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Young Citizens Of The Year Alysia Hunter and Brendan Yeates



One initiative was to form a separate Freeza Committee with the idea of organizing and running an underage rage at the Inferno in Traralgon. The first one was held last year and had a reasonable attendance. There are four more Freezas planned.

This activity has provided a good opportunity for the group to express their organizing ability and skills and a forum for working as a team. They have learnt from their experience and will build their learning into the next Freeza plan.

Being on Youth Council helped Alysia develop time management skills. She knew that each Tuesday she would miss some school and would need to catch up. Being organised, she found it was not a problem.

Alysia's experiences on Youth Council led her to become involved with the Gippsland Young Leadership Program (G.Y.L.P.). Last year she attended the three-day course as a participant/leader. This year she will attend as a leader.

The idea of the camp is to provide an opportunity to build leadership skills through leading and supporting the group through the various activities.

Activities include bridge-building using straws, where teamwork is a must, Scavenger Hunts and a group project which spans the whole camp. The project Alysia worked on was to produce a chicken wire papier-mache covered G.Y.L.P. mascot.

This year Alysia will have a greater role in facilitating the group, encouraging the members, being a mentor, and setting an example.

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ON Australia Day 2004, Brendan Yeates was presented with Latrobe City Council's Young Citizen of the Year Award, along with Alysia Hunter.

Sixteen-year-old Brendan attended Churchill Primary School and Kurnai College Churchill Campus.

At an early age Brendan showed interest in music, dance and making up plays and shows to perform for family and friends. The love of performing arts continued as Brendan grew.

While in a composite grade 1/2P, at Churchill Primary School, Brendan became very good friends with classmate, Ashleigh Whitehead. Ashleigh attended ballet and tap dancing classes. Brendan decided he wanted to try tap dancing.

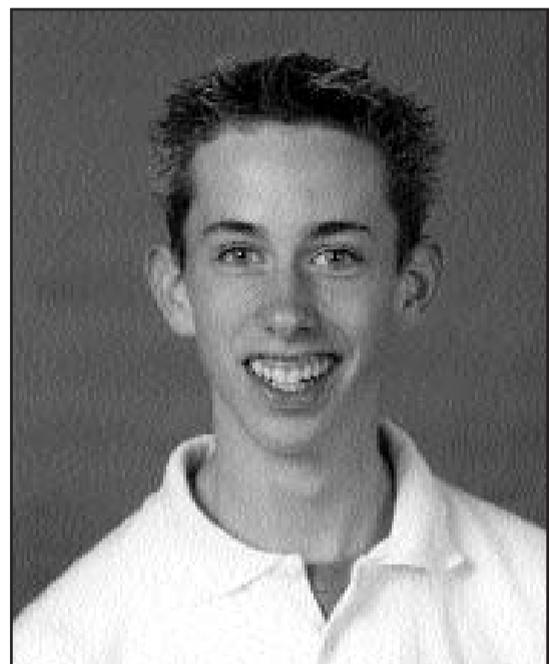
After pestering his parents for a long time they finally agreed to let him have a go. Dianne Whitehead, Ashleigh's Mum, recommended that he attend Vicki's Dancing Academy. There he studied all facets of dance including jazz, classical and tap.

While at school, Brendan continued his enthusiasm for drama, from primary school right through into secondary school at Kurnai, under the watchful eye of teacher, Ruth Howard.

Since 1996, Brendan has successfully competed in many local eisteddfods.

In 2003, Brendan changed dance schools as he was offered the opportunity to teach at Danceworks 114, in Traralgon. He taught a mixed class in jazz for a term, and then taught a boy's class for a term. He choreographed and coached the boys in a routine for their end of year performance.

Brendan knows well the prejudices that go with a boy who dances, but he has stood firm,



and now inspires and motivates the boys he teaches.

Last year Brendan auditioned and was accepted into the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School (VCASS), to do his V.C.E.

Among the highlights of Brendan's performances was his selection to be a lead dancer in the Footy Show Grand Final Edition at the Rod Laver arena, and, as a volunteer, in the local performance at Kernet Hall, for the disabled and underprivileged children.

There have also been highly successful dance performances, with the Latrobe Theatre Company, in such shows as "The King and I", "42nd Street" and "Hello Dolly". Brendan received awards for dancing in "42nd Street" and "Hello Dolly".

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Churchill Pool - Meeting Resolves

Churchill Pool Update:

Meeting resolves to continue attempts to rectify ceiling problem

By GRAEME MIDDLEMISS, Mayor

Some weeks ago, Latrobe Council closed the Churchill Pool in response to safety concerns.

The main issue was the possibility of the interior ceiling panels falling, due to corrosion of the panel hangers.

The type of ceiling at Churchill was in widespread use in indoor pools built 20-30 years ago. Similar problems have been experienced at a number of pools including our Newborough pool.

The opportunity was also taken to have a comprehensive Occupational, Health and Safety assessment made of the entire pool structure and equipment. This revealed a long list of faults and safety issues, many of which result

from the age, design and siting of the pool building.

At a special meeting on 09/02/04 Council resolved to continue with attempts to rectify the ceiling problem and to obtain more detailed information and costings on rectification of the other faults.

The Council debate canvassed a number of alternatives including repairs to keep the pool in service, closing the pool immediately, closure and construction of a new pool and closure until the Council's current review of Aquatic facilities has been completed.

I have arranged for additional copies of the minutes of this meeting and the associated reports to be made available at the Churchill Leisure Centre from Thursday 12/02/04.

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Boolarra Folk Festival - Saturday 28 February

THE Boolarra Folk Festival is to be held on Saturday February 28, 2004 at the Centenary and Rail Trail Parks in Boolarra Victoria.

The festival, which was nominated for the Latrobe City 2003 Community Event of the Year Award, is unique to Gippsland, as it is the only folk festival that is an all day outdoor event staged in one of the most beautiful parks in Gippsland. What's more, it is absolutely free!

Mr Stewart, the Boolarra Folk Festival convenor, said the committee has been planning for this event for the last 12 months.

"It has been a fantastic effort by our Boolarra Folk Festival committee members, and to see the fruits of their labour come to fruition in next few weeks will certainly be very exciting".

Mr Stewart's daughter Chelsea, who is one of the Music Co-ordinators of the Festival, has been very active in booking the performers, which will host 19 acts from across Gippsland and Melbourne. Chelsea has booked acts such as "Growling Dogs", "Detour", "Lillico Road", "Steve Messer's Strange Country", "Crombie, Stewart, Cupples", "Swamp Dogs", "Yakshideva and Omfella", "The Sinclairs", "When Valeria and Bob Digressed", "Understorey", "Grand Ridge Road Revisited", "Strzelecki Stringbusters" and many other local and Melbourne bands.

One of the headlining acts this year will be "Growling Dogs" from Melbourne. They are a four-piece band comprising of three fiddles and piano playing rich eccentric fiddle music of Australia's past.

They also play tunes from Scotland, England, Ireland, South Africa and Sweden. "Growling Dogs" have also headlined at the 2003 Folk 'n' Now in Melbourne and the 2003 Maldon Folk Festival.

The combined primary schools of Boolarra, Churchill North and Yinnar, trained by well-known local musician Steve Schultz, will also feature as one of the many highlights during the festival. This performance with over 250 children playing South African, Latin and Brazilian percussion is a must as they were absolutely inspirational at the 2003 festival.

The Boolarra Folk Festival will kick off on Friday evening at the Boolarra Memorial Hall, with a Bush

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Alysia has also been a volunteer at the Churchill Youth Action Centre at Gaskin Park for the past year. Alysia sees her role there as a helper, and to encourage others to become involved in the various activities.

Alysia is about to start University at Monash Gippsland studying a Social and Community Welfare course. Her experiences with G.Y.L.P. has been a great motivation in her choice of career. Alysia would like to be a Youth Worker.

Through this volunteer work Alysia was able to attend a days training with Youth Services on the different backgrounds and needs of young people. She found this one day course very valuable.

Last year the Latrobe City Council launched the Latrobe First Campaign, aimed at promoting the Latrobe City as a great place to live and work, and as an incentive for city people to move to the area. All of the Youth Council members signed up as ambassadors for this campaign.

Each young ambassador made a speech. Alysia included in her speech how she was proud to live in the area, that she wants to continue to study and work here, and that it is a great place to live and grow up. She added that there is so much to do and so many opportunities here to express and develop your talents through sport, with Freeza, local bands, Gippsland Group Training, TAFE, and Monash University, with their great variety of courses and Gippsland F.M. The Youth Action Centre makes a wide variety of activities available.

There are many strings to Alysia's bow. Another is

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Brendan has also been a member of the Latrobe City Youth Council and a member of the Gippsland Youth Leadership Program.

Brendan is well respected by those that know his

Dance, featuring the fabulous band, "Beat around the Bush".

This is a fantastic five-piece band featuring Phil Beggs from Poowong. They will be playing traditional bush music and also calling the bush dances. Ticket prices are \$10 per adult and are available by calling 51696243.

The Festival will also be hosting an art, craft and food market at the beautiful Boolarra Rail Trail Park. Local artists will display their unique talents and dozens of stallholders will provide an alluring variety of crafts and produce that will delight all that attend.

Some new initiatives developed by the Boolarra Folk Festival committee for the 2004 festival will be a kid's tent where there will be activities such as making juggling balls, learning to juggle and other fun things for the kids.

The festival will also be holding a dance workshop under the guidance of Brendon Yeates from Yinnar and a fiddle master class by Greg O'Leary from "Growling Dogs". These workshops will also be free.

To finish off this great day, the Boolarra Folk Festival will be holding an outdoor film festival. This will commence after dusk and all are welcome to have their dinner and wine and sit back and enjoy this very special event.

So for a great day out with nine hours of the best folk music, fantastic arts and crafts, plenty of food and beverages, set in the best surroundings, February 28 at Boolarra is the destination for all.



Steve Schultz leading the Combined schools Drumming at last year's festival

her involvement with Gippsland F.M. community radio. A friend who was involved encouraged Alysia to go along and help out. She did and became a presenter on the Driving Force program on Wednesday evenings between 4-6 p.m.

While involved Alysia did an eight week course, one night a week, to learn about the laws regulating broadcasting, defamation laws, the history of community radio and in the studio all about the technical side of production-switchboards, microphones etc.

Alysia continued as a presenter for Driving Force for three years before pressures of higher studies and other commitments became a priority. Alysia says it was heaps of fun and recommends that young people who would like to try it need only ring up and say they are interested. Driving Force is a young person's program featuring Top 40 music and requests every week night between 4-6 p.m.

Sport has been part of Alysia's life. She has played tennis for Churchill Tennis Club as a junior, and now plays with Hazelwood North seniors. She started off just filling in, but now plays on a permanent basis.

Alysia has had many opportunities through education and through Youth Council. "It's amazing what can happen if you get involved," she says. "It can be life changing!"

Latrobe City is a great place to live, she says wholeheartedly. She is glad she can continue to study and live here. Alysia is an inspiration to young people to make the most of all the opportunities that this area provides.

abilities, and by his peers in the Youth Council. He is a great ambassador for this area, having a positive attitude, a cheerful disposition and a genuine love of this area.

Australia Day 2004

By JOHN BARKER

AUSTRALIA Day was held in the West Place Shopping Centre in Churchill. Organised by the Lions Club of Churchill & District and sponsored by Latrobe City it is a Community Gathering enjoyed by all.

A slightly larger crowd this year of around 90 people were welcomed by Lion John Barker and then heard addresses from Peter McShane, President of the Lions Club and Councilor Daryl White representing Latrobe City.

In line with the Lions policy of supporting youth in the community, Churchill Guides Sharon and Jodie and Churchill Scout Stewart proudly raised the flag and joined in the singing of the National Anthem led by Leaders from Churchill Guides and Hazelwood

Guide District.

Lion John Barker thanked all for their attendance and invited the participants to join in a breakfast prepared and served by members of the Lions Club of Churchill & District.

Special thanks to local businesses Minster Constructions for the use of the facility and the Churchill Saloon Bar for making toilet facilities available.



