

## International Disability Awareness Day



Tess and Gizmo

December 3 was International Disability Awareness Day. This day, each year, is an opportunity to acknowledge disability, extend people's awareness of disability and its affects, and a way of celebrating the achievements of those with a disability.

When Tess Hoeben was 15 years old she had an accident which changed her life. She was riding her horse which reared up and over. Tess landed on her head and the horse landed on Tess's head also.

Tess was unconscious and not breathing. Her mother, Joan got her on her side and breathing before calling the ambulance. Tess was in a coma for seven days and suffered from post trauma amnesia for three months. After a time in Traralgon Hospital, Tess was moved to Melbourne for rehabilitation for the rest of the year. During that time Tess had to relearn everything as there had been extensive nerve damage between the cerebellum- the back part of the brain that controls breathing, walking, talking etc. and the main brain. Her whole brain was badly bruised.

This accident has resulted in Tess having acquired brain injury (ABI) thus experiencing memory loss, being impulsive, very cheeky, having trouble with normal cognitive things like controlling her emotions. Tess is very social, but holding more than 'a few sentences' and initiating conversation is hard for her, resulting in social relationships being hard to maintain. She also says things repetitively and becomes very tired, needing a rest in the afternoons. The accident also caused her to have epileptic seizures which are more under control than at first. Headaches are often present. She has problems coping with stress, noise and crowds.

Her balance and co-ordination are impaired. Her muscles tighten up without regular exercise.

Despite all this Tess persevered and finished her schooling through year 12. She obtained a part time job with Australian Securities and Investment Commission doing data entry, which she held for four years.

Tess wanted to move away from their Boolarra home to a place more accessible to services. The money she earned working enabled her to buy the home they have in Churchill in 1999.

Tess lives a pretty quiet life. Her support package allows her to have a support worker for five hours, six days a week.

Her mother Joan had nursing experience and was able to help at the accident scene. She didn't know anything about ABI. A social worker at Traralgon Hospital put Joan in touch with Headway, which was able to help Joan secure the carer's support package. It was a time of financial difficulty with many hospital bills to pay. However the church, courts and Pony Club gave some financial help.

Joan commented that it takes some effort to find out what is available and how to obtain the services. But she says Headway was a great source of information.

Joan coped by reading as much as she could about ABI, and doing a Housing and Community Services degree. Headway funded the module of ABI. Joan also joined Headway Committee in 1999 and attended conferences over her 13 year membership.

Joan explained that ABI is often referred to as the Invisible Disability as people often appear normal on the outside, but exhibit abnormal behaviours.

They are not intellectually disabled, but they cannot use their intellect the way they used to. They remember how they were. Simple things like planning and controlling emotions are difficult. Those affected also age more quickly; exhibit tiredness and require sleeps in the day. There can be periods of depression too.

The garden at the house was limited when they first moved in. Tess knew what she wanted to do to improve it, which included growing roses, having an arbour and growing vegetables. Joan wanted to include natives. Joan has been responsible for the physical establishment of the garden. Her work has created areas where Tess can take her wheelchair around paths and help by doing the weeding. Both have found satisfaction in creating the garden.

Tess has also developed skills in wood burning. Examples of her work are placed around the covered part of the back yard, where Tess has her gym equipment and where she can spend time grooming and enjoying the company of the dogs and cat which are a very important part of Tess's and Joan's lives.

Joan has been Tess's mother, her carer, her mentor and her counsellor.

Tess has been determined to work hard to achieve what she can with her life.

They are both to be admired.

## Harry Ballis appointed Head of Campus for Federation University

Local academic Harry Ballis has been appointed Head of Campus for Federation University campus in Churchill. Congratulations have been warm and confirming.

Harry Ballis has been involved with the university here in Churchill for about 25 years, dating back to the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education days. He has held various roles including in the early days as lecturer, written subject courses, developed degrees, supervised 24 PhD students to completion, been head of Social Sciences school, deputy Pro Vice Chancellor, and Acting Pro Vice Chancellor.

He knows this area and the needs of the community. He longs to make a difference.

"Monash University is a great university," commented Harry, "and I am delighted to see it grow. But this area needs a regional campus. Federation University is a fantastic opportunity to rebuild this campus from the ground up."

Harry has a dream that Federation University will make it possible to work with our community, to lift our dimension of hope, that it will be a vehicle to introduce a desire for first degrees to families here.

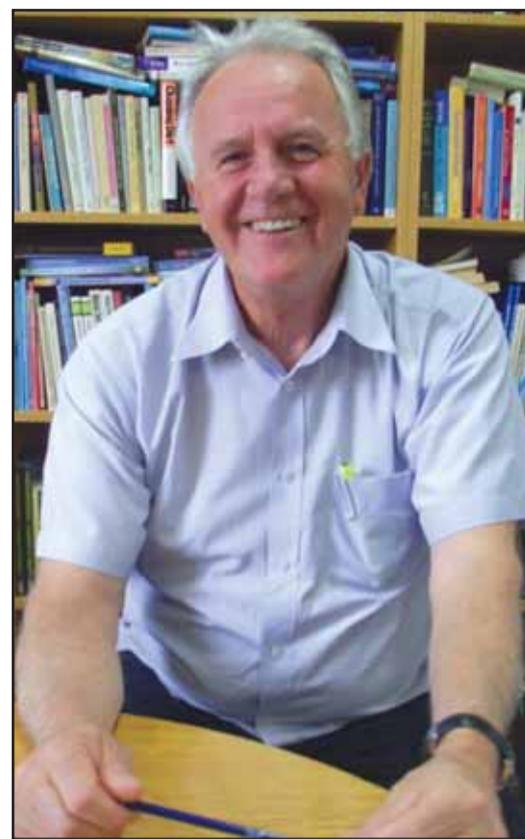
Less than 12% of regional secondary state school leavers have been eligible to apply for Monash courses. "It is imperative that we have a university that will respond and engage with our community to lift expectations," said Harry determinedly.

Harry says he was an ordinary person from a migrant family, but with encouragement he has made it to his position of academic success and respect.

He wants the community to know that this goal can be the aim for all likewise ordinary students in our area.

He is wanting parents to encourage their children to see the university as a natural progression in their learning, as the university itself strives to remove barriers and demystify the campus. He wants the campus to be seen by groups of young people as 'our university' - part of their education. He wants the community to own Churchill Campus as part of their town's facilities.

Federation University has the potential to make a



Harry Ballis

contribution to that image, but it needs the input of the community and indeed will welcome ideas for making this project work. Harry wants the community to see him as ordinary, down to earth and accessible.

David Battersby, Pro Vice Chancellor of Federation University has spent many hours in Churchill talking with the staff, heads of schools, local politicians, councillors and businesses. He has set a high standard of community engagement which Harry wants to emulate and continue.

"Together we can make this work for our young people, so that our community and our country will benefit in the future" he concluded passionately.

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# Friends of Morwell National Park



## November Activity report

### Part 1 – November 17

At this activity we had Beryl, Mike, Cathy, Wendy, John, Matt, Kerry, Peter, Darren, and Craig. We had an apology from Margaret. After meeting in the Junction Road car park the group entered via the main track. The chainsaw was used to remove two trees across the main track. The group then stopped between Billy's Weir and the Blue Gum Hill spur track. From this point an old fence line started among the stinging nettles and went up the steep hill.

The group task was to remove this old fence line. The first task was to locate the start of the fence line from among the stinging nettles. The start of the fence line was very overgrown and it needed to be found from among the overgrowth.

Star pickets and barbed wire were collected and moved down the hill. It was a steep trip and many stinging nettles needed to be negotiated. The concrete fence posts will remain. The group finished with lunch at Billy's Weir. Over the day the group had piled the

ute with collected star pickets and barbed wire. Over lunch the group decided upon the people needed to support Ken with the Butterfly Orchid survey in the next week. After the activity Craig made it back to the tip (just before closing) to get rid of the barbed wire and poorer star pickets.

