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Yinnar business excellence award winners



Gippsland Business Awards: Innovation Excellence – Outlook Industries Australia, Yinnar

Outlook Industries Australia is a standout example of a small team using innovation, resilience and purpose-driven goals to achieve growth, operating in a highly specialised, sophisticated and challenging sector.

The team has overcome significant hurdles, embraced cutting-edge technology and built a values-led culture that supports projects both locally and beyond. With defence clients, they are making a meaningful impact locally and beyond.

The Team's work in creating GUS- Ground Uncrewed Systems- has brought about a way to obtain surveillance without endangering lives and covering a wide amount of territory. Its application is far

reaching. It gives the team much satisfaction to produce.

Receiving the Gippsland Business Awards for Innovation reaffirms that Gippsland is the home to engineering excellence.

Luke Townsend is the CEO and the following are highlights from his acceptance speech.

"Well golly gosh! You know, I grew up in the Strzelecki Ranges not far from here and my Dad said to me once, "You know Luke, if you tuck your trouser leg into your sock and get around like that, people are going to expect less of you!"

I took that to heart for my life and so I surround myself with people who are far more capable than me.

So I couldn't come up here in all reasonableness without bringing Hasitha and Duncan my brother, who have done all the

leg work. I just do the talking. Firstly, A big round of applause for the people who put The Gippsland Business Awards on.

We get quite a bit of bad news, on occasion, in Gippsland, and we're working hard to bring work back here. Having things like this, where we get to dress up, feel good about ourselves, and hear these amazing inspiring stories is absolutely crucial, so a massive thank you to everyone involved.

The second thing I'd like to say is about our community.

We are in Yinnar. It is not exactly competing with Silicon Valley yet, but we have an incredible community there.

We are making robots for defence and we are helped by retirees coming in every day, offering us their assistance, just to be part of the team, because it is exciting! We are doing things!

Thanks to our community in Yinnar and even more broadly our community. When we were nominated for this award we didn't even know how that had happened.

A bloke rang me said 'Look you've been nominated!' and I didn't believe him, because I didn't know how this had happened, and it turned out our community had nominated us. So Trehana and Dinusha, thank you for nominating us and I really appreciate that.

Finally, I just want to say: The Team. We crack a lot of jokes and we really enjoy what we do, but we don't forget the seriousness of what we are doing.

We are attempting to save lives in the defence sector.

I carry memories of people with me, who I don't get to celebrate this with. I want to thank my team and Mrs Townsend for making my mission their own".

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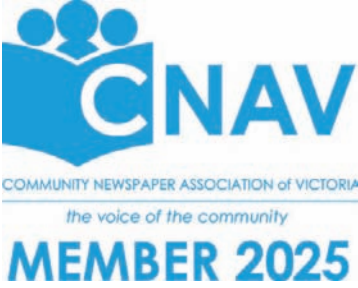
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Carol Scott's 80th



Recently the Churchill & District News team celebrated Carol's 80th birthday with morning tea at Pizza HQ and acknowledged Carol's time with us, and how important that time has been to the smooth running of our Churchill & District News papers and other activities.

Carol joined our team more than 15 years ago. Carol has played a significant part, first of all with helping with the News, but also the writing comp judging, art and photographic comps and the tennis come and try, fishing comps and festivals over the years. When we moved from

the Uni to the church office, she became our editor and part of our production team's procedures as well as many other tasks required to keep the wheels turning. Carol remains calm under pressure.

Carol has adapted to new programs, working off site and managing all that has been necessary as changes occur.

Carol, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done, and continue to do, for Churchill News, over your wonderful 80 years, many of which have been in service for family, sport and our paper. You are an inspiration.

Rainfall



Churchill

For the month of September, we have received a total of 55mm of rain over approximately 12 days for the entire month. The annual rainfall to date is 435.0mm. As we have seen throughout the year, both the monthly and annual rainfall data is well and truly below both averages.

Hazelwood North

The rainfall deficit for 2025 has increased again, 16% to 18%. The

ground water recharge is poor. Residents living out of town, who still have to do a burn-off, only have days left before the fire restrictions start. September only had 58mm of rain, and 68% of the month's average. Hazelwood South had 9% more rain than the Latrobe Valley weather station. Grass and other vegetation growth remains slow, and the gardens need help with some watering. The bush undergrowth has been thinning itself.

Churchill & District News 250th edition

It is with our great pleasure that we present our 250th edition wrap around, showcasing the Churchill & District News digital editions and the potted history of the paper. To celebrate this further milestone we are presenting the pages all in colour.

Churchill News began with Rev Peter Arch in 1965 as a duplicated sheet given to new residents as they arrived at our new town as part of a welcome pack.

It told people where they could get the paper, milk, groceries and transport options as well as who had arrived in town and who had given birth to a new resident.

In 2001 the paper, which had progressed from the duplicated sheet to an A5 size, then A4 plus size booklet and finally the tabloid size we know now, went into recession.

In November 2002, the paper was re-instated as a digital copy, produced with publication programs on computers.

It was also renamed Churchill & District News to reflect the wider area our news covered.

With community support, grants from Hazelwood Power and Monash University, debts paid off and support from Monash University with computers,

programs and a journalism student to show how the programs were done, we were up and running again.

Since then the C&DN has brought informing community news of events, schools, churches, safety issues, parks, fire brigade and much more each edition.

The efforts of the various teams over the year has been amazing to keep the news coming out and running the various other activities in which we have participated or run.

The present team has continued to work hard to keep the news flowing, the finances strong, and working to update our web site and Facebook pages. We are blessed to have them all on board to keep the paper as an important part of our communities.

We take this opportunity to thank Hazelwood Power, Latrobe City Council, Monash University, our faithful advertisers and article submitters for their past and present support.

Lastly, we would like to thank all our readers, especially those who gave us feedback and thanks.

We hope you enjoy reminiscing as you read the wrap around and view our past front page editions. You can see and read many more at cdnews.com.au



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



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Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare



By J Duncan
Better late than never, our 2025 Landcare planting season

Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group has had a difficult year for managing our plants. Those that were ready for the usual May market were left in limbo when we had an election and the market was cancelled, and plants grown for autumn planting had to be kept going when it just did not rain.

Native plants generally thrive best if we plant them when they are young and growing strongly. The aim is to have as little root disturbance as possible.

Once it did start raining – spring break in August – we were able to get to work and have achieved plantings on several private properties as well as infill with additional plants and species on our group's existing public land sites. The disadvantage of late winter over May planting is that the soil would no longer have been warm.

In August we joined the Yinnar Community

Garden folk for a successful community planting day along the drain and around the Yanun Wanduin indigenous garden behind arc in Yinnar.

Landcare members and others have also been working hard around the district to get plants in before the heat and probable dry weather in the coming summer. We were grateful for help from Latrobe City with planting along our pollinator link.

We noticed that plants at the site that the City mulched prior to our planting day last year held up very well over the dry summer and autumn we had. (Those planted in other areas such as the Cemetery did not fare so well.)

If we can get woody mulch for our planting sites it does several things. It keeps the roots cool, helps moisture retention, suppresses weeds and promotes speedier development for the soil fungi and bacteria that native plants need to be able to absorb nutrients. (We cannot always get mulch or transport it to our planting sites, but it would be great if

we could.)

To learn more about our group, you can join in with our Annual Pot Wash up on Saturday October 18 from 11a.m. at Jeeralang North Hall.

Come ready to wield a dish mop, and bring your lunch if you would like to stay on for our group meeting in the afternoon.

You could also call by our stall at the Yinnar Memorial Hall Market on Sunday November 2. The market is on from 9a.m. to 1p.m. Our stall will operate from a marquee instead of the trailer that some people may remember.

We will have information to give away, and plants and some publications to sell (for cash only), and we would love to talk with anyone who is interested in what we do.

Watch out too for another workshop on making your garden a friendly place for pollinators. We have a plan, but have not been able to confirm a date just yet.

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

BOOK REVIEW

“Table for Two” by Amor Towles 2024

Amor Towles is an American novelist, born on October 24, 1964 and raised in Boston. He earned a Bachelor of Arts at Yale College and a Master of Arts at Stanford University. His books include “Rules of Civility” 2011, “A Gentleman in Moscow” 2016, “The Lincoln Highway” 2021 and “Table for Two” 2024.

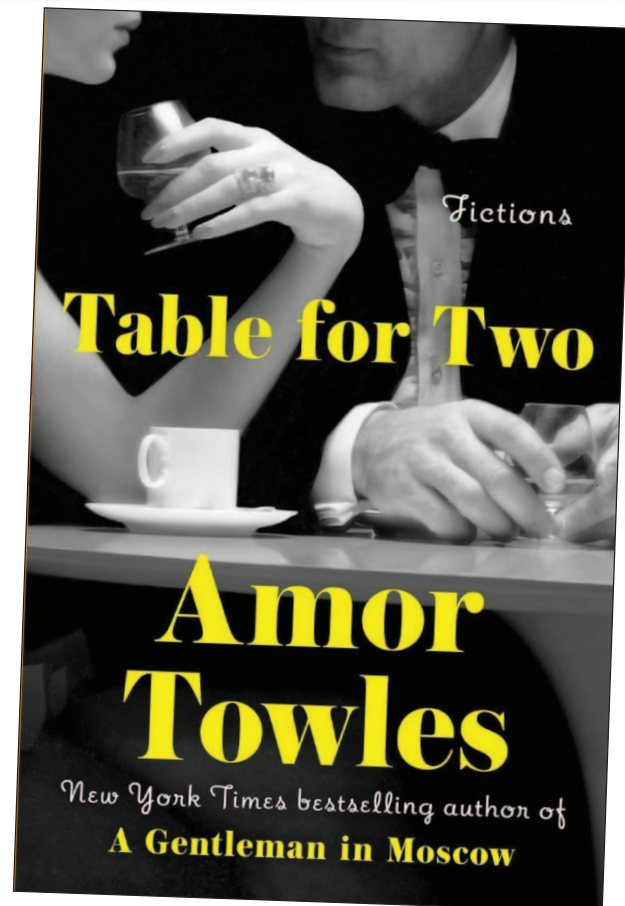
This book consisted of six short stories and a novella. The short stories included an entrepreneurial Russian communist, a bookshop forger, a self-righteous theatre-goer, an under-cover photographer, a stranded traveler who picks up the wrong phone and a family who cuts up a “masters” painting to share equally amongst its’ members.

The novella followed on from “Rules of Civility” and takes up the life of Eve who is returning home after the end of a relationship. Her parents are waiting for her on the platform when she decides not to disembark but to continue to Los Angeles.

Here she befriends Olivia De Havilland who is living in the same hotel and is hoping for the leading female role in “Gone With the Wind” opposite Gregory Peck. However a parcel is delivered to the hotel containing compromising photographs and a demand for money in order to stop the photos becoming public.

Eve decides to find out who the photographer is and who the blackmailer is, and with the help of a “washed-up” actor and a retired detective she intends to save the reputation of her friend.

Amor Towles is a



wordsmith and the master of “tongue in cheek” humour. Everyone in our group enjoyed the short stories which were varied, each carrying a message about the consequences of our actions, although sometimes unintended.

The novella was greeted

with quite a different response. Two members had read “Rules of Civility” and enjoyed it, two who had not also enjoyed it. The remainder of the group did not persevere and probably would not go on to read “Rules of Civility”, feeling that it did not really “stand alone.”

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The All Age Worship team presented the lost sheep as their theme for the service. Jesus talked about the lost sheep and how they needed to be found and when found a joyous celebration should be held. This applies to lost people, those who do not know Jesus as their Saviour. The lesson to be realised is

that we have a duty to bring those lost sheep into the fold by sharing the good news of Jesus' death to bring us salvation.

Some team members including the children, decorated cup cakes and biscuits with sheep faces which were eaten for morning tea. Members of the team presented the different parts of the service.

Coffee Connections

The theme for our September Coffee Connections was your favourite song or music. The eighteen who attended were eager to share their favourites, and why they had chosen them. Sometimes it was childhood memory, a

meaningful song attached to an event, or one they had heard from a concert. There were stories about the use of music in schools. The development of a musical appreciation over time was shared. Due to the age of many of the attendees the music and groups mentioned came from the 50s, 60s and 70s.

From the parable of the Dishonest Manager in Luke 16: 1-13 Cathie observed that those who had their bill reduced did not object.

From The Message by Eugene Peterson

8-9 "Now here's a surprise: The master praised the crooked manager! And why? Because he knew

how to look after himself. Streetwise people are smarter in this regard than law-abiding citizens. They are on constant alert, looking for angles, surviving by their wits. I want you to be smart in the same way—but for what is right—using every adversity to stimulate you to creative survival, to concentrate your attention on the bare essentials, so you'll live, really live, and not complacently just get by on good behaviour."

Cathie urged us to be pro-active in our faith before needs arise. What we have should always be used for good; for the survival of God's Kingdom.



Church Times

Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

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Tel: 5166 1819

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Yinnar/Boolarra
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and Coffee Shop.
10.00 am Wednesdays at
Boolarra Co-op
Church Hall.

For more info:
Pastor Lynn Fowler
0493 193 141

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Fr James Fernandez
Saturday 5.00pm St Vincent's,
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Sunday 9.00am Lumen Christi,
Churchill.
10.30am Sacred Heart, Morwell.
Every 4th Sunday alternates
Yinnar/Boolarra.
*See Church bulletin
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Open Studios Latrobe 2025



Alvina Bishop-Edwards Portrait Painting



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Jenny Peterson, Boolarra

Open Studios Latrobe is a great opportunity for visitors to spend a relaxing weekend wandering through the studios of Latrobe Valley artists and local galleries, while the artists discuss their experiences and demonstrate their skills.

This will be the tenth Open Studios Latrobe for the community group Moartz. As usual the event will be held in late October - on the weekend of 25 and 26, with 19 visual artists to show the best of our region's talent to the public.

The towns included in this driving tour are Moe, Morwell, Traralgon, Glengarry North, Yinnar and Boolarra.

There will be some new artists involved in the Open Studios tour in Traralgon and Glengarry and some old favourite artists returning in Moe and Boolarra. The artists work in a wide variety of mediums including, printmaking, airbrush, watercolour, acrylics, textiles, drawing, pottery and more.

