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## Family Fishing Day at Mathison Park

Local kids enjoyed themselves at the Family Fishing Day



VicFish for Kids held a fishing day at Mathison Park on Sunday May 21. It attracted a good crowd, many of whom came from around Melbourne. This was a great way to promote Lake Hyland and our beautiful Mathison Park.

The Fisheries officers erected three large marquees. Two were used by the experts for explaining to the young learning and would be anglers and their parents, the basics of

fishing, the rules and regulations which apply and how to rig a rod and tie the knots needed. The third marquee was the registration tent where each of the 100 children who attended received a free rod and tackle plus a show bag of goodies.

After hearing the basics the children and their parents were invited to move near the fishing platform to see the trout netted out of a large tank and then released in to the lake.

They then had half an hour to fish and see if they could catch one of those fish or one of the 250 released during the day.

Six of these fishing days will be held each year across Victoria with the aims of giving children and adults the chance to learn skills and try a new sporting activity, encouraging outdoor activity, and a chance to experience nature.

They also aim to bring economic capacity

to our area, and increase fishing tourism, part of Fisheries new strategy.

These present fishing days begun in 2016, are a continuation of the days held several years ago in the park when Lake Hyland was named one of the premier lakes in Victoria and was stocked regularly including for our Junior Fishing Competitions and Fun Family Fishing Days of the last few years.

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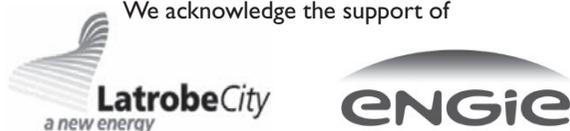
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**Churchill Citizen of the Year**

The inaugural Churchill Citizen of the Year, Ruth Place, accepted her award at the 2005 Australia Day Ceremony in West Place, Churchill.

Ruth was nominated for her quiet achievements in the Churchill Community which are greatly appreciated by many people.

She was part of the re-launch of the Churchill & District News in 2002 and has worked tirelessly ever since to make it the great paper it is today. She is also involved in many other community groups.

**Theft from Nativity Scene**

For many years the Catholic Parish of Lumen Christi has provided a Nativity Scene, with cut out figures depicting the Inn in Bethlehem, symbolising the birth of Jesus at Christmas time. It has been displayed at Monash Way roundabout. Over the years there has been very little vandalism and the scene has been reasonably respected. This year, however seven of the figures were stolen. The figures are two thirds life size, strongly made of particle board and were well secured to the floor.

**Lions Club of Churchill**

The Lions Club of Churchill and District ran its' third Community Australia Day on January 2. Attendance was the best ever with an estimated 180 people. Churchill's youth dominated with Guides and Scouts reading the meaning of Australia Day and raising



the flag. The highlight was undoubtedly the announcement of Ruth Place as the Lions Club of Churchill & District Citizen of the Year. Lion President Norm Hall presented Ruth with a commemorative plaque.

**Creative writing group**

Well known local author, Scott Gardiner, launched the Creative Writing Groups third book called "Glimpses of Gippsland." The Creative Writing Group under Cora Pal, consists of twenty people writing stories after research for the book. It is a compilation of stories about Gippsland characters and landscape.

**Hazelwood Rotary busy**

It has been a busier than usual start to the year for the Hazelwood Rotary Club due to the Tsunami disaster and the arrival of the Group Study Exchange Team from Scotland. Following the tragic events of Boxing Day in South East Asia, the Club decided that the most practical way in which we could help was to raise money for the purchase of Rotary Shelter boxes. These provide emergency shelter and life supporting equipment to help those affected.

**Blitz**

Churchill Police conducted a traffic operation with the

assistance of the Sheriff's officers in May 2005 in the Churchill area. During the four hour operation police intercepted 184 vehicles and spoke to 197 persons. Of these vehicles, four 'Notice of Unroadworthiness' tickets were issued, four 'Unlicensed Drivers' and two 'Unregistered motor vehicles' were detected.

**Hazelwood North Primary**

Many visitors came to our school on Open Day during Education Week. The parents, grandparents and friends joined our staff for morning tea. They also visited the rooms to see our classroom and specialist programs operating.

**Mounted police visit**

Glendonald Residents Group Inc hosted afternoon tea at Glendonald Park to welcome members of Victoria's Mounted Police as they patrolled local streets. Local children and residents met the horses and talked with the Officers from Victoria Police. Representatives from our local Police station were also in attendance, as were staff from Churchill Primary School.

**Pondage pursuit**

The Churchill District News with the full support of the Latrobe City Council and International Power Hazelwood will hold a trivia and games challenge along three and a half

**2005**

kilometres of the Hazelwood Pondage.

**Apprentice of the year**

For the second time, William Collyer has been awarded "Apprentice of the Year". He has successfully completed all his exams, practical work and Trade School requirements, to become a farrier. William is from Churchill, and proud of it! He attended Churchill Primary School and Kurnai Campus Churchill.

**40th Anniversary Events**

CDCA and Latrobe City Council commissioned the Centre for Gippsland Studies to design and produce a series of six permanent portable display panels depicting the history of Churchill. The panels will tour sites around the district after their unveiling. CDCA also funded Churchill Primary School to produce a further set of six panels, painted by students, on the same historical topics.

**Happy Birthday Churchill Wattle Club**

The Wattle Club is an Adult Day Activity Support Service program run through the Latrobe Community Health Service. You will hear the participants saying "I am going to ADASS". It is not a running shoe shop, but the section under the Town hall where, for the last 21 years members have met and enjoyed the activities and the company the club provides for our senior community members.

**RAINFALL**

The May Rainfall for Churchill was 94mm, there were 16 days that recorded rain for the month. It was the 3rd wettest May since 1992, when I first started recording rainfall in Churchill

The rainfall total for Churchill to the end of May is 281.5mm.

**Rain at Hazelwood South**

May, had wet stuff on most days, mostly brought in from the Southern Ocean and Tasman Sea, by SW to NW winds.

Hazelwood South rain for May, was 101mm, 56% above the average of 37 years, and was 21% wetter than the Latrobe Valley weather station. The oceans have warmed one degree since 1910, and the warming is accelerating. The winter weather pattern has set in.

The wintry weather makes it easy to forget that next summer has a high probability of high fire danger.

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# Churchill Fire Brigade



## Joint Training: Maintaining Breathing Apparatus Skills

Members from the Churchill brigade joined with other members of the Merton Group in a breathing apparatus skills maintenance session at Yallourn North. All participants completed a number of different activities whilst wearing breathing apparatus, including a hot fire scenario using one of CFA's mobile gas props. Other activities included a Hazardous Materials scenario with members needing to make observations from a distance until the chemical was known, and then undertake the actions

required to make the chemical and scene safe, and one where participants had to enter a smoke filled building to effect a casualty rescue.

## Mother's Day Market and Shop Local Promotion

On Saturday May 6, Churchill Fire Brigade supported the Shop Local Mother's Day Market.

Located near the Post Office, the brigade put on a sausage sizzle with supplies donated by Woolworths Churchill, and provided advice on fire safety. Captain Koala also paid a visit to keep the younger set and passing shoppers entertained.



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## Co-Operating Church Snippets

We have had several different speakers for our services over the last month. Each has had a focus on our relationship with God.

On April 30, George Telford took the service. His themes for the Children's Ministry were "Things are not always as they appear" and "Don't judge a book by its cover." He presented these points through visual images. A picture of a light in the darkness was revealed to be the light of the anglerfish luring its prey to death. A picture of an enticing red apple was revealed to be an apple variety that is incredibly sour. A photo of a super-cute little animal was revealed to be the slow loris, a deadly poisonous little guy. His point? Do not judge by outward appearances. He also brought along some of his favourite books that had very plain covers. He held them up saying that the covers may be plain, but the words and meaning inside were beautiful. He said it is the same with people.

It is what is inside a person that makes them who they are. Take time to really

get to know someone – do not just judge them by what you see superficially. This led into his sermon topics: "Jesus said, 'I am the gate, and Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd.'" A sheep will follow their master's voice. Make sure of which voice we follow. Choose wisely what we do with our time and our money.

On May 7, Reverend John Morgan took the service, while Nyree Allen took the Children's Ministry. They both quoted 1 Peter

2:4 – 5: "As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him – you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

The children decorated rocks and it was great to see their choices of colours to represent attributes of Jesus. Gold paint was used to represent the heart of Jesus and also the glory of Jesus. In his sermon, John Morgan also quoted from John

14:1 – 14, where Jesus says: "I am the way and

the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Again, the focus was on who we are choosing to follow. Communion was also shared together.

On May 14, Ian Combridge took our service. For the Children's Ministry, Ian showed a youtube video from the "Douglas Talks" video ministry. In the video, the puppet, Douglas, talked about what hope in Jesus meant. Hope in Jesus isn't like 'hoping it won't rain', where you want an outcome but you aren't sure whether or not you'll get it.

Hope in Jesus is feeling hope because of an outcome of which you are not sure. Ian then spoke of how we should be prepared to give an

answer for the hope we have. (1 Peter 3:15) He focused on the majesty of Jesus and our real hope in him, and how Jesus always keeps his promises. Ian also shared:

'If you are stuck for a word to begin a prayer, Start with 'Majesty' and begin from there.'

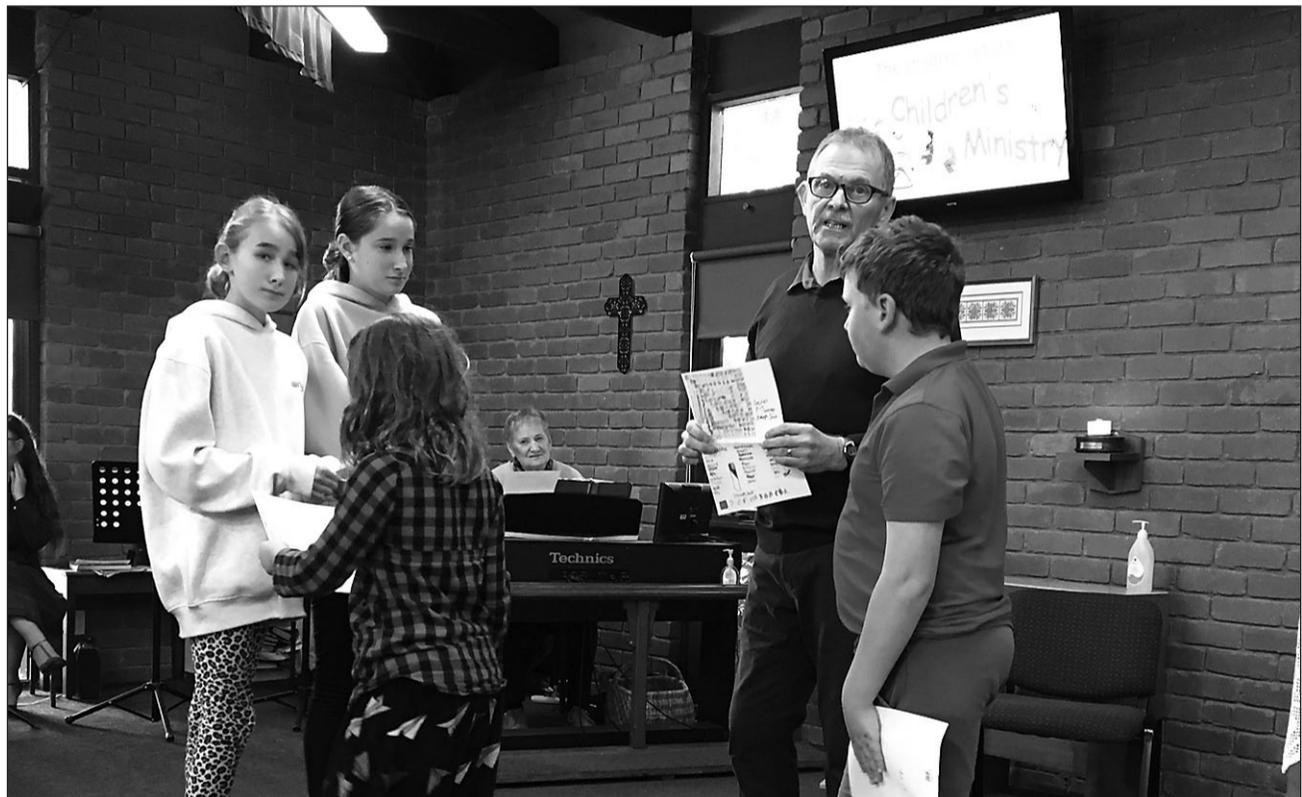
On May 21 Cathie gave us a service which included Uniting Church Holy Communion. It was based in the reading from John which recorded the prayer that Jesus prayed to his Father for those he would leave behind when he ascended back to his Father.

Cathie spoke from personal experience when she said prayer for others and from others is so comforting and encouraging.

For the new Church of Jesus day it would have helped to know Jesus had prayed that prayer for them. It is for us and all generations to come. Jesus' message included love for God and love for each other, so we are part of the one family of God. It is encouraging to know that God is always there. We are safe with God even through the tough times. The oneness theme between God and Jesus is for all Jesus' disciples, especially when we realise that Christians then and now are persecuted. Some days we will ask if it is worth being a follower as it is not always easy. The church today is working out how to be and work in our world which is so different.



Jesus is still praying for us. The Bible is still relevant. We can still experience the oneness with God. Jesus gave us his prayer to say which covers all that is necessary when we cannot think of a prayer for ourselves. God will know and interpret with loving concern. Praying at all times keeps that connection with God and gives us strength. Cathie finished imploring us to pray in all things.



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# Latrobe Health Advocate

By Jane Anderson

Thank you again to Churchill News for inviting me to contribute to this edition of your community newsletter.

I have recently released my quarterly update for the period January to March 2023 and would like to share some highlights of this report.

This quarter, the Latrobe communities' primary aspiration was identified as Access to Services, making up 43% of the community conversations with me. Whenever discussing the aspiration of access to services, health equity was always mentioned in conjunction with it.