Raising The Flag: Sharon, Jodie and Scott

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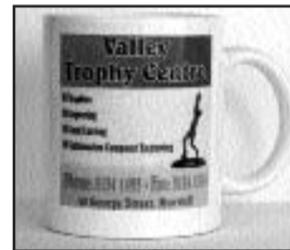
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Boolarra / Yinnar Parish Volunteers Needed

By RAE BILLING

THINGS have really been happening since my news item in November (I missed the December edition due to illness.) We now have a new organ in the Yinnar Church, given in memory of Ewen and Selby Smith, and it is a beautiful instrument.

Thank you so much to the family for their kindness. The hard working ladies (and some gentlemen!) held a successful Christmas Fair in early December. Delicious cakes, scones, preserves, BBQ sausages, cuppas, etc were very popular and the fine weather brought us lots of visitors.

On December 14th we joined with the Churchill parish for a service of Lessons and Carols. Special guests were the Madrigal Singers from Yallourn North, who sang wonderfully!

The Sunday School children put on an item about the meaning of the days of Advent. The service went for about 90 minutes and the children were very well behaved (so were the adults).

Thank you to the Rev'd Tony Peters, who took several December services, when our minister Russell had to go

interstate for a family bereavement. The farewell service for Russell and family was held at Boolarra on January 4th, with Rev'd Ann Key from Sale as a special guest.

Russell was presented with a portable lectern and his wife Sheena loved her gift of a framed art print that she had long admired.

We enjoyed a shared lunch afterwards, but RAIN that day prevented us from having a picnic outside. Several parishioners attended Russell's installation at his new parish on January 22nd, another hot night.

Matt's Co op, our Op Shop in Yinnar has now reopened. We'd love to see you on Wednesday or Thursday afternoon or Saturday morning. More volunteers would be welcome, as several from last year are now unavailable due to moving or ill health.

It would be appreciated if large items were brought to the shop, rather than being left at the collection bin outside the church, as they are difficult to transport. You can ring the co ordinator Rae on 5169 1629 for a pickup or if you would like to join our happy team of volunteers.

Christian Religious Education

A SMALL group of four dedicated ladies covered Christian Religious Education in some classes at Churchill Primary School, Churchill North Primary School and Hazelwood North Primary School during 2003. They planned and presented lessons about God and His love and care, each Monday throughout the year.

Each year concludes with the Christmas story from the Bible. There is a small service held in the school's hall. The children dress up and re-enact the Nativity story, sing Christmas songs, and listen to a guest speaker. Last year Robyn Schaeffer was the guest. She brought along Anne to assist her. Their skit was very effective. The time ends with a prayer of blessing. As the children leave they receive a card and small gift from their C.R.E. teacher.

Zelma Mildenhall is a great supporter of this end of year function. Her Girl

Guides make the cards for the C.R.E. teachers, who are most appreciative. They also have painted the backdrop used in the nativity play. Zelma herself comes along to help, supplying dress-ups and other needs, for the organization to run effectively. Zelma also leads a support group for the C.R.E. teachers. This group prays for the C.R.E. teachers and their classes and also helps with preparation of some of the lesson requirements. This support group is highly appreciated by the C.R.E. teachers, who are very grateful for the prayer and practical support.

For 2004, there will be only three C.R.E. teachers. There is a desperate need for more, as only the Preps and some Grade ones can be covered this year, in the three schools. If you feel so moved to help, please ring Ruth on 51221961 to make further enquiries. Your call will be welcomed.

Saturday Breakfast Experiences in Vietnam

By KEITH ENDERS

THE Saturday Breakfasts will be run again this year with what should be an interesting year of guest speakers and topics.

Although held at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, they are open to the public and a donation of \$2 is the only cost for those attending. The first of the Saturday Breakfasts at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill,

Williams Avenue, will be held on Saturday 28 February at 7.30 am. The guest speaker will be Wendy Brown.

She will talk about her trip to Vietnam to take goods and items for orphans. Wendy will give an account of her expe-

riences and her travels through the country, which she says is very beautiful, and the people very friendly. Children are still being affected by the war and the chemicals used during it. Her talk will be accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders by Thursday 26 February on 51221148 or by e-mail at kbenders@net-tech.com.au.

The March Breakfast will be held on Saturday 20 March and Rob de Souza-Daw will talk about the original school in the Churchill area, Eel Hole Creek State School. This year is the centenary of the closure of the school.

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Co-Operating Church Snippets

By RUTH PLACE

ON December 14th 2003 we had a very special service, with the congregation from Boolarra - Yinnar joining us for the occasion.

It began with the Sunday School presenting an Advent Calendar recital to the congregation, as their last Sunday for the year. Following their presentation, the children received a book in recognition of their attendance, plus, to their delight, a small crib made by Bert Penco.

The Madrigals then led the service of Nine Lessons and Carols, adding some appropriate items throughout the performance, to tell the Christmas Story. It was a moving service with the talent of the Madrigals giving a special atmosphere. We thank them for providing their time and talents free for our enjoyment.

The next Sunday was a busy one too. It was the final service taken by our wonderful supply minister Ivy Goodwin, who had been with us for nearly two years. It was sad to say farewell, but our Parish will remember Ivy and her husband Morris, for their warmth, care, and inspiration, wholehearted commitment and support.

A beautiful stole embroidered by Ann Connelly, was presented to Ivy, as well as some money to buy textbooks for her further studies towards becoming ordained.

At the same service, Cathy Halliwell was presented

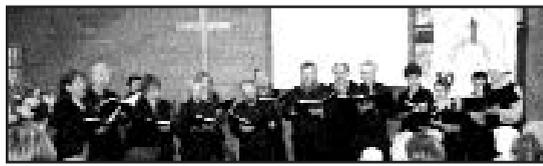


with a certificate to mark her achievements in a youth ministry course.

Dorothy Fogarty also celebrated her 80th birthday that day (I said it was busy!), and was called on to cut a cake and receive our best wishes.

That night, members of our congregation joined members from the other churches in Churchill to present Community Carols By Candlelight. We desperately needed the rain, but it meant that the event had to be moved indoors into the Hexagon at the University at short notice. We thank the caretaker for his obliging, cheerful and willing help. Even though we were unable to light candles there was warmth and an inspiring atmosphere. Thanks to all those who took part and organized the event, and to all those who turned out despite the inclement weather.

Christmas Eve saw a lovely crowd of young families and regulars at the Crib Service. The Triple P's (Paper Plate Puppets) told the Christmas Story. The story of



Wombat Divine by Mem Fox followed. From the story the children were asked to consider their talents and how they might use them to make our world a better place, just as Jesus came to teach us.

A special Thank You goes to all the willing puppeteers and all the other wonderful people who made this a memorable and happy time for all those who attended. Thanks to Peter Ross for supplying the straw for the Nativity scene.

Rev. Don Crewe took the 11:00 p.m. service Christmas Eve, which was a well-attended Communion Service. He then returned for 9:30 a.m. on Christmas day to lead the congregation again in communion.

The last Sunday in December was taken by George. As usual he had a happy time planned with a thought-provoking message of Christian love.

Don Crewe- took an Anglican Communion the first Sunday in January. Again it was time to say good-bye. Don had also been with us for nearly two years, taking an Anglican communion on the first Sunday of each month.

We had enjoyed Don's straight sermons, his friendly approach, and his appreciation of our congregational singing, which he said was one of the best he had heard. It was sad to be losing him as well as Ivy in so short a time.

The second Sunday was taken by Garry, who lead us in a well-prepared service including an extremely well researched sermon on baptism.

Cathy's group wowed us with technology by presenting the whole service on overhead using PowerPoint. It was great to have Alan and Tim join Bruce to provide the music. What a talented congregation we have!

The fourth Sunday we welcomed our new supply minister Rev. Elwyn Sparks, and her husband Terry. We look forward to her ministry among us over the next three months.

Community Life Panel has set the date of our GARAGE SALE etc. for March 27. See this issue for further news). We would love to see you come along and spend some money on great bargains.



An Busy Time for the Co-Operating Church: Above left - Ivy Goodwin with the stole embroidered by Ann Connelly, left the Yallourn Madrigal Singers, above top - Ruth Place delights children with 'Wombat Divine' at the Crib Service and above -Cathy Halliwell being presented with her certificate.

Yinnar South Rural Fire Brigade New Life Members

By BRUCE MONGAN, Captain, Yinnar South CFA

Three of our members, Eric Deppeler, Bill Heesom and Adrian Walker were made life members of both the Yinnar South Rural Fire Brigade and the Country Fire Authority (CFA). This is a rare honor. Life membership is not achieved simply by long service but is only bestowed on a few members who have contributed outstanding service over a long period of time.

Eric joined the brigade in 1957 at the age of 15 ½ years. He followed in his father's footsteps. His father was Captain of the brigade at that time.

It was his father, Reg's involvement in the fire brigade that 'sparked' Eric's interest. Reg was also made a life member of the brigade some years ago so Eric's nomination marks a great family achievement and service to the community.

Eric's service totals 46 years. This has focussed on the local community where he has always been available when 'called out' 24 hours a day. He became Communications Officer in 1984 and holds this position to date. In the early years of the brigade the equipment comprised a trailer, tank and pump which was used to fight fires. Eric's ute was always on hand to quickly attach the trailer, to get to the fire.

Bill joined the brigade in 1954 when he was about 16. Bill says it was that long ago he can't remember!

He probably joined because his father told him he had to and in Bill's words, "Kids did what their father said in those days. In the early days all we had was a beater or wet branch and you worked your

guts out," he said. "Later we had to get a tank with a hand pump loaded onto a member's trailer, fill it and then go to fight the fire."

Bill has been involved in Strike teams to: Munro, Dandenongs, East Gippsland and Cann River. He has fought fires in both Morwell and Yallourn open cuts.

He has always enjoyed the social side of being a fire fighter where a group of mates get together, have fun and provide a service to the community. Bill in particular has contributed to the mateship, camaraderie and fun in the brigade. This contribution is immeasurable and is a feature of the brigade today.

Bill has also enjoyed working with other brigades. In this way he has been a forerunner of the way we work today.

Adrian joined the Yinnar South Brigade in 1956 at the age of 19 (he was a late starter!). He has been a member of CFA for over 45 years. Adrian became interested in the fire brigade at the age of 8 when a local came into the school and told everyone to go home because of dangerous fires in the area. The devastation they caused in the local area has

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imprinted on his

mind forever.

He became Captain of the brigade in 1980 and held this position until 2000, a period of 20 years. He is currently first lieutenant of the brigade and is a member of the region Critical Incident Support

(CIS) team, fulfilling this role in the local as well as other areas. In 1996 Adrian received the prestigious National Medal for his work within the CFA. He has participated in Strike Teams to Stawell, Dandenongs and East Gippsland and has been involved in the Morwell Group, serving on a large number of committees and being Group Officer for 16 years.

In 1994 Adrian was still managing and attending fires with a broken leg, at Healys Road and in the Morwell National Park.

Eric, Bill and Adrian were some of the first members of the brigade to embrace the new training and skills accreditation adopted by the CFA in the last few years.

Despite their years of service and undisputed skills, all willingly undertook the training and assessment required to obtain Minimum Skills recognition in both Wildfire and Low Structure. This was a fine example to the remainder of the brigade and a willing embracing of the new and revitalized CFA.

We congratulate and salute Eric, Bill and Adrian on their fine service and achievements.



Life Members: Adrian & Anne Walker, Annette and Eric Deppeler, Edith and Bill Heesom.

Neighbourhood Renewal Second Anniversary Celebration

THE Department of Human Services and Quantum Support Services have been working in areas of Traralgon, Moe, Morwell and Churchill over the last two years to bring about some positive changes as a part of the Latrobe Valley Ministerial Taskforce Neighbourhood Renewal Program.



On Thursday 18th December at the Italian Australian Club, residents from all these areas and many dignitaries came together to celebrate the achievements of the past two years.

One of the initiatives of the program was the Walking School Bus. Churchill Primary School Walking School Bus students and volunteer drivers and conductors were there to start the day.

