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Gutsy fightback keeps season alive for Churchill



Churchill's Dean Pyle gets the ball away before Fortuna's Joel Pirotta tackles

Latrobe hero stars in new Vegemite TV commercial

Phill Higgins is renowned across the outback for teaching science to school children in remote and regional Australia. The Latrobe local is now being celebrated as the 'Toast of a Nation' and star of one of Vegemite's new television commercials, as part of a nationwide campaign to celebrate everyday Aussies who are achieving extraordinary things.

Over the past 18 months, Vegemite has been actively engaging with Australians to understand what they want from their famous icon. And from all accounts, Australians have said they want Vegemite spread to stand up and celebrate what makes us great.

Over the next 12 weeks, Vegemite will celebrate and share the inspiring journey of "Phiggles the Flying

Scientist" in one of two new television commercials.

And Phill certainly has a unique story to tell. In 2000, aged 56, Phill came out of retirement, got his pilot's licence, and now spends several months every year taking 'The Flying Scientist Program' to remote communities and one-room schools across Australia.

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Churchill United and Fortuna played out a thrilling 3-3 draw that went right down to the final few minutes.

The Rams gutsy comeback from 3-1 down means that the Championship will go down to the wire with Churchill remaining just a game behind the Orangemen.

In the early stages of the match both sides played with caution, intent on defending

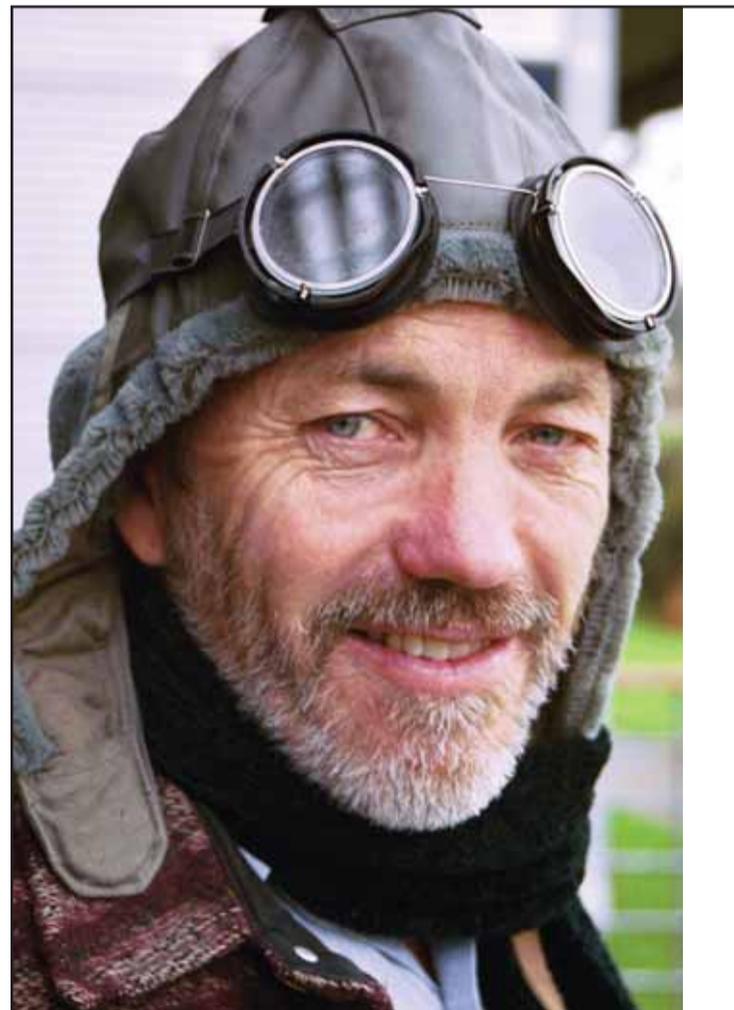
against any quick goals.

As the game opened up, the intensity increased and Churchill began to pressure Fortuna's defence.

The Orangemen stood strong across the Churchill attack, but could not contain their attackers indefinitely and Paul Riess scored in the 30th minute.

Fortuna was spurred into action and Joel Pirotta goaled just before the half time whistle.

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Gippsland Campus School of Nursing and Midwifery

Professor Karen Frances has recently resigned from her Head of Campus post having worked in the School for the last 8 years. Karen has been a leading light, as an outstanding rural health nurse, former member of the Nursing Board of Victoria, development of Doctorate programs by publication and nurse training initiatives at Bairnsdale and Latrobe Regional Hospital, to name but a few. She leaves the School to head Nursing and Midwifery at

Charles Sturt University.

In other news the School continues to flourish with new appointments to academic and professional posts, and 512 students from across the world. The teaching team has been actively involved in developing dynamic teaching programs that bring nursing and midwifery care to life, including clinical activities in the newly re-furnished clinical laboratories, and clinical simulation teaching with patient actors.

Rotary - Jessica shares Science Experience with Club



Jessica with Hazelwood President Ken Peake

GEP Kurnai student Jessica Pocklington, who was sponsored to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra by Hazelwood Rotary, attended a club dinner recently and shared her experience with members.

Jessica was one of 150 Year 11 students from all over Australia who travelled to Canberra in January to attend the two week forum based at the Australian National University.

As part of the forum Jessica heard presentations from leading scientists, visited relevant local sites such as a fossil dig at Cowra, a salinity research farm, sustainable farming, geoscience and water sampling, carbon dating rocks from Earth's crust and visiting industries with possible career pathways in science.

The students participating in the NYSF also attended the opening of Parliament, a Science Dinner, a disco with a science theme and a bush dance.

Jessica found the event not only

“very interesting” but felt that it helped her in thinking about a career in environmental science and reach a decision to apply for a Law/Science degree when she completes her year 12.

Hazelwood Rotary has sponsored many local students to attend this highly regarded National Youth Science Forum, and like so many others before her, Jessica was grateful to have the opportunity to explore the many options for a career in Science.

Learning about Strokes

Rotarians learnt about the signs and causes of strokes when Alan Ferris recently addressed the club on aspects of the illness.

Alan has undertaken specific training with the Stroke Foundation and is now qualified to present information sessions on this important matter.

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Local Latrobe hero stars in new Vegemite TV commercial and national campaign

'The Flying Scientist Program' supplements the formal School of the Air syllabus by providing a unique, 'hands on' learning experience otherwise not available in remote areas. Travelling to isolated regions stretching from Kandiwal community in the Kimberleys, Useless Loop PS on the WA coast and stations on the Nullarbor Plain and Floraville near the Gulf of Carpentaria, Phill has covered over 100,000 kilometres and taught over 1,300 students.

The scope of influence of the Flying Scientist Program was shown after the 2009 Black Saturday fires, when Station owners that had been visited by the Flying Scientist noticed that the fires were at Glendonald Road. They recognised it as Phill and Suzanne's address, and promptly organised a fund raising activity to send money via Phill to help students in the fire areas. Phill divided the money between Boolarra and Traralgon South Primary Schools. Studnts from these schools are still communicating with students from the stations in north West Queensland.

Kraft Foods Australia Senior Brand Manager for Vegemite, Andra Gough, said: "Phill Higgins absolutely personifies the spirit of Vegemite, and what we are looking to gain from this campaign – down to earth attitude, humility, friendliness, determination and a willingness to have a crack."

"Vegemite is proud to be toasting 'Phiggles the Flying Scientist', and supporting him fly across the outback to share his love and knowledge of science with students in remote Australia," said Andra Gough. In a first for Vegemite spread's 88-year history, 'Toast of a Nation' is also creating the opportunity for everyday Australians to feature on the famous Vegemite jar, of which over 23 million are sold each year. Ten of the 25 winners will serve as inspiration for a limited edition collectable Vegemite jar, to be released as part of Vegemite's Australia Day celebrations in 2012.

Andra Gough said: "We recognise that Vegemite is an integral part of Australia's culture, identity and personality, and as such, we need to connect and give more back to Australians. The 'Toast of a Nation'

campaign is our way of celebrating the extraordinary achievements of everyday Aussies, who have made Vegemite the proud Australian icon it is today."

Vegemite hopes the enchanting story of "Phiggles the Flying Scientist" will inspire and encourage other Aussies to join the search for the 'Toast of a Nation'. The campaign will see Vegemite profile his journey and achievements, along with four other sets of Australians, in a new series of television commercials, and online documentaries over the next 12 weeks.

Phill, said: "Although rather surreal, it is such a thrill to become part of Vegemite's its new television commercial. Four generations of Australians have been raised on Vegemite, and everyone knows and loves the Vegemite jingle."

"I am very grateful to have Vegemite's support so I can continue to deliver 'The Flying Scientist Program', and share my knowledge and love of science with students across the outback," said Phill.

Vegemite is reconnecting with Australians with the launch of 'TOAST OF A NATION', a new campaign that honours the extraordinary achievements of everyday Australians who are, MADE FROM Vegemite.

Vegemite is undertaking a nationwide search for 25 everyday Aussies who embody the values of Vegemite and spirit of Australia, crowning the most unique and exceptional as the 'Toast of a Nation'. Australians are invited to share the remarkable stories and achievements of themselves and people they know by nominating at www.vegemite.com.au

Vegemite is also calling on the people of Australia to get involved and have their say in crowning the 'People's Choice' TOAST OF A NATION by voting for their favourite nominee from 25 finalists. The winner will be rewarded with the 'Ultimate Vegemite Australia Day package'.

These inspiring, determined, yet everyday Aussies who are 'Made from Vegemite' and exemplify the Aussie spirit will help select the top 25 nominations, who will be crowned the 'Toast of a Nation' on 19 September 2011.

Naturalists

On Friday, June 24th, the topic of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club meeting will be "Botanical Illustration" presented by Laurie Andrews.

Laurie studied botany in her science degree and took up painting upon retirement from teaching.

She started painting the ferns on her property in the Strzeleckis and furthered her studies in botany.

Her work has been exhibited both locally and overseas. Laurie conducts classes in Botanical

Illustration at Yinnar each year.

The meeting at 7.30pm is at the Latrobe Community Health Centre meeting room, 44 Fowler St, Moe.

On the following day there will be an excursion to the Gonyah Gonyah Rainforest Reserve.

Visitors are most welcome to both activities; there is no charge. For more information phone 5634 2246 or 5127 3393

Lifeline Gippsland attempts to turn the tide on suicide

Suicide rates in Australia are not falling according to the latest numbers from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), and Lifeline Gippsland is calling for Governments to become aware of what they can do to prevent suicide.

According to the latest ABS Causes of Death report, 2130 Australians took their own lives in 2009.

However, this is only preliminary data and not a complete picture due to delays in the coronial system, amongst other issues.

The ABS is currently running a rolling annual review of suicide data, which has seen the suicide rate for 2007 rise from 1881 two years ago to 2229, and the 2008 rate rise from last year's total of 2191 to 2282.

