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A Community Festival of Fun – again!



Carried away again at the Churchill Community Festival.

The Churchill Community Festival was an opportunity for the people of Churchill and district to come together to enjoy a variety of events and activities provided free or at low cost, for families and the community.

It was a hot sunny day with the wind staying away until later in the day. Crowds of people turned out to experience what was on offer.

The Festival hosted various stalls which were frequented by the public. One stall which

was popular was that of the Blender Bike which was sponsored by Latrobe Community Health Service. Participants would ride the bike which would control a blender to create a free smoothie to enjoy. This activity was run by the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre volunteers, and served to promote healthy eating and exercise, with a yummy smoothie as incentive to encourage people to try something different.

The Latrobe Leisure Centre ran a stall sharing information about the swim program which is run all year round, except for January,

on every day except Sunday for everyone from infant to adult.

Face painting was provided free and children lined up to take advantage of that offer.

The jumping castle was most popular hardly being vacant for the whole time.

Lumen Christi came and used spray packs to colour people's hair.

The United Muslim sisters had a stall selling food from Lebanon.

The Smith Family Organisation provided a range of feathers, gumnuts and other natural

objects so the children could create their own creatures. Some amazing creations were made with much imagination.

Churchill & District News displayed their history books and postcards and made some sales.

Two giant board games - Snakes and Ladders and Twister - kept some children occupied as did Pirate Pete with his boat and his cannons. Children loved having a go at firing the cannon and having a pretend sword fight with Pete.

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ANZAC Day in Churchill 2018

ANZAC Day in Churchill is a special community event co-ordinated by the Rotary Club of Hazelwood in conjunction with the RSL.

This year the 9.00 am ceremony will be preceded by a Gunfire Breakfast at 8.00 am. This will be provided by the Hazelwood Rotary Club and the Churchill Lions Club.

Following the ANZAC ceremony tea and coffee will be available.

Students from our local schools will be speaking about "How ANZAC Day has influenced us".

Wreath laying will be part of the ceremony. If you wish to lay a wreath please contact Leo Billington on 5166 1848 or 0458 661 848.

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Professor Helen Bartlett, Vice-Chancellor and President of Federation University Australia

Professor Helen Bartlett was appointed Vice-Chancellor and President of Federation University last year.

She says it is very satisfying to come back to Australia and have the opportunity to lead the university into a wider footprint across the state of Victoria, including the Gippsland Campus, which she describes as "one of the most stunningly beautiful regional campuses in Australia".

After four and a half years away, Helen counts it as a bonus to come back to lead a university that she was previously part of before it was launched as Federation University Australia. She sees exciting times ahead, with Gippsland campus at Churchill as an important part of that future.

Ballarat and Gippsland have long educational and historical origins but have come together to form a new entity (now four years old) with an exciting journey and unique opportunities ahead.

With so many campuses spread across the state, Helen needs to be very well organised to ensure she can use her time effectively.

Helen looks forward to her Churchill visits and expresses great confidence in the staff there, who she describes as exceptional, resilient and committed. They all work well as a team and many are known to her from past years.

With the retirement of Alan Scarlett, the importance of a senior role to provide an overarching focus for community engagement

leadership is recognised. Having a recognised person who can provide a referral point for the community is very helpful for community engagement around mutually important issues. The university is always pleased to explore how its resources can benefit the community and identify ways for the university to partner on priority issues.

Previously, the campus, as Monash University, enrolled a greater number of international students than at present. However, numbers are gradually growing and the university is working to make further increases happen. International students benefit the campus by bringing diversity to the campus and the community. It is an opportunity to learn about other cultures and ways of life. They contribute to the local economy and bring friends and families to see this beautiful part of the world and promote Gippsland.

Helen has come across alumni from Gippsland when working in Asia and has been thrilled to hear that they have very fond memories of their time at the Gippsland Campus.

They speak of their enjoyment of studying in a new culture, a beautiful setting, making friends and becoming involved. This is easier to do at Gippsland as it is a close knit community of students. They have left with great memories, appreciating the qualities of the campus.

Commencing semester 1 this year, Gippsland Campus has 596 new students, and

1193 continuing students. In total, 1789 students are studying at the Gippsland campus through various delivery modes. The campus enables students to study online so they can juggle their families, careers, or caring responsibilities, and minimise travel if they live some distance from the university.

The average age of students at the university has increased, with more mature age students now attending as well as school leavers.

The university continues to focus on lifting the higher education participation level for local students and undertakes a range of outreach activities with local schools, as well as inviting students to visit the campus for special study experiences and open days.

The university also partners with the Clemente program, which is aimed at encouraging access to study for those who have not had previous opportunities, through supportive study in small groups. There have been great outcomes for many local women who have gone on to enrol in a degree course or developed a particular talent such as writing.

Helen is fervent in saying that regional campuses must engage with the community through partnering with industry and business to build a post-coal future for the region. One such initiative is the partnership with HRL Technology which will move into Gippsland Enterprise



Centre (formerly Green Inc.). The venture will create jobs and innovation into the future.

Other collaborations are with Australian Paper and Agribusiness Gippsland, where the university is involved in training as well as research and development to create positive outcomes for students and the community.

Employers' ratings of FedUni graduates are the best in the country in terms of work readiness, as during their studies students are provided with industry placements and work integrated learning opportunities. Careers and employment advice is available throughout students' time with the university.

The university is also well recognised for its teaching quality and student experience.

Helen is really keen to emphasise that FedUni Gippsland Campus is an anchor institution for the Latrobe Valley and Gippsland. It is here to serve the region with relevant courses and to give young people more opportunities and prospects, as well as re-skill and train adults, working co-operatively and in partnership.

RAINFALL

Rain at Hazelwood South.

Another month of below average rain with 25mm and 60% of the average for March. Not enough to green the grass and give the trees a drink. Talk of any programmed burns is not an indication of the fire danger period ending. With the trees being at their driest for the season, any

burns will damage the trees and kill wildlife.

Churchill Rainfall

For March, 2018, we had a below average rainfall of 25.5ml.

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Works underway on Churchill Hockey Pavilion



Mr Chester is pictured with Latrobe Valley Hockey Association President Linda Reid and Stirling Smith from Rick Doultree Builders.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland Darren Chester said the Federal Government was providing \$200,000 toward the project, which had been a priority for Latrobe Valley Hockey Association for several years.

Mr Chester said he was pleased to see a local construction company was undertaking the project.

"The works currently underway on the pavilion are being carried out by Rick Doultree Builders, a Traralgon-based business," Mr Chester said.

The two-storey pavilion will include change facilities,

a first aid room, universal accessible amenities, umpire change rooms, office and store rooms, multi-purpose meeting space, commercial kitchen and canteen and a spectator viewing area.

"This is a long-awaited project that will greatly improve the experience for Churchill hockey players and those who visit the town," Mr Chester said.

"At present, players are getting changed in their cars and using a bus shelter on wet or windy days.

This new pavilion will encourage more people to participate and make the sport

more enjoyable for the players and all volunteers."

The facility will also be used for soccer and sports science programs offered by Federation University.

The Latrobe Synthetic Sports Field Pavilion in Churchill is a \$1.7 million project which has received funds from all three levels of government, along with Federation University and Latrobe Valley Hockey Association.

The project is due to be completed by the end of August 2018.

It's okay to love an alcoholic

Before I found Al-Anon, I thought there was something wrong with me because I loved an alcoholic. I didn't understand how I could continue to love someone whose behaviour was insane when drinking. I felt alone and isolated with these feelings, and felt that if I could only figure out the right way to

behave around the alcoholic, the drinking would stop.

Through Al-Anon, I have learned that alcoholism is a disease and that I can love the person, but hate the disease. I have also learned that I have been affected by it too, and that I can feel angry about that.

But I can be gentle with

myself and remember that I am doing the best I can, just like the alcoholic.

I am able to see the alcoholic in my life as more than just an alcoholic. I can see the loving, caring, funny and smart person there too. I love this person, simply and honestly. Also I can love myself too.

Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists



Photograph: Waved Albatross on the Galapagos by David Stickney

Galapagos

The Club President David Stickney will discuss the 'Galapagos' at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, April 20 at the Uniting Church Hall, Old Sale Road Newborough from 7.30 pm.

The Galapagos archipelago is located about

one thousand kilometres from the mainland of South America to which they have never been connected.

As a result, the flora and reptiles are only found on the Galapagos.

David visited these Islands in July 2017 and his presentation will show most of the endemic birds and

reptiles in the context of their evolution.

The following day's excursion is to the Moonlit Sanctuary at Pearcedale.

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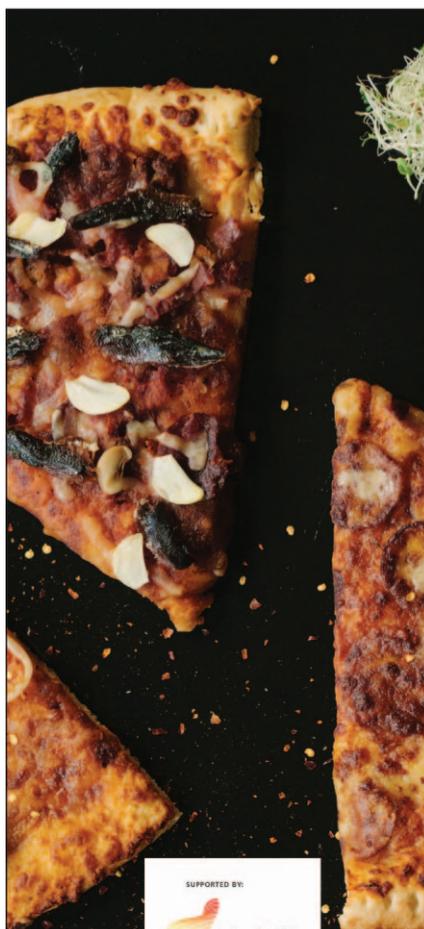
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Time to donate leftover nappies

Two weeks from May 4 to May 18 is a great time to clear out your cupboards that may hold any unused, left over, clean nappies and donate them to our collection, so they may be put to good use and donated to local charities.

The Nappy Collective is a collaborative community initiative run entirely by volunteers throughout Australia. Over two million nappies have been delivered to those in need of support and help, since their beginning in 2013. Such an amazing achievement by all concerned. Churchill has already donated over 2,000 nappies to this total over the past four years. Thank you so much for your help.

Churchill & District News is asking the residents of Churchill to donate any clean, unused, left over nappies that you may have, to be placed in the collection box

which is located at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. We will then collect and donate them to local organisations where they will be very much appreciated by those in need of support and help.

Providing nappies to others reduces a big financial burden and frees up time and energy to focus on parenting and other challenges they face.

Local organisations that have been helped during the last four years are Kurnai Young Mums Parenting Program, Anglicare Churchill, Salvation Army Morwell, Berry Street Morwell, St Vincent de Pauls Churchill, Better Life for Foster Kids Sale, Churchill Combined Churches and Maternal Child and Health Service Latrobe City.

Further information may be found at thenappycollective.com website or email Barbara at gbcheet@gmail.com

Contemplation Seat at Lake Hyland remembering a stolen generation



Over 100 people gathered at Lake Hyland, Churchill on March 7, 2018 to hear from four special guests about their personal experiences being part of the Stolen Generations. This was an emotional time

of sharing and remembering the hurt experienced as a child growing up without parents. They also recognised that talking about their experiences has aided them in their healing journey.

Being on country in the natural environment of Lake Hyland, a culturally sensitive location in Churchill, allowed for a more relaxed and reflective time. Community Elders, community members, Ramahyuk, Nindedana, Aboriginal Co-op (Social Emotional Program), Victoria Police, Environment Protection Agency, Latrobe City Council, Uniting Care, LAN Planning Group, Latrobe Regional Hospital, Federation University, Australian Indigenous Mentoring in Education, Victoria National Parks, VACCA, KESOs, along with 50 students from four local primary schools and Kurnai College formed an engaged audience.

After the heartfelt sharing from our guest speakers, the group gathered for the unveiling of the commemorative Contemplation Seat. This seat was constructed from

beautiful Indigenous Red Gum and Cypress timbers. Students from Kurnai College under the close supervision of a teacher, constructed and installed the bench seat.

Christine Johnson had been liaising closely with the Lake Hyland Committee of Management to determine the best location for the seat, which has a beautiful aspect overlooking the sunrise, the waters and vast array of birdlife on the lake.

Importantly, it is quite accessible from the car park and close to other amenities.

After the unveiling, students and guests were invited to share in morning tea.

This provided a wonderful opportunity for people to meet and mingle in the relaxed and welcoming atmosphere that the lake provided.

Some students had their face painted, others joined Ranger Luke on a guided walk of the lake, and some played sport.

There was a canvas supplied and all guests were invited to sign it.

Later, in a radio interview, students commented on

recognising the importance of the Apology that was delivered by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd ten years ago. These students recognised the pain and suffering of the people who were unfairly and cruelly treated, and were thankful that we can make sure it doesn't happen again by making everyone aware of its' impact.

Aunty Sarah, one of the guest speakers said that she would like to return next year as she felt she is ready to share more of her personal experiences with others.

This had come about after receiving support from the people she had met and spoken with over the course of the morning.

Several of the guests said that they were looking forward to coming back to spend time on the Contemplation Seat, remembering and reflecting.

For all who attended the 10th Anniversary of the Apology Stolen Generations, we recognise the need to acknowledge our history and the mistakes made in the past, but to also learn from these and treat all people with respect and dignity.

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Catalyst: Works on Paper

Catalyst brings together a selection of works from Latrobe Regional Gallery's permanent 'works on paper' collection.

Latrobe City Council's arts director, Dr Mark Themann, said during LRG's recent refurbishment the works on paper storage area received a much needed upgrade.

"This gave staff the

opportunity to look upon the many 'gems' within the collection with fresh eyes creating somewhat of a 'catalyst' for this exhibition," Dr Themann said.

Artists such as George Baldessin, Frank Hinder, John Bellany, Kees Hos and Tony Trembath are included in the exhibition that highlights practices from etchings to linocuts to lithographs.

"Curators are often challenged with providing access to works within permanent collections for visitors to experience and enjoy.

We are pleased to present Catalyst as one such exhibition," Dr Themann concluded.

Catalyst is showing in Gallery 5 until April 29, 2018.

Please see our decorative display at Dunbar Road Garden Supplies, Traralgon or visit our web site www.geostone.com.au



Green Potato Curry

Heat 2 tbs of peanut oil in a large fry pan or wok.

Add 1 medium onion (peeled and chopped).

2 tbs of green curry paste.

Stir for 3 minutes over a medium heat.

