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Family Fishing Day – Ready, Set, . . . Fish!



Lion Reg Grisotto and Jim Arstead from Mathison Park committee restocking the lake.

It is getting close. It is time to start checking your fishing gear for the Lions Club of Churchill Community Fishing & Fun Day which is nearly here. Put Saturday December 10 on your calendar and come to Lake Hyland, Mathison Park for the Churchill Community Fishing & Fun Day.

It is a day for the whole community to come along to bring their children, grab a rod and wet the line for a day of fishing together as a family, along with others in the community and have fun and enjoy the activities on the day.

All children must register on the day to participate and win prizes. Cost is \$2.50 per child or \$5 per family to enter. All children who register will receive a free sausage and drink.

Registration starts at 9.30 am with fishing starting at 10.00 am and finishing at 2.30 followed by presentations. Note that prize winners must be present to be eligible to win prizes.

No fishing licence is required to participate in the Churchill Community Fishing & Fun Day.

It is a day for children with their Mums and Dads to come along to fish, hopefully catch a big fish or come along to learn how to fish or maybe just learn about fishing and the environment.

The local Fishing Club and Fishing Victoria Officers and Fishcare Victoria will be in attendance to assist, talk about fishing and licensing, the fishing environment and fishing in general.

There will be plenty of other activities on the day, including a jumping castle for the little children, face painting, music as well as hot and cold food and drinks.

There are lots of great prizes to be won by children in different age groups for hooking the first fish, the biggest or smallest fish, there are lucky door prizes plus many, many more.

Lake Hyland has recently been restocked by Fisheries Victoria with 800 large rainbow trout, which are a good target for children and novice fishers to catch.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy on Saturday December 10.

See you there and good fishing.



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BOOK REVIEW

"The Rain Heron" 2020 by Robbie Arnott

Robbie Arnott was born in Launceston in 1989 and now lives in Hobart. His first novel "Flames" 2018 won the Tasmanian Premier's Literary Prize for the Best Young Novelist Award, as well as being short-listed for the Premier's Literary Award for Victoria and New South Wales, a Queensland Literary Award, the Readings Prize for New Australian Fiction and the Not the Booker Prize. "The Rain Heron" is a follow up book and won the Age Book of the Year, was short-listed for the Miles Franklin Literary Award, the ALS Gold Medal, the Voss Literary Prize and an Adelaide Festival Award.

This is a story told in five parts, beginning with Part 0. It tells of a farmer who, despite doing everything well, has no success until a huge storm came to her valley. She was almost drowned and when her rescuers found her a huge heron emerged from the flood, as if it had been watching over her. The mystical creature vanished into the sky and the rescuers were unsure of what they had just witnessed. From this point the rescued farmer has great success, becoming wealthy but sharing her good fortune with her community. On cloudless

nights the heron could be seen above her fields, but the neighbour's son was jealous and felt the heron was responsible for her success. One night he went to where the heron roosted and planned to cut its' throat. The next morning the boy was found with his eyes torn out and from then there was unseasonal heat and wind, the seasons changed and drought came to the once fertile valley.

The story then tells of Ren, a woman who has turned her back on society and is living off the land in a cave. The only human contact she has is with Barlow and his son, the nearest neighbours with whom she trades. Soldiers, led by a woman called Harker have come to the valley, and they are looking for the heron. They believe Ren knows where it is and they want her to lead them to it. She avoids them for a time but they eventually find her and have no qualms about torturing her to get to the heron. After enduring unspeakable cruelty Ren relents and takes them to the bird which is captured, but at the expense of Harker's eye.

The story then goes back in time to tell the story of Zoe who lives in a small coastal community

whose livelihood is made by harvesting squid ink. She lives with her aunt and the time has come for her to learn the closely guarded secret of how to get the ink from the squid.

When a stranger from the north appears wanting to modernise the industry he is treated with contempt and derision by the community, but one morning he comes into town dragging a dead squid.

He is covered in injuries and discovers that he is unable to get any ink from the squid. From this point the fortunes of the town deteriorate.

Zoe goes to where the Northerner has made his camp and on seeing many dead squid decides to show him how to harvest the ink. Things do not go to plan and Zoe leaves the village and finally becomes a skilled soldier.

The story then goes back to when Ren is shot by Harker and follows the transportation of the heron to a sanctuary by Harker and the other soldiers. After a difficult journey they arrive at the sanctuary to find it is abandoned but for a civilian who is living there. Harker takes leave of the soldiers but collapses into the arms of the civilian, who takes care of her using the supplies the medic has left them.

Harker's conscience is troubling her about her treatment of Ren and her capture of the heron so she decides to make things right and return the bird.

This book was brutal, compelling, very well written and easy to read, but it raised more questions than answers. We wondered if the first part of the story was like a Dreamtime story and that perhaps Ren was an Indigenous woman because she had such respect for and understanding of the land.

The setting for the story is never disclosed; some thought it may have been set in a Scandinavian country, others thought it may have been the central coast of New South Wales or maybe it was Tasmania where the author comes from.

A recurring theme throughout the book is the brutal removal of eyes. We thought this was an example of how modern society has lost sight of what is important for our environment. It also made the point that as a society we like to capture and control things by putting them in cages or sanctuaries, thus disrupting the natural order of things. While this story was about a mythical creature there were parts of the story which really stretched the imagination, but it all pulled together neatly at the end.

Rainfall

Churchill Rainfall

The October rainfall was above average with 112.5mm falling.

This resulted in 708.5mm falling in Churchill so far this year to October 31.

Rain at Hazelwood South

October rain was mostly produced by the Negative Indian Ocean Dipole and persistent strong lows, resulting in 141mm of rain, the second highest in 36 years, and 78% above the monthly average.

The year of 2022 is now at 4% above average. The Latrobe Valley weather station had 121mm in the same period, making Hazelwood South 32% wetter.

Some plants in the vegetable garden are struggling with low temperatures, the grass is growing fast.

Weeding and preparing for the fire season ahead is a priority.

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Official Opening of the new shed



Yinnar Historical Society received a grant from the Federal Government through Darren Chester MP, which resulted in a new large shed being installed at the Yinnar Historical Society site. An official opening had been put on hold from earlier in the year, so it was with enthusiastic anticipation that the members and guests gathered beside the new shed to officially open it on Sunday October 16.

Ian Blake, President, opened procedures by welcoming Latrobe City Mayor Kellie O'Callaghan, and South Ward Councillor Melissa Ferguson who would do the honours. Ian also introduced the members of the Society present. He acknowledged the work of Phil Williams and Lloyd Wicks in managing the grant to its completion. The shed represents a further large storage area for the growing number of items of historical significance which have been gifted to the Society.

The arranging of the implementation and

oversight of the grant was complicated as first they had to arrange a lease of the land, and this took time.

Finally the shed was erected but the grant didn't include lining of the inner walls. This was paid for by the Society and a man in town donated his labour to do the work. Latrobe City Council arranged the wheelchair accessible ramp which links the two buildings.

It all came together and the shed now contains a well organised display of many items.

Mayor Kellie thanked the group for the invitation to preside at the opening and also acknowledged Melissa Ferguson, who she said does a huge amount of work for the communities of her ward.

Kellie spoke an acknowledgement of country for the First Nations Aboriginal peoples. She added that there was a long history in Yinnar and district of many generations of families who had settled there and had made

significant contributions and whose stories importantly should be preserved.

She said that the Latrobe City team was very keen to have a good outcome for the grant. Darren Chester was also pleased with the outcome.

She concluded by thanking the Society members for their work for the local community and visitors.

Melissa supported Kellie's comments by saying she believed in preserving our history.

A piece of bale twine was pulled from the new shed door to officially open the facility to a round of applause.

An invitation to inspect the shed and partake of afternoon tea was given and taken up enthusiastically. The historical items were much admired and the afternoon tea was delicious.

New play equipment with an olden day's theme was installed nearby to keep in context with the adjacent housed history.

Building Approvals

Residents encouraged to check for the right building approvals

Latrobe City Council is encouraging residents looking to renovate, extend or construct new buildings on their properties to make sure correct approvals are in place.

Chief Executive Officer Steven Piasente said Council's Building Services team regularly supports property owners and neighbours who have been impacted by building works.

"While it's been great to see a rise in home renovations, particularly since COVID-19, Council has investigated more instances of illegal building works recently.

Council has a legislative responsibility to ensure that building regulations are followed for the safety, amenity and benefit of all the community," said Mr Piasente.

Although Council does not receive building permit applications, the Building Services team provides a statutory building control function to make sure that any works are safe and in line with the Building Act and Regulations.

Council's Municipal Building Surveyor regularly responds to outstanding permits, investigates breaches of building legislation, assesses applications, investigates unsafe or unsuitable buildings and provides advice.

"Fortunately, the majority of our building professionals implement the regulations and make sure the minimum standards are achieved or

exceeded.

Following building best practice, getting approvals and seeking advice will keep our residents safe and prevent prosecutions," said Mr Piasente.

A range of resources

for residents and building professionals can be found on the Latrobe City website: <https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Property/Building> or by contacting the Building Services Team on 1300 367 700.

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Danny O'BRIEN MP State Member for Gippsland South

A recent electoral redivision will see the following areas join the electorate of Gippsland South from the state election in Nov 2022:

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Churchill Christian Fellowship



The Churchill Christian Fellowship is pleased to advise that we had our first 3 pm Sunday afternoon service in the old Hazelwood South Hall on Sunday October 16, albeit without electricity.

Worship was fully acoustic, with songsheets provided to everyone, and some of the ladies brought hot water in thermos flasks to provide tea and coffee after the service.

The same things applied

on October 23.

Both services went well and there is a genuine sense of excitement for the new start that this represents for our congregation.

Turning an old community hall into what is hopefully a modern and inviting church venue has been a major undertaking for a small group of people but we are grateful to many friends who have helped with things like plastering, painting, building a new

stage area, dealing with bees, and much, much more.

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

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

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

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

Official invitations to our official opening night will be going out as soon as we know for sure that we have electricity but, at the time of writing this, we are expecting to have the opening night on Saturday November 19.

Find us online or call Steve on 0409 173 747.

Co-Op Snippets

For the last Sunday in September we had Frank Lees the FedUni Chaplain to speak about his work and the needs of the students. Chaplains are accredited and experienced, providing a confidential and free service.

Frank provides counselling, spiritual direction, mentoring, friendship, across a multi-faith and multi-cultural base. He journeys with students, and staff as someone to talk to, in all faiths or no faiths. His aim is to give hope and encouragement in all of life's ups and down.

As his hours have reduced he is able to provide less services than previously.

His role is now an integrated role within a support team (cross-referrals).

Frank can formally witness documents and legally sign statutory declarations.

One of his very necessary roles is to provide free breakfast, and food security through stocking a food pantry weekly for students doing it tough.

There is a Spiritual Centre at the university where staff or students may go for casual conversations, or something deeper. Appointments can be booked or occur because Frank is 'just being there'.

Just recently a Christian student group meeting has begun.

Cathie H took our October 2 service. In her message she asked the question "How often do we have doubts or beat ourselves up when it comes to our perceived failures to fulfil our spiritual ambitions to change particular circumstances, society around us, or the world itself?" We cannot all be superheros but part of our faith is to believe that what God wants is for us to use the talents He has given us to make a difference for others. Yet we can be disappointed if not much changes. However we are asked to hold fast to our faith and persevere. The Bible says

be careful how you treat others and be thankful for services done. Can we be aware of how we treat our wonderful created world and do what we can to protect it?

Can we all try to increase our faith in God through growing that personal relationship, so that we feel God's presence in our lives and growing into this relationship to realise His purposes for society and the world, and how we can contribute.

Cathie finished with this poem,

Faith is not believing six impossible things before breakfast

Faith is not competing for a gold medal in the spiritual Olympics

Faith is not about quantity, but quality

Less vast sea and more small seed

Faith is a leap

Or sometimes a foot planted hesitantly on the floor

Faith is relational, a lifelong process of learning how to be.

Faith is a growing knowing into the heart of God

Faith feels its way forward tho' sometime falls flat on its face

Faith feels wild, and free-moves mulberry trees;

Tho' sometimes it's shy and timid too

Faith feels organic, authentic, real:

Which, in the end, is all that we're called to be.

Ian C took the All Age Worship service on the second Sunday. His theme was hope, healing and giving thanks. The Bible reading was 'the ten lepers who were cured and only one returned to give thanks'.

He began by saying God remembers us always. Do we remember to give thanks to God for all the good things he has given us?

Ian asked the congregation 'What gives you joy?'

'How often do you give

Chaplain



clearly found amusing.

However the point of the article was about meeting people and about their warm hearts. The correspondent had said that people's faces looked cold and stony on the surface. So, the description of their 'lovely warm hearts' was on getting to speak with and know people. The other thing that was stressed was their eagerness to have God's Word in their own language,

thanks?'

When is it not easy to give thanks?

Each question was willingly talked about, particularly how it is not always easy to give thanks, and how we see this even in the Bible as today's Gospel reading illustrates. Ten people were healed, and only one returned to give thanks!

Prayer of Thanks

Loving God, we give you thanks for the blessings in our lives,

-for the smile of friend and stranger

-for the days when we have enough to eat and drink

-for a roof over our heads

-for your healing touch

-for companions in the faith with whom we can share our lives

-for your promise of hope in even the most difficult times

Loving God, open our hearts and lives to be attentive to you and to welcome all that you give us.

The story of the ten lepers comes as a reminder that God's healing is open to all people. The one who came back to give thanks was a Samaritan, a person who was looked down on by Jews. Jesus changed that idea. God's healing is open to all who are suffering. The role of the church is to seek out the suffering and bring good news to each one, regardless of nationality or ethnicity.

It also comes as a reminder about being attentive to giving thanks to God for what God makes possible.

(Taken from 'Worship Notes' United Reformed Church)

We sadly learnt that Bev Littlejohn, a longstanding member of our parish had died. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends as they mourn the passing of such a loving, caring person, renowned for her garden, cooking and community work. She will be greatly missed.

which the correspondent had been able to hand over to so many.

When we think of foreigners, either here or in other lands, we should remember that they are people just like us. The 'trap' can be to have a 'them and us' mentality.

In 1974, Russia was very different to what it is today, but so was our country. Yet, as people, we are not that different. We should not just look on the surface with others, whoever they are.

Also, we certainly all (whoever) still have a need to have, and read, God's Word. Not much has changed in that respect in the past 48 years.

Worth thinking about!

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Gippsland and Regional Studies Collection (GRSC)



Visitors at the GRSC with Liaison Librarian, Debbie Leatham being shown how to access the materials.



Some of the books in the collection

By Debbie Leatham

The Gippsland and Regional Studies Collection is a historical research collection that is managed by the library and housed at Federation University's Gippsland Campus. Some of you may remember the collection as the Centre for Gippsland Studies.

In 2018 the collection was relocated into the new purpose-built space in the library.

The space includes a reading room where visitors can do their research, or we can host meetings/seminars. A staff and materials workspace and a room dedicated to the collection – books, journals, audio visual

resources, thesis and more.

The collection's strengths include history, literature, Aboriginal cultures, education, land use, environment and natural resources, and sociology of Gippsland from Pakenham to Mallacoota and Walhalla to Wilsons Promontory.

The collection contains many unique materials and includes an extensive photograph and map collection. The collection's holdings can be identified through the library's catalogue at <https://federation.edu.au/library>. Digitised images can also be accessed through Trove and Federation ResearchOnline.

The materials in the

collection cannot be borrowed and are only available within the reading room. The GRSC is open every Monday from 1-4pm or by appointment. Come along and meet our librarians, Debbie Leatham, Xandria Hughes and Myles Strous. The GRSC is also supported by a willing band of volunteers, Linda, Trevor and Diane.

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Churchill CHATTER

Snail trails

Beware the snail plague that is chomping its way through your garden eating all those delicious new seedlings and plants that you are busy planting this week. The snails just love the damp weather to slip and slither through your garden.

Christmas Shop Local Market

Where did the year go?

It is time again to think about visiting the Churchill Christmas market. This has been organised for Saturday morning December 3. Bring your Christmas shopping list and you may be able to find the perfect gift for a loved one.

If you need to book a stall on this day, phone Churchill Neighbourhood Centre on 5120 3850 to book a site. The Market runs from 9am to 1pm, with set-up commencing at 8am. Stall-holders will need to supply their own table and chair.