The artist-run space

ARC Yinnar will have eight artists demonstrating different techniques, including Alvina Bishop-Edwards starting a portrait painting, and the Inpot Alchemists demonstrating amid the Gathered Threads textile exhibition in the main gallery. The Matchbox Gallery in Yinnar will have plenty on show as well with stained glass and drawings.

Visitors can start their self-guided tour with the aid of the printed poster/map available from local shops and any of the studios. For only \$5 per person (children free) visitors can go to all of the studios over the weekend of October 25 and 26.

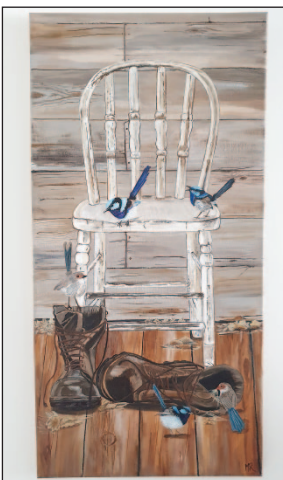
An online version of the information poster and map can be found at

<https://moartz.com/events-news>.

If you need more information, contact Sharon Anderson and Jenny Peterson at openstudiosmoartz@gmail.com

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Before the work begins, parts of the park will be closed for pre-construction works from November 2025. Work includes removing current equipment, removal of aging signage and park furniture and removing required vegetation.

The playground area will be closed from January 2026 - mid 2026 for the construction of an Adventure Playground.

Thanks for your patience while we update the Park!



Scan the QR code for more information, or visit: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Mathison_Park

This project has been supported by the Victorian Government through the Better Parks and Playground Program.





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Yinnar Community Garden

Bridging the Hungry Gap

We are now coming into the “Hungry Gap” season – at the start of spring when the annuals are still small seedlings. This is where perennial plants shine. Unlike annuals which die each year (so you have to rework the soil and replant), perennials will live on from year to year if you just harvest a small part of the plant at a time (such as picking a few leaves).

Permaculture strongly emphasises the importance of using perennial plants in our food production systems. Because annuals “live fast and die young” and need to produce large amounts of seeds to reproduce, they use very large amounts of available soil nutrients.

They are also shallow rooted. On the other hand, perennials put out extensive root systems very deep into the soil, which allows them to access water and nutrients that cannot be reached by annual plants.

Accordingly, they do not need large amounts of fertiliser. In nature, most of the plants on the planet are perennials, whereas approximately 80% of the world’s food crops are annuals. (Thanks to Angelo Eliades of Deep Green Permaculture for this info).

You can have a garden of annuals relatively cheaply by growing your own new plants from seeds or cuttings, and



Katwort / Pigface growing at Cape Paterson.

making your own compost and fertiliser (perhaps worm juice from a worm farm, or compost tea). The simpler option is growing perennials instead. The Yinnar Community Garden is currently transitioning away from annuals, to reduce the workload for our volunteers.

One of the perennials we have is French Sorrel, which has a lovely lemony flavour and adds zing to salads.

If you have chickens, they will fight each other to win a sorrel leaf, which they will quickly run away with to savour in peace. The YCG also has the Australian Native Plant ‘Carpobrotus rossi’, Katwort (Pigface), whose succulent salty, edible

leaves are good with fatty meats and were often chewed as an emergency food by the Gunai community (as noted in the book “Plants of Significance to the Gunai Community” by Rob de Souza-Daw, Ken Harris and Doris Paton). The purplish red fruit can also be eaten fresh or dried.

Other perennial greens for temperate climates include garlic chives, samphire, and nine star broccoli. During the Hungry Gap, it is lovely to be able to walk into your garden and pick fresh greens to garnish your meals.

The next event at the YCG will be a Seedling Stall, on Saturday October

25. All seedlings and cuttings by donation. Your donation will go towards basics like insurance and garden supplies (the YCG receives no ongoing funding). We will have lots of old favourites, along with some possibly new discoveries. Try a Pepino aka perennial melon, Australian native food Warrigal Greens, or some heirloom tomatoes! All children under 12 will receive one free seedling of their choice.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates, or become a member to receive email notifications.

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the word during 2025
Dementia Action Week
from September 15 to 21.**

Across Australia, individuals and organisations supported our campaign ‘Nobody can do it alone’, encouraging everyone in the community to reach out and reconnect with someone in their life affected

by dementia. Social isolation and loneliness are, unfortunately, all too commonly experienced by many living with dementia.

With the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare reporting this month that dementia is now the leading cause of death for all Australians, chances are that you know someone impacted and can help be part of their support system

– so that none of us have to face dementia alone. On behalf of the estimated 433,300 Australians living with dementia and the 1.7 million people involved in their care, thank you for showing your support this Dementia Action Week.

While Dementia Action Week is only one week each year, the conversation and action to eliminate the lack of

understanding that leads to stigma and discrimination continues year-round. For information and tips on how you can continue working towards a dementia-friendly future, please visit dementia.org.au/DementiaActionWeek.

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By Mike Beamish

Species: Grevillea miqueliana.

Family: Proteaceae.

Derivation:

Grevillea: Named after Charles Francis Greville (1749-1809), a founder of the (Royal) Horticultural Society and who introduced and grew

rare plants at Paddington, London.

miqueliana:

Named after Friedrich Anton Wilhelm Miquel (1811-1871), who was Professor of Botany at Utrecht, Netherlands and superintendent of the Amsterdam botanical garden.

Plants in my Garden

Name: None.

Distribution: Endemic to Victoria, there are three subspecies: miqueliana has the largest range from Tanjil Bren to the Mt Wellington area of the Great Dividing Range; cincta is restricted to the Mt Selma area; and moroka is in the Moroka River catchment. A fourth taxon further east in SE NSW is now called G. irrasa.

Description:

An erect, spreading shrub to 2.5m tall and 3m wide. Leaves are simple and entire, up to 8.5cm long by 3cm wide, usually elliptic to obovate or ovate, leathery, upper surface scabrous to granulose (rough), lower surface villous (hairy). Flowers occur in the warmer months, especially at altitude, are usually terminal but sometimes axillary in panicles that suspend from the branches. They might be up to 4cm long when fully open and are red, apricot or pink with a brown style.

Opinion:

Not terribly impressed at this stage, because the plant was planted, flowered and died, all in a few short weeks. Might have been my fault, I planted it on the Fairmont St nature strip and it might have been too exposed over the following



summer period, but even so, it shouldn't have been so quick to cark it. I've had similar problems with the closely related G. victoriae, before I finally got one to survive for a few years. My plant came from the raffle table, so hopefully there

will be more available down the track and I will give it another crack.

The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group hosts monthly activities, excursions and / or meetings. Interested persons are welcome to join

in, please contact Mike for more information, email mcandcjb@gmail.com or phone 0447 452 755.

Sources: Flora of Victoria online. Olde & Marriott – The Grevillea Book, Volume 3.

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Keeping your house and front yard tidy and well maintained is essential. Not only does it make for great street appeal, but it also shows that someone is currently living in the home (rather than empty and unoccupied). Collecting mail is another way to show someone is at home. Great home security provides safety and peace of mind.

Install outdoor lighting: Outdoor lighting serves multiple purposes. It illuminates potential tripping hazards, deters criminals from scoping out your property, and makes it easy for guests to find your home at night. Consider illuminating the house number, doorways, footpaths and driveways when looking for places to install lights. Trim your plants and trees away from the house. Trees and shrubs may give your house a beautiful and colourful kerb appeal, but they provide an excellent place to hide for thieves. Consider planting flowers and low-rising bushes instead to make your space greener. If you have trees near windows and doors, replant them elsewhere or add extra security to those windows, such as heavy-duty locks, security cameras, and strength window glazing.

Secure your mailbox: Often mailboxes are the prime spot for identity thieves to attack. Mailboxes are where you receive your new or updated driver's licence and new credit cards, thus making them enticing to thieves. Mailboxes are easily accessible from the road. So what can you do to prevent anyone from accessing your mail? Get it locked. Choose a trusted brand for a sturdy weatherproof padlock. Stop mail from flowing or sticking out of your mailbox by checking it regularly and removing junk mail and other dirt inside it.

Use security cameras: You might have also spotted in the news that burglars and trespassers stop dead in their tracks and quickly back out of their plans if they realise that they are caught on camera. Some camera systems have loud speakers in them and you can talk to whoever is in your yard.

Home security cameras are both a deterrent, with the footage used as evidence to spread through the community and with the police. Select the right home security camera for you. While there is no 100% guaranteed method to prevent theft, these suggestions are a great way to start. Good outdoor home security makes it harder for the wrong people to access your home and its personal items.

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By Linda Reid President

Remember our meetings are on the second Thursday of each month in Studio 1 (bottom of the hall). Everyone is welcome to have a chat. We try to have a guest speaker at most meetings. Did you remember to have your say on the Churchill Town Plan and to have your say on our next priorities at the CDCA table at the recent market? There will be a December Christmas market on December 6.

Hopefully the weather will be with us this time as it deterred a lot of people at our August market.

I hope to have an update on the construction of toilets for Churchill soon. As reported last month, funds have been allocated and it will be constructed on Council owned land between the East and West shopping centres.

There will be more information after our next meeting. The final meeting of the year is on December 11.

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Stroke Response

What happens in a stroke response

The LRH stroke team snapped into action in August with a fast paced exercise designed to help shave precious minutes off responding to and treating a stroke emergency.

The Code Stroke simulation training was run by an independent assessor from the Australian Angels Initiative, which sets global benchmarks for best practice, as part of National Stroke Week.

Latrobe Regional Health stroke unit coordinator Janet May said the activity was a part of a process review to find out how the team could improve their stroke responses to expedite care.

"Every minute means a lot, even five minutes can save someone's brain function and mean the difference between returning home or living in a nursing home with a disability," she said.

"A person loses between one and nine million neurons in their brain every minute in an untreated stroke, so the quicker we act, the better the outcome."

A professional actor played the role of "Simone Sim" who was delivered to ED by ambulance simulating a real stroke case, with slurred speech and right limb weakness.

The paramedics then handed her over to the LRH stroke team who rushed her into radiography for a series of CT scans to check for any abnormal blood flow in the brain.

"Simone" was transferred back to the ED where the treating doctor checked her hand, leg and eye coordination to test her reflexes.

The team then logged on to consult with an on-call Melbourne-based neurologist via Victorian Stroke Telemedicine, who made a decision to administer

clot-busting medication.

The entire simulation

took 50 minutes from arrival to medication delivery, well below the recommended 60-minute best practice benchmark.

"We are already meeting our targets and guidelines, but now we are looking at how we can cut this time even further by refining our process to give the best care we can," Janet said.

"The idea was to simulate as closely as possible the real-life treatment and to involve as many staff as possible. Some of our junior nurses hadn't seen a stroke code before so this was great

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Earlier this year, the LRH stroke unit won a prestigious World Stroke Organisation Angels Platinum Status Award for restoring blood-flow to the brain to eligible patients within 60 minutes of arrival.



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It also needs to be clear of obstructions for 4 metres above.

The driveway surface should be of all-weather

construction with a load limit of at least 15 tonnes.

Driveways that are longer than 100 metres

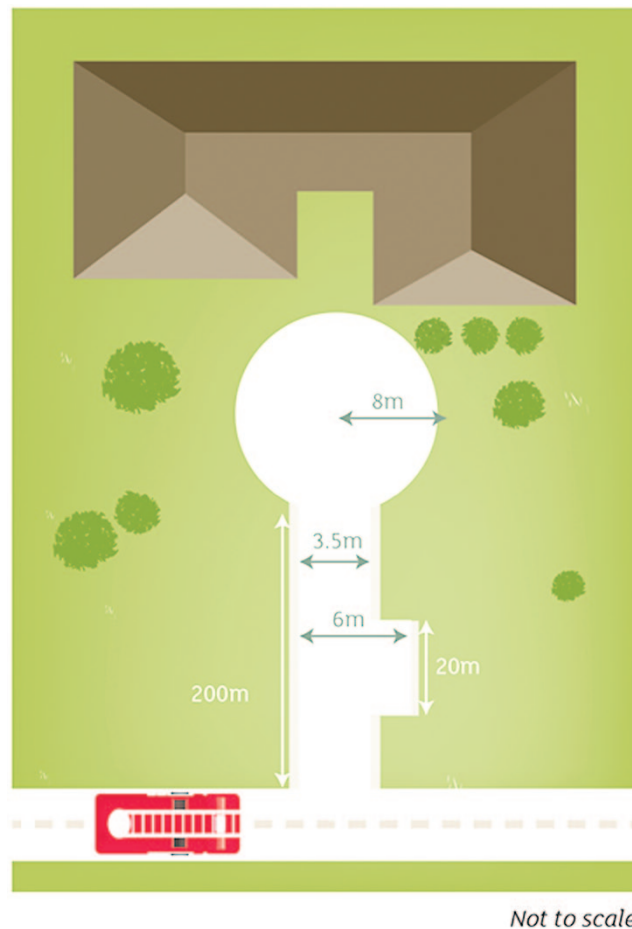
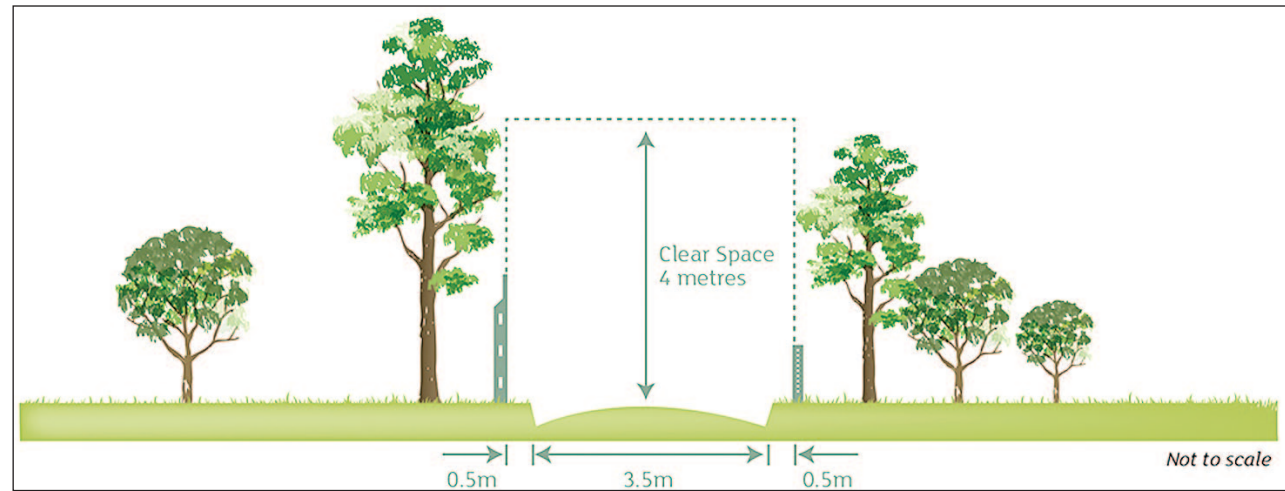
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This could be a turning circle with a radius of at least 8 metres, or it could be a T or Y-shaped turning area.

