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Hazelwood North Fire Brigade Lieutenant Wins Prestigious Victorian Award

Roslyn Greaves won the 'Big W' (Woolworths Ltd) community involvement award for 2008.

Roslyn was nominated by the Morwell Big W store for her involvement with the CFA. She was selected as the state winner from many other nominations from across Victoria in various volunteer fields.

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Churchill Advent Pageant

The day dawned misty and cool. Would we have a wet day program, or go with what we had planned? The answer was the latter, which proved to be the wisest choice. Our prayers had been answered and we were blessed yet again.

The Walker Parade Reserve was transformed into a tent city- one tent for each of the three participating schools, plus a gazebo for the face painters. Banners and a Christmas tree added to the atmosphere, but the main attraction was the animal shelter, where Mary and Joseph would find rest and refuge to await the birth of their Child Jesus.

After a letterbox drop to the residents of nearby houses, it was great to see some accept the invitation to join us. We want to give particular thanks to Jan and Bruce Stephenson who provided us with power and water for the day. Jan also worked tirelessly helping the Rotarians who provided the sausage sizzle and drinks free of charge.

When everyone had gathered, the procession of 120 excited children and adults dressed as shepherds, wise men, angels and sheep, set off for the shopping centre led by Mary and Joseph, from Churchill Primary School to congregate at the Future Flicks. Then at the Newsagency, Joseph asked Garry if there was any room in the inn.

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Churchill & District News

Welcome to the final edition for the year. The team will now take a well earned break in January with the next edition due out on 13th February 2009.

Churchill has seen many changes in 2008, with the extension to Ritchies, the building of the Hub, the demolition and rebuilding of West Place. No doubt 2009 will bring more challenges.

The proposal for a western link road through Walker Reserve is likely to be a big issue, and, after recently driving past another accident on Monash Way I, and others think the time has come to lobby again for the road to be duplicated - watch this space in 2009!

Your letters are welcome and we invite comment on

any issue concerning the district. Letters should be sent to PO Box 243, Churchill.

I would like to thank all the team for their hard work during the year and I look forward to working with them in 2009.

I would also like to thank all our contributors, sponsors and advertisers whose support we rely on.

The team would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.



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Seasons Greetings

Roslyn Greaves wins Prestigious Award *continued from page 1*

Roslyn joined the Hazelwood North Brigade in 1999. After completing her wild fire training she was able to become an active member, attending many wild fires, motor vehicle accidents and structural fire calls. In 2002 Roslyn was elected 4th Lieutenant and has continued as Lieutenant advancing to 2nd Lieutenant.

Roslyn was invited to the National Managers Conference in Brisbane, along with winners from other states. At a large thank you dinner, Roslyn was congratulated for her achievements by Craig Partridge, General Manager for stores and was presented with her trophy by Greg Froan, Chief Executive Officer of Big W.

store of Big W in the apparel department for 7 years.

Roslyn thanked everyone involved with the nomination and felt very privileged to be given such an award. She also acknowledged her Captain, Ray Beaton, for all his support since joining the brigade, the support from all brigade members and the Hazelwood North Community.

Ray congratulated Roslyn on her achievement in winning the award and also the achievements of the brigade. He went on to say that Roslyn is an example to other women of what can be achieved with commitment and dedication and hoped many others would follow her lead.

Roslyn has worked at the Morwell



Jill Wall, Pauline Prowse and Vicki Burgess show off the world's best baked spud at the Gem Show

Lionesses Race to the End of the Year!

Margaret Dawson, Media Officer
As we race towards the end of the year again the Churchill and District Lioness Club is as busy as ever with their fund raising activities.

Members raised \$100 for the Leukemia Foundation at an ad hoc lunch held at Merrilyn Grisotto's home after a Rose Garden working Bee and after a Girl's Night In at Sue Lowick's, \$500 was donated to the Cancer Council.

Margaret Barker, organizer for this regular activity, again delivered supplies of Emergency Packs for those who find themselves admitted without basic toiletries and various hand knitted baby clothes to Latrobe Regional Hospital.

"The Club is delighted to be recipients this time, by way of a grant from Latrobe City Council. This will assist us to purchase mate-

rials to make rugs/blankets for local people who find themselves homeless" said Media Officer, Margaret Dawson. "We will work in conjunction with local organization, Quantum Support Services, to distribute these" added Margaret.

The club continues to support the Open Family based in Melbourne in a similar way.

The Hazelwood House Rose garden is looking glorious and thanks goes to all the hard working gardening members who are to be congratulated for their ongoing efforts. Work in a garden is never ending as we all know.

The Club catered again this year for the Gem and Collectables Show at Kernot Hall. There was a very good attendance and brisk trade at the counter kept all on their toes for the whole weekend. We also assisted the Lions cater for the Dog Show

on the Sunday.

A weekend at Lions Licola Camp proved to be a very welcome break for those able to travel there and another group attended a very informative Lioness Forum in Warragul.

After another very busy fundraising and social year members are preparing for their Christmas Break and planning for another busy year in 2009.

"We wish all our members and friends a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year and thank you again for another year supporting our community", said Margaret Dawson.

Any member of the community interested in the work of the Lionesses can contact President, Sue Lowick on 51222502



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MONDAY 26TH JANUARY 2009
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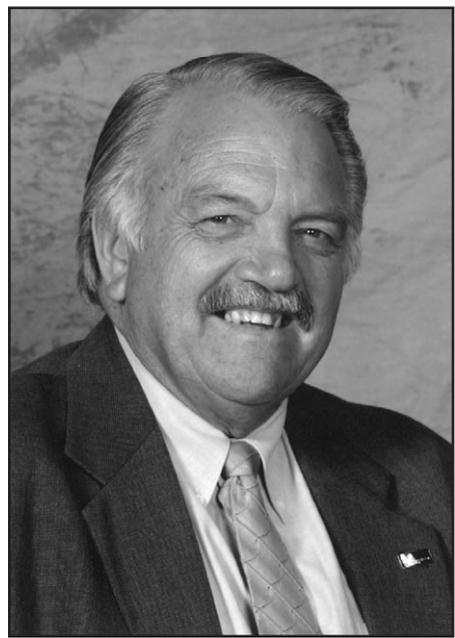
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Churchill & District Community Hub

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* Rob Whelan
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* Mike Answerth
* Wendy Bischoff

The Management Committee held its first meeting on 17th November last and the next meeting is scheduled for 9th December. A key issue which the Management Committee is immediately addressing is the creation of an appropriate operational framework for the Hub's daily functioning.

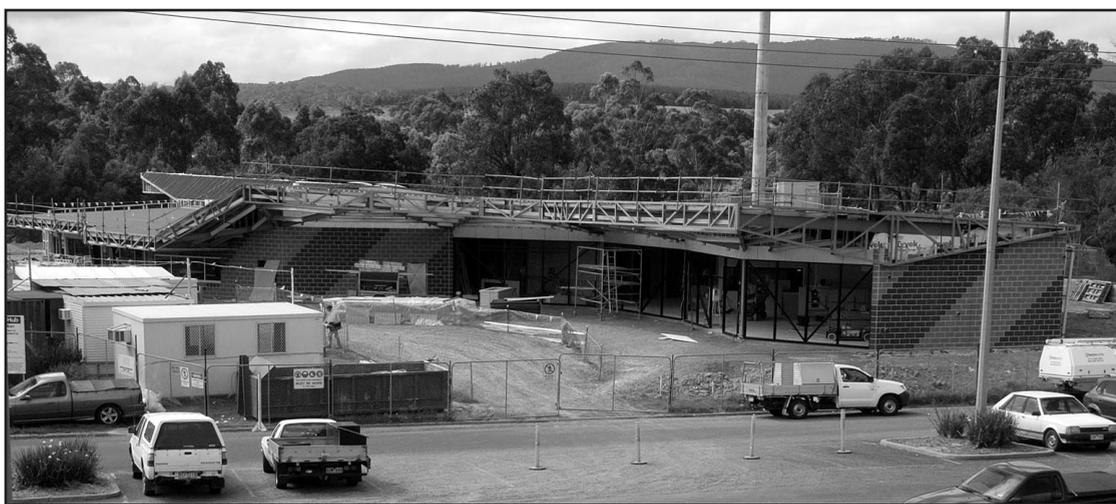
Meanwhile construction of the Hub continues to near completion. The refurbishing of the Town Hall is complete and the upstairs area is available again for the community to use. The builders, W. Parnell Constructions, are confident the building will be complete by the end of December 2008 and ready for use on the 2nd February to coincide with the start of the pre-school year.

Further information on the Churchill & District Community Hub

A Management Committee has recently been appointed by Latrobe City Council to provide oversight and direction for the Churchill and District Community Hub into the future. The Management Committee meetings will be chaired by myself, as the Firmin Ward Councillor, and David Welch (Manager, Child and Family Services) will fulfil the role as the Committee's Executive Officer.

Appointees are:

* Mary Willaton



project can be obtained from David Welch, Manager Child & Family Services, Latrobe City Council, on 5128 5603.

CHURCHILL TOWN CENTRE PLAN

Council, at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 20th October last resolved as follows:

1. That Council adopts in principle the concept design for Section 2 (The Commercial Precinct) of the 2007 Churchill Town Centre Plan.

2. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to commence negotiations with landowners in the subject area in relation to property matters required to implement the concept design.

3. That consultation be undertaken on the concept design for a four week period in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy and Strategy.

4. That a further report be presented to Council on 15th December

2008, following community engagement.

Consultation on the concept design has taken place which has resulted in a wide range of positive responses being received and suggestions in relation to implementation.

Council will consider the results of the community consultation in a report which will be part of the Council's meeting scheduled for 15th December next.



CDCA 'doings'

By Margaret Guthrie, President

CDCA had its final 2008 meeting in late November at the Churchill Chinese Restaurant. A crowd of some 20 members dined together, sharing conversation and the brief conduct of business-at-hand. Our end-of-year dinner is a 'thank you' for the contributions and efforts of our volunteers throughout the year.

I am sometimes asked what CDCA does, for we are not an organisation that conducts events or activities that are highly visible in the community.

Our role is to represent the views of residents, particularly to local government, advocating for the 'appropriate' development, infrastructure and regulation for community benefit.

To this end, we meet monthly, to discuss issues raised by members, hear updates on project development, respond to policy drafts

and such-like received from Latrobe City and generally address matters relating to Churchill's future.

As examples of our actions, our out-going correspondence last month (arising

from discussions at previous meetings) included 2 letters to Latrobe City - one seeking clarification of the Terms of Reference for Council's 'Southern Towns Recreation Strategy' and its impact on current discussions for the provision of a Lawn Bowls facility in Churchill and the other asking about the provision of recycling facilities at all Latrobe City sponsored events.

We also provided a letter of support for a proposed publication on an aspect of Churchill's history and wrote to Monash Gippsland Campus commending the superb organisation of the recent Regional Sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

In addition, we made a submission to Latrobe City Council on the proposed Churchill Town Centre Plan. We are advised that some 11 submissions were received, most being positive, with suggestions for various details requiring further attention as development progresses. A report is being prepared for Council's December 15 meeting.

Currently, through the efforts of a delegated working party, CDCA is preparing a further submission to Council on the proposed amendment to the local Planning Scheme (Amendment C62) which includes a new structure plan for Churchill. Closing date for comments to Council is 12th Dec and we are advised that this matter is likely to be considered at the March '09 Council meeting.

CDCA representatives attend local project groups, when feasible. I have been attending meetings of the Churchill Hub Users' group this year, whilst our Secretary, Rob Whelan,



has been appointed to the newly-created Hub Board. The first group's main business is the construction and fit-out of the Hub, whilst the second is considering policy and management issues.

We are advised that there have been only a few construction delays and the Hub will open in early 2009, although a certain date is not yet known. Final inspections will be conducted in early January, prior to a Certificate of Occupancy being issued. This Certificate must be obtained before public activities may commence within the Hub.

2009 promises to be an exciting year for us all. There will be road alterations; certainly to Phillip Parade and probably to Georgina Place within the retail precinct, with broad community consultation expected on a possible extension of Georgina Place across Monash Way to Walker Parade (the East-West Link).

The Community Hub will open, with its new library, neighbourhood centre and centralised children's services. The Town Hall has been renovated and offers the prospect of new activities in the 'wet/dry workshop' area created downstairs.

The Ritchies' supermarket extension will be completed, along with the redevelopment of West Place Shopping Centre. Let's hope that the former Churchill Hotel site is next!

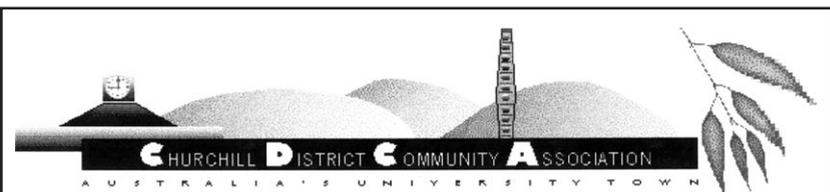
There'll be news on the proposed Regional Hockey Facility to be sited at Monash, likely extensions to the Churchill Leisure Centre and a possible Lawn Bowls facility within the township. All this and perhaps, finally, a 'civic space' in the town centre!

All local residents are very welcome to attend our meetings and hear the latest on Churchill projects and issues.

CDCA meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Our first meeting for 2009 will be on Wednesday 28th January (no December meeting).

Contact CDCA at PO Box 191, Churchill or by phoning the Secretary, Rob Whelan on 0427223602 or via email: robwhelan@effel.net.au

Pictured Above: CDCA November Meeting at Churchill Chinese Restaurant



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May Graeme with Tinkerbell

Age is no barrier, we care.....

Joan Gardner, Craft Co-ordinator, has her ladies in Craft groups at G.O. (Golden Oldies) in Churchill and Glenwood Assisted Living in Traralgon work all year making pouches for the wild life shelters of the Valley who take care of wild life injured on our roads.

Joan, along with the ladies presented Wild Life Officer, Jean Quick, from Boolarra with over 250 pouches for Kangaroos, Wombats etc that they have made. This is the 5th year these groups who are aged between 50 and 96 years of age have presented the pouches to shelters.

Well done to all!

Pictured is May Graeme of the Golden Oldies Club cuddling Tinkerbell, a 7 month old Kangaroo. All the club members had a cuddle and saw firsthand their hard work in action.