Add 1 can (400ml) coconut milk and 250ml of water, bring this to the boil, reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes.

Now it is time to add 1 med /large sweet potato (washed and cut into medium sized cubes), cook for 6 minutes.

Quarter and slice 1 medium eggplant adding it to the pan along with 6 kaffir lime leaves that have been chopped finely.

Cook for 10 minutes or until the vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally.

Finally add 2 tbs of fish sauce

2 tbs of lime juice

1 dsp of lime zest (finely chopped)

1 dsp of brown sugar.

Stir through to combine.

Sprinkle with coriander leaves and garnish with lime and curry leaves (optional).

Bought versus Homemade

Every once in a while it is just nice to be able to



create a special cake on a tight budget.

We all know that money isn't made of elastic.

Making a cake or dessert from scratch can be expensive as you usually need to purchase ingredients that are not normally stocked in your pantry.

On the other hand if you have the time and a well stocked pantry, it could be argued that you as the cook have more control over the flavour and texture.

Then again I constantly

hear that recipes don't work or food doesn't look like it does on the screen or in books, and it is true some recipes are incorrectly printed and a lot of the photos of food in books have been photo shopped.

The debate will continue . . . What excites me - whether you are a cook or a constructor you are creating a dish that will give you great satisfaction and you can share with family and friends.

There is no cooking involved. Serves 10 - 12

Ingredients

You just need to purchase three generic brand cheesecakes (IGA or Aldi) at \$3.00 each.

Two packets of chocolate fingers at \$ 1.69 a packet

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Method

Layer the 3 cheesecakes on a serving plate and then spread each chocolate finger with chocolate nutella and lightly press into the sides of the cheesecake.

Sprinkle with icing sugar.

This can be frozen but allow four hours from frozen to thaw in a sealed container in the refrigerator.

If consuming on the same day keep in a sealed container in your refrigerator.

This cake slices easily into wedges with chocolate fingers served alongside.

A dollop of sour cream doesn't go astray (optional).

Total cost...\$12.38



Yinnar/Yinnar South Landcare Group focus on revegetation

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group is working on increasing the group's capacity to initiate and maintain revegetation projects.

The group's first activity for 2018 was a propagation workshop which was held on Sunday March 25 at Yinnar. David Sparks from Sustainable Gardening Australia and the St Kilda Indigenous Nursery Co-op taught a group of eighteen Landcare members and other interested people how to propagate native plants from cuttings and from seeds.

In the morning they looked at seeds and the various techniques that can be used to get them to germinate successfully. The afternoon session involved practice in selecting cutting material and potting it.

The group has been given a greenhouse, where they can grow plants and get them ready for planting out.

Later this year they plan to hold plant identification and seed collection sessions around the district, so that local people can use the plants that grow naturally in their area. This should increase the chance of success with planting projects.

Revegetation planting is used for a variety of reasons. The most valuable habitat is still old and remnant vegetation, and the first priority for any conservation initiative will be to identify and protect this. Revegetation can improve, enlarge and connect remnants and other habitat areas for native fauna and will stabilise sites where erosion is a problem.

Planting around dams and waterways can improve water quality and stabilise banks.

Fencing off wet areas and steep gullies will stop stock from getting stuck in

them. Often fenced areas will regenerate naturally, but planting local species can help. When they grow, suitably selected species will provide shade and shelter for stock and create windbreaks for houses and other buildings.

Firewood collection is a threat to the complexity of the habitats needed for native fauna, and to the vast networks of fungi that sustain soils and plants.

Landholders with enough room to plant a woodlot and grow their own firewood can contribute to preserving the bush for future generations to enjoy. There are many fast growing species that make good firewood, and some can be coppiced so that they grow again from the stump to make a new lot of firewood in subsequent years. Birds and other native fauna can live in the firewood trees while they grow.

A major threat to revegetation projects on the ground and to agriculture, gardens and native vegetation in general, is attack by rabbits. The group is continuing with its effort to eradicate them, and currently organising information sessions and demonstrations for those who want to try and control this pest on their own properties and in their districts.

The group plans to be at Churchill Lions Club Community Market in May to publicise their projects and to discuss all things Landcare.

Preparing a cutting for planting - David Sparks demonstrates selecting healthy cutting material from a healthy plant

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group's new greenhouse is almost ready for use

<https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/westgippsland/yinnar-south/>

Support for Gippsland Period Project



Harriet Shing MP

This month I would like to take the opportunity to write about an important local project - The Gippsland Period Project - supporting local homeless women and transgender men.

If you can imagine the indignity of having your period arrive and not enough money to afford the sanitary products you need, it is an additional burden you have to an already tough existence.

My office is one of the Latrobe Valley collection points for this valuable

project, where we collect sanitary products and other toiletries for those in need.

<http://www.morwellnh.org.au/gippsland-period-project/>

The benefits of this project are:

*Reduction of infections due to using unsafe and inappropriate products.

*Increased feelings of wellbeing.

*Reduction of isolation. Many people menstruating without use of appropriate products miss out on being able to visit other outreach services for the duration of their cycle as they are embarrassed by stained clothing and odours.

Increasing safety by not having to search for sanitary items or appropriate disposal options during darkness.

Reduction in criminal offenses. People no longer have to steal sanitary items

or money to purchase them. This will result in less charges of shoplifting and theft which directly affects a person's criminal record and future job prospects.

Eliminating awkwardness around menstruation. People will no longer have to ask for products or specific types of products.

They can simply ask for a Period Pack and call it by its plant name. Other local collection points are;

Morwell

Harriet Shing MP, 216 Commercial Road,

CFA Headquarters, 20 Hazelwood Road,

Gippsland Multicultural Services, 100-102 Buckley Street,

Luke's Church Op Shop, 279 Princes Highway, LCC 141 Commercial Road. LCC, Carinya Early Learning Centre, 33-39 Rintoul Street,

Morwell Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre, 48-50 Beattie Crescent,

Yinnar

Yinnar General Store,

44 Main Street

Products we need to make up the packs are as follows in order of most needed to least:

Small bottles of Hand Sanitiser 50ml and under,

Small individually wrapped packets of Skittles/Candy or similar (no chocolates at the moment because the weather is warmer and chocolates would melt) Super and regular tampons, Small scented Disposable Bags/Nappy Bags, Liners, Regular and Super pads, Feminine Wipes/Baby Wipes.

For further information look at <http://www.morwellnh.org.au/gippsland-period-project/>

Another project that I would like to congratulate the Churchill community on was the recent Churchill Festival. I have loved seeing the photographs and Facebook reports on this fabulous day.

Another shining example of what our local communities are capable of.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this wonderful event.



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This last month we have spent time organising a farewell to Reverend Brenda Burney and preparing for the time after she left.

On March 3, we had a wonderful service and celebration of the time we have had Brenda as our pastoral and worship leader. She has also been a wonderful community worker. There will be many organisations and certainly our congregations, who will miss her.

Present at the farewell service were representatives from Rotary, the Community Garden and Community meal, chaplains, other Churchill churches, The Neighbourhood Centre, family and of course the three congregations of Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar which she has served so well over five years.

Brenda herself officiated at the service with a letting go of pastoral relationship section at the end. This included presenting her with a photographic book with a selection of photos taken of her over her time with us, plus some other goodies.

Several people spoke of how Brenda had been effective in her support of them or of things in which they were involved.

A delicious lunch was provided by members of the congregations, which was enjoyed by all as they chatted and said farewell and thanks.



At present we are without a minister, but the processes are being put in place to forward that appointment.

It is pleasing to be able to confirm that the Youth group will continue.

Easter Club was celebrated with children from Churchill Primary School, 67 children came to enjoy hearing the story of Jesus birth, life of ministry and death. It was the story of how God loves His children with a

Never-stopping
Never-giving up
Unbreaking,

Always and forever love,
love for all.

Then they participated in a range of craft activities.

Our AGM was a celebration of our year's achievements and a chance to say thank you for all the wonderful work done by all church members. The new parish council and our elders now have a big job ahead finding a replacement minister.

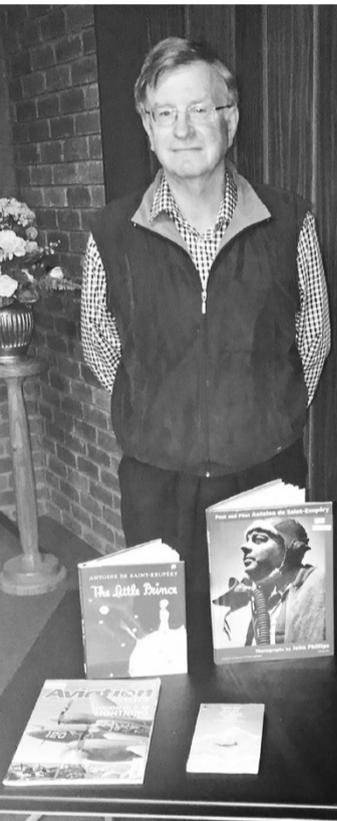
The Youth Group now

called EDGE - Every Day God Encounters began their year's program with an Easter theme. Although small in numbers there was big enthusiasm with Easter egg races, making an Easter basket with chick craft and decorating some rice bubble eggs. The devotions was using a teabag to demonstrate the Gospel.

Popular member of the Churchill Congregation Ron Bell, celebrated his 80th birthday with an open day, a meal at the Churchill Hotel and a cake at church.



Saturday Breakfast – Russell Hadley



who was born in 1900 and disappeared while on a reconnaissance mission over the Mediterranean in World War II in July 1944.

He joined the French air force and became a pilot and after leaving the air force he became a successful commercial pilot, including time in Europe, South America and Africa. He was a pioneer of French aviation. He had a number of aircraft crashes, which were quite common in the early days of aviation, and these left him with a number of permanent injuries.

He wrote a number of books including 'The Little Prince' (Le Petit Prince), being his most famous one written for children. It has sold over two million copies and was recently shown as a TV series for children.

At the outbreak of World War II he rejoined the French Air Force flying reconnaissance missions

until France's armistice with Germany, when he was demobilised.

He then travelled to the USA to help persuade its government to enter the war. During his 27 month stay in the USA he wrote three of his most important works. He then joined the Free French Air Force in North Africa, although being well past the maximum age for such pilots and in declining health.

Russell also outlined some items that had been found in the sea which identified Antoine.

The next Breakfast will be held on April 28, at the Co-Operating Church, Williams Avenue. John and Robern Lubawski will be the guest speakers talking about the Lubawski family's experiences in Europe after World War II before emigrating to Australia.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders by Thursday April 26 at 5122 1148 or by email at ken.15967@bigpond.com

By Keith Enders

The March Breakfast was held on March 24 and Russell Hadley was the guest speaker. His topic was Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Church Times

Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish

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



Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

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

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

Williams Avenue, Churchill
Tel: 5134 2849

Fr James Fernandez /Fr Edwin Ogbuka

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

Churchill Christian Fellowship
Maple Crescent, Churchill
Sunday: 10.00am

Student Connect

The Battle of Waterloo 1815.

I recently mentioned at Church about a fairly well-known story regarding this battle.

Mainly between the UK and allied forces under Wellington and the larger number of French forces under Napoleon, there were some interesting features.

One was that the weather delayed Napoleon's advance, which allowed some re-enforcements to arrive to support Wellington.

Another was that when the battle was over, communicating the message of who was victorious back across the Channel to the UK was not straightforward.

Because of the fog in the Channel, the semaphore message on Sunday June 18, 1815 was seen to say 'Wellington defeated'.

Panic set in across the UK as that message was relayed around the country. People started to prepare for the invasion by the French.



Hours later, when the fog lifted, the message actually read 'Wellington defeated the enemy'.

What appeared to be a defeat was in fact a victory.

I mentioned that this was true of Easter...what appeared, to many, to be the defeat of Jesus Christ on the Cross was in fact a victory with His Resurrection. The

Cross was not the end!

He was seen resurrected, by over 500, at once!

This Easter, the fact is that Christ is a Risen Saviour!

Many today may see the Cross as a defeat, despite what Christ 'won' there. But, with the Resurrection, the victory – the full message – is more clearly visible.

Worth thinking about!

Churchill Fire Brigade



Churchill Fire Brigade participated in the Churchill Community Festival by opening its doors to the public. Captain Koala was on the scene, saying hello to the children. There was information to collect and children were able to view the fire trucks and squirt a hose. Occasionally you could hear the sirens.

The March Lions Market was running on the same day as the Churchill Festival. The brigade also had a stall with a CFA Community Education trailer displaying a range of fire preparation material, as well as having a table with pictures and pencils for the children to colour in. The District 27 Field Operations Vehicle was also on display. This impressive vehicle holds an array of communications equipment, including a satellite dish and enables us to better coordinate fire operations on the ground near a fire scene.

Captain Steve Barling said he was pleased with the event and the response of visitors to the fire station and market. "It is a good to have such events to attract the public. We are pleased to have been a part of it and it was an ideal opportunity to open the doors and connect with our community with information and some fun for the kids".

Smoke Alarms.

Daylight Saving finished

on April 1. Have you checked your smoke alarm? Have you changed the battery to make sure it is working?

Smoke detectors save lives.

It is most important to make sure the smoke detectors in your house or business have a working battery.

Using a broom handle you can push the button on the under side of the detector and see if the alarm activates.

If it does, that is good. However it is also a good policy to change the battery regularly on an annual basis.

A smoke detector without a battery will not warn you of a fire so please do not take out the battery when you are cooking.

Instead when it activates, fan it with a tea-towel, newspaper or tray to stop it.

If you have workmen in for painting or such and they remove the detector for some reason, please make sure they replace the smoke detector with the battery in it.

As you are cleaning, just put the nozzle of the vacuum cleaner across the smoke detector to keep it free from dust and maintain its effectiveness.

Smoke detector checks will be carried out around Churchill for senior citizens.

If you are a senior citizen and would like to have your smoke detector checked by the Churchill brigade members please call Ruth

5122 1961.

Fire Fighters Memorial Site Chosen

A new site has been chosen for the Victorian Emergency Services Memorial. This memorial replaces the one at the now closed CFA Fiskville Training site at Ballan.

The new memorial will be built to the east of the JFK memorial pond in Treasury Gardens, East Melbourne. The memorial will include CFA, MFB, FFMV, VICSES, Ambulance Victoria and Life Saving Victoria. The names of all CFA members who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty will be recorded on a roll of honour.

CFA has been working closely with Emergency Management Victoria to identify a suitable site which was made possible thanks to support from the City of Melbourne.

CFA also worked with the families and brigades of those on the Fiskville memorial, to get their views on what the new memorial should look like and where it should be placed.

This will be a permanent site where families, friends, fellow brigade members and the community can visit and pay their respects.

