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## Local teacher becomes a Doctor of Philosophy



Local Churchill teacher of more than 30 years, Dr Heather Ernst, graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy on March 29 this year. After seven years of study with the support of family and friends, she completed her research degree in Mathematics Education.

As a teacher in local schools since 1988, Heather Ernst completed a Masters of Numeracy with the University of Melbourne, and then moved to teach Education at Federation University Australia in 2014.

While teaching pre-service teachers how to teach mathematics, both primary and secondary, she encourages teachers to make maths fun again, with activity-based lessons based on research. "Engagement,

participation, is not enough", explains Dr Ernst, "learning, concept development is also needed, with our teachers having knowledge of common issues and being able to explain mathematical concepts several different ways." Dr Ernst's research involved interviewing teachers and students to investigate how to improve the learning of secondary mathematics.

Teachers and students shared their helpful study routines, but also shared the factors which hamper their learning and highlighted lost opportunities.

While calculators, textbooks and online resources were found to be helpful, they were not used to full advantage. School rules

and conventions also hindered students from demonstrating the full range of skills.

The balance of student and teacher responsibility is also important.

Teachers are not just entertainers, students must also take responsibility for their learning, becoming active learners.

The research focused on the topic of Probability, a vital topic in our modern world, to enable us to understand the large amount of data presented daily, and we can weigh the chances and risks of our choices. For example, understanding the COVID data.

Another example is the more people understand the mathematics of gambling, the less they spend, as they realise the only

person who wins long term is the bookmaker.

Dr Ernst will use her research to continue to produce articles to support mathematics teachers worldwide, and also to inform her teaching at the university.

She is part of the Master of Specialist Teaching program, a new program at Federation University Australia to support out-of-field Mathematics teachers or teachers wanting to increase their specialisms.

Heather would like to thank Federation University Australia for their ongoing support and training.

She would also like to thank her family and friends, students and teachers for their time and encouragement.



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### ANZAC day

Communities across Latrobe City joined together on ANZAC Day, acknowledging those who served and continue to serve our country.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of the day, particularly those who volunteered their time to make the commemorations possible.

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### Daylight saving ends

When you turned your clocks back for the end of daylight saving last month did you remember to test your smoke alarm? When you test your smoke alarm, make sure the battery is no older than 12 months of age and if it is, replace it. All smoke alarms must be replaced every 10 years. If a smoke alarm is approaching 10 years old, order your replacements today! Remember: Only working smoke alarms save lives.

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### Fire brigade news

During April a grass and scrub fire at Hazelwood North was attended by CFA units from Hazelwood North, Traralgon West, and Churchill brigades and

### CHATTER



## Projects and Activities

Churchill & District Community Association is very active, despite decreasing membership over the years. We are quite proud of what we manage to achieve!

Our latest project, a picnic setting, has just been completed and, as an artwork, adds to the tally of public art in Churchill.

A former CDCA public art project, the mural in the Monash Way underpass, reached its "use-by" date and so we have been working with Council to have the underpass properly cleaned of many layers of peeling paint before any new paint is applied.

Another former CDCA project, the Service Memorial at the Town Plaza, has been on show for Churchill's ANZAC Day Service.

CDCA facilitated Churchill's inaugural ANZAC Day Service to coincide with Churchill's 50th Anniversary year. We are very pleased that Hazelwood Rotary and Morwell RSL have made this an annual event.

At our last meeting

in April, our committee discussed the idea of developing a project to install some historical signage around the township. While Churchill is not an old town, it certainly is of interest to both locals and visitors!

A lot of work would need to go in to scoping a project of this nature; funding has to be found, signage has to be historically accurate, permission has to be obtained to install signs in various locations. This is not a project that would be completed quickly!

On the other hand, some of our activities are done quick smart. An issue raised at the Thursday night meeting in April concerned a couple of shopping trolleys wedged in Eel Hole Creek behind the Skate Park. It was decided that the best course of action was for a couple of volunteers, equipped with a sturdy winch, to meet late the next day and pull them out. Job done!

Some projects just keep gathering momentum, like our recycling initiative, in partnership with the Neighbourhood Centre and Churchill News. It has been great to see all the plastic

milk bottle tops that are now being brought into the Hub foyer. Not to mention all the bread tags, aluminium foil, biros, printer cartridges and old x-ray films!

Our "Shop Local" program continues too, hopefully many readers attended the April Market Day and are planning to be there again at our August 27 event.

CDCA was sad to see Abigail Brown depart from Churchill's Neighbourhood Centre, Abigail had been an active and involved CDCA Committee member for several years. Her enthusiasm will be sorely missed. However, we were delighted to welcome the new Centre Manager, Nathan Brown, to our April meeting, along with Federation University Churchill Campus Manager, Leigh Kennedy.

Leigh had a brief chat to us about plans for celebrating the Campus' 50th Anniversary later this year. We were able to provide some feedback and further suggestions on a number of ideas being discussed for campus celebrations. For Nathan, it was more of a chance to sit back and listen

to some local residents and get further insight into this community of which he is now part.

It is very pleasing to announce that both Nathan and Leigh agreed to be co-opted onto the current CDCA Committee for the remainder of this term of office. Our AGM is held later in the year, planned for August, all being well, when a new committee will be elected.

Local residents are welcome to attend and observe our meetings or you can join CDCA by downloading a membership application form from our website: [cdca.org.au](http://cdca.org.au) - membership is free and there are no obligations although participation is encouraged.

CDCA meetings are held on the first Thursday of every second month. Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday June 2, 2022 in Studio 1, downstairs at the Churchill Town Hall (enter from Philip Parade).

You can contact us via our website [cdca.org.au](http://cdca.org.au) or our Facebook page. Search for Churchill District Community Association or you can write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

## Arc celebrates 40 years



showcase their skills and to reach this milestone is truly a remarkable achievement.

Congratulations to Arc, it is truly a wonderful testament to local artists and supporters."

The current exhibition is coming to an end but the next one, Interconnections focusing on Ceramics will run until May 30, and there will be a third, Gathered Threads, a textile exhibition from June 4 to July 3. All these are being funded from the grant.

Dijanne Cevala, Arc Gallery Coordinator and Yvette Atkins, Chair and curator of the current exhibition - Big Space, Large works, Celebrating 40 years of work by local artists. The work in this photo is Kabuto by Amanda Thompson.

**3-YEAR-OLD KINDER**  
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**Best Life**

The illustration shows a colorful 3D train with a cartoon face, decorated with flowers and a sun. A child wearing a hard hat and holding a blueprint stands next to a stack of wooden blocks. The background features a pink gradient and some bubbles.

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## New Outdoor Artwork for Churchill



Churchill & District Community Association (CDCA) has completed their latest project for the Churchill community.

A new picnic setting has been constructed and placed near the pathway that runs between McDonald Way and Northways Road, adjacent to the Eel Hole Creek Wetlands.

CDCA successfully applied for a grant from Latrobe City Council for this outdoor setting, and appreciate the support Council provides for community projects such as this.

Federation University owns this parcel of land and worked with CDCA to ensure that it was safely placed near the path, but well away from gum trees that may drop limbs.

Both Council and the University have supported CDCA efforts to enhance this area. A Memorial Seat (for local identity, Rob Whelan) was unveiled along the same pathway in March 2021.

The hardwood timber picnic setting was constructed at Churchill Men's Shed. Facilitator of the Men's Shed program, Theo Tewierik, oversaw the machining of the raw timber and construction of the very solid picnic setting.

Local builder and community volunteer, Jeff Kemp, organised the site – levelled the ground, poured the concrete slab, transported the picnic setting and firmly bolted it onto the slab.

CDCA is very grateful to local folk and community groups that are willing to help out.

The picnic setting has been painted by local Gunai artist, Ronald Edwards Pepper, who was also the artist engaged for CDCA's Memorial Seat project.

Ronald has spent many hours designing the artwork that now decorates the picnic setting. The original base coat can hardly be seen under the colourful and intricate paint work that now covers the setting.

It has been finished with a couple of coats of a clear timber lacquer that will hopefully preserve this outdoor art work for some time.

Ronald Edwards Pepper has become quite a well-known, award-winning indigenous artist, with gallery exhibits (including a recent exhibition at Federation Square in Melbourne) and a number of outdoor art projects at various locations around Latrobe City.

He describes his artwork as a mix of traditional and contemporary designs and techniques. Traditional line work, handprints and stars are often found in Ronald's art, but painted in bright contemporary colours.

Through his artwork, Ronald aims to showcase indigenous culture and connections to country that have existed since the dreamtime.

Painting the picnic setting, Ronald began with circles to represent the towns of Latrobe that now exist in his local Gunai country. The circles are joined by lines that represent the paths that indigenous people walked to traverse country.

Circles are also representing meeting places, for people to meet, sit and have a yarn. The hand prints on the table-top are similar to traditional hand prints found in rock art; still here for the next generations to see.

Flecks of paint appear on the picnic setting, looking like stars in the night sky, representing an important source of indigenous knowledge and lore.

Although much of the colour used in Ronald's artwork is not traditional, it reflects the wide array of gorgeous colours that are to be found in the natural landscapes, plants and animals of this beautiful and ancient land.



# St Matt's



With the end of autumn near, it's time to rug up with some winter woollies. St Matt's has warm scarves for \$1, winter coats priced between \$2 and \$5, and woollen beanies, gloves and cosy knitwear all of great quality at bargain prices. We also have a wonderful selection of fiction and nonfiction books for you to curl up with by the fireside. We also have a great range of recipe books for winter food inspiration, all at the bargain price of 50c each.

The next event on our calendar is our "Make me an

Offer" Sale in the first week of June. Who knows what bargains you might pick up! Do not forget our box of farmers' clothes which are all available free of charge.

St Matt's Op Shop is located on Main Street Yinnar in the Uniting Church building next to Smee's Garage. We are open on Mondays from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. For the latest news and sales, follow the "St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar" page on Facebook.

By Annelise Answerth

There wouldn't be many in the Churchill and Latrobe Valley region whose lives have not been touched by the wonderful Marion Answerth.

She spends so much of her time supporting the community through a range of local community groups and her unfailing commitment to the Lumen Christi parish.

Someone who has had

such an impact deserves a little shout out every now and again, especially when she reaches an important milestone such as an 80th birthday.

Marion was born on St Patrick's Day in 1942 to parents Nell and Charles Kilmartin.

She went on to marry Mike and have six children and is now a grandmother to fourteen grandchildren.

In March we gathered

to celebrate her birthday with family travelling from as far as Canberra to be there. The effort made by all shows just how special and important she is to each and every family member, especially us grandchildren who love our Nanny Maz.

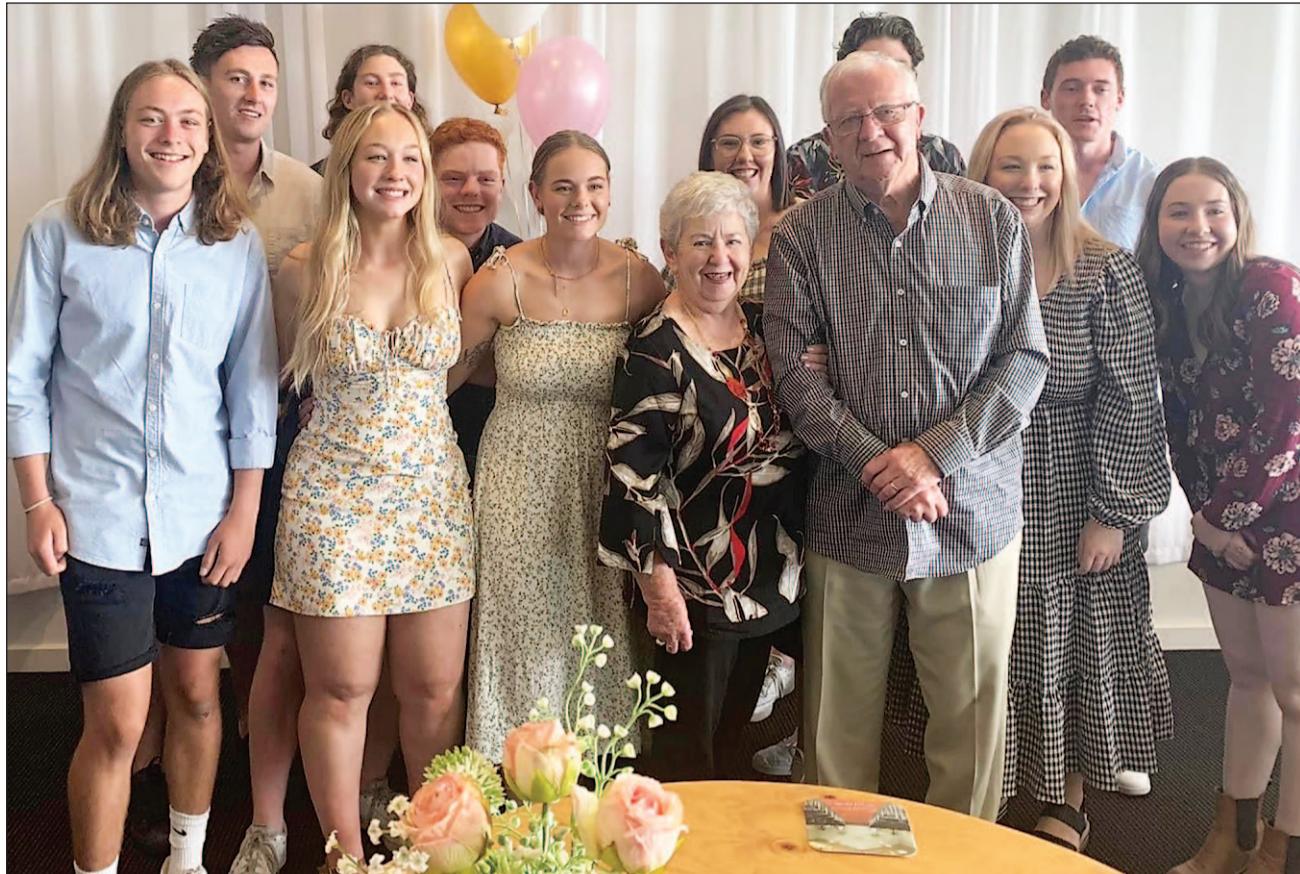
Throughout our lives we have had many visits with cheese and biscuits, play school and bananas in pyjamas or even watching

a movie and Nanny having an aptly named nanny nap. More importantly all of her special sayings or 'nannyisms' as we like to call them.

She has always been there for our special moments, sporting achievements, performances, graduations and more and the Answerth family is very lucky to call her ours.

Happy birthday.