## November Activity report

### Part 2 – November 24 (Butterfly Orchid Survey)

In the second activity for the month, Ken, Beryl and Darren completed the Butterfly Orchid survey. On an overcast day the group completed the survey in Plots A, D and E. Some new orchids were located, but overall the number of orchids is similar to last year, with less flowers being found on the orchids. Plot D was the most difficult to survey with it being located in a steep gully. Ken fell twice entering this plot, but he concluded that in the end it was easier to slide down the hill rather than tackle the many stinging nettles.

December Activity was held on December 15, conducting the nesting box survey before the Christmas barbecue.

## Latrobe City's Councillors and staff extend

# Season's Greetings to all residents

opening and closing times for the Christmas and New Year period



### COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRES AND LIBRARIES

Council Service Centres and Libraries will close at 12.30pm on Tuesday 24 December 2013.

Service Centres in Moe, Morwell and Traralgon will reopen at 8.30am on Thursday 2 January 2014. Libraries in Moe, Morwell and Traralgon will reopen at 10am on Thursday 2 January 2014.

Churchill Service Centre and Library will reopen at 11.00am on Thursday 2 January 2014.

### EMERGENCIES

For emergencies within the municipality, outside of office hours, contact 1300 482 684.

### IMPOUNDED PETS

Council's pound facility in Driffield Road Morwell will be open for the release of impounded pets between 9am and 10am on both Friday 27 December 2013 and Monday 30 December 2013.

Impounded pets may be viewed 24/7 on Council's impound register online at [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au)

### LOST OR STRAY PETS

For enquiries over the Christmas closure period contact the emergency after-hours number 1300 482 684. Normal operating hours resume Thursday 2 January 2014.

### WASTE MANAGEMENT

Garbage and recycling collections will commence at 1am, 25 December 2013. Bins need to be placed out for collection the night before. All other collections are at normal times. For service enquiries during the holiday period please contact Cleanaway on 1800 007 543.

### TRANSFER STATIONS

Christmas Day **Closed**  
Boxing Day **Closed**  
New Year's Day **Closed**

For service enquiries during the holiday period please contact Rosa at Drouin Waste Recyclers on 0418 260 466.

### PINE GRO GREEN WASTE COLLECTION CENTRES

Christmas Day **Closed**  
New Year's Day **Closed**

For further information contact Pine Gro on 5122 2036.

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES

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

### EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

Traralgon, Moe and Morwell Early Learning Centre close at 12.30pm Tuesday 24 December 2013 and reopen at 7.30am on Monday 13 January 2014.

For enquiries during the closure period please call 1300 367 700.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

No delivery of meals on 25, 26 December 2013 and 1 January 2014. *(Chilled meals can be ordered.)*

Deliveries will be made for 27, 30 and 31 December 2013. Normal deliveries resume on Thursday 2 January 2014. For emergencies clients should telephone 5128 5626.

### PLANNED ACTIVITY GROUP

Will be closed from Monday 23 December 2013 returning Monday 13 January 2014. Any queries please contact Dee Nolan on 1300 367 700.

### HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE

Operating the same opening hours as Council Service Centres. For emergencies telephone 1300 482 684.

Please visit our website [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au) for a full list of opening and closing times for other council services.





## Have your say on the Churchill West Development Plan

The draft Churchill West Development Plan applies to 515 Hazelwood Estate Road, Churchill.

The subject land comprises a total area of 87 ha and is bounded by Switchback Road to the north, Gaskin Park to the east, Hazelwood Estate Road and Arnolds Road to the west, and a private allotment to the south.

The draft Churchill West Road Development Plan shows how the land will be developed for residential land use. It identifies where future residential lots, roads, pathways, open space and physical infrastructure should be located.

A full copy of the exhibition documents, (including detailed background reports), are available for review on

Latrobe City Council website [http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Get\\_Involved/Engagement\\_Hub/Have\\_your\\_say](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Get_Involved/Engagement_Hub/Have_your_say)

Traralgon, Morwell, Moe/ Newborough, Churchill Service Centres

If you wish to make a submission please write to Kiesha Jones, Urban Growth Project Officer, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264 Morwell VIC 3840 or via email [kiesha.jones@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:kiesha.jones@latrobe.vic.gov.au) by 12 noon Monday December 24, 2013.

All submissions will be considered public documents unless specified otherwise by the submitter.

For further information, please contact Kiesha Jones on (03) 5128 5751 or via email [kiesha.jones@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:kiesha.jones@latrobe.vic.gov.au).

Or visit the Community Sounding Board at [http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Get\\_Involved/Engagement\\_Hub/Have\\_your\\_say](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Get_Involved/Engagement_Hub/Have_your_say)

If you were unable to make the 'Open House' session another meeting time can be arranged by appointment.



# 2013/14 Churchill Businesses Christmas Trading Hours



**Advantage Pharmacy**  
Christmas Eve 8.30 am – 6.00 pm  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day Closed  
New Year's Eve 8.30 am – 6.00 pm  
New Year's Day Closed.

**Anne's Café & Bar**  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day Closed  
New Year's Day Closed  
Opening 9.00 am between Christmas and New Year.

**Churchill BBQ Chicken**  
Open Christmas Eve and Christmas Day all other times displayed on shop window.

**Churchill Business Centre**  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day Closed  
New Year's Day Closed.

**Churchill Chinese**  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day Closed  
Closed January 20 to February 10. Re-open February 11, 5.00 pm.

**Churchill Chiropractic**  
Closed December 24 – January 1.  
Re-open January 2 at 9.00 am.  
Emergency contact 5163 1509.

**Churchill Fish & Chip Shop**  
Christmas Eve Open

then closed, re-open Friday, January 3.

**Churchill Hot Bread Bakery**  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day Closed  
New Year's Day Closed.

**Churchill KFC**  
Christmas Eve till 10.00 pm  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day 10.00 am – 10.00 pm  
New Year's Eve 10.00 am – 9.00 pm  
New Year's Day 10.00 am – 10.00 pm.

**Churchill Laundromat**  
Christmas Eve Closed  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day Closed  
New Year's Eve Closed  
New Year's Day Closed  
Limited hours between Christmas and New Year.  
Enquiries - phone 5122 1600

**Churchill Neighbourhood Centre**  
Closed Wednesday, December 18.  
Classes resume Monday, February 3.

**Churchill Newsagency**  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day Closed  
New Year's Day Closed.

**Churchill Noodle Bar**  
Closed Tuesday, December 24 to Sunday, January 5.

**Churchill Post Office**  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day Closed  
New Year's Day Closed.

**Commonwealth Bank Churchill**  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day Closed  
New Year's Day Closed.

**Dainbridge Financial Services**  
Closed Wednesday, December 18  
Re-open Monday, January 13.

**Future Flicks**  
December 23 – 10.30 am – 9.00 pm.  
Christmas Eve 10.30 am – 9.00 pm.  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day 10.00 am – 9.30 pm  
December 27 - 10.00 am – 9.30 pm  
December 28 - 10.00 am – 9.30 pm.

**Hazelwood Health Centre**  
Tuesday, December 24  
8.00 am – 3.00 pm  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day Closed  
Sunday, December 29 Closed  
Tuesday, December 31  
8.00 am – 3.00 pm  
New Year's Day Closed.

**Kats Hair Design**  
Saturday, December 21, 9.00 am - 1.00 pm  
Monday, December 23 9.00 am - 2.00 pm  
Christmas Eve 9.00 am - 4.00 pm  
Christmas Day, Boxing Day Closed

December 27, 28, 30 and 31 10.00 am - 2.00pm  
New Year's Day Closed until January 7

**Lifeline Op Shop**  
Closed 12 noon Friday, December 20  
Re-open 9.30am Monday, January 13.

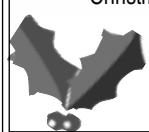
**Ritchie's IGA Churchill**  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day 8.00 am – 7.00 pm  
New Year's Day 8.00 am – 7.00 pm  
All other days open as normal.  
8.00 am – 8.00 pm Monday to Saturday  
9.00 am to 7.00 pm Sunday.