Assistant Principal of Churchill Primary School, John Turner, had written a song to sing on the day the "Bus" was launched at the school, and he again led the singing as the "Bus" proceeded around the hall picking up the dignitaries and delivering them to the stage.

The "Bus" was warmly received, and the novel opening enjoyed.

Val Callister launched the Digital Story Telling film, it then being viewed and applauded.

Further speeches were made by Brendan Jenkins M.P., Chief Inspector Chris Notman of Victoria Police, and Latrobe City Council C.E.O. Richard Hancock.

A celebration cake was cut by representatives of the four areas.

Entertainment was provided by a percussion band under the leadership of Steve Schultz, a group of Belly dancers and the Moe Neighbourhood House Singing Group.

Following the end of formal proceedings, morning tea was served and consumed with enthusiasm.

The Bus: Pictured left - the Walking School Bus



Carols By Candlelight

By RUTH PLACE

THIS well attended event was held on 21st December 2003. At the last minute it was moved into the Hexagon at Monash University due to rain.

The caretaker was a tower of strength, a wonderful unflustered help, in aiding these last minute arrangements to be carried out.

The Latrobe Concert Band, under the baton of Joseph Bonicci, provided excellent musical backing.

George Telford was again M.C. doing a great job keeping the show moving smoothly in spite of the disjointed start due to the change of venue.

As well as community singing of all

the well-known carols and songs, there were items from Nyssa James and Friends, Lumen Christie choir, and a Nativity re-enactment with children from Churchill Primary School plus one.

People joined in the singing wholeheartedly, and made a great success of the occasion. Although we were unable to light candles there was warmth of spirit in the hall.

Well done to all those who helped to organize and/or participate in the night. A special thank you to the small group from our local churches who were the organizing committee for their hard work in providing our community with such an uplifting evening.

March is Red Cross Calling Month

ONCE a year Australian Red Cross Victoria appeals to the community to help support the community services provided in Victoria by the organisation.

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers last year's appeal was very successful. However, we need more people to offer their services for a few hours to knock on doors.

Any one who would like to help support Red Cross Community Services please contact Mavis Thompson on 5122 2868 (After Hours).

The funds collected for the Red Cross Calling go to provide community services in Victoria, in particular: the Medical Transport Service and Telecross (a Telephone reassurance service for isolat-

ed people).

Trained Red Cross teams are involved in Emergency Catering, First Aid Assistance and Emergency Registration. Trained volunteers also provide immediate help with clothing, accommodation, food etc., for those people affected by fire, flood, explosion or similar small scale emergency.

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Schools

Koala Kinda Group Inc

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By ANGELA BOLDING

Another year over for Koala Kinder and another to begin...

The kids had a great finish to the year with Christmas decorations made as well as pictures and cards.

Thanks to the Churchill C.F.A. and Lions Club for helping the man in red attend our Christmas Party.

It's no mean feat not only to attend a three-year-old kinder but in 30 degrees. He did a great job.

Our excursion to the local Library and Lake Hyland was a success, made more enjoyable due to our coach driver Mark Bruerton from Hazelwood Coach Lines who gave us tour of Churchill too,

which I believe was a highlight of the excursion.

At the Library Pam held a special story time for the kids, which was really appreciated.

We are lucky enough to secure Fiona McDonald as Kinder Teacher and Wendy Bishoff as assistant for another year.

The children had a great time at Koala Kinder where they made new friends and prepared for their kinder year, but most importantly HAD FUN.

I would like to welcome the new committee in and wish them the best for another successful year of Koala Kinder.

For anyone who is reading this and interested in their child attending it's not too late to enrol.

If you are interested in enrolling your child for the 2004, or just want more information please contact Annette on 51221074.

Hazelwood North Playgroup

HAZELWOOD North Playgroup new term started on Monday 2 February at the Hazelwood North Hall, Church Road, Hazelwood North.

Activities planned for the first term will include a bubble day, water play day and, towards the latter half of the term, Easter craft activities.

All parents with children aged birth to five years are

most welcome.

Sessions are held every Monday of the school term from 10.00am to 12.00pm and cost \$2.00 per family.

There is also a Playgrouping Victoria insurance fee of \$22.00 per year per family.

For more information call Vicky on 5166 1306 or Shelley on 5166 1298.

Hazelwood North Primary School

Hazelwood North Primary School had a positive start to school last week.

We have a new classroom, twenty-four preps and

twenty three and a total enrolment of 173 students.



five students from other schools. Miss Kate Anton, a graduate teacher, has joined our staff this year.

We have eight grades, ranging in size from twenty to



The photographs show Miss Anton working with her Year 3 and 4 students.

RSL Health Club

The Morwell RSL, in conjunction with Latrobe Community Health Service, are currently running a very successful Health Club for people aged between 35 and 88 years of age. The club has a range of activities, including exercise classes and talks on diet and safety.

Exercises are tailored to suit individual needs and fitness levels and everyone is welcome. The Club is held at the Morwell RSL on Tuesdays

between 1.30 and 3.30pm. The cost is \$4.00 per session or \$2.00 for members.

Due to the success of the club the organisers are considering starting another one in Yinnar. They would like to know if there is any interest from people living in Yinnar and surrounding area. If you are interested please telephone the RSL on 5134 2455 and leave your name and a contact number.

Blue Green Algae Update

BLUE Green Algae (BGA) blooms affecting Hazelwood Pondage have deteriorated slightly according to water sampling received this week by International Power Hazelwood (IPRH).

The sampling revealed high BGA levels at all test locations, well over the accepted BGA public alert levels for Hazelwood Pondage. BGA warning signs will remain in place and IPRH is urging the

public to adhere to these signs in the interests of their personal health and safety. Recreational users are asked to avoid contact with pondage water until the bloom subsides.

Water testing will continue on a weekly basis.

For further information on the Blue Green Algae situation at Hazelwood Pondage call Hazelwood's Public Affairs Manager on 5135 5093

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Neighbourhood Watch newsletter



Churchill Neighbourhood Watch Area LTB22

Welcome Back. We hope you have had a great time over the Christmas/New Year break and are looking forward to a healthy and safe year. Help to make it a better year by becoming more involved in our Community. One way you can do this is by assisting our Police by:

- *Keeping watch for people acting suspiciously around your street, neighbourhood and our wider community.
- *Advising Police of offences in your area,
- *Not leaving children or pets locked in vehicles for even a few minutes,
- *Keeping your unoccupied car locked and alarmed even if you are only ducking into the shop or your home for a minute.

Watch Your Speed

We would like to remind all drivers that the speed limit in some of our residential streets AROUND OUR SCHOOLS has been changed to 40km. Please observe the new limit carefully as children are our most precious resource and if we save just one small life then it has been worth it.

This gives us five speed limit levels within the town boundaries. They are 40, 50, 60, 70, and 80. Please observe them as they are prescribed for a specific purpose.

Treasurer

Our local NHW committee Treasurer Fran Pawluck who has now handed in the books as she prepares to head off on her great extended caravanning trip. So if you are keen to take on a position which is not labour intensive, not many nights out and a minimal number of financial transactions to document and control, Please give us a call.

Next Meeting

We would love you to join us at 7.30pm on Thursday 19 February for a brief meeting at the Neighbourhood House Room at the Churchill Leisure Centre.

Area Manager Peter McShane 51221745

Email: petermcshane@yahoo.com.au

Lions Club of Churchill & District Christmas and Beyond

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity
THE Lions Club of Churchill and District hope that all had a very enjoyable festive season and a safe and happy New Year.

Lion's Christmas Cakes sold out again this year. A special thanks to all who offered places to display the cakes and sell them for us.

Lions Village Licola House 3 – due to a great final effort and some hard work – was made available for use during the current Camp Program period. Thanks to all who made this dream become a reality.

Many disadvantaged children will enjoy the facilities for many years to come. Bob Lowick and myself attended a meeting in Melbourne in January at which the future development of Lions Village Licola was discussed in detail.

I attended the Kurnai College Churchill Campus Presentation Night representing the Club and presented Kaitlin Duffus with the club sponsored Community Service Award – a cheque for \$100 and a certificate. I also attended the Associated Angling Club Presentation Night as a Club representative.

Our Club sponsored "Letters To Santa" was a great hit this time around. Santa told me there were 144 letters sent out and/or distributed through the schools, and sends his apologies for the 4 late deliveries – just missed the North Pole Post by a reindeer whisker. Special thanks to

Lumen Christi, Churchill, Churchill North and Hazelwood North Primary schools for your involvement. Your participating teachers did a fantastic job.

The Bunnings barbeque held in December raised funds for Camp Quality - thanks to all for your support.

The Christmas barbeque for Glendonald Residents Group at Glendonald Park was a success again with our club providing the food for the masses.

The Club effort in Christmas Tree sales raised funds which were donated to St Vincent De Paul for supply of Hampers to deserving families – almost \$1000 in total. Our margin per tree this year was quite small but allowed us to fulfill our commitment and enabled many families to have a happier time.

A special additional effort was made to make the season jolly for several local families – hope all enjoyed the festive season. Acacia Way IGA and Mobil Service Station was the main thrust for our sales and we thank management and all the staff for their great effort and assistance.

Members helped the Lioness Club cater for the Dog Show in Morwell in January.

Camp Quality had a Family Fun Day at Morwell enjoying fun and games at the Fun Shed and fishing at Kernot Lake. Our Lions club provided morning and afternoon tea for the 11 children and 10 adults. Two Lions members are companions for Camp Quality.

The Australia Day 2004 Celebration was held in Churchill at the West Place Shopping Centre, organised by the Lions Club. It was a well-attended activity with 90 people turning up. Lion John Barker welcomed the

crowd, President Peter McShane related the story of Australia Day and Councilor Daryl White addressed the assembly.

Special thanks to Churchill Scout Stewart and Churchill Guides Sharon and Jodie for their participation in the flag raising ceremony, and to the Guide Leaders from Churchill and Hazelwood District for leading the singing of the National Anthem. Also we would like to thank to Minster Constructions for the use of the West Place complex to give the level of safety asked for by the participants and Churchill Saloon Bar for making toilet facilities available. After the event, all enjoyed a scrumptious breakfast prepared and served by the Lions Club. The event was proudly sponsored by Latrobe City.

Jake Smith was the happy Birthday Club recipient of the two \$10 vouchers in December 2003. Another happy Birthday Club member, Ashlee Kearns, was chosen to receive the two \$10 vouchers in January 2004. All children in Churchill and surrounding areas under 12 years of age are eligible to join and each month a lucky "birthdayite" will be chosen at random. Make sure your child is registered – just follow the instructions in the Churchill & District News Birthday List.

STOP PRESS: There will now be 2 Birthday Club members chosen each month, each receiving a \$15 voucher. More chances for more children, even more reason to join.

Projects in the pipeline includes – February 8 – Catering at Bunnings for Camp Quality, February 14 to 15 – Computer Expo at Kernot Hall, February 19 to 22 – catering for Outdoor Expo at Kernot Hall and May 15 - catering for Churchill Festival

To all the families in our community of Churchill and surrounding district, we thank you for your support. Need to contact us? Our address is The Secretary, Lions Club of Churchill and District, PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842



Lions Catering at the Australia Day 2004 Celebration

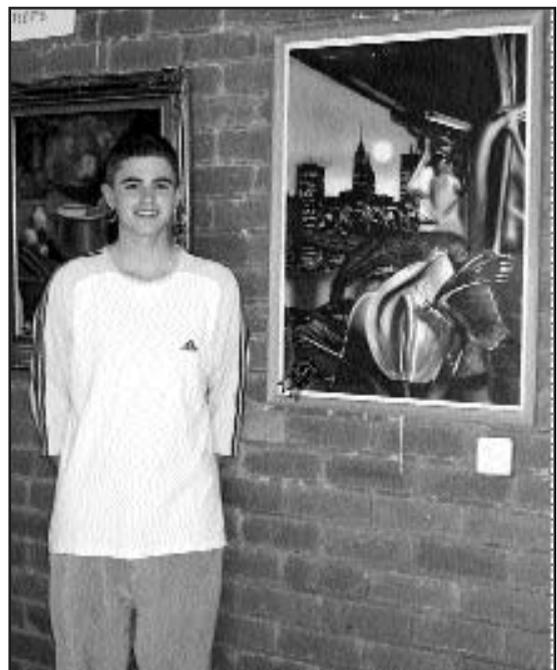
Churchill & District News Art Competition Presentation

A stunning display of all the entries in the Churchill & District News' Art Competition greeted the winners at the recent presentation ceremony.

