how wonderful. But of course when he finished the job he had to pay the pub owner because he ended up in debt to him because he borrowed too much money in advance.

I needed someone to talk to because I was nearly crazy. My friend saw an article in the paper and suggested as a last resort that I contact Al-Anon Family Groups.

What a blessing. The people at the meeting have similar stories. I listened and learned that I could not get

money or food but I found a way of coping. It was not easy, but the members were there for me. I could ring when I needed to. How remarkable it was to find others just like me. There are many people just like me and I thought I was the only one.

Al-Anon can help if you look for a meeting.

Contact Al-Anon Family Groups by phone or the internet.

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.

## 2017 Australia Day

The Churchill Lions will celebrate Australia Day at the Churchill Hotel Car Park. Community breakfast, flag raising ceremony and announcement of various citizen awards culminating with the naming of Churchill Citizen of the Year.

The ceremony commences at 8.00am with the flag raising ceremony at 8.30am which is followed by the free community breakfast.

Contact: Bob Lowick, Churchill Lions Club on 0408 377 781 or email churchill.lions@gmail.com



## Music for Morwells Legacy Place

Morwells Legacy Place is now home to three outdoor musical instruments following an anonymous donation of \$20,000 to Advance Morwell.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan, said that the instruments had been installed in Legacy Place for the community to enjoy.

Advance Morwell asked Council to organise a community consultation to get feedback from residents about the idea. The response was positive and now the large instruments are in place, being used.

They're a great addition to the space and whilst their prime function is to provide a fun activity for children (and children of all ages!), they are also a further reason for people to visit Legacy Place. Morwell CBD has some unique and boutique tourist spots Tarwin Street Pop-up Park, Church Street, the Centenary Rose Garden and now the instruments at Legacy Place, Councillor O'Callaghan said.

According to Advance Morwell spokesman, Max Williamson, the donation from a philanthropic supporter was given on the condition that it was spent on a permanent improvement to Morwell that enhanced the town.

Advance Morwell put a great deal of thought into what to purchase with the donation

and decided upon musical instruments, as they would provide a new attraction for children. We decided on Legacy Place as a drawcard for youngsters and their parents, but also to help raise the profile of Morwells Sir Stanley Savige, the founder of Legacy.

The three instruments that have been installed are the imbarimba, drum set and

the manta ray, chosen so that their harmony and appearance would complement the CBD. We worked with Legacy and Latrobe City Council to deliver this project, Mr Williamson said.

Councillor O'Callaghan said that the project was a great example of a collaborative effort between organisations.

And the winner is the community, she concluded.

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# Darrell White



### Appreciation:

This opportunity is taken to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to all those who favoured me with their vote in the recent Latrobe City Council South Ward 2016 election.

I am very honoured to have again been elected a Latrobe City Councillor, and to have the opportunity to continue to represent the interests of South Ward voters in particular, and also the broader community of the Latrobe City as well.

As always, I will continue

to remain committed to being an approachable and accountable Latrobe City Councillor on behalf of our community, as we tackle the key issues facing our community into the future.

### Vacation Care Program open for summer holiday bookings:

Bookings for Latrobe City Council's Vacation Care Program are open. The program caters to children aged 5 to 12 and operates weekdays, 8am to 6pm, from Monday to Friday January 9 to 27, 2017. Bookings can

now be made online.

Latrobe City Council's Coordinator Early Learning and Care is Stacey Jennings. The Vacation Care Program offered is a fun and educational care option for primary school aged children over school holidays.

Located at Moe PLACE in Vale Street, Moe, the Program offers excursions, crafts, sports and art.

It also offers an opportunity for children to try their hand at different activities, challenging their skills and providing a safe

place to meet new friends.

It is planned that the program will offer the children a variety of experiences, both at the facility and off-site.

Over the summer there will be trips to the movies, to ten-pin bowling, to outdoor pools and to a Gymnastics Centre.

There will also be the chance to create art and craft, to cook (hamburgers and pizza are on the menu), and to make their own woodwork piece or jewellery item. Each day there will be a different activity on offer.

For information on how to enrol, fees, excursion costs and more, visit [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/vacationcare](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/vacationcare).

For those without access to a computer, an enrolment pack can be collected from any one of our Latrobe City Council Service Centres, or phone 1300 367 700 to request a pack to be sent.

### Christmas/New Year

With Christmas almost upon us, I wish to extend to everyone my best wishes for a very safe and joyous Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

# Russell Northe

Of great concern to residents across the Morwell electorate is the announcement of the closure of Hazelwood Power Station in March next year.

The closure of Hazelwood will cost thousands of direct and indirect Latrobe Valley jobs and cause household power bills to increase by up to 25%. Higher power prices may very well signal the end of manufacturing in Victoria.

Everyone in the Valley is gutted by this announcement.

Berry Street, Anglicare Victoria, Churchill Co-operating Churches

Emergency Relief and participants of the Kurnai Young Parents program will all benefit from nappies collected through the "Nappy Collective Giving Project".

I would like to thank the Latrobe Valley community for their overwhelming response to the October drive of the "Nappy Collective Giving Project".

Through the generosity of locals, 1292 nappies were donated through drop off points at Churchill Pharmacy, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Churchill Newsagency and my electorate office in

Morwell.

I would like to thank everyone who donated and also to the Churchill & District News team who facilitated the three collection points in Churchill.

The next collective will take place in May 2017.

For more information about the Nappy Collective Giving Project you can visit [www.thenappycollective.com/](http://www.thenappycollective.com/)

A reminder the final Churchill Community Market for 2017 will be held on Saturday December 17, 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 arts, crafts and clothing.

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.

As we approach Christmas and the New Year, I

also want to remind everyone to nominate outstanding community members for Citizen of the Year awards for local Australia Day events.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Christmas is the perfect time to be putting locals first and supporting local businesses by purchasing your Christmas gifts locally. I hope 2017 brings much joy and success to you and your family. Please be extra vigilant on our roads, to ensure we all get to and from our destinations safely.



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## Dairy support Pamper Day

Sunday October 30, Boolarra.

By Samantha Brick  
Samantha Brick, Soroptimist International Gippsland President, helped to organise the Farmers' Pamper Day at Boolarra's Multi Purpose Building recently. There were four healers / pamperers doing massage, Reiki and Kinesiology. Neutrametics provided consultations as well. Melissa

Ferguson, President of Gippsland Farmer Relief, and another volunteer who are working with dairy farmers were present too.

They also provided an information pack and hamper to the participants. SI Gippsland members provided refreshments throughout the day, and also enjoyed chatting with the participants who travelled long distances to be present.

There were dairy farmers from Yarram, Rosedale, Drouin as well as closer by. Although there weren't huge numbers it was a heart-warming day. Melissa commented she hadn't seen such a buzz before amongst the participants. They really appreciated the opportunity to relax and recharge their batteries.

## Delivering care to the community



Most people think of palliative care as a service for elderly people who are in the last stages of their life. While this is true, palliative care is also available to anyone who is sick and unlikely to recover, regardless of their age.

During this time there are lots of different services available to both the patient, and the patient's family. Latrobe Community Health Service acts as a coordinator. We bring together a team of people to support a palliative care patient and their family. We provide many services but we can also partner with other experts and services if needed.

It is a team effort: as much as possible, patients and their families lead all decisions. Our role is to advise on available services and then

help the patient in the way he or she wishes.

Some of the things we can help with include in-home nursing care, giving medicine, coordinating care with the doctor and pharmacist, showering, and assisting with the purchase or hire of aids such as handles in the shower or elevated toilet seats.

There are many other needs and requests that arise for a palliative care patient. Latrobe Community Health Service is experienced in working to meet those needs. If you are in need of emotional support, we can also connect you to counselling and psychological support, as well as pastoral support.

The Palliative Care Service operates seven days a week between 7.30am and 6pm, including public

holidays.

A 24-hour on-call phone service also operates for patients who need an after-hours nurse visit.

To be eligible for Latrobe Community Health Service palliative care, you should live in Latrobe City.

You must also have an advanced illness that has little or no prospect of cure.

This may include late-stage dementia or cancer and other illnesses.

You also need a local doctor who can work with to coordinate your care.

If you are eligible, there is no cost for Latrobe Community Health Service palliative care.

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# Boolarra Community against Domestic Violence

**A voyage of discovery by Colin Brick**

A number of Boolarra residents have been on a voyage of discovery over the past six months into means of effectively combating domestic violence.

Samantha and I come from a relatively sheltered and privileged background. When we commenced the program of community and personal training on the nature of domestic violence we had no idea where it would lead.

The voyage has been challenging and stimulating. We have had interaction with a number of professionals who work in this area, all of whom have a slightly different focus, but who are all single-minded in their commitment to overcoming the damage caused to individuals and our communities by this problem. We have had contributions from victims who have described the journeys they have had to undertake to escape the cycle. We have had support from community members such as Frank (Coco the Clown) Bezzina, who is orchestrating a local program to provide children with the tools and outlook to protect them from predatory sexual abuse.

The first step of the voyage is understanding that there are many different types of domestic violence; against partners, against children, against parents, against siblings, comprising sexual, physical, mental or financial abuse. The key factor in domestic violence is the abuse of power and the use of control within a relationship. The antidote is to treat people in a relationship with respect.

The above power and control wheel outlines one of



the typical cycles of abuse and control.

One of the questions foremost in my mind when I commenced the program was: Does Boolarra have a domestic violence problem?

The answer is an unequivocal Yes and No!

The figures for Latrobe Valley are amongst the highest in the state, and have sky-rocketed over the past three years. This increase is deceptive, and is probably good news, as it reflects the greater acknowledgement of this as a problem area by the authorities, and greater resourcing put into combatting the issue. It also reflects greater willingness by victims to take actions to address the problem.

Numerous service providers have confirmed to me that domestic violence is an issue in the small rural towns in the region, including Boolarra, albeit not at anywhere near the levels of the larger towns.

However I hope you will agree with me that no level of domestic violence is acceptable, and if through education and support we can resolve even one situation it is a worthwhile goal.

Another query in my mind that was addressed during the program was "Why don't the victims of domestic violence simply leave, if things are so



bad?"

The answer is complex because every situation is different, however among the factors that contribute are: the victim's feeling of lack of self-worth, understanding that there is domestic violence (a misuse of power) occurring, fear of violence, fear of social stigmatisation, concern for the children, love for the perpetrator, economic concerns and social isolation.

The sad fact is that even when a victim decides to leave, it can take on average seven attempts to actually successfully leave a relationship. It must be noted that a woman, or her family, is most at risk of violence during this process of separation.

The final leg of our discovery voyage was in learning what support could be offered to reduce the impact of domestic violence in our community.

In many ways, the most important aspect is in educating the community to recognise and reject violence. Where there is a lack of respect and consideration between individuals or groups, abuse becomes commonplace.

We learnt of the service providers who are available

around the clock to assist people in need. Contact details for these groups are at the bottom of the article. We learnt of the important and growing role of intervention orders in addressing issues, and the flexibility that these provide to address individual circumstances.

Probably most importantly, we defined our role as being visible role models, open to contact with people affected by domestic violence, victim or perpetrator, and able to give them guidance on the resources and support available to help them address the issue.

However our journey is not finished. Future planned events will continue spreading the message. Hopefully one of them rings your bell.



## Making One Million Stars project.

This is a nationwide project to bring communities together and spread the anti-violence project. The stars will be used in the 2018 Commonwealth Games. This event has happened but contact Sylvia Saupee if you want to make some stars. Via Boolarra Link.

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## Saturday Breakfast - MAF

By Keith Enders

The Last Saturday Breakfast for 2016 was held on November 26.

The guest Speaker was Max Chapman from Mission Aviation Fellowship, which was founded after World War II by a few veteran pilots in the USA and UK, using aviation to reach people in remote areas with the Gospel.

Max was accompanied by his son-in-law Simon Kepert who has trained as a commercial pilot and will be going to Arnhem Land in March next year working for MAF.

Max himself was a pilot and came out of retirement from flying to help in Aceh after the tsunami.

MAF operates a fleet of about 153 light aircraft in over 25 countries in Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Latin America and Australia.

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Videos were shown covering some of their work in South Sudan and Arnhem Land.



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The following web sites give more information: www.maf.org.au; www.maf.org;

www.mafint.org.

MAF also has videos on Youtube showing their aircraft in operation.

The next Breakfast will be held in February 2017.

## Student Connect

Christmas!

We're told that a lot of what we associate with Christmas, is not Christmas.

It's said that there was no stable (but most likely a cave), there were no kings, but wise men, and there were not three, there was no star (at least not directly over the birthplace), and that the wise men did not visit on the birth night (so no gifts at that time).

In addition, it's said that there was no donkey, no innkeeper, and certainly no tree, no candles, no holly, and not even on that date (December 25).

It may be sad to see so much of what is said to be Christmas is not so.

But...we are told that the birth was placed firmly in eternity ("In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God").

We are told that this Word became human ("the Word became flesh and lived among us").

We are told that He came to a world that did not really know Him or accept Him ("He came to His own, and



His own did not receive Him").

Did we notice the not there?

God is still, largely, not received by so many today.

It may be sad to see so much of what is said to be not Christmas...but it's sadder to see so many who do not receive Him.

"But to all who receive Him, who believe in His name, He has given the right to become children of God".

Worth thinking about!

## 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  
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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

## Co-Operating Churches Snippets

### Safe Church

Each month brings its challenges.

This last month the Reverend Brenda and Parish Council have been dealing with Safe Church matters.

It has taken many hours of reading, deliberation and compiling of documents to ensure we are a safe place for children and vulnerable adults.

### Coffee Connections

Coffee Connections had a discussion on stamp collecting as a child and continuing on as an adult.

It was deemed a very interesting time.

### Evening service

Russell has been holding a reflective evening service - an interpretation of our journey of faith based on Hannah Hurnard's book "Hinds Feet on High Places" - through

scripture, music and prayer as part of this journey.

Those who have attended have found it helpful.

### Youth Group.

The Youth Group had their end of year excursion to Jump and Climb. Excitement was high and lots of energy was used.

Everyone had a go and muscles were tested especially for the adults.

Fun was had trying to do flips and turns.

Best wishes are extended to all the members of the group for Christmas.

### See you all next February.

### Saturday breakfast

The guest speaker was 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.

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### January Services

January Services have been decided.

They will all be at 10am at the indicated venue.

Jan 1. Anglican Holy Communion - Churchill. Blue Moose team will be helping.

Jan 8. Prayer Praise and Proclamation - Yinnar.

Jan 15. Uniting Church Holy Communion - Churchill

Jan 22. Prayer Praise and Proclamation - Boolarra.

Jan 29. Back to 9am at Churchill and 11am at Boolarra.

### Carols by Candlelight

Carols by Candlelight will be held at the Co-Operating Churches, 1 Williams Avenue, Churchill on Saturday December 17 at 6pm for the BBQ (gold coin donation) and carols at 7.00 pm.

### Season's greetings

The Co-Operating Churches of Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar extend to the community wishes for a safe, peaceful and blessed Christmas and holiday period.

## Church Times

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Sunday: Mass: 9.00am  
1st and 3rd Sundays:  
Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am  
2nd and 4th Sundays:  
Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am



### Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill  
Sunday: 10.00am

### Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Sunday Service: 9.00am  
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Tel: 5122 1480

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# Gippsland Australian Muslim Community Inc



Pictured : GAMCI members and committee (ICV) President Mohamed Mohideen, GECC Chairman, Dr Graham W Dettrick, GECC – Interfaith, Murray Lobley.

On Saturday November 5, the Gippsland Australian Muslim Community Inc (GAMCI) held a successful AGM where all executive positions were filled with returning officers.

As well as this stability, four new general committee positions were created to ensure that fresh people were involved in the organisation and part of the decision making process.

At a time when some volunteer organisations struggle for assistance, the growth in the GAMCI

committee augers well for the future of the Muslim community in Gippsland.

After the presentation of the yearly highlights of GAMCI and the annual report, GAMCI president Tanveer Hasan welcomed two guest speakers.

The first guest was the newly elected Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV) President Mohamed Mohideen. Br Mohideen acknowledged the good working relationship that ICV has with GAMCI and Muslims in rural areas generally, and that ICV is

happy to work to further this relationship.

The next guest was Mr Murray Lobley from the Gippsland Ethics Community Council (GECC) – Interfaith.

Murray presented details of an Interfaith collaboration on preventing family violence which he hoped to bring to Gippsland, which GAMCI supported.

Mr Lobley stated that to prevent violence against women we need to promote equality and respect for women of all faiths.

The resource Mr Lobley

is helping to develop is designed to help faith and spiritual leaders to address and prevent family violence in the community.

The ICV President Br Mohamed Mohideen added that this year White Ribbon Day falls on a Friday, in all Mosques in Victoria, and that the Imams would be addressing the issue of Family Violence.

After the speeches a dinner was provided to cap off an enjoyable and entertaining afternoon.

# Cooking with Noelene

## Orange, ginger, carrot and coconut salad

Place together in a large bowl:

2 cups of cooked black quinoa

4 medium carrots grated

1/2 cup of raisins

3/4 cup of shredded coconut

juice of 1 orange

1 tbs of minced ginger

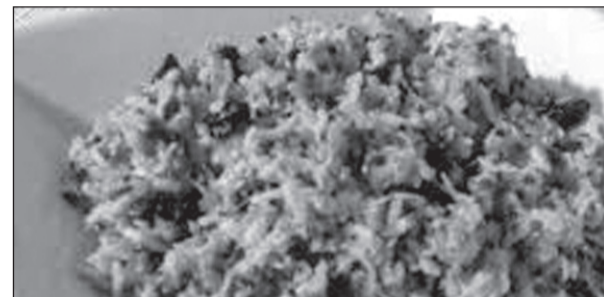
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## Christmas Services at our Churches

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

Blue Christmas Service

Boolarra 7.00 pm

Thursday, December 22 - a service for those for whom Christmas is a sad or difficult time.

