

# CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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**Hands On:** Minister Peter McGauran takes advice from the School of Nursing's Kerryn Morgan and Lyn Daddo but he had no success in reviving his patient. Pro-Vice Chancellor Brain Mackenzie was left to reassure him, "It's only plastic, it's not going to respond that well. We won't blame you!"

## New Monash Facility Opens

By CATHY COCHRANE and VAL PROKOPIV

MINISTER for Science and Member for Gippsland Peter McGauran officially opened the new \$1.4 million science and nursing facility at Monash in Churchill last Friday.

"The importance of the Gippsland Campus to the community is immeasurable," Mr McGauran said.

"The opening of this new facility demonstrates the commitment that the university has to Gippsland."

"Nursing and science graduates from Monash Gippsland are highly sought after... throughout Australia," he added.

The new building includes laboratories for nursing students to gain practical

experience.

Some of the facilities include a simulated clinical ward, mid-wifery ward, 'hospital in the home,' emergency bay and surgery bay.

"We are trying to keep it as real as possible but without real patients obviously," Lyn Daddo, Nursing Laboratory Technician, said.

Ms Daddo used her 28 years of experience in the science and nursing labs at Monash to assist in the design of the new building.

It is the latest development in the School of Nursing's 18 year history.

The undergraduate course now has the highest number of VTAC first preference selections of any regional nursing school in Victoria.

## Hazelwood to unveil new logo

By NEIL LAWSON  
Public Affairs Manager

HAZELWOOD Power will operate as International Power Hazelwood (IPRH) from January 2003.

The new name and logo will become a permanent feature of the local power generation landscape as Hazelwood adopts a new identity that mirrors the global International Power (IPR) brand.

CEO, Dave Quinn has welcomed the move, saying the time was right for the IPR brand to be acknowledged locally and Australia wide.

"The existing name and logo have been very popular, but we have to move forward and recognise that we are an important part of the International Power business globally," Mr Quinn said.

Mr Quinn said the move also recognised the

tremendous support and confidence placed in the Hazelwood business by the parent company since acquisition back 1996.

The name change aligns Hazelwood Power to sister businesses in South Australia and nine countries around the world.

The new "International Power Hazelwood" name will be officially unveiled this month and apply from 1 January 2003.

If anyone has any questions regarding the roll-out of the new Hazelwood logo and name, contact Neil Lawson on 5135 5093.



**Waiting for Santa:** Jenny and Doug Medew's display in Aucherlonie Crescent.

## Christmas is Here!

MANY Churchill residents have decorated their homes ready for Christmas.

Among them are Jenny and Doug Medew, who take great pleasure in decorating their house each year.

According to Jenny it puts "meaning into Christmas".

When their grandchildren come at Christmas its a pleasure to see the smiles on their faces.

Their "faces light up and it makes you feel warm inside" Jenny said.

Santa visits for the two evenings before Christmas, which all the children enjoy.

Jenny and her son Mark make the decorations themselves. Mark cuts them out and Jenny paints and decorates them. Mark has also decorated his house in Hall Court.

It takes about two months each year to get the display ready.

Heartless thieves this year have taken some candy canes from the garden.

But Jenny won't let that spoil this very special time of year.

"I will not stop doing this" she said. "If I do they would have won and I am not going to let them."

Right, one of the many figures hand-made by Jenny and Mark Medew.

Pictures by MATTHEW PROKOPIV



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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to our second issue, bigger and better than the first! The increase in size has been made possible by the enthusiastic support of local businesses and the many people who have contributed articles. Thanks to all of them and keep the advertisements and articles coming in.

Next year promises to be an exciting one, with three competitions running. The first will take place between February and May. It will be a photographic competition with twelve winning photographs being made into a calendar for 2004. The theme will be Views of Churchill and District, so get snapping!

From May to July we will be running our short story and poetry competition again as it was such a success this year with many excellent entries.

The third competition will run from July to September. This one will be an art competition with a display of work planned for October.

New for 2003 will be a series titled "Looking Back". This series will look at the history of Churchill through the eyes of local residents.

From February through to May, job advertisements can be put in the paper at no cost. Yes \$0! Anyone looking for staff can advertise for FREE.

We are also introducing a "Hatch, Match and Dispatch" column (details below).

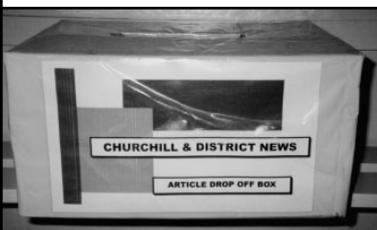
These are just some of the things we have planned but any more ideas and suggestions are most welcome.

There will be no issue in January 2003. We will be back in February, so from all of us at the Churchill & District News have a Very Happy Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New Year!

VAL PROKOPIV  
Editor

### Contributions

Articles for publication and letters to the Editor can be sent to:  
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Peter Prokopiv Churchill & District News C/- 4 Dalpura Court, Churchill, 3842  
Tel: 03 5122 2589 or 0402 406 376



**Look out for our Article Drop Off Boxes Located at:  
Foodworks, Churchill Primary School, Churchill Library, Co-Operating Church and Monash Uni Reception.**

### Personal Notices

Wedding, Engagement, Birth and Death notices = \$5.00 for 30 words and \$5.00 for a photograph. Please send clearly written notice with a cheque or money order to Churchill & District News, C/O 4 Dalpura Court, Churchill.  
VALENTINE'S DAY GREETINGS- for February edition - \$5.00 for 30 words.

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| MORWELL & CHURCHILL            |         |       |       |                                |       |       |       |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| Weekdays                       |         |       |       |                                |       |       |       |      |      |      |
| Morwell (depart)               | 9:25    | 10:25 | 11:35 | 12:35                          | 1:35  | 2:35  | 3:35  | 5:05 | 5:40 |      |
| Midvalley S.C.                 | 9:32    | 10:32 | 11:42 | 12:42                          | 1:42  | 2:42  | 3:42  | 5:12 | 5:47 |      |
| Howard Ave. & McDonald Way     | 9:43    | 10:43 | 11:53 | 12:53                          | 1:53  | 2:53  | 3:53  | 5:23 | 5:58 |      |
| Monash Uni.                    | 9:46    | 10:46 | 11:56 | 12:56                          | 1:56  | 2:56  | 3:56  | 5:26 | 6:01 |      |
| Phillip Pde & Amaroov Dv       | 9:51    | 10:51 | 12:01 | 1:01                           | 2:01  | 3:01  | 4:01  | 5:31 | 6:06 |      |
| Churchill S.C                  | 9:53    | 10:53 | 12:03 | 1:03                           | 2:03  | 3:03  | 4:03  | 5:33 | 6:09 |      |
| Acacia Way & Collabah Drv      | 10:01   | 11:01 | 12:11 | 1:11                           | 2:11  | 3:11  | 4:11  | 5:41 | 6:17 |      |
| Midvalley S.C.                 | 10:12   | 11:12 | 12:22 | 1:22                           | 2:22  | 3:22  | 4:22  | 5:52 | 6:28 |      |
| Commercial Rd.                 | 10:20   | 11:20 | 12:30 | 1:30                           | 2:30  | 3:30  | 4:30  | 6:00 | 6:35 |      |
| Friday Nights                  |         |       |       |                                |       |       |       |      |      |      |
| Morwell (depart)               | 6:00pm  | 7:00  | 8:00  | 9:10                           | 10:20 | 11:30 | 12:40 | 1:50 | 3:00 | 4:10 |
| Midvalley S.C.                 | 6:07    | 7:07  | 8:07  | 9:17                           | 10:27 | 11:37 | 12:47 | 1:57 | 3:07 | 4:17 |
| Howard Ave. & McDonald Way     | 6:18    | 7:18  | 8:18  | 9:28                           | 10:38 | 11:48 | 12:58 | 2:08 | 3:18 | 4:28 |
| Monash Uni.                    | 6:21    | 7:21  | 8:21  | 9:31                           | 10:41 | 11:51 | 13:01 | 2:11 | 3:21 | 4:31 |
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| Commercial Rd.                 | 6:55    | 7:55  | 8:55  | 10:05                          | 11:15 | 12:25 | 13:35 | 2:45 | 3:55 | 5:05 |
| Saturday                       |         |       |       |                                |       |       |       |      |      |      |
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| TRARALGON & CHURCHILL          |         |       |       |                                |       |       |       |      |      |      |
| To Churchill                   | Depart  |       |       |                                |       |       |       |      |      |      |
| LVBL Depot, T'gon - Maffra Rd. | 8:05    | 10:10 | 4:15  | Monash Uni. Churchill          | 8:55  | 11:00 | 5:05  |      |      |      |
| Cameron St. & Furlonger St.    | 8:10    | 10:15 | 4:20  | Traralgon Railway Stat.        | 9:02  | 11:07 | 5:15  |      |      |      |
| Traralgon Centre Plaza         | 8:20    | 10:25 | 4:30  | Traralgon Centre Plaza         | 9:25  | 11:30 | 5:40  |      |      |      |
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| Churchill S.C.                 | 8:55    | 11:00 | 5:05  | LVBL Depot, T'gon - Maffra Rd. | 9:45  | 11:50 | 6:00  |      |      |      |

# Our Apologies

CHURCHILL & District News apologises to the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre for not including it in our list of sponsors.

It was on our original list but was left out during typing.

The Churchill & District News received enormous moral and practical support from the Neighbourhood Centre in the early months, when Avril McKeand and Jacki McLure got behind our efforts to re-start the paper.

They organised a public meeting to gauge community support.

It was held at the Neighbourhood Centre, and due to the significant attendance, it was deemed useful to continue our efforts.

That meeting generated further help and support, which has been invaluable.

Our thanks to Avril and Jacki for their enthusiastic forethought and action.

Churchill Neighbourhood House/Centre has been operating in our town for 20 years, firstly in Amaroov Drive at two different locations, and now as a part of the Leisure Centre complex. A variety of interesting and informative courses are held throughout the year.

For more information ring Rebecca at the Centre on 03 5122 2955



Rebecca Lynch, Centre Co-ordinator; Mick Kellett, President; Jacki McLure, Assistant Secretary and Henry Parniak, Vice President with a display of some of their Christmas course ideas which run in Term 4 each year.

# Classes for 2003

By REBECCA LYNCH  
Coordinator Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

THE Churchill Neighbourhood Centre offers a variety of Community Adult Education Classes in a relaxed, friendly environment, at an affordable price. Classes are winding up for the year and enrolments are now being taken for 2003.

Classes for next year include Middle Eastern Cooking, Tai Chi, Folk Art, Embroidery and a variety of Computer classes catering for all levels.