**Smart Saver**  
Christmas Eve 9.00 am – 6.00 pm  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day Closed  
New Year's Day Closed.

**The Barber Shed**  
Closed from Sunday, December 22  
Re-open Monday January 6.

**Woolworths Supermarket**  
Christmas Eve 7.00 am – 9.30 pm  
Christmas Day Closed  
Boxing Day 8.00 am – 9.00 pm  
New Year's Eve 7.00 am – 9.30 pm  
New Year's Day 8.00 am – 9.00 pm  
7.00 am – 9.00 pm from then onwards.

**Zaniti Hair Studio**  
Closed Saturday, December 21  
Re-opening Tuesday, January 7  
Working late from December 16





A Churchill &amp; District History Series

# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## The Ryton Story By Leo Billington

### Ryton – An Optimistic Community who faced Challenges

In its edition dated Friday, October 7, 1910, the Morwell Advertiser ran a lead story under a grand headline:

#### HILL RAILWAYS. MEETING AT RYTON. WELSHPOOL-TRARALGON LINE TO BE ADVOCATED.

A railway meeting was held in the Ryton (Wonyip) hall on Saturday last. For some time past the progress associations of Welshpool, Toora, and Ryton have interested themselves in the matter of agitating for railway connection between northern and southern Gippsland. The result was that railway leagues were formed at Welshpool, Woorarra, Traralgon, Toora and Ryton, and on Saturday a delegates' meeting was held in the Ryton hall to decide upon a route. The following representatives were present :-Messrs Tindale, Growse and Eason (Welshpool), Fretwell and Lawrence (Toora), Ritchie, Hodgkiss, and Chadwick (Woorarra) Radburn, Fraser, and Duggin (Ryton). Mr Radburn was voted to the chair, and Mr Fraser was appointed secretary to the meeting.

Imagine for one moment if this lobbying was successful. There may have been a railway link between the Latrobe Valley and (somewhere) in South Gippsland.

The Advertiser's story contained more detail suggesting a railway link would be an excellent idea:

Correspondence from the Traralgon railway league showed that they fully realised the advantages to be derived from a line, the terminal points of which would be Welshpool and Traralgon. He (Tindale) favored Welshpool as a starting point on account of the fine natural port which at low tide would accommodate large coastal steamers. He also favored it because of the probability of water communication between Welshpool and Tasmania. A letter was read from the Launceston Chamber of Commerce, stating that owing to the likelihood of a line at some future time connecting Corner Inlet with New South Wales lines, the journey would be much shortened, and also stating that the matter would be placed before a meeting of that body. Mr Duggin (Ryton) concurred with the views of the previous speaker, and also said that the existence of large coal-fields at the Powlett River would necessitate the supply of a large quantity of timber, unlimited supplies of which could be obtained from the country to be traversed by the proposed line.

As happens in most public meetings held for the first time, there was a skeptic or two.

A Carrarung resident refers as follows to the proposal :-No action has been taken locally in connection with the proposed Welshpool-Traralgon railway. The persons agitating must surely be new residents, who have still the pleasure awaiting them of meeting the Railway standing committee, and endeavouring to find satisfactory replies to the many knotty questions which that body puts forth to obtain their necessary evidence. It is only a matter of a short lapse of time, when our railways will become a Federal affair, and I, as one of the last agitators, will gladly welcome the change. We may fare no better, but certainly we cannot fare any worse. The hill people of South Gippsland have nothing to thank their State ministry for in the matter of providing railway facilities (to any extent) for the promotion of settlement.

And so the meeting closed. Delegates from the leagues adjacent to the North Gippsland line are to be asked to join the deputation. Mr Crowse was appointed general secretary. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the delegates from the distant leagues regarding the interest displayed in the movement. A vote of thanks to the chairman, brought a very enthusiastic meeting to a close.



And I assume everyone returned home.

[In 1997, I was a participant in a meeting in Traralgon when a highly paid Melbourne based consultant suggested a railway link between the Latrobe Valley and Barry's Beach, mainly to carry freight to that port. He was howled down as being somewhat crazy. He admitted a lack of knowledge of the terrain between here and there. Ironically I never saw him again. Perhaps he had read this same report and constructed his consultancy advice around it!]

By 1910, Ryton was "on the map" although perhaps not quite a locality which was destined for the big time. But for a while in its brief history, Ryton was a resilient community with big plans. A north - south railway link was one grand vision.

About 37 kilometres (23 miles in earlier days) south from Boolarra, Ryton took its name from Ryton-on-Dunsmore, a place with a very small population (about 1800) in the region of Warwickshire, England. Close by are cities, towns and places including Wolston, Coventry, Long Lawford and Long Itchington. The closest major cities include Birmingham, Leicester, Wolverhampton and Derby.

Under the Victorian Land Act 1884, allotments of farming land were selected from pre-survey maps prepared by the Victorian Lands Department. Unfortunately there was so little survey data available and the terrain was so rough that for decades it was impossible to produce accurate maps. Nevertheless, the "land grab" was on and South Gippsland was no different to other areas in Victoria. The sale of Crown land was virtually abandoned and replaced by a system of inexpensive grazing and farming leases, and agricultural production began its rapid rise.

However, it all depended largely on where that land was located. During the early 1890's when unemployment in Victoria was looming particularly in Melbourne, areas of land in South Gippsland appeared to the Victorian government as an answer to generating jobs. Hill country around Mt Fatigue was made available when in 1893, an area of about 10,000 acres was surveyed and opened for selection. Next followed land at Mt Best with "hill country" blocks of about 100 acres, with some up to around 180 acres. Further inland, communities developed at Toora North, Wonyip, Gunyah and Ryton. In his book, *Wednesdays Closest to the Full Moon*, Barry Collett described these communities as "energetic and hopeful".

Government officials believed the hill country was rich land from its native humus and ash from fires which burned incessantly when land clearing was rampant. Getting a good burn was of critical importance to the selector and he anxiously

waited through the summer till late January watching the heaps of timber dry off and waiting for just the right day (*With Mud On Their Boots*, J Vale and N Everitt, p.23). As land clearing pushed ahead, the hills north of Toora seemed to be on fire for an eternity.

Dairy farming was their major pursuit in the hill country; an initial clearing of a few acres enabled a cow paddock to be developed, then more clearing and a few more cows. A couple of horses and some pigs and poultry complemented the farm and life's future seemed to become easier.

Jane Vale and Neil Everitt write that "an entry in a diary kept by a farmer's wife near Yarram sums up the life women led when for one day she simply wrote "Work, work, work!" It was a tough life for everyone, particularly women and children, being faced with daily chores including helping hand milk cows, setting the milk after which the cream was skimmed off and made into butter. Cream was also sent to the closest milk factory along shocking roads, largely unmade and extremely muddy in winter.

While it's difficult to identify who was the first selector at Ryton when land was opened up for settlement in the early 1900's, family names at the time included Radburn, Olsen, McLean, Everitt, Lindsay, Fraser, Lee, Hellison, Page, Mitchell and Gray. The Ryton area was surveyed by Mr Scanlon and Mr House into approximately 160 acre blocks, all of which were classed as "first grade land".

A major innovation was the cream separator, while skim milk was fed to calves and pigs. Cans brimming with cream were sledged out to the nearest main track (a road in those days) to be collected by a factory wagon. Wagon drivers left empties and other items previously ordered from town (generally Toora). Jane Vale and Neil Everitt provide us with Mrs Harriet Quigley's recollection from this time about her father, Sam Everitt using his sledge at Ryton. "Family outings to visit other settlers meant traveling on the "Gippsland Coach," a horsedrawn sledge. The same sledge was used by Sam to take the cream out to Madalya, about 10 miles away, to meet the cream wagon twice a week. Later the round was changed to include Ryton. I also remember the cream wagon drawn by four horses calling for the cream. The driver, Jack Lee, often stayed with us, sometimes twice a week, and as far as I can remember, he was very kind to his horses."