Christmas Eve, Crib Service, Churchill 6.30 pm.

Boolarra 8.30 pm. Holy Communion.

Christmas Day Churchill 9.00 am and Yinnar 9.30 am

### Churchill Christian Fellowship

Sunday December 18 at 10.00 am

### Lumen Christi Catholic Parish

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8. Wonders of China, Myanmar and Cambodia
9. A river cruise in Asia or Europe
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# Friends of Morwell National Park

## John's Jottings

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

"November 11, 1987.

Dear Friends,

The next meeting is our last for the year and it would be lovely to see everyone. We plan to follow up on the orchid survey and plant out some Blue Gum seedlings with a barbeque tea in the evening. The barbeque will be an opportunity for us all to mix socially.

With space to spare I thought I would take this opportunity to fill you in with a little of the history of the park.

Most national parks are areas of Crown land, but the land that makes up Morwell National Park was originally private property, owned by the Quigley family. In 1964 Mr. Ray Quigley asked the Morwell Shire Council about the possibility of buying this land and ensuring its preservation as a national park. The significance of the area for flora and fauna had already been established by the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club and the Bird Observers' Club. The then National Parks Authority expressed interest and the government agreed to provide

half of the purchase cost of the land (138 hectares or 341 acres) if the Shire Council would provide the other half. This arrangement was agreed to and the park was declared in 1967.

Since then two additional lots of land have been added to the original piece. The first one in 1981, is the western area up as far as Vaggs Track which was originally owned by the A.P.M.

An agreement between the relevant government departments and the company saw a swap of land that benefited both organisations.

The latest purchase is from the original southern boundary through to Brewsters Road. Mr. Frank Peel, when establishing a new residential subdivision, reserved an area of natural bush and offered it to the Department of Conservation Forests and Lands for purchase.

The option was taken up and the 9.3 hectares (23 acres) was added to the park area during this year. The total area of the park at present is 293 hectares (724 acres) with all our hopes on an expansion towards Billys Creek.

For those that can count, they will have

already worked out that the Park celebrates its 21st birthday next year; how about a party?

We thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,  
Yvonne Aplin."

## November Activity Report

At this activity we had Matt, Peter, John, Mike, Cathy, Beryl (briefly), Tamara, Ken, Graeme and Darren. The group met in the car park and caught up on the happenings from over the last month.

This month we had a

new member Graeme (a local) who was keen to help out. We welcomed back Cathy and Mike after many months away, travelling the Red Centre, Kimberleys and Western Australia.

They both looked happy and healthier.

Green Walks will now run three monthly, and any future walks are being organised in the hope that it will attract some new walkers and some new people to our group.

The local Orchid group has photographed and published a photo of a green and brown Spider Orchid,

which provided much interest amongst the group.

Since it has been a wet November, it was too wet to navigate the Grand Strzelecki Track (without destroying it), so it was decided to complete some track maintenance around Stringybark Track.

With the wet November, the Butterfly Orchids are flowering late this year, so the Butterfly Orchid survey was also not completed.

Recent winds had brought down a few branches and a number of Vanish Wattles had snapped to block Stringybark Track in many locations.

Matt and Mike drove in and collected the gear while the remainder walked to the start of the track. Matt, while collecting the gear, noted that somebody from Parks (the only people besides us, who have keys to the shed) had been into the shed and taken the protective chaps and fuel so we could not use them for today's activity.

Having safety gear taken is providing a range of potential risks to our equipment users.

The groups looped around the different tracks and cross-tracks clearing large and smaller obstructions.

The groups travelled back to the Kerry Road picnic area for lunch.

After lunch Matt, Peter, Tamara, Graeme and Darren walked around Foster's Gully track and found none of the problems that Stringybark had developed over the month.

## December Activity

Sunday December 18

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

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

While one group completes the nesting box survey, another will travel the Grand Strzelecki Track to undertake some simple track maintenance and establish whether further work on this track will be needed.

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

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

Activity 2 - The Christmas BBQ celebration will celebrate the year and start at about 1.00pm.

You can come to one or both activities.



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# Hazelwood Rotary - a busy time



By Leo Billington

### Guest speakers:

Over the past few months, club members have enjoyed listening to Abigail Brown (Churchill Neighbourhood Hub), Lyndon Giles (Vietnam War veteran), Peter Klassen (Wheelchairs for Kids), Christine Rees (National Heart Foundation) and students from Yinnar Primary School.

Wheelchairs for Kids are a group of retiree volunteers in Perth, who use donations to make and distribute up to 300 wheelchairs per month to poor disabled children in developing countries. This program is auspiced by the Rotary Club of Scarborough and every \$200 raised pays for a wheelchair. Hazelwood Rotary has contributed funds to pay for two wheelchairs.

Year 6 students from Yinnar Primary School have completed the Rotary Junior Community Award program, now in its 20th year. These students were engaged in four main areas of endeavour to be completed and recorded in a personal diary over the school year: Community Service, Social Experience, Physical Recreation and Skill Development.

### Community activities:

1. Funds were raised from a Bunnings barbeque devoted entirely to Very Special Kids – a community organization which cares for children with life-threatening conditions by providing a children's hospice and professional family support services.
2. Catering at the 2016 Latrobe City relay for Life event on October 22 – 23 weekend at the Tyers Football Club venue.
3. Participation (with the Traralgon Central Rotary Club) in the 2016 Hat Day campaign with funding going directly to research helping the one in five Australians affected by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and many other illnesses.

### Club activities:

1. Club members participated in a Hypothetical Session one evening. Participants were given specific roles which required them to present mature, well considered opinions using the recent announcement of the closure of Hazelwood Power Station as a case study. A wide variety of social, cultural and business related opinions ensured spirited discussions.
2. With Leo Billington completing a six month term as President, Ian Wilson was inducted as President for a six month term. Sharing a year long Presidency is a trial initiative which is another feature of our



highly innovative, forward thinking club.

3. The club once again will coordinate the 2016 Christmas Wrap service provided at Mid Valley Shopping Centre. Mac Wood has compiled a detailed roster of volunteers representing numerous local community groups who in turn will be beneficiaries of funds raised.
4. Popular local Churchill resident, Rotarian Brenda Burney, was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow award in October. This prestigious award acknowledged Brenda's community work, her leadership through the Co-operating Church Churchill and an extensive

contribution to the ideals of Rotary.

Hazelwood Rotary cordially invites members of the community to consider joining. As is always evident in each monthly edition of the

Churchill & District News, there are plenty of activities in which Victoria's most active Rotary club is involved. For further information, please contact club President, Ian Wilson on 0409 937 222.

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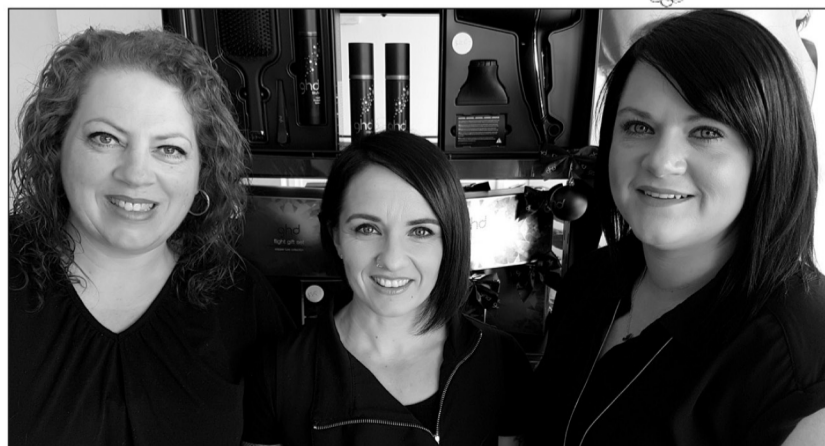
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# The Grand Strzelecki Track - Tarra Valley Loop

The 23km Tarra Valley Loop of the Grand Strzelecki Track passes through a diversity of landscapes including dense regrowth forest from the 2009 fire, sustainable plantations and stands of giant trees once typical of the great forest of south Gippsland.

Anyone who has read the 1920 publication "Land of the lyre bird: a story of settlement in the great forest of south Gippsland" will be familiar with the description of the Strzelecki Ranges when white settlers first arrived. The following extracts from the chapter titled "The Scrub" give some impression of the daunting wilderness that faced early settlers:

"The scrub country then - sometimes called the great forest of south Gippsland - started within a few miles of the east coast of Westernport and extended eastward for some sixty or seventy miles with a varying width of thirty to forty miles: covering an

area of roughly two thousand square miles of rangy fertile country....

None of the big timber had any taproot, but a great spread of laterals below the surface, and when a tree uprooted it tore up a mass of earth like the side of a house. The blackwoods and lightwoods, however, had very pronounced taproots. The quantity of big trees to an acre varied from practically none in the sapling country to a hundred or more in some of the musk and hazel country to the eastward. But a large proportion of the country would average from ten to twenty trees to an acre. Strangely to say, in the big timber country there was no eucalyptus growth between the very old trees and comparatively young saplings.

Coming now to the scrub itself, that tremendous jungle forty to sixty feet in height that filled the spaces between the great trees, a wonderful variety of flora was to be

found in it: and often all the species many times repeated could be found on a square chain.

Entering the scrub for the first time, what impressed one most was the wilderness of thin saplings all around. Then the size of the big timber would strike you. It looked larger in the scrub, where it compared only with saplings, than on the clearings where trees compared with one another. Often you could only see one or two of their immense trunks at a time looming up through the scrub, as any object was hidden from view at a chain or less away."

It is true that most of the great forest was lost to sawmilling and land clearing but glimpses still remain, not just within the Tarra-Bulga National Park but along sections of the Grand Strzelecki Track, outside the park and elsewhere throughout the eastern Strzeleckis. The 35,000 hectares of permanently protected 1939

and 1944 regrowth forest that is now voluntarily managed for conservation by HVP Plantations, is destined for big things. Amongst the fertile soils and high rainfall of these ranges, this forest is rapidly regaining much of its lost glory. Projects like the Grand Strzelecki Track, which open it up to public appreciation, can make a major contribution to the recognition and protection of these forests in years to come.

I was part of the crew that first scouted out the route to the Tarra Valley picnic area from the west when the Grand Strzelecki Track was being planned. Now named the Great Forest Walk, the distance of 2km from the former farm site (now eucalypt plantation) on Butler's Track to the picnic area took five hours to complete, with progress almost halted on many occasions by insurmountable obstacles in the form of impenetrable vegetation and giant logs laying criss-crossed on top of one another. It gave a vivid impression of what early explorers and settlers had to deal with. Now a well-marked foot track, the Great Forest Walk takes less than an hour but can be demanding due to the steep slope and

accumulation of bark shed by the tall mountain ash.


The whole Tarra Valley Loop can be walked in a day if you're fit, but it is best to walk it over two days and take a side excursion along rainforest walk to Cyathea Falls from the Tarra Valley picnic area. This takes in some of the best cool temperate rainforest to be seen in Australia, including 1,000 year old myrtle beech and many endangered slender tree-ferns. Other features of the Tarra Valley loop are the Balook section of the park (with an option to include the giant trees along scenic track and the suspension bridge), Duncan's Track (named after local athlete Duncan Orr for whom the Duncan's run 100 memorial ultra-running event is held along the Grand Strzelecki Track each year) and Forget-me-not Falls picnic area in Traralgon Creek which is a lovely secluded rest stop. The steep 1km Tarra Valley Link track providing access from Diaper Track to the Tarra Valley caravan park is also a uniquely beautiful walk amongst ferns, blackwoods and moss-covered boulders, while Diaper Track is a popular ferny walk in its own right with small waterfalls to be seen beside the lower

section of the track.

Accommodation options include self-contained cabins at the Tarra Valley caravan park or comfortable ensuite rooms at the Tarra-Bulga guest house. Camping is available at Tarra Valley caravan park or the Balook guest house grounds by appointment, or at Pattison Rest area to the west of Balook.

For those intending to walk during the warmer months, annual track maintenance is commencing in late November so Christmas or later would probably be the best time. Narrow foot track sections will be first priority and if there is any remaining money in the maintenance budget, it will be spent on clearing fallen trees and overhanging scrub from the wider sections that follow 4wd tracks. We are hoping Latrobe and Wellington Councils will review the money they very kindly provide for annual maintenance to cover the usual shortfall, so visitors and locals alike can more comfortably experience the great things we have to see on our doorstep.

Full details and walking maps are available from the website: [www.grandstrzeleckitrack.org.au](http://www.grandstrzeleckitrack.org.au)



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## Lifeline plant sale a success but marred by theft!

Lifeline Gippsland once again would like to thank the local community for supporting the recent plant sale. "The sale was a huge success, breaking previous records and raised much needed funds that will support the 24-hour Telephone Crisis Support Service 13 11 14, and assist with running other vital suicide prevention programs that help our Gippsland community.

The only disappointing aspect was the fact that we had four people break into the site at 2:00am on Friday morning, stealing plants and garden ornaments. Security footage will be provided to the Police

but it was extremely upsetting for the volunteers who had spent many hours preparing for the sale", said Ms Davis.

"Lifeline Gippsland would like to thank the local community for the kind donation of quality plants and gardening equipment, and also recognise the generous donation of plants from local businesses including Bunnings Morwell, Grow Master Traralgon, Rose and Fuchsia Farm Trafalgar, Scotsburn Nursery, Latrobe City Council and Lavalla College. Lifeline Gippsland appreciates and thanks the local community for their ongoing support and



generous donations. Without this support, fund raising activities such as the plant sale would not be possible. These events are vital for us as an organisation as we only receive 12% state government funding", concluded Ms Davis.

We are now planning for 2017 and would appreciate any excess plants, cuttings or bulbs that you have for future fund raising activities.

For further information regarding donations to Lifeline, please call the office on 5136 3500.

## Churchill Town Safety Group



### Bushfires and you

As the Bushfire season is now upon us, we need to keep an eye out for possible arsonists that may start fires in our area.

If you see someone acting suspiciously, take note of the place, time and description of that person or persons and call 000 (if you need Police attendance).

Let's not have a repeat of the past where lives and property have been lost to crimes of this nature. If you see something suspicious, Report it to the Police.

**If you see something . . . say something!**



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# Morwell High School Diamond Reunion

Approximately 300 people attended the Morwell High School Diamond Reunion on Sunday November 13, 2016, held at Kernot Hall.

After collecting their name tags, a lovely morning tea was shared by people from the different year levels enjoying a catch-up with their contemporaries.

The program was casual, with an introduction by Diane Astbury, the organiser.

Russell North MP thanked Diane and her helpers, also the Morwell Historical Society for their wonderful display of photos and articles.

Trish Wright introduced Michael Trill, an ex-student,

and he chaired a panel of former students – Larayne Ambrosini, Phil Higgins, Michael Lunan, Kerry Scott, Bronwyn Woodward, Leo Billington and Helen Guy.

There were some amusing anecdotes shared, but they all agreed that Morwell High was a wonderful school to attend, and many life lessons were learned.

After lunch and a catch-up with former classmates, Mr Brownbill, who was Principal from 1972 to 1986, gave a short speech. Miss Goodwill, who was one of the teachers from 1956 to 1963, also attended.

Each year level from 1956 to 1986 then assembled to Class of 1956

have a group photo taken as a memento of the day.

A video was also taken for people to purchase.

A prize for the best memorabilia was awarded to Helen Guy who wore her school blazer and prefect's badge.

She also had an assortment of items including a sports bag made in needlework class, a botany exercise book and some other needlework.

There were a few get-togethers for dinner on Saturday and Sunday nights, and addresses were swapped, and talk of another reunion, perhaps next year.



Above - Class of 1966

Below - Memorabilia from 1956 to 1961



## Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish  
Species: Myoporum insulare  
Family: Myoporaceae  
Derivation: Myoporum: From the Greek myo, meaning to be shut or closed, and poros, meaning pore, referring to the closed appearance of the glands on the leaves.  
insulare: A Latin word meaning pertaining to islands.  
Common Name: Boobialla or Native Juniper.  
Distribution: Widely

distributed along the southern coast from Shark Bay in WA, through SA, Victoria and Tasmania to southern NSW and on Lord Howe Island.  
**Description:** A small to tall shrub over most of its range, but reaching small tree size in eastern Victoria and NSW, to seven metres tall with an eight metre spread and brittle branches. Leaves are lanceolate (tapered at both ends) to obovate (broader near the top of the leaf) with alternate and sessile (without a stalk). The flowers which

appear over winter into spring are white with purplish dots. They occur in groups of two to eight in the leaf axils and can be profuse and conspicuous and mature to succulent, edible, globular fruits about 8mm across, that are white with purplish or bluish markings.  
**Opinion:** My plant is on the northern nature strip, is about 4m tall and is next to Callistemon 'Reeve's Pink.' Both contribute to the shading of my vegetable patch. It copped a hiding from the

local council last year, when they deemed it too close to the road and removed a big chunk out of it. But it has responded by vigorously shooting from all the pruned points, so now it is hanging over the road again, ready for the next battle with the authorities. Perhaps I'll give it a prune myself, though it's a daunting task as there are annoying little branches that want to stick into me when I attempt to tame the weeds that pass for lawn underneath it. I haven't attempted to propagate this

plant, but judging by the way it re-shoots and suckers, I reckon cuttings would be no problem to strike. No doubt this is why it is commonly used as grafting stock for some of those Eremophilas that are difficult to keep alive in our climate.  
Sources: Chinnock – Eremophila and Allied Genera.  
Elliot and Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 2.  
Sharr – WA Plant Names and their Meanings.