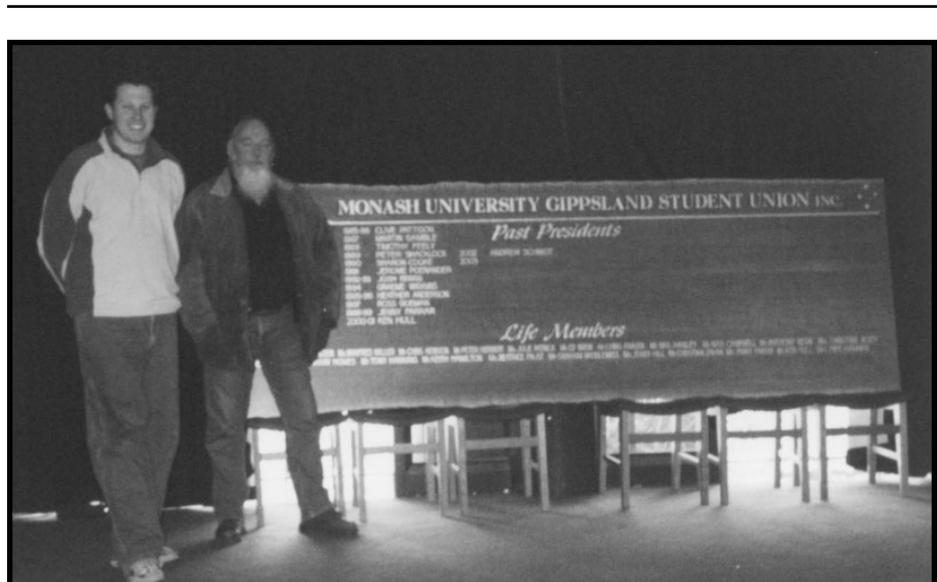
Onsite childcare is available for all classes. Occasional childcare for non-centre users is available Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The cost is \$2 per family per hour.

To enrol in a class for 2003 or for further information call the centre on 5122 2955, or drop in and have a look around.

Centre hours are Monday to Thursday 10-3pm. We are located inside the Leisure Centre, Corner of Northways Rd and McDonald Way Churchill.

### Gala Day Photographs

A selection of Gala Day Photographs will be on display at the New Age Shop, 13 West Place, Churchill. They can be purchased for \$1.00 each.



Past Presidents:  
Andrew Schmidt and Ken Hull with the Honour Board

# Student Union Honours

By CATHY COCHRANE and VAL PROKOPIV  
THE Monash University Gippsland Student Union held its first Annual Awards Night on Friday 29 November.

An Honour Board was unveiled featuring the names of all Past Presidents and the newly inducted Life Members.

Local tradesman Paul Wilson made the board from Red Gum, while Ron Lambert compiled a full list of the Past Presidents.

Among the guests attending were past Presidents Jenny Farrah, Ken Hull and Andrew

Schmidt, former Agriculture Minister and Member for Morwell Keith Hamilton, Member for McMillan Christian Zahra, Latrobe City Mayor Tony Hanning and Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Brian Mackenzie.

The Key Note Speaker was Ed Brew, a Past President and former Executive Officer of the union.

"It's fairly important in the context of the history," Mr Hull said, reflecting on the unveiling of the board.

"It's an honour to get your name on a big hunk of wood above the door."

## Recognition for Local Group

By ANNE RUSHTON  
MORWELL OXFAM Community Aid Abroad Group recently received a Certificate of Appreciation. This was awarded to the Morwell Branch in recognition of raising more than \$40,000 over a thirty-year period.

This money has gone to OXMFAM Community Aid Abroad to help eradicate poverty in Third World countries and assist in Australia's Indigenous Education Program.

Sincere thanks was given to past and present members and supporters of fund-raising events, and those who have given donations over the

years.  
A letter of thanks accompanied the certificate from Tania Struzina and Sally Balfort, Donor Liaison Co-ordinators.

Many thanks go to the people of the Latrobe Valley Community who have supported our fund raising efforts both by attending our functions and through donations.

The group meets in Churchill on the first Wednesday of each month, and interested people are welcome to attend.

Contact Roborn: 5169 6464 or Wendy: 5122 1240

# The Group Exercise that Turned into the Real Thing

SUNDAY 17 November dawned warm and fine, growing hotter as the day wore on.

Seventy firefighters from eight brigades in the Morwell Group of the C.F.A. along with two neighbouring groups, Narracan and Traralgon, met at 9.30am at the Churchill Fire Station Staging Area for their annual Group Exercise.

The Churchill Brigade members were already tired. They had been up in the Jeeralangs, putting out an unsupervised burn off until 1.00 am that morning. They had also been called out to support Morwell Brigade on a call to St. Hilary's. It turned out to be a false alarm.

The Annual Group Exercise is held in a different venue of the Morwell Group each year. It is a way

of preparing for the Summer Fire Season by revising and using fire-fighting skills in real life simulations.

Four Exercises were staged: a motor vehicle accident in McCromick Street, Search and Rescue at Monash University, a TXU pole fire and a drafting exercise, filling a tanker with water from a dam or pond.

The exercises, involving nine fire trucks, a Breathing Apparatus Specialty Vehicle and a Communications Van, began as scheduled at 9.30am. All went well until 11.15am when, during the next hour, three calls for help came in.

A powerboat had caught fire at the boat ramp at Hazelwood Pondage. Three units attended and nobody was injured.

Two units quickly extinguished a small fire in Arnold's Road.

At 12.15pm the burn off in the Jeeralangs flared up again. Eleven tankers and a Mobile Control Vehicle attended. It took hours to control, with units being withdrawn to return to Churchill Station to be fed, watered and rested, only to return to relieve other crews.

Not only was it a hot day, a hot fire with hot turn out gear, but the steep hillsides added to the burden of the firefighters.

Firefighting is dirty, hot work. It was 8.00pm before they could leave the scene. This didn't mean they could go home. They then had to go back to their Stations to clean, maintain their equipment and make it ready for the next call out.



**Hot, Tired and Hungry:**  
Firefighters take a break from fighting the fire in the Jeeralangs



## Summer Fire Season: Be Prepared

**What should I take?**  
Following the devastating NSW fires, it has made people think about what they should take in case they are ever evacuated. The television is very low priority compared to necessary documents or irreplaceable treasures. For example, legal documents like birth and marriage certificates, titles to the house, registration of cars, insurance papers, wills, credit and other cards are all important

to have and very hard to replace. Irreplaceable treasures might also include the Family Bible handed down over several generations, photographs and videos of family trips, heirlooms, valuable collectables / books etc. The time to think about these things is now, not as the fire is approaching. Make sure others in the family know where to find these items in case you are not home.

**How did you spend your Sunday?**  
Have you cleaned up your property yet?  
Is the grass around your house and outbuilding short?  
Have you cleaned out your spouts and downpipes, cleared sticks, leaves and other debris from around your house?  
Do you have a fire plan in case of fire?  
Do you have a water supply ready?  
Do you think that because you live in the town you are safe?  
Think Again! A high wind on a dry day could quickly drive a fire into our town so BE PREPARED.

Fires should only be left when they are cold. Use water to put them out. Smother them with sand or dirt.

### FIRE RESTRICTIONS NOW IN FORCE

This means: NO FIRES CAN BE LIT IN THE OPEN WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION.  
Enquiries about permits should be directed to the Municipal Fire Prevention officer at Latrobe City on 5173 1400 or the CFA Region 10 Headquarters at Sale on 5144 2933  
Any person spotting a fire during the Declared Fire Danger Period should notify the fire brigade by ringing 000.



**ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT**  
The CFA's Annual Presentation Night was held in October. Awards presented were:  
Firefighter of the Year (Darren McLean Memorial Award): Darlene Parkinson. Officer of the Year: Darlene Parkinson. Rookie of the Year: Tim Fedorowytsch. Most Consistent: Robert Langston. Captains Trophy: Melinda Brown. Encouragement Awards: Hamish Burslem, Ben White and Mathew Payne. Award of Merit: Steven Idzes  
Brigade Service Awards: 5 Years: Chris Gallagher, Hamish Burslem, 10 Years: Leigh Atkinson, 15 Years: Umberto Penco  
C.F.A. Service Award: 20 Years: Anthony Gallagher  
Special Award: National Medals: Ron Bennett (Bar), Steven Barling, Robert Langston.  
Many congratulations to all award winners.

Pictured:  
Churchill Firefighters at the presentation.



Function Room Available  
Fully Licensed Restaurant  
Kids Menu  
Specials Menu

## Holiday Checklist

By PETER McSHANE  
Area Manager, Neighbourhood Watch

HAVE a happy and enjoyable Christmas festive season and return safely to us in the New Year.

Get a taxi, have a designated driver but please don't drink and drive, we'd like to keep our community together.

If you are about to go on holidays, have you remembered to follow the checklist? Don't have it readily to hand? Here is a copy:

Have your mail redirected or picked up.

Have your morning paper delivery cancelled.

Have a neighbour regularly clear out the junk mail deliveries and pick up the Latrobe Valley Express Monday and Thursday deliveries.

Arrange to have your lawns kept tidy during your absence.

Secure all doors and windows with quality locks.

Use sensor lights around the exterior of your house.

Use timers on lights to give the appearance of somebody being home.

Trim trees and shrubs so that intruders cannot hide behind them.

Turn down the ringing volume of your phone.

Don't leave tools and ladders outside for intruders to use.

Have a neighbour park a car in your drive during your absence.

And finally - fill in an Absence from Residence Form and drop it into the Police Station before you depart.

Enjoy your holiday!

Meeting Dates: Churchill Neighbourhood Watch Area LTB22

There will be no formal meeting in January but we would love you to join us on Thursday 16 January 2003 for a brief get together, a cup of tea/coffee and a friendly chat, so please mark it in your diary.

Come and join us at 7:30pm at the Neighbourhood House Room, Churchill Leisure Centre, Northways Road, Churchill

For more information contact Peter McShane on 51221745 or e-mail: petergmcshane@yahoo.com.au

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# Dine in - Take away

Ph. 5122 2609

Shop 2A West Place, Churchill

**Lesley and Don Magnuson and Staff wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

We will be CLOSED: Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day

## Christmas time again!

By IVY GOODWIN

Churchill Co-operating Churches

IT'S time to shake out the Christmas decorations again, dust off the nativity scenes and look for the Christmas card list!

The latter always seems to get lost in the Goodwin household causing much consternation.

"Did we send a card to Bill and Flo last year? What about Sue and Jack? We sent them one the last two years and haven't got one back. Maybe they've moved. Do you want to send them one this year anyway?"

There is nothing unusual in this conversation. It's repeated over and over in households all around the globe as we catch up with relatives, friends and acquaintances at this festival to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ - the One symbolising hope, peace, joy and love.

Hope, peace, joy and love. How can these words be heard this year? How can we hear such words above the call for greater security and vigilance against terrorists?

We are being urged to be watchful and report anything suspicious. We are to no

longer take for granted our freedom to move about as we like.

After the tragic events in Bali, how can there be hope? Where is the joy? Where is the peace?

And yet, when I look at a nativity scene, I am reminded that there is hope. God does care and God did intervene in our history in the form of a helpless and vulnerable baby. And the message was 'Peace! Goodwill to all people!'

At the time of Jesus' birth, peace and goodwill would probably have been in short supply - mere survival would have been uppermost in people's minds.

The country was occupied and Rome was demanding excessive taxes. Soldiers were everywhere. To top it all everyone had to take part in a census demanded by a leader who was a puppet of Rome.

Jesus was born right in the middle of turbulence. He knows very well how people can suffer and how cruelly we can treat one another.

Yet his message and teaching was and is about peace, harmony and love.

'Love your enemy. Do good to them

who persecute you. If someone demands your cloak, give him your shirt as well.' (Matt.5:38-43)

There is no doubt that we should be more careful and watchful these days. But at the same time, let's not be overwhelmed by a world gone a little crazy.