With families moving in, there became a push for a school and community hall to be built. About 1906/1907, Mr Sam Everitt and Mr Sandy Fraser, with help from other residents began to build the Ryton hall under the supervision of Mr Page who was well known as a "bush carpenter." After completion, the hall doubled up as a school and the first teacher was Mr Cuff who started there in 1908.

It was only two years later, in early October, the hall accommodated delegates from various railway leagues who gathered to decide upon a route for the Traralgon - Welshpool railway link.

An immediate conclusion could be to marvel at their optimism and tenacity. There was a vision albeit not ultimately shared by government, but that's to be expected.





# Christmas Fun Page

## CHRISTMAS COLOUR-IN SCENE



### SNOWMAN WORD SEARCH

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Christmas Snowman Word Search

Snowman Wreath Santa Claus

Reindeer Lights Bulbs Star

Candy Stockings Snowball



### RUDOLPH'S WORD SEARCH



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SNOW

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# Lions Club Citizen Awards 2013

The Lions Club of Churchill and District Inc. will once again be organising a community function to celebrate Australia Day in Churchill.

The event has proven very popular in recent years.

To enhance the event, the club will present a Young Citizen Award and a Citizen Award to the most outstanding

person(s) in each category for their contribution to the community during the previous 12 months. This Award is now adopted as a tradition and we ask that residents again nominate candidates.

Nominees must be a resident of Churchill or reside in the immediate surrounding district.

The nominated person's applications

will be scrutinised by an independent panel of judges and the relevant winner for each category chosen. The decision of that panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The awards will be supplied and presented by the Lions Club of Churchill and District Inc. at the Churchill Australia Day Ceremony on January 26,

2014.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Young Citizen of the Year Award - applicants must be 18 years or under on January 26, 2014.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Citizen of the Year Award - open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on January 26, 2014.

**Closing Date  
December 20, 2013**



*Lions Club of Churchill  
and District Incorporated*

PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842



The Awards are provided by the Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. and presented at the Australia Day Ceremony in Churchill on January 26, 2014.

Person(s) who have made a noteworthy contribution during the preceding year and / or given outstanding service to the local Community over a number of

years shall be eligible. Members of the Lions Organisation are ineligible to nominate. The person(s) being nominated must be a resident of Churchill or

the immediate surrounding district. All information is confidential. The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

## 2014 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATION FOR (Please tick appropriate box):

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc.  
Citizen of the Year Award

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc.  
Young Citizen of the Year Award  
Must be 18 years or under on January 26, 2014

DETAILS OF THE PERSON BEING NOMINATED

Surname: ..... Other Names:.....  
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## Gippsland Head of Campus – Federation University

By Margaret Guthrie

Guest speaker at CDCA's November Community Forum was Professor Harry Ballis, speaking about his role as Head of Gippsland Campus at the newly created Federation University Australia.

Professor Ballis gave an illuminating and personal account of his relationship with the Gippsland campus. It was evident that Professor Ballis has both passion and affection for our regional campus, and believes that the establishment of Federation University will have significant benefits for education outcomes in Gippsland. He cited the new University's Charter and highlighted three key words as being "the DNA" of the campus: partnerships, co-operation and collaboration, and mentioned some of the substantial efforts being made to uphold this approach in all quarters of the education sector and across stakeholder organisations within Gippsland.

Professor Ballis also spoke of the new University's 'values' – being committed to place and providing open access. He recounted several tales of the success of Gippsland students who had struggled with VCE and ATAR scores and stated his belief that "every ordinary student is capable of extraordinary things if given opportunity".

Whilst some have criticised the 'lowering of standards' required for entrance to the new university, Professor Ballis pointed out that the Monash requirement – an ATAR score of 70 – is quite "elitist" for regional students when one considers that the median ATAR score in Gippsland is 68, meaning that many of our young people do not have the opportunity to access university education.

One of the challenges ahead includes turning around an 8% annual decline in student numbers to a 5% increase by 2015. Professor Ballis believes that in 2014 there will be a 'blip' in the number of international students attending this campus, but that this will improve in subsequent years. He also seems confident that there will be an increase in on-campus students and increasing enrolments in distance (off-campus) students.

In 1990, Professor Ballis was one of two 'first

appointments to the new Monash Gippsland Campus which, in retrospect, was an opportunity to advance his career, develop unique skills and address some of the challenges facing regional students. In the same way, the new Federation University will provide opportunity for staff to "cut their teeth" and may prove eventually to be a good career move.

The evening was a great opportunity for those present to hear a lot more detail about the new University, ask questions and discuss issues in an informal setting.

During 2014 a major issue facing Churchill has been the withdrawal of Monash, the apparent 'gifting' of the campus to what was the University of Ballarat and the establishment of Federation University Australia.

CDCA has conducted quarterly Community Forums and hosted Professor Robin Pollard (Pro-Vice Chancellor, Monash Gippsland), Professor David Battersby (Vice Chancellor, Ballarat University) and Professor Harry Ballis (Gippsland Head of Campus, Federation University) in an effort to provide information and hear first-hand about this significant issue affecting Churchill.

Despite the importance of this matter and the opportunity to hear directly "from the horse's mouth" (as it were), attendance has generally been poor, for reasons which we can only speculate about. If you have thoughts on our Community Forums (e.g. what would you attend and when?) we would be delighted to hear from you.

General Meetings and Community Forums are advertised in advance in the Churchill & District News. These are generally held quarterly. CDCA committee meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

CDCA can be contacted at any time by writing to us at PO Box 191, Churchill, emailing mgcdca@hotmail.com or phoning 5122 2997.

Our first Committee meeting for 2014 is to be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday January 21, in Studio 1, Churchill Community Hub precinct, Philip Parade (downstairs in the Town Hall building).

## 2013 Boolarra Open Gardens Bonanza



By Jill Simmonds

The Boolarra Open Gardens was a great success despite the weather, when some 200 garden-lovers descended on the township to visit the gardens opened for the day. Garden lovers came from far and wide, armed with boots and brollies, hoping to get through all the gardens before the rain.

Meanwhile, many visitors used the picnic facilities in Boolarra's Railway Park for lunch. The Pony Club's 'Sausage Sizzle' in the park sold out early in the afternoon and the nearby

Boolarra Shop did a steady trade, as did the Devonshire Teas available in the hall.

The Plant Sale did very well with people waiting at 9.30 to buy plants before they purchased their tickets.

The comments from visitors were very good with many saying they would be back next time in 2015. They also commented on the good variety of different gardens.

I would like to thank the garden owners for opening their gardens. Without them it would never happen.

## The Jeeralang North Hall Committee



The Jeeralang North Hall Committee held its Christmas dance on November 22. The committee provided a bbq tea before the dance, in order to thank our dancers.

An overwhelming number of people turned up for the dance with about 60 people for the bbq. With 80 people attending the dance, it would have to be at least 30 years or more since there has been such an attendance.

The night was enjoyed by all. The committee would like to thank Alice and Ken Rae for their loyal support by providing the great music; always willing to do what they can to support our committee. The night held a best Christmas hat competition, and

the response was great. A gentleman won first prize, with Ruth coming in second.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us through the year. We, the committee, feel that showing our thanks like the bbq dinner, has helped rebuild our numbers of attendance, so we look forward to 2014 and enjoying the old time dance with lots of fun and laughing and of course dancing.

From the Jeeralang North Hall Committee, we would like to say thank you, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please, all of you stay safe and we will look forward to seeing you all in 2014.

The next dance is to be held on January 24, 2014.



## Bushfire season

As the Bushfire season is now upon us, we need to keep an eye out for possible arsonists that may start fires in our area. If you see someone acting suspiciously, take note of the place, time and description of that person or persons and call 000 (if you need Police attendance).

