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Community Garden springs back to life!



By Nathan Brown

Manager, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Recently the Churchill Community Garden was absolutely buzzing with energy as we hosted the largest working bee since the garden began!

This incredible two-day effort was powered by Disaster Relief Australia, with volunteers travelling from Melbourne, Phillip Island, Lakes Entrance and locally to give their time.

A team of eight camped overnight at the Centre and worked two full days in the garden, and what a transformation it has been! What was once an under-utilised space is rapidly transforming into a vibrant, productive, and accessible area for the whole community to enjoy. We have now installed self-watering Food Cubes at an accessible height, so no more bending over garden beds!

These fantastic additions were made possible thanks to a grant from Latrobe City's Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG), helping make the garden more inclusive and user-friendly for everyone.

Dead trees were cut down and removed, new soil brought in with the front loader, old garden beds cleared out, and brand new planting areas prepped. It is all part of our Community Garden Rejuvenation Project, which began earlier this year when the garden officially became part of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

We are also excited to share that the Churchill Men's Shed has been supporting the garden by building new furniture - some for the garden itself and some for sale, with funds raised going back into supporting both the Shed and the Garden as a united community effort.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who made this weekend possible:

- Our dedicated volunteers who catered and supported behind the scenes
- The gardeners who worked shoulder-to-shoulder with the Disaster Relief team.
- The local kids who kept the coffees flowing.
- The Kurnai students who prepared delicious pre-cooked meals.
- Our fantastic Volunteer Coordinator who made it all come together.

We are genuinely humbled by the response we received and the amazing effort from everyone involved.

If you have not visited the garden recently, now is the time!

The Churchill Community Garden is more than just a place to grow food. It is a shared space designed to promote health,

sustainability, education, and connection. When complete, the rejuvenated garden will host workshops, provide fresh produce for the Churchill Food Bank, and offer locals a peaceful green space to relax, learn, and grow together.

The project is part of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre's broader mission to build a more resilient community—socially, economically, and environmentally. With climate events and cost-of-living pressures affecting many, spaces like this play a key role in strengthening local food systems and bringing people together.

Want to get involved?

Come by for a sticky beak – we are open every weekday from 10am to 3pm. If you are keen to get involved, our Garden Coordinator is on site every Tuesday and would love to have a chat.



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Here are two reported cases:

- The scammers claimed to be representatives of the ACCC and requested sensitive information over the phone.
 - Scammers misused the ACCC acronym to impersonate an unrelated organisation and spoke in a language other than English.
- The ACCC phone numbers have been spoofed, which means that the scammers have disguised their phone number to make it look like they are calling from a trusted organisation, in this case, the ACCC.

They then ask for personal information.

The ACCC and NASC will never:

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- threaten or pressure you to stay on the line.

If you receive a call claiming to be from the ACCC where personal information such as passwords or bank details are requested, do not provide this information and hang up.

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Stay protected

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create a sense of urgency. Do not rush to act. Say 'no', hang up, delete.

CHECK – Ask yourself could the call or text be fake? Scammers pretend to be from organisations you know and trust. Contact the organisation using information you source independently, so that you can verify if the call is real or not.

PROTECT – Act quickly if something feels wrong. If you have had money or personal information stolen contact your bank immediately. Help others by reporting scams to Scamwatch.

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Help others by reporting scams to Scamwatch.

Who is the National Anti-Scam Centre?

The National Anti-Scam Centre is where government and industry work together to protect Australians from scams. We are harnessing shared resources and smarter analytics to identify blind spots, strengthen weak links and use data to react faster, stopping scams before they happen.

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Rainfall

For the month of June, Churchill had received a total of 63.5mm over seven days, with the largest reading of 30mm occurring over two continuous days of rain. This is approximately half of the June rainfall from previous years of 103.5 (2023), 143.5 (2022) and 122 (2021). For 2025, a total of 243.5mm has been recorded, again half of what we would have received in previous years.

Rain at Hazelwood South The rain deficit for 2025 has increased to 22%. The tanks are not

overflowing, and the ground water is low. For June, the "SAM" climate driver is disappointingly weak, bringing little rain from the Southern Ocean. The June total of 55mm is only 65% of the monthly average. Hazelwood South was 33% wetter than the Latrobe Valley weather station. The cold mornings are demanding on the firewood. Decades ago, Hazelwood South had some snow every few years; that is now becoming unimaginable.

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"It gives me a sense of purpose": Volunteer Don shares his story

When people think of palliative care, they often think of it as a nursing service for people who are in their last stages of life.

They do not often think of it as an opportunity for people to share their story, or to leave behind a memento for their loved ones.

But that is exactly where volunteer Don comes in. He volunteers his time by providing social support to palliative care clients.

"Depending on the person, we could have coffee, drive around town, or we might just sit on the

couch. Sometimes there are tears, sometimes there is silence—all I can do is just be there," Don said.

Some clients express an interest in leaving something behind for their loved ones—whether it be a biography, or a list of meaningful songs—and Don helps them create it while he visits.

"There is something about being with someone as they share their story in such a vulnerable stage of life. I get a sense that I am becoming a richer person for just being there," he said.

"I think people want to look back at their life and consider it a worthwhile

journey, and I find it an amazing experience to learn from someone else's life journey and take inspiration from it," he added.

No matter how a person chooses to tell their story, Don helps make sure it is true to them.

"As part of meeting and getting to know someone, I make it clear that they are in control of the whole process, and that any preferences and wishes will be considered, respected and followed through," he said.

Don started volunteering at LCHS more than four years ago as a transport driver.

However, with a career in social work and history of supporting older clients, Don jumped at the opportunity to start volunteering in the palliative care space.

"I think it is important to have these programs. For some people, it may be the first time in their entire lives where they are free to be themselves and say what they want to say," Don said.

"Being a volunteer is just so rewarding, it gives me a sense of purpose," he added.

Are you interested in giving volunteering a go? Give LCHS a call on 1800 242 696 or email volunteers@lchs.com.au.



By Brenda Cheetham

One Thursday recently while walking my dog, I saw the Victorian Fisheries truck pull up at the lake.

I went over for a chat with Ben the Fisheries worker.

He had a truck full of fish, six tanks, and was putting a 'few hundred' beautiful pan sized rainbow trout into the lake.

He first had to test the water for temperature and oxygenation, if both were good he was releasing the fish.

He offered to let me release some fish and of course I said yes. Ben took

some photos and sent them to me.

He said he had two other drop offs but if the lakes were not suitable he was

coming back to put all the fish in Lake Hyland. With the school holidays coming up the kids will be happy to catch these great little fish.

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Churchill Christian Fellowship

By Steve McNeilly (Pastor)

By the time this comes out, we will be halfway through winter. I am writing this before heading off to one of our Home Fellowship meetings. Apparently, I will not be able to park where I normally park because of a fallen tree. I might have to drive up on the footpath.

Not sure if this has anything to do with the colder weather but some of the men at Churchill Christian Fellowship are planning a Men's Breakfast at our church hall on Saturday August 2. It will start at 9am and there is a recommended charge of \$5.

But the men stressed to me that they would love as many men (or young men) as possible to come. No-one who does not have the \$5 will be turned away. It promises to be a great blokey feast. Mmmm.

On other matters, I am still working my way through

my sermon series on the Book of Romans. In August, I expect to be up to the chapters that especially focus on Israel.

Many people are wondering about various Bible prophecies that mention Israel, especially in light of unfolding events in the Middle East.

As I am writing this, I do not quite know what to say. But I promise it will be interesting!

Please feel free to come join us any Sunday at 3pm at 762 Tramway Rd. Or come along on Fridays from 11am for our craft/ garden/ lunch social time. Home Fellowship/ Bible study meetings are held on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. You will be most welcome at any of these meetings.

For more information, or to register your interest in the Men's breakfast, please call 0409 173 747.

Bec Acts 16
In China we lived in an apartment block and a friend who was a musician came to visit us. She and Mike were playing away and we were all singing our hearts out to the Lord. We were singing so loud we did not hear, but when we came to the end of the song we realised someone was thumping on the door. This was China. Our first thought was: Uh oh we are in trouble now. When I opened the door it was a mother and her son from another apartment. They were not even complaining. In fact they liked it and just wanted to come in to listen. You never know who is listening or who is watching.

Acts 16 tells the event of a slave girl being released from demons to a new life. Her owners were not pleased.

From Isaiah 61 we read the following-

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the

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poor.

He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free,

19 and that the time of the Lord's favour has come

As the Gospel spreads, we see all these things happening, just as they did with Jesus' ministry.

Seven hundred years before Jesus walked the earth, Isaiah proclaimed that one of the things Jesus would do and by extension, one of the ministries of the church, would be to release the captives and to set the oppressed free. We need to recognise evil around us and within us; we need to call it out; we need to speak truth to power even if it gets us in trouble. When we are under the pump, people will be watching to see how we respond. We, in the present time are Jesus examples. We can be sure people will be listening and they will be watching how we act under all circumstances.

Melissa's message

Melissa spoke on Pentecost Sunday - the day to celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples with wind and tongues of fire.

The term Pentecost was another name for Shavuot, the Jewish Festival of Weeks. This festival was one of the harvest festivals that had been commanded by God back in the time of Moses. (Leviticus 23). This festival took place 50 days after Passover, and the Greek word 'pentekoste' means '50th day'. Hence the name Pentecost.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues 'as the Spirit enabled them'. The result of this was that all those people from different parts of the world were able to understand the good news about Jesus. The small group of believers in Jerusalem grew rapidly. 3000 were added to their number on that day of Pentecost.

How can we be listening to the Holy Spirit and letting Him work through us to make Jesus' name known - like they did at Pentecost?

1. Reading our Bibles. Knowing scripture that you

have read, and just as Jesus said, the Holy Spirit will remind you of it so you can use it to speak the truth to others.

2. Believing God's Word and putting in to practice. If we have had to deal with difficult situations and people we need to be reminded that the Holy Spirit can pour God's love in to our hearts so we have the means to forgive the people who have hurt us.

3. Being available always.

The Holy Spirit can use us to serve others and see to their needs, but we need to be aware at all times of those around us.

4. Being willing to change.

When we are trusting in God and letting the Holy Spirit lead us, rather than saying 'this is what I have planned', He can use the gifts we have and multiply them.

5. Prayer. Ephesians 6:18 says, 'And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.'

The Holy Spirit intercedes for us when we pray. We are told in Romans Chapter 8 that even when we do not know what to pray for, He intercedes for us with wordless groans. He is a wonderful Friend.

These points are just some of the ways that we can allow the Holy Spirit to have more of us. He is our Advocate, our Teacher and our Guide. He is always with us and will never leave us. He is the gift that God gives to all believers. May each one of us get to know Him more and more, and allow

Him to work in us and through us to show others God's love.

Boolarra Church

Our opening hymn today was a South African traditional song called Siyahamba (We are Marching).

We sang it in celebration of South Africa winning the Test Cricket Championship, a wonderful moment of unity for them and their country. (Even I, a rather one-eyed Aussie supporter, was pleased for them!). The song, translated in English as 'We are marching in the light of God' is also an expression of the unity all Christians have in Christ Jesus. We are indeed marching in the light of God.


The service was taken by Bec Hayman, and the sentence of scripture for the service was 'I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.' Galatians 2:20.

The Old Testament reading for today was the account of Naboth's vineyard in 1Kings 21:1-21. Ahab, the Israelite king, saw Naboth's vineyard and wanted it, but Naboth would not sell the inheritance given to him by God.

Ahab sulked, and his wife Jezebel then used underhand means to have Naboth killed so that Ahab could have the vineyard. In her sermon Bec encouraged us to think about what might cause something 'good' to become available to us and to ask the question, 'Was this ethical?'

We shared communion together, always a special time.

After the service we had morning tea and a chat.