The design for the new memorial is already underway and we hope the memorial will be complete by mid 2019.

Hazelwood Wild Dog Cloggers



At the Churchill Community Festival recently, the Hazelwood Wild Dog Cloggers gave a demonstration of clogging. Five Cloggers performed eight dances to a range of different music from Ed Sheeran, Keith Urban to Fleet of Flames showing the diversity of clogging.

Clogging is an American folk dance that has its origins in the Southern Appalachian Mountains of the USA.

In the mid 1700's, large numbers of Scottish, English, Irish and German immigrants brought their traditional folk dances, blending with African Americans and native Indians to form what we now call clogging.

Clogging of old was

done impromptu to foot-tapping bluegrass music that also has its roots in the same area. As clogging moved out of the mountains to the flatlands, special taps were added to give the dance its distinctive sound. In Australia, a precision form of clogging is danced. Precision (or modern) clogging was developed around World War II, and is danced to wide a variety of music.

Precision cloggers wear shoes with jingle taps. The emphasis of precision clogging is on everyone clogging the same step at the same time.

Clogging is "cued" similar to square dancing or aerobics therefore dancers

learn "steps" not routines.

The Hazelwood Wild Dog Cloggers was originally formed in 1996 in Warragul (hence the Wild Dog reference) and moved to Hazelwood in 2002.

Classes are held on Thursday nights with a new beginner's class on Wednesday mornings at the Hazelwood North Hall. Everyone is welcome to just come along and join in the fun! For more information about clogging, go to the Australian Clogging Association Website www.cloggingaustralia.com

Clogging at the festival were Robyn Dossett, Sandra Maddocks, Jeanette McGown, Karen Rosato and Michelle Hammet.

Voting has opened for the 2018 Latrobe City People's Choice Awards

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If you know a local business that provides excellent customer service, reward them by voting for them in the 2018 Latrobe City People's Choice Awards.

This year we have added a new category to the voting "TRADES" so nominate your favourite local Trade business today.

Yinnar Memorial Hall

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Entry gold coin donation

9.00 am-1.00 pm

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Stalls include Face Painters, Plaster Painting, Show Bags, Cosmetics, China Painting, Wooden Platters, Children's Clothing, Jewellery, Candles & Melts, Knitting Yarns, Oils, Soaps, numerous Hand Crafts, Food and Coffee vendors, Homemade Cakes and Slices, Fudge, Plants, Honey, Hair Accessories and many more (No Bric-A-Brac)

It is an Indoor/Outdoor Market with the Hall Heated in Winter and Air Conditioned in Summer.

Contact information for market co-ordinator

Email: yinnarmemorialhallinc@outlook.com

Phone 0417 525 431

1st Churchill Scout Group



Prepare for adventure, prepare for life

What a great start to the year! In February we celebrated Baden Powell's birthday at our Founders Day activity. We had a goose chase around Churchill with all our youth members from Joeys to Venturers out looking for hidden objects. Venturer Taylah ran the night and it was a huge success.

1st Churchill Cubs and 1st

Morwell Scouts joined forces for Clean Up Australian Day in March.

Together we cleaned litter from Glendonald Park, clearing away a dozen big bags of rubbish.

We had loads of fun at the Churchill Festival in March.

We had egg 'n' spoon races and sack races.

We also ran two raffles and had lots of information on joining our group.

It was a great fun day and was a successful day for the community.

If you are looking for something for your kids to do, to get outdoors and have some fun, meet new people and learn life skills, then come and look at Scouting.

Parents looking for some adventure in your life, looking for some community involvement, maybe scouting leadership is for you.



Mathison Park



We are so fortunate at Mathison Park to have so many wonderful supporters who contribute to the park's development and maintenance. This month we would like to extend our thanks to Barb Harvey at Bunnings Morwell.

Some of our new trees have grown tall, but with the windy days we have had, they need some extra support as they grow. Bunnings Morwell donated 50 wooden stakes for our use to help these trees grow to their full potential.

Many of them were used at our working bee on the second Saturday of March - the long weekend. Some of our regulars were away but the rest did an outstanding amount of work. Trees were mulched and garden beds were weeded. Trees were staked and weeded. It doesn't sound like much but it filled the morning. Thanks again to Faye for providing water for workers on a hot day and a delicious morning tea. It was most appreciated.

Special thanks go to three



volunteers - Chris, Michael, Max - who have worked over and above the working bee times to clear fallen branches and trees.

This is a constant task and we thank them for their dedication. The recent high winds have given us a further challenge.

It was wonderful to welcome Michael who is keen and able to help.

Thanks go to the Council tree crew who inspected some dead trees near the playground and found them dangerous. They have now been removed.

A reminder that you can go on line and fill in a survey saying what you would like to see developed in Mathison Park.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CDDNW5Z>. This survey takes only five minutes.

Working bees are held on the second Saturday of each month from 9am -12.30pm.

We meet at Mackeys Road carpark, sign in and then go to the work site. Our next working bee will be May 12. For further information ring Ruth 51221961 or 0456 786 577.

Darrell White OAM

Latrobe City Business Tourism Association People's Choice Awards are a chance to reward exemplary customer service

Voting for the Latrobe City Business Tourism Association's (LCBTA) People's Choice Awards opened on March 15. The awards are a community-led way to celebrate and raise awareness of the significance of tourism and small business in our communities.

These Awards are about acknowledging local businesses going above and beyond in customer service in their efforts to gain a strong business reputation.

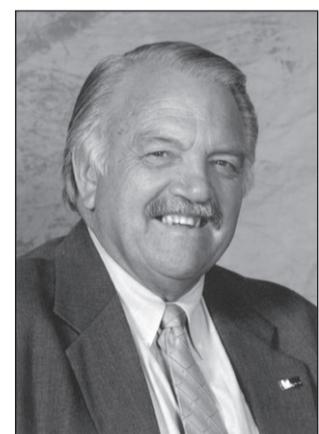
We all love a word of mouth recommendation. You can boost the renown of a business by nominating them for a People's Choice Award. The LCBTA is investing in the promotion of Latrobe City by hosting these awards and we all benefit from that promotion.

We know our region is great but winning an award like this can help a business promote itself further, attracting a new customer base and in turn increasing economic activity in Latrobe City.

Council actively supports any opportunity to develop business and community pride, to promote awareness of our region further afield and to showcase what individual businesses offer to their customers.

The LCBTA Committee, which is chaired by Peter Ceoney, will be hosting the awards.

This is the ninth year of the People's Choice Awards. Ensure you give your business the best opportunity to be recognised for excellence in customer service. There will be a Gala Awards Dinner on July 10. These Awards act as a lead in to the Gippsland Business Awards and the Victorian Tourism Awards.



It's important that people support their favourite businesses by voting. There was a launch breakfast on March 15 to kick off the nomination and voting period before the awards, and Latrobe City Council is proud to be a major sponsor of these awards.

In 2010, the People's Choice Awards began with 208 businesses nominated in six different categories. Since 2015, those figures have more than doubled.



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Hazelwood Rotary

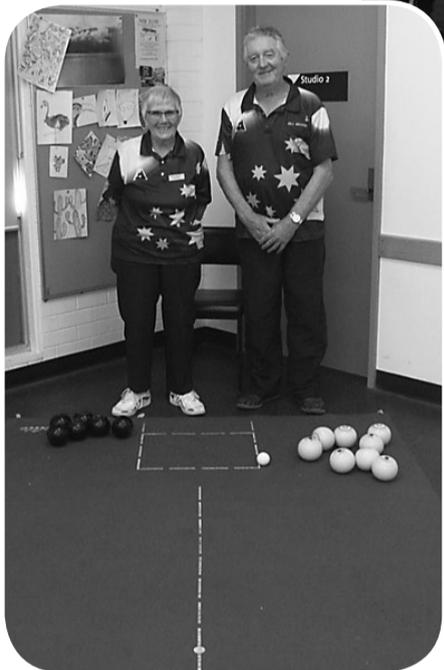
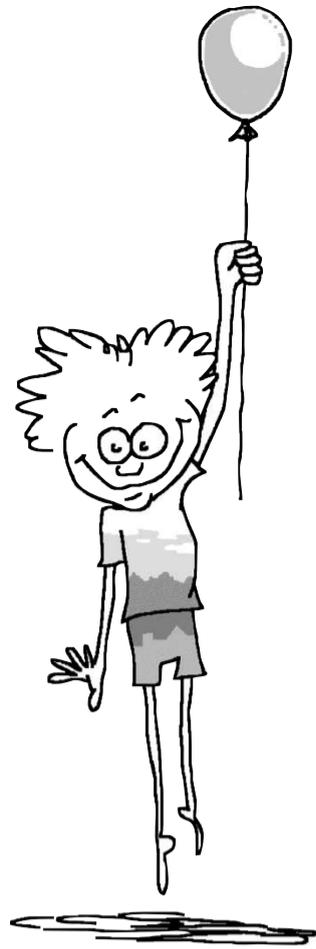
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Leo Billington, President
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MEETINGS:
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ITALIAN AUSTRALIAN SPORTING AND SOCIAL CLUB MORWELL

"Hazelwood Rotary will co-ordinate the 2018 ANZAC Day service in Churchill at 9.00 am in the Civic Space."

Community Festival of Fun . . . Again!



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The Churchill Baseball Club was excited to once again be part of the Churchill Festival in 2018. The Churchill Baseball Club is always looking for new members of all ages. Under 10s and under 13s play on Saturday and under 16s and Seniors play on Sunday. Training is on Wednesday nights from 4:30 pm.

The Churchill Hockey Club also ran a stall to recruit for the Under 7, Under 13, Under 17 and the women's and men's teams. Games are played at Federation University with training starting Thursday nights from March, with the Juniors and Under 7s to Under 17s from 5pm to 6pm and Seniors from 6pm.

The 1st Churchill Scout Group ran an information stall about what it means to be a Scout, sharing information about Scouting activities such as camping, hiking, learning survival skills, adventure activities and making great new friends. They ran three races and supervised the maze.

The Animal Farm attracted many families with the children being able to feed and cuddle many of the baby animals. It was certainly a

hit. Older cars are also a drawcard for many. The Piston Car Club had a display of their cars in the civic space, while the Historic Car Club was located behind the carpark.

Neighbourhood Watch volunteers set up shop to secure number plates and engrave precious items. They also had information about safety around the home to alert people of dangers. Children could also have a turn at being in a toy police car etc.

Wheelchairs for Kids ran a stall which served to illustrate their role in providing wheelchairs to those in need. The charity receives donations from Rotary International as well as schoolchildren in over 290 schools who support the program through fundraising such as walkathons, free dress days and the recycling of aluminium.

The organisation donates wheelchairs to over 70 countries around the world including Africa, Vietnam, East Timor, Indonesia and Thailand, and has produced over 27,000 wheelchairs to date.

They produce over 300 wheelchairs per month with every \$150 raised resulting in

a child receiving a wheelchair that can be customised. Service club, Hazelwood Rotary ran a barbecue for festival participants with all funds raised going to charities and local groups such as Wheelchairs for Kids, the Ronald MacDonald House and the Centenary House in Traralgon. Children who participated in the library storytime received a free ticket for a sausage.

Further refreshments were available inside the Churchill Hub via the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. The proceeds will be used to help run their programs. Refreshments were sold by volunteers and included Devonshire tea, coffee and soft drinks. There were also adorable knitted ducks with an

Easter egg inside which were a real hit with the kids.

Behind the Hub you could explore the Community Garden or eat your goodies while listening to Peter and David and the Community Singers. They provided a wonderful time of musical entertainment.

Also located there were Gippsland FM members who engaged with the community. They were amazing in their promotion of the event.

Inside the building the Gum Leaf Quilter ladies showed off their craft skills and demonstrated the quilting machine called Annie.

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Old Time Family Dance

Jeeralang North Hall

Jeeralang North Road
Friday, April 27

Dancing from
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Another participant in the Churchill Festival was Swordcraft Gippsland. Two members dressed in costume and wandered around the area, showing off their skills. The Swordcraft Gippsland group is a live action roleplay or LARP group which uses latex swords, arrows and other weapons in order to fight each other in battle games whilst wearing real armour. It is technically a

full-contact sport which is free for the first session and is made up of participants over the age of 16. The group has 400 players a week in Melbourne and 50 each game in Gippsland with multiple charters in Bendigo, Ballarat and Melbourne. Swordcraft Gippsland meets fortnightly at the Angus Reserve and new players can come and give it a try with the cost being \$4 -7 dollars to participate.

The Library in the Churchill Hub was open to all visitors and was a great reprieve for anyone who wanted a quiet minute to themselves away from the festive environment. The Library also wished to share to community families that the story time program runs on Wednesdays at 10:30 am and is open to the public as a fun family activity. Students from FedUni took turns to read stories to the children who sat enthralled. They were very busy.

Further highlights included the Wild Dog Cloggers who started the entertainment with a well rehearsed display of clogging with many intricate steps to toe tapping music. The entertainment continued with the Stringbusters, The Morwell Brass Band, Latrobe and Francis Orchestra and finally Kurnai Music with bands, choirs, duets and solos.

Amidst this wonderful range of musical ability and types was the official opening of the Festival by Latrobe City Mayor Darrell White OAM.

Across the road at the lower Town Hall the Bowls Club reps had a lot of interested visitors to try out bowling. Hopefully they will obtain some new members. The Men's Shed had visitors too, some inquiring about how it is run. Perhaps they will be future attendees.

Abigail Brown, on behalf of the Festival Organising Committee said she was thrilled with the day. She extended a huge thank you to all the volunteers who so graciously gave their time to make the day run well. Thanks were also offered to the wonderful sponsors of the Festival - Latrobe City Council, ENGIE, HVP, Latrobe Community Health Service, Gippsland Trade Printers, Lions, Rotary, 1st Churchill Scouts, Woolworths and Churchill & District News. The Churchill Fire Station was open to show off its equipment and allowed the children to squirt a hose. Information about fire safety was available.

To travel between the Hub and the Lions Market at the Churchill Hotel you could, for a gold coin, ride in style in a two horse - drawn vehicle. Ian at the reins and his son at the rear made each journey a safe and happy one. Customers had big smiles. The gold coin donations were given to the Wheelchairs for Kids program.

At 1pm Shave for a Cure began with Katie and her assistant from Barber Shed. First they 'shaved' the two mascots for the

Community Garden. Then for real, Abigail, Bronwyn, Susan, Ben and Rebecca, bravely participated. Abigail, Bronwyn and Susan shed all their locks to the cheers and oohs and ahs of the crowd which gathered to witness the occasion. All three looked totally different when the job was completed. Rebecca gave up a lot of her beautiful long hair and Ben had a mohawk cut. Much money was raised for the charity which aims to find a cure for Leukemia.

