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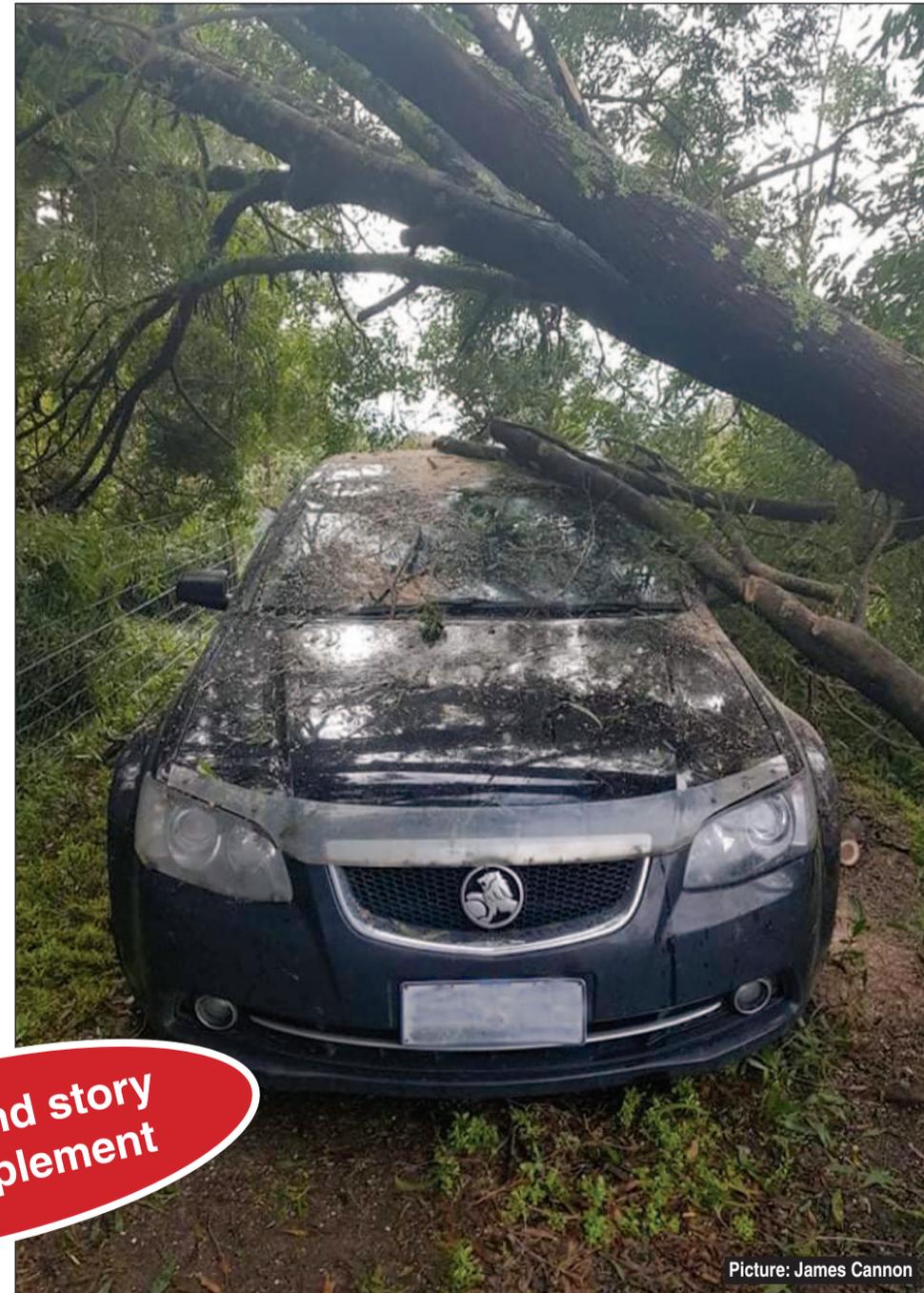
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This month we have no activity report since no activity was held. The park was closed after extensive storm and flood damage, so the planned June activity was not held.

Overnight on Wednesday June 9, a large low pressure system sent a large storm towards the Latrobe Valley. The storm continued into the next day with strong winds and heavy rainfall. Over the day 150mm fell locally and another 50 mm fell in the following week.

With all of the rain the local creeks and rivers rose quickly. With little warning the towns of Yinnar and Churchill were isolated by floodwaters and Traralgon was split in half when Traralgon Creek flooded in the centre of town. A week later Yallourn Power Station needed to cut back on production related to concerns about the Morwell and Latrobe rivers flooding in their mine.

Around Morwell National Park the impacts

of the storm were evident. Many roads were blocked by fallen trees and power was cut from four to seven days.

Billys Creek was also one of the waterways to flood. It rose by a few metres to overflow Junction Road and make the road impassible. Junction Road was cut again a few days later when rains returned and Billys Creek overflowed on to the road once more.

The impact upon the park has also been large. The park is currently closed and likely to be closed for a while since there is considerable damage to be removed before it will be safe for the public to enter.

Most tracks will have trees down blocking the track and on Billys Weir Track there is also mud and silt from when the creek overflowed onto the creek banks.

With the bridges across Billys Creek only one remains undamaged. The first bridge to Braniff's Road

entrance has been washed away (location unknown) while the bridge at Potato Flat has been washed off its foundations and wedged against trees a metre further down the creek. The bridge near Billys Weir has swung around and is hard up against the bank. The only bridge to survive is the new bridge replaced after the last big storm.

The following photos will demonstrate some of the damage in the Kerry Road Picnic area and along Billys Creek. Thanks to Matt for some of the photos.

### July Activity

Sunday July 18, 10.00am

The group will meet in the Kerry Road car park to plan the day ahead. The task is likely to be track maintenance and we will determine where our efforts will be most beneficial on the morning. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

## Rainfall

### Hazelwood

June had record rainfall, the highest at Hazelwood South for 35 years. A massive 281mm and three and a quarter times the average for June. (326%) In four days we had 258mm of rain and damaging winds, bringing down many trees. The previous maximum for June was 188mm in 2007. The wettest of all months, for 35 years was 252mm in September 1993. The average annual rainfall is 822mm, making the four days of rainfall almost one third of a year's rain. LV weather station only recorded 115.8mm for June;

Hazelwood South was 2.43 times higher. The ground water took two weeks to return to normal winter levels and the clean-up continues. The effects of global warming on events of this nature, remains an open question.

### Churchill

The rainfall for Churchill was 122mm for the month of June. There were 22 days with rain. The day with the most amount of rainfall in June was the 10th with 43mm, that was during the floods.

The total amount of rainfall so far for 2021 is now 395.5mm.

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# Lorraine's Farewell



up to the first Quilt Show in 2006 and Jean Baudendistel, friend and colleague, said she remembers wondering where this whirlwind woman came from.

improvement!' Lorraine's commitment, enthusiasm and sheer determination will be much missed, as will her wicked sense of humour.



For Lorraine was a hard worker, with creative flair and a background in getting businesses off the ground, and she was soon talent spotted! Invited to join the Centre's Committee, she served as Treasurer and Secretary for a number of years.

Lorraine and the Committee were responsible for getting the Churchill Community Garden underway, and it is there at an event to build community connections that she dressed up as a piece of fruit! Her willingness to take on anything necessary to get the job done, has seen her in many other roles, including the back legs of the cow in the Centre's pantomime.

But was she a good student in the craft class? Jean, who also happens to be the craft teacher, says of Lorraine's skill; 'She worked so fast in class, too, at the beginning, and attention to detail needed a bit of work, but she's made great

We are very sad to see our long term volunteer, Lorraine Andrew, move to Queensland.

Lorraine and her husband Bob, moved to the Latrobe Valley from Tasmania, and Lorraine entered the

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre for the first time as a student in a craft class. She started to volunteer in the run

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## Chaplain

As a society we have used abbreviations for a long time, but in recent years we have seen a rise in the use of acronyms and initialisms. What's the difference?

Acronyms usually also create another word (SIM; ASAP; LOL), whereas initialisms simply spell out what it stands for (VIP; BLT; FBI).

Abbreviations are shortened versions (St. for Street, or Saint).

Today, with ICYMI (in case you missed it), FOMO (fear of missing out), etc...we are in a new era of this word usage, often leaving many behind in understanding.

The nearest to this in

Christian terms would be the Greek for fish (ichthus or ixthus or ichthys) with each letter in early New Testament times especially, signifying a message to the believers.

All that was needed was to draw the fish and it was clear what it meant to many ('Jesus Christ, God's Son, Saviour'), possibly indicating a meeting nearby, with the way the fish pointed being the direction to it.

This hints at some in our day using this new era of word usage to mean something that only 'those in



the know' will understand. It creates anticipation, or even intrigue, rather than (as it can appear to some) just to be excluding people.

So, if we don't know, we can find out.

Think about it!

## Churchill Christian Fellowship

How do church groups manage during COVID lockdowns?

For most of this year, Churchill Christian Fellowship has been meeting in the Community Hall on Sunday afternoons.

But then déjà vu, church meetings were once again prohibited under Health Department advice.

So we put bits and pieces of video meetings together, or pre-recorded a service at Moe New Life Christian Centre on Saturday afternoons, and so we managed to have something online for our normal 3pm timeslot that can be viewed later on as required.

But, of course, we were

grateful to come together again on June 27.

Midweek prayer and Bible study meetings were cancelled most weeks of the lockdown but, on one occasion, we had meetings at two different homes so as to abide by the five visitor rule.

Both meetings went well and we took some time to greet each other over speaker phone.

The members of CCF fully appreciate the difficulties that people are experiencing, not just in

Churchill but pretty much everywhere.

Our heart is to help people in whatever practical ways we can but also helping people to know the

fullness of God's love and forgiveness in Christ.

This is often the starting point for deep healing.

Speaking of which, the next Healing Rally is scheduled for Saturday August 14, 7.30 pm, also in the Community Hall.

Everyone most welcome!

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## Co-Operating Churches Snippets

This month we have enjoyed some thought provoking services and thank those who spend much time in preparation to bring the message.

We had been waiting so long to have our garage sale.

The shed was full as was the west end of the church with goods.

The ad was placed in the

Express and then COVID lockdown hit.

We had set up all the items!

What to do?

They were left in place to see what would happen.

On June 12 we went ahead despite the extreme weather event being hopeful but cautious.

Well those who were able

to come came and we had a positive day.

But there was still lots left so we parted the tables, held church in the middle of the building and then afterwards placed all the tables back with the decision to have a second go on the following Saturday.

It too was a successful day but still lots remain and there is a lot to sort and a lot to place where it can be used to advantage.

COVID restrictions were in place with masks worn inside and QR codes registers or sign in observed.

A big thank you to the Express which gave us a free ad as we had to cancel our first time on May 29.

A big thank you also to those who came and bought, many who were more than generous with their money.

## Naidoc Week celebration at Boolarra Church

By Cathie Halliwell Supply Minister

Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> July was the commencement of NAIDOC week for 2021. We were privileged to have Rev Kathy Dalton lead us in an indigenous themed Anglican Communion service. It was a joy to have three generations of Kathy's family with us. Kathy's son Andrew assisted and spoke about the origins of NAIDOC week.

During the service we explored some indigenous worship elements including the coolamon, clap sticks and the smoking ceremony. Andrew emphasised that we may be many people but we are all the one people of Australia, all the same under God. The children's talk focused on how there are lots of different indigenous languages across our country. Kathy shared the Australian

languages map and we discussed the 5 clans of the Gunnai Kurnai nation of Gippsland. The whole congregation was able to learn about and even hold artifacts of the Dalton family.

NAIDOC week this year is focusing on "Heal Country" and each family received a copy of the logo to take home and reflect on. The children were able to interpret their understanding of the theme by creating decorated boomerangs.

Our message of the day focused on Ben 'Lanky' Manton (1841-1929). 'Lanky' was inducted into the Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll which recognises the achievements of Aboriginal Victorians, both past and present, who



have made a profound contribution to their community and to Victoria. Kathy spoke of how 'Lanky' kept culture and sacred ceremony alive everywhere he lived and the importance of handing down culture from one generation to the next.