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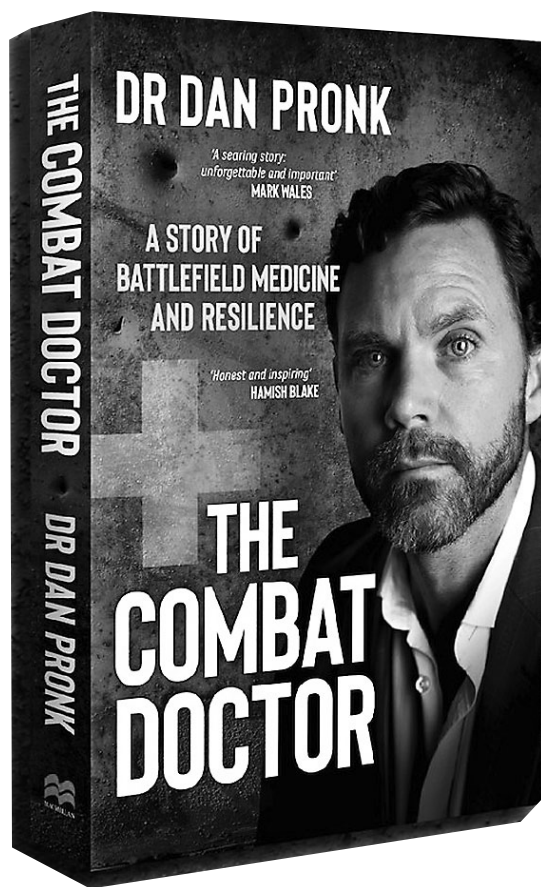
"The Combat Doctor"

by Dan Pronk 2022

This is a memoir focusing largely on Dan Pronk's military career. He has also written "The Resilience Sheild" with his brother Ben and Tim Curtis and "Average 70kg D##head" as well as being a regular keynote speaker, resident doctor on the television series "Doctor Dan", and had an appearance on a reality television series. He received a Commendation for Distinguished Service, is a member of the NATO Special Operations Forces Medical Expert Panel and an advocate for men's health. He and his wife have three sons.

Dan Pronk was born into a military family, his father being a military pilot and his brother being an elite soldier in the Australian Army. Twelve-year-old Dan could easily have headed in the wrong direction, having shared a full bottle of gin with his fourteen-year-old friend and getting his thrills through graffiti vandalism. He did settle down and had his heart set on a career as a professional triathlete, but by his early twenties he realised that this dream would never happen, so in 2001 he entered the army on a scholarship to study medicine.

A self-confessed adrenaline junkie, he decided to apply for the Special Air Service Regiment Selection Course, and he outlines in great detail the three hellish weeks of training with the SAS Regiment, testing physical as well as psychological resilience. He



believed this would give him the opportunity to use his medical skills in a "life and death" environment. He served in Timor Leste and then in over one hundred combat missions in Afghanistan as a Special Forces Combat Doctor.

Alongside his military life he married and fathered three boys, with his wife living the life of a single parent and moving about the country to accommodate Dan's military career. The death of friends on the battlefield and his inability to save them led to Dan leaving the army in 2014 with a view to settling down into an idyllic civilian life.

However his work in combat led to him suffering Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, something he never considered might affect him. The support of his wife and a posting as a doctor on a remote mine site began his healing journey and gave him back a sense of purpose.

This book had a mixed reaction, being very easy to read despite the incredible number of acronyms. Whilst there was no denying Dan's bravery and dedication, his resilience and determination, it was also clear that he was quite arrogant and selfish, and to his credit he acknowledges this. Some of us had trouble reconciling his oath as a doctor with his desire to kill. In view of the controversy around alleged war crimes in Afghanistan this was not pleasant reading. All agreed that his wife was also deserving of recognition for her support of him throughout and her role in his success.

Battery Storage funded for Moe/Newborough and Churchill

Latrobe City Council has secured grant funding for battery storage installation at Latrobe Leisure Moe/Newborough and Churchill in Round Two of the Victorian Government's \$42 million 100 Neighbourhood Battery Program.

The new systems will provide backup power for critical power and lighting circuits for up to two days, with capacity to charge from solar to extend their duration.

Climate change and extreme weather events are an increased risk to electricity infrastructure in Latrobe City.

The energy backup systems will act as energy resilient hubs for community members to access in the event of extended grid outages.

Both locations were selected following detailed feasibility and business case-work.

The project is part of a joint initiative led by the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance in



partnership with ten regional councils, with support from the Gippsland Alliance for Climate Action.

Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Dale Harriman was thankful for the funding secured.

"This grant funding is an important step towards making Latrobe Leisure Moe/Newborough and Churchill more energy-efficient, resilient and

sustainable spaces for the community. Council is proud to be leading the facilitation of local energy solutions that create long-term environmental and financial benefits and demonstrate a model for others to follow.

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Car Theft – OBD locks

Car thieves are using key programming devices to steal vehicles with start buttons, leading to a surge in Victorian car theft. Here's how to help deter push-start car theft with an on-board diagnostics (OBD) lock.

Car theft in Victoria has surged to levels not seen since 2003, according to Victoria Police. The latest crime statistics show 25,773 vehicles were stolen in Victoria in the year ending September 2024: 6,408 more than the previous twelve months. This comes after a gradual decline in car theft over the past 20 years as vehicle security improved.

Victoria Police has recently issued a warning that cars with electronic push start technology have become the latest target for thieves. With no ignition key required, thieves are using third-party electronic devices, typically through the on-board diagnostics (OBD) port, to override the vehicle's security system and start the engine.

Here is what you need to know about the crime, and how to help prevent having your own push-start car stolen.

You can purchase an OBD port lock to help keep your car safe from theft. These locks fit over the OBD port to prevent offenders from connecting a reprogramming device to your vehicle.

Once fitted, OBD locks require a specific key or code to unlock, ensuring that only the owner can remove the device.

Some OBD locks are simple, one-piece designs that fit directly over the OBD port, while others are more complex, featuring locking mechanisms that require a key or fob for access. Advanced models come with additional features, such as alarms or GPS tracking, providing an enhanced security solution.

How to install an OBD lock

In general, OBD port locks are easy to install yourself. OBD port locks are cheap and readily available from auto shops and vehicle anti-theft websites.

You will need an OBD lock kit, a screwdriver, and possibly a socket set, depending on your vehicle model. Follow this step-by-step guide to ensure a successful installation:

- Turn your vehicle off and remove any keys.
- Locate the OBD port in your car, usually found under the dashboard near the driver's seat

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national recognition for her
contributions to our sport!

Janine has been an icon
of our sport for many years
and is well known around
the country, as well as
internationally.

Janine or J9, as she is
known, has been a skilled
national representative in
Classic Accuracy, Large
Formation and 4-Way
Formation Skydiving. She
is an Instructor A, display
jumper, coach and mentor,
who has been a part of sport
parachuting for 44 years.

Over her APF journey
J9 has taken on many
volunteer roles, from the
Board to National Coaching
Director, Chair of the

Awards Validation Unit,
and Director of National
Development. She recently
returned to the APF Board,
stepping up as a Director at
a difficult time during her
late husband Ken's illness.

Ours is a small sport,
and when one of our high
achievers is recognised in
such a manner, we all have
every right to feel proud.

Janine's first jump was at
Labertouche on September
19, 1981, and since then
she has gone from strength
to strength. She still has the
energy and drive to provide
many more years of service
to the sport. I know I join
with many others in wishing
her well.

Previous APF recipients
of the OAM are: Claude
Gillard, Graeme Windsor,
Johannes Chitty, David
Smith, Jules McConnel and
Laurie Sams.

Janine said "It has

been a huge week. I am so
humbled, proud and totally
floored to have received an
OAM in the King's Birthday
Honours list for services to
skydiving.

Words cannot express
what this means. Hillsy was
such a massive supporter
so along with my family
and friends, this is a shared
honour with all of you
who have been part of my
passion and journey for
nearly 44 years.

I would like to
emphasise that I am
humbled to receive this
award amongst so many
other Australians who are
making a difference in
people's lives.

I particularly want to say
that if you are or have been
a carer in any capacity then
I salute you and want to
acknowledge your selfless
contribution to making the
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Another year has ended for the Lions Club of Churchill. The Club recently held its' annual Changeover dinner at the Churchill Chinese Restaurant during which the new 2025/2026 Board was inducted by Lion Herb Smith from the Yinnar Lions. At the induction, outgoing President Robin King, handed the gavel onto new President David Lyne. Robin served the Club as President for two terms and wishes new President David well and hopes he enjoys his time as much as he has done.

At the Clubs Changeover dinner Lion Robin thanked Club members for their assistance and their willingness to take part and giving their time and service into all the Club projects during the year, noting that it has been a busy year for the Club. Robin said that the Club has continued to strongly contribute to the local community and to its' Lions International projects. Not just financially but also through members giving their time to the many different Club projects such



Bob beside wife Sue being congratulated by Lion Robin King (left) and new President David Lyne (right). Daughters Simone and Nicky standing behind

as the support for our local primary and secondary schools, and junior sporting clubs, supporting our local hospital. A standout was the Club's donation to enable the hospital to purchase a blanket warmer, for the hospitals palliative care unit in memory of Lion Kevin Hogan, who passed away in June last year. Having a defibrillator made available 24/7 at the Churchill Police station was another standout. Robin especially thanked Club Secretary Peter Tait and Lion Treasurer Peter North for all their dedicated work managing the Club and keeping the Club in a good

position for the new year. Robin also thanked the work Lions Reg Grisotto and Ross Norman put into managing the many Club projects.

The night was made memorable with Lion Bob Lowick being honoured with Lions Club International Life Membership for his dedicated work over 37 years for the Club, Lions International and his local community. Bob was presented with his certificate by fellow Life Member Lion Reg Grisotto, with family members present

Lions Treasurer Peter North was also honoured with Lions International Life Membership earlier in the year for his work as Club Treasurer for the past thirty years

During the year the Club welcomed two new members, inducting Fiona Lane and Peter Lucas into the Club this year; both are regular volunteers at our many projects. Sadly, we lost Lions Carl Hood and Bob Christie, who passed away during the year, and also popular Lion Kevin Wanless, who moved back to the city for work opportunities.

Our meeting place changed from the Churchill Hotel to the Churchill Golf Club, early in the year, a move that seems to have

worked out very well for the Club. Our meetings have been well attended, with plenty of healthy banter and humorous discussions with plenty of laughs and fun in between, there has always been respect for members with differing views.

In past years the Club has been very active in the community. It was there on Australia Day presenting Community Service awards, and at the Community Breakfast and the ANZAC Day Ceremonies serving breakfasts. The Club again ran the Churchill Community Fishing and Fun Day at Lake Hyland, giving local kids the opportunity to win some great prizes. The Club helped out at Churchill Carols by Candlelight and continues to support Camp Quality which supports kids with cancer. It gives kids the chance to go to camps or weekends away so that they can forget about their cancer for a while. The Club has also sponsored the Skin Spot Van to come, for local people to get skin cancer checks done, and also assisting at the Blokes Biggest BBQ for prostate cancer.

Catering has continued to raise funds for the Club as well as some well-earned praise. Catering is the main



Lion Peter North being presented with Lions Life membership by District Governor

income that supports our community projects, money raised always puts a smile on Treasurer Lion Peter North's face.

We have catered at some big events over the past year like the Union Christmas Picnic Day where the Club cooked chips for the families attending the picnic, cooking nonstop all day but no one missed out on their bucket of chips.

We have travelled as far as Korumburra to the Garlic festival to cater, the Club has also catered at

- The Traralgon Lions Carols by candlelight
- Traralgon Racing Club Derby Day and Traralgon

Cup race days

- Hazelwood Mine rehabilitation Christmas breakup lunch
- Gippsland Outdoor Living and Caravan Show
- Monster Truck show
- Sausage Sizzles at Bunnings
- Catered Fish and chips for Latrobe City Social Club
- Australian Lion's Traralgon convention

Members provide their time freely to these projects but there is camaraderie, fun and laughter, importantly there is a knowledge that the work they put in will earn money to help those who need it most.

That is why we are Lions.



Left new President David Lyne, right outgoing President Robin King





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The working bee was attended by five eager volunteers. The new roadway down to the old house had two washouts following the rain. These were repaired. A drain on the Lion's Walk- the one across the top paddock was blocked. This blockage was also cleared.

The Interchange crew helped with two burn offs, and did some clearing up. They are a great help.

A person known to a committee member has donated a Norfolk pine for the park. This was picked up by two committee members and will be planted in the top paddock as a specimen tree. It will look magnificent



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Image: Bridget Hillebrand

Saturday 26 July at 2 pm
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intimate discussion about
her solo exhibition Into the
Deep.

Specially commissioned
by LRG for Gallery 3,
the installation reflects
Hillebrand's fascination with

the deep ocean – humanity's
last great unexplored
frontier – and questions our
relationship to this largely
unseen realm via installation
and sound.

Audiences are invited to
hear Hillebrand's insights
into the motivations behind
the work, and the process
of bringing the intriguing
immersive installation to
life.

Dr Bridget Hillebrand
is an interdisciplinary artist
based in Naarm/Melbourne
whose visual research
explores the physicality of
making images as a response
to the experience of place.

Her recent projects
intertwine art, science
and environmental
consciousness and reflect
upon the human impact on
shifting ecological systems.

Friends of Morwell National Park



June Activity Report

For this activity we had Anita, Gordon, Olga, Mike, Cathy, Ken, Joelle, Matt, Peter and Darren. We also had nine members of the public along for the fungi walk.