"Suicide is the leading cause of death for women aged 15 to 34 and for men aged 15 to 44.

More people die from suicide than in traffic accidents (1479 in 2009), and skin cancer (1837 in 2009).

"Lifeline believes most suicides can be prevented by giving people the care they need when they need it

and teaching the people in the local community the skills they need to help their friends or family members, Lifeline Gippsland's CEO, Dawn Gilbert said today.

"At Lifeline we are doing our bit by conducting suicide intervention training for people concerned about those at risk of suicide.

On 23rd – 24th June we are running an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills (ASIST) two day workshop, and a SafeTALK 3 hour workshop on 16th June.

These training opportunities will be held at our training rooms in Morwell and subsidised by Lifeline Gippsland.

"As always, we call for support from the community to help us continue to provide services to Australians in need. Lifeline is not, as many may think, completely government funded."

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Opening of Lumen Christi's New Buildings

Important dignitaries, parents, visitors, and all the Lumen Christi school children assembled in the new library/technology complex, to celebrate the official opening of the wonderful new facility and the refurbished administration block which has been completed and in use for some time.

Everyone present was welcomed by school Principal Cathy Blackford, followed by the singing of the hymn "This is our school"

Among the special guests were The Most Reverend Christopher Prowse, Bishop of Sale Catholic Diocese, Ms. Tilly Hutton, Assistant Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Sale, Father Hugh Brown, Parish Priest of Lumen Christi, Hon Darren Chester, MP Gippsland, Mr. Russell Northe, MLA- Member for Morwell, Mr. Richard Northover architect, and Maria Northover colour consultant, Mr. Tony Anderson, Building Education

Revolution (BER) Project Officer, Mr. Tony Hallinan, Builder.

A special service of dedication and blessing followed.

The school captains, Teresa Simpson and Cameron Stewart, read Bible readings, with Father Hugh doing the Gospel.

Bishop Prowse spoke



Above:

Bishop Prowse sprinkling holy water on the building to bless it



Special Guests at the Official Opening of the new buildings at Lumen Christi. Left to right, Father Hugh Brown, Russell Northe, Tilly Hutton, Darren Chester, Bishop Christopher Prowse, Principal Cathy Blackford

to the children about always being their best and making the most of their opportunities.

Prayers of Intercession were led by the Bishop, Joanne Leviston and Joanne Ruane, teachers, the two vice captains, Dayna Foster and Shae Justice, and parent Jo Melton.

While the choir, conducted by Joanne Leviston and accompanied by Paul Devlin, sang and led the children in whole school singing, Bishop Prowse, School Captains and guests proceeded around the school to sprinkle holy water and bless each building.

Cathy Blackford read out a letter from Senator Chris Evans of the Federal Government, congratulating the school on the opening.

It was from the Federal Government that the funding came.

Darren Chester spoke encouragingly to the children before presenting a new Australian flag.

Tilly Hutton also spoke and congratulated the school on its achievements.

Following the ceremony, a delicious afternoon tea was enjoyed by all in the staffroom.



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Latrobe City Council Budget – 2011/2012

At its meeting on 30th May last, Latrobe City Council accepted the recommendation of Chief Executive Officer, Paul Buckley, that the Council's draft Budget 2011/2012 be released for public consultation. The draft Budget places emphasis on maintaining current service levels while allocating additional resources to capital works for a range of projects across the municipality.

The proposed rate rise for the 2011/2012 financial year is likely to be at the lower end of increases across Gippsland in spite of attracting an additional 0.27% charge to cover the state government landfill levy. Ratepayers will effectively face a rate rise of 5.5% general rate increase plus the 0.27% landfill charge.

A four week period of public submission and feedback from the community has now commenced with the draft Budget being available for perusal on Council's website, and available from Council's Service Centres. The community will be able to make submissions to Council on Budget matters until Wednesday 29th

June next, prior to Council considering the draft Budget for adoption on 11th July next.

Philip Parade Reconstruction and Changes to Traffic

There have been a number of queries about traffic in the town centre, with changes occurring regularly as construction activity progresses.

The reconstruction works at Philip Parade have led to periodic disruption of traffic in Philip Parade, Georgina Place and Marina Drive. The works have been carried out in a number of stages, aiming to ensure that alternative routes are available for traffic movements, and that disruption to parking is minimised. Closure of the section of Philip Parade in front of the town hall led to the need to use Marina Drive as a "through street", and the need for a temporary ban on parking along the street to ensure safe passage of vehicles.

A final phase of the reconstruction of Philip Parade will involve temporary closure of Georgina Place

and the Town Hall end of Marina Drive, while the levels of these streets are raised in line with the Churchill Town Centre Plan.

Motorists are encouraged to use West Place between the Woolworths supermarket and Monash Way while the temporary closure is in place.

When these works are completed, the new Georgina Place will join the existing "dog leg" alignment of Georgina Place. In turn, this will ultimately be replaced by the swooping alignment of Georgina Place through the northern car park.

The plan for the northern car park will improve pedestrian safety and amenity. It will also include improved landscaping, lighting, vehicle access and parking numbers.

However, like all construction projects in the town centre, there will be some traffic disruption during construction works.

Several other projects are planned for Churchill Town Centre in the coming 12 months.

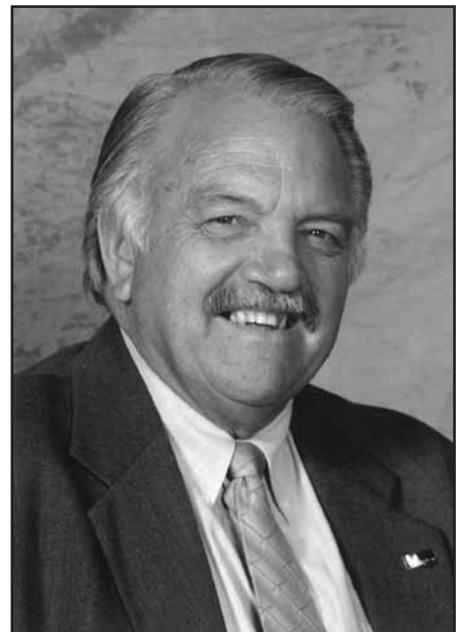
The Plaza between the Town Hall and Philip Parade (near the Churchill

and District Community Hub) will include a substantial paved open area, landscaping and street furniture, and will be used for community events and informal use. A footpath will zig-zag up the hill beside the Town Hall, providing disabled access to the commercial centre.

It is understood that these temporary changes to pedestrian and vehicle traffic can create confusion, but the final result will continue to transform Churchill.

Churchill Harmony Group

On Tuesday 10th May last a meeting was held at the City Offices at which representatives from a broad range of organisations including Monash University, Churchill Shopping Centre Management, Churchill & District Community Association, Victoria Police, Headspace, Dept. of Human Services (Office of Youth), Dept. of Human Services (Youth Justice) and



Kurnai College were in attendance.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to consider matters including antisocial behaviour, damage to property and disruptive behaviour within the Shopping Centre precinct and other locations. It was acknowledged that a longer term, whole of community approach needs to be undertaken to deal with this issue.

A further meeting of this Group was held Tuesday 14th June.

Northe's Natter



As we are now in the winter season, I would firstly like to say that I hope you are all well and warm, and taking advantage of the cold weather by rugging up inside with a nice hot cuppa and a book.

There have been some accomplishments worth noting in the Churchill area in the past month, including personal achievements and

public enhancements to which I would like to bring your attention.

Firstly, I'd like to congratulate Churchill resident Don Di Fabrizio for publishing the book "My Years with the Falcons" which outlines the establishment of the Morwell Falcons soccer club and its progression over the years.

The book is a wonderful testament to the history of the Morwell Falcons Soccer Club, and I congratulate Don and all associated with the club for all the time and effort which went into this publication.

There are now a few Churchill and District residents who have written and published books, and I am sure there will be many more to come.

I'd also like to congratulate Churchill Lumen Christi Primary School and principal, Cathy Blackford for the official opening of the library and technology centre, and the refurbishment of the administration centre this month.

It is wonderful that the students have these new facilities to learn in, and I commend the school for initiating these changes for the benefit of their students.

I had the opportunity to visit for the official

opening, and I was amazed at how fantastic it all looks.

It was also great to see the staff and students so excited about the new addition.

It's important to note that under the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution program, non-government schools such as Lumen Christi Primary School were able to project manage the delivery of such facilities.

The school has done a marvellous job in providing such a vital asset to the school community that will be whole-heartedly embraced by students, teachers, staff and parents.

I was so pleased to learn that Lumen Christi was also able to utilise the services of local contractors and tradespeople to complete these works.

Congratulations again to the teachers and staff on a job well done.

I've also had the privilege of visiting a few of the local schools recently, such as Yinnar and Hazelwood North, to present school leadership badges and have a chat with the students about what it means to be a Member of Parliament.

It was heartening to see the students taking a keen interest in leadership roles, and also

asking questions about what it means to be a leader in the community.

I am sure there will be a number of students in these classes who will continue to lead their school and their peers well into the future.

I'd like to thank the teachers, staff and students for making me very welcome at their schools, and I wish you all the best for the remainder of the school year.

Also don't forget that nominations for the Victorian Regional Achievement and Community Awards are closing soon, so I encourage individuals, businesses and community groups to check out www.awardsaustralia.com/RACA_vic.html as soon as possible.

The Victorian Regional Achievement and Community Awards highlight, acknowledge and reward the valuable contribution individuals, businesses and community groups make towards building a strong local community.

Our local achievers deserve acknowledgement and recognition, and I encourage everyone to consider making a nomination.

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Nominations are now open in the following categories:

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- Parks Victoria Environment and Sustainability Award
- Fonterra Dairy Leadership Award

- Regional Development Victoria Trade and Career Achievement
- Parks Victoria Regional Achiever Award
- Blue Scope Distribution Leadership and Innovation Award
- Medibank Healthy Participation Award
- Department of Sustainability and Environment Water Efficiency Improvements Award
- Beaupaires Road Safety Award
- Prime Super Community Group of the Year Award

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All nominees and their guests are invited to attend the Awards Presentation ceremony. Prime Television and The Weekly Times seek your support to help promote these prestigious awards.

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Church Times



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Sunday: Mass: 9.00am
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Ladies Meeting:
Tuesday 10.00am

Church Snippets

During the all-age worship on 1st May, Cathie Halliwell introduced us some more thoughts about Easter. Each person received a small bag of coloured jelly beans, with this Jelly Bean Prayer inside

*Red is for the blood He gave.
Green is for the grass He made.
Yellow is for the sun so bright.
Orange is for the edge of night.
Black is for the sins we made.
White is for the grace He gave.
Purple is for His hour of sorrow.
Pink is for a new tomorrow.
And handful of jelly beans,
Colourful and sweet,
Is a prayer, a promise,
A loved one's treat!
Happy Resurrection Sunday
by Charlene Dickerson*

The Rev. Dr. Des Parker will be our supply minister while Rev Dr. Bob Brown is on long service leave. We had the opportunity to meet Des and talk with him over lunch.

