

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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Meeting Enthusiastic On Community Hub



CONCEPT plans for a Churchill Intergenerational Hub were greeted enthusiastically by Churchill residents at a public meeting at the Churchill Town Hall on Tuesday 30 November. The meeting included young families, older residents, representatives of community groups, business and educational leaders and representatives of support agencies.

Latrobe City's Executive Officer, Philip Marsh, presented to the meeting a visionary proposal that would create a venue adjacent to the Churchill Central Business District which would bring agencies, organisations, individuals and members of the community together in an

atmosphere of support to systematically address and meet community needs.

Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said the Intergenerational Hub concept had been designed to further strengthen the social fabric that already exists within the Churchill community, and would also provide the framework necessary to further build the community's relationship with organisations such as Monash University, the Gippsland Education Precinct and Green Inc.

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Ruth Place and Peter Ceeney present a cheque for \$6,684 to Barry Dunstan from Latrobe Regional Hospital

Churchill Appeal Raises \$6,684 For Cancer Care Centre

\$6,684 was presented to the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre Appeal by Churchill and District News and Gippsland Trade Printers on Tuesday 30th November.

"Our aim was to raise \$4,000 for the Cancer Care Centre Appeal," said Tracey Burr from the Churchill and District News. "The community of Churchill, however, has wholeheartedly supported the appeal enabling us to exceed our goal in a very short time."

The money was raised by the staging of a Triva Night, the selling of ribbons and calendars, donations and the Colossal Garage Sale organised by Gippsland Trade Printers.

"We can't thank Peter Ceeney and all the staff at Gippsland Trade Printers enough," said Ruth Place from the News. "They undertook a huge task and worked extremely hard to help us realise our aim."

\$780,000 has been raised towards the Cancer Care Centre to date, which is tremendous. The target is \$3.5 million so there is still a long way to go.

Building work on the Centre has started. However, a small area has been roped off because a nest of baby plovers has been found. Workers are cautiously working around the nest so as not to disturb them.



Seasons Greetings

Bradly Connolly and Laura Metlikovec played Mary and Joseph at the Churchill Advent Pageant.



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EDITORIAL

CHRISTMAS and the New Year are almost here and once again I would like to thank the many people who have helped and supported us throughout the year.

We are extremely fortunate to have such a tremendous support network in Churchill. Many thanks go to Monash University, to Liz Hart, Harry Ballis, Pro Vice Chancellor Brian Mackenzie, Dr Keith Wilson and Alan Scarlett. The extent of the support given became very clear at the recent Community Newspaper Forum organised by Monash University. Talking to other community newspapers the University provides us with things unavailable to many, most importantly, computers and software. There were many interesting sessions and workshops but the thought that stayed with me was the community building capacities of local newspapers and the responsibility thus placed on them.

Thanks also go to International Power Hazelwood, to Dave Quinn, Neil Lawson and Colin Brick who, despite having a difficult year due to the West Field Project, have always supported us at our special events.

This year we also welcomed on board as a major sponsor, Latrobe City Council. Their help has also been invaluable, particularly with the Churchill Festival held in May. For all those who are wondering when we are going to have the next one – it will be 1st April 2006!

The Co-operating Churches of

Churches have once again supported us, offering the use of the Church and the welcome support of the Parish Council. A special thanks goes to Cathie Halliwell for helping me out with the finances!

I would also like to thank all those who donated to the Cancer Care Appeal both in time and money, including Gippsland Trade Printers, The Churchill Hotel, Wendy Brown, Monash Churchill Golf Club, Churchill Taxis, Jetset, Sue Henne, Lumen Christie, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Boolarra Primary School and all those who attended the Triva Night and the Garage sale and gave so generously.

To have produced another eleven issues, run a photographic competition, produced a calendar, run a third writing competition, organised the Churchill Festival and raised money for the Cancer Care Centre in one year is quite an achievement. Many thanks go to all our volunteers – what a team!

However, without our regular contributors and advertisers we would not have a paper, so thank you to all who regularly put pen to paper, fingers to keyboards or their hand in their purses. Your support is invaluable.

Everyone at the News wishes all our readers and supporters a very happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous new year. Our next edition will be on the 10th February 2005. We are looking forward to another great year.

Ed.



Group Discussions at the community meeting

Meeting Enthusiastic On Community Hub Cont

"This is a proposal that will draw people together for the benefit of all. The venue could include components such as the neighbourhood learning centre, a senior citizens centre, a youth centre, a public library, a child care facility, a community workshop and a meeting room. It might incorporate a multifunctional office that could deliver visiting services for government and community agencies. It would literally be the hub of the local community where people come together, network and learn from each other," Cr White said.

"Services, agencies or community space can provide social, educational and recreational opportunities to those who reside, attend school or work in the area, and provide family support services to enhance the community's quality of life.

"Through the Intergenerational Hub, there can be improved community health and welfare services through cooperation among organisations and the demonstration of new services," Cr White explained.

"It can be a catalyst for strengthening the family as a unit whilst developing a sense of community in the area. Young and old would be fostered through the environment to interact; the young learning from the experience and skills of the older, and the older being helped by the young in their own endeavours."

Cr Bob Smith said the proposal for an Intergenerational Hub was recognition of the reality of Churchill 2004. "It's saying 'these are the assets and the tools that we have, how can we use these to their best advantage for our community? These are our strengths and weaknesses. How can we exploit our strengths and build on our weaknesses?'"

"The original vision for Churchill was for a futuristic town which could accommodate the workers and their families of 21 projected power stations in the Latrobe

Valley and by the year 2000, Churchill would support a population in excess of 40,000 people; but that vision never eventuated," Cr Smith explained.

"We have a population of 6000, a wonderful tertiary educational establishment with Monash University, the new Gippsland Education Precinct, a shopping centre, technological industry initiatives through Green Inc and community spirit as already exhibited through the community building project at Glendonald. All of this can be tapped into and interrelated for the benefit of all."

Cr White said it was important to recognise that the public meeting at Churchill was only the first stage in a rigorous public consultation process to gain feedback and comment on the proposal for an Intergenerational Hub, and then how it could be developed.

"We distributed feedback sheets at Tuesday's meeting to all who attended and urge everyone in the Churchill community who would like to have their say on this proposal to get a copy of the feedback sheet from one of the many shops, agencies or community groups that have them available, or by contacting Council. It's important that as many people as possible have their say.

"A working group has been formed with representatives of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, the Churchill and District Community Association, the Department of Human Services, Monash University, the Glendonald Residents Group Inc and Quantum Support Services. They will work with the community to ascertain support for the proposal, incorporate the community's ideas, and develop strategies for seeking the necessary funding and achieving the ideals," Cr White added.

Further information on the Intergenerational Hub is available from Kay Jellis or Heather Farley at Latrobe City Council, telephone 1300 367 700.

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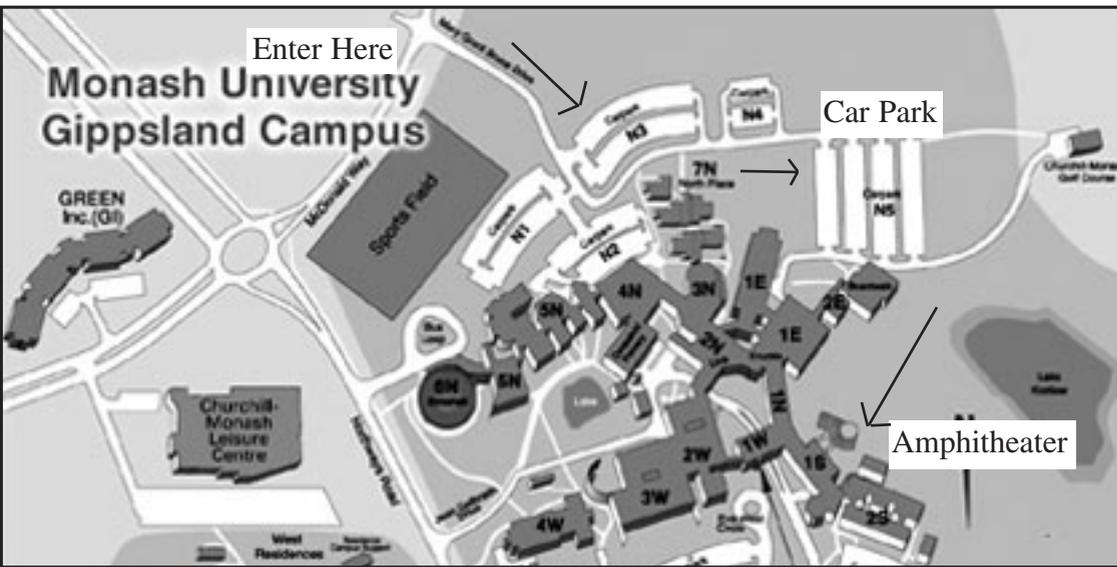


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A Colossal Success!

By PETER CEENEY

ON Friday 26 at 3.30pm, the Churchill Colossal Garage Sale began. Through the generosity of people donating goods, the hard work of Gippsland Printers Staff and the organisational skills of the team from the Churchill Community Newspaper, over \$4600.00 was raised for the Cancer Care Centre.

The event began early opening the doors officially around 3.30pm. Buyers were confronted with 30 square metres of goods and some not so goods! Books and bikes, dolls and doors, beds and balls, toys and tables, plus TV's, videos, fishing rods, couches, records and prams to name a few. Gaps in the trestles and shelves were not to be found even though \$1000.00 worth of goods was sold before the event.

When the last station wagon closed its boot, the big hand had struck 10 and the factory fell silent. By then hundreds of people had passed through the doors with the majority of them contributing in some way, either through purchasing goods, raffle tickets, sausages or cancer care ribbons. Prices on goods were done through negotiation – firstly because of the huge stockpiles made pricing near impossible, and secondly it was felt to be the only quick and easy way of moving people in and out. This process itself created plenty of stories with many actually upping the quoted prices to show their support for the worthy cause. At the close, the factory still contained a huge number of goods, which eventually will be sold through other charitable organisations.

Thanks for the night go to a large number of people who helped make it successful; Warwick and Dawn Judkins for the use of the factory meaning we could

build up storage of goods over a number of weeks without fear of weather damage; Ruth, Val, Tracey, Karen, Melinda and Peter from the Churchill and District News for all their work, efforts and support; the crew from the Lions Club who cooked the sausages and sold drinks during the hottest and dustiest part of the night; Carol from the Churchill Tennis Club who became our cashier for the night; Ross from Rotary and Faye from the Girl Guides who lent us plenty of trestle tables to help spread the goods, Trevor Mason from the Latrobe Regional Hospital, Chris Galloway, Tim and Chris from Monash University. A special thank you goes to all the staff from Gippsland Printers, Adam, Anne, Annette, Brad, Daniel, David, Dawn, Greg, Faye, Helen, James L, James M, Jodie, Kane, Kellie, Lauren, Lucy, Mary, Matt, Peter (Barney), Peter (Bodo), Rohan, Ron, Stephen, and Troy who gladly donated their time to market, administered and operated the event and to all their families whom if not directly participated, were very patient in their loved ones absences; to Andy and Ray, who picked up goods of all sizes and weights, every week, from all points of the valley and finally to all the donors of goods and raffle prizes – your generosity was awesome.

Thank-you and Merry Christmas.



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Volunteers have assisted many villages with land

reclamation for agriculture, and clean drinking water by the provision of, for example, wells. \$20 will pay for vegetable seeds to feed a family for one year in Mozambique, which will help them survive the drought. \$1,500 can pay for a water pump to provide clean drinking water for 50 families in Cambodia.

Thank you to all our supporters for making this possible.

Carols and Old Time Dancing

By ZELMA MILDNEHALL

A New Year's Eve Old Time Family Dance will be held at the Jeeralang North Hall from 8.00pm to 12.30am. Music will be by Rhythm Trio and admission will be \$5.00. The committee supplies sandwiches but please bring a plate. There will be 30 door and dance prizes. The Jeeralang North Hall is available

for hire. It has an excellent dance floor, heating and is in a rural setting. For more information contact Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264.

There will be Christmas Carols at Hazlewood North Hall, Church Road at 8.00pm on Sunday 19 December 2004. For more information contact Zelma on 5166 1264.

Reflection

By Rev. Dr. BOB BROWN

Waking from sleep is usually a struggle. We would rather kill the alarm clock, pull the covers over our heads, stay in bed a little longer, prolong the dream - anything but stand up and take on the tasks of the approaching day. To wake up is to become aware, and that means to become responsible. Awakened people do not drift through life, nor do they seek only their pleasure. They know that their actions today have consequences for tomorrow.

For Christians, the season of Advent (the four Sundays before Christmas Day) is our wake up call. And as awakened followers of Christ; we cherish the Scriptures that enlighten our paths, giving hope and direction to our lives. Advent is the time to be open to the unexpected intrusion of God; to experience God in unique and special ways.