A welcome to Olga, at her first activity, was made. We had apologies from Tamara, Caitlin and Kuan.

Anita welcomed the group and spoke about the plan for the day. We were greeted by a cool but dry day, so it was a great morning for a walk. With lots of new people, Anita asked everybody to introduce themselves.

There was a quick catchup of news since the last activity.

We had AGL approach us asking whether we wanted any nesting boxes. The answer was yes please; can we have twenty? It is great to know that they will be constructed by the local Men's Sheds. As the boxes currently on the trees age and

fall apart it will be great to have these boxes to replace the boxes currently in use. Thank you, goes to AGL and the Men's Sheds.

Peter and Darren left the group and travelled to Jumbuk Road where they planned to remove some pine trees which had reseeded after a group of pine trees were removed by Park contractors, a good while ago.

Sadly, none of the pine trees were removed since a neighbour met with them onsite and stated that these trees could not be removed.

The rest of the group had more success in the fungi and lichen walk.

The lichen and fungi walk followed the Fosters Gully track up to Lindons Clearing and back. Some people who were walking at a quicker pace, walked the full Fosters Gully loop. Most people were more interested in the fungi so most of the observation and conversation was around

this topic. Some species observed were: Hypholoma fasciculare, Lepiota, Entoloma, multiple Mycena varieties including Mycena interrupta, Schizophyllum commune, Podoscypha petalodes and Tremella fuciformis. Some of the lichen varieties observed included Dust Lichens, Fruticose, Peltigera and Cladonia rigid. A couple of lyrebirds were spotted, and several eastern yellow robins were active in the area.

Everybody enjoyed the walk around Fosters Gully. Most headed home at the completion of the walk, while others stayed and enjoyed their lunch in the picnic area.

July Activity

Sunday July 20, 10.00pm

The group will meet at the Junction Road car park to undertake some 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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What do you know?

Here are the answers to last month's challenge:

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| 1. Creme fraiche | 4. Croissant |
| 2. Crepe | 5. Crostini |
| 3. Crimp | 6. Crumpet |



Here is my challenge for you this month:

- | | |
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| 1. An infusion of herbs, flowers or spices steeped in boiling water to make a tea like drink? | beaten egg yolks, sugar and mascarpone? |
| 2. To turn and lift food, such as salad, to ensure it is evenly mixed and coated with seasoning or dressing? | 4. An hors d'oeuvre made from black olives crushed to a paste with anchovies, capers, olive oil and lemon juice? |
| 3. Translates to 'pick me up'. A popular dessert made with sponge fingers saturated in strong coffee then layered with | 5. An astringent substance found in tea? |
| | 6. Selection of hors d'oeuvres and appetisers? |

Cream filled brioche buns

Ingredients



500gm of plain flour, 1 tsp of salt, 250ml of milk, 1 dsp of instant dried yeast, 40gm of castor sugar, 6 egg yolks lightly beaten, 150gm of room temp butter/ marg, 115gm of warmed honey, 40gm of flaked almonds.

Cream Filling Ingredients

500ml of milk, 1 dsp of vanilla bean paste, 6 egg yolks lightly beaten, 100gm of castor sugar, 90gm of honey, 50gm of cornflour mixed with 50ml of milk to make a paste. Combine the flour and salt in the bowl of your mixer. In a medium saucepan warm the milk till just warm then add the yeast, sugar and stir to dissolve. Then add the beaten yolks and whisk together. Place the paddle attachment on your mixer, pour in the liquid mix over the flour and beat for 5 minutes on a medium speed. Increase the speed and add the butter bit by bit. The dough will be ready when it comes away easily from the side of the bowl during the beating process. Transfer to a clean bowl and set aside in a warm place for 2 hours or until more than doubled in size. Line 2 baking sheets/ trays with baking paper. Punch down the risen dough and turn onto a lightly floured work bench. Divide the dough into 12 portions and form into ball shapes about 6cm diameter. Place 6 balls on each prepared baking sheet/ tray. Preheat your oven to 200deg C. Leave to rise again in a warm spot for 1 hour or until doubled in size. Brush the tops of the buns with the warmed honey and sprinkle with the flaked almonds. Bake for 10 minutes in the preheated oven or until they sound hollow when tapped on their base. Cool on a wire rack. To make the cream filling, place the milk in a small saucepan, add the vanilla paste and bring to a simmer. Place the egg yolks, sugar, honey and cornflour in a bowl and mix until pale yellow. Mix the egg mixture and hot milk together and beat until well combined. Place the combined mixture in a clean saucepan and cook over a medium heat until thick. Scrape into a medium bowl and cover with cling wrap and allow to cool. Place the cooled cream filling in a piping bag fitted with a nozzle. Pierce each brioche bun and squeeze in as much cream filling as you can. These are delicious...!!

Honey and lemon tart



Pastry Ingredients

225gm of plain flour, a little extra for dusting, pinch of salt, 1 dsp of castor sugar, 150gm of butter/marg, 3 tbs of water.

Filling Ingredients

375gm of cream cheese or soft ricotta cheese, 6 tbs of honey, 3 lightly beaten eggs, 1tsp of ground cinnamon, grated rind of one lemon, the juice of one lemon, lemon slices to serve, optional.

Preheat your oven to 200deg C. Lightly grease with cooking spray a 9"/ 23cm round fluted pan/ dish.

Place the flour, sugar and salt in a medium /large bowl and rub in the butter/marg with your fingertips.

Add the water and mix to form a smooth dough.

Wrap the dough in cling wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

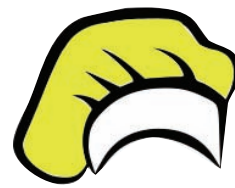
To make the filling mix together in a bowl the cheese and the honey, beat until smooth.

Now add the beaten eggs, lemon juice and grated rind, mix together well. Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured work surface and use to line the flan pan/dish, trim the edge.

Line the pastry with baking paper and fill with baking beans or uncooked rice. Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes.

Remove the baking paper beans/rice and bake for a further 5 minutes or until the tart base is firm but overly browned. Reduce the oven temperature to 180 deg C. Pour the filling into the tart base and bake in the reduced heat oven for 30 minutes, or until set.

Serve cold, decorated with lemon slices.



Old fashioned macaroon cake



Ingredients

125gm of butter/margarine, 1/2 cup of castor sugar, 1 tsp of vanilla extract, 3 eggs (separated), 1 and 1/4 cups of plain flour, 1 and 1/4 tsp of baking powder, 2 tbs of milk, 4 tbs of soft berry jam/lemon curd.

Ingredients for the macaroon topping

1/2 cup of granulated white sugar, 1 tsp of cornflour, 3/4 cup of desiccated coconut, 3/4 cup of quick or rolled oats.

Preheat your oven to 160 deg C. Grease and line a 20cm/8" springform round pan. Cream the butter/margarine, castor sugar and vanilla extract, add the beaten egg yolks and mix through.

Mix together the dry ingredients and fold into the butter/marg mixture in 3 alternate amounts with the milk.

Spoon the cake batter into the prepared pan. Carefully spoon the soft jam/curd over the batter surface, keeping off the edges as much as possible.

Set aside, while you prepare the macaroon topping. Beat the egg whites stiffly and gradually add the granulated sugar, beating well between each addition.

Mix together the oats, cornflour and coconut, carefully spread this mixture over the jam layer. Bake in the preheated oven for 40 - 45 minutes (till lightly golden). Let the cake stand in the pan for 5 minutes before removing the sides of the pan and allowing the cake to cool completely on a wire rack.

Slice as required to serve.

Meat lovers pizza - a different way to serve mince



Ingredients

500gm of lean beef mince, sprinkle of dried Italian herbs, 1 small red mini capsicum, 4 tbs of tomato paste, 100gm of grated tasty cheese, 2 tbs of minced garlic, sprinkle of dried chives, sprinkle of chopped fresh parsley, sprinkle of ground paprika.

Mix the mince in a bowl with the dried Italian herbs and minced garlic. Line a medium fry pan with baking paper and heat over a medium heat. Press the mince onto the baking paper to form the base of the 'pizza'. Cover the pan and cook on medium high till the mince changes colour. Turn the meat over and continue to cook for 5 minutes. Spread the tomato paste over the mince then sprinkle the chopped capsicum over followed by the grated cheese, a light sprinkle of Italian herbs, chives and chopped parsley. Cover the pan and cook on medium till the cheese melts. Serve with crusty bread and a salad or as you desire.

Chicken with soy sauce



Ingredients

8 pieces of chicken with the skin on, 100ml of soy sauce, 200ml of tamari, 100ml of kecap manis, 2 and 1/2 tbs of Worcestershire sauce, 2 and 1/2 tbs of butter/marg, cracked black pepper to sprinkle.

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Lightly grease a baking dish. Place the chicken pieces in the dish, skin side up. Mix together the sauces with 100ml of water. Pour the sauce mixture over the chicken pieces and divide the butter/marg and place a knob on each piece of chicken. Bake in the preheated oven for an hour or until the chicken is cooked through and the skin crispy. Baste halfway through and add a little water if the pan is too dry. Serve the chicken with sauce from the pan with a steamed grain, salad or vegetables of your choice.



CDCA AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday August 14, 2025, downstairs in the Churchill Town Hall.

Commencing at 7pm, there will be a special presentation by members of Latrobe City Council's Strategic Planning team on a review of the Churchill Town Centre Plan.

It is about 15 years since the Churchill Town Centre Plan was done, so this review is designed to update the Plan to guide future development in and around the town centre.

The review does not just cover the retail centre; it includes the western side of Monash Way (from Canterbury Way to the Switchback Road roundabout), the vacant land on the eastern side (both the McDonald Road/Northways Road parcel and the area adjacent to the Churchill hotel site) as well as east of Philip Parade all the way to the University precinct.

Council's Strategic Planning team are keen to engage with the community as they draft the new version of the Churchill Town Centre

Plan and will arrange several public sessions to meet with locals.

One such opportunity will be a stand at the Churchill Shop Local Winter Market, to be held on Saturday August 30, at our shopping centre. You will likely find Council's stand somewhere in the vicinity of West Place (near Woolworths). They will have maps to view and plenty of questions for you!

CDCA's AGM will also include the usual presentation of Annual Reports and elections for committee membership. Only CDCA members may stand for committee and/or vote in our elections.

Everyone is welcome to attend, particularly if you have an interest in planning ahead for Churchill's future development!

CDCA members have also decided that our AGM should include a discussion about CDCA's Objectives (as outlined in CDCA Rules).

Currently, CDCA Rules state:

"CDCA's objectives are:

• To actively promote the area as a great place to

live and raise a family.

• To act as a voice on issues of strategic significance to the whole area.

• To advocate for open, transparent, inclusive and responsive processes to be adopted in planning and decision making to Churchill and District.

• To establish and encourage forums for discussion on issues specific to Churchill and District.

• To assist organisations based in Churchill and District to further their interests by encouraging interaction between groups and stakeholders.

• To act as a voice for groups and individuals to present specific issues to Council, State and Commonwealth agencies and/or other relevant organisations.

• To act as an impartial body with membership drawn from the community and relevant interest groups in Churchill and District.

In achieving these objectives, CDCA will actively monitor and assist in any review of strategic

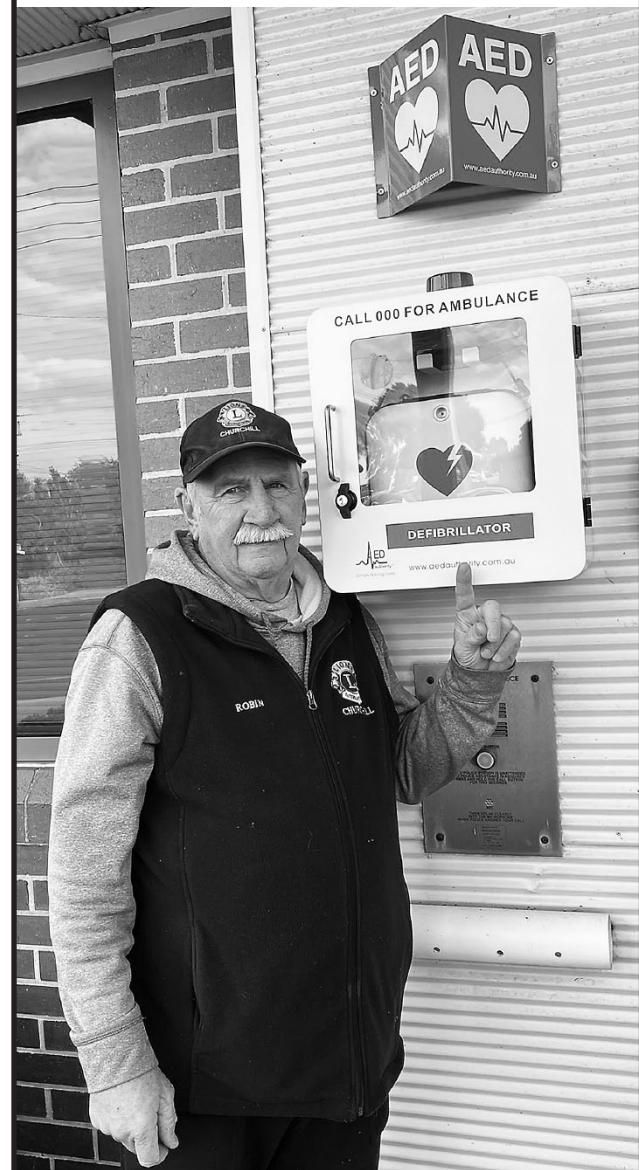
planning for Churchill and District. It will work closely with governments, community, business organisations and sporting organisations at all levels, with Federation University Australia and Latrobe City, in achieving good outcomes for Churchill as a university town."