The craft group from GO Club Churchill and Glenwood Assisted Living Traralgon



Northe's Natter

which will see a regeneration of the shopping precinct and a number of road changes to improve access and safety in the town centre.

Schools throughout the district continue to provide quality education opportunities for our children as evidenced in the C&D News special edition last month. They do so despite significant budgetary limitations and I will continue to support local schools in their endeavours to secure additional funding in 2009.

Once again the district hosted a number of successful events this year, including the ever-popular Boolarra Folk Festival (and don't forget to mark 7 March 2009 in your diary), the Churchill Festival and the historic regional sitting of Parliament at Monash University. A

reminder that the Churchill Festival committee rely on your support to get the event up and running again next year as Val and team have decided to hand over the reins.

Christmas is a time of celebration, an opportunity to reflect on that which brings us joy, recharge our batteries and most importantly spend valuable time with family and friends.

For those travelling on our roads this Christmas I urge you to drive responsibly and with regard for other road users to ensure everyone gets to their destination safely.

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December 24th
CHRISTMAS EVE:
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December 25th
Christmas Day
9.30 pm

Churchill Community Church

December 21st
Christmas Service
10am



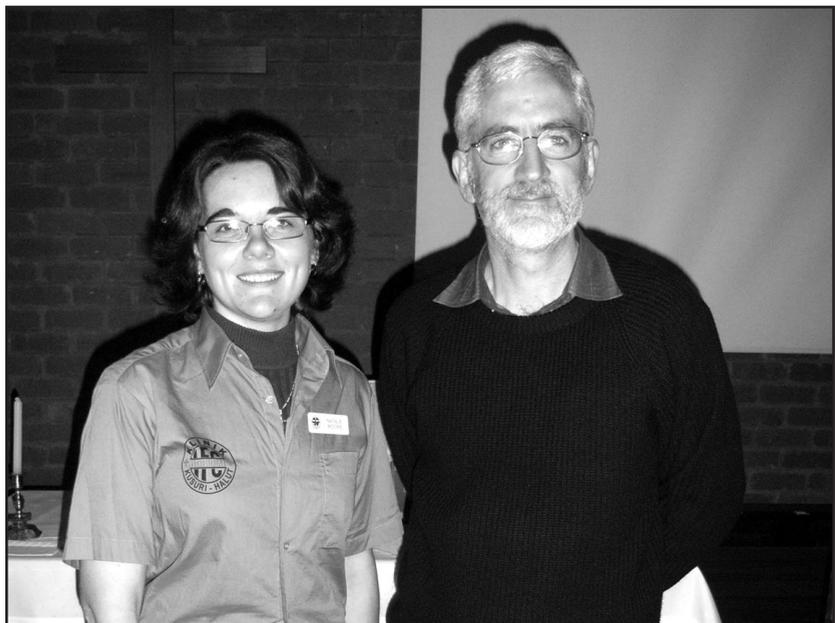
Trip to Thorpdale potato growing area



After School Club



Christmas Club



Rev. Ross Standford and Natalie Moore

Church Snippets

Our month started very well with the Tabart's leading our All Age worship. It was All Saints Day, and part of the service was celebrating the great saints of the ancient and recent past, but also acknowledging the saints in our own congregation and community. Saints are those who think of others and do things to make life better for others.

The Cool Club 4 Kids children had been working very hard to produce a puppet play which they wrote, based on the Bible story of the wise man and the foolish man. A great deal of effort went into making the puppets and devising ways to produce the sound effects. It was a marvelous team effort, with everyone using their talents. The day came when all was in readiness. The parents had been invited to the show. The Cool Kids were very excited and filled with anticipation. As usual, it was all right on the day, being well received by the audience.

Mid month, the Churchill congregation joined the Boolarra/Yinnar and Mirboo North congregations at Boolarra's Christ Church for a service, followed by a BBQ in the Rail Trail Park, and later story telling as folks walked along the Boolarra/Mirboo North rail trail. The story telling was conducted by the Rev. Philip Liebelt who is a Bible story teller.

The Ladies Fellowship and other congregation members, had a wonderful carvery lunch at Moe, followed by an escorted trip by Val Murphy, to Thorpdale potato growing area. Wonderful views were experienced on the way. Highlights of the excursion were eating potato ice-cream, and having a sing song at the

Uniting Church in Thorpdale.

The Saturday Breakfast guests were from Traralgon Uniting Church. They spoke of their trip to Indonesia in June where they stayed and worked for a fortnight.

They went to a small village on the island of Halmahera, where Peter and Esther are working. The work there includes a Medical centre, Orphanage, Leprosy accommodation, training for medical workers and farm workers. The team included Gordon Arthur, who did surgery with local anesthetic. The talk was illustrated with an interesting variety of slides.

The Ladies Fellowship has organized two large boxes in the church where members can make contributions of food items or presents. These will be packaged into hampers and delivered to the Community Health Centre for distribution. Lumen Christi also contributes to this project.

The last coffee morning will be a shared lunch. People are asked to bring an item which reminds them of Christmas. These mornings (and afternoons) have proved popular and a great way to form closer relationships with other members of the congregation.

Christmas Club has operated again this year, with up to 80 children attending from Grades 1-4 from Churchill Primary School. The children have learnt about the meaning of Christmas, participated in a variety of craft and creative activities, sang songs and enjoyed the Church's hospitality.

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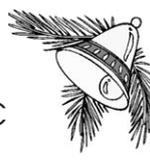
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Churchill CFA Benefits

At a recent BBQ held at the station, Michael Pettitt, Store Manager from Ritchie's IGA, presented a cheque to the brigade for \$6,283.88. This is the amount raised by community members nominating the Churchill Fire Brigade as their beneficiary for the Ritchie's IGA Community Benefit scheme.

Captain Steve Barling accepted the cheque on behalf of all the members, who are extremely grateful to the community for their support, and to Ritchie's IGA for the provision of this scheme. Steve said members were overwhelmed by the community support. He urged the community to continue to support them by remembering their card each time they shopped at Ritchie's.

Morwell Group Exercise
Recently the Morwell Group consisting of Morwell, Yinnar, Boolarra,

Hazelwood North, Yinnar South and Churchill, as well as Traralgon West and HVP, attended a truck and pumper familiarization day.

Green Inc. was the venue where appliances set up around the ponds. Each fire brigade rotated around the vehicles to familiarize themselves with the configuration of each. This familiarization is extremely important when strike teams are sent to large fires and are required to work off other brigade's trucks.

There was also a demonstration of crew protection sprays on the new tanker. This is a hose system which sprays water over the vehicle and around it to prevent burning of the truck and to protect the fire fighters on board.

The morning finished with lunch and a social time.



Michael Pettitt presents the cheque from Ritchies IGA

SCHOOL REUNION

Were you or anyone you know a grade 6 student at Churchill Primary School in 1978? Plans are underway to hold a reunion on 14th March 2009, at the Churchill Football Club!

This will be a time to get together and share stories, remember, and reminisce about "the good old days".

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Pooh Corner staff wish all their extended families a happy festive season and look forward to their relocation in February



Seasons greetings from



Julia Auciello
 MUGSU President

Monash University Gippsland Student Union or "MUGSU" as we like to be called wishes all the Churchill and District Community a safe and happy holiday season. We would also like to sincerely thank all our sponsors, supporters and students for the last 12 months. We exist not only as a student support organisation but as a local business that provides employment, facilities and services to the Churchill and District Community. MUGSU appreciates your support and we look forward to hearing any suggestions on how we as an organisation can better serve our community, and heighten our Students University experience. If you would like any information on MUGSU and the role we play, please feel free to contact us on: union@general.monash.edu.au, phone 5122 6248 or visit our web site www.mugsu.org.au

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Letters to the Editor

No Western Link Road

I wish to express my opposition to the proposed Western Link road through the Walker Parade open space park land, and to the suggestion to sell off part of this area to help finance this road.

In my opinion the road is both undesirable and unnecessary. This is especially so with the current proposal to provide a road from the traffic lights in Monash Way through to Phillip Parade. There will be a proper entrance to the car park from Phillip Parade and this will provide a traffic friendly solution for everyone.

With an estimated cost of more than \$500,000, there must surely be many more pressing projects than this.

I believe that open space in the centre of the town is priceless and it should be preserved at all cost. At the moment the Council does not own this area and it has not been designated as a park. Surely this area should be permanently reserved and, in the future developed as a central park and gardens. This would provide a green balance for the concrete and asphalt shopping centre and improve the rather drab image Churchill presents. The opportunity now exists, but it will be gone forever if the Western Link road is built.

Ronald Bunn
Churchill

I am opposed to all reference in the BECA report on the Churchill Town Centre Plan of June 2007 which relates to a "vision" for an east - west road link extending west through what is known as Walker Parade Reserve.

I wish to express my objection to any road or development that impacts on Walker Parade Reserve.

I have no objection to the planned east - west road through the Churchill Shopping Centre providing the road terminates at Monash Way.

My reasons are as mentioned in previous submissions to the Latrobe City Council and I have summarized them as follows-

1. Of concern is reference to and recommendations for the construction of an east - west road network, through what is currently a reserve and playground area known as Walker Reserve.

2. The area known as Walker Reserve is zoned residential and owned by the Department of Human Services and should not be included in any road or commercial development plans.

3. Over 70 residents in the immediate area have signed a petition opposing the east - west road link.

4. The east - west road link will result in the loss of a playground facility which is well used by the community on a regular basis. In fact the area is the most popular reserve in the Churchill Residential area.

5. The planned road through the reserve will have a detrimental effect on the openness and freedom that is enjoyed by the many members of the community who use it for a wide range of activities.

6. The road proposal creates an unmanageable cluster of road networks in our residential area and will result in a very unsafe area for all users. It would be in serious conflict with LCC sponsored initiatives, such as Latrobe City Safe Communities and Neighbourhood Watch programs. More than likely any incidents occurring in the road cluster would result in likely legal litigation against the L.C.C.

7. The East - West road will have a detrimental effect on the prolific and varied bird life that currently coexists between the residential area and the reserve. It

is a favorite breeding and feeding ground for many species of bird life including the rare gang - gang.

8. The road will adversely affect our amenity and the amenity of others with increased traffic noise and unsafe road behavior due to the road network. There are enough current problems with the Walker Parade road without making it worse, most notably the sharp 45 degree bend near my home.

9. The road cluster will result in the loss of property values in the area.

10. The current road and street network with fence, trees and parkland, provides a barrier to the traffic that would be lost if the road network was adopted. This is an asset that all new housing developments are required to provide as part of their planning schemes. It is not something that Churchill residents should have taken from their town, now or in the future.

11. An east - west road link would be a road disaster as its "vision" is to have a road that accommodates cars, trucks, cyclists, pedestrians and room for parking vehicles, all on a small park and in a length of about 400 metres.

12. The safety of children walking to school would be compromised with the "opening up" of the residential and parkland area to a network of roads.

13. Cars travelling in the evening would be subjected to confusion and light glare.

14. At least 10 established gums would be lost.

Finally even if Walker Reserve was a useless piece of land fit for nothing but development, putting a road through it would create these huge problems, not solve them. The road network at the mouth would create bottlenecks and unimaginable chaos. The crossroad at Monash Way would become another bottleneck.

Walker Reserve has a tradition developed over the last 40 years of providing the Churchill Community with a place to relax, run the dogs, have a picnic, enjoy walking access unhindered by traffic, play on the swings, for the kids from eastern Churchill to walk to school safely, for the elderly and those with disabilities to have safe access to the Shopping Centre, and even the birds, the trees and the odd koala have a special place in this valuable community reserve.

Bruce Stephenson
Churchill

Congratulations to Churchill & District News

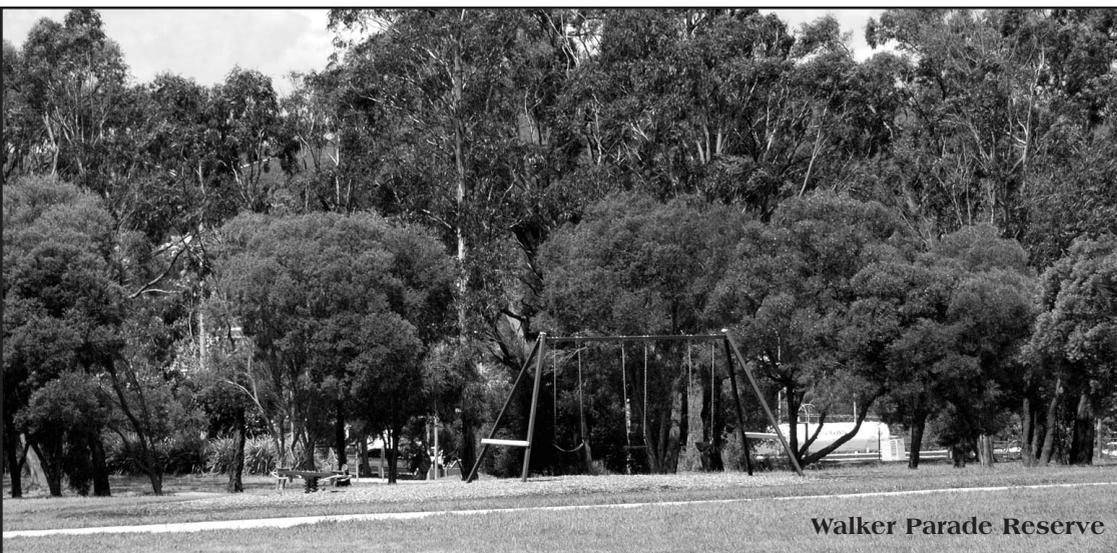
CDCA would like to congratulate the team at Churchill & District News on winning an award at this year's Community Newspaper Association of Victoria's annual conference & awards ceremony.

This is not the first time that the outstanding community service of the 'News' has been recognized - whether it be for the newspaper itself, or associated activities (such as the Churchill Festival) and we're sure it won't be the last.

Churchill is fortunate, and fairly unique, to have a community newspaper that has been produced, in one form or another, since the town's inception. It has provided not only an on-going information service to the community, but a continuous record of our town's history and development.

We hope all at the News take a well-earned break over the Christmas/New Year period and look forward to reading the next issue of the News in February '09.