The faith culture, or legacy, we leave our children has been a focus of many

across the Gippsland

Presbytery in the past

few weeks, especially

at the Strategic

Planning Retreat.

Perhaps we all need to

be reminded of the

importance of telling

faith stories to the

younger generations.

Who we are and

what we believe is

influenced by our

collective history. I

have been challenged

to seek out the words

of wisdom from

those that have come

before in our faith.

Technology may have

changed but the core

of our faith and the

challenges we face

as Christians has

not. The Church has

moved from the centre

of the community to

the fringe but that is

where it all started.

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## Councillor Melissa Ferguson

Dear Residents of South Ward,

This past week or so has been very challenging for us all. With flooding and storm weather events affecting each pocket of our ward. This has created significant issues such as prolonged power outages, mass tree fallings, and restrictions of access to many roads and homes, fuel shortages and the cutting off of some outer towns in our ward.

The challenges faced by many will no doubt cause distress for many families for years to come. As we enter into the post recovery response we are seeing an influx of support from many community groups.

During the initial response stages, many

residents and emergency services personnel strived to keep up with the deluge and wind damage caused to hundreds of properties. The residents who assisted one another at this time to clear their roads and assist their neighbours are to be commended for their efforts and resilience.

I thank all of our South Ward residents for their outstanding efforts. The recovery period will be a significantly long one. It is estimated it may take up to a period of 12 months or even longer to reach completion.

Now is a time for all of our towns to continue to pull together as one and contribute to community groups where possible to aid those members already

exhausted from the physical labour on our open spaces and properties.

If you are physically able and have time to give, I would encourage you to volunteer for your local community groups where possible to assist your fellow residents through this time. A helping hand could just be the antidote to many people's distress over this period of recovery.

These community groups include:

\*Your local CFA branches

\*Your local community development and open space management committees.

Yours sincerely,  
Councillor Melissa Ferguson  
South Ward  
Latrobe City Council

## Payment redirection scams cost Australian businesses \$128 million in 2020

Payment redirection scams were the most financially damaging scams for Australian businesses in 2020 according to the ACCC's latest Targeting Scams report. Combined losses reported to Scamwatch, other government agencies, banks and payment platforms totalled \$128 million in 2020.

Reports to Scamwatch show that Australian businesses lost \$18 million to scams in 2020, a 260 per cent increase on losses reported in 2019.

"Small and micro businesses made most of the reports to Scamwatch and experienced an increase in losses in 2020, although larger businesses reported the highest losses," ACCC Deputy Chair Mick Keogh said.

Based on Scamwatch data alone, false billing scams were the most commonly reported scam by businesses and accounted for three quarters of total losses to businesses.

There are a range of false billing scams, but the most common type was payment redirection scams, also known as business email compromise (BEC) scams, with 1,300 reports and \$14 million in losses. This is a substantial increase from the

900 reports and \$5 million in losses reported in 2019.

In a payment redirection scam, scammers impersonate a business or its employees via email and request an upcoming payment be redirected to a fraudulent account.

Scamwatch also observed a new type of scam in 2020 that targeted farmers looking for a good deal on tractors and farm machinery. Scammers advertised equipment at prices well below market value, and told farmers that they couldn't view the tractors prior to purchase due to government restrictions from the pandemic. Farmers made payments to secure these special deals, when in reality the equipment never existed. Farmers were conned out of \$1.1 million in these scams.

"One thing we know about scammers is that they will take advantage of a crisis," Mr Keogh said. Businesses were also targeted by health and medical scams in 2020. About half of the \$3.9 million in total losses reported to health and medical scams were from businesses, as they attempted to procure personal protective equipment for their staff to comply with government guidelines during

the pandemic.

Other scam types that impacted businesses throughout the year included phishing, identity theft and hacking scams.

"It is so important for businesses to stay informed about scams so they can protect themselves," Mr Keogh said.

"The ACCC provides a range of resources for businesses on how to avoid scams on the Scamwatch website and in our media releases throughout the year."

Businesses that have been scammed should contact their bank as soon as possible. If the scam occurred on a platform such as Facebook, contact them directly to report it.

Businesses can also report a scam to ReportCyber, which is run by the Australian Cyber Security Centre and passes reports to law enforcement agencies for assessment and intelligence purposes.

The Small Business Information Network also provides details about new or updated resources, enforcement action, changes to Australia's competition and consumer laws, events, surveys and scams relevant to the small business sector.

## Remembering Aboriginal heroes who shaped Victoria's history

The stories of Aboriginal heroes who helped shape Victoria's history are being illuminated through a Federation University Australia research project. The project 'Aboriginal Heroes of Fire, Flood and Food' will use film and digital mapping to chronicle Aboriginal acts of heroism, specifically in relation to fire, flood and the search for food in the period between 1800 – 1930. Federation University historian, Associate Professor Fred Cahir is collaborating with Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, historians and historical societies to create the first comprehensive map highlighting these acts of heroism.

The project has uncovered many stories from across Australia about Aboriginal people saving non Aboriginal communities during times of bushfire, floods and famines. This includes Aboriginal people reportedly saving the lives and homes of people in Rutherglen, in Victoria's north-east, during the 1870s fires that devastated the region, by warning them about the large bush fire engulfing the region so they could flee. In Gippsland's Orbost district, an Aboriginal man was reported to have rescued a sick colonist during floods by making a canoe out of a sheet of bark, placing the sick man in it and swimming through the turbulent waters, towing the canoe and the man to safety. The project aims to bring together stories like these in an accessible format through the digital map as well as a documentary film and book.

The final resource will be used by schools, cultural heritage tourism providers and the broader community. Award-winning documentary film-maker Wind and Sky and data technologists from Federation University's

Centre for eResearch and Digital Innovation (CeRDI) will collaborate on the project. The research is funded by Telematics Trust, which aims to transform lives through education and training for the cultural, social and economic benefit of Victorians. People can contribute to the research by contacting Dr Cahir: f.cahir@federation.edu.au.

Federation University Associate Professor Fred

Cahir said "We hope this research will challenge the dominant narratives and understandings of Australian settler-colonial history, revealing shared history stories in a culturally sensitive way. The significant contribution of Aboriginal people to Victoria's history isn't well known within the broader Victorian community and we hope this project can help change that."



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# Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group



One of the Middle Creek re-vegetation sites that washed away in the June 2021 Flood  
Photo Credit: Peter Earl

Saturday June 5 was World Environment Day where people everywhere are encouraged to take action to reduce environmental degradation and restore environmental health.

Our group had a busy month with many of our members affected by storms, floods and power outages.

Our little greenhouse did quite well in the storms, only losing one of its roof windows.

We don't yet know how our Billy's Creek re-vegetation site fared, as access there is going to be very difficult.

Along Upper Middle Creek, many of our plants and tree guards from last year have washed away or been buried in silt.

The small number of trees we planted in 2019 and re-emergent vegetation from the 2019 fires fared better.

We will persist with the project, as it seems as though getting plants established for a year or more makes them resistant to floods.

When the plants get bigger and have larger root systems, they will help hold the soil and reduce the amount washing away.

Recently I found the following quote from Columbian born Sydney artist, Maria Fernanda Cardoso:

People love to be afraid of nature.

They are fascinated by fear but not love.

(quoted in the Saturday Paper May 22-26, 2021)

It's not unreasonable for us to be fearful, especially of fire risk and the damage caused by recent storms.

I sometimes wonder if it may be too much of a challenge to get some people who are now adults to love nature.

Most people, however, seem to love at least some children.

A recent class action by eight Australian teenagers (Sharma vs The Minister for the Environment) resulted in a Federal Court judgment that established that when deciding whether to approve a new coal mine, the Minister for the Environment owes a duty of care to people who are now children.

Although no orders were made on how the Minister should exercise this duty of care, none of the scientific evidence in relation to the risks and effects of a rapidly warming climate was disputed.

The Minister's argument was that there was no duty of care owed.

The judge disagreed and will welcome further submissions from the children on how it should be exercised.

So, by extension we all, as adults, owe it to the kids to consider their future lives and to do whatever we can to stop further carbon emissions.

If we could extend this duty of care to other non-human organisms, the planet would be in a better position to help heal some of the damage already done.

The UN themes for World Environment Day are Reimagine. Recreate. Restore. We're working on it, and welcome others who'd like to join us.

J. Duncan, Secretary,

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group

In determining that the Minister owes a duty of care, the court held:

The environmental impacts of increasing global surface temperatures, including greater incidence and severity of heatwaves and bushfires, would expose the applicants and the representative class to a real risk of death and personal injury.

While the project would cause a 'tiny' increase to global average surface temperatures, that increase was measurable and therefore the risk of harm 'real', and not far-fetched or fanciful.

A reasonable person in the Minister's position would foresee that the applicants would face an increased risk of injury brought about by climate change that would flow from the contribution to increased atmospheric CO2 brought about by the project.

The Minister's knowledge of the risk of harm and her control over the source of harm strongly supported finding a duty of care.

While some factors weighed against a duty being recognised, in totality the salient features of the relationship between the Minister and the applicants favoured the recognition of a duty of care.

(<https://www.claytonutz.com/knowledge/2021/may/three-significant-climate-change-developments-in-australia-and-overseas-with-implications-for-resource-projects>)

## Churchill & District News FLASHBACK

### Churchill News 1969

Found – Last Saturday a rather nice light brown male dog with blue collar arrived at 1 William Avenue.

The more we tried to drive it away the more it came back. We have fed it for a week. The owner is welcome to claim it. If not we shall probably keep him. Signed Peter Arch

### Churchill News Outing

Many people help to bring you this paper each fortnight. How many of you know who delivers your paper? Mr Oliquist looks after our business affairs, Mr and Mrs Kreckleburg collate each issue, Mrs Griffiths does the drawing,

Mrs Dean spends a morning typing and I do the editing and duplicating. To recognise all the valuable work we are having an outing to the Panoramic Drive In for tea and a film.

### Compulsory Chest X-rays

Did you forget? You might be able to save yourself a fine. The mobile x-ray unit will be in Morwell East next week.

### Churchill's First Factory

Contrary to all other reports circulating, the Housing Commission of Victoria will be partitioning off 570 sq ft from the south eastern side of the upstairs office space at West Place.

The space will be needed to house new machinery for the expanded operations of R & W H Symington when their subsidiary H W Gossard Pty Ltd transfers operations from Morwell. Production is due to commence in November.

### Elderly Persons

Many persons in Churchill were shocked to read the report in "The Express" concerning an almost unanimous decision to "bar" elderly persons

from Churchill.

This may be a young people's town, but a Community consists of all sorts and conditions and all ages.

Three generations often find it hard to live together under the one roof, but for them to live together in one town is often necessary and desirable. For us in Churchill to say "no grandmas" is to put a terrible burden on the old people and on their children.

Elderly people need the young around them to help them not grow old too quickly.

Grandparents like grandchildren and vice-versa.

### Garden Competition

Your attention is drawn to the Housing Commission Garden Competition.

There is a special section for people like us. That is a novice section for gardens commenced in the last three years. A Churchillian could win this section.

### Latrobe Valley Credit

#### Co-Op

Did you know that your savings in the Credit Union earn 5% interest? That Credit Union members increase their savings year by year? There are nearly 100 members in Churchill, nearly 1500 in the Valley.

### Population

The population of Churchill on February 28 is 489 families and 1,868 persons.

This figure is as accurate as we can get after checking carefully. We can only keep up an accurate count if all births are recorded in the Churchill News.

We make no charge for this service just let us know you have a baby!

### Shopping Centre

Our "shopping" is on the move again. The Ladies Beauty Salon is moving to larger premises, and will occupy Guss's original shop.

The original fish cafe is re-opening as a Ladies, Gents, Children's clothing, dressmaking and tailoring establishment. All the large premises in the shopping centre will then be occupied.

### Thieves sequel

To the people of Churchill I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Churchill for the return of my transistor radio.