CDCA members may decide to update these Objectives at our AGM, which will require a Special General Meeting later in the year to make a change to our Rules.

A variety of information about CDCA, including our Rules, Agendas, Minutes, Committee membership, dates of future meetings and so forth are readily accessible by visiting our website – cdca.org.au

You can also contact CDCA via the "Contact Us" function. Email CDCA directly at info@cdca.org.au or send us a message via our Facebook page (search for Churchill District Community Association) or write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

Lions Club Defibrillator



The Churchill Lions Club have purchased and had installed an AED defibrillator outside the Churchill police station so it is accessible to all who may need it, twenty-four hours a day. There is a key pad to open the door to retrieve the defibrillator. When you ring 000 you tell them the identity number on Churchill police station they will give you the key pad number so you can open the door and retrieve the defibrillator. This may not be necessary if the door is already open.

Construction underway at Gippsland Sport and Entertainment Park

Latrobe City Council is pleased to announce that work has commenced at one of Latrobe City's largest sporting facilities, Gippsland Sport and Entertainment Park (GSEP).

These upgrades will transform the park into a modern, accessible, and inclusive venue. The new grandstand and pavilion, standalone change pod, lighting, playing surface upgrades and synthetic pitch will help cater to growing demand and attract high-quality events to Latrobe City. Head contractor Building Engineering is leading construction at the

site.

Recently Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing, visited Morwell to officially mark the start of works at GSEP, made possible through the Victorian Government's \$2 billion regional package the Regional Sports Infrastructure Program.

The GSEP upgrades are being delivered by Development Victoria on behalf of the Victorian Government and are expected to be completed in late 2026.

Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Dale Harriman said the uplift

to the facility will further enhance the region's status as the premier sporting destination southeast of Melbourne.

"Whether it's elite sport, grassroots competitions, or community events, this space will serve as a genuine hub for activity and connection across Gippsland," said the Mayor.

"The works will deliver a first-class facility – a major outdoor events venue that will not only support local community clubs but also attract visitors to the region, creating broader tourism and economic benefits.

As we look to the future, it is also important to acknowledge the legacy that has brought us here – particularly the role of the Falcons Soccer Club, and the dedication of people like Don Di Fabrizio, whose vision and commitment helped establish and grow this site into what it is today.

"This project is also incorporating local culture and design elements in partnership with the Gunaikurnai Traditional Owners – ensuring the venue

reflects the identity and heritage of our region."

Council extends its thanks to the Gippsland Sport and Entertainment Park Redevelopment Project Reference Group who provided input into the work at GSEP and the local sporting clubs that have relocated for a period to allow the works to progress.



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Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: Hakea nitida.

Family:Proteaceae.

Derivation:

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

Nitida: From Latin, nitidus, meaning shining or bright, used botanically to denote a smooth, polished, lustrous surface. Perhaps in this case, it refers to the glossy green leaves?

Common Name:

Shining or Frog Hakea.

Distribution:

Southern Western Australia, from Busselton to Eucla in mallee or heath, and in a zone where average annual rainfall varies between 950mm to 150mm.

Description:

An untidy, prickly shrub up to 4m tall and 5m broad, with rigid, narrowly elliptic to obovate leaves to 10cm long and 3cm wide. Sometimes the leaves are entire, but usually they have a few small, sharp teeth around the margins. Flowers occur profusely in winter and spring, in the axils and terminally and are white with pinkish stigmas, followed by ovoid woody capsules with



black pustules up to 3.5cm long and 2.5cm wide, tipped with two horns. Some people consider the fruits look like the back view of a sitting frog, hence the alternative common name.

Opinion:

Like a lot of Hakeas, this species is not a friendly plant if you want to get close and personal! Thus, it needs a position where it is not going to take your eye out, but where it can catch your eye when it is in flower. I have tried this species in a few positions in the ground around the block, but it has never survived for very long, apparently not liking the heavier soils and higher rainfall around here. Currently, I have two specimens, one sharing an open-bottomed tub on the north-western fence and the other sharing a waterwell

tub in the back corner. The former is now my longest surviving specimen, having been there for about three years now and it flowered well last year, even though it is only about a metre tall and well surrounded by its companions. The back corner specimen has only been there for a few months, but looks to be growing nicely. Both of these plants were grown from seed obtained during our trips over west in the last decade, they are easy to germinate, but not so easy to keep alive in pots over the winter months, at least in my pitiful backyard nursery.

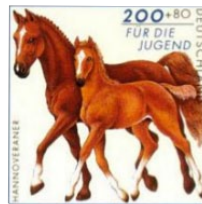
The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group hosts monthly activities, excursions and/or meetings. Interested persons are welcome to join in, please contact Mike for more information, email mcandcjb@gmail.com or phone 0447 452 755.

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Butterflies



Of all living things, the most gentle is the butterfly. It does no harm to any other creature, and it is a thing of beauty and wonder. It delights small children and evokes pleasant feelings in everybody as it flutters by or rests on a convenient perch.

The 18,500 odd species are spread across every continent but Antarctica. Australia and surrounding islands are home to 400 of these. The life cycle of the butterfly involves four separate stages. The eggs are laid usually singly, one to the underside of a leaf of the food-source plant. The exterior is protected by a waxy layer and is fixed to the leaf by a quick drying glue exuded by the adult. The egg stage lasts a few weeks before the egg hatches and the second stage, the larva emerges. The larva is a caterpillar, and its' main function is eating. It munches away one leaf at a time and grows larger and larger. At certain stages, the outer skin becomes too small, and a

new skin develops inside. The outer skin splits and the new skin dries out almost immediately, but it is looser so the larva can grow larger and larger.

The larva has three pairs of legs and up to six pairs of prolegs which enable it to cling to the plant as it moves. For protection, it emits pheromones which warn would-be predators that it is unpleasant to eat. When it is large enough, the larva seeks out a secluded spot, attaches itself to an anchor spot with a silk-like thread, and moults for the final time. This covering hardens into the third stage, the pupa or chrysalis.

Over a period of a couple of weeks the larva undergoes a metamorphosis inside the chrysalis until it is fully formed.

In some species you can see the changes taking place through the translucent outer skin. The fully developed insect emerges from the chrysalis, sits for a few minutes to allow the four

wings to take shape and then can fly immediately. They have three parts to their body, the head, the thorax, and the abdomen. The head has antennae to guide it, a curled proboscis to feed and its' eyes. The thorax supports its' six legs and the wings, and the abdomen contains the stomach, the procreation system and the protection system.

The adult can be either male or female and is usually brightly coloured. In some species the colouring of the male and female is different. It feeds on nectar and pollen and is a good pollinator. The largest butterfly in Australia is the Cairns Birdwing, which can be observed closely in the Kuranda Butterfly Farm on a visit to Cairns. It was featured on the 10 cent value of the butterfly definitive set of 1983 which also features other Australian butterflies. A fun thing to do for children is to collect butterfly eggs on leaves in a box, feed the larvae daily and release the adults.



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Strzelecki Bushwalking Club



SBWC President, John Scarlett (middle) leads a group to the Cobberas Wilderness Zone

The month of June shaped up to be a very busy month on the Strzelecki Bushwalking Club calendar. There were multiple activities planned for every weekend of June.

The SBWC has a proactive walks co-ordinator when combined with a very keen group of walk leaders makes for a full program offered to members every month.

The highlights of the June calendar were a kayaking adventure around Lake Narracan, an easy walk around the Spoon Bay area of the Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park and a mysterious walk into the Aberfeldy River.

We had other groups going to the Tarra Bulga National Park and over to the Great Southern Rail Trail.

There really is something for everyone on the program.

When the snow season begins there are always several snow activities held every year. These are very special events as the Baw Baw National Park is extremely beautiful in winter.

The Strzelecki Bushwalking Club is an active and vibrant community of outdoor enthusiasts.

We currently have approximately 170 members but are always welcoming like minded new members.

Visitors are welcomed on most walks, and this is a great way to try out bushwalking.

Every month we hold a club night on the second Wednesday of each month in the Trafalgar Scout Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. This is a chance to catch up with members and have a “cuppa and a chat”.

June’s guest speaker was Eddie Wright who entertained us with stories of trekking in Siberia and living with Nenet herders.

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



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Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Down memory lane – just for a short while

By Leo Billington

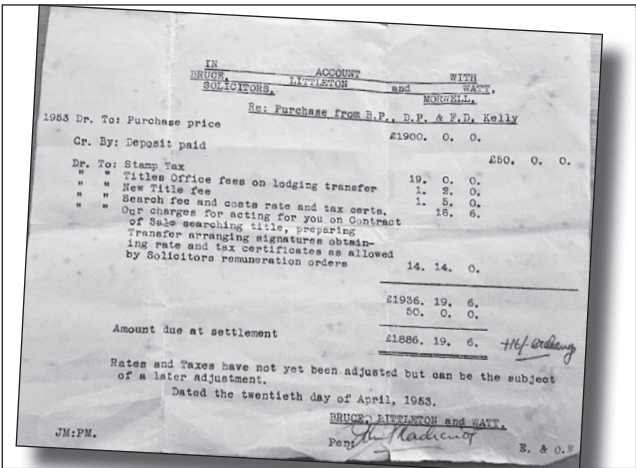
History can be unearthed in the most innocuous of places, just when you least expect it.

Take a press release from the Morwell Advertiser, Thursday January 23, 1958. Headlines “yelled forth”: Eleven shires back

practical economics, said Senator W. H Spooner, M M, Minister of National Development, when opening the Atomic Exhibition at Morwell this afternoon (February 17). Nuclear power in Australia must be a paying proposition. For this

relocated in 1953 from near the Tarwin - George Street intersection, the former Maples furniture store site,

The Latrobe Valley Express (Thursday October 6, 1983) reported that Morwell Shire Council



university claim. Victoria's proposed second university should be established in Gippsland concluded 11 West Gippsland municipalities at a conference in Warragul on Friday January 17, 1958.

Morwell Shire President, Cr. A. L. Hare, who attended with Cr. A. W. Ronald, suggested a site could be found at Trafalgar.

Councillor Hare had lived in Morwell for many years, and considered Warragul was “too close to Melbourne.”

He reckoned a 50 acre site could be found at Trafalgar. Google explains Monash University was established by an Act of the Victorian Parliament in May, 1958 and first opened its doors to about 350 students in March 1961.

Local news in early 1958 was truly exciting. A second university and perhaps some preliminary discussions about Atomic Power were mooted

While difficult to read, the headlines at least told what was on the minds of others (The Morwell Advertiser, Monday February 17, 1958).

Atomic Energy – Latrobe Valley

The Government and the Atomic Energy Commission view atomic power in the light of practical realities, and today all aspects of national development must be measured in terms of

reason I foresee nuclear power stations as being complementary to, and not competing with coal-fired

to its current location.

What a bargain, perhaps. Cost was £1936.19.6 and £50 deposit paid beforehand. Morwell business entity, Kelly Bros (Brothers) sold the house when it was repositioned.

As mentioned above, history can be found in the most innocuous of places; the receipt was found folded in an old 1960's Devondale ice cream tin.

One house that graced Morwell was at number

debated whether or not to allow a demolition permit for the house, known by some as a haunted house. Sadly, Council voted accordingly and Mary and John were “erased” until their unmarked grave at the Hazelwood Cemetery was discovered.