The road must be at least 4 metres wide and the arms of the T or the Y must measure at least 8 metres from the centre of the intersection, as shown in the diagram. A compliant driveway that goes completely around the building would likely be suitable.

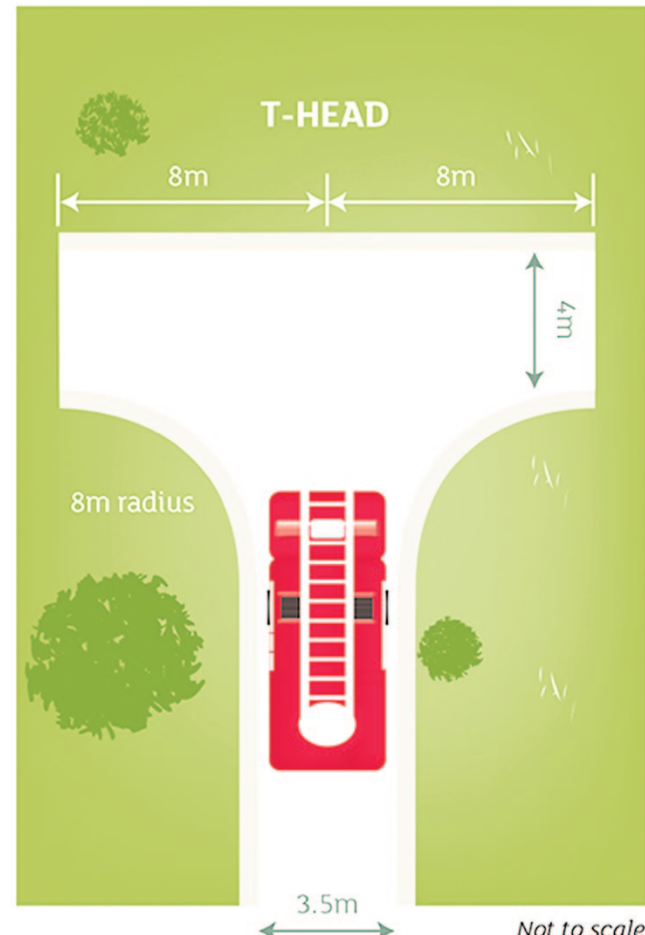
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ways, vehicles including fire trucks may need to pass each other. If your driveway is longer than 200 metres and less than 6 metres wide it needs



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Declared Fire Danger Period

The CFA Chief Officer has declared the Fire Danger Period for Latrobe City will commence at 1:00 am on Monday October 27, 2025.

CFA District 27 Operations Manager Bryan Russell said "Despite recent rain, vegetation has dried out considerably over the last few weeks and early indicators are pointing to a long and challenging fire season ahead. Less than normal rainfall in winter has also led to higher than usual ground dryness, which will speed up the rate at which

fuel curing occurs.

It is still not too late to clean up your property if you have not already done so, but the window for burning off will close at 1:00 am on Monday October 27, 2025.

Residents should take up the green waste collection service offered by their local councils when preparing their properties through clearing, mowing or slashing," he said.

During the Fire Danger Period, all fires in the open air are banned without a permit, along with most activities with the potential to generate sparks, and there is a specific exemption or special permit issued. This applies irrespective of the Fire Restriction status for a given municipality. Further details at cfa.vic.gov.au/can

Mr Russell emphasised that CFA will be taking a zero tolerance approach

to any fires resulting from people flouting the law.

"Expect that any fire you start will be fully investigated by police. While CFA does everything it can, we look to the community to use common sense and take responsibility for preventing fires," he said.

Mr Russell said that residents could find information about what is and is not permitted during the Fire Danger Period by visiting cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can or by calling 1800 226 226.

During the Fire Danger Period (FDP), fires cannot be lit in the open air without a written permit from CFA or a Municipal Fire Prevention Officer.

The FDP is based on local conditions and takes into account fuel moisture, fuel loads, grassland curing, weather and rainfall.

Fire Danger Period information:

A written permit is required to burn off grass, undergrowth, weeds or other vegetation during the FDP. This permit may be issued by the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer or the CFA District 27 Office. Please check with your municipality in the first instance.

Lighting a fire in the open without a permit is an offence and can bring a penalty of over \$17,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment.

Barbeques and fires for cooking and warmth do not require a permit, but must be lit in properly constructed fireplaces (to view complete conditions visit cfa.vic.gov.au/can)

Use of incinerators, chainsaw/lawn mowers, welding/grinding equipment and vehicles that come in contact with vegetation and machinery with an internal combustion/heat engine is permitted provided conditions are followed.

Farmers can find legal

guidelines and practical advice at

cfa.vic.gov.au/farming—important especially for new farmers, bush block owners or hobby farmers.

A Total Fire Ban declaration means no fires can be lit for the declared district for that day unless there is a specific exemption or special permit issued. This applies irrespective of the Fire Restriction status for a given municipality. Further details at cfa.vic.gov.au/can



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Janine gets support at home through her Home Care Package

After more than 40 years living together, life changed significantly for Janine when her husband Phil moved into residential care.

"Life just completely changed. Phil wasn't able to get around anymore after his stroke," Janine said.

Once she was living alone, it became harder for Janine to juggle home maintenance while also looking after her own health, and visiting Phil.

"The hospital that looked after Phil told me I should get on a home care package, and I'd never heard of it," she said.

The Federal Government provides funding to eligible Australians over the age of 65,

and to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders over the age of 50, to help them live at home for longer. A Home Care Package funds services that meet your specific care needs.

With her Home Care Package, Janine gets meals delivered through Lite n Easy, attends Pilates every week to support her mobility, and gets help at home with personal care, and gardening and lawn maintenance.

Now, Janine feels cared for and has the independence to keep being there for Phil. On her daily visits, Janine might sit and chat with Phil, or they might watch some of Phil's favourite movies together. No matter how they spend their time, Janine can enjoy herself knowing

everything is being taken care of at home.

For anyone thinking about getting a Home Care Package, Janine says to go for it—and to not be afraid to ask for the help you need.

"There have been times when it has been hard, and I've just rung up Latrobe Community Health Service and said, 'is there someone I

can talk to?"

"If there's any help you need, just ask and don't be afraid to ask, because they're just wonderful and they're only too happy to advise you," Janine said.

From November 1, the Home Care Package program is changing to Support at Home.

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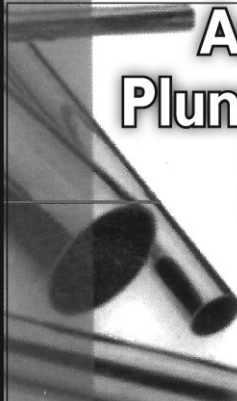
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The Strzelecki Koala, the Common Wombat and mange

The behaviours and physiology of the wombat and the koala make these animals ideal for being hosts of the Sarcoptic mange mite. Their reliance on low energy food, their movement and brushing against plants and their interaction within their own species, especially at breeding time, makes contact with the Sacropotic mange mite quite possible.

What is Sarcoptic mange?

Sarcoptic mange is an introduced disease that came with the introduction of farming animals. It also has a human variant, scabies. www.wildlifehealthaustralia.com.au *3.9.25, "Sarcoptic mange in Australian wildlife, Fact Sheet, April 2021).

Prior to European settlement "the mite *Sarcoptes scabiei*" did not exist in Australia, and so native animals like the koala and the wombat lack natural resistance to this mite infection. (www.marinemammal.center.org 3.9.25 'Outbreaks of sarcoptic mange in free-ranging koala populations in Victoria and South

Australia ; a case series.' Australian Veterinary Journal Vol.95 No 7, July 2017).

Sarcoptic mange is wide

spread and affects many Australian native animals. It has been responsible for the destruction of many local native animal populations. It occurs when a mite enters an animal's skin and feeds off the cells of the animal. The mites continually lay eggs that turn into larvae, nymphs and more mites, and the cycle continues. The host animal quickly becomes malnourished especially if it is already stressed by other factors like drought. The damage to the skin causes flaking, "skin thickening, crusting and deep fissures in the skin ". (www.nespthreatenedspecies.edu.au 3.9.25 "Guidelines for the treatment of Australian wildlife with Sarcoptic mange" Lee Skerratt etc. July 2021). This allows bacterial infections to occur and further weaken the host animal. In most cases like the wombat, hair loss is a sure sign of Sarcoptic mange but not necessarily so for the koala. (www.sciencedirect.com 3.9.25 "A retrospective Epidemiological Study of Sarcoptic mange in Koalas (*Phascolarctos cinereus*) using wildlife carer admission records ").

Signs of mange on a koala and wombat

An infected wombat or koala will scratch a

lot, have cracked and red patches on the skin and look malnourished. The location of the Sarcoptic mange outbreak relates to the area of the body that first made contact with the mites.

The koala will have redness and cracked skin on its chest, face, paws and claws because contact with the disease occurs when it climbs or rubs against the base or trunk of infected trees.

The breeding season from spring to autumn is a time when koalas have a greater chance of getting infected. Roaming male koalas can spread the mites when they lay their scent onto the tree trunks, fight other males or mate with females.

The young joeys can be infected during mating because the mite travels in a vertical direction. The female koalas do not show signs of Sarcoptic mange until autumn. Sarcoptic mange is more prevalent in the male koala.

Meanwhile the wombat will be infected along their back, face and paws. This is because the mites can drop and jump onto them. An early sign that a wombat is infected is when its normal behaviour changes. Usually a wombat feeds for around

four hours in the night, but a sick wombat will graze for many hours and be seen doing so during the daytime.

The wombat is more likely to be contaminated with mange in the winter because of burrow sharing and the climate of a wombat burrow suits mite infestation. Sarcoptic mange also impacts fertility and reproduction in the wombat.

Is the koala's fertility affected by mange too?

Unless the infected wombat is provided with treatment, it will suffer and die within three months. By the time a sick koala is found, it is usually too late for any treatment. The case study of "Outbreaks of Sarcoptic mange" mentions Strzelecki koalas in its data. Unfortunately most of the koalas in this study were deceased from septicaemia and because they were not found early enough for medical intervention.

Mite infestation occurs via direct contact with an infected animal or indirectly from the environment.

The mites are very resilient, living up to 3 weeks in the environment. They will look for potential hosts by using "odour and thermal stimuli" and can move up to 15 cm to attach itself to a host.



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and Wombat

Feral animals like foxes that go into wombat burrows are spreaders.

There are many issues concerning Sarcoptic mange management and treatment. Scientists are continually investigating how this disease could be best controlled and native animals protected.

However in the meantime please:

Report any sick Strzelecki koalas or common

wombats to Wildlife Victoria for assistance.

Drive carefully and attentively around Churchill and in bush areas.

Be a responsible pet owner.

Consider supporting a wildlife organisation like WomSat or Strzelecki Koala Action Team.

Protect, preserve and plant koala habitat.

The photo below shows this local Common Wombat,

named Wally by a local resident has Sarcoptic mange and fortunately is being treated by a local wildlife carer. Wally was seen feeding during the day and did not move away when approached. He needed extra water to be left out for him to drink because the treatment makes the animal quite thirsty. The wildlife carer was hoping to find Wally's burrow so that reinfection could be prevented.



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A short walk through recent history - do you remember?

By Leo Billington



Let us start with Morwell's temporary village called White City. A correspondent back in 2019 provided a concise description. Approximately 50 two and three-bedroom homes were built here to house an influx of workers to the region to work on SEC projects, including the construction of the Morwell Power Station and briquette factory.

There were no shops, only Nissen huts, surrounded by cheap picket fences, always plenty of kids and adjacent to the original Latrobe Valley airport. It was a community, somewhat transitional as families moved in and out, when more comfortable accommodation was found.

In a recent reference to the White City, the humble Nissen hut seems to have attracted attention. No doubt we have seen these buildings - some decaying, others being used, an oddity to a younger generation.

I regularly travel the Cann Valley Highway, and passing the historic Noorinbee state school, built in 1899, is the former home of the Noorinbee Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, formed by

several local farmers showing community leadership late in 1930. A recent photograph of this Nissen hut is as it was, when vacated around 1945. Then the brigade relocated to Cann River town, transitioning to become the Cann Valley Fire Brigade.

It seems there are "watchers" looking out for these semi-circular shaped buildings. And there are plenty to find - a bit like the BP Spotto holiday motoring game. Grab a pencil and cross it off!

Invented in around 1916 by British engineer, Major Peter Nissen, and intended for use during both World Wars, their "retirement" captured imaginations in Australia to be repurposed. Temporary housing was one use, and locally, the Yallourn Camp had quite a few for post-war migrants. Fortunately, some huts also found a new life as farm buildings and workshops.

There was once a Nissen hut at the Strzelecki Connan Park Scout Park, amazingly renovated by volunteers.

Currently, there is a reasonable example of a Nissen hut in Morwell; albeit some side windows have been smashed and discarded

car tyres are regularly dumped behind it (unable to be seen from passing traffic). A brick façade tells us it was, and perhaps still is, a useful building.

It is located at the Avondale and Driffield Road intersection - and was placed on part of the local playground. The playground is now reduced in area - all the kids have gone. Up until about 1969, the "big kids" monkey bar and swings gave up their space for a Nissen hut.

Horses, hired at weekends from Bob Whykes, could be tied at this space while young riders played on "big kids" stuff. Morwell Shire Council owned the playground; "big kids" referred to risk takers, ensuring big kids, and little kids, did not need doctors.