A special thanks to Churchill Dairy for their time and trouble to furnish an ad in your local paper. Also thanks to Churchill News for allotting that space to bring it to the people's notice.

Letter signed by Mr M A Wragg.

### What of Churchill?

We all know the town is at a stand still, apart from half a dozen homes being built privately, no building has been commenced this year. We know that the work position in the Valley is not bright.

The Co-operating Churches, who did so much in the early days in battling for our school, for shops, for bus services, and for a Post Office, is taking up the fight again.

### Medical Help

The lack of a doctor for Churchill again came under discussion, particularly as the local Medical Officer of Health was considering the appointment of a resident Nursing Sister in lieu of a doctor. This does not appear to be the answer to our problem.

Come back soon for more Flashbacks from 1970 CDNews.



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**Persistence is the key**

Like many community groups, CDCA faces an array of challenges in attempting to achieve our goals. We are constrained by our limited funding sources and experience difficulty in attracting new members and active volunteers.

Issues such as Risk Management, Public Liability Insurance, COVID Restrictions and Public Health Orders such as mandatory QR codes pose problems for community groups in conducting events and activities or holding regular meetings.

We deal with organisations that face their own challenges too – for CDCA these are primarily Latrobe City Council and Federation University. All too often, unfortunately, we are faced with an organisation's staffing changes, officers on extended leave or retiring, restructures, etc which means that the relationship we had with the responsible officer is lost and we have to almost start over with someone new.

Then of course there are those events that change everyone's priorities, such as the extreme storm weather in June that caused so much damage in Latrobe City.

CDCA had been planning to hold a Tree Planting activity in Churchill this month, but these plans have

been temporarily shelved due to several factors as alluded to above.

We still hope to have some roadside weed spraying and rubbish removal done along the section of Eel Hole Creek that runs parallel to Northways Road between Glendonald Road and Philip Parade.

Unfortunately, storm damage has created a lot of unexpected work for Council's outdoor teams so this will not likely be a priority for Council. CDCA will continue to liaise with Council so this work is not forgotten as time passes.

Similarly, CDCA continues to gently remind the Hazelwood Mine Authority of our desire to have the Hazelwood Power signage preserved and relocated to an appropriate site. We don't expect any quick decisions on this matter, but it's important to keep it on their agenda.

For some years now, CDCA has been advocating for what we term our 'Missing Links' proposal. Recreational trails need to be joined up to complete the network of pathways around town and there are parts of Churchill township that still need footpaths; even street lighting in the case of Switchback Road between Kurnai College and Monash Way!

Our advocacy on this



issue recently resulted in a meeting between CDCA representatives and local politicians, Darren Chester and Melina Bath as reported in last month's C&D News. We've subsequently been contacted by a Council officer charged with following up on this matter to further discuss.

CDCA understands that Latrobe City has some funding available for this type of work, some of which could be spent in Churchill. We'll certainly be putting forward a strong case for this outcome!

Some of our bi-monthly meeting time is taken up with updates on matters that are not quickly resolved or projects that are on-going such as 'Churchill – Shop Local'. We have found over the years that persistence is the key to achieving our goals.

At our next meeting we'll be discussing final plans for our next Shop Local market event, to be held on Saturday August 28 at the Churchill shopping centre. Over the following months more plans will need to be discussed for our December

4 event. Our goal is to see the Churchill shopping centre thrive, but this won't be achieved overnight; we all need to persist in our efforts to support our local retailers.

Some issues come and go, as new business becomes old and old business becomes new. Our newest issue tabled at our last meeting was the need to upgrade Monash Way and Tramway Rd to mitigate risk of flooding.

Years ago, CDCA advocated successfully for improved drainage works at the intersection of Tramway and Boldings Road. Works were done to improve drainage at this intersection but it is still prone to flooding. This problem is unlikely to ever be completely solved as the area

is very low-lying, is close to both Bennetts and Eel Hole Creeks and was originally a morass.

CDCA, or Churchill Citizen's Association as it was then, advocated many, many years ago for major improvements to Monash Way. Although this did not result in the desired dual lane carriageway, it did result in the addition of the passing lane beyond Brodrigg Rd, improved road shoulders and drainage culverts and a general upgrade.

Still, in light of recent flooding events that saw our main roads in and out of town closed, we are writing to Regional Roads Victoria requesting that consideration be given to upgrades and works to improve drainage. It's unlikely that anything will come of this in the short-term. Again, persistence over a long period of time will be the key to having this matter addressed.

This year CDCA meetings are being held on

the first Thursday of every second month. All local residents are welcome. Note that some COVID 19 restrictions may apply.

Our next meeting is our Annual General Meeting. It will be held at 7pm on Thursday August 5, in Studio 1 downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall (park and enter from Philip Parade).

AGM business includes tabling of Annual Report and 2020/21 Financial Statement, along with Committee elections for 2021/22. Time permitting, the AGM will be followed by a short Ordinary General Meeting to address other business.

You can find more information about CDCA on our website: www.cdca.org.au.

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**Agenda items include:**

- Presentation of Annual Report
- Annual Financial Statement
- Committee Elections

All members and local residents are welcome to attend, but you **MUST** be a member to vote and/or nominate for CDCA Committee membership.

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by an Ordinary General Meeting (time permitting) to consider other matters.



# Churchill Fire Brigade

On average, there are 3,000 house fires in Victoria each year. Most could be prevented by taking simple precautions.

## Kitchen

The most common place in the home where fires start is the kitchen.

Many kitchen fires are caused by cooking that has been left unattended.

Others are caused by electrical faults and flammable items like paper towels and curtains that are too close to sources of heat like the stove or toaster.

If the cooking area is not kept clean a fire that starts on the stove can very quickly spread to built-up grease and fat around the stove and range hood, with the fire travelling up into the roof and to the rest of the house.

## Sleeping areas

Many fires that result

in people dying start in bedrooms or lounge areas.

Often this is due to improper use of electrical appliances or home heating.

Electrical items in the home can include the power supply, fixed or portable appliances, power boards and extension leads.

## Heating

During the colder months we see an increase in the use of heating appliances, gas and electric.

If you bring a portable heater into a bedroom be sure that it is well away from things that can burn, like clothing, bedding and curtains and always turn it off when you get into bed or leave the house.

If you are drying clothes in front of a heater of any kind, always keep them at least a metre from the heater.

## Power Boards

Sometimes there are not enough power outlets for all our devices. Power boards are becoming more common than ever.

It's important to remember that power boards are only meant to be temporary and they shouldn't be a permanent fixture in your home.

Power boards can only take a limited number of devices so only plug in one device per outlet.

Never plug double adapters or extra power boards into a power board and don't plug high powered appliances like heaters into a power board or extension lead.

Doing so can cause the power board or extension lead to heat up and start a fire.

## Top home fire safety tips

- Book a licensed gas-fitter to check your gas heater
- Check chimneys, flues and fire boxes for cracks, rust and debris
- Check electric blankets for kinks in the wiring
- Clean the lint filter in your dryer and continue to do this after every use.
- Check appliances for visibly frayed or damaged

wiring

● Complete the Home Fire Safety Checklist to see if you've done everything you can to protect you and your family.

● Prepare a home fire escape plan and practice escaping quickly and safely.

For more information, see the CFA website [cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home).

## Plan how you would escape a fire in your home

Families who are well-prepared are more likely to escape their homes safely and without panic.

As part of your plan, all family members should know:

- The two quickest ways out of every room
- How they will exit from upstairs if your home has a second storey
- An agreed-upon meeting place outside, such as the letterbox
- How they will call Triple Zero (000)
- Top survival tips
  - If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop and roll
  - Get down low and stay out of smoke.
  - Use the back of your hand to check doors for heat before opening
  - If it's safe, close doors



to slow down the spread of fire and smoke.

- Alert other people on your way out.
- Get out and stay out.
- Meet at a safe place such as the letterbox or footpath outside your home.
- Call 000 (triple zero) from a mobile phone or a neighbour's phone. Ask for FIRE when the call is connected.

## What parents need to know

Children are less likely than adults to wake up to the sound of a smoke alarm. Think about how you might be able to reach children's bedrooms if regular access is blocked by fire.

Families should practise

'fire drills' twice a year – more often with younger children.

## Useful tips for parents

- Turn it into a game by timing how quickly they can escape
- Make sure children know their home address and how to call Triple Zero (000)
- Use online games and activities to teach children about fire safety
- Never lock your deadlocks when you're at home
- During a fire it will be dark and smoky – and a deadlocked door could block your escape. If you must keep deadlocks locked, leave your keys in the door.

**DON'T LET THIS - BECOME THIS**

Clean the lint filter in your clothes dryer before each use

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Recovery efforts continue and all levels of government are working to support local communities as they recover and rebuild over the coming weeks and months.

My office is here to help as this work goes on.

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# Lion's Club of Churchill & District Inc.



Our Night of the Year – Our Annual Changeover Dinner had to be postponed due to COVID and then relocated to the Churchill Chinese Restaurant – but we made up for the delay with an incredible fun night.

Plenty of members from other Lions and Rotary Clubs joined us, Morwell, Traralgon and Yinnar, along with Barb Harvey from Bunnings and a very special thank you to Councillor Dale Harriman from Latrobe City for coming along to help us celebrate!

To explain a little, each year the Executives and Board change over, however this year things panned out a bit differently.

Last year we were locked down for most of the year and it was a non event so to speak, therefore with all in agreement the entire crew agreed to return for another year – Congratulations to our President Reg Grisotto!

Storms, floods, unbelievable devastation, sadness, loss and misery for so many people, however we tried to do our little bit to bring some cheer.

Sponsored by the Latrobe City we set up at the Traralgon Football Ground and gave out our scrumptious hamburgers with the lot, yummy sausages and onions in bread, egg and bacon sandwiches and cold drinks.

How wonderful it was to see the Filipino Community from the Iglesia Ni Cristo, (Church of Christ Aid to Humanity) who had come all the way from Cranbourne to help out.

They handed out huge packs of everyday needed

items they had purchased, walking door to door to deliver them, they were such lovely people and they enjoyed our food immensely!

Out of lockdown yet again – and what's the first thing we do?

A Morwell Bunnings sausage sizzle of course and it was the busiest one we've done so far this year – but then - ours are the best and there seems to be a lot of DIY going on, so the workers are hungry!

Always keep an eye on our Facebook Pages and you'll see when we're at Bunnings – then come on down and grab a snag!

I know I said to keep watching this space for more details of the Churchill Lions Fishing Competition – well yes – we've finally made a new date that we are planning for!

Saturday December 4, is the day – so put it in your diary, on your calendar and be ready to be at Lake Hyland, have fun, catch fish and have a fun fantastic day – see you all there. Spread the word far and wide, tell all your families and friends!

In September the Lions Skin Cancer Testing Caravan will be rolling into Churchill on Friday September 4 and Saturday September 5.

Flyers will be in the shops and advertising everywhere – IT'S FREE - but you will need to book, so don't miss out, call and make a booking, come along and get checked out.

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to call the Secretary on 0411 842 912 to ask any questions you may have.



The Incoming Board and Executives for the 2021/2022 year taken at the Churchill Chinese Restaurant at our Changeover Dinner.

On a rather unsavoury note – to the extremely annoying people who broke into our shed and stole a lot of valuable equipment which enables us to do our catering, along with a generator that belongs to one of our members – shame on you.

If you would like to return it there will be no questions asked.

We would like to ask the general public – if anyone tries to sell you any kitchen items, chef quality knives etc, and many other things including a generator – please beware – these could be our stolen items, which are going to be very expensive for us to replace –



With the Filipino Members from the Iglesia Ni Cristo, (Church of Christ Aid to Humanity), at the Shire Storm and Flood Recovery Catchup Day at the Traralgon Football Ground.

if this does happen, call the police immediately. They are aware of the break-in.

Remember we need all these items to do our catering, to be able to support and help the Community.