Stan Winchester was a popular builder during the 1940s. Stan's daughter recalls he had built about 100+ plus houses in the area. The first was the Church of England rectory, corner of Latrobe Road and Buckley Street. He and his brother-in-law Percy Almond signed the building contract on the day Norma Benn and Stan were married, August 5, 1935. Norma's brother was the Vicar at the time (Archdeacon L. W. A. Benn) which (according to family) may have been how they were given the work.

With the help of parishioners Stan also built

the Church of England building, St Phillips, in Barry Street, Morwell and the original St Aidans Church building in Newborough. Now both church buildings are gone. Stan built his family home, named



‘Fairleigh’, being a fine brick home displaying his attention to detail. Prior to Stan's employment as building and surveyor inspector for Morwell Shire, this role was held by Mr.J. W. F. Connan.

Readers may recall the former Del Spana motel (demolished in October 2008) at the corner of Buckley and Church Streets. That corner once housed the Smith family albeit with a crumbling veranda and

portion was later sold to the Country Fire Authority for Morwell's second fire station (next to today's Presbyterian Church).

To finish, an accompanying picture shows a lonely house, with its neighbour, basically a twin, in Monash Street, Morwell. Note the absence of a front fence and lawn. Nonetheless, a family of three was pleased to obtain accommodation in December 1951 as they



picket fence. They owned a large block of land, and a settled into the Australian “way of life”.



stations in regions such as this for many years to come.

The editorial does say the Morwell Chamber of Commerce was a sponsor of this exhibition together with the Morwell Shire Council and state government.

However, time moves onward. Some houses in Morwell were comparatively cheap; back in the early 1950s. The accompanying receipt is for a house

4 Jane Street, residence of Mary and John Hoyle. Its' standout architectural features were not repeated in other Morwell houses. Mr and Mrs Hoyle settled in Morwell in 1890, and he established his business as a land and general commission agent, and a little later became a sworn valuator and in this respect his services were in much demand.



Churchill Fire Brigade



Fire Safe Kids



The Churchill Fire Brigade along with a member from Yinnar South Brigade, delivered the Fire Safe Kids program to the Federation University Child Care Centre children and staff when they visited

the fire station recently.

The children learnt about what fire brigade members do and the uniforms needed to fight fires and why the members have them.

The children helped

to dress the firefighter to make sure they were ready to go by having all of their body covered by their uniform to protect themselves.

They learnt not to be afraid of breathing

apparatus used by a firefighter in a smoke filled room

The children also learnt about calling triple 000 in emergencies when they needed help in case of fire, an injury needing an

ambulance or an occasion where police were needed.

They practised exiting a building on fire by crawling low in smoke, locating the correct exits, and meeting together before calling triple 000.

Then the part they liked best was seeing the fire truck, looking at some of its equipment, and finally squirting the hose and seeing and hearing the sirens and lights of the truck operating.

Working smoke alarms

Silence is Deadly

Is there a working smoke alarm in your bedroom? Only working smoke alarms save lives

Are you sick of hearing the sound of a nagging smoke alarm? Change your old smoke alarms to a new unit with a long-life battery that has a 10 year lifespan.

New smoke alarms that have a 10 year lifespan ensure families can feel the highest level of security. Working smoke alarms are your best defence against preventable residential fires, especially during the night, when people lose their sense of smell.

These new alarms provide the security of knowing you and your family are protected, while also ensuring you're not interrupted every year with a nagging smoke alarm.

Why should I have a smoke alarm?

Smoke alarms beep loudly when there is smoke or a fire.

In the past decade, Victorian firefighters have responded to more than 30,000 residential fires across the state, with more than half of all fatal fires starting in people's bedrooms



and living areas. Despite this, a concerning number of Victorians still do not have smoke alarms in their bedrooms and living areas. Did you know that most fatal fires happen in the sleeping hours between 8pm and 8am?

When you are asleep you lose your sense of smell. A smoke alarm is your electronic nose. It will alert you if there is smoke from a fire. A small fire can grow

to involve an entire room in just two to three minutes. A smoke alarm provides early warning and time to escape.

Smoke alarms are compulsory in every home

Since August 1, 1997, Victorian law states that smoke alarms (complying with Australian Standards AS3786) must be installed in all homes, units, flats and townhouses. It is the responsibility of all owners and landlords to install

working smoke alarms.

Homes constructed before August 1, 1997 need only standalone, battery powered smoke alarms. Homes constructed after August 1, 1997 must have smoke alarms connected to 240 volt mains power. These smoke alarms must also have a backup battery installed in the smoke alarm in case there is a loss of power.

Additionally, in homes constructed or largely

renovated after May 1, 2014, where there is a need for more than one smoke alarm, all smoke alarms must be interconnected so that if one smoke alarm activates, they all will.

Smoke alarms for people who are deaf or hard of hearing

Specialised smoke alarms are available for people who may have difficulty hearing standard smoke alarms and evacuation systems.

The main body of the unit looks like a normal smoke alarm on your ceiling. The other parts are a strobe light (sight) and vibrating pad (tactile) for your bed. In the event of a fire, all alarms will sound, the lights will flash, and the vibrating pad will activate.

Specialised alarms can be interconnected with conventional audible alarms in different locations within the home.

Due to the cost of this type of alarm a Smoke Alarm Subsidy is available. Find out if you are eligible for the Smoke Alarm Subsidy via Expression Australia.

106 – Text Emergency Relay Service

People who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment can use a teletypewriter (TTY) to call 106. 106 is a text-based emergency call service. When you call 106, the operator will connect you with the emergency service organisation (police, fire or ambulance) you request. You cannot access 106 by SMS. Find out more via Triple Zero – Department of Home Affairs. (<https://www.triplezero.gov.au/triple-zero/other-emergency-numbers>)

Gippsland Water here to help with customer bills



Gippsland Water is encouraging customers to reach out if they need help paying their bills.

Gippsland Water is encouraging customers to reach out if they need help paying their bills through its Customer Care campaign.

Managing director Sarah Cumming said that confidential financial support is always available for Gippsland Water customers.

"We want our customers to know that we get it and we are here to help," Ms Cumming said.

"We offer a range of flexible payment options, and our team will assist and work out what is best for you and your needs.

The team can help customers apply for government utility relief grants and give referrals to no-cost independent financial counsellors."

Friendly faces from the Gippsland Water team feature in the Customer Care

campaign and a series of opportunities to receive on-the-spot support in person will be held over the coming months. Locations, dates and times will be announced soon.

To find out more about the assistance Gippsland Water can provide or request a call back from the customer care team, visit www.gippswater.com.au/customer-care.

Morwell Centenary Rose Garden



Pruning officially started on June 2, on each Monday and Tuesday until finished or it gets too late to prune. We will start at 8:00 am and work till 11:45, with our usual morning tea break at 10:00 am.

The rain this year was down by about half, from January to April, being only 125mls. The hours worked was up slightly, due in part to obtaining a few new volunteers this year. We are still trying to attract new volunteers by attending any Council volunteering event that they put on. Lyn Reid, Lyn Smith, Deb Winterburn and myself attended the Volunteering Connections Event at Old Gippsland in Moe on February 15. It was an awful day as it never stopped raining. As a result, we had very few enquiries.

The C.E.O. of Latrobe City, Mr Steven Piasente was invited to attend a meeting with the Garden Panel. We held this meeting under the Acer Negunda where the round seat is. The reason for this meeting on our part was to update him on the difficulties we are having in attracting new volunteers, and the difficulty our current members are having keeping up with the amount of work as we are all getting older with more aches and pains than we used to have. We also requested any further assistance that Council could give us. During the last four months we have been experiencing more graffiti, vandalism and theft than I have experienced in the past.

Familiar faces in the garden

As we were finishing in the garden one Tuesday a little while ago, we were surprised and pleased to see Rob Pengelly walking through the garden enjoying the many blooms in the different gardens. Rob was

our deputy Chairperson 2006-2007. Rob's daughter was over from New Zealand, taking him on various trips, so of course the Rose Garden was on the list. The weather was particularly beautiful that morning, just perfect for time among the prolific floral displays. Rob was very involved in the Garden in the early days and remains an interested supporter. It was nice for a few of us to chat with him. On many occasions we also see the residents from the nearby St. Hilary's Community Aged Care facility being taken through the garden by their carers. All enjoying the beauty of the roses and the autumn weather. In recent weeks we have been visited by groups of Senior Citizens from Trafalgar and Yarragon, all enjoying the roses and the overall area of the garden. It is wonderful to work in a place that gives so much pleasure to the visitors as well as residents of Morwell. Many notes of appreciation are received which makes volunteering in the Rose Garden so very rewarding.

This is Australia's Biggest Morning Tea – a community event between the months of May and June each year, that raises vital funds to make a big difference for those impacted by cancer. The Friends rallied for the big morning

tea on Tuesday May 20, and raised an amazing \$201.60. Not only was it an amazing sum raised but the Friends put their kitchen skills into practice providing a great array of goodies for morning tea with many of the Friends not wanting to go back out into the garden afterwards.

Planting in August

Do not forget your garden this winter, as while it seems there is very little happening above the soil, there is still plenty happening below the surface. Equip your garden with biological products rich in seaweed, kelp and beneficial bacteria and fungi to ensure a thriving display once spring comes around. Seamungus and Gogo juice are ideal for use in winter to help your plants resist frost, pests and disease as well as conditioning the soil and encouraging root growth.

Additionally adding a layer of whoflungdung to your garden at this time of the year will act as a 'blanket', protecting the plant roots while regulating soil temperature, improving soil structure with organic matter, and preventing erosion of top soil from heavy rain. Seamungus, Gogo Juice and whoflungdung are also our planting (and transplanting) trifecta to give plants the best start in their new home.

Health Hints

By Andy Gergis Churchill Discount Pharmacy Eczema care and winter

Winter can be a tough time for people with eczema. Cold air outside and dry heat indoors can make skin even more dry and itchy. Eczema, also known as atopic dermatitis, often flares up in winter, but with the right care, you can keep your skin comfortable.

The most important step is to moisturise often. Use thick creams or ointments instead of lotions, and apply them right after bathing while your skin is still damp.

This helps lock in moisture.

Limit hot showers. Hot water can feel good, but it strips natural oils from your skin. Try lukewarm showers and use gentle, fragrance-free cleansers.

Dress in soft layers. Wool and rough fabrics can irritate eczema-prone skin. Choose cotton or soft materials instead, and avoid overheating, which can cause sweating and itching.

Use a humidifier in your home to add moisture to dry winter air. This can prevent your skin from drying out too much, especially while you sleep.

Try to avoid scratching. It may feel good at first, but scratching makes eczema worse and can lead to infections. Keep nails short and use cold compresses or anti-itch creams to soothe the skin.

Finally, see a doctor or pharmacist if your eczema gets worse or does not improve. Prescription and over the counter creams may be needed.

Taking care of eczema in winter does not have to be difficult. With a few smart changes to your routine, you can keep your skin calm, hydrated, and itch-free all

Churchill & District Lions Club



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Morwell & District Red Cross Branch

Members meet on the second Wednesday of each month (February through until December) at 1.30 pm. at the Meeting Room of Yinnar and District Memorial Hall, unless otherwise notified. New members and visitors are welcome to attend For further information contact the Secretary Phone 0427 273 910



Gippsland Water giving students a head start

Gippsland Water is helping shape tomorrow's workforce by giving a local high school student an opportunity to get a head start on his career through the School-Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship (SBAT) program.

Year 11 Kurnai College student Xavier, began his

career in the Environment and Healthy Country team as the organisation's first member of the SBAT program.

Managing director Sarah Cumming said school-based apprenticeships and traineeships were a terrific initiative to give students a head start on their careers.

"We're creating opportunities for local

students to get hands on experience while completing their studies," Ms Cumming said.

"Students undertaking a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship spend one day of paid employment at Gippsland Water, one day at TAFE and three days at school over the course of a week.

This program provides academic credit towards the student's secondary certificate, combining on-the-job training with formal learning.

In his position, Xavier will gain valuable work experience on top of a nationally recognised qualification, the Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management."

Xavier completed Year 10 work experience at Gippsland Water last year.

"I thoroughly enjoyed work experience in Year 10 and was extremely grateful for the experience and information I gained during my time there," Xavier said.

"During my work experience, I found a real interest in the day-to-day tasks that Gippsland Water cover. They were also extremely welcoming, and the workplace as a whole was a really positive experience."

Xavier said he had already noticed professional and personal growth since starting an SBAT at Gippsland Water.

"I think I've already gained critical workplace experience, as well as personal growth with being independent and learning how to manage my own time and priorities," Xavier said.

Xavier hopes to gain full time employment once he completes Year 12 and his Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management.

For more information on School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships, visit the careers tab at: www.gippswater.com.au/about-us.