# Marion's 80th





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## Chaplain



History is informative! I do not want to wash over the recent claims that some historical figures have not always done the right thing, just to focus on the fact that we have a lot to learn from others in history.

For instance, at the end of the Roman Empire and as the Middle Ages were beginning, what kept learning alive before the Renaissance? Before universities?

This troubled millennium saw people like Benedict of Nursia AD480-547 able to play a significant part in the sustaining of learning.

Monasteries, of course, existed before this time, but Benedict set a pattern of schooling within the monasteries which taught local children to read and write. He had libraries and 'scriptoriums' where all kinds of knowledge was carefully transmitted from generation to generation - resulting in the Benedictine monasteries remaining the intellectual centre of Europe for the next 600 years, and up to the time of universities.

As well as maintaining learning, Benedict's

management style stressed 'nothing harsh, nothing burdensome', which led to a structured working day of three eight-hour sections and brought in more stability, this is similar to what we have today!

As well as keeping learning alive and establishing a more structured working day, Benedict did much to prevent an institution like a monastery from dominating a person's life by advocating sensitive and gentle care.

We probably think monasteries were mainly about discipline, but in Benedict we also see someone establishing much of what we value in society today.

History is informative!

Worth thinking about!

At the beginning of March Boolarra Church hosted World Day of Prayer which was attended by both our parishioners and those from the Boolarra Catholic Church. This service is celebrated all over the world on the first Friday of March. The service program was prepared by the Women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the theme 'I know the plans I have for you' which asks us to rely on God in whatever circumstance, because He knows what we want for our life and we must trust in Him.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and was celebrated by our church for the first time in many years. It was a quiet reflective service. We were asked to open our hearts to the things that need cleansing in our lives, and be open to God's voice calling us back into peace, love and community.

May we remember that God created us from the dust, and to the dust we will one day return. The mark of ashes on our head reminds us of the griefs we carry, to seek justice, that God is love, even in the midst of difficult loss and pain.

Easter and Holy Week began on April 10 with George Telford as our service leader. It was Palm Sunday. An entertaining account of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem was told by a special donkey puppet which was in Jerusalem and saw and heard it all.

The following services were thoughtfully and specially prepared by our

## Snippets



part-time Support Minister Cathie Halliwell.

Tenebrae was celebrated at the Co-Operating Churches this year. Twenty-four parishioners from Lumen Christi and the Co-Operating Churches attended. In this service of shadows we accompany Jesus in his last hours.

We hear the cruelties and the suffering he endured, listen to the words of condemnation and ridicule even though innocent.

Jesus is the faithful servant of God, doing his Father's work; bringing the gospel of love, peace and hope.

We were invited to walk solemnly and attentively with Jesus, to know, to understand, to be his friend, his disciple and his witness and to reflect on how we should live our lives courageously to his glory.

Maundy Thursday is the service held before Good Friday. It is the time Jesus spent with his disciples, remembering the events of a particular evening: the preparation for the exodus from Egypt, remembering the food eaten hastily, the blood on the doorposts,

being dressed for a journey and awareness that God was about to do something that would change our lives and our children's lives forever, and the preparation for Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. It is the service in which we remember Jesus washing his disciples' feet as an example and of the institution of Holy Communion as Jesus blessed and shared the bread and wine representing his body and blood which would shortly be poured out; the betrayal by Judas; of the importance of prayer for direction and strength and finally the new commandment given by Jesus that we love one another as Jesus has loved us.

Good Friday Lumen Christi again joined us as did a member of the Churchill Christian Fellowship. The service retold the Bible story of Jesus' capture, desertion, trial, cruel treatment and death on a cross he was forced to carry up the hill, where he was further humiliated as he carried out God's wish that he Jesus, be the sacrifice which would atone for all peoples if they only believed in him.

The Witness Walk began

and finished outside the Co-Operating Churches. It proceeded to Lumen Christi, then the Post Office, Newsagency, Monash Way pedestrian crossing before returning to the church. On the way the Easter story was retold with singing and prayers led by various people. The wooden cross was carried on our journey and planted at the corner of the Co-Operating churches' property. Following the completion of the walk a cuppa and Hot Cross buns were served and a time of continuing fellowship was enjoyed.

Easter Sunday we arrived at church to see coloured streamers hung from the church rafter. There was a joyous welcome and happy feeling. The end of the suffering, doubt and disconnection was gone. It was a time for happy reunions, the wondering surprise that was in store for Jesus' friends as they heard the Good News that Jesus was alive and had defeated the world of darkness and sin, bringing his marvellous light into the world to be celebrated with hearty singing and praise.



## Church Times

### Churchill Christian Fellowship

Sunday: 3.00pm

Churchill Community Hall

7.30pm MidWeek

Bible Study/Fellowship

meeting

0409 173 747

### Lumen Christi Catholic Church

Williams Avenue, Churchill

Tel: 5134 2849

Fr James Fernandez

Saturday: Mass: 5.00pm

Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

1st and 3rd Sundays:

Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am

2nd and 4th Sundays:

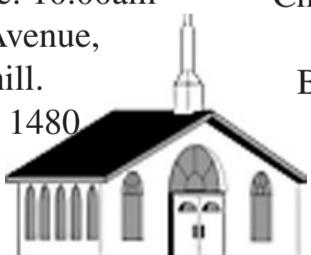
Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

### Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Sunday Service: 10.00am

Williams Avenue,  
Churchill.

Tel: 5122 1480



### Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish

Boolarra/Yinnar

1st Sunday  
10am

Christ Church Tarwin St.  
Boolarra

Williams Avenue, Churchill

Tel: 5134 2849

Fr James Fernandez

Saturday: Mass: 5.00pm

Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

1st and 3rd Sundays:

Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am

2nd and 4th Sundays:

Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am



## Spiritual reflection area for Lumen Christi

Lumen Christi Parish has developed a Spiritual Reflection area at the entrance to the Parish Centre, after consideration of several possible sites in the past.

The area, formerly occupied by scrubby vegetation, is located between the church and the school so can serve both areas.

Following clearing of the vegetation, the area was terraced with large rocks, three crosses were erected and the site landscaped with shrubs and ground covers.

The fourteen stations of the cross depicting the journey to Calvary undertaken by Jesus, are embedded into the rocks providing a visual story of the way of the cross.

The project was initiated by the Lumen Christi Parish Council and involved input from parishioners as well as some professional advice.

All work was undertaken through a series of working bees, by volunteers from the parish community, and also involved the landscaping of a matching area immediately in front of the Parish Centre.

Chair of the Parish Council, Russell Cheffers, said it was "a great team effort but we are particularly indebted to Steve Darling for his great work with the frontend loader in moving and locating large rocks and spreading the crushed rock.

Support was also provided by Michael Dyson acting as our Stone Mason by installing the 14 Stations of the Cross plaques.

Additionally planning for the Spiritual Reflection Area and active worker input was given by the Answerths, the VanEyks, Maria Northover, Helen Dyson and Marg McQuillan."

Eventually seating will be included with appropriate focused lighting, so that all can sit and reflect in quiet meditation.



## Churchill Christian Fellowship

At the time of writing, the restoration and repair work on the Hazelwood South hall is just getting started.

By the time this edition of Churchill & District News comes out, we expect to see some real progress.

We are all grateful that the lockdowns and restrictions prompted by the coronavirus have now been largely lifted.

It is great to be able to meet again face to face.

The concept of social distancing was an extraordinary trial for people who have been accustomed to a rich life of social interaction.

result of COVID19 has been the widespread investment in Internet technology.

Like so many other organisations, the Churchill Christian Fellowship resorted to Zoom meetings as an alternative to our normal meetings.

We have also significantly developed our website and online presence.

One fascinating outcome is that we never really know for sure who is attending our meetings.

People may be watching the live stream of our Sunday services or they may be watching it days, weeks or years later on our website or YouTube channel.

We certainly hope that

this is a blessing from God to all those who tune in, one way or another.

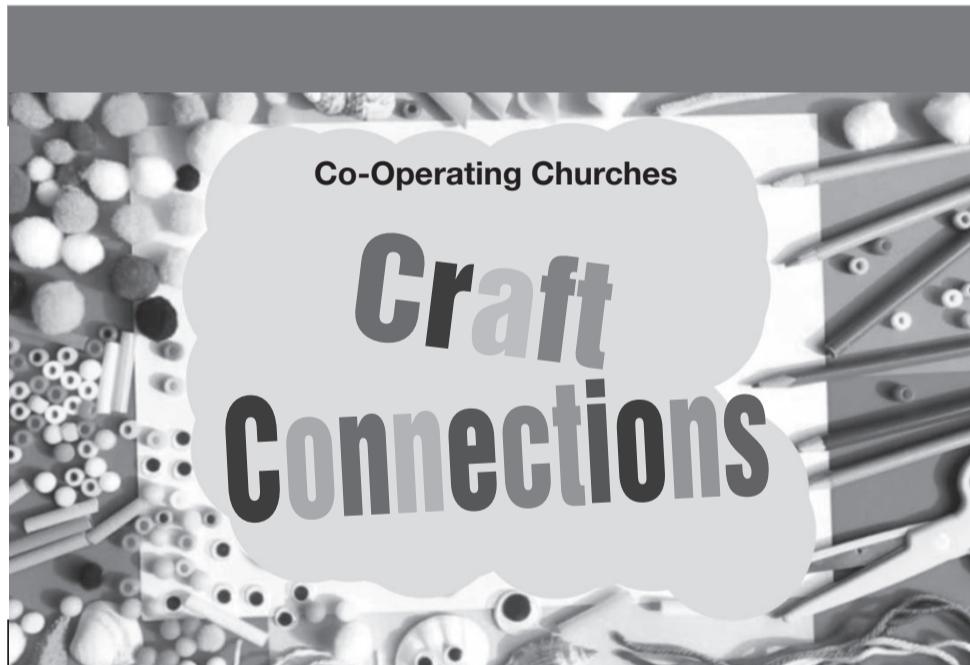
Churchill Christian Fellowship has been active in Churchill for almost 40 years.

Many people will remember that we were based for many years in Maple Crescent.

Our vision is "To be a servant church that will transform our community by transforming the lives of its people and families."

Perhaps transforming an old hall that has meant so much to so many people over the years will be a good start.

Find us online or call Steve on 0409 173 747.



**Glazed pumpkin dessert**

I love pumpkin. It is a versatile vegetable and so under rated.

Today I offer you pumpkin as a dessert. Preheat your oven to 160 deg C.

Slice 900gm of kent pumpkin into wedges, scoop out the seeds (set aside to dry to plant next season).

Spray an ovenproof dish. Now mix together 425 gm of muscovardo sugar with 1 dsp of mixed spice and rub the mixture over the pumpkin wedges, add 200ml of water to the dish.

Place a sheet of baking paper loosely over the pumpkin and bake for 30 minutes or until the pumpkin is tender.

Transfer the pumpkin wedges to your serving dishes, pour over the glaze and serve with dollops of mascarpone cheese.

**Spaghetti carbonara**

Why do we make preparing a meal so complicated?

This recipe does not need to be changed, it is easily prepared and simply delicious.

Cook 375 gm of pasta in salted boiling water until just tender. Drain, reserving 125ml (1/2 cup) of the cooking water.

Meanwhile cook 270 gm bacon in a pan with 1 tbs of oil over a medium heat, stirring until crispy.

In a separate bowl beat together 4 egg yolks and 3/4 cup (60 gm) of finely grated parmesan cheese.

Return the pasta to the bacon in the pan, add the egg and grated parmesan cheese along with 1/2 cup of reserved pasta water.

Stir over a medium heat till warmed through.

Scatter with a little grated parmesan.

**Chicken soup**

The Manor chicken soup, the first pot for the year.

I was unable to get chicken feet for the stock, so I had to settle on 1 kg of chicken wings plus 1 kg of chicken ribs.



I added the chicken wings to

a large saucepan along with 1 kg of packaged chicken stock and 2 litres of water.

Bring to the boil and simmer for 40 minutes.

While waiting, trim the chicken ribs of any skin and the central and joint bone, finely slice the rib meat with a sharp knife.

Remove the chicken wings to a colander to cool, add the trimmed and sliced rib meat to the stock and continue to simmer.

Remove the skin from the wings and the meat from the bones.

Add the meat to the stock.

Add 3 packets of dried chicken noodle mix.

Mix through to combine.

Add 300gm of fresh shredded carrot and 300gm of baby spinach leaf, keeping the mix to a simmer at all times.

Now add 2 tbs of minced garlic and stir through along with 1x 420 gm can of whole kernel corn including juice.

Add 1 small sweet potato peeled and cubed, as well as 1 medium potato washed and cubed, and finally 1 onion peeled and sliced into thin wedges.

Your dish of healing and filling is nearly done, add 3 rounds of dried fettuccine, randomly broken, stirred through with 1 extra packet of the dried chicken noodle mix.

Continue to simmer until your soup is thickened and the vegetables and pasta are tender.

Every year my recipe gets better.

Serve with buttered sourdough or bread of your choice.

**Salmon and dill potato patties with lime mayonnaise**

These are easily made, plus delicious.

# Cooking with Noelene

Cook 400 gm of new potatoes in boiling water until tender. Drain and cool.

In a separate bowl add 1 dsp of grated lime zest with 310 gm of whole egg mayonnaise.

Place the potatoes in a large bowl, mash roughly with the back of a spoon leaving large chunks.

Now stir in a drained 425 gm can of salmon.

Stir in 2 tbs of fresh dill and 2 spring onions finely sliced.

Now add a lightly beaten egg with the mayonnaise. Mix to combine.

Divide into eight palm sized portions. Coat the balls with breadcrumbs.

Heat 1/4 cup of rice bran oil in a pan and cook the patties each side until golden brown. Drain on paper towel.

Serve with a grain of your choice or a mixed leaf salad or even chips - it is your meal, enjoy it as you like.

**The Manor shakshuka**

Preheat your oven 180 deg C.

Spray your pan. Roughly chop and trim your choice of vegetables.

The choice is yours, I used carrot, broccoli, onion, asparagus, beans and cherry tomatoes.

Place the mixed, trimmed and chopped vegetables in your pan.

Sprinkle with a mix of dried onion and garlic and a light sprinkle of grated cheese.

Now randomly pour over

500ml of tomato pasatta. Crack 6 eggs randomly over the top.

In a separate bowl beat together 10 eggs with 300ml of cream along with 2 tbs of minced garlic, 1 tbs of dried dill, a sprinkle of chives and cracked pepper.

Gently pour over the mixture in the tray.

Top with 6 broccolini cherry cheese balls and a sprinkle of finely grated parmesan.

Bake in the oven for 1 hour.

**Chocolate almond balls**

These are the best almond balls I have ever made.

You will need to finely grate 250gm of plain chocolate.