Don't forget - if on your computer, have a look at our Facebook Pages: Lions Club of Churchill Community Activities and Lions Club of Churchill & District, you will be able to read about all the things we've done and are

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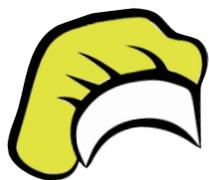
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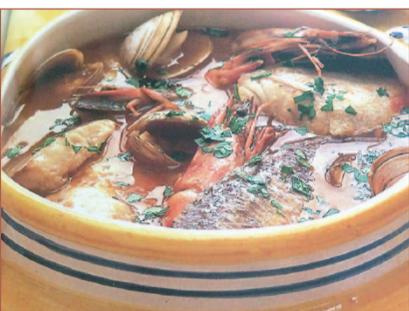
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# Cooking with Noelene



## Bouillabaisse

Bouillabaisse is the most famous of all Mediterranean fish soups. It is a rich and colourful mixture of fish



and shellfish, flavoured with tomatoes, saffron and orange. If you cannot access fresh seafood it is ok to substitute 1.5 kg of frozen mixed fish - red trout, whiting, snapper, monk fish, large raw prawns and clams. Cut the fish into large chunks, leave the shellfish in their shells. Remove the pulp from 250 gm of well flavoured tomatoes, chop and place in a bowl. Soak a pinch of saffron threads in 2 tbs of hot water in a small bowl. Heat 6 tbs of rice bran oil in a large pan, add 1 peeled and sliced onion, 1 leek sliced ( white part only ), 1 stick of celery sliced and cook until softened. Then add 1 tbs of minced garlic, 1 bouquet garni, grated rind of 1 orange, 1 tsp of fennel seeds, the chopped tomatoes, then the saffron threads with soaking water and 5 cups of fish stock. Season with salt and cracked pepper, bring this to the boil and simmer for 40 minutes. Now add the

shellfish and continue to cook for 6 minutes, followed by the fish chunks and cook for a further 8 minutes until the fish flakes easily. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the fish and shellfish to a warmed serving dish. Keep the liquid simmering, to allow the fish

oil to emulsify with the broth, add 2 tbs of tomato paste and 1/2 tsp of ground anise. return fish and shellfish to the broth and serve with crusty French bread stick.

## Pineapple tea cake

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Grease a 20 cm cake pan and line with baking paper. Combine 300gm of self raising flour, 1 and 1/2 tsp of ground nutmeg, 110 gm of castor sugar and a pinch of salt in a large bowl. In a separate bowl place 50 gm of melted butter / marg, 1 lightly beaten egg and 125 ml of milk. Stir the wet mixture until well combined.

Now pour the wet mixture into the dry ingredients and stir with a wooden spoon until combined. Transfer to the prepared pan. Finally place 130

gm of crushed and drained pineapple into a bowl and mix with another 50 gm of melted butter / marg, then stir in 3 tbs of honey.

Spoon this over the cake batter and sprinkle over 20gm of desiccated coconut. Bake for 40 minutes or until the top is golden and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean and dry. Leave in the pan for 10 minutes before removing. Serve with whipped cream



or yoghurt.

## Pastry puffs

These are deep fried puff pastry treats. All you need is a sheet of puff pastry, fresh rice bran oil and icing sugar. Slice the pastry sheet into 12 equal squares or use a cookie cutter and cut out rounds. Heat 3 cups of fresh oil in a large saucepan or your



deep fryer to about 180 deg. Place 3 slices at a time into the oil and cook till the pastries are puffed and golden.

Remove with a slotted spoon to paper towelling sheets to drain excess oil.

Then move to a wire cooling rack and sift over icing sugar on both sides. That is all there is to it.

## One pot chicken soup meal

I took advantage of the \$4.00 pack of chicken drumsticks I bought these to the boil in 1 litre of chicken stock ( \$ 2 ) and 2 cups of water. When they were cooked through (30 minutes), I removed the

skin after letting the drum sticks cool and removed the flesh from the bone, setting the protein aside.

I added 400 gm of shredded carrot, 300 gm of sliced celery, 2 onions peeled and chopped to the broth in the pot along with 2 tbs of minced garlic and 1 dsp of curry powder.

I then added the chicken drumstick meat and let this simmer over a low heat until the vegetables were

tender. The longer the soup sits refrigerated the more flavoursome it gets and the chicken bones provide natural gelatine thickener.

Total cost 10 chicken drumsticks \$ 4.00, 400 gm of shredded carrot \$3.00, 1/2 celery \$ 1.50, 2 onions ( home staple ) 1 Lt of stock \$ 2, salt / pepper / curry powder to taste( home staples ). Total \$ 10.50



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# Hazelwood Cemetery

## More Unmarked Graves

By Leo Billington  
In the June edition of Churchill and District News, it was pointed out that approximately 25% of interments in our cemetery, now over 140 years old, are recorded as "unmarked". It's understood this figure is a close average for Victorian country cemeteries.

Using digitalised data, now recorded in Microsoft Access file format, matched with histories gleaned from past copies of the Morwell Advertiser, the Melbourne Argus and the Age, a range of stories has been uncovered.

For instance, Mr William Lacey, a resident of Gonyah, lies in an unmarked grave. His death in November 1926 resulted from a fractured skull sustained by falling from a horse while returning home from Boolarra.

At 62 years of age, Mr Lacey had been living and working as a farm labourer on a dairy farm at Gonyah. Evidence given at a

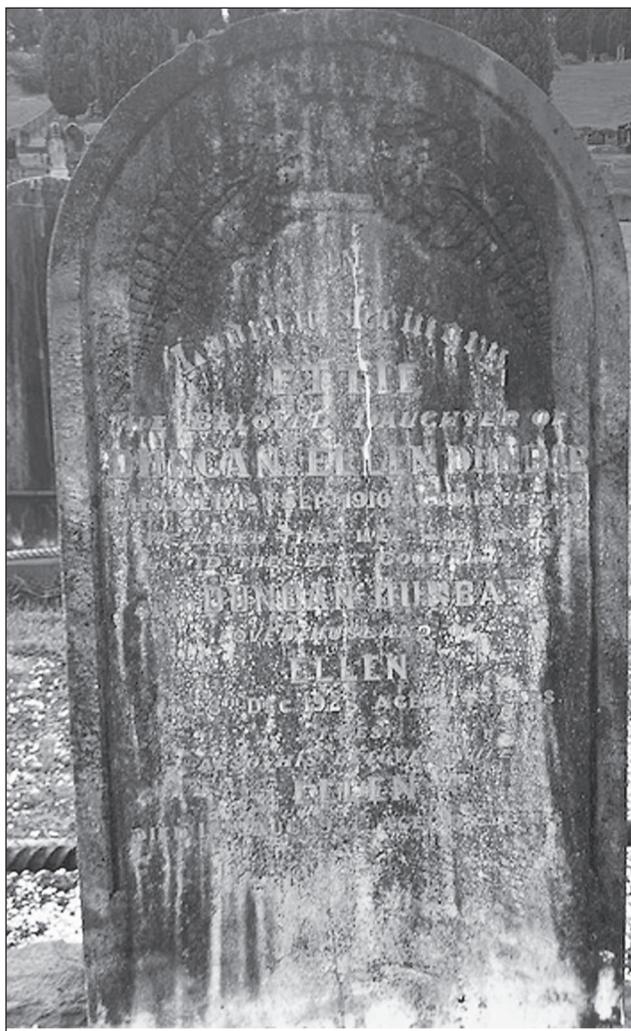
magisterial inquiry included "there was a full bottle of whisky in the deceased's coat pocket."

Another unmarked grave records the death of a young 20-year-old lady who passed away at her mother's Morwell home in October 1897.

After a long illness associated with rheumatic fever and heart disease, both of which confined her to bed at home for almost 18 months, the deceased had previously spent time in Sydney to restore her health and strength.

Mr William Sharp, for many years the only chemist in Morwell, was interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery in October 1897. His obituary was published in the Morwell Advertiser:

Mr W. Sharp, of this town, passed from this mundane sphere to the unknown, having reached the ripe old age of 77 years. Deceased had been suffering for years from heart disease, and during the last month or



section at Hazelwood is one for a 56-year-old male who died at the then Morwell Police Station in December 1951.

Of "no fixed abode", he was first located at the recreation reserve, but according to two Police constables, "his condition was such he was unable to give his name and address."

Another deceased male was discovered in bed in a cubicle at Ridge Hostel, Morwell, in June 1951. As reported in the Morwell Advertiser June 21, 1951, the deceased had been dead for some days.

"War medals found in the cubicle disclosed that he was an A.I.F. veteran of World War 1 and, under the circumstances the responsibility for his burial was undertaken by the Morwell Sub-branch of the R.S.L." Interred at Hazelwood, in an unmarked grave, this location ought to be recognised by an appropriate plaque.

A young boy, seven

months old Donald, lies in his unmarked grave. Interred in September 1951, he died from malnutrition alongside acute bronchitis, early meningitis and myocarditis.

On New Year's Eve, January 1900, Walter Doolan was found lying dead a short distance from Penaluna's hotel in Boolarra. Subsequent police enquiries lead to two brothers being arrested five days later and charged with murder. Newspapers throughout most of country Victoria carried versions of Walter's death coupled with allegations about the brothers.

While it seems a drunken fight had broken out amongst New Year's Eve revellers, and there being many accusations about finite details, the brothers were eventually acquitted.

Walter now rests in peace in the Old Catholic section in an unmarked grave.

Hazelwood Cemetery holds many and varied stories, some easy to track, others not so.

two was confined to his bed. He was a very old resident of the district, and for many years was the only chemist in Morwell. It appears that he has no relations in the colony and none are known of elsewhere. Deceased was supposed to be in very comfortable circumstance, but his will has not yet been made public property. Among the numerous instructions left for the executors to carry out was an order that he (deceased) should be buried at 7 a.m.; he wished no one to attend the funeral, and desired no fuss whatever to be made about his death, which was not to be advertised. We understand that the instructions are being followed as close as possible.

Motor cyclist, eighteen-year-old John Kelly, of Morwell died as a result of injuries from colliding with a truck in Morwell in March 1953. His is an unmarked grave; as is the grave for

Florrie Butters, better known as "Ivy" Butters.

As reported in the Morwell Advertiser October 22, 1897, a bright little girl of nine summers, in company with a number of other children, went fishing at a deep water hole, or rather an old clay hole in Corbet's brick yards, which is about 200 yards from the main road and fenced round with post and rails. A popular student at the local state school, Ivy accidentally drowned by slipping into the 10 feet deep water hole.

There are situations where young children were interred in graves of adults. Presumably, there was a family connection although these cases are recorded as "unmarked", while details of the adults are recorded on headstones. The accompanying photograph shows one of these graves.

Amongst unmarked graves in the Old Catholic



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A Churchill & District History Series

# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## A bit long in the tooth

By Leo Billington

Having recently read an article about dental care, it is worth visiting stories from the past to show a visit these days to a dentist isn't as traumatic as might be expected.

Mr Trood was a regular advertiser in the Morwell Advertiser from about 1898 onwards for many years. His surgery was based in Sale and promoted his skill as "the only dentist in Sale that makes and repairs teeth on the premises. Extractions were guaranteed without pain for 5 shillings."

But Morwell was not to miss out on Mr Trood's skills and expertise. During the late 1890's and early 1900's, he promoted his monthly visits to Morwell. Consultancies could be arranged for each second Tuesday of the month at Davey's Hotel. Also on those occasions, Mr Trood made it known to aspiring patients he would pay the highest price for "old gold artificial plates." We may conclude copious quantities of whisky was on tap when extractions were done.

During the early 1920's Mr Trood changed his advertisements to "every extraction is painless - even the most sensitive nerve becomes dead to pain

under A J Trood's reliable anaesthetic, and there are absolutely NO after effects."

He began to venture further - business must have been growing - with visits to Mirboo North, Boolarra and Yinnar. He began to promote his new Morwell location as a dental parlour opposite J Hall's Emporium in Commercial Road.

But alas, Mr Trood then encountered competition from Mr Tatterson, who marketed his dental skills as 'the registered resident dentist' in Morwell. In 1926 and for some time onwards, he advertised that appointments could be made either for every Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday or Thursday morning. He visited Boolarra and the Yallourn Western Camp.