In more recent decades, the hut has been home to local theatre groups for storage and rehearsals. Strzelecki Showtime has made great use of this facility following a shift from the Hourigan Road Scout Hall. Basically, given the paucity of appropriate community space in Morwell, this Nissen hut has proved to be invaluable.

There is a second Nissen hut in Morwell. This one has escaped any attempts at local research.

It is tucked in behind another structure, in a position which has been its home for at least 25 years. An accompanying photograph proves its existence, and the structure is in great shape.

On December 2, 1953, Yallourn newspaper, the Live Wire reported that the newly formed Hernes Oak scout group committee received "generous support" from the Hernes Oak Progress Association to enable purchase of a Nissen hut. It was intended for use by scouts and guides. Fundraising - for internal alterations - included working-bees, and cake stalls.

On instructions from the Department of the Interior (an Australian government department that existed between April 1939 and December 1972), Morwell based auctioneer firm, Hanson and Watson held an auction of 25 Nissen huts. These were rested on property known as the Yallourn South Migrant Hostel, about four miles west

of Morwell. Conducted on Friday, September 11, 1953, these huts were described as "being 42 feet x 16 feet with hardwood ends and floors, some with masonite partitions." They could be purchased as "a whole or in separate units."

The Live Wire reported about an unhappy buyer at this auction. It drew a large audience, some keen to buy, others were "sticky beaks". One "well-known Morwell citizen" was so enthusiastic, he bought the first hut paying about £240. There was apparently "personal fury and gnashing of teeth" when another 10 huts hardly raised £114 each.

While there were plenty to sell, generally at public auction, community attitudes were problematic.

In late July, it was reported by the Gippsland Times that a Nissen hut, proposed for use as the "Memorial Hall to meet all needs, was unanimously rejected. It was to be used while a more, appropriate hall was "awaited by all Sale residents."

At their February 1951 meeting held in the Town Hall, Morwell Sub-Branch of the RSL, members were

provided an update on the "Hall Project". Plans "had been prepared and approved for club rooms to be erected in Tarwin Street. Orders had been lodged overseas for two Nissen huts and payment made to the manufacturers." Date of shipment was unknown and concerns were raised about problems of construction.

One year later, common sense reigned. Newly elected RSL President, Mr G. Colebrook, moved quickly with a new plan, aimed to have a hall built during 1952. His plan included "scrapping of erecting Nissen huts" in favour of funding a brick hall.

He believed that a main hall could be built for about £6000 and he felt that the Nissen huts, which could be sold, would always preserve the aspect of temporary buildings. In other words, two Nissen huts were contrary to RSL ideals and public image. Fair enough.

Moreover, at the same meeting, it was admitted, where tenders had been called for the erection of a main hall using Nissen huts, no tenders had actually been submitted.

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

It was written in last month's Churchill & District News that during past months, interest has centred on unmarked graves, of which there are significant numbers in the Hazelwood Cemetery.

This stems from a variety of sources - persons compiling family trees, perhaps others who think vacant spots are available for future interments, or from visitors seeing markers designating unmarked graves.

As I remarked last time, unmarked graves may generate emotions or feelings that no-one cares. A confession! Good old Google provided the following information, perhaps AI generated: "There is not a single "Victorian Act Destitute Persons" but rather a series of historical acts in Victoria, Australia, dealing with destitute persons and neglected children, primarily focused on their care, maintenance, and institutionalisation in industrial schools. Key legislation included the Neglected and Criminal Children's Act 1864, the Destitute Persons Relief Act 1866-7, and acts related to the State Children Act in the early 20th century, eventually being superseded by the Maintenance Act and other family law legislation."

Further investigation shows there are generally no "free sections" for burial in Victorian cemeteries, however, destitute persons were historically required to be permitted to be buried for free. Historically, Victorian cemetery trustees were empowered to make rules for cemetery



management and were required to allow the free burial of destitute people. Given that the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust is 146 years old, being gazetted in April 1879, three interments are recorded for early in 1879: Mrs Louisa Wicks in May 1879, Mrs Bridget Daly in June and 14 year old Michael Keegan in July.

In those formative years, Hazelwood cemetery comprised four denominational sections - Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglican and Roman Catholic. Old records show there were two Free Sections - a Presbyterian and Church of England Free Section. (The latter is now known as the Church of England Old as distinct from the Church of England New - a separation decided many years ago.)

A thorough study of very old records shows 24 interments in the Presbyterian Free Section and 62 in the Church of England Old Free Section.

For reasons never ever recorded, these interments do not have any co-ordinates useful to mark them - no row number, no grave-site

number. Absolutely nothing. Back in the day, indifference towards infant burials was seemingly quite stark, even confronting when considered in relation to current thinking. Infants, and stillborn babies, for instance, could be interred at the foot of a recently dug adult grave; and hence no record was kept of a location.

The Presbyterian Free Section, for instance, records that approximately between 1895 and 1946, ages of children varied from age 5 months, 2 days, 5 days, 1 day to 22 days old. There are other children who were stillborn. Two adults are included - Andrew Morrison and William Leonard Dodd.

Andrew Morrison was 50 years old when he was accidentally killed on Saturday February 20, 1897. He was working on a thrashing machine which was headed for Yinnar.

The machine was drawn by several bullocks, travelled through Morwell that Saturday afternoon and on past List's Hill - (about two miles south of Morwell). Andrew was accidentally run over as the main wheels hit a culvert. As he fell, the wheel passed over his head.

Andrew was a single man, born in Scotland with no relatives in Victoria. It seems he was a close friend, and sometime employee of Robert Dwyer, a farmer at Yinnar.

William (Bill) Leonard Dodd died Friday September 1, 1911, and rests in an unmarked grave. He lived in a house on Mr John Derham's property, Latrobe (Morwell North). Previously, Bill had worked around Moe and on the Loy Yang station. As his obituary detailed, Bill was "born at Westernport and was a bushman from early childhood." (The Morwell Advertiser, Friday September 15, 1911.) It also recorded he was born, and christened in Bourke, New South Wales.

Bill is credited as the first white man "to blaze a track through to Yarram (from Moe) through Gippsland's

dense forest." He was widely recognised for his remarkable bush skills, often "piloting early settlers through the wilds."

It was written that Bill had married, but his wife, Catherine, was confined "to an asylum." There was a son and daughter, whose whereabouts were unknown. At 70 years of age, a magisterial enquiry concluded Bill's death "was due to natural causes."

Aged 43 years, Peter Jarvie from Jeeralang, shot himself on Wednesday afternoon June 23, 1915. The magisterial enquiry conducted a week later returned "a verdict in accordance with doctor's evidence, that deceased died from a wound self-inflicted by rifle, and that there was unsoundness of mind at the time." (Morwell Advertiser, Friday July 2, 1915.)

Peter was among the first from our community to volunteer for active service at the time of the Boer war, and saw a good deal of service in South Africa. Sometime after his return from the war, he married Ellen Maud Drayton and settled on his farm at Jeeralang - a map shows the farm identified under Ellen Maud's initials being E M. He was known to be a "hard working, industrious man of steady habits, and naturally prospered."

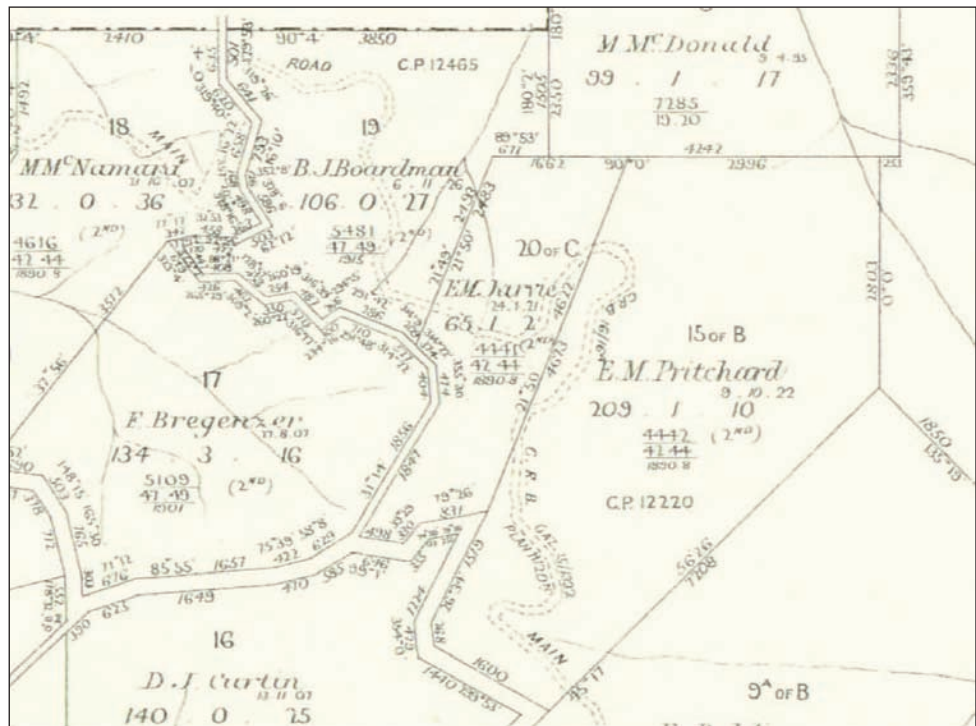
Nonetheless, Peter's wartime experience with the 5th Victorian Mounted

Rifles Contingent in the Transvaal played with his mind. Apparently, also he was deeply worried about purchasing another property - being unknowingly impacted by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), a mental health disorder officially recognised since about 1980.

Today, Peter's grave rests in the Hazelwood Cemetery, unfortunately, so easily missed as just another

interment. But it is recorded the Contingent contributed to the defeat of all Botha's attempts to invade Natal. On Thursday April 3, 1902 the corps embarked at Durban for home. Thirteen years later, "it all got the better of Peter."

Left with five young children, Maud married her neighbour, Cecil Pritchard in 1918 and died in November 1950 aged 66.



Re: Emmarentia Boettcher deceased

CREDITORS, next-of-kin, and others having claims in respect of the estate of the deceased, who died on October 21, 2024 are required by the legal representative, Caroline Bernadette Valda Cavanagh, to send particulars to the legal representative within 60 days from the date of this advertisement, after which date the legal representative may convey or distribute the assets, having regard only to the claims of which the legal representative has notice.

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1341.	Johnson, Harry	Private	
1342.	Ingram, Andrew	"	
1343.	Walker, Edward Gordon	"	
1344.	Robertson, Robert Patrick Norton	Corporal	.. Killed in action at Middle Kraal, 29.5.01
1345.	Jarvie, Peter James	Private	
1346.	Larpet, Lionel Herbert	"	
1347.	Hopkins, Albert	"	
1348.	Crosby, William Fowler	"	.. Lance-Corporal
1349.	Stead, Frederick William	"	
1350.	Cullen, Thos.	"	
1351.	Miller, William	Corporal	.. Sergeant. Severely wounded at Middle Kraal, 29.5.01

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What do you know?

Here are the answers to last month's challenge:

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| 1. Terrine | 4. Tempura |
| 2. Thermidor | 5. Tea |
| 3. Thicken | 6. Tagine |



Here is my challenge for you this month:

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| 1. A herb that is a tasty and aromatic addition to vegetables, especially garlic and tomatoes? | 4. A coating to encase foods that are being deep fried? |
| 2. A variety of rice originating in the Indian subcontinent, which is now Bangladesh? | 5. To separate the clear liquid part of a mixture from the solids? |
| 3. To pour a liquid over whatever you are roasting or grill to moisten or flavour? | 6. Simply to clot, clump or curdle? |

Chicken wing nibbles



Ingredients

1kg trimmed chicken wings, herbs/spices to sprinkle, Italian herb mix, sweet paprika, dried onion flakes, salt and runny honey.
Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Place a wire rack over an ovenproof dish. place the chicken wings on the wire rack and sprinkle with salt, sweet paprika, Italian herb mix, onion flakes and a drizzle of honey. Place in the preheated oven and leave to bake for 20 minutes or until the wings are gently bubbling and golden in colour. Remove and turn the wings over and apply the spices and herbs and repeat baking process. Remove the baked wings to serve as is or along with sweet chilli sauce, or allow to cool completely and freeze between layers of baking paper to reheat for another occasion. These are delicious and easily prepared plus preparing them by baking over an ovenproof dish you are removing the excess fat. Enjoy.

Egg white cake



Ingredients

125gm butter/ marg, 8 egg whites, 200gm castor sugar, 1 tsp vanilla extract, pinch of salt, 125gm self raising flour, 100gm flaked almonds, 1 tsp ground cinnamon.
Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Grease a 10"/25cm round springform cake pan. Melt the butter/marg and let it cool a little. Beat the egg whites until they start to form peaks, then while still beating, slowly add the sugar, (reserving 1 tbs for dusting), until the mixture becomes shiny. Add the vanilla and salt to the melted butter/marg. into the egg whites. Fold in some of the butter/marg mixture, then fold in some of the flour. Continue this until all the butter and flour have been added. Pour the mixture into the prepared cake pan. Combine the flaked almonds, cinnamon and the extra sugar and sprinkle this evenly over the cake mixture. Bake in the preheated oven for about 40 minutes, or until it springs back a little when touched. Cool the cake on a wire rack before serving.

Tomato and olive bread



Ingredients:

150ml warm water, 50ml olive oil (extra for greasing), 10gm instant dried yeast, 15gm castor sugar, 900gm strong white flour (extra for dusting), 15 gm salt, 250ml tomato juice, 100gm sliced black olives.
Pour the warm water into a medium bowl, add the olive oil, yeast powder, sugar, and whisk until the yeast has dissolved.
Mix the flour and salt together in the bowl of your mixer. Pour over the yeast mixture and tomato juice.
Using the dough hook on your mixer, mix to a soft dough.
It may need a little more water, if the dough is sticky mix in a little extra flour. The dough should be soft but not sticky.
Continue to mix the dough for 10 minutes, adding a few olives at a time. Now cover the mixer bowl with a tea towel and leave in a warm place for 40 minutes or at room temperature for 1 hour until doubled in size.
Grease 2 x 900gm loaf pans with olive oil, or 2 x greased and lined baking sheets. Knock back the dough and form into 2 loaves.
Preheat your oven to 200 deg C. Place the dough in the greased pans or shape and place on the baking paper lined oven trays.
Cover the pans / trays with a dry tea towel and leave in a warm place for 40 minutes/ 1 hour, until doubled in size.
Dust the loaves lightly with flour. Bake for 25 - 30 minutes, until well risen and golden.
Turn out and check they are cooked through by tapping on their bases.
They should sound hollow.
Leave to cool completely on a wire rack.