At the shops Lifeline opened for sales. Hazelwood Health offered free skin cancer checks and blood pressure reading. Vintage C'hill were hoping to have hot cross buns available but were sadly unable to obtain them at the last minute.

The Lions Market had a bumper day with a full complement of stalls. Many stall holders reported excellent sales. They too had a range of musicians play to entertain the crowd. There was free face painting and a jumping castle for the kids. A huge Easter Raffle was won by Lilly Spicer - Morris.

A variety of food items was bought and enjoyed. Spokesperson Bill said it was a great market. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the Lions had lots of positive feedback from people attending. They are hoping to make the April market just as big and successful. It was a good day and generated interest from possible stall holders to attend at future markets.

SCOUTS AUSTRALIA

1ST CHURCHILL SCOUT GROUP

1st Churchill Scouts is made up of five sections;
Joey Scouts, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers

JOEY SCOUTS - Every Thursday 5.30 to 6.30 pm
If you are aged 5 to 7 years old, you can join Joey Scouts. At Joey Scouts you will play lots of games, learn how to make things, make new friends and lots more! Joey Scouts are very special scout, they meet once a week and do all sorts of fun and exciting things.

CUBS - Every Wednesday 6.30 to 8.00 pm
If you are aged 7 to 10 years, then it's Cubs for you. You will learn how to use a compass, go on hikes, go camping, play games and meet lots of new friends.

SCOUTS - Every Tuesday 7.00 to 9.00 pm
Aged between 10 to 14 years, then you need to join Scouts. At Scouts you will go camping, hiking, learn survival skills, adventure activities and make great new friends.

VENTURERS - Every Monday 7.00 to 9.00 pm
Aged between 14 to 18 years, then Venturers is the place for you. Create your own adventure and take your friends along. Camping, hiking and more with you in charge.

Want more information, feel free to come down to the hall and visit during a section meeting. The hall is situated on Manning Dr, Churchill, set back off the road among the natural bushland.

Or send the Group Leader an email at gl.1stchurchill@scoutsvictoria.com.au and they will get back to you with all the details you need.

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Bob Lowick on 0408 377 781 Email: Churchill.lion@gmail.com



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Churchill Town Safety Group

Local community volunteering

This month, we will be looking at volunteering for your local community.

Have you ever had plans to volunteer for a worthwhile project around your home town or district?

There are a number of volunteer organisations that are in need of people to help out with some of the projects that they are running.

Neighbourhood Watch is one organisation that is very community minded and put their hand up to assist



SAFER COMMUNITIES GROUP

various other organisations to implement their ideas at various times.

Working for a volunteer organisation can help you to spread the news about the place you live and give you pride in what you do.

To get into volunteering in one way or another, you could visit your local HUB and enquire or look up <https://www.lchs.com.au/volunteer>

Do it for your community. Every little bit helps.



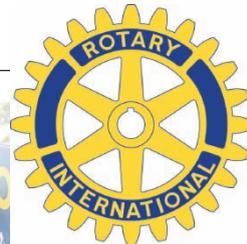
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Hazelwood Rotary Club



Thorpdale Potato Festival returns in 2019

Despite the worst efforts of Mother Nature to ruin the beginning of our 2017 Potato Festival, we prevailed and had a magnificent sunshine-filled day, just as much a success as the rejuvenated Festival of 2015. This was, of course, helped along by the sparkling Miguel Maestre from "The Living Room", our surprise guest who was just as fun-loving and 'bouncy' as he appears on the TV show.

Miguel happily posed for 'selfies' with lots and lots of attendees, handed out his special hot potato chips, participated in the Mash-eating competition and strutted his stuff on the catwalk in a bespoke hessian chef's outfit. To his dismay, he didn't win the competition. He will be a hard act to follow. Families poured into the gates to enjoy the wood-chop, quick shear, tug-of-war, potato throw, sack races, spud run, giant slide, pet

nursery and a myriad of other activities along with over 100 market stalls to browse along. There were food stalls providing everything from potato spirals to paella to pizza and of course the ever present coffee. And, very few queues!

Work has started on the myriad of details required to make our Festival on Sunday, March 10, 2019 even better yet. We have an extended committee representing all our community groups and with that comes lots of new ideas and more assistance on the day to ensure that we streamline proceedings as well as we can.

For more information, contact: Barbara Butterworth, Marketing & Public Relations Officer, Thorpdale Potato Festival Committee, Email: thorpdale.potatofest@gmail.com, www.thorpdale.potatofestival.com.au, Ph: (03) 5634 6242.

By Leo Billington

Hazelwood Rotary Club would like to hear from local residents keen to learn more about Rotary and what Rotary clubs actually do.

Rotary is a service organisation of 1.2 million men and women united under the motto of service above self, doing good in their local communities and around the world.

Hazelwood Rotary Club participated in the 2018 Churchill Festival co-ordinating a display by Wheelchairs for Kids and a sausage sizzle.

Hazelwood Rotary Club will also co-ordinate the 2018 ANZAC Day service

at Churchill and, together with Churchill Lions Club, a Gunfire breakfast will be provided for attendees to the service.

Early in March, guest speaker, well known former Morwell school teacher, Max Sargent outlined his work with an orphanage in Kenya, (together with his wife, Jill), and another in Uganda. They mentored local teachers being actively involved in classrooms and work on school facilities. Max and Jill are still regularly in contact with these schools and are working constantly to garnish support, particularly for the Kenyan school that caters strongly for orphaned and

disadvantaged students, with no direct support from the Kenyan Government. They have an ongoing commitment to the schools and intend to continue their work with a further visit in 2019.

Russell Northe was another guest speaker where he outlined a vision for the future of Gippsland and the Latrobe City municipality. Discussion and debate was candid and revealing, demonstrating a wide range of social issues in urgent need of attention.

Hazelwood Rotary will sponsor two Mirboo North Secondary College Year 11 students, Jemma Garlick and Lana Williamson to attend the

2018 Model United Nations Assembly [MUNA] program in late May.

Traralgon volunteer, Jan Dunbar has been another of our wonderful guest speakers. Jan works for the Office of the Public Advocate as a Community Visitor in two streams, Mental Health and Supported Residential Services. In September last year Jan took on the role of Regional Convenor in the Mental Health Stream.

For people interested in joining Hazelwood Rotary, please don't hesitate to contact President, Leo Billington on 0458 661 848.

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Since 1958, the Games are heralded by the Baton Relay. A message from the monarch of the time is encased in a baton at Buckingham Palace and is transported by a relay of runners to the Opening Ceremony of the Games, where it is delivered to the Monarch representative who reads it to start the Games. Originally it travelled only through England and the host country but this year it was carried through Commonwealth countries in all five continents. It passed through Traralgon,

The first Games were held in Hamilton, Ontario in 1930. Four hundred athletes from 11 nations attended and contested 59 events in six sports, athletics, boxing, lawn bowls, rowing, swimming and diving and wrestling. Australia won three gold medals. Since then all categories have grown

steadily and this year's games expected over 5000 athletes from 70 countries to compete in 275 events in eighteen sports.

Sydney was the first city in Australia to host the Empire Games in 1938 as part of the Australian sesquicentenary. No special stamps were issued but a post office in the athlete's village had a special circular cancellation "BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES : SYDNEY AUSTRALIA." It was open for the duration of the Games.

Perth was the next Australian city to host the Games, now the British Empire and Commonwealth Games. Two stamps were issued to commemorate the event, a 5d. value picturing the Kangaroo Paw, W.A.'s state flower in front of a Perth skyline and a 2/3 value featuring the state coat of arms.

The XIIth Commonwealth Games were held in Brisbane in 1982. Australia Post issued four stamps each showing a sport. The three 27c stamps pictured a boxer, an archer and a weight-lifter and the 75c stamp featured a pole-vaulter. They also issued a miniature sheet showing all four stamps and the sheet was



used also for the Australian National Philatelic Exhibition with an ANPEX overprint.

In 2006 Melbourne hosted the Commonwealth games and Australia Post issued many stamps.

Three were issued to publicise the Games, a 50c runner on starting blocks, a \$1.25 cyclist and a \$1.85 netballer. A mini-sheet was issued as well. Three 50c stamps followed with the ideals of equality, humanity and destiny featured.

Five x 50c stamps featured the opening ceremony and were on a mini-sheet as well. Each of the 84 Gold medallists featured on a 50c stamp, a series of ten x 10 c stamps showed the women's marathon and the closing ceremony merited five x 50c stamps and a Mini-sheet.

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Russell Northe MLA

I trust that everyone had a safe and relaxing time over the Easter and school holiday period. Hopefully it allowed many families to take in some of the attractions and events across the Latrobe Valley and Gippsland region.

I recently had the pleasure of attending Churchill North Primary School, to assist in congratulating student leaders including School Captains, House Captains, and Junior School Councillors. Thank you to Principal Deb along with teachers, staff and students at Churchill North Primary School for their exceptional community service, and for the hospitality they demonstrate to their guests and visitors. I'm sure all student leaders will do a sensational job in representing their school and the Churchill community.

In March I was able to attend a dinner meeting hosted by our amazing Hazelwood Rotary Club. Also in attendance on the evening were Churchill Lions Club representatives. Churchill and district is really blessed to have such wonderful and proactive service clubs in its midst.

Hazelwood Rotary and its members have been extraordinary contributors to worthy local, state, national and international projects over many decades. In particular their efforts to support the development of Gippsland Rotary Centenary House have been incredible. To President Leo and all members of Hazelwood Rotary I say well done and keep up the great work!! If you are interested in joining the Hazelwood Rotary team you can do so by calling (03) 5122 1366 or sending an email to: hazelwoodrotary@gmail.com

The support of our local businesses in the current economic climate is just



so important right now. You can show your support for one of your favourite local business by way of the ever popular Latrobe City Business Tourism Awards - "People's Choice Awards". Voting is now open until May 31, with finalists announced on July 10, 2018. Churchill businesses such as the Churchill Hotel and Vintage C'hill Café have been recognised in these awards previously. These awards raise Latrobe City's tourism profile, recognise businesses that display excellence in customer service, and develop community pride and awareness. For more information, visit <http://www.lcbta.org>.

Once again, Churchill & District News is taking part in the nappy collective. Donations of leftover and unused disposable nappies

that can be dropped off at Churchill Neighbourhood House. My office has also registered as a Nappy Collective Drop off point, so if you are in Morwell donations can be also be dropped off at 12-14 George Street Morwell. I have been proud to be able to support this project for a few years now.

The Churchill community and surrounds really do a marvellous job with this project in supporting young parents who can sometimes find themselves in challenging circumstances, and the donation of these nappies can make a positive difference.

In closing, please remember ANZAC Day on April 25. A number of services will be conducted around the Latrobe Valley on this very important day.

I encourage everyone in our community to attend a dawn or day service on ANZAC Day whilst paying tribute to those brave and courageous Diggers who served our country with such distinction. The Rotary Club of Hazelwood along with the Morwell RSL will once again host the Churchill ANZAC Day service on Wednesday April 25, commencing at 9am. The service will be held in the civic space opposite the Churchill Neighbourhood Hub.

Friends of Morwell National Park

John's Jottings

This snippet on the activities of the Friends of Morwell National Park was sourced and edited from early Newsletter files. It seems that the group had problems with Ranger allocation way back then. The newsletter was quite long but interesting so I have continued it this month.

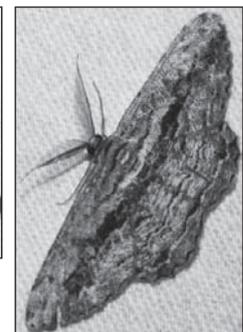
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"Ken made a report of his activities, most of us have been taking it easy but not him; his vigilance is appreciated. He has completed a flora and fauna list detailing his observations in Billys Creek. This has been forwarded to Debra to assist in the preparation of the management plan. In checking back on the orchid sample plots he is very disappointed to again report that no plant has set seed, and so far he has not observed any plants to do so in the park. This has raised many questions and I have written to two prominent amateur botanists who know this local area very well. By chance he met with Craig in Billys Creek and they removed the last clump of Pussy Willow. Those that were there last December may remember I refused to go into deep rushing water, even in the name of conservation! He was most delighted to report seeing a small young lace monitor (goanna) in the park.

Yinnar South fair on March 18 looks to be a quiet affair. I have been unable to contact Craig at this stage although I will keep trying. We do not know if CF&L are to have a manned tent and it was felt that some of the effect and appeal would be lost if we were to be alone. Some members have volunteered to help the fair committee by donating an hours labour on the day - the group received a very nice cash donation for our trouble last year.

Thanks to Johanna Aziz and her family we can now proudly advertise to the community our group via pin on badges. A small donation towards the conference fund will secure one of these masterpieces. Very soon hopefully our logo will also be able to be worn on T Shirts etc.

The next meeting on the third Sunday; March 19 at 1.30pm is a walk down the



access track into Billys

Creek from Jumbuk Road. If you start to think we are going to just let you enjoy it you may be wrong. On the way we hope to have Ken tell us just what's a weed and what isn't. Why do you need to know you ask? Well we can't have you pull out the wrong plant can we. Needed will be a plastic bag and something big or small to help dig up the offenders.

Regards Yvonne Aplin."

March Activity Report

This month we had two activities planned. The first activity was to be track maintenance around Stringybark Track. Earlier in the week the forecast was for a hot, humid and stormy day. Since it would have been risky to use chainsaws and trimmers in hot conditions, it was decided (with Parks input) to cancel the first activity. On the morning of the activity we found it wet and steamy instead of hot and humid. We received the best rain of the summer and would not have been able to do the activity with it being too wet rather than too hot.

At the second activity we had Matt, Tamara, Wayne, Peter, Wendy Mc, Beryl, Ken, John and Darren. We had apologies from Mike, Cathy and Grant. The evening activity started with a barbeque.

While John started the barbeque, Ken and Wayne set up the mothing sheets and generator for the mothing activity. The barbeque stopped after a few minutes, but fortunately Peter and Wendy came with a barbeque, so this was used to cook dinner. This was the second activity where the barbeque did not work.

During the barbeque two koalas watched us from above the picnic area while Rose and David joined the group.

After the barbeque a meeting was held. Parks had told the group about a round of Biodiversity grants which are currently open. It was decided to apply for a grant for weed reduction in Billys Creek basin.

Some teachers from Lavalla College have emailed with a request to make nesting boxes for the Park. The boxes will be made as part of a student based project. We have told them to go ahead and we will use them to replace broken boxes. The students will be invited to view gliders in the current nesting boxes.

