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Queens Birthday Honour Ken Peake

Ken Peake was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the general division, for his outstanding work and dedication to establishing Rotary Centenary House near the Latrobe Regional Hospital, which is used by patients and their families having treatment at the Hospital or the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre.

Ken is very appreciative of the work put in by fifty Rotary Clubs, all levels of government, local business, other organisations and the public including those touched by cancer, to see the first stages of this complex completed and in use as a "Home away from home for Gippslanders". It has been a very rewarding project with support from the local community providing both in-kind from donations. Ken says this is even more impressive given that Latrobe city resi-

dents have contributed the most towards its success because they are less likely to use it.

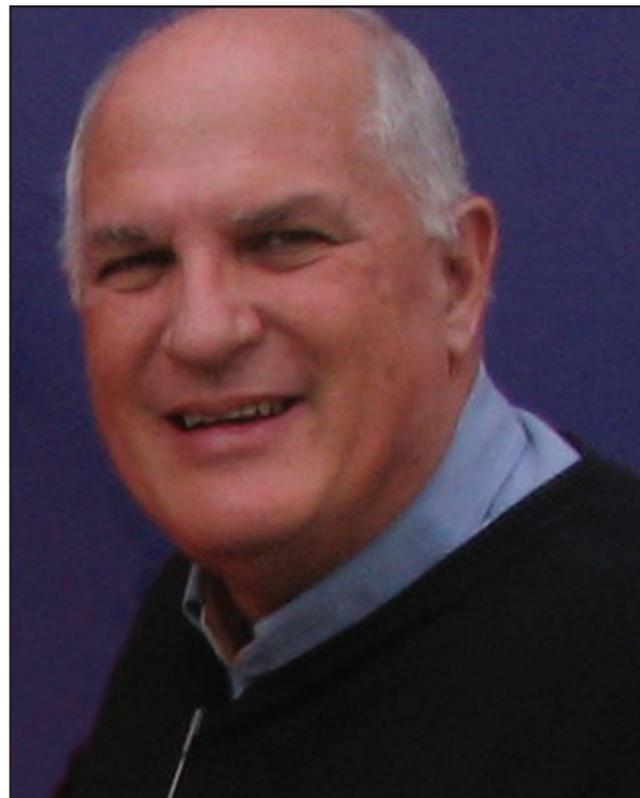
In 2003, the Rotary Club of Hazelwood when looking at possible ways to commemorate the centenary of Rotary International which was formed in 1905, Kay Radford, a member of the club, suggested a project similar to the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Ken was then the Assistant Governor of the Latrobe Group of Rotary Clubs and with support and encouragement to go ahead from club presidents, including Barry Dunstan who was President of Moe Rotary Club and also Chair of the Latrobe Hospital Board, plans were formulated, and they launched into what seemed like a huge project. Success came in September 2006, when, after raising 2 million dol-

lars, the House was opened.

The Rotary Centenary House is referred to as Rotary's "jewel in the crown". It includes a reception area, community lounge room, reading area, children's play room and playground, community dining room, central courtyard with BBQ, community kitchen, community laundry and internet café, as well as well appointed and comfortable residential rooms. The house has one full-time employee as manager and is supported by a team of local volunteers for the many tasks required to be done to keep the facility operating.

The house was recently used for short-term accommodation by bushfire victims during and after the devastating Black Saturday bushfires.

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Hazelwood Rotarian, Ken Peake OAM

Koorie Footprints to Monash Camp



Wayne Thorpe performs the traditional welcome and smoking ceremony at Koorie Footprints to Monash Camp

By Sadie Heckenberg

The First annual Koorie Footprints to Monash Camp was held on the 25th and 26th of June at Monash University Churchill Campus.

The Camp offered a look at university life for Indigenous students from eight Secondary Schools across Gippsland.

Upon their arrival the students were welcomed to Monash Churchill by Aboriginal Liaison Officer Wayne

Thorpe with a traditional welcome and smoking ceremony.

With nine Indigenous University students currently in attendance the high school students were able to see all sides of university life, with presentations from student recruitment, the current students and Student Union's Sport and Outdoor Recreation.

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Churchill Lifeline Shop

The Churchill Lifeline Shop will be 21 in August. The shop will have a display of memorabilia towards the end of the month.

The volunteers are seeking past volunteers and others to help add to the pho-

tos and other items of memorabilia they have.

If you have anything that might be of interest please pop into the shop or contact Kate Buxton on 5136 3500.

Koorie Footprints to Monash Camp

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Kylie Clarke and Kevin Kropinyeri

With these presentations Koorie students saw all of the Pathways to university and the exciting things that can happen when university starts.

As well as hearing about university over the two days, the students were also able to experience it, with one hour lectures from different disciplines within the university, including; Education, Australian Indigenous, Art & Design, Social & Community Welfare, Communications, Environmental, Information and Medicine, Nursing & Health Science.

As well as classes to attend the Koorie students had art and sports activities with Bnym Designs and Churchill Leisure Centre, and a night of fun times.

The night hit it off with stand-up comedy by renowned Indigenous comedian Kevin Kropinyeri, in one of his most hilarious performances. The audience was then treated to a performance by Indigenous hip hop artists Tjimba & The

Yung Warriors, who got the Koorie students singing along to their tunes.

At the end of the two days the students were awarded certificates and given show bags. They then headed back to school and home after staying on campus and being able to see that being a university student is not that hard after all.

With twenty students out of twenty-three believing that they now would like to go to university, Kylie Clarke, organiser of the camp has high hopes that in the future some of the Indigenous students in first-year university will be coming from the schools the camp has targeted.

The schools Koorie students came from this year were; Orbost Secondary College, Bairnsdale Secondary College, Nagle College, Secondary College Sale, Maffra Secondary College, Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon Secondary College and GippsTafe Koorie Unit VCAL students.

Ken Peake OAM

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Soon after it was opened, however, became obvious that demand would exceed supply. Ken is now involved with the development of Stage 2, which will more than double the number of family rooms and creates community areas for use by local organizations. The design is complete and ready to be put out for tender. All that remains is to secure funding.

Rates are kept as low as possible and are subsidized through fundraising as evidence suggests that many people cannot afford the cost of accommodation

over the 8 week period most radiotherapy requires. The biggest majority of residents come from East Gippsland, followed by South Gippsland, Wellington, Bass Coast, Baw Baw and other areas.

The house provides not only accommodation, but a support network for those staying as they interact with the other residents undergoing similar treatment and dealing with a life-threatening disease. It is run by a Committee of Management with sub-committees.

Community Bank Pledge Campaign Launched

Residents of Churchill will be invited to pledge their support for the establishment of Churchill Community Bank[®] Branch of Bendigo Bank.

The Churchill Community Bank[®] Steering Committee, made up of local community members, and Bendigo Bank will officially launch the community's pledge campaign - the first stage in a process to gauge community interest in the concept.

Steering Committee Chairman Wayne Casey urged people interested in the Community Bank[®] model to get behind the project.

"Now that a decision has been made to undertake a Community Bank[®] campaign, the local committee will seek indicative pledges of support from local residents, traders and business people," Mr Casey said.

"A pledge of support is an indication of the number of people who would be prepared to become a shareholder in a Community Bank[®]

branch, and an indication of the financial level of support.

"Their pledge of support will indicate that intention," Mr Casey said.

Mr Casey said the Community Bank[®] model was essentially a community building project, with profits from the branch injected back into the community of Churchill.

"With community acceptance, schools, sporting clubs, social groups and organisations will benefit greatly into the future. It will also provide a financially rewarding ethical investment opportunity to capitalise the business" Mr Casey said.

Mr Casey said the Steering Committee planned to convene a workshop in the near future with as many community groups as possible to prioritise community needs.

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\$28 million to community projects and nearly \$13 million in dividends to local shareholders.

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Churchill Community Bank[®] Steering Committee includes: Wayne Casey, Chairman, Craig (Bluey) Flanigan, Secretary, Jeff Kemp, Treasurer, Sharon Middlemiss, Pledge Co-ordinator and Committee members Adrian Hunter, Anne Dettrick, Graham Harvey, Prof. John Anderson, Justin Clissold, Keith Hamilton (Vice President), Leo Billington, Ross Ollquist, Shane Hutchinson and Tony Antonelli.

Further information is available on www.bendigobank.com.au/public/community_bank or from Wayne Casey on 5122 1363.



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Monash Awards Outstanding Student



Professor Chris Nash presents Sadie Heckenberg with HUMCASS Head of School Award

Monash University Gippsland student Sadie Heckenberg is the 2009 recipient of the highly valued "Head of School Award" gained through her study with the School of Humanities, Communication and Social Services (HUMCASS).

The annual award is presented to a student who has achieved academic excellence and has made significant contribution to the Monash Gippsland community.

Ms Heckenberg has completed majors in Indigenous Studies and Journalism with high distinction results. She is the first Indigenous student to enrol in Honours at Gippsland Campus, a Combined Honours course in Indigenous Studies and Journalism through HUMCASS. Her research project is called Yindymarra: Cultural Safety in the media; the print media's response to the Northern Territory Intervention.

Ms Heckenberg is a volunteer for several organisations and utilises her journalism skills by contributing to publications such as Threshold Student Newspaper, Monash University Student Union magazine and the Churchill and District News. She is also a mentor with Plan-It Youth

Her award was presented by Professor Chris Nash, Head of Section for Journalism at Monash University.



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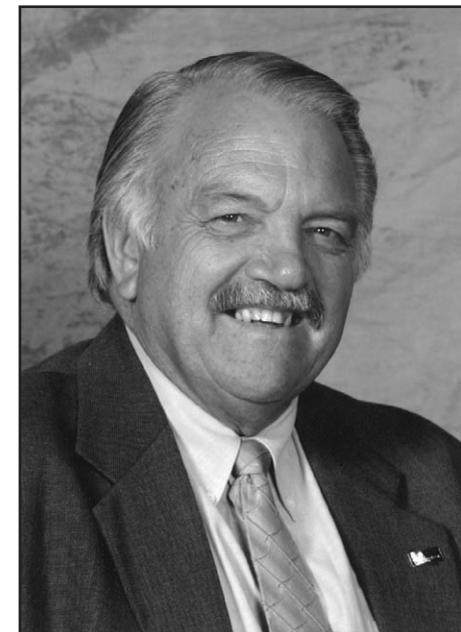
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Council Policy on Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme

Cr Darrell White



Latrobe City Council's Interim Policy Position on the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme

The following is an extract from Council's recently adopted Interim Policy Position in relation to this very important issue:

"Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme and Latrobe City Council

Latrobe City Council has a key role in providing leadership in representing the broader interests of its community on issues relating to the development of the energy industry.

Latrobe City Council has undertaken a range of responses and initiatives in relation to the introduction of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme. These include leading the development of a regional submission to the CPRS Green Paper, seeking representation on the \$2.15 billion Climate Change Action Fund Consultative Committee and advocating for the Australian arm of the Global Institute on Carbon Capture to be located within Latrobe City.

Latrobe City has been identified as a community likely to be exposed to significant structural adjustment pressures as a result of the introduction of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (the Scheme). It is anticipated that the introduction of the Scheme will decrease the competitiveness of the brown coal fired generators that are located within the Latrobe Valley which would then impact on the local economy including employment growth. The impact of the Scheme on the Latrobe Valley is recognised in the CPRS White Paper in a section entitled "Assistance to workers, communities and regions". The White Paper states "The Australian Government is aware of stakeholder concerns in relation to particular regions and stands ready to provide assistance through the Climate Change Action Fund to

any region where a clear, identifiable and significant impact arises, or is likely to arise, as a direct result of the Scheme".

In the second half of 2009, Latrobe City Council will develop a formal policy position on the expected impact of the Scheme and assistance required to transition under the scheme. This position will be developed utilising technical expertise and enhanced via industry and community engagement to ensure that the developed policy position is owned by the community.

Latrobe City Council has a key role in providing leadership in representing the broader interests of its community on issues relating to the development of the energy industry.

Council's interim policy position comprises of the following key statements:

Latrobe City Council - Supports the introduction of the Scheme and the Commonwealth Government's efforts to address climate change. However, the introduction of the Scheme should take into account the community and economy of Latrobe City.

Supports the sustainable use of brown coal as an energy source and will work to ensure that the electricity supply contribution that the Latrobe Valley provides to the Victorian economy is recognised both nationally and across the state of Victoria.

Will work to continue to encourage the further diversification of the local economy through investment attraction and retention. With a strong focus on the development of key infrastructure in the areas of water availability, transport infrastructure including both road and rail and waste management and recycling.

Latrobe City Council Interim Policy Position on the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme -

Will work to ensure that the Latrobe Valley becomes the hub for low emissions technology research and development by encouraging investment in renewable energy, clean coal technology and the provision of related infrastructure to deliver innovations such as carbon capture and storage.

Will work to ensure that the capacity of the region to accommodate alter-

native energy solutions is promoted.

Supports the retention of existing brown coal related jobs within the municipality and will continue to pursue the attraction of both new industry seeking to utilise the resource and industry that evolves from the introduction of the Scheme.

Is committed to on-going constructive dialogue between Latrobe City Council, relevant Ministers and Commonwealth and Victorian Government Departments.

Welcomes the component of the Climate Change Action Fund that will help impacted communities transition to a carbon constrained economy and highlights that the details of transition plans for these communities need to be developed with local input.

Planned Interim Actions:

Latrobe City Council will pursue the following actions in response to the interim policy position-

A local industry round table discussion to provide industry leaders with an opportunity to meet with relevant Commonwealth and State Ministers to present an overview of the expected impacts across all sectors of the Latrobe City economy.

Arrange a meeting with the Prime Minister and Minister for Climate Change to discuss the transitional support mechanisms that will be available for the Latrobe Valley.

Commit to a partnership approach to meeting the challenges and pursuing the opportunities likely to arise from the introduction of the Scheme between the Commonwealth Government, Victorian Government and Latrobe City Council".

Latrobe City Trust 2009 Gambling Impact Fund Grants

Latrobe City Trust is inviting applications for funding from individuals and organisations providing support services and/or alternative programs/activities within the municipality to assist those citizens experiencing hardship as a consequence of problem gambling such as:

- * Programs for the prevention of compulsive gambling or for the treatment or rehabilitation of persons who are compulsive gamblers

- * Programs for financial counselling services or support and assistance for families in crisis relating to or arising from gambling activity

- * Recreational, cultural, social, educational or other community development activities providing alterna-

tives to gambling

* Other projects or purposes relating to the support or advancement of the local community as determined by the Council.

Application packs can be collected from Council's Service Centres at Kay Street Traralgon; Commercial Road Morwell; Albert Street Moe; and Philip Parade Churchill; or by requesting by phoning 1300 367 700 or emailing tomme@latrobe.vic.gov.au; or downloaded via council's website at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/About/LatrobeCityTrust.

Completed applications may be hand delivered to any Service Centre or mailed to Tom McQualter, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell 3840.

Applications will be received up until 5pm on Friday 14 August 2009

Latrobe Regional Gallery - Dick Bishop Memorial Prize

The Dick Bishop Memorial Prize is open to emerging artists of any age. Entries can be by individuals or groups. The entrants must be current residents of Latrobe City.

Entries must include: a signed entry form; a written exhibition proposal (maximum 1 page); a CV (maximum 2 pages); and visual support material (maximum 10 images). CD of digital images (jpg format, 300 dpi). Slides and photos also accepted.

All entries will be assessed by a selection panel and the originality and quality of work will be considered.

The selection panel's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Works submitted may be in any medium.

The work submitted for assessment must be the same work that will be exhibited. Entries must be work produced in the 12 months prior to entry date.

Entries close on Friday 31 July 2009. Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted.

The successful applicant must abide by Community Access Gallery guidelines and will be notified on Friday 14 August. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing.

The successful applicant will receive a fully supported four week exhibition to be held 5 September to 4 October 2009 in the International Power Hazelwood Community Access Gallery.

This includes:

- Assistance by Gallery staff in all aspects of exhibition organisation and installation

- Invitations
- Standard Gallery advertising
- Opening event

Entry Forms are available on-line at: www.latroberegionalgallery.com

Send entries to:

Dick Bishop Memorial Prize, Latrobe Regional Gallery, 138 Commercial Road, MORWELL VIC 3840

Please ensure you have included the following in your application:

- A signed Entry Form
- A written proposal describing your work and stating how this opportunity would benefit your career
- A CV listing your experience as an artist
- Examples of your work in the form of either a CD of digital images, slides or photographs. Actual artwork will not be accepted.

For further information, contact the Latrobe Regional Gallery on Tel: (03) 5128 5700.

Latrobe Regional Gallery - Art After School (7 - 12 Years) - Drawing, Painting and Collage

Taking inspiration from the exhibition "The World in Painting", this eight week program will focus on looking and responding to artworks on show in the gallery

Participants will think about words which describe what they see using drawings to explore pattern, colour and texture using a range of materials including pencils, pastel, coloured inks and acrylic paint.

Drawing objects - still life subjects - will be used to develop creative finished pieces in oil pastel and paint. Collage or 'cut and paste' will be used to construct new layered images and re-work other pictures. Abstract works will be made from simplified shapes and forms put side by side within the framework of the picture.