Let's resolve to celebrate the coming of the Christ child. Let's put up the Christmas tree, share with our friends, greet the stranger with a smile, and send each other the greetings of peace and joy - whether we get a card back or not!

This year it is probably more important than ever to pronounce that 'peace is stronger than war, love is stronger than hate.'

We will not be overcome by forces that seek to destroy, distort, maim, kill and cause division.

Let's resolve to look for what is good in one another and to work for that which builds one another up.

And may the joy, hope and peace of this Christmas season be with each and every one now and remain with you into the new year.

## High-Lights from Lumen Cristi

INVITATIONS are currently being circulated regarding the "Alpha" program that will be held in February 2003 at Lumen Christi Parish Centre. For further information contact Marg on 0408 051477 or Jonathan on 5122 2450.

Our Parish Cells of Evangelization, which meet on a weekly basis, will be celebrating their respective Christmas dinners/barbecues around this time and then will adjourn until January 2003.

We all agree that December is a hectic month. This year we are being encouraged by our Parish Priest to purchase a magazine entitled "The world Among Us".

It contains daily reflections on the readings up to Christmas to help us make Advent a truly

grace-filled and spiritual time. Let's remember the slogan of "Putting Christ back into Christmas".

Welcome back to Andrea Dyson who has returned home after serving God for a year as part of the National Evangelization Team (NET) which works throughout Australia.

Also welcome to Ron and Barbara Baker, who for the past three years have lived in Naperville, Chicago and have now returned to Churchill.

Congratulations to Sue & Ken Hutchinson on the arrival of their new little son, Timothy, and also to Erin and Craig King on the birth of their daughter, Bridget.

A Happy and Holy Christmas to All.

## THE THREE OLD MEN

By PASTOR TONY MARSDEN  
Churchill Crusade Centre

A YOUNG woman came out of her house and saw three old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. She did not recognise them.

She said, "I don't think I know you but you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat".

"Is the man of the house home?" one asked.

"No, he is not home yet" she answered.

"Then we can not come in" they replied.

In the evening when her husband came home, she told him what had happened.

"Go tell them I am home and invite them in!" he said.

The woman went out and invited the men in.

"We can not all go into a house together" they said.

"Why is that?" she wanted to know.

"My name is Wealth", one of the old men explained, "this is Success and over there is Love. Now," he added, "go in and discuss with your husband and family which one of us you want in your house."

The women went in and told her husband what had been said. He was overjoyed.

"How nice!!" he said. "Since that is the case, let us invite Wealth. Let him come in and fill our house with wealth!"

The woman disagreed. "My dear, why don't we invite Success?" she asked.

Their daughter-in-law was listening from another room of the house. She jumped in with her own suggestion.

"Would it not be better to invite Love? All our homes could be filled with more love!" she said.

"Let us heed our daughter-in-law's advice," said the husband to his wife. "Go and invite Love to be our guest."

The woman went out and asked the three old men, "Which one of you is love? Please come in and be our guest".

Love got up and started walking toward the house. The other two also got up and followed him. Surprised the woman asked, "Wealth and Success, I only invited Love in, why are you also coming?"

The old men replied together, "If you had invited Wealth or Success then the other two would have stayed out, but since you invited Love, wherever he goes we go with him. Wherever there is Love, there is also Wealth and Success!!"

This Christmas, think of the gift of love. What does it mean to you? Two thousand years ago in a small town called Bethlehem a baby was born.

That baby was called Jesus. He was God's gift to the world (John 3:16). When you sit with family and friends this Christmas take time to think how you could present someone with a little more love.

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Sunday Service: 9.30am. Choruses: 9.20am  
Sunday School: 9.30am  
Christmas Services  
Crib Service: Christmas Eve 6.30pm  
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Lumen Christ Catholic Church  
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Father Andrew Wise  
Saturday: Mass: 7.30pm  
Sunday: Mass: 9.30am  
1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays: Yinnar: Mass: 11.00 am  
2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra: Mass: 11.00am  
Christmas Services  
Christmas Eve: Outdoor Mass at Yinnar: 7.30pm  
Christmas Eve: Carols at 11.30pm then Midnight Mass  
Christmas Day: Mass at Churchill 9.30am

Churchill Crusade Centre  
Maple Crescent, Churchill.  
Pastor Tony or Hermanna Marsden: 5122 2777  
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Ladies Meeting: Tuesday 10.00am  
Christmas Service: Christmas Day: 9.00am

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## YULEFEST FETE

By RAE BILLING  
OUR Christmas Fare was a great success.

The weather was wonderful and we made a tidy profit.

Friends old and new from near and far enjoyed having lunch in the Rectory Gardens and munching on barbecue sausages and Rae's delicious scones!

Tickets for our Christmas hamper (drawn in December) are still available from Webster's Butchery in

Yinnar or by contacting me. Our Op Shop in Yinnar will be close on 14 December 2002 and re-open in late January 2003.

Some great bargains are still to be had or you can donate goods for sale.

This year we have raised around \$4500 to support the parish, as well as providing a source of good quality products at bargain prices.

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Pictured above: Twins Rae Billing and Sandra Brennan

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

# Human Power!

HAZELWOOD North Primary School has been competing in the RACV Energy Breakthrough since 1977. It is held every November in Maryborough.

This year the school entered two teams, the Renegades and the Rampage team, with eight drivers in each.

As well as the Road Race that lasts for fourteen hours, the teams are judged on a visual and oral presentation and vehicle design.

The Rampage Team completed 341 laps of the circuit to finish 19 overall.

The Renegades team finished 30 overall with 312 laps.

A total of 44 other teams from schools all over the State competed.

It was an outstanding effort by all the children, who have been training for this event since the start of Term 3.

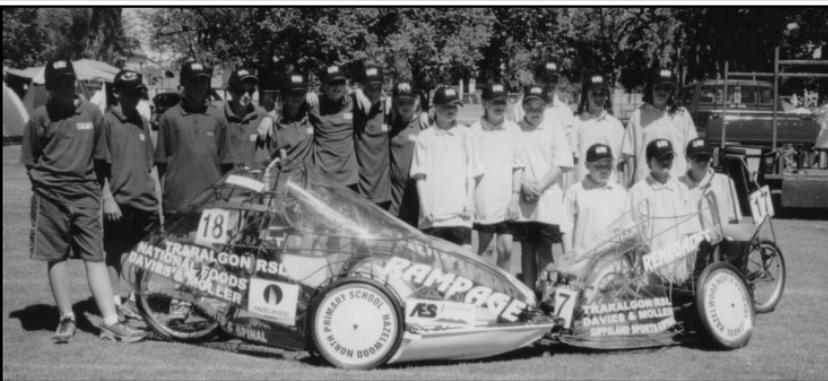
The benefits of participating in this event are that the students are able to work together as a team to reach an overall goal; it gives them a chance to compete with other schools; it improves their fitness; they learn to be safe on the road; they are able to be involved in the actual building and improvements of the vehicle; and they have lots of fun.

It was a great team effort – the drivers, the pit crew and the many parents who assisted in the building of the vehicle, bringing the students to practice sessions, raising funds and helping out at camp.

The teams are also grateful to the school Principal, Ian Drysdale, for his wonderful support.

The School appreciates the assistance provided by the many sponsors who helped to make competing in the event possible.

| TEAM MEMBERS     |               |                         |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| RAMPAGE:         | Amy Dormans   | Nikki Yates             |
| Jarrad Young     | Jared Edwards | Tim Collins             |
| Lisa Davenport   | Emily Laidlaw | Danielle Maselli        |
| Jessie Kistler   | RENEGADES:    | Jessica Didio           |
| Jenni McKay      | Kyra Hartley  | Ashley McKay            |
| Robert Hillenaar | Tim Bellerby  | Sophie Lia              |
|                  |               | Pit Crew: Becky Lawless |



Above: The Rampage and Renegades Teams with their Vehicles

Below: Jessica Didio competing in the Renegades Team



## The Roundabout Christmas Tree



By PETER McSHANE  
Secretary, CDCA

THE official launch of the revamped Churchill & District News was a tremendous success with so many community associations represented and a great cross-section of our community present. Congratulations to all of those concerned with organising the day.

The Community Association will be erecting a large Pine tree near the roundabout as part of Churchill's Christmas decorations. The large star will be in the large Eucalypt and the Nativity Scene will be in pride of place. Other decorations will be erected near the Big Cigar.

Let's use this festive season to move towards the coming year with a firm intention of being more tolerant to all segments of our community and make Churchill an even better place to live.

Need more information about the CDCA? Like to pass on your comments and feedback on what has been achieved and what is still needed in our town? Then write to us at P.O. Box 191 Churchill 3842 or contact Secretary Peter McShane on 51221745 or e-mail [petergmshane@yahoo.com.au](mailto:petergmshane@yahoo.com.au).

Our meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday of each month but we will not be having our January meeting as we will not have recovered from Christmas and New Year festivities.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Tuesday 4 February 2003 in the Link room at Monash University.

Please have a happy and contented Christmas and an enjoyable and safe New Year, we'd like to keep all of you in our community.

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## Neighbourhood Renewal

By KEN HULL  
Project Worker

SO what has been the purpose of the Neighbourhood Renewal Project we have all been involved in over the year?

"The purpose of Neighbourhood Renewal is to make a real and tangible difference to communities by:

- Addressing problems identified by local community and government
- Reducing polarisation between communities
- Increasing community pride to create a place where people want to live
- Building local capacity, rather than just providing welfare, to ensure local communities are the key decision makers in determining their future
- Creating communities that are self reliant and able to direct services and priorities". [Department of Human Services]

Some of the more visible achievements can be seen around the Neighbourhood.

Vacant blocks are being improved and street light maintenance has been taking place.

Telstra is to install another public phone box in Amaroo Drive.

The Churchill Community Development Project Committee has, along with the Latrobe City Council, worked tirelessly to create a functional and pleasant park for all of the Churchill community. None of which could have been possible, without the toil and sweat of the local residents.

The new BBQ facility is up and the toilet block is coming soon in Glendonald Park.

There will also be some shade going up over the playground in the near future

The Neighbourhood Renewal Project in conjunction with Latrobe City Council will build shade shelters with water fountains at both the BMX track and the SK8 Park. Thanks to all the young community members that participated in talking about what is important in their neighbourhood.

Over the past twelve months the Glendonald Residents Group has been meeting once a month at the Glendonald Kindergarten.

The Neighbourhood Renewal Residents Group meetings are open to all residents of the Glendonald area and has welcomed input from any community minded individual or organisation that plays a role within the Churchill area,

After extensive community consultation and discussion at these meetings, a Community Development strategy for the future has been developed.

The residents group has put forward what they feel is important for the development of the Glendonald/Churchill area and will be working along with Government departments and Non-Government Organisations to achieve these goals in the future.

It is with positive thoughts and actions that the strength of the community can grow.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Everyone from the Neighbourhood Renewal Team.

Below: Glendonald Park, Churchill



# Art Show at Yinnar South



YINNAR South Primary School recently hosted its annual Art Show in the Yinnar South Community Hall.

Teachers and parents displayed students two and three dimensional artwork in the week prior to the show.

