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Yinnar Football and Netball Club successful season



For the senior football team it was their first win since 2015. They were at the bottom of the ladder and thought they did not have much hope. However, in the last round they won to make it into the Finals. From there they won each game to triumph in the Grand Final. They had a good mix of experienced players from Jamie Winters the oldest to young ones at eighteen years.

Daniel Taylor was their coach who joined them in the 2021 season. He has a relaxed style along with good coaching which proved successful. Ned Marsh played extremely well and gained Best on Ground in the Grand Final, best player of the finals and Yinnar Best and Fairest. Nathan Rowley, Captain for the last two years kicked the sealer for the win. Harry

McColl, an Under 18 player was eligible to play with the Seniors. He played a really good game and was named second best on ground. The game was played against Newborough at Morwell East ground, and they put up a good fight. At three quarter time there was only a point in it. Yinnar clinched the game in the final quarter. A big thank you goes

to all the volunteers, in particular Di Penny and her son Nick for being the trainers, Matt Bugeja for being Senior Manager, all the committee, volunteers and supporters. Presidents James Mills and Dean Saures would like to send out a big thank you to all the families, players and volunteers in all the age groups playing in football and netball, who make the

club run from week to week. Your assistance is essential for the club to function. The Under 15 netballers won in a very close game with Boolarra. The conditions were tough with rain and wind to contend with but they played well and stuck with it as a 'team first' attitude. They were coached well by netball stalwart Jenny Mills. Best on court was Clare Thorburn. All the girls, with their

parents, joined the Saturday night celebrations. A great celebration was held on the Saturday night at the club. Sunday they held their vote count and Monday was their Mad Monday which finished off a successful season for the Yinnar Football Netball Club.

Death of Queen Elizabeth II



Whether you are a monarchist or republican it was with sorrow that the death of the Queen was received. She has been our Monarch for 70 years. In that time she has been a stable, compassionate, faithful, dutiful servant of the Commonwealth. Thoughts are now with the new King Charles and the Royal Family.

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ARC Yinnar Exhibition

The previous exhibition at ARC Yinnar main gallery was entitled "Demolition" with works by artist Amanda Thompson from the Latrobe Valley, who had taken an in depth look at the demolition of the Hazelwood mine buildings.

She combined drawing with dry point etching to produce works which attest to the grimy agedness of the buildings that now no longer exist.

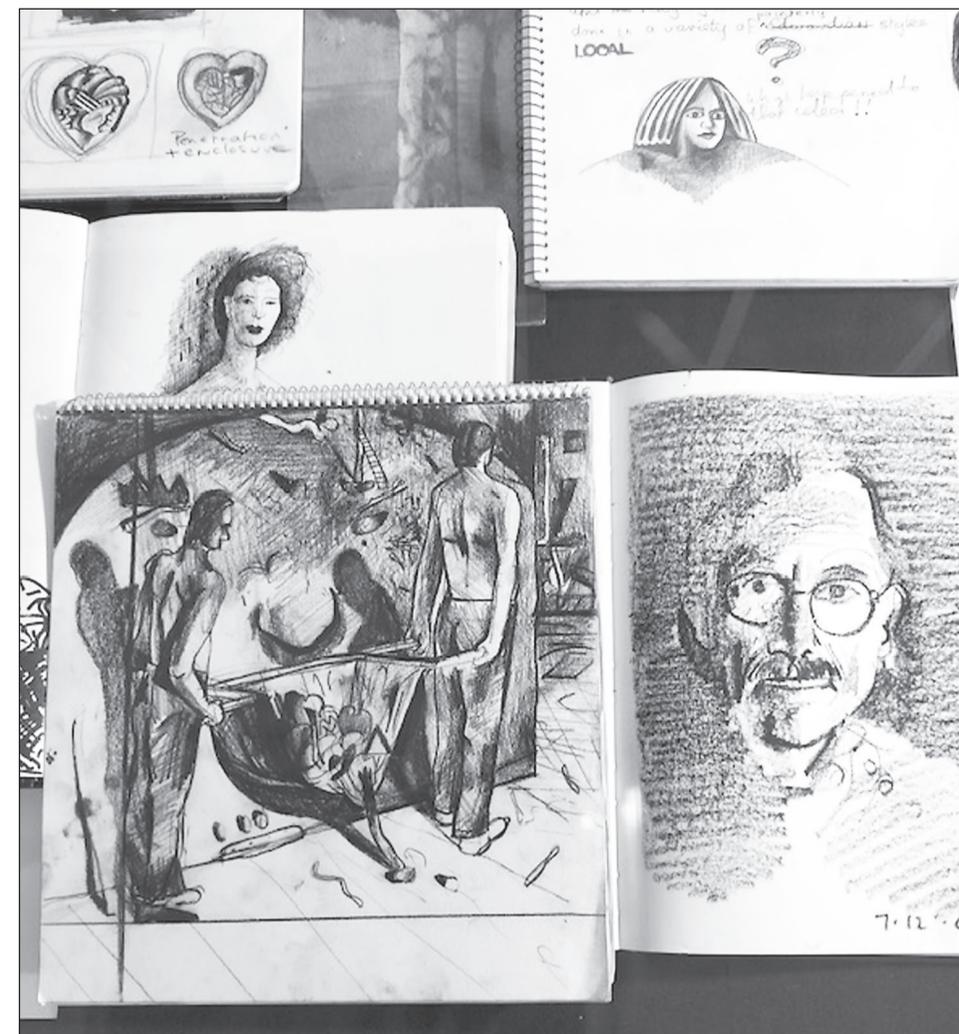
They document what was once a landmark on the Latrobe Valley skyline and its process of demolition over a period of months into a pile of rubble.

The ARC Gallery is host to an exhibition entitled "Drawing Ideas": A Selection of drawings and sketchbooks from the Estate of Bill Young, curated by Kate Zizys and Janine Good - a wonderful selection of drawings and journal entries to complement Bill Young's larger works which are being exhibited at the Latrobe Regional Gallery.

It is a delight to get an insight into an artist's preparatory and explorative drawings that enlighten the larger works.

Impress - an exhibition of printmaking by Victorian and Tasmanian artists is the next exhibition in the main gallery which will open on October 22 at 2 pm and continues through November.

This exhibition is curated by Sharon Anderson and pulls together the works of



ARC printmakers alongside well known print makers from Victoria and Tasmania including Ray Arnold, Heather Schimmen and Mandy Gunn.

The exhibition will showcase the work of 20 printmakers with the intention to showcase a small body of work from each printmaker.

There is also an ongoing series of workshops in the ceramics room and workshops for drawing and

painting.

Please visit the website for further information on these.

The year ends with a celebratory exhibition of ARC at 40 - celebrating 40 years of ARC existence,

making ARC the longest running co-operative in Victoria, if not Australia.

That exhibition will open on November 26, and will include music and other festivities.

Rainfall

Churchill

This month is starting to get a bit quiet and dry as we are heading into spring and soon summer.

The highest amount of rainfall for this month was only 11mm on September 19.

There was a total of 20 days with rain, even if it was a small amount.

Churchill in the month of September has had only up to 58mm of rainfall in total.

The grand total amount of rainfall for Churchill so far in the year 2022 is now 596.5mm.

Hazelwood South

September was another La Niña effect free month, with only 50mm, and had 45% below the average rainfall, in contrast with the flooding rains along the Eastern states.

Hazelwood South had 10% less rain than the Latrobe Valley weather station with 56mm. For the 2022 year Hazelwood South rain is now 5% below the average. With the vegetable garden almost prepared, weeding, mowing and bushfire preparations are now in full swing.

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Happy 80th birthday Mike



Mike Answerth was born on September 17, 1942. Early on in life he thought he would become a Marist Brother but it wasn't until he became sick and was sent home that his life path changed.

In 1961 while working as a clerk at the SEC he met Marion and they married in 1964 and went on to have six children and 14 grandchildren.

Mike's commitment to his community was strong throughout his working life and into retirement. His many positions at Traralgon Hospital, Gippsland Grammar School, Wellington

Shire, Gippsland Falcons, Country Racing Victoria, and Gippsland Rotary Centenary House, to name a few, were left a little bit better than when he had found them.

He also has provided so much in his volunteering being a member of Rotary, Churchill JFC, Churchill Football Netball Club, and of course his commitment to the Lumen Christi Parish.

To anyone who knows him, they know he is a mad Bombers supporter and while he has not seen a premiership in a long time, that doesn't stop him from supporting and watching every game.

Most importantly is his commitment and love to his family. The family and his closest friends all came together to celebrate the momentous occasion of Mike turning 80, which was celebrated with laughs and trips down memory lane.

To us grandchildren though, he is Poppy Mike and to us he always wants to know what we are up to, has a bad poppy joke ready to go, a wonderful story about his many adventures or he was chatting horses or the latest Essendon game stats with a glass of red wine at hand.

Happy birthday Poppy Mike.

Probus Club of Morwell and District Membership Drive

Are you over 60, fully retired and looking for a fun time to fill your retirement days?

The Morwell and District Probus Club is seeking new members.

The Probus club goes on train trips to Melbourne.

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There are also trips to a variety of places generally by



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coach to venues and events of interest.

On the third Thursday they go out for morning tea and the fourth Thursday they have lunch out.

Meetings are held each month on the second Thursday at the Morwell

R S L club rooms at Elgin Street Morwell.

They begin with a general meeting followed by a guest speaker who will speak from a business, professional or other topic.

For enquiries contact Membership Director Val on 0429 947 237 or Club President Reg on 0427, 353 887.



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A message about Recycling from Churchill Community Hub



Recycling Aluminium Foil - No Plastic Please!

RECYCLING ALUMINIUM FOIL

Aluminium foil brought to the Hub for recycling must be pure aluminium foil only, without any plastic coatings or plastic parts.

It needs to have enough weight to be suitable for use; scrunched up into balls is best; definitely no little bits!

No medication blister packs please

Medication blister packs often have plastic parts and are not suitable.

Even blister packs that appear to be all foil are too light for our recycling program.

No coffee pods please

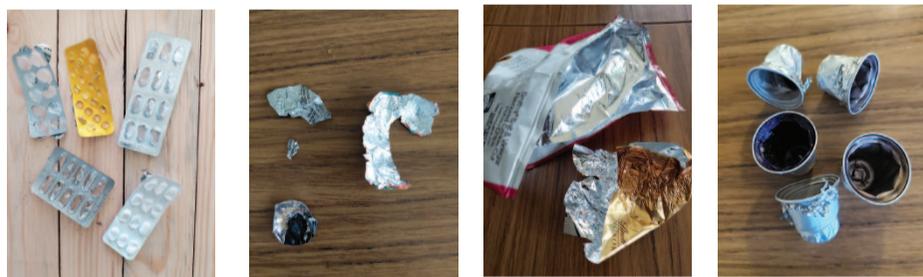
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Please, no coffee pods!

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YOU CAN RECYCLE LOTS OF ITEMS AT CHURCHILL COMMUNITY HUB

Look for the 'Recycling Centre' in the Churchill Community Hub near the entrance to Childcare and Kindergarten to deposit:

- Plastic Milk Bottle Lids (wash and remove any inserts; no jar lids thanks)
- Pens, Biro's, Textas, Marking Pens and Hi-lighters
- X-rays
- Bread Tags (the little plastic squares)
- Printer cartridges
- All small e-waste items
- Clean used aluminium foil (no plastic)





Church News



Co-Op Snippets

Some important messages have been put to us in our recent sermons as you would have read in the September issue.

Here are some more:

Take time to consider. Counting the cost of making a choice may involve compromising on things because you have taken on too much.

Take time to sit down and consider the consequences.

God wants us to take stock of the whole of our lives.

Ask God in prayer to show you what gifts and talents He has given you; if you should use them, ask for the perseverance to use them, help you to share with others—e.g. cooking, gardening, praying, craft, whatever your talent is to share.

Following Jesus as his disciple will cost us.

God promises us love and peace.

Sometimes we need to pray for strength to complete the tasks given.

That is Ok.

The Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin were explored.

They illustrate how precious each and every one of us is to God.

The Shepherd or Jesus shows us that God loves each one of us so much that it is as if you are the only one in all the world.

We are very special to God as He made each one of us unique.

God loves us no matter who we are, what we do, or have done.

That is wonderful.

Nothing can separate us for the love of God.