The presentation was held at the Co-operating Church and was enjoyed by all who attended.



Winner: Left - Ashleigh Hoogendarn - 1st in the U18 painting category, above - the display at the Co-operating Church.



Lioness Club Busy Time of Year

By MARGARET BARKER, Publicity
It's our busy time of the year. In November we catered for the Gem and Collectibles Show at Kernot Hall. This is a two-day event during which we do very well financially. In January we catered again for the Dog Show, another very successful activity. These two shows are our main fundraisers for the year. The funds we raise go to many causes within the community and to worthy charities.

Our club has on-going projects including the Rose Garden at Hazelwood House. It was established by members of our club who continue to maintain it on a regular basis.

We are very proud of this feature as it gives a great deal of pleasure to the residents and visitors to the establishment, and a sense of satisfaction to our club members.

Hazelwood House, in appreciation of our work in the garden, invites our members to a Christmas luncheon. This is a delightful afternoon with all volunteers within their system getting together for nice food and great entertainment. Thanks to the management and staff at Hazelwood House for this fine gesture.

Emergency Toiletry Packs is another of our on-going projects. These are supplied to the Latrobe Regional Hospital. They are proving to be very much appreciated by staff, and patients admitted through the Emergency Department.

Throughout the school holiday period Camp Quality runs "fun days" for children with cancer and their families. Our club has two members who took part in this program.

We had a fun day in Morwell for children and families in the Latrobe valley area, then were asked to assist at a day in Melbourne to supervise children at Scienceworks. These two members are Companions for Camp Quality.

Our club finishes meeting nights in November and in December we invite Lions Ladies and friends to join us for a night of dining and wining to finish off the year.

This is always a great night with lots of fun and laughter. We resume our meetings in February. If you would like to join our club please contact – President Vicki on 5122 1614 or Secretary Merrilyn on 51222543

C.F.A: Don't Be Complacent

CHURCHILL Fire Brigade wishes to congratulate the residents of Churchill and District. At the time of writing, there have been no call outs to illegal burnoffs this fire season.

The warning remains though! Do not be complacent. Keep your property clean and mowed so you don't provide fuel for a fire.

Part of the Fire brigade's prevention role is to inspect the properties in towns and note down those where the grass is uncut and rooves and other areas are covered with fallen leaf litter, twigs and branches, or gardens are overgrown.

These properties are reported to the Latrobe City Council's Fire Prevention Officer, Lance King, who then sends out a letter to property owners notifying them that they must clean up their property within a certain time, or the property will be cleaned for them and a bill for service

es sent to the owner. Most properties around Churchill have now been cleaned up.

If you have any concerns re overgrown properties please contact the local fire brigade on Sunday mornings or Monday evenings at the station on 51223857, or leave a message. You can also ring Lance King at the Council on 1300 367 700 or ring Captain Steve Barling on 0407828625.

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MossVale Music Festival

ON Saturday the 13 of March, between midday and sunset, 'The MossVale Music Festival' will again be held at beautiful MossVale Park located between Leongatha and Mirboo North in South Gippsland on the Strezlecki Highway.

This event, now in its third year, is fast attaining a reputation, not only for its intimate and beautiful location and the relaxed and friendly atmosphere, but also for the stunning mix of musicians presented.

Previous years have seen musicians from Mali, Ireland, England, and Canada, and this year the line-up is again musically impressive. The line-up includes Canadian, Bruce Cockburn. With over 25 albums to his credit, Bruce Cockburn is a veteran of the music business.

Primarily a folk/rock based singer/songwriter, his music has also encompassed many other styles, including jazz, blues, reggae, and other world music's, while hits such as 'Wondering Where The Lions Are' are instantly recognisable and remembered.

From England, there will be 'The Eliza Carthy Band'. Young and outrageously talented, one of Folk music's most dazzling new stars, Eliza Carthy, plays a mean fiddle and sings a tender tune. Also featuring on the day is Kila, from Ireland, who will be in Australia for WOMAD.

Kila have never been a 'trad' band in the traditional sense. They are exponents of gorgeous world music and are clearly way ahead of all other Irish artists in this genre. They play with an imagination, which allows the set, and each individual song, to morph from hypnotic, lone pipe playing to a frenetic bodhran rhythm.

National Artists, Joe Camilleri Bakelite Radio, Mia Dyson, Lisa Miller, Rory Ellis and Kerry Simpson all feature in the line-up for the day, as well as local band 'SoarPoint'. Musicians such as Joe Camilleri and Lisa Miller (recently special guest on the Neil Young 'Crazy Horse' Tour) are rarely seen in venues such as MossVale Park in regional Victoria.

Joe Camilleri has to be one of the busiest musicians on the contemporary music scene. Not only does he run a jazz label and his own Woodstock studio in Melbourne, he still finds the time for a multi-dimensional music career of his own.

This year alone there's been a new album from The Revelators, appearances with The Black Sorrows and his trio, plus the reformation of Jo Jo Zep and the Falcons.

"Bakelite Radio" is a showcase for his song writing along with long-time writing partner Nick Smith. There are also cover versions of JJ Cale, Hank Williams and Isaac Hayes tunes amongst others.

Joe Camilleri is clearly a man who lives and loves music. Whether he is onstage or behind the scenes in his studio producing some new disc, he always

gives one hundred percent. And Lisa Miller is acclaimed by critics and fans alike throughout Australia as a sublime songwriter, possessed of a blue-eyed, broken-hearted voice, which is utterly distinctive.

The organisers of The MossVale Music Festival are thrilled to be able to present new artists, Mia Dyson who is stunning audiences throughout Australia with her fabulous voice and Rory Ellis (with Kerry Simpson) on the day. As well, there will be the South Gippsland group, SoarPoint. The combination of International, Australian and Local Musicians is fused beautifully at MossVale.



Joe Camilleri

The MossVale Music Festival is held the weekend after the Labour Day long weekend to take advantage of there being International Artists in Australia for other events such as Port Fairy and WOMAD. The Festivals' Concert Rig is shipped direct from Port Fairy and its sound engineers; Jim Gallagher, Dave Paul and Ian Harvey have over 80yrs of musical experience between them.

The emphasis of MossVale is on quality, quality of musician, sound, environment, food, and beer and wine. The Mirboo North Brewery sells their award winning beers and the Tarwin Ridge Winery fine wines. For Melbournians it is a great place to escape to for the day and for Gippslanders it is the only place where such a great line-up of musicians can be seen.

As this event is organised by the three local South Gippsland Arts Councils, Lyrebird, Prom Coast and Mirboo North, and supported by the Shire of South Gippsland and Arts Victoria, ticket prices are only \$35 Adult and \$30 Concession (U14 and the elderly are admitted free).

This is a community owned and ran event, which involves not only the local Arts Councils, but sources other community groups such as APEX who oversee the (free) parking at the event.

All enquiries can be directed to The Lyrebird Arts Council on 56649239, email: mossvalemusicfestival@dcsl.net.au. Tickets go on sale on the now and can be purchased from Bair Music, Leongatha, Revelation Clothing, Foster and Burdekins Newsagency, Mirboo North.

Are you looking for Transport this weekend?

Latrobe Coordinated Community Transport is providing a 12 seater bus to Morwell Leisure Centre and Traralgon Outdoor Pool on Saturdays and Sundays.



The LCCT program assists people who are transport disadvantaged, for example, youth and people with disabilities.

The bus will cost \$2 for a return trip.

On Saturdays the bus will depart for Morwell Leisure Centre and Traralgon Outdoor Pool from Glendonald Food Mart at 1.30pm and the Churchill Leisure Centre at 1.45pm. On Sundays the bus will depart for Morwell Leisure Centre and Traralgon Outdoor Pool from Glendonald Food Mart at 11.30am and the Churchill Leisure Centre at 11.45am. The bus will depart from the Traralgon Outdoor Pool for Churchill at 5.30pm and from the Morwell Leisure Centre at 5.50pm on both days.

For further information please contact Amanda at Latrobe Coordinated Community Transport on Telephone 5128 5678



ASBESTOS

Need to dispose of asbestos from your home?

Vicki Hamilton, Secretary of GARDS, has put together this vital information on how and where to safely dispose of asbestos

GIPPSLAND Asbestos Related Diseases Support network would like to see all domestic asbestos waste disposals in the different Cities and Shires have uniform rules, and tipping fees subsidised for the general public to rid themselves of their asbestos waste products. GARDS feels that unchecked dumping is happening due to the high cost and inconvenience.

At the moment each City and Shire has a differing pricing on the disposal of asbestos (which is quite expensive for small amounts). It is a case of having to make an appointment to dispose of domestic asbestos with at least 24 to 48 hours notice. The appropriate bags for disposal of asbestos must be bought through local safety stores in bulk which makes it even more expensive for the disposal of smaller amounts of domestic hazardous waste.

GARDS would like to see the councils supply the appropriate wrapping at the council offices or the tip office with all the written information available to give to the public at the councils and tip sites on wrapping and disposal, which at this present moment is not the case.

I that this makes it very hard for the general community to dispose of asbestos that they may be getting rid of out of their homes when doing home renovations.

There is a great booklet called ASBESTOS IN THE HOME, Health and safety in the home. GARDS has copies of this booklet and you can also download it from www.dhs.vic.gov.au/phd/environmental/.

Information on Disposal of Asbestos at Local Tips in the Greater Gippsland Area.

This is for domestic asbestos not commercial quantities.

LATROBE CITY

Latrobe City follow EPA regulations 364.

These are updated from time to time so it is best to check on the website www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/containment.asp for preparing and wrapping asbestos products. Please note that the wrapped asbestos must be of a size that one person can handle.

The cost: \$49.50 for quantities under 3 cubic meters. Location: Morwell Landfill. Time: Saturdays at 11am by prior appointment only with 48 hours notice must be given. Phone Mr Ron Shields 0439957019 for appointment and queries

Commercial asbestos contracts can deposit at Dutson Downs or Lyndhurst landfill asbestos disposal facilities.

WELLINGTON SHIRE

Wellington Shire follow EPA regulations 364c, these are updated from time to time so it is best to check on the website www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/containment.asp for preparing and wrapping asbestos products. Please note that the wrapped asbestos must be of a size that one person can handle.

The cost: \$65.00 a ton and that is minimum charge even if under this amount Location: Kilmany Landfill, Princes Highway, Kilmany - 24 hours notice must be given, phone Mr Malcolm Stuart - Waste Management Co-ordinator on 5142 3333

Commercial asbestos contracts can deposit at Dutson Downs asbestos disposal facilities.

BASS COAST SHIRE

Bass Coast Shire follow EPA regulations 364c, these are updated from time to time so it is best to check on the website www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/containment.asp for preparing and wrapping asbestos products. Please note that the wrapped asbestos must be of a size that one person can handle.

It is \$35.00 per cubic metre minimum charge Location: Grantville tip with 24 hours notice must be given - Phone Mr Peter Roberts - Asbestos Waste Management Officer on 5671 2211

BAW BAW SHIRE

Baw Baw Shire follow EPA regulations 364c, these are updated from time to time so it is best to check on the website www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/containment.asp for preparing and wrapping asbestos products. Please note that the wrapped asbestos must be of a size that one person can handle.