Now place 150 gm of the grated chocolate in a bowl and spread the remaining chocolate evenly over a plate.

Add 55gm of finely chopped almonds to the chocolate bowl, then add 155gm of icing sugar, stir together to combine.

Now measure out 3 tbs of cream and add 1 tbs at a time to the mixture, until a firm mixture forms.

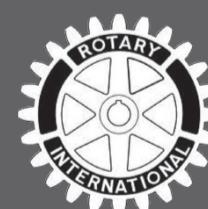
Take 1 tsp of heaped mixture at a time and roll into a ball.

Continue until you have used all the mixture, Roll the prepared balls in the grated chocolate on the plate to coat.

Serve each ball in a paper patty case.



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# FLASHBACK

**What's happening?**

Sunday school will be at both the Co-operating Church and at Churchill North Primary School during term.

The youth group and a youth Discipleship Group, Bible and Fellowship Groups also meet at the Church.

The Childrens' Clubs, the Co-op Club at Church, and Glendonald Estate Church Club meet at the Neighbourhood House.

Ladies Fellowship has both evening and daytime meetings.

Mens fellowship meetings are held monthly.

Eternity is the FM radio program produced by the Church for 3GCR-FM.

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**Charity Queen**

Congratulations to Debra Te Wierik who was runner-up to the Latrobe Valley Festival Queen and then later named Latrobe Valley Charity Queen for 1984 at the Festival Ball at Tower Gardens.

Her committee raised a grand total of \$2,000, the highest amount raised by any one girl.

She would like to say 'thank you' to the many Churchill businesses and residents that supported her in the Quest.

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**Churchill Roos news**

This Saturday against Warragul at Churchill Steve Sanders will play his 50th game, so this time players and supporters alike, make him feel like he has achieved something.

In this bone crunching day and age of football 50 or more games is not bad.

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**We are desperate**

As indicated in the last edition, Churchill

News needs the financial support from members of the Community to keep producing a 12 page issue each fortnight.

The paper currently costs around \$450 per edition to produce and print.

The team is looking forward to an even better season next round with some new recruits.

**Churchill Football Club Co-operative Ltd**

At the Co-op board meeting held in October the directors decided that the Community should be kept informed of the progress of the Administration and Social rooms for the football club.

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**Building progress**

Following a successful tender for the administration building from the Rosedale Chipboard Factory, a removalist was organised and the building was cut up into six pieces.

Subsequently the sections were transported and relocated on a section of land leased from the Morwell Shire on the Gaskin Park Reserve.

Working bees are to be arranged to initially, generally tidy up the inside and outside of the building.

Other working bees will be organised for the renovations.

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**Letter to the Editor**

This irate ratepayer thinks democracy means one vote, one value.

Central Riding which has Churchill and Yinnar has 5120 names on the voting roll, but South Riding has only 1575 names, less than one third the numbers than Central.

Put another way, there is 225% difference between the ridings, but each has three votes on Council.

Yours sincerely, Irate Ratepayer

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**Turning the sod**

An important ceremony

for the establishment of Churchill Post Primary School with guests Mr Barry Murphy MLA., for Gippsland Province, Mrs Joan Woodruff, President of the School Council, Val Callister member for Morwell, Mr Keith Hamilton, Regional Commissioner and Riding Councillor. Mr Don McLean, Regional Director of Education, symbolically turned the first sod for commencement of the school building.

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**Newsboy corner**

Thank you to Apex for taking a happy party of 29 newsboys and girls for a trip to Gippstown Folk Museum in December.

We had a lovely day for the trip, everyone enjoyed the ride on the bus together with seeing all the quaint houses and old fashioned cars and buggies, and all the train carriages that didn't look all that ancient because many of the Victorian Railways train carriages are just as old and run down.

The girls and boys also enjoyed their coca cola and packets of lollies supplied by Apex.

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**Project 11**

Project 11 comes in the shape of the first fund raising effort of the year.

It is an Aluminium Can Collecting Competition which will involve the whole school.

The aim is for each grade to collect as many aluminium cans as possible in the next six weeks.

The grade that collects most cans wins a free barbecue lunch.

As 60 cents is paid for every kilo, it is hoped to raise approximately \$500.

# Latrobe Valley's first electric bus

Latrobe Valley bus passengers will be able to board the region's first electric bus before the end of the year as part of the Victorian Government's \$20 million three-year Zero Emissions Bus Trial.

Latrobe Valley Bus Lines will introduce the first electric bus in 2022, which is expected to travel on nine existing bus routes across the Latrobe Valley.

Latrobe Valley Bus Lines already has solar panels and batteries installed at its Traralgon depot, with the amount of energy generated during the day calculated to be equivalent to the amount of energy the bus will need to recharge overnight.

The trial will see Latrobe Valley Bus Lines collaborate with bus manufacturers Volgren and Volvo Group Australia as well as energy providers Siemens and Mondo Power. Locally-based company RACV Solar

will give insights into how zero emissions buses can improve financial and environmental sustainability and customer outcomes.

Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll said "The first electric bus is expected to hit the streets of the Latrobe Valley before the end of the year providing passengers with more sustainable journeys.

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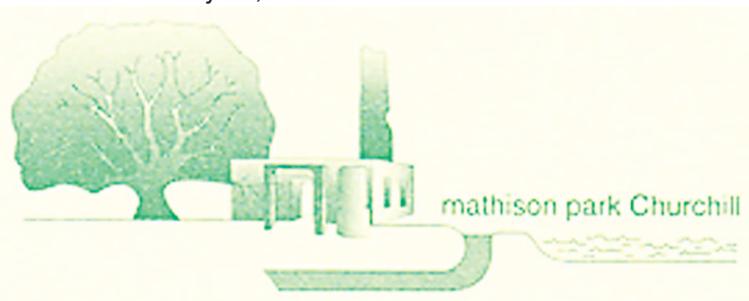
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Another big thank you to the Men's Shed of Churchill and the Men's Shed of Traralgon for making some new table/seat combinations for us at cost price. We are very grateful for their contributions to the park as will be our community who will use them.

The April Working Bee was a great success despite several usual volunteers being unable to attend due to other commitments. Cutting down the burnt trees produced some very black volunteers. One tree has been



left in the hope it will survive as replacements are very scarce to obtain.

Small willows growing around the large house dam

were cut and poisoned. More fallen limbs and other rubbish were cleaned up. Further fencing material was removed.

Our regular Gippsland Interchange crew have helped us to move a pile of fallen branches to a safe place and busily spread mulch dropped by Council and Tubby's Timber and Tree Services.

We have been fortunate to be able to have a walk through the park with the new Environmental Officer for Council, Ruth and her team member Karla to give us some advice re some areas of need. We thank them for their time.

Sixteen year old Churchill swimmer Kayla Wilson, swimming for the Traralgon Swimming Club, has had an amazing run of success over the past three months competing at local, regional, state and national level competitions.

Kayla, a very talented Multi Class paralympic swimmer, commenced her run of achievements at the Victorian Country Championships at Mildura in January, winning three gold and two silver medals from the five events in which she competed.

She then followed up in February at the local Gippsland Championships winning all four multi class events and moved on to the Victorian State Championships in March where she dominated her age group with ten gold medals.

Finally in the recent Australian Age Championships held in Adelaide, Kayla swimming for the first time at a National level, came home with one Gold, two Silver and one Bronze medal.

Traralgon Swimming Club Senior Head Coach, Brian Ford spoke highly of the up and coming star – “Kayla has been swimming with the Club now for over six years and due to circumstances is unable to attend all her required sessions with the Club, thereby having to regularly train on her own during the week at the Churchill Leisure Centre.

She is a very determined



young girl who is very resilient, self-sufficient and adaptable. She has so much upside to her improvement that a future in swimming at the Multi Class level could be a sustainable and long term journey for her as she works her way through the ranks of paralympic swimming.

Her recent results, even though fantastic, could just be the tip of the iceberg in relation to her future success in the sport.”

From her results Kayla has been selected to the Swimming Australia Para Olympic National Development Squad inviting her to three five day development camps over the next twelve months as the sport heads toward the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and 2026 Melbourne Commonwealth Games.

In the meantime Kayla will continue her training with the Traralgon Swimming Club hoping to follow in the footsteps of previous Club Olympic representatives, Emily Beecroft and Ruby Storm.

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# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



By Leo Billington  
**Two remarkable, often forgotten pioneers of Morwell**

About 57 years ago, a well-known local historian produced a list of names of Morwell's streets and whom these streets were named after. It was an exhaustive list, providing an invaluable foundation to understanding Morwell's early history and those pioneers who played significant roles in this.

Two examples are featured in this article.

Aherin Street, south side



of Morwell, a short street, perhaps best known as an entry to Morwell's football ground. It does not strike immediate recognition similar to Buckley Street, Latrobe Road, Hazelwood Road, Church Street, Hoyle Street and other long thoroughfares.

There was not much thought given to naming Commercial Road.

Mr C R Aherin arrived in Morwell about 1893. For 29 years, he was a bank manager at the Bank of Australasia, Morwell. He was widely admired, as bank

managers were in those days, playing a pivotal role shaping Morwell's early beginnings through to October 1923 when he, and his wife left town to live in Sandringham.

Mr Aherin does not rate any acknowledgement in a local Morwell municipality history which purports to "commemorate the centenary of the municipal district by telling the story of its' people and Council." Another, Morwell local history book, provides acknowledgement of C R.

Often referred to as C R, and his wife as Mrs Aherin in various contexts, showed the respect and courtesy accorded to this amazing community minded couple during those early years. To reconcile their contribution with a short street, virtually a cul-de-sac, is somewhat surprising.

During the early 1900's there were other bank managers all given similar community status, at the Colonial Bank, Mr Witt, and at the State Savings Bank, Mr A. C. Stranger.

Before leaving Morwell, Mr and Mrs Aherin occupied a bank owned residence in Berg Street.

After Sandringham, they moved to Launceston. Mrs Aherin's death was announced in the Morwell

Advertiser on May 9, 1935. She was remembered as a most "highly esteemed lady with a large circle of friends."

Such was their standing in Morwell, that when in April 1903, Mr and Mrs Aherin travelled overseas to "visit his native land" being Ireland, a week before departure, they were honoured with a municipal social gathering in the Morwell Mechanics Hall. The occasion was largely attended, speeches were made and received with acknowledgement, a toast

marvellous meal topped the proceedings.

Morwell Shire President, Councillor Samuel Vary presided over this grand occasion, presenting C R with a handsome gold watch and chain, adding that he trusted Mr Aherin would live long to wear and enjoy it. Upon the watch was a monogram and the following inscription : " Presented to Charles Rickard Aherin, Esq., by his friends and admirers in the Shire of Morwell, on the eve of his departure to his native



to the King was honoured, patriotism to the Empire was emphasised, songs were sung, music abounded, and a

land. Wishing him a pleasant voyage and a safe return."

The couple was only taking a holiday!

It is here C R becomes known as Charles Rickard. They did return to Morwell after their nine months away, much to the hopes and wishes of everyone in town.

Morwell wanted Charles Aherin back because of volunteer work alongside his wife, with the Morwell Mechanics Institute/Hall, Morwell Town Band, Red Cross, Morwell Rifle Club, Morwell Cricket Club, Bowling Club, Tennis Club, Morwell Horticultural Society, Mechanics Institute, the draughts tournament team, billiards, District Patriotic Committee, plantation of ornamental trees in the townships of Morwell and Yinnar, Morwell Golf Club, Morwell Football Club, Morwell Progress Association, Morwell Novelty Night Committee, Morwell Masonic Lodge. Also connected with establishing the Yinnar Cream and Butter Factory, the King's Coronation festivities celebrated in Morwell, Morwell National Federation Branch, he lobbied for a water supply into Morwell, and was most vocal for a new, first Fire Station eventually built in 1915 - 1916.

That early history of Morwell street names

skated over C R, not as an influential and municipal honoured bank manager alongside a massive record of volunteerism, but as "a name mentioned in some 1882 records."

Unfortunately, at this point space does not allow a full story about Mr Jeremiah Ryan, another amazing early pioneer of Morwell. As a starter to next time, Jeremiah was an entrepreneur; a distinct contrast to C R, yet both would have known each other quite well in the then small, close settlement of Morwell.

Jeremiah was born in Dublin, home town of C



R as well, in 1847. His journey to Morwell was via America, then New Zealand, eventually to New South Wales for eight months, Queensland for another three years and onward to Driffield, just south of Morwell.

*To be continued next month...*

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# Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish  
Species: Viola hederacea.  
Family: Violaceae.  
Derivation:  
Viola: The Latin/Roman name for the violet.

hederacea: Resembling the genus Hedera, the Latin name for ivy, referring to the shape of the leaves.

Common Name: Ivy-leaved Violet.

Distribution: In open forests from the inland foothills of the Great Dividing Range to the coast, in eastern NSW, southern Victoria, south-eastern SA and in Tasmania.

Description: A spreading, perennial herb that reproduces from seeds and creeping stolons (basal stems that grow just below the surface and put down roots and develop shoots at regular intervals). Leaves grow in clumps at the nodes and are broadly reniform (kidney-shaped) to semi-circular, up to 3cm long by 5cm wide, on stalks to 12cm long, with margins faintly toothed and a rounded apex. Flowers are usually violet and white, rarely pale violet or wholly white. They are terminal on erect scapes to 12cm long, less than 2cm wide, with 5 petals. Two petals open upwards like ears, two open laterally as wings (these are often hairy

at the base) and the lower petal is obovate and pouchy with a notch. Fruits are ovoid capsules to about 6mm around.

Opinion: According to the literature, there used to be a multitude of varieties and subspecies, but recent research has elevated all of these to specific rank, leaving V. hederacea on its own. Since my plants are derived from local seeds, I am pretty sure they are plain old Ivy-leavers! I have had them for years in pots and in a variety of positions throughout the garden, where I have tried to use them as a living, green mulch/groundcover.



and plant elsewhere.

However, they do not compete very well with real mulch or with too much overgrowth from the neighbours and tend to slowly die out. At the moment, the only place they are surviving in the ground is in amongst the only bed of exotics (roses, daffodils, dahlias, freesias, gladioli, dietes) that has escaped my patriotism (only through threat of physical harm), where they don't get crowded out. Pity they are not vigorous enough to oust their companions.

They are easy to grow from seed or from division, just separate one clump from the rest, preferably with some roots attached, and plant elsewhere.

The photo is of a lovely white form that we found at Billy Goat Bend campground in the Mitchell River National Park in October 2021, growing amongst a patch of normally-coloured flowers.

Sources: Elliot & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 9.

Online – Flora of Victoria.

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.