God has called on us to share His love with one another.

Café church was held on the third Sunday.

The congregation arrived to see the church set up with tables topped ready with cups, tea and coffee and biscuits.

It was a different and more informal way to do church and celebrate Holy Communion.

It was also an opportunity to share news and contribute to the service and give thanks.

Our church provided a condolence book for the Queen for those who wished to leave a message.



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Chaplain

Much has been said in recent days about faith in general and especially about Queen Elizabeth II and her faith. Almost every part of the official ceremony of her funeral was full of deep significance, but with accounts often stressing that her faith went beyond duty and protocol. There is also a note that the Queen started to emphasise her faith in the last few decades more than she did before.

Faith is an interesting word...often defined as 'trust', 'confidence', 'strong belief', but also as an "assurance of things hoped for", with "hoped for" not meaning 'wishful thinking', nor a belief despite lacking evidence, but being more like an 'expectant hope'.

In past months, I have been posting accounts of

some amazing people and lives we may not know much about, with the underlying theme being that they each had this faith.

That definition 'amazing people and lives we may not know much about' cannot fully be applied to Queen Elizabeth II. Yes, an amazing person, but the definition cannot apply in the sense of us not knowing much about her. Yet the common thread of faith is what links them all.

As one person commented, she lived regarding others, not self. The words 'service' and 'sacrifice' have also been used a lot about her, echoing



her own words about declaring her whole life, long or short, to be devoted to the service of others.

Such devotion, underpinned by faith and an assurance of that 'expectant hope', is an example that would be good to be seen being followed by more.

Worth thinking about!



Cinnamon

Cinnamon is one of the oldest known spices. Cinnamon is a fragrant spice that makes a gentle addition to baking, sweets and savoury dishes. Cinnamon is prepared from the inside layer (just under the bark) of a tropical tree. The woody spice is peeled into wafer thin strips that are rolled together and dried out in the sun to become the quills we buy. When purchasing cinnamon sticks/quills check to see that you are purchasing cinnamon rather than cassia (a relation from Asia), as cassia quills are darker and coarser and have a more bitter flavour. Keep both cinnamon quills and the ground spice separate in airtight containers. Whole

cup of golden syrup, 1 tbs of liquid honey, 1 dsp of ground cinnamon, 1 tsp of ground cardamom, finally 1 tsp of ground ginger. Stir gently over a low heat until butter/ marg and sugar have dissolved. Bring to a gentle simmer and remove from heat. Now dissolve 1/2 tsp of bi carbonate of soda in 1 tbs of water and then stir into the melted butter/ marg mixture and set aside for 10 minutes to cool. In a large bowl mix together 3 and 1/2 cups of plain flour with 1 tsp of salt, make a well in the centre of the flour and pour in the butter mixture. Use a wooden spoon and mix to a warm, pliable dough. Turn out onto a lightly floured bench and knead lightly with the heel of your hand. Wrap



spices will keep for 2 to 3 years, while the ground spice should be used within 18 months.

Cinnamon cookies

Preheat your oven to 160 deg C (fan forced). Place 250 gm of butter/ marg into a medium sized saucepan along with 1 cup of castor sugar, 1/4

the dough in baking paper and refrigerate for 1 hour or until firm. Then roll out and cut into shapes and bake in your preheated oven until golden brown, but not burnt. Cool on a wire rack and store in an airtight container.

Jam roly poly

The 'Country' cooking class prepared this for

last day of Term 3, along with a main meal. Jam roly poly originated in Australia. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Line a baking tray with baking paper. Place 250 gms (2 cups) of self raising flour into a bowl and using your fingertips rub 125gm of chopped butter / marg through the flour, until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Now using a bread knife stir through 2 tbs of castor sugar. Add 50 ml of milk and 50 ml of water, stir with the flat blade of the bread knife to form a dough.



Turn out onto a lightly floured surface and form a smooth dough. On a sheet of baking paper use your fingers to make a rectangle about 13 x 9 inches, 33 x 23 cm approximately and about 5 mm thick. Spread with 2/3 cup of raspberry jam, leave a 1/4 inch border (5 cm). Roll up lengthways, place on the lined tray with the seam side down. Brush the surface with a little milk and bake for 35 minutes or until golden brown, check with a skewer inserted until it comes out clean. Serve with whipped cream or warmed with custard.

Pasta carbonara

I love this delicious, simple pasta dish. We will be preparing this dish in our last class of term. Remove the rind from 8 bacon slices and cut the bacon into thin slices. Place in a lightly oiled pan and cook over a medium heat until crisp. Drain the bacon strips on paper towelling. Place your 500gm of pasta in a large pan of boiling, lightly

Cooking with Noelene

salted water until just tender (al dente) . Drain well and then spray the cooked pasta lightly with cooking spray and place in the fry pan. In a separate bowl whisk 4 lightly beaten eggs together with 315 ml of cream (1 and 1/4 cups) along with 60 gm (1/2 cup) of grated parmesan cheese. Whisk until well combined, season with 2 tbs minced garlic, you can season with a little siracha or dried chilli and a good sprinkle of nutmeg (trust me it makes all the difference) Now stir in the bacon and pour over the warm pasta

until the mix is juicy (about 25 minutes). Now add 300gm of coarsely torn stale grain bread, add an extra 100ml of olive oil, 1/4 cup (60 ml) of red wine vinegar, 1 small red onion, 1 tbs of minced garlic. Toss to combine and let stand for 30 minutes. Time to add the roasted capsicums and 2/3rds of fresh chopped basil leaves. Toss to combine and season to taste (maybe a little chilli ?) Scatter a few fresh basil leaves over.

Roast cauliflower with nuts and creme fraiche dressing

Preheat your oven to 22 deg C. Line 2 oven trays with baking paper. Mix together in



a small bowl 60 ml (1/4 cup) extra virgin olive oil, 1 dsp of finely grated orange rind and 1 dsp of finely chopped thyme leaves (optional you could add a pinch of dried chilli flakes.) Place 1 medium / large cauliflower

on the baking tray and rub the cauliflower with 2 tbs of the oil mixture. Add 35 gm / 1/4 cup of chopped hazelnuts to the remaining oil mixture, stir the nuts through and pour over the cauliflower. Bake the cauliflower in the preheated oven for 50 minutes or until tender and lightly browned.

Dressing

Process 150 gm of soft feta cheese, 125 gm of creme fraiche, 1 dsp of mlk , 1 tsp

in the saucepan, toss gently until the pasta is covered with the sauce. When you are ready to serve, gently heat until the sauce has thickened slightly. Serve immediately with a little extra grated parmesan cheese.

Panzanella

Panzanella is a Tuscan dish that offers an option other than toast to use day old bread / stale bread. If you only have fresh bread, tear up the bread and dry it out in an oven with a low temperature. Let me introduce you to panzanella. It is a simple peasant dish which can be served as a side salad or a light meal It is delicious. Best served as a light meal or a side salad with grilled fish, barbecued chicken or roasted beef. Preheat your oven to 200 deg C. Roast 3 red sliced capiscums, drizzled with olive oil until tender. Remove from oven and set aside. Now combine 650 gm of baby tomatoes, larger ones quartered with 1 dsp of sugar in a large bowl, set aside



of chopped lemon leaves, 1 tsp of finely grated orange rind. Process until smooth. Dress the cauliflower with dried dill and drizzle with the creme fraiche dressing and a mixed leaf salad.

Delburn Wind Farm Community pre-development grants now open

The Delburn Wind Farm is awarding up to \$10,000 in community grants to help non-profit groups deliver initiatives that strengthen our community. Applications are now open for the 2022 Delburn Wind Farm Community Pre-Development Grants that recognises local groups and organisations that are key to delivering important projects to communities.

Since 2020, the Delburn Wind Farm has awarded over \$30,000 in funding grants to community groups to boost local connections, health and the environment. Applications from local community groups will be viewed favourably if they contribute to the following:

- Build sustainable communities
- Enhance community safety, health and wellbeing

- Support community education

- Enhance the natural environment.

Applications for the Pre-Development fund will close on October 30, 2022. For information on eligibility criteria and to make an application, visit the OSMI website. Anyone requiring assistance with an application, can email contactus@osmi.com.au

or call 1800 676 428. After October, OSMI Australia and Cubico Sustainable Investments will review the applications and announce the successful Pre-Development Fund recipients. Peter Marriott, Executive Director Development OSMI Australia said: "We want to work with the community and support them in their efforts to contribute to community connections, health and

the environment. The Pre-Development Community Grants are one way to assist, while at the same time creating awareness of the fabulous work and community spirit they share."

Construction of the wind farm is currently planned for the first half of 2023. Once it is underway, the Delburn Wind Farm Community Development Fund will be increased to around \$150,000

per year, which will allow the community to bring bigger ideas to life. The decision making on these grants will be made in collaboration with a new Community Benefits Committee that will be set up to oversee this investment in community projects around the wind farm. Anyone interested in being part of this committee should email contactus@osmi.com.au or call 1800 676 428.



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Plant the Strzelecki koala's preferred trees and help create much needed wildlife corridors. The South Gippsland community has a brochure about plants (www.sgln.net.au). For more information about the physical characteristics of the koala, go to www.savethekoala.com. There are diagrams of the digestive system and the paws.

Interesting Facts from this site are: Like humans, every koala has its own set of unique fingerprints. Apart from insects, koalas along with the greater sugar glider and ringtail possum are the only animals that eat eucalyptus leaves.

Anatomy - Our incredible Strzelecki Koala is so suited to living in eucalyptus trees. Like all koalas, it has an anatomy that through time, has developed for that purpose. The koala has fur that not only keeps it warm, cool or dry but allows the animal to blend into its habitat. It is very difficult to spot a koala when it is high up in one of its' favourite trees.

Its' grey, brown and white colouring camouflages the koala. It can snuggle comfortably in the branches because it has a curved skeleton, fewer ribs, no tail, and extra thick fur over a "cartilaginous pad at the base of its spine" (www.animalfactsguide.com).

The koala's ability to climb trees is the result of having strong limbs and amazing paws which enable it to pull and push itself up to great heights and through a tree's canopy. Both sets of paws are covered by fur but the palms are skin that is leathery looking and coarse in texture for traction and robustness. The hind paws have claws on all but one of its digits. Two digits are joined so that the koala

can groom itself (www.wildlifecare.org.au). The fore paws have claws on all its separated digits. However what is most remarkable is that its' fore paws have opposable thumbs like primates. Just like us, the koala can grip things.

Once a koala takes hold of a bunch of leaves, it uses its sharp incisor teeth to tear off eucalyptus leaves, then its molars to crunch and munch as the koala's tongue retrieves the pulverised leaves from the gaps in between the two types of teeth. After being swallowed, the food enters into the koala's incredible gut system.

Bacteria obtained originally from the pap given by its mother, and a special part of the alimentary canal, "the caecum (pronounced see-kum)", continue to break down the food so that the koala obtains nutrients and water (www.savethekoala.com). Eventually the koala will pass scats (poo) and wee.

It is these scats that help scientists and others to find out many things about koalas, like location, preferred trees and the DNA of individual koalas.

Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: Hakea orthorrhyncha.

Family: Proteaceae.

Derivation:

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

orthorrhyncha: From Greek, orthos, meaning straight, and rhygchos, meaning beak or snout, referring to the shape of the fruits.

Common Name: Bird-beak Hakea.

Distribution: Endemic to Western Australia from the Murchison River catchment and Kalbarri N.P. in the north, to around Mingenew in the south.

Description: There are two forms, differing in their leaves and given variety status on that basis, even though the populations are intermixed. Both are many-branched lignotuberous shrubs to 3m tall and broad.

Both have leaves to 18cm long, but the more widespread form has terete leaves while the wide-leaved form is restricted to the Kalbarri area and has flat leaves up to 1cm wide. Both have racemes of bright red flowers appearing in leaf axils and on old wood along the branches in winter and spring.

When pollinated, smooth ovoid or elliptical fruits form up to 5cm long and 2cm wide with a long, straight beak. These are reminiscent of a bird's head and beak, hence the scientific and common names.