Margaret Guthrie
President, Churchill & District Community Association



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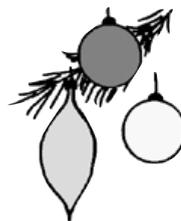
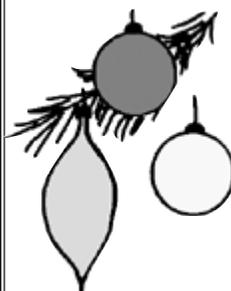
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Our Future house is now 'their future'

The third house in an innovative project where job seekers build a house from scratch and gain formal construction qualifications at the same time was recently auctioned for \$172,000.

Real estate agents Stockdale and Leggo reported keen bidding for the environmentally friendly house in Churchill, built in the Latrobe Valley via the 'Our Future Our Place' project.

New owners will move in shortly, making 'Our House' their future home.

Latrobe City's Chief Executive Officer, Paul Buckley, said council believed the successful bidder would have been attracted by the functionality, six-star energy rating and affordable price tag.

"The successful sale of the third 'Our Future Our Place' house ensures the longer term sustainability of this project with homes being constructed, marketed and sold; in turn financing the next site.

"Our Future Our Place is a project designed to provide long-term unemployed in the Latrobe Valley with the skills to gain employment in the building and construction industry," Mr Buckley said.

"The project has been developed by Latrobe City together with Try Youth and Community Services in partnership with a range of federal government and state government departments."

During the construction of the six-star

energy rating house, participants were supervised by a builder and other trades people; and were involved in all aspects of the construction, fit-out and completion of the house and landscaping of the block.

"Each project provided targeted training to achieve real job outcomes for the long-term unemployed and indigenous people of our community whilst addressing a range of community issues within former public housing estates. Each house constructed has been innovative in design and six-star energy rated," Mr Buckley said.

"Our Future Our Place demonstrates just what can be achieved when all levels of government work together. Council's experience identifies that it is not just working together that is important, but that the crucial ingredient for success is relationship building, and in developing a level of understanding between all the partners involved in this project."

The Our Future Our Place project also receives support and assistance from the Department of Planning and Community Development, Department of Human Services, Gippsland Area Consultative Committee and the private sector. Community groups have also contributed to the project.

Pictured above: The third Our Future Our Place house which recently sold in Churchill

Free hard waste drop-off weekend for Latrobe residents

Latrobe City Council's four transfer stations will be open on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 December with special extended hours from 8am to 5pm on both days, to enable Latrobe City residents to dispose of their hard waste at no charge.

The 'hard waste drop-off weekend' will allow residents to dispose of up to two cubic metres of hard waste free of charge, per vehicle.

"This free hard waste drop off weekend is in addition to the 'at call' hard waste collection service, and two free green waste drop-off weekends offered in the 2008-2009 financial year.

"Residents with items such as household furniture, bed frames, mattresses, white goods, old TV's, stereos or computers can take these items along to any one of our transfer stations in Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Yinnar between 8am and 5pm on both days," Mr Peake said.

"Residents should note that these extended operating hours at the four transfer stations apply only for the weekend of 13 and 14 December 2008."

Normal transfer station operating hours are: Morwell 8am - 12 noon daily; Moe and Traralgon 1pm - 5pm daily; Yinnar 10am - 5pm weekends only.

Mr Peake said some items cannot be accepted at transfer stations. "Household chemicals such as chlorine and pool

chemicals, solvents, poisons, pesticides and herbicides need to be disposed of through the free household chemical collections which are held annually.

"Green waste can only be disposed of through the fortnightly green waste collection or dropped off at the Pine Grove green waste collection centres.

"Special arrangements always need to be made for the disposal of any asbestos. If you need to dispose of asbestos, please contact Latrobe City on 1300 367 700 to make those arrangements," Mr Peake said.

Mr Peake said the free hard waste drop-off weekend is likely to be popular. "To avoid potential delays, especially at our Traralgon and Moe transfer stations, residents are advised to arrive early during the special opening hours with their loads.

"Residents who are not able to take advantage of the free hard waste drop-off can still contact Latrobe City on 1300 367 700 to arrange a booking for the next 'at call' hard waste collection service to be conducted in late April 2009.

"This 'at call' service is available for a fee of \$20 (full) and \$10 concession. Bookings and payment need to be made by 28 February for this service," Mr Peake added.



Honour For Zelma

At the November Jeeralang North Dance, Zelma Mildenhall was taken by surprise.

"I didn't know anything about this. It was a real surprise. I usually hear a couple of whispers, but nothing this time," was what she was heard to say.

The members of the Jeeralang North Hall Committee wished to

recognize Zelma's contribution to the committee's endeavours over a 46 year period. At the dance they presented her with a plaque and a lovely bunch of flowers.

Zelma has been tireless in her efforts to improve the hall and make sure jobs that need to be done are done.

Zelma is well known in the dis-

trict for her continuous community work both for Guides and the church as well as in many other fields.

The CRE children of Churchill and Hazelwood North all received special cards that Zelma organized. This is a wonderful help for the CRE teachers.

Thank you Zelma, for all your work for your community.

CHURCHILL BUSINESSES CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

AMCAL CHEMIST

Thursday December 25: Closed
Friday December 26: Closed
Thursday December 1: Closed

CAFÉ LE MAC

Thursday December 25: Closed
Friday December 26: Closed
Saturday December 27: Closed
Sunday December 28: Closed
Monday December 29: Closed
Thursday January 1 2009: Closed
Saturday January 3: Closed

CHURCHILL CHICKEN

Thursday December 25: 8.30am - 2pm
Friday December 26: 8.30am - 2pm
Saturday December 27: Closed
Re-opening January Dinner 4.00pm

CHURCHILL CHINESE

Open Christmas Eve.
Closed Christmas Day
Closed from 19th Jan. For holidays.
Re-opens on Tuesday 10th February

CHURCHILL CHIROPRACTOR

Closed from Tuesday December 23: 1.00pm
Re-opening January 5: 9.00am

LIFELINE

Closing on Friday, 19th December:
Reopens on Monday, January 12th 2009.

NEWSAGENT

Open Daily

CHURCHILL LAUNDROMAT

Wednesday December 24: 8.00am - 3.00pm
Thursday December 25: Closed
Friday December 26: Closed
Sunday December 28: Closed
Thursday January 1: Closed
Sunday January 4: Closed

CHURCHILL MOTORS

Wednesday 24th December: Closed
Re-opening: 12 Jan 2009

COMMONWEALTH BANK

Thursday December 25: Closed
Friday December 26: Closed
Thursday December 1: Closed

CUTTING CORNER

Thursday December 25, Closed
Re-opening, Thursday January 5.

FUTURE FLICKS

Open 7 days a week 10am-10pm
Open Christmas day 4pm-10pm

CHURCHILL POST OFFICE

Thursday December 25: Closed
Friday December 26: Closed
Thursday December 1: Closed

THE BARBER SHED

Monday December 22, Closed
Re-opening on Saturday January 3.

HAZELWOOD HEALTH CENTRE

Wednesday December 24: 8.00am - 3.00pm
Thursday December 25: Closed
Friday December 26: Closed
Saturday December 27: Closed
Sunday December 28: Closed
Thursday January 1 2009: Closed

HOT BREAD SHOP

Wednesday December 24: Closing at 4pm
Thursday December 25: Closed
Friday December 26: Closed
Thursday January 1 2009: Closed

THE FISH SHOP

Thursday December 25: Closed
Friday December 26: Closed
Saturday December 27: Closed
Sunday December 28: Closed
Thursday January 1: Closed

KATS

Tuesday 16th / Wednesday 17th December: 9.00am - 6.00pm
Thursday 18th December: 9.00am - 8.00pm
Friday 19th December: 9.00am - 7.00pm
Saturday 20th December: 9.00am - 1.00pm
Monday December 22nd: Closed
Tuesday December 23rd: 9.00am - 6.00pm
Wednesday December 24th: 9.00am - 8.00pm
Thursday December 25 - Tuesday 30th January: Closed
Tuesday 30 December, Wednesday 31st December: 9.00am - 6.00pm
Thursday January 1 - Monday 5th January : Closed
Tuesday 6th January: Normal Trading Hours

Latrobe City's Councillors and staff extend Season's Greetings

to all residents and advise that the following arrangements have been put into place for the Christmas and New Year period.

Council Service Centres

All Council Service Centres will close at 12 noon on Wednesday 24 December 2008 and will reopen at 8.30am on Monday 5 January 2009

LOST OR STRAY PETS

From 12 noon Wednesday 24 December 2008 - 8.30am Monday 5 January 2009
Contact the Emergencies after-hours number 0408 512 953

IMPOUNDED PETS

Council's pound facility in Driffield Road Morwell will be open for the release of impounded pets from 9am to 10am on Monday 29, Tuesday 30 December 2008, and Friday 2 January 2009. Impounded pets may be viewed 24/7 on council's impound register online at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Garbage and recycling collection service

Thursday 25 and Friday 26 December 2008 - Early start-collection will commence at 1am. Collections on all other days will be at the normal times.

For service queries over the holiday period please contact Cleanaway telephone 1800 007 543

Transfer Stations - Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Yinnar

Thursday 25 December 2008 Closed

Open normal hours all other days

For service queries during the holiday period please contact Dasma, telephone 5133 6000

Pine Gro green waste collection centres

Thursday 25 and Friday 26 December 2008 Closed

Thursday 1 January 2009 Closed

Open normal hours all other days

Morwell 8.30am-4.30pm weekdays,

9am-5pm weekends

Traralgon and Moe 9am-5pm weekends only

For further information contact Pine Gro, telephone 5122 2036

LATROBE REGIONAL ART GALLERY

Closes at 4pm on Wednesday 24 December 2008 and will reopen at 10am on Monday 5 January 2009.

RECREATION

Latrobe Leisure Moe/Newborough and Latrobe Leisure Morwell and Latrobe Leisure Churchill

Wednesday 24 December 2008 - 6am-1pm

Thursday 25 December 2008 - Closed

Friday 26 December 2008 - Closed

Saturday 27 December 2008 - Wednesday 31 December 2008 10am-4pm

Thursday 1 January 2009 - Closed

Friday 2 January 2009 - Sunday 4 January 2009 10am-4pm

Monday 5 January 2009 - normal operating hours resume

Traralgon Sports Stadium

Monday 15 December 2008 - Sunday 21 January 2009 - Closed

Outdoor Pools - Moe, Traralgon and Yallourn North

Guaranteed to be open 3pm-5pm daily during school holidays. If temperature is forecast 23°C or above the pools will be open 12 noon-7pm. Check out the Latrobe City webpage at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au for more information.

Thursday 25 December 2008 - Closed

Friday 26 December 2008 - Closed

Thursday 1 January 2009 - Closed

LATROBE PERFORMING ARTS BOX OFFICE

Closes at 12 noon Wednesday 24 December 2008 and will reopen at 10am on Monday 5 January 2009.

From Monday 5 January - Friday 16 January 2009, 10am-1pm Mondays-Fridays only. Normal operating hours resume Monday 19 January 2009.

Closed Monday 26 January.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Preschools

Closed over Christmas/New Year period.

Preschool staff available for enquiries during opening hours of Council Service Centres

Maternal and Child Health Centres

Restricted hours during Christmas/New Year period. Please contact your Centre for times or contact your local Council Service Centre to obtain a timetable.

Family Day Care Coordination Unit

The opening hours for Council Services Centres will be observed.

For emergencies please contact 0408 512 953

Carinya and Moe Early Learning Centres

Close at 12.30pm on Wednesday 24 December 2008.

Reopen 7.30am on Tuesday 6 January 2009.

Traralgon Early Learning Centre

Close at 12 noon on Wednesday 24 December 2008

Reopen 8.15am on Tuesday 6 January 2009.

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE

The opening hours for Council Service Centres will be observed.

For emergencies clients should telephone 0408 512 953

SOCIAL SUPPORT

Planned Activity Groups (PAGs)

Closes Friday 19 December 2008.

Reopen on Monday 12 January 2009.

Meals on Wheels

No deliveries on 25 and 26 December 2008. (Frozen meals can be ordered for this time). Monday 29 December 2008 - a delivery of the week's meals (frozen) on that day.

LATROBE CITY LIBRARY SERVICE

Churchill Branch has closed for 2008 and will reopen in 2009 at the Churchill and District Community Hub - Opening date will be advertised once confirmed.

Morwell, Moe and Traralgon Branches Will open at 9am and will close at 12 noon on Wednesday 24 December 2008 and resume normal hours on Monday 5 January 2009.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Thursday 25 December 2008 - Closed

All other days will be business as usual.

Emergencies

For emergencies within the municipality, outside of office hours, citizens should contact
0408 512 953



For further information 1300 367 700



A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Barbara and Ray Beebe

By Ruth Place

Ray's grandfather, Silas, came to Melbourne from America in 1906. He was a horse trainer. Aged 60, he met and married Alice, aged 22, who became Ray's grandmother. They settled in Melbourne, where Ray's father, also Silas, was born in 1912. Both Ray's father and mother played violins in an orchestra, which is how they met and later married.

Ray was born in Richmond, the eldest of three boys. He grew up in Northcote where he went to Prep, later moving to Caulfield North Central, when the family moved for work. He has always been an avid reader, and in Prep he could read to the class!

His main interest while growing up was Scouts. His father had decided that Scouts would be good for him! Scouts was a great influence on Ray's life. His Dad also became involved, helping to build the Scout Hall which is still there, opposite Caulfield Park.

Ray also loved to build things. In Scouts there were poles and ropes with which to make bridges and other constructions, and his Dad being a handyman taught his son many skills. Just like his Dad, Ray has a shed with lots of pieces of wood and other recyclables, ready for use.

From primary school, Ray went to Caulfield Technical School where he studied for four years at secondary level. In Year 10, he won an SEC scholarship giving him four years of study at tertiary level in Caulfield Technical College, studying Mechanical Engineering. He graduated in February 1965, after the required year of work at Yallourn.

At Yallourn on a whim with a workmate, he joined the 38 Field Squadron, Royal Australian

Engineers, which was part of the then CMF (Citizens Military Forces). He enjoyed the annual camps and officer training, and especially the building of Bailey bridges.