Anglican synod was held at Drouin this year. It was a privilege to have the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia in attendance, to listen



**John McIntyre and The Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia
The Most Rev Dr Phillip Aspinall**

to his sermon at the Eucharist and to hear his presentation regarding an Anglican Covenant which aims to help all parties engage in discussion in a way which accepts all people's views.

Coffee Connection saw about 20 people brave the cold weather to enjoy the warmth of fellowship and morning tea together.

We heard of several peoples' trips and other news, before talking about what we would like to do at future meetings.

Saturday Breakfast was well attended to share Keith's wonderful porridge and to hear John Henshaw of CFA talk about his involvement with CFA, particularly with Community Fire Guard groups in our area and beyond.

A full report will appear elsewhere in this issue.

Lumen Christi Snippets

St Vincent DePaul Meetings

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the evening and the third Tuesday of each month at 9am in the morning.

Congratulations

To all our children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday evening, 20th May.

To our members of the School community for the Opening and Blessing of the new Resource Centre and refurbished Administration building.

And a big thank you to everyone who was involved in the preparation of the children, the construction of the new facilities and just getting things ready for all the celebrations.

Parish Ladies

Thank you to Helen Dyson, for a very interesting and informative evening on Tuesday, 17th May.

Next meeting: 19th July, 7.30pm. All welcome.

New members welcomed

If anyone is interested in undergoing some training in, or learning a bit more about how St Vinnies works, please feel free to contact Lou Van Eyk on 0402 103 136.

Postponement

The planned weekend away for the Women of Lumen Christi Parish has been postponed until October. Further information will be provided later in the year.

Saturday Breakfast

An enjoyable Saturday Breakfast was held at the Co-operating Churches on Saturday 28th May. This time there were 19 diners around the table.

Our speaker was John Henshaw, known to many as the former Deputy Principal of Churchill Primary School and later the Principal at Tyers Primary School.

He had to leave his teaching career early because of the painful onset of rheumatoid arthritis.

However after 6 months resting up, he felt a lot better, and was glad to find part time work with the Country Fire Authority.

He was the Community Safety Officer of the local Fire Brigade.

Later he was to become Secretary of the Tyers Fire Brigade and then Captain of this brigade.

Over the years he took on different levels of work with the Fire Brigade. One of his favourites was as Community Fireguard

bushfires.

He also addressed various community meetings for residents at risk.

The largest of these was at Lakes Entrance in 2006, when he addressed 650 people.

He mentioned some of the bush fire advice that has been changed since the violence of the 2009 bush fires in Churchill and other areas.

Now, when it is a Code Red warning, residents are advised not to stay and defend

organiser.

This involved the building of responsibility and self-reliance in the community with regard to

their property, because there is a real risk of death. It is important to make an early decision and exit.

Olivia Jackson

The next Saturday Breakfast will be held on the 25 June at 7.45 am at the sCo-Operating Churches.

The guest speakers will be Dean and Dayna Roberts who will talk about their experiences in operating a vineyard and producing wines.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders by Thursday 23 June on 5122 1148 or at kbenders@net-tech.com.au

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Churchill & District Community Association 'Churchill Harmony Group'



By Margaret Guthrie

Local residents and stakeholders have been raising concerns about antisocial behaviour, racial abuse, assaults and property damage in Churchill. CDCA wrote to Council requesting the establishment of a 'community consultative safety group'.

Other organisations have also had discussions to identify the issues and potential responses.

Latrobe City Council has convened a meeting forum – currently called the Churchill Harmony Group and chaired by our Ward Councillor, Darrell White – to bring together representatives and local residents from various agencies.

The aim of this group is to support existing, and develop further, appropriate actions to address the problem.

The Group met in May, with wide-ranging representation, including Latrobe City, Police, Monash University, Dept of Human Services, Youth Justice, Kurnai College, Shopping Centre management and CDCA.

Initial discussions provided opportunity to identify the 'elements' of the problem – the behaviour, location(s), time, victims and offenders.

'Consequences' were also identified, ranging from agency incident response(s) to the impact upon local retailers, citizen safety and property value.

The feeling of the meeting was that the problem issues, if not addressed, have the potential to escalate and ruin the perception of Churchill as a highly liveable community and the good reputations of Monash University, Kurnai College and Latrobe City Council, with both local and international ramifications.

Much of the meeting time was focussed on identifying actions to address the problem.

This included both immediate steps and longer-term strategies, including the need for improved communication and 'teamwork' across agencies and with residents.

Latrobe City is following up on public lighting that has been reported to be not working. (I can confirm that SP Ausnet has since attended to several lights in Glendonald Park and at Eel Hole Creek bridge near the Hub.)

Darren Anderson, Youth Resource officer, Victoria Police, is attempting to engage with young offenders in Churchill and is working with Kurnai College to develop intervention strategies.

Neighbourhood Watch/Safer Communities officer, Brett Godden, is providing more detailed information reporting around the 'solving' of specific crimes, so that the community knows that offenders are being caught and face court procedures.

Shopping centre manager, Rob Whelan, is convening a meeting between local retailers and police to further discuss CBD incidents, policing needs, and strategies to deter antisocial behaviour.

Latrobe City Council is investigating the availability of funding to develop a youth support service/strategy for Churchill. CDCA has provided a letter of support to Council for funding applications, as have other agencies.

The application of CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) Principles is part of Latrobe City's current CBD development plans and further assessment will be considered.

Likewise, an 'audit' of current services and interventions has been suggested, to plan actions to 'fill the gaps' rather than replicate existing programs.

A second meeting of this Group has been scheduled for June, with the aim of developing further interventions to address the problem.

Meantime, local residents are urged to call 000 and report incidents immediately.

Information collected by police is useful in both identifying offenders and demonstrating the need for increased police numbers.

Where school students, identified by uniform, are involved in acts of 'after school antisocial behaviour', residents are urged to phone the school concerned.

Staff are, whenever possible, willing to follow up immediately.

Public safety hazards, such as lights not working, should be reported to Latrobe City. Make a 'Pathways Request' when you call, to ensure a reporting number for follow-up.

Where 'ownership' or responsibility is in question – such as has been the case recently in the 'Woolworths car park', with some 13 lights not working – report these to Council too!

Local residents and community organisations with practical suggestions and ideas to address the antisocial issues currently facing Churchill are urged to contact CDCA or attend our next meeting.

We all need to be part of the solution.

Next CDCA meeting is scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 22nd June in Studio 1 at the Churchill Hub. (Studio 1 is in the town hall, Phillip Pde entrance).

We meet monthly and all local residents are welcome to attend as observers.

Opportunity is provided at our meetings (time permitting) for all attendees to raise local issues of concern as items of general business.

For more information about CDCA, contact the Acting President, Bruce Stephenson, on 5122 1335 or write to CDCA at PO Box 191, Churchill

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Entries can be mailed (details below), or if more convenient they can be delivered to the Churchill & District News Office, at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill on Wednesdays from 11am – 1pm. Alternatively, you can give Peter a call on 51 222 589 and arrange to deliver your entries at a more convenient time. If you are in Morwell call Val on 0411 053 546 to

arrange a time to drop them into the GTLC Office in Elizabeth Terrace, Morwell.

If you have any queries or require more information, conditions of entry and entry forms please do not hesitate to contact us by email at cdnews@dcsi.net.au or tel: 03 5122 2589.

Entry forms and conditions are available online at www.cdnews.com.au

Categories & Conditions of Entry

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6. 14 - 18 yrs Short Story.
7. 14 - 18 yrs Poetry.
8. Adult Short Story.
9. Adult Poetry.
10. A Children's Story: A story written for children.

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1. All stories must have a completed entry form attached to the manuscript with a paper clip (no pins or staples). Emailed copy may be supplied for categories 14 - Adult to cdnews@dcsi.net.au.

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 8. Entries must be received by 15 July 2011.
 9. All pages should be numbered.
 10. Length of stories/ poems are to be:
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 - *Under 18: 500 - 2000 words.
 - *Children: up to 500 words.
- Poetry, free or rhyming verse to be:
- *Adult: min 8 lines and max. 48 lines.

*Under 18: min 8 lines and max. 48 lines.

*Children: up to 20 lines.

11. Entries will not be returned and participants should keep a copy of their work.

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13. Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.

14. Entries to be emailed to cdnews@dcsi.net.au.

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Churchill & District News Writing Competition,

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Closing Date: 15 July 2011

Entry Fees:

Categories 8, 9 and 10: 3.00 Per Short Story/Children's

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LEGENDS By Des Bennett

The world is full of legends, but sadly I'm not one.
No matter what, I have not got the status of top gun.

At best I'm mediocre, however hard I try.
I'm overtaken so it seems by legends flying high.

I took a punt at football, I didn't get too far.
The name I got was 'Tanglefoot' — not 'Tangles' superstar.
I padded up for cricket, a tragic I became.
I'm right up in John Howard's league in cricket's 'Hall of Fame.'

I'd love to bend like Beckham, or be the socceroo
who kicks the winning World Cup goal and make it in 'Who's Who.'
I'd like to be an icon, a star of stage and screen,
but as things stand I'll always be the great unheard unseen.

I gloved up well at boxing, I made it to the top.
A legend bit my ear in half in one incisive lop.
To be an ace at tennis, and volley without peer,
to serve and smash with due panache I'd give the other ear.

I'd love to drive like Tiger, and putt with practised ease,
and then to fly by private jet when touring overseas.

Oh to wear the green and gold on an Olympic date,
and feature in the medal count as an Olympic great.

But legends too have problems, to run that final mile,
physiques are not now at their peak though minds still have their guile.
Reaction rates have faded, things don't fall into gear
as easily as once they did, as pension time draws near.

The secret for all legends who've made it to the top,
is knowing how and when and why the time has come to stop,
is heeding warning signals, of circumstance and time,
and knowing when to sit and quit while they're still in their prime.

I'll never be a legend, an icon or a star,
but aspiration somehow keeps me raising up the bar.
Forever I'll keep trying, till life begins to pall,
at worst I'll know that come what may I won't have far to fall.

We really need our legends, they push the envelope,
and awesome in their daring deeds inspire us all with hope.
As masters of achievement, they play a model role,
they set the pace in every case and motivate our soul.

Runner Up: 2010 Poetry Competition



Winter Gardening



Now we are in early winter, our lawns are finally slowing down in growth, but not the weeds!

Sasanqua camellias are in full bloom and the japonica camellias are showing the odd flower.

Now is a good time to visit a nursery and buy a couple of camellias while in flower, as they can fit into most gardens and are quite hardy, even in summer.

Daphne bushes are also bursting into flower and their perfume is one of the best.

It is too late to plant cauliflowers, broccoli etc., but a good time for planting broad beans, of which there are dwarf varieties available. Lettuce can also be planted.