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# What to do with the Morwell open cut?

Current concern about climate change has prompted governments to implement policies to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

Putting aside the reality of how effective policies will achieve objectives, with the increase in royalties for using brown coal as a power station fuel, the owners of Hazelwood power station have assessed the economics and chosen to terminate its operation in March 2017.

This is well short of the anticipated life of the mine which was projected (in their public forum in September 2016) as ongoing until 2032 by accessing better quality coal in the north part of the field, without needing to move the Morwell river futher.

Rehabilitation of the Morwell open cut is needed to minimise fire risk from bushfire events. This could involve flooding to make a lake after sealing the coal faces with mineral earth and clay. Some doubt has been reported as to whether this is the best option. Retired workers at the mine have expressed concern at closing the mine but acknowledge that the power station itself was fast approaching its use-by date. Much coal is still to the west on the south side of the expressway. The coal should be left readily



accessible as needed for other coal-derived products in the future.

Governments can and have acted too hastily in the past to remove infrastructure when services have closed (eg railway lines and their electrification).

One recently implemented recreational activity was use of the warm waters of Hazelwood pondage for barramundi fishing, but this will lose its heat source as will the other users of the warm water (commercial rose flower production). The June Sauna Sail event will also suffer from the cold.

How could the open cut be best left should it ever need to be reopened? Maybe a leaf could be taken out of the Queensland Electricity system. Part of the Wivenhoe hydro setup uses a high level dam as 'battery' storage for peak power needs. This dam is about 100m above the main

dam and uses night 'off-peak' power to pump back to the higher level. This is signposted to achieve 70%+ efficiency. The Morwell open cut is over 100m deep, so perhaps some of the Hazelwood pondage water could do something similar.

This would have the additional advantage of recirculating hot water from the existing aquifer in the open cut and keeping the pondage warm for the barramundi.

Flooding the open cut would not achieve a separate warm recreational lake as the aquifer would cease to discharge hot water, as pressures equalise when only part full. The lack of circulation would mean costly aeration would also be necessary for any fishing to be possible.

Even a small hydro battery storage system utilising the Morwell open cut would have several benefits.

# Burrunan Dolphins winner

A dolphin native to Gippsland will grace the cover of this year's #lovegippsland calendar being published and distributed by Federal Member Darren Chester.

An action shot by Peter Murrell, of Lakes Entrance, showing the Burrunan dolphin leaping through the water was deemed to be first prize in the 2017 calendar competition.

Mr Chester produces the calendar annually to promote destinations across Gippsland and encourage pride in the region. Mr Chester said there were almost 200 high quality entries received this year and each entrant sent a brief caption explaining why they believed that photo best represented Gippsland.

Junior winner was Brianna McKenzie, aged 14 from Paynesville, who captured a resting bird on Raymond Island.

Thirteen photos have been selected to appear in the calendar ranging from Canni Creek Picnic Races, Loy Yang Power Station at night, the Wonnangatta River, Morwell River and Port Albert.

Both the junior and senior winners will receive accommodation to enjoy a weekend away in Gippsland.

The prizes have been donated by Captain's Cove Resort, in Paynesville, and



Mallacoota Beachcomber Caravan Park.

"Paynesville and Mallacoota are two of many great holiday destinations across Gippsland," Mr Chester said.

"School holidays and long weekends are an opportunity to explore the many attractions we have in our own backyard. Having stayed at both of the prize accommodation venues, I can also vouch for their quality service."

Mr Chester encouraged locals to take their next holiday within Gippsland.

"Remember every dollar you spend locally creates jobs in our local region and

more opportunities for young people," he said.

"We live in one of the best regions in the world, with internationally recognised waterways, mountains, rivers, beaches and national parks.

I think sometimes we take for granted how lucky we are to live in Gippsland and I hope this calendar can act as a reminder to locals to revisit some of our amazing locations this coming holiday season."

Anyone who wants a copy of Mr Chester's 2017 #lovegippsland calendar can contact his office on 1300 131 785 or email Darren.chester.mp@aph.gov.au.

## CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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# 2016/17 Churchill Businesses CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS

### Churchill BBQ Chicken

Christmas Eve 10.30 am - 8.30 pm  
Christmas Day 8.00 am - 12.30 pm  
Boxing Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day Closed  
Re-open Tuesday, January 10.

### Churchill Business Centre/ Mortgage Choice

Opening Hours 9.00 am - 5.00 pm  
Close Christmas Eve  
Re-open Monday, January 9  
Tony Antonelli is available in an emergency on 0407 688 424.

### Churchill Chinese

Christmas Eve 11.30 am - 2.00 pm, 5.00 pm - 10.00 pm. Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day 11.30 am - 2.00 pm, 5.00 pm - 9.30 pm.  
New Years Eve 11.30 am - 2.00 pm, 5.00 pm - 10.00  
New Years Day 11.30 am - 2.00 pm, 5.00 pm - 9.30 pm

### Churchill Discount Chemist

Christmas Eve 8.30 am - 6.00 pm  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day 10.00 am - 2.00 pm  
Tuesday, December 27, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm  
New Year's Eve 9.00 am - 2.00 pm  
New Year's Day Closed.  
Monday, January 2, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

### Churchill Fish & Chip Shop

Normal hours 11.00 am - 8.30 pm  
Christmas Eve 11.00 am - 8.30 pm  
Closed from December 25,

Re-open Thursday, January 5.

### Churchill Hot Bread Bakery

Christmas Eve Open to 4pm  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day Closed  
Tuesday, December 27, Closed  
New Year's Day Closed.  
Monday, January 2, Closed.

### Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

9.30 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday.  
The centre closes Friday, December 23 and reopens Monday, January 9.  
Office closed Wednesday, January 11.

### Churchill Newsagency

7.00 am - 6.00 pm Monday to Friday.  
7.00 am - 2.00 pm Saturday  
Christmas Eve 7.00 am - 2.00 pm  
Christmas Day Closed, Boxing Day Closed,  
Tuesday December 27 Closed  
New Year's Eve 7.00 am - 2.00 pm.  
New Years Day Closed.  
Monday January 2 Closed

### Churchill Post Office

Christmas Eve 9.00 am - 12 noon  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day Closed  
Tuesday, December 27 Closed  
New Year's Eve Closed  
New Year's Day Closed.  
Monday, January 2 Closed

### Commonwealth Bank Churchill

Christmas Eve Closed  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day Closed  
Tuesday, December 27, Closed  
New Year's Eve Closed  
New Year's Day Closed.  
Monday, January 2, Closed

### Hazelwood Health Centre

Christmas Eve 8.00 am - 12 noon  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day Closed  
Tuesday, December 27 Closed  
New Year's Eve 8.30 am - 12.30 pm  
New Year's Day Closed  
Monday, January 2, Closed

### Kats Hair Design

Christmas Eve 10.00 am - 8.00 pm  
Christmas Day Closed  
Wednesday, December 30, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm  
Appointment only  
New Year's Eve 10.00 am - 2.00 pm  
Appointment only  
New Year's Day Closed

### Lifeline Op Shop

Closed 4.00 pm Friday, December 16  
Re-open 9.30am Monday, January 9.

### New Churchill Motors

Christmas Eve Last Day  
Reopen Monday January 30.

### Ritchie's IGA Churchill

Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day 9.00 am - 7.00 pm  
New Year's Eve 9.00 am - 7.00 pm  
New Year's Day 9.00 am - 7.00 pm  
All other days open as normal.

### Smart Saver

Christmas Eve Open  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day Open  
New Year's Eve Open  
New Year's Day Closed.

### Sight and Sound Engineering

Christmas - New Year Closed  
Some repairs by appointment.  
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### The Barber Shed

Opening Hours 9.00 am - 5.00 pm  
Closed from December 24  
Re-open Monday, January 16, 9.00 am.

### Vintage C'hill Cafe

Opening Hours 11.00 am - 8.30 pm  
Christmas Eve Closed  
Closed from December 25,  
re-opening Monday, January 9.

### Zaniti Hair

Closed Friday, December 23 and  
Re-open Monday, January 9.

# October nappy collection



Churchill & District News sincerely thanks Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Churchill Newsagency and Churchill Discount Chemist for their participation in the Nappy Collective in October 2017. There were 781 new, left over, unused nappies collected between them for Churchill & District News to distribute to local organisations.

Together with the collection held at the office of Russell Northe Morwell, a total of 1,392 nappies were presented. Representatives from Berry Street Morwell, Anglicare (Morwell) Victoria, participants of the Kurnai Young Parents Program Churchill and Reverend Brenda Burney, Minister of the Co-Operating Parish of Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar, accepted the nappies.

In presenting the nappies, Russell Northe thanked the Latrobe community for their overwhelming response to the October drive of the Nappy

Collective Giving Project. "Through the generosity of locals, 1,392 nappies were donated at drop off points at Churchill Discount Chemist, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Churchill Newsagency and his office in Morwell. He thanked everyone who donated nappies and also the Churchill & District News team who facilitated the collections in Churchill," said Russell Northe.

He also spoke of the marvellous job all these groups do in supporting many people who can sometimes find themselves in challenging circumstances, and hoped that the donation of the nappies would make some small and positive difference to each and every person.

Many thanks were also given to Tayla in his office, who organised the presentation day and local distribution of the nappies.

Berry Street responded on behalf of all participants, thanking all for the efforts that

had been put into the day.

It is good to see that the results of this large collection are staying, and will be used in our local communities. Look out for another collection in May 2017, when you will again see our collection boxes around town.

## Nappy Collective Giving Project

A small but vibrant group of leaders of local community organisations gathered at Berry Street in Morwell on Tuesday, November 29 to receive nappies donated by generous and caring locals. I was both privileged and happy to be amongst the recipients of armfuls of nappies to add to our Emergency Relief supplies. We often have families with young children seeking help and the nappies are a welcome addition to what we already have, especially in the time leading up to Christmas when our Emergency Relief supplies are drawn on more often. Member for Morwell, Russell Northe MP, presented the nappies and thanked those present for their contribution to the wellbeing of people in the communities we serve. Thanks to Russell for getting behind this worthwhile community project.

Reverend Brenda Burney Minister of the Cooperating Parish of Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar.

# Christmas present



## Local students create Christmas present for Government House tree

Ornaments crafted by students from the Latrobe Valley Flexible Learning Option campus will hang on the Christmas tree at Government House this holiday season. The decorations, designed to reflect the Latrobe Valley, were made at the invitation of the Governor of Victoria, and the project was facilitated by Latrobe City Council.

Receiving the decorations at corporate headquarters last week, Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan said the students had created a design that spoke of their own experiences of Christmas.

"The Christmas tree design resonated with the students as a symbol of their own feelings about living in the Latrobe Valley. This project has seen them devote

time, energy and skills to create a decoration that evokes the spirit of our community.

The students should be as proud as we are to know that their creation will be hanging on the Christmas tree at Government House," Councillor O'Callaghan said.

LV FLO campus Principal Brett Pedlow, said the project had allowed the students to work collaboratively.

"Our students brainstormed ideas for a design and voiced a shared and common image, the Christmas tree. Students reasoned that the Valley is known for its extensive pine plantations.

They talked about the trees in shopping centres and stores, for sale on roadsides and the Christmas decorations in gardens around the Valley. For many, this is a happy and affordable Christmas tradition.

Students also agreed that

the design concept for their ornament had to be unusual, interactive if possible, bright and modern that represented them as young people.

The project required planning, mathematics, baking and, most of all, careful drilling.

The Christmas tree is made from polymer clay and a pipe cleaner," Mr Pedlow said.

"The students are thrilled that their decoration will hang on the Christmas tree at Government House. Many of our students experience hardship at home and knowing that something that has been borne out of their own imaginations and hard work will be on display in Melbourne, is a huge boost to their confidence."

Councillor O'Callaghan attended a reception to unveil the Victorian Community Christmas Tree at Government House on Friday December 2.

## Churchill Hub opening and closing times for the 2016/17 Christmas and New Year period.

### Council Service Centre & Library

will close at 3pm on Friday 23 December and reopen at 10am on Tuesday 3 January.

### Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

will close on Friday 23 December and will reopen Monday 9 January, operating regular hours of 9.30am to 4pm, except Wednesday 11 January, when the office will be closed.

### Fed Uni Children's Centre

will close from 5.30pm on Friday 23 December and reopen at 7am on Monday 16 January.

### Churchill Hub Preschool

will close week of 19 December, and reopen from Thursday 2 February.

### Maternal & Child Health Services

will close 4.30pm on Thursday 22 December and reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 3 January.

During this period, Churchill MCH clients can ring the central booking line on 5128 6128 or 0409 141 169 for appointments or home visits on Wednesday 28 December and Thursday 29 December, limited service only.

## LATROBE CITY COUNCILLORS AND STAFF EXTEND

# Season's Greetings



# First Yinnar Scouts visit Baloo's Picnic at Melbourne Zoo



The 1st Yinnar Cubs, along with Cubs from all over the state, went on an exciting adventure to Melbourne in March this year to celebrate 100 years of Cubs in the Scouting movement, at an event called Baloo's picnic. The day involved fun activities as well as a visit to the Melbourne Zoo. Melbourne was chosen as the 69th World Scout Foundation Meeting and Events location and so a special guest appearance was made by His Majesty King Carl Gustaf XVI of Sweden. The newest members of the 1st Yinnar Cubs were lucky enough to have their investiture witnessed by the King himself and his party. An exciting way to start their scouting experience. 1st Yinnar Cubs runs on Monday nights in Yinnar from 6.30 – 8pm. Contact Colin on 0467 677 759.



## STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



Christmas time is upon us once again with its good cheer, celebrations and Christmas cards, connecting us with far-flung family and friends. Although the advent of emails has cut back significantly on the volume of cards posted at Christmas, the oldies amongst us stubbornly uphold the tradition.

Australia produced its first Christmas set in 1957, and a card in an envelope cost a halfpenny less to post than a card with an enclosed letter. The second set followed suit, but the cheaper rate was dropped until 1979 when the cheaper rate was re-introduced due to pressure from the public. The cheaper rate for cards-only letters persists today.

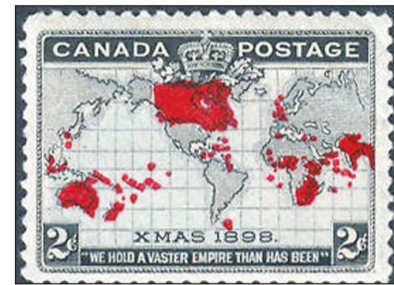
Most countries with a predominantly Christian population produce an annual Christmas set of stamps, usually with a religious theme or one which uses symbols of Christmas, like Christmas trees, stars and Santa Claus. Indeed, Christmas Island uses Santa Claus on all its Christmas stamps these days. Because it is a stamp that can be used in Australia, many people use it instead of the stamps with religious designs to show that they are not too religious. The converse is also

true, so we usually receive a good mix.

The first Christmas stamp was issued by Canada in 1898 and the design was neither religious nor symbolic, but a statement of Imperial might. It showed a map of the world with the countries of the British Empire in bright red. It was also one of the first stamps to be printed in more than one colour besides black, so it was a real departure from the normal stamp of the time.

One prolific source of religious design has been the great religious paintings held in the art galleries of the world. New Zealand's first Christmas stamps used great artworks. As the custom grew, so did the variety and complexity. Malta produced a triptych in 1977 showing Durer's nativity and Flight into Egypt. Australia was not afraid to join in with a miniature sheet showing children performing a Nativity play in 1986, and in the following year a strip of five depicting Carols by Candlelight.


Christmas carols have also been used as a Christmas theme. Great Britain produced one set showing three carols



in 1969 and another set depicting the carol 'Good King Wenceslas' in a series of pictures in 1973. Austria released a Christmas stamp in 1968 marking the 150th anniversary of the writing of 'Silent Night'. Australia released a set of three Christmas stamps in 1981 illustrating three Australian carols, complete with words.

Many collectors have used the theme of Christmas to put together a special collection and the Christmas stamps will keep coming. If you have friends around the world, Christmas cards can supply you not only their greetings and good wishes but a supply of stamps which will enhance your collection.


The members of the Latrobe Valley Philatelic Society wish everybody in the Churchill district the compliments of the season and a Happy New Year. Happy collecting!



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# Training prepares Churchill Fire Brigade members for action

## Brigade Training

During the last month, Churchill Fire Brigade has hosted one of the CFA Mobile Props which lets us train in how to manage car fires.

The prop is gas fired which allows the instructors to have good control over the amount of fire being faced, with the ability to increase or decrease the fire as the scenario progresses.

The brigade took a couple of opportunities to train our members using the prop, with the trainers able to configure the setting to simulate a range of different scenarios.

The first exercise was to respond to a fire in the engine compartment, which was building from being just a small fire initially.