He attended the Elsternwick Baptist Church and the Baptist Youth Fellowship, which he says was pretty important to him. In several Januarys, his parents sent off their two older sons on a 19 day trip with the Baptist Boys Touring Club to places such as Sydney, Tasmania, and Broken Hill.

Ray came to live permanently in the Valley in 1966, and to work at Hazelwood Power Station boarding for five years in Morwell.

Barbara was born in Morwell, one of seven children, to parents Lindsay and Jess Williams who were dairy farmers in Yinnar. Both her grandfathers were locals - Seymour Williams and George McFarlane - and fought in World War 1. She attended the Yinnar Primary School and Morwell High School. As a child she was a Brownie and Guide. Later she became a Cub Leader at Yinnar. After finishing school Barbara went to work in the office of Maryvale Timber and Hardware, staying there until she married.

Ray had started the Scouts' Strzelecki Showtime in 1969, and met Barbara when she came to help in 1970. They were married at Yinnar by the Rev. Peter Arch, with Deaconess Payne standing by.

At Hazelwood Power Station, Ray further developed his interest in the condition monitoring of machinery. This process helped to identify areas of wear on the machines and those need-

ing necessary maintenance. Based on this experience, in 1971, Ray won another SEC scholarship, which gave him two years in England. He worked firstly near Oxford on power station boiler commissioning. Barbara found getting work more difficult at first. Her older sister and husband were living in London at the time so they visited them for some weekends.

Their next move was to Newcastle-On-Tyne, to work at Parsons Turbines, followed by Nottingham to the then Central Electricity Generating Board. Barbara was able to obtain office work, and in Nottingham worked with an accounting firm, learning to use challenging new equipment. Ray's mother also visited them while they were there.

At each location in England they became involved with the Scouts and were in the cast of the very professional Nottingham Gang Show.

The couple really enjoyed their two years abroad. Camping trips around Europe were a highlight in their little car and a tent.

Then, too quickly, the time was up and it was time to return to Morwell where they lived for a while in rented accommodation, as houses were hard to get. Then in 1974, they found the house they lived in for the next ten years in Catterick Avenue, Churchill. Barbara worked in the office at Target when it was first built in Morwell.

The Catterick era saw the birth of their three children, Natalie in '75, Melissa in '77 and Owen in '81. The children all attended Churchill Primary School and later Churchill Post Primary (now Kurnai). In 1984, the family made the move to Hazelwood Heights.

Barbara was fully involved with helping the children by being part of the parent committees, coaching the girl's netball team at primary school, and becoming involved with the Guides LA as Treasurer.

Barbara also played sport herself. Netball and basketball were played as a girl and into adulthood. Too many injuries was a deciding factor for taking up golf, when Mary Mitchell, an original member of the Monash Golf Club, met Barb at the golf driving range and introduced her to golf. Barb now really enjoys the game and the company. She has taken a turn at being Ladies' President.

Back from the UK, Ray wrote several reports on his experiences. The main outcome was that the SEC bought in advanced vibration analysis equipment. The SEC became the leader in Australia in applying these techniques. Ray moved to Yallourn W Power Station, joining the team to develop ways to improve the efficiency of coal combustion to reduce carryover of large unburnt particles.

Three years at Power Generation HQ in Morwell followed, and then 1979 saw the Beebes have a year of secondment to Darwin where Ray worked to raise the energy efficiency of the power station there. It was a fantastic year according to Ray, especially professionally. The SEC was a good employer, particularly for those who wanted to learn.

It was then back to old Yallourn for three years as Section Head where he continued training of engineers and technical officers. In the 1984 re-organisation Ray set up a new specialist services section in Morwell. His final post with the SEC was a promotion to Yallourn W to head the engineering section. He worked there from 1987-1991, when he took a voluntary departure package.

Deciding to work on a part time basis for a

time, Ray took a 40 % time fraction position at Monash University. There were also several consulting jobs and short courses run in Melbourne, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, which were enjoyable and special experiences. Monash work was gradually increased to fulltime in 1999, but now he has decreased his working hours to 80%.



Ray at 17

At Monash he taught some on-campus mechanical engineering subjects, and from 1996 has led the post-graduate programs in reliability and maintenance engineering. These have grown to reach nearly 200 students in countries around the world, and have led to him speaking at many conferences.

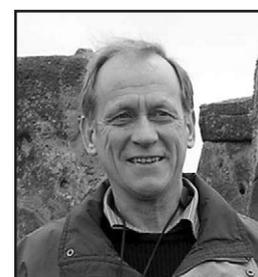
Ray has written two books: the first in 1986 "Machine Condition Monitoring". He used to say if the kids were quiet and he produced the book, and it sold, there would be enough money to take the family to Disneyland. There wasn't and it never happened for them (but as they remind him, he went!)

The second book "Predictive Maintenance of Pumps Using Condition Monitoring" was published in 2004. That and some of his many technical papers formed the thesis for his Master's degree.

During the time since the Beebes return from overseas to Churchill, Ray also has been busy outside of his work interests. Scouting continues to be a big part of that, with Ray holding several Leader positions over 40 years at Section, Group, District and Region levels. At Churchill, his involvement totaled 14 years between 1976 and 1999.

Highlights were to start the second Scout Troop in 1978, then following Reg Kemp as Group Leader from 1982 -1986. In 1984, this Group was the largest in country Victoria with 3 Cub Packs, 2 Scout Troops, Venturers and Rovers. Ray continues his role in Scouting as Treasurer of Strzelecki District and of "Showtime", and by producing the "Scouting Around" newsletter.

Other continuing interests include the Coal Valley Male Chorus (more singers needed!) Engineers Australia and the Asset Management Council.



Ray at Stonehenge



Barbara and Ray at Greenwich



A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



In 1993, Ray, at Barbara's suggestion that he broaden his interests, joined Hazelwood Rotary. This gave Ray the opportunity to share fellowship with a wider variety of people, which he enjoys still. He also appreciates that Rotary is a world-wide movement and is proud of its achievements. He says Rotarians are a great bunch of people.

Over the years he has been President and held several other offices. At present, Ray is Secretary and as well manages the Christmas cakes, puddings and short-breads for District 9820.

Those, the BBQs at Bunnings, and the Christmas gift wrapping at Mid Valley, are the main sources of income for the Club. The Rotary Centenary House project he holds as one of the most important achievements of the local clubs. But he also says the Kurnai awards are a special contribution made by Rotary on an annual basis.

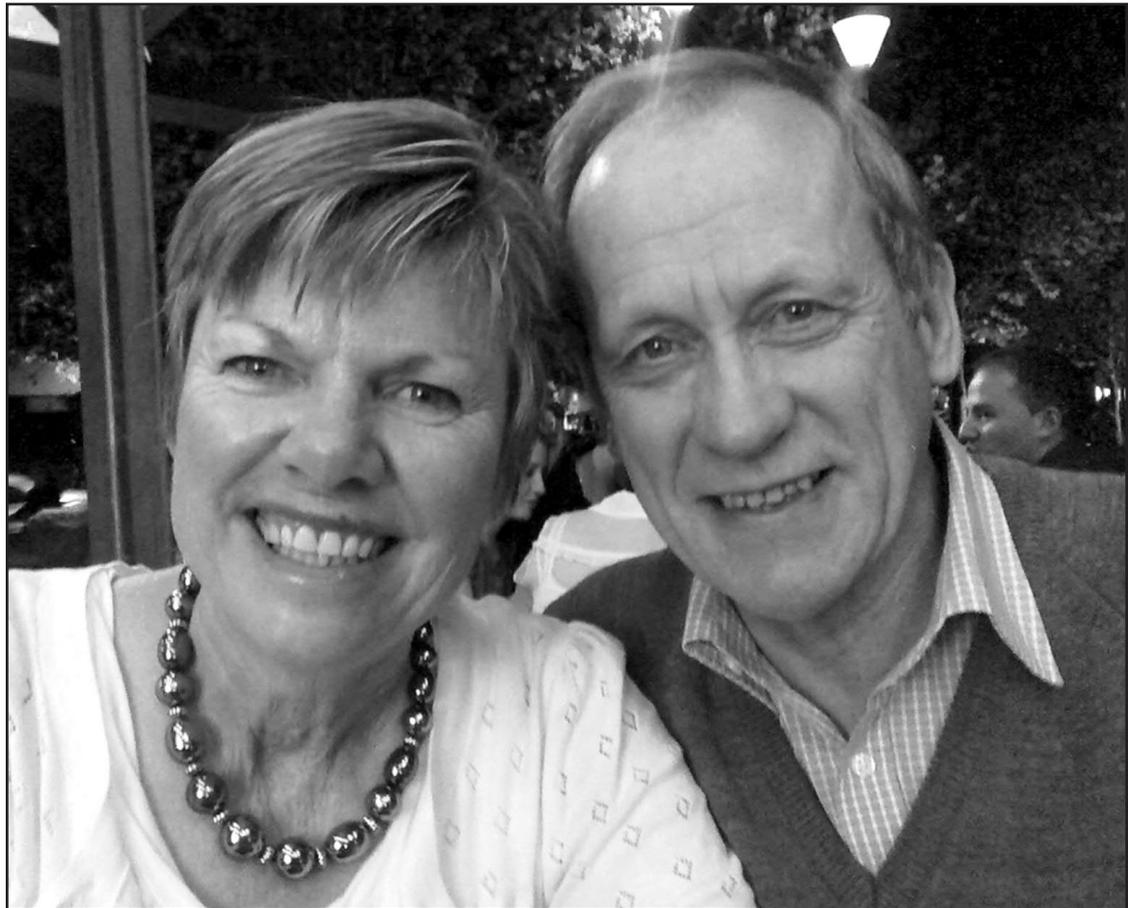
Barbara later joined Inner Wheel, at Morwell. This is related to Rotary, and is

basically a social group, not a fund-raising group. Barb also is a member of a book group and loves gardening. She has a green thumb from her parents! She is also a volunteer with We Care.

Their children are now grown and working, all having attended university and graduated in their chosen careers. Natalie is a speech pathologist. Melissa is married with one daughter of 19 months, and works as an occupational therapist. Owen is an engineer.

The Beebes have made a significant contribution to the life and work of our community, with Ray's special attainments in the field of engineering, and they are to be thanked for that dedication over many years, which will continue into the future.

Pictured right: Barbara and Ray Beebe



Fire Restrictions Now in Force

CFA and the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) have introduced fire restrictions for Latrobe City, Baw Baw, South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires. Restrictions will stay in place until May 1 2009 unless stated otherwise.

CFA Operations Manager, Greg Flynn said that following the introduction of the restrictions no fires can be lit on private land without a permit.

"To protect community safety, permits are subject to stringent conditions and are obtainable from the Municipal Fire Prevention Officers at your local shire office," Mr Flynn said. "For any fuel reduction burns close to public land, permits must be obtained from the Fire Management Officer at your local DSE office."

Any burn-off should be registered before lighting up by calling the VicFire Burn-off notification line on 1800 668 511. This ensures that volunteer fire brigades are not turned out to your burn-off unnecessarily.

Mr Flynn said there are also regulations around using welding, cutting and grinding equipment and on tractors, slashers and excavators. All of these can throw sparks which start a fire.

During the fire danger period when fire restrictions are in place, campfires and barbeques are permitted under the following conditions:

- * they are in a properly constructed fireplace or trench at least 30cm deep
- * they must not be within 7.5 metres of a log or stump
- * ground and air space is clear for at least three metres around the fire
- * the fire is the minimum size required and no more than one square metre
- * an adult is in attendance at all times.

"This is the worst time of the year for escaping camp fires and private burn-offs," Mr Flynn said.

"People think it's okay to leave the fire for a short time, but the wind can

whip up a few sparks and it's away. Similarly, we get property owners trying to do the right thing by clearing long grass, but this can also cause a fire if care is not taken with machinery."

CFA has a flier called "Can I/Can't I?" which gives clear detail about how restrictions and days of Total Fire Ban affect the use of fire. This flier is available for download at www.cfa.vic.gov.au

The prolonged dry weather conditions have increased the risk of bushfires this summer and DSE and CFA are urging residents to prepare themselves and their properties in plenty of time.

DSE Regional Fire Manager, David Tainsh said that fire is a natural part of our environment and Victoria is one of the most fire-prone areas in the world, with days of extreme fire danger every year.

"We urge residents to make preparation for fire a habit so they are not caught unprepared when bushfires strike," Mr Tainsh said.

"Both fire services are well resourced to respond to the threat of bushfire, with additional fire fighters, new equipment and an expanded aircraft fleet."

"DSE and CFA fire season preparations are based on consultation with the wider community and sound planning and risk management processes. However it is vital that residents understand and comply with fire restrictions which prevent the occurrence of unplanned fires," he said.

Restrictions will stay in place until 1 May 2009 unless stated otherwise.

For information on fires in Victoria and general fire safety, please contact the Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL) on freecall 1800 240 667. Callers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech / communication impairment may call textphone/ telewriter (TTY) on 1800 122 969.