It is \$71 per cubic metre minimum charge Location: Trafalgar tip with 24 hours notice - Phone Waste Management Officer on 5624 2411

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

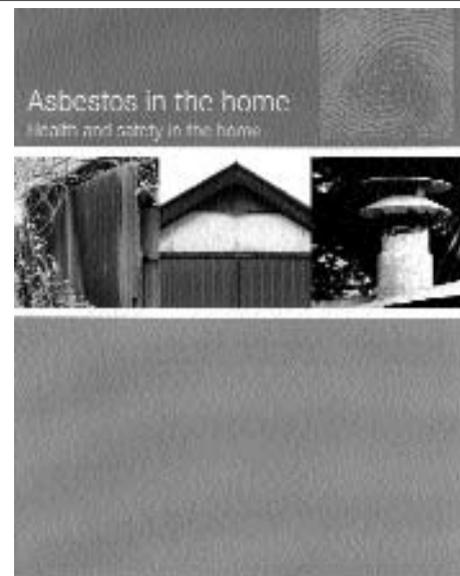
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It is \$96.00 per ton minimum charge. Location: Lakes Entrance tip with 24 hours notice - Phone Waste Management Officer on 5153 9500

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Follow EPA regulations 364c, these are updated from time to time so it is best to check on the website www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/containment.asp for preparing and wrapping asbestos products. Please note that the wrapped asbestos must be of a size that one person can handle.

It is \$55.00 per cubic metre pro rata charge Location: Koonwarra Landfill with 24 hours notice



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Examples of products sold by this company and prices:

Stickers with asbestos on them in rolls of 335 stickers - \$79.00 a roll.

Tubes for putting asbestos waste pipes into for disposal 1 metre x 50 metres continuous length (cut to size required) \$120.00

Bags: 710mm x 1.220mm in rolls of 100 - \$295.00 - 1 metre x 1.5 metres in rolls of 50 - \$207.50

There are other sizes available please enquire Cable ties and adhesive tape must be used to seal the bags.

The Glendonald Residents Group Inc. and The Neighbourhood Renewal Project

GLENDONALD RESIDENTS GROUP INC February 2004 News

The Residents' Group is up and running for 2004, with several projects and happenings underway;

- Working with the Glendonald Kinder to assist the parents and staff with working bees.
- Ongoing training and development in 2004 with Latrobe City & Regional Arts Victoria.
- Finalising a floral emblem/logo for Glendonald and the Group
- Providing the tool library for local residents.
- Participating in the Churchill Festival, promoting our neighbourhood.
- Working with the Council's newly formed Glendonald Park Advisory Committee to keep improving Glendonald Park for locals and visitors alike.

The Glendonald Residents Group Tool Library is Open For Business

Local residents can join the library for just \$10.00 per year and be entitled to borrow from a range of garden tools, including wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, forks, hoes and hand tools.

Members can loan the tools for two week periods.

It is expected that the tools will also be put to good use in continuing working bees in Glendonald Park.

If you are interested in joining the tool library, contact:

Margaret or David on 5122 2997: 9.00am - 10.00am or 5.00pm- 6.00pm

Or Barbara on 5122 1407: 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Or write to the Residents Group at:

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The Residents Group's next meeting is on

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New Play Equipment For Mathison Park



It is very good to see that those who are catching carp are not throwing them back to further infest the water.

Just before Christmas, members of the Churchill and District Lions Club met with Simon from the Latrobe City Council, to discuss the type of new

play equipment that would be suitable to install in the Apex Park end of Mathison Park. This will replace some of the equipment, which is past, or near, its use by date. The Lions Club with the help of Latrobe City Council advisors will install this new equipment.

The equipment is being bought as a result of a successful Latrobe City Council Community Grant award. The equipment will be a useful addition, and a welcome drawcard for visitors to the park.



By RUTH PLACE

THE Mathison Park Development Committee wishes everyone a Happy New Year and hopes that those who visited Mathison Park had a pleasant time.

We know that most people use the park sensibly, and dispose of their rubbish responsibly, allowing others to enjoy their time there. Thank you for making sure that the wildlife in the park is kept safe and untroubled.

As you may have noticed, the signs asking you to clean up after your dog, have now been erected. Mathison Park is a great place to walk. Please ensure that your dog doesn't make it an unpleasant experience for someone!

Many eager anglers have taken the opportunity to fish in Lake Hyland. It is not only a chance to drown a few worms, but a time to relax and unwind while you appreciate your beautiful surroundings.

Lifeline Needs Volunteers

LIFELINE Gippsland needs volunteers to undertake the Lifeline telephone counselling course.

New volunteers receive training in two stages. The first totalling 45 hours is to give them knowledge and skills.

The second is to give them practical telephone experience.

Many of us find it hard to listen. Most of us can hear fairly well, but when it comes to really listening to someone's problems we tend to drift off and as a result many problems go unheard.

At Lifeline we believe that everyone has a right to be heard and understood with compassion. It's a sad fact that so

many people find that at certain times they cannot cope with their circumstances – whether it be grief, loneliness, anxiety, a relationship break-up, a gambling problem or unemployment.

For many people. Lifeline has been a source of comfort, support and help – 24 hours a day, seven days a week for 40 years.

To become a counsellor, no qualifications are necessary, just your own life experience.

If you would like to train to become one of our volunteer telephone counsellors, telephone Lifeline Gippsland on 5134 8278 to register your interest.

Rhubarb Rhubarb Rhubarb Rhubarb!

Hi Everyone!

We had a great laid-back festive period, with lots of extras in the compost bin.

Hi Margaret. Regarding your query about rhubarb – does the Ph of the soil affect the reddening of the stems – well, apparently rhubarb will grow in almost any soil but does particularly well in deep, well drained, rather gritty acid soil.

To increase the acidity you'll need to lower the Ph and the easiest way to do that is with the addition of sulphur, which is oxidised by certain soil bacteria.

Strictly speaking I haven't answered your question but I hope knowing the preferred growing conditions helps.

A bit more about Rhubarb.

Although it is high in Vitamin C, eat it in moderation as it contains large amounts of oxalic acid, and never cook it in an aluminium saucepan.

The dull surface on aluminium is generally a mixture of aluminium compounds, mostly aluminium oxide, and those are highly insoluble in water so that the oxidised surface tends to protect us from aluminium poisoning during normal cooking. However, oxalic acid readily dissolves this protective coating and forms aluminium oxalate which is poisonous.

Care of your rhubarb.

Divide crowns every 5 years. Rhubarb is very hardy



and will grow in almost any climate but nothing will kill it quicker than poorly drained stagnant soil.

Crowns should not be manured at planting time, but when thoroughly established a yearly dressing of rotted animal manure should be dug in lightly around the crowns.

The frequent appearance of flower stalks on rhubarb is a sign that they are subject to stress, whether it be due to lack of nutrition or moisture. When this occurs the flower stems should be removed and liquid manure applied.

Watering should be heavy and infrequent, for light, frequent watering from overhead is the most common cause of rhubarb running to seed.

Cheers, from Herman Ge.

Carol Roeder A Negative Turned Into Many Positives

By RUTH PLACE

TEN years ago, Carol Roeder was involved in a bad car accident. As a result she suffered debilitating spinal injuries. Through her long rehabilitation period Carol spent time first in a wheelchair, then on a frame, followed by crutches, until finally she walks with only a stick.

Because of her time in a wheelchair especially, Carol encountered barriers to things she wanted to do and places she wanted to access.

Not to be daunted, Carol contacted the Disability Resource Council in Moe, and brought to their attention, a number of issues, e.g. access to Churchill Pool in a wheelchair, which was impossible at that time.

Talking to other people she met, who had similar problems and difficulties, she began to realize the enormity of the problem and determined to make her experience have a positive outcome by speaking out about these issues. One of the first things Carol did was to write a letter to the Latrobe City Council to seek to have things changed - to make a difference for other people with disabilities, not just herself.

Carol was encouraged by the Disability Resource Council staff and became their Secretary. That first step led to Carol being asked to be involved in the process of setting up the Latrobe City Council's Disability Action Plan. She has continued to be actively involved in the Disability Resource Council and the Disability Action Plan, but has also become a representative on the Disability Advisory Committee with the Latrobe City Council.

Through joining that group Carol has now become involved with the process of organizing, promoting and



Carol Roeder

appearing in advertisements to show the Community that people who have a disability can make a significant contribution if given the opportunity and the encouragement to do so.

People with disabilities need help, encouragement and support to achieve their goals, not people's pity

Through her determination, Carol is now leading a "normal" life, caring for her family and her home, and being actively involved in the above organizations as well as her Church. She plays bowls and walks regularly.

Carol contributes a lot of this progress to the great love, support and care of her family, friends, church, and the community who have stood behind her. Carol says a heartfelt "Thank You" to all involved. It really made a difference. Carol too, has really made a difference, for which the community is grateful.

CDCA

Welcomes New Members

By ROB WHELAN, Secretary

THE Churchill District Community Association is alive and well and is looking forward to serving the Community throughout 2004.

We welcome new members of all ages and interests and are keen to support all local activities and take up any issues affecting Churchill and District.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the air-conditioned LINK ROOM at Monash University. If you are new to the area we will show you the way.

The year has started well with the Churchill Lions Club fine efforts to organise and run the local Australia Day Celebrations. The new venue was well appreciated

and started minds ticking on ideas for a bigger range of activities for next year. We'll have it on the agenda. Well done Lions!

Latrobe City has kept us informed on the closure of the indoor swimming pool and Cr White has indicated that everything is being done to try and get it open again.

We are well under way developing a web site for Churchill at Gippsland.com and urge local businesses to take up this marvellous opportunity to have a web presence at reasonable cost.

For more details contact our secretary on 03 5122 3602 or write to PO Box 191 Churchill 3842

----- Youth Yard -----

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

KURNAI COLLEGE CHURCHILL CAMPUS

BY MARGARET GUTHRIE

LAST year, as the parent of a Year 7 student, I went along to the meetings of the Parents & Friends Association at Kurnai, Churchill.

I was glad I did.

The meetings were informal, brief (1.5hrs is considered too long!), with plenty of laughter.

The Campus Principal always attends and I had plenty of opportunity to ask questions about school activities, student behaviour, and such like.

I met parents of other students and was able to compare notes on our kids, study habits (or lack thereof), etc.

I discovered that my kid's not the only one who consistently files the school newsletter at the bottom of his bag until

the end of term!

I'd urge other parents, especially those of Year 7 students, to attend, for your own benefit, as well as the school's.

The Association runs 2 major fund-raising activities.

One is the end-of-year second-hand book & uniform sale, and the other is the school courier service between the Kurnai Campuses.

Money raised is spent for the benefit of students at Kurnai Churchill - books, equipment, software, etc.

The Association meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (not during school hols) at 7.30pm in the staff room, Kurnai Churchill.

The first meeting for 2004 is on Tues 17th Feb. All parents & friends welcome!

Game Cheats

MORE "TOTAL ANNIHILATION"

BY THE COMPUTER RULER

CAMPAIGN CHEAT CODE

CLICK on Total Annihilation's Single Player icon. When the Single Player Game page appears, type DRDEATH (it isn't case sensitive). This causes a Cavedog Entertainment bone to appear between the Load Game and Previous Menu icons on the right side of the screen. Clicking on the bone will take players to a special Play Any Game screen where they can

play any Total Annihilation mission, even if they have not earned their way to that level yet.

CAPTURED TECHNOLOGY

To capture the enemy's technology you need to build an air transport. With the transport you need to wait for their commander to finish building a construction centre of some kind. After he has sent your air transport out to load it, take it back to your base, but not too close or it will get

destroyed by your base defences. Order your commander to capture it and then you can build what the enemy can build, providing that they're not on the same team (e.g. NOT arm v arm, corps v corps IT HAS TO BE arm v corps).

Here is a tip: use the cheat, press ENTER +nowisee to show the entire map to you.

And here's another tip: DO IT EARLY IN THE GAME!!!!

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WEEKEND BUS FOR TEENS



BY OWEN GUTHRIE

A trial bus service for teenagers (13 - 17yrs) is being run by the Council on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

At the moment the 12-seater bus runs from Churchill to Morwell Leisure Centre and Traralgon Outdoor Pool,

The bus costs \$1 each way.

If it works out, the bus service might be expanded to stop at Mid-Valley and other places.

So use it, or ring Amanda on 5128 5678 to tell her where else the bus should go to.

and is back in Churchill around 6pm.