Caption: Gippsland Water is giving students, like Xavier, pictured with Learning and Development Advisor Danielle, the opportunity to get hands on working experience while in high school.

LV Field Naturalists

The next meeting of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club, on July 25, will be a most interesting night of mini-presentations by Club members. People will show photographs and talk about where they have travelled and their interests in various aspects of the natural world. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm on Friday, July 25 in the Moe Library followed by our Club's monthly meeting and supper.

For our excursion, on Saturday July 26, we will meet at 10 am at the Nangara Reserve gate, Nangara Rd, off Jacksons Track, 3 km north west of Jindivick. This 14 hectare reserve, abuts the Bunyip State Park. The area has significant aboriginal history with several sculptures and interpretive signage.

The Wet Lowland Forest vegetation and fauna contains many species of conservation significance. The northern section is regenerating after the 2009 bush fires.

After lunch we will drive across to Warragul for a 2pm guided, explanatory tour of the Indigenous Art Garden. After which we may go on to look at the small Aboriginal Food Garden at the nearby Warragul Regional College.

Everyone is most welcome, both to the meeting and the excursions. For more information contact our secretary, Rose, on 0410 237 292. Please visit our website www.lvfieldnats.org to register if you wish to use Zoom to join the meeting from home and/or if you would like to come on the excursion.

Latrobe Health Assembly

Latrobe Health Assembly commences organisational closure following funding cut

After eight years supporting the health and wellbeing of the Latrobe Valley, the Latrobe Health Assembly has formally commenced the process of closing its operations after strong community advocacy has failed to overturn Government's decision to cease funding the initiative.

Project partners were notified on Monday June 23, that 27 active programs will conclude by June 30, 2025, with a structured wind-down process to follow. Over this final week, the Assembly is working with all partners to ensure the most responsible and respectful transition possible for the community-led initiatives that have flourished under its care.

Over nearly a decade, the Assembly has delivered more than 200 locally-driven

projects, touching the lives of over 50,000 residents across the region. With more than \$4million invested in our community each year and over 1,200 volunteers mobilised, the Assembly has built a lasting impact across mental health, food security, chronic disease prevention, youth engagement, early childhood development, and social connection. Programs such as the Community Health Nurses in Primary Schools, which delivered \$2.3 million in health benefits; the ABC Youth Program, returning \$4 for every \$1 invested; and the WES, which provided over 1,000 visits in a peer-led, stigma-free environment, have changed lives. This closure marks the loss of an innovative, community-first, place-based model that enabled community voice in decision making, improved health and wellbeing

outcomes and demonstrated community leadership in one of Victoria's most challenged regions.

Chair of the Latrobe Health Assembly, Tanya Rong said "This is a moment of deep sadness and gratitude to the Latrobe Valley community for their support and advocacy. The Latrobe Health Assembly has been more than an organisation – it has been a movement powered by local community voices, strong commitment to a healthier community and place, and a whole lot of heart. While our formal role may be ending, the legacy of our partnerships and the passion of our community will continue."

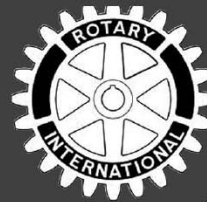
In the coming weeks, the Assembly will work closely with project partners to identify opportunities for sustainability, seeking to transition or hand over initiatives where possible.

Where continuation is not feasible, programs will close with care and community acknowledgment.

The Assembly extends its heartfelt thanks to the thousands of individuals, organisations and community groups who shaped and contributed to its work.

Their dedication has laid the groundwork for lasting change, and the Assembly's legacy will live on through them.

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GUEST SPEAKER from Latrobe City Council

Review of CHURCHILL TOWN CENTRE PLAN

AGM Agenda items include:

- Presentation of Annual Report - Annual Financial Statement
- Committee Elections

A discussion will also be held regarding a possible change to CDCA's Objectives (Rule 3 of CDCA Rules – download this document from CDCA website – cdca.org.au)

All members and local residents are welcome to attend but you MUST be a member to vote and/or nominate for CDCA Committee membership.

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by an Ordinary General Meeting (time permitting) to consider any urgent matters.

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Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington

How people are remembered and, hopefully not forgotten (series continued)

I have been walking throughout the Hazelwood Cemetery these past weeks identifying unmarked graves.

Last month, I wrote about Lillian and John Reid, interred together in an unmarked grave. Their deaths sent massive shock waves throughout Morwell West. It was a double tragedy.

Subsequently, I received a phone call. The caller told me in a way that left no doubt; "No soldier should be in an unmarked grave."

Turning from the Reid grave, I immediately saw an unmarked grave, albeit designated with a white wooden cross - Roy Edward Lee, C/E F23. Uncle Roy was tough. He had to be, even at his army height of 5 feet and 7 inches; weight being 147 pounds (10.5 stone).

At age 23 years and 11 months, Roy enlisted for service in World War 1. He wanted to do his bit for the Empire, all the way from Beech Hill or Gunyah or Ryton or Wonyip. Any address was guaranteed to have mail delivered. Everyone knew each other.

Roy and his elder brother, Bert, enlisted together for service overseas on July 4, 1916 in Melbourne. They both embarked on HMAS Ulysses on October 25, 1916.

Roy and Bert had now embarked on a journey, far away from the 150 acre farm their parents, Beatrice and Bob had carved from virgin forest. Today, Bonnie Vale, a large homestead with a massive orchard has now reverted to a forest of pines.

Roy and Bert returned to Bonnie Vale to assist their parents, however, times were hard and Bert moved to Toora.

Roy stayed on until his death on Monday July 17, 1961. He never married. He became well-known for breeding fine dairy cattle and pigs. He never owned a vehicle.

Following initial training at Seymour, Roy and Bert were sappers and members of the 2nd Tunnelling Corps. Both suffered from being gassed, and both faced such daunting, dangerous unforgiving work tunnelling under enemy lines.

The following is sourced from the Australian War Memorial:

"The 2nd Tunnelling Company had been formed by splitting the original draft of Mining Corps (of battalion plus size) into three Companies, in August 1916.

Recruited in Australia, the 5th Tunnelling Company was disbanded on arrival in France mid 1916, and all its personnel transferred to augment the 2nd Tunnelling Company.

Mining and tunnelling operations had an excellent fit with operations in the early stages of the war when it was largely static in nature, when artillery, machine guns and barbed wire paralysed any notion of a manoeuvre battle.

Offensive mining involved sinking shafts under the enemy's front line and digging a chamber at the end to be filled with explosives which were fired to disrupt the enemy defensive positions and shock and stun the defenders as an immediate precursor to attack.



Two unidentified members of the 2nd Australian Tunnelling Company

Bert died largely from the after effects of being severely gassed in the tunnels.

The night was cold, wet and a howling wind swept across Morwell. Late on Sunday night July 16, 1961, a police constable knocked on our door with information that Roy was missing in bushland. A search party had been organised.

Roy had left his house with only a thin coat looking for two favourite dogs. The bush was as thick as "hairs on a dog's back." He loved those dogs. But the bitterly cold winter's night was Roy's demon; he was found dead lying beside a fallen log.

As tough he was, Roy's exposure to gas presented ongoing health problems including emphysema, chronic asthma, and chronic bronchitis".

Roy and Bert, alongside 30 others who enlisted from the Ryton district, had their names memorialised on an honour board, placed in the Ryton Hall. A well-founded rumour tells us the board was used as firewood to keep a group of bikies warm.

As is perhaps realised, a number of unmarked graves hold infants and young children. While perhaps confronting, this

was reality at its brutal best. The same goes for headstones or plaques for deceased children, and not in a children's section.

Hugh Cecil Snow was 10 months old when he died on Friday February 17, 1950. Hugh was the loved brother of Irene, Ivy and William.

Harold Roy Gribble was 8 years old when he died on Wednesday September 21, 1927. Sometimes records have to be carefully written down; nonetheless research shows Harold was born in Timor before coming to Morwell with his parents.

I have written about the grave for William Black who died on December 9, 1886 suffering from jaundice. His

unmarked grave is unknown because the co-ordinates - row letter and plot number - were not recorded. More to the point, his granddaughter is also interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery.

Thorough research shows mistaken transcription of names - another major hurdle when undertaking historical research - Audrey Black was 3 days old when she died on November 20, 1917. Audrey was christened Audrey Jean. Unnamed records give her name as Andrew Jean, a shocking mistake.

Audrey is buried alongside another young child, who at least has "earned" a cross. Charles

Leonard Smith who died aged 3 days, in July 1916. His cross is well weathered but has stood the test of time, and, there are records showing his name as Lenard.



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Wombats and Strzelecki koalas

The Strzelecki koala and its nearest relative, the wombat

The Strzelecki koala shares its habitat with many native animals like the Common Wombat or Bare-nosed Wombat. (Vombatus ursinus) (www.bushheritage.org.au 20-6-25)

Wombats are the closest relative to koalas. They shared an ancestor in the Oligocene Epoch over 33 million years ago. (Australian.museum 18-6-25) The koala and the wombat are both in the scientific classification Order of Diprodontia because of their two forward teeth (www.naturalist.org 22-6-25) and they are the only two species in the Family Class of Vombatidae which means "wombat looking things". (www.kids.kiddle.co 22-6-25)

In recent weeks some wombats have been killed on our local roadsides. Even though wombats are nocturnal animals, they can be seen before sunset and after dawn.

Wombats will come out when the days are shorter, cooler and of "lower light". (www.wildlifevictoria.org.au 20-6-25) So when you are travelling through bushland, please drive carefully and be alert to wombats eating grass on the road sides or crossing the roads especially on overcast days and dark nights.

It is also important to call Wildlife Victoria (03 8400 7300) or a local wild care rescuer to report injured or dead wombats. These people will check a female wombat's pouch for a joey and assess the general health and condition of any wombat. Such reports will enable statistics of injury, deaths and locations of wombats to be obtained. Also please check the surrounding area for an older joey that may have left the mother during or after the accident.

Our local wombat is the Common Wombat or Bare Nosed Wombat (Vombatus ursinus). It is found mainly in south eastern Australia and Tasmania and also in some parts of South

Australia. The Common Wombat is one of three species of wombat. There is the Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat, (Lasiorhinus knfftii) which is classed as endangered. A lot of research and work is being done to increase the Northern Hairy-nosed Wombats numbers. It is found in a few places in Queensland. Then there is the Southern Hairy-nosed Wombat (Lasiorhinus latifrons) which likes to live in "semi-arid" areas in South Australia and a few places in New South Wales and Western Australia. The Southern Hairy-nosed Wombat is labelled as "near threatened."

(www.bushheritage.org.au 20-6-25)

Like the Strzelecki Koala, the population numbers of the Common Wombat are not clear. The name "Common" implies that the Bare Nosed Wombat is plentiful, widely spread and thriving. However the latter may not be the case. Bush Heritage Australia states the Common Wombats are in decline. (www.bushheritage.org.au 20-6-25)

The Common Wombat numbers are classified as "least concern" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (www.bushheritage.org.au 20-6-25). A research project in Victoria, "Modelling the Abundance of the Common Wombat across Victoria" by G.W Heard & D.S.L Ramsey February 2020, verified that the Common wombat population numbers were good.

The study estimated that there were over 433,000 Common wombats. However this study also stressed the impact of the wildfires in 2019-2020 as affecting "21% of suitable habitat and 19% of the wombat population." (www.wildlife.vic.gov.au 20-6-25).

Natural disasters are some of the threats to the Common wombat and Strzelecki koala populations. Other threats are: habitat destruction and fragmentation, car collisions, disease, feral animals especially dogs and foxes,

and natural predators.

The Common wombat is now protected under the Wildlife Act of 1995.

(www.wildlifevictoria.org.au 20-6-25). It is illegal to kill a wombat. Previously wombats in Victoria from 1926 to 1966 were hunted and a bounty was offered. (www.wombatprotection.org.au 20-6-25) Wombats were being blamed for damaging crops, breaking fences, destruction of dams, erosion of creek edges and creating dangerous holes for the farming stock and farm machinery.

This bounty stopped in 1966 but resulted in the Common wombat becoming extinct in Western Victoria. Now farmers are given safe alternatives to cope with wombats on their land. The DEECA site offers a lot of information for landowners.

A Citizen Science Project, WomSAT (www.womsat.org 22-6-25) enables people to record wombat sightings, burrow locations, wombats with sarcoptic mange, injured and killed wombats. This project aims to gather data that will help in the survival of the wombat, by providing treatment for sarcoptic mange, identifying the hot spots for car collisions and dog attacks and educating people about the wonderful wombat.

The ways that we can help the Strzelecki koala are similar for the Common wombat.