Crews were required to advance up close to the front of the car to direct their hose stream in under the bonnet to cool and then extinguish the fire.

The second exercise involved a car fire with the car



fully involved, with flames issuing from under the bonnet, in one tyre well, and in the main body of the car. This required two crews to attack the fire, with one dealing with the fire in the front of the car, and the other dealing with the fire in the cabin. This was also an opportunity to practise using breathing apparatus as car fires often involve a range of plastics and other materials which produce very toxic smoke.

Finally, using the container the car prop comes in to simulate the car being enclosed in a garage, members had to run hose from a fire truck parked on the roadway, and use a ladder to make access to the garage and put water on the fire through an opening in the roof. Access to the front of the car was eventually attained through opening a door, and the fire fully extinguished.

### Are you prepared for the Fire Danger Period?

This year we have received a lot of rain over October and November, so we are presently seeing some prolific

grass and pasture growth. Have you prepared for the fire season around your property? Burning off grass, stubble, weeds, undergrowth or other vegetation is generally permitted outside the Fire Danger Period in the rural areas of Latrobe City. Please check with Latrobe City if you are unsure which local laws apply to you.

### Before burning off

Check and follow local regulations or laws set down by CFA or your local council.

Check the weather forecast for the day of the burn and a few days afterwards.

Check the fuel moisture conditions.

Establish a fire break of no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material.

Notify neighbours at least two hours before starting the burn.

Make sure there are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.

Notify the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) to register your burnoff on 1800 668 511. Please provide the following information about your burn-off when registering - location, date and expected start and finish times, estimated size and what you intend to burn.

Unregistered burn-offs can cause brigades to be called out unnecessarily.



Above and Below: Simulated car gas fire.



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## While we're upgrading our facilities, we're still here for you.

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.

Thank you for your patience.

For more information about services at Latrobe Community Health Service, visit [www.lchs.com.au](http://www.lchs.com.au) or phone 1800 242 696.



# Dru Berryman represents Australia at the Enduro Mountain Bike World Cup

Dru Berryman is 20 years old and living in Traralgon - studying at Federation University Churchill.

Following is his story:

In February 2016 I was selected to represent Australia at the 2016 Enduro World Series (<http://www.enduroworldseries.com>).

This was pretty exciting (something I've been working towards since I raced for Australia in 2014 at the mountain bike World Cup!)

I was selected to race every round of the 2016 World Series but due to University I was only able to take a little bit of time off, so I decided on one place I've been dreaming of going to forever - Canada, and one place I've never been interested in visiting - America.

How things change! I'll be going back for sure now! My race dates were July 30 and 31 in Aspen Colorado USA, and August 14 in Whistler, Canada.

I was selected due to my racing results in Australia

as the 2015/2016 Victorian champion and 2nd place under 21 at National champs, along with a number of other racing results through the country.

The planning and funding for my trip were made easier due to the generosity and support of a handful of local businesses in Morwell and Traralgon - Shane Dunn of S&J Cycles, Andrew Crozier of Revolution Spin Fit, Steve McRae of Dental Lab, Mick Turnbull of Turnbull's Hire-Drive, Ian Johnston of McMillan Partners and of course all the members of the Gippsland Mountain Bike Club.

For my first race in America I had two great days of racing and finished in 11th place . . . not bad, 11th out of 35 athletes selected world wide.

Canada is a different story . . . in the lead up to the race I made a slight mistake on a practice run, resulting in a high impact crash putting me in hospital with a broken

clavicle, damaged knee and high concussion - so it's safe to guess I didn't end up competing, rather, I was put on the next plane home to get my body sorted out! (First class, thank you travel insurance!)

After arriving home and getting further treatment from Australian specialists, I was put in a brace and left to live the one-arm life for around ten weeks . . . that was fun! (not) physio, x-rays, CT scans and MRI's have all been happening the last few weeks, watching as my bone grows and muscles repair (at what feels like a very slow rate to me!).

Currently I'm on university holidays and training and working as usual.

My recovery is going along slowly but surely, and the 2017 race series is coming fast as I prepare to fly out to New Zealand in just over a month's time for a bit of practice and training on the Kiwi soil!



## Alcoholism and Holidays

Holidays may bring out the best and the worst in people. The holiday season can mean family gatherings, special dinners, gifts and lots of celebrating.

Along with the fun and festivities many family members and friends of alcoholics experience drunken scenes, unhappy memories, hopelessness, despair and loneliness.

When we arrive at our first Al-Anon meeting the words spoken suggested welcome and told us we are not alone. We, who live or have lived with a problem drinker, understand as perhaps few others can. We too were lonely and frustrated.

In a perfect world, holidays are idyllic; full of love, laughter, peace, family and friends gathering together. In a perfect world we celebrate, laugh, share with each other, worship together and have no worries.

The "Perfect" holiday- has anyone ever had one? In the real world few holidays are perfect.

In an alcoholic family most likely none are! Bills pile up. Often there will be too much celebrating, including drinking. There will be fights and drunken scenes. There can be unhappy memories. I remember holiday dinners followed by family games highlighted by a drunken Mother staggering through her turn to play and everyone pretending it was normal. Shame, embarrassment, futility and powerlessness were familiar feelings. Family members of alcoholics often miss a perfect holiday

Meetings:

Traralgon Monday 10am Learning House Breed Street.

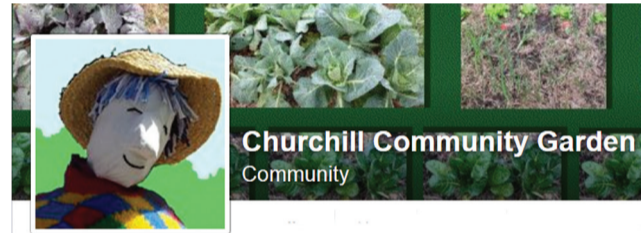
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# Vale Allan Pobjoy - 24/5/1925 - 10/11/2016

Allan Pobjoy was born at Heyfield in 1925, the son of Rupert Charles and Alice May Pobjoy (Nee Daymond).

Allan was the fourth of six children and was probably spoilt by his older sisters Pearl, Ruby, Ena and Dorothy. His younger brother Arthur was born six years later.

The family share farmed at Cowarr, Nuntin near Maffra and Traralgon South.

All the children helped with the farm chores especially the milking. Everyone was up early and very busy in the morning.

Somewhere around the end of the Second World War, the Pobjoys moved into Traralgon, first to a rented house in Loch Park Road and then later to the house they bought in Henry Street.

Allan probably decided that farming wasn't for him when he lost half a finger in the milk separator as a youngster, and when he was 16 he decided not to continue on the family farm and began his career as a carpenter and a builder.

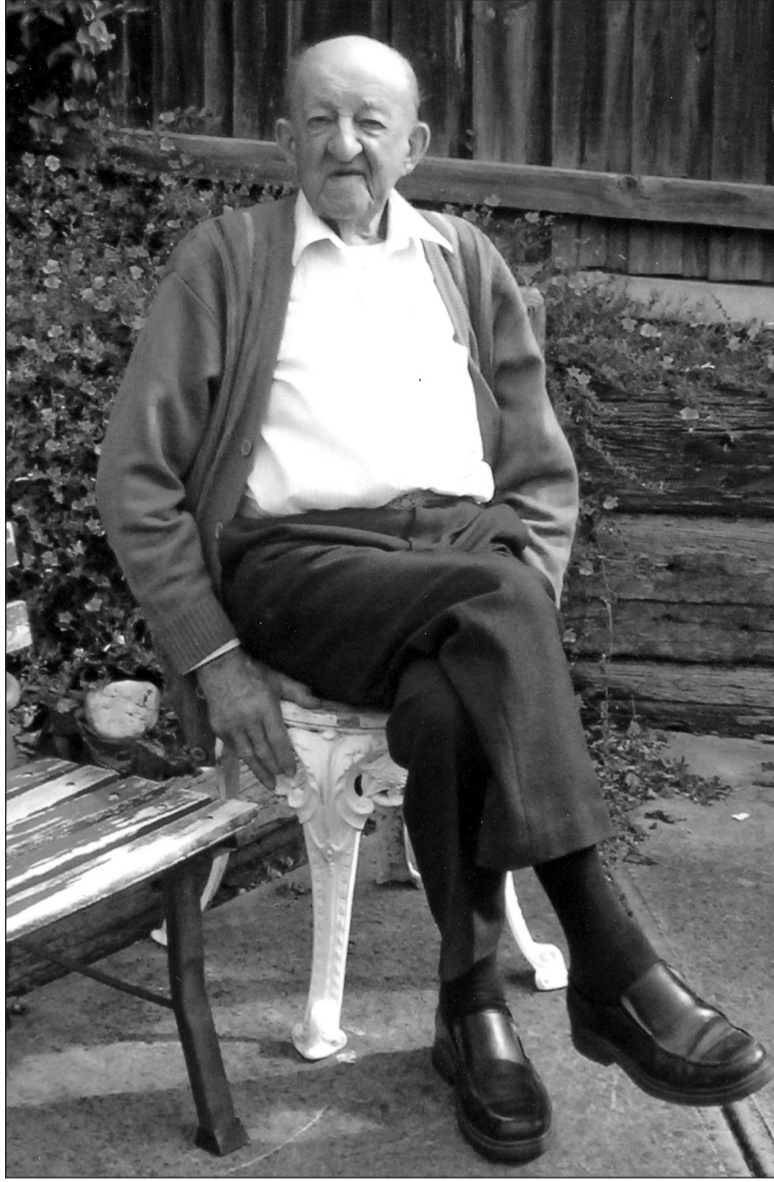
He met his late wife Gwen while he was on a working holiday in Mildura grape-picking, and then building wooden packing crates for the fruit. Gwen who was living in Mildura, was manageress of the Mildura branch of O'Gilpin's, a haberdashery

store. Gwen was later transferred to the O'Gilpin's store in Traralgon.

Allan married Valma Gwenneth Hodgson on January 15 1949, at All Saints Church of England in East Preston, Melbourne Victoria, the Reverend D. Rittich officiating. They first lived in a house that Allan built in Lafayette Street Traralgon before moving to 1McInnes Crescent in Churchill. They were tough times and everything was in short supply. They started their married life with just the basics. Allan built most of the furniture, from kitchen table and wardrobes, to bed bases and dressing tables.

Allan and Gwen celebrated their 40th anniversary in Churchill on January 15, 1989. They had six children - Daryl, Karyn, Dianne, Kevin, Wendy and Bronwyn (dec).

Pobby, as he was fondly named, was one of the first builders of houses in Churchill. In a construction downturn he put his business on hold and joined the crew at Churchill, building a town out



of a paddock.

It was long work days constructing frames (one frame in five days) for the first 300 houses under contract

with Marley Constructions. No electric tools, everything was done by hand.

After completion of the contract, Pobby resumed

work as a private builder and had seven apprentices including his son Kevin. He worked in his chosen trade until his retirement and his imprint is in many homes in Traralgon and Churchill. In 1956 Pobby and family moved to Churchill and lived in a three bedroom house that he built. All eight people fitted comfortably. They were the ninth family to move into town. Pobby and Gwen enjoyed the new town, and sense of community, where he recalled, everyone talked to everyone and at one stage there were 45 kids in the street. It was just a happy family.

Pobby worked hard but they made time for family holidays, and time out.

This included taking his kids and many others to the pondage for a swim.

Over the years Pobby enjoyed duck and clay shooting and was a keen fisherman, a member of the Yinnar Fishing Club. A keen gardener too, in earlier years Pobby kept Gwen and the kids supplied with fresh vegetables. In his later years he was still outside tending to his plants, weeding and keeping it all neat.

Sadly Gwen passed away in 1994 and Bronwyn in 2014. He knew sadness but he also knew the great joy of grandchildren and great grandchildren whom he loved dearly.

He served on the Royal Children's Hospital

Committee, running raffles and events to raise funds and he was also involved with the Teen Club which ran for a brief time.

He was a regular at the Churchill Hotel/Saloon Bar often after a day's work where he would go for a chat and catch up with his mates. He was a South Melbourne Swans Supporter.

Being very independent he lived at home with daughter Dianne popping in with meals, doing housework and shopping.

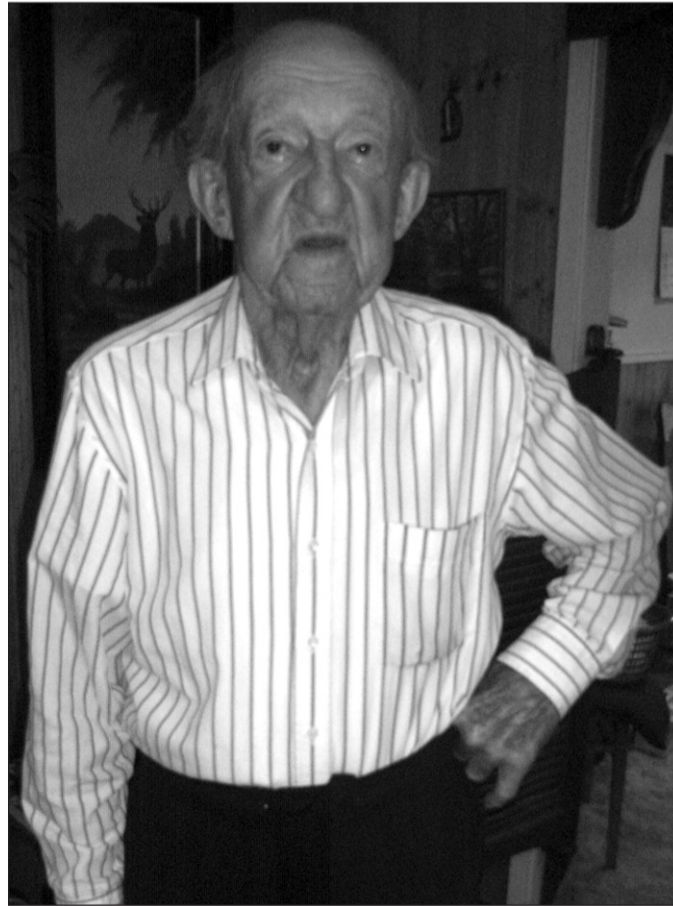
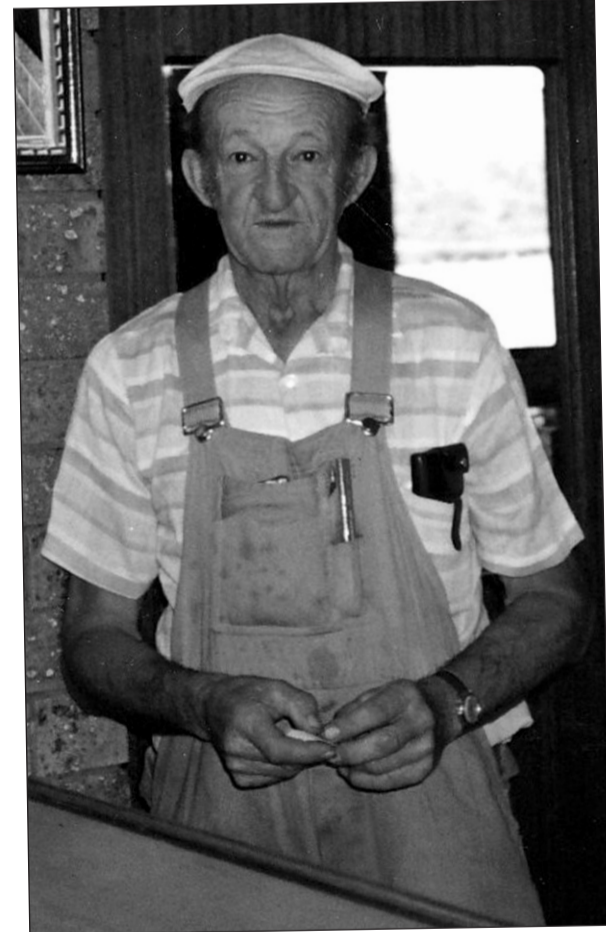
It was September when Pobby was first diagnosed with cancer and unable to live at home. He moved in with Dianne and Chris. He was so beautifully cared for by them and when Dianne was working, her sister Karyn was always there to help.

With failing health, Pobby was admitted to hospital and then into Heritage Manor for respite care. But Pobby was ready to go; he had had enough and he passed away peacefully.

One of life's true gentlemen, there were no frills or fuss with Pobby. He was very much a man of his generation, a true blue Aussie. He was a dearly loved father, father-in-law grandfather and great grandfather. One of Churchill's pioneers and one of Gippsland's true sons who gave the best he had to his family, friends and community - an everlasting legacy.

The town will miss his cheeky grin, and willing smile. He remembered names and things about you. We will miss his habit of walking down the street, lately with his walker, stopping for a chat along the way; his signature white cap and carpenter's overalls.

Thank you Pobby for your contribution to our lives here in Churchill.



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# Vale Trevor Burgess - 25/1/42 - 10/10/16



Trevor Burgess was known by many names, Trev, Grandpa, Pa, Pa Trev, Uncle Trev, Ferret, Hochi-Min, Captain, Bloody Stubborn, Drongo, You Idiot, Smiley...but most of all... My Mate Burgo.

Trevor was born on January 25, 1942 at Oak Cottage in the village of Waldron, Sussex, England, the first of three brothers - Trevor, Tim and Graham.