It leaves Glendonald Milk Bar at 1.30pm on Saturdays, and 11.30am on Sundays, then does a pick-up at Churchill Leisure Centre before going into Morwell.

Because the Churchill pool has been closed, it's good that there's a bus to Morwell pool.

Traralgon pool is great when it's hot!

FINAL FANTASY:

THE RETURN OF SEPHIROTH

FINAL FANTASY: THE RETURN OF SEPHIROTH

BY STORYMAN & JAZZMAN
CHAPTER TWO: BIG TROUBLE!!!

The three were still looking at the baby dragon and were thinking of a name for it.

"How about Chocobo!" suggested James.

"Are you crazy? That's a stupid name!" said Jarrod, waiting to talk, "We'll call it...Keleog!"

"Kellogg's?!" said James in shock.

"No! K-E-L-E-O-G!" repeated Jarrod, very annoyed.

Just then, a giant portal appeared and sucked the three up.

They were transported to a strange land.

"Where the heck are we this time?" wondered Jarrod, staring up at the sky.

"Well, we're still on Earth,"

explained Crystal.

"That's for sure! Replied James, looking at his surroundings.

"GRRR!" growled Keleog looking at a strange tree.

"What is it Keleog?" asked Jarrod, kneeling down with Keleog.

"A tree by the looks of it" said James pointing into the distance.

"Seems like an awfully big tree!" said Crystal, getting kind of scared.

"LOOK OUT!" warned Jarrod, and they all ducked for dear life.

"What was that?!" said James looking up.

"A tree branch" replied Jarrod. "It must've been from that tree."

"You've got to be kidding! That tree's like - one hundred years old!" explained James, almost agreeing with Jarrod in his own secret way.

James walked over to the tree with shaking legs.

"Uh...maybe I should-" said James, shivering like a cat in cold water.

"Maybe you should - What?" asked Jarrod screwing up his face.

"Watch out!!!" screamed Crystal as she watched the tree getting closer and closer to James.

"Uh...Jarrod!!!" shouted James in a complete panic mode.

"Come on! Let's get it!!!" shouted Jarrod charging at the giant-mutant-tree!

Jarrod immediately threw his new weapon (The Blitz Ball) at the tree's upper half. SMACK!

The tree wobbled a little, and then threw a punch at Jarrod.

"Whoa!" said Jarrod, just dodging the formidable strike.

Keleog approached the battle scene and spat a fireball at the big hideous tree.

A strange shadow came tumbling out of the tree!

"Look out!!!" screamed Crystal, who could only watch as it came closer....

to be continued....



Churchill Junior Football Club

REGISTRATION DAY, MEET THE COACHES & BBQ

Invitation to all past & new players!

Come and meet the coaches and brand new committee

When? Sunday 22 of February 2004

Where? Churchill Junior Football Club Ground, Gaskin Park

Time? 11.30am onwards

Coaches: U/10 Roger Morris U.12 Ian Copeland U.14 Michael Kaser

Come and join us for a great Family Day with a BBQ, Games & Prizes.

For any enquires please contact Karen on 5166 1871



Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



The Streets of Churchill

Coleman Parade

by Ruth Place



An interview with Mark, Milly and Mavis Coleman by Ruth Place

OF the six children of Alfred and Flora Coleman, who married in 1898, Mark is

the only surviving child.

Alfred and Flora were married at Darlimurla. In 1900 they moved to a farm on Creamery Road, Yinnar for a short time before they moved to Jumbuk for three years.

Later,

Alfred bought an abandoned block of land in Middle Creek. His first trip with a team of horses was to take building materials there for a new house. This was neither easy or pleasant. There

were twenty-one creek crossings along a track through dense bushland. The horses became tired and refused to pull the wagon through one of the crossings.

Alfred unharnessed the horses and took them several miles further on to his brother's hut, arriving about midnight. Then, with only a cup of tea, he and his brother returned to wade, time and again, into the cold water to unload the wagon.

The next day the horses were brought and the wagon was pulled out of the creek. The materials were again loaded onto the wagon and pulled as far as possible before being transferred to a sledge to complete the journey.

Alfred was a keen lover of animals and a self-taught vet. His knowledge of veterinary practices was highly valued. He was called out at all hours of the day or night to help people.

In 1916, Alfred and Flora with four children, left the hills of Middle Creek to purchase and settle on a farm on the Midland Highway, Yinnar, called "Fairview".

The family had very little money. Preparation

for the move included making lots of homemade jams and pickles from produce of the farm, to bring with them. Unfortunately, through one of those twenty-one creek crossings the whole lot slid off the sledge and was destroyed.

Flora was not well for a long time. Mr. F.G. Roberts, a Melbourne naturopath, suggested a better diet which helped to restore Flora to health. From then on she was always particular about what she ate, living to the age of ninety-four!

After the move to "Fairview", Alfred took an active part in the farm and in civic life, being the Yinnar representative for Morwell Shire Council for thirteen years.

The present Uniting (originally Methodist) Church at Yinnar was built under Alfred's guidance, and is a monument to an honest Christian man and pioneer of the early days of Yinnar.

Coleman Parade is named in his honour.

Pictured right is Alf and his family crossing Middle Creek on the way to Yinnar

Mark and Milly Coleman

By RUTH PLACE

Mark was born in 1918 at the Morwell Hospital. He grew up at "Fairview", his parent's property. At thirteen he left school, having finally knuckled down and achieved his Merit Certificate.

He became a worker on the family farm. His work included clearing the land and milking cows. Clearing the land was a hard job, which involved horses, jacks, and shovels.

Some time later his Dad Alfred, bought a digger winch to pull the stumps out. This made a difference, but it was still hard work. Most stumps would be removed in winter when the rain had softened the ground. The stumps would then be burnt. The family started off with a two ton Trewaller jack. This was followed by a six-ton double purchase jack and, finally, a ten-ton jack, which was too heavy.

Clearing the land was essential in those early days, so that pasture land could be established for cattle to graze and crops like grass hay, oats and maize to be grown. There was a sense of satisfaction at downing a tree. Mark recalls that in one day he and another man downed thirteen trees. It was considered a great day's work, he said.

To build a dam using a scoop drawn by horses was tedious work. In 1947 a Twin City tractor was secured from the Department of Agriculture, through pleading their cause. It had large steel wheels and made a big difference.

"No wonder his (Mark's) knees and other joints are worn out through all that hard work!" said Milly.

Milking in those early days was done in the open paddock. Later a shed was built and until a shed with milking machines was established. Milking in the open paddock would have been

dangerous, but Mark said they never considered it so at the time.

"Milking in the paddock was what everyone did," Mark recalls. He had a favourite cow called Bluebell.

In 1941, Mark joined the army. He saw no service overseas, but spent the time in the tank corps in Queensland. The war had moved to the islands north of Australia, so there was no use for tanks.

Early in 1944, there were very bad fires in the Gippsland area, with huge stock losses and many people lost their lives. The army was called in to clear up, burning thousands of sheep, cattle and horses. One of the worst places was Ronald's, where the Hazelwood open cut is now. It was a dreadful job, but Mark says that they didn't think anything of it at the time. It had to be done!

The memorial Gates at Hazelwood Cemetery, commemorate the thirteen local people who died in those fires.

Later that year Mark completed his time in the army, and returned to "Fairview", taking up where he left off, clearing land and milking cows. Mark, his father and brother Andy with Andy's wife Mavis, milked 147 cows. Times were tough. Alfred and Andy contracted pneumonia, a common illness at that time but with no drugs to combat it.

Two Italian prisoners of war - Frank and Peter - came to work on the farm while Mark was in the army. The family provided them with board in a separate hut, and food eaten at the family table, in return for their labour. They did a lot of land clearing using a digger winch and hydraulic jack.

Mark and his wife Milly, from Dumbulk, knew each other before the war, but had lost contact for five or six years. One Saturday night,

Milly's brother and sister were playing for a dance at Budgeree. Milly wasn't keen on going, but they talked her into it. When Mark walked into the hall their courtship began!

In February 1947, at the Leongatha Methodist Church, Mark and Milly were married. A big reception in the shire Offices followed.

After the war everything was scarce, so Mark and Milly lived with Mark's parents until their home was built. They called their property Nameloc, which is Coleman backwards. Milly recalls it was a marvelous day when they moved into their new house on the property in Nuttals Road. They had three children, Leanne, Garry and Bronwyn who had cerebral palsy and died at age nineteen. Milly enjoyed her time on the farm at Yinnar, but feels her heart remains in the hills of home in the Tarwin Valley, in and around Dumbulk.

Mark has had an active community life as a member of the R.S.L, including seventeen years as Secretary. He is now a Life Member. A lot of cementing at the Memorial Hall was done by Mark. He helped to build the Bowls Club, and used his experience to remove unwanted trees. In the Football Club he acted as timekeeper. Mark also served in the Yinnar Fire Brigade. He was also a member of the Dairying Discussion Group involved with herd testing and A.I. The Yinnar Recreation Ground, affectionately known as the Yinnar Rec., is a better place because of Mark's hard work.

Doing the concreting at the tennis courts was one of the hardest days work he ever did! The cement was getting harder and there was only himself and Ivan Wittam to smooth it out and get it even.

Milly played bowls for three years but feels it wasn't right for her. She also a lot of community

work being on Mother's Club, Church Guild and in C.W.A. She is well known for her beautiful handwork and craft.

Mark and Milly count it a privilege to live in a land of plenty. Living on a farm was hard work but they never wanted. There was always a veggie patch, milk, eggs and butter. As children they recall their fathers killing a sheep, and the occasional heifer for meat. The meat was hung in a hession bag under a tree. Often it was shared with the neighbours. There were no fridges or ice chests in earlier times. Butter was kept down the well. Jelly was also set in the cool reaches of the well.

Mark has thoroughly enjoyed his life, particularly the time on the farm clearing the land and milking cows.



Millie Coleman

Churchill & Hazlewood Guides

Need your help to unravel woollen jumpers, so that they can make blankets for our local community!!!

Are you able to help:

Ring Susan on 51223567, Debbie on 51222119 or Zelma on 51661264.



Back To Hernes Oak

AN invitation is extended to all former residents and friends of Hernes Oak at 11.00am on wards on 29 February 2004 at Apex Park in Moe.

Come along and meet old friends - bring any photographs of interest.

BYO everything - picnic, barbecue, chairs or Palliative Care will be selling sausages for \$1.50 each.

For more information contact: Janice on 03 5127 1215, Marg and Alan Bruerton on 03 5122 1491, Joan Murdoch on 03 5127 3406 or Neil Palmer on 03 5126 1848.

It should be a great day.

Building Churchill

By Graham Ayres

Part 3

So the plumbing contractor put his plumbers on contract. We ended up constructing about eight houses each week. Our bottleneck was handing over the houses. Our handover gang handed over five to six a week.

So three years after starting there were eighty houses finished waiting to be painted and handed over. Joe was out of contracts by this time. So we concentrated on handovers and maintenance on houses that had been completed three months.

The standard of brickwork demanded by Carl got to the unreasonable point and unattainable. I had a bricklayer, George, doing all the brick sills, as they have to have an exact clearance under the window. George also did any rectification of the brickwork. I considered Carl was being too hard on the bricky who did the job. When I pointed out to Carl that the standard he wanted unreasonable, he said that his boss in the office in Melbourne had a thing about brickwork and we would do as Carl directed.

I decided to take on the Housing Commission on this point of stupidity. I said to Joe that I intended to tell Carl I would veto any rectification of brickwork he ordered, if I thought he was unreasonable. Joe said I could not win the battle.

I asked him if he had the ear of anyone in a position near the top at the Housing Commission. He said yes.

"Would you please make them aware that we consider Carl is demanding an unattainable standard of brickwork, and say what I intended to do?"

"Ok."

So I had a talk to Carl and made him aware of what I intended to do. He 'did the lolly', shouting and throwing his long arms everywhere, then strode out of the shed, walking up the street shouting I would soon find out who had control on this job.