I continue to hear examples where local community members are unable to access or are delayed in accessing, the healthcare they need due to cost. When services for CT scans, psychological counselling, and occupational therapy were eventually obtained it was due to specialists or community members providing advice on free services available in other locations.

The 2023-2024 budget recently released by the Federal government features measures that aim to address the cost of living and facilitate the transition towards a new energy economy. Notably, the government demonstrated a commitment to supporting regional communities through increased funding for health and welfare programs. The investments to keep GP clinics open for longer hours and support low-income patients to access bulk-billed services will help to address some of the challenges people have identified in accessing health services.

Improving Palliative Care continues to be an aspiration of the community and was the focus of 16%



## Latrobe Health Advocate

of community conversations with me.

Access to a designated ward at the Latrobe Hospital was appreciated, although the physical amenities for family members supplementing care and the variability of the nursing expertise were raised as concerns. Community members advised that they received more information on treatments and services from community palliative care nurses than in the hospital environment.

The community has raised concerns regarding mental health, social inclusion, safety, public transportation, and community engagement.

Better mental health service coordination and more flexibility were suggested as options to address the disconnect between hospital treatment, community-based support and expectations of the family.

I was advised that the lack of accessible transport and the lack of disability parking at health facilities was reducing access. Some community members indicated there was more pram-accessible parking than disability parking.

Community members expressed confusion about how to access support, were annoyed by continuing long wait times in aged care and dental care, tardiness in transferring funding between providers in aged care providers, disconnect between therapists at service providers and lack of a coordinated service plan for

chronic conditions.

During this quarter my office has also seen several systems changes that can provide opportunities for better mental models, better services, better support, and integration of community voice.

Latrobe Regional Hospital (LRH) has revamped its Community Advisory Committee to diversify its membership, with people from the LGBTIQ community, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people with a disability and the multicultural community, all now represented.

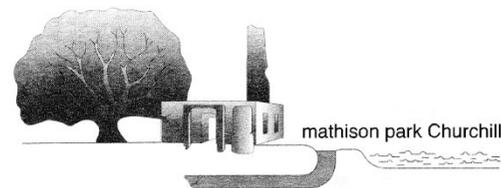
I continue to hear from communities who share their goals, barriers, and suggestions and how they want to be engaged by governments and services across Latrobe.

As part of my role, I prioritise the experiences of Latrobe communities and advocate for changes in systems that can improve their health and overall welfare. My focus is on reaching out to those who are often not heard and giving them a voice through a platform that can bring their aspirations and concerns to the attention of the government and services. Moreover, I strongly encourage governments and services to prioritise community input in the design and delivery of programs.

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

Please contact us if you have any questions about the report or the information provided.

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.



Due to our working bee falling on the day before Mother's Day it was cancelled for May.

However, the Gippsland Interchange crew came and a lot of work was

accomplished. Clearing up along the new pathway to make it safe and tidy has been done.

Cleaning up branches and other debris and tidying up happened another

Thursday. Many trailer loads of rubbish were piled up for burning.

It was great to have the VicFish Kids program happen at the park on Sunday May 21.

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# Churchill CHATTER

## Churchill Symbol

Our town Symbol looked fantastic all lit up in multicolours for about two weeks and then the lights went out. Are you wondering why?

The Churchill & District Community Association has been advised that the "testing phase" by the contractors has been completed and all the lights will be off until operations are handed over to Latrobe City Council on completion of the contract date at the end of May.

## Spring is coming

The winter solstice is the day of the year that has the least daylight hours of any in the year and usually occurs on June 22 but can occur between June 21 and 23.

## Rubbish gone

How untidy Churchill looked as rubbish stacked up on the nature strips for the big Council hard rubbish pickup in May.

Ratepayers were very impressed by the speed at which all that rubbish was collected and disposed of

when the contractor began to clear it away, and Churchill is now neat and tidy.

## Special news to share

If you have a special family event and would like to share it with the community, please contact us at cdneditorial@cdnews.com.au or ring Carol 0409 326 769.

## Strange but true

Locals are recording odd visitors overnight on their security video cameras with visits from foxes.

They have been caught stealing boots from a verandah or steps, and running off with them. Luckily some have been dropped not too far away and easily found, others have been lost for ever. Beware, this is happening quite close to town.

## Thought for this month

Life is a book and there are still over one thousand pages that you have not yet read.

## By Leo Billington

A very physical demanding life – the hay rake agrees

On a warm Saturday afternoon in Yarram, Mr J C Meakin proudly announced there were "284 applications for an area of 4723 acres, to be divided into 30 allotments ranging from 150 to 200 acres each." The Age, Monday November 18, 1901

Adjudicating in his role as Victoria's Chief Land Officer, or as sometimes he was called, Chief of the Victorian Lands Department, Mr Meakin had previously presided over land applications for Colac and Warragul.

However, there was a massive difference between these areas – the 30 allotments were in tough country – mainly Wonyip, Binginwarri and Gunyah. This was not flat, undulating country, let alone of any profitable use for struggling settlers attempting to become successful dairy farmers.

However, The Age editorial went further; "The action of the Government in opening up good country by surveying and clearing roads has led to this active demand for land."

How wrong it all was.

As one person recorded, "Over all those years, hundreds of residents have farmed this land, but now in 1977, only five remain." 'Seventy Years Around Ryton Junction'; E.J Littlejohn, 1977.

Some believed because forests of eucalypts thrived across the hills, this was very suitable for farming. Not considered at all in granting

applications were rabbits, blackberries, ragwort, cold winters, steep hills and under-resourced, financially strapped novice 'could-have-been' farmers who were desperate to build a future for families.

In more recent times, this whole area has been tagged 'The Strzeleckis – The Heartbreak Hills'. These days, the small cow herds have long gone, old milking sheds and houses have disintegrated and morphed back into the soil.

Ironically, plantation forests once again prove profitable. The trees were not to be displaced for ever.

This is a back story of a struggling, adventurous family, seemingly overly optimistic, albeit with little if any real experience in farming.

The patriarch was Richard Robert Alfred (surname not disclosed but known) who, with his wife and five children assumed ownership of about 177 acres of land at Beech Hill in 1933. It was a tough gig.

Born at Buninyong in 1887, Richard, at the time of his marriage, was a painter who painted the fine decorations on the sides of coaches, including the gilt lines.

He initially took up farming in 1927, moving to several locations in Victoria, finishing at Ryton, Gippsland. He was aged

40 when he tried farming at Manangatang.

From here he moved his family to Bennison – being at the other end of Victoria – and thence to Beech Hill. No one is really sure about any highs and lows of life at Bennison but Beech Hill certainly tested the resilience of his family. The next stop was not far – to Ryton.

In those years, Ryton was often regarded as Wonyip and vice versa. A hill covered with a forest of beech trees gave Beech Hill its name.

When state schools were established at both Ryton and Wonyip, both areas had their own separate identity.

Richard passed away on March 9, 1953, aged 66. He had tried farming for only 26 years, and in vastly different terrains – from a chaff, seed and wheat, drier area to almost an opposite in the Strzeleckis.

Ryton is at an elevation of approximately 475m above sea level with wet and cold winters while summers are known to be hot. Manangatang is at an elevation of 56.4m above sea level.

It is at Ryton we pay respect to Alice Kathleen, Richard's second youngest daughter, for her physically demanding life, particularly before the introduction of electricity, hot water, gas and other modern technologies.

To set the narrative

– Alice was born in Manangatang on Thursday, January 19, 1928. Her father had basically set out to be a farmer about one year earlier. He was, in today's world, a skilled sign writer decorating carriages. In today's world, he was a novice farmer.

After Richard's death, Alice assumed full management at Ryton. Three other siblings had other lives, one remained until marriage eventually meant moving elsewhere. Alice did not marry until 1977 when, at that time, she was running her farm at Delburn.

The Ryton farm had been purchased by the Department of Conservation Forests and Lands for forests of plantation timber in about the late 1960's.

Basically, Alice had farmed for just over 60 years (or thereabouts) until her passing in 2014.

During most of that period, it was a 24/7 life-style. As someone once wrote, 'The stereotype that your typical Aussie farmer is/was a blokey man who wears/wore a straw hat is outdated.'

Alice was not blokey but wore wide brimmed straw hats in summer when feeding dry grass into a stationary International hay baler, watching out for snakes.

Alice was physically strong but smallish in stature; she was determined; she was stoic.



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In Churchill, we have been looking at various safety issues around town, such as faulty street lighting, dangerous

overhanging trees, damaged street signs and various other projects. If you would like to join Neighbourhood Watch, or find out about it, you can join us on the second Monday of each month, 6pm at the Board room at the Morwell RSL. We are currently assisting many towns around the Latrobe Valley with safety projects and safer living. Check us out on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/scgnhwlatrobe-city/>

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# Cemetery

Alice had her favourite, trustworthy dogs – Bowser and Bimbo – to help marshal a small number of cows into wooden bails. Their milk was taken away via an Alpha Laval milking machine, to have cream separated, then into cans for pickup at a wooden cream can road-side stand and off to Toora in Mr Leech's Fargo truck.

There were favourite and friendly cows – Treasure was one who liked to be patted. Henry was her docile, big black bull. Silver was her horse, rather majestic, who did not like anyone else. Pigs and calves were

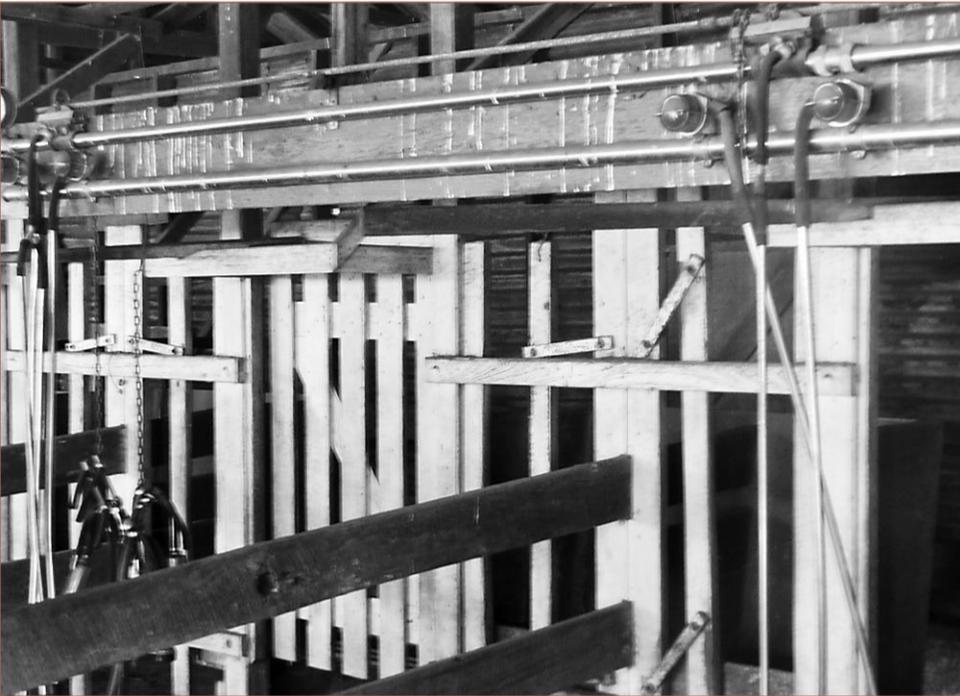
nourished on separated milk and sold for extra income at Wednesday markets either in Yinnar or Traralgon. These were transported in Alice's 1951 Ford Prefect until it rusted out. Then a 10 hp 1949 Ford Fordson van was inherited and used until it rusted. Later her 1963 Holden EH utility, with a rickety wooden crate became invaluable. The Holden at least had two windscreen wipers which worked.

A sometimes unreliable hydraulic ram was a consistent irritant pumping water to the cowshed. Nonetheless, Alice's

stoicism was illustrated by determination swinging a fern hook or scythe to beat the ragwort, blackberries and setting traps for rabbits – but to no avail.

Alice enjoyed playing tennis when time allowed and was always pleased when Hawthorn won football games.

A tough demanding life it was, without whinging, with a strong sense of family commitment and self-determination – Alice now rests at the Hazelwood Cemetery. Alice was my aunty.



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# Strzelecki Bushwalking Club



New members Graham and Marilyn (left), Carmel, Larry, Tania and Peter



Michael enjoying Kayaking with SBWC

Autumn has put on some magnificent weather for walking and Saturday May 13 was no exception!

The Strzelecki Bush Walking Club organised a hike beginning at Knots Siding along the old Walhalla railway line and finishing at Thompson Station. The views along the track of the Thompson River and hills beyond are superb. This is a relatively easy walk of approximately 13km and you can expect to see beautiful tree ferns and various species of eucalyptus trees. We even saw several large "grass trees" on the drier sections of the track.

Gippsland really is an exquisite area of Australia.

The Walhalla railway line was the last of four

experimental narrow-gauge lines of the Victorian Railways. Construction was commenced in 1904 but was not completed until 1910. The railway was expected to be a boon for Walhalla, which was in a state of decline with gold mining operations becoming uneconomical. After the closure of the Walhalla gold mines, the railway was used to transport timber and passengers around the area until the late 1940's. The last section of this railway line from Moe to Erica was closed in 1954.

Strzelecki Bush Walking Club had several more activities on offer in May including a 12km hike to Pearson's Lookout via Rocky Spur Track on May 21.