Free sausage sizzles, entertainment, face-painting and more!

Shop at one of Churchill's retail outlets for your chance to win a shopping voucher – shoppers will be randomly selected and offered a voucher to spend in-store at a nominated Churchill business.

Local Fire Brigade

Do you know that your

local fire brigade volunteers have been very busy this year with 90 callouts so far this year? Each and every volunteer deserves a "Big Thankyou" for keeping us safe continuously throughout the year.

Yinnar news

Copies of Churchill & District News can now be obtained each month from Café 3869 and Arc Yinnar. We send a big thankyou to those businesses that will be keeping a supply of copies on their premises.

St Matt's Op Shop has a great range of bargains each week. Visit the volunteers and buy a bargain in the shop. Find that unusual gift for a friend, or pre-loved clothing for babies, children and adults, bric-a-brac, books and much more in the store.

Fishing, fishing, fishing

Do not forget that the Churchill Lion's will be holding their annual junior fishing and fun day at Lake Hyland, Mathison Park in Churchill on Saturday December 10. This will be a fabulous day for all children to come along with family and spend the day having fun by the lake and hopefully catching plenty of fish.

Read the advertisement about all the goodies that will be available on the day on Page 16 in this paper.

Public Art Event

A free event will be held at Churchill Town Hall on Saturday December 3, commencing at 11am with a Welcome to Country by Aunty Christine Johnston. There will be a bike ride tour (BYO bicycle) of Churchill and surrounds at 12midday.

Several local artists are involved; there will be a photographic exhibition, video projections in the evening and food available from 2pm onwards. Live music will be a feature of evening activities. The event is scheduled to wind down around 11pm.

Tabitha's Closet Van

Wednesday December 14, 1 – 2pm at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. Free, good quality clothing for those in need. Run by volunteers, this service is an initiative of The City Church.

The Van visits Churchill on the second Wednesday of each month – unless it is raining!

Thought for the month

You never know how much stuff you have accumulated until you move house and need to pack it all up to shift!

Look out for our Christmas and last edition for the year which will be available from Wednesday December 14.



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Churchill Police Report

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By Sergeant Jordan Atkinson

Officer in Charge
Churchill Police Station
For the month of September 2022 Churchill Police responded to 234 jobs, which included a variety of tasks, situations, locations and events but translated to 44 crime reports for the Churchill Response Zone. Other incidents of note were ten theft from motor vehicles (predominantly unlocked

vehicles, also a set of number plates).

An offender has been processed for a number of these and investigations are ongoing relating to the outstanding incident.

Five offenders have been charged in relation to proactive investigations including breach of court-imposed orders/bail and three burglaries are under investigation by the Latrobe Criminal Investigation

Unit. (two on houses under construction).

Road Policing saw two people detected for drink and drug driving, from the nearly 260 tests conducted by the Churchill Police. A motorbike and a car were both impounded by Churchill Police in separate incidents following investigations into hoon behaviour in the Glendonald Estate.

September also saw the Churchill and Boolarra Police visit the kids at Interchange Morwell, Lumen Christi, and the Churchill Primary School. A good time was had by all catching up with the youngest members of our community. We received some great drawings and posters from the kids for Police Remembrance Day which are now proudly displayed at the Police Station.

October saw significant improvement in terms of property crime following work by the Churchill Police and assistance from neighbouring Police Stations. Unfortunately, there were two separate assaults in our CBD. Offenders who reside outside the Churchill area have been processed re one incident, however investigations are ongoing at the time of writing for the second (24/10/22) which involved local young people. We are endeavouring to be out and about on foot as well as in vehicles, as often as we can, in as many places as we can, but there are always competing priorities we must navigate and triage.

If you attend at the Police Station to find it locked it means we are either out and about or possibly have someone in custody inside the Police Station. In these instances the Police Assistance Line is best and available 24/7. For reporting crime, non-emergency and general enquiries, 131444 via the Police Assistance Line and as always for emergencies '000'.

Take Care

Kurnai Secondary College

All students at Year 7 will study Indonesian and German languages, one in each semester. A new Indonesian teacher, Ms. Herawaty Tjandra, has joined the Churchill Campus staff, while Mr Ananda Perera, a Japanese teacher has joined the staff at Morwell Campus.

New Parents' Barbecue

We will be conducting our annual New Parents' Barbecue. Over the years this has been a relaxing and enjoyable social event for the Campus community, and is an excellent opportunity for parents, new to the school, to meet other parents and teachers.

Let age expand your horizons

The Churchill and District citizens were advised to meet at the public hall for their next meeting. Senior Citizen's week promises to be a very full week, with an entertaining full programme organised. All Seniors aged 55 and over are invited.

First Hazelwood Brownies

Louise Carrington, a guide leader from Traralgon, visited to tell us about her time as a volunteer in Bangladesh. Louise worked with mothers and children, teaching about health issues. The Brownies had the opportunity to ask questions, and invited Louise to come again when she returns from her trip to Pax Lodge in London.

Local policeman play games

Senior Constable Geoff White of Churchill was very successful at the World Police & Fire Games recently held in Melbourne. Geoff won a gold medal at the Broadford motocross circuit.

Constable Stephen Wyatt of Churchill, now at Nunawading Police Station, also achieved with his volleyball team, bringing

home a bronze medal.

Constable Liam Gardner of Yinnar South, now stationed at Morwell Police Station, won a bronze medal with his badminton team.

Steve Moneghetti

Churchill Primary School was visited by marathon runner, Steve Moneghetti, to help open the school's new fitness track.

Three students, Hayley Williams, Lee Kelly and Keith Gardiner, held a ribbon of the school colours over the track, for Steve to cut. Once officially pronounced open, Steve and the students ran around the fitness track.

Churchill Baseball Club

Round 7 saw us travelling to Sale. The fog lifted about mid morning to give us a fine, sunny day. The Sale grounds were in great condition and although we did not fare very well on the day, everyone had a good time.

Churchill Angling Club

A special meeting was called to quell rumours that the Angling Club was about to break up due to lack of funds. I am pleased to assure members that the club will still be in surplus of funds for the 95/96 season. One can only wonder where these rumours start. There is nothing worth reporting on the fishing scene this week.

Red Cross Calling

The 1995 Red Cross Calling raised over \$18,000 in the old Morwell City area of the Latrobe Council. Churchill contributed \$3,340 towards that total.

These groups assisted with the door knocking in Churchill, Co-Operating Church, 1st Churchill Rovers and Venturers, Rotary Club and collection tins from Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra shops.

Walkley Park Children's Centre Inc

Term 2 has passed quickly. We are all utilising the new carpark, which provides a safe area for the children and eliminates the traffic congestion along Mulcare Crescent. The Latrobe Council will be providing lighting for the carpark at some later stage.

Last edition for 1995

Thank you to Roger Marriott who has decided to have a well-earned rest from writing about gardening in our paper, but has hinted that spasmodic articles on various topics may be forthcoming in the New Year.

As I See It!

G'day and welcome to AISI (As I See It) for 1995. Did you miss me as much as I missed you? No, I thought not. Well never mind, whether you like it or not, I am back for another year of fun and revelry, and after a restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year I am ready to roll into your reading hemisphere.

Barry Whitehead wrote this popular column for ten years.

Interesting Advertising

An orchestra is not something you will find at Churchill Timber, even though we have always been instrumental in providing the Valley with a comprehensive range of timber and building needs. There is no need to fiddle around, come to us where you can find a person to give you the drum, when you need advice. Now, is not that a sound idea?

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Leongatha Art Show

The Rotary Club of Leongatha 46th Annual Arts Prom Country, Art and Photography Show is a three week exhibition from Saturday January 14 to Saturday February 4, 2023 at Leongatha Memorial Hall.

Entries are now open Following on from a most successful Art Show last January/February the organisers are now accepting entries for the 2023 show up until December 14.

Apart from the opportunity to display your work to an interested audience, the show has had a great record of buyers over its long history. The show attracts over 550 entries from artists and photographers across Gippsland, Melbourne, regional Victoria and interstate. New and established artists of all ages are welcome to enter with prizes totaling over \$6000, which includes awards for various mediums, photography, 3D (e.g. sculpture), junior sections and All Abilities section.

You can enter on line and get more information by visiting the website www.leonartshow.com.au

The Annual Arts Prom Country, Art and Photography Show is being held next year from January 14 to February 4, 2023 at The Leongatha Memorial Hall, corner Michael Place and McCartin St, Leongatha.

This highly successful show is in its 46th year and is organised by the Rotary Club of Leongatha.

The opening hours of the show are daily from 10am to 4pm. Entry to view the show is \$5 per person.

A raffle will also be held and together with other money made over the event, will go towards many worthy local charities and services.

Don't miss participating in this major South Gippsland event

Artists, junior artists, all abilities artists, sculptors and photographers get your entry in at www.leonartshow.com.au or enquire at rotaryleongatha.artshow@gmail.com



STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



The first railway passenger train journey

The first use of the newly invented railway was for the transport of coal. Wagons loaded with coal were pulled along flat stages by horses and up and down steeper inclines by fixed steam engines.

George Stevenson, a local engineer, saw that there was a better way to provide the pulling power by using a mobile steam engine.

By September 1825, an engine capable enough to do the pulling had been built and because of the huge public interest, a carriage to transport passengers called Experiment was also built.

The great day duly arrived for the experimental journey.

Twelve coal trucks were loaded at the colliery and were delivered by horse and fixed steam engine to Shildon village where the train engine, Locomotion, the carriage Experiment and 21 coal trucks fitted with seats were waiting, one especially set aside for the engineers of the company.

Everything was hooked up and a brakeman was positioned between each car. The company directors had allowed seating for 300 passengers but between 500 and 650 passengers boarded the train, filling every seat, sitting on the loaded coal wagons and clinging on wherever they could. A



man on a horse, waving a red warning flag moved off, followed by Locomotion and the train.

The train gathered speed and left riders on horses behind, presumably as well as the flag-waver, and reached the jaw-dropping speed of 10-12m.p.h. Then, a wheel on the engineer's wagon broke and the wagon was unhitched and left behind.

A little further on, the Locomotion broke down and repairs had to be made, causing a delay of 35 minutes. Finally, after two hours travelling time it reached Darlington, a distance of eight miles. Ten thousand people welcomed the train.

At Darlington, refreshments were taken, six of the full coal wagons were uncoupled for the coal to be distributed to the poor, and many of the passengers alighted, to be replaced by members of the welcoming crowd and two coaches carrying the Yarm town band were added.

The train proceeded toward Stockton, struggling

to get to 4m.p.h. More crowds were waiting at Eaglescliffe. Approaching Stockton, the train reached a speed of 15 m.p.h. until the first railway passenger casualty occurred when a man clinging to the side of a wagon fell and had his foot crushed by the following wagon. The train kept on, finally reaching Stockton three hours and seven minutes after leaving Darlington.

The day was declared a great success and 102 people sat down to a celebratory dinner at the Stockton Town Hall. This was the beginning of a whole new era in Britain as the general public embraced a whole new freedom of movement previously unknown to them.

A set of four stamps was issued by the U.K. Post Office to commemorate the 150th anniversary of public railways, depicting the Locomotion engine and three later engines.

A set of five stamps issued in 1980 showed the first Liverpool to Manchester train.

Latrobe Youth Council

Young people aged between 14 to 18 years old with ideas and energy about how to make our city a better place are encouraged to apply for the Latrobe City Youth Council.

The Youth Council provides an opportunity to gain hands-on leadership experience through a range of activities.

Youth Councillors meet once a fortnight to share their ideas on a range of issues, aiming to bring relevant ideas to Latrobe City Councillors.

They also have the opportunity to be part of Council and community events, such as the Australia Day Community Awards and ANZAC Day commemorations.

Mayor of Latrobe City Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan said the Youth Council provided an important link between young people and Council.

"We value the ideas and views of young people, which help to make sure the decisions we make as a Council reflect the current and future needs of our whole community.

Empowering young people to have a strong

voice and listening to their insights is an important part of building a strong and connected community.

It is also a great opportunity for Youth Council members to gain new leadership skills and establish links within their communities," said the Mayor.

The Latrobe City Youth Council was established in 1996, offering the youth of Latrobe City an opportunity to get involved in meaningful engagement with local government and have input

into the future planning and policies.

It also serves as a means of further developing the leadership skills and capacity of young people, building their connections with the community and one another.

Expressions of Interest are now open for young people to fill up to 20 positions on the Youth Council.

For more information and to apply, visit: https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Community/Youth_Programs/Youth_Council

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Strzelecki Bush Walking Club



Everyone is looking happy on way to the summit of the "Crinoline".

October is proving to be a very busy month for members of the Strzelecki Bush Walking Club! On October 15 and 16 there was an opportunity to participate in an easy but spectacular overnight hike starting from the Den of Nargun in East Gippsland to Jurgenson Point and back again. The walk was approximately 14km each way.

The Den of Nargun is a significant cultural site for the Gunai/Kurnai people especially the women. According to Gunai/Kurnai legend, a Nargun is a fierce female creature which is half-human half-stone. The Nargun lived in a cave under a rock overhang behind the small waterfall.

The walk follows the Mitchell River Walking Track which has some beautiful views of the Mitchell Gorge and semi temperate rain forest.

For the more adventurous hikers a group completed the Mt Tamboritha/Mt Ligor loop. Mt Ligor is also known as the "Crinoline" because the summit resembles old fashioned stiffened petticoats. The

walkers left from Traralgon at 6.30 a.m. on a Saturday morning drove up to the car park at Tamboritha Saddle which is where the walk began. Day two of the walk saw the walkers reach the summit of the "Crinoline" which has an elevation of 1504 metres. Our hikers walked 24km over two days. This walk is considered by some to be one of the more challenging summits in Victoria and is for experienced hikers.

If you are interested

in the great outdoors and would like to hear more about the club, a great way to introduce yourself is to attend our monthly club night. These nights are very social and always have a presenter discussing topics related to hiking. Visitors are most welcome.

Further information is available on the website at sbwc.org.au, on our Facebook page or by contacting publicity@sbwc.org.au



Liz and Robyn enjoying a great day out!



Latrobe Community Health Service

Could gambling be affecting your wellbeing?

With health problems accounting for one-fifth of gambling harm in Victoria, the negative effects of gambling on people's physical and mental wellbeing were put under a spotlight by Latrobe Community Health Service during Gambling Harm Awareness Week (October 17 to 23, 2022), when communities were encouraged to Talk. Share. Support.

Under this year's theme – "Could gambling be affecting your wellbeing?" – the week provided an opportunity for open community conversations about different types of gambling harm.

"Every day we support people experiencing negative consequences from gambling, as well as those affected by someone else's gambling, but what harm looks like may surprise some people," LCHS Partnerships and Prevention Manager Michelle Ravesi said.

In 2021-22, Gippslanders lost more than \$125 million to the pokies. We also know more money is being lost to online gambling. According to the Australian Communications and Media Authority, 11 percent of Australians gambled online in the six months to June 2021.

"It is widely understood gambling can lead to financial losses and

difficulties. What's less often discussed is how gambling can change how people feel and behave," Ms Ravesi said.

Gambling can cause stress or guilt, difficulties with concentration, and trouble sleeping. These effects can build up over time and have a significant impact on an individual's mental and physical health.

Research shows Victorians score an average of 8.1 out of 10 for their overall satisfaction with life. For people who are experiencing gambling harm, the average can fall to as low as 5.3 out of 10.

Ms Ravesi said if you recognise any of these 'symptoms' in yourself or someone else who gambles, a conversation may be beneficial.

"Other signs to look out for include feeling shame or regret after gambling, uncharacteristically snapping at friends and family, or drinking more than usual," she said.

"Gambling harm can affect anyone, so if you're feeling down and gambling could be the reason, you may get relief from talking about it with family or friends or by seeking help from a gambling support service.

Talk. Share. Support. is not just a Gambling Harm Awareness Week slogan. It is a list of actions that really work to help improve the wellbeing of people

experiencing gambling harm."

About Gambler's Help Gippsland

If you are affected by your own gambling, or the gambling of someone you know, phone Latrobe Community Health Service on 1800 242 696.

Latrobe Community Health Service provides the Gambler's Help service across Gippsland. You can access free and confidential financial and therapeutic counselling to help you get your finances back on track and learn strategies to take back control of your gambling.