The works had been completed by students over the past two terms and covered a variety of themes and media from painting to sculpture and clay work.

Parents and friends spent time browsing the collection before the

evening's guest speaker, local artist Alvina Edwards, presented a talk on some of her art pieces.

Students learned how artists see the world and were encouraged to pursue the arts in their own way.

The evening was very well attended. The event concluded with a shared supper and a chat which was enjoyed by all. It was a wonderful success and all the students are to be congratulated on their excellent efforts.

Pictured: Students and their work at the show



## Year Ends on High Note



By MARGARET GUTHRIE

THE Fundraising Committee continues its hard work with tickets still available for the end of year raffle for a Christmas Hamper.

They are available from the school office and from students. Funds raised will go towards the beautification of the school grounds.

In November we had a successful Trivia Night at Churchill Cricket Club, raising around \$250. Thanks to our Trivia King, George Telford, Graham Harvey from the Cricket Club and all on the Fundraising Committee led by Sharon Reidy.

The School's Move-A-Thon was a resounding success, raising approximately \$1200. There were big smiles for the winners of the bike and portable CD player.

Our year 5/6 students have been on their Melbourne Camp. They had lots of interesting places to visit, with long walks and tram rides in between.

We hope the 5/6 teachers and the Principal are not too exhausted!

Early in December Grade 6 Students visited Kurnai for their Orientation Day. We wish them all the very best for next year.

Orientation Day for next year's Prep students took place on the same day. We look forward to them joining us next year.

Reports will go home on December 18. Many thanks to the staff for their dedication to a very time-consuming task.

The last day of the school year is Friday 20 December, with an early finish time of 1.15pm.

## Lots Still to Come



By MARGARET GUTHRIE

WHILE you might think December sees a "winding down" of school activities, as we head towards the end of Term 4, it is a very busy time of year with lots happening around the campus.

In early December Year 10 students attended the Maryvale Campus Orientation, Year 9 students went on their Peer Support Camp and Grade 6 students entering Kurnai next year had their orientation day.

This year's school performance, "Ms Baker's Tonic" was organised by Ruth Howard and Year 9 and 10 Students. The performance was excellent. Congratulations to all who took part.

Campus Awards Night will be held on Thursday 12 December at 7.30pm at the Binishell, Monash University.

The College Raffle will be drawn during the evening.

Conducted by the Parents and Friends Association, the raffle is to provide funds for colour pages for the college magazine.

The college has a student free day on Friday 13 December. Staff will be having a full briefing on Gippsland Education Precinct. Representatives from Monash, GippsTAFE, GGT, DEET and the Architects will be attending.

The End of Year Activities program will run on Thursday 12, Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 December.

School Clean Up day is on Wednesday 18 December, reports will be distributed on Thursday 19, and last day of term is Friday 20 December.

Happy Holidays To All!

## Job Pathways for Kurnai Students

By LIZ JONES

JPP Field Officer, Churchill Campus

THIS year I have had the pleasure of working with 48 students from Churchill Campus as part of the Jobs Pathway Program. Students have been assisted in:

- Developing job search skills
- Identifying job and training pathways
- Writing resumes and letters of application
- Interview skills and presentation
- Accessing careers and job information
- Developing self esteem and motivation

With these skills students have been successful in gaining full-time and part-time work, applying for VET and other training courses and in formulating a career pathway to pursue.

I have been delighted by the mature and enthusiastic approach of many students who have undertaken signif-

icant work in this area to assist them in preparing for entering the workforce.

I would like to thank all the students who have participated in the JPP this year.

To all those students moving into VCE or other training next year, I wish you good luck and hope that you can continue to build on the career foundations that have been put in place through your time at Churchill Campus.

At all times the support for this program at Churchill Campus has been fantastic. I would particularly like to thank Mr Terry Key, Ms Julie Garden and Mr Brian Watts for their support and for their commitment to the young people in the JPP program.

JPP will continue to be available to students over the holiday period and I can be contacted at the JPP office in the GREEN Inc Building or on 5122 3222.



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## Letters to the Editor

### SHARING CHRISTMAS

WHAT does Christmas mean to you? Not just the December issue of the Churchill & District News (important though it is!), not JUST decorations and lights, countless catalogues in letter boxes, TV adverts and crowded shops...

For some it has, no doubt, religious significance and for others perhaps the Summer Solstice and holidays have more relevance.

For me, Christmas is about family and friends. It's about exchanging letters and cards with loved ones far away.

It's about showing my appreciation to the people that matter in my life. It's about saying thank-you to my good friends and neighbours for being there.

It's a time to pause, reflect and be thankful for the life I have here in Australia - food, shelter, fresh air,

running water, schools, hospitals, democracy, family and friends (the more I think about it the longer the list) - we have so much more than millions of people around the world.

A time to share what I have with others... a donation to a Christmas Charity, a visit to someone in a nursing home, an invitation to share Christmas with someone who might otherwise be alone.

As readers share their Christmas with children, parents, extended family and friends, spare a thought for those who don't have what you do.

The loneliness of Christmas alone need not be experienced by anyone in our community. We can all be a part of the joy of Christmas by sharing what we have with those who have not.

Margaret Guthrie  
Churchill

### THANK-YOU

I WISH to express how great it is to have the Churchill & District News back in circulation again.

I always enjoyed reading the paper in past years.

I live in a rural area and find that the Churchill & District News helps to promote a sense of being a part on one's community.

The articles are of general interest and are a handy reference regarding activities that one may wish to participate in.

Thank you to all those people who have voluntarily given up their time and expertise to produce the Churchill & District News.

I look forward to many future editions.

Ann Rushton  
Hazelwood South.

**“War is not pleasant, and isn’t to be glorified.  
But it is worth remembering all those who went to serve...”**

By RUTH PLACE

“Nobody likes war. It is a terrible waste of human life. It’s disgusting. But sometimes it is inevitable. I have a great admiration for the people who put their lives at risk for us, to defend our right to be free,” said Sr. Constable Mal Gibson, at the opening of an exhibition he put together, in the Airlee Bank Gallery in Morwell.

The exhibition was in memory of his father, Flying Officer Eric Gibson, and Private William Benny Cochrane, his great uncle.

Eric spent four years of his life away from home and family in World War II, and William served and gave his life in the Great War.

Comprising letters, artefacts and flying gear, the exhibition took Mal many hours to prepare. Of special note was his father’s leather flying helmet and the nose piece of a bomb which buried itself in the engine of his plane on a flying mission.

Fortunately and amazingly the bomb didn’t explode.

Mal carefully typed all the letters and presented them with postcards and embroidered cards in plastic pockets. There is a wealth of information contained within these pages as well as in the exhibits.

Mal is very proud of his father and his great uncle. War is not pleasant, and isn’t to be glorified. But it is worth remembering all those who went to serve, were a part of present day Australian families – part of our heritage.

The exhibition will continue throughout December. The Gallery is located in The Boulevard, Morwell and is open on weekends. For further information ring Gloria Auchtelonie on 03 5134 4632 or 0409344632.

**Remembering:** Jan and Mal Gibson with part of the display



Pictured above: The Old Farmhouse

**Park Improvement Continues**

By RUTH PLACE

A SMALL number of enthusiastic, willing workers continue to improve the Mathison Park area.

The Arboretum (those round gardens either side of the pathway leading to Kurnai) is flourishing. Many of the trees are growing well. The wildflowers and grasses growing around them are flowering now so take some time to have a close look.

A wander along the mown pathways between the trees further down the pathway will reveal many Callistermans in bloom.

With the ride on mower supplied by the Latrobe City Council, the committee members (usually John Lee) are able to keep the grass around Hare House under control, making it a pleasant place to sit or stroll or eat a picnic lunch.

The underground tank, or well, behind the house is to be restored by a local tradesman who retains the special skills needed for such a project.

The well was originally dug to store and supply domestic water drained from

the O’Halloran weatherboard house.

The house, no longer there, was located behind the present concrete house.

A hand pump, at the opening of the well, was used to extract the water. The well was constructed of Morwell bricks. After construction the bricks were rendered inside and out with concrete, protecting the mortar between the bricks from weathering.

Thomas O’Halloran selected 210 acres in 1876. Part of the selection is now Mathison Park.

The next area of Mathison Park to be developed is the area behind the hill, to the left of the house. This will be planted with national and international specimens of conifers. This is an exciting development, though there has been difficulties in obtaining seeds and importing trees with quarantine periods to be observed.

The tree signposts located in the Park are to be completed and appropriate signage attached. When this information is ready, it will make the park a more interesting and informative place to visit.

**GIVING GENEROUSLY**

By JOHN BARKER

Secretary, Churchill Lions Club  
ANOTHER issue of Churchill News gives us the opportunity to keep the community informed of our activities over the past month.

Our major source of fundraising is catering – we own three catering vans. The cooker van, “Tippo”, is a triple hot-plate barbecue on wheels, the chipper van, “Lango”, is a mobile deep fry unit for chips, donuts, etc and the drinks van, “Taffy”, is the source of hot and cold drinks and miscellaneous edible goodies.

Over the past month we have catered at the Junior Fishing Competition where the proceeds went back into the kids in vouchers and prizes, the Computer Expo, Anti Cancer Tin Rattle and Hazelwood Power picnic.

Other proceeds have gone to assisting with the purchase of a special bag sealer at Latrobe Regional Hospital (\$600) and sponsorship of a

room at Ronald McDonald House, Monash Medical Centre (\$2300 per annum), which is used by families from our area.

Time spent on other projects include bagging and distribution of briquettes, maintenance of Apex Park at Lake Hyland, gardening at Hazelwood House, Neighbourhood Watch and the Scout Association.

Other donations made this month were Ulysses Motorcycle Branch Toy Run (\$50), Special Needs Camp at Lions Village Licola (\$935) and needy Children’s Outing (\$100).

We received a donation of \$2300 from RTL Yallourn towards the purchase of a third Hart Walker Children’s Mobility frame. Our club is at present looking to see if another local recipient is registered so they can also enjoy the experience and quality of life that mobility gives.

Four of our members have just returned from the 2002 Camp Quality Caper, raising \$17,000 and coming fifth in their class. Over

\$250,000 was raised this year, making a total in excess of \$3 million in 11 years to help the kids with cancer. Our club has been involved in 9 Capers raising well over \$100,000 from local events and sponsorships.

Club membership has increased to 30 with newcomer John Bayley. We are a very active club and focus on family and social events as well as club meetings.

John Tipping, one of our members, is the liaison person nominated to coordinate the gathering of information of cattle feed stocks in South and Eastern Victoria and transportation to the drought areas in Central Victoria.

Between now and Christmas we will be active - at a weekend working bee at Lions Village Licola, finishing an extension to one of the houses incorporating showers, toilets and kitchen, Christmas Trees with sales at GPG Acacia Way, Churchill and Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre and letters to Santa with a drop-box at “Future Flicks”, Churchill. Our last catering is at Bunnings Mid Valley on 15 and 16 December with proceeds going to Camp Quality.

To all the families in our community of Churchill and district, have a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year. We thank you for your support.