If you have an empty vegie bed, sowing a green manure crop to dig into the bed in spring is a good idea. Use any old bean or pea seeds, wheat, barley or oats. Spread it over the bed, let grow and dig it into the bed in spring.

To add a bit of colour, to go with our spring flowering bulbs, now is a good time to plant seedlings of pansies, primulas, cinerarias (likes some shade), cornflowers and polyanthus.

Don't let all those wonderful autumn leaves go to waste.

Add them to the compost, or just heap them up on the lawn and run the mower over them to mulch them a bit, then spread them over the garden.

Don't neglect our lovely Mothers' Day cyclamens. Give them some time outside of our heated homes, perhaps on a verandah etc.

When it is a bit too wet or cold outside, visit the library and borrow a couple of books, gardening or otherwise, and enjoy the winter season from inside.

Schools in . . . for the Kids!



CFA Fire Safe Kids facilitator Jennifer Drane with Fire Safe Kids presenters at Churchill Fire Station.

CFA's Brigades in Schools has been redeveloped as Fire Safe Kids. Designed as a public awareness program it includes the most up-to-date fire preparedness and personal fire safety information for pre-primary and primary school aged children.

Fire Safe Kids is now being rolled out in the Gippsland region to qualified presenters. The new program now includes pre- primary presentations not previously available.

In addition to the current delivery format where the presenter conducts sessions in the classroom,

Fire Safe Kids now asks for greater participation from teachers, parents and guardians. CFA is aiming for greater responsibility in the broader community for fire safety awareness. Teachers would be asked to be involved in carrying out pre and post visit sessions with their students.

The program is for pre-school to Grade 6 and some of the presentations include:-

- * Firefighters and their roles
- *What to do in an emergency

- *Home fire safety
- *Preparing for summer
- *Get down low and go, go, go
- *Stop, Drop, and roll, etc.

Captain Koala now has some added crew – Bianca Bilby (Junior Leader), Wozza Wombat (Structural Fire Officer), Neville Numbat (Public relations Officer)and Penny Platypus (Communcations Officer) who all have different roles as part of the crew.

These colourful characters are featured in most of the material in the Fire Safe Kids promotional kits.

Presenters from the Morwell group of brigades were updated on Fire Safe Kids on Friday 27th May.

Facilitator Jennifer Drane gave a powerpoint presentation and unrolled the new kit. Brigades to attend included Churchill, Morwell, Boolarra and Hazelwood North.

Further information can be obtained from the CFA website www.cfa.vic.gov.au/firesafekids, or call 1800 620 362 (free call- please allow up to five working days for a response) or contact your local brigade.

Churchill Celebrity Chef

Our chef for June is Daniel Barclay, a long-time member of the Creative Writing class at

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. He often produces his famous zucchini slice at class get-togethers.

Daniel loves writing and creating photographs and art on Adobe Photoshop. He has a keen interest in wildlife and enjoys walking in Morwell National Park and other favourite places.

Daniel, formerly of Yinnar, now lives with his parents at Traralgon, He is sergeant-at-arms for the Latrobe Valley branch of Toastmasters International.



Zucchini Slice

- 375 gm zucchinis
- 2 rashers bacon
- 1 large onion
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 5 eggs
- 1 cup SR flour
- 1/2 cup oil
- Salt & pepper
- Grate unpeeled zucchinis coarsely, finely chop onion and bacon.

Lightly beat eggs and oil, season with salt and pepper, fold in flour and add to the other ingredients.

Place in greased lamington tin or slice tray and bake in moderate oven for 30-40 mins or till well browned.

Serves 4 – 6 as a meal or Delicious cold, cut into small serves, as a savoury slice.

Have you a favourite recipe to share with our readers?

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Emergency Service Volunteers Healthwatch for emergency service volunteers



Blood Pressure – OK.
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 These and other health measurements were taken from volunteers at a recent brigade night.

CFA, Coast Guard, SES and Life Saving Victoria organisations, in conjunction with the Victorian Government through the Valuing Volunteer Program, are seeking to improve the general health of emergency service volunteers.

Identifying any problem areas it advises with information on how the risk can be lowered.

A range of measurements were taken including weight, height, blood pressure and glucose level.

Volunteers registered online and were given the opportunity to not only determine their current risk factor level, but also the opportunity through information resources to lower their level of risk.

Originally developed through Public Health Management P/L the program – now known as

Heartrack has been taken to the wider community with the focus on assisting Emergency Service Workers in improving their risk of developing cardiovascular disease.

Volunteers on the night were given a range of information to help with any identified health risks and on how to reduce that risk.

Through the Healthwatch website volunteers, in conjunction with their local doctor, are able to determine any risk factors they have, quickly identify these and have a plan to reduce that risk.

Volunteers were advised that there is no single risk factor in the cause of heart disease. The more risk factors you have, the greater the chances for developing a heart problem.

Controlling the identified risk factors is in each volunteer's best interests.

Brigade Captain Steve Barling encouraged the volunteers to embrace Healthwatch and to take the necessary steps to control any identified areas of risk.



Above:
 The CFA Healthwatch team at Churchill Fire Station

Right:
 CFA Healthwatch facilitator with Firefighter Mandy Dempsey testing blood pressure.



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Parks Victoria Ranger in Charge Mr Andy Gillham said the Friends of Morwell National Park Group have made a significant contribution to the park over the past twenty five years including seed collection and propagation, revegetation of the Billy's Creek flats, track

maintenance, pest plant control and flora and fauna monitoring.

"It says a great deal about the passion, enthusiasm and dedication of the volunteers that the Friends of Morwell have been in operation for twenty five years, it is quite the achievement.

"Additionally, the amazing support of the Morwell Friends group enables our team to achieve so much more in terms of park management and completion of projects. It is great to see the local community so engaged

with their National Parks", said Mr Gillham.

Friends of Morwell National Park President Ken Harris commented that the Friends of Morwell National Park are proud of the work we have done over 25 years of supporting the Park and particularly for the revegetation of the Billys Creek flats, where the wildlife has returned to the area in good numbers and variety.

For further information, contact the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au



SunSmart: Roll up your sleeves it's winter!

SunSmart urges Victorians to roll up their sleeves for winter vitamin D.

As we prepare for the onset of the colder autumn and winter months, SunSmart is encouraging Victorians to get some sun exposure to help with vitamin D levels.

Ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun is the main cause of skin cancer but also the best natural source of vitamin D, essential for strong bones, muscles and overall health.

SunSmart Manager, Sue Heward, said; "In Victoria, average UV levels are below three between May and August, making it a great time to roll up your sleeves and get some sun to help with your vitamin D levels."

"At this low level, the UV is generally not damaging to the skin and sun protection is not required unless in alpine areas, near highly reflective surfaces such as snow or if you are going to spend extended periods of time outdoors," said Ms Heward.

"People with fair to olive skin should aim for two to three hours of sun exposure to face, arms and hands or equivalent area of skin. Importantly your exposure time should be spread across the week not all at once. So if you're going for a stroll at lunchtime, roll up your sleeves and walk on the sunny side of the street."

Professor Peter Ebeling, Medical Director of Osteoporosis Australia and Head of Endocrinology, University of Melbourne at Western Hospital, warned that sun exposure may not be a sufficient source of vitamin D for some parts of the population.

"People with naturally very dark skin, babies and infants of vitamin D deficient mothers (especially breastfed babies), people with little or no sun exposure such as those who cover their skin for religious or

cultural reasons, older Victorians and people who are housebound or in institutional care are at risk of being deficient in vitamin D," Professor Ebeling said.

"The evidence is unequivocal- vitamin D is crucial for bone and muscle development and in the prevention of osteoporosis. There have also been links with an increased risk of bowel cancer, heart disease, infections and auto-immune diseases, although more research is needed for any conclusive evidence to be derived. "

"If you are concerned about your vitamin D levels, visit your doctor. Levels can be checked with a simple blood test and inadequate levels can be treated with supplements."

"Never try to boost vitamin D levels through excessive UV exposure or through using solariums as both are associated with an increased risk of skin cancer," he warned.

SunSmart emphasises a balanced approach to UV exposure from the sun and vitamin D supplements this winter.

"Given how the UV levels vary across the year in Victoria balance is definitely the key," said Ms Heward.

Check out the times that sun protection is required for your local area on the SunSmart website, some nightly TV weather news and in the weather section of the daily newspapers.

The SunSmart iPhone app is a handy, free tool that allows users to find out if they are getting enough sun from May to August to help with vitamin D levels and alerts the user of their daily sun protection needs.

For more information on vitamin D and resources for health professionals skin cancer, UV and sun exposure recommendations, go to sunsmart.com.au.

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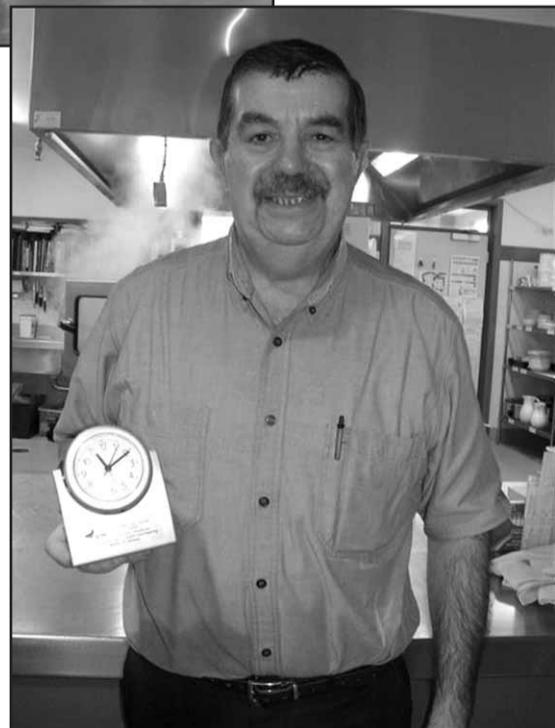
Above: Volunteer Noelene assisting resident Jean Gilchrist with a game of 10 pin bowls. Our residents join 4 other hostels for a fortnightly game in Morwell.



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Above: George Andreou received a lovely clock recognising the 17 years voluntary work with Meals on wheels.

Latrobe, it's time to tackle cancer!

Cancer Council Victoria is urging Latrobe sporting clubs to join Call To Arms and take a stand against the confronting odds - half of all Australian men will develop cancer by the age of 85.

Call To Arms is a national Cancer Council event, asking players from all sporting codes to pick a game during their season to hold a Call To Arms match, wear something yellow and raise funds to fight cancer in men.

Cancer Council spokesperson, Irene Manitta, said she hopes with the NRL and AFL leading the charge for Call To Arms on 3 June, sporting clubs across the nation are inspired to get involved.

"We want players from teams of all codes

and levels to pick a game during their season to hold a Call To Arms match, wear something yellow and raise funds to fight cancer in men," Ms Manitta said: "Even if you're not part of a club there are still ways to join the fight, including sponsoring a team or making a donation.