Plum duff/ pudding



Ingredients

2 cups plain flour, 1 cup sugar, 3 cups mixed dried fruit, 1 dsp bicarbonate of soda, 1 and 1/2 tbs melted butter/ marg, 1 cup strong black tea, brewed and cooled OR you can replace the brewed and cooled tea with 1 cup Apera (cream sherry).
Bring a large pot of water to the boil. Flour a medium sized piece of boiled and dried calico/ cotton cloth and have baking twine on hand to enclose the duff in the cloth. Mix together the flour and bi carb of soda, add the sugar and fruit and mix together well. Make a well in the centre and add the butter/ marg and the strong black tea/ creamed sherry.
Mix together thoroughly with a wooden spoon. To boil the pudding / duff sprinkle flour over the prepared cloth Spoon the mixture in the centre of the floured cloth, gather up the edges and tie with baking twine. Leave a large loop of twine at the top so the pudding is easy to hang.
OPTION 1: Boiled Duff/ Pudding.
Place the pudding/ duff into the large pot of boiling water, cover and boil for 2 hours. Then remove and hang the duff/ pudding to dry completely.
OPTION 2: Steamed Duff/ Pudding.
Spray a pudding bowl with cooking spray and then spoon the mixture in. Place a round piece of baking paper over the top of the steamer and securely fasten the steamer lid on. Place the steamer bowl into the large pot of boiling water, making sure the water comes up 2/3rds of the pudding bowl.
Boil slowly for approximately 2 hours, checking often to top up with boiling water. I always make the plum duff/ pudding well before Christmas. When using the boiled method, make sure the pudding /duff has hung for 24 hours to dry out properly. Then remove from cloth and wrap well in cling wrap and a layer of foil. Place in your freezer till Christmas Eve. Allow it to thaw and heat in your microwave on 20 sec increments to warm through. If you prepare your / pudding by the steaming method, remove the prepared duff/ pudding from the steamer, cool, wrap in foil and freeze till Christmas Eve. Then on Christmas day heat in 20 second increments in your microwave on a serving dish.
Best served with custard.

Chocolate toffee triangles

Ingredients:

185gm room temperature butter/ marg, 150gm firmly packed brown sugar, 1 egg beaten lightly, 300gm plain flour, 130gm milk choc bits, 110gm granulated nuts.
Preheat your oven to 160 deg C. Grease a lamington pan (20cm x 30cm), line the base and long sides with baking paper. Beat the butter/ marg, sugar and egg in a medium bowl with your electric mixer until changed to a lighter colour. Stir in the flour and choc bits. Press the mixture over the base of the prepared pan, sprinkle the granulated nuts over top and press in firmly. Bake in the preheated oven for 45 minutes. Cool in the pan. Remove and slice into triangles. Dust with icing sugar.





LIONS CLUB OF CHURCHILL & DISTRICT

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

2026 NOMINATION FORM

Nomination for:

☐ Citizen of the Year

☐ Young Citizen of the Year

☐ Young School Citizen of the Year

DETAILS OF PERSON/PERSONS/GROUP BEING NOMINATED

Full name of citizen/persons/organization/event:

Contact name (if nominating organization/event):

Residential address:

Town:

Postal address:

Suburb:

Post Code:

Telephone: (H)

(W)

(M)

Email:

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

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

Reason for Nomination:

Contribution/s to the community for which the person is nominated:

summarize (In 100-150 words) the reasons why your nominee should be considered.

Other significant contributions and achievements:

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

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

Background information about your nominee:

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

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss):

First Name:

Surname:

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Nominator (To be completed by person submitting)

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Signature:

Date:

Nominations can be lodged at any time; however, nominations for the Lions Club of Churchill & District Australia Day 2026 awards close on Tuesday 15th December 2025 at 5.00 pm.

Nominations should be addressed to:

Lions Club Secretary

Australia Day Awards

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Churchill Vic 3842.

or email Churchill.lionsclub@gmail.com.

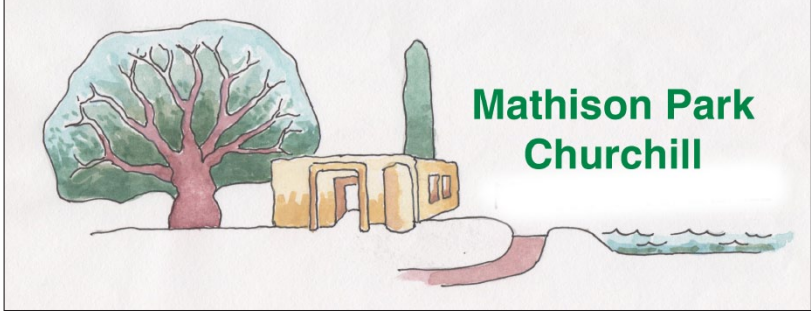
For further details

The Secretary: Peter Tait

Mobile: 0421 167 918

Privacy Statement:

The 'personal' details provided for the nominee will only be used to enable the Lions Club of Churchill & District to determine Award winners and to contact the Award winners. The winners of Awards and details of their contribution to the community will be disclosed to the media.



Mathison Park
Churchill



Mathison Park

A very good turn up for our September working bee saw many weeds dealt with, and mulch brought and spread on the garden bed alongside the long boardwalk. Bruce and his excavator saved much hard labour. It was wonderful to welcome two new younger volunteers who worked hard along with the other volunteers. A fallen tree was also cut up.

Latrobe Valley Field
Naturalists Club

Beetles

At the next meeting of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club on Friday, October 24 starting at 7:30 pm in the Moe Library, the speaker is Martin Lagerwey. Martin is an amateur entomologist (he studies insects) who has travelled to all Australian states hunting and photographing the Chrysomelinae subfamily of leaf beetles.

He has published a book on 100 common insects in Victoria (Australia), which is a fun treasure hunt designed to get children involved and slightly more knowledgeable about our local insects.



The presentation will cover the challenges in describing and identifying Australian species of leaf beetles with a slideshow covering local species.

This project will eventually result in a field guide. This presentation will be followed by our Club's monthly meeting and supper.

Join us on Saturday

October 25 for a beetle hunting excursion to Mathison Park, Churchill, meeting at 10.00 am at the Mackeys Road car park.

Everyone is most welcome, both to the meeting and the excursion. 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.

Photograph: Dotted Paropsine Leaf Beetle laying her eggs.

Churchill & District
Lions Club

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Contact Secretary Phone:

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Friends of Morwell National Park



September Activity Report

For this activity we were joined by seven community members keen to explore to find the plants and animals of the park.

When the group arrived in the car park, we found it full of cars since a local walking group had organised a walk at the same time. Many cars needed to park alongside Kerry Road since the car park was full, and many other cars had parked on the grassy banks. The Walking on Sunshine Gippsland walking group left to walk Fosters Gully Track in reverse and then Stringybark Track.

The activity for the day was a plant ID walk. The whole group moved toward the beginning of the Fosters Gully and Stringybark Tracks looking at the variety of plants beside the track.

At the division of the tracks, we met the Walking on Sunshine walkers as they finished the Fosters Gully

circuit, and they regrouped before moving towards Stringybark Track.

A koala was spotted high up a tree. Another koala was spotted from the picnic area.

The group separated with Ken, Beryl, Olga and Darren walking around Fosters Gully. The rest of the group moved towards Stringybark Track.

They divided with Tamara and Gordon going across the bridge while Jay, Joelle and most of community walkers diverted via the side track.

The sidetrack contained many unique plants.

Across the two tracks a variety of plants were identified.

When your focus is transferred to observing the plant species a wide variety of plants are to be discovered within the park.

Over the morning many groups of walkers overlapped with our walking groups; these groups were enjoying

the good weather before the expected rain later in the day.

Around Fosters Gully we looked for Butterfly Orchids and early in the walk only found small plants.

Happily, healthy orchids were found later in the walk.

October Activity

Sunday October 19, 10.00pm

Activity 1 - Koala Count 10.00am

The Friends of Morwell National Park will be carrying out the annual 'Koala Count in the Park'. Willing participants are requested to meet at the Kerry Road - Fosters Gully car park at 10.00am to commence the Koala count.

The 'Koala Count in the Park' event is part of the long-term strategy to document the numbers and measure the general health of the koalas within Morwell National Park.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a pleasant stroll in the park while

simultaneously helping the team by spotting the resident koalas that can be found in the park.

Participants are advised to bring suitable clothing and footwear applicable for the weather conditions, and if possible, bring a pair of binoculars as it certainly makes it easier to spot the koalas.

If you are staying for the orchid walk you will need to bring your lunch, which can be eaten in the Kerry Road picnic area between the activities.

Activity 2 – Orchid Walk 1.30pm

The second activity will be a walk of around Fosters Gully or Stringybark Track to search for the orchids which can be found at this time of the year. You will need to bring clothing suitable for the weather conditions on the day.



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The Reject Shop

A team of local staff headed by Bron Ling runs The Reject Shop in West Place, Churchill.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Food Bank Cooking Classes
Churchill North P.S. was very lucky to be chosen to be a part of Food Bank Victoria Family Cooking Program. We were able to select six families, where the students and parent/parents stayed after school on a Wednesday night for two hours over four weeks and participated in a wonderful cooking program. The aim of the program was to support families to learn new skills in cooking, food safety and meal planning, with a focus on daily consumption of the five food groups recommended for good health. Jane the coordinator and Rachael came along every week with smiles on their faces ready to teach everyone a new skill and new recipe full of goodness whilst sticking to

a budget affordable for all families.
On the first night all the students and families came in not really knowing what to expect. They knew they were there to cook but did not know what was on the menu. Aprons were handed out, hands were washed, name tags went on, all families sat at a table where there was an abundance of fresh vegetables, spices, sauces and the recipe to make something new.
The first night they made Vietnamese rice paper rolls which most students had not tried before. Students and parents were shown how to hold a knife safely, how to hold the vegetables correctly and then they were off, slicing and dicing. Students were very surprised

how the food tasted and really enjoyed eating their Vietnamese Rice paper rolls. In weeks 2, 3 and 4 the students and families made Fried Rice Lettuce Cups, Okonomiyaki (Japanese Pancakes) and Pizzas with a difference using vegetables. The smell in the room after each cooking session was amazing. The families sat together enjoying their cooking, tasting something new every week and taking home samples of their cooking for others to share. After each session families were sent home with Recipe Boxes filled with staple pantry food like oil, flour, spices, rice, pasta as well as fresh fruit and vegetables and new recipes to cook throughout the week.
This program not only

taught students and families new cooking skills but brought families together, new friendships were made and families talked about meeting at each others places each week to cook together. It gave students and some parents new confidence and even inspired some parents to possibly take on a TAFE course next year.
CNPS would like to thank Jane (Food Bank Victoria) and Rachael (placement Uni Student) for travelling each week to present this amazing program which was way more than just learning to cook.
Nourish & Flourish workshops for Students!
All our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students were excited to be a part of the Nourish & Flourish Healthy Lunchbox

program. Jane from Foodbank Victoria, presented an interactive and engaging workshop for our students.
What was in it for our students? Fun, hands-on learning about health and nutrition! Interactive and practical activities! A live cooking demonstration of healthy colourful recipes! Tasty samples for all students! Students learnt about the five food groups, Fruits, Grains, Protein, Vegetables and Dairy and how important they all were for our bodies.
Students also were shown and talked about practical, affordable and delicious lunchbox ideas. They discovered how they can prepare their own healthy snacks with minimal help.

Students watched Jane quickly make up some very healthy muesli balls using muesli, apple sauce, some spices and some school safe smooth spread (peanut butter flavoured without peanuts in it). Most students enjoyed the taste of the muesli balls.
Tips for packing a Healthy Lunch Box:
Start with a small change to your lunch box, change one thing at a time. Get children involved when packing their lunchboxes. Buy in bulk instead of individual pre-packaged foods, it works out cheaper. Add colour and make it fun, try adding different coloured fruit and vegetables. Keep trying, it can take time for children to accept new lunch box changes.



Left side
Olivia
Ebony
Bailey
with their Mums

Right side
Group photo
Natasha
Austin with his Mum



SCHOOL NEWS

'Dare to Dream' school musical
Students from Churchill Primary School lit up the stage this year with their performance of 'Dare to Dream Junior' at the Morwell Central Performing Arts Centre.
The musical, packed with much-loved Disney songs, followed the story of 15 "Imagineers" on their first

day of training at Disney Studios, where they were encouraged to share their dreams.
More than 55 students from Grades 4-6 auditioned for the 15 lead roles, showing courage and enthusiasm in stepping up to perform. Every class also took part, learning two feature songs and dances, which they delivered with energy and

professionalism.
The audience as delighted by the performances, with the evening show selling out and the matinee performance playing to an almost full house.
Congratulations to all Churchill Primary students on a truly successful and memorable production.

Foundation students celebrate 100 days of school
The Foundation students at Churchill Primary School celebrated the exciting milestone of completing their first 100 days of school earlier this term.
Throughout the year, students eagerly counted down each day in anticipation of this special occasion. To mark the

event, they took part in a variety of activities themed around the number 100. The celebrations included dressing up as "100-year-olds," creating collections of 100 items, and completing art projects that reflected their learning journey so far.
A highlight of the day was working alongside their Grade 6 buddies in collaborative activities,

making the milestone even more memorable.
The day was filled with fun, laughter, and pride as the Foundation students reflected on their growth and achievements in their first year of learning. Congratulations to all on reaching this special milestone.
Musical in Action
CPS Musical Main Cast



SCHOOL NEWS

Hazelwood North Primary

Gumbuya World Colouring Competition

In August it was with great excitement and hope that students from our school entered into the Gumbuya World Colouring Competition for a whole school incursion. Mrs Young kindly offered some extra time during lunch times for students to complete their entries. We have our fingers and toes crossed!