## Setting up your own personal art gallery

Art has always fascinated the human race. Whether it is to decorate a space or to make oneself more attractive or prominent, a dab of colour here, an ornament there or a flamboyant flower behind the ear will often do the trick.

Of course, some people are better at it than others and if you are like me and lack the ability but have the appreciation, you can always obtain the art from others. The price is always the limiting factor and this is where stamp collecting can be of great use.

Just about every country in the world has issued stamps showing the artwork of that country or works of art that are from somewhere else but are relevant to the topic, such as Christmas. The paintings come in all the different styles from primitive to modern.

We also value the art of children to the point where there is often an example stuck to the fridge by magnets, and the artwork of children has also transferred over to stamps.

Series of stamps have been issued showing paintings of landscapes, still life,

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portraits, nudes, religious art, indeed every subject that has ever been committed to canvas. With such a wide variety of subjects it is easy to set up an art gallery in a stamp album. You still need money for it, but it is only a tiny fraction of the cost of the original, or indeed the reproduction.

It is easy to get a collection of paintings by your favourite artist and display them on a page in your album and devote a page to each of your interests, be it Australian landscapes, Tintoretto views of Venice, portraits of famous or even infamous people, battle scenes, the majesty of sailing ships, the list goes on. It is only limited by your interest or your imagination.

The selection need not be limited to paintings. There are series of stamps showing the art of sculpture, the art of design, the art of textiles and weaving patterns, all can be used to decorate your art gallery.

Some artists have made the beauty of clouds their lifetime work and the collection based on just such a mundane thing can enhance your collection.



Indeed, whatever you see as beautiful, you can be sure that a set of stamps from somewhere shows it. Even the latest decoration fad, the tattoo, has been used as a topic.

So, you ask, how do you do it? Well, you can always Google it on the computer or get a stamp catalogue. Find what you want and go to a good comprehensive website of dealers such as [www.stampworld.com](http://www.stampworld.com) and away you go.

Australia has issued many stamps showing our artistic works, so you can start there. Don't forget those Christmas sets. There are a multitude of examples there of religious paintings.

Indeed it can be said that each stamp is in itself a work of art.

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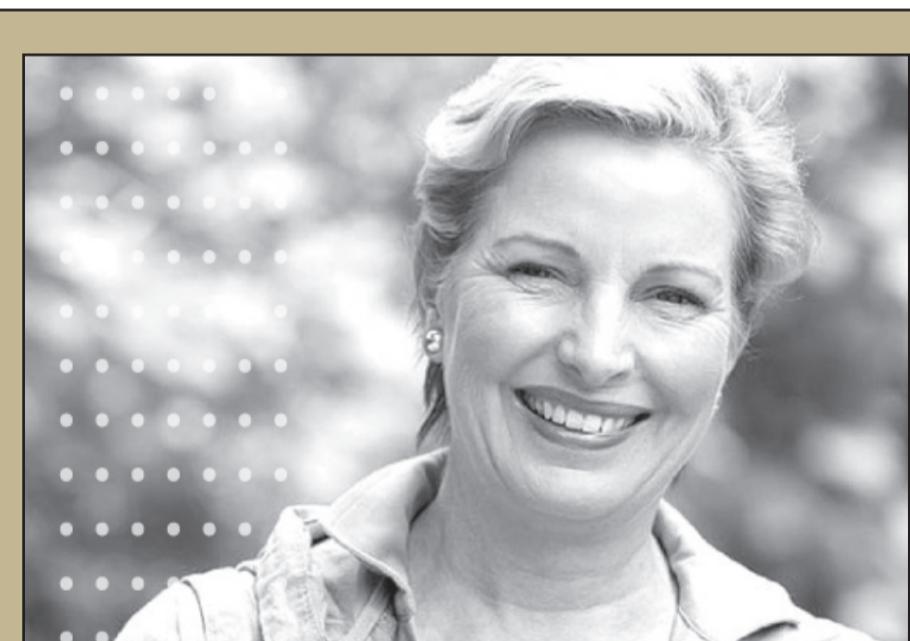
# Churchill State Firefighters Memorial Service 2022



The wreaths from the State Memorial Service have been laid at our Darren McLean memorial. Their beauty and the remembrance of the 80 fallen firefighters continued after the service.

Thanks to all the members who contributed their time to help with the arrivals, run reception smoothly, and took part in the ceremony including Darlene, Alanah and Steve for participating in

the service, laying a wreath or providing a reading.  
Above: Memorial flowers placed at Churchill's firefighter memorial and below, Barry McLean (father of Darren McLean) and firefighter Darlene Parkinson at the State Memorial at Federation University.



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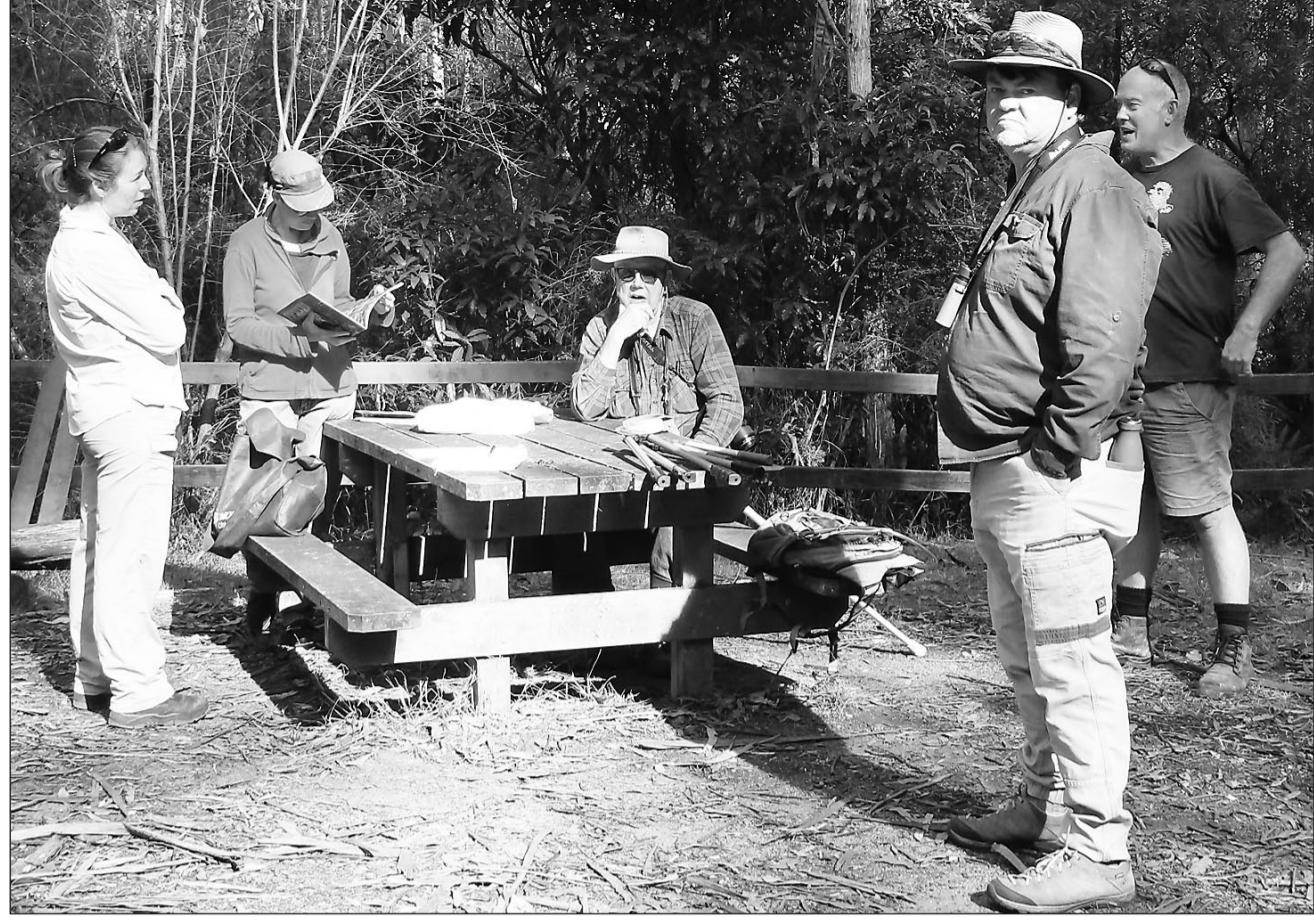
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# Friends of Morwell National Park



Over the school holidays, Parks Victoria ran a number of Junior Ranger activities for children aged 6-12. Matt led a group on April 14 to look at the role rangers play in fighting bushfires, and gain an insight to how fires are planned for and managed in our parks.

The group explored the adaptations of native flora and fauna to understand how the land recovers after a bush fire, while learning how to stay safe.

On April 22, the Wildlife Detective program taught the secrets of the bush. They tuned their senses to discover who is hiding out of sight, and use clues to find out who was in the park while no one was looking.

**April Activity Report**

For the activity we had Ken, Matt, Graeme, Rose,

Tamara, Gordon, Joelle and Darren. We had Caitlin join us for her first activity. We had apologies from Mike, Cathy and Jay.

The group met in the picnic area and found the car park full of cars. With the activity coinciding with Easter Sunday, there were lots of groups out walking in the park.

Over the last month Matt has done some work upon the broken pole mounted camera. He has been able to use solder to fix the connections into the camera so that now all components reliably connect to the camera. It will be great to have this camera available for future activities.

For the day's activity the group split to complete some track maintenance and collect further seed. Joelle

and Rose headed off to Billys Creek to seek kangaroo apples with ripe fruit. The rest of the group went off to the Stringybark Track to clear growth which was advancing upon the track. Graeme and Ken drove in while the rest walked in. The group focused upon the

beginning of the circuit and the return leg.

Near the toilet a koala was spotted by one of the groups of walkers.

When the group finished they returned to the picnic area for lunch. With other groups in the picnic area we chose to sit in a shady spot

on the grass. Joelle and Rose returned to join us for lunch.

After lunch most left and it was down to Graeme, Darren and Joelle to walk around Fosters Gully. Graeme and Darren did track clearing while Joelle continued looking for kangaroo apple fruit. Joelle

returned from Lindons Landing while Graeme and Darren completed the circuit. There is a tree down across the track near the end of Fosters Gully track and a chainsaw will be needed to remove it. You can step over the large pieces, until it can be dealt with later.

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# Churchill Bowls Club historical win!



By W. Brown

**WE DID IT!** The Churchill Bowls Club Division 5 side got up to win the Strzelecki regions 21/22 Grand Final at Traralgon on Saturday March 26, 2022. In a closely fought match against a much more experienced Morwell Club Churchill won by five shots.

This was a very satisfying and historic win for the Churchill Bowls Club having progressed from winning the Division 6 Grand Final in the 2019/20 season. This means that in just over three seasons we have moved up two divisions.

As a result of our win, the Churchill Division 5 team will compete in Division 4 next season. This historic win is an indication that our players are adapting and developing into a skilled and experienced combination. These assets will be essential

as the club will be competing in a higher division next year.

Not to be outdone our Churchill/Yinnar combined team which competes in Division 6, also had an excellent season finishing third on the ladder and playing their part in the finals campaign, lining up against the top of the ladder Newborough. Unfortunately

Newborough was too good on the day, thwarting any chance our Churchill/Yinnar team had in progressing any further with their finals campaign.

It is hoped our clubs' successes in recent years culminating in two grand final wins, will encourage local and district community members to support our club, by becoming members and being part of a club that is welcoming, inclusive, friendly and hospitable.

Lawn Bowls is renowned

for being a very social, and interactive sport which can be played by all age groups and different fitness levels all year round.

As a result of the club's finals successes the Churchill Bowls Club will be conducting a recruitment drive in the next couple of months to attract new members.

Any new, current or past players are cordially invited to be part of a friendly progressive welcoming inclusive club. Please contact Dianne on 0407 182 967, Bill on 0444 539 922 or peruse our website churchillbowlsclub.bowls.com.

The club also conducts a very popular social Indoor Bowls night every Thursday commencing at 7pm to around 9.30pm, all welcome. Tea and coffee provided. Cost is \$5.00.

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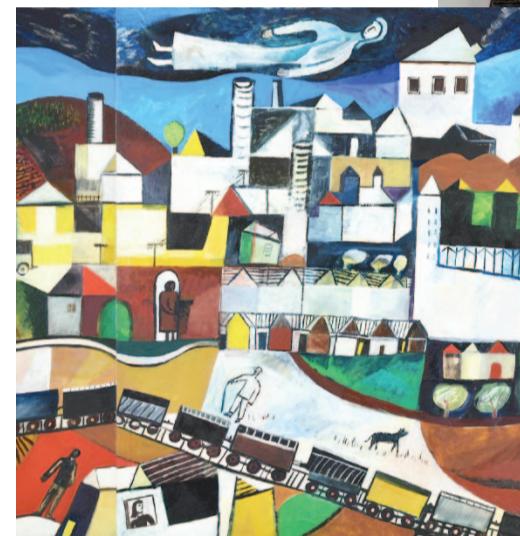
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that was gifted to the LRG Collection by Engie in 2020.

Shown in a gallery context for the first time, this unique work is a starting point to consider a range of perspectives on land, industry and our community.



Dean Smith, Dark Mountain, 2022, Stoneware, metallic glaze, palladium leaf applied, 68 x 36 x 32 cm, Courtesy Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne



Jill Noble, 'The Journey', 1990, Oil on linen, 167 x 412 cm, Latrobe Regional Gallery Collection, Donation from the Bank of Melbourne Regional Art Collection through the Taxation Incentives for the Arts Scheme, 1997 (Detail).



David Burrows, Fata Morgana 19 + 613, 2021, Composite digital image, Dimensions variable, Courtesy of the artist (Detail)



Jenardi Arkadi Zabenko, Hazelwood Power Station, 30 years of service, 1994, Acrylic on board, 2.6 x 8.4 metres, Donated by Engie Hazelwood Power Station and Mine, 2020 (Detail)



#### Field of Visions

Mira Gojak, Cutting through the vast plain of day 2.59pm, 2018, Archival pigment print construction, 103 x 83 x 6 cm, Courtesy the artist and Murray White Room, Melbourne (Detail)

# Book Review

## The Good Pilot Peter Woodhouse

by Alexander McCall Smith 2017.