*Drive slowly in all bush areas and be alert for native animals crossing roads or grazing on road sides.

* Seek help from Wildlife Victoria if you see an injured or dead koala or wombat.

* Be a responsible pet owner by keeping dogs away from wildlife.

* Record sightings of wombats via WomSAT (www.womsat.org.au) and Strzelecki koala sightings or koala scats to Anthony Amis at anthony.amis@foe.org.au.

* Preserve, protect and plant native trees and habitat.

* Join or support an organisation that helps wildlife like the Strzelecki Koala Action Team, a collective of Friends of the Earth Melbourne or the Wombat Protection Society of Australia.

Interesting Fact

Both the names koala and wombat originate from the Dharug language who are traditional owners of Sydney. (www.crackerjackededucation.com.au 24-6-25)



Strzelecki koala feeding on a winter's evening.



A Strzelecki koala saving energy in a winter's day.



Common wombat heading to a feeding ground on the other side of Tidal River.



This a dead local wombat. Someone has notified a local carer and this female's pouch checked.



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Auslan

This term during our Auslan lessons, we have been learning to sign 'Wash Your Face In Orange Juice' and 'I Can Sign A Rainbow' at Boolarra Primary School.

The F/2 have been learning to sign different animals, the alphabet and they have been signing their names in Auslan.

The 3/6s have been learning to sign camping, medical care and birds.

By Dante Daisy and

Connor

Auslan.

On Tuesday June 24, the Boolarra Primary School F/1/2s and Grades 3 to 6 did three to four songs, 'I can sign a rainbow', 'Mr. Clickity Cane', 'Rock Around the Clock' and 'We Will Rock You' the kid's version, in the library with Mrs. Larrad.

From Lacey, Harry and Jakayla.

Design and Technology boats

The Grade 3,4,5 and 6 students built boats in groups of two or three for Design and Technology. We used different materials like foil, cardboard, plastic bottles and straw. We put weights on the boats to test if they float and most of the boats sank. We got to take the boats home.

By Gewalin, Richie and Ollie.

Golf

In May, we learnt how to play golf every Thursday

for six weeks. Cherrie from Geko Sports, came to our school in Boolarra every week to teach us golfing skills and techniques on the oval.

We learnt how to hit hard balls and soft balls. We learnt that it was harder to hit the soft balls because they were very light and just floated through the air.

Cherrie helped some of us change from a fixed mind set to a growth mind set, because some of us did not

think that we would be able to hit the ball at all.

It was good and we all liked it because at the end we got to see who hit the ball the furthest.

Jake, Zed, Leon, Scarlett, Blake and Bailey

Performing Arts Practice

In the past few weeks, Boolarra Primary School has been practising for our school play in Term Three, 'Boolarra Rocks'. To practise, we have learnt heaps of new, fun songs.

So far, we have learnt 'sign a rainbow' in Auslan, 'Mr Clickity Cane' in Auslan and a modified version of 'We Will Rock You' to suit the play. The Grades 3 to 6 have also helped write the script for the first, second and final scene for the play.

Including all the characters names, some of the props we might need and a few running jokes throughout the play. We are quite excited for the play.



SCHOOL news

Churchill North Primary

Young Writers Program
As part of a local primary school partnership, students from Grades 3-6 were lucky to have the opportunity to be part of the PETAA Young Writer's Program. The workshops were run by a visiting experienced children's book author, Claire Saxby, author of books like Tree, Volcano and Iceberg. Students had the opportunity to explore how to develop characters in their stories, and incorporating factual information to enhance audience understanding. They explored how to expand sentences by making them more specific to help readers visualise what is happening. Some of the writing

examples are:
Lily - The goldfish jumped into the toaster. It wasn't me, if anything, the cat put it in there. The goldfish is still alive right? The goldfish was brainwashed anyway.
Eldana - An owl flies at night in the dense forest searching for prey.
Louise - A brown owl wakes and got to fly in the night, in the darkening forest, to search for prey to eat.
Daniella - A snow white owl keeps an eye out for food in the chilly evening.
Student comments on what the work shop meant to them:
Kelani - At the Writer's workshop I learnt how to extend sentences and it helped me to learn to make

stories better.
Eldana - In my opinion the Writer's Workshop was great. It taught me some new things too. I love the way Claire described everything. It made it easier. We learnt about detailing our sentences and different writing types.
Max - On the Young Writer' Workshop we read a couple of books that Claire wrote. We were making sure that we were adding detail to describe characters.
Supervised Sports
Student Leadership Lunchtime Games Program written by Quinton and Austin (photo directly below)
As part of our student leadership program, Grade 5 and 6 students have the

opportunity to run games and help lead activities during lunchtime. This initiative gives students a chance to show responsibility, build confidence, and contribute positively to our school community. Our student leaders can choose whether or not they want to run a game that day. If they do, they can organise and run games such as dodgeball, cops and robbers, capture the flag, or duck-duck-goose for the younger students. Leaders may run activities for specific year levels (like Prep-2 or 3-4), or even open it up to all ages, depending on what suits the game.
In addition to running games, our leaders also help referee ongoing

activities like Ga-Ga, assist with the organisation and return of sports equipment to the sports shed. Their involvement helps lunchtime run more smoothly and gives all students more fun and active options to enjoy.
To become a game leader, students must be placed on the activity roster and be trusted by their teachers. You do not have to be a School Captain, House Captain, or a member of JSC to join, any student who shows leadership and responsibility can be involved. Usually, two students are rostered on together, in case one is away. They can run the game together or ask another leader to help out.

During lunch, a yard duty teacher may come by to check that everything is going well. If there are issues, like cheating or unsafe behaviour, the teacher can suggest ending the game early. Before the end of lunch, one of the leaders goes to the office to make a short announcement over the microphone, letting everyone know the game has finished. All players are expected to help pack up, and then the equipment is returned to the sports shed by the student leaders.
This program is a great way for students to practice leadership and make lunchtime more fun and engaging for everyone.



Young Writers Program

SCHOOL news

Yinnar South Primary

Yinnar South Primary School digs into winter fun in Term 2!
Students at Yinnar South Primary School have been getting their hands dirty this term. As part of their patch-to-plate program, students have been busy planting a fresh crop of winter vegetables in the school garden. These veggies will be harvested and used in upcoming cooking sessions, helping children learn about healthy eating

and sustainability through hands-on experience.
The school was also thrilled to welcome GECKO Sports this term, with energetic sessions focused on football and soccer. Students of all ages loved getting active, learning new skills, and building teamwork through these fun and engaging sporting activities.
Looking ahead, Yinnar South Primary School is excited to announce that enrolments

for 2026 are now open! Families interested in a nurturing, active, and community-focused learning environment are encouraged to get in touch or book a tour.
(03) 5169 1540
<https://www.yinnarstps.vic.edu.au/>
It has been a term full of growth, games, and great learning – and there is plenty more to come!



SCHOOL news



Churchill Primary



Sports Days

CPS has had a very busy Term 2 of sports with soccer, footy, netball and T-Ball all having teams represented by CPS at the Yinnar & District Round Robin. Students have been able to implement the skills they have learnt in PE and have done an awesome job!

On June 13, CPS competed in the Yinnar & District Winter Sports Round Robin. The students had a very successful and fun day playing with their peers. All teams did an amazing job, with our footy team having a few big wins and our mixed netball team being crowned Yinnar & District champions. The mixed netball team progressed onto the Latrobe Valley Finals and ended up

finishing second out of the whole of the Latrobe Valley.

Churchill Primary School also had a very fun and successful day at the Yinnar & District Soccer tournament. Students again had a lot of fun and showed sportsmanship skills all day. Lots of goals were scored in both the boys and girls divisions. Our boys team finished second, and the girls' team was crowned Yinnar & District Champions. This meant the team progressed to the Latrobe Valley Division finals and finished second overall, which is an awesome effort to make it this far!

Term 2 also saw the return of T-Ball to the District. CPS students enjoyed learning how to

play T-ball and the tactics involved. Students competed against Yinnar and Churchill North in a round robin tournament. Finishing second overall was a great effort by our students and it was great to see them taking on a new sport and encouraging their teammates.

Grade 5/6 Camp – Phillip Island (written by 5/6 students Zoey, Naska and Harvey)

On April 22 to 24, the CPS Grade 5/6s went on camp to Phillip Island. We went to Amaz'n Things and whilst there we played mini golf, which was very enjoyable. We did a huge maze which got a lot of us lost! We also did a few things inside, like an anti-gravity room. Then we got

on the bus and made our way to Clip'n'Climb. This was an exciting and very much enjoyed experience for everyone. While we were waiting for the group to come back from Clip'n'Climb, we learnt how to play frisbee golf. After this, we made our way back to camp for a delicious roast meal. Before bed, we played Scattergories, which is a trivia game, and then we all had an amazing sleep.

On day two of camp, we went to the Koala Conservation Centre. Here we saw lots of Australian animals, including koalas, kangaroos and possums. After that, we went to the Churchill Island Heritage Farm. There were so many activities it almost blew

our minds! Some activities were so cool, like playing ring toss, petting a horse and even milking a cow! We had lunch at the farm, which consisted of a roll, a wrap and a scrumptious chocolate brownie. After lunch, we went on a board walk around the Nobbies. The view was awesome, but it is very busy which was the only downside.

For the last activity of the day, we went to the Penguin Parade where we saw so many penguins! But it was super cold even when wearing warm clothes. After a long day of walking, we finally got to our cabins and had a great nights sleep.

Day three was extremely exciting! First up, we had the Chocolate Factory and this

was FREE! In the first room, we found out how chocolate was made and the next room had chocolate figures and pictures everywhere.

There was one picture that was made from 1200 mini chocolates, and its name was Dame Edna. There was also a room with little penguin chocolate dispensers, and we were allowed to eat some! In the next room we could literally make our own chocolate and eat it. It was so cool!

Our last stop before heading back to school was at a park where there were lots of seagulls and pelicans that tried to eat your food. It was an amazing camp!



Grade 5/6 Camp

SCHOOL news



Hazelwood North Primary



Grade 5/6 Inquiry Showcase

Year 5/6s at HNPS have been continuing their learning about bushfires and have begun working on their showcase projects. On Friday July 4, we presented our learning at a whole school event, which also involved some demonstrations from the local CFA.

One of these was a burn table showing the speed a fire can escalate. There was also a coffee van serving food and drinks at the event. All families and community members were invited to attend.

Max BioCare Science excursion

This term Grade 4-6 students travelled to Max BioCare in Yinnar to participate in several activities that introduced them to forensic science.

Students lifted and identified fingerprints on various surfaces, discovering the different types of fingerprints and then investigated their own to get a better understanding of what to look for in their suspects fingerprints.

They then identified the properties of different fibres using microscopes, categorising each to get closer to catching their suspect through their clothing. Students also compared footprints to different shoes using length, tread and moulds of the footprint to compare them to the examples found at the crime scene. They also investigated writing finding the particular text used to write a note at the scene and compare powders also found at the scene to tie the suspect

to the crime scene.

Harmony Day tree

On Harmony Day we invited families to come into their child's classroom and create a hand to signify the importance of Harmony Day and its message of unity of all. To represent that in our school we have put these up in a display representing unity among our school community. We thank the community for showing up and participating in this activity and hope for more in the future.

Interschool sports

On June 13 we sent two teams to represent our school in netball and football. Each team highlighted our school values of respect, responsibility and resilience while playing together. Each team tried their best even when faced with challenging

opposition.

Our netball team was able to come second place with a great effort of winning two of their games. Our football team unfortunately lost all their games but continued to play their best game highlighting their resilience and resolve. Awesome job from all involved.

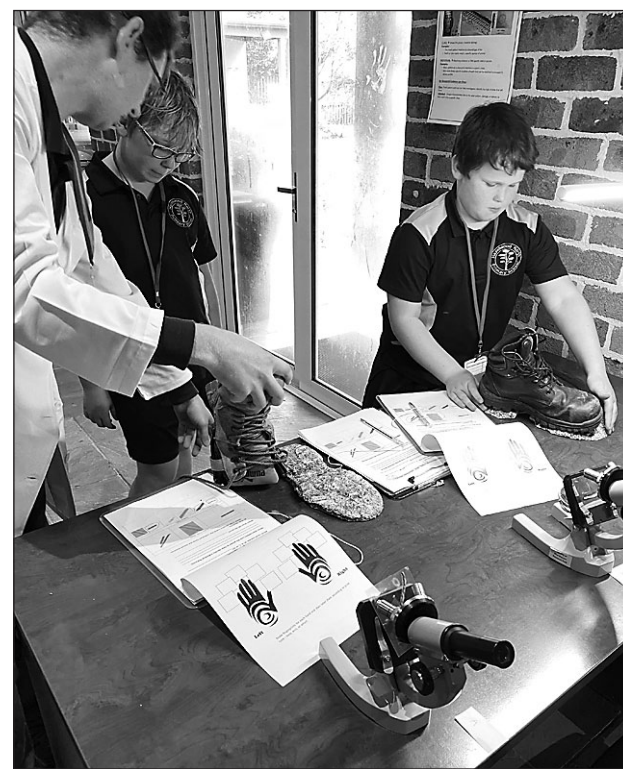
Kaye Retirement Celebration Morning Tea

On July 3 we celebrated Kaye, our wonderful librarian and education support who is retiring at the end of Term 3, with a morning tea. She has been such a cornerstone of our school community and staff, and we are saddened to see her go but wish her the absolute best for her retirement.