Other than this going too far on the brickwork standard, Carl was a very good Clerk of Works. I always backed him up if any subbies criticised

him to me for being too strict. From the point of view of quality control he saved Joe employing another foreman.

Not long after my talk with Carl, I vetoed one of his directions to rectify some brickwork. The next day he had the Clerk of Works supervisor from Melbourne on the job, along with a Clerk of Works from Traralgon. The three of them were inspecting a frame, they called me over.

I was handed a long list of ridiculous jobs that had to be rectified on a number of jobs. Then I was told if I carried out Carl's demands of rectification of brickwork without disputing them then I need not carry out the rectifications on the list in my hand.

"I won't do the list in my hand and I will continue to veto any of Carl's lists on the rectifications of brickwork I think is unreasonable."

I walked away. Carl put a fight up for a few days but his demands relaxed to a tight standard, not unreasonable.

Early in the job I was disturbed at the mess of broken bricks, broken tiles and cuts of timber mixed with left over material by the time the house got to lock up. It was a major job, cleaning up rubbish and rescuing good bricks and other material.

I said to Joe that I was going to get each set of subbies to have a stack of rubbish on each side and at the ends of the house. Same with left over material when their part of the job was complete.

Joe said it was something that was not attainable, but I could have a try. I got our manager, Cliff, to set out a sheet for each different trade with their rates of pay and with a few words of what our responsibility was, such as getting the right amount of material on the job at the right at the right time.

When the job was completed satisfactorily we would pay on the claim day weekly. Included in this, we stated that they were to stack the rubbish and left over material. I had complete compliance.

We had a lot of material stolen off the job. It was an easy mark; houses under construction with the nearest residents a street or two away. We had the bricks for one fence replaced three times.

One Saturday I came out our back door. I could see two fellows quickly loading a small truck with material. They were in the next street but unluckily for them I had a clear view. Around I went. One of them was a subbie working for us. I told them to put the material back and of course told the fellow he no longer had a job.

There was a break in housing contracts. I found it harder to wind back the organisation than to build it up, telling fellows there was no job. We caught up on our handovers and got the house maintenance up to date.

Then Joe got a contract for fifty houses. Jennings also got a contract for fifty houses. Each contract was to be started on the same day. Joe was disturbed that there would be a shortage of subbies, as Jennings would be in competition for their services.

I assured him they would work on our job as there had never been hold ups of material for them. I was told by some of the subbies who had called on the Jennings' foreman that he was going to show me how a building site should be run and he was going to complete his fifty houses way ahead of our fifty houses.

When we started these fifty we had stopped construction for a couple of months, so it was a clod start. We finished the fifty in just under six months. Jennings had only handed over a few of theirs.

I know I have had a skite writing about these jobs. I am proud of my effort at Churchill. I also want to congratulate the contractors and sub-contractors for the general standard of their work.

To conclude, I feel it is a shame that the state governments have ceased to build public hous-



Mrs Gwen Ayres and her four-year-old son, Russell
A YEAR IN CHURCHILL
It is just one year since the Ayres family went to live at Churchill. Since then 138 more families have moved in and the town now has a population of 499.

Gwen Ayres and Russell in the Latrobe Valley Express October 1966

ing. The Victorian Housing Commission had years of experience at having houses built and maintaining them. Public houses gave a lot of low-income families a starting point at home ownership.

Some private builders in the past have criticised the quality of public housing. If they had allowed a Housing Commission Clerk of Works (especially Carl Walker) to inspect one of their jobs and write a list of rectifications to bring the job up to the standard required by the Commission, they would have been shocked by the length of the list.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS BIRTHDAY CLUB

Hi Kids,

If you are under 12 years old you can join. Ring the Editor of the CHURCHILL AND DISTRICT NEWS on 5122 2589 or write to BIRTHDAY CLUB LIONS CLUB OF CHURCHILL & DISTRICT INC PO BOX 110 CHURCHILL 3842 with your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, BIRTHDATE, and whether BOY or GIRL

The lucky "Birthdayite" for December was Jake Smith.

BIRTHDAYITES			
JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
Josiah BERTOLI	10 years	Luke BERTOLI	5 years
Samantha BLANCHI	9 years	Hayley BEYER	7 years
Alisha BRIGGS	1 year	Sam FLANIGAN	7 years
Brianna BRIGGS	3 years	Corey KOOTSTRA-DENTON	
Jordan CURTIS	5 years		6 years
Breanna DOWNS SMITH	9 years	Paige ROWLEY	7 years
Jodie HAMMETT	11 years	Ashlee SMITH	10 years
Ashlee KEARNS	9 years	Toby THAIN	4 years
Shenae McLURE	4 years	Madelaine TURPIN	7 years

The "BIRTHDAYITE" for January was ASHLEE KEARNS.
The "BIRTHDAYITES" for February are SAM FLANIGAN and PAIGE ROWLEY

Congratulations, you have each won a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency. We will be contacting you shortly.

Churchill Lions
Birthdayites!

The January "Birthdayite", Ashlee Kearns (below), was all smiles as she was presented with two \$10 vouchers by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill & District – one for Churchill Newsagency and the other for Churchill Future Flicks. She was chosen at random from the January list. This could have been you – make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky "Birthdayite".

The December "Birthdayite", Jake Smith (above), was all smiles as he was presented with two \$10 vouchers by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill & District – one for Churchill Newsagency and the other for Churchill Future Flicks. He was chosen at random from the December list. This could have been you – make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky "Birthdayite".

Reaping the Rewards

By ANN RUSHTON, Publicity

ON behalf of the Morwell Branch of Oxfam Community Aid Abroad, I would like to thank the people of Churchill and surrounding districts who supported our fundraising activities and those who kindly gave individual donations.

Last year we raised \$2000 separately from the local annual Walk Against Want, which raised \$6500.

This money, together with all other Australian and International branches enables Oxfam Community Aid Abroad to provide numerous self-help programmes for people living in poverty in third world countries. For example "Reaping the Rewards" (Oxfam Horizons 2002).

Brendan Allen, Vietnam and Philippines Programme Coordinator, reported in 'Oxfam Horizons' (February 2002) on a programme that is helping poor villages in a remote Vietnamese province develop better farming methods.

Tuong Duong and Ky Son are mountainous districts in Nghe An Province, a day drive south west of Hanoi, on the

border with Laos. This area is a mostly populated with ethnic minority group, like the Thai, the Khmu and the Kinh.

For Seven years Oxfam Hong Kong, and ourselves have supported a number of rural development projects there, including a two year poverty alleviation programme in two communities.

The programme has assisted 4800 people in 13 villages through land reclamation for agriculture, clean drinking water provision, the building of two irrigation schemes and training in sanitation, hygiene, agriculture and veterinary techniques.

Our local Morwell Branch of Oxfam Community Aid Aboard meets in Churchill on the first Wednesday of every month. Interested people would be most welcome

Our annual Walk of Against Want will be on Sunday March 21st this year. We will keep you posted when more details come to hand.

For more information telephone Robern 5169 6494, Wendy 5122 1240 or Ann 5122 1796

The N4 Project

Hazelwood / Churchill Guide District

By ZELMA MILDENHALL

During the holidays leaders met on two occasions to sort wool and pull out jumpers to prepare the wool for knitting into squares. Two blankets are finished and the number of completed squares is mounting. If you wish to help please contact Debbie on 5122 2119 or Zelma on 5166 1264.

Guides and leaders participated in the flag raising ceremony at Churchill on Australia Day.

On Wednesday 24 March a Combined Guide District Sports Night will be held in the grounds of the Hazelwood South Hall from 5.00pm

Hazelwood Junior Guides

Unit meetings begin on Tuesday 3 February in the Hazelwood South Hall, from 4.00pm to 5.30pm.

Sunday 22 February, World Guide Thinking Day will be celebrated at Burnet Park, Glengarry West, from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Morning activities will be based on the World Guide Regions. During the afternoon we will visit the Australian Outback. A working bee at the Campsite will be held on Saturday 14 February from 9.00am.

The Mobile Guide Shop will be at the Morwell Guide Hall, Margaret Street, on Tuesday 24 February from 2.00pm to 6.00pm.

Our unit meets on Tuesdays from 4.00pm to 5.30pm in the Hazelwood South Hall, Tramway Road.

For further information contact Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264 or Faye Foley on 5122 1249.

Can you volunteer for We Care?

Latrobe City's Social Support We Care Visiting Program is having its first 3 day training program for 2004 on 23, 24, and 25 February at POWERWORKS, Ridge Road, Morwell.

We Care is aimed at establishing friendships between trained volunteers and older people living in their own homes. These visits may be for a friendly chat or a cup of tea, a shopping trip, or an afternoon at the movies.

All we require from you is a current driver's licence and an ability to be friendly to someone who would welcome your friendship.

Prospective volunteers for the training should contact Violette direct on 5176 3505 or Rachel direct on 5128 5642 by 5pm Thursday 19 February 2004.



NB volunteers are required to complete a police check in order to meet Council's duty of care to aged citizens in our community.

Orion- The Hunter

By JEFF SING

THE summer welcomes old friends. So it is with the sky at night.

Most people recognise the Southern Cross that is visible all year round. It is low above the southern horizon during the summer evenings.

Some people would also recognise the constellation of Orion, the Hunter – otherwise known as the 'Saucepan' or 'Pot'. Orion is one of 88 official constellations in astronomy that is recognised by the International Astronomical Union (IAU) whose early task in 1930 was to designate constellations and their boundaries, or specific areas of sky – just like you would identify countries on a political world map. The 88 constellations cover the whole sky in both the northern and southern hemispheres.

However, how much of each hemisphere is visible depends entirely on one's latitude. From our mid-southern latitude there are about half a dozen northern constellations that are partially obscured, or totally obscured below our northern horizon. For example, we could never see Polaris, (the moderately bright north pole star in the constellation of Ursa Minor, the Little Bear) from this far south. In order to see more northern hemisphere constellations and stars we would need to travel up north.

The constellation of Orion contains a couple of dozen naked eye stars, the fainter ones visible only if you have very dark skies. Orion came down to us from the ancient Greeks as one of their mythological figures in folklore. There are seven quite bright stars in this constellation. The names of these bright stars are of Arabic origin. Rigel and Betelgeuse are the brightest, forming an oblong rectangle with the slightly fainter Saiph opposite Rigel, and fainter Bellatrix opposite Betelgeuse (see illustration). The bigger star dots means stars are brighter.

Orion can then be divided into several distinctive parts representing the mighty Hunter. There is the Belt: three stars (from west to east) of Mintaka, Alnilam and Alnitak; the

Sword containing a faint star, a faint misty patch just below it – called the Great Nebula of Orion; and the Club consisting of an arc within a group of faint naked eye stars.

Because most star maps drawn of Orion and many other constellations originated from the northern hemisphere the constellation to us in the southern hemisphere appears upside down. (If you want to see Orion the way our northern cousins see it then turn the diagram upside down and you'll find the belt, sword and club in their rightful places.) The reason for this is that our northern counterparts view Orion from the opposite direction from us i.e. they are looking south; whereas from our southern mid-latitude in Australia we are looking at Orion towards the north.

Another aspect of looking at the differences in our viewing of the night sky is the orientation of east and west. When one looks north, east is to our right, and west is to our left. Looking south however, east is to our left, and west is to our right.