Pokies losses in Gippsland

Local Government Area Losses so far in 2022-23 (July and August 2022)

Bass Coast	\$3.1 million
Baw Baw	\$15.3 million
East Gippsland	\$3.5 million
Latrobe	\$16.4 million
South Gippsland	\$5.2 million
Wellington	\$24.6 million
Wellington	\$9.2 million
Wellington	\$40.8 million
Wellington	\$1.2 million
Wellington	\$6.5 million
Wellington	\$4.3 million
Wellington	\$21.8 million

Data sourced from: www.vgccc.vic.gov.au/resources/information-and-data/expenditure-data

Neighbourhood Watch Latrobe Inc. and Churchill Town Safety Group

Safety apps for mobile phones

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"Vic emergency". You can set your "Home area" and be kept up to date with fires and other emergency issues that are taking place all around Victoria.

"Vic traffic". A good app when you are travelling that keeps you up to date with road closures and road issues.

"BOM weather". Keeps you up to

date with the weather and has a radar view to see when rain is on its way all around Australia.

"Service Victoria" is an app that has various helpful sections including transportation and driving, crime and law, housing information, and work and volunteering.

"Outages". This app is used to find out where there are power outages around the place.

All these apps are free to install on your phone and make things easier to deal with.

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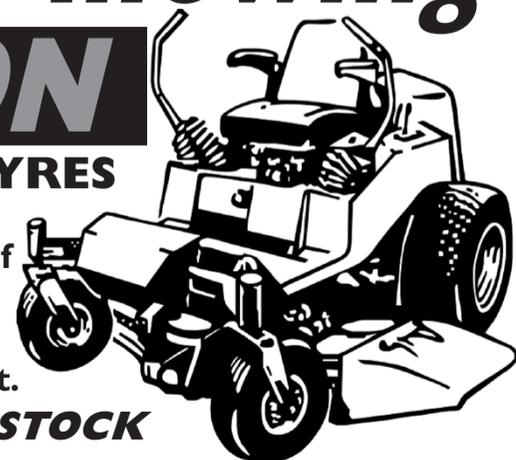
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Plants in my Garden



By Mike Beamish

Species: *Acacia pravissima*.

Family: Fabaceae (previously Mimosaceae).

Derivation: *Acacia*: This is a Greek word used by Dioscorides to name some prickly species in Egypt and is derived from *acis*, meaning 'a pointed instrument'.

pravissima: From Latin, *pravius*, meaning crooked or misshapen, with the superlative suffix, thus 'very crooked', referring to the growth habit of the species.

Common Name: Ovens Wattle.

Distribution: Naturally confined to the banks of rivers and hillsides in north-eastern Victoria, south-eastern NSW and the ACT, inland of the Great Dividing Range, but now widespread in other areas due to gardening and naturalisation.

Description: Large dense shrub or small tree to 8m tall and broad, with numerous crowded, thick, dull-green, roughly triangular phyllodes (not true leaves, but swollen leaf stems) about 2cm long and 1.5cm wide along the branches.

Racemes of bright yellow, scented, globular flowers appear in late winter or spring. The flower balls are about 6mm diameter and the racemes are up to 10cm long. Flat, smooth, slightly curved, dark brown pods then form, containing a number of black seeds to 5mm long and 2mm wide.

Opinion: My first Ovens Wattle was planted on the fence between my front

and back yards, underneath my phone cable and caused nothing but trouble. It was a classic case of wrong plant for the position, it grew way too big, didn't like being pruned away from the phone cable, looked very ugly and unhappy, and eventually senesced and fell over in a storm. I didn't think there would be a place for a future Ovens Wattle in the garden. However, the current specimen appeared on my plant table as a gift for speaking to a sister APS Group in March 2018, so I had to re-assess.

This time around I chose a spot on my western nature-strip where there was a gap that needed filling, though it was probably not big enough for this species. I promised myself that this time I would regularly prune to keep the beast in check. Famous last words, of course! Yes, it once again wanted to take over the world and commenced swamping all its neighbours. I was just about to get out the chainsaw when the council loppers appeared on the scene. The lads did an excellent job of pruning the shrubbery back to their required clearance from the road, pretty much what I was going to do anyway, but they had better tools and I reckon they did a neater job than I would have been able to. Makes up a little bit for past indiscretions!

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.

Sources: Elliot & Jones – Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 2.

Simmons – Acacias of Australia, Volume 1.

Costermans – Native Trees and Shrubs of SE Australia.

So much rain and some sunny days have made the grass grow and the paths needing more attention.

Thank you to the council mowing man for a great job of mowing where he could. Some areas are still too wet to mow.

Small stones have been applied to the paths where there were dips which collected water, and to areas which became very sloppy when it rains. These small stones will work their way into the sand and form a solid pathway.

Our weed controlling person has been busy too helping us control the Cape Weed and other variety of weeds.

Thank you to the person who has posted some information about feeding the water birds bread. The information is important to

read for the health of our water birds.

The lake has been stocked with trout, some of a good size, in readiness for the Family Fun and Fishing Day on December 3, to be run by the Churchill Lions.

The state government Minister for boating and fishing, Sonia Kilkenny, was there to see the stocking take place.

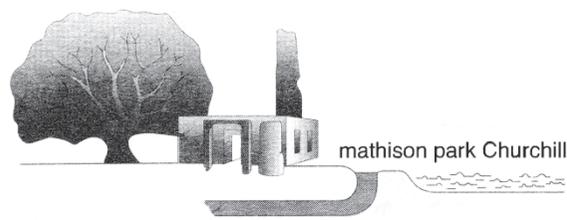
Thanks to the Lions members who came along to help the Fisheries man to unload the fish. We wish the Lions a very successful day.

The weather was

threatening, but there was a window of opportunity on Saturday morning, October 8, for our working bee, so ten willing volunteers turned up to work.

Paths were topped up with the small stones, spoon drains were dug along pathways and a deeper drain was redug as successive mowings had filled in the original ones.

A dead tree in the arboretum was felled and this will be replaced by a living specimen. Fallen branches, twigs and leaves were cleaned up along the



old fenceline above the Eel Hole Creek pathway on the west side of the lake, so the mowers can enter and cut the growing grass.

A notice at either end of the long boardwalk has been posted. It is to warn people that the bridge section of the long boardwalk is soon to be replaced. It is scheduled as follows - start date October 24, 2022 to November 28, 2022. Sections of the Boardwalk will be closed as these works are performed.

Some of the plantings we did in September are doing well and some even have blooms on them.

Gippsland Interchange was able to come and visit the park only once for the month due to our wet weather. They christened Chris's new trailer and did some mulching.



Rotary



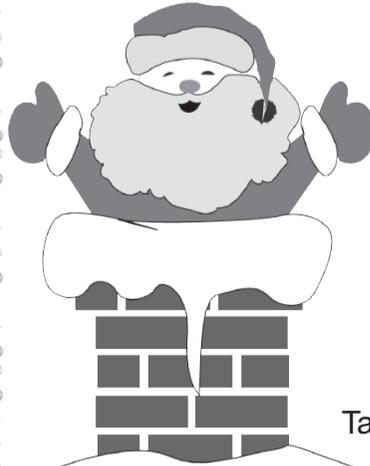
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Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington
How people are remembered and not forgotten (series continued)

In the October 2022 edition of the Churchill and District News, it was written 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.

This month, we will pay respects first to Mr John Barton Hoyle and his wife, Mary Jemina.

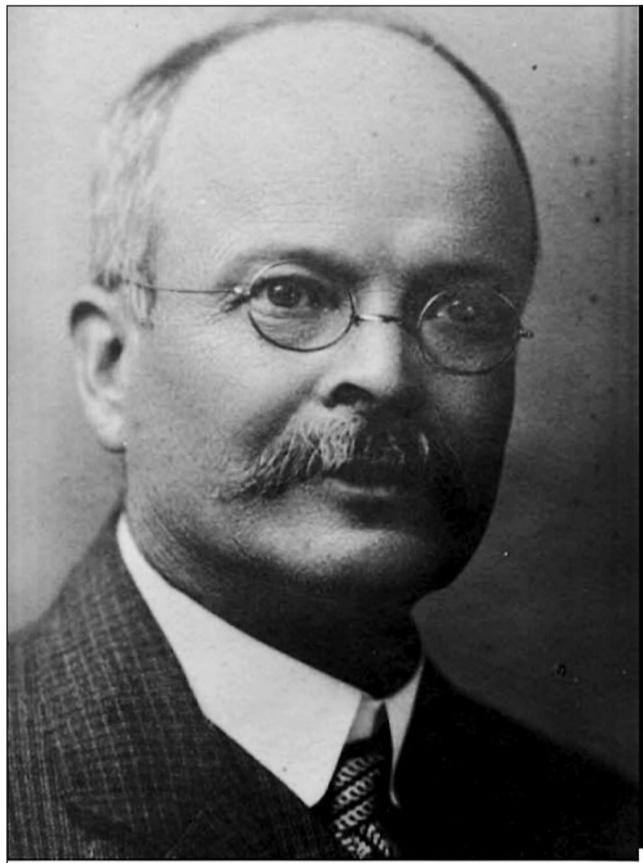
Mary (nee Powell) passed away rather suddenly at Morwell's St Hilary's private hospital on February 6, 1936, about 15 years after her husband, John Barton "JB". John died at his family residence in Jane Street on June 6, 1921. He was 61 years old, Mary was 68 years of age. They had one child - a daughter named Rose Catherine (sometimes recorded as Rosie). Rose later married William Neil Shaw from Hazelwood North.

Mary and John are buried together in the Hazelwood Cemetery, their combined grave marked by a stick. Rose and William were cremated at the Springvale Botanical Cemetery - Rose died in February, 1970 and William in November 1961.

John Hoyle was born in Beechworth and came to Morwell in 1890.

J B Hoyle was a

significant figure in Morwell's early development as it slowly progressed beyond just being a settlement comprising wooden buildings and a subdivisions, and the list goes on. As a private citizen, John immersed himself in a wide variety of "movements for the advancement of the



John Barton Hoyle (1860-1921)

railway station. He lived through Morwell Shire Councillors debating real life issues such as roads, rates, separation from Traralgon Shire (May 27, 1892), a town reticulated water supply, provision of quality education for children, appropriate land

town and its district." The list included - membership of the local school board of advice and then the School Board. Mechanics Institute Committee, membership of two masonic lodges and secretary of the Morwell Brown Coal Development Association. His sporting activities covered football, horse racing, the rifle club and bowls. He retained a long, active interest in state and national politics alongside being secretary of Morwell's Repatriation Committee and Morwell's Patriotic Committee. He took a leading part in send offs and welcomes home for those who went to war.

The Morwell Advertiser, in its Friday, June 10, 1921 edition highlighted

John Barton Hoyle's grand achievement.

"He played a prominent part in the movement for erection of the Soldiers' Memorial in Morwell, and as its Secretary did practically all the work in connection with the matter. Ill health on his part delayed the completion of his task for some considerable time, but eventually the memorial was erected and arrangements completed for the unveiling ceremony.

Mr Hoyle, who suffered from bronchial asthma for years past, had a very bad attack about three months ago. Although he greatly improved he never seemed to thoroughly recover, and getting a relapse last week, he gradually sank, and passed peacefully away as stated on Monday evening last. This was a few hours after the unveiling of the Soldiers Memorial, the arrangements for which he had completed after considerable efforts, but which he had not been permitted to witness. He was looking forward with keen interest to the occasion, as the completion of a worthy task that was to him not only a labour of love but which he regarded as a duty as well."

in its design and remained a standout feature for a long time until demolition



to work in various mining centres. On his return to Victoria, Thomas established

decided its fate. This seems to have happened with many old homes in Morwell. The house was named "Burmutha" or "Baarmutha" after a small town south of Beechworth.

Rose Hoyle married William Neil Shaw on April 28, 1922. William was a son of Donald Shaw, who was elected as the first President of the first Morwell Shire in 1892. When married Rose and William lived and farmed land at Hazelwood North. From late 1949 and up to about late 1952, Neil conducted his own business, Gippsland Ice & Cold Storage, in Buckley Street. Today this is the site of the

a butchery in Toongabbie which he later transferred to Morwell in 1903. His shop was located approximately where today's Stockdale and Leggo Estate Agency is based. (We must remember in those earlier years, shop sizes were not what they are today.)

Thomas passed away on August 29, 1925, aged 59. He left a widow and family of five sons and three daughters. Two sons carried on with the butchery business - being Thomas Charles and Frank Kleine.

Vale
Many will recall, in Church Street, a dental surgery was established with a partnership between Peter Eves and Rhys Milner. Rhys announced his opening in October 1950 and Peter joined him early in 1951.

In October 1951, they advertised their new business, including weekly visits to Boolarra and Yinnar. After Morwell, Peter and Rhys established a successful practice in Hawthorn.

Peter passed away in 2017 and Rhys passed away on October 4, 2022

As recently remembered by a former Morwell resident, they were both very highly respected employers and friends. "Their era has now passed but I recognise the great contribution they made, particularly to Morwell's dental health, as patient numbers were astronomical. The care and service they gave to the community was immense".

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
MR. RHYS. H. MILNER, wishes to inform the public of Morwell and district that he will commence a DENTAL PRACTICE at 35 Hoyle St., Morwell, on MONDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 1950.

On his arrival in town, John established his own business as a land and general commission agent, later becoming a sworn land valuer. He valued properties for money lenders, insurance companies and handled land tax valuations for the State government. His office was located approximately midway along Commercial Road, between Tarwin Street and Hazelwood Road - about where Manny's Market is today.

The family home in Jane Street was very distinctive

Village Twin picture theatre, and many will remember the Maya Picture Theatre previously on this site.

While featuring a range of early Morwell business people, some of whom are remembered with marked graves at Hazelwood, Thomas Kleine is another worthy of mention.

He was born at Matlock and, when quite young, was employed to carry the mail between Walhalla and Toombon. Following this time, he worked in a bakery before travelling to Tasmania



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By Jane Anderson

I would like to share some highlights from my Annual Report 2021-2022 and Statement of Intent 2022-2023.

The Office of the Advocate is midway through a five-year plan that intends to enable an environment for self-advocacy. Along with other communities internationally and locally, Latrobe is a community that is transitioning to a new future. It is important for me that everyone has an

opportunity to benefit from and influence our future vision. Adjusting to changes in our lives may bring opportunity and excitement, as well as anxiety about the unknown. I acknowledge the impact these changes and that of COVID-19 have on the health and well-being of the Latrobe community. Supporting communities to transition in a way that protects their physical and mental well-being is a priority. The Annual Report provides an update on my continuing work and highlights a number of priority areas where systems change has progressed.

I will continue to advocate on behalf of Latrobe communities and

encourage you to share your experiences with me. A considerable amount of work has gone into other priority areas informed by my 2021-22 Statement of Intent, and I have continued to engage with people who may not ordinarily have their voices heard, listened to their health and wellbeing concerns and aspirations, and heard what matters most to them when it comes to engagement. I have seen first-hand how local services are working together to improve community access to doctors and to deliver better end-of-life palliative care services for the region. Through my advocacy to service system leaders in Melbourne and the Latrobe

Valley, I have observed an increased readiness to drive collaborative actions that leads to long-term improvements for local communities. I will continue this important work to ensure that the regional inequities that community members have brought to my attention are addressed.

The focus in 2022-23 is to apply the social determinants of health in Latrobe and work is already underway to develop a Latrobe Valley social determinant of the health report card. The Advocate is doing this together with the Latrobe Health Assembly, Latrobe Valley Authority, Department of Health and Department of Families Fairness and Housing. Importantly, community voice is at the centre of this report card. It

will highlight the strengths and positive health trends within the Latrobe Valley. It will also identify systems gaps and opportunities for improvement. As the Advocate, I will elevate this work and prompt discussion across several government departments to ensure that policies and systems are implemented in a way that leads to improved health outcomes for local communities.

My office is committed to continuing work with the Latrobe Health Assembly and partners of the Health Innovation Zone including Gippsland Primary Health Network, Latrobe Regional Hospital and others to develop and innovate multidisciplinary models of care to improve community access to services. I will continue

to advocate on behalf of Latrobe communities and encourage you to share your experiences with me.

If you, or a group you belong to, would like to share your experiences with me please get in touch with Kylie on 1800 319 255 and she will organise a time for us to catch up.