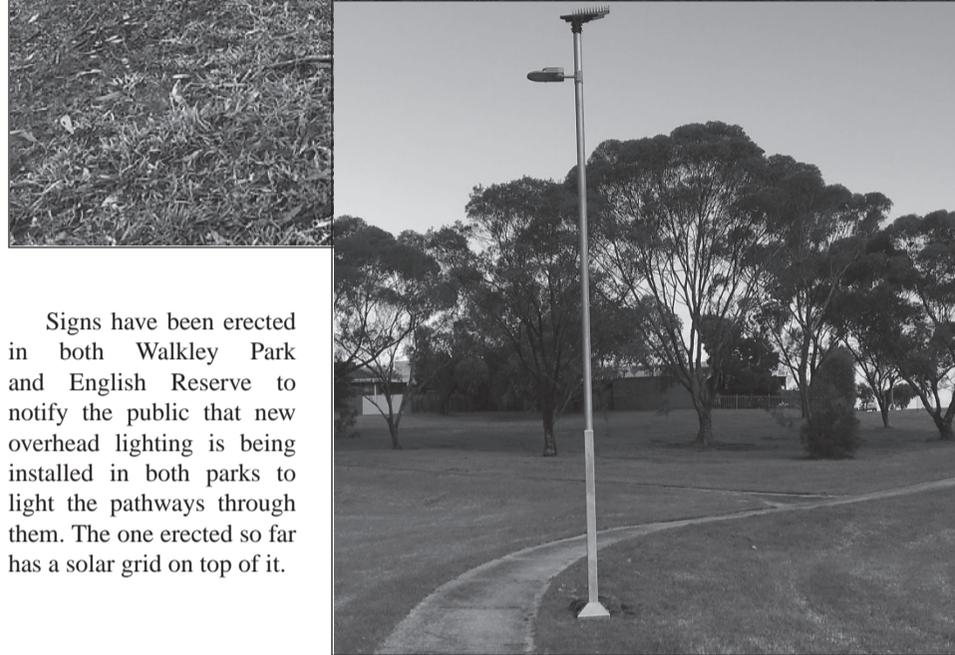
This walk is rated as easy/medium.

On May 27, SBWC held a bike ride from Toongabbie to Heyfield along the Gippsland Plains Rail Trail. This ride was approximately 40km return. A highlight of this ride was viewing the new Cowwarr Bridge.

The Strzelecki Bushwalking Club is an extremely friendly and vibrant club with many different types of activities on offer including walking, riding, paddling and social opportunities. We are always on the lookout for more likeminded members.

Our next Club night will be on June 14, and the guest speaker will be Peter Ware discussing Gippsland's varied flora.

# New lighting for Walkley Park and English Reserve pathways



Signs have been erected in both Walkley Park and English Reserve to notify the public that new overhead lighting is being installed in both parks to light the pathways through them. The one erected so far has a solar grid on top of it.

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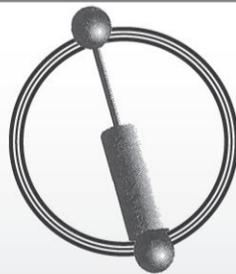


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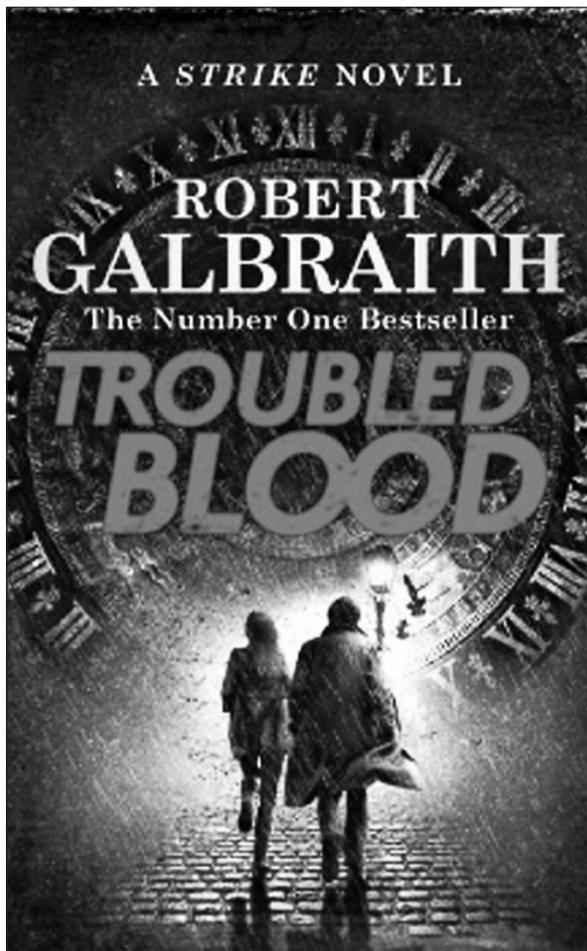
## “Troubled Blood” 2020 by Robert Galbraith

Robert Galbraith is the pseudonym of celebrated philanthropist and author J K Rowling. Rowling was born on July 31, 1965 in Yate, Gloucestershire, England, and is the mother of three children. She is best known for her seven volume Harry Potter series. However, she wanted to start her career anew so decided to write under the name of Robert Galbraith, simply because she liked the name. It gave her the opportunity to see if her crime fiction writing was met with the same acclaim, but under a different name. “Troubled Blood” is the fifth in a series of novels about Cormoran Strike, a British private detective, and his business partner Robin Ellacot. Cormoran Strike is the product of a one-night stand between a famous rock singer, who showed no interest in him as a child but always paid maintenance to his totally dysfunctional mother.

His main parenting was done by his Aunt Joan who is now dying of cancer. This meant trips between London where he lived and Cornwall, where he mostly grew up. He runs a busy London Detective Agency with his partner Robin Ellacot, and several other detectives. Robin is recently separated and is attempting mediation sessions with her husband

On one of his trips to Cornwall he is approached by a woman who asks if he would be able to find what happened to her mother, Margot Bamborough, who disappeared almost forty years ago as the family needs closure. This is the first “cold case” he has tackled but it gains his interest.

When the disappearance first happened it was



investigated by a detective who was trying to solve the case by using tarot cards and the horoscope. That detective subsequently had a nervous breakdown and the case was handed to another detective. By that time leads were lost and the case was finally closed. There is a general feeling that she was probably the victim of a serial killer who was active in the area at the time.

Strike and Robin go back to the medical practice where Margot Bamborough worked as a doctor, and one by one they track down the staff who worked with her at the time of her disappearance. With meticulous work they are able to piece together her final movements, but there are many “red herrings” along the way and the final result may surprise you.

This unwieldy 900 plus

page novel looked a bit daunting, but the reader was engaged immediately. J K Rowling is a master story teller and most of us really enjoyed the book.

However there were so many back stories and many characters, some of whom didn't really add anything to the main story, that some of us felt that the tale could have been told in far less words. At the beginning of each chapter there was a quote from “The Faerie Queene” by Edward Spencer, supposedly to give a clue to each chapter, but we all found this a bit difficult as the old English was sometimes hard to interpret.

Most of us gave up reading them as they seemed a bit obscure. Her liberal use of diagrams and drawings related to the horoscope were very detailed, but if the reader had no interest or understanding of them, they seemed superfluous.

With such a long tale the book covered many issues, some of which were grief and loss, anger, loyalty, betrayal, sexual harassment, bigamy, fraud and deviant behaviour.

Rowling also made several political comments, for example about Scotland seeking independence, and while this really had nothing to do with the story, it was perhaps to define a time period.

## More for Churchill

More housing, more facilities, more projects, more business – in the pipeline for Churchill!

It is not hard to spot all the new housing construction happening in Churchill. There is the expanding Gaskin Rise Estate to the west, new housing (Oak Hill Estate) going up on Philip Parade and more houses being built adjacent to Monash Way.

CDCA has been proactive in making submissions to planning application processes to ensure green spaces and walking tracks remain a feature of our residential developments in Churchill. What a positive sight to see the Town Symbol lit up at night recently with changing coloured lights all the way to the top. Testing of the new LED lighting system was conducted in May and generated plenty of delight amongst locals.

In June, at the completion of the contract, operation of these lights will be handed to Council. Council will have the ability to program the lighting display, setting times, colours and patterns.

CDCA envisages that Council will be able to change the coloured display for special occasions, reflecting any colour themes that are appropriate for a specific date, season or celebration. We will be having further discussions with Council officers to advocate for flexible programming of the lights on the Town Symbol.

As reported in the News last month, Council's draft Public Toilet Plan includes a proposed public toilet to be constructed in the 2023/24 financial year within the Churchill town centre. Creative Latrobe, a partnership between Latrobe Health Assembly, Council and community, will “implement exciting and bold art activations and installations” in Latrobe City, including one in Churchill.

This project is in the community consultation phase – the Churchill workshop was to be held on June 13, and anyone may still complete the “Creative Latrobe Sites Survey” (until Sunday July 2) on Council's Have Your Say webpage – [yoursay.latrobe.vic.gov.au](http://yoursay.latrobe.vic.gov.au)

Many will have noticed the red paint that is now a feature of the southern end of West



Place shopping centre exterior. It seems that finally this newly renovated area is close to completion and occupation. Let us hope that other retail ventures will soon fill more of the vacant spaces at the shopping centre.

CDCA takes interest in local affairs and advocates for improvements in Churchill and surrounds. We welcome ideas and suggestions about local matters and are happy to see new faces join our meetings.

CDCA meetings are held at 7pm on the first Thursday

of every second month in Studio 1, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall (park and enter from Philip Parade). Our next meeting will be our AGM on Thursday August 10.

You can contact us via our website - [cdca.org.au](http://cdca.org.au) - or our Facebook page (search for Churchill District Community Association) or you can write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill. Anyone living within Churchill and district who wishes to become a CDCA member may download a membership application form from our website - [cdca.org.au](http://cdca.org.au). Contact us to submit your application or come along to one of our meetings.



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# Friends of Morwell National Park

## May Activity Report

For the activity we had Anita, Matt, Ken, Graeme, Wayne, Joelle, Gordon and Darren. Mike B and Cathy had come just for the morning meeting. We had apologies from Rose, Caitlin and Tamara. We also had Damien and Mike along for their first activity. Mike B gave both a membership form so by next month we should have some new members.

The group met in the carpark and was watching the sky. The weekend had been wet and rain was likely. Gordon opened the meeting and Matt spoke about the recent Biolink meeting. Biolink is a committee with the goal of creating a plant and wildlife link between the Strzelecki ranges and the high country. The focus

has been upon mapping the Biolink route through public and private land. This was the first physical meeting since COVID and the focus was back upon the mapping. It was found out that two other Biolinks are planned and will link in with this local corridor. There is a Biolink planned on the Bass Coast and another around Traralgon. An improvement that has been made is the fencing on the Princes Freeway at the Morwell Wetlands. The fencing has been changed to encourage wildlife to cross under the road rather across the road. At Herne's Oak there is concern about the number of animals on the freeway and changes are being looked at.

Gordon and Joelle have recently taken overseas friends and family for walks

in the park. The walkers were impressed by the natural environment, age of the trees and diversity of habitat. The groups greatly enjoyed their time in the park.

The group walked around Foster's Gully with Wayne handling the chainsaw to remove two trees across the main track. It was good to take time to investigate some of the fungi found at this time of year. One fungi spotted was the *Armillaria luteobubalina*.

Ken walked the whole circuit and Damien got the opportunity to learn much about the plants, animals, and local history from Ken. Our walk was well timed since it did not rain while we walked around Foster's Gully.

After the walk a few stayed to eat their lunch

before returning home.

At the next activity the plan will be to complete some track widening work on Stringybark Track.

In the areas where the bushfire has been the undergrowth is growing strongly and the track is difficult to negotiate. Recently there have been many deer sightings around the park. Last week, I was greeted in the early morning by a mature deer running down the centre of Junction Road.

## June Activity

Sunday June 18, 10am

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



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# Shop Local Mother's Day Market 2023



Bryce and Captain Koala



CFA Barbecue

Despite the cold weather lots of people turned out for our May Market – just in time for Mother's Day shopping!

It was lovely to see so many people in Churchill's retail centre, browsing market stalls, greeting friends and neighbours and stopping to chat in small groups along the footpaths.

There was no wind to speak of and only a few

light showers, so it was jackets, coats and rugs for the morning market.

There was a good array of stall-holders braving the cold, and we hope the market was a success for you all and that we will see you return for our Winter Market on August 26.

Our free sausage sizzles were very popular – many thanks to the volunteers from Churchill Fire Brigade and Latrobe Valley

Neighbourhood Watch for doing all the cooking.

Music from Bryce at Hazelwood Village and Kelly and Tim at West Place Shopping Centre added to the atmosphere and delighted passers-by with their repertoire.

We handed out over \$300 worth of shopping vouchers to some pleasantly surprised shoppers. We pay the nominated value of

these vouchers to the retail businesses so they are not out of pocket. We want recipients to use these vouchers (in the specified businesses) and maybe spend a little bit more. It is all about Shopping Local!

A big vote of thanks to Churchill Woolworths for supporting our market with their donations and to Latrobe City Council for some financial support.

One of the advantages of having the market is the free publicity and community engagement that participating organisations obtain, providing a chance for locals to be more informed about activities in Churchill. Market stalls are free (book on-line via Churchill Neighbourhood Centre's website) and offer a chance to do some fund-raising and/or promotion.

We would love to see more local community groups join in at our markets.

Churchill Shop Local is a partnership between Churchill & District Community Association, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and Churchill & District News.

Special thanks to Nathan, Maureen, Jan, Margaret, Ian, Ruth and Allan for all your work 'behind the scenes'.



Family at the market



In West Place

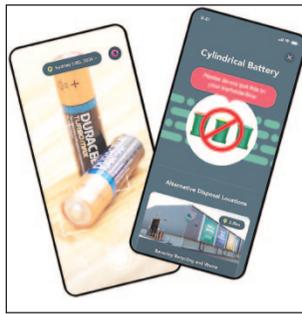


Jean, Nathan and Bronwyn at CNC Stall



Neighbourhood Watch ready to cook

# Recycling



## Recycle Mate Can Help

Ever wondered what should go in the recycling bin and what belongs in the general waste (red) bin? There is a free App for your phone that can help you solve this dilemma.

“Recycle Mate” can be downloaded to your Smartphone (i-phone or android) quite easily and is simple to operate.

Once installed, the App will ask you to confirm your location, your Council and your roadside kerb collection system (or lack thereof). The App knows what goes into which bin here in Latrobe City (and elsewhere if you're in another local government area for a period of time).