The most majestic deep sky object in Orion is the famous Great Nebula called M42 (from a catalogue attributed to the Frenchman Charles Messier, an 18th century comet hunter). M42 can be seen with the naked eye as a faint fuzzy patch in the sword of Orion (see 'Great Nebula' in illustration). A good night is required to make out M42 with the naked eye. Inspection

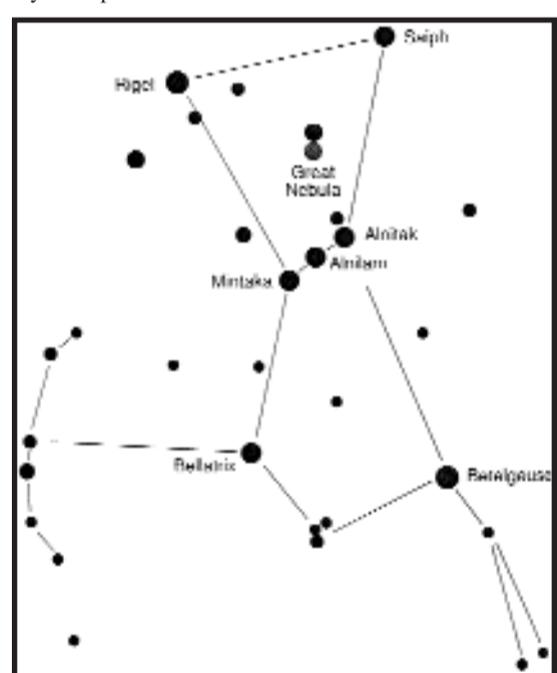
through binoculars or a telescope, no matter what size, provides spectacular views of this large interstellar gas cloud (nebula) lying about 1,000 light years away, but still inside our Milky Way galaxy (our galaxy is 100,000 light years across). The colour of this nebula ranges from milky-white to a shade of blue-green. M42 fluoresces because it is composed of

ionised hydrogen atoms at millions of degrees Celsius.

At medium to high magnification in a small telescope the magnificent Trapezium of Orion can be seen within M42. The Trapezium consists of four stars very close together embedded in the central part of the cloud. These are very hot, very young stars that are part of a cluster filled with proto-stars less than 30,000 years old. Most of the stars in the cluster are obscured from our view by dust clouds. The Trapezium stands out like jewels upon a mist of light.

M42 is a wonderful example of a stellar nursery where there are many thousands of stars in the process of forming, though invisible optically.

To find out more about Orion and view its deep sky wonders through an astronomical telescope and to learn more about astronomy in general the Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society (LVAS) will hold its first monthly meeting for 2004 on Tuesday, February 10 starting at 7.30pm at the Wirilda Environment Park Conference Room, Tyers. For the most up to date information concerning LVAS meetings, along with a lot of useful information on astronomy, visit the LVAS web site at <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~lvas>. or ring the LVAS Secretary, Gavan Dinsdale on 51746 453



Council provides public toilet facility at Hazelwood Village

LATROBE City Council is now providing a public toilet facility at the Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre in Churchill.

Latrobe City's Acting Chief Executive Officer, Paul Buckley, said the public facility at Hazelwood Village would serve the needs of shoppers and clients visiting Churchill's business precinct.

Councillor Darrell White said Council had recognised the lack of a suitable facility in Churchill.

"The elderly and young mothers in particular have raised the issue with their Councillors, and we've been able to respond to their needs.

The new facility provides wheelchair access and includes a baby changing facility which will be much

appreciated by mothers of young children," Cr White said.

Councillor Bob Smith said tourists and visitors logically assumed there would be public toilets at shopping centres, but after visiting Churchill, some had expressed disappointment about the lack of toilets to Council.

"Tourism is becoming more and more important to regional economies, and Churchill's visitor needs have now been addressed," Cr Smith said.

The public toilet facility is located just inside the Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre complex and will be open during the Centre's normal trading hours seven days a week.

Tennis Volunteer Awards

WHILE tennis in all states, especially in Victoria, is experiencing great participation from all age groups, due to the success of Davis Cup and the rise of the talented Aussies coming up the ranks as shown in the Australian Open, Churchill Tennis Club invites juniors and seniors to enjoy social tennis every Monday from 1pm night tennis Wednesday evenings from 7pm., Saturday competition for seniors in the afternoons and juniors in the mornings. Young mums and retirees most welcome.

As finalists in the 2003 Tennis Victoria Volunteer Awards, Churchill Tennis Clubs' Carol and Vicki travelled to Melbourne Park on 18 January to attend "Talking Tennis" hosted by Bruce McAveney with a panel of past and present tennis greats, who provided us with an informative insight into the Australian Open and beyond. There was a panel consisting of John Alexander, Paul McNamee and Martina Hingis (who has joined the team as a commentator for the Australian Open) and guests included Todd Woodbridge, who was congratulated on a great result, 79 Grand Slam doubles wins, his former playing partner Mark Woodforde was there to recognise the achievement, after all Mark had won 61 of these events with Todd.

Also in the show was Justine Henin-Hardenne World Women's Number 1, Andy Roddick America's youngest ever current World Number 1, and El Alanouie. Both Andy and Alanouie spoke of last years Australian Open five hour marathon which was won by Andy Roddick. Lleyton Hewitt also came on the

show and spoke of his new coach Roger Raasheed, physical education teacher and fitness trainer, and it was evident that Lleyton felt extremely confident about doing well in the 2004 Australian Open.

As part of the audience of the "Talking Tennis" program, we were also entertained by Roy Slavin and HG Nelson, who encouraged everyone to paint their face for this years Open, especially yellow and green colours. Sir Cliff Richard spoke about the importance of the Kids Tennis Foundation, which has brought tennis to 250,000 youngsters in the UK.

Kids Tennis Foundation in Australia brought tennis to the Northern Territory in 2003 and is continuing to take tennis to children all around Australia. Christine Anu and her dancers also performed.

We had a great time and learned that you don't have to take out the winners prize to totally enjoy yourself just being a finalist for Carol and I was a great experience. After the program came to a close we were presented with our Recognition Awards by Hamish Macmillan President of Tennis Victoria.

So if you have been dragging your feet about joining the Churchill Tennis club now is the time, call us at the club by telephoning 51222630 and come down for a hit of tennis.



Volunteer Awards Finalists: Vicki and Carol

Golf Results

CHURCHILL/MONASH Golf Club held their end of year dinner and presentations recently. All champions were presented with their trophies and a good night was had by all.

If you would like to join a friendly club and try your hand at golf (beginner or not) feel free to contact the club on 5122 6295, lady captain Maureen McConville 5122 3891, male captain John Ambrosini 5176 0357. Tuesday-Ladies day, Wednesday-Chicken Run, Saturday Men's day, Sunday-Medley Stableford.

Stableford, Date 2/12/2003. CCR 70. C Barnes 41 pts. DTL S Jeffery 36 pts, Di Scurlock 36 pts. NTP-3/12/33-45 S Jeffery. 0-32 E D'Alterio. 5/14 33-45 S Jeffery 0-32 Di Scurlock. Lost handicap C Barnes 37-35.

Saturday Men's Comp Stableford. 3/12/2003 CCR 67. A Grade (0-21) E Fashagbon 44 pts. B Grade (22-32) J Ambrosini 45 Pts. DTL V Monument 42 pts, I Wilson 41, M Smith 38, N Hutchinson 38. NTP 3rd S McNamara 5th P Williams, 12th M Smith, 14th J Jeffery. Birdies P Williams 3rd, R Jenkins 5th. Sunday Men's Comp Stroke 14/12/03. Scratch Winner D Harvey 66 nett. DTL G Down 69c/b NTP 3rd J Ambrosini 12th D Harvey 14th M Brereton.

Sunday Ladies Comp Stroke 14/12/03 CCR 70 Best Score J Catherwood (Visitor) 76 nett. Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stableford 16/12/2003 CCR 70 Winner J Beck 44 pts c/b DTL K Hall 44pts E D'Alterio 43 pts NTP 3/12 0-32

K Hall 33-45 L Casey 5/14 0-32 E D'Alterio 33-45 P Hrynyszyn. Broken Handicaps: J Beck 45-39 K Hall 31-28 E D'Alterio 28-25 V Verheyen 36-34 L Jessop 30-29 L Casey 45-44 V Rowley 37-36.

Saturday Men's Comp Monthly Medal 20/12/03 Scratch M Brereton 80 A Grade (0-18) W Peter 66 nett. B Grade (19-22) S Medal Winner C Waterman 63 nett C Grade (23-32) C Flannigan 64 nett DTL J White 66, F Sediak 67, A Casey 67, S Sanders 68, K Garlick 68, R Sheahey 70 c/b NTP 3rd B Barnes 5th S Sanders 12th F Sediak 14th J Dickson Birdies S Sanders 5th T Sterrick 5th. Putts M Brereton.

Sunday Men's Comp Stableford 21/12/03 Winner P Ludlow 38 pts c/b DTL Troeder 38 pts NTP 3rd 5th 12th A Casey 14th R Higgins.

Sunday Ladies Comp Stableford 21/12/03 Best Score J Busch 41 pts. Tuesday Ladies Comp Stableford 23/12/03 CCR

Saturday Men's Comp Stableford 27/12/03 CCR 67 A Grade (0-16) M Brereton 40 pts B Grade (17-22) C Waterman 43 pts C Grade (23-34) T Roeder 50 pts DTL D McCafferty 44, R Welsh 43, C Down 42, I Wilson 42, D Taylor 41 NTP 3rd C Speekenbrink 5th D McCafferty 14th P Ludlow Birdies C Speekenbrink 3rd J Armstrong 3rd D McCafferty, J Armstrong 5th.

Sunday Men's Comp Stableford 28/12/03 CCR 68 Winner P Ludlow 48 pts DTL T Spark 41 pts C Speekenbrink NTP 3rd D Taylor 5th T Spark 12 F Sediak 14th T Spark

Sunday Ladies Comp Stableford 28/12/03 CCR 70 Best Score M Mitchell NTP 3rd M McConville.

Tuesday Ladies Comp Stableford 30/12/03 CCR 70 Winner L Jessop 42 pts DTL M McConville 40pts NTP 3/12 0-32 L Jessop 33-45 S Jeffery 5/14 0-



70 Winner E D'Alterio 31 pts c/b DTL J Blizzard 31 pts. NTP 3/12 0-32 33-45 C Barnes 5/14 0-32 M McConville 33-45 J Blizzard.

Netball: Junior Section

CHURCHILL Indoor Netball Association, Junior Section would like to remind all members that the next general meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 February, starting at 7.30pm at the Churchill Leisure Centre.

Yinnar Bowls

By GEOFF MARSHALL
CONGRATULATIONS to Ron Morrison on becoming the club Champion for the second year running, and commiserations to Jack Robson, just piped at the post again (maybe next year?). Congratulations also to Betty Fox from Boolarra on winning the Gippsland Group Final.

In the Mid-Gippsland Bowls Pennant both the men's team had a win on the final pennant of 2003 but started 2004 with a loss, the A team 6th in division 3 and the B team nudging on 6th spot in division 5.

The Ladies A team is still at the top of G.D.L.B.A. Division 2 with the B team playing well in Division 4 with two wins.

So the saying goes - Bowls is: 1. Old fashioned! - 2. For people who are not athletic or cannot play another sport! - 3. Too slow, takes too long to play and not really exercise! - 4. Not requiring much skill and not very challenging...

1. The bowls of today are so up to date that it takes different bowls for different states (fast, slow, more or less wind resistance), light, heavy or extra heavy and for hands small or large. And colours! We have got red, green, blue, dark blue, teal and maroon as well as black.

2. I used to play soccer, cricket, tennis, boxing and ice speed skating (indoor and out) and until a couple of years ago indoor cricket.

3. One game of singles can take anything from 25 minutes to an hour, and exercise! Bend your knees, bend your back, swing your arms, stand on one leg four or five times and then walk to the other end and do it all over again and again...

4. Not many sports has a ball that will not roll straight with a bias and the wind will hold it out or blow it in, slow it down, speed it up - let alone get it next to a small ball - then hope someone doesn't take yours off it so you have to try it again.

Too fast and it goes past too slow and it doesn't get there, too wide and it doesn't come in, not wide enough and it comes in too much but get it right once and then you can see if you remember how to do it again. Its little wonder that you need a drink of tea or a beer to rest your back, legs and arms and all the muscles you did not know you had.

No I cannot see why the game has lasted for hundreds of years!

Come to one of our Twilight bowls evenings on Thursday 19 February on Wednesday March 3, 24, or, if you only come once then come on the 24th as this is the last one. Yinnar and Boolarra come together with all the proceeds go to palliative care. Sorry if you have had trouble with our phone/fax - please try again as this has now been fixed. Telephone the Club on 5163 1606, Noel Williams on 5163 1215 or Evan Williams on 5163 1444. Good Bowling!

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