Information is also available at www.dse.vic.gov.au/fires or www.cfa.vic.gov.au



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By Liam
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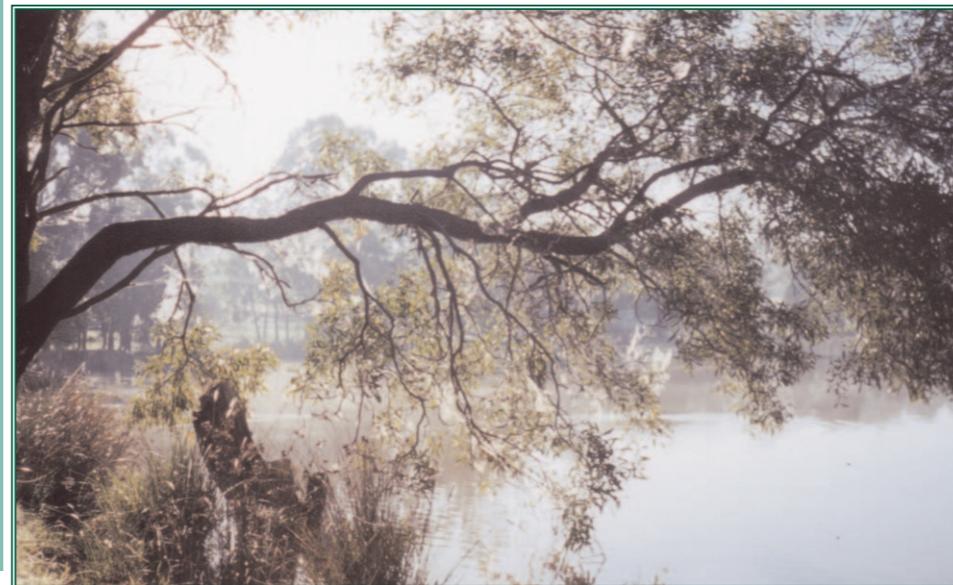


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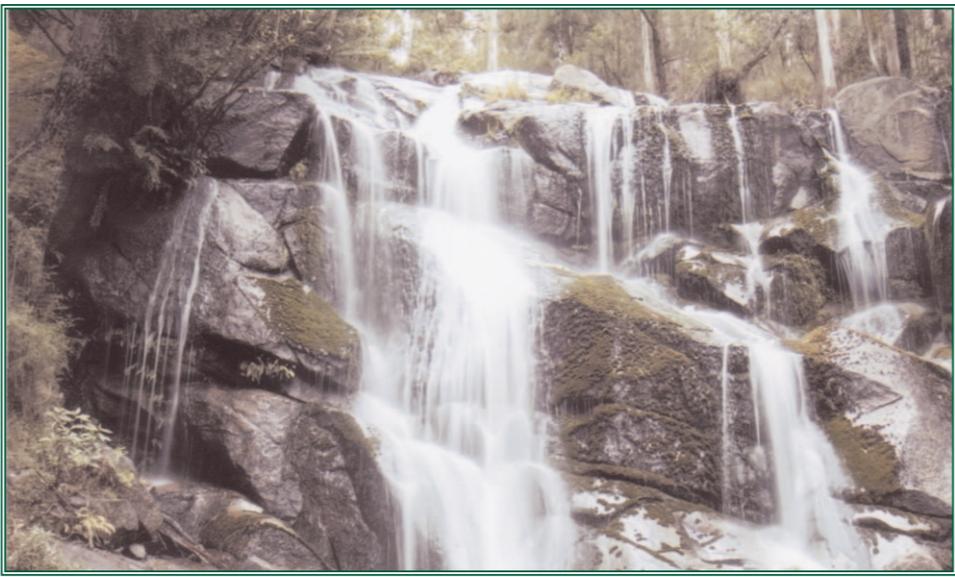


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Flagship Program

According to Associate Professor Robyn Hill, the Monash Medical School program of interacting with local agencies, hospitals and communities, is a very important one. It has a two-way benefit for the students and the community.

The students learn about services available for the disadvantaged, and so are better qualified to be able to refer people to the best service to deal with their needs.

It also helps the people in the community to know the students, and recognize them and be comfortable with them.

The medical students have worked a long thirty-six week year in two semesters of eighteen weeks. This is far longer than the average university course requirement.

They have put in 27-28 hours per week, and studied incredibly hard. Some have families, some have to travel long distances to attend the school each day. Robyn says the staff admires them for their tenacity, commitment, drive and their willingness to meet the challenging demands of their first year.

Robyn is also complimentary of the excellent staff who work in the Medical School, saying that they too have had just as long a work period as the students.

She says that the School has had enormous support for the hospitals, medical people and community members to help the students learn.

After their limited placements with the agencies this year, some students are starting to call this area their home.

Some from the Metropolitan area have realized that this course and venue, are not just a vehicle for getting a qualification and then returning to the city, and they are now opting to do their placements at country sites rather than Frankston.

It is very important for the community to be willing to engage with these students, so that they will foster a love for this region and want to make it their career destination.

There are several ways this can be helped.

One is to become trained as a standardized/ simulated patient. All age groups are required to give the students practice with many different scenarios. To qualify you must be willing, a bit of an actor, willing to contribute to the student's learning, and be involved in the students learning and assessment. For further information on this contact Debra Nestel on 51226201.

Other ways include inviting them to be part of sporting activities. Many would love the opportunity to be part of a local team.

Many medical students are also very good musicians, and play instruments to a high standard. They could be invited to join bands, orchestras and other musical groups.

There are some who love theatricals, and would fit into local theatre groups.

Part time work opportunities would be much appreciated. These students bring particular skills to their studies including pharmacy, journalism, writing and editing and life skills. If you know of any such opportunities, please also contact the Medical School.

The students are very outgoing and gregarious, many having been in debating teams. They are a vital active group of students, who would like to have the opportunity to speak to school students or other community organizations about their experiences.

Some of these students want to live off campus. So if you have accommodation opportunities for them, also please contact the Medical School.

Church groups are invited to make contact and invite the students to become part of congregations.

All these activities and engagements with the community can only serve to make the students feel this area is a place they could call home and to which they could belong and practice medicine.

The Medical School can be contacted by phoning Monash University on 99026315.

Pictorial Medical History Banners Launched

19TH CENTURY MEDICINE



1845 Dr Alexander Arbuckle TARRAVILLE



1859 Dr Ray BAIRNSDALE



1863 Dr Morrison BAIRNSDALE



1868 Dr Macalister BAIRNSDALE



1870's 2 Nurses BAIRNSDALE



1884 Group of Nurses BAIRNSDALE



1880's Doctors and Nurses BAIRNSDALE



1880's Dr H Hayes WARRAGUL



1880's Sr Margaret McClure FOSTER



1889 Dr James Kerr ORBOST



1880-90's Dr Mackieson BUCHAN



1891 Dr Moir MIRBOO NTH



1894 Dr Anderson MIRBOO NTH



1900 Dr James Duncan BAIRNSDALE



Late 19th C. Nurse Evelyn Goodwin TOONGABBIE



Late 19th C. Nurse Sarah Cannon FOSTER



Late 19th C. Nurse Isabella Miller TRARALGON



Late 19th C. Nurse Matilda Stanke BUCHAN

Gippsland

Pictorial History of Medicine in Gippsland in 19th Century

Dr Ann Dettrich is engaged by the Monash Medical School to collect the history of medicine in Gippsland. For the last four months, Ann has been collating a pictorial history of medicine in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Her work has taken her all over Gippsland to visit Historical Societies, Hospital Librarians, Bush Nursing Hospitals, Remote Nursing areas, and other interested people.

The photos collected had to have three criteria

1. An authenticated photo, good enough to be printed.
2. Able to be dated.
3. Given a location ie their geography was known.

These photos have been made into two large banners.

The launch of these banners was held at an event on Friday 5th December at the Medical School.

Members of the Historical Societies of Mirboo North and Foster, were bused to the school courtesy of Monash University.

Ten representatives of relatives or descendants were in attendance. Those present who had contributed photos received A3 size replicas of the two banners.

Professor Chris Browne, Head of School, welcomed the guests and gave a short talk about the banners with John Hutchinson and Helen Johnson giving congratulatory speeches.

Dr Ann Dettrich thanked everyone for coming, and said it was a wonderful experience doing the work.

20TH CENTURY MEDICINE

1901 Dr Julian Smith MORWELL

1910 Nurse Laver FISH CREEK

1910 Nurse Ada Austin MIRBOO NTH

1910 Nurse Counihan BAIRNSDALE

1911 Doctors and Nurses WONTHAGGI

1913 Doctors and Nurses SALE

1915 Sister Alice Bull BAIRNSDALE

1918 Dr Hagen - Voluntary Aid Detachment TRARALGON

1920 Nurses YARRAM

1920 Dr Mitchell MORWELL

1922 Graduating Nurses SALE

1923 Dr Salt TALLANGATTA

1928 Nurses MORWELL

1928 Dr James Andrew YALLOURN

1930 Dr George Lay WARRAGUL

1930 Nurses YARRAM

1930 Dr Bennett MIRBOO NTH

1930 Dr Hugh Martin YARRAM

1936 Dr Donoghue LEONGATHA

1940 Doctors and Nurses WARRAGUL

1940's Dr Peake WARRAGUL

1940's Drs Gayne, Smith, Trumpy & Conrad Ley WARRAGUL

1940's Dr Harrison, Dr Hamp WARRAGUL DROUIN

1950 Dr Robert Wallace MIRBOO NTH

1950 Dr Richard Baldwin BUNYIP

1951 Dr J Sweeting TOORA

1952 Dr Robert Fleming FOSTER

1958 Group of Nurses LEONGATHA

1960's Dr Gordon Birks MOE/YALLOURN

1963 Drs M & D Hollands ORBOST

1970's Ruth Austin BRIGHT

1970's Dr John Birrell FOSTER

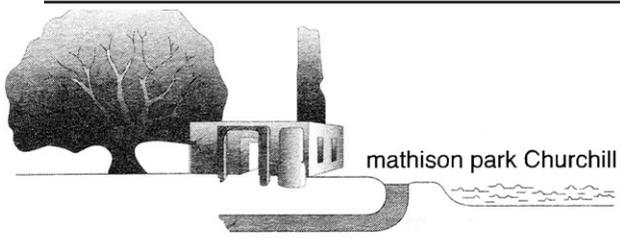
1976 Dr Pam McLeod MIRBOO NTH

1970's Mary Austin CHURCHILL

1990's Group of Doctors FOSTER

Gippsland

Pictorial History of Medicine in Gippsland in 20th Century



Vandalism at Mathison Park

Mathison Park is looking splendid at present. There are many birds which call it home and have successfully bred there this last season.

It is noticeable that many people walk their dogs, and let them off the leash. Please be warned, several people have seen snakes. Do be careful. A snake bite can kill a dog, if the very expensive antivenin is not administered very quickly.

As you will have noticed, Mathison Park has also been the victim of vandalism. The committee would be glad to know any information which may lead to finding the van-

dals.

The park is a wonderful place to spend some time during these coming holidays. With fishing, walking, cycling, bird watching and communing with nature as you walk along the paths and through the tree plantations, it offers a great variety right on Churchill's doorstep. Have you tried it out yet?

A Happy and Safe Holiday Season to you, from the friends of Mathison Park.

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Advent Pageant 2008

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Garry checked his register, and found there was no room. So singing "Donkey, Donkey", the procession proceeded to the LifeLine Op Shop where the ladies again checked and found no room there as well. A long walk was made to the Post Office where Andrea again had no room, but suggested that there was a place to go up in the Walker Parade Reserve. So the children, via another route returned to the stable in the park, and Mary and Joseph found rest at last. Baby Jesus was born and laid in the manger, and everyone sang "Away in a Manger".

For the first time, a live radio cross was made to link up with the other 48 Fusion Advent Pageants happening around Australia. All the children yelled out "Merry Christmas Australia from Churchill Victoria."

Councilor Darrell White then delivered a message from the Council reminding us of the real reason behind Christmas of giving and sharing with others, not just receiving.

The motor cycle riders from the Toy Run arrived and accepted the gifts under the tree.

Then each school presented their items, to loud applause. They looked gorgeous in their costumes.

They well and truly deserved their sausages and drinks, after which they were invited to have their faces painted, and join in the festival games provided by Fusion and Awakening.

A day such as this does not happen without much planning and preparation. The support of the local community was outstanding and the organizing committee would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their wonderful support.

Mick at Pro Rent in Morwell for 2 port-a-loos

Morwell Rainbow Guides for their tents.

Francis Van Rossum for the stable and the large tent etc.

Mike Answerth and Emma McDonald for their leading of the proceedings.

The class teachers for preparing the children for the day.

The parents who took time to make costumes and to attend on the day. It was great to have them there.

The children for participating enthusiastically, especially Mary and Joseph.

Rob Whelan for having the way cleared for the children to walk safely in the shopping centre area.

John Sunderland and Joseph Bonnici for sound equipment and general help.

The young people from Kurnai who were a terrific help in all sorts of ways on the day, including face painting, and helping with the activities.

Zelma Mildenhall and her grandchildren who made a book mark for every participating child.

Latrobe City Council for waiving the cost of the town hall if it had been necessary to use it due to wet weather.

Gerry and Daniel for the video and photo coverage.

Latrobe Valley Express for attending.

Jan and Bruce Stephenson for their support.

Chantelle for baking Jesus birthday cakes for each of the schools.

Latrobe Valley Bus lines for the possible use of three buses at a reduced price, in case of wet weather.

A special thank you to the Rotary Club of Hazelwood for the BBQ.

Councilor Darrel White for his message.

The Shopkeepers who found no room for Mary and Joseph to rest.

We are sorry if we have overlooked anyone. It is not intentional. Please accept our thanks.

One helper said this about the Advent Pageant.

"The Advent Pageant was an exhilarating way to spend the day. It started with an introduction to how Christmas came into being."

Ferro-Cement Sculpture

By Margaret Guthrie

Churchill's new War Memorial is being constructed from ferro-cement. Local sculptor, Paul Jesse, has been commissioned to design and construct the memorial. After extensive consultation with the local Community Association and Morwell RSL, the project is taking shape.

But just what is 'ferro-cement sculpture'? Basically, it is a thin form of reinforced concrete. The cement used is generally a much stronger mix than normal cement mixes.

ARC Yinnar recently offered a workshop in ferro-cement sculpture, facilitated by Paul. An example of his work in this medium is the colourful, twining archway outside ARC's front entrance.

I went along to learn more and hoping for inspiration to create some small object, such as a bird-bath, that I might be able to construct for my garden.

A couple of pleasant weekends were spent at ARC, as workshop participants learnt the basic techniques of ferro-cement work through the construction of a joint project. Our knowledge and artistic

skills varied, from very little (mine) to those of exhibited artists.

Jan, who works part time at ARC, was keen to extend her repertoire of skills and explore a new medium. Rebecca, a secondary school teacher, had come for more ideas for arts students' projects. Leanne, just completing the construction of her Churchill residence, wanted to get some ideas for 'the finishing touches'. Meg, a retired farmer, was already sculpting at home and had come for practical help.

Paul showed us how to start with a form - polystyrene, 'free-form' hanging wire, or hosepipe (other mediums may be used too, such as clay or 'found objects') - and wrap it in chicken wire, using additional wire lengths for reinforcing. Deft skills with pliers are required for smooth finishes!

The 'messy' work then starts - mix and apply the coat(s) of cement, add colour, surface texture(s) and decorative elements. Finally, we learnt how to carefully 'cure' the concrete for strength and durability.