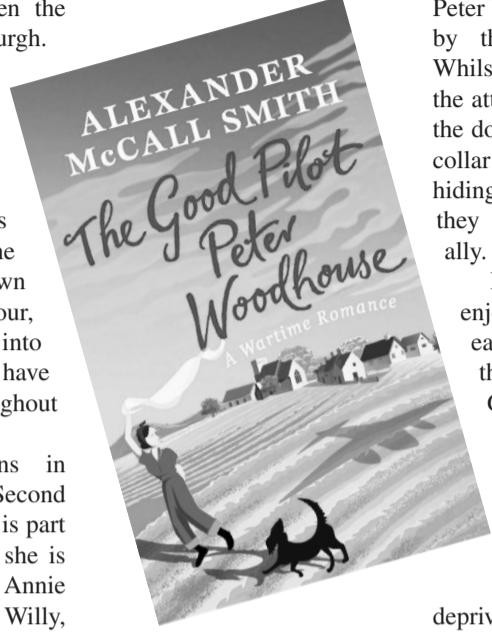
Alexander McCall Smith was born in Bulawayo in 1948 and educated at the Christian Brothers College Bulawayo then the University of Edinburgh. He is a prolific writer and his works include The No 1 Ladies Detective Agency Series, The Isabel Dalhousie Series and many stand-alone works. His books, known for their gentle humour, have been translated into many languages and have been best-sellers throughout the world.

This story begins in England during the Second World War. Val Elliott is part of the land army and she is living with her aunt Annie and a distant relative, Willy, who is a little simple. Val works for Archie who is kind and generous sending home eggs from his farm, quite a luxury when rations are so meagre.

It is when she is sent to deliver eggs to the American Air Force Base that she meets Mike, a pilot, and a relationship develops. One of the benefits to the family is that Mike is able to give them extra rations such as tinned peaches. The

relationship becomes serious, and with it the constant worry for Val when Mike is sent on missions over Europe.

Willy is also part of the land army but the farmer he works for, Ted



Butters has a reputation for being aggressive and cruel. When he mistreats one of his dogs, Willy brings the dog home and stops working for him. Ted Butters accuses Willy of theft and the local policeman is sent to investigate. The dog, named Peter Woodhouse is then taken to the Air Force Base where he will be safe. He becomes their mascot and seems to enjoy accompanying Mike

on his flights.

As Val's relationship progresses she discovers she is pregnant and at the same time Mike is reported as missing. His plane is brought down over Holland and he and his co-pilot as well as Peter Woodhouse are rescued by the Dutch Resistance. Whilst the men are hidden in the attic of one of the houses the dog is discovered and his collar gives away the secret hiding place. It is then that they discover a surprising ally.

Everyone in our group enjoyed this book. It was easy to read and with the exception of the German Commander and Ted Butters all of the characters were likeable, decent and compassionate human beings. The

story highlighted the deprivation and hardship brought about by war, but also the stoicism with which people carried on, regardless of which side they were on.

Whilst Peter Woodhouse was not the main character in the story, he was the link that joined all of the characters together. The ending was a little far-fetched and Val's partnering with Willy was a bit opportunistic, but it was a 'feel good' story, particularly welcome at the moment.

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

## What burglars want most from your home

### Cash

The old adage 'cash is king' still rings true when it comes to what burglars want to steal from Victorian homes. "Cash is the single most stolen item in burglaries, largely because of its liquidity and lack of traceability".

### Car keys

Around 10,000 cars were stolen across Victoria in the year-ending June 2021, with more than half of all cars stolen from driveways, garages or carports using the owners' set of keys - which are often easily found in the home. Cars are the single most valuable item people own.

### Jewellery

Jewellery is one item thieves look for because it's small, easy to grab and can quickly be turned into cash. Ensuring your precious jewellery is either out of sight in a locked dresser drawer, or secured in a safe, can go a long way in preventing its theft.

### Laptops and tablets

Portable tech items such as laptops and tablets that are light, easy to carry and

quick to resell on online marketplaces are in vogue with burglars, compared to larger and heavier items like desktop computers that were highly sought-after in the past. Subscribing to contents insurance is one of the best solutions for dealing with the risk of burglary.

### Passports

Passports are another, albeit less common item, that are burgled from homes. "Passports allow the offender to create a false identity that can be used to commit fraud". Try keeping your passport locked away in a drawer or safe.

### Mobile phones

Often left on kitchen bench tops, dining tables, bedside tables and other easy-to-see places from windows, mobile phones are easy items to steal and sell on online marketplaces. A 'find my phone' app installed on your mobile phone might help you track it down via GPS in the event it is stolen.

*Stay safe and make sure your house is secure.*



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# Australia Day Awards



## 2022 Young citizen of the year Ms Bridie Bryne

At 17 years of age Bridie Bryne is an exceptional young woman who embodies community spirit and is an excellent role model for her peers and local youth.

Bridie was selected from thousands of students around the state to be awarded the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Award Scholarship from the University of Melbourne.

This offers a head start in attending university lectures and events as Bridie aims to secure a place at Melbourne University following high school studies.

Selection criteria for this scholarship included academic achievements, leadership experience and other qualities displayed within the local community, including her efforts as a Morwell and Traralgon Girl Guide over the past decade.

Leaders, parents and her peers describe Bridie as inspirational, confident, kind, helpful and a positive influence on younger members.

Bridie is training to become a Leader of Youth to step into a senior role at the age of 18 to help the next generation of guides.

Through Girl Guides and her membership of the Kurnai College leadership council, she has been involved in planning and participation of fundraising activities for the local CFA, Cancer Council, Ronald McDonald House and Wear it Purple Day for LGBTQIA+ awareness.

**LCC Award Winner – Community Service of the Year Category**  
**Mrs Patricia Cox**

Pat Cox has been a volunteer at the Morwell Returned Services League

Auxiliary for 29 years selling badges for ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day and Vietnam Veterans' Day.

She has been involved in all aspects of fundraising with the Auxiliary over the years, including selling raffle tickets on Friday nights, Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, Christmas, Easter, various other functions and attending fashion parades, morning teas and cent auctions.

Pat served the Auxiliary as Senior Vice President for a number of years and as President from 1996 to 2006, receiving a Certificate of Appreciation, Silver Star, and Auxiliary Life Membership in recognition along the way.

She has held the permit for Auxiliary bingo on a Monday afternoon for many years and Tuesday night for three years.

**Mr and Mrs Matt and Merrin Dennis**

Matt and Merrin Dennis kept the Yinnar and District community connected during the first year of the pandemic by organising a host of initiatives, often at their own expense.

Through their former business - the Yinnar General Store they created and hosted a 'Swap & Share Pantry' food and book exchange for the community, which grew to include children's activities and essential items which became hard to come by during the pandemic.

During the Easter in Yinnar event in 2020, Merrin volunteered to design the poster and colouring competition sheets through her entertainment and design business 'Make Merriness'. She also ran the social media marketing, assisted with the arrival of the Easter Bunny on a fire truck and dressed as a fairy to entertain the children.

When schools and playgrounds were closed they also organised a local community teddy bear hunt around the town to give children something positive to look forward to on their daily walk.

Concerned about the elderly residents in the town, they sourced and put together 'Corona Care Packs' with food and essential supplies such as masks and sanitiser to deliver to local elderly and vulnerable residents, as well as offering a free food and essentials bank within the General Store.

During this time whilst running the General Store they were also caring for their son Milo (4) who helped to put together the care packs and Merrin was pregnant with their second child, Maple who was born in September that year.

Whilst juggling a new baby during the Christmas in Yinnar event in 2020, Merrin made and hand painted three large cut out photo board displays in the front of the store so that families could have their photos taken as Santa, his reindeer and other fun characters as well as doing balloon twisting to entertain the children.

Through the local Facebook group which they created during the bushfires, 'Yinnar & District Notice Board', they encouraged the community to support each other, share helpful information and spread positivity during the pandemic.

In 2021 they were awarded the "Yinnar & District Exceptional Citizenship Award" for the outstanding contribution to the welfare and community spirit of Yinnar and District residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.



# Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington

## How people are remembered and forgotten

The gravestone or headstone and its place in a cemetery is generally the starting point to researching a family history. It is often a start to learning of the life of ancestors and hopefully leads to the more important lessons and experiences they really wanted us to find and know.

Grave markers, memorials and headstones are often used interchangeably to describe any type of marker placed at the head of a grave to memorialise someone who has passed.

In previous editorials in this community newspaper, reference has been made to unmarked graves, particularly at the Hazelwood Cemetery.

While identification and documentation of unmarked graves is ongoing at the cemetery, this editorial aims to illustrate what headstones are actually trying to say.

For instance, Grace Donaldson died on January 1, 1881. Grace is buried with her parents, Annie and David Donaldson. A popular, well-mannered and likeable girl, Grace's father was a storekeeper in Morwell.

Her headstone says, "Died 1st January 1881; in her nineteenth year."

The Gippsland Mercury reported that "a sad accident occurred at Morwell on New Year's Day, Miss Grace Donaldson, a young lady twenty years of age, daughter of Mr Donaldson, storekeeper,

having her neck broken by a fall off a horse. Death was instantaneous."

Flight Sergeant Donald McDonald was the son of Amy and Angus McDonald. Born in Morwell in August 1913, Donald enlisted in the RAAF on March 28, 1941.

Early in December 1943, Donald was listed in RAAF records as "missing, believed killed; air operations." He left a wife – Margaret McDonald and two daughters, Jill and Pat.

Nowadays, official RAAF records read "Died: Air Operations (No. 8 Squadron Beaufort aircraft A9-262), New Britain PNG, 4 December 1943, Aged 30 Years." His body was never recovered from wreckage lost in the sea. Donald is memorialised at the Rabaul Memorial Cemetery New Guinea.

Mrs Emily Radburn, wife of former Morwell Shire Councillor, James Radburn from Gunyah, is interred in an unmarked grave. Emily died on April 21, 1913. James died on April 17, 1940 and is buried in the Leongatha Cemetery.

The reason for Emily and James being separated is largely unknown and possibly reflects a curious family decision about which we will never know. What is known is Emily was aged 55 years, bore six children (two sons and four daughters), and came to Australia with James from Coventry, England in 1886.

James had an infamous career in the Victorian Police Force being stationed at Port



Melbourne, then Bairnsdale and finally at Outram in South Gippsland. He took up land at Ryton/Gunyah in about 1906.

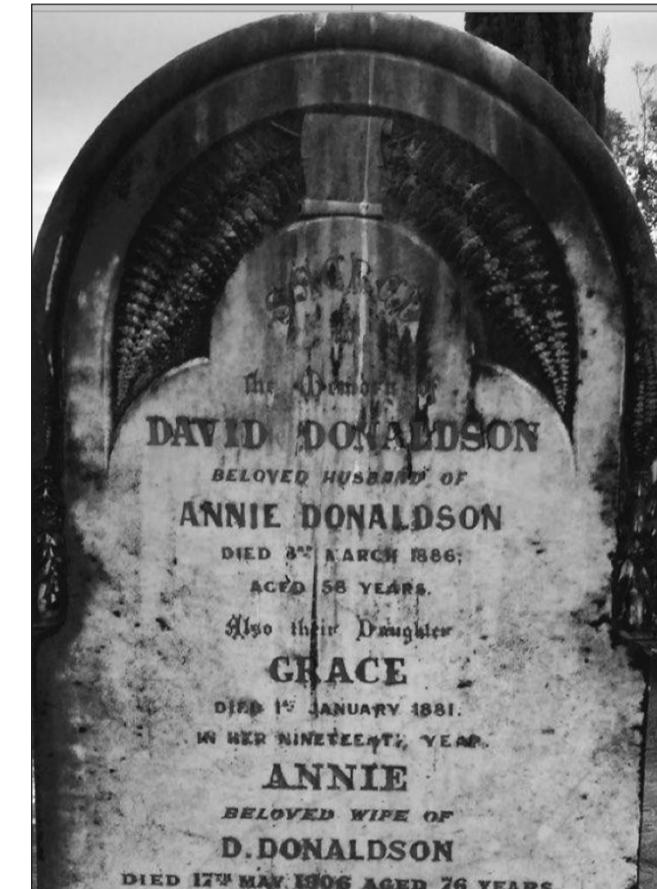
Emily's unmarked grave tells nothing about her, yet life in the Ryton/Gunyah hill country was tough. It was so tough that rabbits, ragwort and blackberries basically "told" humans to get out and go elsewhere.

Alfred William Ronald passed away on November 17, 1987. The Ronald family plot at Hazelwood Cemetery contains eight burials – all named. Alf, as he was known, will be remembered for various reasons – as a Morwell Shire Councillor for 32 years (including being President in 1949 1950), a proud

member of the Australian Light Horse Brigade, and was a regular at ANZAC Day services. He was the owner of a Rolls Royce in which it was said he carted sheep when necessary, owner of land immediately south of Morwell and an easily recognisable Morwell citizen with his trademark head of thick white hair.

More to the point, his headstone gives some history about Alf, which has encouraged others to find and learn more.

Finally, there are headstones that create a level of curiosity about who is interred. A name or two may indicate a married couple are "buried here" – however it could be a guess. There are some headstones



indicating who is buried in a family plot, yet cemetery records record more names than those shown. Also, there are large family plots

with grandiose headstones containing burials listed in cemetery records as "unmarked."

vaccination as well (if you haven't already). There are lots of appointments available for Pfizer, Moderna and Astra Zeneca, and it's an

easy way to safeguard your own health and the health of those you love as we head into winter.

## Harriet Shing

and veterans' organisations which worked so hard to organise services and events over a number of days. It was particularly poignant after the last couple of years to come together for the dawn and morning services, and to see that our communities' commitment to respecting, recognising, and supporting our veterans and their families is stronger than ever.

One of the best announcements for our region was the news that Gippsland will be hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games as one of four regional hubs and an athletes' village to be based here in the Latrobe Valley region as well. We have already announced that the Rugby Sevens event will be taking place at the Morwell Stadium, and I'm looking forward to further works to get this venue (and others) match-fit for 2026!

Health Minister Martin Foley and I recently participated in the formal opening of the Traralgon Youth Rehab Centre. This facility has been providing specialised care to young

people with alcohol and drug dependencies since December, and is part of a \$52.1 million investment to build more rehabilitation facilities in regional Victoria, and more than double the number of residential rehabilitation beds across the State. Facilities like this are also helping us to meet the recommendations of the Mental Health Royal Commission, including partnering with new and existing mental health support services and upgrading regional hospitals such as the Latrobe Regional Hospital, which is well into construction as part of \$217 million investment to improve access to general and specialist care closer to home.

Housing Minister Richard Wynne and I have also been visiting sites of our one-, two- and three-bedroom public and social housing across the region, which are being built within communities to enable residents to easily access schools, transport, services and shops. As part of our \$1.25 billion public housing

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There have been a lot of pretty wonderful things happening across the Valley this month, and it has been a real pleasure to be welcoming Ministers and getting out and about, listening to locals' views and priorities, and to connect with people about our ongoing work to secure funding, resources and assistance for this region.