Heart walks are back and during Parks Week last week, the Heart Foundation organised a walk in Morwell National Park. It was a similar scenario to the previous walks where our leader guided the walk while nobody from the other organisations came. Four walkers enjoyed a walk around Stringybark Track where they saw two koalas. The walkers indicated that they wish to return for more walks or a future activity.

The Express will soon have an article about Powerful Owls. A reporter has talked to Matt and David to make a profile piece about the owls in our Park.

Ken wants to publish a book on the moth species of Morwell National Park. He has recorded 666 species so far with another 300 moths still to be identified. Some of these moths are rare, but have been located in our Park. The group agreed to fund the project (likely around \$3,000) and enquire whether Parks would be interested in funding part of the project.

After the meeting and as twilight approached Ken, David and Matt set up for the mothing. The rest started towards Lyndon's Landing (on the Foster's Gully walk) to see what the spotlights and torches would find. We heard lyrebirds, boobooks and wallabies, and saw ringtail possums and koalas. When the group returned to the mothing sheets, we found that some moths had started coming towards the light. The cooler night meant that there weren't many moths. The most common moth of the night was a tiger moth.

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Boer War Soldiers



Quatermaster Sergeant James Henry Dobbin.
Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry
Photo about 1911 at Melbourne
and courtesy of Patrick Dobbin, Ripplebrook.



Private Morton Hall
Enlisted as John Hall and wearing a bandolier
and holding a Martini Henry rifle
4th Victorian Imperial Bushman
Photo courtesy of Bruce Hall, Budgeree

Continuing in the next few issues we will be publishing further information about our local men who became Boer War soldiers.

In doing so, we acknowledge that the information was supplied by local historian and researcher, Rob de Souza-Daw and members of the soldiers' families, which has made this tribute possible.

James Henry Dobbin

James Dobbin was born on 7/7/1874 at Ararat to parents Michael Dobbin and Mary Bourke.

He was known as Jim and he farmed at Kilcunda.

In September 1896 James departed from Melbourne on the SS Buninyong, arriving at Fremantle, where he departed from Albany on the SS Warrigal on 6/6/1900, disembarking at Durban on 26/6/1900.

He travelled to Greylingstad, Transvaal where he enlisted as No.19781 Trooper in Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry at Greylingstad, Transvaal on 1/7/1900.

Jim Dobbin saw operations against the Boers near the Natal-Pretoria Railway then in December 1900 entrained to Bloemfontein for operations near Brandfort.

February 1901 he participated in the chase for Boer General De Wet and in August 1901 to the Cape

Colony in the chase for Boer Generals Smuts and Hertzog. Early in 1902 he participated in operations in the Orange Free State and later in western Transvaal.

He was promoted to Quatermaster Sergeant.

Hostilities ceased on 31/5/1902 with the signing of the Treaty of Vereeniging.

Jim Dobbin departed from Cape Town on the SS Bavarian on 7/6/1902 for Southampton, and represented the State of Victoria at the Coronation of King Edward VII in London.

He was discharged on 15/10/1902.

James married Grace Elizabeth Mary Dwyer at San Remo on 23/8/1911. They had two children - Sheila and William Edward Dobbin, and adopted a child, Marjorie Gwen Dobbin.

James died aged 88 years on 16/5/1962 at San Remo and is buried at San Remo Cemetery.

His Medal entitlements were Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps for Cape Colony, Transvaal, Orange Free State and King's South Africa Medal with clasps for South Africa 1901 and South Africa 1902.

He was also awarded King Edward VII Coronation Medal 1902 with military ribbon.

After the Boer War, James farmed at Waratah, South Gippsland. In 1911 he

temporarily lived at North Melbourne.

By 1913 he had become a farmer at Jeeralang and in 1954 moved to Hazelwood South.

Dobbins Road in Jeeralang Junction is named after the family of James Henry Dobbin and his wife Grace Elizabeth Mary Dobbin.

In his final years, Jim Dobbin lived with his son and his family in the old Hare House in Mathison Park, until the land was acquired by the Housing Commission for the building of Churchill.

Private Morton Hall

Morton Hall was born to parents John Hall and Ellen O'Shannessy on 25/11/1879 at Haddon near Ballarat.

At the time of enlistment he was a single man who was a drover from Budgeree.

He enlisted on 20/4/1900 as No.115 Private, D Squadron, 4th Victorian Imperial Bushmen.

He embarked on 1/5/1900 from Melbourne on the SS Victorian arriving at Beira, Portuguese East Africa on 23/5/1900.

From there he took the train to Umtali in Rhodesia and on 11/7/1900 arrived at Marandellas.

From August 1900 he engaged in operations in northern Cape Colony.

To return home he sailed on the SS Orient from East London on 22/6/1901.

He arrived in Melbourne via Albany and was discharged on 31/7/1901.

He returned to farming. He died of consumption on 21/5/1906 at the age of 26 years at Budgeree, and was buried in Boolarra Cemetery on 23/11/1906.

Medal entitlement - Queen's South Africa Medal and clasps for Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, Rhodesia and South Africa 1901

This further information was supplied by his descendants Alister and Bruce Hall.

Morton returned to Budgeree and his father financed him for a farm at Boolarra South.

He was assisting his brother-in-law Alec Ross, droving cattle on the Budgeree Road.

A limb fell from a large tree causing his horse to take fright and threw him off breaking his leg.

He spent six weeks in hospital.

His leg did not heal so he went back to hospital a second time.

Infection went into his spine and turned to consumption in his lungs.

He never really recovered and died at Budgeree at his father's home on 21/5/1906. He remained single.

He was the grand nephew

of Gladys and Alister Hall.

John McInnes

John was born on 16/4/1874 to parents Malcolm McInnes and Catherine Shaw at Newry near Maffra.

He was sometimes known as Jack.

His education included Newry State School, Hazelwood North State School and Morwell State School. He became a farmer at Hazelwood North.

John enlisted as No.472 Private in 3rd Victorian Bushmen. He departed from Melbourne on HMS Euryalus and arrived at Beira, Portuguese East

Africa via Cape Town on 3/4/1900. He proceeded to Marandellas, Rhodesia and then joined the Rhodesian Field Force where he was promoted, on 22/7/1900 to Lance Corporal. Later he was appointed Honorary Corporal on 13/5/1901. John left South Africa on S.S. Morayshire on 9/5/1901, arriving back in Melbourne on 5/6/1901 and was discharged three days later.

From 1902 John was temporarily living at St Kilda but by 1903 to at least 1947 he was a farmer at Hazelwood North. He retired to Bairnsdale.

John was a Councillor for the Shire of Morwell (Hazelwood Riding) from 1923-1947, being

President in 1922/23.

John was married twice. Firstly to Gertrude May Atkin on 5/11/1902 at St Kilda. They had two children - Malcolm (Dick) Newton and Annie Nancy McInnes. His second marriage was to Florence Isabel Jones at Hazelwood North on 24/11/1915. They had five children - John Douglas, George (died in infancy), Henry George (died in infancy), Donald and Catherine McInnes.

John died on 4/6/1951 aged 77 years at Bairnsdale. He is buried at Hazelwood Cemetery.

Medal entitlement -

Queen South Africa Medal with clasps for Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, Rhodesia, South Africa 1901.

David McInnes shared these memories of John and Malcolm.

David McInnes had two great uncles Private John McInnes and Trooper Malcolm Alexander McInnes.

Malcolm it is said "shot through leaving a note pinned to the tail of a cow, saying 'he's off to join up'. He did so in South Africa.

John McInnes was David's great uncle. David has donated John McInnes' Boer War rifle to the Morwell RSL.



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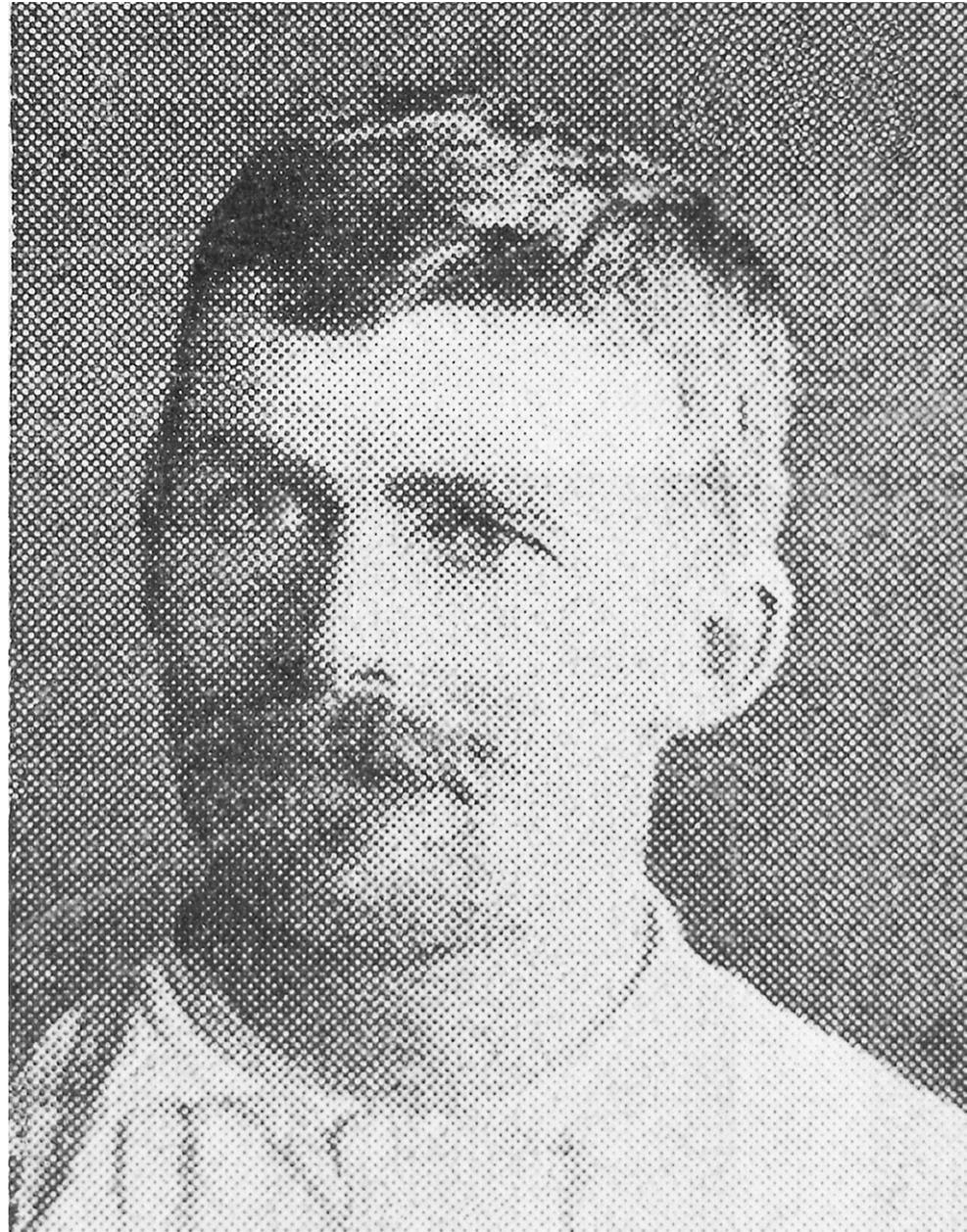
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John McInnes
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Councillor Shire of Morwell (Hazelwood Riding) 1923 - 1947.
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Private John McInnes
3rd Victorian Bushman
Photo by Tom Humphrey Studio, Melbourne
The Leader (Melbourne) 10/3/1900, page 36. Photo 243



Above:
Make and model stamp on the stock of Corporal John McInnes'
Lee Enfield Mark 1* rifle
Photo courtesy of Ken Harris, Churchill

British Crown signifies a British service rifle
RM mean Royal Manufactory, Enfield
Vertical line in the 2 o'clock position is a cancellation mark

John served as a Councillor for the Shire of Morwell for 24 years and was the Shire's fourth longest serving Councillor.

McInnes Crescent in Churchill is named after Councillor John McInnes.

Malcolm Alexander McInnes

Malcolm was born on 5/6/1883 at Upper Maffra to parents Malcolm McInnes and Catherine Shaw. He was known as Mark. At time of enlistment he was a farmer at Hazelwood North. He departed Victoria, possibly on 16/10/1901 from Melbourne on the Sophocles.

He enlisted on 12/11/1901 for six months as No.2170 Trooper with Johannesburg Mounted Rifles, and engaged in operations against the Boers in the Ermelo district Transvaal.

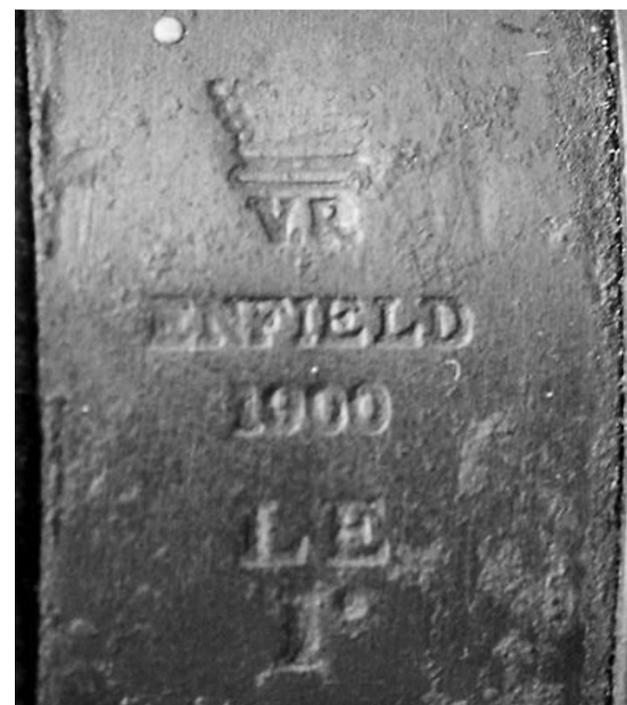
On return he married Adelaide Alvena James at Heidelberg on 2/10/1912.

They had two children - Malcolm and William Robert McInnes.

Malcolm Alexander McInnes lived all his life in Victoria except for two years in Queensland.

On return from the Boer War, he farmed at Maryvale and later moved to Queensland for two years. By 1912 he had moved to a farm at Marraweeney near Violet Town. By 1924 he had moved to Malvern East. By 1932 he was farming at Creek Junction near Violet Town. He later lived as a retired farmer at Euroa, and at the time of passing, (30/12/1960) at Wangaratta, he was a retired farmer of Benalla. He was cremated on 3/1/1961 at Fawkner Memorial Park.

Medal entitlement - Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps for Transvaal, South Africa 1901 and South Africa 1902.