Opinion: Mine was in full flower in August, and looking great. Frankly,



I'm amazed it's still alive given where it comes from compared to the Boolarra climate, so it's either tough or I've managed to plant it in an acceptable position. It is on my front fence, with a northerly aspect and ample sunlight in the middle of the day, in a bed that was originally built-up perhaps 15cm from the slope down to the kerbing. It has been there for many years now, I am pretty sure I grew it myself from seed obtained via the APS Victoria seed bank, but the details are lost in the past. It has flowered sporadically for the last five years or so, but this year is its best effort.

It gave me a fright a couple of years back when I noticed what seemed to be rotting bark flaking away from the lower branches, lots of cracks and fissures, but this doesn't seem to have bothered the plant at all and it has continued to grow and

flower. I have never tried to propagate from cuttings, but a couple of attempts of growing from seed have resulted in about a 90% germination rate. Keeping the seedlings alive in this climate is the trick!

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

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Hazelwood Cemetery



By Leo Billington

How people are remembered and not forgotten (continued)

Cemetery Trusts generally, will have detailed records of interments. These days, old paper records have been well and truly overtaken by electronic driven data bases.

These records are invaluable for a range of reasons, one of which is to assist with local history research. Names and dates are useful, often being a precursor to more involved, detailed history research.

For quite a few months now, editorial about Hazelwood Cemetery has focussed on unmarked graves. Being unmarked can be confronting to some, perhaps showing a lack of respect and dignity to the deceased.

However, there may be reasons why some graves are unmarked. Families may find it rather too costly for a memorial headstone, or a brass plaque, or there may have been an intent to fund such a memorial but it was never dealt with. Family discussions are known to not agree on any appropriate wording. Children's graves from earlier times have been deliberately forgotten for reasons best known to families.

It is rumoured, that in years past, scarce attention was given to where graves

might be placed. If there was a space – such as a “patch of grass” – then this was considered suitable.

On the other hand, cemetery records do not disclose why some burials, such as for married couples, are not near (or next) to each other. This also applies for children not being buried with, or near parents.

Situations such as these may be bewildering, curious, perplexing, baffling, confusing, even disordered. At the same time, there just might be a degree of logic and, as Alfred Lord Tennyson once wrote, “ours is not to reason why; ours is but to do and die.”

Let us take the example of John Hall, who established a grocery store and drapery at the corner of Main and Tarwin streets, Morwell. Born in Northern Ireland in 1866, John arrived in Victoria in 1884 and shortly after commenced work as a storekeeper in the Goulburn Valley for about five years. Moving to Morwell, he took over David Donaldson's general store, widely promoting it as “Hall's Universal Emporium”. Keen to push his investment even further, John opened a branch in Yinnar. In modern business parlance, John Hall was “on a roll.”

He went further, aiming to truly cement his place in Morwell. He undertook building contracts such as

erecting the Morwell Roman Catholic Church, building the Morwell Advertiser newspaper office and various other buildings and houses.

It appears nothing stopped “Mr Entrepreneurial John Hall”. He had a farm at Hazelwood Estate where he established an exemplary dairy herd and grew potatoes on another one of his properties.

He was keen about sport – bicycle racing, proving himself as a champion Gippsland cyclist, part of a syndicate to establish a show grounds area and interested in racing horses.

John Hall was a Morwell Shire Councillor and was Shire President on four occasions. He was also a Justice of the Peace.

There is little doubt John Hall was a busy person. He married Catherine, and was father to one daughter, Ethel, and two sons Stanley and Jack. An old black and white photograph shows John Hall's shop – “Hall's Universal Emporium” – with its motto – “Small Profits; Quick Returns”. With all his community interests and commitments, he was focussed on return customers. These were wooed to be the basis of John's business success.

On June 22, 1923, the Morwell Advertiser announced that the “Traralgon Co-operative Store in Hotham Street,

was purchased by a Morwellite.” That person was John Hall and there was great expectation that “with Mr Hall at the helm, the operations of the store will be largely increased.” Almost two months later, Traralgon residents were impressed with “a fine new display counter that had taken the place of the office in the centre of the store.” There were other new features intended to ensure “the better working of the business.” (Traralgon Record September 7, 1923.)

For the moment, it is relevant to look back on what was offered at “Hall's Universal Emporium”. On Saturday November 20, 1897, The Weekly Times ran a wonderful piece of advertorial (advertising disguised as editorial) –

“The shop has a frontage of 40 feet to the main street, while the ground in Tarwin street, having a frontage to that street of 130 feet, is occupied as a timber and iron yard. This yard is well stocked with all kinds of builders' material, for Mr Hall, besides supplying the trade, takes contracts himself for buildings, and has just completed the butter factory building at Cowwarr. In the grocery store is kept a good general stock of groceries, crockery, ironmongery, etc., and a fine selection of choice wines, beers, and spirits

Business Change

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WM. MARTIN.

is kept. Mr Hall holds the only wine and spirit license in Morwell, and his is the depot for ‘All Saints’ wines. Next door is the drapery establishment, where a large and well-selected stock of drapery is always on hand, and several assistants here are kept going. Dressmaking and millinery is done on the premises, and the work gives general satisfaction. Mr Hall is also agent for a well-known firm which supplies pianos, organs, sewing machines and farm implements, and he sells the celebrated Anti-fermentine.

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“Hall's Universal Emporium” certainly was what John Hall established, and it was expected he would repeat his entrepreneurial talents in his newly acquired Traralgon Co-operative Store.

Unfortunately, John Hall soon faced his creditors. The Morwell Advertiser

(February 8, 1929) described his financial woes with journalistic discretion.

“Unfortunate for him he soon after met with reverses due largely to fall in land values, stock, etc. His health soon gave way and as a result he retired from business and relinquished many activities with which he had been

associated for many years. For some months prior to his death he lived privately in Morwell, but on getting a “stroke” he was recently

removed to Gippsland Hospital where he passed away. The remains of deceased were brought to Morwell and interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery.”

John Hall had sold his Morwell store in July 1922 to Mr W Martin. John's house was sold in October 1923. His liabilities became public knowledge via the Traralgon Record in July 1925. He had sold the Traralgon Co-operative Store in April 1925 to Mr Hanlon from Murchison. Between August and late November 1925, local real estate agency business, McLean and Co. sold John's three farms and a private residence.

John Hall died on February 5, 1929, aged 63. Catherine Hall died on August 3, 1936.

As mentioned earlier in this editorial, there may be reasons why some graves are unmarked. Both Catherine and John Hall are interred in unmarked graves. Moreover, John is in the Presbyterian section and Catherine in the Church of England (old section). It seems as though John had two graveside testimonies – one by the Rev. L Benn and afterwards, a Masonic service conducted by Rev. A Harvey.

Considering with just how much prominence Catherine, and particularly, John Hall stood in Morwell's early beginnings, one may wonder why two separate unmarked graves remain as their reminder.

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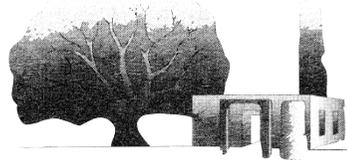
His name is Sam and he will be using the normal phone number of 5122 1000.

I hope people will give him the same patronage

and respect they showed us during our time here.

I wish Sam and all the customers of Churchill and surrounds, all my best wishes for the future.

With regards Peter Jepson



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Hazelwood House sold



Hazelwood House to be sold to Quantum

At the September 5 Council meeting, Latrobe City Council unanimously resolved to sell Hazelwood House, 59-94 Philip Parade, Churchill to Quantum Support Services.

Quantum's proposal aims to use the land to provide affordable and sustainable medium-term accommodation for homeless and disadvantaged youth from the Gippsland region.

At its meeting on Monday June 6, 2022, Council unanimously proposed to sell the building to Quantum Support Services and opened a public submission process.

Council invited public comment on the proposed sale, undertaking a period of community engagement including a Drop-in engagement session at the Churchill HUB, attended by Quantum, and an Online Listening Post allowing Council to hear community submissions.

A total of 27 Public Submissions were received, 11 in support of the proposed sale to Quantum, seven against the sale and nine did not clearly state their position on the proposed sale.

Council's endorsement of the sale of Hazelwood House considered the viability and sustainability of Quantum, including their experience and track record, in addition to the economic, social and community benefits.

As part of the decision,

Council has proposed to allocate the sale proceeds to Council projects that will benefit the Churchill and district community, to acknowledge the contribution of the community to the establishment of Hazelwood House.

This will be conducted through a separate process, at a later stage, following the sale process.

Background

Hazelwood House sits on over 3.9 hectares of land

in the growing Churchill community.

The property was developed by the community to provide an opportunity for local people to age in place.

It operated until late 2019 as a residential aged care facility, at which time its size and age rendered it unviable.

Latrobe City Council agreed to purchase the site in April 2020 and remove the covenants that restrict the site to aged care and retirement purposes.

No.	Plants Scientific name	Common name	Location	Height
1	Abies balsamea	Blue Spruce	Victoria	30m
2	Abies balsamea	Blue Spruce	Tasmania	15m
3	Abies balsamea	Blue Spruce	Tasmania	15m
4	Callitris oblonga ssp. oblonga	King Billy Pine	Tasmania	5m
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Some time in the near future, the bridge section of the long boardwalk will be reconstructed to allow greater access to the rest of the boardwalk.

Please note your access to that part of the boardwalk will be restricted. We will place a notice on our Mathison Park Facebook page and the Churchill & District News Facebook page to alert you of this restriction. This inconvenience may only be for two or three days, weather permitting.

New signage has been placed in the notice board at the top of the concrete path. This signage outlines the species which have been planted on either side of the

concrete path. There are also individual name plates placed at each tree. We call this area of the park the arboretum and it features species which are native to the Gippsland area.

The other signage is in the back of the noticeboard near the old house.

It outlines the species which have been planted in our conifer collection further up the hill on either side of the path. Again, individual name plates will be placed at each species in this collection, for viewer's interest.

Even though the forecast was for showers, several brave folks turned out for the working bee. Early laying out of compost and stakes

made the work easier and about ten more trees were planted along the eastern side pathway. Thanks to Faye for providing a hot cuppa and delicious cupcakes which were most appreciated by the hard workers who had dug holes for the new trees.

The Gippsland Interchange crew also helped plant trees on the Thursday prior to, and the Thursday after the working bee to complete the planting. Thank you to all for the hard work you put in to improve our park.

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The Morwell Centenary Rose Garden will celebrate its 30th anniversary with its central role in the International Rose Garden Festival Morwell, from November 12 to 13.

Expecting to draw visitors to Morwell from across the state, the free community festival will shine a light on the garden, which features over 4000 roses that receive over 6000 hours a year of care by dedicated volunteers.

As part of the festival, ABC Gardening Australia host and crowd favourite Costa Georgiadis, will host and judge the cut rose competition on the Saturday.

On Sunday, families can enjoy live performances and meet special guests Bluey

and Bingo.

Over the weekend the festival will feature stalls, workshops, talks, live music, landscape displays, children's activities, food trucks and Devonshire tea – complete with the famous CWA scones.

Among the highlights of this year's festival are night light displays from 6.30pm to 10.30pm complemented by roving performances and pop-up attractions supported by AGL Loy Yang.

AGL Loy Yang General Manager Christo van Niekerk said AGL was proud to support the event once again by helping to bring the garden to life after dark with an illuminated display.

"It is fantastic to see

the festival return to its full capacity this year, bringing the community and visitors together to enjoy the beauty of the garden and all that is on offer over the weekend."

Mr van Niekerk also acknowledged the work and expertise of the Friends of the Rose Garden volunteers for helping the garden look its best. Mayor of Latrobe City Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan invited the community to be part of the festival.

"The festival continues to go from strength to strength, attracting visitors from across the state to Morwell as well as providing a valuable opportunity for our community to connect and enjoy the atmosphere of the rose garden.

The tireless work of our community group volunteers ensures that the rose garden is immaculately prepared, the volunteers spending hours in the garden and behind the scenes to ensure the roses are in full bloom.

We are excited to welcome special guests Costa and Bluey and Bingo to the festival this year, who will be a fantastic drawcard," said Councillor O'Callaghan.

The event is delivered by Latrobe City Council with support provided by the Victorian Government through its Regional Event Fund and major sponsor AGL.

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A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



By Leo Billington

Past history being made now.

Queen Elizabeth II succeeded to the Throne on February 6, 1952 on the death of her father, King George VI.

Before the King's death, a proposed 1954 royal tour was a much-anticipated event. Planning had commenced in 1949 for King George VI to visit Australia and New Zealand. However, due to the King's ill health, in October 1951, it was decided the then Princess Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh would undertake the trip instead.