This year's ANZAC Day services were incredibly moving, and it was great to see everyone - young and old - coming together in remembrance of those who gave everything, and the many returned servicemen and women who deserve our ongoing respect and support.

Special thanks to the many RSL Sub-Branche

# Russell Northe MP



I trust everyone is doing their best to stay warm as we lead up to the cooler months ahead. I reflect on the past month and state how privileged I was to attend a number of ANZAC Day services on April 25 in the towns of Tyers, Traralgon, Morwell and of course Churchill. To be able to speak at the Churchill service was a real honour and it was wonderful to see so many people make the time to attend and pay their respects to those who have made monumental sacrifices, including the supreme sacrifice so that we are able to enjoy our freedoms, liberties and democracy. Don George from the Morwell RSL Sub-Branch delivered a wonderful speech as did Christine Johnson and Doris Paton in giving the perspective of our First Nations Veterans. Peter Townsend articulated brilliantly the moving words of the ANZAC Requiem.

Councillor Melissa Ferguson assisted with the introductions of our Churchill and District school leaders who also talked about what ANZAC Day means to them. So to student leaders from Kurnai College

Churchill campus, Churchill North Primary School, Churchill Primary School and Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School I say well done and congratulations for participating in the Churchill service. From my perspective it is so important that our younger generation is included in ANZAC Day events as ultimately they are the ones to whom the baton will be passed to ensure the sacrifices of our ANZACs and those who have served our country are never forgotten.

A massive thank you goes to Hazelwood Rotary, Churchill Lions, Morwell RSL, Co-Operating Churches of Churchill, Latrobe Brass Band, St Johns Ambulance, Churchill & District News, Peter from Ampworks, the Latrobe Valley Aero Club and any others who contributed to the Churchill ANZAC Day service. It really was a brilliant event. To cap off a great morning a beautiful egg and bacon sandwich was on offer and subsequently devoured with vigour. Thank you to all for a wonderful day.

Talking of ANZAC Day events I ran into a young Churchill resident

*See page 10 for more.*

Kayla Wilson at one of the services during the day, as she was fulfilling her role as a Latrobe City Council Youth Councillor. Being a Youth Councillor is not the only activity that Kayla has pursued with passion. Kayla is a member of the Traralgon Swimming Club and she recently attended the 2022 Australian Age Swim Championships in Adelaide which is a great achievement in itself. Even beyond that not only did Kayla compete in 11 events, but she went on to win one Gold, two Silver and one Bronze medal at the championships! What an incredible feat! Subsequently Kayla was selected to join the Australian Junior Development team and has been training with the group in Queensland. Kayla's achievements are testament to the dedication, commitment and passion she has for her swimming and I know her family, friends, team-mates and the wider community are proud of her successes. You have been a tremendous representative of our community Kayla and we wish you all the very best with your swimming and other pursuits into the future.

*See page 10 for more.*

## Probus Club of Morwell & District



Are you over 50 years old and looking for a fun time to fill your days? Then you are looking for us.

The Morwell & District Probus Club is seeking new members. To be eligible you must be over 60 years of age and no longer working full time.

We also use trains as we are retired, so a trip to say Melbourne is cost free at least twice a year, and reduced costs at other times.

We go on trips to a variety of places and events,

generally by coach with a local bus line.

We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 10am in the RSL clubrooms, Elgin Street Morwell, so come and meet our friendly team. The first part of the meeting is a general meeting

with the second part being for guest speakers from local business, professional or citizens who work in other areas.

We go out to lunch on the fourth Thursday of the month. We go out to morning tea on the third Thursday of the month.

At other times we go on tour to local and different areas of our world.

Call our Membership director, Val, on 0429 947 237 or Club President, Reg, on 0427 353 887

## Latrobe Community Health Service



Director Catherine Simmonds OAM hosts the Wonthaggi discussion panel with three of the film's participants and colleague Irene Metter. Image courtesy of Bass Coast Council.

Migrants and refugees share hopes for greener pastures in Gippsland

A short film that shares the trauma, hope, courage and resilience of Gippsland's multicultural community is hoped to change the experience for migrants and refugees settling in the region.

With funding from the Victorian State Government, Latrobe Community Health Service partnered with production company StoryIsConnection to produce 'Greener Pastures'.

"When we initially planned 'Greener Pastures', our aim was to start important and challenging conversations around racism and inclusion, and welcome those from multicultural backgrounds into the Gippsland community," said Goshu Tefera, LCHS Multicultural Strategic Partnerships Coordinator.

By doing this we hope to create a welcoming environment for migrants and refugees, where they feel comfortable making new friends, trying new things and accessing services within their community."

Renowned arts director Catherine Simmonds OAM

produced 'Greener Pastures' by engaging with migrants and refugees who attend LCHS-led multicultural friendship groups in Wonthaggi and Warragul.

The film premiered during Cultural Diversity Week 2022 with four screenings at Gippsland's premier performing arts centres, including at Latrobe City's newly-opened Gippsland Performing Arts Centre.

Attendees heard from those who featured in the film during a panel discussion led by the director.

"The discussion panel at each screening provided an opportunity for those in attendance to ask questions and learn a little bit more about what it's like to come

to a new country and not have a support network around you," said Dr Tefera.

"Many people said they didn't realise the impact a simple "hello" could have on someone who is settling into a new area."

The aim is for 'Greener Pastures' to become a tool local health services, councils and other service providers use to educate their staff and the broader community about inclusive practices.

LCHS is looking at how it can leverage the film and the conversations it creates to bring more multicultural professional development opportunities, and other training sessions, to Gippsland.

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## Churchill & District Lions Club



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# Changes to Aged Care program

Councils' services will undergo significant changes across Latrobe City with Council set to transfer the Aged Care and Home and Community Care Program for Younger People services to new providers in July 2022.

In July 2019, Latrobe City Council endorsed exiting the Aged Care and Services sector in July 2022 following major Federal Government reforms to the sector, including home based aged care.

Latrobe City will be among the last Gippsland councils to exit service delivery after working with the Federal and State Governments to identify new providers.

Council is confident the new providers will offer the same level of quality care and staffing support as currently experienced.

There are also potential employment opportunities for existing staff with the new service providers.

The Federal Government has selected Benetas as the new provider of Aged Care services within the Commonwealth Home Support Programme

for people aged over 65 for the Latrobe City and Baw Baw Shires from July 1, 2022. Benetas is a not-for-profit agency and part of the Anglican Aged Care Group.

Council has been advised by the State Government that Uniting Vic. Tas has been appointed as the new provider of Home and Community Care Program for Younger People. Uniting is a community service organisation operating across Victoria and Tasmania, and is locally known as Uniting Gippsland.

Council is working with both Benetas and Uniting Gippsland to ensure effective transition of services for Commonwealth Home Support Program clients and Home and Community Care Program for Young People clients by June 30, 2022.

We understand and acknowledge that these changes will result in a period of uncertainty for our clients, their families and carers, along with our staff and volunteers, who are valued members of our Aged and Community Care

Services teams.

Residents who currently receive Aged and Community Care services do not need to do anything. Individual clients will be directly notified before any changes occur and Council will work with clients to ensure they are supported with any transition arrangements.

Council values the contribution of all members of our community and will continue to invest in services that meet and support the needs of older community members.

Council will work with the community and key partners to ascertain Council's future role, in line with our Council Plan, Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan and Positive Ageing Strategy.

In the coming month, Council will host a series of discussion groups enabling members of the community to have their say about what is important to them to ensure Latrobe City remains age and disability-friendly.

To attend a discussion group, bookings can be made at: <https://ageingwell-latrobe.eventbrite.com.au/>

## ULAB construction timeline becomes public

The state government has released a timeline for the Chunxing Corporation's Used Lead Acid Battery (ULAB) project. This has understandably triggered community concern about lead emission monitoring.

Documents indicate construction of the ULAB smelter will begin in December 2022, with commissioning for September 2023.

Addressing community concerns in state parliament I called on the Government to fund and install real time air monitoring for lead emissions as it is important for residents of Hazelwood North, Churchill, Yinnar, Traralgon, Morwell to have access to air quality data.

If this project is to continue, residents need full transparency on their air quality at any given moment.

Locals require assurance that the ULAB facility will operate to the highest environmental standards and their health and wellbeing will not be compromised.

Latrobe Valley's air monitoring system, the Latrobe Valley Information Network (LVIN) is not designed to monitor lead emissions.

Real time lead monitoring will help residents to make decisions on their daily activities depending on lead readings and prevailing weather conditions.

## Regional Roads in the spotlight

Constituents often raise the issue of the poor state of regional roads – common themes include potholes, uneven surfaces, crumbling edges and roadside maintenance.

A particular frustration of many is the rapid failure of maintenance repairs.

A new three-month campaign to Vote for Victoria's Worst Road has recently been launched. The campaign is asking motorists to submit first-hand condition reports via an online portal to list the most dangerous roads.

Through this process, Victorians will have an

# Melina Bath

opportunity to send a priority list to the state's Roads Minister.

I firmly believe properly maintained roads are safe roads.

Many local roads I regularly receive complaints about include Hazelwood Road, Strzelecki Highway, Brown Coal Mine Road, Traralgon Maffra Road and Glengarry West Road – all of which are major arterials that connect our country towns.

To submit a road to the list, visit the online portal at [Vicsworstroad.vote](http://Vicsworstroad.vote)

## Advocating for more mental health supports for our young people

Recently in state parliament, I advocated for additional youth mental health support services in Latrobe Valley.

It is imperative funding is provided for youth mental health.

The surge in mental health emergencies for young people and a lack of critical support has been in focus after local families shared their frustrations with me about the lack of youth mental health support.

Gippsland has only two youth mental health beds available at Latrobe Regional Hospital. This has left families with a difficult choice when their children have required urgent intervention and psychological care.

Families seeking assistance have been forced to decide between a youth mental health bed in Melbourne or an adult bed locally.

Latrobe Valley youth deserve a bright future and a pathway to good mental health through a responsive mental health system.



## Delburn Wind Farm

During the April sitting of Parliament, I called on the Minister for Planning to halt the planning permit process for the Delburn Wind Farm until he has met with the Strzelecki Community Alliance.

There is a community of approximately 6000 residents who live within five kilometres of the proposed wind turbines.

The Strzelecki Community Alliance is an incorporated entity of over 1000 community members who either live or hold property in the areas of Yinnar, Boolarra and Hernes Oak, and they oppose the development, citing several concerns.

Community members are concerned the facility is being proposed in a densely populated area, over a pine plantation with a history of devastation from fires.

There is concern about the inadequacy around the fighting of bushfires, noting a submission from the CFA states that the project which contains 33 turbines, is likely to be impacted at some stage by uncontrollable landscape bushfires. Other issues go to noise infringements, impact on property valuation, proximity to public roads and the visual amenity on the landscape.

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## Where We Live

### Naming Confusion

Sometimes the names of streets and places in Churchill cause confusion. Originally the immediate district was known as Eel Hole Creek, from 1904 Hazelwood South, from 1998 the locality of Churchill. The locality was defined by the Latrobe Shire by its maps of the localities within the Shire.

Northways Road as Lawless Road and simultaneously, Switchback East Road was renamed Northways Road.

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Northways Road

When the present Northways Road was named by the City of Morwell, it was queried in Council the appropriateness of the name, as the road ran roughly west to east. The original Northways Road was a straight road running west to east. However, Councillors considered that the naming of Northways Road was appropriate as the naming of the road honoured the pioneering Northway family.

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West Place, like Northways Road, is not a directional name. West

Place is the name of the original and also the new shopping centre of the town of Churchill and is not west of anything. It is also the name of a redundant street, a current street and the courtyard in the old shopping centre. West as in West Place was Walter Williams West, a local State parliamentarian. One of his daughters was Evelyn Maude West known as Eva West, hence Eva West Circle at Monash University Gippsland Campus.

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# Churchill Lions Club



It has been a busy month for the Churchill Lions Club, starting with District schools' sports day, this year being organised by Lumen Christi Catholic School. The annual sports day was held at the Yinnar recreational reserve after a COVID hiatus. The Lions Club was there to support the schools by running a sausage sizzle, with the money raised from the sausage sizzle going back to the organising school. The sports day was well attended by parents and lots of grandparents. No sooner were the first lot of sausages cooked, they were gone. As the children started finishing their events and had worked up an appetite, up they came and kept on coming. Group after group were keeping the Lions' crew busy right up to the end of the day. It was a great day, plenty of smiling faces and the sausages went down a treat.

Our Lions District Ride for Sight was finally held again after also being postponed by COVID restrictions in recent years. This year's ride commenced at Loch Sport on Thursday April 7, and travelled through Yarram, Yinnar, Trafalgar, finishing in Warragul on Sunday April 10. The four day cycling event is a Lions fundraising project for Eye Research Australia (CERA) for research on preventing

blindness such as glaucoma, macular degeneration and blindness from diabetes. The ride is a social fundraising ride, held on quiet local back roads. This year's ride was the 28th Ride and is the District's way of actively participating in the Lions International Eye Health Program (LEHP), aimed at finding cures for preventable blindness. Thirty-two riders and ten volunteers from as far as Melbourne, New South Wales and other parts of Victoria took part in the ride, which covered approximately 350 kms. The Local Lions clubs along the way provided meals, snacks, and drinks and also hosted overnight accommodation.

The Churchill Lions Club supports this event every year and cooked dinner for the riders on the Friday night at Yinnar Bowls Club. They served up a delicious roast beef and pork dinner with all the trimmings and of course dessert. A great night was had by everyone. The riders enjoyed their meal and had fun reliving the days' ride and paying fines for their misadventures.

On Easter Saturday the Club held the Churchill Community free children's Easter egg hunt at Mathison Park. This is the first time the Club has held this event and was made possible by the

Latrobe City Council which supplied the Club with the eggs, vouchers and suits.

The day was well supported by the community with a fabulous turnout of families and lots of children. Two Easter Bunnies turned up to hand out Easter Eggs to the many youngsters and young at heart, before the main hunt started.

Face Painter Lion Lin Starke was kept busy all day, and had a long queue of children wanting to get their faces painted.

The Lions cooked sausages available for a gold coin donation. People checking in with their vaccination certificates received a \$20 Gift voucher to Café Alfa and an Easter egg.

There were plenty of chocolate eggs for the Easter hunt thanks to the Latrobe City who did a great job sourcing the eggs from their generous corporate sponsors.

It was just so nice to see the community coming out to beautiful Mathison Park on a lovely, warm sunny day and enjoying being out. The Easter Bunny brought plenty of smiles to the young children as well as the parents.

The Easter egg hunt was a happy chaos of smiling kids picking up and filling their Easter bags with Easter eggs. Hopefully, this can become an annual event.