Let's **not** have a repeat of the past where lives and property have been lost to crimes of this nature."

*If you see something suspicious, Report it to the Police."*

## For Emergencies, Ring 000

### FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE, RING 000

Police advise members of the public that, if you require police assistance, call 000. The police communications operator will be able to assess your need and either send a police vehicle, relay a message or find out when the Churchill police station will be attended.

# Churchill Primary School

### School Fete

Churchill Primary School ran a very successful fete on November 16. The hard work paid off and it turned out to be a fine day, after threatening rain. There were many and varied stalls and activities including show bags, Koko the clown, a silent auction, sponge throw, dancing exhibitions, a performance by our Glee Club, face painting, jumping castles, train rides, tarot readings, the local Fire Brigade and the Lion's Club BBQ. We wish to thank all of the sponsors who were very generous to requests for donations. We especially thank our hardworking fundraising group for their effort on behalf of our students.



### Carmel Shields

On a sad note for us, Carmel Shields has run her last Trash and Treasure Stall for Churchill Primary School Fete, as she is retiring at the end of the year. That is, of course, unless she volunteers for our next fete. We have been privileged to have Carmel on our staff for many years.



Her contribution to our community is invaluable and we will miss her very much. We wish her and her husband Peter a happy, safe and healthy retirement.



### Visiting Artist

Illustrator, Marjorie Gardiner, came to school and talked about her drawings. She read

some of her books to the students and told them how she decides where to put her pictures. She also showed us how important it was to be able to read the text of a book. She talked about the way she needs to talk to her publisher about all of the details, before she completes her work. We looked at her portfolio of drawings, which contained pictures at all stages of development. She also talked about the drawings she did when she was ten, at a time when she would never have dreamed of making a living from her drawing.

### Sport: Cricket

Our boys' cricket team played against all the Gippsland finalists for a spot in the State Primary School's Finals. They came in sixth overall and by all accounts were a very competitive side. Our group of grade 5 and 6 boys have been involved in major sports finals all through the year and we wish to congratulate them for representing Churchill Primary School and Yinnar and District Sports Association so well.

### Toy Run

Once again, we invited the Gippsland Motor Cycle group to come to the school and collect toys that our community donated for underprivileged children at Christmas. As always, the motorcyclists arrived in a very noisy convoy. The students were addressed by 2 motor cycle members, a representative from the Salvation Army, which distributes the toys, and Councillor Darryl White. They spoke about the philosophy of the Toy Run and the safety messages of wearing the right gear when on the road. Councillor White congratulated Churchill Primary for our involvement in the Toy Run on behalf of the Latrobe City which also supports the event. Santa arrived on a big red bike because his sleigh was being fixed after it was involved in an accident.



### Thank You to the Co-Operating Churches

We thank the Churchill Cooperating Churches for again running Christmas Club for our grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 students. Mrs Place and her band of great volunteers help our students understand the messages of Christmas. The students really enjoy making craft items related to Christmas. Reverend Brenda Burney, Ruth Place and Ruth Courtis have come to the school every week to provide CRE classes for our Preps, 1s and 2s. Many of the volunteers for our Breakfast Club are members of the Church also. Thank you to the Cooperating Churches for their commitment to our school.

### Maths Specialist Grant

Churchill Primary School has earned a substantial grant from the Government. This grant will allow two of our teachers, Julie Telford and Matthew Dubois to become Maths Specialist teachers. They will then provide Professional Development for the teachers and model best practices in their own classrooms. The terms of the grant mean that we will be working closely with teachers from Churchill North Primary School. Evaluations from schools already using Maths Specialist Teachers have been very positive in terms of improving the quality of professional development for teachers, and the differentiated approaches to teaching Mathematics.

Student outcomes have improved in schools already using this initiative, because of the effectiveness of building teacher confidence in the mathematics curriculum and pedagogical knowledge. Using data to inform teaching and learning and assessments in whole school approaches to the maths curriculum is already something we do at Churchill Primary, but with more rigorous Professional Development and expert advice around data use, we look forward to further success for our students. An information session will be held early in 2014 for our school community and we are very excited about sharing this learning journey with our students over the next two years.

We wish everyone in the Churchill Community a Happy Christmas and a safe holiday season. The students at Churchill Primary School begin again on January 30, 2014.



# Hazelwood North Primary School

Our Year 3 and 4 students recently went on a fun filled camp to Phillip Island. We participated in a variety of activities that included seeing the penguins, Flinder's Island and a visit to Coal Creek. At camp we were able to try our skills at archery, climbing a rock wall and climbing a

tower made of milk crates.

The weather was wet and wild but we didn't let it dampen our spirits or enjoyment.



# Churchill North Primary School

## Athletics Day

Recently, Grades Prep to 4 were lucky enough to get some athletics training with Dennis Huffer, from Little Athletics Program for Schools. Dennis told us about eating healthy for our bodies and that "we are what we eat", which shocked and scared some of us a little.

We also learnt about the right way to hold our bodies when we run, he said that when we are running, our upper body should feel relaxed and not move around too much. Dennis showed us how we should position our body when getting ready to start sprinting, he taught us how to throw and jump correctly so that we don't hurt ourselves. He said we should jump off one foot only when long, triple or high jumping. When you jump you lift your arms straight up into the air to give you more height. All the kids were really engaged in the one hour lessons and we know lots of us practised.

## Action Squad High School Transition

Kurnai College students came to CNPS to talk to the Grade 6's about high school, such as timetables, where to go for help, bullying policy, school rules. The Action Squad was held over a few lessons and we were provided a working document to record our personal learning strengths, weaknesses, personality type etc. so that we can be the best in high

school and be more comfortable with our inner self. At the beginning of the Action Squad session, we fill out our working documents about ourselves, we have a whole group open discussion, then we go and play some sport, so that we all get to know each other, i.e. grade 6's getting to know year 7's so they can be familiar with them for high school in 2014. The Action Squad initiative is great and really helps us; it prepares us for high school and is really valuable. And even if we don't go to Kurnai, the Action Squad prepares us for the next stage in our lives: being a Year 7.

Imogen 5/6D

Annual Visit from the Tennis Hot Shots



We recently participated in a tennis clinic with Glenn Kirstein and Daniel Broad from Hot Shots Tennis. Glen and Daniel taught us basic skills to play tennis, such as bouncing, hitting and told us that when playing tennis, you should stay on your tip toes so that you are ready to lunge. We learnt how to play King of the Court and Elimination; games to practise returning the ball. It was a beautiful sunny morning and was a great day for learning some tennis skills.

## Being Active in December

Recently, we commenced our initiative to be active for the month of December. We can be active by walking, riding, scooting, riding, skipping, running or sprinting to school, and even just part of the way is okay.

We need to be active so we keep healthy in our bodies and brains and so we don't become overweight, as this can result in health problems when we're older.

Each day, when we get to school we mark ourselves off the grid to show that we came to school in an active way. On the last day of the term, whichever class is the most active wins a surPRIZE!

## Maths Specialist Training

The 10 days of Professional Development for Maths Specialists was held over the last few weeks at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. This involved two weeks of intense training, focusing on how teachers can effectively teach maths to students in an effort to increase student outcomes, and how to support and scaffold them in developing their understandings of mathematics.

Mrs Hunter and Miss O'Brien were fortunate enough to hear some of the best mathematics experts share their knowledge. They were enlightened with many strategies and tips to bring back to their own classrooms, and importantly, share this with fellow teaching staff to assist students in becoming more confident in maths.

Andrea Hilburg and Charles Lovitt were the standout guest speakers, among many other professional maths experts.

There was a large focus upon understanding children's common misconceptions in maths, the different genres of assessment to use and how to engage students through enriching maths tasks.

It was a fantastic experience and opportunity for both Maths Specialists, and they look forward to continuing such training and work with fellow teaching staff in the hope of improving mathematics within our school.