When: 4.30pm - 6.00pm from Wednesday 22 July - 9 September 2009

Cost: \$100 or \$90 for "Gallery Friends"

Where: Latrobe Regional Gallery, 138 Commercial Road, Morwell.

For further information, contact the Latrobe Regional Gallery on Tel: (03) 5128 5700.

Northe's Natter



Sporting and community groups burdened by regulatory paperwork will be pleased to hear of amendments passed in Parliament last sitting week.

Changes to the Food Act will see the current 2-class system change to a 4-class system, removing much of the red tape for low-risk activities such as sausage sizzles, cake stalls and farmers markets.

These activities are valuable fundraisers and a great part of community life but current rules require

organisers to complete up to 40 pages of paperwork and have a food safety program before they can think about firing up the BBQ.

The changes are great news for organisations including Hazelwood Rotary, Churchill United SC, the Cougars, Yinnar CWA, Churchill Lions Club and many others and I urge the Brumby government to implement the legislation sooner than their 2011 intention.

Further, some important informa-

tion for concession card holders: The Victorian Government has introduced significant changes to utility billing. As of this month, concession card holders will no longer be able to simply present their card at Australia Post to receive a concession on their water, gas and electricity bills.

Whereas utility bills used to show two amounts for householders - both full and concession - now the reduced rates will only appear on the bills of those pre-registered as concession

card holders with their utility companies.

Introduced by the Brumby Government with little advertising, the changes will see customers who have not provided their concession card details directly to each of their providers, miss out on their discount.

If you are a pensioner, health care or gold card holder and are eligible for utility concessions, I urge you to phone your water, gas and electricity providers to register your details.

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- ~Cancer Council Helpline 13 11 20
- ~Printed and online information
- ~One-to-one support
- ~Telephone support groups.



Kids- Life! Starts in Central West Gippsland **mend**TM Mind Exercise Nutrition. Do it!

Could your child benefit from being involved in the Kids- life! Initiative?

Kids-Life! is a Victorian Government Initiative to enrich the physical, social and emotional wellbeing of children. For the first time in Central West Gippsland, the project is offering free healthy lifestyle courses for children aged 5 to 12 years and their parents and/or carers. Once registered, families participate in either an individualised or group support program. The group sessions by are facilitated by qualified MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition...Do it!) trainers, commencing mid July.

In the MEND program families take part in fun 2-hour sessions, twice a week for 10 weeks. Accurate health information provided by health professionals supports families to improve their eating and exercise habits, thereby improving children's fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem. Thanks to funding from the Department of Human Services, three courses with 12 places worth up to \$800 per child are being offered to families completely free of charge on a first come first served basis.

The MEND Program is an evidence based healthy lifestyle program for children above their ideal weight and their families. Rather than focusing on weight loss, the program uses a practical interactive learning approach to teach children and parents weight management skills. This includes inspiring families to adopt a healthier lifestyle and enjoy preparing and eating healthy foods as well as reading food labels and healthy shop-

ping on a budget. There are also simple but exciting sessions which focus on making exercise fun again - especially for children who are not fans of traditional school sports.

The MEND Program has proven results. Children who take part change body shape, reduce their waistlines and achieve a healthier weight for their age and height, which results not only in them being healthier and fitter but also gaining in self esteem and confidence.



The Kids-Life! Coordinator at Latrobe Community Health Service says, "The Kids-Life! MEND Program can really change families' lives. We offer a friendly relaxed atmosphere to encourage children to give new things a go and show parents how they can be supportive and involve the whole family in making healthier choices and following an active lifestyle. Children become healthier and fitter while their self esteem and confidence increase greatly. We very much hope families will take up the chance to improve their health with this fantastic free course."

Places on the MEND Program are on a first come, first served basis. Families interested in participating should contact Gina Boyanton at the Central West Gippsland Primary Care Partnership on (03) 5127 9108 or visit www.mendprogramme.org and click on 'Join a MEND Program'. Please note a parent or carer must accompany each child to every session.



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My trip commenced at Denarau Island where everything you need for your holiday is catered for, from relaxing by the pool, dining at the restaurants to day tours. From there we had a short flight to Savusavu. The view of the crystal clear ocean from the plane had to be seen to be believed.

From beautiful scenery and lush green vegetation to the blue skies, pristine beaches and friendly local people this destination is a perfect place to take a step back and slow down.

Whilst on the island we took a short boat trip to a Pearl Farm and watched the Fijians processing the pearls. Next stop was visiting a local village where they are strong in tradition and culture. This was a great experience. From Savusavu, and again the spectacular views from the plane, we headed down to the beautiful Coral Coast.

If you are looking to escape the winter cold, it is only a short flight to Fiji, with warm weather, beautiful scenery and friendly people. This is a destination not to be missed.



Regards,
Karen Lambden



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Free Mediation Services

The Morwell Justice Service Centre is a government initiative designed to help settle disputes between parties at odds over a variety of issues. The general community can make use of these mediation services free of charge.

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Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill.
Sunday: 10.00am
Ladies Meeting: Tuesday 10.00am



Saturday Breakfast

By Keith Enders

The next Breakfast will be held on 25 July at 7.45 am at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill.

Russell Northe the Member for Morwell will be the guest speaker. He will speak about his experiences as a

member of the Victorian Parliament as well as giving some personal background.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders by Thursday 23 July on 56122 1148 or at kbenders@net-tech.com.au

Church Snippets

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Cool Club 4 Kids



Rwanda. They have soccer balls made of scrunched up banana leaves.

The children tried this but with newspaper and found that some kicking soon made these balls useless.

The children have had the experience of making mud bricks with help from Robyn. These were then built into a house, complete with a window and door. Palm leaves were used to roof the house. The children also had a turn of making bead necklaces and bracelets.

On another occasion we had Bishop John McIntyre come. We were able to sing an African song, with percussion accompaniment, to him. Then he produced his guitar and we had a great sing-a-long.

It has been a very interesting time for all, leaders and children, and had given us an appreciation of how lucky we are to live in this wonderful country. Our involvement will continue into next term.

The CC4K kids and leaders say a big thank you to our special visitors who made the time so interesting for us.

By Ruth Place

During the last term the children have been learning about what life is like in Rwanda.

The Anglican Diocese of Gippsland has a sister diocese arrangement with the diocese of Gahini. The Diocese has raised money and sent cows over to help the pastors provide themselves with a living as they do not receive payment. Members of the Gippsland Diocese also went to Rwanda to help the people make the most of breeding these cows for better milk production.

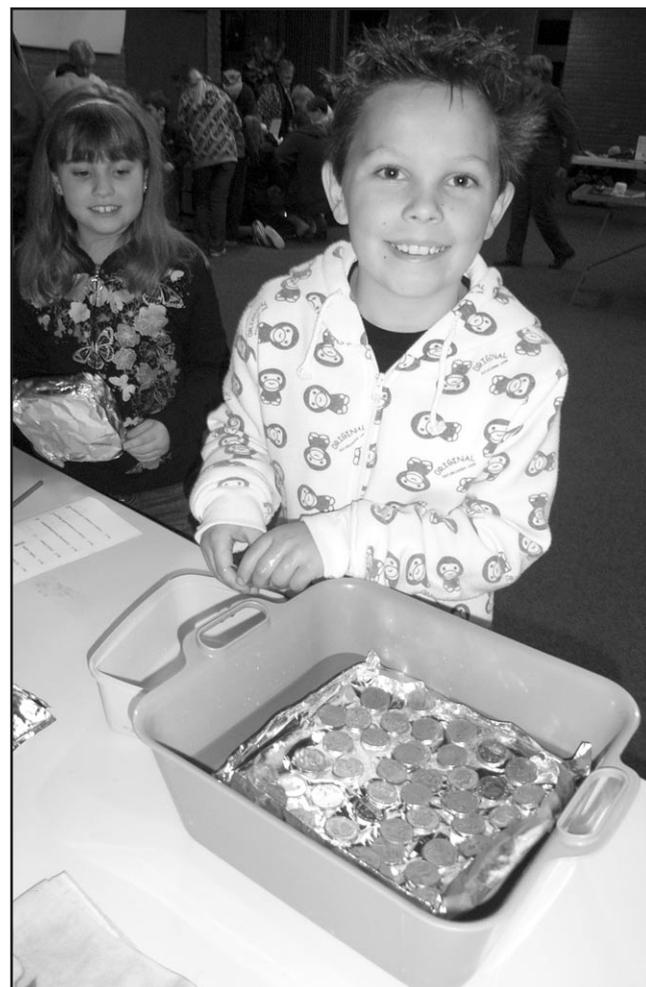
A representative from those involved with water usage here, David, also visited and was able to help with ideas. The children at CC4K found out how fortunate they are that they do not have to spend the end of each school day, peddling or walking several kilometers to get sufficient water for school to operate next day.

They also had a visit from a Lyn who with her husband spent some time living there, and helping with building projects. She described the people as very friendly and very hospitable. They were willing to share what little they had with their visitors. Lyn also showed us some of the handcrafts including jewellery and wood carving, as well as the lovely bright materials they weave.

Very little sporting equipment as we know it is owned by people in



Family Fun Night

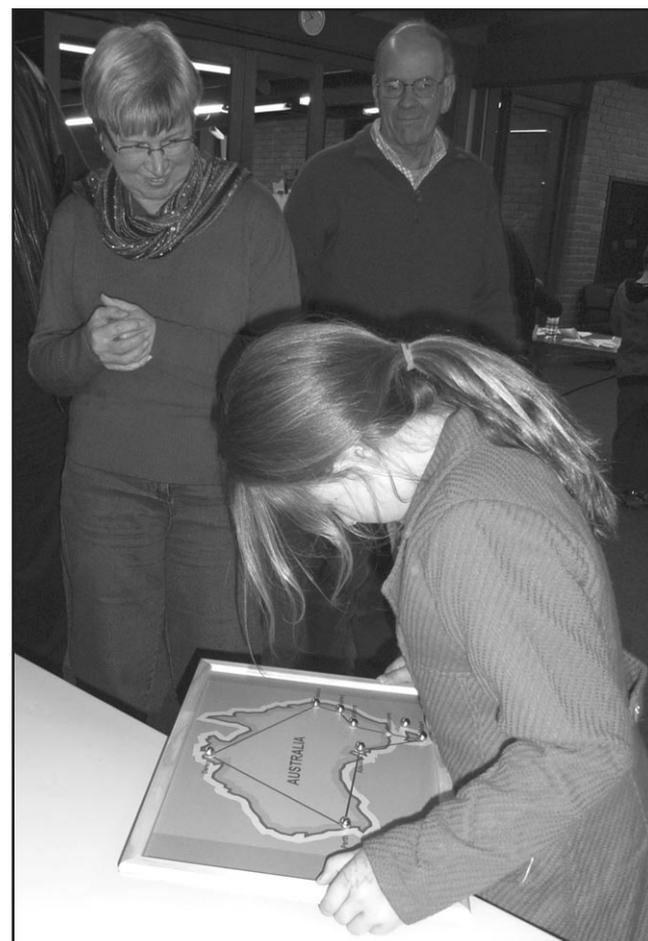


About 50 people turned out to come to the church to enjoy a Family Fun Night which was arranged by Garry and Robyn Mauger.

It involved around 16 different science activities, and engaged the children and their parents for about an hour and a

half. Not all activities worked as hoped, but that is life, and it keeps people trying for new solutions and ways of doing things.

A delightful supper was provided with cakes, sandwiches, chips and slices which disappeared in no time at all.



There's a First Time for Everything

First time theatre is a new extension of the work from Break a Leg Theatre and will be directed by Dan Clancey.

This is an opportunity for people to be involved in theatre for the first time. Latrobe City based theatrical producer Dan Clancey will run classes for people who are interested in trying acting and then select a theatre piece to produce to the level of ability of the members of the group.

First time theatre offers adults who have always harboured a desire

to perform on stage the perfect opportunity to have a go at acting in a non judgemental and safe environment.

Dan Clancey believes that the right mix of training and performance is the key ingredient to good theatre "First time theatre promises, no hierarchy of cast members as everyone is treated as an equal" Mr Clancey said, "training in the basic principles of performing arts and an even playing field for all people to extend their creative self". First

time theatre will celebrate with a performance at the end of the training period in October and hopefully provide a highly entertaining evening of theatre for audiences.

There will be an information evening held at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre in the Little Theatre on Thursday 16 July at 7pm.

Interested people can contact Dan Clancey on 0417 142606 or email dan@breakalegtheatre.com.au

Foster Care You can make a difference!

Foster Carers are needed to care for teenagers and sibling groups in the Latrobe Valley.

A spokesperson from Quantum said "it is difficult to place sibling groups together as often carers may not have enough room in their homes. If there are people out there in the community and they are interested in being a foster carer and have room for more than one child we would like to hear from them."

Caring for teenagers involves different skills to that of fostering young children. Teenagers can be established in their ways of behaving and less adaptable to being in care than young children. It is a difficult time in their lives when they should be learning to develop

their independence, therefore teenagers require more support in this area when they are placed in care.

Carers receive a non-taxable reimbursement while they are providing care, caseworkers are available 24/7 for support and advice and carers come from all walks of life.

Do you have room in your home to care for a sibling group? Do you think you would like to care for teenagers? If you have answered "YES" to either of these questions, and you think being a foster carer may be for you, and for more information on fostering and training dates contact the Quantum office in Morwell on 5120 2000.

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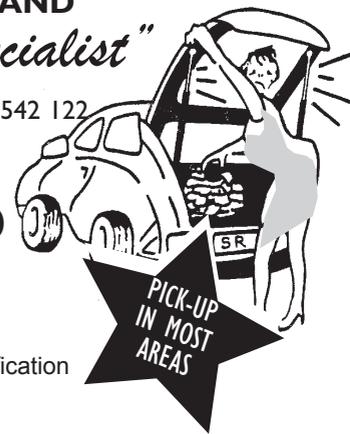
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If you have not been inside the

new building, come on in and have a Captain Cook, check out which classes are running and what they are doing. Stay for a cuppa and chat. You are very welcome.

On Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th we held our first Craft Bonanza. A total of 36 stall holders participated, from jewellery making and selling, folk art painting, wood-

working demonstrations, cards, funky fairies, tasseltart, patchwork, and china painting together with spinning and embroidery, to mention just a few. No doubt the highlight on Sunday afternoon was the belly dancing demonstration - very nice indeed!

TIME GENTLEMEN

Calling all men, young, old, retired or working

By Henry Parniak

Its time to set up a workshop and start a Men's shed program in Churchill. We already have the facility - Studio 3 under the Town Hall and now with further funding approved its time to start planning the layout of the building and what equipment is required for all you handy gentlemen to come and enjoy what the facility can offer. My wish is that you are involved in the process of establishing this workshop and that it belongs to you, where you will meet and make new friends, learn and share your many talents and skills with others in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

All men need a shed. We love our sheds, a place of peace and solace, where only Men's secret business happens - no ducks on the pond

- we all know that the girls have their big sheds, you know the one's I mean - Myer, Target, Big W, and David Jones to mention a few, full of secret women's business, only joking girls. Once the gentlemen have the workshop up and running, that is, they do all the hard work, then we will look at having a Women's shed program, with secret women's business of course.

What will happen in this 'Shed' - well the possibilities are enormous, from doing woodwork and light metal work and small engine repairs to projects which may enhance areas in our community. An all important aspect of the Men's shed project is to address men's health issues, guided by invited experts among - the gentlemen. Or, if you are not interested in making / fixing things, but just

want to get away from the old Ball & Chain, come on down, have a cuppa, read the newspaper, play cards, whatever you want, the 'Shed' will accommodate you, and welcome you with open arms, because we gentlemen are all embracing, we are men for all sheds.

So what's the point of all this? If you are at all interested in a Men's Shed program, come along to a meeting on:

Wednesday 29th July, in Studio 1 - under the Town Hall, Phillip Parade- at 6.30 pm

For more information or to register your interest please phone Henry at the Neighbourhood Centre on 5122 2955, or better still, come and have a cuppa and check out the new building.

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Digital Imaging/Photo Editing & E Learning. Create, edit & manipulate images. Study areas that suit your needs, English, Maths, E-bay, internet & more	MS Excel/Publisher Learn word processing, formatting of text, create files & folders, edit & save documents, create templates, tables & charts & much much more.	Computer Lab Time for internet/computer use for general public morning only	Computer Lab Time for internet/computer use for general public morning only	Computer Basics Gain confidence to turn computer on & understand the basics of the operating system. Learn to use the mouse, open & close programs, create files & folders.
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Gippsland FM Marathon Set to Rock

By Sadie Heckenberg

50-hours of Rock is the theme of 104.7 Gippsland FM's July Marathon.

The Rock marathon will held from Friday 24th July to Sunday 26th July.

Starting at 5.30pm on Friday 24th, the rock-a-thon will include all forms of Rock and Roll from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and today.

Saturday night looks set to bring in the younger crowd with punk and

alternative rock, as well as the classics around the clock.

Aimed at raising money for the local community radio station, the marathon will bring awareness to the public of how the radio station runs as well as allowing the community to become involved.