By the time the 1954 royal tour arrived in Australia, the Princess was then Queen.

In Traralgon, Morwell, Moe and Yallourn, Councillors and other luminaries began to stamp their presence. Arrangements were necessary.

Morwell Shire Council President, Councillor Alan Hall called a public meeting for Monday October 5, 1953.

There was one agenda item – "to arrange Morwell's part in the celebrations for the visit of her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II." (Morwell Advertiser, September 24, 1953.)

A decision was made somewhere else in Australia that "on the trip through the Latrobe Valley, the Royal party will stop at Traralgon and Yallourn, and the royal train will pass through Morwell at three miles per hour."

This itinerary was not quite what Morwellians wanted but it was "set in granite" and a change was not possible.

So, on with the show, so to speak. At the public meeting, discussion focussed

on whether school children would travel to Traralgon. If this was agreed, was there an allocated area or, should the children assemble along the railway line at Morwell? The meeting also discussed arrangements for decorating Morwell.

Apparently, the train would travel from Traralgon at six miles per hour, then slow down to three mph. Hence, children assembled along the line would get a better view. It was estimated more than 1000 children would need to be transported to Traralgon.

While Councillors were wondering, Mr J. Eliot, headmaster at Commercial Road State School, decided he had best think about the logistics of having children see the passing train. With Councillor White supporting him, Mr Eliot pointed out over 2,000 children from Morwell and district were wanting to see Her Majesty. Mr Eliot made a valiant offer – he would organise children along the railway line opposite the school. Council deferred on this offer.

On January 7, 1954, Councillor Jim Bush made a bold suggestion at Council's meeting immediately before Christmas – that occupants of houses fronting the railway line are certain to be asked to decorate their homes for the day the Royal train passes through Morwell.

Hence, the matter was passed to the Morwell Decorations Committee. Councillor Bush, also being a member of the Morwell Chamber of Commerce, indicated that bunting would be used to decorate the town. However, a decision was made somewhere else that the railway station would not be decorated, as once proposed, because the Royal train was not stopping.

The Decorations Committee was asked to lobby for a change in this decision.

Seven days later, it was announced the Royal train would arrive at Morwell doing a "testing run" at 11.32 am. It would then return en-route to Melbourne from Traralgon at 2.25 pm. Two chances to see the "testing run".

Still in that same week, a competition was announced – with a first prize of £5/5/- for the winner – to design an appropriate Royal pennant for waving as the train went past. A winner was selected, Master D Mowat of 5 Gona Street, Morwell, and the Morwell Shire Council agreed to order 2000 pennants in gold lettering on a royal blue base. These pennants would be distributed "to the children of the Shire" the day of the Royal visit. (Morwell Advertiser, January 14, 1954)

Still in that same week, the Morwell Shire Council did not think the allocated special train to take Morwell shire residents, including school children, to Traralgon would be large enough. There were plans for a special train carrying an expected 700 passengers to come into Morwell from Mirboo North. This train would also bring passengers from Boolarra and Yinnar. Train fares had to be paid.

On January 28, 1954, Morwell Shire Council announced it was considering a full day public holiday as did Yallourn and Traralgon. On February 25, 1954, a formal announcement was made that all Gippsland municipalities would observe March 3, 1954 as a full public holiday.

Plans for local entertainment were also outlined, modern dancing in



the Traralgon RSL hall, Old Time Dance in Traralgon's Town hall, with proceeds going toward defraying Morwell's financial commitments. A portrait of the Queen, which was in Morwell's Shire Chambers, was to adorn Traralgon's Town Hall that is, only on loan.

With one month to go, people of note were starting to run around in ever decreasing circles. Who was doing flower decorations? Should there also be paper flowers made – if yes, by whom? Then was the "burning issue" – how to obtain enough railway carriage space to enable hundreds of persons to effectively travel across to Traralgon? (It became evident that school children were coming from Leongatha as well.)

By early February, working bees were busy making flower decorations. Who was paying for all this? Morwell business owners were encouraged to decorate shops and premises. Latrobe Valley Buslines offered some assistance to carry passengers from outlying areas such as Morwell Bridge, Hazelwood and anywhere in-between. Was traffic chaos expected?



Who would manage traffic congestion? Who will assist with disabled children? (Morwell Advertiser, February 11, 1954).

More questions required answers with three weeks to go. With 600 cubs and scouts expected, who will co-ordinate this aspect? Sunday working bees were required to have decorations ready. Perhaps houses facing the railway line should be decorated.

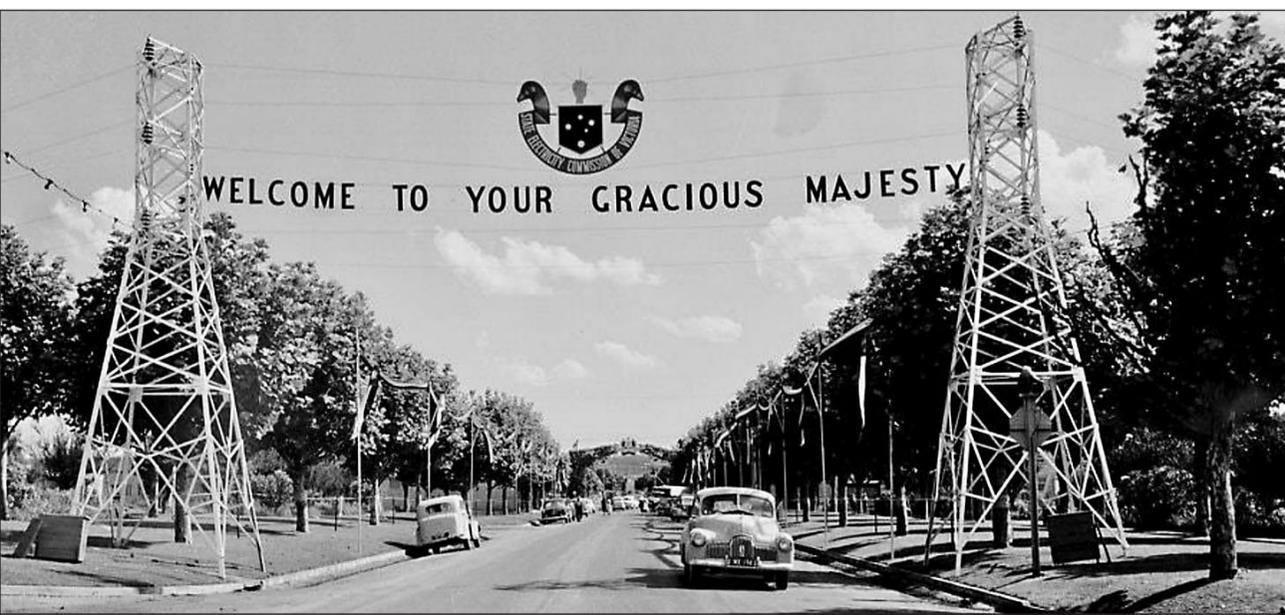
Who or what might underwrite the cost to support Traralgon's outlay? An idea – have a town garden competition to raise money. Also, and this happened, appeal to local residents for money. Within the remaining weeks, a grand total of £193/2/- was raised. Success!

Why was Traralgon being considered more important than Morwell? Councillor White deplored the decision not to have the railway station decorated. He felt it "would create the impression that Morwell was dead." (Morwell Advertiser, February 25, 1954.) Some Councillors opposed any payment to Traralgon – they wanted the honour while someone else paid for it some believed. One Councillor suggested Morwell "looked after its own section."

Morwell Shire Council did eventually agree to supply two trucks and about 12 men for a period of three days.

The Morwell Advertiser, March 4, 1954 trumpeted the following, as its front page: "An estimated 70,000 Latrobe Valley and Gippsland residents gave the

Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh a tremendous welcome at Traralgon, Morwell and Yallourn yesterday. From the moment that the Queen made her appearance on the official dais at Traralgon, until the Royal train left Yallourn, the loyalty, affection and pride of the people was expressed in scenes of moving enthusiasm. History was made with the visit of Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, and in its making, all who were privileged to catch a glimpse of Her Majesty, gained an unforgettable memory that will rank as the experience of a lifetime. Particularly impressive was the magnificent reception accorded the Royal couple by the children, and at both Traralgon and Yallourn, they were given prominent positions."



Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group



A Year in the Life

By J. Duncan

Back in the day, there were some quiet times for our little Landcare group.

Now there is never a dull moment for local landcarers and friends.

As you can see from the calendar, September and October are busy months for us.

We are right into finishing up our cool season plantings in remaining wet area sites, and getting ready to order or grow plants and to collect the seed we need for sites we plan to plant in the winter of 2023.

There is a growing interest in local provenance plants, and there has been a shortage of plants in many native nurseries due to increased demand.

To help more Landcare members and groups to enhance their skills for self-reliance, South and West Gippsland Landcare

Networks recently arranged some introductory sessions for members new to plant identification, seed collection and native plant propagation.

Our group has run similar workshops before, and could look for funds to do it again if there is enough local interest.

Meanwhile, we are now getting our greenhouse ready for the coming propagation season.

We will have a greenhouse pot wash up (and pizza) day at Jeeralang North hall on Saturday October 22 with a 10 a.m. start.

RSVP or just come along – bring your own lunch or a pizza to cook.

If anyone still has our trays or tubes from the Yinnar Community Market in May, please try and get them back to us by then.

Even better, why not bring them along on October 22 and enjoy a bit of pizza and dish mop action with us?

Our plants will grow better when their tubes and trays are clean to start off with.

We will be at the Yinnar Community Market on Sunday November 6, and we're encouraging some darling little plants to grow a bit more for our stall.

Native* plants generally are very different to exotic nursery bought plants – and they do look pretty unexciting when they are small.

We need to plant them when they are small for a few reasons.

One is that they seem to hate having their roots disturbed.

Another could be that large pot-grown plants may not put down strong roots.

This could result later in a large tree that is unstable.

We grow our plants in tall, narrow forestry tubes to encourage the development of a strong tap root.

Many of them will grow surprisingly fast once they get established.

We plant them out in the open all through the cooler months, depending on the site characteristics.

Native plants generally like to be planted in firm soil, and they don't need to be fertilised.

Adding some local leaf litter as mulch will help the soil to develop the networks of soil fungi that many of the plants need to get their nutrients.

* Native used to mean Australian plants.

Now, it seems to be a better idea to use plants that have a natural range closer

to where they are intended to grow.

They will be better adapted for local growing conditions; and will suit the local fauna better as habitat.

They may also provide an essential food source for native birds or pollinator insects at certain times of the year.

ANNUAL CALENDAR (Gippsland) FOR GROWING AND PLANTING AUSTRALIAN NATIVE PLANTS

	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
■ Major and □ Minor Activities												
Planning	■	■	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	■	■
Order Plants from specialist local native nursery	□									□	■	■
Order Seed from seedbank &/ or plan and prepare for collection	□	□									■	■
If collecting native seed (DEWLP permit needed for collecting on public land)												
Collect Eucalypts, Bottle Brushes, Paperbarks	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	□	□	□	□	□
Collect Wattles and other native pea seed	■	■	■									□
Collect seed of lilies, grasses and other ground layer plants	■	■	□									□
Collect She-oak and Hakea seed	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Propagate Plants												
• Start growing for autumn planting (hillsides and dry areas)	■	■	□								□	■
• Start growing for spring planting (wetter areas)	■	■	■	□								□
Look after seedlings	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	□
Prepare revegetation site												
• Fence if needed	□				□	■	■	■	■	■	□	□
• Deep rip if suitable			□	■	■	■	□					
• Monitor for and control pest animals	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
• Control weeds	□	□	□	□	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	□

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Latrobe City Council has received its Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey results with overall performance scoring 59 out of 100, which is on par with the state-wide average and regional centre's average.

Council performed significantly higher than the state-wide average in the areas of arts centres and libraries (79); sealed local roads (57) and recreational facilities (74).

The Community Satisfaction Survey was conducted by the Victorian Government's provider, JWS Research. The survey sample involved 400 residents with a demographic profile that matched the local community.

Latrobe City Council Mayor Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan said the survey results provided useful feedback for Council to understand what levels of service the community is happy with and areas to work on.