Churchill & District News Writing Competition

At a recent assembly we

congratulated our students who entered the Churchill News Writing and Poetry competition. Knox was awarded second place and Scarlett was awarded third in their age groups. We congratulated and recognised all of our students who received commendations and encouragement awards. We are proud of you all for entering.

Wear it Purple Day!

On August 29, we celebrated 'Wear it Purple

Day'. It was great to see so many of our students and all of our staff dressed in purple to promote inclusion across our school!

Arthur!

On September 1, Brad from Therapy Animals Australia came to see how Arthur was going with his training and gave him his official vest! Arthur is loved by everyone at our school and he is progressing well with his training.

Father's and Special Person's

Day Breakfast

Our school had an absolutely fantastic turn out for our Father's and Special Person's Day breakfast on Friday September 5. Our special visitors were treated to a delicious pancake and fruit breakfast as well as lots of fun with the different activities set up in our classrooms too. Thanks to everyone who attended!

R U OK? Day

On September 11 our whole school wore yellow

to learn about R U OK? Day and learnt how to check in on each other not just on R U OK? Day but every day.

Student Led Conferences

During Week 8 of Term 3 we held our Student Led Conferences across a couple of afternoons and evenings. It was a fantastic time where students proudly shared their learning with their parents or carers. Our F-2 students prepared a booklet and work samples to share and our 3-6 students created their own

Powerpoint as their way to share their work. Our teachers are very proud of our students and very grateful for our families support to attend these conferences.

Sporting Team Colours Day

On the last day of term we celebrated the sporting teams we barrack for by dressing up in our favourite team and sporting colours. A fun way to end the term and it always sparks excitement as students enter the school gates!



SCHOOL NEWS

Lumen Christi Primary

Lumen Christi Primary School kicks goals on Footy Day

Lumen Christi Primary School in Churchill was bursting with colour and excitement in the final week of Term 3 as students celebrated their annual Footy

Day. Dressed proudly in their favourite team's colours, the children came together to celebrate Australia's much-loved game with a day of fun, teamwork and community spirit.

The festivities began with a lively parade, as supporters

from each team marched around in their footy colours. Students waved their scarves and team banners and proudly showed off their jerseys. Teachers also joined in the spirit, with plenty of friendly rivalries on display between supporters of AFL

clubs big and small.

After the parade, the children split into their house teams to take part in a range of footy-themed activities. From handball competitions to the longest kick challenge and other footy activities, the focus was on participation,

teamwork and having fun.

Principal, Sally Darby praised the students for their enthusiasm, noting that Footy Day is more than just a celebration of sport. "It is about building community, bringing everyone together and giving the children the

chance to be active and proud of their teams," she said.

Lumen Christi's Footy Day highlighted the special role sport plays in schools — fostering friendships, encouraging healthy activity and creating lasting memories.



SCHOOL NEWS

Senior Boys Basketball – Gippsland Championships
On Thursday August 14, the Senior Boys Basketball team competed at the Gippsland Championships held at the Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium. Taking on Lowanna, Bass Coast and Nagle, the boys showed determination and teamwork across all three games. They

were competitive from start to finish, with every player hitting the scoreboard. While wins did not come their way, their coach was beyond proud of the effort and spirit they displayed. Reaching this stage was a great achievement, and they will walk away with the Wellington Championship to remember.

Market Day
Students and staff had been working hard in preparation for our Market Day, held on Thursday September 18, to coincide with the Parent-Teacher Conferences. In the lead-up to the event, students created a range of handmade products, including candles, bath bombs, furniture, slices, marmalade and decorated

pots. They took full responsibility for sourcing and purchasing materials, as well as designing the presentation of their products for sale.
As part of the experience, students also visited our KYPPS campus and Mirboo North Secondary College to share their skills, teaching other students how to make candles. These collaborative

workshops were a great success, allowing students to build valuable connections with their peers from other schools while showcasing their creativity and leadership.
Hot Dog Eating Competition
The SRC-hosted Hot Dog Eating Competition brought plenty of fun and excitement for both students and staff. While the staff team gave it

their best shot, they were no match for the enthusiasm and appetite of the student teams. The winning team managed to assemble and devour an impressive 15 hot dogs in record time. As a reward for their efforts, they proudly took home the coveted Kurnai College Student vs Staff Hot Dog Eating Competition trophy.



SCHOOL NEWS

On Thursday September 11, Yinnar Primary School students went to GPAC (Gippsland Performing Arts Centre) to perform their very own production of 'Moana Jr'.
They all did an amazing job with the dancing, singing, and acting. Students and teachers worked tirelessly to perfect the routines, often giving up their own class time to practise.
The production would

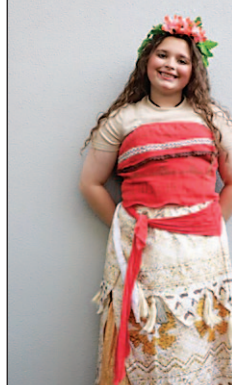
not have come to life without the talented students of YPS, including Jess as Moana, Henry as Maui, Patrick as Hei Hei, Mikayla as Pua, Harry as Tamatoa, and Benna as Gramma Tala.
A special thanks goes to Mr Twomey for making the canoe and props, and to Miss Griffin, who worked extra hard to get us to this stage. We would also like to thank Roxanne for the costumes, along with the other parents and teachers

who helped bring it all together.
Written by Bonnie and Harper
Basketball
On Thursday August 28, two Grade 6 teams went to Division Basketball.
The Grade 6 girls played four games and won one out of four. Our first game was against Morwell. We lost by a few goals, but overall it was a competitive game and great to watch. The second game was against

Toongabbie, and we won! It was tricky to defend and score at times, but we finished the game with a win. The next game was against Immaculate Heart of Mary's. It was a good game to watch, but very intense. Our last game of the day was against St Gabriel's. They were exceptionally strong to play against, scoring up to 66 points, while the Yinnar girls tried their best but were unable to score. It was a very vigorous

and tough match.
The Grade 6 boys played four games and won two. We started strong with a win against Morwell Central, which gave us a great start. Our second game, against Traralgon South, was another good match because we won again. Our third game, against St Gabriel's, was a challenge, but we pushed through to tie the game—until they scored a buzzer beater to win. It was very disappointing, but also

an exceptional game. Our fourth game was against Immaculate Heart of Mary's. This was the game to decide who would make it to the next round, which made the match very fierce. The referee called fewer fouls, and we were tied in the last seven seconds with their sideline ball. They attempted a shot at the buzzer and made it, which was hard to watch.
Written by George and Cienna



SPORT

Braves celebrate record season 2025



Churchill Braves celebrate record season at 2025 Presentation Night

The Churchill Baseball Club capped off a record-breaking year with a memorable Presentation Night that drew nearly 150 people to the Morwell Club. The evening was a celebration of community, growth, and recognition for the players, volunteers, and families who make the Braves such a special part of the Latrobe Valley.

Club Culture and Growth

In his President's Report, Gregg Duncan reflected on a season that saw the Braves field eight teams — four juniors and four seniors — the highest in the LVBA. Highlights included the U16s going through the season undefeated, the U13 Gold team winning a premiership, and two senior sides reaching their Grand Finals.

Off the field, the club continued to thrive, raising more than \$3,000 on Pink Sports Day for BCNA, launching a players and members handbook, investing in new safety nets and lighting, and expanding its

junior development pathway. "Our culture is built on respect, being family friendly, and enjoyment — and this season showed those values at their best," Duncan said.

Honouring decades of service

The club's highest honour, Club Legend, was awarded to Tony Dickinson. Already a Life Member since 1982, Tony has continued to serve the club in almost every role imaginable — President, Treasurer, Secretary, Coach, Vice President, fundraiser, scorer, and canteen worker.

In another emotional moment, Carol Dickinson was surprised with Life Membership, recognising her five decades of service — from sewing the club's first uniforms to running fundraisers, scoring, and contributing to committee and assisting in the canteen.

Volunteers at the heart

The Club Person of the Year award went to Ashleigh Hartwig, whose tireless work as secretary, scorer, fundraiser and organiser was described as "the heartbeat of the club".

Rising Stars and Junior Pathways

The inaugural Rising Star Award went to Beau Saddington, who hit .655, struck out 74 batters, and threw a semi-final no-hitter in only his second year of baseball.

The U10s thrived under Dan and Kayla McKinnon.

While the U13 program was strong enough to field two sides. The U13 Gold side capped off a premiership year, and U13 Green showed great development across the season.

The U16's Capped off a perfect season taking out the Premiership in an undefeated season.

Trophy Winners – 2025

The night also celebrated the outstanding efforts of individual players across every grade with **Club Awards**.

Best Club Person – Ashleigh Hartwig (Churchill Hotel)

Senior Club Most Improved – Mat Howden (Gippsland Motor Group)

Junior Rising Star – Beau Saddington (Gippsland Motor Group)

Players' Player – Jacob

Gruis and Dan McKinnon
A Grade (sponsored by Bunyip Equipment)

Best and Fairest – Jarrod Thomas

Batting Average – Danny Cannizzaro (.447)

Coaches Award – Rhys McKenzie

B Grade

Best and Fairest – Rhys McKenzie

Batting Average – Brad Jones (.400)

Coaches Award – Riley Duncan

C Grade Gold (sponsored by Homeguard Pest Control)

Best and Fairest – Mat Howden

Batting Average – Sam Gillett (.528)

Coaches Award – Blake Duncan

C Grade Green (sponsored by Homeguard Pest Control)

Best and Fairest – Liam Duncan

Batting Average – Liam Duncan (.581)

Most Improved – Jacob Gruis and Duane White

U16s (sponsored by ETU Victoria)

Best and Fairest – Blake Duncan

Batting Average – Jack Thomas (.933)

Best Team Player – Coadhey Rebbechi

Participation Awards – Conner Gray, Connor McKenzie, Hunter Duncan, Cadel Schwalger, Blake McKinnon, Beau Saddington, Talia McKinnon

U13 Gold (sponsored by Norm Oliver Meats)

Best and Fairest – Beau Saddington

Batting Average – Zack Holwerda (.786)

Most Improved – Jake Holwerda

Participation Awards – Hudson Duncan, Jack Giddins, Ethan Boka, Dylan Boka, Lara Duncan, Jackson Holcombe, Hunter Duncan

U13 Green (sponsored by Norm Oliver Meats)

Best and Fairest – Murphy Giles

Batting Average – Royden Williams (.478)

Most Improved – Luna Butcher

Participation Awards – Nicholas Spicer-Morris, Finn Brown, Keiran Swallow, Ollie McIntosh, Jarryd Whiston, Leah Gruis, Talia McKinnon,

Paige McKinnon
U10s (sponsored by Morwell Bowling Club)

Participation Awards – Logan Dehommel-Pulham, Annalise Williams, Zayne McKinnon, Zarah Russ, Bailey Holwerda, Arlo Burrowes, Ruby Gillett, Wade Norton, Morgan Britt, Harrison Holcombe, Lexi Gruis, Addison Roncari Smith, Graeme Lloyd Gillett, Paige McKinnon, Luna Butcher, Leah Gruis,

Looking Ahead

With membership sitting at 99, the highest in the LVBA, the Braves are on the cusp of triple figures for the first time in history.

The club is also preparing for the long-awaited move to Gaskin Park, including hosting LVBA Semi Finals in 2026 and the Grand Final in 2027.

As President Gregg Duncan closed, he summed up the spirit of the night:

"From our youngest Braves to our legends, this club is built on people giving their time, their energy, and their love of the game. That's what makes the Churchill Braves family so special."



Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Par Saturday August 23, 2025.

A Grade Winner: B. Downie -1 B Grade Winner: S. Sanders -2 C Grade Winner: C. Stevens +3 D.T.L: 1. M. Lugton +2, 2. C. Waring -1, 3. Ash West -1, 4. G. Barnes -1, 5. T. O’Sullivan -2, 6. R. Zomer -2, 7. P. Flanigan -2 N.T.P: 3rd T. Collins (Propin), 5th C. Waring, 14th M. Soppe Target Hole – R. Dent.

Stableford Tuesday August 26, 2025.

Winner: C. Barnes 37 pts D.T.L: C. Stevens 31 pts N.T.P: 3rd C. Barnes, 5th M. Dear, 12th C. Barnes, 14th M. Dear.

Men’s Monthly Medal (Stroke) Saturday August 30, 2025.

Monthly Medal Winner: D. Byers 73 Nett Scratch Winner: D. Byers 85 Putts: T. Collins 25 c/b A Grade Winner: D. Byers 73 Nett B Grade Winner: S. Sanders 80 Nett C Grade Winner: T. Collins 77 Nett D.T.L: 1. Adam West, 75, 2. P. Kearns 76, 3. D. Burrridge 78, 4. G. Barnes 78, 5. M. Hutchinson 81, 6. C. Wilson 82 c/b N.T.P: 5th T. Webb, 12th P. Chapple (Propin), 14th D. Byers Target Hole – P. Kearns

Women’s Monthly Medal (Stroke) Tuesday September 2, 2025.

Monthly Medal Winner: V. Reid 81 Nett Scratch Winner: M. Dear 103 Putts: S. Caldwell, V. Reid, S. Turner

30 putts D.T.L: M. McQuillan 83 Nett. N.T.P: 3rd M. McQuillan, 5th M. Dear, 12th S. Caldwell, 14th M. Dear.

Stableford Saturday September 6, 2025.

A Grade Winner: B. Downie 34 pts B Grade Winner: S. Sanders 36 pts. C Grade Winner: M. Lugton 34 pts D.T.L: 1. J.Cahill 32, 2. R. Sands 31, 3. R. Dent 31, 4. B. Mathieson 31, 5. M. Soppe 31, 6. D. Cluderay 30, 7. C. Stevens 30. N.T.P: 3rd J. Cahill (Propin), 5th. Ash West, 12th J. Banfield, 14th J. Cahill Birdies: 3rd S. Sanders, B. Mathieson. Target Hole – R. Dent

Par Tuesday September 9, 2025.

Winner: C. Stevens -4 DTL: R. Dent -5 N.T.P: 3rd K. Del Piccolo, 12th R. Dent.