Isaiah, Tannah and Jericho enjoying fingerprinting themselves,

Logan and Isaac investigating footprints.



HNPS football team...



HNPS netball team...

Churchill Braves T-Ball Team



Annalise



Leah



Wade



Lexi



Zayne



Arlo



Paige



Zarah



Addison

The Churchill Braves Baseball Club is lucky to have such strong leadership and players who have remained in this club since their junior years. Daniel McKinnon began his baseball journey as a junior Brave, where he experienced firsthand the positive coaching, encouragement, and support that the club is known for. These early memories stayed with him, and when his own baseball-loving children showed interest in the sport, Daniel knew it was time to return home to the green and gold.

While Daniel had an extended break from baseball, he recently has

celebrated his 50th senior game within the club, and his return has marked the start of a McKinnon family tradition. Since then seven McKinnon family members have joined the club, including four junior players lined up for the 2025 season.

For his second year in a row and joined by his wife Kayla, Daniel and Kayla have been the amazing duo behind the club's T-ball program. Together, they have guided 15 of the club's youngest players, who eagerly wake up early to learn the fundamentals of baseball, build friendships, and demonstrate the team spirit the Braves are known

for.

President Gregg Duncan and Brooke Duncan, who for many years managed and looked after the T-ball team, proudly handed over the T-ball cohort to Daniel and Kayla last year, stating "it was clear the T-ball cohort responded positively to Daniel's natural ability to teach, guide, and connect with young players"

Over the past two years, the club has seen a steady rise in junior player numbers, a reflection of the strong leadership and coaching not only from Daniel and Gregg but from the entire committee.

Club Coach and parent

Brad Jones summed it up perfectly "It is easy to inspire the youngest of the club when the group is in such strong and capable hands."

Daniel and Kayla love seeing how much the kids enjoy playing as a team, cheering each other on, and eagerly learning new skills. They value how inclusive and welcoming the sport is for all children, regardless of background or ability. "Sunday is our favourite day of the week," they say. "The smiles, the energy, and the joy these kids bring is incredible."

They are also quick to credit the broader support network behind the scenes. "We are lucky to have such a wonderful, encouraging group of parents and club members who cheer on and uplift our junior players. There is nothing better than being part of a club where every member is supported and celebrated."

Here is what some of our youngest members are saying about what they love about T-ball

Zayne: Zayne's third year at the club and he is showing early promise to live and breathe the game. Not only does Zayne play T-ball, he is also the proud Bat Boy for the C grade Green team.

Zayne reports "What I love most about T-ball is that my mummy and daddy are the coaches. Hitting two baggers. Getting out the other team players. Getting on base and running the bases then sliding into home plate. Playing with my team mates and with all the Braves family"

Paige: You cannot miss Paige on the field, Paige adds her own flair to the game and proudly represents the Braves with an added touch of pink. Paige also represents the under 13's and is getting better every single day. Paige loves "How

dad and mum (Daniel and Kayla) always make a way to make everything fun and enjoyable for not just me and Zayne, but also all the others to. I also love the learning experience of how to play baseball. I love having the opportunity of being able to play baseball in Churchill for the Braves. I love both hitting and fielding and playing with the younger ones and my teammates".

Zarah: Zarah's second year of the game, Zarah brings zest and a sense of wonder to the game. Zarah has a constant smile on her face and will sneak a soft toy into every game. Zarah has also been known to have a splash of pink amongst the green and gold. Zarah's answer to what I love about T-ball - "You get to hit the ball, drop your bat and run to first base and throw the ball but mostly I have a pink Braves sticker, the same bag as Paige and my coaches Dan and Kayla"

Annalise: Annalise is also into her second year of T-ball and is picking up the sport quite quickly. Annalise's favourite thing about T-ball is "I love that Dan is the coach because he helps me get better".

Addison: Addison is well and truly a loved member of the group and is a constant supportive member of the group and states "I love how I have made new friends and we cheer each other on, It is really great"

Arlo: Arlo loves his personalised jersey and reports "It is a fun game, you can get home runs and slide onto the base".

Lexi: This is Lexi's first year of playing T-Ball. Lexi came to our 'come and try' day and now her whole family is involved in the club. Lexi gets to play alongside her older sister Leah. Lexi answered "I really love hitting the ball, practising my throws and my coach is very nice and he gives us treats after the game. I also like all my new friends and that my family comes and cheers for us.

Leah: Leah is also in her first year of T-Ball and also plays in the under 13's. Leah fitted right into the club with her family and they are all a great asset to the club. Leah answered "I love having fun out in the field with my sister and my new friends, some of them I play with at school now too, I also really like being a part of a team and learning to get better at the baseball skills every week".

Wade: Wade is in his second year of T-Ball and has brought great flare into the game making sure his friends are entertained, Wade's family are also generous sponsors of our C grade team for the past two years. Wade answered "They go nice and easy on you and let you have lots of fun".

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Men's Monthly Medal (Stroke) May 31, 2025

Monthly Medal Winner: M. Rennie 63 Nett Scratch Winner: M. Brereton 84. Putts: M. Brereton 27 A Grade: J. Cahill 74 Nett B Grade: G. Barnes 72 Nett.

C Grade: M. Rennie 63 Nett D.T.L.: 1. R. Welsh 67, 2. A. Sharrock 72, 3. A. Auld

74, 4. M. Brereton 74, 5. R. King 74, 6. P. McGann 76, 7. P. Bolding 77 c/b, 8. R. Sands 77 c/b N.T.P.: 3rd G. Sanders, 5th R. Harvey, 12th R. King, 14th R. Madigan

Birdies: 14th M. Rennie Target Hole: J. Cahill

Women's Monthly Medal (Stroke) - Ambrose

Dropout Tuesday June 3, 2025.

Monthly Medal Winner: S. Turner 76 Nett Putts: S. Turner 31 D.T.L.: M. Dear 79 Nett N.T.P.: 3rd M. Dear, 5th M. Dear, 12th M. Dear, 14th M. Dear

Stableford June 7, 2025

A Grade: S. Allison 40 pts B Grade: M. Allen 35 pts C Grade: J. McCafferty 37 pts D Grade: J. Garth 34 pts D.T.L.: 1. C. Waring 37, 2. Ash West 35, 3. M. Hammer 34, 4. M. Rennie 33, 5. R.

King 33, 6. C. Gardiner 32, 7. P. Junker 32, 8. P. McGann 32, 9. B. Kilday 32, 10. P. Kearns 31 N.T.P.: 3rd Adam West, 5th M. Allen, 12th S. Sanders (Propin), 14th R. Dent Birdies: 14th I. Heppleston. Target Hole: M. Soppe.

4BBB Tuesday June 10, 2025

Winners: L. Chessum/ C. Barnes 40 pts D.T.L.: S. Caldwell/ J. Blizzard 38 pts. NTP: 5th J. Blizzard, 12th K. Del Piccolo.

2 Person Ambrose June 14, 2025.

Winners: D. Burrige/M. Harvey 66.25 Nett Runners Up: M. Brereton/R. King 67.25 Nett D.T.L.: G. Barnes/C. Waring 67.5, 2. P. Kearns/R. Sands 67.75, 3. R. Vesty/G. Corponi 68.5, 4. M. Smith/R. Madigan 68.75, 5. M. Allen/S. Allison 69.5 N.T.P.: 3rd M. Hutchinson (Propin), 5th W. McGrath, 12th S. Allison, 14th G. Barnes Target Hole: P. Kearns.

Tuesday June 10, 2025.

No competition due to weather

Match Knockout Final

Results May 2025

Women's Winner: C. Stevens Runner Up: M. Lugton. Men's Winner W. McGrath Runner Up: J. Cahill.

Stroke June 21, 2025.

A Grade Winner: R. Harvey 71 Nett B Grade Winner: C. Wilson 66 Nett. C Grade Winner: S. Sanders 71 Nett Scratch Winner: P. Smart 83. D.T.L.: 1. M. Hutchinson 72, 2. G. Spowart 73, 3. A. Sharrock 73, 4. D. Taylor 73, 5. M. Soppe 74, 6. S. Turner 74, 7. S. Caldwell 74, 8. R. Davidson 75, 9. R. Davidson 75, 10. R. King 75 N.T.P.: 3rd D. Byers, 5th D. Byers, 12th P. Chapple (Propin), 14th D. Burrige Birdies: 3rd C. Wilson, J. Banfield, R. Harvey, 12th G. Spowart Target Hole: R. Madigan.

Stableford Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

A Grade Winner: S. Caldwell 39 pts B Grade Winner: K. Del Piccolo 35 pts

D.T.L.: 1. M. Pearce 33 pts, 2. R. Dent 30 pts N.T.P.: 3rd M. Dear, 5th C. Carder, 12th J. Clegg, 14th S. Caldwell Birdies: 3rd R. Dent Eagles: 9th R. Dent.



Yinnar Community Garden



On a showery wintry day, a group of about 20 brave souls ventured out to the Yinnar Community Garden for our Open Day on June 25. The weather cleared for a quick tour of the Garden and mosaics, then we sat around the fire for home cooked soup while we discussed how to bring in more energy for maintaining the Garden into the future.

It was lovely to have visitors from other Community Gardens around Gippsland, but most of all we were pleased to hear from some local residents about how they could become involved.

We talked about what could be holding people back from volunteering at our

Wednesday morning working bees, including having young children, part time workers often being rostered on Wednesdays, potential volunteers not knowing much about gardening and/or having a garden of their own to look after.

Some suggestions on ways to address those were: having a kids' event, polling locals on their best available weekday, publicising a list of jobs that don't need expert gardening knowledge (such as mulching), publicising the YCG as a way of getting new ideas for your own garden (such as by tasting a finger lime or cherry guava), and improving mental health by making social contact with others. It was noted that

Wednesday morning may not suit people struggling with mental health, as they are often not morning people.

Best of all we made contact with three new locals willing to help at working bees, including our first ever volunteers from the new estates in Yinnar.

Special mention to a Friend of the Garden who did a stunning job mowing and doing other maintenance jobs ready for Open Day.

We would love to continue the discussion with anyone who could not make it on the day via our Facebook page – just search for “Yinnar Community Garden” or email .yinnarcg@gmail.com

BOOLARRA FOLK FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENT

After 22 years of delivering successful, free, all day music festivals, the Boolarra Folk Festival Committee is considering options to scale-down and promote smaller and more frequent events at local venues in future.

The committee remains committed to supporting local music and cultural events and will continue to work toward bringing people together and showcasing our town.

The considerable time and effort required to deliver an annual all-day festival, however, has become too much with our current resources.

Significant funding must be sought each year to provide a free festival with costs that continue to rise.

Delivering the all-day folk festival requires 60 volunteers to setup, manage and bump out the festival. There has also been an increasing administrative burden placed upon the committee, who are all volunteers.

Key members of the committee are stepping down following, in some cases, decades of service to this community.



The festival has played a significant role in building our musical reputation as part of the arts corridor in the Latrobe Valley and South Gippsland areas.

During these years, more than 800, mostly local musicians have played on the main stage, the Memorial Hall and ARC Yinnar, and over 170,000 people have attended the festival, generating around \$1.2 million each year within the community.

By scaling down and focusing on more frequent local events, however, the cost, organisation and labour will be less demanding upon volunteers and the community will still benefit from musical performances.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have supported the festival for over two decades.

Our volunteers, musicians, performers and market stall holders created a festival that became an iconic event in the Latrobe Valley.

Our sponsors and funding bodies, especially the Latrobe City Council, made it possible to keep the festival free and accessible.

The committee is grateful to the thousands of audience members who enjoyed and appreciated the multi award-winning Boolarra Folk Festival within the beautiful setting of Gippsland's Strzelecki Ranges.

While we appreciate and accept that this necessary decision will be disappointing to many, the committee looks forward to working with the community to support, promote, and celebrate local music and culture through a new approach.

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