"Council would like to thank our residents who

Satisfaction Survey

took the time to complete the Community Satisfaction Survey as the results are extremely valuable. We are proud to see our cultural facilities, libraries, local roads and recreational facilities scoring highly. Significant investment has been made

in this space with the development of the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre and expansion of the Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium.

"Council will reflect on the areas for improvement

including parking facilities and the appearance of public areas" said Councillor O'Callaghan.

A summary of the 2022 Community Satisfaction Results is available at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/communitysatisfaction

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Harriet Shing

Spring is definitely in the air, and as the days get longer, the Valley is full of local events and celebrations.

After such torrential rain, storms, and flooding, our emergency services personnel deserve a huge shout-out. Rain, hail, or shine, their efforts are nothing short of extraordinary, and they consistently put others' needs before their own. A huge shout-out to everyone who has come together to help those in need – today and every day.

Congratulations to all clubs and teams who made it through to the finals in the 2022 Gippsland League, and to all the Swans supporters still smarting from a vicious AFL cat attack, there's always next year!

From footy finals to craft markets, there is something for everyone, and the extra long weekend brought thousands of visitors to Gippsland, with many businesses doing a roaring trade, and holidaymakers out enjoying some truly glorious weather.

The return of our Victorian Dining and Entertainment Program has helped even more people to enjoy our dining and entertainment scene. You can claim 25 per cent cash back

when spending \$40 or more at cafes, restaurants, pubs, live music venues, galleries, theatres, and other venues. You can make a claim online with your receipt and bank account details, or my office would be delighted to help.

In other news, our work to help with the cost of living continues. L and P-plate online and hazard perception test fees are now waived entirely, which saves new drivers \$51.40 or \$133.30 depending on the test. We are bringing back the Safe Driver Discount Program from October to help Victorians who already have a licence, by providing a 25% discount in the licence renewal charge for any driver who has not incurred demerit points or committed other road safety offences for three years.

Thousands of parents have enrolled their little ones in Free Kinder for next year, and our Free TAFE courses continue to boost student numbers across all TAFE Gippsland campuses – including our state of the art facilities in Morwell and at the Port of Sale.

Finally, more than 1.5 million Victorian households have applied for the \$250 Victorian Government Power Saving Bonus. If you are yet to receive your payment,



head online or call my office if you would like assistance to apply.

As Parliament has now finished sitting for the term, I want to thank everyone who has been in touch to raise issues with me for discussion in Parliament and within government – the last four years have been a huge chapter for the region.

In recognising the hardships, the opportunities and the successes that we've seen over this time, it is also important to acknowledge the enormously positive change we are seeing all over the community. These are changes that belong to everyone - from our newest schools, to the facilities we have built together – local voices have been at the very heart of it all, and there is a lot to be proud of as the work goes on.

As always, my office is located at 216 Commercial Road, Morwell for any inquiries or for assistance you might need, and can be contacted via phone at 5134 8000.

Churchill's Pedestrian Underpass

CDCA has been liaising with Latrobe City Council regarding the state of the Monash Way pedestrian underpass.

The previous art mural degraded badly over time because of the underlying poor quality concrete surface. The underpass has always been a target for graffiti which was becoming harder to clean due to flaking layers of paint, despite the efforts of Council and local residents.

Late last year some of our members met with Council officers on site and it was decided that the mural should be removed. Initial efforts to clean the surface with high pressure hosing left it looking worse. Council officers were keen to see the situation improve and cleaned the footpaths and approaches. Council also applied for funding for art projects to be carried out at pedestrian underpasses across Latrobe City, including the one at Churchill. CDCA provided a letter of support for Council's application. Unfortunately Council's application eventually proved unsuccessful.

In the interim, CDCA continued to advocate for addressing the concrete surface, stripping all the old paint and sealing the concrete



before any new paint was applied. This resulted in sand-blasting works, carried out around April this year.

Although many more layers of paint have been removed it appears almost impossible to strip it back to bare concrete. We have been advised that further sand-blasting is not possible as the surface is quite damaged already.

CDCA continued to talk to Council officers about the appalling look of the underpass – clearly that of neglect and “no-one cares”. CDCA thought that, as a bare minimum, a coat of coloured paint might be applied to at least brighten its' appearance and provide a surface which could be easily cleaned.

It seems that our efforts in continuing to raise this issue have finally resulted in good news! CDCA has been advised that Council has secured funding from Latrobe Health Authority for works at the Churchill underpass.

Our October meeting was attended by a member of Council's community development team to provide details of how the project would be managed by Council, and the process of community

engagement that will take place prior to works being carried out.

We are hoping that the project proceeds in a timely fashion. The underpass needs urgent attention to address what can only be described as an eyesore. Unfortunately, due to the poor quality concrete surface, it may be that whatever painting takes place in the near future will not last many years. CDCA will no doubt have a future role in monitoring this site and advocating for improvements when they are needed.

Our last meeting for 2022 will be held at 7pm on Thursday December 8, in Studio 1, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall (park and enter from Philip Parade).

Our first meeting for 2023 will be held on February 9 – we meet at 7pm on the second Thursday of every second month.

CDCA likes to see new members and interested guests at our meetings and we welcome ideas and suggestions from residents about local matters. Membership applications are available for download from our website – cdca.org.au

You can also contact us via our website or our Facebook page (search for Churchill District Community Association) or you can write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

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Churchill CHATTER

New Website

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre has a new website.

The web address remains the same - www.churchill.org.au Check it out!

There is all sorts of information available from classes and groups to services and upcoming events.

You can sign up for email notifications from the Centre, join as a member or apply to be a volunteer, submit an inquiry or make a donation, all this via the new website!

Stall-holders for Shop

Local Christmas Market

The Shop Local Christmas Market will be held on Saturday December 3, at Churchill Shopping Centre. Bookings for market stall sites are now being taken by Churchill Neighbourhood Centre on 5120 3850.

The Market runs from 9am to 1pm, with set-up commencing at 8am. Stall-holders will need to supply their own table and chair.

Sweet Pittosporum

Flowering sweet pittosporum gives off a heady scent in spring but this plant species has become a problem in Churchill.

The orange berries that will follow are well-liked by many birds which then spread seeds in their droppings.

If allowed to spread, they rapidly proliferate and begin strangling other plants, particularly within our native bushland reserves.

Consider removing these invasive plants from your garden or prune the berries and dispose of them in your rubbish bin.

Latrobe City Council has removed some of the pittosporum found along Walker Parade and has engaged contractors to remove them along Eel Hole Creek.

Philip Parade Development

Passers-by may have noticed the rapid development of new housing

on the eastern side of Philip Parade.

A new road in and around the housing estate has been constructed, although not yet fully completed on the creek side of the development.

Street signs have been erected naming it "Medew Street" after one of the early families that settled in this district.

A small park, complete with play equipment, seat, path and grassy area has also been constructed on the hill under the oak trees.

Roses, roses, roses

The Morwell Centenary Rose Garden will celebrate its 30th anniversary with its central role in the International Rose Garden Festival Morwell from November 12 to 13.

Expecting to draw visitors to Morwell from across the state, the free community festival will shine a light on the garden, which features over 4000 roses that receive over 6000 hours a year of care by dedicated volunteers.

Thought for the month

If you feel like you are losing everything today, remember that trees lose their leaves every year and still they stand tall and wait for better days to come.

Watch out for our next edition on Wednesday November 16.

"The Coffin Confessor" Book Review

Bill Edgar is an Australian writer, born in 1942.

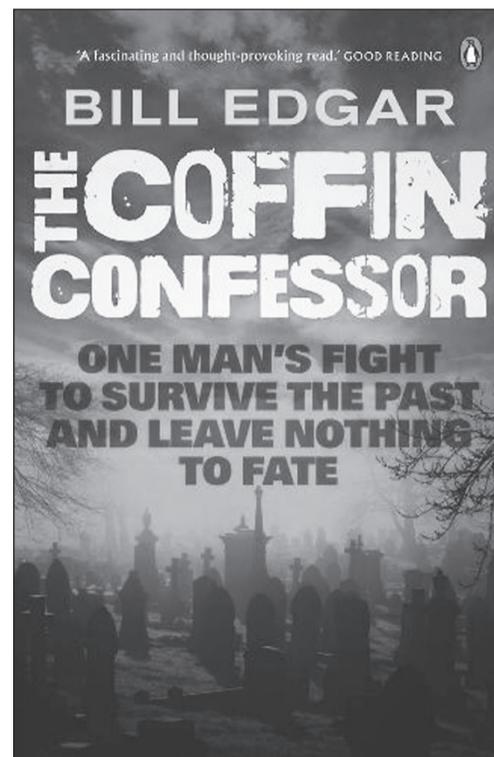
He was a football writer for The Times, providing general pieces and match reports, specialising in statistics and numbers and regularly compiling football quizzes. He is a leading private detective, successful businessman and author. He has written several books related to sport and a biography of Brigadier Arnold Potts, "Warrior of Kokoda" 1999, as well as "Services for Homeless People", "Access to Housing" and "Immigration and Homelessness in Europe".

Bill Edgar is contacted by a dying man who needs proof that his best friend is trying to seduce his wife. Proof is found, so the dying man asks Bill to read a letter at his funeral.

The story moves to the funeral where the dead man's best friend is reading the Eulogy. Bill interrupts and reads the letter from the deceased with startling effect.

We then learn about Bill's early life, moving from one rental property to another in very overcrowded conditions, several generations living under one roof, of his mother's perceived dislike of him because he reminded her of his criminal father, her dependence on pain relief tablets and her gambling addiction.

When the family is allocated a new home by the government Bill sees the life he aspires to, of safety and security, but the family eventually loses it because they can't pay



the rent so they move in with his grandparents. His grandfather is employed and by virtue of this fact he sees himself as the patriarch and therefore has control of the family.

Bill is a gifted soccer player but the gift of soccer boots from the father of one of the other players caused a family argument and eventually a savage beating from his grandfather. His grandfather was the perpetrator of continued physical abuse and then sexual abuse. Bill's prowess as a soccer player eventually won him a full scholarship to The Southport School, (TSS) an exclusive Anglican private school.

This caused grief and anger at home, as well as in the neighbourhood, as he was seen to be rising above his station.

When staff at the school realised he could not read he was ostracised and pretty much left to his own devices. He didn't fit in to the school community but determined he would succeed. By fifteen he was living on the streets of Surfer's Paradise and

began committing petty crime. However, he was able to take advantage of his knowledge of how the school operated and managed to often find a place to sleep there, a clean change of clothes and a market for "goods" he could procure.

While still loosely connected to the school he decided to confide in one of the teachers about the abuse he had experienced from his grandfather.

This teacher also subsequently abused him so he returned to the streets of the Gold Coast, saying he felt safer there than at the school or at his mother's house. In one of his brief returns to school he fell in love with Lara, a fellow student at TSS, who offered him a stability he had never known, but at seventeen she is pregnant and he is about to go to jail.

This was a real wake-up call and through Lara's love and the love he had for his son he was able to turn his life around.

We all enjoyed this "easy to read" book. It is really an autobiography interspersed with stories of cases he has taken to grant dying people their last wishes.

The reasons for wanting these interruptions to their funeral service are varied and include revenge, forgiveness and closure. There are many heart-warming and some humorous stories.

Bill's story tells of a man who is resilient and resourceful, who is always prepared to learn, who never gives up and is determined to accept responsibility and live a better life.

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Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Term 4 2022

Term 4 at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre will include of course all of your regular favourites: computer skills at various levels on various subjects with Pauline and Rachael, patchwork and quilting with Jean and Anne, and country cooking with Noelene Marchwicki. Book in fast - most of the places are already taken!

The Men's Shed is open on Mondays 10am - 2:30pm, and the Community Garden meets every Tuesday morning from 10 to 12.

Wednesday is 'being

well day' at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre: classes already scheduled with Reclink include Yoga 10 - 11am, Meditation 11:30-12:30 and Chair Fitness 1-2pm. Coming soon: Tai chi, Zumba, Pilates and Gentle Exercise.

For Term 4, the Knitting and Crochet group at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre has moved from Wednesday to Tuesday.

The weekly Social Discussion group is returning for Term 4, along with the Book Group (once a month).

While you are thinking of what you would like to enrol in, please check out the Work for Yourself and Money Management courses.