You can even win a corporate box for the code of your choice simply by voting for your favourite sport.

Last year more than 10 Latrobe sporting clubs held a Call To Arms match which helped raise over \$110,000 in Victoria.

In 2011, Cancer Council hopes to inspire 550 Victorian clubs to reach \$200,000 for the fight against cancer in men," she said.

Funds raised will help prevent and detect cancers in men, find new treatments, as well as support men in need, by funding Cancer Council's important cancer research, prevention and support programs.

The NRL named Round 13 (3-6 June) of the Telstra Premiership as its official Call To Arms round, with clubs wearing yellow, during matches, to raise funds and awareness.

Round 11 (3 June) on the AFL Fixture saw a moving match when Essendon played Melbourne.

Both clubs have former players touched by cancer and wore yellow to acknowledge their experiences with cancer.

To register your club or for more



information on how to show your support visit www.calltoarms.com.au or call 1300 65 65 85.

Relay for Life 2011

by Leo Billington

Latrobe Relay for Life - Chairperson

Welcome back to Relay for Life 2011 - We hope you will be joining us again for the Relay this year!

Relay for Life is a unique, overnight fundraising event that brings communities together in the fight against cancer. Whether you are a cancer survivor, a carer, supporting friends or loved ones, or simply wanting to make a difference, Relay for Life empowers everyone who participates.

The organising committee has commenced meeting to organise our local Relay event and hope you are keen to be involved again (and perhaps even started your fundraising!).

Last year was such a fantastic effort under what were quite trying weather conditions. Although we had to end the event early due to strong wind and rain, we still succeeded in making it a fun community event that raised awareness of cancer and raised much needed funds to the tune of \$100,532 - a fantastic result thanks to all teams and sponsors.

Main details of our Relay this year are below; please share them with your team members in the next week, as we will be announcing them shortly and your

team might like to know in advance - Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th November 2011; Gaskin Park, Churchill (like 2010)

"Teams of 10 to 30 camp overnight and will participate in an 18 hour relay style walk around the football oval at Gaskin Park in Churchill. Teams fundraise in the months leading up to the event with a wide variety of fundraisers ranging from BBQs, raffles, afternoon teas and so on. We already have 6 teams registered for the 2011 Relay and hope to boost these numbers significantly over the coming months." Leo said.

The reason for the change is to promote and 'live' the Sunsmart message, to help ensure health and safety of participants and organisers and also to fall in line with the vast majority of Relay For Life events run across Australia.

The Relay For Life website has undergone some enhancements to make it more user-friendly too, so get on line and register your team today!!

The organising committee is still confirming its membership and roles so in the short term please direct all queries to Leo Billington on 0458 661 848 or Michelle Roberts on 0419 527 387 or by return email.



While They Were Sleeping

Traralgon Vineyard was the venue for the second Gippsland Family Law Pathways Network Twilight Forum, 'While They Were Sleeping: What are the Real Impacts of Family Violence on Infants and Children'.

Key note speaker, Wendy Bunston (BSW., MaFamTher., Grad.Cert.Org.Dyn., Grad.Dip. Infant Mental Health), gave an informative and thought provoking talk about the traumatic impact of family violence on children of all ages, including unborn babies. Wendy is the Manager of the multi-award winning 'Addressing Family Violence Programs' in the Integrated Mental Health Program of Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital.

She has published work in the area of child protection, childhood trauma, child/adolescent sex offending, family violence and group work.

Wendy has developed specialist group work programs for children and their parents affected by family violence called 'PARKAS', as well as 'The Peek a Boo Club', for infants and mothers and more recently 'Dads on Board' for men who have successfully completed a men's behaviour change program and their infants.

Sgt Deryn Ricardo, Family Violence Advisor for Victoria Police spoke about the role of the police when family violence occurs. Deryn has been a member of

the police for 24 years and currently works in this region.

Senior Independent Children's Lawyer, Caroline Smith, discussed her role with Victoria Legal Aid. As an independent lawyer, Caroline is responsible for assisting the court in deciding what is in the best interests of children.

Family Law Pathways Networks have been established by the Australian Government to assist separating or separated families by providing access to the services they need. Conflict and violence within families is often much higher during at the time of separation than at any other time. Family violence can include many forms, for example physical, psychological or controlling and there can be serious long term effects for children who experience it. One of the aims of the Gippsland Network's Twilight Forum's is to build connections amongst services providers, and to ensure that they are aware of the services that are available. Attendance at the latest forum was excellent, with a wide variety of service providers initiating positive and lively discussions.

For more enquiries about the Network please contact Mark Gibson on 03 5175 9399 or email mark.gibson@mediation.com.au.



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Friends of Morwell National Park Report



Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter. It continues to be wet and it shows in the National Park with Billy's creek running strongly and the ground being very wet under foot. More works have been done to improve the park and I have described these in the May activity report.

May Activity Report

For this month's activity we had Margaret, John, Beryl, Wendy, Kate, Peter, Bronwyn and Darren in attendance. We also had Ranger Wayne for the morning. Ken came later as part of the second work group. It was very good to have Bronwyn there with us since she had had her wisdom teeth removed during the week. That shows true dedication.

We all met at the earlier time of 9am for the activity. Ken came later at 10am. We noticed on arrival that work had been done in the car park and the muddy puddles and the general mess of the car park was gone.

Over the last month, with much rain, the car park had become a quagmire. The car park is now a good solid surface which leads to a new gate. The previous gate was hanging on a rotting post and was getting more and more difficult to open. The new metal gate on a metal post will be a lot better. Machinery has also been in to redo and replace the drains and road culverts on the main Billy's creek track. These works have resulted in the track being muddier now but in the long term the track will wash out less and last us better into the future. In one section where the creek was undercutting the road, the road and creek have been realigned. A great improvement.

The Friends of Morwell National Park brochure is nearly completed. Bronwyn brought a mock up of what it is to look like and beside some minor revisions it is ready to go to the printers. One revision is for the words over the

image of the butterfly orchid needs to be reorganized so that images are slightly smaller and that the words can be over a blue background, instead of the image. Bronwyn will follow up with these revisions and then send the brochure to the printers. With the budget we had we should hopefully get 1,500-2,000 brochures. We need to make sure that we get an electronic copy of the brochure so that if in the future we need to print more that can be easily done.

In other news the old toilet block at Kerry Road will be removed this week. A costing for a new toilet block has been made and it is expected that \$25,000 will be needed to replace the toilets. Hopefully Parks will be able to find this money soon so that we can again have toilets in the Park.

For today's activity John had made 14 new nesting boxes and 8 bat boxes. The boxes were all excellent, being solidly constructed with vertical and horizontal strapping to attach them to the trees.

The bat boxes even had internal grooves cut into the box to help the bat climb around inside the box and to give them something to hang from.

It is amazing to think that bats can get into the box through such a small opening.

Hopefully we will see that they do, over time. A great addition was a hinged lid which will allow for easy inspection of the boxes without having to unscrew the lid.

So when we started work, the group split up with one half putting up the nesting boxes while the others collecting the wire for removal. In a previous activity we had collected much wire and some metal posts.

The wire was collected and put into the trailer over the day.

The wire is currently sitting in the trailer and some is beside the trailer adjacent to the Billy's Creek

track. This wire will need to be collected in the near future. The wire from the Zig Zag track was not collected since at least two large trees have come down across the track making it impassable for vehicles. One tree was removed with the chainsaw but the second was too difficult to remove.

The bird and bat box group started putting some into the area where the last of the boxes are located, and when joined by Ken we then put boxes further along Billy's Creek track. We spent much time carrying ladders up and down the track to the next location Ken had selected. It was a day spent carrying ladders around. At different times it rained and lunch was spent under the little roof at the information booth where a little protection from the rain could be found.

Ken had over the last month, also collected from GippsTAFE a number of nesting boxes they had constructed as part of an activity in one of their courses. John will add strapping to these boxes so that they can be put onto trees at a later activity. Big thanks to GippsTAFE for constructing these boxes and giving them to us for the birds and other animals to use in the park.

June Activity

10.00am Sunday 19th June. The group will meet at the Junction Road entrance to firstly organize the group for a day of tree planting. The area to be planted out will be the region adjacent to Jumbuk Road, where the pine trees were removed.

Ken and Bronwyn will complete the research into how wide the fire break along the road needs to be, so we know where to locate the new plantings. Bronwyn will also need to bring the seedlings and planting gear.

You will need to bring your lunch, clothing and footwear suitable for the rough terrain and weather conditions on the day.

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When: Wednesdays (during school terms)

Time: 9.00—11.00 am

Bring: A healthy snack & drink

Cost: Gold coin



Ghost Fungus in Mathison Park

by Ken Harris

Walking in Mathison Park on 16th May, I noticed a spectacular cluster of fungi growing in a culvert just past the toilet block. I recognised it at once but was surprised to see it growing there. It usually grows at the base of a tree or an old tree stump. When I looked more closely, I saw that it was growing on a large exposed tree root. The fungus goes by the name of Ghost Fungus (*Omphalotus nidiformis*).

The name ghost fungus comes about because this is a fungus that glows in the dark, giving it a ghostly appearance.

The Ghost Fungus is not uncommon in Morwell National Park and in other forested areas nearby. Some years ago I photographed a piece of one by its own light.

The ghostly green glow is not very bright, so I took the piece under my house in total darkness, with the camera on a tripod and gave it a thirty minute exposure at maximum aperture and here is the result.

The picture shows the underside of a piece of a cap and the gills are clearly visible.

Clean up

The clean up after the flooding which occurred in Mathison Park early in May continued at the last working bee. Ten willing workers turned up to work flat out for over three hours. Many bags of rubbish, washed down the creek, were picked up, and some branches which were clogging up the creek were removed.

A welcome cup of hot coffee or tea sustained the group to continue after the cuppa break.

Thank you everyone for your efforts.

The next working bee will be 18th June from 9:30am-approximately 1pm.

New Members Wanted

The Mathison Park Advisory Committee is looking for some new members: people who have a passion for the park and it's development, people with skills to share and a willingness to work in hands-on situations at working bees, or with writing grants, setting up a web site, researching suitable plants and accessing and obtaining them, promotion and so on.

If this appeals to you please contact Simon Clark at 1300 367 700, or ring Tom on 51661388, or Ruth 51221961.



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An Extraordinary Life: The Early Years

By Ruth Place

In her eighty-eight years, Mary Austin has had many adventures, worked in many locations as a nurse, and, during her thirty-five years in Churchill, contributed to the fabric of this town in many ways with ground-breaking initiatives. Her life experiences have been exciting and fulfilling as she has dared to do many things out of the ordinary. This is Mary's Story.

Mary and her twin sister, Ruth, were born on the 26th August 1922 in Mirboo North. At the time there was no hospital in the town and all pregnant women attended the Leongatha Hospital. Their parents, Leslie and Iney, lived on a farm on Berry's Creek Road, a mile from the Mirboo North Post Office.