**Feeding the Anglers:**  
The Lions Club at the Junior Angling Competition, Lake Hyland, in November



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# SHOPPING CENTRE

# Just a Shoe

By LINDA TAYLOR

Winner: Adult Short Story, October 2002

SAND squeaked noisily beneath the walker's feet, like grass breaking and splintering. Shades of its flat brownness varied in depth depending on the aridity of sand that stretched as far as the horizon and was occasionally covered by cloud shadows that crept across the sky.

He wore shoes rarely and as he walked the sand became stony beneath his nude, calloused feet. Even as a child, so many years ago playing in the cobble stoned streets of England's dockland he hated them; they were restricting, uncomfortable and removed at every opportunity. Still alive in his memory was his mother's shrill voice, ordering him repeatedly to, "Put your damned shoes on." Followed by, "What'll the neighbours think?" He could no longer recall her face, yet her voice still rang through his mind, loud and strident as ever.

To his right was the sea, smooth close by but slightly turbulent further out. The greens and blues blended into each other softly and carefully. Seabirds screeched overhead rising then falling, lifted high by the wind or dipping purposefully in search of an illusive fish.

To his left reared cliffs that jutted out, sharp looking, almost angry. Stunted trees that clung precariously to the edge were continually buffeted by strong winds that howled and brayed around them, then twisted and twirled away into the blue.

The man walked alone along the isolated beach and hunched himself forward into prickly rain that bombarded his exposed head. The blue sky changed into grey and melted into the horizon leaving no conclusive line between above and below.

While walking his still powerful eyesight continually scanned the waters edge. The sea often presented him with its treasures, some useful, some not. The best finds usually arrived on the evening tide. He never questioned why; it was merely the way things happened. Driftwood to burn on his fire was so far, the days only find.

He saw something up ahead; it bobbed in and out on the waves. His step quickened to catch it before it was dragged out of reach and he was disappointed to find that it was only a shoe. Bending to retrieve it his arthritic back groaned in complaint. Why had he bothered? It was almost discarded but then the scavenger through circumstance he had become shoved it in his back pocket and trudged on. Later he may come across the second of the pair; only then and in the very depth of an icy winter would it be of any use to him.

Home was close by; it was a cave well hidden behind bushes that cluttered the base of the cliff. This area was wild, out of step and unwelcoming to any visitors that ventured close; perfect for the life he led. As he reached this cave, the rain stopped. Inside it was dry, warm and welcoming.

People would think it odd, him living the way he did but it was nobody's business but his own. Once, by the glutinous standards of society, he was known as a successful person, owner of a shoe factory, no less. Then the breakdown

came. He could not recall with clarity events that led to his problems. Vaguely he thought there had been many diminutive rocks that created a boiling volcano causing his high tumble from 'good' health. So they called him mad and locked the door for long years. Memories of hospital life too were mostly fragmented, formless and black but the dread that such times could return never left him.

Shamed, his wife and five daughters abandoned him. The pain of their leaving eventually faded so now he missed them not at all.

Finally the doctors declared him cured and allowed him to leave the hospital. For a time he tried to act like everyone else; to be what the community expected, though he no longer knew what that was. Even his old, previously close friends avoided him and he was lonely. So he took what little he had and left, like his wife and daughters, never to be seen by the townspeople again.

Years were spent wandering the countryside, sleeping on park benches wrapped in newspaper, in doorways and under bridges. Sometimes other lost people tried to befriend him but he rebuked such advances and therefore any possibility of future pain. He was content, wrapped in his shroud of emptiness.

Eventually he stumbled upon the cave and knew immediately it would be his home. He owned few things – some clothes, an old mattress and blankets, cooking utensils, plate, cutlery and a couple of books someone discarded that he read avidly and repeatedly. His earlier life had taught him too many possessions easily became, merely clutter.

The nearest shops were ten kilometers away and several times in the past he endured a brief period without food rather than venture amongst people. Once again supplies were almost gone so tomorrow he must face the town's citizens. When there he would speak as little to as few as possible, then like the true loner he was, would return to his cave.

The evening meal finished he washed the few dishes and moved outside to sit beneath the heavens. This was his nightly routine, whatever the weather and he never tired of it.

Silver stars shimmered on dark velvet while the full moon smiled back on itself over the water. Unexpectedly he saw a light that rose high then dropped back into the sea. It looked like a shooting star but he knew it was no such thing. He sat for a while, waited and wondered; then there was another sparkle in the dark void but he could not tell how far out it was. Distance was deceptive over water.

His thoughts returned to the shoe. He retrieved it from the back of the cave and gave it a good inspection. It was made of canvas and in good condition, despite being sodden with salt water. It was like the ones worn on boats, with soles made specifically to grip wet decks. His mind worked slowly these days, like his body but soon he concluded that a boat was wrecked somewhere out there, perhaps on the rocks further around the point. His shoe came from the boat and the lights he saw were distress flares.

He needed to summon help from the town but until daylight it was too shadowy for the treacherous walk along the cliffs. He moved down close to the water edge and spent the remaining night hours watching the waves, ignoring his body's cry for sleep.

The police must be told but just thinking of contact with People in Power scared him. They would ask his name and other things that were neither their business, nor of any relevance to the situation. He wanted to hide, forget about lights and shoes. But to let others suffer because of his own fear was wrong.

Several more flares appeared during the night until finally the sun crept over the horizon and he started the long walk into town. His footsteps dragged even more than usual and he berated himself for being so slow.

The town was small but during summer its population fattened with visitors. This early in the day and season the police station was quiet. His courage deserted him as he approached the building. He feared they would find out about his cave and make him leave, say it was dangerous, unhygienic or some such thing. They would try again to make him 'normal', like everyone else but that was not what he wanted. Their ability to manipulate people and facts was to him beyond doubt.

So instead he went to the supermarket. Checkout assistants he found spoke only when necessary; there were never any conversations about the weather or other irrelevancies. He could wander about until he found the things he needed; unlike the old-fashioned corner stores that blocked him with counters enforcing dialogue inanities.

Soon though, guild forced him to retrace steps previously taken until he stood at the front desk of the police station. Owners of the blue uniforms ignored him; telephones made unmusical demands for attention while radios issued forth babble in secret police language that he failed to understand.

His fortitude once more began to weaken; then a big man with cropped hair, an unfriendly face and a gun hanging from his hip, asked what was needed. Unused to conversation his words concerning the boat, shoe and lights came out strange and garbled. The policeman failed to understand and called over several colleagues to assist. At the mention of boats, one uniform spoke of a yacht that failed to return to port the previous day and so suddenly the old man's information became important. Again, as best he could, he repeated the story. And again, until finally the people, noise and strangeness of everything frightened into complete silence.

It was done now, he had nothing more to convey and any further action was up to them. Then the blue uniforms wanted to see the shoe but it was still in the cave so he said nothing. They asked from which direction the lights had been observed. Compass points meant little to him so again he gave no reply.

It was suggested that perhaps he could show them. One took his shopping, another his arm and walked him to a car. He hated cars, they

moved too fast and made him ill.

During the drive the policemen feigned friendship and tried to make him give additional information about himself but he was not fooled, he had said sufficient.

The car's flashing red and blue lights hurt his head; the sound of the siren whopping matched the nervous thumping of his heart confined within his chest. He saw a helicopter summoned from elsewhere buzzing towards his beach. Still they asked questions and he knew his silence irritated them. Just as he knew if they found out about the hospital he would be sent back. His fear was paramount and obvious to all.

The car stopped, the helicopter hovered and with one man still on either side he led them to the shore and pointed to where he found the shoe and the direction of the flares. He could do no more for the people on the boat.

The policemen talked together, gestured out to sea and one spoke into his radio. The helicopter moved off above the waves and other blue uniforms arrived.

While they were distracted he slipped away and returned to his cave with a galloping heart. His clothes soaked with perspiration and fright clung tight to his bony body. He rested his back close to the wall, pulled his knees to his chest and listened, hoping never to hear the sound of approaching footsteps. The helicopter could still be heard flying over the water. He prayed that soon they would find the boat occupants alive and well and leave him to his life.

He stayed without movement for a long time and finally the late afternoon moved towards evening. He could no longer hear the helicopter and the beach was quiet save for the sound of the surf; he began to feel safe again when an elongated shadow arrived at the mouth of the cave. It was the big policeman with the short, short hair and a gun. The old man cringed further back against the wall so as to make himself invisible but it was too late. A woman stood behind the uniform, the setting sun threw a warm, golden glow around her. She stepped from the light into the gloom and he saw she was young and pretty but carried a bag. He had seen many bags such as this one over the years; each one belonged to a doctor.

The terror that had previously faded now returned in full. The woman knelt in front of him, her face gentle and voice quiet.

In silence he rolled himself into a ball, like an unborn child. The injection she inflicted – for his own good, stung like a bee.

He woke a few hours later as the ambulance doors opened. A grey stone building loomed into view. Many lights shone but he knew inside it would be dark and joyless.

Two young men lifted the stretcher out. One smiled kindly at the old man while the buckle of the strap across his chest pinched the skin.

The smiling one said, "They'll take good care of you in here mate. It'll be much better than that awful cave. Nobody should have to live the way you did."

The old man said, "Bloody shoe!" and never spoke again.

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## Jacqui Exchanges Editor for Motherhood

JACQUI Johnson was the last Editor of the Churchill News.

To begin with her role was raising advertising revenue but when the then Editor resigned, Jacqui took on both roles.

As well as producing the Churchill News, Jacqui was studying at Monash University. Being a wife to Doug and Mum to Darrien, she certainly had a busy life!

## And Baby Makes Three: Jacqui with Darrien and Becky

Since the paper went into recession, Jacqui has been busy, giving birth to her second child Rebecca. Becky arrived in late October and is a healthy, happy and contented babe.

The team of the new Churchill & District News wishes Jacqui and her family every best wish, and thanks her for all the wonderful work she has done.



# ----- Youth Yard -----

## In Action!



By OWEN GUTHRIE  
OVER the last four weeks the Youth Action Centre has been cooking on a Wednesday. We have made things like sausage rolls, chocolate crackles, pizza rolls and chicken casserole.

Next time we will be learning how to make ice cream.

We have also had a man come from "Spike's Bikes" in Traralgon to show us how to do repairs on our bikes.

He's been attending for a couple of weeks. About ten to fifteen people have been coming to the YAC in Churchill each week, so come down to the Teen Centre at Gaskin Park on Wednesdays at 4p.m., but not on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

**Hungry:** Front to back, Thomas Stratford, Morgan Stratford, Daniel Curtis, Adrian Connor, Kerryn Super (instructor) and Martin Connor

THE month of November has been a great time for the Churchill Youth Action Centre.

According to Youth Action Worker, Kerryn Super, numbers are improving steadily as are ideas for future activities.

Throughout the month, the Youth Action Centre held cooking classes that gave youths the opportunity to try and

taste new recipes.

"The last few weeks have seen the young people enjoy a variety of delicious dishes that they prepared and devoured," Kerryn said.

The program organised by Latrobe City's Youth Action Centres aim to give people aged between twelve and eighteen years the opportunity to get involved in a

wide variety of activities.

"During December the program features jewellery making and bike repair. So come ready to be creative and learn something new," Kerryn urged.

Churchill's Youth Action Centre is open on Wednesdays from 4pm - 8pm. All activities are free.