In 1951 their parents

Chris and Ellen, with the boys, migrated to Australia. They arrived at Station Pier at Melbourne on June 27, 1951. They were allocated a Housing Commission Home at No.18 McMillan Street in Morwell. They had a great childhood. There were no houses opposite them, and they had a clear view across a vacant paddock to the reservoir. There were no fences around it in those days and as kids, in the summer,

they used to slide on toboggans or thick pieces of cardboard down the slopes of the reservoir, played cricket, soccer and football and built bonfires on that vacant paddock. Their father died in October 1980, Tim died in November 1983 and their mother died in March 1988.

From a young age, Trevor was one for mischief, paying his young brother to save being caught. His mischief included painting BURGESS on the chimney of their home after an argument with his dad. Dad never let on!

Trevor's first school in Australia was the Commercial Road Primary School, in Morwell. That year was also the beginning of his love for the Geelong Football Club. Like many kids in their first year of school, he barracked for the team that won the Grand Final that year, as Geelong did in 1951.

He continued his education at the Yallourn Technical School and in 1958, joined the SEC as an apprentice Fitter and Turner. After completing his apprenticeship, he worked in the Yallourn Workshops, and the Yallourn and Hazelwood Power Stations. He worked his way up to a supervisory position and reports say he was a fair and good supervisor and was well respected by those who worked with him. After Hazelwood, Trevor worked with the Construction Group at Loy Yang "A" Power Station and then transferred to the SEC's Industrial Relations Group.

Trevor left the SEC after about 35 years of service. He then worked with Skilled Engineering labour hire company for nearly 20 years. His nickname there was Grandpa. Trevor retired from Skilled in October, 2014.

From a young age Trevor was always a keen and competitive sportsman. In the Police Boys Youth Club he learnt and became a fairly competent boxer and competed in bouts throughout Gippsland and beyond. He played football, flew model aeroplanes and played cricket. He raced push bikes and became a member of the Yallourn Professional Cycling Club. One day whilst out training near Yallourn he was run down by a drunken motorist, and luckily only suffered a few minor cuts and bruises. Many years later whilst riding his bike near Churchill, he was again run down by a motorist. This time, he suffered injuries to his hip and elbow and from then on lived with pain in his hip.

As Trevor became older, he joined the Gippsland Motorcycle Club. This was the start of his sporting career as a motorcycle scrambler (now known as motocross), and he became the Gippsland C grade champion.

Later he raced in high powered sidecars. On one occasion Trevor and the sidecar were flung several metres into the air and landed on the track where he was run over by another sidecar. He was transported to the Box Hill Hospital with critical internal injuries and operated on to repair a split liver, and have his ruptured spleen removed.

Trevor also raced mini speedway race-cars. After Trevor stopped competing in motor sport he continued to passionately follow the sprint car circuit at Avalon, Mount Gambier Murray Bridge, Adelaide and Warrnambool. This was usually where his Christmas, New Year and Easter holidays were spent.

Trevor loved fishing, particularly surf-fishing. Trevor also became a member of the Morwell Golf Club and regularly played competition golf until last year.

Trevor was also a highly respected member of the Strzelecki District Scout Association District Personnel Committee (DPC). A DPC is required to

undertake regular reviews of all Scout Leader's performance, including the undertaking of advanced training and any additional training requirements, and subsequently make a recommendation to Scout headquarters in Melbourne.

For over 12 years or more, the Strzelecki District DPC served a timely and reliable role considered essential for the safe functioning of all Scout groups. It was one of very few DPC's in Victoria functioning with applause from Scout Headquarters.

Trevor was a key member of the DPC. For over ten years, his invaluable, well considered professional advice was pivotal in a huge variety of confidential discussions and decisions. Trevor never shirked his responsibilities with DPC and preferred to contribute without seeking "front stage". Strzelecki District Scout Association will be significantly challenged to replace Trevor and his massive experience gleaned from his management work in the private industrial sector of the Latrobe Valley.

For many years, Trevor's life also revolved around the Churchill and District Lions Club and he worked with them tirelessly helping others and made some special friends.

In 1967 Trevor married Kaye and they moved to live in Churchill. Along came daughter Fiona who explained that like many men of his generation, Trevor wasn't what you'd call 'hands on'; reluctant to change nappies and panicked if Fiona so much as had a chin wobble.

But he was devoted, caring, could be silly and a wonderful provider. He was always supportive of Fiona, encouraging her to find the things she most liked. The three of them would travel often, searching for new adventures such as fossicking for bottles at Walhalla, other places in Victoria and interstate. Later they moved

to Canterbury Way. He had a passion for wood turning and golf. He was always busy except if Geelong was playing football on the telly. But his smile as bright as the sun and his unique infectious laugh will be cherished the most.

Trevor showed Fiona what it was to be a loyal friend, to be dedicated in whatever you do, advocate of the innocent and champion for the underdog. Trev and Kay separated, and later Kay died.

Trev then met Vicki who lived and worked in Bairnsdale, and the families instantly accepted each other and in 2000 they married.

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Trev is survived by wife Vicki, daughter Fiona, her husband Nathan and their children Brandon and Ashleigh, stepson Rick and his partner Paula and stepson Jon and his daughters Heidi, Evie, Chloe and Madeline, brother Graham and his family

Trevor is remembered as a person who would always have a chat with people who soon became his friend; he was just that sort of bloke. His cheeky smile, caring ways and never say die attitude will stay with those who knew and loved him.



Trevor was a passionate person who supported many people including his brother on his return from Vietnam. If anyone was in need, he would immediately come to offer his care and support.

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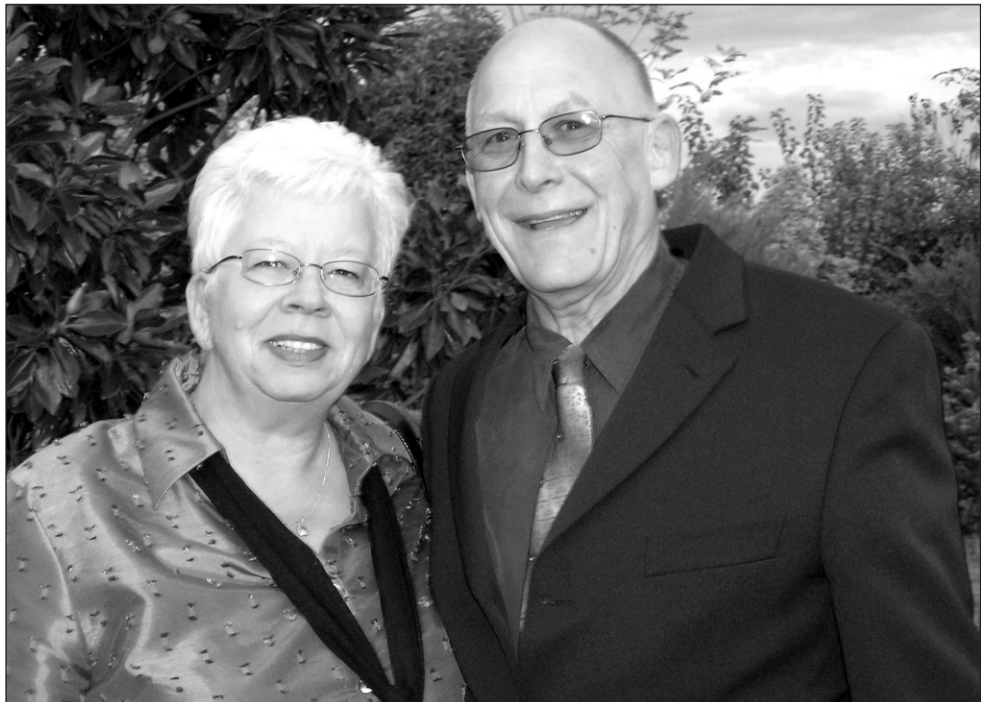
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# Vale Mavis Coleman - 24/2/16 - 18/5/2016

Mavis Sadler, christened Catherine Ellen Mavis, was born on February 24, 1916, the first child of four, to parents Eveline (Marriott) and John Sadler, in Drouin Private Hospital.

Her earliest memory is of getting lost at home and after a frantic search by her parents was found under a bench on the back veranda eating a carrot.

Mavis attended Drouin East State School, a one teacher school and as the children became older they were often asked to help teach the younger children, then missing out on their own lesson.

Mavis' Dad transferred the children to Drouin State School, a walk of 2.5 miles each way.

At age 14 Mavis left school and helped her dad on the farm. They milked 20 cows, raised calves and pigs and had a mixed farm of vegetables, passionfruit and rhubarb.

They packed passionfruit in half cases and sent them by train to a merchant in Melbourne who sold them at the Victoria Market.

They picked rhubarb on the first Tuesday in November and sold it to local fruit shops in Drouin and Warragul for twopence a bunch of three.

On Saturday morning, her dad would go to the local barber Mr Larning's shop, to get a shave and go shopping, and Mavis would go with him to have music lessons to learn to play the piano – her grandfather had given them the piano.

On a Sunday night they often had a sing-song with their mother playing.

On Saturday dad would give Mavis sixpence for lollies – two or four a penny – which she had to share with the family at home.

The family attended Drouin Methodist Church on Sunday mornings at 11am.

Dad was superintendent of the Sunday School for many years in the afternoon at 2pm.

As they grew older mum, Elsie and Mavis would often drive the horses and buggy to Church at night to be in the Choir.

When Mavis was 18 years old her Aunt Kate obtained a domestic position for her with Mrs Webster in Oakleigh.

She lived with her

grandparents and two aunts also in Oakleigh.

After three years in the city Mavis returned home for her 21st birthday.

Later she went to stay for a short break with friends – Mr and Mrs Alex Bell on Hazelwood Estate Yinnar.

Alex had worked for her father on their farm and enlisted in the First World War (1914 -1918) and obtained a Soldier Settlement block at Hazelwood Estate on his return.

Mavis took up another domestic position with the Silcocks in 1938.

Mavis attended the Methodist Church in Yinnar and met Andy Coleman (second son of Alfred and Flora, of Midland Highway Yinnar).

After four years they were married on January 17, 1942, in Drouin Methodist Church.

They spent their honeymoon at Marysville, returning home to live with Andy's parents for about nine months till their own home was completed on Whitelaw's Track Yinnar, called "Wahroonga" – meaning "Our Home".

As this was Second World War years, building materials were very hard to obtain – no electricity up Whitelaw's Track (yet it went up Midland Highway to Boolarra and beyond).

This meant chopping wood for the stove etc. lamps and candles.

A block of some acres was purchased from the Forestry Commission consisting of tall trees – some 100 feet high – and scrub which was cleared with a digger, winch and scoop and horses (before tractors).

With no electricity they were unable to commence milking on their property, so Andy rode a push bike each day to help milk on the family property.

After some years they built their own cow shed etc. Later they obtained the honour of "Most Productive Herd of 80 cows" in Yinnar section with Yinnar Herd Test Association.

Their farm comprised the original settlement "Lavinia Park" owned by Andy's grandparents in the late 1800s, and part of it was used to hold the New Year's Day picnic horse races.

People came from many

miles around by horse and buggy and a strong betting ring was used by many who attended.

Andy and Mavis were blessed with three children – Geoffrey Alfred born October 20, 1944; Valerie Catherine on September 1, 1946; and Daryl John on July 25, 1948.

All were born in the private hospital in Elgin St Morwell.

In 1970 Andy and Mavis bought a home in Tarwin Street, Morwell after Geoff and Diane were married and took over "Wahroonga".

There they were involved in Morwell Methodist Church, Probus Club, Senior Citizens Club and Mitchell House Hostel.

Mavis played the organ for many years at the Methodist (Uniting) Church, she was a Country Women's Association member, President (when they had 85 members), and group secretary.

They met in the supper room of the Town Hall in Commercial Road.

During this time they took many trips around Australia and abroad.

They also suffered several burglaries.

Andy suffered a stroke and spent three months in Traralgon Hospital and after three months at home, passed away in his sleep aged 80 years - April 21, 1990. Following a church service at the Uniting Church he was laid to rest in Hazelwood cemetery.

Mavis continued to live at 39 Tarwin Street until a fall in her driveway resulted in a damaged knee cap, affecting her walking.

Mavis was able to get accommodation at Mitchell House, and sold 39 Tarwin Street and moved there on September 3, 2010.

At 99 years she underwent a successful operation at Waverly Private Hospital on her liver, so that she could stay around for her 100th well-planned birthday.

In the last few weeks of her life, Mavis' organs were slowly shutting down.

Mavis was at her room in Mitchell House Morwell, surrounded by her three children Geoff, Val and Daryl all by her bedside and holding her hands, when she closed her eyes and fell asleep for the last time.



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# Exacto Factory Re-Union



After many years since the cessation of operation of the Exacto Factory in Webster Street Churchill, Wayne Anderson, who was a mechanic at the factory for nine years, organised a re-union.

This re-union was held at Morwell RSL on Saturday November 19, and saw a crowd of 80 plus attend. There was much renewing of acquaintances - the noise level was very high - viewing of photos - 400 in all - and reminiscing.

Talking with those present it became obvious that the experience of working in the factory, first upstairs in the old shopping centre, then locating to the new factory in Webster Street, was a happy, positive one.

Many were happy to share their memories.

Jean Cook was the manager and started the factory off. She was interviewed for the job and accepted. Jean had previously worked at Sportcraft. The factory started with mostly married women of Churchill who could sew. They were

trained for the job. It started small and grew. Younger girls straight from school, keen to leave school and work were also trained and employed. One test for the girls was their eye-hand co-ordination which had to be excellent. The work was all piece work which meant that a girl was assigned to do one part only of the garment. The Churchill Shopping Centre entity was successful and the company was successful in obtaining a grant which the government was offering at the time to establish a new building. This factory set up was very efficient, so they put in a cutting room so the whole job could be done at Churchill, not having the pieces cut in Melbourne and brought here.

The 120 girls made T-Shirts and windcheaters. Some came and went but others stayed many years.

One special memory was the footy dress-up day when she would come dressed as the umpire and the girls came in their footy colours.

Jean says it was a good fun place to work, with a happy atmosphere. She says

she was the boss, but could have fun with the crew but they knew the limits.

Marion Seegers says one day she was working and had a spurt of energy, went to lift a bin and wrenched her shoulder. Emma Pooley, Betty Shore and Marion would share buying a Tatts ticket. She enjoyed working there.

Betty Shore says it was a great place to work. They always helped each other.

Shirley Bolwell says she was the villain of the group, always playing tricks, especially on Jean, and up to no good. She was sacked each day, sometimes twice, but not permanently. It was a very happy time.

Colleen Bannister said the work of leaning over the machines affected her back which resulted in many trips to the chiropractor. But they had a really good boss. It was a happy place and they had lots of fun.

Suzanne Hall remembers fundraising for Miss Victoria as one of the girls, Janet McConnell entered. She won Miss Churchill.

Janet won a trip to

Tasmania, and she said it was a great experience as the girls got behind her and really worked hard to raise the money needed. They held BBQs, soup sales in the canteen and other events.

Mother Gina and four of her daughters, all straight from school, worked there. Gina picked up the skills easily. It was a good environment to work in; just like a massive family. Nancy Sewell, started on the floor as a machinist and became a trainer for six years. There were lots of different age groups working in the factory.

Cheryl Ballard (Borrill) loved the closeknit family atmosphere. Young ones told the older ones their news. The younger ones grew up together and became friends, often going to each other's weddings. Many liked it so much they would go to work early for a coffee, smoke and chat before work began.

Work was continuous piece sewing. There were also labellers and packers. The more you worked the more you earned.

Upstairs Cheryl would put work in bins and take them to each machinist. Cottons and other needs would also be supplied. She was responsible for keeping a large sheet on which she recorded everyone's work output, and calculated the rate they were paid. She was good at maths!

In the new factory there were two travelators with thirty machinists on each which made deliveries much easier, but it was still a physical job.

At the shopping centre you were close to the shops so you could pop out and get some lunch, but in Webster Street a canteen was provided with a tea lady called Ann Leek who was described as a character. Supervisors did loo runs to make sure the girls didn't stay there too long smoking!

It was Sue Richards (Bremner)'s first job. She stayed from 1978-1984 until she married and left to have children. She made great friendships.

Joy Downs was one of the supervisors (a good one according to others present). She had a ball, loving the job both at the shops and Webster Street.

There were some social outings with perhaps a little too much to drink. Joy would dress up as a nurse the next day and offer panadol. Joy made some good friends. She was happy to see the young folks marry and support them as young families.

The next three ladies, Janine Barrett, Pam Halliday (Woodington) and Lyn Dyer (Gilpin) all started on the same day at the beginning, upstairs in the shops. Janine earned more than her husband doing

piece work. They remain great friends. They attended each others weddings and now their children are doing the same. Each remarked that there was no maternity leave in those days, so when they had children they left. They have been on holiday together. They all said it was a lovely place to work.

Gayle Tyler (Elliott) says her family and Wayne Anderson's family grew up together. They both worked at the factory and used to catch the bus home to Savage Street in Morwell. Then there would be a walk to Junier Street. Wayne would either walk behind or in front of her when they alighted, but he always made sure she got home safely. She was only seventeen.

She also remembers that when someone was going to get married they would take up a collection and buy a present. She loved working there.

Kim Dabros worked at the factory from 1980-83. She formed a good friendship with Debbie Wells. Kim came from Woolongong for the day. She said it had been great to catch up with people after 30 years. Kim was a cutter, then an overlocker. People looking out for each other was the best memory.