"We here at Gippsland FM are excited about the radio-thon as it is a good chance for our programmers to get together and raise some funds to keep us on air", said Peter Than,

Program Director at Gippsland FM.

Local businesses have donated products for one-air giveaways as well as items for action for new Gippsland FM Subscribers.

With items such as a Golf Bag, Gift Vouchers and Wheel Alignments up for grabs it looks like this marathon will be a rocking success.



Churchill Fire Brigade Donation from Flinders Christian College

Churchill Fire Brigade has recently been the recipient of a Certificate of Appreciation and a substantial donation from the Flinders Christian Community College. Sue Starling, Head of the Latrobe City Campus in Traralgon, presented the cheque to Churchill Fire Brigade Captain Steve Barling in a ceremony at the school

attended by student representatives from all grades.

Sue indicated that the money had been raised by Christian school communities throughout Australia and that the Flinders Christian Community College was proud to be able to present the donation on their behalf. Children from the various schools in

association with their local communities all contributed to the fundraising effort.

Steve responded on behalf of the brigade and thanked the student representatives and the Flinders Christian Community College for their wonderful efforts. The donation will be used to assist the brigade to purchase and fit out a new 4 wheel drive utility which

will be used to assist in the command and control function at fires and incidents.

Pictured left is Churchill Fire Brigade Captain Steve Barling displaying a certificate of appreciation are the student representatives and Head of the Latrobe City Campus, Sue Starling.



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WHEN: Tuesday, 21st July 7 PM

WHERE: Monash University Room 4N120 (enter via McDonald Way-opposite Churchill Campus. Mary Bruce Drive)

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Gippsland Medical School Matthew McGrail

By Ruth Place

Matthew McGrail grew up in Melbourne, attending Melbourne High School and then the University of Melbourne. His skills and background are as a statistician, not in clinical or medical fields, but his work involves him applying his skills to improve conditions in primary health care for both the workforce and the population.

His first job was in the Latrobe Valley, with Latrobe Health Services in 1996. Then in 1998 he joined the Monash University Centre for Rural Health at Latrobe Regional Hospital. His early work involved web-based projects and database developments. Matthew has stayed for ten years in various roles within the Monash system.

In 2005, Matthew realized that he needed to take his work further. So he began a PhD under the supervision of Professor John Humphreys. His project explored the rurality classifications currently used by the government for policy decisions to aid the recruitment and retention of the rural health workforce. None were designed for this purpose or particularly suitable for a health application, being just general geographical scales. As a result, he developed new ways of measuring access to primary care services (general practitioners) in rural areas. Even though the data was collected for the Victorian situation, Matthew believes that his new methods could

also be applied Australian wide, in medical as well as for other health services. This PhD was completed in 2008, and so Matthew came to be part of the staff at Gippsland Medical School (GMS) soon after.

Matthew, is a full time Research Fellow on a half time basis GMS while the other half is with the School of Rural Health, managed by John Humphreys from Bendigo. Part of his job at GMS has been to establish and direct the RDS3 (Research Design Statistical Support Service). This service is aimed at health clinicians interested in research across Gippsland as well as providing support to other staff in all departments of the Gippsland Campus. His long term goal is to secure the required funding necessary for his work and those supported through RDS3.

Matthew plans to look back on his PhD work and explore future avenues for its use and development. In this he wants to help identify the workforce that needs most support; those in far flung workplaces who need additional support, and working out what that additional support may be. It could be things like incentive payments for retention in remote areas, recruitment programs aimed at staffing these places, a locum service for doctors who work alone in an area, or need after hours relief, and ability to refer patients to another medical facility in an absence.

Matthew explained that these issues can be a worry for all rural doctors. Many of these issues are also being explored in his current project with the School of Rural Health, titled MABEL (Medicine in Australia: Balancing Employment and Life).

There are also the issues of overseas doctors' placements and retention in rural areas, where they may find it hard to integrate, and wish to go to the city where there are other people from their own country. They also need access to training to ensure their qualifications are to Australian standards.

For those in remote areas, keeping up with medical advances may mean closing a practice for a day or two to attend an in-service in Melbourne, often at their own cost. This is a huge issue for conscientious doctors who are the only one in their area.

Matthew now sees himself as a Gippsland person whose wife and family are from this area, and who enjoys working with an enthusiastic group of staff at the GMS as well as the fantastic lifestyle available living in Gippsland. He is also passionate about his work which he sees as very important and necessary for the advancement of best practice health coverage, not only here in Gippsland, Victoria, but the whole of rural Australia.

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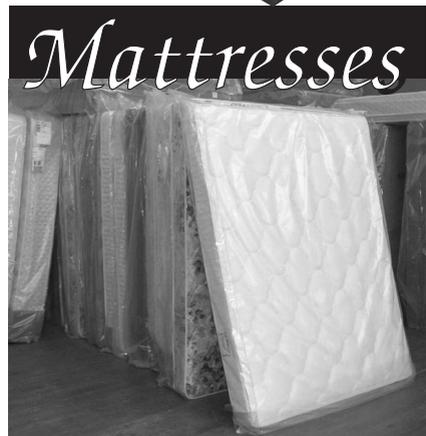


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Monash University Gippsland Official Opening of New Auditorium

The Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser AC officiated the official opening of the Monash University Gippsland auditorium.

Professor de Kretser commented that the auditorium has already provided benefits for the community as well as the university. Completed in July 2008 the auditorium has housed many events including activities associated with bush fire relief, public functions, Graduation ceremonies and other University events.

"Monash University Gippsland has an important role in providing regional students with world class education and the structures and environment in which they work are important to their experience," said Professor de Kretser.

Professor Helen Bartlett, Pro Vice-Chancellor at Monash Gippsland said that the availability of the auditorium has meant that the campus is able to support events of larger numbers.

"The sitting of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Victoria in October, 2008 at Monash Gippsland was significant not only for the University but also profiled the Gippsland region," said Professor Bartlett.

"This event was possible because the auditorium has the support of other services offered by the university such as advanced communication and IT infrastructure."

The auditorium has been built according to contemporary ecologically sustainable design features. As such it also provides a learning space for the Civil and Environmental Engineering students.

It is designed to maximise the use of natural lighting and with temperature predications has energy cut back on air conditioning units. All rainwater is harvested in large tanks and used for landscape irrigation. Urinals are waterless and solar preheating for domestic hot water are some of the features installed.

Professor Bartlett said "the University has a target of 20% energy reduction by 2010 and with the structure of a building such as the auditorium Gippsland is the campus most likely to reach this."

Monash University Gippsland is keen to be an active participant in the community. "To have appropriate infrastructure to house public events is important not only for the University but for the broader Gippsland region," said Professor Bartlett.

Professor Richard Larkins, Vice Chancellor of Monash University, described the building as the "jewel in the crown of the university". He said of all the campuses of Monash, the Gippsland Campus was the rural one and as such was able to reach out into the surrounding community making it a great asset to the university as a whole.

This building adds to the other advances which have been made over the last six years, including the opening of the Gippsland Medical School and the very popular and strongly supported Civil and Environmental Engineering Course.

Pictured top left: Professor David de Kretser AC and Professor Helen Bartlett officially open the auditorium



Walhalla Mountain & Rivers Region

Walhalla Mountain and Rivers Region region has a beauty in the Baw Baw National Park, Tyers State Park, Moondarra State Park and state forest makes up nearly all of the area in addition to the towns.

Walhalla Mountain and Rivers Region just 30 minutes north of the Latrobe Valley. Which is home to the towns of Erica, Rawson and Walhalla. It also includes the localities of Moondarra, Coopers Creek, Aberfeldy and the ski resort at Mt Baw Baw...our closest ski

resort. Walhalla Historic Township is the jewel not only in our local area's crown. The mix of the township's beautiful location in a deep mountain valley and gold-era heritage gives Walhalla the "wow" factor that draws people from all over the world to visit Australia's "Valley of the Gods".

There's plenty of to see and do. Below is an Events Calendar which we hope you will find useful if you are planning to visit the area.

Date	Event/Function	Venue	Time	Cost	Organisation	Contact
July						
Saturday 18th	Direct Influence/Band Theme Night	AH Sports Bar	9pm - Late		Mt Baw Baw	5165 1136
Sunday 19th	Latrobe Communiti Concert Ban	Walhalla Rotunda	1.00pm -3.00pm	Donation	Walhalla	5165 6250
Friday 24th	DJ Robbie Band Theme Night	AH Sports Bar	9pm - Late		Mt Baw Baw	5165 1136
Friday 24th	Launch Pad	Village Square	2.00 pm		Mt Baw Baw	5165 1136
Saturday 25th	Christmas in July	Whole Resort	All day		Mt Baw Baw	5165 1136
Saturday 25th	Raging Hormones/Theme Night	AH Sports Bar	9pm - Late		Mt Baw Baw	5165 1136
Saturday 31st	DJ Robbie Band Theme Night	AH Sports Bar	9pm - Late		Mt Baw Baw	5165 1136
August						
Saturday 1st	Forum Catus Black Rail Jam				Mt Baw Baw	1300 65 1136
Saturday 1st	11th Hour Band Theme Night	AH Sports Bar	9.00pm - late		Mt Baw Baw	5165 1136
Friday 7th	Launch Pad	Village Square	2.00pm		Mt Baw Baw	5165 1136
Friday 7th	DJ Robbie Band Theme Night	AH Sports Bar	9.00pm - late		Mt Baw Baw	5165 1136
Sunday 8th	Baw Baw Rider X	Mt Baw Baw			Mt Baw Baw	1300 65 1136
Saturday 8th	Kindred Band Theme Night	AH Sports Bar	9.00pm - late		Mt Baw Baw	5165 1136
Friday 14th	DJ Robbie Band Theme Night	AH Sports Bar	9.00pm - late		Mt Baw Baw	5165 1136
Saturday 15th	Trivia Night, Ski Patrol Fundraiser	VC Conference Room	7.30pm start	\$10.00 A - \$5 U15	Mt Baw Baw/Gil Smith	0400 050 305

arc Yinnar Offers Courses Covering a Range of the Arts

Lithography with Kate Zizys at Monash University Churchill

This course will run from July 28th till September 8th (7 weeks), on Tuesdays at 5.30 to 8.30 pm. The cost will be \$185/ \$165 concession and it includes technical notes and all materials including quality paper. Kate Zizys studied Lithography under Peter Lancaster at RMIT, and was successfully awarded the Collie Trust scholarship through the Australian Print Workshop.

Kate has been published for her technical articles on lithographic method by Imprint magazine, and currently works as the print technician at Monash University's School of Art and Design. Kate will provide participants of this seven week course with access to the skills and knowledge gained over years as specialist Lithographic printmaker.

The beauty of lithography is that a print made by this process is directly from the artist's drawing. No other printmaking method can so accurately reproduce the mark made by the artist's hand. Kate will guide participants in drawing on the surface of a Bavarian limestone with greasy crayons and pencil.

The stone is chemically processed with acid and gum arabic and participants can take multiple impressions of their image on paper. Modern examples, historical reference material and technical notes will be provided to participants who will also take home a small edition of lithographs. This course is an excellent way to develop your folio, to improve drawing and printmaking skills, and become familiar with the specialised facilities available at Monash University's Art School on the Churchill campus.

There are still a couple of places available in the extremely popular three day Blacksmithing course which will be held at arc Yinnar in August. The weekend workshop will run from 8 am till 4 pm on all three days. Experienced tutor Bruce Beamish will ensure students understand and experience the entire blacksmithing process, from starting the forge fire to the process of accurate heat treatment of the metal. Participants will produce several items to take home and learn the skills of basic pointing, drawing out, twisting, bending and toolsmithing.

The fee of \$260 or \$240 concession includes materials, tools and the procedure notes. Morning and afternoon tea are provided, bring your own lunch or explore the local food on offer in the township of Yinnar. An information sheet about suitable clothing and safety gear will be sent to you when you book your place.

Ceramics at arc with Helen Coloe

This course has 5 sessions which run on Tuesday Mornings from 10-12.30, starting July 14th. The cost is \$125 / \$115 concessions. Helen will assist course participants their required level including an introduction to the studio, its tools and equipment, clay characteristics for hand building and an introduction to the pottery wheel. This course is really good value for anyone interested in starting or getting back into ceramics. The course cost covers, technical notes, guidance and advice suitable for any level of experience, studio access rates, some clay to start and kiln firings.

Sculpting in Ferro Cement with Paul Jesse

Paul will introduce students to Ferro cement as a sculptural medium through example, discussion and hands on activity. The basic principles of mixes, engineering, colouring, texture effects and finishing will be explored, as will numerous formwork construction techniques.

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Class sizes are very limited, Contact arc for more details and to reserve your place. A full list of classes on offer up until December 2009 is available now by phoning 5163 1310, or calling in to the office in Main Street Yinnar. Business hours 12-4pm Mon-Fri, 11-3pm Saturday.



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Lifeline Gippsland Seeks Caring People to Train as Volunteer Telephone Counsellors

Lifeline Gippsland will hold an information session for people interested in training as volunteer telephone counsellors at 7pm on Tuesday, 7th July in Morwell.

Lifeline Gippsland provides the only 24 hour telephone counselling service in the Region and calls are likely to top 13,000 this year. Volunteer counsellors come from all walks of life and do not require any previous counselling experience as full training is provided. Said Lifeline Gippsland CEO Patricia Nalder today - 'We urgently need caring people to train as volunteer counsellors. It has been a very challenging year for Gippsland. The bushfires and global economic climate have had a huge impact on the community. Many people are desperately in need of someone to talk to and our volun-

teer telephone counsellors are there 24 hours a day 365 days a year to listen'.

Lifeline Gippsland has recently completed construction on its new Counselling Centre in Morwell and volunteers will train and operate from this purpose built facility. Said Patricia Nalder 'Our new counselling centre is a great deal more comfortable and much better equipped than our previous site. Telephone counselling is a challenging but rewarding task and it is important that our volunteers have a good work environment'.

Anyone interested in attending the information session or learning more about becoming a telephone counsellor should contact the Lifeline Gippsland office on 5136 3500 or lifelinegippsland@llg.org.au.

Watson Park Kindergarten

Part 2

CHURCHILL NEWS REPORTING

The Churchill News 17th April 1975 reports:

"The Watson Park Pre-School Committee held their monthly meeting on the 10th April. A working bee to tidy the kindergarten's garden is to start on Sunday 20th April and continue for one whole week. So parents please bring your gardening tools as there is plenty of work to be done. So don't forget! The more parents to turn up for the working bee, the sooner the gardening will be done.

The Committee is also approaching the Shire of Morwell for some native trees and shrubs to make the kindergarten's yard more pleasant for the children to play in.

The Committee agreed to advertise for a part-time gardener approx. 2 hrs a week to keep the garden tidy. The lawns are still to be mowed each weekend by the parents.

Mrs Kerry Sunderland has been appointed to be liaison officer between Watson Park and Walkley Park Pre-schools. Mrs. Sunderland will receive a copy of both pre-school committee minutes and attend both monthly meetings....."

ILA HAINSWORTH

Ila was the third group teacher for about twelve months, after which she was offered a fulltime position at Lumen Christi School. She had filled in for Gwen Webster, the main kinder teacher, when Gwen was absent. With the huge growth of numbers wanting to access kinder for their children, the third group was started. It ran on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Ila's assistants were Debbie Fox and then Margaret Klose.

It was the time of the ballot. Children's names were registered and pulled out of a box. If your child got into the kinder you wanted, it was like winning Tattsлото. Those who couldn't be accommodated in Churchill went to Yinnar or nowhere! The third group was not a fulltime group. As it went into a weekend it did not prove very convenient for all parents who had other weekend commitments. But

on the whole the children loved it.

Ila was a great one for making the children sit on the floor quietly, and listen. She said the schools liked that. It was good preparation for school routine. However, Ila says she was ticked off by her supervisor for being so strict. The schools were also great to work with, which was most appreciated.

Ila loved it too. She said the parents were gorgeous and so helpful. The grounds were well maintained, with the mowing taken care of. Fundraising was done very well too. Ila remembers a great fete organised and run by the parents. She says they were able to provide lots of new equipment.

The Friday afternoon get together of the kinder teachers was seen by Ila as a worthwhile time of sharing experiences, ideas and equipment.

A parent made a mesh rabbit hutch for the kinder. The rabbits were a great source of entertainment and interest. The hutch was on two wheels at one end which meant it could be wheeled around to different grassy spots. Near home time the rabbits were allowed to be free in the kinder room. One would invariably run and hide under the piano. Children nearby, with parent's permission, were able to wheel the rabbit hutch home for weekends and holidays.

One day a little boy decided that he didn't want to put on an art smock and paint. Over the fence and escape was on his mind, which he quickly did. However he was just as quickly pursued and returned.

Leaving to take up teaching at Lumen Christi, Ila saw some of the children she taught at kinder. Now she sees them with children of their own, some of which she has also taught!

Time at Watson Park Kinder is happily remembered.

SUE KILLEEN

Sue worked as a kindergarten teacher, employed by Morwell Shire to work at Watson Park, from 1980 to 1983. Her assistants during this period were Margaret Klose and Cheryl Towers.