At the beginning of Matthew's Gospel, the Gospel most Christian denominations will be following this coming year, we hear that Mary was "engaged to Joseph," that "before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit" (1:18) and consequently, Joseph initially decided to "dismiss her quietly" (1:19). He wanted to end the engagement, which in those days was the first part of the marriage contract. It is the second part of the narrative, "with child from the Holy Spirit," that is highly unusual - an unexpected intrusion of God.

We and our relatives and friends sometimes experience the first and third parts of the above narrative - being engaged and then separating. Some we know may even have been confronted by the unfaithfulness of a trusted partner. It is possible that even this Christmas someone close to us will feel like Joseph: alone and disillusioned.

Despite the crushing news of Mary's apparent unfaithfulness, Joseph remained righteous. Though he faced personal tragedy, he was going to sacrifice his dreams for Mary, the one he loved. Obedient to God's law and protective of Mary's dignity, Joseph was going to go away quietly.

We may know people who, like

Joseph are willing to leave quietly, sacrificing participation in their interest groups just to protect the reputations of those they love. Perhaps some have retreated into their own shame or loneliness. Others may endure rejection because of their race, their nationality, their sexual orientation or their beliefs. They live invisible lives, unwilling to confront their friends - and sometimes even their families - with their anger and hurt. On and on the broken righteous go, limping with Joseph, suffering quiet agony to protect the dignity or reputation of those they love.

Not surprisingly, God will have nothing to do with Joseph's quiet resignation. Through the summons of an angel God invites Joseph to remain with those he loves and to participate actively in the situations touching their lives. "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife" Joseph hears the angel say. How strange! God urges Joseph back to the realities of his life. With broken dreams, embarrassments and pain, God calls him to be faithful to his commitment to and love for Mary. God calls us too to participate with faithfulness and perseverance in the midst of our imperfect relationships. God supports us as we struggle to be the people of God at times and in places that to our society may seem to be unimportant or may look unredeemable.

What inspiration we receive when we hear or know about people living faithfully despite formidable obstacles like AIDS, poverty, political or commercial injustices and even the terror of war. It makes us want to work to alleviate the causes of their suffering.

Joseph was called to live faithfully in a situation that seemed to onlookers less than ideal. Yet God promised to be with him through Mary's pregnancy and guided Joseph and Mary as they raised Jesus in the Hebrew faith. God promises to be with us too, often in surprising ways, not only during Advent and Christmas but for the whole of our lives.

May the peace and promises of God be with you and your families this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

By MARION ANSWERTH

In addition to normal Parish activity, we have been involved in a number of other Ecumenical activities during the past month or two. During October, ladies from the Parish attended the Co-operating Church Ladies Dessert and Coffee Night and a number of parishioners from the Co-operative Church attended our highly successful Progressive Dinner.

A group of eight parishioners also traveled to Fulham Prison last month to attend the closing ceremony of the latest Kairos program conducted at that institution. This program is conducted by an ecumenical team of chaplains and lay people who provide a three day spiritual course /retreat for inmates. Those attending were greatly impressed by the response of the program participants and their changed outlook on life.

For the past few weeks, a group of parishioners and Parish Priest, Fr Malcolm Hewitt having been working with a team from Awakening, Fusion and the other churches in Churchill to plan and organize the Churchill Advent Pageant which took place on Friday 26 November. The three primary schools in Churchill participated in the event which re-enacted the Christmas

story of Mary & Joseph, seeking accommodation for the birth of the baby Jesus. Deputy Mayor of Latrobe City, Councillor Lisa Price addressed the gathering and said how pleasing it was to see the true spirit of Christmas being displayed in a community activity. The children from each of the schools sang Christmas Carols at various stages of the journey through the shopping center and local traders interacted with the children as Mary and Joseph knocked on the doors of businesses seeking a room.

Eventually the group arrived at the Churchill Hotel where they were directed to a stable that had been erected in the car park and there the birth of Christ was narrated and re-enacted. The Churchill police and their colleagues as well as volunteer marshals escorted the children taking part in the pageant. At the end of proceedings the children were treated to refreshments and a sausage sizzle provided by the Rotary Club of Hazelwood and Churchill Lions.

We are currently working with the other churches in Churchill in preparing for the Community carols to be held at Monash Amphitheatre on Sunday 19 December.

Times for Christmas masses are below.

Chaplain's Contemplations

By LYN PORRIT, CHAPLAIN

Most of our students have returned home except for some overseas students who are learning English or are still busy doing post-graduate study. If people would like to invite students to their home, please contact Cheryl Cook of Monash International, Gippsland, phone 5122 6579. It is good to offer hospitality to strangers.

My first year here at the University has been a joy and I'm looking forward to the challenges of the year ahead. It has been both challenging and satisfying working with students and staff.

Being Ordained as a Priest in the Anglican Church was a wonderful event and I would like to express my appreciation to all the people at the University and in the Community who attended the service and sent their best wishes for this awesome and significant occasion in my life. May I prove able to minister to people and be a vessel for bringing God into people's lives through Christ Jesus.

Another year has rushed by. Here we are rushing towards Christmas and 2005. Christmas greetings to everyone. May it be a time of love and peace for most of you. There will be some for whom Christmas brings

sadness, loneliness and sometimes in families, argument. If you know someone who is alone this Christmas perhaps you can invite them to join you and your family. Christmas is a time of hospitality. Jesus loved hospitality and eating with people, visiting and conversation.

This is a time for thanksgiving. Thanks and appreciation for the political stability and plenty which we take for granted in this country. It is also a time to thank God for the gift of Jesus, the redeemer of humanity. Humanity has not yet learned to love one another (John 13:34). Let us all pray this Christmas for peace on this planet and an increase in love for and acceptance of one another, as Christ our Lord commanded.

On Sunday, 19 December at 7.30pm Community Carols will be at the Amphitheatre at the University.

Enjoy this holiday time; drive safely; and find time to stop and commune with God. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)

I hope you all enjoy the Christmas celebrations and that the New Year brings a sense of purpose and joy.

Blessings upon you.

Saturday Breakfast

By KEITH ENDERS

The last Saturday Breakfast for 2004 was held on 20 November with Lyn Porritt as guest speaker. Lyn told the group of her life experiences and how she became the Chaplain at Monash Gippsland.

One of two daughters, Lyn's father was a bank manager, which meant they often moved from town to town and city to city, including Melbourne and Adelaide. This made it difficult for Lyn to make long-term friendships as she moved school so often and as a result became very self-reliant. Her early ambition was to become a nurse and she trained to become one. Lyn found she was able to help and care for people not only through her nursing but in other situations as well. This led her to university to study psychology, to become involved in counselling and eventually to a position as an Associate Professor.

Her involvement and experience in the church influ-

enced her thinking and study, and Lyn was offered the position as Chaplain at Monash Gippsland. It is a position she finds challenging but very worthwhile because of her involvement with not only students and staff with a Christian background but with students of other faiths also. Lyn has been involved in the setting up of the recently opened Spiritual Centre at Monash.

Lyn was ordained as an Anglican Priest at the Sale Anglican Cathedral on Saturday 27th November.

The next Saturday Breakfast will be held in February 2005. The Breakfast could not function effectively without people agreeing to come as guest speakers and others being involved in the duties which result from its running. Thank you to all those people that have made the year full of very interesting topics from speakers from a range of backgrounds.

Co-Operating Church Snippets are on Page 7

Christmas Services

Co-operating Churches of Churchill	Boolarra/Yinnar
24 December: 6.30pm: Crib Service 11.00pm: Carols and Anglican Communion 25 December: 9.00am 26 December: Combined Service with Boolarra/Yinnar at Boolarra	24 December: 11.00pm: Carols and Anglican Communion 25 December: 10.30am: Service at Yinnar 26 December: Combined Service with Churchill at Boolarra

Lumen Christi Christmas Timetable	Friday 31 New Year's Eve Vigil of Somemnity of Mary Mother of God
Friday 24 Dec - Christmas Eve Yinnar - 7.30pm Churchill - Midnight Mass Saturday 25 Dec Churchill - 9.30am Sunday 26 Dec - Holy Family Churchill - 9.30am Boolarra - 11.00 am Monday 27 - Friday 31 Dec Churchill - 9.30am each morning	Churchill 7.00pm Saturday 1 Jan 2005 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Saturday 1 Jan 2005 Epiphany of the Lord Churchill - 7.00pm Sunday 2 Jan 2005 Churchill & Yinnar as usual

Church Times

Co-operating Churches of Churchill	Lumen Christi Catholic Church	Churchill Christian Fellowship
Rev. Dr. Bob Brown Williams Avenue, Churchill. Tel: 5122 1480 Glenda and Ian Combridge Tel: 5166 1819 Sunday Service: 9.30am. Choruses: 9.20am	35 Walker Parade, Churchill Tel: 5122 2226 Father Malcolm Hewitt Saturday: Mass: 7.30pm Sunday: Mass: 9.30am 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays: Yinnar: Mass: 11.00 am 2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra: Mass: 11.00am	Maple Crescent, Churchill. Pastor Tony or Hermanna Marsden: 5122 2777 Sunday: 10.00am Ladies Meeting: Tuesday 10.00am

Sauna refurbished as part of Churchill Pool works

A complete refurbishment of the sauna at the Churchill Monash Leisure Centre is being undertaken as part of the pool reinstatement works that are currently in progress.

The refurbishment of the sauna includes relining the walls and ceiling with new cedar timberwork, retiling the floors and installing new seating.

Latrobe City Mayor, Cr Darrell White said that overall, works at the Churchill Leisure Centre are progressing well with some sixty percent of the work now completed and a further twenty percent on the go. "Major jobs such as the roof and ceiling work and repair of the pool construction joint are now finished; and the underpinning work has been underway for a couple of weeks," Cr White said.

"Painting of the pool shell has now

been completed with the pool sporting its newly painted black swimming lane lines and red aquatic sport markings.

"The pool concourse has now been fully reinstated and is about to be painted, while tiling repairs to the change rooms and general repairs to doors and brickwork are currently underway.

"The old air handling unit has been removed with the installation of the new unit imminent. The air handling unit provides warm air to the pool hall affecting the ambient room temperature which in turn influences the pool temperature," Cr White explained.

"At this stage we are confident the project will be completed on time and we should soon be in a position to name a date for the reopening of this important community facility," Cr White added

End of Year at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

The Centre's end-of-year break-up for participants, tutors and volunteers will be held next Wednesday (15 Dec), starting around 11.30am. Lunch will be provided but you are welcome to contribute.

Our Monster Christmas Hamper Raffle – and there are a couple to be won – will be drawn at our break-up.

Tickets cost \$1 each or 3 for \$2 and are available from the Centre during office hours (9am-3pm, except for Fridays, when the Centre is closed). Many thanks to our fund-raising team and to all those that donated goods for our raffle.

Last day of this term is Thursday 16 December and CNC will be closed until next year. The Centre will re-open on 27 January 2005.

Next Year's Term 1 program guide will be delivered to letterboxes in mid-January. We will be offering a variety of classes and training, with childcare available for some.

Our Annual General Meeting was held last month and a new Committee of Management elected.

However, we still have a couple of vacant positions to fill, and invite any interested persons to contact the Centre's office on 5122 2955.

Thanks to all who have supported, attended, volunteered, tutored, worked and participated in the Centre's operations over 2004. We hope you enjoy your holidays and look forward to seeing you in 2005.

Fire Hazard Notices And what they mean!

LATROBE City began its Fire Hazard Inspections as of the 1st of November. This means that Latrobe City's Municipal Fire Prevention Officer (MFPO) and assistants will inspect "all properties" for fire risks or potential fire risks.

At this stage all the urban townships have been inspected with the program underway to begin issuing notices around the rural urban interface.

Upon identifying at risk properties, a Fire Prevention Notice will be issued. This notice is issued under the Country Fire Authority Act 1958, Section 41 as a Schedule 15 Notice.

The purpose of this notice is to make property owners take steps necessary to protect their lives and property and that of their neighbours.

Property owners are given a minimum

of two weeks to comply with the notice or have seven days to object to the MFPO stating the reasons for the objection.

Following the two week period a second inspection is undertaken to ascertain the level of compliance with the Fire Prevention Notices issued, if properties do not comply with the notice requirements as issued.

The Municipal Fire Prevention Officer may arrange for the council, a fire brigade or contractors to enter upon your land and take steps specified in this notice.

The Council will then send you an account for the cost of taking these steps.

In addition the MFPO may serve you with a fire prevention infringement notice for failing to comply with a notice.

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Pictured left
One of the vacant blocks in Churchill already issued with a Notice.