Above: Lion President Reg Grisotto being presented with a ride Bannerette

Above Right: Easter Bunnies at the egg Hunt

Below: Easter Egg Hunt



*"Connecting Your Community"***Saturday 26/03/22****2 Person Monthly Medal**A Grade Mamun 78  
(10) 68 - Scratch Winner Mamun 78

B Grade A Sharrock (23)

C Grade B. Kilday (24)

D Grade S. Gosling (42)

DTL G. Barnes 72. J.

Sterrick 73. B. Sebire 73. D.

Taylor 73. V. Monument 74.

R. Zomer 74. M. Ainswerth

75. M. Smith 75. P. Junker

76 C/B . R. Madigan 76 C/B

NTP 3rd. R. Abel. 12th.

D. Byers.

Birdies 3rd. R. Abel

Putts W. Forsyth 26

**Tuesday 29/03/22****2 Person Stableford****Multiplication**

Winners J. Blizzard and

C. Barnes 84points

NTP Ladies 3rd J.

Blizzard 5th V. Verheyen

12th S. Turner 14th S.

Caldwell

Birdies 14th S. Caldwell

Saturday 2/04/22

Green Keepers Stableford

A Grade D. Byers (16) 39

B Grade C. Gilfillan (25)

38

C Grade A. West (34) 33

DTL G. Spowart. 33 A.

Auld 32. K. Westwood 31.

G. Barnes 31. R. Sands 30.

K. Barnes 30

NTP 3rd. J.Barratt 5th

B. Barnes 12th.C. Waring

14th A. West

Birdies 3rd. J. Tettman

14th C. Gillfillan

**Tuesday 5/04/22****Monthly Medal Stroke**

Scratch Winner M. Dear

(11) 94

Medal Winner S.

Caldwell (21) 74

DTL . Blizzard (36) 76

NTP Ladies 3rd S.

Turner 5th M. Dear 12th V.

Verheyen 14th M. Dear

Putts L. Brent 26

**Saturday 9/04/22 Stroke**

A Grade A. Quinn (14)

68

B Grade G. Barnes (25)

67

C Grade L. Anderson

(29) 62

Scratch D. Davis (10) 81

DTL A. Sambrook 69 P.

Jordan 70 B. Cluderay 70 J.

Banfield 70 M. Soppe 70 D.

Davis 71 C/B P. Bolding 71

C/B

NTP 3rd B. Sebire 12th

J. Tettman 14th C. Waring

Tuesday 12/04/22

Stableford

Winner S. Turner (24) 36

DTL S. Caldwell (21) 35

NTP Ladies 3rd S.

Caldwell 5th V. Verheyen

12th M. Mc Conville 14th S.

Turner

DTL J. Barnes. Father.

Father Jnr. G. Barnes 56.5

S. Sanders. J. Sanders. T.

Sterrick. P. Bolding. 56.875

J. Langstaff. G. Corponi.

P. Chappel. C. Wilson. 57.25

D. Ellwood. M. Soppe.

I. Heppleston. D. Radnell

58.5

A. Auld. B. Cleland. J.

Barratt. P. Jordan 59

NTP 3rd M. Soppe 5th J.

Sanders Jnr. 12th T. Sterrick.

14th I. Duncan

D Grade T. Lio (30) 35

DTL M. Allen 36. B.

Barnes 36. S. Sanders 36.

C. Waring 35. T. Sterrick 35.

M. Brereton 34. R. Sands

34. W. Sutton 35 C/B. S.

Turner 33 C/B. D. Radnell

34.

NTP 3rd. K. Hogan 5th

B. Barnes (Hole In One)

12th A Quinn 14th T. Lio

Birdies 3rd. R. Scurlock.

and B. Barnes. 5th S.

Sanders and B. Barnes

**Tuesday 26/04/22****Stableford**

Winner C. Stevens (44)

33

DTL J. Blizzard (36) 32

NTP Ladies 3rd S.

Turner 5th C. Barnes 12th

C. Cunningham 14th V.

Verheyen.

**Churchill Baseball Club**

The Churchill Baseball Club has entered the 2022 LVBA winter season strongly. The Braves have increased their player numbers across both juniors and seniors, and look primed to compete for the ultimate prize in local baseball on the ten-year anniversary of their last A Grade premiership.

The Braves have appointed 18 year old, former junior nationals competitor, Jacob Dickinson, as club coach.

This is Jacob's first senior coaching role after having coached juniors prior and through COVID. Former Club Coach Brad Jones helms the struggling B Grade side while Sam Gillett returns to senior coaching reprising his role in C Grade.

The Under 16, Under 13 and T-ball teams all have new head coaches who are

supported by experienced heads. Caleb Jackway and Rhys McKenzie take responsibility for the Under 16 as co-coaches, while Rhys also heads the Under 13 reigning premiers.

The club hopes that all the current Under 13s will have a successful transition into Under 16s through the shared coaching plan.

After another successful Come and Try day, the Braves have had another increase in junior numbers.

The Braves toyed with the idea of entering two Under 16 teams for season 2022, but ultimately decided that they did not want to run the risk of player availability causing too many forfeits.

The Braves will, however, be entering two T-Ball teams for the first time.

Ian Beames and Zack Craddock will each coach

one of these teams with Sam Gillett running trainings utilising the International Little League T - Ball Program.

There are still positions available on all teams. T - ball and Under 13s compete on Saturday afternoons after soccer, while Under 16s compete on a Sunday morning before football.

The seniors hope to replicate the success their juniors have had in recent years and have started strongly. After two rounds, B Grade and C Grade are undefeated after playing Moe/Newborough and Morwell.

After having to abandon their first home game due to incomplete council works - commenced without notice - the Club's new first home game is now expected to be Sunday May 22.



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# SCHOOL NEWS

## BOOLARRA PRIMARY

### In the holidays

In the holidays I went on bushwalks with dad. There were birds, flies and lots of people.

By Leon

In the holidays I went to the park.

By Zed

In the holidays I went camping.

By Jack M

In the holidays I went to grandma's house.

By Ritchie

In the holidays I went to the movies.

By Billie

In the holidays I went camping.

By Gawelin

In the holidays I rode my bike up and down the hills with my friends.

By Jack S

In the holidays I got a PS3 and then I played it. I went up to the shed. My sisters pushed me in the wheelchair.

By Jake

*Sale Art Gallery*

We went to see some things at the Sale Art Gallery. At the gallery we were painting with water paint. I painted a picture of space. I mixed colours together to make a dark blue background and then drew

some planets. They were red, yellow, green and blue.

By Jasper.

*Boolarra's Egg Roll*

The people will throw eggs down the hill. We have an egg roll every year.

By Leon

I decorated my egg like a cat. It did not break when it rolled down the hill.

By Richie

I made an Easter hat with sticky tape, stickers and stamps. I wore it for the Easter Hat Parade. It was fun because we walked around and laughed.

By Jake

Above: Egg Roll

Right: Foundation Students Hat Parade

Left: Eggs for the Egg Roll



# SCHOOL NEWS

## HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY



### District Athletics Day

After the weather stopped us from competing on the first scheduled date, the back-up date worked well for us all as the rain, thankfully, stayed away. Schools from all over the district competed in a range of athletic activities such as high jump, shot put, long jump and running races. The kids at Hazelwood North tried their very best and supported one another throughout the day. Our very own Bailey Perez placed first in his age group for long jump, and so did Taj Makepeace for high jump! Although we didn't come away with the overall win, the big smile on the kids' faces and genuine acts of sportsmanship made it a day to remember. Congratulations to Thorpdale

Primary School for being the overall winners on the day!

### F-2 History Dress-up Day

To celebrate the end of term and the completion of the F-2 History Unit, students were invited to dress-up in 'olden day' attire. Oh, and did they look the part!!! Our students were involved in a fun day of rotations to consolidate their learning. Some of the special activities included baking scones the old-fashioned way with Mrs Jones; experiencing life in an olden day's classroom with Miss Cave, playing old fashioned games like knuckles, marbles, and elastics with Mrs Vesty, and making dolls and button fidget spinners with Miss Xuereb. Walking into the classrooms really made you feel like you were stepping

back in time. The teachers ensured the students had the full experience of what life was like around 100 years ago.

### Easter Hat Parade and Easter Raffle

Our amazing Parents and Friends President, Brooke Barrett, decided it was time to bring back our annual Easter Hat Parade. During our art class, students designed and created their very own Easter Hats. On the last day of term, they all proudly paraded their hats around for our whole school community to experience and enjoy during our final school assembly. It was a pleasure seeing all the different individual designs our students produced. This fun experience was followed up with our Parents and Friends



Club Easter Raffle. Our first prize, out of ten, was a 10kg block of chocolate which went home with the lucky Rollinson family!

### Term 1 Visual Arts

During Visual Arts this term our students have been producing pieces of work based around a range of excellent picture story books. We have enjoyed listening to stories like 'Looking for Crabs', 'The Cute Penguin' and 'The Badly Drawn Dog'. We have used these terrific stories as inspiration for our artwork. During our sessions, students have practised and learnt new painting, printing, and drawing skills along the way. Their hard work has been put up on display within the art room and in our office foyer for us all to enjoy and experience.

Above Left: Eliza ready to cook scones the old-fashioned way

Above Right: The lucky Rollinson family  
Below: Taj the champ



# SCHOOL NEWS

## LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

### First Reconciliation

A wonderful gathering of 24 students from the Churchill and Morwell Parishes gathered at Sacred Heart Church recently to celebrate their First Reconciliation.

This is the first time the three schools have come together to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Students from Lumen Christi Primary School, Saint Vincent De Paul Primary and Sacred Heart Primary School, gathered and participated in this very traditional service.

Staff members, Cathy Colaciello, Angela

Darling and Michelle Inchincoli, all worked tremendously together to make the Sacrament a success. Parish Priest, Father James, was in awe.

The Religious Education Leaders at each school showed their commitment to the faith journey of their students by gathering together for this special event. The schools are now in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation which occurs later next term.

### Athletics Carnival

Students at Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School recently participated in their athletics carnival

held at their school oval. The students competed in their house teams and participated in events such as long jump, relays, high jump and shot put. Fun activities then concluded the day, with the tug of war being a highlight.

The Yellow Team, Bethlehem Stars, took their team home to victory.

Yellow team students were overjoyed, as they knew that winning the shield meant that it was theirs four years in a row! Team Captain, Ollie, proudly thanked his team and all the other competitors. "I think my team did extremely well. I am proud of them," he said.

Parent participation

was important and they were invited to take part in the staff versus parents tug of war. "My dad was so strong," said Lachlan from Foundation.

Principal, Mrs Sally Darby said, "It was wonderful to have parents back on site and really feeling the spirit of our whole school community being back together".

### Easter Story

Holy Week is one of the most important times in our Catholic Church and a large part of our faith history and the Catholic identity of our school.

The students from Year 5 / 6 re-enacted the Easter

Story for the whole school and made use of the new Parish garden in front of the school.

### Harmony Week

During art, the children of Lumen Christi Primary school learnt about the art technique of mosaic art. To tie in with Harmony Week, art teacher and Religious Education Leader, Cathy Colaciello, decided to make a connection to the theme of Harmony Week, seeking peace and harmony in our world, particularly with the current war situation.

"I wanted the children to be grateful for what they have and to think of children in Ukraine who were really

suffering". She linked her art lessons to religion lessons and decided to make a tribute wall that the school community could see daily.

The students created a piece of art as a tribute to the people of Ukraine during Harmony week. The children created the Ukraine flag using the mosaic tile technique.

They then created a sunflower, the national flower of Ukraine. The tribute wall is at the entrance of the school and just outside the Church, so local parishioners can also use the wall to pray, have gratitude and think of the people of Ukraine.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## YINNAR PRIMARY



On Sunday March 27, a fabulous group of students was lucky to be invited to perform at the new Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon. These students were to perform there on Australia Day, however the event was postponed due to COVID restrictions. The event was a thrilling experience, and everyone felt very welcome. The Green Room backstage was amazing, with food and drinks for us to share. We were introduced to the Mayor - Kellie O'Callaghan. We all received a special

badge for performing. The songs included, 'Wombat on a Surfboard', 'Home Among the Gumtrees' and of course 'Advance Australia Fair'. We thoroughly enjoyed the experience and would like to thank Mr Twomey and Mrs Linton, who helped prepare us at the start of the year, for helping us. Well done to Penny, Scout, Cleo, Alice, Alex, Harry, Katy, Lilyanna, Amelie, Jacinta, Sage and Charlotte.

by Jacinta, Sage and Charlotte

Our Easter Fair was held on the last day of term. Our

Junior School Council was responsible for organising all of the activities and fun events and all proceeds raised went to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. This year our school raised \$1,100 for the RCH. It was a fun day and lots of Easter goodies were consumed! We also held our infamous Egg Launch and Egg Sculpture and had lots of interesting sculptures and launch creations.

Some Eggsellent creations!



# Skin Checks courtesy of Lions

## Lions V Districts Cancer Foundation Inc SKIN CHECK AND AWARENESS UNIT

[lionsvdcf.org.au](http://lionsvdcf.org.au)



A large mobile unit and truck was pulled up in the Hazelwood Village carpark on Friday and Saturday April 22 and 23. Its purpose was to perform skin checks for those who had booked in for this free service. Churchill & District Lions Club had invited the mobile unit to come and were happy to sponsor the event, providing all meals and accommodation for the crew.

Three volunteer trained qualified dermoscopist technicians carried out the checks. Wendy, who is the co-ordinator for all dermoscopists, Bev and June, are fully trained volunteers having done their twelve week training under Associate Professor Chris McCormack and Dr David Speckman of Peter MacCallum Hospital. The ladies have a Professional Certificate of Dermoscopy. Not only do they do the checks but they also impart awareness information about skin care and self-checking techniques. Early detection

of skin lesions potentially saves lives. Following the skin check, visitors were issued with a referral to their GP if there were any suspect spots or lesions.

To arrive at their destinations, a crew of twenty-three volunteer drivers oblige. At Churchill there was David who is also the co-ordinator of all drivers and Bruce, one of the originals. They must hold a heavy vehicle licence, know how to operate the generator and be able to do any necessary maintenance work.

Also on board was Col whose task was to enter all the information into the computer.

To facilitate the local program the Churchill Lions secretary did the bookings and with other Lion helpers, staffed the sign-in desk outside the mobile unit and helped with refreshments.

All our mobile unit visitors were members of Lions Clubs but not all volunteers are. They usually do their visits on weekends.

There is a commitment of doing a minimum of four visits per year but this crew are so eager and passionately involved with this Lion's project that they have well exceeded this demand. Since June last year the crews have screened 2,600 people and done 34 postings. Rural and remote areas are a priority.