It seems Mr Tatterson was serious in claiming market share - by advertising "This is my 25th year with you and still going strong. My work needs no puff, every set speaks for itself as thousands can testify. Extractions are by laughing gas and somnoform - a mixture of three liquid anesthetics: ethyl chloride, methyl chloride and ethyl bromide. It was introduced by Dr. G. Rolland, Dean

of the dental school in Bordeaux, France, in 1901.

While these two dentists plied their respective attributes, Mr J B Barker, late of Maffra and Sydney Road Brunswick must have thought this was impressive credentialing and decided there was a "long felt want" in Morwell for a better dentist.

Mr Barker placed a grand advertisement in the Morwell Advertiser Friday, November 2, 1900 telling residents his surgery would be located at the Universal Emporium. He promised "close attention to business, combined with civility and therefore merits the patronage of the general public".

By the way, Mr Barker also planned to have a full stock of drugs and chemicals, medicines for horses, cattle and dogs were also available. But above all, "teeth extraction was a speciality".

Mr French was another dentist early in the 1900's who boasted of "painless dentistry." He visited Morwell on Tuesdays offering teeth to be stopped (filling a cavity) and sealed. Patients could see him at a hotel in Morwell.

Mr A M Thiessen was around for quite some years

during the late 1930's, early 1940's mainly consulting from "the premises of Miss Doherty, Margo Salon (next door to the Post Office)". He seemed to visit every Tuesday afternoon.

In the mid 1940's, Mr Thiessen relocated to a more salubrious location - Mr W Davey's Hairdressing Salon. It seems every Tuesday, 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm, haircuts and dental work could conveniently be administered during the same afternoon.

In the 1920's, Mr Kenneth Russell and Dr J A Clarebrough announced their consultations would be available every Tuesday, at McKay's Hotel.

Between these two, patients were assured of specialist treatment for artificial dentures, fillings, crown and bridge work. Their marketing "hook" was that they occupied a surgery in Collins Street, Melbourne.

During the early 1940's, Mr G J Elder-Berwick moved into premises above Evans Newsagency in Commercial Road. He provided evening consultations on Mondays and Wednesdays alongside day surgery during Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thursday afternoons were reserved for visits to Yinnar and Boolarra.

Mr J G Everard Haugh, whom many of us may remember, started advertising in the early 1940's that he was a "resident dental surgeon" at 26 Hazelwood Road Morwell - five days a week (9.00 am to 6.00 pm) plus evenings by appointment. Mr Haugh later moved to his surgery, up a long flight of stairs, above Evans Newsagency. It appears he took over from Mr G J Elder-Berwick.

Many will recall, over in Church Street, another dental surgery was established - for Peter Eves and Rhys Milner. In October 1951, they advertised their new business, including weekly visits to Boolarra and Yinnar. At Boolarra, consultations were provided near McLeans Store. In Yinnar, it was at the Mechanics Hall.

This is a snap shot of dentistry during Morwell's early growth as a fledging town and community.

However, let's spare a brief moment for much earlier times when dentistry was quite brutal. At the Wellcome Collection museum in London, visitors can see a 19th century barber-surgeon chair, for patients to sit in while enduring - with a razor and

other crude tools - limb amputation and teeth pulling as well as hair trimming.

For anyone who could not afford the barber-surgeon, the blacksmith provided an alternative.

Barber-surgeons' tools included a tooth key, a form of early forceps featuring a claw and a bolster placed against the gum.

A toothbrush, complete with silver-gilt handle, belonging to Napoleon, whose teeth were described as "bad and dirty", is also on show. It seems throughout his life George Washington employed numerous full and partial dentures that were constructed of materials including human, and probably cow and horse teeth, ivory possibly elephant, lead-tin alloy, copper alloy possibly brass, and silver alloy.

Another fascinating story is that Captain Arthur Phillip had respect from the Aboriginal people because he was missing a front tooth. This tooth was the same tooth that they knocked out as part of their initiation ceremonies.

As some-one once asked, "perfect teeth - vanity or necessity"?



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	<b>Country Kitchen Cooking</b> 10:00am-12:00pm or 1:00pm-3:00pm	<b>Job Search Assistance</b> 10:00am-12:00pm	<b>Patchwork</b> 10:00am-12:00pm and/or 1:00pm-3:00pm	<b>Social Discussion Group</b> 10:00am-12:00pm
<b>Art, Craft and Conversation</b> 10:00am-12:00pm	<b>EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST</b> <b>Applied Reception &amp; Customer Service Training</b> Tuesdays <b>10.00am-12.30pm</b> for group work plus Individual office practice Monday afternoon or Wednesday morning	<b>Power Saving Bonus Application Assistance</b> 10:00am-12:00pm and/or 1:00pm-3:00pm	<b>Canva for Beginners</b> 12:30am-2:30pm	<b>Right on the Money: Taking control of your personal finances</b> (Online via Zoom) 12:30am-2:30pm
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# STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



## Robert Louis Stevenson

As a child, I was an avid reader of the boy's stories of Robert Louis Stevenson and his poetry. I was introduced to them by a biography in the N.S.W. Department of Education School Magazine and I devoured the adventures of Jim Hawkins and David Balfour avidly. I was also taken by his poetry and like so many others, can still recall a lot of 'My Shadow' seventy years on.

Robert Louis Stevenson was born in Edinburgh in 1850, the son and only child of a noted lighthouse engineer. His childhood was plagued by illness and his bronchial condition, common in Edinburgh at that time, saw him gain a rather disjointed education as he bounced between formal schools and private tutoring as his health demanded.

His favourite pastime during his bouts of illness was to write stories, an interest fostered by his father who had harboured similar leanings as a child. He went on to study Engineering at the University of Edinburgh but had little interest in his studies, preferring the

seeking out of like-minded bohemian students to the rigours of mathematics. He declared his decision to become a writer, much to the despair of his parents.

He travelled widely throughout Europe in his youth and early adulthood, using his travels as inspiration for his writing.

He gradually gained a reputation as a romantic novelist and a travel writer. In 1876 he visited Belgium on a canoeing holiday. It was here he met his future wife Fanny, a magazine writer of some note in the U.S.A.

Fanny had married young. Her husband, a veteran of the American Civil War, was often unfaithful and Fanny and her children finally separated from him in 1878. After her holiday in Belgium she returned to America and Stevenson followed her. They married in 1880. They shuttled between England and America for a few years and finally settled in Bournemouth in Dorset where he wrote the bulk of his recognised works.

In 1888, the Stevensons chartered a yacht and set off

on a voyage of the Pacific. They stayed over in many places including Hawaii, New Zealand, Sydney and the Gilbert Islands over a period of three years and finally found his home in Apia in Western Samoa.

After staying in Apia for several months and making many friends amongst the native peoples of the island, the family settled on a property at Vailima. While his wife managed the finances and the estate, Stevenson immersed himself in the culture of his new home.

He took on the name 'Tusitala', the Teller of Tales, and became an advocate for the people in the struggle between nations for control of the island.

In 1894 he suffered cerebral haemorrhage and died. The natives carried his body to the nearby Mount Vaea where he was buried amidst great grief. On his tombstone was inscribed his poem "Requiem". "Under the wide and starry sky....."

His stories live on today, bringing joy to boys and girls and adults alike.

## Singers come together to spread hope

Local singers and Federation University Australia students and alumni are using the power of song to spread hope to communities continuing to deal with the challenges of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Federation University's Word of Mouth Chorus has recorded a virtual mash-up of iconic 20th century songs 'Bridge Over Troubled Water' by Paul Simon and 'Imagine' by John Lennon and Yoko Ono.

About 50 students and staff lent their voices to the song with graduates Samantha Stewart and Sam Roberts singing the featured solos and Brad De Vries editing the video.

The Word of Mouth Chorus aims to keep people connected and

creative during times of physical distancing, with virtual rehearsals attended by community singers from across Gippsland and Ballarat, along with Federation University Arts Academy students and alumni.

The group was launched in Gippsland in July 2020 as a partnership between Federation University and AGL Loy Yang.

In an effort to further nurture the vocal talents of the Gippsland community, Federation University Arts Academy hosted a singing day on Saturday, July 10.

The singing day built on Federation University's partnership with Latrobe City Council to work together to develop a thriving performing arts scene in Gippsland.

For more information about the Word of Mouth Chorus, visit [facebook.com/wordofmouthchorus](https://facebook.com/wordofmouthchorus)

Federation University Arts Academy Director, Associate Professor Rick Chew said "Singing together is about social cohesion and wellbeing and as we continue to face the challenges of the global pandemic, we wanted to send out a powerful message of hope and optimism through this video.

I've always believed that the arts should be for everyone and through partnerships with AGL Loy Yang and Latrobe City Council, we can bring singers with a range of experience together to explore their voice and make new friends."

## Celebrating sixty years of marriage



Faye and Ron Bunn recently celebrated their sixtieth year of marriage with family at their home.

Ron was born in Bright and went from, as a child of a large family of siblings requiring him to sleep on the front porch, to becoming a mechanical engineer on

the Snowy River Hydro Scheme. He then moved to Yallourn Technical College as a teacher where he met his lovely wife to be Faye Whitmore who worked in the college office.

Their marriage followed sixty years ago adding three beautiful children to their

family- Kaye, Lynn and Kym.

They now have three grandchildren- Jarrod, Ashleigh and Emma.

The couple have been residents of Churchill for over fifty years and would be known to many including former pupils.

## Rotaract stands for "Rotary in Action"



Rotaract clubs bring together young people, ages 18 to 30 to swap and discuss ideas with community leaders, develop leadership and professional skills, while having fun through

service.

Throughout communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service.



# Storm damage in the park



## Mathison Park awash

The scheduled working bee for Saturday June 13 was cancelled due to the continuing heavy rain.

On inspection on the Sunday the destruction was enormous with many trees down, branches ripped off, the creek up nearly four metres, which emptied into the lake which overflowed on all sides, flowing over the Mackeys Road end under and over the road. The lake banks were strewn with debris washed down from the lake. The paths were

washed out in many places. Some the result of the small dam springing a big gushing leak in its wall. It was heart-breaking to see it and to know how much had to be done to restore the park to pre extreme weather event condition.

Many older locals said they had never seen anything like it in their lives. We are thankful that more damage was not done when we consider how much worse were the people who live up in the hills and outer places of the towns where

devastation was horrific. Our hearts go out to all those so badly affected.

The following week Steve initiated a small work party of Reg and Andy to repair some of the damage to the path on the east side.

The Gippsland Interchange crew came on the Thursday and they helped to clean up some of the debris which had been washed up along the lake sides. Thank you to the crew who worked so well and enthusiastically. It will take some time to clean up.

# Russell Northe

Well it's been a hectic few weeks with storms, floods and COVID all impacting various parts of the Latrobe Valley and Gippsland region. My thoughts, prayers and best wishes are sincerely with those who bore the brunt of recent storm and flood events and my gratitude and thanks are extended to all who responded to this emergency and to those who are now playing a role in recovery efforts.

Unfortunately in the Morwell electorate we have seen significant damage to homes, farms, businesses, sporting and community organisations. Vast amounts of trees and forested areas have been uprooted and this has subsequently caused carnage across our community including to dwellings, assets, roads, fences and wildlife. Another flooding of the Traralgon Creek, the Latrobe River and other catchments caused heartache for multiple local residents with many homes inundated with flood waters. A number of businesses, sporting clubs and community organisations also experienced flooding of their facilities, whilst some farmers sustained stock, feed and fence losses.

In the southern and northern parts of the Morwell electorate the sheer volume of tree damage is difficult to fathom. Some areas truly resemble a war zone with large trees ripped out of the ground and strewn across the landscape like toothpicks. Unfortunately the financial and emotional toll is real for many people,

some who have previously endured major bushfires and floods.

I have observed the tears, the frustration, the anger and the gratitude of those impacted. Knowing where to start and what task to do first is very hard when one surveys the mess before them. It is heart-warming to see neighbour helping neighbour and people just getting stuck in and doing their bit to help. We are blessed in our community to have so many people willing to give and help others in their time of need. It is pleasing to see some Government supports filter through, but the reality is we will need financial and emotional supports to be extended in the days, weeks and months ahead.