## GOOD MUSIC GOOD FUN

By OWEN GUTHRIE

ON Friday 29 November at the Binishell at Monash University we had an underage rage dance.

It was put on by the Youth Action Centres and FreeZA.

There were about thirty teenagers there, and most of the youth workers from the YAC's and the One-Stop Shop.

Most kids were between thirteen and sixteen, but a few twelve and eighteen-year-olds went too.

Two bands played on the night - Pull My Finga did cover versions of different songs, and then Jika played their original stuff.

Everyone who went got a free C.D. by Jika at the end of the night.

There was plenty of drinking water available, and lolly-



pops were handed out.

There were drinks and chips on sale for \$1 each. It cost \$5 to get in, and because the event was drug, alcohol and smoke free, anyone who entered had to be breathalized by security.

A lot of girls danced - some of the boys danced too, but most just watched and listened to the music.

The music was pretty good and we all had fun.

## Been Surfing, Now for Tennis

LATROBE City Youth Services recently ran a 'Learn to Surf' trip to Phillip Island.

The day was a great success with nine young men from the Latrobe Valley area receiving tips and advice from the instructors from 'Out There Outdoor Adventures'.

Latrobe City's Youth Services Manager, Susan Lloyd, said most of the participants were standing on their boards by the end of the two-hour lesson.

"Wet suits and boards were provided by the instructors and Latrobe City provided transport and supervision," Ms Lloyd explained.

"This trip has proven so popular that a Girl's Learn to Surf Trip is planned for Tuesday 21 January, 2003. The trip is open to girls between the ages of 12 and 25 and costs \$39.60.

"Another trip this summer will be to the Australian Tennis Open in Melbourne on 15 January. The cost of the trip is \$16.50 and includes entry to the event and transport."

Anyone interested in either of these trips should call Youth Services on 1300 367 700.

"Due to the popularity of these trips it is advised that you book early," Ms Lloyd added.

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By ADRIAN CONNOR

## ALL FUN AND NO SLEEP!

By OWEN GUTHRIE

ON Tuesday 3 December, 48 Grade 5 and 6 students, and 5 teachers from Churchill Primary School left for their camp in Melbourne.

We arrived at the "Bakpak" Hotel in Franklin Street and unpacked our stuff.

From there we set off for the day's activities...shopping at Queen Victoria Markets, lunch at Flagstaff Gardens, tour of Old Melbourne Gaol, a walk round Carlton Gardens, and a ride up the Rialto Tower to the observation deck to take photos of Melbourne.

The tour of Old Melbourne Gaol was interesting and we learnt that the armour they have belonged, not to Ned Kelly, to his younger brother Dan.

The view from the observation deck at the Rialto Towers was spectacular.

After dinner it was off to the Imax for the movie Xtreme. Imax has the biggest movie screen in Australia and it was pretty impressive.

Next morning we went to the Aquarium and looked at lots of fish but the highlight was the surround-sound-3D-movie ride of an underwater rollercoaster/submarine.

Then off to Colonial

Stadium for a tour, before going to the MCG for lunch. Then we went to Jolimont Station and learnt about ticket machines, barriers and suburban trains.

We got off the train at Melbourne Central Underground Station, brought afternoon tea with our teachers' money (good value) and watched the 5 o'clock clock show. Then we went exploring Myers and David Jones department stores, having fun on the escalators.

After dinner at the Backpack we went for an evening walk through Chinatown, past the Myers Xmas windows, then back to the Queen Victoria Markets for the night stalls and lights.

Back to the hotel and straight to

bed - Ha! Ha! - most of us sat up late talking.

A long walk took us to Parliament House for another tour. In the Lower House we met the Sargent-At-Arms, who carries the mace, and also Madam President of the Upper House.

We went to Southbank for lunch and walked along the Boardwalk, then to the Victorian Police Museum for our final tour.

All the kids had a great time and we're sorry the teachers now have more grey hairs. On behalf of all the Grade 5 and 6 students who went on camp, I'd like to thank Principal Higgins, Mr Twomey, Ms Kane, Ms Perkins and Ms Hurenkamp for organising our camp to Melbourne.

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By EVA TURRA  
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By HEATHER BATZA  
Santoshi Yoga Centre

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# Heather's Top Dog!

By CATHY COCHRANE

"NOTHING is impossible, so if you have something you want to do, find a way of doing it."

That is the advice of Churchill dog trainer Heather Lade as she reflected on her success, which has included training the first ever German Shepherd dogs in Australia to pass the Herding Instinct Test.

Her dogs, eight year-old Kahna and five year-old Fleco, received the distinction in March.

"Other dogs would have done it but they are the first to be officially recognised," Heather said.

Heather's achievements in dog training and showing are made more remarkable by the fact that the 25 year-old is limited to just ten per cent of normal 20-20 vision. She can see only shapes and colours.

Heather started training dogs in 1995 "because I've always wanted to do it."

She began with one puppy, Kahna, who quickly showed potential with a win at her first show.

Heather now has four German Shepherd dogs, with Karna joined by Fleco and Ashka, in 1997 and Dream, last year.

Heather chose to train German Shepherds rather than another breed because they are "ideal working dogs."

"They are just the right size, not too big and not too small," Heather explained.

Heather and her dogs now have a large collection of prizes and certificates.

Among the highlights for Heather so far are the herding awards, which are presented by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria and a first place in obedience at The Twenty-Ninth National German Shepherd Dog Championship and Restricted Trial held in Melbourne in March 2001.

Heather's average day includes cleaning up after her dogs, "which some mornings can be a lot more interesting than others" and feeding them each night.

The dogs' training depends on their competition schedule. They do not do any formal training (although they train with Heather at the Gippsland Obedience Club in Morwell each week). Instead Heather focuses on games and obstacle courses.

"They tend to get bored of the same things too often," Heather said.

The dogs compete in a range of disciplines including obedience, tracking, agility, jumping, conformation and herding.

Tracking requires the dog to walk through the bush following a track left by a judge anywhere between half an hour and three hours earlier.

Both agility (movement) and jumping involve obstacle courses, while conformation compares the body structure of the dogs.

Herding is a new discipline for German Shepherds. The Herding Instinct Test assesses a dog's actions when it is placed among sheep.

German Shepherd dogs have a history of involvement with sheep, according to Heather. However they are more useful driving sheep rather than herding because they rely on a person to turn the sheep whereas a Collie tends to do this itself.

Heather attends about six shows each year and obedience, agility and jumping competitions about twice a month. Most are held at KCC Park in Cranbourne.

Competition is intense in conformation sections but agility and obedience trials tend to be more friendly as trainers seek to pass rather than win.



**High Achievers:** Heather Lade with Fleco, above, and below far right, Karna. Pictures: RUTH PLACE

Although dog training and showing is Heather's current focus, she also won and received many second places in her age group as a triathlete, before abandoning the sport due to the costs.

She started a Behavioural Science degree at Monash Gippsland before transferring to an Animal Management course, which she is currently studying through a NSW correspondence school.

Behaviour Science has proved "quiet handy" in dog training.

"It's all human based but humans are animals as well," she said.

**"Nothing is impossible, so if you want to do, find a way of doing it."**

"In general animals are much more clear cut. You find less negative traits. They're far more honest, if they don't like you they let you know."

Heather nominates patience as the key to successful dog training.

"You have to put the time in. You can't just expect them to learn

overnight," Heather said.

Her greatest challenge so far was teaching obedience to Kahna, her first dog.

"She's very independent and very dominant. She has a very male temperament... And she knows how much eye sight I've got," Heather said.

But any setbacks just provide further motivation to achieve the goals she sets for both herself and her dogs.

In the future Heather hopes to work in the animal industry, perhaps training guide dogs.

In the meantime, her advice for anyone wanting to follow in her footsteps is to buy dogs through a good breeder who knows the standards and to always begin with obedience training.

The ownership of German Shepherd dogs has been controversial in the past and according to Heather the regulatory controls on the breed are more stringent than for any other breed.

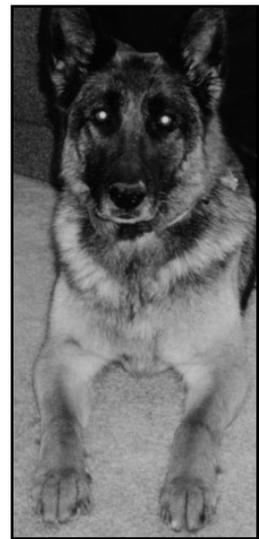
Heather's control over her dogs is also stringent, according to her mother Leonie Lade.

"She's top dog and they know they rely on her for food so they obey her," Mrs Lade said.

"She never ever hits her dogs. You can get far more out of them by just talking and looking."

Heather enjoys the strong support of her family. Her father drives her to training and competitions.

"I've always said to our children 'aim for your goals and never listen to anyone who says you can't,'" Mrs Lade said.



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# Guides Enjoy Camp

By ZELMA MILDENHALL

Hazelwood Junior Guides

Camp at Burnet Park, the Baw Baw Region Camp site at Glengarry West, in early November went very well.

The weather was fine and mild and many activities were held outdoors.

The improvements to Illangi House were appreciated.

The ceilings of the passageways have been lowered, painted a light green and new lights fitted.

All the doors that were dark brown have been painted to match the passageways, and this makes the house lighter and brighter.

The grounds looked lovely as the grass had been cut and garden weeded.

There was very little water in the creek so we spent time looking for interesting stone to make into pen-

dants.

A couple of guides have already chosen their room in Illangi House ready for when they attend camp next year!

Great news! The Burnet Park Committee has received a grant of \$3,000 to remodel one bathroom. Another \$3,000 will need to be raised for the second bathroom.

In November we wrapped gifts for the residents of Hazelwood House and these will be delivered in December.

Our first unit meeting for 2003 will be Tuesday 4 February, 4.00pm to 5.30 pm in Hazelwood South Hall.

Christmas greetings to all, and may you have a happy and safe New Year.

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

# Who and What?

## The Lynx Trefoil Guild

A PLAYGROUP has been organised for members of the Guild for their children on Tuesday afternoons at the Glendonald Child and Maternal Health Centre, Churinga Drive, Churchill.

The Playgroup costs are minimal. The afternoon begins at 1.00pm and finishes at 2.30pm.

On the first Tuesday morning of the month the Lynx Trefoil Guild Management meets. For more information please contact Mrs Healy on 51 222 3341.

## Churchill Guide Unit

OVER the last month the Monday Churchill Guides have taken part in activities based on the 'who and what' are Guides.

We have looked at our Guiding

links, history and what Guides actually do.

The Wednesday Guides have been planning and organising for next year. They are putting together a display of the every day lives of people in four countries.

The Churchill Guide Unit meeting times have recently changed. For further information or to book in please contact Susan Connor on 5122 3567.

## Shindig

SHINDIG is a camp for the 'thirteen to thirties' members of guiding. It is run each year in a different location with different activities, the 2002 Shindig was held in Daylesford. Members took part in canoeing, kyaking, abseiling and horse riding.

## Queens Guide Presentation

IN October Government House

opened its doors to the Queens Guides and Queens Scout Awards.

Two Churchill Guides were presented with their Queens Guide certificates.

In order to gain these awards the guides completed various activities, including an Arts Focus, which involved creative writing, Face Painting, Singing and Music.