## Local History Grants now available

Member for Morwell Russell Northe, has encouraged community groups to apply for a share of \$350,000 in funding for projects that preserve and share stories from our past.

Mr Northe said this latest round of grants of up to \$15,000, is available through the Public Record Offices Local History Grants Program for projects that preserve and share stories of our region.

These grants provide greater accessibility to Victoria's history and aim to support a range of projects that share our history in innovative and engaging ways, he said.

Projects that have been supported in the past through the Local History grants include the digitisation and preservation of newspapers, virtual exhibitions and websites, filmmaking and playwriting, historical walks and restoration of historical costumes.

The Morwell electorate has a rich and diverse history with many important stories to share and preserve, Mr Northe said.

The Local History Grants Program is open to all not-for-profit community groups and I encourage historical societies, schools, sporting clubs and

special interest groups to visit the Public Record Office website to find out more about the program and how it can support them to tell their story, he said.

Mr Northe said the diversity of the past successful projects shows just how important it is to preserve our history for future generations to enjoy. Applications for the Local History Grants Program are now open, closing at 5 pm on January 31, 2017.

For further information or to apply visit <http://prov.vic.gov.au/community-programs/grants-awards/local-history-grants>

## Old Time Family Dance Jeeralang North Hall Jeeralang North Road Friday, January 27

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# Exacto Factory Re-Union



Debbie Wells (Hutchinson) said she made lifelong friends. She was a machinist on No 1 line travelator.

Julie Smith said camaraderie was great.

Olga Takanan worked at the old factory on and off. She remembers Ann bursting into tears when Elvis Presley died. She also recalls the social activities and the night trips to the football. It was all positive she says.

Sandra Rhodes worked at the old and new factory. It had the best bosses and a lovely crew. She enjoyed working there and had lots of happy memories, still keeping in touch with several of them.

Jeannie Meal was a trainer as was Rose Bettinelli (part time) and Judy Twomey. They took girls straight from school who had few skills and brought them up to 85% ability before they could go out on the floor. They all said it was rewarding to do so. They had been to Melbourne

to be trained to be trainers. The hours were 8.00am - 4.30pm. It was hard work but rewarding. The Exacto garments were well made, exceptional quality - authentic windcheaters and t-shirts etc all made by local girls. Judy went as a machinist but ended up as a trainer.

These last ladies also remarked at the number of mothers and daughters who worked at the factory.

The day the factory closed they were all asked to go to the canteen and then the announcement was made that it was to close. They were devastated. A small redundancy was received, but didn't make up for a job loss.

Jean Watts was the cleaner at both venues. She loved her job and took pride in it. There was no pressure. The positive feedback from the girls was a good incentive also. Jean had a regular kitchen broom with which she swept the whole factory. She would also empty the girls bins of rubbish.

Other names remembered by this group were Daphne in the shop, and Kerry Savige, Bea Boding and Karen Pobjoy in the office.

Julie Reggardo said everyone was nice to get on with. She has very positive memories.

Wayne Anderson was a mechanic at both locations for nine years from 1974-1983. He recalls that during the 13 week SEC strike of 1983, the girls were out of work as there was no power.

In 1977, the new building was started and the infrastructure inside the building put in place. Special memories include the Miss Exacto Factory contest, footy matches with the girls vs the other clothing factories like Kaiser and Diamond Cut. He remembers dressing up as an Arab and going into Morwell to fundraise and being abused by a woman. There were also two trips to Tasmania which were memorable.

Wayne said, "It was good

working there. I was a young bloke surrounded by all these girls. It was good. They were a good bunch of people to work with." Wayne married one of those girls - Pauline.

When Wayne left he was given a camera and told there was a film in it. He took lots of photos of his party at the hotel, his new house being built etc. When 36 had been passed, he became suspicious and took the camera to Roylaine's. NO FILM! He was so disappointed

Wayne has had lots of fun tracking down folks to have the re-union. It was easy to some extent as many of the older ladies were still living in their original houses in Churchill.

Facebook was another help.

Wayne was really pleased with the turnout and the day as were all who attended to renew acquaintances and reminisce on the good days at the Exacto Factory in Churchill.

# Festival Highlights of a Farming Nature

As the 2017 Thorpdale Potato Festival will be focussed on the family - something for everyone, we've organised some old 'show' favourites.

The wood-chop will be a definite crowd-pleaser and you'll be mesmerised by the heritage horses and vintage tractors. 'Farming in Thorpdale' is the theme for the Photography competition and, as in 2015, we're sure we'll be seeing lots of people out and about with their cameras. See our website for full details.

Celebrating the 68+ wonderful varieties of potatoes grown in the red Ferrosol soil of Thorpdale in the Strzelecki Ranges, events such as sack races,

cooking demonstrations, potato-peeling, two-person team mashed potato eating competitions, potato displays and of course, the ubiquitous 'baked potato', are all set to tempt the fun-loving, the sporting and the gastronomes.

There will be a Potato Triathlon to test the fittest folk and the old-time potato sack will be rejuvenated into fashion with our exceedingly popular "Hessians on the Field" competition.

For more information, contact: Barbara Butterworth, Marketing and Public Relations Officer, Thorpdale Potato Festival Committee. Email: arcadia3835@gmail.com Web: www.thorpdalepotatofestival.com.au

## Lifeline Churchill

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

Whether you donated goods, donated money, or shopped at our Churchill Lifeline Shop or at the huge Lifeline Book and Plant sales, Lifeline Gippsland and their Churchill shop volunteers would like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful supporters in the Churchill, Yinnar, Boolarra and surrounding districts for their continued support during the year. This has meant that we are able to continue to staff the Crisis Line and provide other local suicide prevention activities.

We have one favour to ask, if you have goods you wish to donate to Lifeline, it would be appreciated if you



could kindly bring them into our shops or to our warehouse at 2 Fleming Street Morwell before the Christmas rush or after we re-open in January.

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

Our Churchill Shop will be taking a break over the Christmas and New Year period, closing at 4pm on Friday, December 16, and then we look forward to your ongoing support when we re-open on Monday, January 9, 2017.

Remember that if you are struggling to cope over the festive period our trained volunteers are there to help on 13 11 14.

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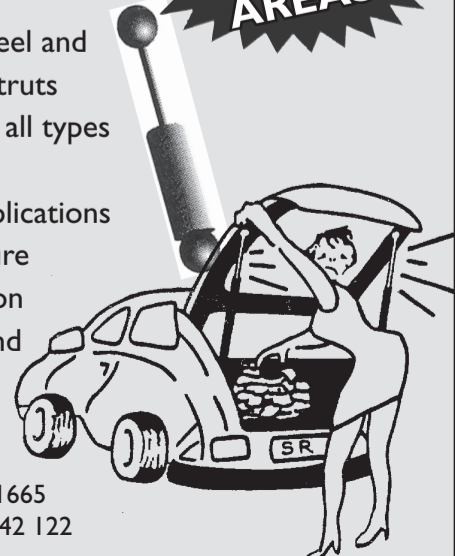
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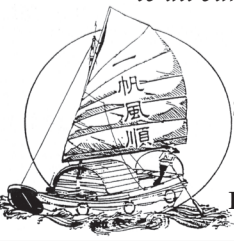
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# 1st Churchill Scouts 50 years of service celebrated



Approximately 50 people attended the 1st Churchill Scouts 50th anniversary occasion on Sunday November 6 from 10am- 2pm.

People came from some distance to join in the celebration and to remember the early days of scouting in Churchill. A display of old photos and newspaper cuttings etc helped to stir the memories.

Group Leader Peta Whelan said a few words of welcome and asked all to enjoy catching up and reminiscing. The noise in the hall attested to that occurring.

Like all Scout occasions a sausage in bread with good old tomato sauce was the lunchtime special with a mud cake beautifully decorated as a scout shirt in Churchill's colours, for sweets. The cake was cut by Robert Bamford and two of the present day Cub sixers.

Several of those present shared their memories with Churchill & District News - **Robert Bamford**

Robert joined Scouts in late 1966 and early 1967 as a cub. He ended up being a Sixer (patrol leader for Cubs) in Brown Group. Scouts was run in the old shopping centre upstairs at that time until Hazelwood South State School closed and the Cubs could use it. They set up a flying fox. Mike Meaney was in charge of it.

Robert remembers doing a lot of cooking, particularly at Martin Walker Reserve. He did badges in cooking, knots

and cycling with Doug Warfe. They lived in Roy Court. Daphne Warfe and Maureen Bamford, Robert's Mum, were the first Treasurers together. Dave Sargeson took over the Treasurer's job.

Daphne, Maureen and Eric Zeibel picked the colours of the scarf - red and blue.

Eric was the first leader, the one who started the troop. Doug and Daphne helped with Cubs.

Mary Willaton and Margo Baprie are remembered for their involvement. As there was no scout hall, meetings were held in people's homes.

One of the fondest memories Robert told was of going to corroborees at Karingal Scout Camp near Erica. It was a tented camp with the cubs in tents with leaders in the middle supervising them. There was good supervision and interesting activities like doing co-ordinates on graph paper, which only David Pittaway could manage correctly.

One Scout fell into the Thompson River trying to pick blackberries and had to be fished out.

#### **Colin McCowan**

Colin's family moved to Churchill in November 1966. Not even a month went by before there was a knock on the door and Andrew Arch was there saying 'you have two boys, would they like to join Scouts?' The answer was 'yes'. They met in the back yard of Eddy Gilchrist's in McInnes Crescent. Older

brother Allen was interested in doing badge work and became a patrol leader. Allen was Churchill's first Queen Scout.

Col was more about going to have a good time. They would walk to Hazelwood South school when it was closed. They had a shed for storage and a flying fox. They camped there.

Col remembers lots of camps at Connan Park. He was introduced to Showtime very early and had some minor roles with the Gang Show which came from Melbourne at that stage. He went on to do Strzelecki Showtime nine times and loved it. At 18 he had to leave Scouts and became involved with senior scouts.

He helped Col Leviston in Morwell.

#### **Colin Sutton**

Colin Sutton remembers leading the Bunnerong Troop on secret hikes with Ray Beebe. The Scouts didn't know where the destination would be. They slept in a tent or a garage. Their parents would drop off their food, clothing and bedding. The kids enjoyed it.

#### **Reg Kemp**

Reg took over from Gerry Smart as Group Leader. He had 103 names of Scouts and a waiting list of 150 boys.

His main aim was to have a scout hall erected. First he organised a committee with Bob Skinner and others. They had \$3000 in the bank and Yallourn compensation money available.

John Barker designed the hall; Ken Peake was the building co-ordinator; Terry Shepherd co-ordinated the overall project; Kevin Beer was the treasurer. They had wonderful help from Don de Fabrizio who supplied all the steel which came painted and ready to erect. AKZ provided the Rebar for the concrete floor. Strath Blocks donated the bricks. The concrete for the floor came from Readymix.

The Lions laid the floor. Three phase power was installed. Many jobs were done for a dozen bottles of beer. The hall was opened on November 22 1982, fully paid, by Bill Dawson, Deputy Commissioner Scouting Victoria. The Group received the Chief Commissioners award for Scouting.

In 1983 Reg and his wife Carol took over the Rovers. They were Wood Badge holders gained at Gilwell Park. The Rovers were 17-26 year olds. Four to five Venturers had acquired their Queen Scout Badge but there was no group for them to proceed through Scouting, so this new Rovers group was formed. The local indigenous people were consulted about a name for the group and it was decided that Pinuna, meaning we serve, we share, we conquer- would be the name.

Reg cites Easter Camps, Hoadley Hides, Mudbash vehicle events and bush rallies as special memories. He and Carol loved this involvement. They treated the

kids as adults and were more adviser than leader. Many of the young men went on to be leaders in district and other organisations. They were good times.

#### **Greg Osuch**

Greg came all the way from Cairns to be present on the day. Greg's memories go way back to when he was a Cub in the old shopping centre. Greg loved all the ceremonies. He went right through to Rovers in his Scouting career. He remembers the den at the football ground where the Rovers met. It was a shock when he paid a visit home to see it burnt down when the football clubrooms were burnt.

Looking back Greg says it was great growing up in Scouting in an era when you could do pretty much everything within reason. You were able to build confidence, gain extra knowledge and skills. Greg feels sorry for those who missed the opportunity to be in the movement. The whole group doing something together and the camaraderie shared in the tightknit group, was special to him as are all memories of his Scouting days.

Greg strongly recommends Scouting to anyone.

#### **Rob McKinnon**

Rob started in Scouts in Morwell with Cubs. He came to Churchill in 1967 and helped with Cubs. Pat and Audrey Green were the leaders. Eddy Gilchrist was the Scout leader. He

remembers district activities, the hall opening and Mark Bruerton achieving his Queen Scout.

#### **Gus Koedjk**

Gus was the oldest of the Koedjk children. His Dad was the first milkman for Churchill. They shifted from Traralgon where Gus was in the 4th Traralgon Scouts to join 1st Churchill.

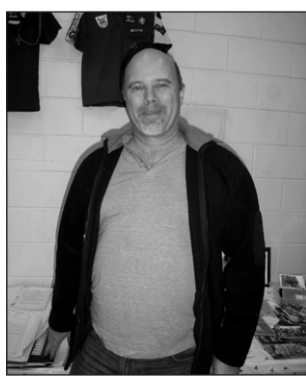
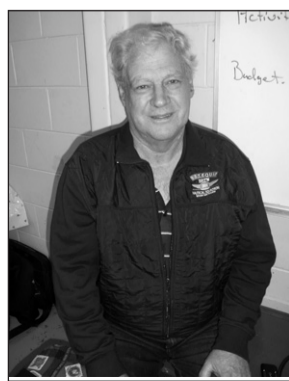
They lived at 15 Switchback Rd and it was at their place, around the dining room table, that the first meeting for the Scouts was held. Present was Eddy Gilchrist, Ian McCowan, Mr. Haycox and his dad. As Scouts they met at Eddy Gilchrist's, before moving to the health centre in Roy Court. Eddy had a bike he never used so Gus bought it from him.

Twelve months later Gus was off to boarding school and thus ended his time in Scouts.

#### **June McDonald now Harrison OAM.**

June had an early time with the Cubs when they met at the Hazelwood South school. Then she moved back to Morwell before coming back to Churchill to help with Cubs when Churchill had the biggest group of Scouts in Australia, with three Cub packs, two Scout troops, Venturers and Rovers.

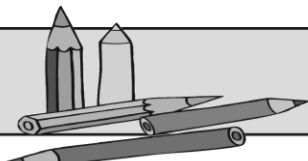
There were many other memories shared on the day between those present, as well as catching up with those known previously. Peta Whelan was pleased with the outcome and hope the group can keep in touch.



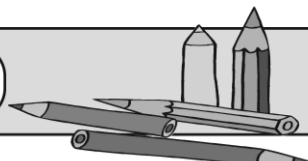
L-R The Scout Cake, Colin Sutton, Reg Kemp, Greg OSuch, Gus Koedjk, cutting the cake with Robert Bamford and present day Cub sixers James Hutchinson left and Flynn Hanson



# School News



## Boolarra Primary



### Junior School Council News

The Junior School Councillors have been working hard to raise funds for a wheelchair compatible swing at our school. The P/1/2s requested this as they feel sad that Prep student, Cooper who is restricted to a wheelchair, has no equipment to play on.

The swing in question, surrounding fence and soft fall will cost approximately \$24,000. This is an ambitious target for our school as we usually manage to raise \$2,000 a year through fundraising. However as our Junior School Council is determined to make this happen, fundraising for this swing will continue at our school until we are able to get it in place.

Currently \$8,427 has been raised. This was achieved through a grant of \$5,000 from the Mirboo North Foundation, a series of Nutrimetics parties staged

by staff, that raised \$1,388, a donation of \$500 from the Mirboo North Lions Club, a donation of \$250 from the Rotary Club of Mirboo North, a donation of \$200 from the Yinnar Lions Club, and our Junior School Council's own fundraising through school based baked goods and icy-pole sales of \$343. Our Junior School Council also organised a Wheels Day at School, raising \$108, a BBQ at Churchill Shopping Centre raised \$156 and we are trying to sell 500 tickets that Traralgon Apex have donated in their Christmas Raffle to raise \$1,000 (we have raised \$232 so far), and sales of some donated BMX bikes have raised another \$250.

Once the swing is installed we plan to erect a plaque on the surrounding fence outlining how it came to be in place, and listing the many philanthropic groups that supported us in obtaining it. We also hope to provide

access to visitors to our town who would benefit from a wheelchair compatible swing.

We are very proud of our students for the determination, dedication and organisational skills they are demonstrating in tackling this project.

### Exciting News

We have been advised that next year we will receive \$85,000 for extra maintenance at our school as well as an additional \$150,000 for capital works. This will allow us to make structural improvements to the main building as well as painting, replacing floor coverings and updating fittings and furniture. Over the forthcoming holiday period the dilapidated old building that has marred the appearance of our school for many years, is also going to be demolished. We're looking forward to having a much more attractive school next year!

### More Great News

Our school won a MakerBot Mini 3D Printer and 3D Scanner in a Athletics Competition because we subscribed early.

### Local Police Officer Visit

Leading Senior Constable Matt Ryan talked to our Grade 3-6 students recently. Matt (as he likes to be called if he is having informal interactions with folk) explained some relevant laws and how they pertain to children 10 years and over, shared his policing experiences and showed some of his equipment. It was very apparent that the students were actively listening as they asked a lot of well thought out questions. Matt clearly did a good job relating to the students as he was mobbed on departure.