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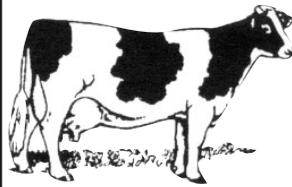
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Water Tank Installed To Help CFA

CHURCHILL Fire Brigade invited residents of Rickards Drive in Churchill to the public launch of the concrete water tank that has been installed to assist the Brigade in the event of a fire. This facility will enable the tankers to be refilled without leaving the scene.

To celebrate this launch, the fire brigade organised a get together and provided a barbecue for the residents at lunchtime.

Some of those gathered there were asked for their comments and these follow.

Celia "An excellent idea. It is certainly needed after the last couple of years"

Lisa. "A nice safety net"

Lyndon. "Excellent idea. The last couple of years, with the fires it has been difficult with the lack of water. It is great to have a facility on site for fire protection."

Mike. "The Fire Brigade is terrific".

Trevor. "The Fire Brigade is a big value to the community around here."

Fred. "When there is a fire the Fire brigade do their job. They let you know what's going on"

Maly. "It was scary when the helicopters were overhead in the fires. The tank will save the fire trucks going up and down the road to fill up in a fire. We hope there

are no more fires"

Josie. "A good idea. It will come in handy."

Val "Wonderful.

I live in the cottage. The tank is very close. Being involved in fires this year and being home all the time, I will feel it is a big comfort. The Fire brigade will have access to water straight away. The barbecue today to get everyone together is a great idea."

Captain Steve Barling assured the people present that in a big fire a milk tanker would be called in to bring in extra water.



Award For CEO Hazelwood House

Lyn Vella, Chief Executive of Hazelwood House in Churchill and Dalkeith Hostel in Traralgon has been awarded runner up in the First Year Achiever Awards section of the Equity Trustees' Not For Profit CEO 2004 Awards.

The award attracted more than 60 nominations from across Australia.

The awards recognise excellence in delivering services, enhancing the organisation's image and for building strong and successful partnerships.

Presented at the Grand Hyatt in Melbourne, Lyn was nominated by her staff for her foresight into the future

direction of the organisation. Successfully obtaining a \$2.7 million grant to rebuild Dalkeith Hostel has had an encouraging impact on the attitude and enthusiasm of staff and residents.

Congratulations from the Churchill and District News.



Another Busy Month - Churchill Primary School



MUSICAL "CIRCUS SPLENDIDA"

Everyone in the whole school community pulled together to stage the highly successful musical presentation. Staff, parents, and students all working hand in hand, ensured that the musical was a fantastic.



Splendida' Clowns Nikita and Whitney

Major roles were played by Nikita Jongerius, Josh Lock, Jordan Fenech, Whitney Mathieson, David Sands, Caitlin Doherty, Jerom Tait and Kayla Jongerius. They are to be highly commended and congratulated for their superb



Tight Rope Walker, Madeleine Turpin

efforts.

Special thanks and congratulation go to the Director, John Turner. Without his drive and enthusiasm, the musical would not have been staged.

TRANSITION PROGRAM

The Kinder Kids and Grade 6's are making regular visits to their respective schools for 2005, to familiarise themselves with their new environments. For each group this is a major step in their

educational progress- a step out of their existing comfort zone. For those less confident these are excellent opportunities to gradually adjust.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

This bus is going well with a large contingent of teachers supporting a small number of volunteers and parents. PLEASE consider helping with this important program.

If you like to walk, you could combine your activity with performing a school community service. This service is especially needed after school on Mondays so the teachers can start their Staff Meeting at 3:30 pm instead of 4:00pm or after.

CHRISTMAS CLUB

Approximately 44 children have attended the Christmas Club at the Co-Operating Churches. They have learnt about the Biblical Christmas story, engaged in a large variety of craft activities, sung songs and had a lovely time interacting with the special helpers. This club happens because there is a shortage of Christian Religious Teachers, and only the Preps are covered.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Prep Grades had a wonderful time at the Co-Operating Churches acting out the Christmas story in costume. This was their final C.R.E. activity for 2004

ADVENT PAGEANT RUN BY FUSION/AWAKENING

On Friday 26 November, approximately 22 children from the Grade 3/4s along with Grade 3/4s from Lumen Christie and Churchill Nth Primary Schools, participated in the Advent Pageant.

This involved dressing up as shepherds, kings and angels, and walking down to the shopping centre where they listened to the Christmas story told at 4 different locations. The parade progressed from the Video shop car park to the Post Office, to the saloon Bar, to the Hotel.

Mary, Joseph and the real well behaved donkey were told there was no room. Finally, Helen at the Hotel told them there was a stable in the car park.

The event was opened by Deputy Mayor. Each school entertained the crowd with some singing. The children were well catered for with water and a biscuit before commencing the parade, finishing with a sausage sizzle cooked by the Lions.

The children appreciated the cold icy poles on the hot day. The Police and St John Ambulance volunteers were in attendance.

HPV

HUMAN POWERED VEHICLE

What a fantastic effort by our community team at this year's HPV Energy Breakthrough event at Maryborough.

Our second team, "The Don", completed 243 laps, nearly 280 kms in 14 hours, while our first team, "The Glen", in our new vehicle, supported by Neighbourhood Renewal, completed 306 laps which is approximately 360 kms.

This overall, put us in 40th place, well in front of 24 other teams. Last year we finished in the last five due to a much older, slower vehicle.

All the students, teachers and parents need to be congratulated on a fantastic effort. We're especially proud of our riders who you would have seen riding the streets of Churchill in the early mornings. All that training paid off!!

KANGA CRICKET REGIONAL FINAL

The boys team won their final. The girls played well but were eliminated.

Both teams participated brilliantly.

Congratulations to the boys who made the State Finals on December 3 in Melbourne.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS GLENDONALD SHOPS

Grade 4/5A with Mrs Lewis's help, made decorations for the shop windows at Glendonald. Funds for this project were supplied by the Churchill and District Citizens Association. The decorations were installed, and the next day the whole class visited to see the effect.

There was much excited chatter as the students identified their work. An icy-pole was supplied, which was appreciated, as the day was again hot.

BINGO NIGHT FOR BREKKY CLUB FUNDS

On the 25 November the Churchill Football Club ran their Bingo Night with the proceeds going to the school for the breakfast club. \$1000 was raised, which is a great effort. Thank you to all who attended. The Bike raffle was won by



John Turner



Helen Dyson

Matt Pavey.

Brian Pavey, Kate Johnson and Matt Smart all won autographed footballs.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

The school wishes John Turner and Helen Dyson a happy time away, with safe travel to their respective destinations.

WORKING BEE

A special thank you to all who helped with the working bee. The result is that the northern Howard Avenue approach to the school, is now looking neat, and will be much more manageable.

MUSIC NEWS

The Kurnai College Band presented a concert at the school on 2 December.

The Churchill and District Ensemble, made up of students from Churchill, Churchill North and Hazelwood North, will go on a tour of their schools on 16th December. Congratulations to all those young people who compose that group for your dedication and progress. They have had regular opportunities to perform and have done so extremely well for beginners.

Thanks to David Avery for taking guitar lessons on Fridays. The students have made good progress.

SCHOOL YEAR ENDS

All at Churchill P.S. wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

If you have not enrolled your child for school for 2005, please call at the Office and talk to Edna.

2005 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

From 19th January, Rob and John will be at the school at regular intervals, if you need to make contact.

Reminder to all parents that school commences on Thursday 27th January.

The school will be open on Tuesday 25th January for you wish to pay fees and pick up supplies and uniforms.

Busy Time For Churchill North



WHAT a busy time it is, plenty of things have happened over the last month and there's plenty to do before the end of the school

year. Look at the things that we have been involved in over November and December:

All students participated in a session with Peter Motta from 'Sport and Recreation'. Peter demonstrated several indigenous games to the students and then they all participated in playing them.

Several of the games were originally used to develop and improve hunting skills.

Students in grades 2D and 3S participated in the 'Churchill Christmas Pageant'.

With a police escort and volunteer helpers the students walked to the Churchill Shopping Centre.

It was here that the students, with students from Churchill Primary and Lumen Christi, presented the 'Christmas Story' and sang Christmas Carols.

The students enjoyed a barbecue to end the experience. Thanks to Selena for all her organisation and help.

Children from the local kindergartens have



Students singing Christmas Carols



Students from local kindergartens participating in Orientation Day

been participating in our Prep Transition.

The children have already spent a morning in the prep grades and have an Orientation Day in early December.

If you would like any information about

enrolments for 2005 please call in to the office or ring 5122 1976.

Students in grades 3 and 4 went to Woorabinda for a 3-day camp from Wednesday 1 - Friday 3 December. We kept our fingers crossed for good weather.

The students took part in activities such as the zip wire, ropes course, archery, orienteering and hiking. Grade 2D are going to the Traffic School in Morwell where they will have a fantastic time learning how to ride their bikes safely.

Other coming events on our calendar for the staff and students to look forward to are: Hot Chip Lunch day, Popcorn Morning Tea, Morning Tea for Parent Helpers and Graduation Day Luncheon and Ceremony.

Churchill North Primary School wishes all the readers a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and safe holidays! See you all in 2005.

Schools

Advent Pageant



Hazelwood North News

OUR school recently participated in the RACV Energy Breakthrough for the eighth time. One of our teams achieved the best results in the history of our participation. A group of more than fifty students, teachers, ex students and parents went to the event in Maryborough. It is a great event that covers a wide range of Key Learning Areas - English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, as well as reinforcing many

social skills.

P r e p Orientation has now finished, the twenty one preps appear happy in the school environment.



CHURCH SNIPPETS

OUR Church month started off with the very memorable Magic and Munchies Night. Once again Peter Cook kept us on the edge of our seats as he performed great feats of magic to our utter amazement.

One small child was heard to say out loud "How did he do that?" Our thanks to Peter whose generosity made the night a financial success as well.

Christmas Club has been successful with approximately 44 children attending over the three weeks.

There have been happy smiling faces on children and helpers alike as they have interacted through discussion, craft, singing and talk and the re-enacting of the Christmas story.

A special thank you goes to all those who contributed in any way to the supplying and running of the Club. Your generosity of both time and goods is remarkable.

Some of our congregation attended Rev. Lyn Porritt's ordination at St. Paul's Cathedral in Sale. It was a grand occasion. The next day several of the congregation attended church at Boolarra for Lyn's first communion service.

Next February, our Church will hold a garage sale. Donations will be welcomed.

The holidays are always a good time for a clean out. Items most needed are beds, TVs, fridges and other household items.

ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL Family Fun Evening

Christmas Raffle

17th December 2004
At the Churchill Saloon

Face Painting

Truck Rides

Sausage Sizzle

Cook Island Dancers

COME AND MEET

SANTA ON THE FIRE TRUCK

Huge Raffle with Heaps of Prizes

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6.00 pm till 9.00 pm

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Family Fun For The Royal Childrens Hospital

THE Royal Children's Hospital Family Fun Evening has been run for the last three years by Churchill Laundry and Churchill Saloon.

The idea according to Trevor from the Laundry is to get families together and get children involved. This year it will be held on the 17th December from 6.00pm to 9.00pm at the Churchill Saloon. It will be a HUGE night with lots of activities, including the Cook Island Dancers, Face Painting, a Sausage Sizzle, Santa and the CFA.

To raise money for the Children's Hospital there will be an enormous raffle which includes the following prizes:

Mountain Bike, 2 framed pictures, \$50.00 Meat Pack, Dinner for two at the Noodle Bar, Churchill Saloon Drink Card, Slab of VB, Chook Pack, Slab of Coke, Fruit Box, \$10.00 Tatts card, Bottle of wine and T shirt, Hair Salon Voucher, Pizza Voucher, Leg of Ham, Bundaberg Rum Pack, 2 Bottles of Wine, 2 Child Movie Passes, Churchill Laundry Voucher, Hair Clipper Set, Cordless Kettle, Children's Toys, Hamper, Massage, Psychic Reading, Dinner for two at the Italian Club,

Select Music Voucher, Leg of Ham, Pharmacy Hamper and Hair Spray, Chiropractic Voucher, Kids Computer Game, 2 Video Vouchers, Cut and Bow Wave, Churchill Market Hamper, \$60.00 Toy Hamper, Dinner For Two at Café La Mac and a Churchill Newsagents Voucher.

Tickets for the raffle will be on sale at the Churchill Christmas Market on 11th December at West Place Shopping Centre. The Raffle will be drawn at the Family Fun Evening at 7.30pm.