You then have a choice to either type in the name of, or photograph, the item you are not sure where to bin. The App will do its best to identify your photograph (it does not always get it right, but you confirm 'yes' or 'no' or match your typed words to its list of items).

Once the item is identified, the App will let you know which bin to put it in, or if it is something that you should not put in any bin.

As an example, if you type in 'AA batteries', the App will tell you that these are not to be binned at all,

but can be taken to a drop off location for recycling – it suggests Bunnings or Officeworks. Unfortunately there is no mention of Council's battery recycling drop-off point at the Council service desk in the Churchill Hub!

Some of the advice the App provides you may be a surprise – metal bottle tops, for instance, should be put in the general waste bin (red lid) as they are too small for the recycling sorting centre to deal with (and so will end up going to landfill anyway).

The photographs can be helpful – a used pizza box is identified as 'dirty' and so goes into the general waste (red) bin (only a clean pizza box can go in the recycling bin). Taking a photo of an item can really help you to know which bin it goes in!

Some disposable containers and/or items are definitely for the recycling bin, but others, such as Pringles containers, paper plates, plastic straws (and many more things) are for the general waste bin.

The Recycle Mate App complements local recycling efforts (e.g. it tells you that aluminium foil can be recycled, but needs to be crunched up into golf-ball or larger sized lumps, just as required for foil dropped into

the Churchill Hub).

The App usually gets it right as to which bin an item should go into. It also directs you to local transfer stations to dispose of items not suitable for kerbside waste collection. It even offers other suitable suggestions for 'recycling' – e.g. paperback books can be put in the recycling bin or taken to the Churchill Lifeline store.

Where it falls down, however, is that the App does not 'know' about some other local options for recycling. As an example, the App directs you to take all e-waste to a transfer station; but here in Churchill you can take smaller e-waste items, such as phones, cables, chargers, etc to Council's drop-off point in the foyer at Churchill Hub.

Despite some flaws, the free Recycle Mate App does what it sets out to do – assists you to correctly determine which bin to use when you are wondering “does this item go in the recycling bin?”

The App is an initiative of the Australian Council of Recycling and funded by the Australian Government. Further information about the App and recycling in general can be found at recyclemate.com.au

# Recycling Lids



Thanks to everyone who is collecting lids for recycling. However as the coordinator, I have been receiving lots of lids that cannot be accepted.

Please note in the Recycling at the Hub section of your paper that lids MUST have the recycling symbol with the numbers 2 or 4, as per attachments.

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- All small e-waste items, including mobile phones & chargers

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# Strzelecki Koala

## Victorian Koala Management Strategy

At last! The long awaited new Victorian Koala Management Strategy, (VKMS) was released in May to the various groups and individuals involved in its creation.

This document can be viewed on the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) website at <https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/ourwildlife/koalas>

This plan's vision is to ensure that "Victorian's koala populations and habitat are secure, healthy and sustainable in the long term." Through the actions set for the ten themes, this plan hopes to address the issues that the 2004 plan did not cover.

New concerns like climate change, and the recent and future developments in science are included. This new plan is a live document in that it will be constantly reviewed and further developed.

The ten themes are:

1. Traditional owners and koalas
2. Koala overabundance
3. Koala rehabilitation
4. Koala genetics
5. Disease in koalas
6. Habitat conservation

7. Understanding koala populations

8. Climate Change and managing fire impacts

9. Koalas in blue gum plantations

10. Community perception and socioeconomic significance

These themes have equal relevance and the actions set can be integrated into other themes. All these themes are very detailed in their explanations, relevant information and direction. In my opinion all these themes are relevant to the Strzelecki Koala.

This Victorian Koala Management Strategy offers many positives for the Strzelecki Koala. The actions in the various themes will increase the collective knowledge of this unique koala population.

Some of these actions will include the collection of data, the centralisation of data, the monitoring and mapping of populations, the study and recording of habitat, and scientific research especially in diseases and rehabilitation. Optimistically the Strzelecki Koala will get more protection and funding.

The Strzelecki /South Gippsland population is specifically mentioned in

the Koala Genetic Theme because of its unique genetic diversity. The data collected from all koala populations will be analysed and planning for specific actions like gene flow within and between koala populations can follow.

One way that gene flow and population viability can be encouraged is stated in the Theme 6 Habitat Conservation. This section highlights the "Strzelecki-Alpine Bio-link project", a Latrobe City Council initiative.

This venture aims to join, conserve and create areas of suitable vegetation so that wildlife, especially the Strzelecki Koala population, will move more easily across landscapes and establish themselves in new places. This has many benefits like preventing species bottlenecks, providing ways to escape fire and establishing habitat refuges.

All themes will require experts and relevant groups. However public participation will be needed in most actions too.

We will be asked to be more involved in community-based koala conservation and management programs. For

instance planting suitable vegetation to maintain and increase habitat, participating in citizen science surveys and promoting awareness and increased understanding of the koala and its needs are some of the ways communities will be engaged.

Still we can do things to help the Strzelecki Koala now!

1. Remember to watch out for koalas when driving particularly at night.
2. Keep dogs restrained and contained in a yard as dogs kill, injure and cause stress for koalas.
3. Let others know about the Strzelecki Koala and how unique and important this species is.
4. Become involved in a group that supports care of the environment and protection of animal and plant species.
5. Read and get to know the Victorian Koala Management Strategy.

Hopefully the health and longevity of the Strzelecki Koala and its habitat will benefit greatly from this strategy. It is our job as citizens to ensure that Victorian Koala Management Strategy does this. We need to be involved and be vigilant!



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A Churchill & District History Series



# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



**By Leo Billington**  
**Local history – Tony Lawless**

“Where’s Hazelwood?”  
“Come on, you’ve been around here for a while, where’s Hazelwood?”

Tony Lawless has welcomed me into his kitchen. “Tell me before you sit down.”

I retort; “How are you going Tony? Keeping well. Okay, but where’s Hazelwood?”

Tony has thrown down the gauntlet and I take up his challenge.

Actually, his patriotic fuelled question is easy to answer, as I point out the window. The Hazelwood railway station was over there, close-by is the Hazelwood Cemetery and not far away was the Hazelwood Ridge State School. One exception – the Hazelwood North Creamery was in Tramway Road. I know there was a trig point located on the Hazelwood hill.

Incidentally, years ago, the hill was seen as a challenge for amateur bike racing from Morwell to the hill, and back home.

Now that Tony and I agreed, listening intently to his life story, it was most obvious he is a proud “Hazelwoodian”. He is patriotic to his core – as was his father Jack and uncles Tom and Frank. There is nothing wrong with this, nothing at all.

Basically, the Lawless family settled in the heart of Hazelwood from 1919 onwards.

As the back story, one prominent Hazelwood settler of the day was John McMillan, who managed to consolidate a considerable amount of freehold land during the selection years.

After World War I, the Soldier Settlement Board bought about 5000 acres as part of the McMillan estate and subdivided the land into 45 soldier settlement allotments.

John McMillan developed a renowned herd

of shorthorn cattle there and also bred horses for the Indian Army. Meanwhile, the 1880’s McMillan homestead remained on its site until the 1970’s when the surrounding land was bought by the SEC.

Part of the McMillan homestead block, including the original Bennett and McMillan homesteads, was bought and farmed by soldier settler William Sweeney (who hailed from Yarram), while an adjoining 76 acre block was allotted to Jim Lawless from Boolarra, who, with his younger brother, Jack operated a sawmill elsewhere. Another close soldier settler neighbour at this time was Ronald Leslie Grauer from Yinnar.

Jim enlisted for the First World War and was eventually awarded the Military Medal for Bravery in the Field at Broodseinde and Passchendaele. He was discharged from the Army in 1919.

Jim married Anne Browne and Jack was one of their sons. Jack was Tony’s father.

Therefore, those lively questions Tony fired at me are quite understandable. Lawless country is Hazelwood country and vice versa. It is in the soil.

With undaunted pride, he recalls Uncle Tom and others leading a vigorous community protest against the decision to name Churchill after Sir Winston Churchill.

The formal announcement in January 1965 of a name change sparked plenty of debate which simmered for a long time afterwards. Tony still sees the Shire of Morwell Proclamation dated March 15, 1965 as a “red rag to a bull.”

Tom Lawless claimed that “We are not against Churchill. We are only for Hazelwood”. The Housing Commission subsequently erected two 30 ft by 12 ft billboards, designed to announce to the world that this was Churchill.

To emphasise the public reaction to the town’s chosen name, matters warmed up at a public meeting held at Churchill on February 25, 1988. This followed Morwell Shire Council deciding to seek public comment and a public meeting was held. As was the outcome almost 20 years earlier, the State government ruled against any change to the town’s name.

Public confusion reigned. “Well! Where do I live if they decide to change Churchill back to Hazelwood?”. Tony wondered at the time. “But I do not live in Churchill! I live in Hazelwood.”

Tony displays frustration and, sometimes anger, toward government officials who do not bother to learn about local communities.

Yet, while his strong feelings still linger, there is as well, another side of Tony’s character many do not know.

Early schooling was at Morwell’s Sacred Heart Primary School. Getting to school was a necessary chore by car, or sometimes, on his bike.

Riding from Hazelwood to Morwell will sound painful these days, yet perhaps it gave Tony a fair and reasonable excuse to go AWOL.

In military jargon, this means ‘absent without official leave but without intent to desert.’ No doubt Tony intended to attend school, as his grandmother, Anne Browne was a school teacher at Budgeree from 1911 until late 1916. Anne then taught at other Victorian schools until her marriage in 1923.

There is a pause in our conversation – Tony provides a jocular comment about school teachers. I think he’s stirring me, as is his customary behaviour. I agree that learning about life is not possible from textbooks.

We push on – Tony’s educational pursuits were then pierced by attendance, as a day boarder, at Patrick’s

College Sale. He withstood three years before, sort of, graduating during Form 4.

“I spent lots of time looking out the windows, mainly watching the gardener cut grass. Church attendance was mandatory, sometimes seven mornings each week. I came home only once a month. It was time to get out.”

Tony recalls fond moments with the boys, eating fish and chips down at, what is today called the Port of Sale. References to beer bottles often punctuated our conversation as did Tony’s memory of communal showers.

“No, it was back to Hazelwood and the farm for me.” This is when his education was really cemented.

Our conversation darts around, laced with humorous anecdotes. One describes how a cheap Skoda car was obtained from Connell’s Garage in Morwell. With minor modifications underneath, it was ably converted to ride on railway tracks.

As previously mentioned, the farm bordered the main Morwell to Mirboo North railway line. Knowing and remembering the train’s timetable was handy when it was time to give the Skoda a drive. No licence required!

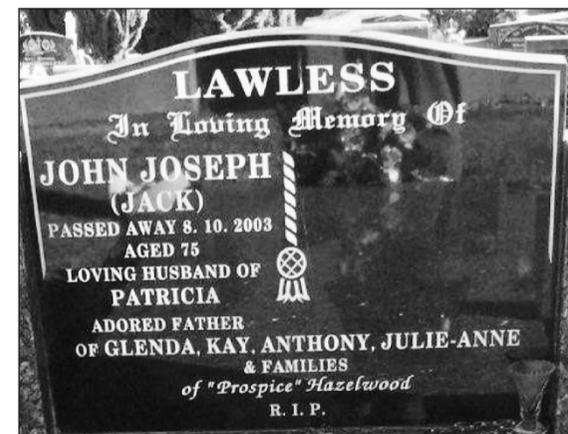
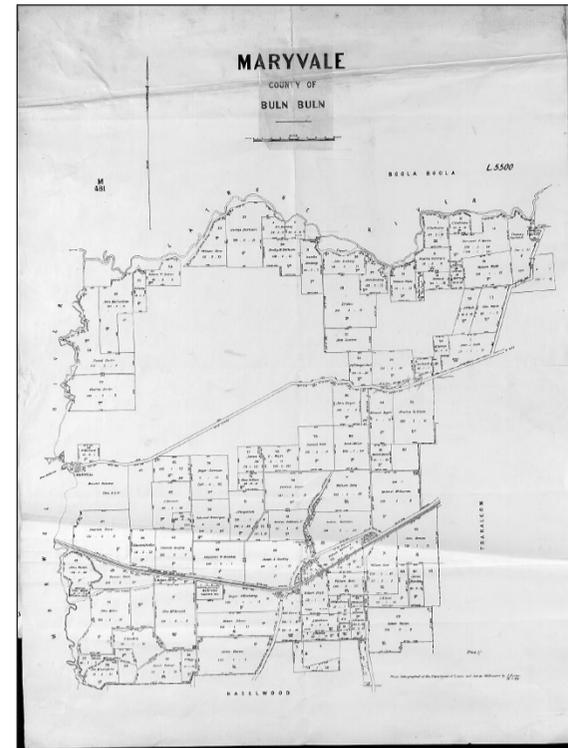
Leaving school at an early age was not without its drawbacks. One early job was grubbing tussocks for Jim Daly. Fencing, animal husbandry – the dirty, muddy tasks – were freely allocated by Jack.

As mentioned, our conversation darts here and there; it is a laugh-a-minute ride through what was an enthusiastic, and eager young man’s life while growing up.

“Now young Leo, where to from here? What else do you want to know?”

“A coffee thanks Tony. Let’s talk more about where’s Hazelwood.”

(To be continued in the July 2023 Churchill & District News.)



**SHIRE OF MORWELL.**  
**PROCLAMATION OF TOWNSHIP OF CHURCHILL.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Government of Victoria, by and with the advice and guidance of the Council of the Shire of Morwell, has ordered that the Residential, Reserved Living, Central Business, Light Industrial and Public Open Spaces Zones of the Hazelwood Joint Planning Scheme 1963, shall hereafter be known as The Township of Churchill.

15th March, 1965.  
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R. J. LORD, Shire Secretary.

# Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group



By Jay Duncan

## Native birds need good habitat, pest birds are a threat to them.

This month, many people are planning what they will do next to protect and improve habitat for native birds, animals and plants. Some of the first inhabitants of restored areas will be native birds. Habitat design is a very important part of creating conditions where smaller bush birds can exist and move through the landscape.

There are two birds in particular that we do not want to encourage because they are detrimental to other native species in our local environment. One is the introduced Indian or Common Mynah and the other is the native Noisy Miner, which is a very territorial and very aggressive native honeyeater.

**Noisy Miners** – try and design them out

Noisy Miners are medium sized grey native birds with black and yellow markings on their face and wings. Land use practices since European settlement have really suited this species which is extremely aggressive to other birds. Packs of Noisy Miners will hunt and harry any smaller birds or other honeyeaters that venture into their territory. It is now highly unusual to see any bird smaller than a common starling using the same habitat.

Noisy Miners favour environments consisting of grass and gum trees. They are often found on the edges of more densely vegetated areas, but they do not tend to be found in understorey or thickets. Birdlife Bayside studied the species and found that any strip of vegetation, for example on a roadside, that was three trees or less deep was not wide enough for small bush birds to travel through. (Our region is probably a few years behind the bayside suburbs in Melbourne as far as destroying habitat goes; but realising that a Blue Wren is a rare sighting in that area is a reminder of what is going to happen unless our local communities decide to stop clearing and speed up

restoring habitat for small birds.

Birdlife Australia's preliminary results from the Birds on Farms Surveys conducted from 1995 to 2021 showed that the vegetation patch shape that had the highest diversity of bird species was circular. This was followed by square patches. If a strip is the only possible shape, the wider it is and the denser the understorey, the more likely it will be that small birds can use it. One way to consolidate paddock plantings is to plant a square or diamond shaped area where paddock fences intersect. (Designing wide and fat areas also minimises edge effects. It allows a greater variety of native plants to grow, and fewer light-loving weeds to flourish.)

### Common Mynahs

Common Mynahs are an introduced species and are also aggressive and territorial. This is the familiar dark brown bird with a black head. They have a yellow beak and eye patch and patches of white under their wings and on their tails.

Common Mynahs will fight and kill native birds to get access to tree hollows and nest boxes. This denies these critical resources to native species.

We are allowed to trap and kill Common Mynahs, which are an introduced species. The RSPCA endorses euthanasia by Carbon Monoxide from a cold car exhaust. Sustained action by local residents in some parts of the country has been very successful with trapping to reduce population size and the dominance of this species. Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group no longer has traps, but if we had an enthusiastic volunteer or two to take charge of loaning them out, we would consider getting them again. Meanwhile, the Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network, which is now based in Morwell, has several Mynah traps available for loan.

Even if this course of action does not appeal, there are still things you can do so as not to help these pest birds to colonise your area.

One main food source for Common or Indian Mynahs is dry dog food left outdoors. (This also provides a source of easy nutrition for foxes, another introduced pest that preys on our native fauna.)

If pet owners could feed Fido indoors, or take away uneaten food after doggie dinner time, it would make a difference. Concentrated horse or other livestock food is also something that Mynahs as opportunistic omnivores will travel to obtain.

### Yinnar May Market and Revegetation is keeping our group busy.

Meanwhile, our group saved our little market enterprise for a rainy day. We spent the morning at Yinnar Market on May 7 and had quite a few people come by our stall between the showers to say hello and to buy some plants. The plants we grew were intended to be garden-worthy as a small way of enhancing biodiversity and adding resources, particularly for native birds, bees and butterflies.

We are continuing to experiment with different local species to see what seed we can find and which plants will grow from seed for us. Hopefully we will be set up to also grow plants from cuttings before too long.

We will be planting bigger trees and more understorey at our Billys Creek block in the next few weeks. This site is on a hill and the plants need to go in soon to get them well established before what may turn out to be a hot dry summer. Several members and friends of our group are also busy getting hilly areas planted. We tend to leave the wetter areas for when the soil begins to warm up in very early spring.

Please get in touch if you would like to join or volunteer with our group. We are now the only active group in the Yinnar, Jumbuk, Jeeralang area. Boolarra South group covers Boolarra and a new group has started at Callignee. Contact details are on our website.

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



Noisy Miner (native)



Common or Indian Myna (introduced)

Photo Credit - D Mules

## Yinnar Community Garden



### Growing Pepinos

In cold grey June, nothing much is fruiting around the Latrobe Valley except for citrus. Some welcome variety can be provided by a little known plant called a "pepino". Sometimes described as a "Year-Round Rockmelon", the flavour is cool, refreshing and reminiscent of melon and cucumber.

The pepino is a small perennial climbing shrub which originates from South America. Pepinos grow well from cuttings, but

are frost sensitive. At the Yinnar Community Garden, we grew one in a pot in the greenhouse which produced some delicious fruit. We no longer have that plant, however its descendants live on in a YCG member's garden in Yinnar South.

To take cuttings, cut off a small twig about 10cm long, leaving a small amount of leaf at the end, and place it in good potting soil. Pepinos are self-pollinating, so you only need one plant to produce fruit. Pepinos are ripe when they turn yellow

and develop purple stripes.

One of the great things about belonging to the Yinnar Community Garden is the chance to find out about rare and little known fruits, vegies and flowers which can grow in the local area. It is also a great place to share cuttings.

Membership of the YCG is \$15, but you do not have to be a member to join our Wednesday or Saturday working bees.

For more info, email [yinnarcg@gmail.com](mailto:yinnarcg@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook.

## VALE – Eric Seegers



"I regret to inform you that Watts Smart Electrical is closing up shop.

As some of you already know, Eric Seegers passed away peacefully at LRH, surrounded by family, on Saturday May 13, 2023.

Eric and I have enjoyed our time in the business, and have made true friends with some of our customers.

We value every one of you and

thank you for your support over the last 13 years. It has made us feel like a real part of the community.

I am sure each of you have had the pleasure of a "short" chat or two with Eric. That was him - full of knowledge to share, always wanting to know more, full of Dad jokes and just a genuine man willing to help out."

- Sue Seegers

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# Latrobe Community Health Service

## Make the difference!

Latrobe Community Health Service urgently seeks volunteers

Wondering how you can make a difference in your community? Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) is urgently seeking volunteers to help more people access affordable healthcare and social activities across Central Gippsland.

The community health service's volunteering arm continues to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which saw its volunteer numbers halved.

Today it is desperately seeking new recruits to fill a variety of critical roles – from transport drivers and helpers for social activity groups, to others who can provide companionship to palliative care patients and their families.

"Many of our services simply cannot run without our volunteers – their invaluable efforts allow us to invest in more services, for more people," said Adriana

Pezzutto, Volunteer Program Team Leader at LCHS.

"We are experiencing a critical shortage of volunteers, particularly in our palliative care program. We also have cars ready to drive Gippslanders to medical or specialist appointments they could not otherwise attend, but we just do not have enough volunteers to meet the demand."

There is no rigid time commitment to join LCHS's Volunteer Program and the team is very flexible on how people can help in a way that fits their schedules.

"No matter your expertise or interest, we have a volunteer role for you," said Ms Pezzutto, noting the wide range of opportunities in the Latrobe Valley specifically.

"Even if you can volunteer just an hour of your time, we'd be so grateful. Every little bit helps."

Take 2023 LCHS 'Volunteer of the Year' winner George Graham, who has contributed nearly 2,926

hours since joining LCHS in 2017 – providing support for transport, social support groups and companionship to patients, and recording biographies of people who are nearing the end of life.

"In 1977, I was recognised as the most outstanding student for electric power subjects in the UK by the Institution of Electrical Engineers, but being awarded LCHS Volunteer of the Year means more to me because it relies on people's opinions and interactions with me". George said.

"There are loads of fantastic volunteers at LCHS. So, regardless of the outcome, I'm in really great company."

To find out how you can be like George and positively impact the lives of Gippslanders, visit [lchs.com.au/volunteer](http://lchs.com.au/volunteer), email [volunteers@lchs.com.au](mailto:volunteers@lchs.com.au) or phone LCHS on 1800 242 696 and ask to speak with a Volunteer Coordinator.

## New life-saving device



### Jeeralang welcomes new heart starter

Jeeralang residents are in safer hands thanks to a new life-saving device. A 24-hour publicly accessible automated external defibrillator (AED) has been installed at the Jeeralang North Hall, thanks to the generous donation of the Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch. The device is used to shock the heart back into rhythm following a cardiac arrest.

Ambulance Victoria Gippsland Paramedic and Operations Community Engagement Liaison Coordinator Jess Shepherd said it was a welcome addition. "We are so grateful to the Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch for making the AED a reality," Ms Shepherd said. "It can mean the difference between life and death, so it is great to have one in the

area." Ms Shepherd said cardiac arrest happens when a person's heart suddenly stops beating and it can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere. "Minutes matter and the sooner a person receives cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation from an AED, the better their chances of survival."

She said anyone could use an AED, regardless of whether they have received training to do so. "Simply open it and follow the instructions.

They are safe and easy to use, and will not deliver a shock unless it is necessary." Ms Shepherd said about 20 Victorians have a cardiac arrest every day and only one in 10 survive.

"It is important the community learns how to perform basic CPR and use an AED so we can make a difference. The more people

who know what to do in an emergency, the more lives will be saved."

Ms Shepherd also urged local residents to register with the GoodSAM responder app. "GoodSAM connects Victorians in cardiac arrest with people who are nearby and willing to respond in the critical minutes before paramedics arrive.

"It will also guide them to the closest registered defibrillator."

She said you do not need to have a first aid qualification to join GoodSAM. "If you know CPR, it's as simple as signing up to save a life." Visit: [www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/goodSAM](http://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/goodSAM).

For further information please contact: Ambulance Victoria Media P (03) 9090 5582 or [Emedia@ambulance.vic.gov.au](mailto:Emedia@ambulance.vic.gov.au)

## Have your say for Creative Latrobe



Creative Latrobe will implement exciting and bold art activations and installations in Traralgon, Morwell, Moe, Churchill and one small town to be selected by the community.

These art activations will not only create quality art but also increase use, visitation and community pride.

Community members are encouraged to attend upcoming workshops in June to share their thoughts as to suitable sites and types of artwork they would like considered. Latrobe creatives and artists are also encouraged to attend to gain more information on the project aims and scope.

Creative Latrobe is a public art project partnership between Latrobe Health Assembly, Latrobe City Council and the Latrobe

community.

Mayor of Latrobe City, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan said Creative Latrobe was an exciting opportunity for community members to share their ideas on suitable locations and for local artists to get involved.

"The Creative Latrobe project will create activated and engaging spaces in locations that are typically avoided locally," said the Mayor.

"We encourage the community to get involved and share what areas such as underpasses, facades, nooks and bus stops could do with a revamp. We are interested to also hear what types of art they would like to see which could include murals, sculptures, digital, light, sound-based and kinetic art.

We look forward to

seeing what creative ideas are provided and watching the project develop and provide positive outcomes for our City."

To learn more about the sessions and register please visit: [latrobe.vic.gov.au/creativelatrobe](http://latrobe.vic.gov.au/creativelatrobe) Community members and artists can also complete an online survey by Sunday July 2 through the platform if they cannot attend a session.

Participants can attend any meeting but should be aware each session will have components relevant to areas where they are hosted. Please bring inspiration photos or other material should you already have ideas in mind.

An initiative of the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone. Funded by the State Government.



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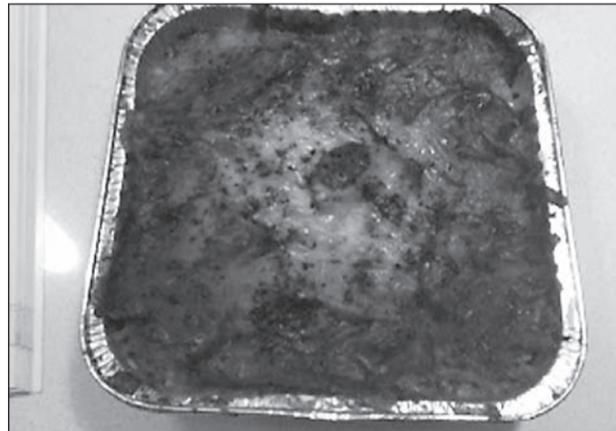
# COOKING with Noelene

## Creamy Chocolate Mousse



Whip 3/4 cup (185 ml) of cream until just starting to thicken. Melt 125 gm of a good dark chocolate, stirring the chocolate occasionally until melted, I zap it in a microwave in 15 second increments, remove from heat and allow to cool slightly. Lightly beat 4 egg yolks and stir into the melted chocolate. Fold in the cream. In a separate dry clean bowl beat together the 4 egg whites until the soft peaks form. Gently fold in the egg whites into the mousse with a metal spoon. Divide the mousse mixture between ramekins / glass dessert dishes. Cover with a plastic wrap and place in the refrigerator for 6 hours or overnight. To serve, top with whipped cream and a dust of cocoa.

## Grace's Eggplant Parmigiana



This recipe has everything, derived from friendship, family and ending in amazing nutritious food. Friendship, Family and Food - however you arrange the words, this is why I love to cook. Luisa a friend, shared Grace Tumino's

(Luisa's mum) eggplant parmigiana with me. This is amazing. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Slice 2 large eggplants into slices. Gently seal the eggplant slices in an oiled pan over a medium heat until lightly coloured on both sides. Remove from heat and set aside on paper towel. In a bowl add 700ml of chunky pasta sauce, 2 tbs of minced garlic, dried chilli to taste (optional), 1 dsp of minced ginger and 2 tbs of dried basil. Mix well. Cover the base of your ovenproof dish with a spray of cooking oil and a layer of the prepared eggplant slices. Sprinkle lightly a layer of breadcrumbs, a grated mix of parmesan, mozzarella and cheddar cheese and a light sprinkle of dried basil over top. Repeat the above process until all ingredients are used. Ending with a cheese topping. Place your dish in the preheated oven for 25 minutes. Grace suggests to let it cool and serve cold. It is also delicious served hot, just saying. Thank you Luisa for sharing your mum's recipe.