They also undertook leadership training and looked at world Guiding, our history and traditions.

## The Gipps Guides

THE Gipps Guides (18 to 30 year olds) meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Glendonald Child and Maternal Health Centre at 10.00am.

For more information phone Susan Connor: 5122 3567.

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## CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Paint the Christmas Tree in Bright Colours!



# Deep, Lush, Green

By JULIA BURRAS

Winner Under 12 Short Story

TO escape his rivals, the horse thundered his great hooves on the hard, parched earth of his dry, dusty home. He looked behind him for a minute, at all the galloping he had done and to see where his enemy was. He was beginning to feel weary, but that glance around helped him to regain his strength to run on. But if he stayed on the dry, dusty earth, his enemies would surely catch up with him and kill him for dog meat.

By instinct, the midnight black horse veered in the direction of his favourite spot and galloped with renewed energy. It soon began to get dark. Shadows surrounded him, shadows of the dead, bare trees, burned black by the sun. The horse was

tired. He needed water. Foam, sweat and mud covered him from head to hooves. Not far ahead, he saw an area of lush deep green. Slower now, he galloped as fast as his tired legs could carry him. After a while, he was there. He slowed as he smelt the fresh water and felt the prickles of the pines. He bent his big, tired head and drank thirstily. It was a lovely forest and he finally felt safe from harm.

This part was where his forest dream always stopped and the midnight black horse found himself standing as usual at the horses' old water trough on a sunny Saturday morning at Bluebush Riding School.

The grooms were already coming to fetch the horses in the paddock, to saddle them so that children could learn to ride.

After a lot of persuasion and coaxing with lumps of sugar, the horses were all bridled and saddled so the children could get hauled onto the horses. The midnight black horse's child was a little girl called Lia, who felt like a sack of potatoes on his back, but who had mastered how to hold the long leather reigns, and for that he was glad. To his right was a tall thin girl on a chestnut mare. To his left was a stout boy, sitting up straight on a nervous spotted pony.

After the lessons, the grooms came and took off the saddles and led the horses to the stables, groomed each horse cheerfully and gave them their well-earned oats.

Tomorrow the horse would go to the old water trough to drink and there would start dreaming again of his lush, green sanctuary, running free, like a wild stallion.



## Wanted - Pet Pictures!

This is my dog Zingari and kitten Jane, waiting for tea time!

Please send me a picture of your pet to put on this page.

Tell me about your pet, its name and some of the things it does.

Don't forget to tell me your name and address too.

Send your picture to: Editor

Churchill & District News,

4, Dalpura Court, Churchill, 3840

## Busy Re-Building

By KIM REID

CHURCHILL Hockey Club had a busy re-building year which yielded mixed results.

In the Juniors we fielded 3 seven-a-side teams, with the 3 teams finishing 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Only one of the teams went through to the Grand Final being defeated in that match by Moe.

Churchill had both the Junior Association. Best and Fairest – Michael Cheater and Runner up - Michael De Silva

In C Grade we fielded a 7-a-side girls team. They finished 2nd on the ladder and were also runners up to Moe in the Grand Final. Naomi Taylor won Latrobe Valley Association C Grade Runner Up Best and Fairest.

Winners of club trophies were: Best and Fairest - Naomi Taylor Runner Up - Rachelle Cheater

The B Grade were undefeated in most of its matches and also finished in 2nd place to win a place in the B Grade Grand Final. B grade was made up by a combination of some

skilled players, "golden oldies" and some young developing players. Despite their domination during the season, they narrowly lost to Traralgon. We also had the Association Runner Up Best and Fairest in B Grade – Gail Kemp.

Club trophies were: Best and Fairest - Gail Kemp, Runner Up - Debbie Wells

The A grade had a mixed season having lost some of its stronger players of last season to University and to Melbourne clubs. Some young rising stars ably took up places. They finished 3rd place on the ladder and were very unlucky not to win a place in the Grand Final as they were forced to take the field for the Preliminary final with some of their key players being unavailable.

Club trophies were - Best and Fairest - Sally Turner, Runner-up - Megan Wells

We are always keen to recruit new players. If you have not played before we can help with the skills needed.

Anyone interested please contact the Club Secretary, Kim Reid on 51 222 072

## Churchill has Eight Tennis Teams!

By VIKKI SCHILLING

THE Churchill Tennis Club has 8 junior teams playing in the Latrobe Valley Tennis Association. This Association was formed in 1948 and the junior arm of this competition still enjoys a large contingent of players from all over the Latrobe Valley.

For any juniors requiring information on where their team is on the ladder you can find this information at [www.lvta.com.au](http://www.lvta.com.au).

Every Monday from 1.00pm enjoy a social game of tennis at the Churchill Tennis Club and afterwards a cup of tea, beginners are welcome

Junior Pennant Churchill, Team Members: Dan Chapple

Cory Barling Lyrissa Spriggs Melinda Curwood. Junior

Pennant Churchill Latrobe Indoor, Team Members: Ben Wetts Alan Estrada Allison Lawless Elizabeth

Van Dyke. Section 1 Girls, Team Members: Alysia Hunter Colleen Andrews Jemi Spriggs Sam King

Renee Dugan. Section 2/3 Girls, Team Members: Cara Hegarty Rachel Wilson Jessica Brighton Mary

Corponi Belinda Hunter Alia Brammel. Section 4 Girls, Team Members: Penny Lafferty Kate Wilson

Sarah Wilson Lisa Johnson Sharon Johnson. Section 5 Girls, Team Members: Michelle Drury Nicole

Murphy Stacey Hammer Ebony De Bono Leanne Drury. Section 6 Girls, Team Members: Nicola

Brighton Rebekah Van Dyke Venus Brammel Sarah Price Emma Gatt. Section 4 Boys, Team

Members: Chris Scott Eli Davies Jack Emond Alan Walker. YDTA C Reserve, Team Members: Ryan

O'Donnell Dean Franklin Alex Tatterson Nathan Lugton.

Come and join in the fun of tennis at the Churchill Tennis Club! Contact Vicki Schilling or Carol Scott:

Telephone 51222630



Pictured: The Club Room

## Associated Angling Club

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### First Fishing Trip of 2003

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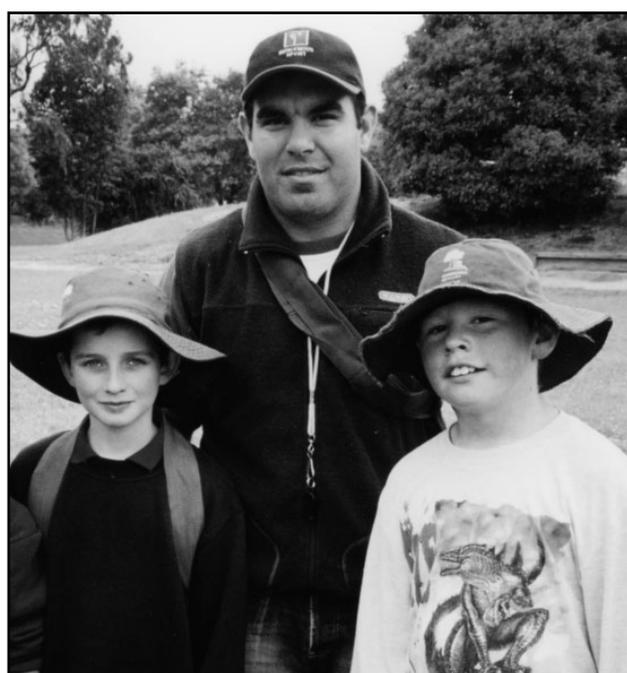
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A.A.C. versus Go Anywhere Fishing

## TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS GAMES AT CHURCHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Students Learning Indigenous Culture:** Above and Below, Churchill Primary School Students enjoy learning how to play Traditional Indigenous Games from across Australia



THE Traditional Indigenous Games came to Churchill Primary School on the 29 of November.

Students participated in learning 4 games, Buroinjin, Battendi, Pulyugge and Gorri.

All the students were involved and enjoyed the day.

A team of trainers from the local Koori community explained the history of each game and its importance to Indigenous way of life in the past.

Although modern sport equipment is used today for these games, in the past items such as spears, balls made from possum skin stuffed with grass would have been used.

It is important to note that some of these games have evolved to the modern games we play today such as Australian Rules football.

Anglicare Gippsland's, Don Santowiak, in partnership with the Indigenous Sports Development's Peter Mongta from Sport and

Recreation Victoria have developed the Traditional Indigenous Games program.

Through the program "students have the opportunity to learn about our indigenous culture and heritage and learn about the foundations of modern day games, for example, netball and football," said Don Santowiak.

The games will be adopted into the school's sports curriculum next year.

In July 2003 there will be a Carnival in Morwell, and the school will be invited to take part.

The Carnival, according to Don, "has strong themes of reconciliation, greater community awareness of our Indigenous history and culture.

The program assists to further highlight the richness of cultural diversity in our community. It aims to build community harmony and self-determination".

For further details, please contact Don on 5133 9998.

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# Hole in One!

By DI SCURLOCK

ON 17 November, Churchill & Monash Golf Club had their first lady HOLE IN ONE.

This was done by Melesia Lesiw who had not played golf since March this year.

Melesia stepped up to the third tee, with no practice swing, chose a seven wood.

She hit the ball so well it disappeared.

On approaching the green her father Charlie said "Check the hole".

Yes it was there. Screams rang out for all to hear!

Congratulations Melesia!

If you would like to join Churchill & Monash Golf Club, come along and play a round. For further information about membership or green fees ring: Clubhouse: 5122 6295 or Bill Barnes: 5122 2441.

Competition days are: Tuesday - Ladies Day, Wednesday - Chicken Run, Saturday - Men's Day, Sunday - Men & Ladies Day. Juniors are also welcome.

Results for November

Saturday Mens 4BBB Stableford, 2.11.02: Handicap: D. Taylor / I. Heppleston 48 Pts. DTL R. Scurlock, M. Brereton 47 pts, I. Wilson, S. Sanders 46 pts, P. Ludlow, T. Roeder 46 pts. NTP: 3rd - S. Sanders, 5th - S. Andrews, 12th D. Dickson. Birdies: D. Taylor - 12th, D Cook - 3rd.

Sunday Mens Stableford, 3.11.02. Handicap: W. Barns 37pts. DTL: 3rd S. Andrews - 24 pts. NTP: 3rd - S. Andrews, 12th - C. Speekenbrink, 14th - P. Williams. Birdies: C. Speekenbrink - 12th.

Sunday Ladies Stableford, 3.11.02. Winner: H Croft - 38 pts. DTL: D. Scurlock - 36 pts. NTP Di Scurlock - 14th.

Tuesday Ladies, Melbourne Cup Day, 5.11.02. A Grade: K. Hall - 36 pts, B Grade: H. Croft - 31 pts, Visitor: F Edwards - 28 pts. DTL: J. Blizzard - 35, C. Gardam - 34. NTP: 5th - P. Hrynyszyn, 14th - K. Hall. Secret Nine: B Beebe, 9 Out: K. Hall - 19, 9 IN: C. Gardam - 20. Longest Drive: M. Mitchell.