# Boolarra Primary School

## Grade 5/6 Ballarat Camp

From the students perspective everyone had a fabulous time, enjoyed the activities Ms Tammy Estcourt organized, learnt lots and consolidated friendships with students from Narracan and Thorpdale. In the staff's opinion the students' level of responsibility, attitude, behaviour and enthusiasm was outstanding! This view was backed up by some of the folk in Ballarat who were so impressed they took the time and effort to send us some lovely emails (copies of which are included below). At Boolarra Primary School we know how sensational our students are but it's gratifying to see others appreciating them too!

Excerpt from an email sent to Ms Tammy Estcourt from the Education Officer at the Art Gallery of Ballarat:

"I am emailing you following

the visit by your students to the Art Gallery of Ballarat last week.

I hope that your visit to the Gallery and participation by your students in the Guided Tour and the Eureka role play activity complemented your visits to M.A.D.E, Sovereign Hill and attendance at the Sound and Light presentation.

Ross and I were very impressed with the level of interest displayed by your students throughout the Gallery tour and during the role play sessions. It is rewarding to work with enthusiastic and polite students who are keen to adopt the roles of the Eureka characters and together with their teachers bring the role play "to life". Please pass on our commendations to your students on their excellent conduct. It was very special to see the way that the students from the different schools collaborated during the

role play sessions, and were able to answer the Judge's questions and to ask, when appropriate, questions of each other. The roles played by the other teachers and yourself certainly helped to focus the discussion of the issues, events and outcomes associated with the Eureka Rebellion. "

Email sent to the school from Peter Waugh, Ballarat Tramway Museum: "Yesterday I had the pleasure of taking a group of students from Boolarra Primary School on a tour of the Ballarat Tramway Museum. I would just like to congratulate the students on their behaviour.

Having been a teacher for 31 years I was impressed. They were interested, asked intelligent questions, were excited by what they saw, and extremely polite. They were a credit to the school and to their community."



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# Lumen Christi Primary School

## Australasian Problem-Solving Mathematical Olympiads 2013

During second and third term, we had Grade 4 – 6 students involved in the Australasian Problem-Solving Mathematical Olympiads; a program designed as a series of papers to stimulate enthusiasm and strengthen problem solving skills in mathematics. There were five sessions in total and Cameron West, our Grade 6 student, scored 18 out of the possible 25; a result which put him in the top 25%.

## Completion of Building Program

With great excitement mid-way through November, the senior classes were given

scared of heights!

After dinner, we all went on a night hike. We had to grab sticks along the way so we could toast marshmallows upon our return. We all got to have four marshmallows each and they were yummy! We also had a competition of who had the highest burning stick and I won with half of my stick being on fire!!!

To finish off the night we had hot chocolate, a piece of chocolate cake and a cookie. Day 1 was fun and I never expected it would be so good!

By Vincent  
Grade 5

It was so scary! For my second time I went just over half way but with my third try I went all the way to the top again!

By Patrick  
Grade 6

## Mini-Vinnies

Lumen Christi has partnered with the Churchill Conference of St. Vincent de Paul to create a Mini-Vinnies structure for our students to participate in. The aim is to provide the students with the chance to help others in need, as well as consider how they can be contributors to their community. The students in November have been busy creating Christmas hampers for distribution in Churchill during the festive season.

Students have been bringing in donations of food as well as having a very successful disco where all fundraising went directly to purchases for the hampers.

Students at Lumen Christi have achieved the best collection of Christmas goods ever for St. Vincent de Paul. Classes combined and generously donated a total of 243 Christmas goods which will be gratefully received by many Churchill families.

## Walk to School Day

On Tuesday November 26, Lumen Christi held Walk to School Day. Students had a choice of four pick up points in Churchill from where they could be part of a Walk 2 School Bus, which was driven by a staff member.

In all, 94 students walked to school, along with some parents and grandparents. On arrival at school students enjoyed a toast snack and registered for a certificate and sticker. Lumen Christi would like to thank Sarah Porter and Debbie Mitchell from Latrobe City who supported and attended Walk 2 School Day.

## Seven Years of Friendship

After 7 years of regular get togethers at Lumen Christi, Liz and Belle will be parting ways.

Liz began as a companion when Belle was in Prep, and has continued to visit during Belle's education at Lumen Christi.

Time spent together has included reading, knitting, projects and naturally, lots and lots of chatting.



the keys to their new learning centre. The completion of these classrooms marks the end of a building program that now has every classroom no older than 12 months of age - and don't they look fantastic! The arrival of new furniture, classroom fittings, fully upgraded technology and a kitchen has us all keen for

## Camp Coonawarra

The second day of camp began with a morning walk for the people who were up early. After our morning walk, it was time for breakfast. I had toast and spaghetti.

After breakfast we prepared ourselves for



2014, just thinking about the different learning experiences we will be able to share together.

## Coonawarra Camp 15/11/13 to 17/11/13

### Day 1:

We arrived at Coonawarra Farm Resort. I was in room 20 with seven other boys. I was in Group 2 and our first activity was the flying fox. It was 300m long and went above a lake. When I went on I was doing 360's all the way!

After getting out of my harness, I got to pull the rope to where the knots were, and I waved the yellow flag to let the people know, at the other end, that they could start pedalling to bring back a harness. I got to do this until my whole group had finished.

Then it was off to do climbing tower. I was first but on my first try I only made it to half way. Then we got to have a second shot and I made it all the way! It took a long time but I made it and I was very happy because I was

the first activity of the day which was canoeing - my favourite activity! I was in a canoe with Riley. I was at the back and Riley was at the front and when we played the Amazing Race game we came third the first time. But when we did it the second time we came first! We made a terrific team!

Our second activity on the second day was the ropes course which is where we were hooked up to a harness then we had to walk across these tiny wires. I got pretty scared on that but I still did it.

Our third activity was orienteering. Orienteering is where you are given a compass and a list of clues and coordinates and we had to find letters that would then spell out a message. Chloe, Hayden and I teamed up and we were the first to find all the letters.

Our final activity for the day was the giant swing. For my first go I went up to the top.



## Kurnai College Junior Campus

### Global Poverty Project

The Year 7 cohort is wrapping up their Global Poverty Project. This project is designed for the students to learn about the United Nations, the Declaration of Human Rights, the Conventions on the Rights of the Child, and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

The 8 Millennium Development Goals were set up in the Year 2000 with the aim of reducing the number of people in extreme poverty across the globe by 2015. These goals are: eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality and empower women, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, ensure environmental sustainability and develop global partnerships for development.

The students have chosen issues that they have found relating to individual Millennium Development goals and carried out research on the issue. They have also chosen a means to highlight and increase the awareness of their chosen issue.

As many of the countries that have a large population living in poverty are solar rich but fuel poor, the students have learnt about the advantages of solar cookers and how they work. They have, in small groups, spent some time constructing a solar cooker. On Wednesday, the whole Year 7 cohort were out in the sun testing their constructions and cooking a 'cheesey'.



### Kurnai Idol

This popular event was held once again this year.

The winners were

First- Sera Kingston Year 9 Morwell, accompanied by Hayden May Year 12 Precinct  
Second- Brothers Matt Berend Year 10 Morwell, accompanied by Joel Berend Year 12 Precinct.

Third - Amy Jenkins Year 11 accompanied by Chloe Szkwarek

Thirty-two students performed in heats across the college with weekly elimination battles. The semi-final, followed by the Grand Final was held in term 4 at Churchill. The semi-final judges insisted on judging for the finals as they were so impressed with the standard that they wanted to be there at the end.

The school music department thanks A and P Electronics, Valley Trophy Centre and the

school for their support.

Plans are underway for a select group of students to attend either music festivals at Mt Gambier or in New Zealand in the future.

### Music Department Visits Local Primary Schools



Kurnai Music Department has spent the last weeks of November visiting primary schools in the area including, Churchill, Churchill North, Yinnar, Yinnar South, Boolarra, Hazelwood North, Morwell Crinigan Road, Morwell Park, Commercial Road, Tobruk Street, and Toongabbie to give 40 minute performances.