## Badami Gosht



This is the dish we prepared in 'Country' cooking class recently (ba-DAH- mee gosht) an adaption of an Indian recipe, a fragrant and spicy lamb cooked with almonds. Peel and chop 2 onions. Using a medium pan, heat 5 tbs of ghee over a medium heat. Add 2 cinnamon sticks, 6 cloves and 8 cardamom pods, cook for 2 minutes. Add the peeled and sliced onions. Cook for 5 minutes or until the onions are tender. Add 2 tbs of minced garlic and 1 tbs of minced ginger. Continue to cook until the onions are golden. Add 1 kg of diced lamb, stir until sealed. Place in the bowl of your slow cooker. Place 1 1/2 cups of natural yoghurt into a medium bowl and mix in 1 dsp of saffron powder, (I used saffron threads, but they are very expensive), 1 tsp of sweet paprika. Mix well. Now add the yoghurt mixture to the lamb in the slow cooker and stir to combine. Finally, using a small saucepan add 3/4 cup of almond meal and a little water to make a paste, now add 1 can of coconut cream (400ml), stirring through till well combined. Add the coconut mix to the slow cooker and stir through. Cook for 4 hours on high in your slow cooker. At this point add 1 cup of mixed grains (I used a mix of quinoa brown rice and buck wheat, the combination is up to you), along with 500gm of frozen beans and 1 grated carrot. Continue to slow cook until all ingredients are tender and combined, about 1 hour. This is delicious.

## Carrot and Ginger Soup



Just saying this is an amazing soup and we will be preparing this in class. I am even going fancy and preparing croutons. Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Spread 4 slices of bread with vegemite. Slice the vegemite coated bread into 16 squares. Place the bread pieces on an oven tray covered with baking paper and bake for 20 minutes, turning at 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside. Now peel and slice 1 onion and place in an oiled pan with 1 tbs of minced garlic and 1 dsp of minced ginger, stir over heat till aromatic. Add 450 gm of grated carrots, now add 1 litre of vegetable stock and simmer gently for 20 minutes or until the carrots are tender. Now remove from heat and process with a stick blender until smooth, stir in 1 tbs of lemon juice, garnish with croutons, grated lemon rind and chopped chives.

## Onion soup with ricotta and herb dumplings



This soup is best served as a main meal with the dumplings, but you may prepare the soup without the dumplings. So let's begin with preparing the soup. Melt 90 gm of butter / marg in a large pot and add 9 brown peeled and sliced onions. Leave to cook over a medium heat until the onions have softened and changed to a golden colour. Now add 1 teaspoon of sugar, increasing the heat, stirring occasionally until there are lots of brown specks through the onions. Add 1 1/2 cups of dry white wine and 5 cups of vegetable stock and season with a pinch of cayenne pepper or a drizzle of sriracha. Bring to a slow boil and then reduce heat to a simmer, cover and cook gently for 30 minutes. To prepare the ricotta dumplings, place 2 egg whites in the bowl of your electric mixer and mix till frothy. Add 1 cup of ricotta and add 3 tbs of finely grated parmesan (dried packet parmesan), 1 dsp of dried marjoram, 1 dsp of dried thyme and 2 tbs of dried parsley, 1/2 cup of breadcrumbs and 1 tsp of cracked black pepper and 1 tbs of minced garlic. Mix to combine. Put a pot of lightly salted water on the stove to boil. Take teaspoonfuls of the dumpling mixture and push into the boiling water with a second spoon. Wet the spoons in the boiling water to ensure the next dumpling slides off easily (repeat this process). Remove with a slotted spoon to drain on kitchen paper when they rise to the surface. To serve reheat the dumplings in the soup for 2 to 3 minutes or until heated through before serving. I really enjoy this soup as a main meal.

## Rice Pudding



Preheat your oven to 160 deg C. Grease a 1 litre ovenproof dish. In a bowl mix together 55gm rice (1/4 cup of short grain rice), 410 ml (1 and 2/3rds cups) of milk, 2 tbs of castor sugar, 185 ml of cream (3/4 cup) and 1/2 tsp of vanilla extract. Pour the mixture into the prepared ovenproof dish. Dust the surface with dried nutmeg and float a bay leaf on top. Bake in the preheated oven for 2 hours. The rice will have absorbed most of the milk and will be creamy in texture with a golden surface. Serve hot.



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# Festival of Big ideas

# SPORT

The Festival of Big Ideas is on June 16 - 17 at the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon.

The free festival will feature an exciting line-up of speakers, panellists and engaging activities designed to inspire and challenge regional leaders, industry and the community to think big and help shape the future of Gippsland.

Some engaging keynote speakers include physicist Dr Niraj Lal, who will talk about technology and how we navigate a modern world, and a big thinkers session featuring renowned scientist Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, entrepreneurial expert Professor Rowena Barrett and futurist Steve Sammartino.

People can either

participate as audience members with over 35 speakers across two days or get involved and pitch their ideas.

Registrations are essential. To register for a free two-day pass, visit [tinyurl.com/festivalofbigideas](http://tinyurl.com/festivalofbigideas)

See you at the Festival of Big Ideas!

## Visitor Servicing Fund has been launched

Grants of up to \$625,000 are available to tourism organisations to develop innovative tools and ideas that allow visitors to easily book and plan visits, access information and connect with our state's best experiences. Projects could include improved booking and reservation platforms, online itinerary builders, AI information kiosks or local ambassador programs, to

name a few.

By providing high-quality, personalised and timely information on what to see and do around Victoria, the program aims to encourage visitors to spend more and stay longer. It will also set up the tourism industry for success ahead of the Commonwealth Games in 2026, helping visitors plan ahead and create the trip of a lifetime in regional Victoria.

Grant applications are now open and will close on Monday July 3, 2023.

For further information please visit: <http://www.business.vic.gov.au/visitor-servicing-fund>

If your business is interested in applying we would love to know. Latrobe City may also be able to assist with a letter of support for your project.

## Churchill & Monash Golf Club



Left to Right, Marg McQuillen, Marianne Ryan, Lia Brent, ( Captain) Sandra Caldwell, Shirley Turner and Chris Stevens. Absent from photo Chris Cunningham.

### Monthly Medal Saturday April 29

A Grade Winner : D.Byers 15 86 71

B Grade Winner: M.Allen 20 84 64 Medal

C Grade Winner : B.Kilday 26 88 72

Scratch : D.Byers 83

D.T.L : 1. A.Auld 66, 2. R.Sands 72, 3. R.Davidson 72, 4. G.Spowart 73, 5. R.Abels 73, 6. W.Sutton 73, 7. M.Brereton 74, 8. J.Sanders 75, C/B, 9. G.Corponi 75,

N.T.P : 3rd G.Barnes, Pro-Pin : 12th R.Vesty, 14th P.Jordan

Target Hole: I.Fortune

Putts: M.Brereton 27 C/B

Birdies: B.Jenkins 12th

### Monthly Medal Tuesday May 2

Medal Winner: S.Turner 26 76 Nett

Scratch: S.Turner 98

D.T.L: M.Mcquillen 35 76 Nett, M.Ryan 23 78 Nett

Putts: S.Turner 32, B.Barrow 32

N.T.P: 3rd M.Ryan, 5th M.McQuillen, 12th M.Ryan, 14th S.Caldwell

### Canadian Foursomes Saturday May 6,

Winners : A.West and A.West 77.25

Runners Up : 1. Heppleston and D. Burrige 79.75 C/B

D.T.L : 1. D. Byers and J. Barnes 79.75, 2. G.Barnes and B.Frank 80, 3. M.Brereton and J. Sanders 80.25 C/B

N.T.P: 3rd Pro-Pin : A. Auld, 5th L. Anderson, 12th Anton, 14th D.Burrige

### 4 BBB Aggregate Tuesday May 9

Winners : L.Brent and B. Barrow 49 pts

D.T.L : S.Caldwell and L. Anderson 42 pts

N.T.P : 3rd L. Brent, 5th L.Brent, 12th L. Anderson

Stableford Saturday May 13

A Grade Winner : J.Barnes 27 34pts

B Grade Winner : R.Welsh 29 35pts

C Grade Winner: D.Radnell 29 35pts

D.T.L : 1. D.Burrige 35, 2. M.Allen 34, 3.R.King 33,

4. R.Sands 32, 5. P.Junker 32, Ad.West 32, 7. B.Cleland 32, 8. G. Sanders 32

N.T.P: 3rd D.Byers, %th D. beyer, Pro-Pin: 12th M.Allen

Target Hole: J.Barnes, Eagles : 6th D.Burrige, 13th J.Barnes

### Volunteers Day Ambrose Tuesday May 23

Winner: S.Turner, A. West, S.Sanders, D.Byers 61.625

D.T.L : L . Brent, M. McQuillen, C. Stanlake, P. Richer 63.125

N.T.P: 12th M.Hutchinson, 14th A.West

### Pennant Winners

In sunny conditions on May 15, Churchill & Monash Golf Club played in the West Gippsland Pennant final at Drouin against Drouin.

Despite home ground advantage the Churchill ladies were too strong and came home with the trophy. Well done !!

### A preview of the exciting events coming to our local area.

Queen Rocks - the definitive tribute

The Morwell Club, Helen Street, Morwell

Saturday June 17: 8.30pm

Boolarra monthly food and produce swap

Railway Park, Tarwin Street, Boolarra

Sunday June 18: 10.30am

Morwell Festival of dance

Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, 32 Kay Street, Traralgon

Friday June 23 - Sunday July 2: 9am - 8pm

Rose pruning demonstration

Morwell Centenary Rose Garden, Cnr Commercial Road and Maryvale Crescent

### What's on

Saturday June 24: 10.30am - 2pm

Bush Tale Bunyip Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, 32 Kay Street, Traralgon

Saturday June 24: 7.30pm

Old Gippstown ghost and park tour

Old Gippstown Heritage Park, 211 Lloyd Street, Moe

Saturday June 24: 8pm

Bubble art Morwell Library: 10am - 11am,

Tuesday 27 June

Ninja Warriors Gippsland Regional

Indoor Sports Stadium, Catterick Crescent, Traralgon

Thursday June 29: 10.30am (5-8yrs) and 11.45am (9-12yrs)

Lego lab Churchill Library:

9.30am - 11.30am, Thursday June 29

Free come and try pickleball

Churchill Leisure Centre, Cnr Northways Road and McDonald Way, Churchill

Thursday June 29: 10am - 12noon

Biggest Morning Tea at Old Gippstown

Old Gippstown Heritage Park, 211 Lloyd Street, Moe

Friday June 30: 10.30am - 12noon

Kubo Coding for Pre-Schoolers

Churchill Library: 3pm - 4pm

Friday June 30

Inflatable Otto Morwell Leisure Centre, 45 McDonald Street, Morwell

Friday June 30: 1pm - 3pm

## SCHOOL NEWS

## HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

### Well done Harri Tutin - a brilliant effort

Harri Tutin has been raising money for 'Wigs for Kids'. This organisation uses hair donations to create wigs for kids with cancer.

Harri raised over \$3000 and on Friday May 12, the whole school gathered to watch him have each of his plaits cut off and then his

head was completely shaved. We are proud of Harri's efforts and the resilience he showed whilst his head was being shaved!

HNPS has provided Harri with a free school beanie to keep his head warm leading into winter.

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# Family Fishing Day cont.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## YINNAR PRIMARY

On Friday May 12, our school participated in 'Do it for Dolly' day

This is a National Day of Action that aims to raise awareness about bullying and promote kindness and empathy. Our School Leaders, Billy, Elyse and Taylah proudly promoted the day.

The day provided an opportunity to continue to educate our students about bullying, the impact of unkind behaviour and the importance of treating others with respect and empathy.

Students actively participated in a number of activities to help develop a greater sense of empathy towards others and to recognise and understand the emotions and experiences of their peers. The day encouraged collaboration, teamwork and highlighted the positive and supportive atmosphere we have within

the school. Days like this help to create a positive and inclusive school culture, where students feel safe and supported, and where bullying is not tolerated.

Thank you to Izzy for supplying the delicious blue butterfly cookies which were given to students displaying kindness to others.

Mrs Try's Prep class made a lovely 'Quilt of Kindness.'

Some advice from our Preps: People need to be kind to make other people happy. Tilda

Kind is when you are nice to somebody and you help them. James

It's about caring for each other. I like to play with kind people. Jordan

Kind is when you are kind and help someone when they fall over. Phoebe

When you are kind to people you are really nice

and respectful. Being kind helps you be healthy and happy. Polly

### Division Cross Country and District Soccer

Recently we had 20 keen runners compete in the division level of cross country. The track, at Gaskin Park, is certainly a little more difficult to run with many more ups and downs than the flats of Yinnar. Congratulations to Elliot, Eleanor, Bonnie, Harvey, Lee, Quade, Harper, Emily Leila, Aussie, Emma, Vienna, Amira, Jackson, Charlie, Taylah, Annaliese, Ivy, Lily, and Alice for competing at division level. An extra congratulations to Taylah, Aussie, Harvey, Henry, Emily Vienna and Bonnie for qualifying for the regional event.

A group of students also attended District Soccer. They enjoyed a friendly competition with other local

schools. Henry was our top scorer for the boys with three goals. For the girls teams our top scorers were Leila and Beth. We defeated Churchill and Churchill North, but unfortunately with losses to Hazelwood North and Lumen Christi we did not proceed to the next round. We had a great day of soccer and spending time with our team and the other schools.

### Grade 5/6 Camp

Recently our Grade 5/6 students were at Sovereign Hill camp for three days with Mrs Coffin, Miss Munchton, Miss Dyke, Ms Gill, Mr Twomey and Mrs Cain.

Our camp complements our English learning unit 'The Australian Gold Rush'. This unit investigates the historical discovery of Australia's Gold Rush period, from the mid-to-late 1800s.