Sue was a relatively new staff member having graduated from the Institute of Early Childhood Development (now Melbourne University) in 1978. As a full time teacher, Sue had two groups of 25 children each, for 2 1/2 hours at a time, over four days. Ila Hainsworth operated the third group, a part time group, on Saturdays. Sue and other teachers had a strong network and met together some Friday afternoons with their Children's Services Advisor, Carol Blair.

During this time, the State Government funded kindergarten teachers and subsidies were provided for kindergarten provision regardless of the number of children enrolled. Most kindergartens offered 4 x 2.5 hours a week of kindergarten to children and there were no kindergartens operating out of childcare centres unlike today.

Today the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development provides a per child funding amount to agencies such as local governments, church organisations, childcare providers and community groups who provide kindergarten in a variety of settings including remote halls and childcare centres. Kindergartens still provide 10 hours of programs for each child over a week however very few spread them over four days as was the case in the past.

Latrobe City Council who provides a kindergarten program at 22 locations in Latrobe City is one of Gippsland's five Kindergarten Cluster Managers and is funded to provide kindergarten for children where kindergarten is free for four year old children and three year old aboriginal children on health care cards.

Sue manages the funding of Gippsland's kindergartens and the compliance with the legislation of all licensed children's services including Kindergartens and Childcare Centres (and soon Family Day Care and Outside School Hours Care programs).

Sue remembers her time at Watson Park as being a steep learning curve for her. At that time, kindergarten teachers were also responsible for parent education programs, which involved arranging guest speakers to speak on topical subjects of interest, and child development. This was in addition to their face to face contact with the children, planning and preparation. Sue says the programs presented contained a lot of music, movement and drama, and worked more with a thematically based curriculum. She says the programming has changed enormously since then.

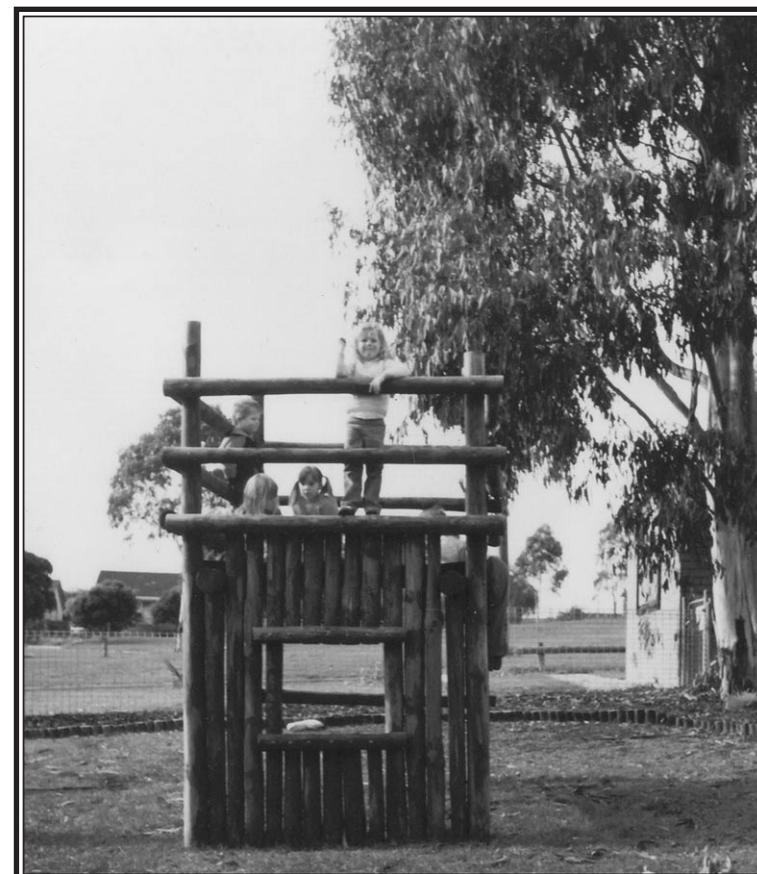
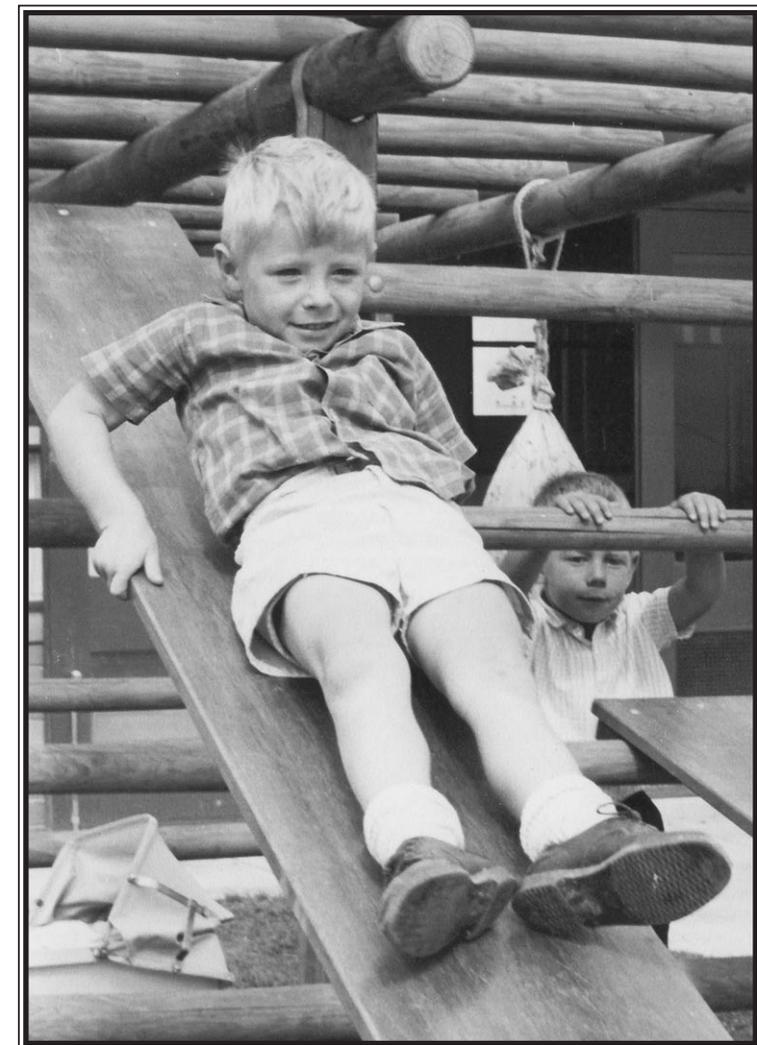
Kindergartens were run without the strict regulations of today's children's services. Excursions were sometimes planned on the spur of the moment when something of interest occurred on a vacant block of land down the street and visits by the children's services adviser were about the program rather than hazards and maintenance issues.

Sue's memories of the parents and children are enthusiastically recalled. She said she had a wonderful group of supportive local parents on the Advisory Committee, and always lots of willing helpers for excursions and daily help, as well as enthusiastic parents who would come and participate in the children's activities. Children, who had fewer early childhood experiences outside their own homes and no knowledge of computer games, were just as enthusiastic about television heroes as they are today and the musical group ABBA.

WATSON PARK KINDERGARTEN CLEANERS.

Jan White believes that the first cleaner was Carol Dalton. Then followed Sandra

McKessor. In 1979 Jan White took over and was the cleaner at Watson Park until she had to retire due to medical reasons, on 17th January 2008.





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Jan says she thoroughly enjoyed her time as cleaner, even though there was the odd hiccup. She was well respected and accepted in her role. There was lots of co-operation between the teachers and herself. It was a pleasure to clean the kindergarten, and she didn't mind doing any extras.

Jan had worked as a cleaner, for the Shire of Morwell, at Gaskin Park, and the addition of this job gave her the ability to provide for her family; and because she didn't drive, it was just up the road. She could walk to work.

Jan remembers the winters with dread, as each winter the kinder would flood. Jan usually answered the call to come and help with the clean up before her usual cleaning time.

Jan spent 29 years as cleaner at the kinder. She says she loved doing it and misses working there.

LORRAINE PEAKE- 1980-1987

Lorraine came to Watson Park in Term 3, 1980 (there were only three terms then) and took the third group which met on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Monday morning. The full-time teacher was Sue Killeen. In 1981 Lorraine had the third group and one of the full time groups. The following year Sue Killeen decided to take the third group and Lorraine took over the second full time group as well. As assistants she had Margaret Klose and Cheryl Towers. Other third group teachers during these years were Janine Van Dyk and Robyn Lister.

Lorraine remembers Watson Park particularly for the wonderful parent support. She says it was a difficult time for the parents when the ballot operated. There was a lot of anxiety before and after if your child did not get a place where you wanted, or worse still got no place at all!

Lorraine and her family moved to Churchill in 1979. Her son had to go to kinder in Yinnar as both kindergartens were full.

The third group had its disadvantages and its good points. Lorraine said the older siblings were able to come and visit on the Saturday.

Fondly remembered are the special days and times (Easter, Christmas, Mothers' and Fathers' days as well as special visits of the fire brigade, etc).

For those times there was excellent support and help.

CHERYL TOWERS- Assistant

Cheryl did work experience at Watson Park in 1979 with Gwen Webster, and really enjoyed it. So the next year, aged 16, when she saw the job for an assistant advertised, she was really excited to apply, not thinking that she would get the job. She went for the interview and of course the teacher had changed. The new teacher was Sue Killen and she was a new graduate. Cheryl remembers Sue asking her in the interview, if she could play the piano, but she couldn't, so she thought "That's it. I won't get this job." But no, it was not a criterion. It was just that there was a piano at the kindergarten and Sue could not play.

Cheryl started in March 1980. Lorraine Peake came in as the third group teacher, but Cheryl is not sure which year. For a while, Cheryl worked with Sue one session and Lorraine the other which was interesting. In 1983 Sue left to have a baby and Lorraine took over and Cheryl worked with her until 1986. Bill Viney came in 1987 and that was an interesting time. Some people were not sure about having a male kindergarten teacher because that was definitely not the norm. He was really great for the kids who came from single mum families. He was the one who had that giant multi level sand pit built. He was always helping the kids build rivers and things in the sandpit, and the little sandpit was just not big enough. Bill was great to work with also. He was relaxed and a breath of fresh air. It was Cheryl's job to provide a balance for the girls.

They had some good, and not so good committees over the years. One that comes to Cheryl's mind is when Di Sheridan was president in 1987-88. She organized a very big night with Christopher Green (the author of 'Toddler Taming') at Kernot Hall.

It was so handy living so close and being able to walk to work. Then Cheryl obtained her licence and became lazy, so she drove.

One of the scary things was, that sometimes you would have children and you just knew, even at that age, that they would end up in jail. It was proven many times.

Cheryl left in October 1990 to go to Canada to be a nanny, where she stayed for a year. She was able to use long service leave as a time to depart. Many parents were anxious that she did not go, saying there was one more child they wanted her to have. Cheryl spent a long time having lunch, morning and afternoon teas with families saying good-bye.

She loved the job, but she had thought of it as a job she would do until she married and had children of her own. That didn't happen and after ten and a half years Cheryl wanted a change. Kindergarten is not a place to meet a young man! The pay wasn't very good either- \$56 a week for 28 hours work

The committee gave Cheryl a lovely tapestry overnight bag and cosmetic bag which she still has and treasures.

In 1988 Cheryl organized the 20th anniversary of the kinder. Joan who was the first teacher came back for the 20th, along with quite a few others. In either '98 or '99 they had another back to, which Cheryl attended with her own children.

BILL VINEY 1987-1993, THEN 2006

Bill had Cheryl Towers and Cheridee Schmitz and then Ros Cooper in 2006 as his assistants during his time at Watson Park.

When Bill started, the parents were apprehensive. They were not sure about having a man looking after their kids at that age! However, Bill got on with his work providing a safe, friendly learning environment and actually played with the children, who went home and talked about what was happening at Kindergarten, winning most of the parent's good opinion of him.

Bill describes himself as a 'softie', and he says that teaching kindergarten kids toughened him up to be firmer with his own children.

A team approach was the way Bill worked with his assistants. He saw the team as having different talents, and strengths. Together they worked on observing the children, and prepared learning activities. Each team member had different things that they were good at or enthusiastic about. It worked well for the children. Some parents were more comfortable talking to a woman, so they could talk to the assistant rather than Bill. Overall it balanced out, providing a good program.

Bill says he was told that the building was designed to be a library, should the grant for the kindergarten, fall through. Thus it didn't have the display space required. (See Joan Atkinson's Comment).

Bill recalls that outside the toilet door, there was a weeping corkscrew willow, which grew to a height of 3-4 metres. It drooped down and created a small room underneath. He took some of their home corner things out there and the children played house under its drooping branches. Bill says it was planted in the sewerage line, so that is probably why it grew so well. It is gone now though, he ends.

Not many Dads came to kindergarten. Bill recalls one shy father who stayed and hung around, to see what happened. He eventually agreed to do parent help (preparing milk and fruit for the children). He became comfortable with that, but when he was told a coffee morning was to be held, that was too much and he disappeared!

An ordinary fence surrounded the kinder in Bill's first appointment. He began to lobby in 1987, for a higher fence. It was not until 1994, after he left, that the new one was constructed. It meets current regulations.

In his time at Watson Park, Bill says he had very good committees, and wonderful parent help and made many friends.. He remembers that Fashion Parades were held at Tower Gardens in Morwell while it was still in existence. Wine and cheese nights were also good money spinners.

Dawn Clam was a paid gardener for his first two years there. This had carried over from the previous teacher's term of office.

Milk and fruit time was an institution in that time. It was prepared by mothers on a roster system. With times changing and many more mothers working that has now become snack time, with parents providing the goodies to eat.

In 1994, per capita funding was introduced, whereby the council received \$800 per child. It actually cost \$1,400 per child just to pay staff and administration. That did not include day to day running costs. So the Council had to make up the difference by introducing higher

fees and using ratepayer's money. Fees jumped 400% in one year, and none of that money was available directly to staff or the parent committee. The committee had to fundraise to pay for everything.

In 1994 Kindergarten group sizes jumped from 25 to 30 per group (to help cover costs) and paid staff hours were reduced. Five extra children in a group may not sound like much but it was difficult for many of the children being in such a large group and staff found it very hard trying to provide the same quality learning environment. After three years, council capped group sizes at 27, still high but marginally better.

Up until 1994, the 4 kinder teachers of Churchill met regularly on Friday afternoons and talked about their week, shared ideas, and planned together. Bill says that was a special time- the best teaching days of his 27 years. The heavy workload from larger numbers and reduced hours prevented that from happening, and it ceased.

There was a very good relationship with the three primary schools. Churchill P.S. provided a room for excursions and meetings, and copying facilities on the then 'high tech' Gestetner.

When Glendonald Kindergarten opened, Bill says the other three kinders all put in and donated learning resources like books and jig-saws. When the kindergarten started, most of the equipment had not yet arrived and the teacher, Chris Turner was using boxes for tables.

Bill laments that children have changed over his thirty years of teaching. They seem to be losing their childhood and have to grow up too fast, he says. They are facing things in our society and sometimes at home that they shouldn't have to face at such young ages. He concludes that there is little that can be done to address this issue, but his philosophy is to provide the best possible experiences for the children at kindergarten, so they have a great year which helps them develop new skills to help them cope with modern life.

Bill feels very fortunate that over his years, he has had very good staff working with him and he has worked with many hard working and committed parents who have helped provide wonderful kindergarten experiences for thousands of 3, 4 and 5 year old children.





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Lorraine and Ken Peake Their Story

By Ruth Place

Ken Peake was born in Swan Hill in 1945. His father George was a Technical School teacher at Swan Hill Tech. School. George and his wife Phyllis had gone to Swan Hill earlier in the war years. Ken's brother Brian was born in Swan Hill in 1941 and Ken was born on the same date four years later. George spent time in the Air Training Corps, training the airmen in Lake Boga where the Catalina Flying Boats were based. George had an Automotive and Aeronautical Engineering Diploma from Melbourne Working Men's College which later became RMIT. He had won a teaching studentship and was thus bound to teach with the Education Department. He stuck to this career, his first appointment being Yallourn Technical College where Howard Beanland was Principal. In Yallourn they lived in Church Street. It was an exciting time in Yallourn because the new Technical School was built, but George held some classes in an SEC house in Narracan Avenue.

Phyllis Campbell met George in Sherbooke Forest on a Sunday School picnic. It was such a significant place to them that they requested their ashes be scattered there.

They were married at Deepdene Congregational Church. The early family transport for Phyllis and George was a BSA motor-bike on which Phyllis rode on the back on a cushion secured to the rear mudguard. Phyllis was very upset by this arrangement as her best friend used to ride in the sidecar of her husband's Matchless motor cycle. They later graduated to a 1936 Ford 10 which remained the family transport until well into the 1950's - they built them well in those days. From Swan Hill the family returned to Melbourne when Ken's Dad was transferred to Richmond Technical School. They moved into the family house in Deepdene, which was built by Ken's grandfather, and where Ken spent all of his growing up days. Ken lived there until he married Lorraine. Father George was later appointed Vice-Principal of Swinburne Technical College with a further move to Watsonia Technical School from where he retired. He was a great believer in a technical education, saying it gave you a good all round education.