People were without essential services including power and telecommunications for days on end and some homes were and still are uninhabitable, as are a number of buildings. However in times of adversity our community really digs deep. It is humbling to observe the goodwill that exists, and I want to thank every single person and organisation



who has provided assistance thus far and who will help in recovery efforts. Remembering that much of this help has been rendered by volunteers and volunteer organisations.

Yallourn Power Station and its associated mines didn't escape the carnage with an emergency being declared after cracks appeared in the Morwell River diversion wall. The emergency allows Energy Australia to remediate the areas of concern which hopefully can be conducted safely and promptly until longer term solutions can be found. Whilst the station is operating at limited capacity there are no immediate concerns to energy security of supply in Victoria. In closing, I once again wish to express my gratitude and respect for all those persons and organisations who are helping others through what has been an awful time.



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## Churchill / Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

# Staying safe in wet weather conditions

With the wintery weather at large, we face a number of emergencies around the place that knock out our power, phones and the ability to get from point A to point B safely.

It is wise to have a few things ready in order to be safe.

For instance, keep a saw and other garden implements handy in case limbs fall off trees. If you are in an area that loses power on a regular basis, investing in a generator that can be used for lighting, cooking and charging your mobile phone is a worthwhile idea.

They can be set up and switched on very quickly. Keeping some emergency food and

drinks handy is a good idea until you get clearance to get into town to stock up on goods. Keep an eye out for your neighbours and make sure they are safe.

Download "Emergency Apps" on your mobile phone, like "VicEmergency" to see where the main emergency issues are, and "VicTraffic" to see what roads are closed due to trees being down and water blocking the road.

Remember, there is a good chance that a blocked road may have more things than the eye can see and not just water covering the road.

Stay safe and watch out for others in these difficult times.



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

# Counselling is about 'talking to someone who gets it'

The Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation's most recent data shows pokies losses across the Latrobe City have returned to, and in some months exceeded, pre-COVID-19 figures since the venues reopened in November 2020.

In December 2020, one month after the pokies reopened, pokies losses more than doubled in most

Gippsland Local Government Areas, including the Latrobe City. By January 2021, monthly expenditure was comparable to 2018-19 when the pokies venues were open for a full financial year. Refer to table.

Each year about 330,000 Victorian adults are harmed by their own gambling and another 300,000 are negatively affected by someone else's.

"Financial loss is the most obvious type of gambling harm, while other harms include feelings of anxiety or depression, relationship conflict, and diminished work or study performance," Paula Gibb,

Manager of Behavioural Health Programs at Latrobe



Community Health Service, said.

"People affected by gambling harm often experience stigma, with many saying they would rather admit to an alcohol or drug problem. But if they feel able to seek help, professional counselling, both financial and therapeutic, can lead to positive change."

Latrobe Community Health Service provides free and confidential Gambler's Help services across Gippsland. These services are available to residents of Churchill and surrounding areas.

Ms Gibb said clients often came into counselling believing they had run out of options, but Latrobe Community Health Service offered a safe place for people to open up, discuss problems and get support without judgement.

"There's nothing we can't talk about, as long as the client is comfortable. Counsellors are empathetic. We understand the plight of our clients and we work collaboratively with them to find solutions, help them regain control and start feeling better," Ms Gibb said.

"Recovery from a gambling addiction is achievable and counselling can offer relief and hope. Finding a new way to think about gambling often starts simply by talking to someone who gets it."

Anyone who is negatively affected by their own or someone else's gambling is encouraged to call

Latrobe Community Health Service on 1800 242 696 or the 24/7 Gambler's Helpline on 1800 858 858 for free, confidential advice, support and referral.

# St Matts Op Shop

Australian Book Week is coming up again in August and St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar is getting ready. If you like the challenge of making a Book Week costume from scratch, then we have plenty of fabric for you to choose from at bargain prices. In addition, St Matt's stocks a range of ready-made kids' costumes. We also gratefully accept donations of any outgrown costumes in good condition during our opening hours.

The 2021 Book Week theme is "Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds" and is scheduled for the week of August 21-27. St Matt's will be celebrating Book Week on Thursday August 26 with free books for children, and books for adults at the special price of 3 for \$1. Follow the "St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar" page on Facebook for the latest news and events.



# Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Tuesday, June 15 - Stableford. Winner - S Martinac (45) 44. DTL - L. Brent 32. NTP - 3rd V. Verheyen 5th L. Brent 12th M. McQuillen 14th M. Dear. Birdies - 3rd. V. Verheyen.

Saturday, June 19 - Stableford

A Grade - D.Byers (16) 35 C/B. B Grade - L. Walkins (24) 39. C Grade - M.Harvey (30) 38. DTL - R.Welsh 37, R.Harvey 37, R.Madigan 35, B.Barnes 35, J.Woodbridge 35, C.Waring 34 CB. B.Kilday 34 CB, A Mumun 34 CB. NTP - 3rd P.Smart, 5th A Mumun, 12th P.Jordan, 14th T.Lio.

Birdies - 3rd P.Smart, 12th C.Hogbin, and A Mumun.

Tuesday June 22 Stableford

Winner - L.Brent (24) 36. DTL - G.Barnes (27) 36. NTP - Ladies - 3rd S.Turner, 5th L.Brent, 12th M. Dear, 14th S.Martinac.

Saturday, 26 June. Monthly Medal

A Grade - A Quinn 12 83 net 71. B Grade - A AULD 18 88 NET 70 C/B. C Grade - M Harvey 28 96 NET 68. Medal Winner - M. Harvey 28 96 NET 68. Scratch Winner - A Quinn 83. DTL - J Woodbridge 70, B Kilday 72, T Lio 73, P McGann 73, A West W 74, C Hogbin 74, B Cleland 74, R King 74. Putts - P KEARNS 22. NTP - 3RD T Lio, 5TH P Smart 12, G Beyer, 14TH B Barnes. Birdies - 5TH P Smart, 12TH B Barnes, 14TH Mamun.

Tuesday, 29TH June - Stableford.

Winner - M Dear 13 29. DTL - V Reid 28 28 C/B. NTP - LADIES - 3RD C Stevens, 5TH M Dear, 12TH S Turner, 14TH M Dear. Birdies - C Stevens 3RD.



MONTH	2020 / 2021			2019 / 2020			2018 / 2019		
	Expenditure	No of Egms	No of Venues	Expenditure	No of Egms	No of Venues	Expenditure	No of Egms	No of Venues
JULY	\$ -	0	0	\$ 4,298,048	521	13	\$ 4,094,752	522	13
AUGUST	\$ -	0	0	\$ 4,522,038	520	13	\$ 4,172,400	522	13
SEPTEMBER	\$ -	0	0	\$ 3,924,133	522	13	\$ 3,889,953	521	13
OCTOBER	\$ -	0	0	\$ 4,018,488	521	13	\$ 3,816,900	522	13
NOVEMBER	\$ 1,556,066	522	13	\$ 3,976,506	521	13	\$ 4,035,488	522	13
DECEMBER	\$ 3,620,359	522	13	\$ 3,940,501	522	13	\$ 3,862,620	522	13
JANUARY	\$ 3,765,156	522	13	\$ 3,732,938	522	13	\$ 3,537,471	522	13
FEBRUARY	\$ 2,920,697	522	13	\$ 3,731,124	522	13	\$ 3,498,664	522	13
MARCH	\$ 4,100,557	522	13	\$ 2,439,001	522	13	\$ 3,869,449	521	13
APRIL	\$ 4,027,151	520	13	\$ -	0	0	\$ 3,584,686	522	13
MAY	\$ 3,701,876	521	13	\$ -	0	0	\$ 4,004,078	520	13
JUNE	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	0	0	\$ 3,688,141	522	13
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 23,691,862</b>			<b>\$ 34,582,777</b>			<b>\$ 46,054,600</b>		

Table shows Electronic Gaming Machine Expenditure: Latrobe City. Venues closed during snap lockdowns in February and May 2021. Data available from: <https://www.vcglr.vic.gov.au/resources/data-and-research/gambling-data/gaming-expenditure-local-area>



## WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND READ ON ...

### The importance of public relations

Let Churchill & District News help you. If you are a member of a sporting, community, or other group, it is important that you emphasise to your committee, the value of public relations through publicity. Publicity can involve letting the public know what your group does, where it meets (days/times) and the benefits of being a part of it. It can increase interest and promote it for new membership. It also lets the community know the variety of groups we have.

including special occasions and highlights with photographic coverage, is recommended. There are many new people moving into Churchill & District News distribution area, and we find that it is through reading the paper that new arrivals find out about the activities in the region and who to contact to join. We at Churchill & District News look forward to helping you promote your group in our well-read and esteemed monthly newspaper.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## CHURCHILL PRIMARY

### Werribee Zoo Excursion

It was an early start for everyone on Wednesday June 23, but so worth it. We had such a fabulous day at the Werribee Open Range Zoo!

Students were split into multi aged small groups and each group explored the zoo with one of our CPS staff members.

It was wonderful to hear from our staff members how lovely their groups were and how the older students were

such great role models and helpers with the younger students. These multi aged groups are an opportunity for all students to be themselves (away from their peers) and get to know and interact with different people. It's always so heart-warming to see how they rise to and accept these occasions.

Several times during the day we had members of the public and/or zoo staff comment about how

well-behaved our students were, something our whole school and our community can be proud about!

The highlight of the day for almost everyone were the Safari tours where we travelled in open aired buses down in amongst the animals and saw them up close in their own environments!

Thank you to all of our students for being on your best behaviours, to our staff

who are always willing to give up family time to provide these experiences for our students, and to our parents who were all ready and waiting to take their children home when we arrived back exhausted at the end of the long day.

### Prep enrolments 2022

A reminder to families that Prep enrolments for 2022 are now open. If you have a kinder aged child at home who will be ready to

go to school next year please phone the office on 03 5122 1343 to request an enrolment pack. School tours can also be arranged for parents wishing to come and see for themselves exactly what our school has to offer for their child's individual needs and learning journey.

Enrolment forms should be returned to the school office as soon as possible so that children can participate in our Ready, Set... PREP!

program. This program is designed to help kinder aged students make the transition to Primary School easily and helps relieve any fears they may have about going to school. They will begin to feel comfortable in the school surroundings and build a good rapport with staff and teachers. The program begins on Tuesday July 27, and runs every second week until the end of the year.



Photo 1 : Monkeying around at the Werribee Zoo were Maddie M, Masey W, Dustyn P, Aaliyah L, Nykiah S, Kaiden S, Ty M and Lamani W  
Photo 2: Harpa B, Kaiden M, Rhys E, Ruby G, Jasper S, Evie D, Isla G and Bryce K had a great day exploring the Werribee Zoo  
Photo 3: Mrs Burke, Elijah L, Logan S, Kai T, Marcus M, Dani J, Molly M, Cody M, Heidi M, Adrice H and Jack H all enjoyed their time at Werribee Zoo

# SCHOOL NEWS

## CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

Churchill North Primary School has enjoyed the remainder of Term 2 on site. With the relaxing of the COVID rules the seniors have even enjoyed an excursion to the Morwell Tech School. The students engaged in an experience in the ICT room during their visit. Also, at CNPS We have undertaken a new online Assembly which has been an

interesting learning curve for staff and children alike, with lots of waving and giggles to start with. It has been a sensational completion to Term 2 and all the teachers and staff at CNPS wish the students and families a very safe and happy, relaxing holiday. We look forward to a vibrant and rejuvenated student return in Term 3.

Top left and right On Line Assembly which has been an interesting learning curve.

Bottom left to right TAFE visits at Morwell technical College learning about IT



# Our Recovery



## Council pays tribute to storm and flood volunteers

Latrobe City Council is grateful to the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to assist the community as the City starts the long journey of recovery from the storm and flood event that devastated our municipality and greater Gippsland in June. From the emergency services who cleared roads to volunteers who are now assisting with restoring fencing and those individuals who helped when needed, Council says "thank you". Council continues to assist the community with assessments of damaged properties and the clearing and reinstatement of roads as we begin to transition to the early stages of recovery efforts. The following is information to help the community through this time.