Mulligans - Stableford Saturday September 13, 2025.

A Grade Winner: P. Kearns 41 pts B Grade Winner: D. Ireland 40 pts. C Grade Winner: D. Taylor 40 pts D.T.L: 1. R. Dent 40, 2. J. Balding 39, 3. M. Allen 38, 4. M. Hutchinson 38, 5. W. McGrath 38, 6. P. Flanigan 38, G. Beyer 36 c/b N.T.P: 3rd J. Langstaff, 12th D. Burrridge (Propin), 14th C. Thompson. Birdies: 3rd J. Langstaff, 12th C. Thompson Target Hole – P. Smart

Stableford Tuesday September 16, 2025.

Winner: L. Brent 25 pts

Men’s Monthly Medal (Stroke) Saturday September 20, 2025.

Medal Winner: G. Beyer 70 Nett Scratch Winner: G. Beyer 82. A Grade Winner: G. Beyer 70 Nett B Grade Winner: C. Gilfillan 73 Nett D.T.L: 1. Ash West 75, 2. A. Auld 77, 3. P. Kearns 77, 4. M. Allan 78. N.T.P: 5th B. Jenkins Target Hole – M. Hutchinson

4BBB Drawn Partners Tuesday September 23, 2025.

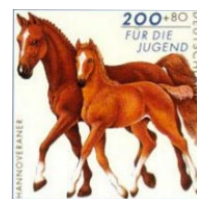
Winners: S. Caldwell/C. Stevens 36 pts Runners Up: C. Stevens/K. Dal Picollo 32 pts N.T.P: 5th L. Van Rooy, 12th L. Van Rooy, 14th L. Van Rooy

Stableford – Grand Final Fun Day Saturday September 27, 2025.

A Grade Winner: D. Burrridge 46 pts B Grade Winner: W. Sutton 39 pts. C Grade Winner: G. Leahy 41 pts D.T.L: 1. P. Jordan 41, 2. R. Davidson 40, 3. M. Hutchinson 39, 4. Adam West 39, 5. A. Sharrock 39, 6. J. Banfield 38, 7. P. Chapple 38. N.T.P: 3rd D. Burrridge, 5th G. Barnes, 12th D. Byers (Propin) Birdies: 3rd D. Burrridge, 12th D. Byers Target Hole – D. Burrridge.

Stableford Tuesday September 30, 2025.

Winner: S. Caldwell 29 pts D.T.L: M. Dear 27 pts c/b N.T.P: 3rd M. Hutchinson, 5th M. Dear, 12th M. Dear, 14th M. Dear



Waterfalls

The law of gravity ensures that water will flow downhill. Consequently, when it reaches a steep slope or a sheer drop it will form a waterfall. Over time the ground will erode, and the water will create a channel to flow through, making it more spectacular. They can be small enough to measure in centimetres to many being metres in height and width. The greater the size, the more spectacular the waterfall.

The most magnificent falls occur over escarpments where there is a substantial waterflow. Because of this they are more likely in tropical areas and places where snowmelt is abundant. In temperate areas they are less spectacular.

Indigenous peoples have always been aware of the existence of local waterfalls and have their own names for them, but their discovery by a culture which has a written language has seen the documentation of some of the biggest much later. The earliest to be documented were the cataract falls along the River Nile which

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helped Egyptians predict the productivity of each year’s growing season.

As Europeans spread out across the continents of the world, new falls were discovered. The largest waterfall system in the world, the Iguassu Falls, is in South America on the borders of Brazil and Argentina. They were first recorded by Spanish explorers in the 1530s.

The news of the Niagara Falls between present-day United States and Canada was delivered to the western world by French fur-trappers in the early 1600s.

The Victoria Falls on the Zambesi River in southern Africa were recorded by David Livingstone in 1855. The Angel Falls, the world’s highest at 979 metres, were first documented in 1929 by an American aviator, Jimmy Angel, who had crash-landed nearby.

In Australia we have intermittent waterfalls in the north of the country which are associated with the wet season, a summer tropical monsoon. At their strongest they are miles wide as they thunder

over the sandstone escarpment but as the monsoon wanes, so do the waterfalls until they dry up, waiting for the next wet season. Each country has its waterfalls, and all are worth visiting. The sound of the large falls is deafening, and the spray fills the nearby air, rainbows proliferate and often caves form at the foot of the falls. At sunset for a few days in February the Horsetail Falls in Yosemite National Park appears as a firefall as the setting sun strikes the cascade of water.

Smaller falls have their own appeal with splashing water, spray seeming to fly off jutting rocks, and many other sights and sounds, each one different.

A Tasmanian stamp featured a waterfall in the late 1800s, part of a pictorial set. New Zealand waterfalls featured on the tourist attraction sets of the 1980s.

A collection of stamps featuring waterfalls would be an interesting and picturesque undertaking, particularly if allied with a postcard collection showing the same waterfalls.

Yinnar Memorial Hall

The Yinnar Memorial Hall will be hosting their next Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It Market Day on Sunday November 2, starting at 9am till 1pm.

It is a great day to bring the family out, catch up for a chat with the locals, support your local Community Hall and the stall holders.

Food trucks, coffee van, donuts, sausage sizzle, Devonshire teas along with an assortment of stall holders

both inside and outside the Hall.

The local Gippsland Historical Automobile Club will have a display of vintage vehicles, our very own face painter Merrin, will again be brightening the childrens’ day with free face painting, while the Latrobe Community Concert Band will be supplying entertainment.

Unfortunately due to the high rise in costs to run our

markets this will be our last one. It certainly was not a decision made lightly but a decision that had to be made.

On behalf of the Hall Committee I wish to extend our sincere thanks to everyone, no matter what your role in supporting your Community Hall, it has been very much appreciated.

Thank you.

We look forward to catching up with you all Sunday November 2.

Health Hints

By Andy Gergis Churchill Discount Pharmacy

Calories: The Biggest Nutrition Myth

We have all heard it—“weight loss is just calories in versus calories out.” Count, restrict, repeat.

However if that were true, why do so many people cut calories and still struggle, while others eat endlessly without gaining weight?

The truth is simple: your body is not a calculator. It is an adaptive, intelligent system influenced by hormones, sleep, stress, genetics, gut health, and activity.

Cut calories too much, and your metabolism slows down to match.

Not all calories are created equal. One hundred and fifty calories of fruit fuels your body very differently than 150 calories of soda. Nuts, avocado, and olive oil are calorie-dense but keep you full and support your health.

A fast-food burger with the same calories?

That leads to inflammation, higher cholesterol, and weight gain. Even the way food is cooked changes how much energy your body absorbs.

This is why diets like Mediterranean, Paleo, or Keto work for many people. They are not “magic”—they simply improve food quality and balance hormones, which naturally reduces overeating.

If you want real results, stop obsessing over numbers. Focus on eating whole foods, moving your body, managing stress, and practising moderation.

If you need more help, speak with your doctor or pharmacist

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

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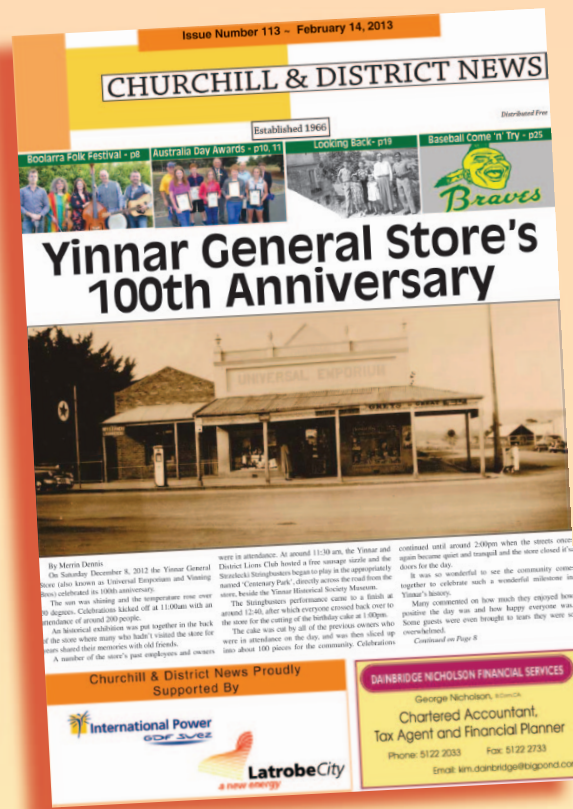
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The History of Churchill & District News In The Beginning . . .

60 years of community history in the making . . .

Churchill & District News was started in 1965 along with the establishment of Churchill township.

It was an information sheet and initially delivered to each new household as part of a welcome kit.

The sheet contained information about buses serving the district, church times, deliveries of bread and milk and also maps of the town.

The Rev Peter Arch was the originator and sole producer. There were no advertisements and it was hand delivered.

Rev Peter Arch said in his history . . . “with reference to the Churchill News, which just grew and grew, it has been a wonderful way of serving the community, helping to bind it together and letting the community know what is being done and going on.

“It gives me the opportunity to bring church and religious matters before the whole community from time to time, but I have been most careful not to make it a church paper.”

All the articles had to be typed onto stencils which had a fine paper cover that tore easily. Typing mistakes could be covered over with a special fluid like nail polish. If you were lucky enough you could retype that space correctly!

The stencils were then run off on a Gestetner copier. The machine was frustrating as it broke down frequently.

Typewriters could only help with the setting out by doing margins and tabulations (carriage spacing).

Putting the advertising together was a huge task. Often the paper was 24 pages of Quarto (imperial measurement), slightly shorter than, but about the same size as A4 paper. One thousand copies were produced fortnightly so it needed a lot of advertising to cover the costs. Proof reading was an important activity before running off the stencils. On the front was a picture of the shopping centre fountain.

In 1969 the format of the paper went from A5 to A4 to present tabloid size. It started out as four pages but gradually increased in size.

The paper was typed in column widths and then cut and pasted on to special layout sheets supplied by Latrobe Valley Express. It took approximately two days to prepare each issue and was published fortnightly. Pictures were originally drawn by hand as were all borders, but with the advent of using computers this became much easier. There were many supporters among article suppliers including Churchill Citizens Association, Latrobe City Council news, schools and sporting groups, football and basketball club news. In December issues a calendar of events and Christmas opening times for businesses were important inclusions.



A Polaroid camera was used to supply the photos for the paper.

Letraset kits containing all the letters of the alphabet in different fonts helped produce better advertisements.

By 1991, the number of advertisements had increased so that a regular 12 page paper was produced with the occasional 20 pages for Easter and Christmas. At this time there some 2500 papers being produced.

Unfortunately due to new technology not being available the Churchill News went into recess in December 2001.

To restart the paper in the new digital technology required much research and the help and support of many organisations and individuals. Stringent measures were imposed by the Church Parish Council, debts had to be cleared and a \$2000 buffer amount raised to ensure the paper remained viable.

– Extract from Looking Back, The Churchill News, The History of Churchill & District News by Ruth Place.

Churchill & District News Achievements 2002- 2025

Since the re-start of the paper in 2002 the team has been very pro-active.

We have run an annual writing competition, the occasional photographic and art competitions, run the Fishing Competition, and staged several Churchill Festivals. Trivia nights were run to raise funds for the Cancer Care Centre.

Four books of local history have been published and a cook book with Noelene Marchwick’s recipes was published in 2024.

All this with also publishing eleven issues of the paper except for two in 2020 due to COVID.

Very special thanks goes to our team who put in countless hours to make sure all is running smoothly. Skills brought into, and skills developed while being part of the team, have helped raise an excellent team who shows willingness at each step of the way.

We also thanks our wonderful supporting advertisers and article submitters who make our job easier.

We also thank our readers, especially those who give us feedback.

Issue 131 pg 2
From Farm Girl to Master Chef
TV’s Nolene Marchwick brings fine food to Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

Cooking classes are a popular experience for would be chefs at Churchill. But these are no ordinary classes.

Participants are gaining new culinary skills from Master Chef Noelene Marchwick who is familiar to TV audiences around Australia for her long stint in Channel 9’s popular TV series.

Nolene spent seventeen weeks on the high rating “Master Chef” show. Now back in her home in Churchill, Noelene is passing on her extensive knowledge of fine cuisine to groups of adult learners at the Neighbourhood House.

Nolene is still helping others learn to cook. Her classes continue locally in Churchill. In 2025 with help from Churchill News a cookery book has been produced and copies have sold well. Currently there is another cookery book in progress being compiled. ????

Issue 178 pg 7
The Yinnar Uniting Church held their final worship service in 2018. The Church is now to become an Op shop, a place where people can come for a bargain, find companionship, a listening ear, and feel welcome.

Issue 188 Pag 10
Death of a public eyesore
November saw the demolishment of the horrible eyesore that the old United Petroleum service station presented at the edge of Churchill for the last several years finally begin. Thank you to all those who sent in letters to United Petroleum as



part of the campaign to rid us of this eyesore. A special thank you to MP Russell Northe for his consistent advocacy on the matter. A number of thumbs up were seen as people drove passed and the work spread very quickly as people drove past or sent texts to others.

Issue 200 pg 11
Yinnar Yinnar South Landcare
Just in time for the National Pollinator Count Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare group is starting a project to propagate plants that will help wild pollinators to keep a toe hole in the eco-system. Base line data is important for those who are doing research in this field and anybody can contribute. You can join in the National Wild Pollinator Count this autumn by watching any flowering plant for just ten minutes in April.

Issue 212 pg9
First Electric Bus
Latrobe Valley bus Lines will introduce the first electric bus in 2022, which is expected to

travel on nine existing bus routes across the Latrobe Valley. Latrobe Valley Bus Lines already has solar panels, and batteries installed at its Traralgon depot, with the amount of energy generated during the day calculated to be equivalent to the amount of energy the bus will need to recharge overnight.

Issue 218 pg 3
Yinnar Historical Society New Shed
Yinnar Historical Society received a grant from the Federal Government through Darren Chester MP, which resulted in a new large shed being installed at their Yinnar site.

The shed represents a further large storage area for the growing number of items of historical significance which have been gifted to the Society. A piece of bale twine was pulled from the new shed door to officially open the facility to a round of applause. An invitation to inspect the shed and partake of a delicious afternoon tea.