Ken attended the Deepdene Methodist Church MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship). He played cricket for Deepdene Methodist in the Eastern Suburbs Protestant Churches League. He played football for Balwyn Combined Football Club which played in the Eastern Suburban Protestant Football League. Ken also followed the family tradition and joined the 1st Deepdene, 7th Camberwell Scouts. The old scout hall was built by Ken's grandfather and where George was also an assistant scoutmaster.

Ken went to Deepdene State School No. 3680, which was also his mother's school. Then it was to Box Hill Tech. School. He had to catch a bus and then walk. Ken thinks going to Box Hill was the making of him. He describes it as having rough kids and rough teachers. However he also adds that if you had a good upbringing and kept on the right side of the line, you managed to stay away from trouble. The discipline was very strict with the administration of the strap seen regularly. You soon learnt right from wrong and where the line was. It was a time when there was respect and no-one stood up to the teachers - well not for long anyway. Ken says he left gaining a good practical wide range of skills with a well balanced education.

The first year of his Engineering Diploma,

Ken passed all but one subject. He wanted to go on but Dad said "off to work with you". So he became a trainee draftsman in 1961 with the SEC at the Richmond Training Annexe, and stayed with the SEC for a further thirty-five years.

At age twenty, Ken gained a Certificate of Civil Engineering, which contained 99% of the design subjects required for the Diploma of Civil Engineering which he consequently achieved over a 12-13 year period of part-time study. This involved night school 2 or 3 night a week and half a day paid for by the SEC. However it also enabled Ken to include such subjects as thermodynamics, electrical engineering and social sciences. This led to many deferments from National Service, and also made any decision making re his marriage, career etc. very difficult.

Ken graduated as an engineer and worked for the SEC which he says was a very nurturing organisation. His first appointment was in the Design Office where there were slide rules and log books, but also computers and the SEC designed their own programs long before Microsoft got in on the act.

Lorraine Bunting was the eldest child of Max Bunting and Daphne Phillips. Max was in the Army and stationed at the Gold Coast when they met. Daphne lived at Burleigh Heads. They met at a dance. Max served in the Pacific islands and was in Darwin during the time of it's bombing by the Japanese and where he was wounded. He later fought on the Kokoda Track. He courted Daphne throughout that time and they were married in Ipswich after the war.

Max and his mother, Lorraine's grandmother, had purchased land in Springvale South in the sand belt prior to the war, where Max established a small poultry farm and grew vegetables. He returned after his marriage and built a house for himself and Daphne as his Mum had her own house. It took some time to build as materials were scarce after the war, so Max made his own concrete bricks and cement tiles.

Lorraine is the oldest of four children, two sisters and one brother. She enthusiastically relates that she had a fabulous childhood, part of which was seeing her grandmother every day. Her parents helped to establish a kindergarten in Springvale South at the community hall. Locals got together and contributed to funds, held dances and ran stalls to raise the money. It was a massive community effort. Lorraine caught the local bus to kinder on her own. The driver would let her off and pick her up. She spent two years at kindergarten. Then she went on to Dingley Primary School which then went through to Grade Eight. Memories include great big boys. There was one incidence when Lorraine ran round a corner and collided with one, ending up with a black eye. Not long after Lorraine started, the school went to six Grade levels.

She played basketball (netball now) for Springvale South and Dingley, and Junior Tennis at Dingley. Her secondary schooling was at Springvale High School for six years.

In her primary years she met many migrants, as there was a migrant camp in Springvale. It was constructed of Nissen huts. People from Malta, Italy and Holland came to that area as it developed as a market and flower garden and poultry farm area. Lorraine remembers seeing the Italian girls with pierced ears, something that Australian children didn't do at that time. Their food was different. They smelt of garlic. They were so different to us she said. Some German boys came to school wearing leather pants, other children wore

esting introduction to people from other cultures. At high school, there were a number of migrants also, predominantly Greek, Italian, German and Dutch.

It was a wonderful childhood Lorraine reiterated. We were free and safe. There were lots of children. We rode our bikes up and down the road, went tadpolling, climbed trees and had great fun. We got into no harm. The only rule seemed to be that we had to be home by 5pm.

We owned our own cow which gave us milk, cream and we made our own butter. The hens produced eggs. Grandma could kill and dress chooks.

Lorraine loved school. Her first day Mum and Lorraine set off. When they got to school, Lorraine took off under the fence, leaving Mum stunned. She just couldn't wait to be there and start. That day she made a friend who is still a friend today. They were in Brownies and Guides together and went to each other's weddings.

Part of the Brownie's and Guide's program was to have breakfast in the bush which was a really enjoyable experience.

At fifteen Lorraine helped with Brownies and coached a Junior Basketball (netball now) team. She even took a turn at umpiring.

In high school Lorraine was a House Captain and Prefect. In Form 6 she Matriculated with Honours. She won two teaching bursaries and went to Frankston Teachers' College, where she did TITC (Trained Infant Teachers' Certificate). Her first appointment in 1969 was to Templestowe P.S. with a composite Prep/1 of 45 children. Next she transferred to Lower Plenty then Montmorency South schools.

It was when Lorraine was at high school that she and Ken met. Their church youth groups exchanged visits, and they met. At Richard Smith's 21st, Ken took Lorraine home. Ken was 18, Lorraine was 16. They were engaged in 1967, and married in 1969, at Christ Church Anglican Church in Dingley, by the Rev. Sydney Muxworthy.

The honeymoon was spent in Tasmania. On return they rented a house in Lower Templestowe and then built a home in Lower Plenty where they lived for nine years, during which time Matthew (1972) then David (1974) was born. They qualified for a Home Savings Grant of \$500 because their home and land cost less than \$15,000 - every little bit helped in those days.

While Lorraine was at home on maternity leave, she decided to do her fourth year of teaching studies. She started while in Melbourne and finished by correspondence when they moved to the Valley. Some of the subjects Lorraine chose to do related to disability and areas of need. She really enjoyed the course saying it was very worthwhile.

Ken transferred to Yallourn W Power Station as a construction engineer in late 1977, and the family followed on the 4th January 1978, their ninth wedding anniversary. They lived in Mount Street, a very short street just behind where the Yallourn Technical College had been. The electric hot water service was not functioning, it was



a small house and it suffered from rising damp, as they later discovered when their bedding became wet and the insides of their shoes went mouldy. The first day was very stressful as their furniture, which left several hours before them, did not arrive until late that night. They were all thirsty and the only thing they could find to drink from was the mug from the iron which had been packed at the last minute. It was bought fish and chips that night, eaten from the paper with the fingers.

Matthew had finished kindergarten at Lower Plenty before coming to Yallourn and he started school at Yallourn Primary School where only ten pupils remained in what was Yallourn. It was a difficult time for him as he would make a friend and then they would leave. Yallourn was in the throes of being dismantled and the family spent many weekends wrecking a brick house in Railway Avenue which they purchased with the next door neighbours David and Sue Utting for about \$200. The bricks obtained, they have used as paving at their Churchill home.

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Ken and Lorraine's Engagement (left) and wedding (above)

They knew that they would have to move, and they had decided to stay in the area, so Lorraine began to drive Matthew to Hazelwood North Primary School and take David to kindergarten in Newborough. They moved soon after onto the 2 hectre property where they now live, into a caravan and a shed which had been pre-fabricated in the backyard at Yallourn. This became home while they built their house. Rented properties were scarce due to the construction boom and there were no builders available, so they built the house using sub-contractors and a lot of hard work. On their tenth wedding anniversary they bought fruit trees for their orchard.

After the move to their current address, David then went to Yinnar Kindergarten and Matthew continued going to Hazelwood North Primary School

During the time that the boys were at school, Lorraine was an active member of School Councils, and involved with whatever the children were doing.

When Ken was transferred to Yallourn W he was in charge of the construction of the raw coal bunker and rising conveyor. It was there he met George Kimberley who was a supervisor in the open cut. George had been taught by Ken's Dad at Yallourn Tech and made sure he didn't come to any harm. It was good to know someone who would take a friendly interest.

Ken says he came to work for twelve months and has stayed 30 years. Ken loved the construction work. In 1980 he went to Loy Yang A and looked after the cooling tower construction contract. There was a grave shortage of mechanical engineers so he also worked on the boilers, becoming the boiler contract engineer. He looked after all the boilers, building four 500 Mw Units and later the 2 Units at Loy Yang B.

After the protracted Concrete Batchers and Carpenters Strikes, the SEC was at risk of losing the management of their construction activities and massive organizational change was necessary. In 1981 George Bates was appointed Project Manager and Ken worked under him.

more responsibilities were transferred to site. It was a very challenging time and lots of long hours had to be worked.

Ken says that meeting this challenge enabled accelerated promotion through the ranks to a senior engineer classification, aided by George Bates' confidence in him. Ken says he would have "walked through fire for George" and many of his work mates would too.

Ending his Loy Yang A involvement as the Loy Yang Site Manager where he looked after the construction of Dredger 16, Ken went to Loy Yang B as Boiler Plant Construction Manager under Project Manager David Jones. His job was to look after construction of the Boilers, Precipitators, Coal Plant and the Dried Coal Plant.

Ken was now under contract and after 35 years, at the end of that contract, he retired and left the SEC. Ken regrets the demise of the SEC. It was a great organization which gave its people the opportunity of changes in career within the one organization. Employees were very well trained and supported.

Ken didn't let the grass grow under his feet and was later employed by AOC managing a major unit outage at Yallourn W and the project management and construction of Gas Compression Stations along the Moomba to Melbourne natural gas line. This project came about due to concerns that the Longford Gas Plant would not be available for the next Melbourne winter after their disastrous explosion. He later worked for Silcar at Yallourn W, Morwell, BlueScope at Westernport and briefly at Paperlinx at Burnie and Wesleyvale.

Lorraine did some relief teaching at Yinnar Kindergarten and at schools. She loved the kindergarten work best. So she was glad to fill in for Pat Williams at Walkley Park until the term holidays. Peter Tatterson from the Shire of Morwell offered her the third group at Watson Park, which she took in 1980. Lorraine decided it would be good to do some extra training so she went to Melbourne University, Kew Campus as

an external student through 1981 and '82 after which she graduated with a Diploma of Early Childhood Education. In the second year she took Group 1 and the 3rd Group, and finally took both groups at Watson Park. She stayed for six and a half years, enjoying a wonderful time, working with and for a fabulous community before deciding that a change should happen.

So Lorraine went to Gillie Barry Kindergarten in Morwell and stayed until 1994. During this time she worked as the Pre-School Field Officer working with children with disabilities and assisting the teachers to provide suitable programs and accessing appropriate services. This involved attending integration funding allocation meetings which assigned funding for children from kindergarten to school transition for the whole of Gippsland's kindergartens. Betty Loftus was the Chair of this committee.

This was followed by Well St. kindergarten, before becoming the Pre-School's Services Officer in the newly amalgamated Latrobe City, co-ordinating twenty-five kindergartens. This was a unifying project which sought to have consistency over the five former municipal areas involved. Through a compulsory competitive tendering process it was the first program won within our local government. It guaranteed that all teachers had ongoing employment, centres were funded and run as a group, and all administration was done by Latrobe City. Parent committees still played a valuable part in each kindergarten. When it was running well, Lorraine took long service leave and then retired.

However her active spirit became bored, so she applied for a job at Anglicare as a Children's Services Resource and Development Officer, working in Commonwealth funded services with children with additional needs, arranging appropriate programs. Part of the program involved working with indigenous children to ensure their attendance at pre-school and school.

From Anglicare Lorraine moved to Gunai Lidj MACS Centre where Lorraine's goal was to have all the aboriginal workers trained to run programs by aboriginals for aboriginals. With this goal achieved, Lorraine again retired ("A bit like Nellie Melba," she quipped.) and had a holiday in Darwin. On return Iain Luck, Principal of the KODE school talked Lorraine into doing 2½ days a week for a term at the Koori Kindergarten which was part of the Woollum Bellum KODE Campus. This turned into 2 ½ years but in 2004

she finished.

Not happy to stay at home yet, Lorraine was asked to join Fearn Training to develop and deliver Child Care Studies Certificate 3 course as there was a shortage of trained child care workers. She initially wrote the Certificate 3 course and had it accredited and then taught it for a further two years.

"Now," she says, "I am really, really, really, retired. Retired to what?- travel, golf, gardening and being a grandmother of a gorgeous grandchild. However she is Secretary of the Morwell Gourmet Club, a member of the Yinnar Book Club, and Secretary of the Churchill Monash Ladies Golf Club.

Both Ken and Lorraine have done a lot of traveling within Australia and overseas. With two other couples they enjoy 4WDing and lots of other tripping.

They also like to take time out to visit their Venus Bay holiday house which is a peaceful retreat, but is in the throes of being re-built after it burnt down in May last year. They have been married forty years. Son, Matthew is married to Jo (Kirk), and son, David has a lovely partner in Danielle Buglisi.

It was around the time that Ken finished at the SEC that he received an invitation to join the Rotary Club of Hazelwood from Ross Ollquist. Ken's nature is one that takes on a job at full speed or not at all. He accepted and describes it as an enjoyable and challenging time. Both Ken and Lorraine have met some wonderful people through Rotary. Through Ken's encouragement some special projects have been initiated. One of those projects is the Indigenous Health Scholarship which was started across Victoria. This program resulted in the graduation of the first Aboriginal in medicine at Monash Clayton, and the young lady has now become a surgeon. The program has enjoyed many other great success stories. The Rotary Club of Hazelwood started the Monash Gippsland Rotary Indigenous Scholarship at Gippsland in 2009. The Rotary Club's aim is to try and address the appalling health outcomes by training Indigenous graduates and encourage them to work in their communities.

Churchill and district can be very glad that the Peake's have made this their home and have given this community the benefit of their enthusiastic approach to life and work whether paid or voluntary.



Hazelwood House Happenings



Glad Giles and Jessie Baker celebrate their birthdays with family and residents



A group of residents and a volunteer assisted with decorating Marie biscuits for afternoon tea. A lot of creative faces were made during this activity.



Hazelwood House residents enjoyed a visit from the "Friends of Song" choir. Everyone sang along to some of the old time favourites.

Pianola for Sale

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GO Club Celebration

Two members of the GO Club celebrated their 90th birthdays. May Wilson, resident of Hazelwood House, turned 90 on the 18 May, and Eddie Gilchrist from Boolarra on 18th June.

A lovely afternoon was enjoyed by all with 51 friends and family coming together. Entertainment was provided by Bill Jenson.

May and Eddie each had a birthday cake which was cut with a chorus of 'Happy Birthday' and many congratulations to both of them.

A lovely afternoon concluded with afternoon tea.

Winter is upon us now so if you feel like enjoying friendship, a warm atmosphere, a cuppa and a chat, please feel free to come and join us at GO Club each Thursday from 1pm at the Churchill Football/Netball Club rooms. You would be made very welcome.

For more information phone the coordinator, Betty Wyatt on 5122 1691

Churchill Schools Transition Program

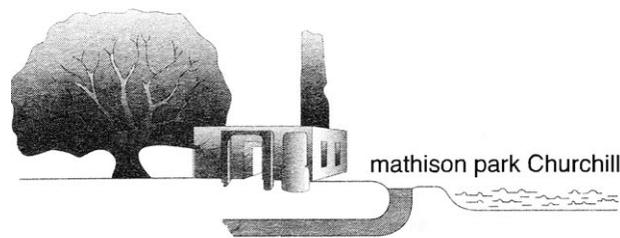
The Churchill schools have begun their transition timetable program which enables families to visit schools to see firsthand what is on offer and to establish which one will best suit the needs of their family's needs.

This is the timetable for the Kinder transition activities for Churchill Primary School (CPS), Churchill North Primary School (CNPS), Lumen Christi (LC) and Hazelwood North Primary School (HNPS)

Below is the timetable for the bus trip which has been arranged so that families can easily visit the schools.

Group	Day	Schools
3	Tuesday 28th July	CPS & CNPS
2	Wednesday 30th July	CPS & CNPS
1	Thursday 31st July	CPS & CNPS

Group	Day	Schools
3	Tuesday 4th August	HNPS & LC
2	Wednesday 5th August	HNPS & LC
1	Thursday 6th August	HNPS & LC



Mathison Park A Symphony in Yellow

Ken Harris

Springtime in Australia sees a spectacular flowering of various species of acacia, popularly known as Wattles.

All wattles have yellow flowers, but they cover a wide range, from pale cream to a rich golden yellow. There is one uncommon cultivar which has red flowers, but is now found only in gardens.

It isn't only in spring that the wattles display their mass of yellow. There are wattles in flower in our area continuously from April, with Sunshine Wattle and Sweet Wattle to January with the Lightwood. It is possible to find other species that flower even in late summer and autumn and thus have wattle flowers the whole year round.

We have several species of wattle growing in Mathison Park and as spring approaches a succession of them will delight the eye with their flowers.