Expressions of interest are very welcome for these groups: creative writing, play reading, basic sewing and dressmaking, and the walking group. Let us know what you would like in the way of trivia nights and movies.

If you call in you can also contribute to our fundraising, with the emphasis on the fun. There is an active, enthusiastic tribe of volunteers you can join in producing sewn and knitted goods, plus loads of lovely chocolates, sweets and drinks at the office.

Why not, for a measly \$5 a year, become a Member of the Centre or, for free, a Friend?

For more information and to enrol, please email info@churchill.org.au, visit churchill.org.au or phone 5120 3850 during the week between 9:30 and 4:30pm.



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Strzelecki cup endurance ride

The ride is to be held again in March. This annual event is open to anyone with a fit horse, and is most challenging on both horse and rider. The Strzelecki cup is run over a distance of 80kms, with three mandatory veterinary checks along the way.

RAAF Central Band concert

The RAAF Central Band is a woodwind, brass and percussion concert band with 50 excellent instrumentalists, including many fine soloists. They will be performing at Kernot Hall next week.

G'day!

Welcome to "As I See It" for 1993. In the final issue for 1992 we announced a competition for a logo to head this column, and response, by Churchill News standards, was magnificent. Four people took the time to put pen to paper and submitted some very interesting ideas, thank you for your efforts.

Library chat

The book "Alphcats" is a barrel of fun, full of frolicsome felines in rich and vibrant colour. Try the letter "L" for example: Lamington Lucille lets lesser known ladies loiter over the lighter cakes while she loads up on lovely lamingtons!

Storytelling the Koorie Way

Towards the end of last year we were lucky enough to receive a visit from Maureen Stewart, noted Aboriginal storyteller. Maureen entertained a large group of Year 7s, and everyone appreciated her obvious skill at involving the audience in the stories.

Churchill Social Golf Club

Well, good-day again. You may remember me. Some may not, some may not want to, but I am back at the obsolete Olivetti, and hungry for any 'nice' scandal or unfortunate happenings that may occur at the Golf Course, or out of

bounds. Who knows, we could have an award of merit for the most scandalous event of the season. Insurance on members will be in the vicinity of \$1.00 per month or \$12 per year.

Op Shop News

People have been moving, shops have been moving, but not the Churchill Op-Shop. We are still in the same spot! If you are new to the area the Op-Shop is located upstairs from the public telephones in the "old" shopping centre

Churchill Campus Kurnai College

This semester a new unit, Permaculture, has started here. The aims of the unit are to understand the rationale behind the Permaculture system, to develop a basic knowledge of useful plants and how to grow them and to learn how a system could be implemented in the home garden.

ANZAC 1993 - 78th Anniversary

Since the historic landing on the narrow stony shores of Gallipoli in 1915, the Australian Armed Forces have taken an active and prominent role in two world wars, and five other lesser conflicts.

Volunteer needed!

A competent mature driver with 4x4 wheel drive to act as a safety vehicle for Hazelwood Guides Navigation Qualifying March in May. The area for the March is the hills at rear of Churchill town, and all radios will be provided at a briefing of participants.

Volunteers wanted

The Churchill Food buying Group is a community project that is run by the community for the community. It is a non profit organisation open to all people to become members.

Friends of Morwell National Park

The Friends of the National Park are a group of local people who take an active

role in the establishment, maintenance and promotion of the Park. This group began in May 1986. They often hold tree planting activities, social nights, evening possum watches and guided nature walks which they have titled "Walk, Talk and Gawk."

Art and Craft Display

The Parish of the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill held its 13th Annual Art and Craft Display and Sales in August. Many crafts were on display which included candle wicking, wooden toys, glass engraving, lead lighting, china painting, jewellery, lace making, pottery, cards and plants.

Baseball ambassador for Churchill

Ben Hammer returned to Churchill after spending our winter playing baseball with Houston Astros in America. Ben commenced his baseball career with the Under 13 Churchill baseball club. Ben's dedication and ability has earned him an invitation to return to America again next year.

Churchill Slimmers

This group is held at the Churchill Community Health Centre each Tuesday and Friday mornings. Cost is \$2 and each person brings along a piece of fruit. The person who loses the most weight each week takes home the fruit.

Under 14's Civic Reception

The Mayor of the City of Morwell, Cr. Jack Vinal congratulated the 1993 premiership team, Churchill Junior Football Club Under Fourteens, their President Rod Makepeace, and Coach Bob Burrows, at a reception held in their honour at the Civic Centre. The Mayor told the team, "The achievement as undefeated champions in the Latrobe Valley Junior Football League in 1993 is an event that the boys will remember all their lives, and the City is proud to share it with them."

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September Activity Report

For the activity we had Matt, Ken, Anita, Graeme, Caitlin, Peter, Jay, Joelle, Dennis, Justin and Darren. There were apologies from Gordon, Mike, Cathy and Tamara.

The group had two tasks to work on during the activity. The first task was to make repairs to more of the nesting boxes. After the storms many nesting boxes needed either repairs, reattachment to the tree or replacement. The first crew was to continue making repairs to the boxes which started last month.

The second group was to spread seed into bare areas around Billys Weir and the Grand Strzelecki Track. Earlier in the year the group collected seed, which Wendy has been kindly storing and maintaining. A big thanks to Wendy for looking after this seed. Jay had spent the previous day preparing the seed for spreading. Some seed needed to be either smoked or mixed with wet sand for distribution. Jay and Joelle came armed with many bags of seed (a mixed wet mix and a dry mixture) ready for many teams to distribute seed.

The activity started with a shuffling of crews and vehicles so that Peter and Caitlin could drive in along Billys Creek Track, Graeme could open the gate at Braniffs Road to allow Jay and Joelle to drive in from there and then Graeme could collect new boxes and tools from the shed. He then returned back to Billys Creek Track to work on box replacement. Graeme, Ken, Justin and Dennis worked on box replacement and repairs. This crew had two ladders which made it easier to get the boxes up. The team was hampered by not having the list of boxes needing replacement or repair, so they needed to work from the maps and find boxes that needed maintenance or replacement.

The photos show Graham and Dennis, first erecting a new nest box and secondly taking down the old topless box on a tree five metres from the first. The old box was

on a dead tree and there was concern that putting a ladder against it might bring it down, so it was balanced by a ladder on each side and all ended well.

With the seed spreading crews - Jay and Joelle worked along the Pipeline Track towards Potato Flat, while Caitlin and Peter worked on side creek at the base of Blue Gum Hill and along Blue Gum Hill Track, distributing seed along the banks of the creek and on the slopes above. Anita and Darren worked along the Grand Strzelecki Track. Each team spread seed into patches of dead blackberries. The hope is that the seeds will germinate among the blackberry canes where they cannot be grazed upon by animals. A few months earlier Parks contractors had sprayed the many blackberry patches along the creek and upon the banks to kill the blackberries and support our planting.

Sadly the feral animals in the park are increasing. During the day we saw a deer (on the Grand Strzelecki Track), multiple feral cats, a herd of sheep and four goats on Blue Gum Hill. Fortunately we also saw a wombat, wallaby, ducks, kangaroos and sugar gliders.

Before Billys Weir one of the washed out bridges had been reused as a temporary bridge. Sadly this bridge has again washed downstream and now cannot be used to cross the creek.

Anita and Darren enjoyed the walk along the Grand Strzelecki Track. Along this track we enjoyed finding three waterfalls flowing into Billys Creek including the Billys Creek Waterfall. These waterfalls are seasonal so they are rare finds. They made the twenty creek crossings to spread seed to the park boundary.

Although the blackberries have been sprayed this has provided the opportunity for many other weeds like thistles, tutsan and willows to grow strongly in and beside the track. The density of the weeds increases as you move further along the track toward the park boundary.



Graham and Denis removing and erecting a nest-box



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2022 Short Story

Writing & Poetry

"Connecting Your Community"

For 2022 with the continuing uncertainty of COVID restrictions, Churchill & District News opened its annual writing competition again to our local primary schools only. This was done through approaching schools individually and emailing the information. There were three categories to cover the primary school ages.

No presentation night will be held, due to restrictions and uncertainty, but prizes and certificates will be delivered to the winners with many encouragement awards among them. Each entrant will receive a little participation certificate and a goody bag to inspire them to continue. Included in the goody bag is a list of hints to help with their writing,

A huge thank you to our judges for their conscientious work on assessing the entries which took many hours.

Thank you to our Churchill & District Team for all the work put into this competition.

We thank our wonderful local sponsors for their support - Rotary Club of Hazelwood and District, Lions Club of Churchill and District and Ampworks. Each year they generously donate to help with the costs involved and make the writing competition possible.

Our first prize winners have their story published in this issue.

The award recipients are

1. 7 and Under Category

Name	Title	Prize
Jackson Sparrow	Blocked Road Flood	1st
Billie Phillips	The Sloth is Always Late	Eq 2nd
Jasper Murden	Shrink Ray	Eq 2nd
Layla Gorordo	Mum and I riding	Eq 2nd
Dusty Price	My Aboriginal Family	Eq 3rd
Ella Malcolmson	This is a Bear	Eq 3rd
Prep D'Alia	Our Favourite Seasons	Class Award
Nathan Tang	Tiger and Kids at the Beach	Enc
George Galletti	Richmond Facts	Enc
Savannah	Puppy on the Bus	Enc
Adrice Hagger	The Horse bumped his Head	Enc
Layla Head	Kim	Enc
Tom Kerslake	The Dog in the Pool	Enc
Charlie Kerslake	The Dentist on the Dock	Enc
Annabelle Taylor	The Monkey in the Shower	Enc
Mia Minster	A Pirates Treasure	Enc
Gewalin Burrows	Undercover Spy	Enc

2. 8-9 year category

Name	Title	Prize
Ada Wakefield	Potato Flat Hill	1st
Scarlett Murden	The Drago and the Scavenger!	2nd
Polina McLindon	Little People	3rd
Adriana Draper	The Dragons	
Ryder Mountney	Kim Arthur's Gruesome Adventures.	Enc
Jennifer Keyzers	This Story Starts with a Unicorn	Enc Illustration
Loretta Pearce	My First day of High School	Enc
Sophia Paulston	A Good Dog	Enc
Kai Tanti	Grand Final Richmond Vs Collingwood	Enc
Luca Mulder	Grand Final Richmond Vs Geelong	Enc
Jeremy Melanie	The Greatest Soccer Game of all Time	Enc

3. 10-12 years category

Name	Title	Prize
Isabelle Gleeson	Chook Chase	Eq 1st
Ryder Morrison	The Flying Lawnmower	Eq 1st
Corey Ray	Haiku Poems	Eq 1st Poem
Nikolai Milinden	The Time Machine	Eq 2nd
Jonathan Tang	The Extinct Planet	Eq 2nd
Ruby Gallett	The Midnight Shipwreck	Eq 3rd
Andrea Coates	Sheep	Eq 3rd
Bella Wilson	A Bleak of Pain	Enc
Aaliyah Leitch Vanzanten	Clouds	Enc
Oskar Hudson	The Solar System	Enc
Zahli Smee	Black Saturday	Enc
Sienna Tanti	The Great Escape	Enc
Matilda Windsor	My Poem	Enc

Eq. FIRST PRIZE 10-12 years



Chook Chase

By Isabelle Gleeson

One sunny day, I went to the chook pen and the not fragrant smell of chook poo wafted up my nose. I grabbed some food and sauntered towards my chooks. I was thinking about what I should make. Maybe pellet cakes? Then, Drumstick came up to me.

"Squawk squawk bock!" Drumstick shrilled.

"Crispy's gone?" I snorted in disbelief. "Bock"

I nodded. Oh. I should probably mention that I can talk to chooks. Yes, I know. I may sound weird, but anyway back to the story. (I will translate the chook language)

"Where was she off to?" I inquired.

"I dunno. Maybe the bramble grove?" Drumstick clucked. "She likes that spot"

"Do you want to help find Crispy with me?" I asked.

"No, but Alpine, Nugget and Marshmallow might." Drumstick fluffed out her wings. "Don't ask Endie or Brownie. They're both clucky and Endie's a bag of gnawed old dog bones. Anyway, you be on your way!"

So, I went on my way! Alpine and Nugget agreed but Marshmallow said she was clucky and felt an egg coming on. Ah well, she is a good detective.

"So... what are we doing again?" Nugget squawked.