Les was born at Mardan in 1892, the son of John Austin (1857-1949) and Isabella (nee Roughead) Austin. Iney's family, the Gustavus Warners of Toora, played a big part in the lives of the Mirboo North Austins, especially when unexpected twins arrived. The first couple of weeks after they were born were spent with the doting grandparents and aunts in Toora. Much sewing and knitting had to be done to overcome the shortfall.

One of Mary's earliest memories of life on the farm was walking to the nearby fern gully which was part of the boundary between their farm and her Grandpa Austin's from whom Les was purchasing 100 acres. It was spring-fed with towering eucalypts, musk, tree ferns and coral fern. In those early years their mother would give them rides on low horizontal branches of trees well away from the silent water of the gully. In later years the gully was a place of great adventure and imagination and was always enjoyed by visitors young and old. Eucalypt bark was collected and used for lighting the house fires. First paper then crushed bark then the kindling, wood etc was used. For extra and long lasting heat a piece of musk root would be added. This would keep some coals alight overnight.

The orchard had many varieties of apples, pears and plums, some cherries, apricots, a fig and a quince. Nearer to the house all sorts of berries grew, not blackberries however! They had to find them elsewhere.

"Mother was a very good cook," explained Mary, "with access to plenty of cream, milk, eggs, butter. Vegetables were grown near the cowshed (plenty of manure) which was well away from the house."

Items such as sugar, flour, cereals, bread and meat were purchased locally. There was bottled fruit, homemade jams and preserves, pickles which Mary and Ruth really did not like, salted beans, preserved eggs, and plenty of cakes. Mary's mum was a member of so many charities that she was always baking for one or another - Red Cross, School Fetes, Blind Auxiliary, Church Guild, Country Women's Association, etc.

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Mary recalls with great hilarity the only cooking mistake she saw her mother make. Before being cooked, fruit pastries were sprinkled with caster sugar. However on this occasion when Mum opened the oven doors the inside of the whole oven from floor to top was a bubbling mass!! Instead of caster sugar she had used Fruit Saline powder. "Bit scary, Mum!"

Mary remembers her mother making self-raising flour on the kitchen table. Brown paper (kept for that particular purpose) was spread out and the big bag of plain flour

(40lbs) was distributed over the surface. Then crème of tartar, carbonate of soda and salt were sieved over the top. This was then sifted three times as she walked up and down by the table. Quite a task!

School lunches consisted of sandwiches and fruit, but in teenage years stretched to oval shaped apple, gooseberry or rhubarb pies sometimes with cream under the lid. Mary comments wryly, "I wonder how much cholesterol was in them?" With a mile walk to the Mirboo North Higher Elementary School, some substantial food was needed.

In Year 7 (1st Form), the first of high school, it became evident that the twins were relying on each other too much, so their parents and teachers decided that separate grades were needed. After that learning became easier for both of them. Four years of high school was all that was available at Mirboo North and if further education was sought another school had to be chosen. In 1937, when Mary completed her Intermediate Certificate, there was a severe outbreak of Poliomyelitis which was a particular threat to rural children going to the city. A group of children wishing to pursue further studies began correspondence courses.

"We did our work unsupervised in the school's wood work room," Mary says, "but because most of us were doing different subjects study was difficult". Having had good foundation work she passed all subjects but failed maths. (She later obtained her Leaving Certificate by doing chemistry at Swinburne Technical School.)

Transport was by horse and buggy. Jack and Bess, the cart horses, were used for farm work. Often Flirt, the pony, was too ill to drive the buggy and so they seemed to walk everywhere. It was about 1936 when their dad purchased his first car - a Chevrolet sedan. Soon after, electricity came to their local area with, to their delight, radio. Their world was expanding.

Attending Church and Sunday School was part of life. Harvest Festival was a great occasion with tall maize stalks tied to the ends of the pews. The sides of the pulpit had displays of fruit and vegetables surrounded by sheaves of oats garlanded with autumn leaves. They all felt thankful. For 40 years Mary's Dad sang tenor in the Church choir. Mr. Hipwell, the printer in Mirboo North, sang bass and also taught Sunday School, while his wife, Rosie played the organ. Many of the town's singers would have regular evenings of song in their private homes and the twins were part of this.

Mary mother was quite strict, but they generally resolved difficulties between themselves. "It must have been a lonely life for her. In hindsight we must have talked more with each other than with her," confided Mary.

Many of the children in town went to dancing classes but when there was no transport and homework had to be done it was "just not on". Eventually their Mother gave in to the girls' request, and allowed them to double dink Flirt, the pony, to Saturday classes. They really enjoyed the Scottish dancing. There was always the annual dancing concert and Mary recalls impishly one occasion when they were the cause of much laughter. The children had to raise their arms high and behold, there was revealed, a gap between Mary's and Ruth's black stocking tops and their knickers. The laughter was led by the young boys sitting on the floor at the foot of the stage and it spread throughout the whole hall. Stockings were never long enough!

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Les and Iney Austin



Twins Mary and Ruth Austin



New Years Day at Inverloch 1930





Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Mary (right) at the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories

Basketball and vigoro were played and enjoyed with interschool sports being contested with Leongatha, Korumburra and Boolarra. Mary and Ruth were in different houses so in basketball were playing against one another. That meant their Mum could not barrack for anyone in house sports.

The walk to school was enjoyed and awoke in them a love of natural history as they passed through bush, noting various wild flowers and trees, and in the winter, frost on the muddy pools.

After-school routine included going to Mrs. Graham's "Castle Café" to collect the mail for all the Austin family. On their way home they would drop off their grandparent's mail and papers at their farm gate.

"When we were 12 years old, one of Dad's cousins in the city persuaded Dad to get some bicycles for us. We were the first girls at school to have them", said Mary. Soon the School Council had a bike shed built as the bike-riding trend had started. Mary says riding was wonderful especially not having to carry a heavy case of books and certainly it was a saving on shoe leather!

Swimming was always in the town's spring fed swimming pool which was located in today's present spot. However it had no concrete lining as today. Platypuses lived in its banks. Lessons were 'learn from the older children'. One afternoon after school whilst helping others clean up after a Church Flower Show, Mary recalls receiving frightening news that a child had drowned in the pool. This news apparently had a huge influence on Mary as she was put off swimming from then on.



Mary's First Job at the Serum Laboratories

After leaving school Mary says she spent six months accompanying her mother, doing the 'usual adult woman things' - attending Red Cross, Country Women's Association (CWA), Church Guild etc. Mary confessed that it was pretty boring.

One morning at tea break, her Mother reading the paper from the day before, noted an advertisement for laboratory assistants at the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories (CSL) in Royal Park. Mary was surprised that her Mum would ever contemplate her going to the city to work. However she knew there was no hope of her ever getting a job in Mirboo North. There were only three openings. Mary was quite excited at the prospect, but would she make the grade? Mary attended an interview and was quickly accepted.

Accommodation was arranged with her Aunt Margaret and Uncle Arthur at Willison, and she began work a few days later aged 16.11 years. Her weekly wage was 22 shillings, increasing to 24 shillings at age 17.

A few weeks later WW2 broke out. The Serum Laboratories were declared an essential service as extra vaccines were required by Australia's military forces and also to supply other countries and states in the southern hemisphere. All employees were required to work one night a week on a voluntary basis and one night paid. Mary, together with some of her friends, also spent two nights per week at Swinburne Technical School studying chemistry (practical and theory). Life was busy, but shopping could be done on a Friday night and, as Mary says, "what fun that was exploring all the shops and arcades with new friends".

The War Years

It was a spooky time admits Mary, with an anti-aircraft battery in Royal Park near to her work. It was a time of "brownout"* with reduced city lighting.

Her Uncle Arthur and many others gave up their jobs to work in the line of defense production but unfortunately after 18 months he developed a bad heart. This meant that Mary would need to find alternative accommodation. Mary's parents decided that the Presbyterian Girl's Hostel in Parliament Place, East Melbourne would be suitable, which it was until a murder happened in that street. Mary moved to Parkville where another murder happened. Three murders were committed by an American soldier before the general terror ceased with his capture. She then rented at several places in Parkville for the remainder of her years at the CSL. Mary had gradually climbed the ranks until she was working in the Penicillin Research Department. It was at this point she was searching for a more potent penicillin mould to enhance the CSL production. She handed out sterile test tubes to persons visiting country areas asking them to bring back soil samples.

The Serum Laboratories were declared an essential service as extra vaccines were required by Australia's military forces and also to supply other countries and states in the southern hemisphere.

To her great surprise the one from her own farm at Mirboo North produced an exceedingly hopeful result. The spores of this mould were injected into her favourite white rabbit's ear but she was quite shattered when next day her rabbit was dead! The Penicillin was indeed very toxic.

Social life was spent going to concerts, sometimes attending Church functions where dances were held to help entertain soldiers on leave from the South East Asian forces and elsewhere. Dr Crosbie Morrison, editor of the 'Wild Life' nature magazine used to give botany lectures at the University Botany School and there were many interesting lectures one could attend. Mary and her good friends were active attendees at Workers Education Association (WEA), later named Council of Adult Education (CAE). Frequently they would don their jodhpurs and take a train to Belgrave and explore the beauty of the Dandenongs. It was on these occasions that they would observe the display and song of the lyrebirds.

Mary and her friends also held season's tickets to the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra at the Town Hall, and other concerts. She recalls vividly, the night she tried to get a ticket to see the pianist, Eileen Joyce's concert and the only seat available was one of about 20 on the stage. Mary found herself seated in that front row right up next to the grand piano. She felt particularly conspicuous in her red coat but soon overcame her embarrassment in the joy of the occasion. These concerts opened up a whole new world of musical appreciation for Mary.

A Change of Career

By the end of the war Ruth was enjoying her general nursing training at Prince Henry's Hospital. Mary decided she would far rather be looking after humans by administering the Penicillin which had been part of her life until now. She had enjoyed her seven years at the CSL and many enduring friendships had been made.

In January 1947 Mary together with her good friend Dorothy Simpson commenced training at Prince Henry's Hospital (PHH) in St Kilda Road, Melbourne. Ruth had successfully completed her training just three weeks earlier and was soon to go to Sydney to do her midwifery course. The staff at PHH had to get used to the fact that Mary was not Ruth Austin but a mere 'one of the new intake of trainee nurses!' "We were soon indoctrinated into the protocol of the profession", Mary said. "All seniors had precedence over you whether it was at a doorway or in a waiting line. Ward duty was rostered with two days off per week but attending lectures frequently intruded into this. Early duty was signing on at 6.30 am until 10.am and then resuming at 2.30 pm until 9. 30pm. Straight duties were very much more appreciated but they were rare. Pay was small".

There was limited accommodation at the hospital as the Nurse's Home had been pulled down prior to rebuilding. Alternative residences were on St Kilda Road and, in Mary's third year, in Queen Street on the corner of Little Lonsdale Street, an area of ill repute in those days.