The Black Wattle – *Acacia mearnsii*, grows naturally in the park, mainly along the creek. It is fairly late flowering, showing creamy-yellow flowers in November. It seeds are a very popular food for Gang-gang Cockatoos while the pods are still on the tree and then for Common Bronzewing Pigeons after the seed has fallen to the ground.

Blackwood – *Acacia melanoxylon* also grows naturally in the Park. It's creamy flowers are less

conspicuous than most wattles when they appear in August and September and the Varnish Wattle – *Acacia verniciflua* also has a few natural plants in the Park, with bright yellow flowers from September to October.

Several wattles have been planted in the park and one of the most spectacular in flower is the Silver Wattle – *Acacia dealbata*. We have one planted in the Arboretum, close to the roundabout. Watch in August to September for its masses of bright yellow flowers, sometimes so dense that the silvery leaves are almost invisible among the flowers.

Also in the Arboretum are three other wattle species. The Golden Wattle – *Acacia pycnantha* is special as it was chosen to be Australia's floral emblem and is pictured in the Australia's Coat of Arms. As its name implies, it has very colourful golden-yellow flowers which appear in dense masses around August. The others in the Arboretum are the Sticky Wattle – *Acacia howittii* which is endemic to the Western Strzeleckis and the Lightwood – *Acacia implexa* which is the last of our wattles to flower, showing its pale yellow flowers as late as January.

One other local wattle is a very prickly one, known as Prickly Moses or Prickly Mo – *Acacia verticillata*. Despite its prickles, it still puts on a colourful display of yellow in the spring.

We have a few wattles planted in the park which are not from this area and one that is par-

ticularly lovely is the Early Black Wattle – *Acacia decurrens*. One early black wattle is growing close to Kurnai College and in July to August displays masses of golden yellow flowers among dark green foliage.

These various wattles show a wide range of leaf shapes. Several such as Silver and Black Wattles have leaves that are greatly divided into tiny little leaflets. These leaves are said to be bipinnate. Others like Blackwood and Golden Wattle appear to have simple flat leaves. These leaves are not true leaves at all. They are actually expanded leaf stalks and when they were young, they also bore bipinnate leaves. Pictured is a seedling of Golden Wattle and if you look closely you can see the first leaves are bipinnate and then there is a leaf with a flattened leaf stalk and a pinnate leaf beyond. Then above this the leaves are replaced by broad flattened leaf stalks which are now called phyllodes instead of leaves. This is very common among Australian wattles and every wattle which seems to have simple leaves and also the spiny ones, go through this transition and all start life with at least one or two bipinnate leaves.



Golden Wattle



Golden Wattle Seedling (above)
Blackwood (left)



Hazelwood North Primary School

Awareness Day

On Thursday grade 5's and 6's went to Kurnai College Churchill to look around and get an idea of what high school is about. While we were there we got to participate in activities like science, cooking, drama, Physical Education, English, fly fishing, computers, blind writing and art. We got to meet new people and talk to the teachers about going to high school and new subjects. At the end of the day to top it all off some of the students travelled home on the bus. We thoroughly enjoyed the day and we're looking forward to going to high school next year.

By Caitlin, Jaymi and Zoey.



Descriptive Writing My special place is Kangaroo Paradise

I'm running up the hill, ferns are hitting me in the legs. I trip. I look at my legs they're pitch black. I'm here! The trees are black but the grass is a beautiful green. I look down, the grass is ankle deep. I sit down and I can smell the trees blowing in the wind, they smell like ash. I hear a rustle breaking the silence.

That's when I see it- a mob of kangaroos. I stand up and walk down the steep hill to greet them. I stop and see two enormous kangaroos near some old car parts. The parts are rusted and burnt. I sit again and watch in amazement.

The dominant male edges toward me. I sit there holding my breath. He is close enough to touch. The female with a Joey in her pouch moves toward the male. I fight the urge to touch them. The female thumps her tail, the male turns to her. I manage to touch the male's tail when he faces the Joey. Its eyes twinkle in the harsh sunlight.

I shuffle back. I chew my fingers excitedly and they taste salty. I watch the pair loudly bound away. I want to stay but I can't. "Goodbye," I whisper. I walk up the steep hill and down the track. I glance over my shoulder hoping I can still see them. They're

standing in the trees, only just visible.

By Rachael

I am at the beach, sitting under the shade, watching the waves roll over. The sand looks a golden colour and the waves are so inviting. I stand up and run into the waves, sand and water flying everywhere. The water is so refreshing I can almost taste it. In the water I feel really calm and like there's no worries in the world. I float in the water, listening for the sound of the waves crashing. I start to swim back to the golden sand, taking in deep breaths, smelling the salt. When I reach the beach, I try to think of the name of the beach and then I remember it's called 'Lucky' beach.

That's a special place by Riley

My special place

In Mildura was the best resort. It was fantastic. There were 2 clean sparkling pools, One hot sauna and a bubbly spa. The pools were the right temperature all the time. The pub was great. They had bingo. It was fun. It was hot. Every day I played tennis in the good moon light. You can smell the fresh water, flowers and the fresh air. You can hear the birds chirping. It sounds great. The food just melts in your mouth. It was a great place. by Jessica S.



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Made by Danielle and Gene

Hazelwood North Primary School



Yinnar Netball Round Robin

On Thursday 11th June Hazelwood North's Grade 6's went to the Yinnar and District Netball and Football Tournament in Yinnar. The girls were playing netball to represent Hazelwood North. The teams participating were Boolarra, Churchill, Churchill North, Lumen Christi, Thorpdale and Yinnar. We won all those games except for the game against Yinnar. The scores with Yinnar was 15 to 5. We lost. In the Grand Final it was neck and neck. It was a very tight game, but the score at the end was 8 to 11. The team members were Tahlia, Nelly, Molly, Caitlin, Sophie, Zoey, Jade, Jessica N, Jessica F and Jaymi.

We all had a fantastic time on the day.
By Tahlia and Nelly.

Bessie Froid Netball Tournament

Recently our school competed in the Bessie Froid Netball Tournament at the Morwell Park Netball Courts. We had 2 teams- one girls and one mixed. The mixed team competed against teams such as Crinigan Road PS, Morwell Park and more! They won 2 games and had a great time!

The girl's team played in section 2. They played against teams like Yinnar, Morwell Park and Sacred Heart. They won all their section games and got into the semi-final.

They played off against Yinnar 1 and lost. All of the students had a great time. Thanks to Mrs Foster for organizing our teams and Mrs Brown and Mrs

McKenzie for umpiring for us.
By Zoey and Caitlin

Footy

On Thursday the 11th of June Hazelwood North's grade 4s, 5s and 6s played football at Yinnar football grounds. The teams we played were Boolarra, Churchill, Churchill North, Lumen Christi, Thorpdale and Yinnar. All the teams put up a good fight. In the end we won all the games except for one. We ended up playing in the grand final and lost to Yinnar. We all were tired and very dirty. We all had a fantastic day.

By Aaron and Jake

Yinnar and District Soccer

On the 25th of June Hazelwood North went to the Falcons 2000 soccer ground to play in the District competition. The teams were Yinnar, Churchill, Churchill North, Boolarra, Thorpdale and Lumen Christi. All teams put up a great fight and it was a very tight tussle. Our boys won four games and drew the other two games. The day was a success and was enjoyable. Unfortunately the boys didn't quite make it to the next stage. All of us knew that Yinnar was going to be the hard game so we set out our best line-up at the start of the match. We were proved right and the game finished up 0-0. We played brilliantly and thank-you to all the schools that participated on this day of fun. Thank you to Mrs Duncan who coached both teams.

By Jacob and Cody.



Mid Valley Excursion

On Wednesday 24th June, grades 3A & 4R went on an excursion to Mid Valley.

With nutrition as our theme this term, we had a tour of Safeway to check out the different foods available. It was really cool because we got to go out the back, where you are not normally allowed. We saw where the trucks come in and where the food is stored. The freezers were really freezing!

Alex the butcher showed us the meats and special equipment they use. He had some awesome gloves made of wire that protect you from getting cut with the really sharp knives. The butcher room was a bit smelly.

We also went into the bakery, where cakes were being made. The ovens are huge! We got to sample some donuts and fruit. YUM!

Also we had some worksheet activities to do in small groups and found out some really interesting information about some of our favourite foods. For example; there is 3000mg of sodium (salt) in the muesli bars we looked at and none of the lollies we looked at contained fibre!!

Dana's café provided lunch. We had hot dogs, pies, sandwiches, rolls or croissants with juice or hot chocolate.

Jeremy from the fish shop came and gave a talk. He brought some amazing fish for us to look at and touch, including a real crocodile head.

"It was an awesome excursion." "The best" "Great fun"

Safeway Excursion

On Wednesday 24th of June classes 3A and 4R went on an excursion to Safeway Mid Valley to learn about some of the nutritional foods. In Safeway the kids split into groups and looked at some of the packaged labels on the foods. The classes explored the shop and learned more about the place. We looked inside the huge fridge which was below 5 degrees. Now we know how it feels in Antarctica. We got to go into the dairy room. In the dairy room it had yogurt, cream, milk and soft drink to keep cold. It stunk incredibly! Then we went to the unloading dock. We saw a small fork lift. We got to look at the bread when it was rising, and saw some of the knives they use to cut the meat. The people

explained how dangerous the meat cutting machine used to be. Half way through 3A got a free apple and banana. I think 3A was glad to get a free apple and a banana because they were pretty hungry. At lunch time we had food from Dana's Café. A kind girl Danata served us. Two people on my table spilt their drink all over the table. The teachers weren't very happy. While we were eating a man from the seafood shop came in with some fish and a crocodile head. The fish were slippery and the crocodile's teeth were sharp. We had to wash our hands after we touched it. I think the classes had lots of fun because of Alex, Jeremy Linda, Sean, Danata Mrs Alexander, Mrs Downes, Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Makepeace, Mrs Rule and all of the other parent helpers! Thank-you!

By Lauren A!

Mid Valley Excursion

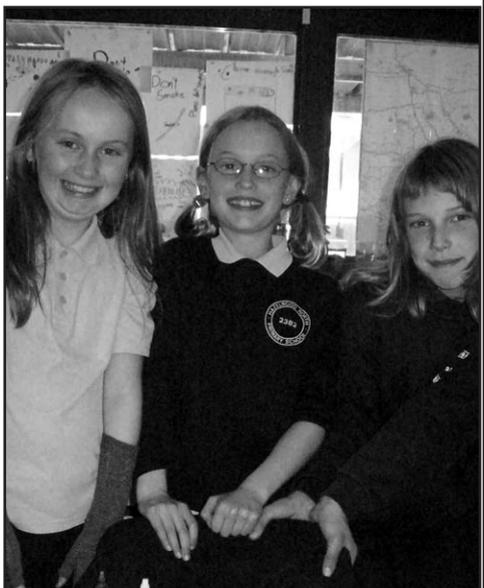
On Wednesday 24th of July we went on an excursion to Mid Valley shopping centre to learn more about the different food groups. Class 4R went with us. First we met our guide, Sean. He showed us around the different rooms. The first room we went to was the fresh produce (fruit and vegetable) room. We got either an apple or a banana each. Then we went into the giant freezer. My best friend Emma said, "Now we know what penguins feel like," and we both started cracking up. It was funny. Then we went to the loading and unloading dock. We saw a mini fork lift in use. Then we went to the dairy fridge. There was yogurt, cheese and cream. The milk was in a separate fridge. Then we went to the meat section. It ab-so-lute-ly STANK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We went to Dana's Café for lunch. Emma and I had the same thing without knowing. I had a plain pie and a hot chocolate. Keiley spilt her drink everywhere. Then Shelby spilt HER drink. Then Ivy spilt HER drink. Then I spilt MY drink. Then Ivy spilt her drink four more times. Jeremy, from the fish shop showed us some fish, shells and a crocodile head. It was fun.

Thank-you Sean, Linda, Alex, Mrs Makepeace, Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Downes and Jeremy for helping us, and Danata for the lovely lunch.

By Natalie B

Science Experiments

This week Class 3A were doing experiments. First we did the taste tester. Second time we could choose which one to do. I did Swirling Colours and Preserving Food. When we did the taste tester we had cups with different flavours- they were salty, sweet, sour and bitter. We dipped a cotton bud and put it on our tongue. With swirly colours we put milk, food dye and washing detergent and waited until it swirled. When I did preserving food we had bread, salt, vinegar and water. We put them in different cups - one with vinegar and salt and bread, the other one with water and salt and bread. I had fun doing experiments. I learnt that if you put washing detergent with milk and food dye it swirls. If you put different tastes in different places on your tongue you taste it in different places. By Lori D.



Churchill North Primary School



School Concert

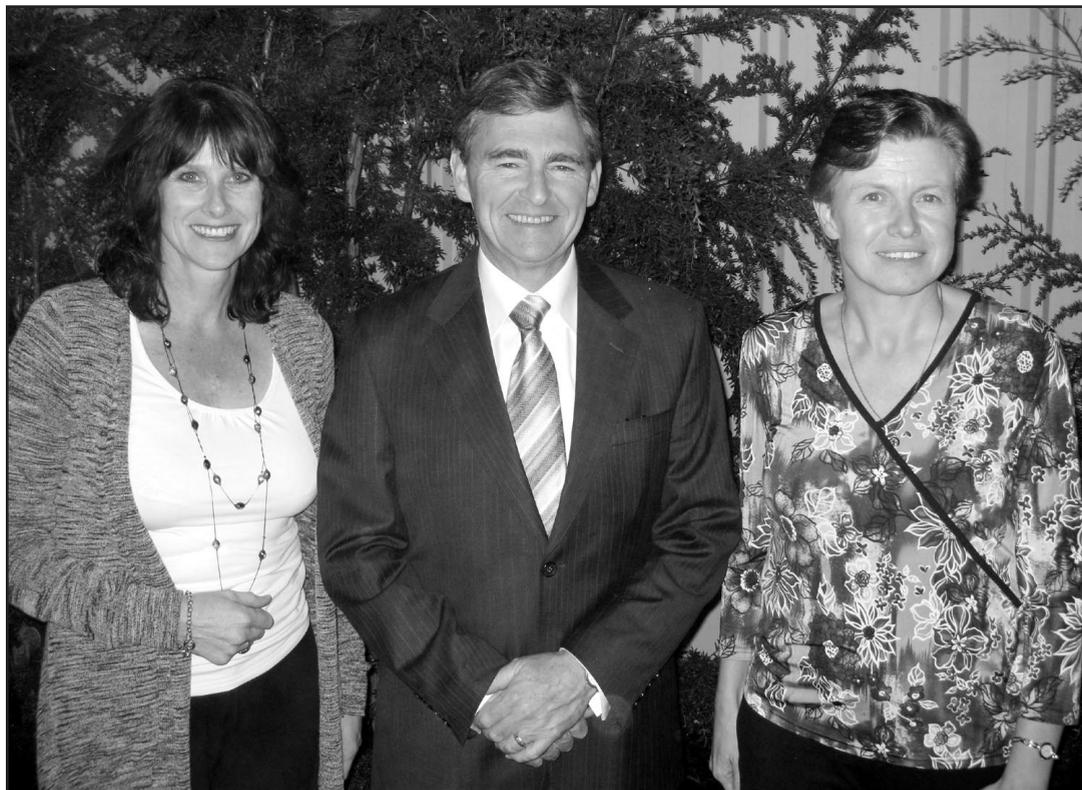
Churchill North Primary School completed their annual school concert on June 24th under the theme of 'The Never Ending Story'. Unfortunately the story did have to end after the third performance and fantastic feedback was received from all those attending.

Each class performed their own item; which was the focus of a lot of practise and team work leading up to the big day. Grade Prep students preformed Old McDonald and The Sky is Falling. Grade 1/2 preformed a number of fairy and goblin dances linking in with the Faraway Tree. Grade 3/4 performed The Three Little Bush Pigs and Puff the Magic

Dragon while Grade 4/5 acted out a musical version of the Ginger Bread Man and Grade 5/6 students a drumming ensemble.

Clues were left throughout the play for the audience to answer; these were rather difficult and encouraged some deep thought. The first 2 selected winning entries will receive a voucher to the value of \$50.00 or a food hamper from Deli 9 in Traralgon.