The sculpture 'pair' we created may be shown at next year's 'Women's Exhibition' at ARC,

before we find a permanent home - perhaps in an artist's garden proposed for the rear of the ARC buildings. Our little group has promised to meet again early in the new year for a private 'unveiling' and to secure the completed sculptures to a firm base for display.

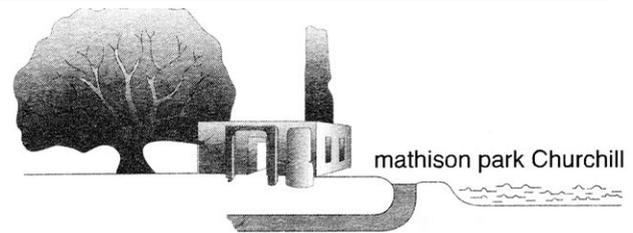
During the course of the workshop, we discovered that ferro-cement techniques can be used for a range of applications, such as outdoor furniture, garden features, archways and entrances. In fact, one of the early uses of ferro-cement was for boat construction, due to its strength, durability and waterproof properties.

This means, of course, that it is a particularly good medium for outdoor display. Yet, despite being concrete, ferro-cement objects may be quite light, due to having a 'core' that is light-weight or hollow. Objects may thus be readily shifted, if need be, or 'permanently' fixed in position by bolting to a slab or other base.

Churchill's War Memorial, when complete, will be affixed on a permanent site; perhaps in the proposed 'civic space' on Phillip Parade, rather than near the Town Symbol as was originally suggested.



New Life in Mathison Park



By Ken Harris
October is spring time and in Mathison Park lots of birds are nesting and young birds can be seen of several species. The Purple Swamp-hens are very productive and at least four broods of fluffy black chicks have been seen in the Spike-rush beds.

The Magpie-lark is reusing last year's nest above the first fishing platform and appears to be feeding young in the nest.

Magpies and Little Ravens have



both been seen feeding newly fledged youngsters and a pair of Wood Duck have brought their brood of 6 tiny ducklings down to Lake Hyland.

Perhaps the most special nesting in



the park this year is the Olive-backed Oriole. Two years ago the Oriole's built a nest in a low branch of a Black Wattle overhanging the path. They succeeded in hatching their young, but one night the nest was brought down in a storm and the young were lost. The nest was very close above the track and I fear that several people had lowered the branch to peer in the nest and inadvertently loosened the nest so that it did not survive the storm.

This year's nest is in a low branch of a Silver wattle, but not near the track. The nest hangs above Eelhole Creek

and is well out of the reach of interested watchers. Late in October the orioles appear to be feeding young in the nest, but the nestlings are probably still very small as the female still spends a lot of time sitting on the nest.



Left is a picture of the male delivering food to the nest and a second picture of the male near the nest with a beak full of food.

The Olive-backed Oriole is a bird of forests in

Eastern Australia and in our region is a summer visitor. It feeds on a lot of native fruits, but also catches insects especially when feeding young. It has a lovely bubbly call, which almost mimics its name; it seems to say orry-orry-oo.

One more special bird in the park in October was the Sacred Kingfisher.

This beautiful greenish-blue kingfisher is only an occasional visitor to the park, but one was seen searching for food in the recently burned cum-bungi beds.

It is unlikely that the Sacred Kingfisher will nest in the park, but it is a very welcome visitor.

Gippsland Education Precinct

GEP Appoints Academic to Key Post



The Board of

wide recruitment campaign for a suitable person for this role, the Board was delighted to welcome Dr Cook to the position. "His experience in education and in private enterprise will equip him for this challenging role," Mr Buckley said.

In his new position Dr Cook will lead the GEP and be responsible to the Board of Management for consolidating the education focus and identity of the institution, building and maintaining collaborative relationships between the partners, and ensuring that the organisation is managed in a manner to achieve the objectives of the Precinct.

Mr Buckley said that the appointment of the executive director is an important step in the GEP moving on to its next stage of developing into an educational facility that provides the young people of the region with the widest possible range of opportunities for learning. "Not only do we see the GEP becoming a successful cross-sectoral education environment but we aim to develop it into an institution which provides unique educational opportunities through providing pathways and programs not found elsewhere," he said.

Dr Cook said that he was delighted to be appointed to the position and was very much looking forward to becoming involved in the many educational possibilities that were evident for an organisation such as the GEP.

"I think that the Gippsland Education Precinct is an exciting concept which has many positives going for it. I am looking forward to working closely with all the partners to ensure that the local community gains the full benefit of the wonderful groundwork that has already been done," he said.

Dr Cook commenced duties in his new role on 17 November and has taken up residence in Hazelwood North.

Management of Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP) has appointed experienced academic, Dr Trevor Cook, as its full-time executive director.

Dr Cook, whose most recent appointment was Professor of Education in the Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine at Bond University in Queensland has worked at several universities throughout New South Wales, Queensland and the Northern Territory. He has worked as a behavioural scientist and has written extensively on indigenous education policy, training issues and mental health.

In announcing the appointment, chair of the GEP Board, Paul Buckley, said that after conducting a nation-

AFL Sports Trainee



Being a lover of all sports, Donna Preusker completed Year 12 at Traralgon College last year hoping to gain employment at a sporting organisation or at a school. Donna was fortunate to land an AFL Sports Ready Traineeship at Kurnai Precinct Campus.

"This traineeship has given me the opportunity to develop my skills in a fantastic organisation," said Donna.

Donna acknowledges that working at Kurnai is something most people could only dream of. She is currently completing a Certificate 3 in Sport and Recreation which she enjoys thoroughly.

Her duties at Kurnai include organising sporting events, training sessions, administration work, participating in Physical Education classes and excursions.

Donna hopes to gain knowledge and experience from her traineeship and use it to her advantage.

Her longer term ambitions are to use her experience from Kurnai Precinct Campus to gain employment at another school or become a masseuse.

"Before I leave Kurnai, I felt compelled to tell you what a pleasure it was working for Kurnai this year. I greatly appreciated your support and open management style.

I will leave Kurnai feeling I have learnt a great deal. Thank you for your support, guidance and the encouragement you have given me during my time at Kurnai College," said Donna.

Lumen Christi Primary School

Consumer Literacy at Lumen Christi

To facilitate consumer literacy, Lumen Christi has been involved with the Earn and Learn program for a number of years. In that time it has grown and developed to where it now involves nearly the whole school.

- Earn and Learn (Rob Vingerhoets)
- * makes Maths relevant and is based on practical applications
- * makes Maths challenging yet enjoyable
- * makes Maths active - not passive
- * makes Maths meaningful and involved with solving real life problems.

Earn and Learn encompasses many curriculum areas and this makes it an excellent integrated unit.

After initial discussions, employment positions are advertised for our local community of Lumen Christi. Applicants from Grade 5 and 6 need to justify their suitability for the position as well as have written letters of support from referees. Formal letters are drafted and applications are submitted. Failure to make an application can lead to unemployment. Our community needs commercial ventures so an alternative process is put in place for business applications. Here, letters are written outlining business proposals. These have to be supported by parents as there are financial considerations to be taken into account.

Our community has its own currency and all employment positions are paid in cash by the local Bank of Lumen Christi.

Jobs are taxed at varying rates and compulsory levies of rent, food and utilities are added. The children pay rent according to their seating in the classroom. A seat near the window attracts a high rent as it is classed as a room with a view! A seat near the teacher's desk is quite a secure location so it attracts a higher rent. Children may also have other expenses, such as fines, from the ever-vigilant "police" in each classroom! To supplement their income, students are given

the opportunity to negotiate bonus payments if they have certain jobs, for example, the class secretary.

This year we saw a variety of business ventures which were far more financially successful than in previous attempts. Businesses consult with the real estate agent who assigns various locations for them to carry out their trade. They must work with the local bank manager to negotiate business loans. Interest is calculated on these loans which must be paid by the end of the Earn and Learn session.

Our Grade 3 and 4's are provided with an amount of pocket money which they are encouraged to spend wisely in our local community. Saving money is also encouraged but the children must fill out deposit and withdrawal slips. Because we had so many businesses this year, our Grade 1 and 2's were also given some pocket money to spend in the commercial sector.

Our community becomes a thriving hub of activity and the level of excitement is sustained throughout the Earn and Learn session. Needless to say there are further activities generated from all of this.

"I've never had so much fun! Samantha and I had been planning for weeks and knew what we needed for our business. I learnt heaps and I got to socialize with lots of people. I can't wait until next time!"

Madeleine (Grade 5)

"I was in a business with Olivia. We did really well in our first session. Lots of people came to our business. The only thing I would change would be the location of our business."

Jasmine (Grade 5)

"Today we had our first Earn and Learn session which I thought was a lot of fun. One bad thing was that I had to pay all these bills and fines which left me with only \$86. I spent all of it and now have no money left over. I am going to try and not get any more fines."

Michael (Grade 6)



Kurnai College Churchill Campus

Kurnai College Athletics Team Training

Kurnai College Churchill and Precinct students will converge on the Monash University soccer pitch at lunchtime Monday in order to prepare for the school athletics carnivals of 2009. These sessions will continue next year as part of a large scale physical education program. The school is encouraging participation in sprint, middle and long distance events in an attempt to create a pathway for students who have fallen out of the sport after little athletics. Healthy lifestyles and a positive attitude will be instilled into the students with a training program created for summer time. Athletics has the ability to teach a participant the value of hard work, persistence, leadership and discipline.

Headstart

This is a program designed to keep everyone at full speed ahead. The students had a short break, but starting from Tuesday 2nd December, the students and teachers were going full on with work. The expectations are high that everyone will be working at capacity, just as if it was the beginning of 2009. The teachers were all geared up with lots of prepared, meaningful work, to give the students the feel of what next year's work would be like. It is a great way to iron out any bugs, ready for the New Year.

New Staff



Kelly Davey and Naffisa Islam

The new teachers who have been appointed for 2009 are already on the campus and working in the Headstart program.

Allan Coldstraw will be working in humanities in the Year 7 team. He is a Year 7 specialist, bringing 20 years of experience in transition strength.

Kelly Davey is a specialist German teacher, who comes highly recommended. She has worked overseas and be complementing the LOTE team.

Naffisa Islam will be working in the Maths/Science field. She is a graduate teacher.

Profile of Kelly Davey

Kelly is married with two young boys- Auden 4 and Ryan 2. Kelly was born in Scotland, and moved to Australia when she was four. The family lived in Moe for ten years, her father working at the SECV. Then the family moved back to Scotland. There Kelly started

learning German at school. She went on to study Law and German at University, spending her third year in Hanover, Germany.

In 2003 she moved to Australia where she met her husband and they married. Kelly decided to pursue a career in teaching and so attended Monash University Gippsland to do her Graduate Diploma in Education.

Kelly has a passion for learning languages, also speaking French and Italian fluently.

Sports are also a great interest with tennis, running, walking the dog, Pilates and running after two small children all included.

Profile of Naffisa Islam

Naffisa was born in Bangladesh. When she was eight months old the family moved to the Middle East, to Oman, where they lived until Naffisa was twelve years old. They then moved to New Zealand when Naffisa was six and a half, and where she attended high school. She lived there until she was twenty.

In 2001, Naffisa came to Australia took VCE here at Kurnai, going on to do a Bachelors Degree at Monash.

In 2005, Naffisa worked as a volunteer at Kurnai as a teacher's aid.

In 2008 Naffisa decided to broaden her employment opportunities by doing a Graduate Diploma in Education. Her placements were done at Kurnai Morwell Campus and Traralgon Junior College.

Her interests include learning languages, doing dance and choir work.

Drama

With the acceptance of Clifton Klein for the position of Drama teacher, there has been a very positive surge in interest in drama. Klein is passionate about his field, and has inspired his students in many ways, but particularly in writing and producing plays of a very high standard. His enthusiasm washes over people. He has produces a number of plays in his own location, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the job. The school is eagerly looking forward to many more great things from him in the future.

Leadership Team For 2009

This will remain the same as for 2008 with Nello Carbone as Campus Principal and

Year 7 Team Leader Nicole Pryor, Assistant Ross Fitzpatrick

Year 8 Team Leader Bernie Cropper, Assistant Kezia Horvarth

Year 9 Team Leader Christy Russell, Assistant Erin Buttimer

Year 10 Team Leader Lauren Kane, Assistant Trevor Chandler

Principal Nello Carbone is proud to report that student enrollments for Kurnai Junior Campus for 2009 are on the 400 mark. "We have grown by 60 students," he said. "This puts the school in a good position, as the more students, the more that can be done in the provision of programs and curriculum. It is a great way to end the year, and be happy with all we have to look forward to in 2009."



Year 7 Community Project

In Term 4 Year 7 has been working on a community based project. They have explored the question "Do Individuals have a responsibility to the community?"

To assist them in answering the big question they have researched and reported on a sub topic. The options included; plastic bags, coal-fired power stations, water, endangered animals, aged care, homelessness, domestic transport, public transport, climate change and students negotiated their own topics. From this point students researched and produced a report on their topic question. This involved developing research questions, mind mapping, research on the internet, books, interviews etc, and formulating an opinion on their issue.

After submitting their report students had to plan a practical action that relates to them having an individual responsibility in

the community. Students planted trees at Lake Hyland; cleaned up the water ways here and near their local homes; ran a can food drive; a clothes drive; raised money for Hazelwood House, and wild life centre's; volunteered at animal shelters and VETs; saved energy at home; built an energy and water efficient model house; created websites and wikis raising awareness, and made posters; built solar powered model cars; made bird feeders and boxes and lots more.

Students were then required to give a presentation that included; the main points of information on their topic, their practical action and answered the big question, "Do individuals have a responsibility to the community?"

Students have been very active and produced some great reports and helped some important organizations.



Boolarra Primary School



Kurnai College Bands

The following reviews were obtained from our students after the recent visit by some of the Kurnai College bands: Maddi P of grade 4 said "I loved the show! I especially liked the 2 bands that performed and the clarinets". Holly of grade 5 said "It was nice of Kurnai to come and play for us. It was inspiring to see young students doing a great job and having such an interest in

music". Erin H of grade 5: "I really enjoyed it when Kurnai came and performed at our school. My favourite was when they sang It's a long way to the top when you want to rock and roll. It was all very entertaining". Kia of grade 4 said "Kurnai rocked so much! I would love them to come back and perform again!"