"We always tried to catch the same tram after late duty and then hurriedly walk together up to Queen Street", confided Mary. The three years general training came to an end all too quickly.

The school with whom Mary started all passed and Matron Morgan honoured her new graduates by accepting their invitation to attend their celebratory dinner and theatre. It was said that it was the first time she had done so. They were great days and very rewarding for Mary.

*A 'brown out' was when nearly all the lights of the city were obscured at night to lessen the danger of enemy aircraft being able to locate the city. It was not as intense as a 'black out'.

Part Two of Mary Austin's Story will be printed in the July Edition.



Leaving Prince Henry Hospital for Wilson Hall, Melbourne University to sit final examinations in October 1949

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Above: Thank you to Ian Place, Charlie Rawlinson and Allan Larkin for installing our Home of Churchill and District News' sign at the Co-Operating Churches.



Right: The Churchill and District News team wish to thank Ian and Glenda Combridge of Combridge Pest Control Service for their generous support of the paper, in supplying this sign.

Careless riders causing concern in Strzelecki parks and forests

In recent weeks, Parks Victoria has noticed a steady increase in careless trail bike riders causing issues to visitors and the environment in regional parks surrounding Mirboo North, Boolarra and Hallston.

In response to these incidents, Parks Victoria in conjunction with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and Victoria Police have formed a taskforce to undertake random patrols of Mirboo Regional Park, Hallston and Boolarra, and issue fines to unregistered, unlicensed and underage drivers.

The Mirboo Regional Park which includes forested areas around Boolarra, Mirboo North and Hallston is important for nature conservation, and recreational activities, and is showing signs of damage caused by the effects of irresponsible motorcycle riders.

Parks Victoria Ranger Mr Shane Atkins said trail bike riding is legally allowed within these State Forests/Regional Parks, however riders are required to remain on the designated motorcyclist tracks.

"We have noticed an increase in damage to the natural environment from when riders veer off from the designated tracks and attempt to create their own tracks.

"Our major concern though is the high incidence of unlicensed and unregistered riders within the parks.

This puts the riders themselves at risk, as well as other parks users when they do choose to veer off the designated track, as they don't necessarily know what is around the corner.

"We need to ensure the safety of all park users, therefore via the united efforts of the taskforce, we will be issuing on the spot fines to those irresponsible riders not sticking to the designated tracks or who are riding unlawfully", said Mr Atkins.

Unlicensed riders can expect a fine of over \$500 if they are caught riding in State forests and parks, and if the bike is unregistered, the total fine may be close to \$1000.

In addition to the regular patrols of the area, Parks Victoria is seeking the support and assistance of the public. If the community witness any suspicious activities within the reserves, please report it to Parks Victoria on 13 1963 or Victoria Police through Crime stoppers.

For riders wanting to know more about the regulations, they are encouraged to visit any DSE/Parks Victoria office to collect a booklet on Trail bike riding in Victoria or visit www.dse.vic.gov.au/trailbikes.

Churchill Neighbourhood Watch



Cr during the month.

A vacant house in Cutler Cr was targeted late in April.

It appears that the offenders knew the house was vacant and had been squatting in it for some period of time.

Theft From Motor Vehicle

Nil for the month.

Theft of Motor Vehicle

1 for the month.

A vehicle stolen from a residential property on 12th May has since been recovered.

Theft

2 for the month (4 previous month.)

One offender was charged with theft of petrol during the month.

In the other incident of theft the victim left her bag whilst getting a drink.

When she has returned her mobile phone and camera had been stolen from the bag.

Police remind the community to be aware of where handbags and similar items are at all times.

It is best to keep them with you at all times.

Police remind the community if they see something suspicious they should ring 000 or if they have information in relation to an offence contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or www.crimestoppers.com.au.

Assaults

2 for the month.

In both incidents offenders have been charged with unlawful assault or intentionally cause injury.

Arson

1 for the month

Early in the morning of 29th May offenders have attended outside the flats in Walker Pde and set 12 green bins alight by unknown means.

All bins were destroyed.

Property Damage

8 for the month.

Three offenders were charged with property damage offences after throwing rocks at the Woolworths sign.

Another offender was also charged with property damage offences during the month.

Most offences occurred in residential areas with windows being smashed by various means.

Burglary

3 for the month. One offender has been charged with a burglary in Barooga

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Bridges being installed on Grand Ridge Rail Trail

A large crane has lifted the first of two bridges into place on the Grand Ridge Rail Trail.

The works are part of fire recovery works on the trail.

Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) Project Manager, Bill Storer, said the bridges would replace two smaller crossings that were burnt in the 2009 fires.

"The new bridges are a key part of the project. Each is approximately 60 metres long and is made up of 3 arched trusses. Both bridges are much bigger than those they are replacing. The bridges will cross over at the top of the gully so there will no longer be a steep walk down and up on either side of the bridge, which makes the rail trail much more accessible."

The Darlimurla Crossing is

located about 500 metres from the location of the old Darlimurla station. The Bair Creek Crossing is about 3km west of Boolarra.

"Building bridges of this size has many logistical challenges, including transporting and getting the bridges into position.

Lifting the bridges into place is an exciting milestone for both the contractors, the Grand Ridge Rail Trail Committee of Management and the community," said Mr Storer.

The total cost of the project is approximately \$1.6 million with most of the funding going towards the cost of the bridges.

"We hope to complete the project over the next couple of months. Most of the remaining works are weather dependent though, so we will have to wait and

see."

The works are being carried out by local contractor Hourigan and Walsh with assistance from another local company Strzelecki Engineering. The design work was done by another local business, Chris O'Brien and company.

The project is being overseen by a Steering Committee, which includes representatives from the local community reconstruction committees, the Grand Ridge Rail Trail Committee of Management, local councils, Department of Sustainability and Environment and other stakeholders.

This project is part of the Victorian and Commonwealth governments "Rebuilding Together" – Statewide Bushfire Recovery plan, launched in October 2009.

Australia's best artists face off at Switchback Gallery

A new exhibition at Monash University Gippsland's Switchback Gallery is showing how Australia's leading contemporary artists are approaching the much-loved genre of portraiture through a range of innovative styles, formats and mediums.

Self-Conscious: Contemporary Portraiture is an exciting showcase which demonstrates the many different approaches our leading artists are taking to capture the likeness, personality and mood of their subjects.

"From the popularity of the Archibald Prize to the development of a National Portrait Gallery, Australians have a long-held love of portraiture, and this exhibition is a fascinating insight to how some of the best artists in the field are approaching the genre," said Rod Forbes, Director of the Switchback Gallery.

"Alongside the more traditional formats such as painting, drawing and sculpture, Self-Conscious: Contemporary Portraiture also includes several works on video, a format not usually considered as a vehicle for portraiture."

Presented by the Monash University Museum of Art (MUMA), the showcase is the first of two guest-curated



exhibitions at the Switchback Gallery in 2011, and includes artists from across Australia, including Fiona McMonagle, David Rosetzky, Ronnie van Hout, Mike Parr, Linda Marrinon, Matthew Griffin, Simryn Gill, James Lynch and Eliza Hutchison.

"The Switchback Gallery is delighted to be working with MUMA to host this engaging collection," Mr Forbes said.

"The profile of the artists featured – and the fact MUMA is keen to show them in a single exhibition here at the Switchback Gallery – is a further indication of the growing appetite for cutting-edge contemporary art in the Gippsland region."

Self-Conscious: Contemporary Portraiture is now open and runs until 23 June. The Switchback Gallery is located at Monash University Gippsland, Northways Road, Churchill, and is open to all members of the public, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm or by appointment. For more information, phone (03) 5122 6261.

Boolarra Art Exhibition

Mark June 17, 18 & 19 in your Diary, and come along to our Boolarra Art Exhibition at the Memorial Hall.

The Wine and Nibbles Opening Night will be between 7.30 and 10pm on Friday 17 June.

Opening hours on Saturday 18th are between 11 - 5pm, and 11 - 4pm on Sunday 19th June.

The Exhibition will be open to allow

everyone the opportunity to view the varied artworks, which are entered by members of our local community – young and old alike!!

We have some very talented people among us, and the whole idea of the exhibition is to share and celebrate our creative spirit. Come along, have some yummy refreshments, and vote for your favourite exhibit.

Toy Library

The Churchill & District Toy Library will be open on alternate Saturday mornings between 10 am and 12 noon.

The cost of membership is only \$10 per term or \$5 for concession holders. Family Day Carers are welcome to join for a cost of \$15 per term.

The library is located in Heesom Crescent Churchill (old Watson Park Kinder).

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Hazelwood North Primary School

Russell Northe's Visit!



On Monday Russell Northe came to Hazelwood North. Mr Northe spoke to the grade 5/6's to prepare them for their Melbourne camp.

The grades are going to Urban Camp and visiting State Parliament. The teachers thought it would be a good experience for the children to be spoken to by a politician.

We learnt many things about Parliament. We also learnt about Mr Northe's job and where he spends most of his time. Many of the kids enjoyed Mr Northe's visit. The kids are very excited to go to the Parliament House and see where the politicians sit.

Some of the things that the kids found interesting were: Mr Northe always thinks positive. He wished he tried out to be a politician earlier. Peter Hall was his school teacher. He has touched the mace. He likes the red room better than the green room. He stays in Melbourne, from Monday to Thursday or Friday most weeks. There is a Lower House and an Upper House. We found out that there is forty members in the Legislative Council and eighty-eight members in the Legislative Assembly. We also learnt what jobs the state government has to complete.

By Megan & Thessa.

School Captains

Last term, Hazelwood North Primary School had an election for the school captains and vice captains. All the candidates made a 5 minute speech and presented it to the whole school. All the speeches were FANTASTIC. The candidates were Rose, Ashleigh, Jordyn, Alice, Thessa and Alison in the girls and Sam, Damon, Brodie, Mitch, Peter, Josh and Blake in the boys. The school captains are Rose and Blake and the vice captains are Ashleigh and Josh. We also have Junior School Council (JSC) which raises money for different causes. All the school captains, vice captains and JSC received a letter from Russell Northe when he came to present the Captain and Vice Captain badges.

By Nonda and Tess



Art Gallery visit

On the third Tuesday of term 2, the grade 5/6 students of Hazelwood North Primary School went for a visit to the Morwell Art Gallery to see the pictures that we painted about EMOTIONS. We also had a look at the art gallery website. After that we went to the gallery to see art work by another artist whose paintings are all of buildings. They are very unique paintings and are also very interesting. Some of the paintings had eggwhite mixed with the paint. We then moved on to another gallery in which the paintings were from various artists. Some were buildings, some were abstract, and some looked as though the paint had just been thrown on. We had to match the paintings to a famous poem. All of the students enjoyed themselves and loved to see their own paintings in a popular art gallery.

By Jordy.