Many thanks are extended to the following who have made very generous donations:

Churchill Saloon Bar, Morwell Art and Framing, Churchill Laundry Service, Churchill Pizza and Pasta, Churchill Noodle Bar, Bundaberg Rum, Parkinson's Brothers, In Touch Massages, Morwell Italian Australian Club, Village Midvalley 8 Cinemas, Select Music Systems, Primo Specialty Foods, Churchill Post Office, Monash University Gippsland, Cutting Corner, Churchill Markets, Churchill Florists Toys and Gifts, Café La Mac, Churchill Newsagency, Norm Oliver Meats, Churchill Chiropractic, Churchill Pharmacy, PDP Computers, Kats Hair Design and Future Flicks.

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Friday 17th Dec	Major Tom
Saturday 18th Dec	Frantic
Wednesday 22nd Dec	Mike
Friday 31st Dec	Stoneage

New Years Eve with Stoneage. In the Anzac room.
Bookings essential at reception.
Members FREE. NON-Members \$10 EACH. Light snacks supplied.

Hazelwood Junior Guides

By ZELMA MILDENHALL

THE indoor camp at Burnet Park with the Moe Junior Guides late in October was a lovely weekend. Guides enjoyed a night walk on the Friday that was a clear, fine night with bright stars.

Most activities were held outdoors with a campfire on Saturday evening.

We visited Hazelwood House on Wednesday 24th November with the Churchill guides, talked with the residents and gave them cards. Many residents joined us in singing Christmas carols.

We then went to the Hazelwood South Hall for the Guide District break-up. This being the International Year of Rice, Guides made a mural using rice coloured with food dye, Christmas and fried rice. Rebecca Richards made her Promise and

rice shakers were used when we sang the Ten Guide Laws Song. Elizabeth Richards was presented with Create A Challenge Badge – Girls, and the World Badge.

The Hazelwood Junior Guide Unit will close at the end of this year, mainly due to the low number of Guides in this District. Zelma and Faye will remain in Guiding, participating in the World Guide Thinking Day celebrations in February 2005, but will no longer take weekly unit meetings.

Girls interested in Guiding need to contact Debbie Gallagher on 5122 2119.

To Guiding families, staff of the Churchill and District News and friends we extend Christmas Greetings.



Sheena Jones and 'Touchstone' (left)
Lauren Foster (above)

Final Year Students Talent On Display

THE work of final year Monash Art and Design students is currently on display at Monash University's Switchback Gallery. The skills and talents of the students are highlighted in an exhibition that covers a range of subjects and displays a huge amount of potential for future success.

The work on display is inspirational and diverse, from digital prints to oils, charcoal and to wire and wool.

Student Jessica-Louise Larwence exhibited 'Mummy Dearest', a digital print. Jessica is hoping to continue her studies next year with an honors course.

Lauren Foster's work was inspired by the environment. Lauren hopes to undertake a Diploma of Education at either Deakin or Clayton Universities next year.

Sheena Jones, who also writes for art magazines, hopes to continue with her studies. Sheena is interested in diversional therapy for the elderly. Her work, 'Touchstone' is created from rock, sandstone, glass and liquid chalk.

All the students are to be congratulated on their won-

derful achievements. The exhibition is open until 28th January 2005



Jessica-Louise Larwence with her work
'Mummy Dearest'.

Lions Club Of Churchill & District –

Christmas Is Coming

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity

IT has been decided that the winners of the Lions Club of Churchill & District Young Citizen Award and Citizen Award to the most outstanding person in each category for their contribution to the community during the previous 12 months will not be published until after the presentation at the Australia Day celebrations in January 2005.

The Lions Club of Churchill and District will be organising the Australia Day function in Churchill in January 2005.

Details are as follows: Date – 26th January 2005: Location – West Place Shopping Centre courtyard: Time – 8:00am: Bring own chairs: Presentation of Awards: Involvement of youth from Scout and Guide movements. Join us after the celebration for breakfast.

The Lions Club, for various reasons, has changed its meeting venue and now meets at the Noodle Bar where the club is looked after very well by management and staff. As a result of our decision, the Churchill Hotel has canceled our "Pub Raffle" and given the time-slot to another organisation. The money raised from this event has funded our local community projects such as assisting schools, kindergartens, sporting bodies, Guides, Scouts, sponsoring disadvantaged, elderly and special needs community members to camps at Lions Village at Licola and other groups and organisations – including the Lions Birthday Club.

Last count from the Camp Quality esCarpade was \$500000 – a great effort with our club contributing around \$12000. All money raised goes to Camp Quality to assist with the programs helping children with cancer and their families.

Snippets: Letters to Santa is on again this year through local schools – letters are starting to come in.

Christmas trees on sale again from 4th December at

Acacia Way GPG/IGA anytime and at Hazelwood Shopping Centre on Saturdays. The cost is \$20.

Santa visits available in December. Please contact club Secretary Trevor 5122 1614 for more information.

Christmas cakes are now available, please contact any club member.

We have sponsored special learning program software at a local Primary School.

Lions and Rotary provided a sausage sizzle for the combined school Advent Pageant. We catered for 150.

The Club provided a barbeque and manpower at the Churchill and District News sponsored Cancer Care Unit fundraiser, the Colossal Garage Sale.

Catering at Bunnings: proceeds go to Camp Quality so please support our members.

We are sponsoring six local youngsters to a weeks camp at Lions Village Licola in January.

There will be a working bee at Licola Village to finalise painting.

We catered at the Computer Expo and at the Gipps FM fundraising function.

We visited Traralgon Lions to hear guest speakers from Peter McCallum on cancer research

The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill & District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. Courtney Vella and Richard Cusick were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in November. All children in Churchill and surrounding areas under 12 years of age are eligible to join. Make sure your child is registered. To all the families in our great community of Churchill and surrounding district, we thank you for your support. We hope you and your families have a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Need to contact us? Our address is The Secretary, Lions Club of Churchill and District, PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842.

National Award For Glendonald Park

LATROBE City has won a national award for its work carried out with the Churchill community to improve the facilities and amenity of Glendonald Park.

The award was one of three projects recognised nationally in the 2004 Australian Crime Prevention Awards. The awards recognise outstanding projects in preventing and reducing violence in Australia.

For Churchill the award recognises the significant sense of community that has been generated through a park project and a reduction in crime rates in the Glendonald Estate in recent years.

Latrobe City Mayor, Cr Darrell White, who has been involved in the Glendonald Park project since its inception, expressed his delight with the award.

"While Latrobe City is proud to accept this award, the credit must go to the Glendonald community and the Glendonald Park Advisory Committee headed by current secretary Peter Hainsworth. It is really the people of Glendonald who are receiving the recognition they deserve for their continued efforts in improving the amenity of their neighbourhood," Cr White said.

"When the project commenced in 1999 there was acknowledgement that there was a lot of work to do in building relationships between various interested parties and the broader community of Churchill and the redevelopment of Glendonald Park became a critical focal point in accomplishing this," Cr White said.

"There have been many people involved over the past few years, such as the Churchill and District Lions Club, Monash University and Quantum Support Services. Some contributed to the development of the master plan

for the Park, others came along to working bees, served on the former Churchill Community Development Committee and are now active members of the Glendonald Park Advisory Committee. All will be feeling very proud that their initiatives and work has been recognised with this award," Cr White added.

Latrobe City's Chief Executive Officer, Paul Buckley, said that prior to implementation of the Glendonald Park project, there were very few facilities or trees in the park. Trees that had been planted over the years were invariably either damaged, destroyed or disappeared.

"The crime rates were also high. All of this has been turned around in a relatively short period of time, which is a real credit to all those involved, including the Churchill police who have provided strong support for the community and built positive relationships with residents," Mr Buckley said.

"The present situation is that there is virtually no damage in the park and surrounding areas, and residents continue to play a key role in maintaining and developing their facility."

The success of the project is largely due to the high level of commitment and voluntary efforts of residents and the ongoing support Latrobe City has received from the State Government, especially through the Department of Human Services Neighbourhood Renewal Program.

Some of the physical changes include construction of a toilet block and barbeque shelter, a large ball court, garden and tree beds, shade sails and shelters, a cricket pitch, pathways and upgrading of the BMX track.

Latrobe City acting manager Community Planning and Safety, Kay Jellis accepted the award at a ceremony at Parliament House in Canberra on behalf of Latrobe City. Kay said that the project had delivered significant improvement in the facilities. "These are highly valued and well used by residents, instilling a greater sense of pride and satisfaction," Ms Jellis said.

"The park is increasingly being used as a place for family gatherings, community activities and celebrations which benefits the whole of the community," Ms Jellis said.

"This really is a tremendous honour for the residents of the Glendonald estate in Churchill and the wider community," said Candy Broad, Minister for Housing. "I want to wish the local Glendonald community all the best and I'm sure we'll be hearing more about the great work that's being carried out in the Gippsland area in the future."

The award carries with it a sum of \$10,000, which will be used for ongoing development of local assets and amenities.



Summer Activities At Glendonald Park

By David Guthrie, President, Glendonald Residents Group (GRG) Inc.

THE Level 2 First Aid Course for Glendonald residents, conducted in partnership with the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, finished last week and some 12 residents successfully completed the training and gained this qualification.

Congratulations to all involved!

Our thanks to the Lions Club of Churchill, the local CFA, Churchill Police, parents and members of our group who assisted with our Christmas barbeque in Glendonald Park last Tuesday.

Thanks also to Santa and his not-so-little helpers who distributed lollies to all the children in attendance.

On Tuesday 11 January 2005 (weather permitting) we will again be conducting children's activities in Glendonald Park.

Due to summer heat and the risk of sunburn, the play will commence around 4pm until 7. Children will be provided with a sausage in bread and an icy-pole.

The proposed supervised activities will include mess, water and fun!

Should the weather be cold the alternative date will be Thursday 13 January.

GRG aims to conduct at least one children's activity in Glendonald Park each school holiday period. Latrobe City Council is financially assisting this undertaking through its community grants program.

If you have suggestions for fun, safe, low-cost activities suitable for children that could be held in Glendonald Park, please contact our group.

Our first meeting for 2005 will be held on Tuesday 30 January at 7pm in the Glendonald Kindergarten, Churinga Drive.

All Glendonald residents are welcome.

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We wish everyone a Merry Xmas
and a Safe New Year

From
Helen, Peter & Staff

Children are most welcome if accompanied by a Parent

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CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS CALENDAR 2005



Spring At Thompsons Road
Jan May



Too Close For Comfort
Jo Drury



All In One
Christina Prochazka



Pond
Tom Mikulic



Don't Worry, Be Happy
James Curwood



Power Poles
Tom Mikulic

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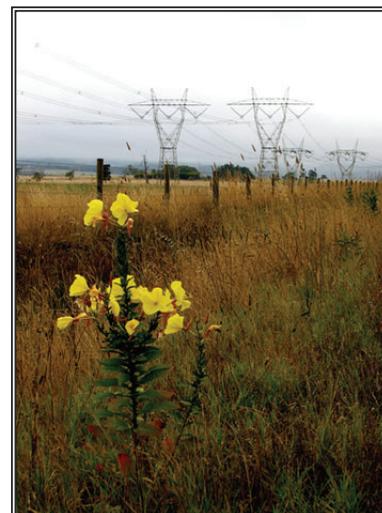
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Our Luncheon Guest
Robin Mauger



Tramway Road
Jo Drury

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From The Heavens Of Churchill
Jo Drury



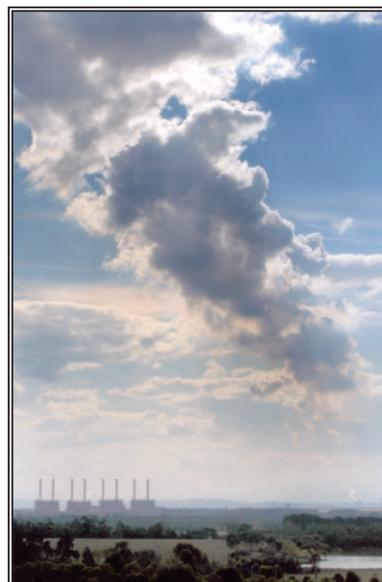
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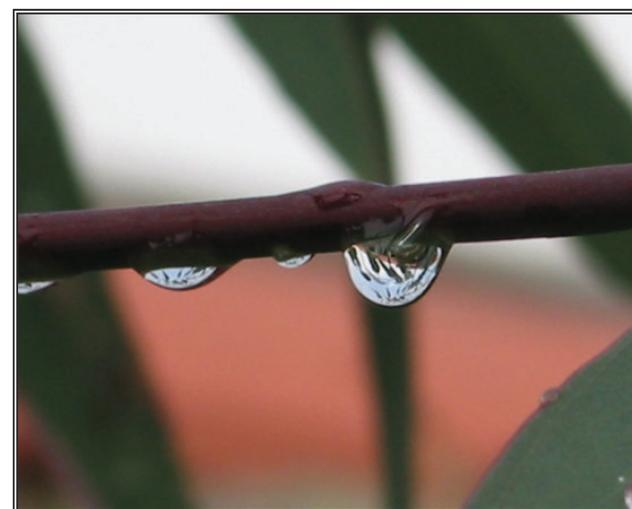
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Cloud Factory
Tom Mikulic



Droplet In School Yard
Jo Drury

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Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Billy's Creek

By Hilmar Batza Part Two



Morwell Weir, Billys Creek

ALL that remains of the Morwell Weir is the concrete wall and end supports across Billys Creek. From July 1910 to May 1912, Morwell Shire Council considered two competing water supply schemes for Morwell. The first scheme proposed by Traralgon Shire Engineer, Mr Sambell, involved piping water north through a six-inch main from Billys Creek. The estimated cost of the project was 10,000 pounds. The second scheme, proposed a few months later by John Hoyle involved a cheaper method of piping water east from the Morwell River. In May, 1912, the Murray Report recommended the first scheme. The scheme was finally approved by the Morwell Shire Council after running a ratepayers' poll which also supported the first scheme. The Morwell Waterworks Trust was established to oversee the work.