### End of Year Celebratory Lunch

Paige and Carly's Mum, Tracy Anderson, identified that we could be making better use of our Life Skills Kitchen

and offered to help make this happen. Subsequently she shared her vision of self-catering a school-wide, Healthy Lunch with the senior students; they all loved the idea! Over the past few weeks Tracy has been working with each grade to assist them to create some delicious items such as vegetable laden lasagne, bacon and vegetable slice and pineapple muffins. We are all looking forward to the school-made lunch set for Friday December 16. All partakers will be asked to make a \$5 donation towards the wheelchair friendly swing.

### P/1/2 Dinner and Grade 2 Sleep-Over

This is staged at the end of each year as part of our Outdoor Education program. The aim is to prepare our younger students for the camps they will go on in Grade 3/4 and beyond

### End of Year Concert

Our students are busily practising their dance

and singing routines in preparation for our end of year concert. This will be staged at the Boolarra Memorial Hall from 7:30 pm on Thursday December 15. Our Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn on the night. Everyone is welcome to attend. We ask for a gold coin donation on entry to help cover the cost of hiring the hall. At the conclusion we plan on sharing supper to celebrate the fabulous support our school has received throughout the year.

### Final Message

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the fabulous folk who put together the Churchill News; they do a super job. We appreciate having this opportunity to highlight some of the great things that happen at our school.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday!



Top left: Lilly, Kirra and Asha with Cooper who will hopefully soon have access to a swing he can access.  
Bottom Left: Some Grade 3-4s whipping up vegetable slice for our school wide healthy lunch.  
Middle top: Tahlee in Leading Senior Constable Matt Ryan's protective vest

Top right: Junior School Council Wheels fundraising event.  
Bottom Right: James modelling the bikes and helmets the school is selling for \$50 to raise money for the wheelchair swing  
Bottom Middle: Angus and Poppy helping out during the LifeSaving Victoria sink and swim

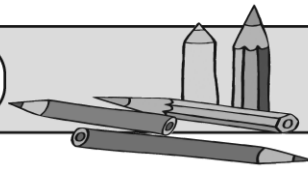
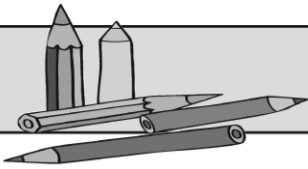
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The Lion King Kids

### Arcade Alley

Two weeks ago the 3/4/5/6 students at Hazelwood North Primary School held an arcade so we could raise money for excursions. Most games cost 50c to \$1.00.

The younger kids enjoyed playing the games and getting prizes. The prizes were mostly lollies and little toys.

We had to work in partners to complete the games so people got it done in time. We found it fun to explain our games to other students because it built our leadership skills and collaboration and challenge.

After every day the little kids played we had to count up the money that we raised for our excursions.

Overall we all

accomplished what we set out to do, which was to make successful arcade games.

### Arcade Games

Two weeks ago we hosted our cardboard arcade. People had claw machines, targets, pinball machines and much more. My partner Lleyton and I made "Take out the Trash". Our machine was made of cardboard, paper and tape. "Take out the Trash" was very popular, our game raised a lot of money.

All together our arcade games raised approximately \$200! It was held in the Grove, at snack and lunch time. The machines were very creative and cool. I reckon that everyone enjoyed playing our arcade games.

These inquiry sessions

were amazing, very fun and entertaining. I enjoyed making our game with my partner. This inquiry was one to remember! I can't wait until next inquiry!

Lleyton and I made a scaled diagram of our cardboard game. We finished our arcade game and diagram and we used our time affectively. I'm glad that this was an enjoyable inquiry topic.

If I could change one thing it would be our machine layout. Because our ramp didn't work the prizes didn't roll down as we intended them to. Our swing that held prizes didn't work either. The prizes took too long to get on, and once we did they fell straight off. Other than that it

was magnificent.

By Nick

### Arcade games

This term's inquiry topic is about running businesses. We began by building arcade games. We had a few days to complete building our machines. The Arcade Alley was run in the Grove at H.N.P.S. and we raised about \$200 in total.

When the arcade games were opened younger kids rushed in and started playing so they could get a good prize. To play the games you needed to pay money to go towards our end of year excursion. Every game was different in their own way.

Grades were sent in one at a time so it wouldn't get bunched up but, at snack

and lunch either you or your partner [if you had one,] would stay in and run your game. Snack and lunch was free to who ever wanted to, even parents could come in if they wanted to!

When the day ended we would collect up all the money and count it. When the arcade games were closed we totalled all the money and got our total of about \$200!

By Tahlia

### The Lion King Kids

On Thursday November 10, at 6:30 - 7:30, Hazelwood North Primary School performed 'The Lion King Kids', lots of parents came to watch the performance at Lowanna College.

All of the kids, teachers and helpers were

congratulated for the help and the performance practice. In the end our play was a success!! All of the parents loved it, everyone did a great job.

The main characters did sooo much practice and in the end it was worth it. Everyone else still did a lot of practice. The parents who made the costumes did an awesome job, because on the day they looked great.

I would describe everyone as being excited and nervous on the day especially the Preps, but in the end everyone still did the best they could, even if it was their first performance.

By Sophie McKenzie

Lion King Kids



Arcade Alley



# School News

# Kurnai College University Campus

## Gippsland Regional Assembly - The Future of the Valley

Mirrin McKay, Sophia Patikisa, Rose Van Rooy and Daniel Schneider represented Kurnai College at the recent Gippsland Assembly held in Moe on November 17.

They were amongst a diverse group of members drawn from local communities, businesses and the three tiers of government who discussed ideas and opportunities under seven key themes: Energy, New Jobs and Industry, Tourism, Education and Wellbeing, Connectivity, Food and Fibre and Latrobe Valley.

The Assembly intends to increase collaboration between communities, industry, businesses and government to address the most important challenges and opportunities in our region.

The four students were congratulated by the Premier Daniel Andrews, and the Minister of State, Gavin Jennings for their valuable contribution, maturity and insight into local issues and in particular the closure of the Hazelwood Power Station.

If you wish to have your say you can access the debate by going to: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/gippsland-regional-partnership/gippsland-LIVE>

## Powered Vehicle Challenge

Recently, 13 students plus teachers Mr Brett Gay and Mr Matthew Woodhouse, from Kurnai College University Campus, travelled to Maryborough to take part in the annual RACV Energy Breakthrough Human Powered Vehicle challenge.

Students have been preparing all year for this 24 hour endurance race. These students sourced sponsorship which enabled them to purchase a hi-tech frame and shell assembly that had to be assembled by them with the assistance of Steve Dockley from our Morwell Campus.

Before the race began each team had to give a 20 minute presentation to the judging panel. They also had to go through rigorous scrutineering and construction testing from the RACV panel of judges. After this the pedal-powered streamlined racing machine, named 384TWO for obvious reasons, took to the track. The final results overall : Kurnai College 31st out of 127 participants. Completed 399 laps which totalled 734.16kms and in our category (Open) Kurnai College University Campus finished 12th out of 31 participants.

Kurnai College would like to thank our sponsors, Engie, Valicote, John

Signs, Gippsland Mini Hoe, Gippsland Fibreglass, Autobarn and M & J Stewart Motors for their support.

The RACV Energy Breakthrough is a joint initiative of the Country Education Project (CEP), Central Goldfields Shire Council (CGSC), and the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria (RACV).

The RACV Energy Breakthrough provides opportunities for students, teachers, parents and local industry to work together to design and construct a vehicle, a machine or innovation in technology that will represent an 'energy breakthrough'.

The program encourages participants to examine and use the latest technology while considering its impact on the environment and the way people live locally and globally.

The RACV Energy Breakthrough isn't just a once-a-year event.

School groups work throughout the year to design, build and test vehicles or machines within detailed specifications. It requires a team effort and an across-the-curriculum approach. These groups then bring their vehicles and machines to Maryborough in the Central Goldfields Shire, Victoria for a huge celebration in which they can demonstrate and trial them in action.

Simon Klapish from ENGIE was the guest speaker who spoke to the students.

Kurnai student's made their presentation and then followed it with this closing statement.

"As a group the current news of Engie closing down the Hazelwood mine is devastating to our community. Thousands of jobs will be lost and many families will be affected. Our guest speaker from ENGIE ensured us they are doing everything they can to make the closing down gradual and will endeavour to find alternative employment for those affected".

## Music at Kurnai - College Concert

College Concert featured the work that was undertaken throughout term 3 with all of the College Ensembles. The night was an annual gathering of all students from three campuses performing together in their linked groups.

## Kurnai Idol

The Idol Grand Final featured a cross section of musical styles and interpretations that was consistent in the quality performances of all those who participated. The three external judges did have a difficult time in determining who the top three would be. All awards issued on the night were provided by A & P Music, Valley Trophy Centre and Kurnai College.

The top three results are as follows:

Third place: Michelle Hawkes, accompanied by Daniel Robinson

Second place: Dakoda Jenkins, accompanied by Cameron Fowler

First place: Gemma Brown, accompanied by Lucy Bertrand.

The Kurnai Idol Shield will now be placed at Morwell Campus until next year's event.

## Morwell and Churchill Campus Music Presentations

Both nights featured the junior campus students presenting the works they have been preparing through the ensembles and instrument classes. These performances were more intimate than previous performances, and family and friends were able to get up close to the performers. A number of students currently studying year 11 VCE music performance at the University campus also presented a number of solo items.

## Kurnai Young Parents Program Graduation.

Tuesday November 29, saw eight amazing young ladies graduate from the Kurnai Young Parents program. Each of the graduates has had to overcome many difficulties and challenges throughout their lives, but never lost hope that one day they would be

able to graduate Year 12.

I am just so proud of each and every one of the graduates for all their hard work, determination and never give up attitude. I am in awe of what these young ladies have achieved in graduating. Attending school some days and completing the necessary study requirements is hard for any student who is completing their Year 12, but to add a new born baby, or a toddler into the mix it makes it just that much harder.

Having the support from the staff of Kurnai Young Parents Program aims to make these students lives just that little bit easier, and on Tuesday I could not have been any prouder of each and every one of the graduates. There were times throughout the year that completing their dream of passing their Year 12 seemed like it was never going to happen, but each graduate dug deep and never gave up. I wish each and every one of the graduates the very best for whatever their future may hold, and know that for the rest of your life you will always have the help and support from the KYPP family.

Thanks  
Claire Seymour  
Co-ordinator and Teacher  
Kurnai Young Parents Program



Above Left - Winners of Kurnai Idol

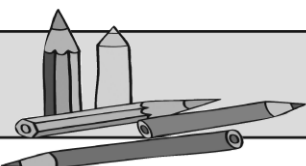
Above Right - Graduation of Kurnai Young Parents Program



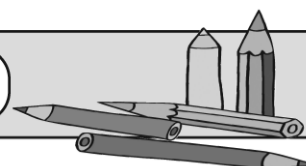
Above - KYPP celebratory cake

Left - Powered Vehicle Challenge L-R. Zack Stewart, Joshua Hall, Cameron Stewart, Lachlan White, Blake Hunter, Dustin Weir, Brendan Briggs, Ryan Carlson, Reece Lewis, Patrick Ludgate, Michael Berger, Sam Ward, Jake Wardill.

# School News



## Churchill Primary



### 'Healthy Body – Healthy Mind' Launch Day

Churchill Primary School held a Launch day on Friday November 25 to showcase their 'Healthy Body – Healthy Mind' framework, and the Grade 3/4 students were able to share their learning with

the rest of the school.

While other grades had undertaken some of the components throughout the year, only the Grade 3/4s had a dedicated framework which included all of the aspects.

2017 however, will see the entire school engaging in the

HB – HM framework.

Our launch day included a Power Point demonstration and information session which was created and conducted by the 3/4 students. We had a 'boot camp' style fitness circuit, a guided meditation session and a yoga session.

One of the highlights of the day was undoubtedly the 'Blender Bike' which we hired from Latrobe Community Health Services. The Grade 3/4 students prepared the food and then took turns 'pedalling up' a juice or smoothie made from healthy ingredients for all of the other students to enjoy.

'Healthy Body – Healthy Mind' is an ongoing wellbeing framework which encompasses a range of social emotional learning, as well as physical health and safety components. It encourages students to strengthen resilience, achieve connectedness and build capacity in all areas. Churchill Primary's focus is for dedicated wellbeing teaching to be a sustainable part of our curriculum.

The components of our Healthy Body - Healthy Mind framework include:

Mindfulness:

Mindfulness activities can build students' self-awareness so that they learn how to notice their feelings before reacting. Stress management is one benefit of mindfulness but it is not just for students with anger issues.

Resilience: Resilience teaching encourages capacity to not only cope, but to thrive when faced with challenge or adversity and it can assist them to develop an effective coping style.

Emotional Literacy: Teaching emotional literacy builds the capacity of students to recognise their own, and other's emotions, and also how to discriminate between different feelings and label them appropriately.

Health and Human Development:

The teaching of life skills such as hygiene, nutrition, positive body image, respectful relationships, sexuality, puberty and

reproduction, aims to increase each student's health knowledge and to create positive attitudes toward their own well-being, as well as promoting healthy behaviour. Physical wellbeing and healthy eating topics are incorporated into this domain also.

Protective behaviours: Empowering students to keep themselves safe is inarguably the most valuable life skill we can offer. There are thousands of substantiated cases of child sexual assault in Australia every year and this problem occurs equally across the socio-economic board.

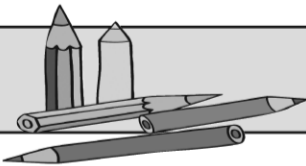
Issues around cyber-safety are also far-reaching and are affecting children at younger ages more than ever.

The Grade 3/4 students did an outstanding job on the day and a great deal of fun – and learning – was had by all!

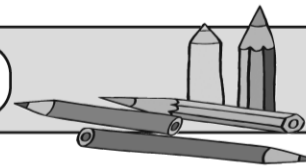
Best wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year



# School News



## Churchill Preschools



### Happy Christmas from The Hub and Glendonald Preschools

The Hub and Glendonald Preschool directors have done a wonderful job of creating interesting programs for their students. The children are now looking forward to attending one of the many primary schools in our region. The children enjoy the company of friends and classmates. They will listen and respond to instructions and are keen to learn more about their world.

The staff at both preschools have encouraged the children to attempt to

write their name or at least try to record the first letter of their name. The excitement the children show at what they can do is priceless.

In the Hub preschool, like Glendonald preschool, the children enjoy participating in a variety of science experiments, whether it is growing plants, watching water change its characteristics as it freezes or boils, or have fun with bubbles.

Recently the preschoolers at the Hub have been investigating the characteristics of the various crystals in rocks. They are

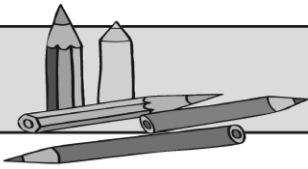
fascinated with the different patterns and colours they can see. It's a treat to have the children show visitors their latest science display and talk about it.

Learning lots of funny songs, with their accompanying actions this year, helps to make the preschool year more memorable. Now it is time for a variety of Christmas songs to be practised. Hasn't the year flown!

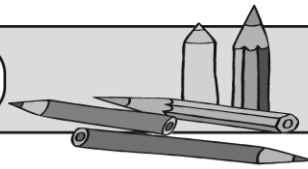
On behalf of our preschool staff and students, we wish you a safe and happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



# School News



## Kurnai College Junior Campus



### Churchill Arts Program

The second annual Kurnai/Churchill Arts Festival, featuring the student works in painting, drawing, food, furniture, theatre, and music has begun.

The night of Monday November 14, saw the Churchill Campus showcase its art program with the music students putting on a performance in the Language Centre.

The program for the night included a number of ensembles, including KP NoiseMakers and Guitar Ensemble, a drum line, the concert band, guitar ensemble, and Antonio Cardillo on the piano accordion. There were also several singers including the vocal group,

Zekinthia Halge, Ashley Webster and Hera Robinson. Several University campus music students joined in to support the Churchill campus students.

Over the week there has been a show of the Churchill students' art pieces.

There was a wide range of artworks on display including two large 'Action Art' canvases by groups of Year 7 students carried out under the guidance of Stephanie Shields – a student teacher from the Federation University Masters of Teaching Program.

There were some great drawings by Ke Han, one of the Chinese students in the International Students program, along with students in the Years 9 and 10 classes.

The Year 8 students showed some 1 and 2-point perspective works. Many of the tasks were carried out by the Year 7 students experiencing a wide range of media.

The Churchill Drama students have also shown their developing skills. The Year 9 students put on the play 'Into the Woods' on Thursday November 10.

The play was based around several fairy tale characters in a modern tale of dreams and coming of age with music and puppets.

The students who had shown a high degree of nervousness prior to the performance outdid themselves, and the audience of peers, parents and staff

were very impressed with all of the performers. On Thursday November 17, the Year 10 students performed their play 'Cosi', one of the most important Australian plays written.

It's a story of a young man who gets a job to direct a play in an insane asylum during the tumultuous 60s. It's a fantastic story, a hilarious comedy about love and fidelity. The students' performance was outstanding and all involved are to be congratulated.

Also on display is some of the woodwork constructed by students in the Technical classes, which included outdoor chairs, a cabinet and some wood toys.

The Home Economics

students have produced some creatively decorated cakes and the photographs of their work were on display.