"Rescuing Crispy you forgetful toad!" Alpine screeched.

"Can't argue with THAT language" Nugget huffed.

A wailing shriek cut through the air.

We rushed to the scene the wind racing us. All I saw was Crispy being dragged through the debris.

"Fox!" I said as a growl rose in in my throat.

"Fox!" Nugget whimpered.

"Scaredy cat!" Alpine sneered smugly. "I can beat any flea-ridden fox!"

Again, Nugget huffed.

We crept around to the fox's den and gazed silently in.

Well, me and Nugget did.

"AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHH!" Alpine screamed. "Frog spit and goat tongues! Fox!"

"Who's scared now, frog face!" Nugget laughed.

Alpine shot her a glare.

"Run!" I screamed "Run back! I'll get Crispy while the fox is distracted! Go!"

I sprinted into the fox den. I glimpsed Crispy on the ground, rocking herself. I frantically grabbed her and raced back to the pen. I placed her on the ground and went over to Nugget.

"Where's the fox?" I asked.

"There." Nugget clucked.

I turned around to face the fox and took a step towards it. Then a black and white blur zoomed past me. It was Willow, my dog. She gave the ginger fox a nip to remember. Bonus, it sent the orange beast scurrying back to its den.

"That fox won't come back here for a while." I said.

"Probably not" said Nugget "Probably not."

THE END

& Poetry Competition

competition for young writers

FIRST PRIZE 8-9 years

POTATO FLAT HILL

By Ada Wakefield



The day I climbed potato flat hill

It was a cold day in September, late afternoon. I was stressed so I just kept driving past home and out the back of town.

I stopped at a small roadside park and got out of my car. I took off my shoes and I took off on a jog, followed a trail for a while and came across a sign saying potato flat.

I stopped, looked up and saw a hill rising before me cast in sunshine.

I was drawn to it. I climbed down into the creek and fought my way through the blackberries and started my way up.

Now when I say this was a hill, you're probably thinking "pfft a hill, not a big deal" well this turned out to be semi cliff, as I was climbing up I was forced to dig my fingers in the earth and grip deep.

I carefully put my feet as deep as I could so as not to fall and tumble down. Now let me tell you, if I was to fall I'd be best friends with Humpty dumpty.

The magic happened when I realised just what I'd gotten myself into, was not quite half way but far, too far to turn around and still a long way to go and the magic was fear.

For the first time in a

long time, I was scared. No one to reach out to, no friends to call on, alone and scared and only myself to rely on.

And so I did, I clung onto that hillside with every step and made my way upwards to the top.

When I arrived and stopped to admire what I'd just accomplished, I felt electric!

I looked a mess, I'd been shredded by the blackberry bushes and my fingers and toes were raw from digging in for every step,

I was drenched in sweat. I felt absolutely amazing I had myself a bone-fide adventure and I was only 5 minutes from home.

FIRST PRIZE 7 AND UNDER

BLOCKED ROAD FLOOD

By Jack Sparrow

It was a cold winter morning as I drove to school. One road was blocked, one was flooded but the middle road was clear. Jake went down the middle road and finally got to school.

Eq. FIRST PRIZE 10-12 years

THE FLYING LAWNMOWER

By Ryder Morrison



One dark stormy day in Frank's warehouse Frank and Lachy were thinking about what they can invent that can fly but has never been invented before, which was hard because there is a lot of things that can already fly. They sat there listening to the rain while thinking of what to invent for what felt like hours but it was really only ten minutes.

"That's it!" said Frank.

"Finally, you thought of something. What is it?" asked Lachy.

"I have got an old lawnmower laying around out the back of the warehouse." replied Frank.

"So, what are you trying to say?" questioned Lachy.

"I'm trying to say that we should make a flying lawnmower!" excitedly said Frank as he marched towards the lawnmower.

"Okay let's get started then." insisted Lachy.

Lachy got the lawnmower while Frank gathered all the wires and some bits and bobs. Frank started working on attaching all the wires and Lachy went to the airport that he works at to get propellers and seats for the lawnmower.

When Lachy came back he was just in time for Frank to put on the propellers. When Frank was attaching the propellers Lachy put on the seats.

After a couple hours of work their masterpiece was done! It was the next day and Frank and Lachy were at the runway ready to take off. They were wearing motorbike gear and bicycle helmets. Frank got in the front seat and Lachy got in the back seat.

They started the lawnmower and said their last words if it doesn't work. Frank stomped on the accelerator and Lachy quickly held on to his seat. Lachy looked up and was relieved

that they were in the air! They were flying around for about eight minutes when the engine started making bizarre noises! Frank took a quick look at the engine and he knew that something was wrong. Then he remembered that they didn't have parachutes! Suddenly the engine stopped working and the lawnmower started falling straight down.

"I will call my pilot friend Bob so he can come save us!" screamed Lachy.

"Ok just make it quick." replied Frank.

Lachy quickly called Bob and Bob said that he should be there in about thirty seconds. Out of nowhere Bob was flying next to them. Frank and Lachy climbed in the plane and they flew back to the runway. Frank and Lachy thanked Bob and then walked back to the warehouse while thinking 'why didn't we just invent a different type of plane?'

Eq. FIRST PRIZE 10-12 years

Haiku-Poems

By Corey Ray

Sunset

The sunsets at night
hidden away till first light
long enough to rest

Ocean

Waves crash on the beach
sending sand to a dark depth
never seen again

Fire

Lighting the night sky
burning home, destroying lives
fire scars us all





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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS



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Nominations can be lodged at any time; however nominations for the Lions Club of Churchill & District Australia Day 2023 awards close on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 5.00 pm.

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Latrobe Community Health Service

Latrobe Community Health Service and Federation University are working together to train the next generation of allied health workers.

The countdown is on for the first cohort of Federation University Australia's occupational therapy graduates to enter the workforce, with Gippsland students due to graduate in 2023.

The undergraduate Bachelor's degree, designed to train, retain and grow Gippsland's future allied health workforce, is already achieving its goals.

Alice Davey, a Latrobe Valley local, is among the first group of students to undertake the occupational therapy degree at Federation University's Gippsland campus at Churchill.

The local course has allowed Alice to stay living at home and keep her part-time job as an allied health assistant, working alongside occupational therapists at Latrobe Community Health Service.

"I really wanted to study down here so I didn't have to quit my job and leave my family," Ms Davey said.

"Being able to stay local and with my parents has helped me financially for sure. Staying in my part-time role has allowed me to continue to gain knowledge in what occupational therapists do, and make connections between my study and work."

When she graduates, Alice plans to stay in Gippsland and join the region's allied health workforce.

"There are heaps of opportunities down here for occupational therapists, and that is one of the big reasons to bring the course to Gippsland," she said.

Federation University launched its occupational therapy degree in 2020, followed by physiotherapy and speech pathology



programs. This was in response to the increasing demand for allied health workers across Gippsland.

The number of occupational therapists in Gippsland is projected to grow from 150 in 2016 to 212 by 2036, according to the 2019 Gippsland's Future Health and Community Services Workforce report.

Students contribute to Gippsland's allied health services through work placements each year with providers across the region, including Latrobe Community Health Service, Latrobe Regional Hospital, Gippsland Lakes Complete Health, Bairnsdale Regional Health Service, Central Gippsland Health Service, Bass Coast Health and West Gippsland Healthcare Group.

Alice was one of a few students who joined the course with experience as an allied health assistant.

She said others have picked up similar jobs along the way, allowing them to gain real-life industry experience while pursuing their careers.

"My employer, Latrobe Community Health Service,

has been so flexible," she said.

"Whenever I get my timetable, there will only be certain days I can work. Each time I have gone to my manager and said, 'this is my timetable; what do you think about me working these days?' and they agree," she said.

"It's been really easy and they've been really adaptable. I am very grateful to have had this experience."

Gippsland's healthcare and social assistance sector employs more than 18,000 people. The sector is growing rapidly in line with demographic changes.

Latrobe Community Health Service and Federation University are working closely together with the Victorian Government, TAFE Gippsland, and other health and community service providers, to build the region's skilled and sustainable workforce.

Alice Davey, pictured, is working at Latrobe Community Health Service while studying at Federation University Churchill.

Where We Live

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Picturesque 9 hole, 11 tees, Par 70, a 5402 metre course. The manicured fairways are lined with native trees and shrubs. The Churchill & Monash Golf

Club is situated behind the northern end of Federation University, Churchill, Gippsland, Victoria.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club welcomes all visitors to their course.



Yinnar Market

The Yinnar & District Memorial Hall Volunteer Committee is holding their bi-annual Market Day on Sunday November 6, starting at 9am till 1pm.

All proceeds raised from our markets go towards fittings and fixtures for our Community Hall.

It is an Indoor/Outdoor Market with applications of interest now available, if you make it, bake it, grow it, sew it, contact our Market Coordinator via email - yinnarmemorialhallinc@outlook.com

It is a Craft Market that caters for everyone, has free face painting for the children, coffee van, sausage sizzle, food van, plants, vintage cars, jewellery, hand crafted goods, home decor, cakes and slices, condiments, and much more.



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A frogger's story



By Joëlle Champert

"FrogID relies on frog calls to identify species, as many frog species are indistinguishable by appearance, we want to minimise disturbance to frogs and their habitat, and we want to know about the breeding season and breeding habitats of frogs." FrogID website

After hearing Dr Jodi Rowley of the Australian Museum talk about her work on frogs, I became interested in participating in the FrogID project.

I had been very interested in frogs for a while and wanted to know how to recognise them.

Frogs are notoriously difficult to spot and are the most active at night.

They are identified by their calls, which are unique to each species.

FrogID is a citizens' science program at the Australian Museum.

It has taught a computer to analyse frog calls recorded by anyone, anywhere in Australia.

You join FrogID by downloading the FrogID app.

You can get this app either from the web site <https://www.frogid.net.au/> or from the app store of your choice.

Next is the fun part. You need to take your mobile device to a spot that has frogs calling and then follow the prompts on the app to record what you hear and submit it

to the Museum.

The recordings are only one minute long, so it does not take long.

Do not worry if it isn't a frog, the website will let you know if it's an insect or bird.

You will eventually receive a message from the museum confirming the ID of the frogs you recorded.

They may request regular visits to the same sites, daily if possible.

I now have six sites that I visit regularly.

I have noticed that the frogs that I have found seem to like shallow water with some grasses and flooding areas.

At this time of the year these are quite easy to find.

It is best to record at night because the frogs tend to call more then and there is less background noise.

I have found the FrogID website to be very helpful about recording calls and very informative about frogs generally.

It is also helping me to learn to pick out individual calls in a frog chorus.

We know that some frogs are in real trouble world wide.

We have unique species of frogs in Australia and some are listed as endangered.

Knowing more about them is important for their survival. Frogs are an essential link in the environmental chain.

Losing them would

adversely affect many other species, including humans.

What I enjoy about going frogging is walking at night; looking at the sky; enjoying the night sounds and, of course, the sound of frogs which can seem deafening at the peak of the mating season.

I also enjoy being part of a community of like minded people who care for our fragile environment, and who want to contribute to its understanding, its preservation and restoration.

I have been doing it now for about 18 months.

In this time I have recorded nine of the eleven frog species that are believed to occur near me.

Monthly Medal Saturday 27/08/2022.

Winner: A.Grade Nett. B.Skinner 13 80 67 Medal. B.Grade: A. West 25 95 70, C.Grade: B. Cluderay 29 103 74. Scratch: B.Skinner 80. DTL: D.Ellwood 71, B. Barnes 73, M.Allen 73, J.Sanders 74, B. Kilday 74, R. Madigan 75, D. Beyer 75, T.Webb 76. NTP: Pro-Pin 3rd M. Soppe. 12th B.Skinner. Target Hole: D.Beyer. Putts: R.Madigan 27. Birdies: 12th B.Skinner.

Stableford Saturday 3/09/2022. Winner A Grade: D.Ellwood 13 37. B Grade: G.Barnes 24 32. C Grade: T.Lio 30 29. D.T.L: M.Breraton 34, R.Madigan 34, D.Byers 34, B.Barnes 34, T.Webb 33, B.Downie

Traralgon locals will have the chance to rub shoulders with some of the world's best tennis players when the Latrobe City Traralgon International hits town from November 13-27, 2022 at Traralgon Tennis Association.