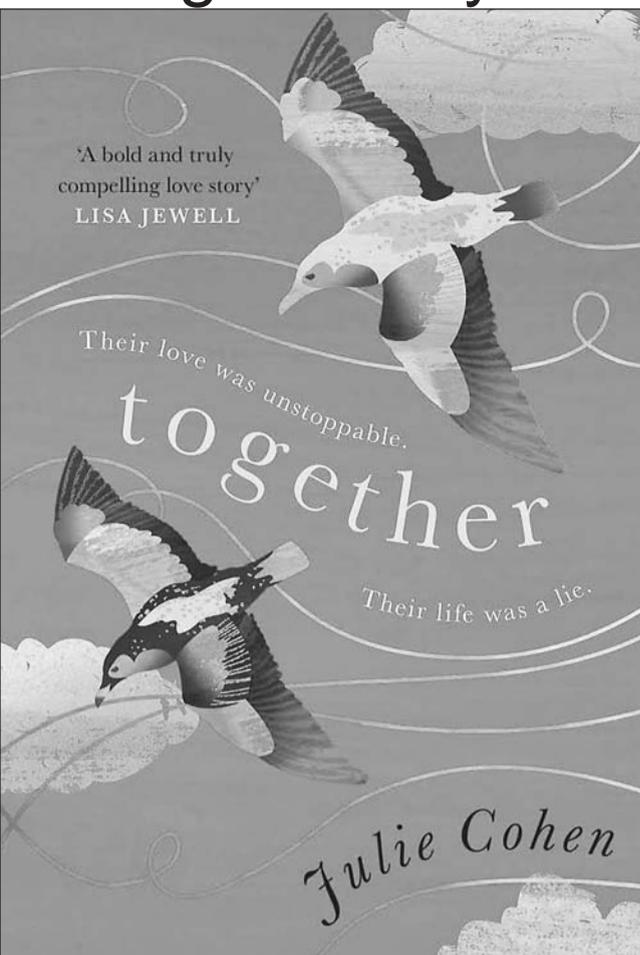
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Make and model stamp on the swivel band of Corporal John McInnes'
Lee Enfield Mark 1* rifle
British Crown signifies a British service rifle
VR means Victoria Regina
Year of manufacture 1900
Photo by Ken Harris, Churchill



Lee Enfield rifle Mark 1* with bolt open.
This rifle was used by No 472 Corporal John McInnes, 3rd Victorian Bushmen during the Boer War. Missing - bayonet, scabbard and shoulder sling.
Photo courtesy of Ken Harris, Churchill.

Book Review

“Together” by Julie Cohen



It has been asked whether this is a love story or a story of great love?

It certainly is a page turner with many twists and turns and dark secrets. There is some sopiness and over romanticism but ultimately the story carries you along on a tumultuous wave. The

structure of the book is that it is told backwards - quite intriguing - but works well in keeping up the suspense of the unfolding story.

There are many issues of morals and ethics arising from the course of the two main characters' lives - Emily and Robbie - and their subsequent

decisions during their lives together.

The element of fate is thrown up again and again throughout the novel and serendipitous meetings are jaw-dropping at times.

The two main characters are extremely different personalities.

Robbie has a really dark side of aggression and alcoholism, but Emily brings out the absolute best in him.

There is a nautical theme reflecting Robbie's love of boats and the sea.

The sea is also a vital element impacting on their lives together.

The love between Emily and Robbie shines throughout, but the isolating consequences of their decisions means they lose touch with their extended families.

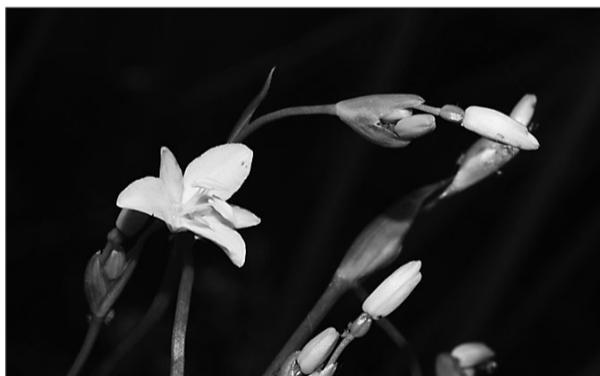
The question of identity is also explored.

Who you are, and whether you are who you appear to be, and also in some cases (adoption), whether you will ever know your heritage, is at the crux of the book.

Do couples choose to be together or is there fatal attraction to be dealt with?

The majority of the book clubbers enjoyed this book as an engrossing 'read' despite some minor flaws in logic of events.

Plants in my Garden



By Mike Beamish
Species: *Libertia paniculata*

Family: Iridaceae
Derivation:

Libertia: Named after Anne-Marie Libert (1782-1865), a Belgian botanist, mycologist and one of the first female plant pathologists.

paniculata: From Latin, *panicula*, meaning tuft or panicle of flowers, with the suffix - *atus*, meaning possessing, referring to the much-branched flowering stems of this species.

Common Name: Branching Grass-flag

Distribution: Widespread in rainforest and wet open forest along the coast and adjacent ranges from south-east Queensland through NSW, though rare in far eastern Victoria, preferring damp, shaded locations.

Description: Clumps of flat, linear leaves up to 60cm long and 1cm wide, with flowers occurring on shorter,

branched stems in spring and early summer, with up to six white, 15mm diameter flowers per stem, that have prominent, yellow-brown, exerted stamens.

Opinion: I've always found it difficult to maintain this species in the garden, possibly because it gets too hot and dry over the summer months.

This time I've planted my August 2017 raffle prize in dappled shade on the edge of my pond in the front yard, and have taken pains to keep the water up to it, in the hope it will last a bit longer than its predecessors.

It flowered straight away, which may not be a good sign if the plant is stressed, but it was planted in springtime, which is its normal flowering period anyway.

Bugs love this nice, juicy species; aphids settled in immediately, leaving marks on the flowers and stems where they've been feeding

and making it difficult to find a pristine flower to photograph.

Snails and slugs also like to chew on the leaves, so regular applications of snailbait are required, otherwise the teethmarks become unsightly.

Sources: Sharr: WA Plant Names and their Meanings. Elliot and Jones: Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 9. Corrick and Fuhrer: Wildflowers of Victoria.

Internet: www.anpsa.org.au/1-pan.html.

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The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group meets on the second Thursday each month at 7.30pm, at the Horticultural Buildings of Federation Training, on the corner of Princes Drive and Monash Way, Morwell.

All guests welcome, please let us know you are coming by calling Mike on 0447 452 755.

Vale Lyle Haustorfer



Lyle Haustorfer (nee Wardley)

Dorothy Lyle Haustorfer, warmly called Lyle, of Churchill passed away following a short illness, on November 3, 2017 in the care of Palliative Care at Latrobe Regional Hospital.

Lyle was born in Inglewood on January 11, 1936, the eldest daughter of Alma and William Wardley. Three older brothers - Ken (dec.), Roy (dec.) and Alan (dec.) watched over her as she assisted her mum with family duties and looking after little sisters Kaye (of Ararat), and Glenys (of Bridgewater). Attending school at Inglewood, Lyle also dutifully attended Sunday school, and loved the opportunity of learning to play piano - not having a piano at home, Lyle would practise on the kitchen table.

The homely tasks she undertook and skills she learned stood her in good stead to become the loving professional homemaker when she married Lyle (Joe) at Easter on April 9, 1956. They were married for 62 years, and proudly celebrated their 60th anniversary in style. Spending her young

married years on a farm in Netherby, Lyle started to build and nurture her nest. Family life in the country was her passion. It was here that Mark and Wendy were born; and Lyle loved cooking, sewing and knitting for them. Sadly, Mark passed away with leukemia when he was five.

In the late sixties, Lyle and Joe moved to the Latrobe Valley for Joe's work with the SECV. This change presented many new experiences for Lyle. After settling in Churchill when Gaye was born, Lyle started to explore volunteering and other pursuits.

In the early eighties, Lyle first volunteered at Fossick and Find Op Shop, when it was originally started, then volunteered for Wattle Club (now LCHS's Planned Activity Group (PAG)) in Churchill for over two decades playing the piano for many participants/friends - her favourite pastime. A member of Churchill Lioness Club, she loved the companionship of friends as they serviced the community, especially dressing up in theme for the annual 'breakaway' trips with her friends.

Lyle loved to travel. Once

the children left the nest, Lyle and Joe enjoyed many, many travelling experiences around and throughout Australia. In later years Lyle (and her sister Kaye) joined Central Gippsland Older Adults Recreation Network (CGOARN), and regularly tripped around Victoria on day and week long trips together.

A memorial service was held for Lyle at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill on Wednesday November 8, 2017, followed by a burial service at Inglewood Cemetery the next day. Lyle is survived by her loving husband Lyle (Joe), daughter and son in law Wendy and Barry Mathieson, daughter Gaye Stephens and Mark; and adored grandchildren Cory, Kirby, Brodie, Whitney and Matthew.

A wonderful, loving and selfless wife, mum, nan and friend sadly missed.

Acknowledgements:

Dr Juliusz Buras, Medical, Nursing and Domestic staff at Latrobe Regional Hospital, Palliative Care Services, the Reverend Heather McDougall-Toms, and Appley Funerals.

Fuelling jobs and investment in the Latrobe Valley

A proposed innovative waste to energy project will help an iconic Latrobe Valley pulp and paper manufacturer cut carbon emissions, create new jobs and usher in a new wave of investment in the region.

Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing recently helped to open Australian Paper's Information Centre in Morwell, which will feature information about the company's feasibility study and the latest Energy from Waste (EfW) technology.

The Victorian Government, along with the Federal Government, is supporting the \$7.5 million study to assess the benefits of investing in EfW technology, which will feed steam into turbines with a target to generate enough electricity.

This will significantly reduce gas and electricity

supplies from transmission networks.

Australian Paper is looking to invest in an EfW facility at the Maryvale pulp and paper mill, which could create more than 400 jobs in the Latrobe Valley.

It would leverage technical skills and expertise, which other companies and organisations could use to drive manufacturing and energy innovation in the region.

It is expected to take approximately 650,000 tonnes each year of waste from Gippsland and metropolitan Melbourne.

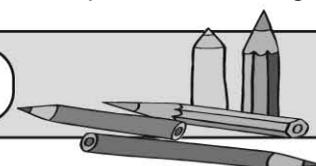
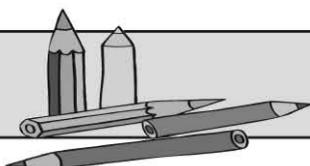
It will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with an estimated net reduction of 500,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions per annum - the equivalent of removing 100,000 cars from Victorian roads each

year - and the energy generated by the facility would be approximately 50% renewable.

The Victorian Government has supported this project in conjunction with the Commonwealth. Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing said "We are determined to support the work needed for new industries to grow, and to see jobs and investment continue to grow throughout the Latrobe Valley.

Australian Paper has a proud history in the Latrobe Valley and has made an enormous contribution to the region's economy for 80 years.

The support we are providing for this project will support the company to continue creating local jobs, reduce its carbon footprint and invest in new technologies for Gippsland."



Boolarra Folk Festival

On Thursday March 1, Steve Shultz and his drummer came to our school to help us with the Folk Festival on Saturday.

After recess we went to the multi to have a go at the instruments.

I have played the quaver sticks, the hand drums, a gong and a sudo for five years now.

After lunch the whole school went to the multi to practise drumming together. I think we sounded awesome.

On Friday at 9:30 the Grade 5/6s went to the park to set up and at 10:00 everybody else went to the park to practise for the Folk Festival. My favourite thing to play on was the sudos because they make a big sound.

On Saturday it was the Folk Festival! At 10:30 we went down to the hotel so we could walk down to the park. I wore a colourful dress, a blue heart necklace and a straw hat.

When we got to the park we got to our positions and started playing 'Kookaburra' and 'Bobs Your Uncle'. Then we had a swap over, I was on the hand drums. When

the drumming stopped I was playing a gong, next we played 'Black Cat Sitting on a Hot Tin Roof', I changed onto a sudo. The last song we played was 'Tarzan' but we were meant to play 'Hot Chocolate' too.

After the drumming my Mum and Dad, Nate and I walked to the clothes shop, then Ruby came over and I asked if I could walk with Ruby, and my parents said yes.

Ruby and I went to the crystal shop. Ruby bought a necklace and a crystal tree for only \$10.

We went everywhere looking at all the stalls and we also went to the Boolarra Shop and bought an icy pole. When we went back to the park and we saw my Mum and Dad there.

Mum gave me a sausage for lunch too. Ruby and I went to get some free popcorn before I had to go home.

When we got home we had fish and chips and watched 'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban'.

It is my favourite movie.
By Isabella

Sports Day 2018 Boolarra Primary

On March 15, 2018 we had sports day for our school. When I got to school nothing was set up but after 10 minutes all of the tents were up. We went into class when the bell rang and got our sport name tag, then we headed out to House Colours assembly area.

The team colours are Irving which is blue, Penaluna is Green, Strzlecki is Yellow and Morrow is Red; so I am in Irving and I like it.

Next we watched everyone and did our sprints and long distance run. I came second with two laps of the oval, it was so hard to keep my breath. I have never been so close to Matilda in a race ever.

After our recess break we got in to our age groups. Our 9-year group did high jump first and long jump second. Sack race was next, it was fun and we didn't have to try to get any points. We had a rest break for a snack and drink then we did shotput and discus lastly before lunch. It was a fun day, Mrs Estcourt thought we were her best

group so far out of all the time she has been at school. After lunch we sang our chants and Ms Larrad handed out all the certificates and trophies. Irving won for the third year in a row. Yippee.

By Mia.

Yinnar and District Sports 2018

On Thursday March 22, 2018 Boolarra Primary School attended the Yinnar and District Sports Carnival. We competed against the other schools from our area to see who the champions are, I was in the 10 year age group.

I went on the bus and talked to Isa on the way. When we got there Ms Larrad was our teacher in charge.

Firstly, we did discus, I'm not good at discus but I had a go and I scored a two.

Next was my favourite, sprints! I was in the champions race so I raced the other champions from other schools. I got into the final and I came 6th overall and scored a three.

After all that excitement we had a rest, at the toilets there was a huge line of people but I got there. I had my snacks and a rest too.

Our group did shotput next, I tried my best and I got one point for our school. My second favourite event was next, high jump. I jumped the first time and made it over moving on to the next jump. I didn't make it over this one so I ended up with two points.

We walked over to the long distance oval. I discovered I was champion in this event too.

Champions only had to run half a lap, I came fifth. Last event with my group was long jump, I don't mind long jump. I jumped over the second mark for both of my turns so I scored a two.