The contractor in charge of construction of Morwell Weir was Ike Billingsley (Russ Billingsley's father). Les Hare had the contract to cart the pipes from the Morwell Railway Station to Jeeralang using a dray and bullock team. A 6-inch cast-iron pipe was laid from the weir to Morwell. The depth of water at the Weir's barricade was 12 feet. More than a year later in December, 1913, the water was turned on. At the official opening ceremony, the hydrant supplied sufficient pressure to shoot the water 40 feet into the air in front of the Post Office in Commercial Road, Morwell.

After the construction of the Weir it became a popular picnic spot with visitors driving in by horse and buggy. It would appear that a special dinner set was struck at some stage with pictures of the Morwell Weir printed on plates, saucers and cups. A few of these items can still be found in the possession of some families living in Morwell.

As the demand for water increased, a 9-inch wooden pipeline made from wooden staves (timber slats bound with wire and coated in tar) replaced the existing pipeline.

The Weir supplied water to Morwell until 1954 when Moondarra Reservoir took over. In 1962 the Latrobe Valley Water & Sewerage Board took over some sections of the Trust's pipelines and the Ridge Reservoir when the Trust started purchasing Moondarra water out of the Morwell Reservoir via the Tolmie Street Pumping Station.

During a particularly dry spell the local farmers downstream from the Weir were not thrilled about all the water going to Morwell. They took matters into their own hands and drilled a hole(still there today) through the main Weir wall below the overflow so that water would be released into the creek. Today the Weir remains a historical feature of the park, even though most of the Weir's holding area has been filled in by silt, gravel and vegetation. Access to the Weir is via the Weir Track(1km) from Braniffs Road or from Junction Road carpark via the Billys Creek Trail(1.6km) which joins the Weir Track.

Lodge Track

This track was named after a hall that had been built for Scouts and Rovers to use during the seventies. In 1969, Morrie McGlashen, a civil engineer with the SEC purchased 256 acres for less than \$2000 from a Mr Cameron who owned 400 acres(2 titles) that included the area of the current Lodge Track, Clematis Track and the Zigzag Walk. The other title of land was bought by Harry Surman. Prior to Cameron, the previous land owners included Koon, Colonial Mutual Life and Bryant. McGlashen was heavily involved in the scouting movement in Melbourne and wanted to build a 'Lodge' for the Reservoir 1st Scouts and Rovers to stay in when they came to the area. The whole area was over-run with blackberries. It took some 3-4 years to clear the land with tractors. Development hastened when McGlashen was able to buy a bulldozer. Access to the land was initially from Bill Roberts' place off Jumbuk Road. The Reservoir Troop, who camped in tents of a weekend, dug a track down the hillside. Eventually a bulldozer was hired to finish the track. A bridge was built across 'Side Creek' and a track carved into the hillside to get to where the Lodge was going to be built. Later the army widened the track and took it through to Morans Road. Because of his job, McGlashen traveled to various work sites around the State and was able to get hold of tools, engines, motor bikes, building materials and old cars at a cheap price or even have some of the items donated. The timber for the Lodge came from an old house in Yarram. Many trailer loads of timber were hauled up the Lodge Track by tractors to build the Lodge. A workshop area together with generators was set up near the bridge across Side Creek. Some 200 yards of one-inch

square railway line was laid from opposite the workshop and ran parallel to Side Creek on its southern side. Around 1977 McGlashen had to give up his involvement with the scouts because he had turned 55. However, he was soon persuaded to take on the 1st Preston Boys who became known as the 'Boys Club'. Some of his former Reservoir Rovers who were now married came on weekends with their wives to help him run the Boys Club. Many a night was spent sitting around a large campfire. In 1982, McGlashen sold the land to Rodney Walsh because he had become fed up with the constant vandalism and theft of property whilst no-one was there to look after the property during the week. The last straw had been when the Lodge was burnt to the ground. Rodney Walsh set up a Flying Fox over the Weir.

Once the land became part of the Morwell National Park, much of the remaining rubbish from human habitation was taken to the tip or bulldozed into the ground.



Pictured top left: Early photo of the Weir - c.1914, above top: Billys Creek Weir c.1949, above: Weir under construction c.1913

Information Wanted

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If you have a story you would like to send us please mail to PO Box 456, Churchill, 3840. Photos are also very welcome. They can be scanned and returned to you.

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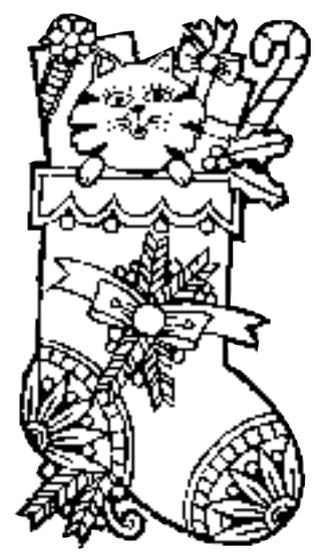


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The lucky "Birthdaysites" for November were
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Jake WARDILL	6 years

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Richard Cusick
6 Years on 13 November 2004

Courtney Vella
7 Years on 10 November 2004



The November "Birthdaysites" were all smiles as they were each presented with \$15 vouchers for Churchill Newsagency by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill & District. They were chosen at random from the November list. This could have been you – make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky "Birthdaysite". Remember you now have two chances of being chosen.

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

Lake Tali Kern

By DYLAN

Day 1

On Monday we went to Lake Tali Kern. It took us one and a half hours to the bridge. Colin said to take off your packs. Colin said to me you can't take milk and Pete put on our back packs and we started to walk to the bridge. We got over the bridge. We started to walk five hundred metres. Pete stopped to sign a book. I said what you are doing Pete? He said tell the boss that we are going. Colin said to pair up. We went over the 1st river. It was hard. We went across it. We went across the 2nd river. I tripped over and I brought my friend with me He got William straight away. It was hard getting up the hill. It took us half an hour. After the hill we crossed another river. Pete said watch out for the big rocks they are slippery. We walked up the track. We saw a skull of a deer. We had to climb a hill that was 200 metres and its name is Shaw's Gap. It took us two kilometres there and down. It was hard going down the hill. I slipped over twice. Pete said it is fifteen minutes out. Pete said are we camping there. Pete said only t the last night we are camping there. Colin said it's only 3 kilometres to the camp site. We crossed rivers. The last river Colin said stop. Pete said do you want the good news or the bad news. We said we want the bad news. Pete said the camp site is another hour and fifteen minutes away. We got to hear the good news. Colin said it's just across the river. We all threw our packs off and set up camp. Colin said go and get some fire wood .We got the fire wood and we cooked dinner and marshmallows. We went to bed later on.

Day 2

We woke up early in the morning. Colin said we are only taking our little back packs today. We said how far it is. Colin said eighteen kilometres. We said it's easier than yesterday. We went nine kilometres that day.

We went nine kilometres. We went up a hill and it was a little bit easy. Then we went down. We went straight on to the road and it was two ways. Half of us went one way and another half went the other. Half of us went the high road. Half went the low road and we met up because it

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had to go to the toilet and we stopped. We saw a kangaroo and Colin tried to take a picture of it. The teachers went the wrong way down the hill and Pete said its back up. Colin said we are taking a photo. There was a sign saying Lake Tali Karin. We went way north. We started to go down hill. There were lots of up hills. We started to go down again and then we had to cross a mud patch then we went more down hill. All of us started to run out of the water. Then we started to get into the forest. Then we saw a spider. We had lunch. We refilled our water bottle. We went up this steep hill. There were rocks every where. Colin said stop and wait up for us. We saw dead birds and a lot of feathers. We stopped next to a cave. We went up the valley but the flies started to attack us. We saw the hidden lake and we went for a swim. We all hiked to the waterfall except for Will. The water was freezing cold. Our feet went numb. We started to go back to camp. We got back at 5 pm had tea and went to sleep.

Day 3

We woke up and packed up our tent. We started to cross the river. We crossed another 5 rivers and we got to the campsite. We set up camp and asked if we could go swimming. They said after lunch. We took off our clothes. I was the first one in. It was freezing. Colin and I dived in. We swam to a big rock. William was the last to go in. Dane and Colin swam to a log. Colin and Ryan started to build a path with the rocks. We had fun and then we went back to camp. We made a fire and all the kids had competitions to break a log. I lost. We had tea and went to bed.

Day 4

We woke up early and packed up at 6am. I had trouble putting my tent back into my backpack. Ryan and I got the fire going. We cleaned up our rubbish. Pete was surprised that we could get the fire going from coals. We were going across the river and Cory was going to take the stepping stones. We kept on walking along another path. We stopped to make a skull head sign. Corey said he saw a snake. It was a big brown snake. Colin took a picture of it. We climbed up Shows Gap again and had a rest at the top.

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I heard a noise so I woke up and had a look out side and I saw nothing so I went back to sleep. I rolled up in my sleeting bag. I saw a shadow and it was Corey so I told him to go away. We went back to sleep and then he went away. Then it was the end of the 1st day.

Day 2

On Tuesday we got up and packed our day-packs and I made sure I got every thing in my daypack then we made sure we had every thing. We started to walk to Tali Karng. Then we started to walk along the track. Then we got to the water and filled our bottles up then we had something to eat. We started to walk up the Valley of Destruction. It was hard. We kept stopping on the way. When we got there we stopped for 2 hours. We went to the waterfall. It took 45minutes up and back. When we got back we started to head back down the valley to our camp. We stopped a few times as it was 9 kilometres back to camp. We got back at 5 pm. We

By RYAN

Day 1

On Monday 15th I woke up at 6:00 and checked my stuff. I got my pack and put it on to check how heavy it was. At 7:00 I had my stuff ready to go. I put on the TV and watched cartoons. At 9:00 I turned off the TV and waited outside for Pete and Colin. They arrived at 9:30 and we left. I turned and started talking to Corey and Cory. We drove for 1 and half hours. When we got there we checked our packs and saw two other people coming back from Lake Tali Karng, they said they did it in 5 hours.

We started walking. We went on the road and crossed a bridge. When we got into the forest we signed a book and had a rest. Then we crossed a river and kept walking. We crossed another river and saw two other people coming back as well. We got in the mountains and started climbing up Shaw's gap. When we reached the top we had a long rest. When we climbed down I fell over a lot and grazed my arm. We got to the bottom and walked to our first camp. We got wood and made a fire. That night I had a hard time getting comfortable and falling asleep.

Day 2

I woke and put on my clothes then I went and put on my hiking boots and we started to hike on the Clive Lanagan walking track and had a break, then we walked to Lake Tali Karng. We stopped and I cracked open a log and two lizards ran out of from underneath I grabbed them and showed them to Colin. One was small and the other was big. We walked through the Valley of Destruction and uphill and over lots of



rocks. It took 8.5km to get there. When we got to Lake Tali Karng we were all too scared to get in and swim so Andrew, Michael and I made a tree house and a ditch type thing and then we went to Snowden Falls. We walked on a hillside and then two people slipped and fell. When we got there we had a photo taken of me and the rest. When we got back to camp we had a contest of who could crack the most wood then we made a fire and went to bed.

Day 3

We woke and stared walking to a new camp. We crossed lots and lots of rivers. Dylan Michael and I were in front by two km. We had to walk 3.2km and we did it an hour. A group of us got lost and made a skeleton of a deer with sticks. We set up our tents and got ready for the next day. Tomorrow we go home. We went for a swim. Corey M, Will, Cory and I swam out to the rock and jumped off. Dylan and I swam back and looked for lizards. We made a stone wall and blocked the river. Then we made stepping-stones. I didn't want to go across because it looked unstable. I wrote my name in the river with stones. We went back to camp and started the fire. We stayed there and dried off. We had tea and went to bed. During the night a possum came into camp and walked near the fire.