Each of the two days saw 52 people access this service with a 35% referral rate. This was fully booked with about 100 others who could not be included.

The crew love it. Not only are they providing a wonderful and much needed service, they have fun, meet other amazing Lions like ours at Churchill, and visit and see places in Victoria. On average they have referred 46% of those who are checked for suspicious marks. They have had some good feedback from some of those who have been checked, and have had follow up with doctors with a positive outcome. Our district Lions, V3 has

provided the least number of volunteers, so more would be welcomed.

The mobile unit has been provided by Lions V District Cancer Foundation Inc. There is a Board which oversees the project. It cost \$500,000 to set up, \$100,000 per annum in running costs. There have been several large philanthropic contributors which have helped to make this possible.

No government funding is received for this project, so it is now entirely funded by Lions Clubs and Lions International.

If you would consider doing the training which involves some costs, or offering to be a driver, or just like some further information, you can contact the Lions V District Cancer Foundation, or ask one of our local Lions at Churchill and they will be able to refer you on.

What a wonderful service these passionate volunteers provide. We have been blessed to have them

visit Churchill. We are also blessed to have our proactive Lions Club which was

willing to sponsor the visit, or postings as they refer to their visits.



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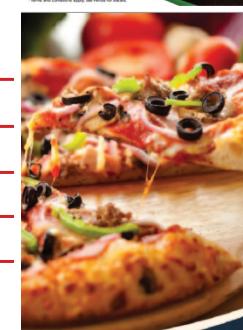


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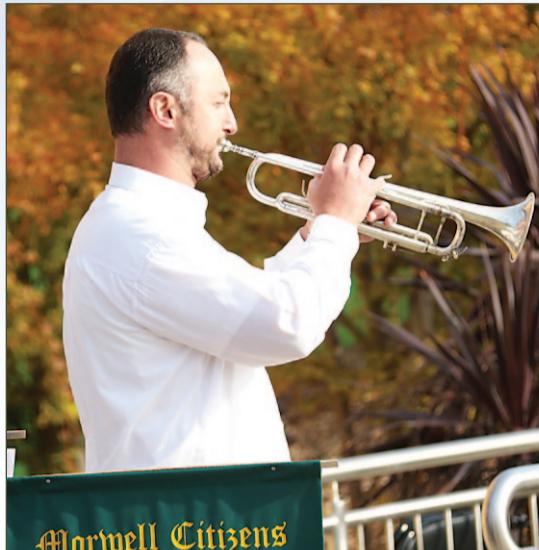
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# ANZAC DAY April 25, 2022

CHURCHILL and DISTRICT

## Churchill



On a bright sunny morning in the peaceful surroundings of our town and to the cries of different birds, an attentive respectful crowd of approximately 200 gathered at the Civic Space near Churchill Town Hall to remember our services personnel, both those who have died and those who are still serving. To honour their service, to remember their sacrifice, and to pay our respects, to acknowledge that the values they fought so hard to retain, are

the values we hold dear and appreciate to this day, mateship, sharing, caring for the other, respect and national pride, to give thanks for their service which has given us the freedom we enjoy in Australia today.

Before the ceremony commenced, the Latrobe Brass Band played appropriate music.

The service began with The Rotary Club of Hazelwood and District President, Richard Henshaw, welcoming everyone

and acknowledging the country on which we were gathered as of the Braiakauloong Peoples of the Gunaikurnai nation, their elders past, present and emerging and elders present at the celebration. Guests Russell Northe MP and Melissa Ferguson Latrobe City South Ward Councillor were also welcomed.

Morwell Sub Branch member Don George began to MC the service.

Don spoke:

"It is great to see so many people here today to honour and to pay their respect to the memory of the first ANZACs and the sacrifices they made.

On April 25, 1915 Australian and New Zealanders landed at what is now called Anzac Cove. Of the 16,000 ANZAC troops who landed on that first day, this was their first experience of combat. By that evening, an estimated 2,000 of them had been *Continued over...*

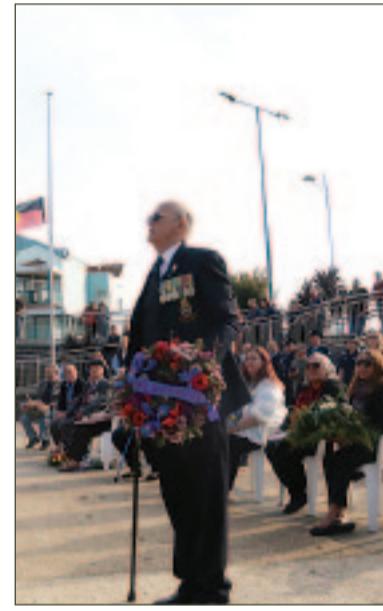




# ANZAC DAY April 25, 2022

## CHURCHILL and DISTRICT

### *Churchill continued . . .*



killed or wounded. Six hundred and twenty Australians died the first day of the landing, 59 of these soldiers were from the 11th Battalion. Only 13 of the 59 have known graves. The youngest Australian to die on the Gallipoli Peninsula was a soldier called Jim who was only 14 years and 9 months old.

When WW1 came to an end there were few Australian families not effected by the war. ANZAC day is also a time to remember and to recognise the more than 1.5 million men and women who have served and are still serving their nation wearing the uniform of the Australian Defence Force.

At the end of WW1, Australia was counting the cost in both materials and human loss. It was being stated that it was the war to end all wars, due to the human loss of life. Alongside the 416,809 men who enlisted were 2,139 nurses who served

with the Australian Army Nursing Service. Australian nurses served on the hospital ships anchored off the Gallipoli Peninsula, also in Belgium, Egypt, France, England and on the Greek island of Lemnos. Another 130 nurses worked in the Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Hospital, and a further 423 served in Australia. At the end of WW1 23 nurses had paid the Supreme Sacrifice for their country.

I would like to quote United States President, Harry S Truman, president from 1945 to 1953.

"Our debt to our men and women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude and we will never forget their sacrifices."

Peter Townsend read the ANZAC Requiem. This was followed by the wreath laying which was conducted by Rotarian

Paula Mancerella.

A fly-over by The Latrobe Valley Aero Club caused quite a stir.

Our First Nations guest speakers were Doris Paton and Christine Johnson. Doris said that for them ANZAC Day was a time to remember and honour their Great Grandfathers, Grandfathers and Uncles from Gippsland along with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women from across their country who enlisted for service in every Australian campaign of war.

Research has revealed that approximately 4000 Aboriginal men volunteered to serve their country. Little is known about the service of women, but on the Missions, the women knitted socks, jumpers, and balaclavas for the men.

Doris shared the story of their relative Henry "Harry" Thorpe, brother of their Great Grandmother. He was a

Brabuwooloong man of the Gunaikurnai nation, an accomplished Infantryman who served in WW1. He was awarded the Military Medal for his bravery. He was killed just three months before the end of the war.

Harry was born in 1886 at Lake Tyers Mission. The family had a farm at Lakes Entrance on which he worked. He married Julia Scott from Ramahyuck Mission. In 1916 Harry rode on horseback to Sale where he enlisted. He served on the Western Front in France and in Belgium. Harry was wounded twice and upon recovery returned to his Unit and was promoted to Lance Corporal and after the second return, to Corporal and was awarded the Military Medal, having displayed tremendous courage and leadership. He was described as an inspiration to his men. In Flanders he was wounded and died at age 34 years. He *Continued over...*



# ANZAC DAY April 25, 2022

## CHURCHILL and DISTRICT

### *Churchill continued . . .*



is buried at Heath Cemetery in France. Harry's name is inscribed on a memorial in Lakes Entrance and a lane is named in his honour.

Russell Northe MP then spoke and Councillor Melissa Ferguson introduced the youth leaders who she described as the future of our country.

#### Gabby Marks and Brayden Baillie from Kurnai College Junior Campus

Gabby

"As school Captains of Kurnai Churchill Junior Campus we have taken some time to reflect on the meaning and significance of ANZAC Day for people our age.

Ever since I was little, I remember coming to the ANZAC Day service, as it is a tradition to pay our respect and remember those who have sadly passed. I have also come to these services so I could see what ANZAC Day meant to my peers and how significant it is for them, and it helped me understand more about the history. Growing up I was aware of the connection my own family had with fighting for our country. The stories and experiences they would have faced are something my family speak about and are very significant. I am proud to say that as a young person I use these moments to reflect and give thanks for the opportunities I have today. I live in a world where I can experience freedoms and privileges without the fear and uncertainty

that was once lived many years ago."

Brayden

"As a student, we often learn about the key facts and details that make ANZAC Day significant to us all. It has been over the past few years as a teenager that I have begun to form a deeper understanding about why this is important. Over the last few years with constant interruptions and changes to our own ways of living, we can build a greater empathy for how war impacted the lives of previous generations.

In my research of ANZAC Day celebrations I discovered that April 25 was first officially named ANZAC Day in 1916 and was remembered in many different ways. On this date there were once rallies and recruiting campaigns for the army. It then became a national day of commemoration for those who had died and businesses closed as a mark of respect. In 1927 ANZAC Day became a public holiday celebrated by all states in Australia.

The very first ANZAC Day that was commemorated at Australian Capital Territory's (ACTs) Australian War Memorial in 1942 was impacted by the threat of Japanese air attacks, and was a small meeting due to the government orders to prevent large public gatherings. This makes me realise just how significant a moment stopping and giving a thought to why we come together on ANZAC Day, and continue

to do so with the interruptions and changes of recent years."

Gabby

"All this cannot be said without expressing gratitude and giving thanks to the memories and thoughts we all share today. A day to remember is especially important now as much as ever. Lest We Forget."

#### Brodie Harrington and Rafah from Churchill North Primary School

"ANZAC Day is about commemorating our soldiers who have fought and fallen to protect us and our country. We are thankful for their sacrifice to keep peace and freedom in our country.

If it wasn't for the ANZACs we would not be here and safe right now. We remember and appreciate all of the Australians who fought and those who lost their lives in war.

Red Sea

Thin threads sway in the calm breeze  
Where once a sinister war took place  
Where soldiers fought and fell for us  
Where no joy could be found  
The blood red sea will always grow  
In Flanders field row by row.  
Lest we forget."

#### Sienna Tanti and Mia Fede from Churchill Primary School

Sienna.

"Hello I am one of Churchill Primary School's Captains. What ANZAC Day means

to me is that it is a day of honouring the soldiers who fought for us in the war, and taking a few minutes to think about what they have done for us. Our ANZACs have been a significant part of our lives and we should never forget that."

Mia

"What ANZAC Day means to me is remembering the soldiers who fought in Gallipoli. Our soldiers gave their lives in Gallipoli. Not everyone survived but they still live in our hearts.

As I already know and for generations to come we will all say, know and remember these three words - Lest We Forget."

Cathie Halliwell from the Co-Operating Churches read some thoughtful prayers.

Then followed the Ode to the Fallen, Last Post played by Joseph Bonnici, the Silent Tribute and Reveille played by Joseph.

The participants were then asked to join in the singing of the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems. Sue Townsend led the singing.

The Lions Club then served their Gunfire Breakfast, the Rotary Club served tea and coffee accompanied by ANZAC biscuits and a wonderful time of community fellowship was enjoyed.

Thanks were expressed to all who had helped to organise and participate in the program. The general consensus was that it had been a special celebration.



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## Morwell

A huge crowd gathered around the Morwell cenotaph and on either side of Tarwin Street to applaud the ANZAC parade which formed up at the top of Tarwin Street and accompanied by the Morwell Caledonian Pipe Band, moved down around the cenotaph to form a circle of marchers which included several different organisations.

Following the wreath laying Luke Townsend OAM, a highly decorated soldier who has served in both the Australian Army and currently the British Army spoke.

"I wanted to talk primarily today about teamwork and sacrifice and how those two elements make up for me, not just the ANZAC legend, but how important teamwork and sacrifice are in crisis and war in general."

Australians have always fought as part of a bigger team. We fight alongside allies as well as each other. There is something special in what we bring to the party. Erwin Rommel the German General known as the Desert Fox, after months of fighting the Australians and New Zealanders at Tobruk and Alemein - once stated: "If I had to take hell, I would use the Australians to take it and the New Zealanders to hold it." That is



high praise from a capable enemy and I have constantly encountered high praise for the Australian Forces in NATO and elsewhere during my time in the British Army.

Within a generation, the sons of the ANZACs had stood up to fight again – this time to fight the Nazis and Imperial Japan – even though they were well aware from

20 years before of what the sacrifice might be. British Wartime Prime Minister Winston Churchill once said and I quote –

"Never, never, never believe any war will be smooth and easy"

I learned that lesson in Afghanistan – and there are some people in the world learning that lesson all over again right now.

I have more confidence than ever, having seen how we have endured these last few years that we would be able to muster the ANZAC spirit, to be able to muster the teamwork and sacrifice necessary once again if needed for the protection of the nation and the people."

## Yinnar

ANZAC Day presented us with a perfect morning.

Ex Morwell RSL President Bruce Jeffrey has been working for almost three years to have the Cenotaph lit by floodlights. This came to fruition on ANZAC morning and set a magical scene for the dawn service.

Captain Luke Townsend OAM again led the proceedings. He spoke of the meaning of the dawn service for the diggers who have since passed on, as well as those who have served and those who are still serving. The service also has great significance for loved ones and families of those who serve.

There were approximately 140 people in attendance and at the conclusion of the service, most stayed on for tea, coffee and breakfast supplied by the Yinnar and District Lions club.

Mother Nature's timing could not have been better, as a thick blanket of fog rolled in as the proceedings concluded.

Thanks to all those who contributed to make 2022's dawn service so memorable – well done.

The main ANZAC parade formed up at 9.15 at the Yinnar General store with approximately 100 marchers. About 200 people observed from the side-lines.

The marchers were led by the Caledonian Pipe band and the Kurnai College Morwell campus air cadets, led by Wayne Bass. These people do a superb job every year.

The march concluded at the cenotaph where Captain Luke Townsend once again

led the service.

The wreath laying then took place with all the local Primary and Secondary schools, Scouts, community groups and individuals, laying wreaths.

Eleanor Benson, a student at Yinnar Primary School, then led the gathering in the Lord's prayer.

This was followed by Herb Smith delivering the ode accompanied by Tina Thomson from the Morwell Brass Band playing the Last Post and Reveille.

Captain Townsend then spoke of how

the early endeavours of our armed service personnel provided the strength and background for all of us to work together to achieve peace.

He also noted how relevant this sentiment remains given the turmoil of today's world.

Luke concluded his speech by thanking all those who had put their time and effort into making ANZAC Day 2022 a day for us to remember.