The last event of the day was team relays. My team was Claire, Bree, Isabella and myself. We came second last but it was fun anyway.

We went over to the assembly area and I packed up ready to go home with my Mum, when they made the announcements about the placings. Yinnar won the overall points for the day and Boolarra school came fourth, yippee.

By Ruby.

Netball Clinic

Netball Victoria organised

for a representative to come to Boolarra Primary school on Friday March 23, to run a netball clinic with the Grade 3/4/5/6 students. The session was enjoyed by all students and we even had some parents attend too.

Firstly, the children did some warm ups and ball throwing skills. Then the group was broken up into two teams where the students could compete against each other. Firstly, they played Golden Child, one team shot goals while the other ran around the hats. When the shooting team shot a goal they yelled out "stop", and the runners had to stay where they were until they all got through, and the Golden Child got to run and free everyone.

Lastly the students got to have a go at playing a game. Each team had to pass to six different players before they could shoot for a goal. All of the students were very good players and had lots of fun.
Shrove Tuesday.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Lubawski and Mrs Black for coming to Boolarra Primary School to make us pancakes.



Shrove Tuesday - Children enjoying pancakes
Sports achievements





2018 Vice Captains Andrew Tyrrell, Will Towers, Ruby Smith and Stella Voarino



CPS Student Leaders get behind the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

School Captains

Late in Term 4 last year our Grade 5 students were invited to apply for the positions of School Captains for 2018. We heard speeches from several students and then the student body cast their votes. From these votes the candidates were narrowed down and the finalists were interviewed by a panel of CPS staff. We would like to congratulate Mitchell Berechree and Kayla Schmidt on their successful appointment as 2018 CPS School Captains, and also to Andrew Tyrrell, Will Towers, Stella Voarino and Ruby Smith on their appointments as 2018 CPS Vice Captains.

Basketball Court and Gaga Pit Fun

Over the summer holiday period several things changed around CPS. Our basketball court and plumbing upgrades were completed, new fencing erected, a new staff car park created and the installation of our new Gaga Pit and junior basketball hoop area was finished.

The basketball court has been a wonderful addition to our school with all manner of sports being played on it, including lunchtime round robins of soccer with ten teams of students in Grades 3-6 all competing.

The Gaga Pit is never empty! Students of all ages can be found playing in it at any time of the day.... In fact it's so popular we've had to create a usage roster so that everyone gets to have a go!

Our school captains take it in turns to supervise Gaga games during recess and lunchtime play to ensure a positive and fair experience is had by all students.

CPS School Athletics Day

We had a wonderful School Athletics Day on Thursday March 8. With the weather being lovely and some fantastic organisational skills by Mrs Burke, it all went off without a hitch!

A big thank you to all our parents and grandparents who came along to cheer all our sports stars on the day. The students really do get so much out of having you all there to watch them trying their best! Thanks also to all the CPS staff who went out in house colours and ran the events, cheering with all the students.

The students looked great in their house colours and many went to great lengths to 'colour' hair and faces to cheer their teams on. It was also fantastic to see so many parents and families dressing in house colours to support their kids.

The high spirit of the day was very evident and all participants ran, cheered and supported each other with Yellow House being our final winners. Congratulations to all the Houses for your wonderful sportsmanship and respect for each other on the day, and the House Captains who did a wonderful job - we are very proud of your efforts. The final placings for the day were as follows:

1 - YELLOW, 2 - RED, 3 - GREEN, 4 - BLUE.

Congratulations to our age group Champions - this is a fabulous achievement for you all. Our age group Champions are as follows:

~ 5/6 yrs ~
Jiaze Ding, Gemma Madex and Amelia Parry

~ 7 yrs ~
Jack Towers and Natalie Baker

~ 8 yrs ~
Alana Helyar and Logan Jay

~ 9 yrs ~
Jye Reyke, Arabella Altavas and Shantelle Easton

~ 10 yrs ~
Jaxon Griffiths, Jenny Baker and Alex Mitchell

~ 11 yrs ~
Cade Reyke and Vivian Huynh

~ 12/13yrs ~
Bailey Caldwell and Hayley Kamphuis

It was also wonderful to see the fabulous sportsmanship displayed by many of our students. Congratulations to the following students who received Sportsmanship Awards for their age groups on the day:

~ 5/6 yrs ~
Nykhia Stevenson and Josh Heffer

~ 7 yrs ~
Ruby Galletti and William Selzer

~ 8 yrs ~
Shannyn Laughton and Bryce Kuhne

9 yrs ~
Milla Towers and Xaiden Hudson

~ 10 yrs ~
Annalyse Braun and Jarred De Pater

~ 11 yrs ~
Maddi Edwards and Diesel Nievaart

~ 12/13yrs ~
Isabel O'Leary and Antony Lock

Bullying - No Way!

On Friday March 16, we were one of 4000 schools in Australia which united to celebrate the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA).

Our school Captains visited each classroom to deliver a lesson on the topic of bullying.

First we learnt about what bullying is and the difference between bullying and occasions where someone is being mean.

The P/1 and 1/2 classes got to share the story of Allen the Alien. Allen was new to school and had to learn how to ask to join in on games, share his toys and treat other people nicely.

The P/1/2's made puppets from the story and role played how they could ask to join in on games and share their toys.

The 2/3 and 3/4 classes learnt all about being an upstander!

An upstander is someone who supports someone who is experiencing bullying and does something about it.

Some strategies they learnt were:

- You can just say 'Just stop it' in a cool and casual

way.

- You can say something to distract everyone, like 'Hey, don't we have to go practise for the game?'

- You can reduce the tension, saying something general like 'Let's try to keep things friendly, hey? No one likes that'.

- You can challenge the bullying by saying something like 'This isn't fair, let's all leave.' (And make sure you take the person being bullied along with you.)

- You can walk away and leave the space. That way you don't provide an audience for the person doing the bullying. Definitely don't join in.

- You can tell an adult.

- You can support the person being bullied at the time or talk to them later.

The 5/6 students learnt about what strategies to use when responding to bullying:

- Ignore them (and don't show any reaction).

- Tell them to stop and then walk away.

- Pretend you don't care and act confident.

- Find somewhere safe.

- Get support from your friends.

- Talk to an adult who can help.

- If these strategies don't work, talk to an adult (reporting).

What is bullying?

Bullying is when one person (or a group of people) with more power than someone else tries to upset

or hurt them. This power can come from being more popular, stronger or part of the group. They might repeatedly try to hurt the person physically, socially isolate them, or say and do mean or humiliating things to them.

Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious or hidden.

If someone behaves in a mean or aggressive way on one occasion it isn't bullying, even though it is not respectful or acceptable.

A fight or disagreement between two people of equal power or status isn't bullying.

Bullying is not OK. It feels awful. You feel like you can't stop it. You have the right to feel safe.

A big thank you to all of the students who supported the day by purchasing cupcakes and jelly cups!

A fantastic job from our school Captains and RPL team for organising and running the day.

Our SRC and house captains also joined the cause to spread awareness by wearing t-shirts on the day.

As always our amazing staff at CPS without whom none of this would be possible, a big thank you too. A special mention to Miss Williams, Miss Blucher, Miss D'Alia, Mr Fitch, Allana and Kim for your help organising the day.



Foundation students Grace Nott and Amelia Parry getting in the spirit of House Sports Day!

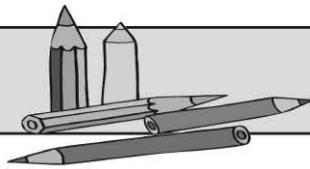


House Captains Lucy Booth, Tahli Schmidt, Jacinta Gittos and Ella James waving their house flag

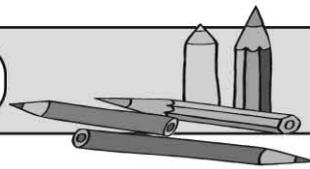


2018 School Captains Mitchell Berechree and Kayla Schmidt

School News



Lumen Christi Primary



Time flies when you are having fun and Term 1 certainly went quickly at Lumen Christi. With the sun shining brightly through a most beautiful summer we took advantage of the warm weather to get out and about.

As part of our involvement with Latrobe Community Health and the Healthy Together program we have continued with our Walk-to-School days and in the last week of the term even hosted our first End of Term School Picnic. The whole school community explored the Boolarra Rail Trail before

enjoying a shared lunch together afterwards.

This year we have added another specialist class to our teaching and learning program by the recruitment of a Physical Education Specialist.

All classes have participated in regular lessons which has seen an increase in both the fitness levels of the students and also their engagement in sport. We were very impressed with the standard of participation at our own school athletics day, while our second placing at the Yinnar & District Athletics

Carnival reaffirmed the increase in our student health and wellbeing indicators. A huge congratulations to our students and our PE staff team of Mr Brad Watson and Mrs Jess Johnson who contribute significantly behind the scenes.

At the beginning of March our Year 6 Student Leaders were invited to attend the local Apology Day event held at Lake Hyland/Mathison Park in Churchill.

This year sees us remembering the 10th Anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations,

and the students were part of the ceremony to install a Commemorative Seat which acknowledged this milestone. At the event our school Captains were presented with a gift which proudly records the words included in Kevin Rudd's speech ten years ago.

We thank the organisers of this event and look forward to our continued support of this very important community event.

Our Year Prep to Year 4s enjoyed a road trip to Sale to watch the live performance of Elizabeth Honey's book 'It's Not a Daffodil', which was

a great day for both students and staff. We are certainly lucky with the improving quality of the performances that are on offer locally, and we appreciated the chance to share with the students a presentation of a book we had read in class.

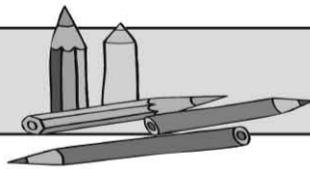
During March all students were lucky to participate in music workshops with renowned Australian musician Mr Andrew Chinn. Andrew is an engaging and entertaining presenter and he shared with us a whole repertoire of songs both familiar and newly written.

A highlight of the term was the Lumen Christi Parish First Communion. We congratulate all the students who received the Eucharist for the first time and thank their families for their continued support during the preparation. Also we thank Mrs Jo Leviston (RE Leader), Father Edwin for leading the Mass and of course the lovely Lumen Christi School Choir which was magnificent.

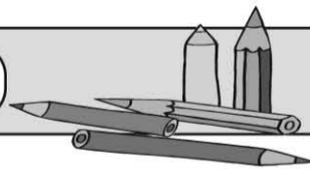
On behalf of the school I hope that the readers of the Churchill & District News all had a blessed and happy Easter.



School News



Churchill Preschools



Glendonald Preschool

At Glendonald we strive to make our environment as close to home as possible.

This gives the children a sense of comfort and security and then active learning takes place.

This term we have been busy with a lot of role play, including dressing up and

taking care of babies. We have done some cooking where the children are involved in every step, including cracking the eggs.

This led to discussions about safety in the home as well as good nutrition.

To top off the day we have a new hammock strung between the trees. A beautiful

place to lie back, relax and look up into the tree canopy and see the leaves beginning to change colour and drift down to the ground.

Churchill Hub Preschool

(written by the children)

We've been playing outside on our new balance bikes and in the sandpit. We had a big leaf fight with the

teachers. First we had to rake up all the leaves and then we had to "toss" them in the air.

We've been making pictures of us. We used shapes; squares, rectangles, triangles and stars. Don't forget the long wavy one and the zigzag one.

We talked too about what we want to learn at kinder, our

ABCs, about sea creatures and sewing.

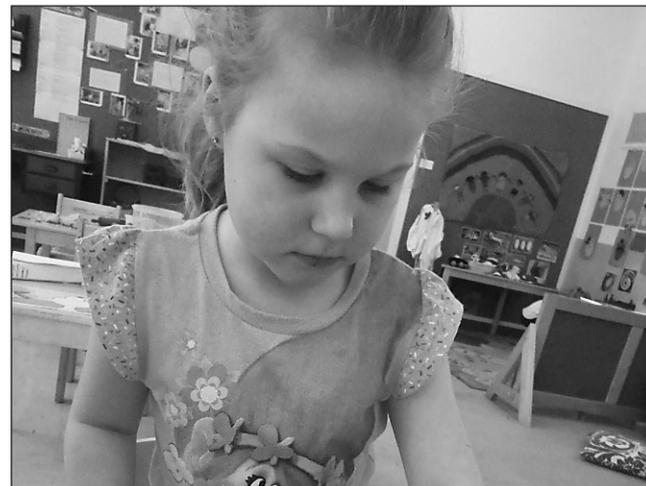
We were really excited when the newspaper came. We were dancing to YMCA. We were on page 21. We told our families to read the paper on page 21.

We're going to have a pizza party AND we are going to make them OURSELVES!

We think salami, cheese, tomato and don't forget the bacon. "Everything is better with bacon". Oh! Don't forget the garlic bread. For Harmony Day we are going to make some scones. We are getting "sweet treats" from around the world but that's ok that they have sugar. It's a special treat - not every day.



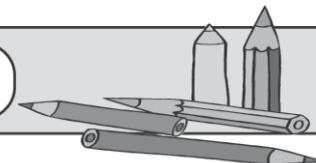
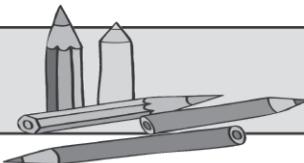
Mikinlee, Makayla and Amiyah



Tahlia



Jaxon



Knights and Dragons Lunchtime Links

Playgroup

Every Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 11am the Churchill North Primary School Playgroup operates. Approximately 20 families attend each session with two facilitators running the sessions. The children love having the opportunity to engage in a range of activities such as crafting, singing, listening to stories and being involved in playing in the new play area and the multi-purpose room. All families from the surrounding area are welcome to attend the playgroup, all that is required

is a snack and drink for your child, a gold coin donation and your active supervision of your child while they are attending the playgroup.

Earn and Learn Rewards

It was with pleasure that the students and staff at Churchill North Primary School received the educational equipment and resources presented to the school at assembly recently. The resources and equipment were presented by Safeway store manager Brenten Mitchell and his colleague. Churchill North Primary School and Vice Captain's

Eliza, Dylan and Georgia thanked the donators for their generous support of our school.

Lunch Time Legends

During lunchtime recently three outstanding students at Churchill North Primary School received the Lunchtime Legend award. Holly, Isabelle and Heidi were given the award for always demonstrating outstanding behaviour in the yard, in particular displaying the school values of listening, responsibility, trust, courage, patience, team work, cooperation and respect.



Earn and Learn Rewards

Holly was very excited about achieving the award and her family was very proud of her accomplishment.