Day 4

In the morning Pete woke us up at 6:00 and we got packed for a walk home. We started up the track and my back was as red as a red pencil, it really hurt. I was weak and crying Andrew, Will and I were in a group and we were in front of everyone. When we got to the bus I sat down and fell asleep straight away. When we got to Heyfield I got chips and a drink and went over to the park and ate them, then went home. It was the end of a very long trip.

By MICHAEL

Day 1

On Monday we got picked up then we got there and we got our packs checked then we started to walk. We came to a river. When we crossed it, it was cold. We held on to someone as we crossed the river then we came to the 2nd river. It was a cool place. Then we came to the 3rd river crossing. We set up camp and we went to get firewood. Then we lit the fire. Then we went and got our billies. Then we cooked our tea. I had steak. Then we put on our billies, then we put them on the fire. We put more wood on then we sat in front of the fire to get warm. We went to the river to fill up our water bottles. We kept spitting water on the campfire. We put out the fire. Cory and I camped together. Ryan went to bed then. Andrew went to bed then. Will went to bed then. Dylan went to bed. Then Corey and I and Cory went to bed .We had a full moon that night. It was a cool night. Then we went to sleep.

went to look for firewood. I found a log. We took it back to camp. We got the fire going. It felt funny when I took off my pack. I was tired so I went to sleep. I slept good.

Day 3

We got up and packed up our gear. We made sure we had everything. We pulled down our tents and rolled them up. We started to walk and we came to the river and crossed it. Then we came to the 2nd and 3rd river crossing. We saw a snake. Corey M saw it first. Colin took a photo of it and then we kept walking. We walked down the hill. Then we came to the campsite. We took off our packs then we set up our tents. We put our gear in the tent we went down to the water and went for a swim. Then some people went to the other side. Cory was the first one across to the other side. Then we made a path across to the other side. We went back up then we went to get firewood for the fire. Then we went to get our Billy to cook tea. I had noodles for tea. Then we

sat a around the fire we had a wood breaking competition. We went to sleep.

Day 4

We got up and then we packed our gear and made sure we had everything in our packs then we pulled down the tents then we got the fire going and threw our rubbish in the fire. Then we put out the fire. We put on the backpacks we went back and we crossed a river Cory D was the only one who crossed over on the rocks. Up Shaw's Gap Ryan had sunburn. We had a break. Up the top was a great view. We started to walk down again. When we got to the bottom we came to the water again. We crossed all the rivers then we came to this hill. Then we got to the top of a big hill and walked down the hill and got back to the van. Then we put our backpacks in the trailer. Then got into the van and went to Heyfield. We got fish and chips. Then we went to the park to eat them. Then we got to the van and came home. This is the end of day 4.

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



YEAR 7 CONCERT

KURNAI COLLEGE, CHURCHILL

"I've enjoyed it.", "We've done heaps of practice", and "I'm excited", all attested to the enthusiasm of the group. Their hard working teacher Cheryl Taylor, was full of praise for the students who have a great deal of talent and wanted to, and were prepared to put in the hard work, to stage the concert.

The program consisted of six plays, two poetry recitals, two guitar solos and a singing duet. The students selected the plays they wanted to do from a Junior Secondary Book of Plays, and chose their own musical backing.

Funds raised from the production are to go to these students Year 8 trip to Tasmania.

The fully catered intermission refreshments income is to go to the Home Economics Department.

It was 5:45 p.m. The room was filled with excited chatter and much last minute preparation, as costumes were donned, makeup applied, and final instructions were given. These Year Seven students had been hard at work achieving two-thirds of a semester's work in one term. They were ready to put the show on for the packed house of parents and friends. Comments like "It's fun",

Final Fantasy – Return of Sephiroth Chapter 12: The end, or is it?

By Jazzman and Story man

Gargantuan was still charging and Jarrod had nothing else to do. Suddenly a large creature emerged from the floor! It was SaberDrake! Gargantuan stopped in surprise. SaberDrake seemed to be carrying someone on its back.

"JAMES!" Jarrod yelled and ran towards him and SaberDrake. At first Gargantuan didn't look too worried at all. As a matter of fact it thought SaberDrake would be a pushover like Godo, but he was in for a surprise!

Just as Gargantuan was about to rip SaberDrake to shreds, SaberDrake soared into the air and created a fireball in its mouth. After a brief moment, SaberDrake roared and released a humungous ball of fire directly at Gargantuan! Gargantuan attempted to dodge the attack, but was caught inside a curtain of flames. Gargantuan was defeated.

"So, what the heck is that?!" asked Jarrod.

"This is SaberDrake!" replied James. "It's kind of a long story..."

Back outside, James told Jarrod, Crystal and Keleog about how he met and

became friends with SaberDrake.

"Uh, okay then," said Jarrod "But how did you find us?!"

James froze and tried to think of an explanation.

"Well, I suppose you could say..." began James, but suddenly forgot, just like that!

"So in other words you don't remember," mused Jarrod.

"Yeah that'd be about right," replied James, still trying to remember.

As the gang walked down the narrow road of Nerendaviil they started wondering about what they would do next. Suddenly they all stopped in the middle of the road and looked at each other. You might be asking what they did do after all that. Well that's another story...

If you really, really want to know what happened after that, you'd need to look out for the other chapters sometime in the future, however it won't be any-time soon. It possibly might not be in the newspaper either!

This chapter and series was written, designed and typed up by Jazzman and Story man.

BREAK UP - YOUTH YARD

Kurnai College, Churchill

Kurnai Students were thanked by Churchill and District News for attending and contributing to Youth Yard in 2004 with an end-of-year lunch of pizza and fruit juice.

Thanks are also extended to the Principal and staff who have supported Youth Yard, and in particular, Kim McDuffie, for his invaluable help during Friday lunchtimes and supervision of Computer Room 2.

Students at the break-up were asked what they liked about Youth Yard and why they attended. This is what they said:

"Outside gets boring. At Youth Yard you can hang out with your friends and do interesting things." – D.J.

- "It's fun!" – Jack
- "I come to Youth Yard because I like writing stories" – Jarrod
- "You get to express what you're thinking." – Chris
- "You can write about your interests or whatever you want." – Sairey
- "I like to write about things." - Jacque
- "I like seeing the articles I've written in the paper." – Shannon
- "You can publish your own opinions." – Christo
- "It's somewhere different to go, something different to do." – Matt
- "It keeps me out of mischief. And it's an alternative to the library." - James
- "Your own work gets published." – Luke
- "It's good seeing our stuff in the paper." – Cory
- "Ditto" – Owen
- Mr. McDuffie added "I'm involved because it gives students the opportunity to develop writing skills and they're able to express themselves to the whole community."



A Day At The Beach
A Sonnet
By Shari

We packed the car, it was a sunny day,
The whole family sang "Yah we're off to the beach"
My brother talked about the cricket he would play
But we all hate the sand, it sticks like a leech.

The car had stopped, we're finally here,
Mum pulled out the sunscreen - it was time to slip, slop, slap,
Dad reached for the Esky and grabbed a beer,
My sister picked up her book and said "I'm off for a nap"

We all have had a wonderful day full of fun,
But for one last time I run to the water and feel the soft foam,
But it's getting dark and cold: we can hardly see the sun,
The day is over, it's time to go home.

As I climb the stairs I try not to creep,
I'm off to bed, I'm so tired, I need to sleep.

GAME REVIEW: THE SIMS

By Shadow and Ghost Hunter

This month's Game Review is on The Sims for you people that haven't heard or haven't played it. It was the most popular selling game in the year 2000 but now there is a newer version called Sims 2.

The Sims is a game where you get to control every aspect of their lives, from what house they live in, to what they do as a job. You have some money to make your Sim happy by buying new items.

You can have 8 Sims at a time in your family house.

You can also build a custom house and your Sim or Sims can be adults and kids. You can also have babies mid game if you don't have max characters.

They can die if you neglect them and they also die if they are caught in a natural disaster. Some of the jobs you can get are robber, scientist, army officer, politician, business corporate, daredevil, actor and coach.

This brilliant game is brought to you by the makers of Sim City.



Costas Crusade

Kurnai Drama Group (years 7, 8, 9 and 10) recently performed "Costas Crusade", a story about a greedy councillor trying to befuddle local residents.

The evening was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

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The Magellanic Clouds

By JEFF SING

The Southern Cross can be found very low to the horizon in the southern sky during December evenings. It appears to be standing upside down, with the brilliant pointers, Alpha Centauri ('Rigel Kent', the farthest pointer to the Southern Cross) and Beta Centauri ('Hadar', the nearest pointer to the Cross) stretching to the west of our national symbol.

If you take the two bright stars forming the longest axis of the kite-shaped outline of the Southern Cross and extend it about ten times this six degree distance you will come across a faint hazy patch of light called the Small Magellanic Cloud (SMC). The closest bright star to the SMC is the white brilliance of Achernar. You can almost fit the entire Southern Cross inside this misty smudge, which seems like a detached portion of the Milky Way - our galaxy. However it is in a region devoid of bright stars and lies some distance from the mainstream of stars that make up the Milky Way. The SMC lies in the constellation of Tucana, the Toucan.

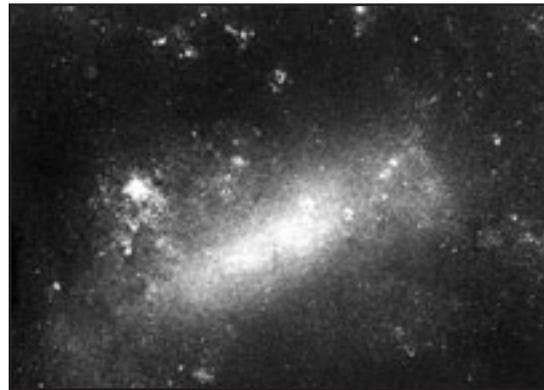
About ten more Southern Cross diameters around on the east side of the SMC but in an anticlockwise direction towards the second brightest star in the whole sky, yellow-white Canopus, is a much larger misty patch called the Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC). The LMC appears twice as big as the SMC. The southern two thirds of the LMC lies in the constellation of Dorado, the Swordfish and the remaining third in Mensa, the Table Mountain.

These two mysterious 'clouds' were named after the Portuguese explorer, Ferdinand Magellan (1480-1521), but he wasn't the first to discover them. According to Aboriginal legend, they were named after two secret tribal lovers, a boy and a girl, who broke the tribal rules, as they were both betrothed to others. The couple were banished to the starry heavens as punishment for their misconduct and as a lesson for others in their tribe. The boy, for all to see, left a big 'hole' in the sky, the LMC and his lover formed the SMC. Both were separated wide apart in the sky because of their 'unforgivable' sins.

The Magellanic Clouds are in fact vast stellar systems, galaxies in their own right, but much smaller than our Milky Way. They are satellite systems to the Milky Way. Both are about 195,000 light years away or twice the distance of the Milky Way's diameter (that is 100,000 light years across). However, contrary to public perception the Clouds are not the closest external galaxies to the Milky Way. That title was claimed temporarily by the Sagittarius Dwarf galaxy, discovered in 1994, which is 80,000 light years away. There may have been nearer systems discovered since then. Our Solar System is located in the galactic suburbs - about 30,000 light years from the centre of our galaxy.

If you look closely near one edge inside the LMC you will see a

very small but faint knotted feature called the Tarantula nebula



(otherwise known as the 30 Doradus or N 2070). This is an emission nebula of very hot ionised hydrogen gas called H II region. This is probably the largest known star forming region which could spawn millions of stars. The nebula is about 800 light years across. The LMC itself stretches 60,000 light years across and has about 20% the number of stars as the Milky Way galaxy.

The LMC is also famous for the first naked eye supernova in 400 years called SN 1987A. In February 1987 the light of an exploded star reached as bright as the second magnitude (about the same brightness as the fourth brightest star in the Southern Cross, Delta Crucis). This progenitor star, formerly less than the 12th magnitude (visible only under high magnification in a small telescope), brightened by the factor of more than a million times. A supernova is when a massive star has come to the end of its evolutionary cycle and explodes in a cataclysmic finale.

About one and a half degrees away from the SMC (about three full moon diameters side by side) is a bright globular cluster, 47 Tucanae (NGC 104). It is bright optically but to the naked eye it appears as a faint fuzzy star. It is visually one of the brightest and largest globular star clusters in the whole sky, second only to Omega Centauri. Globular clusters consist of hundreds of thousands to millions of faint stars. They are amongst the oldest objects in the Universe and congregate around the nucleus of the Milky Way like a galactic halo. About 200 globulars have been discovered so far, and many more are obscured by the Milky Way's abundant and opaque interstellar clouds. 47 Tucanae is a truly magnificent sight in binoculars and telescopes.