The students of Year 9 English have put together some very interesting books written and illustrated for young children.

The Arts Festival finished with the performances from the Year 7 and 8 Drama classes on November 23.

These were a range of performances of plays written and devised by themselves. They promised to be funny, some serious but all thoroughly enjoyable.

*Outdoor Education Wilson's Promontory Surf Camp*

The Surf Camp in November was an all-girl

event. The girls had a fantastic camp; learning to surf on the beach and then actually catching waves.

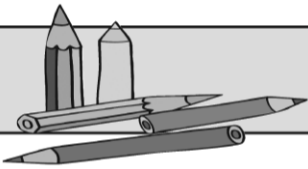
They also walked to the top of Mt Oberon. On the whole the girls were cooperative and the camp was one of the most productive and successful in recent years.

The camp followed a series of classes dealing with first aid, the use and management of the environment and camping/hiking as an organised activity.

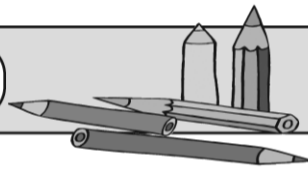
The pre-camp activities included learning safety in the water and lifesaving skills, which took place at the Churchill Leisure Centre swimming pool.



# School News



## Churchill North Primary



### 3/4 Tennis Clinic

On November 2, 3/4L and Jayden's mother went down to the Churchill tennis courts and learnt how to serve a forehand strike. We got to play a game where half the class got to hit the ball over the net and the other half got to catch the ball

that was hit with a cone. If the catchers caught it three times they got to become a hitter. I thought it was a fantastic day. I wish I played tennis! Thank you to Glen and Sally Kirstine for coaching us!

By Gabby

### 3/4 Science Experiments

3/4Ls have been learning about pressure and propulsion. We have been learning to launch bottle rockets with 3/4C. We upgraded our bottles to include fins and nose cones so it would help control the flight. After upgrades were made, most were launched further than the first time. It was a really fun science lesson.

By Noah

### A Spring Picnic

On Thursday November 10, every student at Churchill North Primary School participated in a picnic

lunch. Over one hundred and fifty students ate in the spring sunshine on the top oval of our school. A school benefactor had donated time and resources for the special lunch to occur. The children were really excited about the day and enjoyed making and eating their healthy lunch. Thank you to everyone who helped out and participated in the special event. We may have started a new spring tradition for our school.

### Glitter Bug

On Monday November 14, the Prep to Grade 2 students from Churchill North Primary School were introduced to the Glitter Bug. This involved the children putting a special powder on their hands and viewing them under ultra violet light. Once children had looked at their glowing hands, they washed their hands to eliminate all of the germs. To see how effective they were at handwashing they looked at their hands again through the Glitter Bug, to determine if all the germs were gone. The children enjoyed being able to see how effectively they washed their hands. Thank you to the staff who organised the lesson on behalf of our Family Health Program.

### Talk about values

Values, values, values, Churchill North Primary School celebrated the values our school promotes with a



special values activity day on Thursday November 17. All children in the school were involved in a range of multi age activities throughout the day. The activities were based on the values of cooperation, team work, respect, responsibility, trust, courage, patience and listening. The children had a ball participating in a range of activities including a blindfold activity, a cup challenge and marshmallow towers.

They also showed their support for Zero Bullying by wearing casual clothes and donating money towards the cause. We are hoping that our value days become a regular feature at our school.

### WNBL Basketball Clinic

On November 11, Churchill North Primary School had two WNBL players from the Dandenong Rangers come in to teach

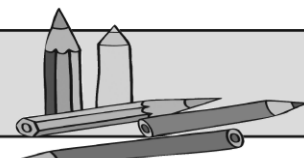
the students some basketball skills. The students thought it was great fun and really good of them to come in and teach them. It was also nice of them to give some prizes out, such as a cap, t-shirts and free tickets to their game.

Thank you Dandenong Rangers for coming and teaching us some basketball.

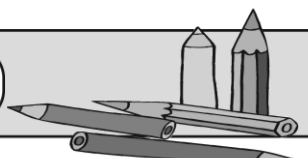
By Sophie and Joel



# School News



## Lumen Christi Primary



**Grade 3/4 Rumberg Camp**  
It was with much excitement and anticipation

the mud – several times to be exact! The uphill climb did not prove to be a barrier, with

Needless to say, there were a few issues with paddling coordination, but away they

proved popular but it was a late night for some!

The next day saw Aero

Ball and the Giant Swing. There was certainly some very accurate throwing by some while others took it less seriously! The Giant Swing always brings fear and a heightened sense of nervousness, but most students braved being pulled to the top, then enjoyed the long, free swing that followed! It was great to see the teamwork of all students in pulling on the rope many, many times!

It was back for lunch and then time to climb back on the coach and head for home. Bags were full of wet and muddy clothes but a great feeling of having

had a good time!

### *The Nativity*

At Lumen Christi, we have a beautiful Nativity scene painted by the children. This is on display in the office foyer. The painted figures remind us that Christmas is about remembering and celebrating the birth of Jesus over two thousand years ago. We remember Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as well as the three wise men who followed the star to Bethlehem. It also shows the shepherds and their sheep coming to welcome the new baby.

Staff and students at Lumen Christi would like to wish everybody a peaceful and joyous Christmas.



that Grade 3 and 4 travelled to PGL's Camp Rumberg in South Gippsland. After a short orientation session, the two groups split off into their sessions for the day: the mud run and raft building.

After some difficulties in reading the map, and finding the end of the run rather than the beginning, most students did not hesitate to wallow in

students making the slippery, muddy climb several times. Finally, orientated in the right direction, the students finished off the mud run in great style.

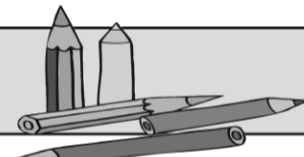
The raft construction built knowledge in knot tying and muscle building. With assistance, the eight barrels were all put together and it was time to test it out!

went! In very quick time, we soon had some "accidental" loss of balance and into the water they went! It was all in good fun!

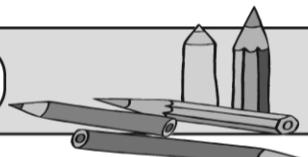
Trudging back, wet and muddy, up the steep hill, was met with many groans and grumbles but it was all soon forgotten when it was time for the campfire and toasting of marshmallows. Movie night



# School News



## Yinnar South Primary



Yinnar South Primary School students have traded in their uniforms for lab coats and safety goggles this term as they learn all about science.

This term's focus has been change: students have explored and experienced many science-based activities. Senior students went on an excursion to Scienceworks where they learned all about science. Senior students took part in an Egg Drop Challenge that developed their understanding of gravity and force. The Questacon Science circus visit engaged the students with an array of science activities.

Junior students went on their own excursion to the Melbourne Zoo and have been learning all about the science of push and pull.

In what has been a busy term, students have attended the Powerful Owl habitat restoration project at Morwell National Park, the transition programs at Kurnai College, our Walk to School celebration day and had a visit from Kurnai's Hands-on Learning Team, who worked with our students to do maintenance around the school.

Another special event at the school was a visit from the

Royal Flying Doctor Service's 'Look! Up in the Sky'. The educational program brought a full-size aircraft simulator to our school and taught students about the Flying Doctor's role in keeping rural Australians healthy.

The Aeromedical Simulator is a life-sized replica of a Flying Doctor plane. It is fully equipped with stretchers, communications equipment, oxygen, suction and the medical equipment used by the doctors, nurses and pilots of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.



# SPORT

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## Churchill & Monash Golf Club results

### Saturday 29/10/16

Men's 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 1/11/16

Cup Day Stableford Ladies: Winner M. Munckton (30) 35 Points. Dtl M. Dear (16) 32 Points. M. McConville (29) 32 Points. Ntp 3rd M. Mc Quillen 12th M. Munckton 5th M. Dear 14th V, Verheyen.

Men's Winner: W. Judkins (18) 30 Points. Dtl M. Soppe (30) 29 Points C/B. Ntp 3rd J. Tetterman 12th G. Beyer.

### Saturday 5/11/16

Men's Stableford: A Grade H. Martin (19) 34 Points. B Grade J. Ambrosini (32) 30 Points. Dtl T. Sterrick 31 - T. Collins 28 - M. Soppe 28 - G. Beyer 28. Ntp 12th G.Beyer. Target Hole T. Collins. Pro Pin G. Beyer.

### Tuesday 8/11/16

Monthly Medal and 1st Round of Championships Xxxxx Ladies: Monthly Medal Winner M. Dear (16) 71 Nett. Scratch M. Dear (16) 87. Dtl D. Judkins (26) 75 Nett. V. Verheyen (28) 78 Nett. Ntp 3rd S. Turner 12th M. Dear 5th M. Dear 14th M. McQuillen. H/Cap Winner M. Dear (16) 71 Nett. 30-45 B.

Beebe (33) 82 Nett.

### Saturday 12/11/16

Men's 1st Round Club Championships: A Grade G. Beyer (8) 73 Nett. B Grade T. Sterrick (18) 71 Nett. C Grade M. Soppe (30) 72 Nett. Dtl Hall 72 - J. Mc Cafferty 72 - D. Taylor 73 - J. Spowart 73 - B. Barnes 74 C/B - H. Martin 74 C/B. Ntp 3rd M. Brereton 12th T. O'Rielly 14th G. Blizzard. Pro Pin M. Brereton. Scratch Winner T. O'Rielly 80. Birdies M. Soppe 3rd and 12th.

### Tuesday 15/11/16

November Monthly Medal and 2nd Round Of Championships: Ladies Monthly Medal Winner V. Rowley (42) 70. Scratch M. Dear (15) 98. Dtl S. Jeffery 80 and S. Turner 80. Ntp 3rd M. Dear 12th J. Beck 5th M. Dear 14th M. Dear. H/C

Winner 0-29 J. Blizzard (27) 74, 30-45 V. Rowley (42) 70.

### Saturday 19/11/16

Men's 2nd Round Club Championship. A Grade J. Sanders (9) 78 69. B Grade D. Byers (17) 84 67. C Grade M. Soppe (29) 97 65. Dtl A. Auld 70 R. Welsh 70 A Sharrock 71 S. Sanders 71 H. Martin 71 G. Beyer 73 S. Soppe 74 C/B G. Spowart 74 C/B. Ntp 3rd H. Martin 5th D. Elwood 12th C. Coad. Target Hole A. Auld. Scratch Winner J. Sanders 78. Birdies P. Junker 12th.

### Tuesday 22/11/16

3rd Round Championships Ladies Day: Winner M. Mc Conville (27) 74. Scratch Winner M. Dear (16) 288. Handicap Winner M. Dear (16)240. 0-29 Winner M. Dear (16) 240. 30-45 Winner V. Rowley (42) 244. Ntp:

3rd M. Dear 12th J.Beck 5th V. Verheyen 14th M. Mc Conville.

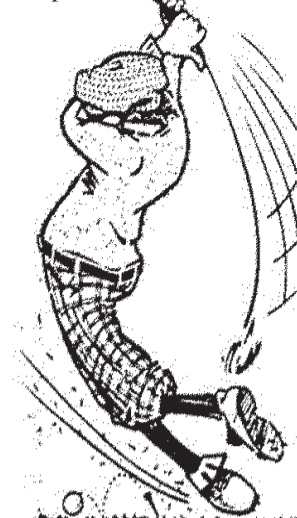
### Saturday 26/11/16

Men's Monthly Medal and Championship Final Round: A Grade 0-16 P.Smart 79 G 69 Nett Star and Monthly Medal: B Grade 17-24 G. Spowart 94 G 72 Nett. C Grade 25-36 B. Mathieson 97 G 70 Nett. Dtl J. Sanders 71- J. Ambrosini 72 -D. Byers 73 -G. Beyer 73-C. Hogbin 74 C/B-J. Sterrick 74 C/B T. Collins 74 C/B. Ntp 14th W. Judkins. Target Hole P. Junker. Scratch Winner P. Smart 79 C/B. Birdies M. Anderson 14th Club Champion: Scratch G. Beyer 244. Runner Up P. Smart 259. Handicap M. Soppe 216. Runner Up G. Spowart 219

### Tuesday 29/11/16

3 Person Ambrose

Dropout: Ladies Winners



J. Blizzard (28) B. Beebe (33) V. Rowley (41) Total H'cap 102 G 84 Net 67. Dtl M. Mc Conville (26) C. Barnes (36) L. Peake (37) Total H'cap 99 G 91. Net 74 1/2

## DARTS



## Yinnar Tigers . . . win some lose some

Summer Competition winners, winter competition runnersup



The victorious Hotshot team



Winter Premiership season: First Semi Final: Jokers 5 defeated Coyotez 0. A straight sets win saw Jokers proceed to preliminary final. Highest score on the night by John Rheinberger (Jokers). John also had Highest Finish of 105.

Second Semi final: Bullshot played some great darts to beat Yinnar Tigers 5-3. Two 180s on the night to Peter Campbell (YT) and Dale Burton-Pye (Bullshot). Highest score by Reno Borg (YT) and Aaron Donoghue

(Bullshot). Highest Finish for men to Dale Burton-Pye (Bullshot) and Leah Emmons (Bullshot) with 65.

Bullshot move to the Grand Final. Yinnar Tigers to play Jokers in Preliminary Final.

Preliminary Final: Yinnar Tigers defeated Jokers 5-0. Highest scores for the night by Reno Borg (YT) 140, Brian Casey Jnr (J)137 and 125, Mike Bailey (YT) 133 and 117 and Brittany Jewel (J) 120 and 100. Highest Finish Reno Borg (YT) with 56.

Yinnar Tigers to play Bullshot in Grand Final.

Grand Final: Yinnar Tigers played well on the night but were defeated 5-3 by the Bullshot team. Highest scores on the night 140, four times by Dale Burton-Pye (B), 140, three times by Mark Taylor (YT), 140 Aaron Donoghue (B), and for the ladies 140 by Sharon Taylor (YT). Highest finish on the night by Reno Borg (YT).

Congratulations to Bullshot team on their winter premiership win.

## 18+? Join a Leo Club

Leo Clubs are a youth organisation of Lions Clubs International. The word L E O stands for Leadership, Experience, Opportunity.

The Leo club objective is, "...to provide the youth of the world (with) an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community."

Leo clubs encourage youths to develop leadership qualities by participating in social service activities. They are dependent on a Lions Club to sponsor and initiate a Leo Club. Leo Club

members are addressed as "Leos." They conduct various projects in the fields of health care, elders, children, literacy and education, and self-development. Leos can raise funds by conducting fund-raising projects. They can conduct projects with another Leo Club, sponsoring Lions Club, or with an outside organisation. They are sponsored by Lions Clubs and comprise an official program of Lions Clubs International. LEO Club is the largest youth club of voluntary character in the world, present in 140 countries with over 160,000 members

Morwell Leos (Yet to be Chartered) is sponsored by Lions Club Morwell and endorsed by Churchill Lions Club. We are a group of community minded young people (18+) who wish to serve our communities. We simply wish to make a difference particularly for young people.

An information night will be held in early February at a place and time to be determined. For more information or to express interest please call Kevin on 0447 332 594.



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# Mathison Park



The shade sails are up and look magnificent and give some shade to our playground area.

At the working bee new bollards were installed between the large BBQ shelter and the main pathway. This is to stop vehicles driving through the area in front of the shelter, as during the winter this gets very wet and vehicles driving through

leave deep ruts. They will also protect the new plants which line that area.

Plans have been made to have the grass mown and baled. This year has seen unusual amounts of grass growth and it has been hard to keep up with it, especially as the ground has been too wet for the machines to get in to cut.

Some weeding around

plants was also done, as the grass again has crowded their growing space.

At morning tea we were treated to freshly baked cheese muffins. Thanks Faye.

The Mathison Park committee and friends wish our park visitors a safe, happy and pleasant time and ask that you respect the park, its environment and facilities.

# Wildflower Walk 2017



photo by Rim Zitkevicius - Wildflower Walk

On Saturday January 14, 2017 members of the public are invited to join the Friends of Baw Baw National Park for an enjoyable, informative walk on Mt St Gwinear.

Registration is at the DELWP Offices at Parkers Corner, near Rawson at 9.00am for car pooling and a 9.30am departure, returning in the late afternoon.

A botanist and ecologist will accompany us to interpret the subalpine environment and identify the many different plants we will see on our walk.

A moderate level of fitness is required.

You will need to bring your lunch, water, walking shoes and clothing suitable for an alpine environment,

including wet weather gear. Weather conditions can change rapidly on the plateau, so be prepared!

Don't forget your camera and binoculars.

There is no charge. For more information email ranger Darren Hill darren.hill@parks.vic.gov.au or phone Parks Victoria 13 19 63.

## Boolarra Pony Club turns 50!

**Saturday March 16, 2017  
11.00am – 2.00pm.**

All past and present members, family members and Instructors are most

welcome to attend our celebration.

Our club is searching for photographs of past members and our pony club grounds.

If you can help with any photographs or have any queries, please contact Sandra Mills on 0427 996 404.



# Plan and prepare.

## THE REASONS ARE BLACK AND WHITE.

It's your responsibility to be fire ready this summer. Prepare your property, fire plan and emergency kit now. When hot, dry, windy days are forecast, check Fire Danger Ratings daily and monitor warnings via local radio, the VicEmergency website and app. **Leaving early, before a fire starts, is always the safest option.**

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