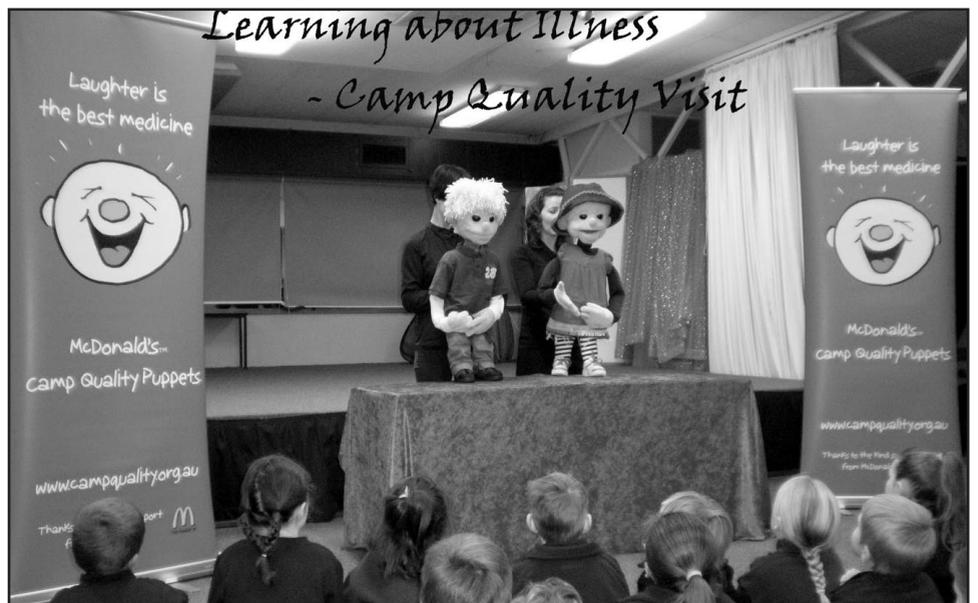
Children from our local kinder and the residents from the Hazelwood House attended a special version of the play in the morning. This is the second year both parties have been invited to attend.



Churchill North Representatives meet Premier John Brumby

Principal, Debbie Edwards and School Council President, Meredith Downes- Smith were invited to an informal cabinet dinner hosted by Premier John

Brumby. Both took the opportunity to discuss local educational concerns with the premier.



Camp Quality Visit

Children from Grades Prep and 1/2 were treated to a visit from McDonald's Camp Quality puppets. The puppets talked to the children about living with Cancer, and discussed how chil-

dren with Cancer may look a little 'different' however should not be excluded from regular activities. The program highlighted the need to care for and support others no matter what their dif-

ference.

Children took part in a rap song and had the opportunity to ask questions after the performance.

Primary Welfare Officer

Our Primary Welfare Officer Kim Hodgson is proud to be a part of the Churchill North Primary School community; her role includes facilitating programs that foster leadership and social responsibility. She is a supportive member of the team and encourages communication between parents and school at all times.

Her involvement with the Parents Association at the school is strong and productive with many healthy breakfasts provided to the students and craft activities for all interested parents. Lunchtimes at school provide times for grades 4, 5 & 6 students to lead fun activities to encourage all students to be active and build friendships.

Our school is currently involved in the state-wide initiative of Kids "Go for your life"- leading the way to create healthier Victorian children who enjoy healthy eating and physical activity every day.

Teddy Bears Picnic

Children from grade a picnic which involved all sorts of 'bears' food. Children enjoyed making bear masks, going on a bear hunt and singing bear songs.



Pyjama and Popcorn Day

To celebrate the end of another successful term 2, Junior School Council organised a DVD, pyjama and popcorn day. It was great to see most children joining in and wearing their pyjamas to school. Each grade voted for a DVD and enjoyed a bag of popcorn.

New Junior Playground

The exciting news has already been announced to students in Grades Prep – 2 that a new playground will be constructed in the coming months. Children in both grades got together over fruit to discuss the new playground and take a vote on different equipment they would like to see in their new playground.

Brigades in Schools Visit

Children from Grades 3-6 were visited by members of the Churchill CFA this week. Brigade members talked to the children about the recent bushfires and fire safety; this provided students with further support and information into fire safety.

Churchill Primary School



Active After School Communities Program

Churchill Primary School is proud of the many varied programs offered to the students.

One program on offer is the Active After School Communities Program. It is national program which is part of the Australian Government's commitment to helping primary school students become active. The program recognizes the important role schools play in introducing young people to active pursuits and lifestyles.

The emphasis on AASC program is to encourage community partnerships and increase participation in structured physical activity. At Churchill Primary School AASC program has a motto of "Keep Fit, Keep Active and Have FUN!"

One of the positive aspects of the program is that it is free to attend. This gives students an opportunity to participate in sporting activities that they may not otherwise. The school has been fortunate in linking up with local sporting organizations and instructors eager to

share their expertise and enthusiasm.

Some of the activities that the students have participated in have been tennis, T-Ball, gymnastics, dance and movement, self-defence and circus skills. These programs have been really enjoyed by the students who have participated. Of particular enjoyment have been the fresh fruit platters at the beginning of each session!

The program is offered to Grades 3-6 students on a Tuesday afternoon and Prep-2 on a Wednesday afternoon. In Term 3 the students will have the opportunity to participate in dance and movement classes and in Term 4 the school is hoping to offer archery lessons to the older students.

The AASCP has received funding till at least 2010 and the school hopes the continuing success of the program means the students will be able to keep fit, keep active and continue to have fun.



New Look School

Churchill Primary School has been granted \$2 million from the Government for a school upgrade. This support will come in the form of a new library, ICT, classrooms and community use building. The school is very excited at the thought of new classrooms and research centre. The surveying has already begun. The community will begin to notice as things start to happen at the Howard Avenue / Coleman Parade corner of the school. The school has also received some government money for maintenance of the existing buildings and grounds. We know Churchill Primary School will be a busy place for the next 18 months, but the results will be amazing.

CSIRO

We were very lucky to have a visit from the CSIRO this month. Each grade spent an hour with a young and dynamic presenter, Gemma, as she explained the function of the CSIRO and their scientists in the community. The students were invited to participate in a range of hands-on science activities. They were engaged and excited by the experiments and talked a lot about the

science involved.

Teacher Work

The teachers have been very busy writing reports for their students and they have participated in team planning days for next term. During the planning days, students had regular classes with the specialists in Art, PE, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Library and Mathematics.

They had the privilege of a visit from Kathy Walker, the educator who has researched and developed the Australian Developmental Curriculum. She spoke with teachers and watched the Prep - 2 students working during their investigation time. Kathy was very supportive of the school's program and will be coming back next term to continue her work here.

On June 12th, a professional development session was held to update the staff on the Australian Developmental Curriculum and how it is run at the school in the junior area. All staff were very enthusiastic in their participation which was part theory, part hands on activities. The school congratulates Mrs. Kryshia Speirs

on attaining the position of Acting Principal at Cobains Primary School (near Sale). She will hold this position for Term 3 and Churchill looks forward to having her back in Term 4. They will miss Kryshia's experience and leadership in the school but wish her well in her new position.

Transition Programs

Open days were held at the end of June for parents who may be thinking of enrolling their children at Churchill Primary School. Thank you to the community members who availed themselves of this opportunity. The school is always open for parents to look around so please feel free to contact the school or call in to make a time to look around. They look forward to the third term when a range of activities are put in place to make easier the transition process. The families at the kindergarten will be invited to come on a bus trip to visit Churchill Primary School and the other

schools in the area. The kindergarten children will also have the opportunity to come to Churchill Primary for transition programs. The grade 5/6 students have already begun the transition process with visits to Kurnai to familiarise themselves with the Secondary School. The school acknowledges the huge step that beginning at a new school can be and they want to work with parents to help make it a happy event



Sport

Life for our upper school students has been hectic this month with many involved in inter school sports. Two netball teams participated in the Bessie Froud Netball Competition. The mixed team performed very well in their group. The girl's team found their lack of height was a distinct disadvantage. All had fun and took part in a sporting manner. Thanks to Mrs. Donna Turpin, Miss Paula Watts, and Mrs Gena Flanigan for their efforts in training and supporting the teams.

The winter sports were also held recently. Churchill had teams in the footy, netball and soccer events. It

was also pleasing to see the senior students taking the initiative to train every day at lunch and play times. Thanks is extended to Mr. Steve Mayer, Mr. Brandon Mahoney, Mr. Ian Sands, Mr. Ben Kimpton, Miss Paula Watts, Miss Brooke Henry and other parent helpers who all contributed to make these days successful for the students.

In the football, Churchill Primary School played 6 games and won 4. Two players who stood out were Luke Collinson, who kicked goals, and Russell Whelan in the ruck. The team remained focused throughout the day but found that,

by the end of the day, their energy levels were sapped. The boys' soccer team won 3 games, drew 2 and lost 1 game. They felt they played really well and were very happy with their achievements. The girls' team was not as successful but they also had fun on the day. In the netball, the girls played 4 games, won 3, and lost 3. They were very proud of their efforts and believe their strength was in the number of times they intercepted the ball and caused turnovers. The school is proud of all of their students. The school also congratulated the teams from the district who participated.



Kurnai College Junior Campus Churchill

Kurnai College is the recipient of a \$220,000 Federal Government grant with Kurnai Churchill Junior Campus receiving \$88,000.

It will be used for new carpets, blinds, and for painting a number of general purpose classrooms. The money will be spent quickly, before the end of the year. After the holidays people will begin to see results as work begins immediately.

The school has received a structural damage report. It shows that Kurnai has significant structural damage that needs urgent attention to stop further deterioration. This structural damage will be dealt with first before the painting is done. Part of the damage control will involve underpinning and re-saturation of the brickwork.

No work will be done until the stabilization has been achieved in November-December after the winter.

The money has been allocated to the rooms on a prioritized list. This includes general work in the library and SILC room. If there is any left over after all that is completed then other rooms will

receive work.

It will result in a general sprucing up of the school.

The damage report conducted agreed that there are significant problems caused by the drying up of the soil and exacerbated by the large amount of vegetation which was surrounding the buildings, which had sapped further water from the soil.

\$100,000 will be spent immediately, and then another \$142,000 will be spent after re-saturation of the soil, which will include bore work. Then the brickwork and paving of walkways will be mended and the cosmetics inside the rooms, eg. repairing of cracks and plaster, cornices etc will be done, before painting.

So there will be considerable work being undertaken in the next six months.

It has been a really busy term. The flu' has had a big impact on the staff and students.

It has been full of good things but as usual the stresses which occur when you put a group of people together have been part of the scene also.

Enterprise Project



Year 7 and 8 Co-Ordinators Bernadette Cropper and Kezia Horvath have been thrilled by the students they have had engaged in this project. They describe it as an authentic learning experience. The students had to decide upon a product which they thought they could sell at school. They then had to do a budget, market, advertise, make if necessary and sell their chosen product. The money raised was for the charity of their choice- Make a Wish Foundation. \$200 was raised in three, half hour lunchtime stints. Some of the products on sale were

popcorn, friendship bracelets, kick a foot ball competition, bric-a-brac, cupcakes, beados and tattoos

The students were challenged to show their initiative in how they developed their project ideas.

This was successful venture as the students loved it and gained lots of valuable learning experience, with every student making a profit and gaining real outcome



Year 9's Blues Brothers Production

Dean Gowing and Klein have been jointly working on the Blues Brothers Show. Dean has had the responsibility of using IT and media with the students to promote the project.

The students have created their own web site. Go to www.kurnacollege.vic.gov.au and follow the links to Student Projects/ Blues Brothers. They have also designed media releases, a Blues Brothers Newsletter and a flyer. The flyer appears elsewhere in this publication.

The show was originally to be staged in June, but to circumstances beyond the school's control, it has now been re-scheduled for 22nd and 23rd July, at 7pm in the College Theatre. The musical will be performed by the Year 9 boys and girls as part of the Year 9 project. The students will be performing and singing the songs most liked from the movie. The Year 9 teachers and students would love you to come and see the play they have practiced every week. They think it will be a blast!!!!

The "Blues Brothers" is a Grammy Award winning

movie that is being reproduced as a play at Kurnai College Churchill Campus. The play is about the release of Jake Blues from prison. He and his brother Elwood go to visit the old home where they were raised by nuns. They learn the church stopped its support for the orphanage and will sell the place to the education authority. The only way to keep the place open is that the \$5000 tax bill on the property is paid within eleven days. The brothers want to help and decide to put their Blues band back together and raise the money by staging a big gig. Will they manage to come up with the money in time? Come and see.

The cost of a seat is adults \$8, children \$4 and families \$20 (2 adults, 2 children).

Show starts at 7pm and finishes approximately 9:30pm with one interval.

Tickets will be on sale from 13th July and leading up to the days of production. If not sold out they will be available on the night. Please visit the Main Office or ring the school to enquire.

Kurnai Year 7 Footy Review: 15.6.2009

The day started out with overcast conditions at the Traralgon Football Reserve, but the boys were determined to come home winners regardless of the weather. Straight off the bus the team was showing high motivation levels and a bond between players that would be tough to break. The morning continued to roll on in Kurnai's favour after the two captains, Kurt Holt and Zach Smith, won the toss and elected to kick with the minimal breeze.

Unfortunately the team was running a little late for its first encounter due to wardrobe malfunction, which decreased warm-up time dramatically. This caused Kurnai to start very slowly against a much maligned Lowanna College outfit. Kurnai were powerless to defend against such a fast moving brand of football in the first half. Cohen Politis tried his best to stem the flow of scoring shots by Lowanna but couldn't hold them off. At the major break Kurnai were down by 5 goals with no mercy in sight from a ruthless Lowanna.

The second half the boys had found some fresh legs in the middle of the ground with Brendan Mason moving onto the ball to rake up possessions at will. The team had finally found its motivation from earlier in the day. At this stage the weather was a little wet and the ball became slippery and hard to handle. This appeared to ignite the Kurnai backline as they began to run and penetrate the Lowanna defence with spearing passes from Matt Dyke and Dean Linton. The second half

belonged to Kurnai after outscoring their opponents in the 3rd and 4th quarters.

Unfortunately the team couldn't outplay their more experienced opponents enough to take home the 4 points: Kurnai College 4.4.28: Lowanna College 7.6.48

Kurnai's next game was against a very athletic team in Traralgon. After they had demolished Lowanna in the second game of the day they looked as if they would make easy work of the Maroons.

The first quarter was an arm wrestle with Kurnai coming out on top by a goal. The second was when players such as Dean Linton and Billy Davie shifted up a gear to dominate the midfield. James Allen begun scoring goals at will and with the run of Cohen Politis on the wing the team looked unbeatable. The crowd were waiting for Traralgon to begin their comeback in the second half but it never eventuated. The Kurnai midfield was too strong for too long. Every time Traralgon scored it was answered quickly by some inventive play by the new look side.

Kurnai ended up winners on the day with the highest percentage: Kurnai College 14.7.91:

Traralgon College 5.11.41

It was a fantastic effort by the boys and hopefully we can continue our run of good form next term in the regionals.

Congratulations Kurnai College Year 7 Football Team.

Nurse Wendy Writes - Free Vitamin D

As the temperatures drop at this time of the year, so does the UV levels- now is the time to think about your sun exposure and Vitamin D levels over winter. Vitamin D plays an important role in maintaining healthy bones, muscles and teeth.

When UV levels are 3 and above, sun protection is required because that is when the sun can damage skin and eyes, leading to skin cancer. However, in Victoria, average UV levels from May- August are low (1 or 2) so sun protection is not needed unless you are in alpine areas or near reflective surfaces such a snow or water.

To get enough Vitamin D during winter months, it

is recommended that faces, arms and hands (or equivalent area of skin) are exposed to the sun for two to three hours over the week. People with naturally very dark skin may need three to six times these exposure times. So over the winter months, for healthy bone development, put sun hats and sunscreen away.

The SunSmart UV Alert can be found in the weather section of your daily newspaper or alternatively on the web - www.sunsmart.com.au/ultraviolet_radiation/sunsmart_uv_alert.

Kurnai Awareness Day

Recently, over 200 grade 5 and 6 students from local primary schools from Churchill, Hazelwood North, Yinnar, Yinnar South, Lumen Christi and Boolarra attended Kurnai College Churchill Campus to experience a day at high school.

Students participated in a range of different classes including, cooking, blind writing, culture, drama, woodwork, forensics, German, animation, fly fishing, P.E and more. Students were led through the day by Year 7 and Year 9 leaders to answer their questions and show them around the school.

Parents, teachers and friends were able to tour the Churchill and Precinct campus and speak to the Principal Nello Carbone and Year 7 Team Leader Nicole

Pryor about the programs available at Kurnai.

"Awareness Day is an important part of primary students making the transition to secondary school. They get to see the campus, experience classes, ask questions and become familiar with the environment so it is not such a nerve wracking change at the end of grade 6," said Mr. Carbone. "It is just as important for parents who are making the decision with their child about which secondary school they will attend, and those discussions are generated when the child is still in Grade 5."

Churchill North Primary School will be visiting Kurnai in Term 3 for their day in a life of a high school student.

GIPPSLAND EDUCATION PRECINCT

**GEP Campus Farewells
German Exchange Students**



Kurnai College GEP Campus has bid farewell to two of its exchange students recently. Both girls have returned home to Germany after spending eleven months living in Australia and attending the senior campus.

Jessica Taksar enjoyed studying in Australia and being able to focus on five subjects instead of the 12-16 subjects that she studies in Germany. Jessica has a keen interest in Art and especially enjoyed studying two Art subjects whilst at the GEP. Hoping to become involved in photography as a career Jessica may even return to Australia after her final two years of schooling in Germany for tertiary study.

Jessica was able to visit a variety of Australian landscapes, travelling to Queensland, Tasmania, and also the Great Ocean Road. Having come from a large city the contrast with our rural community was also a special experience. During her time

in Australia Jessica made many friends who are sad to see her go.