Key ideas that we learnt

about include the discovery of gold, mining lifestyle, wealth and success, social consequences, and how these shaped the Australia we live in today. Sovereign Hill Camp is an amazing 'hands-on' opportunity for students to explore and experience a gold rush heritage and environment. Students learnt more about Australia's Gold Rush period, its heritage and the environment, through a variety of experiences. We enjoyed some lovely weather.

### News in the Prep Classrooms

We are up to day 50 in our count towards 100 Days of School! We celebrated today with half a cupcake to signify that we are half way to 100!

We have also been learning how to solve addition and subtraction problems within five using concrete materials and drawing pictures. Our

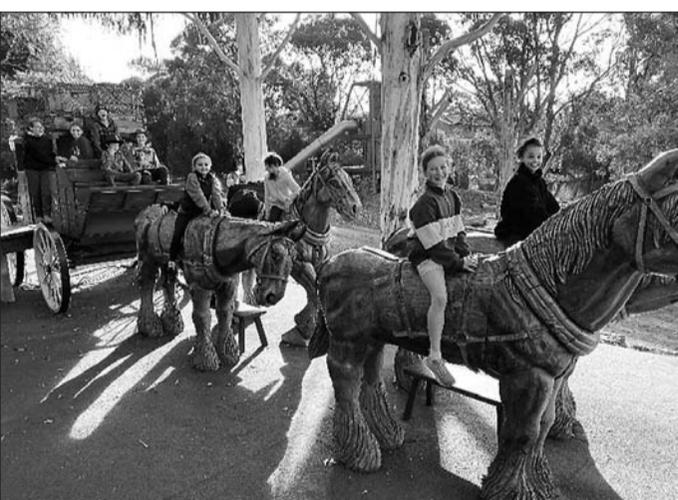
understandings are based on addition as joining and subtraction as separating. We have introduced the symbols +, -, = and how to use these to write equations.

We have been learning to compare lengths by using a common base line. Students have had to use the language 'longer than', 'shorter than', 'the same as' when comparing lengths. We were excited to do a measuring activity with our Grade 6 buddies this week!

### Grade 1/2 Classroom news

Last term we started our year learning how to write our sentences with more detail. We have begun our second term looking at compound and complex sentences.

This is quite a high concept for Grade 1/2, but the effort has been fantastic to see from all students. We cannot wait to see where we go next with this.



Top Left and Right: Division Cross Country Runners

Bottom Left and middle: Grade 5/6 camp fun at Sovereign Hill, Ballarat  
Bottom Right: Grade Prep working with Grade 6

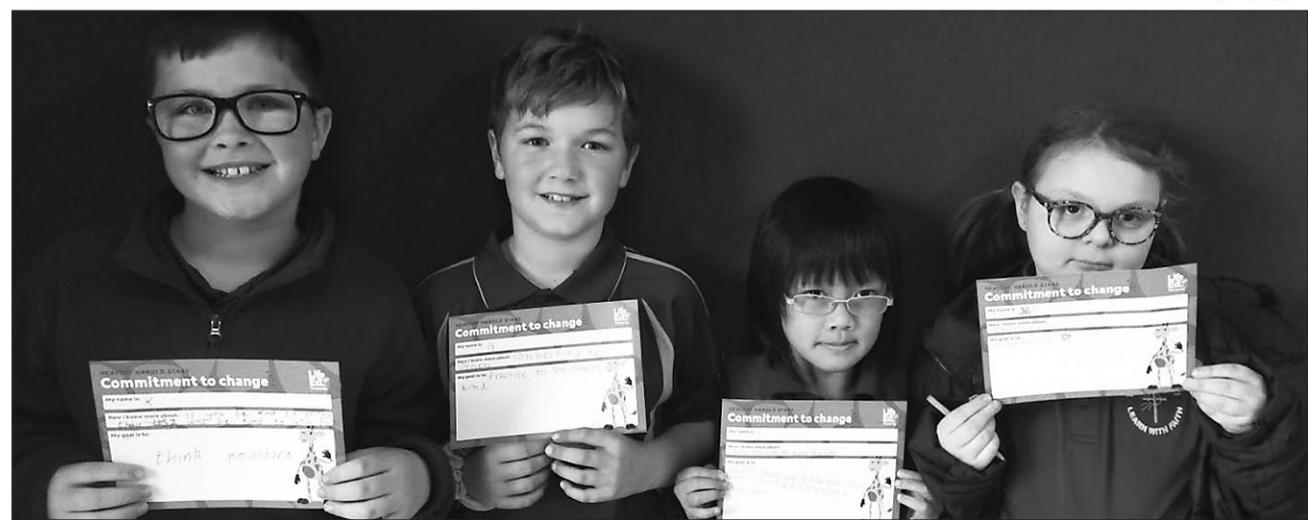
# SCHOOL NEWS

## LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY

On Tuesday May 9, Harold came to our school. He taught us about what it means to 'Connect, Respect, Relate'. He also taught us about living safely and healthy habits. It was good fun because we got to see Harold and his lovely trainer. Harold helps us to know about behaviours that are

above and below the line. To practise spreading kindness is above the line and teasing is below the line. We made commitments to change and set goals to be above the line.

By Alex and Kash  
Year 3/4 Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School, Churchill



# SCHOOL NEWS

## BOOLARRA PRIMARY

### Boolarra Easter day

On the last day of Term 1, Boolarra Primary School had an Easter day.

To start off the day, the School Captains baked up a couple of batches of cupcakes, for students to decorate. After a little bit of waiting the school leaders brought out the cupcakes, when everyone got into the kitchen we started icing and decorating. Everyone had so much fun talking and decorating their cupcakes.

While we were waiting, for the other team to complete their cupcakes, we made Easter cards. On the Easter cards we wrote funny comments, when we finished the cards, we decorated eggs for the egg roll. A lot of people made cute hats for their eggs, adding arms and legs. Some people just put a face on their egg.

To finish off the day,

after everyone completed their cards, cupcakes and eggs we all walked up the hill ready for the egg roll. When we got to the top of the hill we all sat down while we waited for the teacher's instructions. As soon as the teacher explained what to do the little kids stood up in a line ready to roll their eggs down the hill. After the little kids rolled their eggs the bigger kids lined up ready to roll. As Mrs. Smith counted us down everyone got their arms ready to roll. Little did the teachers know we were going to throw our eggs over arm down the hill. When the eggs hit the ground, they exploded on impact.

The fun planned activities organised by the school leaders, were enjoyed by all students and teachers. Thanks to everyone for making this day possible.

Written by: Logan and Kyden

### Bookfair

At Boolarra primary we had a Bookfair. It was run by Jo Cardillo. There were lots of interesting books and some little knick-knacks to buy and lots of kids came to get stuff. The kinder kids came to see it as well.

There was also a colouring competition. Lots of kids wanted to win but not all of them finished in time to enter.

There were six winners, winning a \$10 voucher each to spend at the bookfair. It was a tough competition and lots of good colourings, but only six people could come out on top. Those six people were me, Ivy, Gewalin, Jackson, Isabelle, and Violet. The bookfair was a blast and everyone loved it.

Scarlett Murden.

I was happy and surprised about my ticket

because I didn't know that I would get an award. There was a colouring competition for the Book Fair. I had to colour in a pirate picture. I won a ticket. I got a Bad Guys book. The book is funny and I am glad I got the ticket.

Gewalin

### Limerick Poem

There once was a dog named Murphy  
Who happened to tell lots of furphys  
He fell off a rock  
And broke his new watch  
And that is the end of his story

Callen Campbell

There once was an old lady named Barb  
Who liked eating lots of carbs

She had a lot of cats  
Who ate all the rats  
As she walked she wobbled like lard  
Sophia Paulston

### Enrolments for 2024 Open

Enrolments for 2024 are currently being taken. We welcome families to come and learn about our school. We are offering personalised school tours with our Principal, Susan Duncan at a time that is convenient to you. Please call on 5169 6471 to book a personalised tour. Boolarra Primary School prides itself on meeting the social, emotional and academic needs of all students. As a small school we all develop strong relationships with each other, and staff take pride in developing personalised learning.

### Our school provides:

\*A synthetic phonics program to ensure students have the skills and knowledge they need to be independent readers and writers.

\*A strong focus on teaching and learning of the

big ideas in numeracy to ensure knowledge is built on firm foundations.

\*Connections with the environment through our vegetable gardens and newly built chicken enclosure (chooks will be arriving Term 2).

\*A proactive social and emotional learning program based on the Berry Street Education Model.

\*A strong and active student leadership program.

\*A stunning and spacious outside environment that provides a range of independent play activities including building blocks, drawing, lego, chess, checkers, table tennis and a variety of ball games.

\*Breakfast Club that includes free snack and lunch items available every day to all students

\*After school care.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## KURNAI JUNIOR CAMPUS

### SOCIT Presentation

On Wednesday May 3, a compelling presentation from the Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team (SOCIT) was given to students in the drama room. Two experts spoke about consent and online cyber safety to each year level at different times during the day.

Corey Thomson is a Detective Senior Constable at Central Gippsland SOCIT. Marnie Lyon is a Senior

Digital Forensic Officer in the Cybercrime Squad. Corey and Marnie used real life examples and discussed the importance of staying on the right side of the law. They discussed a range of topics including online experiences, online child abuse, bullying, online grooming, sexual assault and alcohol consumption at parties.

Some of the facts included in the presentation were:



Over 40% of teens aged 13-14 and 50% of teens aged

14-17 have had at least one negative online experience.

In the past 12 months, ACCCE have intercepted more than 250,000 files relating to child sexual exploitation.

1 in 3 young people aged 14-17 reported having some experience with sexting.

It is illegal to share intimate, nude or sexual images without the consent of those in the image/video.

Online grooming can happen within hours or minutes and can take place on instant messaging apps,

social media, gaming sites, emails and in chatrooms.

The Key Messages of the presentation were:

1. Don't send nudes  
2. Consent is everything (Consent can be withdrawn at any time)

3. Be respectful.

We would like to thank Corey and Marnie for taking the time to present this relevant information for teenagers and for helping us stay safe.

John De Souza

# SCHOOL NEWS

# CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

## Adam Wallace visits Churchill North Primary School

The author's visit from Adam Wallace was very enjoyable. He came on Thursday May 4. We morphed with 5/6 ET and the classroom was packed! It was so packed that half of that class had to sit on the floor. All of us grew very excited for Adam to come and once he did it

was absolutely amazing! He told us stories about how he became an author and answered our questions. He gave us a tutorial on how to draw a cartoon piranha and signed our piranha pictures and signed most of our stuff.

On a Thursday morning a famous author known as Adam Wallace visited our school (Churchill North Primary School). He went to every class, and it was

very exciting for everyone in the entire school. Before he arrived in our class, we morphed with 5/6 ET and we grew even more excited than before.

Once he arrived in our class, we started with him answering our questions. A lot of us asked him a whole lot of questions and he answered all of them. He showed us some of his books and we also asked questions

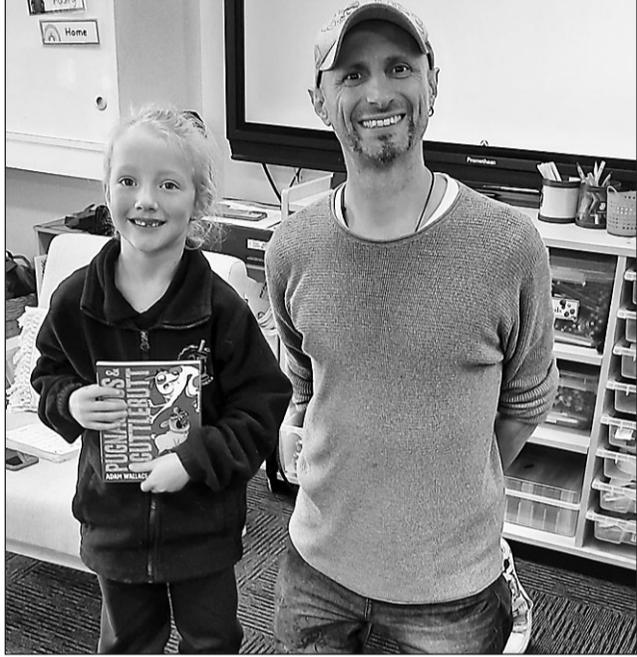
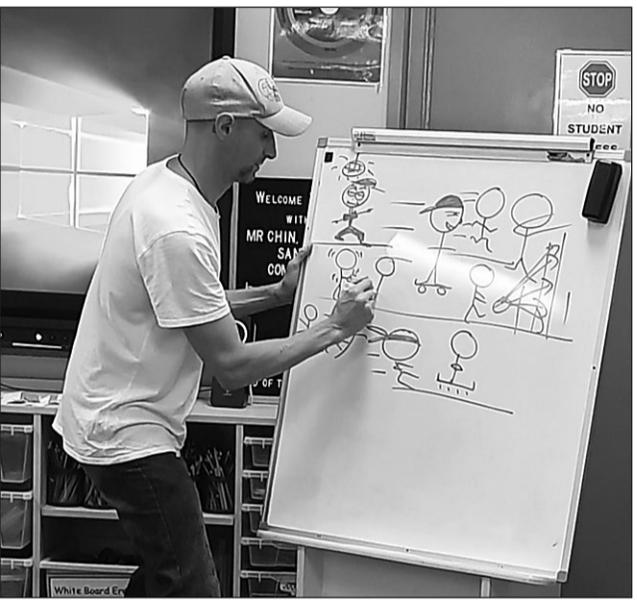
about those. Then he showed us some of his favourite books and how he gets ideas for them. He told us about new books of his that are coming out and showed his first book that he ever made which he conveniently had with him that day.

After that was finished, he taught us how to draw stick figures in different positions and how to make them more detailed. Then

he taught us how to draw a cartoon piranha from his book. It was incredibly easy, and we all got it straight away. When we were all finished, he signed our piranha drawings and most of our stuff like: drink bottles, badges, etc since he was so incredibly kind. Before he left, we all took photos with the great Adam Wallace.