The full Annual report can be found on our website at <https://www.lhadvocate.vic.gov.au>. Printed copies are also available from the office or Kylie can arrange for one to be posted to you.

If you have any questions about the report or the information provided, please contact us.

You can also keep up to date with my work through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. I look forward to hearing from you in the coming months.

Lumen Christi Parish



We are back!

Lumen Christi Parish has returned to full participation in our churches, school and community this year. Lumen Christi Parish encompasses the churches in Boolarra, Yinnar and Churchill. We have recently participated in our first Parish Assembly in three years.

During the two years of COVID lockdowns, our connection and communication were kept alive by digital means, usually via Zoom. Not only did our parishioners and friends in the Parish join in Zoom Liturgies but also folk from nursing homes and expatriation from other parts of the State and beyond. Also on Zoom, our parishioners were able to connect to say the Rosary and celebrate special occasions.

There have been some important changes at Lumen Christi Parish. Unfortunately, we have had to limit the number of Masses we can

offer, as we now have only one priest, Father James Fernandez, who ministers to the Morwell Catholic Parish and Lumen Christi.

You may have noticed some changes on the outside of the Church with a new garden area, which is our spiritual and reflection area.

You may also have noticed workers renewing the roof, which has been completed.

There have been a number of celebrations this year, including a number of baptisms in the Parish, welcoming babies and young people into our community.

This year our new Bishop, Bishop Greg Bennet, was able to attend Confirmation in July. The young people were confirmed in the Sacred Heart Church along with other young people from St Vincents and Sacred Heart. Recently, we had a wonderful Mass for First Eucharist.

Many thanks to the families who have supported their children in these important Faith milestones. If you, or another family you know, would be interested in Sacramental Preparation for your children, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Our St Vincent de Paul Chapter, (Vinnies), has kept on with their ongoing mission of helping in the community.

Our liturgies have a number of talented and inspiring musicians who work tirelessly to offer uplifting prayers through music. We thank all the volunteers who make these and other initiatives happen.

Mass timetables:

Every Sunday 9.00am - Lumen Christi Church.

Thursday 5:00pm - Lumen Christi Church

Rosary: Saturdays - 10:00am. Lumen Christi Church

Fifth Sunday of the month, 10:30am - Yinnar Church

For six months next year, 2023, we will trial having our Mass at Yinnar or Boolarra, every fourth Sunday at 9.00a.m. i.e. No Churchill Mass that Sunday.

Christmas Masses

December 24, 6:00pm - Mass at Yinnar Church, Main St (outside, weather permitting).

December 25, 9:00am - Mass at Lumen Christi Church, Williams Avenue, Churchill.

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Creative Initiative

Five communities in Latrobe City will benefit from new public artworks and innovative place making initiatives to support community pride, wellbeing and safety, thanks to \$300,000 in funding from the Latrobe Health Assembly.

The Creative Latrobe Initiative will be delivered by Council, the Health Assembly and industry stakeholders in collaboration with community members.

The project will use a place making approach to co-design innovative place-based interventions to build community ownership of public spaces and increase feelings of safety and connection.

The work is taking place as an initiative of the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone with funding from the Latrobe Health Assembly in partnership with the Victorian Government.

Council endorsed the project proposal at its September Council meeting, reflecting on the significant benefits that public art

provides to communities.

Mayor of Latrobe City Cr Kellie O'Callaghan acknowledged the link between the development of public art projects and healthy communities.

"We want our community members to feel empowered to work together to shape the outcomes of this project. Each town has its own culture, stories and aspirations, all of which may form part of the art that is created.

"Latrobe City Council would like to acknowledge the significant contributions and vision of the Latrobe Health Assembly in developing this project, which will provide a long-lasting legacy in our communities". said the Mayor.

Latrobe Health Assembly Chair Tanya Rong said, "We are really excited to be partnering with Latrobe City Council to deliver this innovative and creative project. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to work

with both Latrobe City Council and Latrobe Health Assembly to improve health and wellbeing outcomes in a new way".

The project has been developed to align with Council's Living Well Latrobe - Our Community's Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2022-2025 and Public Art Policy.

The project is expected to commence in the next month with the establishment of a Project Advisory Group, before it is rolled out in Churchill, Moe, Morwell, and another smaller community.

The second stage will include a larger 'flagship' place making project in Traralgon, incorporating the Whittakers Road and Bert Thompson Reserve underpasses.

It is anticipated that this project will include art, lighting, and infrastructure interventions. The first stage will be used to pilot the process and identify key learnings for implementation of the second stage.

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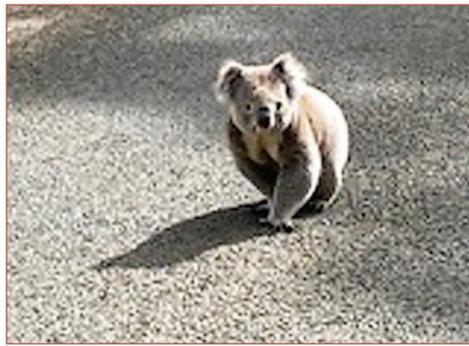
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Strzelecki Koala



Mother and Baby or Doe and Joey

This Strzelecki koala joey is over six months old because koala joeys stay inside their mother's pouch before then.

A koala joey is born about five weeks after conception. It is very small (less than 2 cm), hairless and blind. Because of its' excellent sense of smell and strong limbs, the new born koala joey crawls to its' mother's backward opening pouch. Once there, the koala joey attaches itself to one of the two teats.

This koala joey still drinks milk from its mother and has probably begun to eat eucalyptus leaves too. In order to be able to digest eucalyptus leaves this koala joey eats his mother's pap. The pap is a special substance that contains the bacteria necessary for getting nutrients out of the eucalyptus leaves. Eating this pap is vital to any young koala. Without it the koala joey is unable to survive.

For the moment this koala joey is enjoying its' relationship with its mother. They spend time cuddling, playing, browsing leaves, resting in branches and roaming around the mother's territory. The mother of course is preparing her offspring to be able to live independently and survive alone. She will start to wean her joey and leave it by itself for lengths of time before returning to the koala joey to check on it. During the weaning stage, the mother can become less patient and angry towards the koala joey. At around twelve months

old or when another koala joey is conceived, the mother will leave the koala joey to fend for itself. If the koala joey is a female, it is more accepted in the mother's and the dominant male koala's territory but if it is a male, it will be coerced to find other habitat. Either way, once alone, the young koala has many dangers that can affect its survival. Cars and dogs are some of their main risks.

Young Strzelecki koalas and the mating Strzelecki adult koalas are more on the move from September until March. Please watch out for these animals whenever travelling along tree lined roads and especially at night.

The photo of a Strzelecki koala on Junction Road was taken in October. Thank goodness drivers stopped and alerted other drivers to its presence on the road. Koalas do not have road sense and cannot see well. They follow their nose. This particular Strzelecki Koala was determined to go towards Billys Creek via the road and not via the roadside vegetation.

Remember that the Strzelecki koala is a precious population of koalas because of its genetic diversity. It somehow survived the cull of the 1920's but due to present day factors its' survival is very much at risk. The female koala will probably only raise around seven koala joeys in her life time and how many of these reach maturity is always uncertain.

Resources used are www.environments.des.qld.gov.au (18/10/22)

www.koala.info.com (18/10/22)

www.savethekoala.com (18/10/22) This site has lots of detail about "The Life Cycle of the Koala".

How can we help the Strzelecki koala to flourish and survive?

1. Drive attentively especially at night.
2. Keep dogs contained.
3. Maintain and protect the Strzelecki koala habitat and plant their favourite trees like Mountain Grey Gum, Blue Gum and Strzelecki Gum.
4. Find out more about the Strzelecki koala by contacting the Strzelecki Koala Action Team, Friends of Gippsland Bush inc, Friends of the Earth, and becoming a citizen scientist for this animal.
5. Contact local politicians and ask for protection for The Strzelecki koala.

An Interesting Fact : "Joey as a baby marsupial was first recorded in use in 1839." (www.echidnawalkabout.com.au) (18/10/22)

A female koala is called a doe and a male is called a buck. www.savethekoala.com (19/10/22)

Videos that are amazing to watch:

1. Koala Concepts youtube Videos: (www.koalakoncepts.nl)
 - 1a) Wild Mum Koala Says "No Milk For You" To Young Koala
 - 1b) Male and Female Koala Fight
2. A video of a koala joey eating pap. "Pap Not Poop", "The Gift a Mother Koala Gives Her Joey" www.australiangeographic.com.au



Nearly Christmas!

The year seems to fly by and Christmas is not far away. CDCA has been busy in the run up to the end of the year.

We are expecting a Guest Speaker from Latrobe City Council to attend our December meeting to talk about upgrading the lighting of Churchill Town Symbol (formerly called the Big Cigar, by many locals).

The meeting is at 7pm on Thursday December 8 in Studio 1, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall (park and enter from Philip Parade).

All local residents are welcome to attend and contribute to discussions.

Our October Guest Speaker had to cancel due to forecast rain and potential flooding, but provided information on a new Council project (funded by Latrobe Health Assembly) that may result in an upgrade and new artwork at the Monash Way pedestrian underpass.

The next Shop Local market at Churchill Shopping Centre is our Christmas market on Saturday December 3.

We are aiming for it to be bigger and better and hope to see more people turn out to support our local retailers,

market stalls and community groups.

The Market starts at 9am and runs until 1pm. Contact Churchill Neighbourhood Centre asap on 5120 3850.

Sausage sizzles run from 10am to 12noon, thanks to the Lions Club of Churchill and the Churchill Fire Brigade. There is a whisper from the Fire Brigade volunteers that Santa may be making a guest appearance too!

You can keep up-to-date with what will be on offer at the Christmas market by liking the Churchill Shop Local Facebook page.

On the same day there will be a free public event at the Churchill Town Hall. Activities will run from 11am to 11pm and there will be video projections, live music after 4pm, food and more.

CDCA is actively supporting this event as we would like to see more use of the Hall, especially for public activities. For further information, search Facebook Events for 'Churchill Public Art Event'.

CDCA receives some funding from Latrobe City Council each year for the purpose of providing seasonal community decorations. We

use the bulk of this funding to purchase the Christmas pole decorations that appear at the Shopping centre and along Philip Parade each December.

Council kindly stores these for us at the Morwell depot and arranges for their installation (as a cherry-picker is required to place them atop the light-poles).

As with many Christmas decorations, they do not last forever, so our recurrent annual purchases ensures that we continue to have enough to spread around the Town Centre.

Our first meeting for 2023 will be held on February 9, 2023. 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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ARC Yinnar



Speakers at the opening of the ARC following refurbishment - Left Laurie Paton Latrobe Valley Authority Centre Chris Buckingham, the ARC Right Yvette Atkins Chair, the ARC



Below - Paintings from the new exhibition

Sunday 23 October saw the official opening of the ARC in Yinnar following a major refurbishment. Improvements to the building making it more energy efficient and user friendly had been funded by grants from the Latrobe Valley Authority, Latrobe City Council, Mirboo North Bendigo Bank and Mirboo North and District Community Association along with an interest free loan from Ei-cop Ltd. Local businesses had also been closely involved giving generous discounts. Chris Buckingham from the ARC welcomed everyone to the event and

welcomed to country. He stated that without Yvette Atkins' commitment and drive the project would not have happened. Yvette Atkins, Chair of the ARC thanked Laurie Paton and the Latrobe Valley authority and commented on the value of the work by volunteers led by Paul Evans, Treasurer and Project Manager. Laurie Paton from the Latrobe Valley Authority then formally opened the event, he thanked all the contributors and in particular stressed how important the work by volunteers was, with over 1000 hours of their labour involved in the process.

Already the ARC which has been running for 40 years has seen an increase in class numbers and in visitors to the building since refurbishment and furthermore, running costs had decreased. The latest ARC exhibition, Impress, was opened by Jenny Peterson from Federation University and ARC tutor and artist. This exhibition coincides with the upgrade of the print room in the ARC and showcases the work of various Gippsland artists involved in the ARC but also some from other parts of Victoria. The exhibition is free and will run until November 20.

Latrobe Showcased for Defence Manufacturing



Latrobe City Council has raised the local manufacturing profile by attending the 2022 Land Forces International Land Defence Exposition recently. The expo is one of the major defence conferences held annually for Australian and international industry, defence, academia and government bodies. Council staff used the expo as an opportunity to speak with businesses, view industry exhibitions and attend networking opportunities to build Latrobe City's profile.

A local project, GUS (Ground Unmanned System) was awarded Best Land Innovation Award for the Innovations Pitchfest on the last day of the conference.

Project GUS is a light remote vehicle fitted with an artificial intelligence camera and microphone to assess threats and detect gunshot and ecological noise. The system is also equipped with a radio repeater to extend communications locally and a small drone.

The project has been managed by Luke Townsend from Yinnar and lecturers from Federation University, Churchill.

Mayor of Latrobe City, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan said the Land Forces Expo was a great opportunity to highlight Latrobe's manufacturing capabilities.

"Council was pleased to have the opportunity to attend the 2022 Land Forces Expo to highlight the

strong manufacturing ability in Latrobe City. Defence Manufacturing is a major industry – expected to have a \$55 billion investment this decade – that we hope to bring to our City as we continue through transition.

These opportunities are vital to supporting future economic growth and our intention is to ensure Latrobe has an opportunity to build new jobs and career pathways in the industry.

I would like to congratulate everyone

involved in project GUS – it is incredible to see such technology being developed in our region. The recognition received with the Best Land Innovation Award is significant, we look forward to the opportunities that will come from the project," said the Mayor.

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Yinnar/Yinnar South Landcare Greenhouse comes clean with...

By J. Duncan

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group had a great time at Jeeralang North Hall on Saturday October 22 when we alternated variously between disinfecting and scrubbing pots; cooking and eating pizzas* and having our business meeting. The birdos in our midst heard both fan-tailed and shining bronze cuckoos calling in the surrounding forest. Sadly, we had not a moment to stalk them and see where they were lurking.

There is a saying about 'One cuckoo does not a summer make', or something, and yes, we were all huddled in under the covered area avoiding intermittent rain and mist. Our lovely clean pots had to come back wet to be dried hopefully before more plant pathogens breed in them.

It was great to have a chance for more people to catch up and do something together after such a long period when we couldn't. The hall is a great spot and we need to thank Wendy and John from Jeeralang North for once again helping our group out in both the hall and kitchen.

We have finished planting

on our re-veg sites for this year with Middle Creek being the last one. This year that one went down to the wire.

Upper Middle Creek Road was closed until a little bit later than we had hoped. We had wanted to be able to get in there and start earlier. We generally plant sites along creeks last because they usually don't get too dry in summer, and the plants may drown in a wet winter.

However there's late and there's late. Day length as well as water availability affect plant growth, so we are hoping it all grows well.

Meanwhile, Back in the National Park...

We have just completed another new project over the last year with Parks Victoria. For this one we collected seed to broadcast into sprayed blackberries along Billys Creek and one of its tributaries inside the National Park.

Seed collecting happened last summer and we finally got in and spread it in September. Some of our members are also members of the Friends of Morwell National Park, and other volunteers from that group have helped us to both locate plants to collect from, collect



Joëlle and Rose with the washed and damp pots that will dry indoors before they are ready to be stacked and stored.

seed, and to store and manage the seed supplies. Finally it was FMNP volunteers who marched all the way up to the top of the Park to spread it.

That trip offers about twenty opportunities to fall in the creek as you wade across it, and we had the seed packed in damp sand to bulk it up, so it was on the heavy side. Darren and Anita you are legends!

We should mention that

the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalist Club helped us with seed collection and plant identification, as did people from other landcare groups in the region. As it is in a National Park, a project like this needs extra special permission at every stage.

Gabrielle our local ranger looked after all that for us. If anyone was bothered at seeing us in the Park harassing the vegetation and/

or taking seeds away, we can belatedly set your minds at rest that it was all part of this project.

On to the next thing...

The next thing we will be doing is re-organising and preparing our greenhouse. We have seeds started in punnets and trays.

In a few weeks time volunteers will be in demand to prick them out into those lovely clean tubes where

they will grow on ready for planting next winter.

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

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*Our pizza chefs use and recommend Gippy Gold potatoes and will be watching out for them next winter at the We Love Farms Strzelecki Highway stall.