There are no monthly meetings held for the Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society during the December and January holidays. The first meeting for 2005 will be held on Tuesday February 11 at Wirilda Environment Park, near Tyers, starting at 7.30pm. A Christmas barbecue and observing night, the Annual 'Starbecue', was held at the Wirilda Park on December 4.

Visit the society's website for the latest news and events for the coming year at <http://home.vicne.net.au/~lvas>. Merry Christmas to all regular readers, and to first time readers of this column.

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T.O.F.S.S. Welcomes New Members

By DI OHLSON

T.O.F.S.S. Inc., The Over Forty Social Singles, is a group that caters for single people over the

age of 40 years.

We offer friendship and companionship to singles who like the company of people of the same age and who have similar outlooks on life.

T.O.F.S.S. understand how difficult it can be to begin a social life when you find yourself alone due to divorce, separation or death of a partner. T.O.F.S.S. welcomes new members and encourages those interested to contact the group.

Events to look forward to in the coming months include dinners at various local restaurants, a day trip to the beach, monthly meetings, picnics and a free sausage sizzle in the park in Traralgon for all over forty singles who want to make new friends.

For further details of our organisation and events please contact Janet on 5133 9854, Di on 5134 5960, Lorraine on 5134 3142, Jenny on 5174 2717, Norm on 04039 61324, Barb on 5134 2126 or alternatively write to T.O.F.S.S. Inc., Gippsland Mail centre, Victoria 3842.

Are You At Risk?

EACH year approximately 1,300 Australians die from skin cancer, a disease that is almost totally preventable. Answer the questions in the quiz to see what is your risk of skin cancer.

1. What is your skin type?

- A. Dark.
- B. Olive.
- C. Fair.

2. Do you have freckly skin?

- A. No, not really.
- B. A little, there are a few freckles and moles here and there.
- C. Yes, I have plenty of freckles and moles.

3. How often are you outdoors?

- A. All the time - my occupation (for example, roof tiler or landscape gardener) keeps me outside at least eight hours every day.
- B. Whenever the sun is shining - I like to garden, go to the beach or play outdoor sports, weather permitting.
- C. Not very often, I prefer indoor activities or I sit in the shade when outside.

4. Do you regularly apply SPF 30+ sunscreen when outdoors on sunny days?

- A. I apply sunscreen to my face and other exposed skin areas every day, or on most days.
- B. No, either I can't be bothered or I

like the look of tanned skin.

C. Only for specific 'outdoor' activities, such as swimming or gardening.

5. Do you wear a hat when outdoors on sunny days?

- A. No, or hardly ever.
- B. Yes, I wear a hat most of the time.
- C. Yes, every time I go outside.

6. Do you wear sunglasses when outdoors on sunny days?

- A. No, or hardly ever.
- B. Only if I'm squinting
- C. Yes, every time I go outside.

7. How often would you get severely sunburnt during an average summer?

- A. Never, or very rarely.
- B. At least once.
- C. Multiple times.

8. Do you use solariums?

- A. Occasionally, for example, to work up a bit of a tan before a special summer holiday.
- B. No.
- C. All the time, because I look healthy and attractive with tanned skin.

Calculate your score:

Q1 A = 3, B = 2, C = 1. Q2 A = 3, B = 2, C = 1. Q3. A = 1, B = 2, C = 3. Q4. A = 3, B = 1, C = 2. Q5 A = 1, B = 3, C = 2. Q6 A = 1, B = 2, C = 3. Q7 A = 3, B = 2, C = 1. Q. A = 2, B = 3, C = 1.

Score 8 to 12

Each year about 270,000 Australians have a skin cancer removed. Skin cancer is a preventable disease that kills about 1,300 Australians every year. Your lifestyle choices are putting you at serious risk. Make some sunsmart changes, and talk about your moles and freckles the next time you visit the doctor.

Score 12 to 18

Some of your lifestyle habits are putting you at increased risk of skin cancer. Making a few simple changes (such as using sunscreen) could save your life. Browse through Better Health Channel articles (www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au) on skin cancer for ideas on protecting yourself from UV radiation.

Score 19 to 24

Congratulations, your lifestyle choices are substantially reducing your risk of skin cancer. Remember, anyone can develop skin cancer, so see your doctor or dermatologist if you have a new spot, or a mole that bleeds or changes shape or colour.

This information has been provided by the Better Health Channel. Material on the Better Health Channel is regularly updated, for the latest version of this information please visit: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

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Lioness Club

By MARGARET BARKER,
Publicity

OUR last meeting for the year has been held and we don't have another meeting until February 2005.

We have been busy in the past month with the rose garden at Hazelwood House – it looks wonderful. Some of the residents come out for a chat and tell us how they love to walk among the roses and what a lovely garden we have created. It's nice to know that they enjoy it so much. Most of our members participate in this activity and it gives us pleasure as well.

November 28-29 was Gem and Bottle Show catering at Kernot Hall. This is one of our big fundraisers for the year and once again it was a success. It was all hands on deck along with some Lions Ladies who are always willing to help us out. Thanks to the ladies concerned, it is much appreciated.

The Lions Ladies are also invited to our Christmas Breakup to be held at Angelinas. This is always a great night with lots of fun and frivolity. We also

combine with the Lions Club for a breakup with a visit from Santa for the children – more fun.

The Lioness Club also attended the combined meeting with Traralgon Lions where they had three guest speakers from the Peter McCallum Institute. This was a very informative talk about the research and different types of cancers and how they are formed within our bodies.

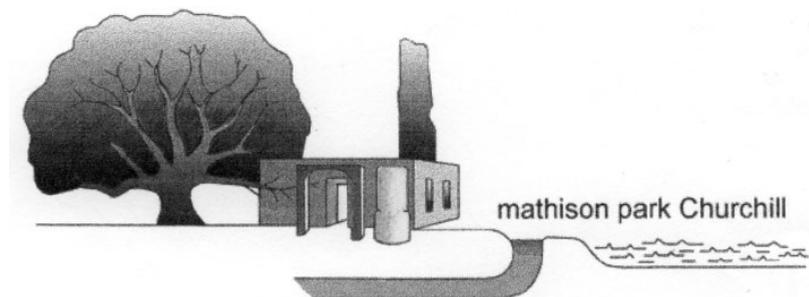
In December we also have a combined meeting with the Lions Club for the District Governor's visit.

It is also time to take more emergency Toilet Packs to the Latrobe Regional Hospital.

Our members put in 119 service hours and donated to Lions Eye Research. Once again a busy month.

Thanks to those that have helped us throughout the year. Think about joining us in the New Year – it is not all hard work – there is fun as well.

Best wishes for the coming New Year and have a Merry Christmas.



Mathison Park Logo Winner

THE winner of the Logo Competition was Bev Thompson (pictured). Congratulations Bev on your fine work. The Logo will be used on signs and on the Park stationary letterhead.

A special thank you to all the students who entered. Your efforts were much appreciated. We hope you now have a closer bond with the Park through your visit to it.

There are three plants around trees in the Arboretum beds that are in bloom at present.

They are the Long Purple Flag, the yellow coloured Bulbine Lily and the pink Grass Trigger Plant.

The Bulbine Lily is found in open and closed forests, coastal regions, woodlands, scrubs, grasslands, heathlands, fresh water swamps and fern gullies. Bulbine Lilies have tubers which were eaten raw or roasted by the local Ganai people. They are starchy, with a pleasant flavour.



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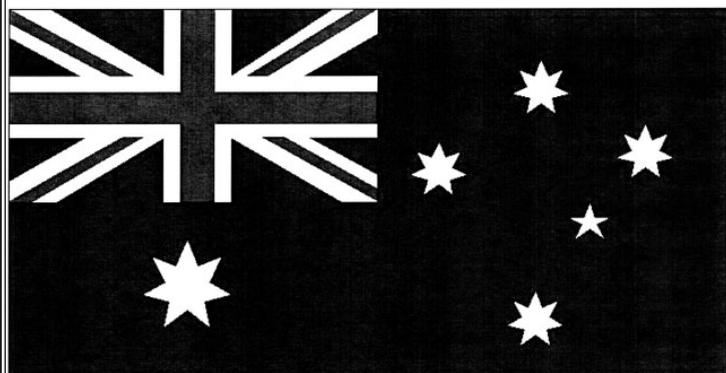
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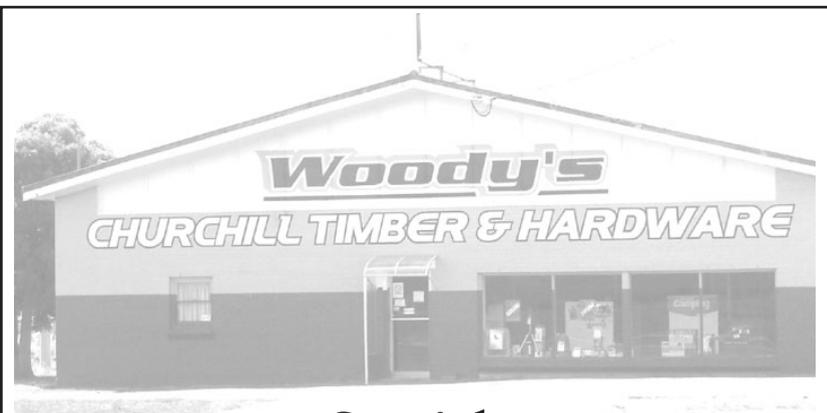
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Private pools and spas must not be filled from empty (defined as less than 25% full) without prior written approval from Gippsland Water. Private pools and spas may only have their water added to or replaced by means of a hand-held bucket or hand-held hose.

Water must not be used to clean paved areas unless cleaning is required for health and safety reasons.

Fountains must not be filled from empty. Fountains may only have their water added to or replaced if they are filled with a means for recycling water and only then by means of a hand-held bucket or hand-held hose.

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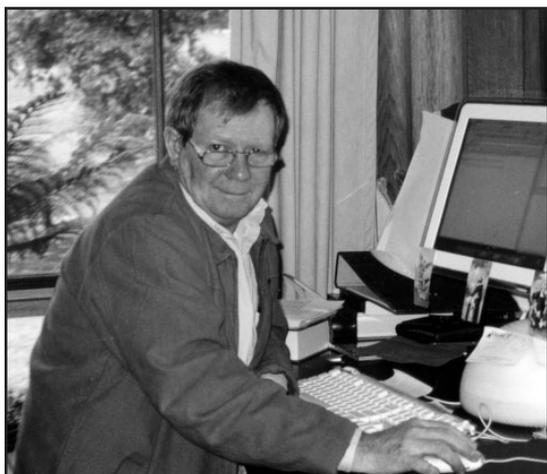
Michael Dyson Awarded PhD

AFTER 5 years of study through Monash University, Michael Dyson of Churchill has recently been awarded his PhD. Michael is a lecturer at Monash

University, Gippsland in the Faculty of Education and is involved in the education of pre-service teachers.

Michael's thesis focused on the reconceptualisation of teacher education in Australia. Michael undertook an extensive literature review covering the history of teacher education in Australia and investigated the 4th year internship program currently conducted through Monash University Gippsland. He has devel-

oped a model of teacher education in Australia called a Transformism Model. Congratulations Michael on your PhD.



Season's Greetings from CDCA

By Margaret Guthrie, President

It's a busy time of year, with many Christmas and end-of-year celebrations happening. CDCA hopes all Churchill and district residents, families and friends have a safe and happy festive season.

Our Community Christmas Market will be held this Saturday morning (11 Dec) in the courtyard outside the Commonwealth Bank (West Place). A number of community groups will be conducting fund-raising activities at this event and a variety of crafts, gifts and other goods will be on sale. Free tea and coffee will be available and some children's activities provided. Members of the public will be asked to donate a gold coin to the Gippsland Cancer Care Appeal on entry to the market.

CDCA provided some financial assistance for the children attending Glendonald Kindergarten to make Christmas decorations for the kindergarten windows, to compliment those made by students at Churchill Primary that are now hanging in the Glendonald shop windows. A big thankyou to all the children and staff involved.

Meantime, children at Churchill North Primary are working on Christmas banners to be displayed in Churchill's main shopping centre, whilst Lumen Christi will be providing a back-drop scene to be used at Carols by Candlelight (19 Dec, 8pm at Monash University). CDCA has funded some special "lighting" for this event, which we hope those taking part will enjoy - particular-

ly the children!

We were pleased to also be able to support the recent Churchill Advent Pageant, held at Churchill Shopping Centre. Students from 3 primary schools symbolically re-enacted the Christmas story, with shopkeepers and Churchill Hotel playing a role too. Organized by Fusion Australia along with the schools, local churches, Hazelwood Rotary Club and CDCA, it was a bright and joyous community activity to celebrate Christmas.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and all the best for 2005. CDCA does not meet in January, so our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 February 2005 at 7.30pm in the Link Room at Monash University. Inquiries may be made to the Secretary on 5122 3602 or PO Box 191, Churchill.