Players, including some of the world's best rising stars from Australia and across the globe, will compete for USD\$100,000 in prize money and valuable world ranking points. With support from the Latrobe City Council, Traralgon is a popular spot on the tennis calendar, and has regularly played host to key Australian Open lead in events for juniors and players looking to gain valuable court time in Australia ahead of the years' first Grand Slam.

Latrobe City Council Mayor Kellie O'Callaghan was proud to see the tournaments would be hosted in Traralgon, "We cannot wait to welcome tennis players from across the globe to battle it out at the Latrobe City Traralgon International this November. Latrobe City has positioned itself as a premium sporting hub and is pleased the Australian Pro Tour has recognised our region," said Cr Kellie O'Callaghan.

Tournament Schedule:

• November 13-20: Latrobe City Traralgon

International #1 o ITF World Tennis Tour Men's \$25k and ITF World Tennis Tour Women's \$25k

• November 20-27: Latrobe City Traralgon International #2 o ITF World Tennis Tour Men's \$25k and ITF World Tennis Tour Women's \$25k

The fields for the event will be revealed in early November.

"The Traralgon Tennis Association is excited to hold these two Pro Tour Events," said Susie Grumley, Manager Traralgon Tennis Association. "These events are a wonderful pathway for player development, and enable players to come to the Club, train and play matches for two weeks, giving them valuable experience in our great region. The community embraces these events and it's lovely to be able to give them the opportunity to be a part of the tournaments, and experience some high quality tennis locally. We are really looking forward to supporting Tennis Australia and the Pro Tour Circuit," Grumley continued. Tennis Australia's Pro Tour Manager Fiona Luscombe also thanked the region for their ongoing support, "We are extremely grateful for the support of Latrobe City Council, Traralgon Tennis Association and the community for their

support to be able to host these events. We have a longstanding relationship with Traralgon, hosting ATP80 Challenger events for more than nine years, and have seen esteemed players Max Purcell, Jordan Thompson, Luke Saville and Matt Ebden take out titles here in the past, along with rising stars and the elite juniors of the game.

We are looking forward to hosting another great season of events and welcoming the local community down to enjoy," Luscombe added. The Latrobe City Traralgon International will take place at Traralgon Tennis Association from November 13 - 20 and November 20 -27. Spectator entry is free.

Background

The Latrobe City Traralgon International is part of the Australian Pro Tour, a series of professional tennis events held throughout the year to bridge upcoming players with the ATP/WTA Tour, providing an opportunity to earn significant prizemoney and world ranking points. For more information about the Australian Pro Tour, Tennis Australia or the players visit www.tennis.com.au/protour. For more information on the ITF World Tennis Tour visit www.itftennis.com.

SPORT

Local tennis tournament

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

31, C/B. N.T.P: G.Beyer, 5th D.Ellwood, 12th D.Ellwood, 14th M.Allen. Target Hole: B. Downie. Birdies: D.Ellwood 12th.

Monthly Medal Tuesday 6/09/2022. Medal Winner: Sandra Caldwell 77 Nett. Scratch: Merryn Dear 97. Putts: Merryn Dear 28.

Mulligan Stableford. Saturday 10/09/2022. HC. Winner A Grade: J.Sanders 18 45. B. Grade: B.Cluderay 28 35. D.T.L: B. Barnes 43, G.Sanders 42, P.Flanigan 39, R.Welsh 38 C/B. G.Barnes 38 C/B. N.T.P: Pro-Pin: 3rd A.Sharrock, 12th S.Caldwell, 14th A.Auld. Target Hole: G.Sanders.

Stableford Tuesday 13/09/2022. HC. Winner:

Sandra Caldwell 24 39. Par Saturday 17/09/2022. HC. Winner: A. Grade: M.Brereton 11 all square. B. Grade: G.Barnes 24 +4. C. Grade: J.Jeffery 30 -7. D.T.L: T.Sterrick all square, G.Spewart -1, D.Ellwood -2, M.Mamun -2, P.Flanigan -3, D.Burridge -3. N.T.P: 3RD Mamun, 5th G.Barnes. Pro-pin: 12th C.Gilfillan, 14th L.Anderson. Birdies: R.Welsh 12th.

Stableford Tuesday 19/09/2022: HC: Winner: Barry Beames 24 32 pts. D.T.L: S.Caldwell 23 26 pts. N.T.P: 5th Vicki Verheyen, 3rd Sandra Caldwell, 12th Lia Brent.

Monthly Medal Saturday 24/09/2022. HC. Winner:

A Grade: D.Beyer 7 67. B. Grade: A.West 27 66. Medal Winner: C. Grade: C.Wilson 35 78. Scratch: D.Beyer 74. D.T.L: G.Barnes 70, A.Sharrock 70, T.Sterrick 70, T.Webb 71, M.Brereton 71, C.Hogbin 72, J.Sanders (Snr) 74. N.T.P: Pro-Pin: 3rd T.Webb, 5th T.O'Reilly, 12th D.Beyer, 14th J.Barnes. Target Hole: Z.O'Reilly. Birdies: D.Ellwood 3rd. Putts: R.Madigan 25.

4 BBB Tuesday 27/09/2022. Winners: L. Anderson and S.Caldwell 41 Pts. D.T.L: J.Sanders (Snr) and C.Stevens 38 Pts. N.T.P: 3rd L.Brent. 5th L.Brent, 12th L.Brent, 14th L.Brent.

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SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

September has been an exciting one for our students at Hazelwood North Primary School. Many activities have been organised for our students to enjoy and learn from at the same time. Our Grade 2s had their school sleepover, our 5/6s went to DreamCity in Melbourne, all students performed in a Chinese Cultural Experience, the F-2s presented their Community Projects to their parents and grandparents, and we even threw in a Sport Colours dress-up day!

Chinese Cultural Day

The students walked into school to a wonderful, giant inflatable panda display to add excitement to the beginning of their Cultural Day. Students then had the opportunity to participate in a number of activities from printmaking to paper crafts. Then students excitedly got

dressed in their amazing costumes ready to present a dance in front of our school community. All grades confidently danced and sang their assigned item during the concert. We were all extremely proud. The clapping and cheering from the audience made it a memorable experience for all involved. A huge thank you goes out to York and his amazing team from Kurnai College.

Grade 2 Sleepover

Our annual Grade 2 sleepover went ahead with a bang at the end of Term 3. We had some very nervous young students who demonstrated great resilience and responsibility throughout the night. At HNPS we use the school sleepover to get our students ready for future school camps. Often some students have never

spent a night away from home, so this is a big deal for a number of our students! They had so much fun eating spaghetti for tea, ice cream for dessert, and watching a movie and eating popcorn before bed.

Community Inquiry Projects

During Term 3, our F-2 students were learning about the roles and responsibilities of different members in the community. Students were provided with the opportunity to select a number of occupations to study so they could learn how they help our community to thrive. Students selected occupations like veterinarians, doctors and teachers to learn more about. They then collaboratively built a small community and explained how it could successfully function.



Top: Chinese Cultural Day celebrations
Ready for Sports Day left and right
Centre: Isla and Zalee- community vet

SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Tabitha's Closet Van

As part of their 'Pay It Forward Kindness' Unit VCAL students have been working hard to provide additional support to the outreach initiative Tabitha's Closet. Tabitha's Closet is run by the City Church in Traralgon and provides free clothes to those in need within our local community. Students helped to organise and pack donated baby clothes from Bonds ready for distribution. Students are also holding a clothing drive, during which they are collecting donations of good quality clothing, with a particular focus on teenage and young adult sizes. They will then wash and press the clothes ready for Tabitha's Closet van to distribute to the local communities of Churchill, Moe, Wurruk, Rosedale, Morwell and Traralgon.

the opportunity to listen to three guest speakers who spoke about the benefits of volunteering. Members of Tabitha's Closet spoke about their volunteering experiences and the reasons why they developed the outreach program.

Mark Smith, Kurnai teacher and local volunteer firefighter spoke about his time volunteering for the CFA and the skills he has developed and the experiences he has had during his years of service. Di Billingsley, who has volunteered for many years with the Boolarra CFA spoke about the challenges, experiences and benefits of volunteering. She particularly emphasised the positive impact that volunteering can have on local communities and individuals. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions and to try on CFA clothing and protective equipment.

R U OK Day

Thursday September 8 is R U OK Day, a day developed to encourage individuals to reach out to members of the community that they may have concerns for. Our campus events for R U OK day included

a free breakfast for all, and discussions about how to have wellbeing conversations with other people. Our school community was reminded that these conversations are important to be had all year round and that support is available within the school for those

who need it, including our hardworking welfare team.

Sporting News

It has been fabulous to see our students competing in competitions on an interschool and state level.

Most recently a small group of students competed at the Wellington District Athletics. Claire Irving placed first in the 800m and 400m sprints division and second in the 200m and

1500m running events. As a result she will compete

in the State Finals next term.

We are also proud of our girl's soccer team which recently competed in the state finals for school soccer in Melbourne. They played fiercely competitive games against Northcote High School, Brighton Secondary College and Ballarat High School. Although they did not win, we would like to congratulate the team on their effort and determination.



Guest Speakers
As part of their Literacy studies VCAL students had



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Are you preparing for summer?

As we head into spring and the lead up to our summer fire season, predictions are indicating that we will be getting good rains for the next few months. However, despite the promise of above average rainfall, as a community we need to make sure that we have taken every precaution to ensure that we are prepared should any local fires develop. If you live in an area that could be impacted by grass or bushfires, preparing your property is essential to minimising the risk of damage to your property, and your neighbourhood, if a fire occurs. Prepare your property, protect your property. More information is available from CFA. www.cfa.vic.gov.au/prepareproperty As well as looking after our properties, we also need to consider those who are vulnerable in our communities.

CFA has an e-learning module to support people who are caring for others living in high bushfire risk areas. This module is relevant to anyone who

provides unpaid care or support to family members or friends. Start planning now so you are prepared. www.cfa.vic.gov.au/carers If you have any enquiries, our local CFA District 27 office in Morwell can provide advice on 03 5120 3700.

Planning a burn-off?

Make sure you are prepared safely for this coming bushfire season! Burning off grass, stubble, weeds, undergrowth or other vegetation is generally permitted outside the Fire Danger Period.

Latrobe City has Local laws on burn-offs which apply year-round. Fires are not allowed in the township area at all, but are allowed on rural properties or farms.

- Check and follow local laws and regulations set down by Latrobe City.
- Check the weather forecast for the day of the burn and a few days afterwards.
- Check the fuel moisture conditions.
- Establish a fire break of no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material. Have an adequate supply of water on hand to extinguish your burn.

- Notify neighbours at least two hours before starting the burn.

- Register your burn-off by notifying the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) on 1800 668 511 or visit firepermits.vic.gov.au

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

For more information, please visit: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/burnoff

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

Some information that you provide may be displayed on the Vic Emergency website. This may include the street name and area where the planned burn you are registering will take place.

This information may be shared on the Vic Emergency website at the time of ignition, as well as the VicEmergency app and internal incident management systems.



Queen Elizabeth 11

The recent passing of Queen Elizabeth II marked the end of an era for the British Commonwealth, and the whole world. The way she carried out the day-to-day functions of her position provided a stability to all for more than seventy years. The British monarchy, which she embodied, will now have to rely on our new king, Charles III to provide an ongoing calmness in the hurly-burly of an ever-changing world.

To stamp collectors, the Queen has provided a wealth of opportunities to enjoy their hobby. Firstly, she was a collector in her own right. The Royal stamp collection

begun by her great-grandfather Edward VII, has passed down to her, and she has seen to it that its constant updating has been carried on.

Also, there have been the issuing of stamps bearing her portrait on stamps all over the world, and particularly the British Empire. We have seen a number of designs over the years showing a portrait of the Queen, each one showing an older face. These portraits have also been used on the obverse face of coins of the realm.

Periodically, there have also been the issuing of stamps commemorating an anniversary of a major event of her life, such as her

coronation or her wedding. Each of these has provided a collection in themselves for collectors. Stamps showing her children have also been issued.

In Australia we have issued a stamp for the Queen's Birthday every year since 1980, all but one showing a current photograph of the Queen. One lady I know based her collection on Hats on Stamps on these.

Queen Elizabeth II will be missed by all her subjects and to honour her, I will shorten the article to show some of the Queen's Birthday Stamps.

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