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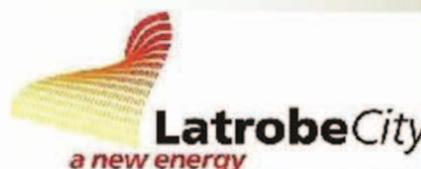
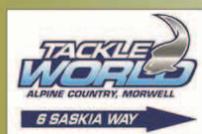
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Harriet Shing MP

The Valley has experienced changes and challenges like never before - global transition across the power industry continues, as does the impact of climate change through storms and floods including those which have caused devastation in the north and west of our state. We have also weathered a pandemic that's continuing to affect communities and economies all over the world.

Locally however, we've risen to the challenge of a changing world by investing record funding into assisting affected local workers and their families, creating local training and education pathways, building new local public and social housing,

and improving infrastructure and open spaces.

From building and upgrading primary schools and community and sporting facilities, to an expansion of the hospital and rail upgrades, we are working towards the long-term prosperity and pride of place that the Valley deserves.

We have been also helping to meet cost of living challenges, with free TAFE, the Power Saving Bonus, free kinder for three- and four-year olds, solar and battery rebates, the Sick Pay Guarantee, and rate capping.

Planning continues for the 2026 Commonwealth Games including building additional world-class facilities and bringing a new



athletes' village to Morwell.

The construction sites and finished projects across Gippsland show what has been achieved.

There is much more to be done - to support everyone in our communities, and to build for future generations.

Thank you for all of the support and encouragement I have received along the way in doing this work - it's been an honour to represent our communities.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Annual General Meeting

It has been a very interesting year at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

First of all, early in 2022 we welcomed Nathan Brown as Manager, and he has worked ever so hard — and successfully — since then to help us emerge from the world-wide COVID-induced torpor of the past few years when the Centre couldn't (and shouldn't) hold many classes or activities.

COVID is still very much with us, but involvement in the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is vital to everyone: it gives us company, adventure, exercise, satisfaction, hope, surprise and joy.

Classes and groups have resumed, new ones have opened, meetings are held in and near our part of the Churchill Hub.

We invite anyone who is

interested to call in any time (during working hours) to explore what you and yours can do here.

In particular, we invite you to attend our Annual General meeting at 2:00pm on Monday November 28, 2022. You may come in person (and share afternoon tea with us), or you can register to join the meeting via Zoom.

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Local artist to adorn key Gippsland stations

The Victorian Government has enlisted local artist Marilyn Fenton to develop permanent public artworks for Morwell and Traralgon stations as part of the Gippsland Line Upgrade. The Traralgon-based artist will create two artworks — one for each of the upgraded stations, using traditional Gunaikurnai line patterns depicting men and women, travel, meeting and the five Gunaikurnai clans.

The artworks will be sandblasted into the stations' forecourts with customised stencils. Construction at Morwell and Traralgon stations will be finished by the end of the year, with Bunyip and Longwarry stations reopened to passengers following a major construction blitz which provides safety and security benefits to Gippsland locals and visitors.

At Traralgon Station, a new accessible overpass is to be installed this month. The 104-tonne bridge will be lifted into place using a 650-tonne crane, with coaches replacing trains from Sunday November 6,

to Sunday November 13. Signalling work will also take place to prepare for the installation of new track to support the new platforms at Bunyip, Longwarry, Morwell and Traralgon. The bus loops at Bunyip and new car park at Longwarry will be open to passengers, while new lighting and CCTV has been installed on the existing platforms boosting safety for station users. Resurfacing, line marking and the installation of tactiles to improve the safety and accessibility of the existing platforms were also completed while the stations were closed. The new second platforms will enable

more frequent and reliable services, and improve safety, accessibility and comfort for passengers. Minister for Transport Infrastructure Jacinta Allan said "These upgrades will deliver improved services and stations — better connecting people in Gippsland with work, education and each other."

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Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Stableford Saturday 11/10/2022.

HC - Winners - A. Grade - J.Sanders (Snr) 18 34 Pts. B. Grade - G. Barnes - 23 38 Pts. C. Grade - C. Stevens 45 32 Pts. D.T.L - 1. S. Sanders - 35, 2. G. Spowart - 33. 3. D. Byers - 32. 4. M. Allen - 31, 5. I. Heppelston - 30 C/B. 6. J. Barnes - 30 C/B. N.T.P - 3rd K. Hogan. Pro-Pin - 12th M. Brereton. Target Hole - B. Barnes.

Monthly Medal Tuesday 4/10/2022.

HC - Medal Winner - Chris Stevens - 45 - 78 Net. Day Winner - Adam West - 23 - 71 Nett. Scratch Winner - Merryn Dear - 81. D.T.L - Brandon Barnes - 77 Nett. N.T.P - 3rd S. Caldwell. 5th M. Dear. 12th A. West. 14th C. Stevens. Putts - M. Dear 28.

4 BBB Saturday 8/10/2022. Winners; - S. Sanders and J. Barnes - 47. Runners Up - M.

Hutchison and C. Hogbin - 44. D.T.L - 1. P. Flannigan and P.Boulding - 39. 2. K. Barnes and K. Westwood - 39. 3. - A. West - and B. Barnes - 39. 4. M. Brereton and D. Ellwood - 38. Pro-Pin - 3rd D. Byers, 12th Z. O'Reilly, 14th T. O'Reilly. Target Hole - C. Gosling

Stableford Tuesday 11/10/2022. HC. Winner - C. Stevens - 45 35 Pts. D.T.L - V. Reid - 28 33 Pts. L. Brent - 25 31 Pts. N.T.P - 3rd S. Caldwell, 5th M. Ryan, 12th S. Caldwell, 14th M. Ryan.

Saturday Stableford 15/10/2022. HC. A. Grade - M. Brereton - 11 37 Pts. B. Grade - R. King - 18 35 Pts. C/B C. Grade - G. Spowart - 25 33pts. D.T.L - 1. B. Barnes - 36. 2. K. Hogan - 36. 3. S. Sanders - 35. 4. P. Chapple - 34. 5. D. Burrige - 34. 6. P. Smart - 33 C/B. N.T.P - 3rd. D. Burrige, 5th. C. Gosling. Pro-Pin - 12th. I. Duncan. 14th. D. Burrige.

Target Hole - C. Hogbin. Birdies - 12th. R. Dent.

4bbb Tuesday - 18/10/2022 HC - HC. Winners - A. West - 23, L. Brent - 25 - 43 Pts. D.T.L - M. McQuillen - 34, R.Davie - 17 37 Pts. N.T.P - 3rd - S. Caldwell, 5th V. Reid, 12th L. Brent, 14th M. McQuillen.

Saturday Foursomes 22/10/2022 - Hc - Winners - D. Burrige and A. West 71 Pts. Runners Up - T. Sterrick and M. Hutchinson - 71.5. D.T.L - 1. G. Spowart and P. Flanigan 72. 2. R. Dent and R. King 72.5. 3. C. Thompson and D. Ellwood 75. 4. J. Barnes and R. Zomer 75. N.T.P 5th D. Burrige, 14th C. Hogbin.

Stableford Tuesday - 25/10/2022 - HC - Winner - R. Madigan - 10 - 36pts. D.T.L - P. Smart - 10 33pts. N.T.P - 3rd V. Reid, 5th L. Brent, 12th M. McQuillen, 14th S. Caldwell.

Christmas service times

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Christmas Eve at 6pm at Yinnar.
Christmas Day 9 am at Churchill.

Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar
Saturday December 17 - Community

Carols at Churchill, 6pm BBQ, 7pm start.

T h u r s d a y
December 22 - Blue Christmas Boolarra 7.30pm.

S a t u r d a y
December 24 - Crib Service 6.30pm Churchill.



Anglican HC Boolarra 8.30pm.
Sunday December 25 - Churchill 10am Service of the Word 10am Boolarra Family Service.

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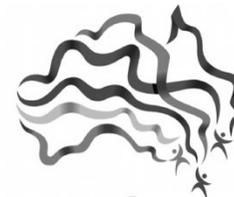
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LIONS CLUB OF CHURCHILL & DISTRICT

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS



Australia Day

2023 NOMINATION FORM

Nomination for: Citizen of the Year Young Citizen of the Year School Student Citizen of the Year

DETAILS OF PERSON/PERSONS/GROUP BEING NOMINATED

Full name of citizen/persons/organization/event: _____

Contact name (if nominating organization/event): _____

Residential address: _____ Town: _____

Postal address: _____

Suburb: _____ Post Code: _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (M) _____

Email: _____

Date of birth of nominee (if nominating Young Citizen & Young School Citizen of the Year): ____/____/____

Please note: The information provided below will only be used by the Lions Club of Churchill in the selection process, if the nomination is successful in winning an Australia day award all or part of this information may be released to the media

Reason for Nomination:

Contribution/s to the community for which the person is nominated: summarize (In 100-150 words) the reasons why your nominee should be considered.

Other significant contributions and achievements:

If you require additional space, please write on a separate sheet and attach to the form.

Community / Professional bodies / Sporting or Service Groups your nominee has been involved with:

Background information about your nominee:

Referee in support of this application (this person may be contacted for further information)

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss): _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Position/Organisation: _____

Address: _____

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Nominator (To be completed by person submitting)

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss): _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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.

Nominations should be addressed to:

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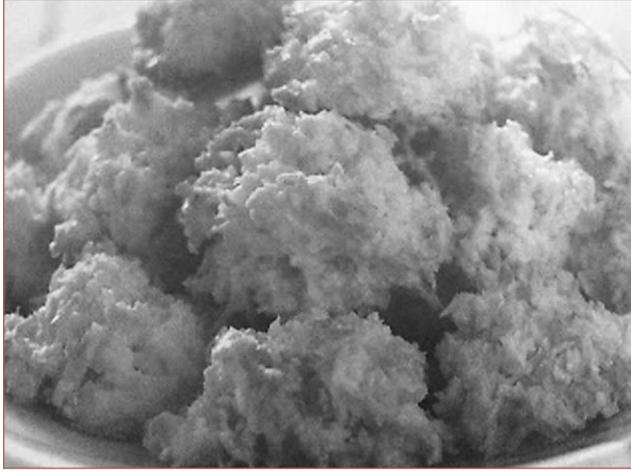
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Cooking with Noelene



Sweet Christmas ideas Raisin and pineapple loaf

Grease and line a 15cm x 25cm loaf pan with baking paper. Preheat your oven to 160 deg C. Now combine 250 gm of raisins with 432 gm can of undrained crushed pineapple, 125 gm of butter / marg and finally 1/2 cup of sugar in a medium saucepan. Stir constantly over a medium heat until the butter has melted, now bring to a slow boil then reduce the heat and simmer uncovered for 3 minutes without stirring. Cool. Add 2 cups of self raising flour alternatively with 2 lightly beaten eggs using a wooden spoon. Pour the loaf batter into the prepared pan. Bake in the preheated oven for 45 minutes or until a skewer inserted comes out clean. Stand in the cake pan for 5 minutes before turning out onto a cooling rack.



70% dark chocolate together with 50 gm of sugar until the chocolate is finely chopped. Transfer this mix to a bowl and add 200gm of almond meal and mix well. Place the remaining sugar (200gm) into the bowl of your electric mixer with 8 lightly beaten egg yolks. Now beat until very thick and pale, then add the finely grated rind of 1 medium orange, 1 tsp of vanilla extract, beat until combined and set aside. Using clean and dried electric beaters, whisk the

8 egg whites with 1/4 tsp of salt until stiff peaks form. Add 1/3rd of the egg whites to the egg yolk mixture along with 100gm of melted and cooled butter / marg and then gently fold in the remaining egg whites until JUST incorporated. Spray 10 holes of (3/4 cup) muffin tray (large) and sprinkle a fine layer of polenta over the base and sides of the muffin holes.

Spoon the mixture between the holes and bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes, then cover the muffin tray with a sheet of baking paper and bake for another 10 minutes, then test with a skewer that comes out clean. Leave the cakes to cool in the muffin tray for 10 minutes, then turn onto a wire rack to cool completely. To prepare the chocolate coating, place 125ml of cream in a small saucepan with 2 tbs of water and bring to a simmer, now add 250gm of 70 % dark chocolate (finely chopped) turn off the heat and stir until smooth. Spread this mixture over tops and sides of the cakes. Decorate with chopped nuts and if you prepare these close to Christmas add a confectionary mint leaf and a sliced confectionary raspberry. These can be made 3 days ahead and stored in an airtight container.

Coconut macaroons

Preheat your oven to 160 deg C. Separate 1 egg. Beat 1 egg yolk with 55 gm (1/4 cup) of icing sugar in a small bowl until creamy. Stir in 120 gm (1 and 2/3 rds cup) of shredded coconut. Now beat the egg white in a clean dry bowl, until firm peaks form, gently stir into the coconut mixture. Drop heaped tsp of the mixture on

to baking paper lined oven trays. Bake for 15 minutes, then reduce your oven temp to 120 deg C and bake for about 30 minutes or until the macaroons are golden, remove from oven and cool on oven trays. Macaroons when cooled can be stored in air tight containers and they are also suitable for freezing.

Tangy lemon slice

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Grease and line a 9' (22cm) pan. Beat 125 gm of butter / marg with 40 gm of icing sugar in a small bowl until smooth. Stir in 1 cup of plain flour (all purpose). Press the mixture evenly over the base of your pan. Bake for 15 minutes or until lightly browned. While the base is baking beat 3 eggs together in a medium bowl with 1 cup of castor sugar and 1/4 cup of plain flour, 1 tbs of grated lemon rind along with 125 ml of lemon juice. Pour

300ml of strong hot tea (I used chai tea), cover and leave to sit overnight. Next day preheat your oven to 160 deg C. Lightly grease and line 2 x loaf pans. Now stir into the fruit mixture 275 gm of self raising flour, 1 lightly beaten egg and 2 tbs of marmalade,

fine skewer inserted should come out clean. Leave to cool in the pans for 10 minutes, then turn out and leave to cool completely on a wire rack. Serve sliced and buttered.



Chocolate and almond cakes

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Process 225 gm of



mix thoroughly. Now pour into the prepared pans and level the surfaces with the back of a spoon. Bake in

Rose flavoured shortbread fingers

Preheat your oven to 160 deg C. Line a baking tray (20cm x 30 cm) with baking paper. Place 250 gm of room temperature butter cut into thin slices, into a large bowl along with 2 cups of plain flour, 1 cup of icing sugar and 4 drops of rose essence. Use your fingertips to rub it in until evenly combined and you have a buttery dough. Press the dough into the lined tray and smooth with the back of a spoon.

Bake for 20 minutes or until just lightly coloured. While the shortbread is still hot use a sharp knife to slice into rectangles or squares. Leave in the tray to cool completely, before removing. Store in an airtight container.



this mixture over the hot base. Bake for 30 minutes or until firm. Cool completely before sprinkling with icing sugar and slicing into squares. TIP - use lemons that are bright and heavy, they have more juice and flavour. You can store sliced, covered in the refrigerator for 3 days.

Rich fruited tea loaf

You will need to start preparing this tea loaf the day before you want to bake it. Mix together 175 gm of both raisins and sultanas, 175 gm of light brown sugar in a large bowl. Then pour over

the well preheated oven for 1 and 1/4 hours, or until well risen and firm to the touch, a



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A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Isn't it marvellous where historical information comes from?

By Leo Billington

Searching through names of early Morwell residents produces an interesting array of names, some of which had their names on blocks of land.

These blocks are now part of Morwell's older "close in" residential areas, presumably valuable once post-World War 2 development was at its peak.

If current media coverage is anywhere accurate, Morwell's older residential zones could become valuable real estate alongside predicted industrial and commercial development.

For example, Mr Hector Munro, the manager of the Bank of Australasia was a trusted member of Morwell's fledgling community.

When farewelled on July 24, 1885, Hector's commercial acumen, involvement in community affairs and keen eye for bank opportunities to expand were applauded locally with three farewell occasions.

At Moe, he became widely known in that capacity, more so perhaps on account of his being the hero who successfully resisted the attempted robbery under arms of the Moe branch bank.

Four days later at Morwell on July 22, 1885, Hector and his wife were treated to a large community gathering in honour of his services to the town.

Then, several hours afterwards, both were treated as royalty at a 9.30 pm farewell in Traralgon.