A range of music was presented from Dvorak, marching percussion blues and Duffy, using the full band, and ensembles.

The Year 12 students were included and some gave solo performances. Joseph Bonnici, head of the music department, said it was wonderful for the primary school students to see past students performing. The aim of these visits is not only to give some entertainment but to also introduce the students to what is available at Kurnai and what can be achieved.

Joseph said the children loved the

performances.

Peter Thane from 104.7 radio came to record some of the performances.



### Year 7 Drama

Recently the Year 7 students at Kurnai College Churchill performed their second full

theatre production for the year: A History of Australia.

The play takes the audience on a journey from the indigenous aboriginal times, through settlement, Federation, World Wars, the 60s and 70s, and today. With the support from drama

teacher Mr. Kline, students wrote their own scripts and controlled all of the technical elements of the play, including light and sound.

Students wore all original costumes relevant to each era of the play, and concluded the performance with a whole group song and dance which was choreographed by a group of year



seven girls.

Tickets sold out for both performances over two nights, with parents and families astounded by the quality of the production and the confidence of students on stage.

### Year 9 Edge Camp

As a culmination of the year's activities, the Edge group were able to go to a surf camp at Inverloch for two nights on November 21 and 22. It was a celebration of the end of their Year 9 studies. Primarily it was an opportunity to build on their prior knowledge gained from previous activities in the year.

They opted to do surfing which was a means of taking the students out of their comfort zone, which it did. Andrew Leeson their teacher said it was great to see those who were apprehensive get into the water and splash around. There was also some learning

about water safety, but having exposure to a beach situation was an opportunity to extend the students horizons.

The outcome was that the majority were able to stand up on the surf board. Those who had been apprehensive gained confidence in a water environment. All enjoyed what was on offer at a beach location.

### Year 9 Surf Camp

This camp was open to P.E. students only and was held at Sandy Point, where they lived in the Life Saving Clubhouse for three days and two nights.

Each student was able to have three surf lessons. These lessons were conducted by Off Shore Surf School (who also did the Edge Camp lessons).

Some of the students had surfed, some had not, so there was a variation in skill levels. After three lessons some of the students gained enough skills to ride the big waves with accomplished surfing moves.

The participants went to Shallow Inlet for a visit where they enjoyed the big open, calm, flat water of the bay. It was lovely to see the students relax as they played on the sand dunes and enjoyed a carefree time.

There were lovely sunsets to set an idyllic



scene. They even watched dolphins from the clubhouse upper storey, which both teachers and students thought was really cool.

The students were involved in shopping for meals and helping with cooking the BBQ on night 2, being responsible for working in informal duty groups to set tables for meals, and cleaning the venue before departure.

The camp accomplished advances in surfing skills, confidence building, taking responsibility and team building.

### A Message from College Principal Matt Jobling

Churchill Campus of Kurnai College has had an action packed and engaging year of learning in 2013. We have developed a range of programs to meet student needs and interests to enhance their progress in learning. Students have travelled far and wide to experience different cultures and learning environments as well as having had the opportunity to delve into creative projects based at the campus that increased their understanding and appreciation of events past and present.

Thank you to all the parents, families and community members for the support offered this year, especially in attending events and performances, as this gives recognition for the efforts by organisers and participants and is greatly appreciated by the students and staff. Thank you to the Campus staff who again have worked tirelessly to improve the educational program and learning environment at our school. Thank you also to all of our students as they continue to grow and learn, it is the progress they achieve that makes all the effort worthwhile.

We wish all our learning community a very Happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

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# Yinnar South Primary School



What an incredibly busy month or so we have been having. We started out with a Cricket Clinic provided by Morwell Cricket Club. Great fun for all.

### Kurnai Band

Next the Kurnai College Bands came and performed for us. Our students were invited to stand amongst the different bands as they performed and have a close up interactive experience. Always a favourite. Thank you to the Kurnai students for sharing their passion for music with us.

### Prep Transitions

Prep 2014 Transitions were next on the agenda with four bubbly new preps to join our school family. The students have already settled in well and we are looking forward to them starting next year. Our sessions continue next week with a Teddy Bears Picnic.

### Healthy Together

The Grade three/fours have been to Rumbug Camp with Yinnar Primary School (Thanks to Yinnar for hosting us). While they were gone the juniors participated in Healthy Habit Workshops as part of our commitment to the **Healthy Together Victoria Achievement Program**.

Walk to School November was launched with a walk in the grounds followed by bacon and egg sandwiches and a fruit platter for parents and students. We were proud to be able to supply all the eggs from our school chickens. Healthy Breakfasts were hosted for the following three 'Walk to School Wednesdays.'

The senior students participated, using our Polycom (Video Conferencing Unit, in a project with schools from Victoria and NSW to discuss and research Jackie French's book, "Nanberry".

After successfully receiving a \$10,000 energy efficiency grant we had an official energy audit to assist us to become even more energy efficient. This will support us in our



journey to become a Resource Smart accredited sustainable school.

### Restaurant Night

Our restaurant night was great fun. The students cooked and served a three course meal using as much produce as possible from our vegetable garden. The students then performed several songs for the parents. They enjoyed adding percussion to their performance. Some of the students played guitar with Coral our school chaplain.

### Graduation

The month then finished off with an absolutely wonderful Grade Six Graduation for Jacquie Gordon.

This night was a huge success. Jacquie was awarded with a Citizenship Award from Russell North, Member for Morwell and then received a much deserved scholarship from Kurnai College and the Dux of Yinnar South Primary Award. Jacquie's academic excellence has also seen her accepted into ALP's, the advanced learning program at Kurnai. The night was finished off with a bang with Kurnai College inviting Jacquie to go to China next year as part of their languages program.

Katy Grandin (Principal of Yinnar South) will also be attending to forge a Sister School relationship for Yinnar South. This is part of the exciting Mandarin Language program partnership between Yinnar South and Kurnai College.



# Churchill Preschools

By Sam Gillett

As the year ends, both Glendonald Park and Churchill Hub Preschools have been preparing the children for primary school.

Children have been visiting primary schools to help ease their transitions.

Children have also been busy making holiday-themed artwork and decorations.

Churchill Hub children had their special persons week, where children were able to bring along grandparents and/or other family members to preschool with them.

Glendonald Park held a Teddy Bears Picnic where children brought along teddies and made biscuits.



# Churchill Junior Football Club



## Seasons Greetings

The President and committee of the Churchill Junior Football Club extends seasons greeting to all Churchill residents.

We wish a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all our children, supporters and sponsors. We look forward to another great year of football in 2014.

## Sunday Football for 2014

The Traralgon and District Junior Football League has decided on a change to Sunday football for the 2014 season. This means the Churchill Junior Football club will have its four teams (Under 10's, Under 12's, Under 14's and Under 16's) playing predominantly on a Sunday next season.

The season will commence on April 27, 2014 with fourteen rounds leading to the finals

in late August and early September.

## Registration Day February 27, 2014

Registration of new and continuing players will take place on Thursday February 27, 2014 between 4:00 and 6:00 pm. Interested boys and girls with parents are invited to meet the coaches and have a light training run with a free BBQ to follow.

## Coaching Positions

The committee seeks applications from interested persons wishing to coach our four junior teams next season. Assistant coaches and trainers positions are also available. Expressions of interest and requests for further information should be directed to President Dave Fyfe on 5122 2645 or Vice President Rob Turpin on 0407 873 844.

## Churchill Bowls Club

By Sam Gillett

With 2013 rapidly drawing to a close, the Churchill Bowls Club is looking forward to next year when committee and members will be finalising all outstanding tasks that require undertaking, regarding the installation of our lawn bowls green in 2015.

Over the past 12 months club members have been constantly working on bringing the club rooms to a suitable standard that will ensure comfort and safety to all users when lawn bowls commences in 2015.

Some of the more recent tasks have included the installation of 2 x 7.5kw Split System Air Conditioners, which will ensure comfortable climate control all year round for all members and guests.