Overall, Adam Wallace's visit was a great experience

for us all.  
By Shilah and Tanjim  
Adam Wallace is a New York Times, USA Today, and Amazon bestselling author whose mum and dad have bought every single one of his books! He has written books on how to draw, on how to be gross, on seriously clumsy kids and even on a boy with one arm!  
Check him out at [www.adam-wallace-books.com](http://www.adam-wallace-books.com)



The students pictured with Adam bought some of Adams books and were luckily enough to have them signed by Adam.

# SCHOOL NEWS

# HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

It has been another busy month here at HNPS! We had our soccer team compete at the District Soccer competition and they came second. Congratulations to all our players, and thank you to the staff and parents who assisted on the day.

We have had lots of buddy sessions occurring recently in order to develop student friendships, connections and enjoyment at school. Attached are some photos of some of our students enjoying their time together.

Students engage in drawing, reading, colouring, craft and other paired activities that help students to feel safe and happy at school.

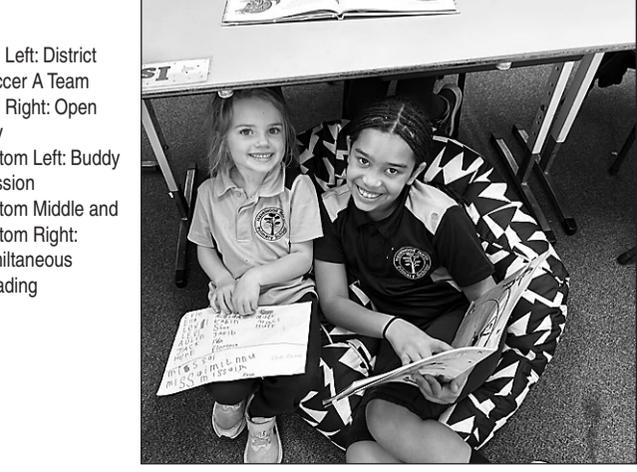
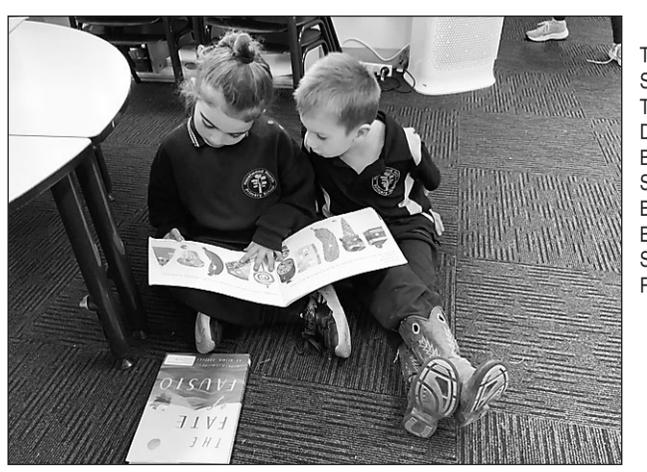
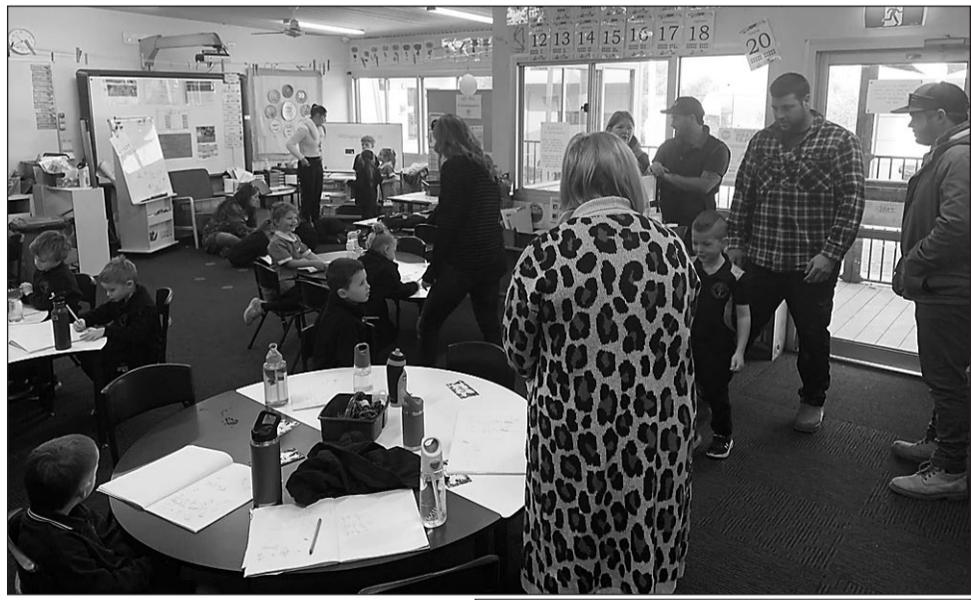
Hazelwood North P.S. also held their Open Day on Monday May 22, where we welcomed current and

prospective families into our school. We enjoyed being able to showcase our amazing learning programs, provide opportunities for families to meet our talented educators and built on connections made between home and school. We hope

that everyone who was able to attend found it valuable and enjoyable.

Lastly, we celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime by working in our buddy grades to share some of our favourite stories, as well as reading the book

chosen for this year's storytime; 'The Speedy Sloth' written by Rebecca Young. We aim to foster a love of reading and books at HNPS, and this is just one way that we develop this passion in our students.  
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Top Left: District Soccer A Team  
Top Right: Open Day  
Bottom Left: Buddy Session  
Bottom Middle and Bottom Right: Simultaneous Reading

# SCHOOL NEWS

## CHURCHILL PRIMARY

### Grade 3/4 Camp to Sovereign Hill

In the first week back to school of Term 2 our Grade 3 and 4 students stepped back in time and headed to Ballarat's Sovereign Hill. The students and teachers spent three days learning about the history of the Victorian Gold Rush era and the way people lived in the 1850s.

They explored the wonders of Sovereign Hill, learned about all the different professions - how lollies were made (and sampled the products), learned about blacksmithing, candle making (and created their own candles), and even went underground and learned about mining.

Our students attended the spectacular Aura light and sound show which

took them on a 90-minute journey of gold from the Dreamtime through to the Eureka Stockade rebellion in an amazing presentation that transformed the night sky.

They attended class in an old schoolhouse and learned what it was like to go to school, what they wore, and were entertained by a pantomime theatre show.

Of course, the most exciting thing was learning how to pan for gold, and a few students were even lucky enough to find some!

Everyone had a fantastic time on camp and the students were all extremely well behaved and upheld our school values of being Kind, Positive Learners throughout the whole time.

We would also like to thank our staff members who gave up their time away from

their own families so that our students could have this wonderful experience.

### GRIP Leadership Conference

On Monday May 8, our school Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains attended a special student leadership conference in Sale.

The theme of the day was "We Lead Everybody" and consisted of presentations, interactive activities, discussions, leadership games and entertainment. The topics covered were:

How to be an 'Others First' Leader,

The People a Leader can Impact the Most,

Ideas that Impact Everybody, and

How to Get Everybody on Board with a New Idea.

Our student leaders

participated in role play scenarios, shared ideas and experiences amongst themselves and other leaders from other schools, learnt about the importance of hearing other's opinions, fostering happiness, and demonstrating humility.

This was a valuable experience for our student leaders, and they came away with many practical tips and exciting ideas and we look forward to watching their leadership skills develop throughout the rest of the year.

### Mother's Day Breakfast

On Thursday May 11, we held a special Mother's Day Breakfast at our school and students were able to invite a special person to come and join them for a hearty breakfast of pancakes and/or cheese toasties. We had

a great turn out even though the morning temperature was a bit chilly, and it was wonderful to see so many of our families enjoying the occasion.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. Having special guests at our school is always a highlight for the students and we hope that you all enjoyed your breakfast.

### Didjeribone Visiting Performance

On Wednesday May 24, we had a special cultural incursion at our school called "Didjeribone". With his laid-back style, Tjupurru quickly had our students greeting him and responding to his questions in the language of his ancestors the Djabera Djabera people from the Kimberly region of Western

Australia.

The students were captivated with Tjupurru's ability to create music using the didjeribone (a cross between a didgeridoo and a trombone) and innovative music equipment with sounds like the haunting wind, howling dingoes and humorous kookaburras, creating genuinely Australian pieces of music.

At the conclusion of his performance six of our students were invited up to become a 'human instrument'!

We would like to thank Tjupurru for visiting, enthraling us with his personal and ancestral stories, mesmerising music creations, and using his natural ability to make us all laugh and put smiles on everyone's faces.



Top Left: CPS school leaders enjoyed their experience at the GRIP Leadership Conference  
 Top Right: Tjupurru entertained the whole school with his creative music and ancestral stories  
 Bottom Left: Sienna W, Naska M, Logahn B and Ella M enjoyed learning about the fashions in the 1850s  
 Bottom Right: Matilda S enjoyed a special breakfast with her Mum



# SCHOOL NEWS

## KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

### Yakult Excursion

On Friday May 18, the Year 12 Business Management, Year 11 and 12 Food Technology and International Program students attended an excursion to the Yakult factory in Dandenong. The students were able to see first-hand how sustainable business models are applied

in practice throughout the tour.

The students were able to learn about quality control and the sterilisation process as well as how Yakult is produced, including the company's high standards of quality control, commitment to corporate social responsibility and environmental standards.

The students were also able to try a bottle of Yakult themselves before the end of the tour.

### Cooking for the People's Kitchen

Our Vocational Major Catering class has teamed up with the People's Kitchen run by Neighbourhood House Gippsland to cook sixty meals a week for

people who access the Food Bank. Students have been able to build a range of catering skills whilst being able to give back to the community. We wish to extend our appreciation to the Latrobe Valley Health Authority who provided a grant for this activity.

### ANZAC Day Ceremony

On Tuesday April 25,

School Captains Jazmine Sanders, William Bonnici and Kerwin Valdez had the honour of representing Kurnai College at the Yinnar ANZAC service. The students laid a wreath to pay our respects on behalf of the school community. William also had the honour of playing the Last Post.

### Stress Less Bingo

Kiyomi, our Welfare Coordinator, has been running Bingo sessions once a week during lunchtime for students and staff. These have been a source of great entertainment and laughter. Kiyomi has a range of prizes and attendance has been great.



# Thank you Tracey



After twenty years of faithful service to Churchill & District News, Tracey is leaving for warmer places. To recognise and celebrate that milestone of twenty years, a lunch was held at Café Alfa which gave

the team members present a chance to thank Tracey with messages of goodwill and thanks, as well as to hear of her plans for the future. A gift of a quilt made by one member and a pair of inscribed glasses were

presented to show our appreciation of all that Tracey has contributed to our team. We wish her all the very best of health and happiness as she moves into her new home in Queensland.

# Plants in my garden

**By Mike Beamish**

**Species:** Zieria prostrata.

**Family:** Rutaceae.

**Derivation:**

Zieria: Named after Johannis Zier, an 18th-century Polish botanist.

prostrata: A Latin word meaning "thrown to the ground, prostrate or lying along the ground", pretty self-explanatory.

**Common Name:** None.

**Distribution:** Restricted to very small areas of low coastal heathland, around Coffs Harbour on the NSW north coast.

**Description:** A dwarf, spreading, compact shrub to 40cm tall and a spread of up to 1m. Leaves are trifoliolate (divided into three leaflets), dark green and glossy, and strongly aromatic.

The leaflets are obovate, up to 15mm long x 6mm wide, smooth and glandular with entire margins and a rounded apex.

Flowers have four white to pale pink petals in axillary cymes holding up to seven flowers, and are about 5mm across.

**Opinion:** My plant is now a couple of decades old and is not what I would call prostrate. It is about 50cm tall, though it is hard to tell exactly as it is growing on the mound in the front yard



around my frog pond. I would call it rocket-shaped, as its main stem is vertically straight with its branches and foliage cascading downwards in a skirt around its base. I can see though, how it could be called prostrate if the branches then continued out along the ground around it, but mine doesn't, possibly because it's slightly overhanging the adjacent pathway and I don't want it to cover the path. Not that I recall ever pruning it, but I might have done over the years to prevent it blocking the path, just like all the shrubbery further along the

path that is in dire need of a slash and burn (or a mulch is more likely). 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 9. Sharr - WA Plant Names and their Meanings. Online - PlantNET: Flora of NSW Online.




## CRAFT MARKETS & STALLS 2023

9.00 am to 1.00 pm at Churchill Shopping Centre on these dates:

### UPCOMING MARKETS

# SATURDAY 26th AUGUST

# SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER

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9.00 am to 1.00 pm AT CHURCHILL SHOPPING CENTRE

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL RETAILERS & SHOP LOCAL IN CHURCHILL

SHOPPING LOCALLY SUPPORTS LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLES, ENTERTAINMENT & VOUCHER GIVE-AWAYS

EVERY SHOPPING DOLLAR YOU SPEND LOCALLY IS AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

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## Where we live

**Naming of Churchill Streets**

The Guidelines for Geographic Names Victoria outlines 17 principle guidelines, ten policy guidelines and seven procedural guidelines to standardise the naming process and to assist naming authorities.

Generally naming authorities initiate the naming process but it may be initiated by community groups or by members of the public. The guidelines among other things, the contents of a naming proposal, an objections procedure, the use of

indigenous words and the use of commemorative names. The current guidelines reject the use of street and place names named after living persons and states there should be a long term association or significant contribution to the area or region of a deceased person.

If the current Guidelines were strictly enforced by the Shire of Morwell and its successors at the time the names were approved for Churchill, then many of the street and places would have a different name. For example, none of the aboriginal street names

would be acceptable as the words were transplanted. Streets and places named after family members of the developers, living Presidents, Councillors and officers of the Shire of Morwell would be unacceptable as they were named after living persons. John Beswick and Eli Jones would not have had their names bestowed on streets as they had no association with Hazelwood, Churchill or Gippsland.

From the book "Street and Place Names of Churchill" by Rob de Souza-Daw, available from Morwell Historical Society.

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