On this occasion, a crowd had even gathered at the railway station to welcome them on arrival in town.

Hector Munro's name appeared on several residential blocks shown in an early Department of Lands and Survey map of Morwell township.

Seven blocks were between Tarwin and Chapel Streets facing McLean Street.

In November 1884, to celebrate the commencement of the Morwell Coal Prospecting Company's operations at Billys Creek, agricultural and pastoral interests were promoted by a small group including Hector.

He also amplified that banking interests would not be neglected.

Mr Henry McIntosh was a resident of Morwell for more than 30 years during which time he managed the Colonial Bank for about seven years, after which he established his own business as a general commission agent.

Henry passed away on April 25, 1918 at his Morwell residence.

He is buried at Ballarat.

Henry McIntosh, like other bank people, was involved in community affairs - secretary of the Morwell Shire in 1897,

secretary of the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust, Australian Natives Association, Church of England, Morwell Horticultural Society, auditor for the Shire, lodges, other churches, returning officer for Federal, State and local government elections and a member of the Morwell Mechanics Institute committee.

Mr and Mrs McIntosh's only son, Athol died from wounds received in action in France on October 22, 1917.

It was widely known that Athol's parents never seemed to recover from this blow.

Athol was 23 when shot and is buried at the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, outside Poperinge, West Flanders, about 20 kilometres from Ypres.

Athol was born in Morwell, attended the Morwell State School and then at Caulfield Grammar School.

He was employed at the Morwell branch of the Bank of Australasia.

Mr McIntosh's name appears on residential blocks surrounding the former Commercial Road State School and also at the corner of Elgin Street and Hazelwood Road.

In the May 2022 edition of Churchill and District News, there was an editorial about Charles Rickard Aherin - well-known as CR.

He arrived in Morwell about 1893.

For 29 years, he was a bank manager at the Bank of Australasia Morwell.

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

In the Department of Lands and Survey map, the triangular shaped residential block, fronting McLean, Tarwin and Berg Streets, is marked with CR's name.

Another name from earlier times, though not quite as far back as above, is Anker Olaf Pedersen.

Of Norwegian nationality, born at Kvelde in Hedrum, and after being a resident for seven and half years in Australia, Olaf lived at Brown Coal Mine, Yallourn.

He applied for naturalisation, under the Commonwealth Nationality Act 1920.25, in 1930.

Olaf, or more well-known as Mr Pedersen, lived in Station Street (formerly the Princes Highway and now Princes Drive) about where the Coal Valley Motor Inn is located today.

The family house was quite distinctive being two-story, perhaps with a cement sheet cladding.

During the 1950's and 1960's, Olaf was known as

a quality carpenter, even at one stage being in partnership with Gordon King, trading as Pedersen & King, Timber and Hardware Merchants, Plumber's Supplies.

From about 1942 onwards, Olaf also played a leading role ensuring the 1st Morwell Scout Group remained vibrant and sustainable.

The post war years were tough but nonetheless the group retained its numbers across all ages.

Olaf remained as scoutmaster to about mid-1952, when Phil Sandford

took over.

One of Olaf's initiatives was in April 1947, he established a week long model scout camp on a vacant block in Helen Street. The camp would prepare scouts for more camps and be a justification to apply to the committee for authority to purchase necessary camping equipment.

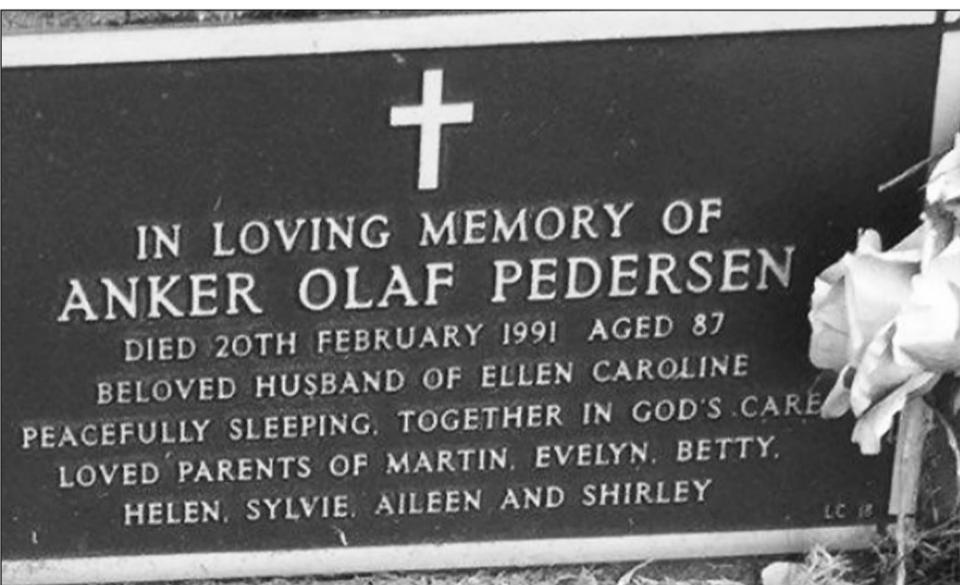
There may be people around who recall the first scout hall in George Street, Morwell - on a site which today is part of the Coles Supermarket carpark.

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75th anniversary for Morwell scouts

THE first Morwell Scout Group is celebrating its 75th birthday this year.

Organisers are attempting to make contact with as many ex-cubs, scouts, senior scouts (venturers) and leaders as possible to take part in the celebrations.

Group Leader Dr Geoff Perry said the celebration was a significant milestone for the group.

"There have been hundreds of boys pass through 1st Morwell over the years and now is the time for everyone to join in with the celebrations to reminisce with others who enjoyed scouting's challenges and experiences.

"The group has even been given permission to wear a 75th celebratory badge for the next 12 months to publicly record this great achievement," he added.

Dr Perry said that the old 1st Morwell Scout Hall, once located in George Street, has long been replaced by another. "But the former landmark will never be forgotten in Morwell as in the early 1970s it became the Coles Supermarket carpark", he said.



The old Morwell Scout Hall in George Street.

Dr Perry said he believes there must be a few old former 1st Morwell cubs and scouts still resident in Gippsland.

the dinner," he said.

The dinner is planned to be held on Morwell on Saturday, May 3.

"We would like to invite the oldest 1st Morwell scout to attend

Dr Perry can be contacted on (03) 5166 1342.

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Next Meeting: 7pm, Thursday 8th December 2022, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall (park and enter from Phillip Pde).

Vale Phillip Williams

May 31, 1944 to
August 26, 2022

Phillip (Phil) Williams was a very special and well respected man among family friends and community.

His was a life filled with joy and love.

His many ventures and attributes included as baker, Scout, woodchopper, footballer, hardworking trigger, historian, friend, handy man, contributor to the community, adventurous outdoor man, someone who always said yes if you needed him, believed in a fair go and was a true gentleman.

Through all this he was genuinely a happy and wonderful man with a fierce love for his family, which he put first, and patient and caring nature.

Phil was born in in 1944 at the Morwell Hospital to Ina and Lew Williams, one of triplets.

The family lived on a farm in Hazelwood Estate and Phil attended Hazelwood Estate School for four happy years, riding his bike.

Then a move to a relative's farm at Driffield saw Phil transferred to Yinnar school, a three mile bike ride.

There were many chores in which the children were involved, including milking the cows, grubbing tussocks and catching rabbits, but also many hours of fun watching platypus, catching crayfish, fishing and hiking.

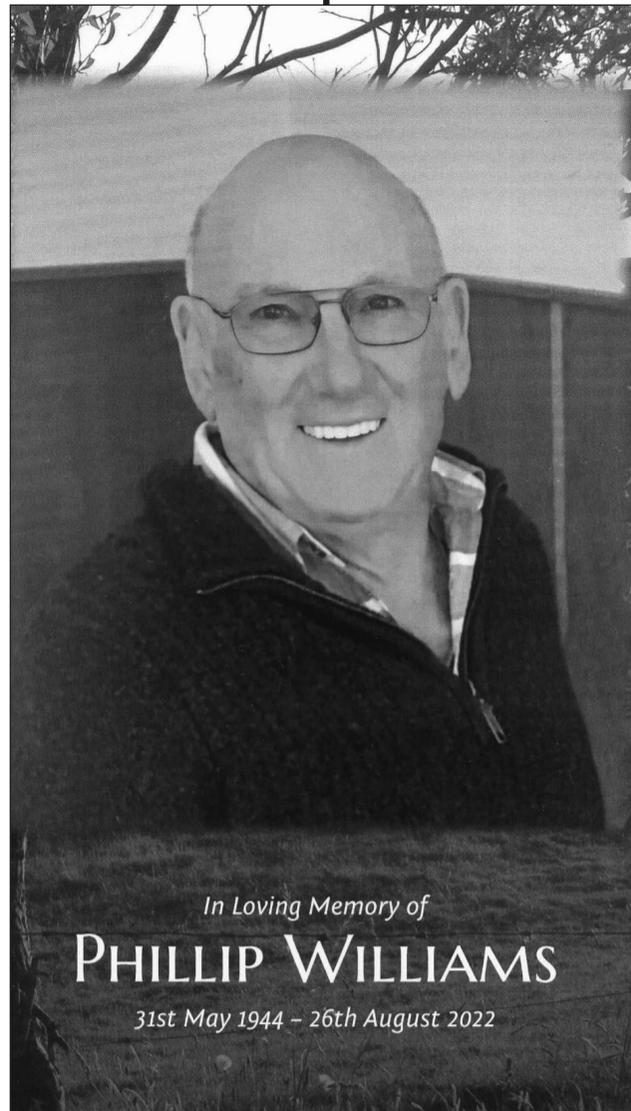
As a young boy Phil worked for Mr Dick Meadows in his vegetable gardens.

When he left school, he did an apprenticeship as a baker at the Yinnar Bakery and Milkbar, now Café 3869.

Joining the Scouts as a Cub was the beginning of a long association which culminated in Phil achieving his Queen's Scout in March 1962 and becoming a leader for Venturers and Rovers.

Phil was a long time member of Young Farmers and had a lot of fun.

Football claimed his time as a player for Yinnar, and later as a trainer when his son



and carnivals. He was quite successful and was inducted into the Axeman's Hall of Fame. He also worked as a handicapper.

Then bowls claimed his time. He loved it and enjoyed being part of the committee. Again he gave his all as was usual with anything he took up. Always along the way he made lots of friends.

The tool shed was a place of many tools and many happy hours of making things.

Before the children were born Phil would go with friends to the High Country in search of gold.

Then some land was purchased on the edge of Yinnar, and cows and his tractor gave the pleasure.

Travelling and camping under canvas made many happy memories as parts of

Australia were explored.

Above all else Phil was a special husband, father and grandfather who always had time for each one, and left a fine legacy of contributions and example to follow.

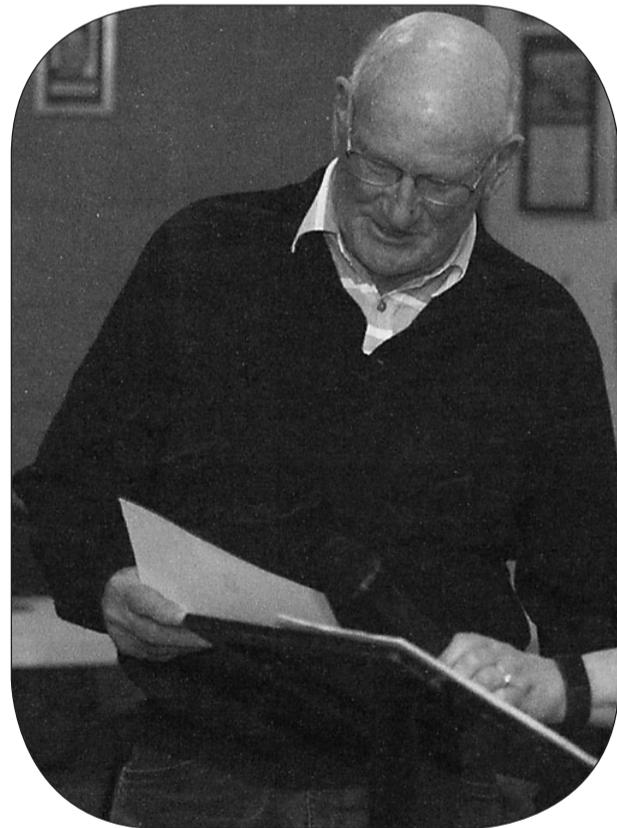
Phil lived an active life and stayed fit until April this year when a series of illnesses finally claimed his life.

Phil departed this life pain free and peacefully, as he lay in hospital surrounded by his attentive, loving family.

Phil's example is such a wonderful one; one which should be noted; one of true values.

The world would be a better place if we had more like Phil.

Thank you Phil for being the special person you were.



was playing and was there to support daughter Sonia with her netball.

Leaving the bakery after many years, Phil was employed in the construction of Hazelwood Power Station.

There he obtained many tickets in scaffolding, rigging, asbestos removal, first aid and the search and rescue squad.

With all his knowledge and Scouting history, he was involved with many missing persons searches.

One special achievement was holding the record for going up and down the Hazelwood chimneys.

A record which can now never be broken. He was very fit.

Phil was one of the founding members of the

Yinnar Historical Society putting in many hours of work into the displays and willingly sharing his knowledge of history whether general or local.

Phil met Sandra at her brother's wedding in 1965. They met again and soon after in 1969 they were married.

They built their home in Yinnar and in 1972 Sonia was born. Brian was born in 1977.

Sandra had come from a wood chopping family so Phil had to try it too.

It was a sport for him for over 50 years teaching his children how to use the crosscut saw.

The family travelled all over Australia to enter competitions at shows



Vale Tom Sands

Our Club Patron and esteemed Life Member Tom Sands sadly passed away recently.

Tom was the Churchill United Soccer Club.

He was there when we formed in 1969, a constant since then and he will always be in our hearts into the future.

A strong presence in his playing days, but it was as a junior coach to generations of Churchill kids where Tom found his passion.

Tom coached countless kids to championships and cups throughout the years,

reward for his patience teaching kids the basics over five decades.

This grassroots dedication was an example for many and a lasting legacy to our club.

If you were coached by Tom you probably remember being told "don't sit on the ball, it's not an egg" or some other quip.

When we review the on-field success of our club, Tom made the single greatest contribution to it through his nurturing of generations of talent that resulted in our golden period of dominance

2005-2014, and he helped lay the foundation for our bottom up rebuild currently in motion.

Tom's influence extended beyond our club with his years as a Latrobe Valley junior squad coach, a great contribution to the sport, influencing many players from other clubs.

Tom was loved and respected across the league, always up for a chat with many soccer friends.

Tom was also a dedicated committee man with the interests of our junior charges always at the

forefront of his motivations.

Tom was our longest serving Secretary with a cumulative ten years service, and also our longest serving Treasurer with a combined eight years service.

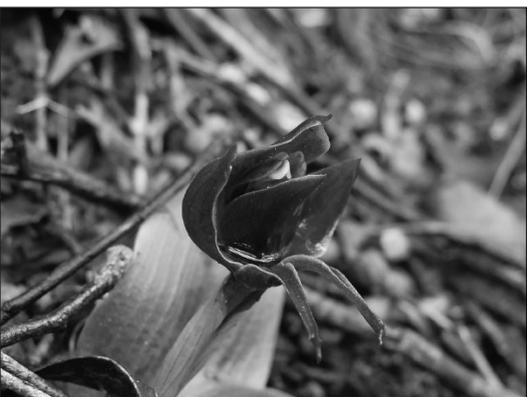
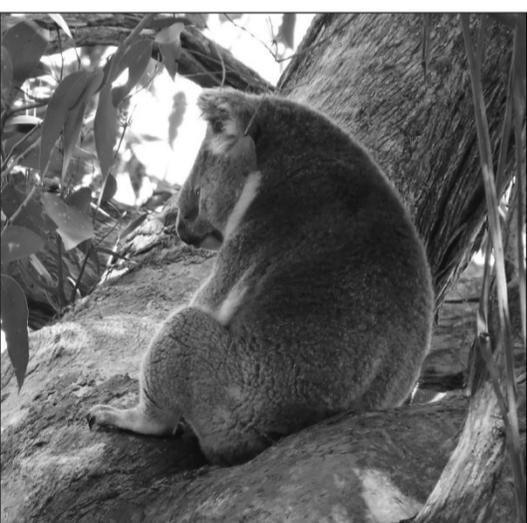
The club recognised the immense contribution Tom has made when he and fellow stalwart Forte Bianconi were honoured as Club Patrons in 2019.