Plans are also in progress to make the facility more user friendly by eradicating the steps and raised surfaces

where practicable. If this isn't feasible, ramps will be installed to replace steps. A new toilet block will also be constructed which will incorporate disabled toilets. The construction work is planned to commence early next year.

Thursday night social indoor bowls concluded for the year with a break up on December 12. A sausage sizzle was held and included a visit from Santa. The Christmas Hamper Raffle was also drawn on the night.

Thursday Night Indoor Bowls will resume on Thursday, February 6, 2014. Anyone wishing to play is welcome to come along.

The club would like to thank all the businesses and individuals that provide support and assistance throughout the year, as well as wish members and patrons the very best for the festive season and a Happy Prosperous New Year.

## Churchill Monash Golf Club results



9/11/2013 2nd Rnd Club Championships A. Grade F. Keighran(15) 68, B. Grade J. McCafferty (20) 69, C. Grade S. Sanders (22) 64 DTL J. Jeffery 67, K. Hunter 70, H. Martin 71, K. Hills 73, R. Dent 73, G. Beyer 73 NTP 3rd G. Sanders, 12th G. Beyer, 14th K. Hills Birdies G. Sanders 3rd, F. Keighran 12th

12/11/2013 1st Rnd Club Championships Monthly Medal Scratch M. Dear 93, A. Grade M. Dear (20) 73, B. Grade / Medal Winner M. Munckton (35) 69 DTL E. D'Alterio 77, M. McConville 78 c/b, J. Blizzard 78 Count Putts J. Blizzard 26 putts NTP 5th (2nd shot) M. Dear, 14th (2nd shot) J. Blizzard

16/11/2013 Singles Championship Rnd 3 Day Winner A. Garde F. Keighran (15) 63, B. Grade R. Welsh (22) 70 DTL R. Scurlock 66, W. Judkins 69, R. Dent 70, B. Sebire 71, C. Thompson 71 NTP 3rd D. Byers, 12th R. Scurlock, 14th W. Judkins

Championship Winners A. Grade F. Keighran 206, B. Grade H. Martin 217, C. Grade R. Welsh 210 Scratch Champion R. Dent 248, Handicap Champion F. Keighran 206

19/11/2013 Singles Championships 2nd Round A. Grade M. Dear (19) 73, B. Grade D. Judkins (30) 69, DTL A. Hibbert (28) 74 c/b NTP 5th M. Dear, 14th M. McConville

23/11/2013 Men's Stableford Winners A. Grade A. Auld (14) 37 pts, B. Grade D. Taylor (20) 42 pts DTL G. Down 35 pts, J. Ambrosini 34 pts, P. Jordan 33 pts NTP 3rd A. Casey, 12th D. Radnell Birdies 14th W. Judkins, 12th D. Radnell

26/11/13 Ladies Single Championships 3rd Round A. Grade - M. McConville (24) 72, B. Grade D. Judkins (30) 67 NTP 5th (2nd shot) V. Rowley Championship Winners Scratch Winner M. Dear (20) 285, Runner Up M. McConville (23) 301, Handicap Winner D. Judkins (30) 224, Runner Up V. Verheyen (29) c/b.

30/11/2013 Mens Stroke - Monthly Medal Winner A. Grade - H. Martin (17) 73 c/b, B. Grade H. Speake (36) 64 Monthly Medal DTL B. Sebire 70, V. Monument 73, T. Sterrick 73, P. Smart 73 NTP J. Keighran, 5th R. Scurlock Count Putts P. Williams 25 Star Medallist 2013 V. Monument 73

1/12/2013 Stableford Winner T. Sterrick (18) 35pts, DTL D. Ellwood (13) 29 pts

3/12/2013 Ladies Stroke Winner A. Chapman (30) 72, DTL D. Judkins 75 c/b, M. Dear 75 c/b, J. Blizzard 75 NTP 3rd M. Dear, 5th A. Hibbert, 2nd shot (31-45) L. Peake, 14th 2nd shot (31-45) L. Casey Star Medallist 2013 M. Dear (19) 75 c/b



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### Junior Golf Clinic to be held at Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Dates of Clinic: 4 Saturdays in February 2014  
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd.

Time: 2.45pm to 5.00 pm. at Churchill & Monash Golf Club behind Monash University. Turn into Mary Grant Bruce Drive opposite Kurnai College and follow road to the end. Walk down path.

Ages: 10, 11, 12 year old boys and girls.

Cost: Family members welcome! \$10 due on first day of clinic only. This includes use of golf course on non-competition times February through to end of daylight savings 2014.

Junior golf club sets available for use at the clinic.

Limited positions available on, first in basis.

For further information contact Ann Hibbert, 03 5122 2413

Entries close January 15, 2014

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# Health News

Latrobe Community Health Service



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## Community 'stars' celebrate another busy year

Recently, 12 simulated client volunteers at Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS), gathered in Moe for an end-of-year lunch to celebrate another exciting year.

These simulated clients, or 'pretend clients' from all over the Latrobe Valley help students learn to improve their interview skills in a safe and nurturing environment.

This year, there were almost 100 sessions held at LCHS sites in Morwell and Moe.

"The simulated clients are wonderful volunteers. They represent a real life character with all their medical and social issues," said Ms Jane Taylor, Interprofessional Educator in the Placement, Education and Research Unit (PERU) at LCHS.

"They may not be actors, but they play their part so well and they really enjoy doing it."

Ms Taylor said the volunteers would act and respond to questions from students as if they were an actual patient, and give feedback to the students afterwards about what it was like to be interviewed.

"By having an actual person to interview, the students find the experience is a powerful and authentic way to be prepared to see future clients," said Ms Taylor.

"The interviews are captured on video for the students to review and improve their interview skills."

The student clinic is a project funded by Health Workforce Australia as an Australian Government initiative.

To find out more or to register as a volunteer simulated patient, please phone Volunteer Coordinator Joanne Creighton or Kerry Bell (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at LCHS on 1800 242 696.



Volunteer 'simulated clients' from all over the Latrobe Valley recently gathered for a celebratory lunch in Moe.

## Wait over for dental clients

The long wait is over for public dental clients in Churchill and surrounding areas.

Thanks to an injection of funds by the Commonwealth Government, LCHS has been able to slash the waiting list for dental services.

"The extra funds into the federal/state public dental partnership is allowing us to treat all clients on our waiting list," said Mr Ben Leigh, LCHS Chief Executive Officer.

"Slashing this list has been a terrific effort by our dental staff as some clients had been on the waiting list for many months."

Mr Leigh said that with virtually no waiting list, LCHS would be able to provide quick treatment for public dental clients, including children and Health Care cardholders.

"The bad old days of waiting extended periods for necessary dental treatment are near an end," said Mr Leigh.



In addition to its Churchill clinic, LCHS operates public dental clinics in Warragul, Moe and Morwell, with private dental services also offered at the Morwell site in Buckley Street.

The service provides a full range of dental services including check-ups, restorations, bridges and emergency treatments.

For more information or to make an appointment at any of the LCHS dental clinics, phone Latrobe Community Health Service on 1800 242 696.

## Holiday hours at LCHS

With the holidays upon us, Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe, happy and healthy New Year.

All LCHS sites will be closed from 3pm on Tuesday, 24 December and reopen on Monday, 30 December. Offices will again close for the New Year's Day public holiday on 1 January.

The GP Clinics at Morwell and Traralgon will be open Monday, 30 December and Tuesday, 31 December. After-hours on-call service is available throughout the

Christmas and New Year period for LCHS GP Clinic patients.

LCHS' District Nursing and Palliative Care services will be running limited public holiday services.

Meanwhile, the Moe After Hours Medical Service (MAHMS) will be operating during its usual hours; phone 5127 9111 for an appointment.

For more information about services at Latrobe Community Health Service, visit [www.lchs.com.au](http://www.lchs.com.au) or phone 1800 242 696.

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