Students from Churchill Primary at Glendonald Milk Bar



Christmas And New Year Celebrations In Churchill

Saturday December 11

9am -1pm Community Christmas Market

Tuesday December 14

Churchill North Primary School end-of- year performance.

Wednesday December 15

11am Churchill Neighbourhood Centre end-of- year Break up

Thursday December 16 (t.b.c)

Lumen Christi Primary School Nativity Play

Friday December 17

End of School Term 4

Sunday December 19

Carols by Candlelight at Monash University - Organised by Churchill's Combined Churches Group.

This listing has been put together from information available to CDCA in Oct 04 and is intended to assist planning December activities, not as a comprehensive calendar.

The affects of asbestos do not discriminate

By VAL PROKOPIV

ANGELA Jones' mother was diagnosed with asbestos related cancer on 31st January this year. Then weeks later she died. Angela told her story at the recent Asbestos Awareness Memorial Service organised by Gippsland Asbestos Related Diseases Support (GARDS), a story aptly summed up by Lyle Seear as one 'that touched all our hearts'.

After being diagnosed Angela's mother, Norma, was sent home from hospital in Melbourne with no hope and totally unprepared for the weeks ahead. The local hospital could do little to help, even with basic pain control.

"She suffered terribly, physically and emotionally," said Angela. The pain was excruciating and she felt she was a burden to the family. Unable to cope she was eventually transferred to a Melbourne hospital where they finally managed to get the pain under control. She died peacefully three days later. The pain, however, goes on for the family.

"The greatest injustice is that Mum's disease was preventable," said Angela. Her Grandfather and Uncle both worked at Yallourn and asbestos dust was brought into the family home on their clothes.

"We are dealing with a killer amongst us," said Lyle Seear, President of GARDS. "We were told [by the manager] 'don't worry, trust us, we will look after your health and safety'. Two years later I sat at his bedside."

GARDS was formed in 1993 by Ann Bailey and Lyle Seear as a support group for widows and those affected by asbestos related disease. By 2000 they had progressed to take on an advocacy role as well, fighting for

the recognition and the rights of sufferers and their families and have become internationally renowned. They are currently involved in the negotiations with James Hardie.

According to Vicki Hamilton, Secretary of GARDS, the negotiations are hard work. "They are trying to get out of their moral and legal responsibilities," she said.

Peter mcGauren, Federal National Party MP recognised the incredible job done by GARDS in the Latrobe Valley, an area that has seven times the average number of cases of asbestos related disease. "They have led the charge," he said, "but more needs to be done."

"James Hardie will not be allowed to escape their social, moral and economic responsibilities," he continued. "The State and Federal Governments will hold them responsible."

Latrobe City Mayor, Darrell White also called on James Hardie Industries to provide for present and future victims of asbestos.

"Thousands have died because of companies such as James Hardie," said Brendan Jenkins, State Labour MP. He welcomed the commitment from State and Federal Governments towards the case but argued that they have not gone far enough. "James Hardie went to Holland to protect their money from Australian Law," he said. "The demolition of the Lurgi Gas Plant continues operating with relative impunity in an asbestos riddled environment."

The affects of asbestos does not discriminate.

"If you need our help we will be there," said Vicki.

Local Boys To Play Soccer Overseas



Cameron Dunne and Adam Curwood have been selected to travel to Singapore and Kuala Lumpur to play in the quadrant soccer tournament.

They will be playing against the U17 Singapore Academy Youth Team, the U17 Malacca State Youth Team and the Thailand State Youth Team. They will be leaving on January 3 and will be overseas for 11 days and will be playing for 6 days.

Both boys have played for country Victoria this year and have been in training with the Professional Advanced Soccer Development Program based in Warragul. We wish both boys well.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring Adam and Cameron please telephone the Churchill & District News on 5122 2589 and we will pass on your information.

Pictured left: Adam Curwood at the Boys Under 14 Friendship Games 2004, at Valentine Park, New South Wales.

Yinnar Bowls

By GEOFF MARSHALL

THE Men's Pennant Team in Division 3 is off to a slow start, but the second team fared better, at one time being seconded in Division 5. Unfortunately they have dropped a bit in the last few weeks!

The Ladies 'A' team has now moved to third from top of their Division after a slow start in the G.D.L.B.A. Division 2 and in Division 4. Yinnar White is at the top with Yinnar Black holding on. Don't forget Ladies that 3 and under Handicap starts on January 11 2005 with a Members special day on Tuesday January 18, and the Proportional Handicap is on the 2nd and 3rd of February.

A great day was had on the bus trip to the Rosebud Bowls Club last month, as was the Twilight Bowls Night on the 24th. The next Twilight Bowls will be on January 5 and February 2 with the new format of \$5 per Adult and \$2 per child under 14 for 2 hours of bowling and a

barbecue with salad afterwards.

The third Yinnar Skins were another success last Sunday with everyone having a fun day. The next two Yinnar Skins will be on 2 January and 6 February for only \$5 for the day, starting at 1.00pm.

The Presidents Handicap will be held on January 8 and 9 with the Championship Fours on January 16 and 30. The 4 and under handicap will be on January 19 and 30.

The Yinnar Triples will be on Wednesday 15 December, 12 and 19 January and the 9 and 16 February.

The Massaro sponsored Australia Day will start at 10.00am on 26 January 2005.

Well it's that time of year again, so from the Yinnar Bowls we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. Good Bowling.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club Results

Saturday Men's Comp: Stroke, 23.10.04 CCR69
A Grade: (0-15) S. Andrews (10) 69 C/B. B Grade: (16-21) L. Stein (16) 65. C Grade: (22-32) J. Sterrick (32) 62. DTL: G. Blizzard 68, C. Lesiw 69, B. Murphy 69, V. Monument 710, W. Peter 70, C Johnson 71 C/B.
NTP: 3rd C. Lesiw, 5th G. Morrison, 12th S. Andrews, 14th T. Sterrick. Birdies: 3rd C. Lesiw, J. Sterrick, D. Taylor, 5th S. McCafferty, 12th L. Stein.

Sunday Men's Comp: Stableford, 24.10.04 CCR 68
Winner: L. Stein (15) 42pts. DTL: T. Sterrick (13) 41. NTP: 3rd L. Stein, 12th J. Ambrosini, 14th L. Maher. Birdies: 3rd S. Stein, 12th J. Ambrosini, 14th L. Maher. Birdies: 3rd L. Stein, 12th J. Ambrosini, D. Taylor, 14th L. Maher.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford, 24.10.04
Winner: C. Barnes (38) 33pts. DTL: J. Maher 926
27. NTP: 5th J. Maher, 14th C. Barnes.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: 4B Stroke, 26.10.04
Winners: M. McConville (21), H Croft (38) 64. DTL: S Jeffery (32), C. Ellis (32) 68 C/B, V. Anderson (35), M. Mitchell (40) 68. NTP: 3/12 0-32 J. Blizzard, 33-45 D. Mogford, 5/14 0-32 J. Leslie, 33-45 V. Rowley. Lost Handicap: M. McConville 21-20.

Saturday Men's Comp: Monthly Medal, 30.10.04 CCR 70

Scratch: W. Peter 83. A Grade: (0-16) W. Peter (16) 67. B Grade: (17-22) G. Down (21) 71. C Grade (22-32) and Medal: G. Britton (30) 62. DTL: C. Speekenbrink 73, L. Stein 73, J. Dickson 74, P. Williams 74, F. Sedjak 75, R. Welsh 76 C/B. NTP: 3rd B. Barnes, 12th W. Peter, 14th L. Stein. Putts: W. Peter 27.

Sunday Men's Comp: Open Mixed Canadian, 31.10.04

Scratch: Dael Scurlock / Jo Leslie 80. Handicap: Lindsay Stein / Barb Beebe 70 5/8. Visitors Trophy: Russell and Olwyn Balfour 73 1/8. DTL: B. Forrest/M. Neilson 74 1/2, B. Peter/V. Verheyen 75 1/4, J & D Kidd 75 3/4, G. Sanders/M. McConville 76, T and H Hockley

77 1/8. NTP: 3rd B. Hall, J. Maher, 5th G. Sanders, 12th B. Hall, 14th J. Kuhne.

Melbourne Cup

Day: Stableford (Ladies) 2.11.04 CCR70
Winner: M. McDonald (43) 37pts. DTL: E. D'Alterio (25) 37pts, M. McConville (20) 36pts, V. Verheyen 35pts. NTP: 5th C. Ellis, 14th M. McConville.

Melbourne Cup Day: Stableford (Men's) 2.11.04 CCR71

A Grade: G. Beyer (13) 37pts. B Grade: F. Sedjak (23) 40pts. DTL: G. Britton 35, C. Speekenbrink 35, C. Flannigan 35, P. Williams 35. NTP: 3rd B. Peter, 5th J. Ambrosini, 12th B. Murphy, 14th P. Williams. Birdies: B. Murphy 12th.

Saturday Men's Comp: 4BBB Stroke, 6.11.04
Winners: F. Sedjak (21), V. Monument (28) 59. Runner Up: J. Ambrosini (22) / R. Sheahey (19) 62 C/B. DTL: C. Speekenbrink / G. Down 62, S. McCafferty / D. Williams 63, R. Welsh / P. Ludlow. NTP: 3rd W. Leslie, 5th C. Speekenbrink, 12th J. Ambrosini, 14th W. Peter. Birdies: J. Ambrosini 12th, C. Speekenbrink 5th, and F. Sedjak 5th.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Medal Stroke, 9.11.04 CCR73

Scratch: Di Scurlock 93. A Grade: E. D'Alterio 72 and Medal. B Grade: V. Verheyen 74. DTL: M. McConville 77, Di Scurlock 77. NTP: 3/12 33-45 V. Anderson, 5/12 0-32 L. Jessop, 33-45 B. Beebe. Putts: Jo Leslie 26. Longest Drive: 0-32 D. Thomas, 33-45 V. Anderson. Lost Handicap E. D'Alterio 25-24.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Canadian, 16.11.04 CCR70
Winner: Y. Wotton and V. Anderson (22 7/8) 73 1/8. DTL: J. Leslie and Di Scurlock 81 3/4, C. Ellis and J. Blizzard 82 1/8, E. D'Alterio and V. Rowley 84 1.2.



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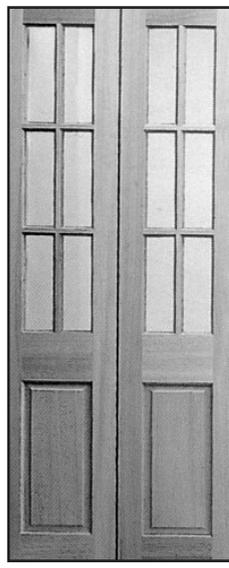
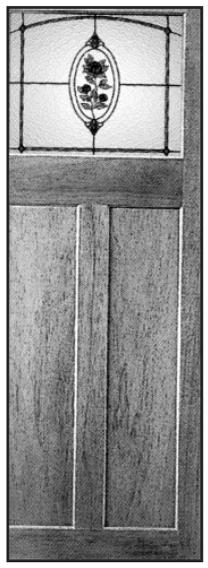
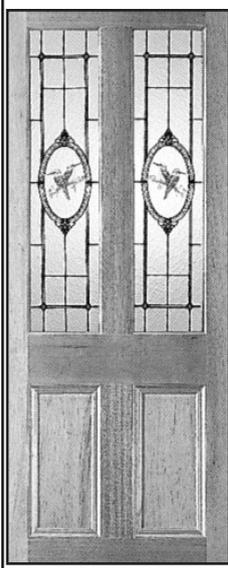
We made a fitted frameless edged automatic doors and frameless shopfront windows to the Workways building. 12mm toughened safety glass was used for both and the finished product looks terrific!

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To Guy's Glass & Commercial Shopfitters,

I was enormously impressed with your promptness, quality of work, and your staff's obvious pleasure in their work! You are very professional, and I would not hesitate to call again. I thoroughly recommend you to everyone!!

Joyce McWatters
Toongabbie

DON'T WASH YOUR WINDOWS THIS SUMMER!

Layers of dirty film on windows and screens provide a help filter against harmful and ageing rays from the sun. Call it an SPF factor of 15 and leave it alone!

X'mas Cleaning Tip

If unexpected company is coming, pile everything unsightly into one room and close the door. As you know your guests through your tidy home, rattle the door knob vigorously, fake a growl and say, "I'd love you to see our study, but Fluffy hates to be disturbed and the shots are so expensive".

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all of our customers for their support during 2004. we wish you all a merry christmas and a safe and happy new year. see you again in 2005!
Guy, Debbie & Staff.

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