Our heartfelt condolences go to Tom's siblings Carol, Rob, Ian, Scott and Stuart along with the extended Sands and Robson families.

Rest in peace Tom.



Friends of Morwell National Park



Orchid Walk and Koala Count

It was the usual group minus a few that turned out for the orchid count. We had Gordon, Ken, Mike, Cathy, Tamara, Caitlin, Anita and Nicole, who was a first timer.

The weather was initially worse than predicted, so it did not bode well for our walk, but as seasoned volunteers and walkers, we just ignored the weather and hoped for the best! As it turned out, we did get rained on a little, but it wasn't enough to ruin our day.

All bar Ken and Mike (who was on call), left for Stringybark track to see what we could find. I found Bird Orchids (*Chiloglottis valida*) just before the fire break track. The others had walked right past them! It didn't matter as they were what we saw the most of during the walk, they were everywhere, even growing in the middle of the track in places.

We found some *Maroonhoods* (*Pterostylis pedunculata*) on either side of the dilapidated bridge and Nodding Greenhoods (*Pterostylis nutans*) on the west side of it. It took a while of walking uphill before we sighted some spindly Sun Orchids (leaves and buds only). Previous years had seen very robust plants at the beginning of the uphill but alas, they were nowhere in sight.

We also saw Waxlips (*Caladenia major*) as well as White Fingers (*Caladenia catenata*) and Early Caps (*Caladenia praecox*). There were leaves of the Autumn Bird orchid (*Chiloglottis curvivalva*) and Helmet orchids (*Corybas diemenicus*). Mike found the Mountain Greenhood (*Pterostylis alpina*) as well as a huge colony of Helmet leaves on the Fosters Gully track. He also found the leaves and buds of Beard orchids (*Calochilus* sp *robertsonii*), probably Purple Beards on the fire break track.

Other things of interest were also found along the way. We managed to find five koalas, without even trying! Tamara found a very bright and shiny, yellow Flatworm (*Fletchamia sugdeni*). She also found a Common Garden Skink (*Lampropholis guichenoti*) that had a blue tinge to its' abdomen and an unexpected find at the top of the track in amongst the Wattles (*Acacia* sp) was Creamy Candles (*Stackhousia monogyna*).

We eventually made it back to the carpark for a late lunch before heading off again to look for koalas. For this activity Ken and Tamara walked the fire break track and those remaining, Gordon, Mike, Cathy and Anita,

walked Fosters Gully.

There were a total of 13 koalas sighted on the day which is a very good number for the park. Some nearly jumped out at you when found while looking through the binoculars, while for others, one needed to have a very good eye to spot them between branches way up high in a Mountain Grey Gum.

A multitude of different birds were mainly heard, of which I only managed to capture a photo of the Yellow Robin, where it perched for a while watching us as we stood watching it while further up the track from Lyndon's Clearing.

Thank you to Tamara for providing me with a list of Latin names for the orchids and critters that we sighted (as it's not my forte!), to Caitlin for her people photos (as I didn't take any!), and to Mike for his contributions and proofing my work!

November Activity Sunday November 20, 10am

The group will meet in the Kerry Road car park to complete the Butterfly Orchid Survey and some track maintenance. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.



SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL PRIMARY

Whole school excursions

At Churchill Primary School we love adventures and enjoy taking the whole school on special excursions each year. These excursions give the students the opportunity to explore and experience different things in a multi age setting and it is wonderful to see the interaction between older students and younger students alike.

Earlier this year we went to the Melbourne Aquarium. Students and staff were divided into small groups consisting of all grade levels and thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the sea creatures and learning all about sea life!

Later, in Term 3, we went on another whole school excursion to Dream City and the LUME in Melbourne. Dream City is a high-tech centre where students have an interactive experience and learn about different types of careers in the future. This finished off the subject of learning and careers that students had been learning about. Students also experienced the Van Gogh art exhibition at the LUME on the same day.

100 days of school!

On Wednesday August 3, our Foundation students celebrated 100 days of school and being 100 days smarter! The students, Prep teachers and support staff dressed up as "100-year-olds" and enjoyed special activities based on the number 100. It is always lovely to see the newest members of our school so engaged and enthusiastic about their learning, as well as the lengths our staff are willing to go to create such a wonderful learning environment within our

community.

Happy Principal's Day!

On August 5 we celebrated national Principal's Day and presented both our Principal, Mrs Jacque Burrows, and our Assistant Principal, Mrs Gail Harding, with some lovely flowers and pot plant. Both Mrs Burrows and Mrs Harding work tirelessly to continuously improve the educational opportunities for everyone at Churchill Primary School, including not only our students but also our staff! Over the past several years they have researched and implemented new programs and with the help of all staff, managed to lift our whole school literacy and NAPLAN results significantly, making CPS a leading school within our region. It is through their leadership and guidance that Churchill Primary School has continued to grow and become such a wonderful and enjoyable learning facility!

Wakakirri

On Tuesday August 23, a group of our students from Grade 3-6 competed in the Wakakirri - National Story Through Dance competition at Frankston Arts Centre.

Under the guidance of Mrs Hollie Burke, our students rehearsed for many months to recreate the story of Peter Pan in a 6-7 minute dance. This required a lot of dedication and practice including sometimes rehearsing through lunch and play times. It was all worth it - our students were confident and prepared when they hit the stage, and everyone was impressed by their performance!

CPS received the following Performance and Production awards:

Excellent lead cast

Excellent group acting

Excellent soundtrack mix

Excellent ensemble

Excellent performance teamwork

We were also nominated for the National Festival Award: Entertainment Story Award!

Panel feedback from one of the judges, Kristin Wantenaar:

"What a fun opening! This was a great performance that had so much energy. All the performers were so committed to this performance and the lead cast were wonderful to watch. A great retelling of such a wonderful fairy tale. The soundtrack assisted the story and was super fun. There was very strong teamwork by this group, and they had a wonderful connection with each other on stage. I loved the finale moment - it tied it altogether and made for a very enjoyable performance.

A super fun performance with incredible onstage teamwork."

Congratulations to everyone involved and a very big thank you to Mrs Burke for giving all your time so that our students could have this fantastic opportunity and to everyone who helped bring this performance to life.

Grade 3/4 Camp Rumbug

At the start of Term 4 our Grade 3 and 4 students headed off on their very first school camp experience to Camp Rumbug in Foster.

Students participated in adventure activities such as archery, raft building, ropes courses, flying fox and much more! Everyone had a fantastic time and came home with some wonderful and exciting stories of all the fun times they had!



Foundation students enjoy 100 days of school! Students enjoyed the raft activities at Camp Rumbug. Some of the Wakakirri cast members - Mia F as Wendy, Will K as John, Isla G as Michaela, Loretta P as Tinkerbelle, Sienna T as Peter Pan, and Rory F as the Crocodile. Happy Principals Day to Mrs Burrows and Mrs Harding



SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY

Operation Ga-Ga!

Have you seen the Ga-Ga Pit near the Grade 5/6 rooms? It is amazing! Thank you to Steven Blake for the fabulous workmanship in creating our Ga Ga Pit. Some

sand has been delivered and we are hoping to get more sand in soon so that we can start using it. We are really looking forward to getting in and having some fun in our new Ga Ga Pit. Thank

you Steven and the Blake family.

Woorabinda Camp

Grade 3/4 Students recently attended camp at Woorabinda on Lake

Narracan. They enjoyed some great weather and lots of fun activities including bushwalking, canoeing and high ropes. Students also enjoyed a movie night and some free time to explore.

There was a camp cookout with the children cooking their own dinner in a 'Steamboat' on the campfire.

Dreaming with Eyes Open. Students enjoyed dressing up in favourite book characters and participating in lots of fun activities.

Bookweek 2022

This year the theme was



SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY

Gardening at Boolarra Primary School

The students at Boolarra Primary recently rolled up their sleeves and helped to set up our new garden beds.

We are going to grow lots of different things that we can cook with or just enjoy a snack! It was a fine day and some students put the garden beds together while others started filling them with soil. It was fantastic team work. During our science lessons we have planted lots of seeds in trays to get them going in our mini greenhouse. Soon they will be ready to plant into our new beds!

Poetry fun

Some of our Years 4 to 6 have had some fun writing poems for Halloween.

First we looked at different types of poems before having a go ourselves. We hope you enjoy them!

The Goblin

Short creature
Pointy skin
Green blisters
Lurking figure
Likes seeking
Human eating
By Ryder

Honk

One night on a full moon,
Shortly, Halloween will
be over,
Not a moment too soon.
Then in the shadows,



geese unite

In their costumes, ready to fight,
Quickly they take flight
They spy a human, very small

One goose hissed,
prepared to brawl

They all get closer, then they honk,

The boy is surrounded and dropped his stock,
The geese get a treat,
The child ran away, without his lollies.

The geese rejoiced,
They are very happy,
They ate the sweets, unvoiced.

Something Spooky

Walking in the haunted house

My friends with me, we saw a mouse.

Rats and spiders, bugs were there,
Then we all got very

scared.

The hairs on our neck stood very high,

We all released a very big sigh.

It turns out to be a soft little bunny,

Laughing out loud it was so funny

Then I found something on the bunny's neck

What I found was a small little speck.

I asked my friends what is that?

My friend said it looks like a bat.

A bat? I said confused

Where's John? Oh yeah, he's taking a snooze.

We walked across the room

To find the witches broom.

Left to right to find the witch
We fell into a scary

ditch.

All of us scream to the top of our lungs.

In fear we nearly bite our tongues

We climb and find a way out of the shack,

Looking though our bags to find some snacks.

So glad to get out of the creepy house,

We found the same small mouse.

H Scary Harry

I went to the mirror

The room was pitch black

I lit the candle

Then something touched my back.

I turned around

But nothing was there

Except what I thought was a human hair.

I picked it up

Straight off the ground

And you won't believe

The hair was brown

I stared at it
Then decided to say
Please Scary Larry
Come out and play
I was scared
And I fell off my feet
Then my brother came and yelled

TRICK OR TREAT

-By Scarlett
Mars Pumpkin-Limerick
There was a red pumpkin from mars.

That came for candy bars.

It was in a rush.
So it took the bus.

That Silly red pumpkin from mars.

-By Matilda
Haunting Night

Once I started walking down the street

I knew I was just a tasty meal,

Because whatever was lurking in the shadows

Gave me a very horrific feel.

"Please I plead, I have a family to see"

But I knew deep down I had no chance.

This thing must have no mercy,

So, I just hope it wants to dance!

I then decided to quickly walk ahead,

Until I saw its big beady eyes

But for this time, I was petrified

Because it looks like it's in some kind of disguise.

Oh, this monstrous thing

It must have been very haunting

While lots of people feel terrified,

Maybe it's not so zombified

"Ok fine just show yourself!"

"Fine I'll come out, I was just trick or treating!"

Oh, I was so relieved,
"I thought you were just about to start eating!"

-Toby G

Ghost

I stood there dead last

There was no one there

In a flash of light, it flew past

I stood there petrified waiting to be struck

I felt a shiver as I started to run

I then saw through burning eyes a confused looking duck

I ran past the duck not daring to look behind

I turned left then right and started sweating

Turned a corner and started to unwind

I dropped my lollies and ran for cover I heard behind me

"Thanks for the lollies friend, Oui oui"

By Nate

SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY



Recently 1/2 Precht had some guest speakers from the Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program.

They came and spoke to the students about the best way to care for their pets. Most importantly, the students were shown how to tell if a dog is dangerous, scared or happy.

The programs present the potential risks of owning a pet. It provides knowledge and strategies to ensure pet ownership is not only physically and emotionally enriching, but safe too.

The interactive program focuses on teaching students:

- *when dogs should be left alone
- *things we should not do to dogs
- *how you can tell if a dog is happy, scared or angry

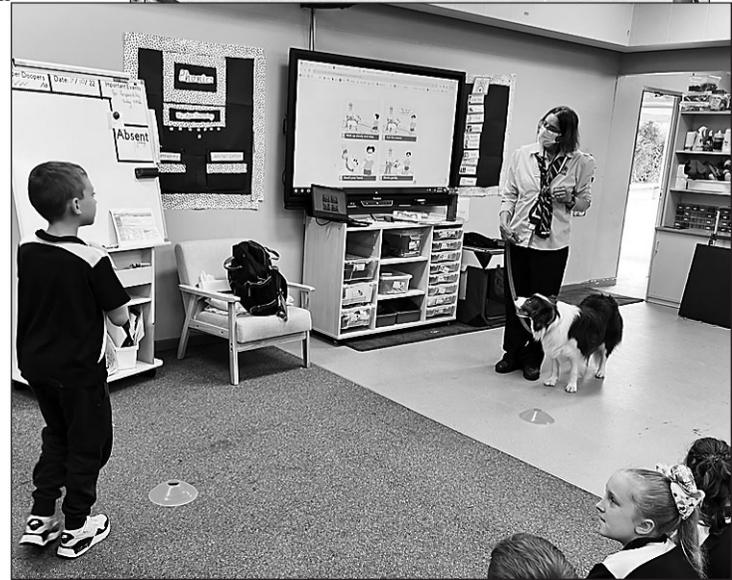
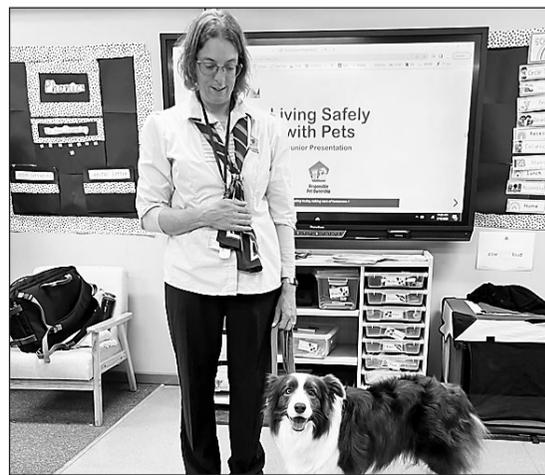
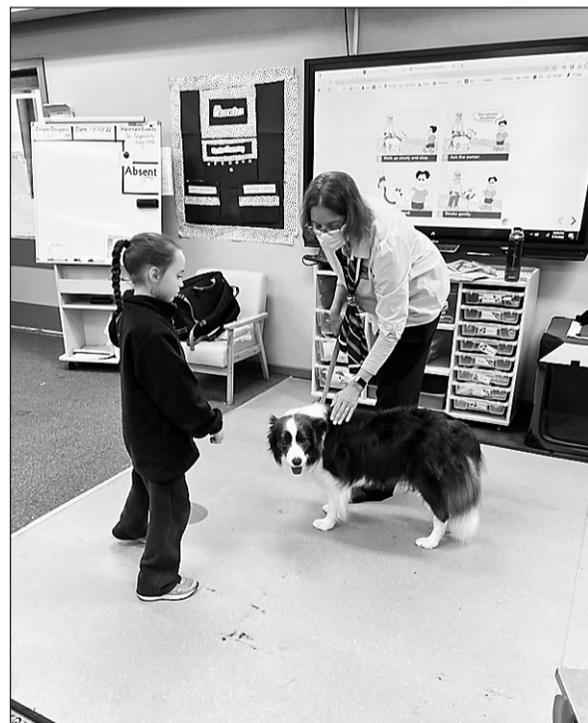
*a safe way to approach and greet a dog

*what to do if approached by an unknown or aggressive dog

Students were taught how to approach a dog, what to say to the owner and the correct hand gesture to use when meeting a new dog for the first time.

Our students loved meeting Auzraa, a border collie who showed the students the best way to approach a dog.

The students were also able to engage in role play games to understand the different ways a dog can react if they feel threatened or scared. 1/2 Precht enjoyed every part of their lesson and cannot wait to learn more.



SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

We have had a terrific start to Term 4 and have a jam-packed term ahead with School Camp, the Colour Run, Day for Daniel, Crazy Hair Day, State-wide Transitions, Grade 6 Graduation and our annual Christmas Concert. Our new school building is starting to take shape which is very

exciting for us. With the better weather coming our way we can only hope that the rest of the build happens quickly.