### Scam alert

People affected by the flood and storm event in Latrobe City recently are being urged to watch for scammers. Council has heard reports of scammers contacting people affected by the floods and asking for personal information.

The scammers claimed to be from the former Department of Health and Human Services.

People can report suspected scammers to the Australian Government's Scamwatch website: [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

### Fodder for stock

The charity Need for Feed Australia is offering fodder to farmers. People wishing to receive fodder must register on both Need for Feed Australia's website - [www.needforfeed.org](http://www.needforfeed.org) (click on 'Apply for assistance' tab) - and with Council by phoning **1300 367 700**.

Need for Feed can deliver fodder to properties or arrange a drop-off point. If there are problems with access to the property, there may be availability in Yinnar for farmers to collect feed directly from the distribution point. Need for Feed Australia is a project of Lions Clubs of Australia.

### Help for farmers

AgVic has rolled out a new webpage that provides links to useful flood recovery information for farmers. Go to: [www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/floods/farm-recovery-after-flood](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/floods/farm-recovery-after-flood)

Farmers wanting to report agricultural damage or losses, or request assistance can phone **1800 226 226**.

### Virtual Information Centre

People affected by the recent storm and flood event can receive assistance from Council by phone or online.

Staff are able to help connect people with services and explain hardship payments that are available.

To access support you can reach out by phoning Council on **1300 367 700** or go to Latrobe City Council's dedicated website: [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/flood](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/flood)

### Contact Council

**Phone** Council's Call Centre **1300 367 700**.

**Email** Council via this dedicated email account: [flood2021@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:flood2021@latrobe.vic.gov.au)

For up-to-date information, go to: [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/flood](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/flood)

### Transfer stations

Transfer stations remain open to the community and are at:

**Moe, Haunted Hills Road**  
7 days per week, 12.30pm to 4.30pm

**Morwell, Porter's Road** (off Tramway Road)  
Monday to Friday, 8am to 2pm  
Saturday and Sunday, 9am to 2pm

**Traralgon, Liddiard Road**  
Monday to Friday, 11am to 5pm  
Saturday and Sunday, 12pm to 4.30pm

**Yinnar, Whitelaw's Track**  
Saturday and Sunday, 9.30am to 4.30pm

Residents of flood-affected properties can take damaged property and waste to a transfer station for free by providing their name, address and driver's licence details or case number.

### Firewood collection

Community members are reminded you are not permitted to collect storm damaged timber from roadsides. Not only does this pose a risk to your personal safety, but it also causes a traffic hazard and impacts the safety of workers. The removal of roadside timber is not permitted at this stage. Authorities will advise of potential wood collection sites when areas have been declared safe.

### How you can help

**Make a donation** to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund to provide flood-affected Gippslanders with immediate support. For further information, go to: [www.gerf.org.au](http://www.gerf.org.au)

**Donate goods** to flood-affected people. GIVIT, in partnership with the Victorian Government, is urging people to give goods by visiting [www.givit.org.au](http://www.givit.org.au)

### Mental health first aid

Do you need professional help after the flood and storm? People should contact services if they or someone they know is feeling overwhelmed, showing physical stress symptoms, finding that relationships are suffering, using more alcohol or drugs, being physically or verbally violent, or experiencing other significant changes in their behaviour.

For help, contact: Kids Helpline **1800 55 1800**, Beyond Blue **1800 512 348**, Parentline **13 22 89**, your regular GP or health centre, family and friends or Better Health Channel [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

If you are in an emergency, or at immediate risk of harm to yourself or others, phone emergency services on **000**.

### Financial and relief assistance available

#### Emergency Relief Payments

A one-off payment is available to help meet immediate needs. This payment is from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing. A needs assessment is carried out to determine eligibility. Payments are up to \$560 per adult and \$280 per child. Email: [EmergencyHardshipPayments@dffh.vic.gov.au](mailto:EmergencyHardshipPayments@dffh.vic.gov.au)

#### Emergency Re-establishment Assistance Payments

These payments from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing are available to households of limited financial means, whose principal place of residence (their home) is uninhabitable (damaged or destroyed) due to the storm and flood.

The purpose of these payments is to assist people in the community who do not have the financial means to re-establish their lives after a disaster.

The payments are income and insurance tested. The total maximum emergency re-establishment payment is \$42,250 per household. Email: [EmergencyHardshipPayments@dffh.vic.gov.au](mailto:EmergencyHardshipPayments@dffh.vic.gov.au)

#### Households - Prolonged Power Outage Payments

A Prolonged Power Outage Payment of \$1680 per week – for up to three weeks – will be extended to all eligible households (residential customers) without power as at Thursday 17 June.

The aim is to support residential customers dealing with prolonged power loss.

To apply, call Ausnet on **13 17 99** or go to [www.ausnetservices.com.au/Outages/Claims-And-Complaints/Prolonged-Power-Outage-Payment](http://www.ausnetservices.com.au/Outages/Claims-And-Complaints/Prolonged-Power-Outage-Payment)

#### Businesses - Prolonged Power Outage Payments

Disaster assistance is available for businesses that continue to be affected by prolonged power outages from the storm and flood of June.

Businesses with an annual payroll of less than \$10 million can apply for payments of \$2500 per week – for up to three weeks – if they were without power as of 12.01am Thursday 17 June 2021.

If eligible, they will then receive the payment each week, capped at three weeks.

To apply, call Ausnet on **13 17 99** or go to: [www.ausnetservices.com.au/About/News-Room/News-Room-2021/Disaster-Power-Outage-Payments-for-Businesses](http://www.ausnetservices.com.au/About/News-Room/News-Room-2021/Disaster-Power-Outage-Payments-for-Businesses)

#### Disaster Recovery Payment, Allowance

The Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP) and the Disaster Recovery Allowance (DRA) support those most impacted by the storms and flooding in Victoria.

The AGDRP is a one-off payment of \$1000 for eligible adults and \$400 for children, who have suffered significant loss, including a severely damaged or destroyed home. The DRA provides up to 13 weeks of income support to people whose income has been affected.

To apply, call Services Australia on **180 22 66**.

Services Australia's Disaster Assistance phone line is open 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm Saturday, and 9.30am to 1.30pm Sunday.

# SCHOOL NEWS

# KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

**Return to Remote Learning**  
 Once again students, staff and teachers proved their resilience and adaptability by returning to remote learning due to the recent COVID-19 lockdown 4.0. This is the fourth time in the last two years.

Students and staff did a remarkable job at once again, taking on the challenges that remote learning entails. Thankfully we were able to return to on campus after a short period and once again enjoy the benefits of face to face learning.

**Red Frogs talk for VCAL**  
 It was brilliant to be able to invite Red Frogs Australia to speak to our entire VCAL cohort.

Red Frogs Australia is an organisation that is designed to support, serve and safe guard young people in relation to making positive life choices.

The talk was an invaluable experience for students to inform them about how to safe guard themselves and their mates

in relation to partying safely. Risks that were discussed were in connection to alcohol, drugs, risk taking and mental health. Students were rewarded for participation in the discussion with a bag of red frog lollies, and as a result the discussion was lively and informative.

**International students**  
 Kurnai is an international school and as a result there are a number of students who attend our college virtually. We have students who participate in classes from as far away as Madagascar and China.

The dedication that these students show to their studies is remarkable especially considering the impact of time zones, with some students actually logging in for classes at 3 o'clock in the morning.

Recently Kurnai students participated in an on line Chinese Language assessment during which students from eight different countries participated. Other

international students reside within our local community, many living with local host parents.

Kurnai college is exceptionally proud of our international students many of whom have been unable to return to home countries since before the outbreak of COVID-19.

**Storm and Floods**  
 As an additional challenge for the term many staff and students were impacted by the recent floods and storms.

As a result of road closures and power outages the University campus was unable to open for the Friday. Many of our school community were directly impacted either through floods, storm damage and/or extended power outages.

As a result of the wild weather and the combination of remote learning the school community has definitely earned a well-deserved break.



# SCHOOL NEWS

# LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

## Catholic Primary School



1 Ava, Camryn, Ilah, Isabel, Edward, Abigal, Ethan and Cooper wearing their favourite beanie with their donated food items  
 2 Camryn, Cooper, Edward, Isabel, Ava and Ilah with Catherine Campbell from St Vincent De Paul Society in Churchill

**Bring a Can if you Can!**  
 Lumen Christi Primary School recently held a 'Bring a Can if You Can Day' for the St Vincent De Paul Society. They wore their favourite beanie to

school and brought along a food donation such as a can of food, for local people in need.

This year over 200 cans were collected which was a great effort for such a small



school.

Mrs Catherine Campbell from the local St Vincent De Paul Society of Churchill was very impressed by the efforts of the school. She said, "Lumen Christi

students are so generous and they like to donate as many cans as they can.

They really do help families in the area who really struggle. Every can is of value to our society".

As part of Catholic Social Teaching at the school, the children are reminded that they are spreading love and continuing the mission of Jesus by giving to the poor and spreading love into their

local community. Cooper from Year 6 said, "Mrs Campbell is like a saint for St Vincent De Paul and I love supporting her".

# Plants in my Garden



By Mike Beamish

Species: *Hakea elliptica*.

Family: Proteaceae.

Derivation:

*Hakea*: Named after Baron Christian Ludwig von Hake (pronounced 'hark', 1745-1818), a German patron of botany.

*elliptica*: From Greek *ellipticos*, meaning in the form of an ellipse, used botanically to imply acute, not rounded, ends and referring to the shape of the leaves.

Common Name: Oval-leaf Hakea.

Distribution: Common on the coastal granite headlands around Albany in WA and also further west

around Denmark.

Description: An erect shrub to 4m tall, with hairy branchlets and alternate, elliptical, glabrous green leaves to 100mm long and 55mm wide, displaying intricate venation. New leaves display a golden-bronze hue. Flower clusters about 25mm in diameter appear in the leaf axils over summer, consisting of crowded, creamy individuals about 1cm long. Thick, woody seed capsules to 35mm long follow, containing two winged seeds.

Opinion: My specimen has led a hazardous life – it is constantly under threat from Council arborists. That's

because it is planted on my western nature strip and is fairly close to the street corner on the north-west corner of the block. Although it is well outside (inside?) the limits imposed by Council/Government on vegetation close to the road, every time a tree-lopper drives past, they feel the need to stop and cut a bit more foliage off, usually on the underside, to "improve" the view of drivers exiting the side street. They do this without any reference to me, even though they sent me threatening letters when they decided a neighbouring plant needed to be removed for similar visibility reasons a couple

of years ago, and I needed to remove it or be fined if I didn't comply. That's what I like, consistency! Bottom line is neither of the plants needed such an approach.

My plant is now approaching its designated height of 4 metres, but I wouldn't be surprised if it keeps going. It is of an age now where it flowers pretty well every year, the flowers are nice enough, but it is not one of the 'spectacular' *Hakeas* in this regard. You would grow this one for its golden-bronze, rusty new foliage and the venation in the old foliage, which is a feature when backlit by the sun. I'm still trying to get

the perfect photograph of a leaf from this viewpoint. Like most *Hakeas*, the conspicuous woody fruits can make the plant look a bit untidy if they build up in numbers, but there is always the option of knocking them off when young or allowing them to mature for seed collecting. Unlike the nearby Willow-leaf *Hakea*, the black cockatoos have never browsed this tree, but I can't see why they wouldn't do so in future once they realise the seed is there. Propagation is easy from mature seed and there is no reason that cuttings wouldn't work as well, though I haven't had a need to try.

Sources: Elliot & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 5.

Wrigley & Fagg – Banksias, Waratahs & Grevilleas, etc.

Holliday – A Field Guide to Hakeas.

Sharr – WA Plant Names and their Meanings.

Online – FloraBase: Flora of WA.