Issue 224 pg 8
New lighting park and reserve
Signs have been erected in both Walkley Park and English Reserve to notify the public that new overhead lighting is being installed in both parks



to light the pathways through them.

Issue 231 pg 2
Churchill Town Symbol Lighting
Latrobe City Council has recently completed lighting upgrades to the Churchill Town Symbol. The upgrades were delivered as part of Council’s Annual Building Renewal Program and saw lighting reinstated to the town monument, affectionately referred to by locals as the “Big Cigar”. The upgrades to the lighting infrastructure offer a randomised light colour program, in addition to the standard warm yellow streetlight colour.

Issue 231 pg 19
Boolarra Folk Festival turns 21
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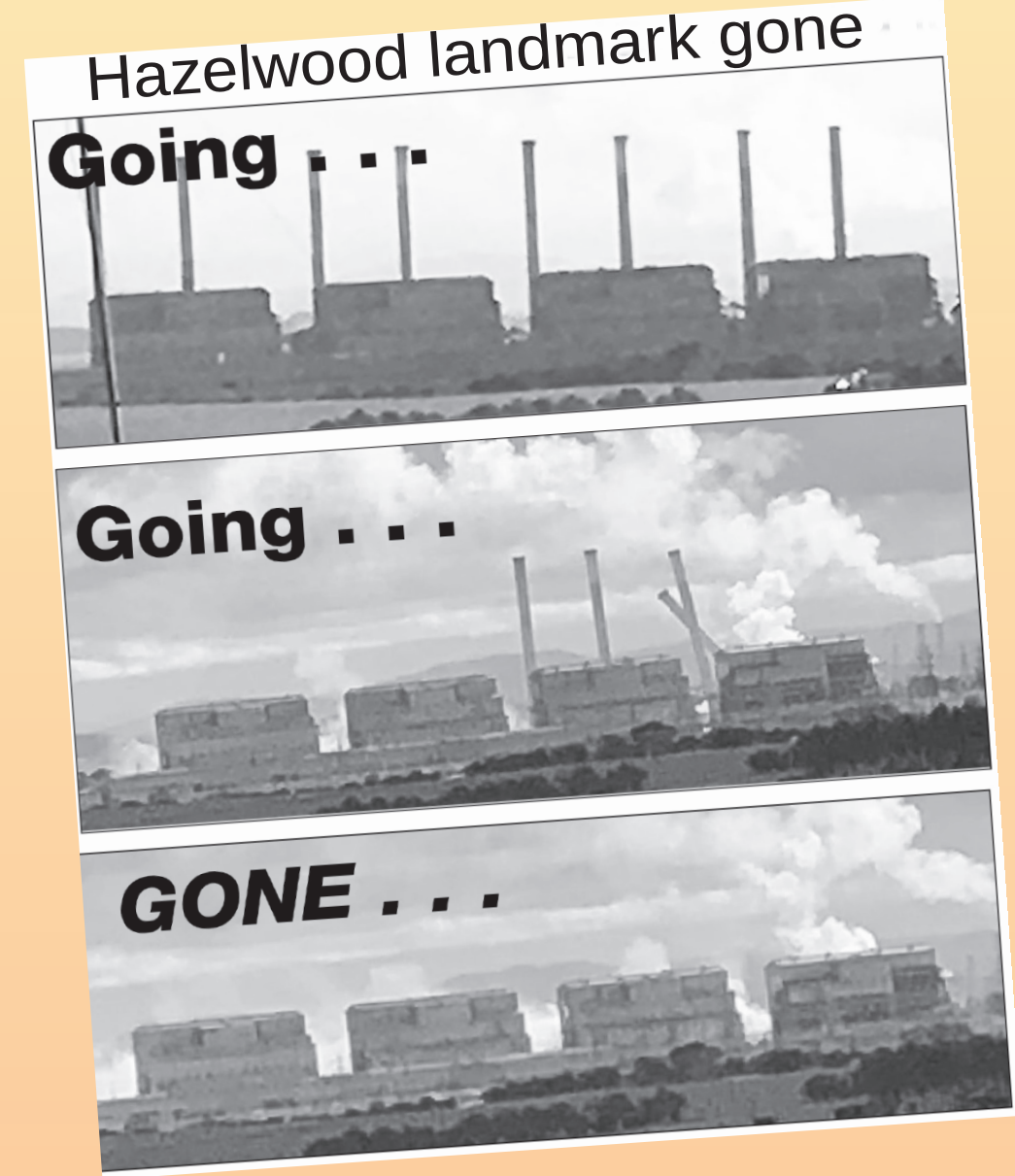
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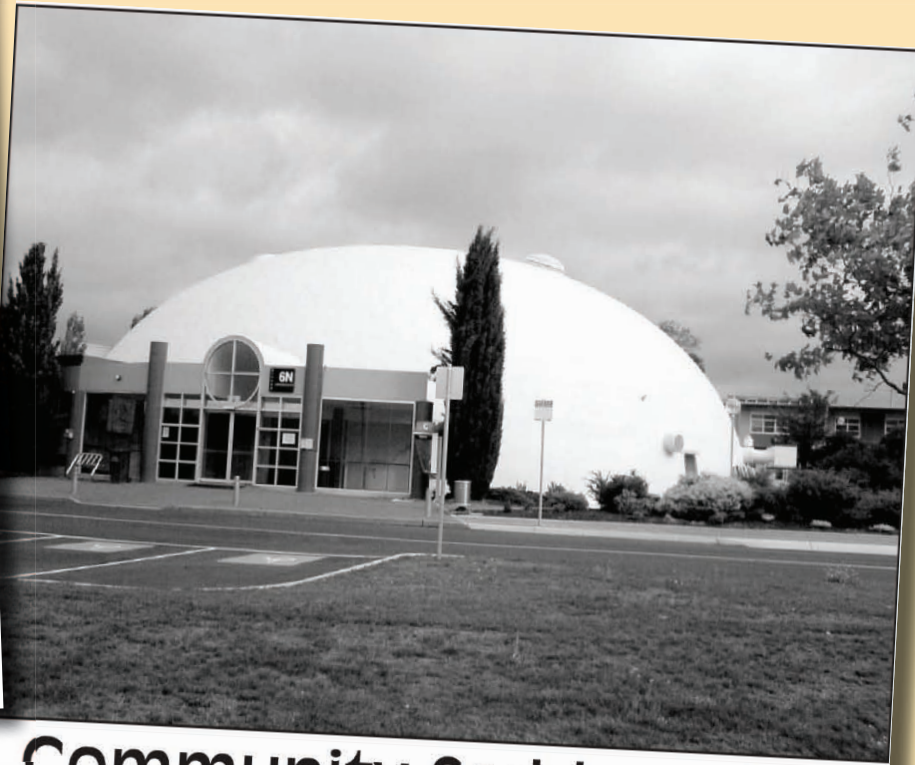
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It was an information sheet and initially delivered to each new household as part of a welcome kit.
The sheet contained information about buses serving the district, church times, deliveries of bread and milk and also maps of the town.
The Rev Peter Arch was the originator and sole producer. There were no advertisements and it was hand delivered.

Rev Peter Arch said in his history . . . “with reference to the Churchill News, which just grew and grew, it has been a wonderful way of serving the community, helping to bind it together and letting the community know what is being done and going on.
“It gives me the opportunity to bring church and religious matters before the whole community from time to time, but I have been most careful not to make it a church paper.”

All the articles had to be typed onto stencils which had a fine paper cover that tore easily. Typing mistakes could be covered over with a special fluid like nail polish. If you were lucky enough you could retype that space correctly!
The stencils were then run off on a Gestetner copier. The machine was frustrating as it broke down frequently. Typewriters could only help with the setting out by doing margins and tabulations (carriage spacing).

Putting the advertising together was a huge task. Often the paper was 24 pages of Quarto (imperial measurement), slightly shorter than, but about the same size as A4 paper. One thousand copies were produced fortnightly so it needed a lot of advertising to cover the costs. Proof reading was an important activity before running off the stencils. On the front was a picture of the shopping centre fountain.

In 1969 the format of the paper went from A5 to A4 to present tabloid size. It started out as four pages but gradually increased in size.

The paper was typed in column widths and then cut and pasted on to special layout sheets supplied by Latrobe Valley Express. It took approximately two days to prepare each issue and was published fortnightly. Pictures were originally drawn by hand as were all borders, but with the advent of using computers this became much easier. There were many supporters among article suppliers including Churchill Citizens Association, Latrobe City Council news, schools and sporting groups, football and basketball club news. In December issues a calendar of events and Christmas opening times for businesses were important inclusions.



A Polaroid camera was used to supply the photos for the paper.
Letraset kits containing all the letters of the alphabet in different fonts helped produce better advertisements.
By 1991, the number of advertisements had increased so that a regular 12 page paper was produced with the occasional 20 pages for Easter and Christmas. At this time there some 2500 papers being produced.
Unfortunately due to new technology not being available the Churchill News went into recess in December 2001.
To restart the paper in the new digital technology required much research and the help and support of many organisations and individuals. Stringent measures were imposed by the Church Parish Council, debts had to be cleared and a \$2000 buffer amount raised to ensure the paper remained viable.
– Extract from Looking Back, The Churchill News, The History of Churchill & District News by Ruth Place.

Churchill & District News Achievements 2002- 2025
Since the re-start of the paper in 2002 the team has been very pro-active.
We have run an annual writing competition, the occasional photographic and art competitions, run the Fishing Competition, and staged several Churchill Festivals. Trivia nights were run to raise funds for the Cancer Care Centre.
Four books of local history have been published and a cook book with Noelene Marchwick’s recipes was published in 2024.

All this with also publishing eleven issues of the paper except for two in 2020 due to COVID.
Very special thanks goes to our team who put in countless hours to make sure all is running smoothly. Skills brought into, and skills developed while being part of the team, have helped raise an excellent team who shows willingness at each step of the way.
We also thanks our wonderful supporting advertisers and article submitters who make our job easier.
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From Farm Girl to Master Chef
TV’s Nolene Marchwick brings fine food to Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.
Cooking classes are a popular experience for would be chefs at Churchill. But these are no ordinary classes.
Participants are gaining new culinary skills from Master Chef Noelene Marchwick who is familiar to TV audiences around Australia for her long stint in Channel 9’s popular TV series.
Nolene spent seventeen weeks on the high rating “Master Chef” show. Now back in her home in Churchill, Noelene is passing on her extensive knowledge of fine cuisine to groups of adult learners at the Neighbourhood House.
Nolene is still helping others learn to cook. Her classes continue locally in Churchill. In 2025 with help from Churchill News a cookery book has been produced and copies have sold well. Currently there is another cookery book in progress being compiled. ????

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The Yinnar Uniting Church held their final worship service in 2018. The Church is now to become an Op shop, a place where people can come for a bargain, find companionship, a listening ear, and feel welcome.

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Death of a public eyesore
November saw the demolishment of the horrible eyesore that the old United Petroleum service station presented at the edge of Churchill for the last several years finally begin. Thank you to all those who sent in letters to United Petroleum as



part of the campaign to rid us of this eyesore. A special thank you to MP Russell Northe for his consistent advocacy on the matter. A number of thumbs up were seen as people drove passed and the work spread very quickly as people drove past or sent texts to others.

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Yinnar Yinnar South Landcare
Just in time for the National Pollinator Count Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare group is starting a project to propagate plants that will help wild pollinators to keep a toe hole in the eco-system. Base line data is important for those who are doing research in this field and anybody can contribute. You can join in the National Wild Pollinator Count this autumn by watching any flowering plant for just ten minutes in April.
Issue 212 pg9
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Latrobe Valley bus Lines will introduce the first electric bus in 2022, which is expected to

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The shed represents a further large storage area for the growing number of items of historical significance which have been gifted to the Society. A piece of bale twine was pulled from the new shed door to officially open the facility to a round of applause. An invitation to inspect the shed and partake of a delicious afternoon tea.

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New lighting park and reserve
Signs have been erected in both Walkley Park and English Reserve to notify the public that new overhead lighting is being installed in both parks



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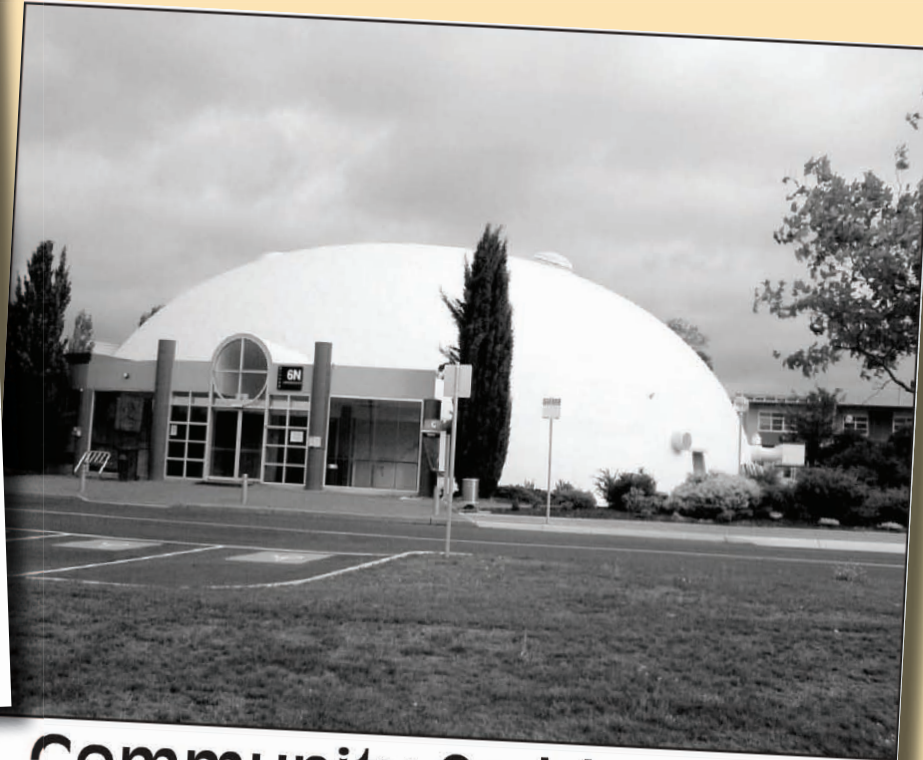
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