How Impressive are we!

All of Boolarra probably heard the shrieks of excitement when we were notified that our students were deemed to have made the best science video in the state! The competition was judged by Victoria's Chief Government Scientist, Professor John Mackenzie and an independent film maker (former Director of Schools TV), Michael Green. Primary and Secondary schools from all over Victoria entered the competition and prizes were awarded for the best primary and secondary entry in each of the 9 regions of Victoria.

each - Buckley Park College in Western Metropolitan region and Boolarra Primary School in Gippsland! Our grade 5/6s made the video outlining the impact that a broken window in their classroom has had, when it was replaced with another window without any protective film. It is a reflection of the fabulous programs that operate at our school that we have now received state-wide recognition for our literacy, numeracy, countering bullying, bike education and ICT and Science programs. Go us!

Two overall winners in the state won \$1,000



Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp

Our students behaved brilliantly throughout their urban camp. They squeezed a lot into their action packed 3 days touring the Australian Racing Museum Hall of Fame, the Education Centre at the Shrine of Remembrance, the MCG (including the Sports Museum), Vic' Market, Rialto Observation

deck, the Aquarium and the old Melbourne Gaol. We were delighted to obtain glowing feedback about our students' behaviour throughout their camp. Grade 5/6 teacher and camp coordinator, Ms Tina Larrad did a magnificent job planning and organizing this adventure.



Superb Equestrian Team!

Recently one of our grade six students, Dana Flahavin represented us for the first time at the Inter-School competition in Melbourne riding a borrowed horse. Dana obtained two 1st placings, one 3rd and one 4th which was a magnificent effort. Our junior riders Daina Howard and Airtrea Cupples also achieved outstanding results in their section of the competition - Daina replicated the

bigger Dana's placings whilst Airtrea achieved one 1st, two 2nd, one 3rd and one 4th placing. Each of the three girls scored 35 points out of a possible 40. Overall the Boolarra team placed 2nd which was an amazing achievement. Big THANKS are extended to parent Sherie Howard who made our participation possible!

Sad Farewells

We are very sad to farewell some long serving staff members. Ms Wendy Stewart, who has worked at our school for 22 years, is retiring. Wendy will be missed by us all as she is not only a brilliant teacher, but also great fun to work with - her wicked sense of humour often has us in stitches. Wendy's energy and enthusiasm for teaching has been a real asset to our students. Fortunately Wendy is planning on devoting some of her retirement time to doing voluntary work at our school.

part time, return from family leave position at our school and fulfilled the important role of Welfare teacher. Sadly, we no longer have the funding for this position so Karen will return to her substantive position at Grey St. Primary School in Traralgon. Karen has so much energy and drive that, despite being part time, she has done the work of several fulltime teachers. Karen's organizational skills, teaching expertise and care for others will be sorely missed at Boolarra Primary School but we know how lucky we've been to have had her with us!

Ms Karen Tingay is also concluding her time with us after 5 years. Karen took on a

Ms Karen Tingay



Ms Wendy Stewart



BEST WISHES FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM EVERYONE AT BPS!

Churchill North Primary School



Sending a Message of Hope

Christmas came early to Children at Churchill North Primary School with a special visit from Bishop John McIntyre, who came to spread the message of hope.

Students began the festivities by making large paper angels. Children reflected on the meaning of Christmas and thought about all those who will be going without this holiday season and of

the children who are less fortunate than themselves.

Children then joined together to spell out the message of 'Hope'. This followed up with a visit from the jolly fat man himself - Santa, who came bearing gifts of small glass angels for each child to hang on their tree this Christmas and to remind children that it is better to give than receive.

Christmas Pageant

Children from grades prep to 2 took part in the annual Churchill Christmas Pageant. The procession began at Walker Parade, and continued through town to the shopping complex. Children had the opportunity to have their faces painted and sing Christmas carols they had been rehearsing.

Children from prep to two will continue to spread the holiday cheer with a planned trip to Hazelwood House where they will perform carols. This trip is also a continuation of their unit about 'My Community'. A visit to the police and fire station will also coincide

Grade 6 Graduation

Grade 6 graduation is fast approaching and it will be time to say Goodbye to the leaders of our school as they move on to high school.

This year a graduation ceremony is planned at the whole school assembly, with a visit from Kurnai College - Year 7 band - featuring some of our past stu-

dents. This is great opportunity for students to kick up their heels and allows other students to say Goodbye.

Grade 6 will also attend a special graduation dinner to be held at the Churchill Cricket Club. On the night children will receive their certificates as well as a graduation bear.

Air Conditioning

It is great to see all children and teachers being able to sustain great work habits throughout the day, despite the rising heat, and the expected dry summer.

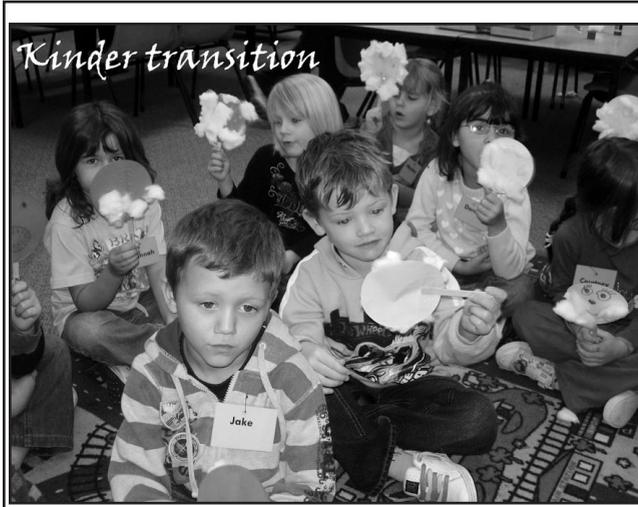
All classrooms at Churchill North are fitted with air conditioning (and heating) to enable teachers and children to work comfortably. Children are happier to come in from Lunch and get on with the task at hand.

Churchill North Idol

Practice is continuing for the up coming Churchill North Idol to be staged at the school on December the 12th. Children competing are invited into the Multi-Purpose Room during lunch times to practise their songs on stage under the guidance of Performing Arts teacher, Mrs. Algie & class teacher Gwen Hunter.

New School Jackets

The new school jackets have arrived and look great. Most families took advantage of the huge subsidy offered by the school. Many children have been spotted snuggling up in their warm jackets over the unexpected cold snap. A big thanks again to the Parents association who helped source these great quality jackets at minimal cost.



Kinder transition

The kinder transition program has run smoothly over the term. Prep teacher, Sandy Dunne has had students learning about the development of friendships, joining in and making their own friendship bracelets and friendship flyers. The children were also engaged in a fantastic musical activity that had them moving to the beat and bounding through musical hoops.

Churchill Primary School



Save the Children

After reading the book DUST by Colin Thompson, the Year 1/2 students at Churchill Primary School have decided to begin a long term goal of raising \$6,000 to donate to a charitable organisation to use for a troubled African community.

DUST is a story inspired by the humanitarian disaster which occurred in Niger, Africa, in 2005. Niger, officially the poorest country in the world, sees more than half its population live on less than \$1 a day and the under-five mortality rate is more than one in three.

The students in the 1/2 classes have already begun raising money for their Save the Children fund by holding a

lunchtime disco for Years P-2 and also Years 3-6. The children have also created a variety of greeting cards during their developmental curriculum program. These cards are on sale for \$1. Next year will be a key fundraising year to raise our current funds from \$550 closer to our target.

The students are committed to continuing this project until the target of \$6,000 has been reached. Students have been placed into a variety of teams including marketing, finance, administration, tickets, display, advertising and helping teams.

If you would like to help us in our quest, please feel free to contact Mrs. Donna Miller at the school.

It is that time of year where schools once again put in place their staffing for the upcoming year. It is with excitement and regret that we are able to announce our teaching staff for 2009, as we have a number of valuable staff leaving the school and some new arrivals in their place.

We are saying farewell to our Year 5/6 teacher, Mr. Hamish Clark,

Staffing News

our Year 4/5 teacher, Mrs. Sue-Ann McGowan and our Principal, Mr. Brad Moyle. The school community wishes these staff members the best of luck with their future endeavours and thanks them for their contributions to our school throughout their time at Churchill Primary.

2009 will see us welcoming new

staff members, Mrs. Susan Gilmore as Principal, Mr. Gerard Pearson as a Year 5/6 teacher and Mr. Matthew Dubois as a Prep /1 teacher. The addition of three new staff to an already vibrant teaching staff sets the school in place for another fantastic year in 2009.



Zoo Excursion



Extra-curricula events

Each year the school is a busy place with numerous extra-curricula events being held to support the work that students do within the classroom and school. Term 4 has been no exception with students participating in events such as our P-2 Swimming Program, Zoo Excursion and Recycling Excursions.

There is no doubt about the fact that these extra-curricula events enhance and expand the already broad cur-

riculum on offer to students at Churchill Primary.

To find out more about our extensive curriculum programs please feel free to drop in and speak with our Principal or teaching staff.

As always, enrolments are welcome at any stage of the year, but remember to act fast now to secure your spot in one of our classes for 2009.

Swimming Program

It is great to see the swimming program continuing on into 2009. This is an important program to the school, which see all grades from prep to 6, take part in 6 weeks of swimming instructions.

Students Congratulations

Well done to Samantha from 5/6S who won our overall Churchill North Story Writing Competition. She went home with a signed copy of our visiting Author - Justin Dath's novel.

Congratulations to Emily from 1/2J who won the Gippsland Water Drawing Competition for her age level. She drew a great picture of the sea-side with all the animals that live there. Emily picked up a bag of goodies including a set of Derwent pencils.

Kurnai Band Visit

Children's ears were treated to the fantastic sounds of the Kurnai Band which visited the school in November. Children were shown a range of musical instruments and entertained by 2 bands. At the end all students were invited to try the instruments available.

End of Year Break-up

The end of the year is fast approaching and like always, teachers and children like to celebrate the great time they have had together throughout the year with and end of year break-up. This year the break up is to be held at the Morwell Tenpin Bowling during the last week of school. The break-up was held there last year and according to children a good time was had by all.

Painting of Senior & Junior classes

Both classroom blocks at Churchill North are due to be painted over the summer holidays. This is a continuation with the already changing face of our school which has seen the toilet blocks being re-painted as well as the office, multi-purpose room and art room. The re-paint helps to keep the classrooms looking, fresh and inviting.

Celebrating Positive Behaviour

The Principal and Teachers continually recognise the positive behaviour of children in our play ground. This term to celebrate all children who displayed positive behaviour and school values at lunch or play time were rewarded with a trip to Lake Hyland for a play in the park and an icy pole

Hazelwood North Primary School

Writing From Grade 2/3R About Camp Rumbug

On Wednesday we went to camp. On the first day we saw a man wearing a dog hat. His name was Matt. The next day we met Pete. We had breakfast and then we met Tracy and Gav. The next day we went on the Scare Bear and Ms Rule, Rose and I made a bet and it was if I go to the top Ms Rule and Rose had to go to the top.

Hayden



When we went to Camp Rumbug at night Brodie, Adam and I stayed up late talking about movies and dreams. Adam and I stayed up till two o'clock but Brodie fell asleep before us. Before that we went on the fun and fitness trail. It was great.

After that we had afternoon tea. It was nice. It was apples and cordial. Then when we went inside I saw Adam go into the shower with a



towel around him then when I got in my room everyone was laughing. That night I stayed up till the disco was over. I hated it. Then we went to bed and stayed up until one o'clock. Very early in the morning we had lollies and chips. Jessy kept

taking them and then we went on the Adventure Bridge and cannon.

Sam

On Wednesday I went to Camp Rumbug. We went on the fun and fitness trail. I liked the mud pit. The Scare Bear is the best and the abseiling tower is huge! The best of all is the Adventure Bridge.

Jessy

At Camp Rumbug I stayed up late. Sam and Brodie did too. They stayed up until 2 o'clock and I stayed up until 1 o'clock. I went on the Scare Bear. It was high. When I got to the top I wasn't quite ready but they let me go. When I dropped it was scary.

Adam

On Wednesday all the grade 3's went to Camp Rumbug. We were in room 16. On the second day I had bacon and eggs. It was good! We did canoeing. I was with Sam, we got so close to the water bank. Sam said do you want to jump out, I said no I didn't. It was cool. James and Jarryd fell out. It was funny. I had great fun. I also did the Scare Bear. It is freaky! I liked rock climbing, canoeing and the adventure bridge. On the Adventure Bridge, Mrs Duncan said we could get down and dirty!

Blake

On Wednesday we went to Camp Rumbug. I did the fun and fitness trail with Alison. After that we came back. We all had a shower then we roasted marshmallows. We came back so tired we went to bed. The next day I went on the Draw Bridge Course, rock climbing, canoeing, the scare

bear, environmental Ropes Course and Jail Break. Canoeing was my favourite activity. I was with Daniel. Canoeing was my favourite because I like rowing. I went on the Scare Bear.

Glen

On Wednesday the 12th of November 2008, the grades 3-6 went to Camp Rumbug. It was, not just fun, REALLY, REALLY FUN! On the 1st day we did 2 activities. They were the adventure bridge and the bird mapping course. At night time we roasted marshmallows. On the second day, we obviously had breakfast. We did 8 activities. My favourite was the scare bear. On the last day we played inside games. It was cool, I was the scorer. Camp was awesome!

Brodie

Two weeks ago from Wednesday to Friday grades 3 to 6 went to Camp Rumbug in Foster.



There was a total of 102 students and a total of 6 teachers and 6 parent helpers. We did many activities and they were called Scare Bear, Abseiling, Rock Climbing, Adventure Bridge, the Drawbridge Course, Jail Break, Canoeing, the Fun and Fitness trail and more...

We all had fun getting very very muddy and we had a great time including the teachers and helpers. We hope to have fun next time we go there.

James



RACV Energy Breakthrough at Maryborough 2008 Human Powered Vehicle

On the 19th to the 23rd of November 2008, 16 student drivers and 1 student pit crew plus some parents from Hazelwood North Primary School drove all the way to Maryborough for the RACV Energy Breakthrough.

On Wednesday we set up our tents, walked around the track and prepared for presentations.