The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group hosts monthly activities, excursions and/or meetings. Interested persons are welcome to join in, please contact Mike for more information. Email [mcandcjb@gmail.com](mailto:mcandcjb@gmail.com) or phone 0447 452 755.

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- ✓ Personal care

# CHURCHILL AND DISTRICT WEATHER EVENT + CLEAN UP



Dave Egan lives on Gilbert's Road and he kindly shared some of the impacts he and his neighbours in that area experienced.

Dave, like others much older, says that they have never seen an event like this before.

Folks woke up the next morning thinking that was a terrifying storm never imagining the devastation and destruction they would find.

One they will never forget. Electric fences were not working so cattle got out, trees were down across roads and in properties. One property had 200 trees down. Low lying power lines had been taken down with the trees were across the road. Were they still live? A scary situation.

Dave had heard that whole plantations had been flattened.

There was no power restored

in the area for seven days. Dave was fortunate to receive the loan of a generator, but others, not so fortunate, lost a lot of food from fridges and freezers. They were blocked off for two days.

Some now face dirty water in their water tanks. There is lots to think about following such an event.

A farmer on Middle Creek lost the bridge access to his farm.

This event has been a 'double whammy' for the folks in his area with the fires in 2019 and now this. Dave feels for the wildlife. The possums, gliders and koalas have lost so much of their habitat.

The Yinnar Yinnar South Landcare Group planted 4000 trees along Middle Creek after the fires. He imagines that most of

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them would be lost with the tree guards buried in loads of mud and debris and will need to be dug out. Heartbreaking!

But as with all emergencies, the locals were out in force pulling together, using their skills and equipment clearing the roads, checking in on neighbours and generally helping each other. It will however take a long time to bring the area back, but neighbours will help each other as they are a community in every sense of the word.

Cautioning sticky beaks, Dave emphatically pointed out that trees can still fall and roll. Roads are dangerous with many trees still along roads and in rain events roads will flood because drains are blocked because they are full of debris. Please stay away.

With so many trees down a lot of essential clearing up will be necessary as if they are left, they will create fuel for any future fire. The thought is that some is good timber and could be milled to be used, not just burnt or used as fire wood.

### Low lying areas

Many people in low lying areas such as Hazelwood Estate, experienced creeks overflowing and flooding their properties. Mud and debris covering large swaths of their property. Again this creates dangerous situations with trees in soggy soil possibly falling if more strong wind and rain comes.

Clearing out flooded sheds and homes is soul destroying work.

One of the concerning things which happened with the floods was the cutting off of Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra because of the necessary road closures. This meant many could not attend their work. Power outages in the Churchill area including the shopping centre impacted heavily with businesses closed, and food which had to be thrown out due to lack of power for refrigeration. This is another blow for Churchill as for the other smaller towns thus effected.

### Yinnar

Yinnar was cut off with flood waters and experienced power outages. Many trees down and much damage done. Latrobe City Council held a respite centre there. There will be further recovery efforts in all our council areas so badly affected by the weather. Need for Feed, hay delivery is happening again for the farmers who have lost pasture and hay supplies. The Blue Green Crew (VicPol 4WD Club) is coming again to help with home visits. Blaze Aid will be based at Yinnar Recreation Reserve to help restore broken and damaged fencing.

### Boolarra

Extreme weather event report  
Impact of the recent storm on Boolarra and district

With thousands of trees down and with much of the district without power for four days plus, and some spots for ten days plus, obviously it was a major event.

What caused it? Very heavy

rainfall (125ml in 24 hours at my neighbour's house, and +200 ml up in the hills) combined with winds in excess of 125 kmh from the south-east, which is a very unusual direction for this area. Typically, we get heavy rainfall, or strong winds; not the two together.

So why should we count our blessings?

No one has been seriously injured, although I have heard of a number of narrow escapes.

Property damage has been relatively light, given the conditions. A few houses have been damaged, and a number of sheds, and quite a lot of fencing destroyed. It could have been a lot worse. I do understand that the Waterwheel blueberry farm suffered very heavy damage, and some houses up at Budgeree were badly impacted.

A couple of very popular local spots, Foxes swimming hole, and Primrose Park, both on the Morwell River, have both been decimated, and the scars from the storm will be visible for many years to come.

Boolarra, like Churchill and Yinnar, was physically cut off from adjoining towns for most of Thursday. Fortunately, once the rain stopped the water levels subsided rapidly, and as usual the community rallied and quickly cleared major roads and helped out their neighbours. One thing an event like this does is bring out the very best in the community as people very quickly rally together to help each other out. This spirit was exemplified by the Budgeree community, still without power eight days after the event, getting together for the Budger-Tea morning tea at the community hall.

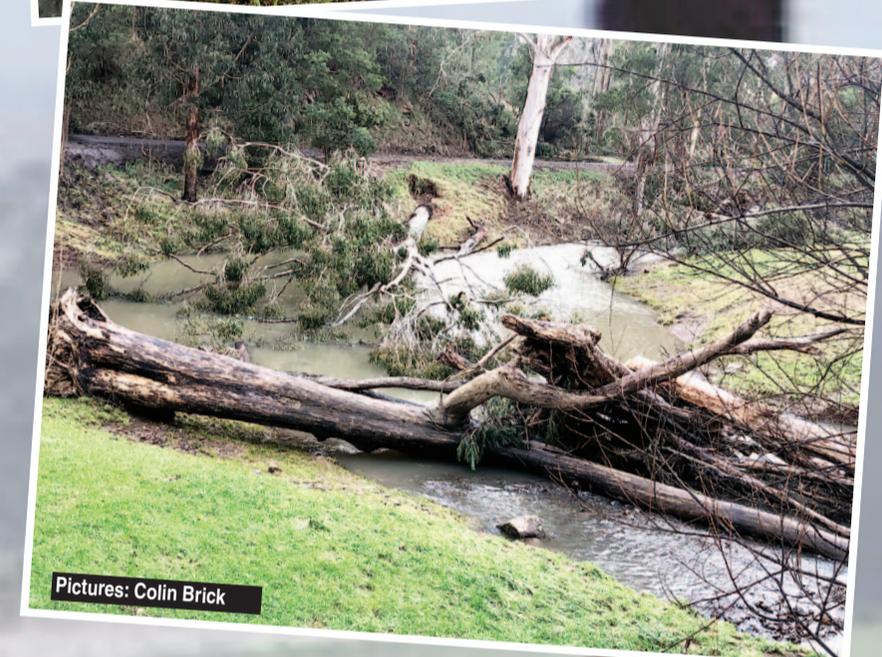
Budgeree and Yinnar South appear to have been the most heavily impacted, with the massive numbers of trees down impacting access to the areas, and severely hampering efforts to restore power.

A big thank you needs to go out to the external agencies who have quickly stepped up to help out. Councillor Melissa Ferguson has been instrumental in getting details of people who needed urgent assistance, and in arranging teams from the Blue Green Army to come and help people in desperate need. Latrobe City's disaster relief team has swung rapidly into action, and there is a range of financial assistance available from

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## Hancock Victoria Plantations

HVP manages 80,000 hectares of plantations of pine and eucalypt. The storm took out 400-500 hectares of eucalypt plantation through wind damage in the north west section incorporating Whitelaw's Track and Budgeree areas.

This is a very significant loss.

Over the two weeks leading up to June 24 the crews had been involved with recovery activities clearing plantations and other roads with other agencies.

More accurate operational details and assessment will follow as soon as possible.

The problems with the roads

in the areas is the concern.

HVP will make sure production and planting operations and making roads secure will continue in a safe manner for some time to come.

There is a fair amount of work to be done over the coming months.



Luke Potter starting the clean up

Landslide on Mr Potter's farm.



Trees destroyed along Prosper Valley Rd



groups such as GERF (Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund).

For many residents the greatest issue was the extended power outage and the associated loss of communications.

To me in some ways this is the most concerning aspect of the past couple of weeks. In a community such as Boolarra and district there are a whole range of emergency events that can impact on power and access. Once communications are lost, it makes the community doubly vulnerable.

As I mentioned earlier, we were very fortunate that no one was badly injured. However if anybody had been, they were on their own. The flooding, and worse, the road closures due to downed trees, made it impossible to transport them out, and the lack of communications made it impossible to notify agencies that may have been able to provide assistance.

My understanding is that this communications issue is due to our telecommunications tower and our phone exchange having a very limited back up power provided by batteries. This is clearly inadequate, and arrangements should be made for provision of back up generators to avoid this issue which will recur.

I apologise to any impacted residents if they feel I have minimised their suffering. I am a glass half full person, and while I am conscious of the damage caused, I am grateful that it wasn't a lot worse.

Colin Brick OAM

## Budgeree changed forever.

The landscape of Budgeree was changed forever the night of Wednesday June 9. After a day of heavy rain, the winds started. By 9:30pm trees were falling, being ripped, roots and all, out of the ground and others snapped in half. Ross Hall, who has lived all of his 93 years in Budgeree said "I've never seen anything like this. I didn't think something like this could happen." Mr Hall went on to say "It's difficult to describe the damage that has occurred. We have lost so many trees, many of them hundreds of years old, it's heartbreaking."

Thursday morning, after the storm, has been described by many Budgeree residents as traumatic. It was difficult for many to comprehend the magnitude of the damage. All roads were blocked by countless trees, fallen like a line of matchsticks as far as you could see. Fences were flattened and landslides pulled fences and pasture into the creeks and gullies. Fences and gates were buried with silt, mud and debris. Livestock were missing. Sheds were either

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flattened or had the roofs blown off. Machinery laid broken under trees.

Local resident Luke Potter said “The noise of the wind was frightening. It shook the house and you could hear the trees breaking”. Mr Potter was distressed as he cleared trees off the road for he found many native animals crushed in or under the trees. “This has been a major environmental disaster. So many big old trees have come down, the whole landscape has changed. It’s going to take years for the bush and farms to recover.” Mr Potter’s farm had significant damage from landslides. “Luckily we had moved our horses out of the paddock when the storm started as the whole back part of the paddock broke open, moved and slipped into the creek taking the fences with it. We won’t even be able to re-fence until the ground dries out and stabilises,” he said.

In true country spirit the Budgerie residents pulled out their chainsaws and tractors and started clearing the roads, knowing it could be days before any outside assistance could get in. With no power, landline phones, mobile phones, internet or TV no one really knew how wide spread the damage was or if any help was coming. Without power for nine days and no communications for four days including not being able to call 000 for the emergency services it was so isolating and frightening. It was lucky no one was hurt.

“Clearing the roads was a priority just so we could check on each other and get access to paddocks.” Local farmer, Matt Hall, said. “I couldn’t get to the other end of the farm to check on my cattle as the roads were completely blocked and I couldn’t walk as the creek was in flood. Budgerie received approximately 230ml of rain in a

few hours causing flash flooding across the paddocks, creeks and the Morwell River. Foxes Hole, a popular swimming spot, along the Morwell River in Budgerie peaked at 4.6 meters early Thursday morning. Whole trees were pulled from the ground by the force of the water and wind and were tossed around in the fast flowing current. The force of the water washed away the access stairs and destroyed the tree that held the rope swing.

As the cleanup starts many describe how tired they are and how overwhelmed they feel about the job ahead. As one tree is cut up and moved it is difficult to see any difference as there are so many more trees tangled together. Helping people through this difficult time is the Budger-tea program. Budger-tea is a weekly morning tea held at the Budgerie Hall. “The idea behind Budger-tea is to provide a space for our community to come together to reduce the feelings of isolation and loneliness,” said Budger-tea organiser Leanne Potter. “We started Budger-tea with a grant from Australia Post Grants in response to COVID lockdowns but it has never been as important as now. Even though we had no power Budger-tea went ahead knowing we had to give our community a chance to get together and share their stories and experiences.

We used a generator to boil the kettle and had a fire pit to stay warm,” said Mrs Potter. “We were all so pleased to just get together, share a cuppa and laugh. It renewed our spirits and gave us the strength to keep going.”

If you wish to help those so traumatically impacted you can make a donation to GERF Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund by bank transfer or by going to any NAB branch.



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