Lunchtime Links

Every lunch time four of the students from grades five and six coordinate Lunchtime Links. This involves organising for and running an activity for the students of the school to participate in during lunchtime. One of their favourite games is 'Knights and Dragons'. During this game the students work together to win the match, one team - the knights, chase the dragons and put them

in jail. The students love participating in Lunchtime Links and the success of the program needs to be credited to the students putting in the time and effort to coordinate such enjoyable activities for the school.

Dylan 5 /6 S

Show and Shine Mathematics

On Friday March 16, the students at Churchill North Primary School took the opportunity to shine. From 2:30 - 3:00pm students from all grades participated in a range of maths activities with family members or special people from their lives. The

afternoon activities were part of our 'show and shine' event for term one, and involved the students and families or special people, participating in a range of fun mathematics activities together.

At the end of the day students with their family members were able to take home a copy of the mathematics targets for their year level, and a mathematics poster.

It was terrific to see the students and visitors actively engaged and excited about their maths learning experiences.



Adrice and Raff at Playgroup



Lillia, Mikinlee and their Mum at Show and Shine



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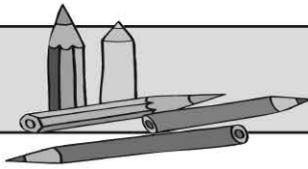
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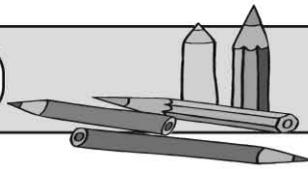
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School News



Yinnar Primary



Our first term has really flown. Students have settled in very well. Our student leadership teams have organised a family fun night and the school's Annual Easter Fair. Funds raised from this event go to a very worthy cause – the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Many of our past and present families have a close connection with this facility and it is high on our students' list of organisations

to support.

The Easter fair has become a tradition at Yinnar. The events are many and varied but of course, there is the traditional Egg Drop from the roof or similar point. Surviving egg owners are rewarded with Easter type treats.

Our sporting activities have included district swimming with 30 students representing our school at Churchill. From there one

student, Bryon, qualified to swim in the 10 years breaststroke at the Regional Swimming Championships, a creditable 12th.

We have held our House Athletics day with over 200 students all participating in six events. Blue House were the eventual winners, although there was less than one point between all teams. Following this Yinnar competed in the District Athletics carnival at Yinnar Recreation Reserve.

Our school's persistence and training in all events during physical education classes paid off with Yinnar winning the Athletics shield. Champions day was held in conjunction with this event which saw several of our students aim high and meet the challenges of each event. At the end of the day there were some very excited but tired students, teachers and parents.

We have had a surprise

visit from Harold of the Life Education Program who cycled in just recently to spend some time with our students. He was accompanied by several experienced bike riders from our local Rotary Clubs.

Various lunchtime activities are offered for students to partake in if they choose. The library is often open for reading and drawing, children are learning chess, there are Chinese activities,

the art room is open and there is also a chill out room.

We have a new student group – School Grounds and Sustainability Team – who have taken on the tasks of reduce, reuse and recycle (rubbish and recycling), vegetable garden, chicken house construction, playground activities and will become part of the Resourcesmart Program that Yinnar has recently signed up to.



The swimming team

House sports

Blue House

Green House

Red House

Yellow House

Yinnar - winners of the Athletics Championship.



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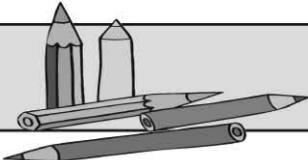
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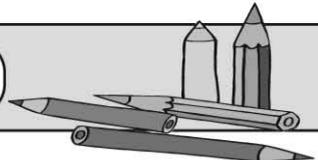
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School News



Kurnai College Junior Campus



China Study Tour Year 9

A contingent of 15 Year 9 students from Kurnai College flew out to China recently, accompanied by Clifton Kline. For the first two weeks of the six week in-country program, students will be undertaking a Language and Culture Program funded by Confucius Institute

Headquarters (HANBAN). The remaining four weeks of in-country immersion will be a schoolbased program where students will be attending Chinese language classes and activities at local Chinese Senior High Schools in Nanjing and Shanghai.

The program is a life-changing opportunity for students and teachers to

live in and attend school in China. Combining language and cultural learning with personal development and leadership skills, the program focuses on one of Australia's main trading partners, China. We wish them all a very safe journey and look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return in Term two.



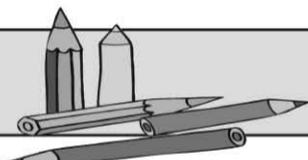
Athletics day - above and above right



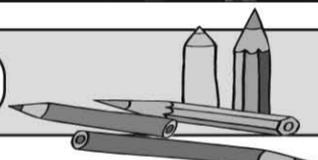
Below - Year 10 Driving Simulator



School News



Hazelwood North Primary



Visit to Old Gipps town



Swimming

On Saturday March 10 to 12, I went to Sale for my swimming club, Traralgon. I was swimming in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. The teams that were participating were Sale, Warragul, South Gippsland Bass, Gippsland Water Dragons and a few others. I was swimming in multi

class. Multi class is if you have a disability. I am in Multi class because I have Hypoconderplayer, which is when you are shorter than your average size.

I was swimming against Emily Beecroft and six others. I won three bronze medals. In addition, I had a lot of fun and beat my personal best.

On Thursday March 15, I had school swimming in Sale, which is regional level. I achieved first in freestyle, and in breaststroke, and I made it to Melbourne, which is the last level.

I was swimming Multi class this time and there were more Multi class swimmers.

By Kayla



SPORT

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Churchill Football/ Netball Club



Welcome to another season at CFNC. We have had a very busy off-season to date and our committee has been working tirelessly in the background to put us in a good position for the 2018 season.

So far this year we have held our annual Golf Day with thanks to Traralgon Subaru/Mazda. Sixty starters took to the course for a day full of exciting play and camaraderie. Thanks to Woody, Shameus and their helpers for organising the day.

Gippsland Power has been playing and training on our ground during the summer months, and we hosted a couple of practice match rounds during February, where they made their team selections across a number of age groups.

The netball side of things is being headed up by Rachell Waring (Esler) as the Co-ordinator in 2018. The squads/teams have almost all been set, with only the 15 and Under group to be finalised.

A/B Squad (Coaches Maddison Burney/Rachael Paterson):

Carmen Weaver – Carmen is new to the CFNC and we are over the moon to have her as part of the 2018 season. She is a tremendous athlete and has fitted into the A side like a glove. Her high level basketball experience gives the team versatility and a

strong dominance in the attacking end.

Katrina Hutchinson is returning after having her first child. We are incredibly excited to have Katrina back playing. Her game and strategic knowledge are extremely valuable to the team.

Rachael Loechel – We missed Rachael in the 2017 season due to work commitments, and have seen her immediate impact of speed and determination in the 2018 squad.

Zaida Glibanovic – Zaida will be stepping into the A/B squad this year. She is a talented junior netballer and we look forward to developing her skills throughout the year.

Emma Watson - Emma had a season off last year due to work commitments, and we were pleased to see her return to Churchill for a positive 2018 season.

Rachelle Chapman
Maddison Burney
Kassie Dear
Abby Buckley
Chelsea Laidlaw
Emily Hutchinson
Amanda Burrows
Emily Lugton
Emma McKenzie
Katie Minogue

C Grade – Coach Rachell Waring (Esler)
Rachell Waring (Esler)
Ash Kearns
Bonnie Kearns – Stepped up from D grade

Megan Kearns
Casey McMillian (C)
Katie Lagos – Stepped up from D grade
Cassie Bailey - New to the club
Teagan Bailey – New to the club
D Grade- Coach – Jessica Johnson
Naomi Murphy
Haylee Paterson
Hollie Burke – New to the club
Alysha Clark
Eliza Bruerton
Judi Buhagiar
Brooke Dalrymple
Michelle Prezioso
Nikita Roughton
Jamie Iorangi
Under 17's – Chelsea Laidlaw
Amber Davis
Sophie Jarvis – New to the club

Kesley Mayer
Nikki Dalrymple
Jade Laidlaw
Zaida Glibanovic
Chloe Franssen
Tayla Kelty
Monee Poole – New to the senior club – played CINA.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors/partners and will bring you a more detailed look at who they all are in the next edition.

Go Cougs!



Above
Winner of Mary Mitchell Memorial trophy at Churchill & Monash Golf Club. Winner centre Vicki Verheyen, left President Lorraine Peake, right Captain Maureen McConville.



Right
Shirly Turner (right) Merry Dear (left) winners Ladies Pairs Championship Stableford.

Mid Gippsland Darts Association Summer Competition 2018



DARTS ASSOCIATION LADDER after Round 8

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	%	Pts
MUSTANGS 1	8	7	1	49	23	544.4	14
YINNAR TIGERS	8	6	2	52	20	577.8	12
COYOTEZ	8	4	4	40	32	444.4	8
JOKERS	8	4	4	39	33	433.3	8
BULLSHOT	8	2	6	10	62	111.1	4
MUSTANGS 2	8	1	7	26	46	288.9	2

Round 6: Yinnar Tigers came out firing on all cylinders for their match with Mustangs 2. Tigers defeating Mustangs 2 eight games to two.

Sharon Taylor (YT) showing fine form with Ladies Highest Score of 133 and the highest finish on the night with 40. Martin Warwick (YT) had 6 pegs for the night. A fine 180 on

a losing side was made by Glen Storey (M2).

Round 7: Showing good mid fixture form Yinnar Tigers made short work of Jokers defeating them 6-3. Reno Borg (YT) on fire with a 180.

Mark Taylor (YT) leading the way with Dale Burton-Pye (J) with Highest Score of the night 140. Mark also

claiming Highest Finish with 114. Brittany Jewel (J) Highest Ladies Finish of 48 along with her Most Pegs on Night of 3 and together with Sharon Taylor (YT) scored most ladies tons with 1 each.

Round 8: Yinnar Tigers won 9-0 on forfeit as the opposing team could not field a team for the night.

Saturday 3/3/18
Mens Foursome
Championships 27 Holes –
Winners - T. Gabbett (19) and
D. Taylor (21)103, R/Up - A.
Sharrock (15) and R. Welsh
(23) 103 ½, DTL - D. Elwood
and J. Butler 105, J. Sterrick
and M. Hutchinson 109 ¾, A.
Auld and P. Jordan 109 ¾.

Tuesday 6/3/18 Monthly
Medal
Ladies - Winner - M.
McConville (27) 72 C/B.
DTL - D. Stait (34) 73
J. Beck (35) 72, V. Verheyen
(28) 73. NTP - 5th J. Blizzard,
14th L. Peake

Saturday - 10/3/18
Mens Par - A Grade 0-16 -
K. Hills Square C/B. B Grade
17-24 - G. Welsh +1. C Grade
25-36 - J. Butler + 5. DTL -
C. Gosling +3, R. Welsh +2,
R. Dent Square, D. Radnell
Square, D Ellwood C/B -1,
P. Walsh C/B -1. NTP - 3rd
Rodent 5th P. Smart 12th T.
Webb P. Coad.

Tuesday 13/3/18
Ladies - Mary Mitchell
Trophy Stableford. A Grade
Trophy Winner - V. Verheyen
(28) 38 C/B. B Grade - J.
Beck (35) 38. DTL - D. Stait
34, Hibbert 33. NTP - 3rd D.
Stait, 5th V. Verheyen, 14th V.
Verheyen.

Saturday 17/3/16
Mens 2 Person Stableford
Multiplication Mixed.
Winners - D. Taylor (22) and
T. Gabbett (18) 84 Pts. R/
Up - M. Baker (24) and B.
Cleland (32) 72 Pts. DTL - A.
Auld and T. Collins 66 – G.
Corponi and C. Gosling 64 –
J. Langstaff and J. Barnes 58.
NTP - 3rd R. Madigan, 5th
C. Thomas, 12th C. Thomas,
14th G. Beyer. Birdies -
D. Taylor 3rd. Eagle - G.
Spowart.

Tuesday 20/3/18
Ladies Pairs Aggregate
Championship Round 1
Stableford. Winners - S.
Turner (24) 35 and M. Dear

(12) 31 66. DTL - J. Beck (34)
32 and D. Stait (33) 65. NTP -
5th S. Turner 12th J. Blizzard
14th M. Dear.

Saturday 24/3/18
Mens Monthly Medal.
A Grade - Mamun (17) 70
Net. B Grade - D. Caldwell
(19) 67 Net. C Grade - R.
Zomer (35) 61 Net (Medal).
Scratch Winner - R. Madigan
84. DTL - R. Timbs 71, V.
Monument 71, T. Sterrick 71,
G. Blizzard 71, R. Madigan
72, M. Hutchinson 73 C/B.
NTP - 3rd G. Spowart, 5th G.
Spowart, 12th Mamun.

Tuesday 27/3/18
Stableford - Ladies 2nd
Round Stableford Aggregate.
Winners - M. Dear (12) and S.
Turner (24) 126, Day Winners
- M. Dear (12) and S. Turner
(24) 59. DTL - J. Beck (34)
and D. Stait (32) 58. NTP -
3rd S. Turner, 12th M. Dear,
5th J. Blizzard, 14th M. Dear.
Birdie - 14th M. Dear.



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Greenside Villas in Yinnar

Did you know there is a retirement village located in the heart of Yinnar?

Greenside Retirement Village was opened in 1993 after a group of concerned Yinnar residents decided it was time for the town to be able to provide retirement accommodation for its elderly residents.

This came about after a tragic incident which happened when an elderly long-time resident of Yinnar was assaulted in her home.

She had relocated to Morwell because there were no facilities in Yinnar for elderly people who were needing to downsize.

Ray Linton and a dedicated group of locals,

came together as a working group to investigate the possibility of building a facility in Yinnar so elderly residents didn't have to move from the area.

The village consists of seven 2 bedroom units and four 1 bedroom units. The 2 bedroom units have a garage built under the roofline and the single bedroom units have carports.

Today, 25 years after the first residents moved into the village it is still a safe and friendly place to live.

The units are very comfortable and maintained to the highest standard.

The village is owned and run by the community. A volunteer committee of management is responsible

for the running and upkeep of the buildings and surrounds.

The cost to live at the village is very affordable and the monthly fee covers all maintenance (inside and out) of the buildings, rates, water rates, building insurance, common area lawn mowing and gardening.

Residents are responsible for their own contents insurance, electricity and phone accounts and backyard gardening/mowing.

At present there are no vacancies at the village but if you are interested and would like to go onto the waiting list, please contact The Secretary, Greenside Villas, PO Box 369, Yinnar 3869 or email: ssjembry@gmail.com



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