Tuesday Men, Melbourne Cup Day, 5.11.02. Visitor: A. Leverington. A Grade: K. Ellis - 35 pts. B Grade: R Counsel - 41 pts. DTL: F. Sedjak - 40, M. D'Alterio - 34, S. Wooton - 34, C. Lesiw - 33 C/B. NTP: 3rd - J. Ambrosini, 5th - A. Casey, 14th S. Andrews. Birdies: J. Ambrosini - 3rd, 9 Out: R. Consel - 23, 9 In: M. D'Alterio. Secret 9: D. Taylor. Longest Drive: A. Leverington.

Chicken Run, 6.11.02. A Grade: G. Sanders - 23 pts. B Grade: J. Dicson - 20 pts. DTL: D. Wilkinson - 22 pts, K. Ellis - 20 pts, R. Sheahey - 20 Pts. NTP: 3rd - B Croft, 5th - P. Ludlow, Lady: 5th - C. Ellis.

Saturday Men's Pairs Championship AGG Stableford. 9.11.02. Handicap: A. Casey, D. Taylor - 74 Pts. DTL: D. Haravey, C. Speekenbrink - 73 pts, R. Scurlock, D. Gardam - 73pts, R. Wilk, R. Welsh - 72 pts C/B. NTP: R. Scurlock - 3rd, P. Wilk - 5th, A. Casey - 12th, C. Speekenbrink - 14th. Birdies: R. Scurlock - 3rd, C. Speekenbrink - 14th.

Sunday Mens Stableford, 10.11.02. Handicap: W. Barnes 40 pts. DTL R. Scurlock 38, D. Wilkinson 37 pts. NTP: 5th - C. Speekenbrink, 12th B. Croft, 14th -

W. Barnes, Birdies: A. Booth - 14th.

Sunday Ladies, 10.11.02. Handicap: C. Barnes - 40 pts. DTL: J. Blizzard 39 C/B. NTP: 5th - E. D'Alterio, 12th - Di Scurlock. Broken Handicaps: C Barnes 39 - 37, H. Croft - 43 - 42.

Tuesday Ladies Monthly Medal Stroke, 12.11.02. Scratch: Di Scurlock - 87. A Grade and Medal Winner: K Hall 69 Nett. B Grade: V. Anderson - 73 Nett. DTL: E. D'Alterio - C/B 69, P. Hrynyszyn - 74, H. Croft - 74. NTP: -36 3/12 - Di Scurlock, +36 3/12 - H Croft - 74, +36 5/14 - L Ambrosini. Putts: Di Scurlock - 27, Longest Drive: -36 - D Thomas, +36 - V. Rowley.

Chicken Run, 13.11.02. Winner: S. Bailey - 20 pts. DTL: C. Speekenbrink - 18, B. Croft - 18, D. Harvey - 18. NTP: 14th - C. Cpeekenbrink.

Saturday Mens Stableford, 16.11.02. A Grade: P Ludlow - 40 pts, B Grade: D. Gardam - 39 pts C/B. C Grade: W. Barnes - 41pts. DTL R. Counsel -39, J. Jeffrey - 39, J. Armstrong - 39, P. Williams - 38, R. Scurlock - 37, T. Blackford - 36. NTP: 3rd - J. Jeffery, 5th - P. Luidlow, 12 - J. Ambrosini, 14th - J. Jeffery. Birdies: 3rd - R. Sheahey, 5th - V Monument.

Saturday Mens Stableford, 17.11.02. Winner - M. Brereton - 40 pts. DTL: G. Morrison - 39, C. Lesiw - 37 C/B. NTP: 3rd - D. Taylor, 5th - P. Willilams, 12th - G. Morrison, 14th - M. Brereton. Birdies: 12 - G. Morrison.

Sunday Ladies Stableford, 17.11.02. Winner - M. Lesiw - 43 pts. DTL: M Mitchell - 40 Pts. NTP: 3rd - M. Lesiw, 5th - M. Lesiw, 14th - P. Hrynyszyn. Eagle: M. Lesiw - 3rd.

Tuesday Ladies Canadian, 19.11.02. Winners: M. McConvill / E. Ollquist - 65 5/8. DTL: Y. Wotton / P. Hrynyszyn - 76 5/8, V. Verheyen / L Casey - 77 1/8, UTL: C. Gardam / J. Watts - 102 1/2. Longest Drive: +36 - B. Beebe, -36 - Di Scurlock.

Chicken Run 20.11.02. Winner: W. Peter - 19 pts. DTL: F. Keighran - 18 C/B. NTP: 3rd & 5th - J. Jeffery.

Saturday Mens Par, 23.11.02. A Grade: J. Armstrong +2 C/B. B Grade: D. Wilkinson +4. DTL: R. Sheahey +2, P. Wilk - +1, K. Hills +1, P. Williams =, A Booth = C/B. NTP: 3rd - K. Hills, 5th - D. Gardam, 12th - E. Fashogbon, 14th - G. Fraser. Birdies: P. Willilams - 5th.

Sunday Mens 3 Club Event, 24.11.02. Winner: D. Harvey - 42 pts. DTL Dael Scurlock - 39 C/B. NTP: 3rd - N Hutchinson, 5th - C. Speekenbrink, 14th - D. Harvey.

Sunday Lades 3 Club Event, 24.11.02. Best Score: H. Croft 31 pts. NTP 5th M. Mitchell.

Tuesday Ladies Stroke - Star Medal, 26.11.02. Scratch: Di Scurlock - 92. Handicap: J. Busch - 69 Nett. DTL: D. Thomas - 71, S. Jeffery - 73, J. Lesley 74 C/B. NTP: -36 3/12 - Y Wotton, +36 3/12 - V. Anderson, -36 5/14 - Di Scurlock, +36 5/14 - V. Anderson. Birdies: Y. Wotton - 3rd. Longest Drive: -36 - D. Thomas, +36 - V. Anderson. Star Medalist: J. Busch 69 nett. Star Medal R/UP: K. Hall - 74 Nett.

## Soccer Shorts

By LAURIE PATON

ADRIAN Huizer has been appointed coach for 2003. Senior Training Commence will commence on 14 January 2003.

Anyone interested in coaching a junior side should contact Marianne Osborne or Laurie Paton immediately.

Early next season the Club is considering offering level one coaching, line referee training, along with first aid and food handling courses. People interested in learning these skills should contact Laurie Paton as soon as possible.

If you were a team manager last season and would like to continue in that role in 2003 please contact Marianne Osborne as soon as possible.

Senior players should contact Adrian Huizer to confirm their availability for the 2003 season.

The Club is considering the formation of a second division team for next year. Anyone interested in playing at this level should contact Adrian Huizer to confirm his or her interest.



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## Cricket Scoreboard

By RINO METLIKOVEC (U/16 Coach)  
Churchill Under 14's: After 7 rounds the U/14's have had 2 wins, 1 tie, 1 washout & 3 loses. The side is a very young team with a majority of players coming up from the U/12's last season, so the performances under coach Bob Cooper have been very encouraging.

Round 1: 12/10/02: Churchill 79 runs defeated Traralgon West 53 runs.

Batting: Joe Whykes 17, Adam Curwood 22 & Scott Whittle 11. Bowling:

Thys

Stanistreet 3 for 7 & Dale Murphy 2 for 1. Catches : Steve Leeson (2), Joe Whykes (2)

Round 2: Washout

Round 3: 1&2/11/02: Churchill 187 runs defeated Cats 52

Batting: Joe Whykes 50,Thys Stanistreet 40 & Blake Cornell 8. Bowling: Dale Murphy 4 for 5,Ashley Ypelaan 1 for 2 & Ryan Bailey 1 for 11.

Round 4: 8&9/11/02 Churchill 70 runs lost to Centrals 78

Batting: Thys Stanistreet 27 & Steve Leeson 10. Bowling: Adam Curwood 3 for 15,Steve Leeson 2 for 3 & Clayton Tebb 2 for 6.

Round 5 15-16/11/02 Churchill 148 runs lost to Imps 149

Batting: Adam Curwood 41 & Thys Stanistreet 50 Bowling: Blake Cornell 1 for 14 & Dale Murphy 1 for 13. Catches: Travis Kennedy & Ashley Ypelaan

Round 6 22&23/11/02 Churchill 153 runs with Toongabbie 153

Batting: Adam Curwood 50 n.o.,Thys Stanistreet 48 & Joe Whykes 25 n.o. Bowlin: Thys Stanistreet 2 for 23 & Ashley Ypelaan 1 for 3

Round 7 29&30/11/02 Churchill 111 runs lost to Glengarry 160.

Batting Adam Curwood 41 & Thys Stanistreet 16.Bowling : Scott Cooper 3 for 28,Joe Whykes 2 for 17 & Clayton Tebb 2 for 6. Catches: Scott Whittle (2) & Travis Kennedy.

Churchill Under16's: Churchill is pleased to be able to field an U/16 team this season as last year, due to a lack of numbers, the club could not field a team. In fact in our area there was no U/16 team represented from either Jeeralang or Yinnar

Raiders. So it is pleasing that Churchill and Jeeralang have been able to field teams. Our record this year is 2 wins, 4 loses and a bye.

Round 1: 19-20/10/02 Churchill 178 runs defeated Traralgon West 161

Batting: Nick Duncan 50 n.o, John Keighran 23 Cameron Dunne 53. Bowlin : Brent Connelly 2 for 30, Matt Burney 1 for 8 & Paul Metlikovec 1 for 16. Catches: John Keighran(2), Peter Johnson

Round 2:26-27/10/02 Churchill 186 runs defeated Rovers 125

Batting: Nick Duncan 50 n.o, John Keighran 37 & Cameron Dunne 37. Bowling: Cameron Dunne 2 for 14,Brett Robinson 3 for 2 & David Radovich 1 for 20. Catches: Cameron Dunne(3) & Thys Stanistreet

Round 3: Bye

Round 4: 8-9/11/02 Churchill 72 runs lost to Centrals 162

Batting: Nick Duncan 33,Peter Johnson 10 & Paul Metlikovec 10 Bowling : Brent Connelly 2 for 21,John Keighran 1 for 15 & Cameron Dunne 1 for 12 Catches : Mitchell Jackson & Brent Connelly

Round 5: 15 -16/11/02 Churchill 105 lost to Imps 212

Batting: Nick Duncan 23,Peter Johnson 16n.o & Brent Connelly 11. Bowling : Brent Connelly 4 for 29 & John Keighran 3 for 40 Catches: Nick Duncan,Paul Metlikovec & John Keighran.

Round 6: 22-23/11/02 Churchill 55 Lost to Toongabbie 72

Batting: Brett Robinson 17 & David radovich 14. Bowling: John Keighran 5 for 11, Nick Duncan 2 for 13 & Mitchell Jackson 2 for 11. Catches: Mitchell Jackson (2), Peter Johnson & John Keighran.

Round 7 : 29-30/11/02 Churchill 174 runs lost to Glengarry 198.

Batting: Brett Robinson 54n.o,Matt Burney 23n.o,Peter Johnson 20 & Josh Cahill 17.

Bowling: David Radovich 2 for 25,John Keighran 1 for 21,Cameron Dunne 1 for 20 and Brent Connelly 1 for 18.

Well done to Thys Stanistreet, John Keighran & Paul Metlikovec who have represented Traralgon & District Cricket Association, in inter-league games against Sale & Warragul.

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