On Thursday at 11:00am we went to scruti-

neering.

We had to test the lights and brakes and answer some questions about our vehicles and we passed the safety test.

Overdrive had their presentation at 2:30pm and Coal Power had it at 3:30.

Both teams did very well in the presentation. That night we had a practise race to get our grid

position.

Coal Power got 27th and Overdrive got 43rd.

At 12:00pm on Friday we started the race. Amber started in Coal Power and Tyler started in Overdrive.

We raced until 9:00pm that night. Jaye finished in Coal Power and Alex finished in Overdrive.

On Saturday we woke up at 6:00am and went down to the pits to start the race at 7:00am.

Stacey started in Coal Power and Lisa started in Overdrive.

We finished the race at 12:00pm.

With racing and presentation put together Coal Power came 2nd and Overdrive came 6th in our age group.

We all put in 100% and enjoyed ourselves.

Thank you to the many parents, who either helped do catering, pit crew, organized the event and helped with the vehicle.

And a special thank you to all the sponsors, and our principal Mr Drysdale.

By Amber S and Cedar M.



Christmas Colouring Competition



Win a Santa Sack Full of Goodies!

Colour in the picture of Santa, tell us about the best present you have ever had, fill in your name and address and drop it in the Churchill & District News, Box at Cafe Le Mac's, Churchill Primary School, or Co-Operating Church or Mail to PO Box 234, Churchill, 3840.

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Merry Christmas

Hello from the North Pole! Christmas is not far away and we are all getting excited are you? It won't be long until we will be flying to Churchill again and delivering presents to all the good Boys and Girls.

Why not write me a letter!

To mums & dads why not let your Son or daughter have the thrill of writing to Father Christmas and receiving a personal non committal letter by return mail direct from the grand old gentleman's North Pole workshop.

Or if you like your grandchildren, niece, nephew etc to receive a letter from Father Christmas, just give us their name and address and we will see that he writes before Christmas day.

- It's easy! Here is all you do
- o Write to Father Christmas (Address below)
- o Ensure your Childs full name and address is clearly written in the letter.

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Christmas Colouring Competition Entry Form

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Tell us about the best present you have ever had!

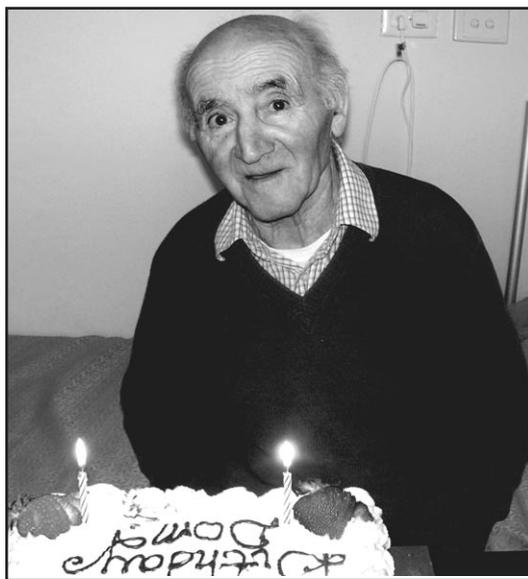
Hazelwood House Happenings



Above: Some of our residents enjoying afternoon tea at Boolarra. Thanks to Heather and Trevor for hosting us at their home.



Above: Bill and Robyn enjoying a sing-along at the Hostel. Even Robyn's dogs enjoyed getting into the act.



Left: Domenico celebrating his birthday with the residents at Hazelwood House

Everyone at Hazelwood House would like to wish the Churchill Community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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BIRTHDAYITES FOR DECEMBER

Jake Warddill - 10 years	Luke Collinson - 11 years
Dylan Rowley - 13 years	Emma Gunn - 3 years
Megan Kearns - 12 years	Oliver Thain - 13 years
Tyler Missingham - 8 years	William Bonnici - 4 years

THE LUCKY BIRTHDAYITES FOR DECEMBER
WILLIAM BONNICI & MEGAN KEARNS

BIRTHDAYITES FOR JANUARY

Zac Talarico - 5 years	Alisha Briggs - 6 years
Brianna Briggs - 8 years	Emily Zela - 9 years
Jordan Curtis - 10 years	

THE LUCKY BIRTHDAYITES FOR JANUARY ARE

EMILY ZELA & ZAC TALARICO

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Churchill & Monash Golf Club Results

MEN: 8/11/08. 4BBB.

Winners: B. Barnes (27) / G. Blizzard (27) 46pts c/b. R/Up: R. Viti / P. Hart 46pts c/b. DTL: A. Auld/T/Collins 46pts. W. Peter/W. Judkins 45pts. M. Smith/B. Kilday 43pts. NTP: 3rd W. Peter. 5th P. Smart. 14th P. Ludlow.

9/11/08. Churchill/Newry

Challenge-Stableford. Winners of Challenge-Churchill 761 to Newry 725. Men's Winner: A. Kileen (11) 39pts c/b. R/Up: B. Peach 39pts. DTL: R. Timbs 38pts c/b. M. Robinson 38pts c/b. J. Ambrosini 38pts. W. Peter 37pts. J. McCafferty 36pts c/b. A. Percy 36pts c/b. NTP: 3rd M. Smart. 5th L. Stein. 12th D. Moreland. 14th B. Peach. Birdies: D. Moreland 12th. Eagle: R. Moreland 10th.

LADIES: 9/11/08. Churchill/Newry Challenge-Stableford. Ladies Winner: J. Beck(30)38pts c/b. R/Up: E. D'Alterio (21) 38pts. DTL: V. Verheyen 35pts. C. Ellis 34pts.

11/11/08. Monthly Medal. CCR 70. Scratch: D. Scurlock(15)81 Course Record. Medal Winner: D. Scurlock (15) 66. DTL: V. Verheyen 69. C. Ellis 70. NTP: 3rd M. Munkton. 5th/14th 0-32 J. Blizzard. 5th/14th 33-45 M. Munkton. 12th D. Scurlock. Putts: V. Verheyen 26. Broke H/cap: Di Scurlock 15 to 14.

15/11/09. MEN. Stroke CCR 68.A Grade: G. Miller (18) 68 c/b. B Grade: F. Peel (23) 64. C Grade: P. Hart (28) 67 c/b. DTL: G. Blizzard 67. G. Fraser 68.

P. Jordan 68. B. Kilday 68. S. Wotton 68. NTP: 3rd K. Garlick. 5th A. Sharrock 12th M. Brereton 14th P. Rickwood. Birdies P. Rickwood 12th

M. Brereton 12th.

18/11/09. LADIES. 3BBB. Winners: C. Ellis (32) J. Timbs (45) C. Barnes (36) 95pts. DTL: T. Buxton. H. Croft. J. Beck. 94pts. NTP: 12th L. Welsh

5th/14th 0-32 K. Raber. 5th/14th 33-45 H. Croft.

22/11/08 Par. A Grade: K. Hills +1. B Grade: S. Wotton. DTL: E. Hayes-Hills +2. D. McCafferty +1. B. Kilday Square c/b. R. Welsh Square. NTP: 5th L. Stein. 12th S. Wotton. 14th R. Welsh.

Ladies: 25/11/08. Stroke/Star Medal: CCR 70. Winner: E. D'Alterio(21) 70. DTL: H. Croft 73 c/b. M. Munkton 73. D. Scurlock 75 c/b. NTP: 3rd V. Verheyen. 5/14 33-45 Buxton. Star Medalist: E. D'alterio 70. Eagle: 8th D. Scurlock.

29/11/08. MEN: Stroke, Monthly Medal, Star Medal. CCR 68. Scratch: G. Beyer(12)79. A Grade: G. Beyer(12)67.

B Grade: R. Welsh(23)67. C Grade & Medal Winner: G. Spowart (26) 66. Star Medal Winner: G. Beyer(12)67. DTL: P. Shields 68. J. Ambrosini 68. W. Judkins 68. W. Peter 69. S. McCafferty 69. V. Monument 69. NTP: 3rd P. Shields. 5th P. Ludlow. 12th A. Auld. 14th J. McCafferty. Putts: G. Beyer 27.

30/11/08. Kick Butt Day-Stableford. MEN: A Grade: H. Martin (17) 43pts. B Grade: P. Jordan (30) 39pts. DTL: W. Judkins 37pts. G. Blizzard 36pts. G. Fraser 35pts. NTP 3rd P. Jordan. 5th G. Fraser. 12th R. Welsh. 14th P. Williams. Birdies: H. Martin 14th.

LADIES: CCR 70. Winner: V. Verheyen(30) 39pts c/b. DTL: M. Munkton 39pts. H. Croft 37pts. D. Judkins 35pts. NTP: 12th J. Beck. 14th 33-45 M. Munkton. Winner of Kick Butt Trophy: Men 31.9 to Ladies 31.6.

LADIES: 2/12/08. Par. CCR 70. Winner: V. Verheyen (30) 0 c/b. DTL: M. Mitchell 0 c/b. C. Ellis 0 c/b. J. Timbs 0. NTP: 5/14 33-45. J. Timbs.

Boolarra Bowls Invitational Day



Invitation day winning team from Warragul

By John Wyatt

The pennant bowls season is underway with five matches having been played at the time of writing. Division 3 have yet to open their account but I am assured that a win is just around the corner. Division 5 has been a little more fortunate in having three wins on the board.

Ladies Pennant is also well underway and they have completed six matches for three wins. Well done ladies on a good start!

The Yinnar Ladies Invitational Day was held recently and I am pleased to be able to report that a team from Boolarra were the victors on the day.

Many people have commented on the excellent state of the green. This is due to a huge amount of time and effort put in by our green keeper, Brian Mayer. A great vote of thanks goes to Brian.

While extending thanks to people it would be very remiss not to mention all the ladies who work behind the scenes making sure that lunches and afternoon teas are catered for and presented in a professional manner. Also thanks to the committees for their organization of pennant and special bowls days.

Our Melbourne Cup Day Social was held on 4th November and while the attendance was a little disappointing, for those who did 'roll-up' it was a great day of sweeps, raffles and bowls. Winners of the bowls for the day were Lil Ferguson, Ron Fox and John Wyatt. Make a note in your diaries for the first Tuesday in November next year.

Our Triples days so far have been a great success,

which in no small way is due to the great support of bowlers from other clubs from around the Gippsland area. All bowlers are reminded that Triples are held on the 4th Monday of the month and on the odd occasion that a 5th Monday occurs, Triples will be held at Boolarra as well. All bowlers are most welcome.

The Boolarra Invitational Bowls Day was held on Sunday 9th November with a capacity number of bowlers attending. Lunch and afternoon tea was catered for by our very capable ladies. Comments were that the catering was excellent. The winning team on the day was from Warragul with the runners up coming from Traralgon RSL.

Congratulations to all members of those teams. The major raffle for the day was a side of lamb which was won by Noel Williams from Yinnar. With the costs incurred in running and maintaining all sporting clubs and organizations always presenting a problem, it is with a great vote of thanks that we acknowledge our sponsor of the day, the Boolarra Fish Farm.

Twilight Bowls started on 8th October and are continuing every second Wednesday at Boolarra starting at 6pm. Entries need to be in by 5pm. The cost is \$3 for the game and \$7 if you would like to have a meal. With daylight saving and the evenings becoming more settled why not come and enjoy these friendly and social events?

Great bowling, and if you are not bowling, why not? Till next time, keep bowling until someone calls 'last end'.



Cup day winners Lil Ferguson, Ron Fox and John Wyatt



Boolarra Bowls Ladies hard at work on Invitation Day

Victoria's Top Juniors Compete for Victorian Speedway Championship

Victoria's top Under 16 speedway motorcycle riders competed for the Victorian Junior Solo Speedway Championship on Saturday 6th December. The Gippsland Speedway Motorcycle Club hosted the event which saw Jak Fallon take the title in an exciting and hard fought final. Close behind in second place was Cooper Riadon, followed by Max Frick in third place.

In perfect weather the young riders gave some thrilling performances in front of a large and apprecia-

tive crowd.

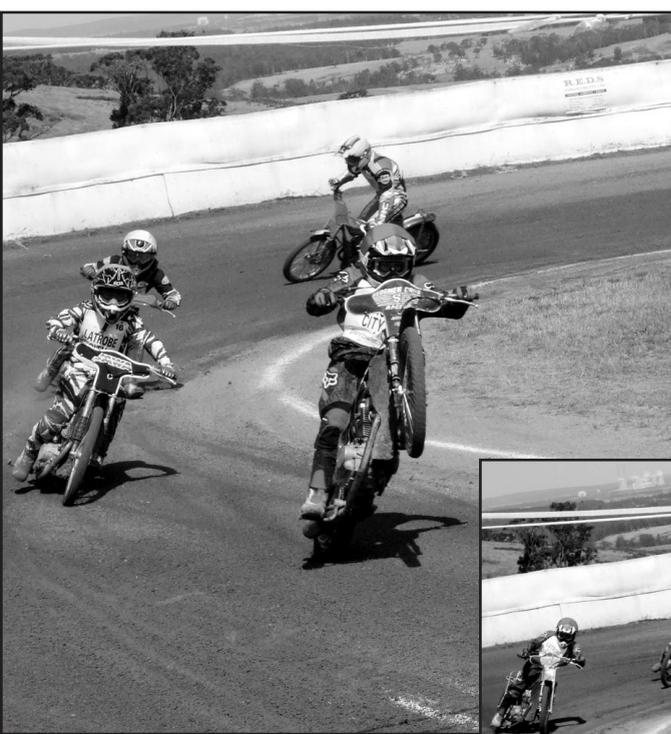
This was the fifth time the club has run the prestigious event with support from sponsors Latrobe City Council, Gippsland Trades and Labour Council, Kirway Constructions, The Grange food Hall, Courthouse Restaurant Warragul and Bobs Shed.

"This is a great facility," said John Ferguson President of the Gippsland Club. "It's been a great day and now we are looking forward to hosting the Neil

Street Cup in February."

The club has been campaigning to build a senior track in the Latrobe Valley for some years. "I can get the best riders in the world out here," said Ferguson.

The Neil Street Cup will take place at the Blue Rock track on Coach Road, Newborough on 7th February 2009. For more information about the club ring John Ferguson on 0407 331 867.



Jak Fallon takes the checkered flag



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