Success with Athletics

Charlotte Ing and Taj Makepeace represented our School at Division. They both experienced success and should be extremely proud of

their achievements. Taj is now taking his long jump talents to the next level at State! We all wish him the best of luck.

Crazy Hair Day

Students all donated a gold coin to raise money for Junior Diabetes Research and boy did we see some crazy hair styles on the

day! Thanks to our amazing school families for getting involved and showing off your hair dressing skills to support and raise awareness for this very important cause. Thank you to our Student Voice Team for organising and promoting the day. They even ran some creative competitions to add more

excitement to the event. We raised \$155.80 collectively.

Day for Daniel

A Day for Daniel was held on Friday October 28, to encourage parents and educators to hold conversations with children and young people about personal safety. The PB4L team organised Senior

Constable Clare Donlon from the Proactive Police Unit to come and talk to the students about keeping safe and who to go to if they are worried. We encouraged students and staff to wear red on the day to raise awareness about the message this day supports.



Crazy Hair Day Winners



Isaac and Alexei collecting materials for their inquiry project



Long Jump Champ Taj

SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI JUNIOR CAMPUS

The Hurting Game

Year 7 experienced a performance from two talented young actors who alerted students to issues of body image, social pressure, social isolation, to name a few. Homegroup teachers have followed up on some of these issues by discussing and completing

activities about positive self-talk, bouncing back from disturbing or upsetting situations and resilience through sharing feelings, building connections around oneself and acknowledging personal strengths and who we are.



SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Celebration Day

On Thursday October 20, Year 12 students celebrated the end of official classes. Students came to school in a range of costumes and decorated the school with streamers. A water slide provided hours of fun and pizza was ordered for lunch. Students are to be commended on their good behaviour on the day and we wish them all well for the future.

students completing the VCE ATAR program preparation for exams is now fast coming to its conclusion. The first exam, English and EAL was held on Wednesday October 26, and students have been working well to prepare. We wish them all the best for their exams.

VCAL Melbourne Trip

As part of their Professional Development Unit students have successfully organised a day trip down to Melbourne for

all students graduating Year 12 VCAL. As a celebration of their achievements students caught the train down to the CBD and had fun at Fortress Melbourne, a venue for social gaming, including board games. Students organised a lunch of pizza and donated additional pizzas to people experiencing homelessness. Students then attended an Escape Room which was a challenge with complicated clues and a set time limit in which to escape. Teachers commended the

students for their maturity and their organisational skills.

State Athletics Final

Claire Irving has once again done Kurnai proud by competing in the State Finals for Athletics. She placed fourth in the 400 metres and third in the 800 metres. She also competed in the 1500 metres. Congratulations to Claire on this fantastic achievement.

Mock Interviews for VCAL students

Once again VCAL students have participated in mock interviews with employers from a cross section of local industries. Students have spent hours learning about interview techniques, preparing resumes and how to dress appropriately for interviews. The feedback received from the panel will help to secure future positions. We would like to extend our thanks to the following organisations for their support of this program:

- AGL
- Ambulance Victoria
- GEGAC
- Gippsland Water
- Laser Plumbing
- Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN
- Latrobe City Council
- Latrobe Community Health Services
- Nanoo - Media
- Arts • Communications
- Online is Easy
- PFG Group
- Quantum Support Services - Morwell
- Star of the South Project





Churchill United Soccer Club Under 7 Squad - 2022



BACK ROW: Hunter Christou, Jesse Henry, Riley Morse, Lachlan Bianconi, Zane Burge, Addilyn Lovassy, Indiana Burkitt, Xavier Lawler, Addison Rand

MIDDLE ROW: Ty McLaughlin, Tommy Lawless, Koby Van Zuylen, Charlie Kerslake, Caiden Hehir, Thomas Kerslake, Adrice Hagger, Sienna-Rose McCarten

FRONT ROW: Xavier Elfring, Eden Zappulla, Jagger Correa, Abraham Darby, Paul Budge, Braxton Byrne, Charlie Grant

ABSENT: Charlie Jones, Ariyah McMahon, Cohen Petersen

COACHES: Stephen Breheny, Mark Bianconi, Allan Lawler, Mick Byrne



Churchill United Soccer Club Under 9 Squad - 2022



BACK ROW: Charlie Kerslake, Nate Wookey, Hudson Duncan, Levi Felmingham, Royden Williams, Kai Tanti, Harrison Hogan, Bailee Clam, Taylor Elfring, Thomas Kerslake, Thomas Breheny

MIDDLE ROW: Finn Brown, Carter Correa, Rory Fraser-Mathews, Charlie Visser, Kaiden McCarten, Jayden McDonnell, Billy Breheny, Harper Sanders, Rhys Eden, Kade Wilson, Edward Forbes

FRONT ROW: Adrice Hagger, Oliver Ballard, Noah Sanders, Isaac Crocker, Lachlan Bianconi, Ty McLaughlin, Mason Crawford

COACHES: Stephen Breheny, Mark Bianconi, Adam Wookey

ABSENT: Harrison Taylor, William Kerslake **ABSENT COACHES:** Shane Wilson & Mick Byrne



Churchill United Soccer Club Under 11 Girls - 2022



BACK ROW: Morgen Adams, Leilani Murray, Charlotte Prokopiwskyi, Shayla Dowd, Lilly Johnson, Natalie Baker

FRONT ROW: Zoey Victor, Alice Harder, Evie-Maree Crocker, Ilah Wilson, Bella Watson, Bella Lear, Elizabeth Prokopiwskyi, Amellia McCallum

ABSENT: Amelia Rowe, Maeve Jones

COACH: Ebony Webb **ASSISTANT COACH:** Matt Prokopiwskyi



Churchill United

With the 2022 Latrobe Valley Soccer League competition drawing to a close, the Churchill United Soccer Club has held their Junior and Senior presentations to celebrate and acknowledge the individual and team efforts from players, coaches and volunteers across the club.

Senior Presentation

On Saturday October 8, Churchill United Soccer Club held its' 2022 Senior Presentation night at the Morwell Club.

Paul Riess, Dean Pyle and William McGrath were inducted as 20 Season Club members, while Trevor Riess became the 22nd Life Member for Churchill United Soccer Club.

The evening honoured several volunteers which recognises and celebrates the impact volunteers have on the delivery of soccer programs at CUSC. The recipients of these volunteer awards were nominated and awarded based on their notable contributions and service to club.

Congratulations:

Tom Sands Junior Volunteer of the Year Kelly Bianconi

Senior Volunteer of the Year Ronald Wilson

Triangle Trophy Centre Dedication Award Tracey Tabone

Junior Club-person of the Year Ryley Tabone

Senior Club-person of the Year Matthew Tabone.

The traditional on-field recognition awards were presented with recipients awarded with a trophy. The final three rounds of the vote count were a nail biter in both the reserves and senior divisions. Andrew Tyrrell took home the reserves Best and Fairest by two points to Ricky Moyle. While in the seniors it came down to Mitch Azlin, who consistently received votes throughout the season and Lachlan Huizer, who accumulated the majority of his votes in the second half of the season. With only two points the difference coming between them at the end of the round 15, the duo ended up finishing on 50 votes each to both take home the title of Seniors Best and Fairest. Receiving nine votes in the last round secured Aidan Huizer's position as Runner Up Best and Fairest.

Congratulations to all the recipients of the on-field awards that were awarded for 2022.

Reserves

Golden Boot William McGrath (6 goals)

Coach's Award Ryan Schopp
Player's Player Andrew Tyrrell
Runner-up Best and Fairest Ricky Moyle

Best and Fairest Andrew Tyrrell

Senior Mens

Golden Boot Samuel DiCiero (6 goals)

Most Determined Mitch Azlin

Player's Player Lachlan Huizer

Runner-up Best and Fairest Aidan Huizer

Best and Fairest Mitch Azlin and Lachlan Huizer

In honour of the late David Breheny who suddenly passed earlier this year the Most Dedicated Trainer awards were reinstated for the first time since 1987. Dave was a recipient of this award back when he was a player. Dave was an active member within the club this year as was his son Jack, who plays in the under 13's team. Lachlan Huizer was the recipient of the Dave Breheny Most Dedicated Trainer Award, who across both teams in the mens' squad was a player who was not only dedicated to turning up and attending training but displayed dedication to the efforts in applying himself during training.

Life Membership
At our Senior Presentation night, the club awarded Life Membership to Trevor Riess (more commonly known as Trev or T-Rex) in recognition of his outstanding dedication to soccer in Churchill.

With his dearly departed father Gerry (also a Life Member) playing and coaching at the club for over five decades, Trev quite literally grew up at the Paddock with siblings Alyson, Stephen, and Paul.

Trev spent time on the pitch as a player and won many accolades including League Championships and Cups, but it is his time off the pitch where he has made his greatest contribution to the club.

Trev found his niche in coaching and selflessly led the Under 16s team for over 10 years, winning several League Championships and Cups whilst bleeding many future senior players. This shows Trevor's commitment to the future of our club, working tirelessly to make an impact on these children's futures as players but importantly as good human beings.

Trev loves CUSC and he is never afraid to give his opinion



Soccer Club

to the opposition or the officials, mostly rightly, and sometimes wrongly, but always from a place of passion for the best interests of the club.

Trev stepped away from coaching and turned his focus to administration, being our club President for five years. Trev was a driving force who helped re-establish the LVSL when it was clear the wider GSL was not meeting the local club's needs.

Over the last few years, Trev has returned to the coaching ranks, taking on the U13 team alongside close friend Mitch Azlin, as well as picking up coaching duties in the LVSL Representative teams, returning to impact the next group of juniors coming through our club and the wider soccer scene locally.

Trev becomes the 22nd Life Member of the Churchill United Soccer Club – recognition for his enormous contribution and dedication over the journey, and for his passionate support of our soccer club and community.

Congratulations Trevor!

Junior Presentation

On Saturday September 17, all Churchill United Soccer Club's junior players, members, mums and dads, grandmas and grandpas and volunteers united at Hazelwood South Reserve, to celebrate all the individual and team accomplishments, and acknowledge the valiant efforts of our volunteers, which enables us to facilitate our winter soccer competition.

Mother nature looked out for us and kept the rain at bay for as long as it could, with the rain only beginning to fall at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. The day commenced with the junior players playing small-sided games among one another before they united together and played against their parents. Dividing into diverse groups, teams then took to the pitch to play a rotation of traditional field games, such as: ball toss, under-over, sack races, obstacle course, score the goal, to score as many points as possible for their team. While the final tally was being counted, everyone enjoyed a BBQ lunch before the official awards ceremony commenced.

The awards ceremony allowed us to personally thank all our coaches, team managers, shirt washers, fruit cutters, linesmen, canteen helpers and every single person who has allowed this

junior season to go ahead. After a stop start season last year, the club was able to celebrate the achievement of having a full season back out on the park and seeing so many improvements across our teams. Congratulations to our award winners, where not only individual abilities were recognised but honour to those of determination and sportsmanship.

U15
Best and Fairest - Jessica Macgregor

Runner Up Best and Fairest - Harry Forbes

Most Committed - Callum Sennett

Player's Player - Jessica Macgregor

U13
Best and Fairest - Tyson Stephens

Runner Up Best and Fairest - Chantel Stephens

Most Improved - Ryley Tabone

U11 Girls
Best and Fairest - Shayla Dowd

Runner Up Best and Fairest - Lilly Johnson

Most Improved - Evie-Maree Crocker

U11 Black Division
Best and Fairest - Billy Breheny

Runner Up Best and Fairest - Edward Forbes

Most Improved - Riley De Figueiredo

U11 Purple Division
Best and Fairest - Blake Breheny

Runner Up Best and Fairest - Reed Paterson

Most Improved - Cody Samblebe

U9 Churchill United
Best and Fairest - Bailee Clam

Runners Up Best and Fairest - Rhys Eden

Coaches Award - Finn Brown

U9 Churchill Red
Best and Fairest - Mason Crawford

Runner Up Best and Fairest - Charlie Visser

Coaches Award - Jayden McDonnell

U9 Churchill Silver
Best and Fairest - Billy Breheny

Runner Up Best and Fairest - Noah Sanders

Most Consistent - Edward Forbes

For more news about Churchill United Soccer Club, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/CUSCRams>



Churchill United Soccer Club Under 11 Squad - 2022

Milk Bar at Churchill



BACK ROW: Bella Lear, Charlie Visser, Amellia McCallum, Quade Jobling, Ruben Samblebe, Billy Breheny, Natalie Baker, Kai Baudendistel, Tyson Baudendistel, Riley De Figueiredo, Elizabeth Prokopiwskyi, Nate Wookey
MIDDLE ROW: Blake Breheny, Lilly Johnson, Morgan Adams, Max Wookey, Shayla Dowd, Bailey Robson, Charlotte Prokopiwskyi, Cody Samblebe, Locky Mikaelian, Lellani Murray, Zoe Victor, Harper Sanders, Alice Harder
FRONT ROW: Rory Fraser-Mathews, Ilah Wilson, Edward Forbes, Harrison Hogan, Liam Bianconi, Bella Watson, Thomas Breheny, Noah Sanders, Carter Correa, Evie-Maree Crocker
ABSENT: Maeve Jones, Reed Paterson, Amellia Rowe & Liam Rennie-Taffs
COACHES: Ebony Webb, Stephen Breheny, Jamie Robson & Matt Prokopiwskyi



Churchill United Soccer Club Under 13 Squad - 2022



BACK ROW: Declan Patrick, Jack Breheny, Brayden Watson, Tyson Stephens, Jack Simpson, Chantel Stephens, Lucas Robson
FRONT ROW: Lachlan McMahon, Jordan Drzewinski-Pereira, Ryley Tabone, Declan Burns, Alexandra Forbes
ABSENT: Lachlan Shears
COACHES: Trevor Riess, Mitch Azlin



Churchill United Soccer Club Under 15 Squad - 2022



BACK ROW: Harry Forbes, Callum Sennett, Najib Moawad, Claire Patrick, Jacob Peachey, Harley Scandrett
FRONT ROW: Savannah Lehrner, Jack Airey, Leah Webb, Ty Collins, Jittima (Jenny) Baker, Cruz Kendall-Jones, Jessica MacGregor
ABSENT: Nicola MacGregor, Cade Reyke, Troy Aitken
COACHES: Michael Morse, Jackson Chin

National Emergency Medal Presentation



On Sunday October 2, CFA District 27 held a presentation ceremony to award National Emergency Medals to members who had contributed five or more days of service during the 2019/2020 fires.

The 2019/2020 fires were significant, and all across Australia, but the impact locally was particularly felt in East Gippsland.

The CFA's National Emergency Medal is part of Australia's Honours

and Awards system and recognises significant or sustained service to others in a nationally significant Australian emergency.

At a ceremony on Sunday October 2, 2022, Churchill Fire Brigade members were in the group of firefighters who became the latest of more than 5,500 CFA members to receive the honour for the 2019-20 fires.

CFA Board Member Peter Shaw presented the medals and said they were

an important recognition of the valiant efforts of CFA members.

"The National Emergency Medal is a formal recognition that Australia appreciates the efforts and contributions of CFA members during the 2019-20 bushfire crisis," he said.

"It is a great honour to receive this medal and I hope it goes a small way to thanking our members for their service."

Deputy Chief Officer

Trevor Owen spoke of his pride for the CFA members' efforts.

"The 2019-20 fires devastated East Gippsland and north-east Victoria," he said.

"However, from that crisis arose the most remarkable human spirit of generosity and 'lending a hand'.

Our medal recipients have exemplified that spirit and I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Whether they joined a firefighting strike team, worked in an incident control centre or provided other assistance to affected communities, every contribution was valuable and made a real difference."

Burning Off

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.

Before burning off:

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.

Notify neighbours at least two hours before starting the burn.

Notify the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) on 1800 668 511.



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

Register your burn-off

All burn-offs should be registered with ESTA on 1800 668 511.

Please provide the following information about your burn-off when registering:

- Location
- Date and expected start and finish times
- Estimated size
- What you intend to burn
- Unregistered burn-offs can cause brigades to be called out unnecessarily.

Some information that you provide may be displayed on the VicEmergency 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 VicEmergency website at the time of ignition, as well as the VicEmergency app and internal incident management systems.

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