Franzi Bichler settled in to the GEP learning community quickly and also made many friends during her stay. When Franzi returns home she will have two more years of study before she finishes her secondary schooling. Franzi is planning to work as an Au Pair in France when she finishes school and then return to Australia to work as a language assistant in Melbourne.

Two highlights of her stay were the exchange student safari's she was able to attend. The first was along the east coast of Australia and the other safari was to Central Australia incorporating a visit to Uluru.

Australian beaches will be Franzi's favourite memory of the places she has visited, and the strong friendships she developed will be what she misses the most.



**Franzi Bichler (above)
Jessica Taksar (right)**

Kurnai College Junior Campus Churchill

Year 7 Camp Coolamatong

Kurnai Churchill year 7 students attended Camp Coolamatong at the end of May. The camp had a survival theme, building on from their project work at school.

Students participated in fun team oriented activities that involved teachers, camp leaders and students.

"Every year we take our year 7s to Coolamatong and have a great time having the opportunity to build positive relationships and team work skills. This year we all enjoyed the

rafting, encouraging each other on the climbing wall, and getting filthy mountain bike riding", said Nicole Pryor year 7 Team Leader.

"For us the camp meets our curriculum needs with survivor and team activities that link to our project work and student's personal learning, with goal setting and healthy lifestyles with the Sea Life program. Our highlights this year were the dance off, watching the rafts fall apart, and of course sailing with the dolphins."

Student comments

"I got over my fear of heights and had fun abseiling", Shamillah

"The bike riding and climbing were awesome", Aaron

"The best part was at night with the team activity circuit and dancing", Kayley

"I did a lot of work on the raft, we got wet but had heaps of fun", Nathan

"I made new friends", Achan.



**LINKING FAITH AND COMMUNITY ...
AT BOOLARRA...**

By Rose La Vie

Since my arrival I have been welcomed into the local Boolarra -Yinnar community and churches. Recently, I attended Synod with Bev Littlejohn, as local Church Council representatives and this has led to my participation in numerous ecumenical events, including a Korean reconciliation service on the 11th of June at Lumen Christi, Churchill, led by both Father Hugh and Rev Dr Bob Brown. Extremely moving music enhanced the

Synod, by Bishop John Mac Intyre and his Dean and their wives.

A fresh wind is blowing and our Gippsland Synod passed resolutions regarding the establishment of a covenant with our First Nations elders and the furnishing of church buildings with environmentally sound and energy saving resources. Meeting with Ruth Place of the Churchill & District News there and later, Stephanie Charalambous of the Latrobe Express has ensured some

Diocese of Gippsland to be thriving under the bishopric and example of love shown to us all at our May



Rene, Rae, Milly, Ruth, Flo, Pam & Winnie



symbolism as it was played out by talented lay persons. I also attended a three day silent retreat at Palloti College, near Warburton, led by Canon John from Melbourne, with 24 women from throughout the Gippsland Anglican diocese. It was great to renew acquaintances with many, whose prayers were tangibly with us all throughout our " baptism by fire," in January and February.

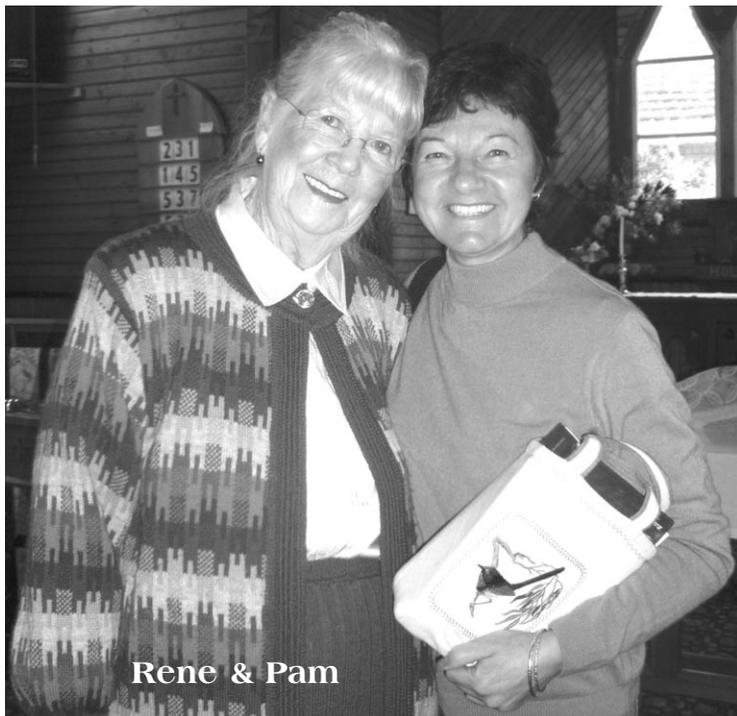
It was a needed break, as was my journey to Lakes Entrance and Raymond Island, where the Anam Cara community learnt that it is in our pain and shared stories that we connect, more than in our separate ideologies or theologies. I have personally found our Anglican

cross-pollination of ideas, thoughts and mutual encouragement as we strive to bring the kingdom of love and light into fruition within our shire, local communities, churches , the environment and most importantly ourselves, as individuals.

This was beautifully highlighted when I toured the Strzelecki Ranges and found myself at College Creek, Jack River and the Morwell River Road, with FOE. Places where I could be in the Garden of Eden, where lyrebirds sang with me, at every stop.... Something that was a rarity in Sherbrooke Forest, in my childhood. We hope having survived the bushfires, they will NOT be further devastated by the thoughtlessness and self interest of man.

I perceive with the Friends of the Upper Morwell River and numerous friends across Gippsland, the state and nation that we can rise as a phoenix from the ashes and we can work together to create an environmentally sustainable future for our children and their children and numerous generations to come. My faith informs and reminds me, that though this may be impossible with myself personally, nothing is impossible with our God.

For it is the el shaddai who created this earth as a garden for all of us to enjoy as a community of love. I look forward to your sharing with us your stories of renewal midst the ashes of the fire, that stripped many of us bare... Bare enough to see the light within all.



Rene & Pam

Church Snippets

CONTINUED:

Coffee Connections

At Coffee Connection Rev Bob Brown gave an interesting talk about his time spent in the United States of America. He illustrated the talk with pictures and other items, making it very engaging.

BLACK BEAUTY

Blackness covers the landscape, like a shroud starkly, every rock formation and curve of hill stands stripped and naked

The bareness, the grass and trees once hid, now all eyes gaze openly upon, and in the blackness, the sharpness of line, the hushed stillness of it all; there lies a quiet, dignified beauty....

Nature has wrought its fierce, violent act upon Mother Earth and now she lies patiently; awaiting the refreshing sounds of rain, with its merry laughter, that will wipe away her pain, transforming her blackness to green again

Mother Earth has endured millions of years, resigning herself well to her place, in the space of time She knows of the heartache and strife, the elements wreak down upon her, yet also their goodness and tender mercy towards her

Yes, she lives well with them - the wind, sun and rain it is only man that has raped her sorely, so that in parts she cannot bear again

Having learnt well, her helplessness, Mother Earth accepts the changing seasons, opening up to their terror, when the elements rain down their anger upon her; embracing it as a woman, a harsh lover, knowing full well, that in the fullness of time...

We will sprout forth and bear again...
"Oh come, oh come," she sighs...
"Oh come, sweet, precious rain."

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Boolarra Bowls Club

John Wyatt

The 2008/2009 Pennant Bowls season is well and truly over and for many their bowls are stored away until around September when they will be brought out and polished up for the 2009/2010 season. However, for some, bowling continues in the form of Apeial and Triples days across the winter months.

The life of most clubs continues in preparation for the coming season in the form of elections for office bearers and committees at the various AGM's. This is also the time when much needed maintenance is carried out.

This is very much the case at Boolarra Bowls Club where annual meetings have been concluded and office bearers elected. The Men's President is Barry McLean and the Ladies President is Val McLean. Their committees are

now in place for the new season.

Important maintenance is underway with painting, repairs and/or pruning or replacement of shrubs burnt by the January bush-fires. Rehabilitation of the greens affected by the fires is in the capable hands of Brian Mayer, our Greenkeeper, and a vote of thanks is extended to him for all his hard work.

Club News

On 24th May the well know n ABC breakfast program, 'Australia All-over', was broadcast from Boolarra and involved the bowling club. It proved to be of great interest. The Ladies Carpet Bowls Tournament is well underway with very good attendances and I am informed that our ladies are in second place with a great chance of being a finals contender.

A sausage sizzle will be held on 26th July outside Bunnings in

Morwell. As many volunteers as possible are requested to be there and any readers who see this notice please come and support this worthy cause.

Important Notice

While it is several months off yet, advance notice is given that the Boolarra Bowls Club Opening Day for the 2009/2010 season will be held on Sunday 13 September, so put the date on your calendars.

Well that is it from me. If I have omitted any news please forgive me but my enemy, time, has again caught up with me. Maybe I need a time management course!

My usual sign off is to keep bowling until someone calls last end, but at this time of year it is not so relevant. However, keep your bowls polished because the new bowling season will be here before you realise.

Churchill Bowls Club

The Churchill Bowls Club is pleased to announce that Latrobe City has released its Southern Towns Outdoor Recreational Draft Plan, which has recommended that part of Gaskin Park Reserve be the venue for a lawn bowls facility in Churchill.

The Churchill Bowls Club is now preparing for negotiations with Latrobe City, as to when a time frame will be allocated to bring this project to fruition.

Good crowds consisting of various age groups are attending our carpet bowls on Thursday nights at the Gaskin Park Hall. At the present time we have a family consisting of three generations participating in the carpet bowls activities.

There seems to be some misconception that bowls is a game for the oldies. This couldn't be further from the truth as more of the younger generation are now participating in, and enjoying the social

and sporting activity.

So come along and enjoy a sporting and social evening, and be an integral part of Churchill Bowls Clubs policy of enjoying the social and sporting interaction that is part and parcel of carpet bowls.

Anyone who is interested in playing carpet bowls can contact W. Brown on 51 221860, or V. Hargreaves on 51 221304, or turn up at Gaskin Park Hall by 7.15pm Thursday nights.



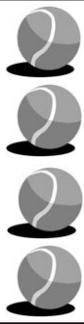
Churchill Tennis Club Annual General Meeting

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New players welcome



Churchill Monash Golf Club Results.....

MEN: Saturday 6/6/09 Stableford CCR 67.: Winners: A Grade M Smith 43 pts. B Grade G Hornsby 41 pts. C Grade G Blizzard 42 pts c/b. D Grade B Kearns 50 pts. DTL: J Jeffrey 42 pts, T Collins 40 pts, T Webb 40 pts, C Waterman 39 pts, W Judkins 39 pts, P Junker 39 pts, C Flanigan 39 pts, P Ludlow 38 pts. NTP: 3rd P Ludlow. 5th K Hills. 12th T Webb. 14th P Ludlow. Birdies: 3rd A Van Den Ham. 5th T Gabbett. Eagles: 2nd P Kearns. 11th G Spowart.

Sunday 7/6/09 Stableford. : Winner: M Smart 40 pts. DTL: P Smart 38 pts. NTP: 3rd D Taylor. 14th L Stein.

Saturday 13/6/09 Par CCR 67.: Winners: A Grade M Smith +6. B Grade A Percy +3. C Grade A Van Den Ham +4 c/b. DTL: R Ancilleri +4, W Judkins +3, A Sharrock +3, G Fraser +2, J McCafferty +1 c/b. NTP: 5th B Rowley. 12th G Spowart. 14th H Martin.

Sunday 14/6/09 Stableford: Winner: E Hayes-Hills 39 pts. DTL: D Taylor 38 pts. NTP: 12th B Barnes. 14th M Smart.

20/6/09. 4BBB Stableford:Winners: W Judkins(19)/A. Percy(25) 49pts. Runners Up: P. Williams/A. Casey 46pts. DTL: M. D'Alterio/B. Kilday 45pts. G. Blizzard/B. Barnes 45pts. A. Sharrock/G. Hornsby 45pts. J. Thornby/H. Martin 44pts c/b. NTP: 3rd T. Collins. 5th G. Hornsby. 12th T. Gabbett. 14th N. Logton. Birdies: D. Beyer 3rd. G. Marshall 3rd. T. Gabbett 3rd. P. Smart 14th.

21/6/09. Stableford: Winner: M. D'Alterio(36) 48pts. DTL: W. Judkins 40pts. NTP: 5th W. Judkins.

Saturday 4/7/09 4BBB Stableford - 1st Round Championships: Winners: D. Beyer/B Kearns 49 pts. R/up: P Smart/M Smart 44 pts. DTL: N Lugton/B Downie 42 pts, W Judkins/P Shields 42 pts, D Scurlock/R Scurlock 42 pts, T Webb/M Maselli 41 pts c/b. NTP: 3rd P Ludlow, 5th T Sterrick.

Sunday 5/7/09 Stableford. : Winner: N Lugton 39 pts c/b.

LADIES: Tuesday 9/6/09 Stroke - 2nd Round Club Championships.

Winners: A Grade V Verheyen 69. B Grade J Beck 75. DTL: D Scurlock 72, Y Wotton 73, E D'Alterio 76. NTP: 5/14th (33-45) M Munkcton.

Sunday 14/6/09 Stableford. : Winner: H Croft 34 pts.

Tuesday 16/6/09 Stroke - Final Round Club Championships: Day Winners: A Grade V Verheyen 67. B Grade J Beck 71. DTL: Y Wotton 72, M McConville 73. NTP: 12th M McConville. 5/14th (0-32) D Scurlock, (33-45) M Munkcton. CLUB CHAMPIONS: Scratch D Scurlock 272. Handicap V Verheyen 209. Runner Up Y Wotton 216.

21/6/09: Winner: D.Judkins(33) 32pts.

23/6/09. Split 6: Winners: M. McDonald/V. Verheyen 61. DTL: D. Judkins/D. Scurlock 63. J. Beck/E. Baker 64 1/2. NTP: 12th J. Blizzard.

Tuesday 7/7/09 Stroke - Monthly Medal: Winners: Scratch D Scurlock 93. Handicap/Medal J Leslie 72 c/b. DTL: Y Wotton 72, T Buxton 75, D Scurlock 79. NTP: 5/14th (33-45) S Cooke. Putts Y Wotton 26.

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Adam Wins Nationals in Netball

Churchill's Adam Curwood, played Men's Netball in the U19 team for Victoria at the recent nationals during Easter. He was named captain for the tournament. The team won the Grand Final against New South Wales. Adam, who usually plays Goal Defence,

was named player of the finals and selected for the All Australian U19 team. Adam developed an interest in Netball while studying at St. Pauls Anglican Grammar School in Warragul. He tried out for the State team last year and had been training in Melbourne every weekend since

October in readiness for the tournament.

Pictured Above: Adam with his coach Grant who is also the National President for Men's Netball.



Churchill Junior FC ~ Cougar Cubs

We are already half way through our 2009 season. Time flies when you are having fun. It has been great to see a lot of new players and to have our current players return to support their local club.

The new season saw a change in coaching staff for all age groups. Current coaches are: U 1 0 s Coach: Peter Mason, Assistant: Cheryl Mason, U12s Coach: Alan Yates, Assistant: Rob Turpin, U14s Coach: Noel Hawkins, Assistant: Peter Allan, U16s Coach: Steve Mayer, Assistant: Grubb Harvey

This year the league has made a change to the age limit for a player to start playing in U10s. Seven year olds can now play in the U10 competition.

This decision has enabled C.J.F.C and other clubs in our league to better fill their teams and allow willing children to play the sport they love.

Our 2009 season has also seen the introduction of Cougar Cubs. This is a training session for children 5yrs and up who want to learn football but are too young to play in the competition. The Cubs have a lot of fun and have learnt a lot of new ball skills. Training for Cougar Cubs is Thursday nights 5pm-6pm. The cost is \$20 per child which includes a Cougar polo shirt.

If you are interested in joining Churchill Junior Football Club or have any other queries, you can call Cheryl Mason on 51661 797 or 040 009 6754.



Club stalwart Ian Sands (left) interviewed by club President Stephen Breheny about his memories of the 1970's and 80's.



Ben Teychenne receives replica trophies after he lost them when his house was burnt down in the Boolarra Bushfires

Churchill United Soccer Club 40th Anniversary Celebrations

The Churchill United Soccer Club celebrated its fortieth anniversary with a Ball at the Churchill Football Club social rooms.

Speakers Ian Sands, Greg Huizer and Shane McColl talked about the different eras of the club as a slide show presentation provided points of interest. An impromptu speech from former

Secretary Frank Johns (1972-73) provided an insight into the difficulties the club faced in its early years to remain financially viable.

The highlight of the evening was when the club presented Ben Teychenne with replica trophies he had lost when his house was burned down in the Boolarra bushfires. The 2008

Second Division Best and Fairest player gave an emotional speech which embodied what the club meant to him and how the support he received from team mates helped him through a difficult time in his life.

The club will also be holding a players and supporters match day reunion on Sunday July

19th when the club plays Moe United at home. An afternoon tea and social get together will take place at half time of the senior match with festivities continuing afterwards.