Cross Country

On Thursday the 8th of May, the Yinnar and District Cross Country had come around quicker than we imagined. 39 of our Hazelwood North students participated in the thrilling event. It was set out to be a good, yet cold, day. We had participants in all of the age groups and many other schools from Yinnar and District were there too.

In 9/10 girls, we had Brianna B and Tess D who raced to the next round. Also Xavier T, our one and only 9/10 boy!! These 3 students ran 2 kilometres.

Lauran A, Emma McK and Ashleigh B were the awesome 3 who got through the 3 kilometre race in 11 year old girls. Not to mention our fantastic 2 boys, Joel P and Thomas H, who also ran 3 kilometres. Amazing!!!!

Rose van R and Thessa K took it to the max also in the race for 12/13 girls, not forgetting Hayden K, the 12/13 boy who raced extremely well. These guys also ran 3 kilometres.

Everyone raced until they were breathless – literally. So that's why all of us Hazelwood North Primary School people are winners and we always will be!

Good job to our 39 racers! By Rose

Tabloid sports

On Friday the students at Hazelwood North Primary School participated in the tabloid sports.

Activities were set up for the students such as wombat wacket, knowledge games and lots more enjoyable and intriguing games.

The groups had to work together as a team

to achieve their goal.

In other games the groups had to work together to collect objects and form a big conveyor belt or a big spaceship. The activities were set up for all ages and some of the parents enjoyed the games as well.



We would like to say a big thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped and organised the tabloid sports day. The activities were thoroughly enjoyed by all of the students and parents.

By Drew & Jessy

Go For Your Life

On Tuesday, Hazelwood North Primary School had a visit from Andrew and the Go for Your Life van. Andrew taught us about being healthy and how many sugar cubes were in the drinks. We did a quiz on food and healthy eating and managed to beat the teachers. He got us to do all of this crazy exercising to show H.N.P.S their heart beat. At the end Andrew gave out green lunch boxes that had Go for Your Life on them and they had skipping ropes and swimming caps in them. By Ivy and Keiley.

Family Maths Night

Hazelwood North Primary School recently had a Family Maths night. Brodie, Damon, Rose, Megan, Hayden, Peter and Blake were all helpers. Ms Rule, Ms Morgan and Mrs Duncan ran the night.

Lots of parents and children came to the night and they all looked like they were having a fantastic time!

There were heaps of different games and challenges for everyone to play.

The teachers also had bought along some food for everyone to eat. I would like to thank all the children who helped and a big thanks to the teachers for running the night!

The Family Maths night gave everyone a fun outlook on Maths!

By Brodie

Melbourne – Grades 5/6 Urban Camp Poem

The sun was rising as I drove off yawning,

About to catch the bus on this early Wednesday morning.

7am is a really big blow,
I wanted to sleep until it snowed.
We drove 2 hours in the pouring rain.
Arrived at ACMI in stiffening pain.
2 of our plays on the big, big screen.
We had to act on a sheet of green.

We walked and walked to the Fitzroy Gardens.

As we left we were all disheartened.
4.30, we arrived at camp.

After our showers our towels were so damp.

Back on the bus to a place so high.
The Eureka Tower had reached the sky.

That visit was of course the best,
As soon as we got back, it was off to bed.

The Aquarium next morning was really fun.

Science Works was next, behind the clouds was sun.

The Planetarium was inside a massive dome.

In the night sky were places unknown.

Camp is the place that we all stopped next.

IMAX put us down, so we grabbed our beds.

We pulled them into a room with a big TV.

Then we sat and watched Toy Story 3.

Friday morning, our last day at camp.

We picked up our luggage and went down the ramp.

The Parliament House was made out of gold.

The Old Melbourne Gaol was very, very old.

The Museum was next, before we say goodbye.

2 hours of driving and our school was in sight.

After 3 days of visiting, talking and walking,

The students went home and went back to yawning.

By Rose



Churchill North Primary School

Science Week

On Wednesday the 17th of May, we had science day. We had a parade, with a winner from each grade. I was the winner in Grade One. A man came and showed us science tricks. We made 3D glasses and water rockets.

By Hudson (Grade One)

On science day, Royce Moncur came to our school to teach us different things about science. Our favourite activity was the water rockets with Miss Cane.

We got into groups from all different age levels and went around the school doing activities with different teachers.

We interviewed Imogen and she said her favourite activity was making slime with Miss Smith.

We would like to say a big thanks to Royce Moncur for coming to our school on Wednesday and the teachers for great science week.

By Tahlia and Shaylah (Grade 3/4)

I interviewed a few students about our special science day, where all the students had lots of fun learning cool stuff about science by doing activities.

Some of the activities included stable structures, 3D glasses, slime making, coke eruptions, making wizards brew, exploring your senses, activities with magnets and balloons.

Shyenne enjoyed making the yellow slime, balloon activities and making water rockets. Gypsie enjoyed making a marshmallow tower and experimenting with magnets, whilst Riley enjoyed the 3D glasses making'.

By Guy (Grade Four)

Mother's Day Article by Jess

'A Mother's Day Poem'

Mum, you're a wonderful mother, so gentle and so strong.

The many ways you show you care always make me feel like I belong.

I love you more than you know, you have my total respect.

If I had my choice of mothers, you'd be the one that I'd select.'

'Why mums are special'

Mothers are special because they care about you and love you so much. We love you mum.

'What some students did for their mum'

Some students cooked their mum's breakfast including making juice, cereal, toast or bacon and eggs. Some students brought their mums' chocolate or flowers (roses were a popular choice).

Other students made their mums' a cup of tea or coffee and a cake, whilst others gave them gifts bought at the schools mother's day stall.

Special Swimming Program

Over the past few weeks Grade 3/4 have had the opportunity to enjoy taking part in a special swimming program.

The instructors were Monash university students studying a unit titled 'Experiencing Aquatic Environments'. This unit will contribute towards Swim Australia Teacher (Swimming & Water Safety) accreditation with the Australian Swimming Coaches & Teachers Association (ASTCA).

All students who participated in these exciting sessions described it as being not only a lot of fun but a great learning experience.

It was wonderful to see students being given extra opportunities to further develop their water safety abilities and confidence.

Creative Curriculum at Churchill North Primary School

Churchill North Primary School teachers and students were delighted to have Martin Renton, one of England's Senior Education Consultants, spend two days with them this week.

Mr Renton spent a full day working with teaching staff on developing creativity across the curriculum followed by a day with students in the classroom.

Mr Renton demonstrated for teachers how dramatic inquiry actively engages pupils in story, imaginative thinking and creative learning.

'Teachers play a key role in encouraging and supporting students to generate and develop ideas and challenging dialogue', he said.

Mr Renton has taught in primary and secondary schools, as well as in further and higher education and is committed to developing world-class education through improvements in teaching and learning, communication, creativity and leadership.

'Martin showed us how to develop pedagogical approaches to support our students' learning through a cross-curricular approach to creative inquiry using story and imagination', said teacher, Gwen Hunter.

Principal, Debbie Edwards said, 'The pupil free day was an extremely valuable experience for all staff.

Martin demonstrated a range of practical strategies for teachers that actively



English Senior Education Consultant, Martin Renton spends time with Churchill North Primary School students to explain the 'Pit of Learning'

encourage students to generate and develop ideas.

Staff will also focus on attitudes, skills and knowledge to increase students' learning confidence, engagement and independence'.

'The next day was equally exciting for students with Martin taking them on journey of discovery.

This involved challenging known concepts, creating a conflict for students to consider and then constructing a solution.

This process is called 'The Pit of Learning' and ultimately equips students with the skills to transfer and apply this knowledge to other situations', said Principal, Debbie Edwards.

Mr Renton continues to support pedagogy and leadership nationally and internationally through his work with practitioners in all phases and at all levels.

Further information about Martin Renton's work of can be found at <http://www.sustained-success.com>



From left to right: Churchill North Primary School teacher, Leisl Cane; Senior Education Consultant, Martin Renton; Principal, Debbie Edwards and teacher, Gwen Hunter relax after a productive all day seminar which focussed on developing creativity across the curriculum.

Yinnar Primary School

Education Specialist from the United Kingdom Visits Yinnar Primary School

Yinnar Primary School teachers and parents had the opportunity to spend time with James Nottingham, an Education Specialist from the United Kingdom, this week. Mr Nottingham spent a day coaching teachers followed by an evening presentation and discussion with parents.

Principal George Telford and all teaching staff found the professional development day with James Nottingham very informative. "Last year what he had to say was mind blowing. This year was just as good but it was more about revising and making sure we were building on what we'd learnt and really understood it", said teacher Ms. Nicole Gill.

Mr Nottingham provided teachers with strategies on how to stretch children's thinking and reasoning skills. "Learning that is challenging encourages students to test the logic and evidence behind their ideas", said Mr Nottingham. "Rather than focussing on finding the 'right' answer, students are encouraged to develop their own concepts as well as being

open to other ideas", he said.

Mr Nottingham has experience in teaching across primary, secondary, middle and special schools and is committed to the creation of world-class education through improving

teaching and learning, communication, creativity and leadership.

In the evening, parents filled the main building's open area to hear Mr Nottingham share his expertise on providing children with

feedback that encourages, rather than deters, an eagerness for learning. Parents participated in discussions with Mr Nottingham and each other about the effects of different ways of praising children. "I found the session very informative and beneficial. It taught me how to praise my children in a productive way", said one parent.

This is Mr Nottingham's third visit to Yinnar Primary School and the school community is grateful that he took the time to visit them again as he is only in Australia for a short while. "James has become a special friend to Yinnar Primary School", said Principal, George Telford.

James Nottingham is author of 'Challenging Learning' which encourages teachers to challenge their students to think more deeply, skilfully and logically through carefully structured classroom dialogue. Further information about James Nottingham's work can be found at <http://www.sustained-success.com>

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Churchill Primary School



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. (PBS) Respectful, Be Understanding and Be Your Best. Our Beekeepers, Patrick, Meika and Sam do a great job keeping statistics on how many tickets our students get and which teachers are catching the students doing the right thing.

It's sky deck time
 Everybody's nervous
 Beautiful lights
 People looking like ants
 Scary looking
 Scary music
 Very high
 How scary it was
 Lots of small cars
 Scary photos
 Funny faces
 3 meters out of the sky deck
 Traffic
 The Edge
 At first I didn't want to do it
 Cars
 Trams

Melbourne Camp 2011
 Back pack hotel
 Science works skydeck - edge
 Galactic circus Melbourne gaol
 Aquarium
 IMAX
 Crown
 Lights
 MCG

Queen Victoria market
 By Meika

By Ebony Henshaw

Library

For over a year, Mrs Ros Carstairs has been volunteering at our school working on our Library.

We are about to move books back into the Library, which was home to the grades 5/ 6 while our new building was in progress.

We appreciate her effort on our behalf and thank her for the hours she puts into making sure our books are sorted, catalogued and kept in order.

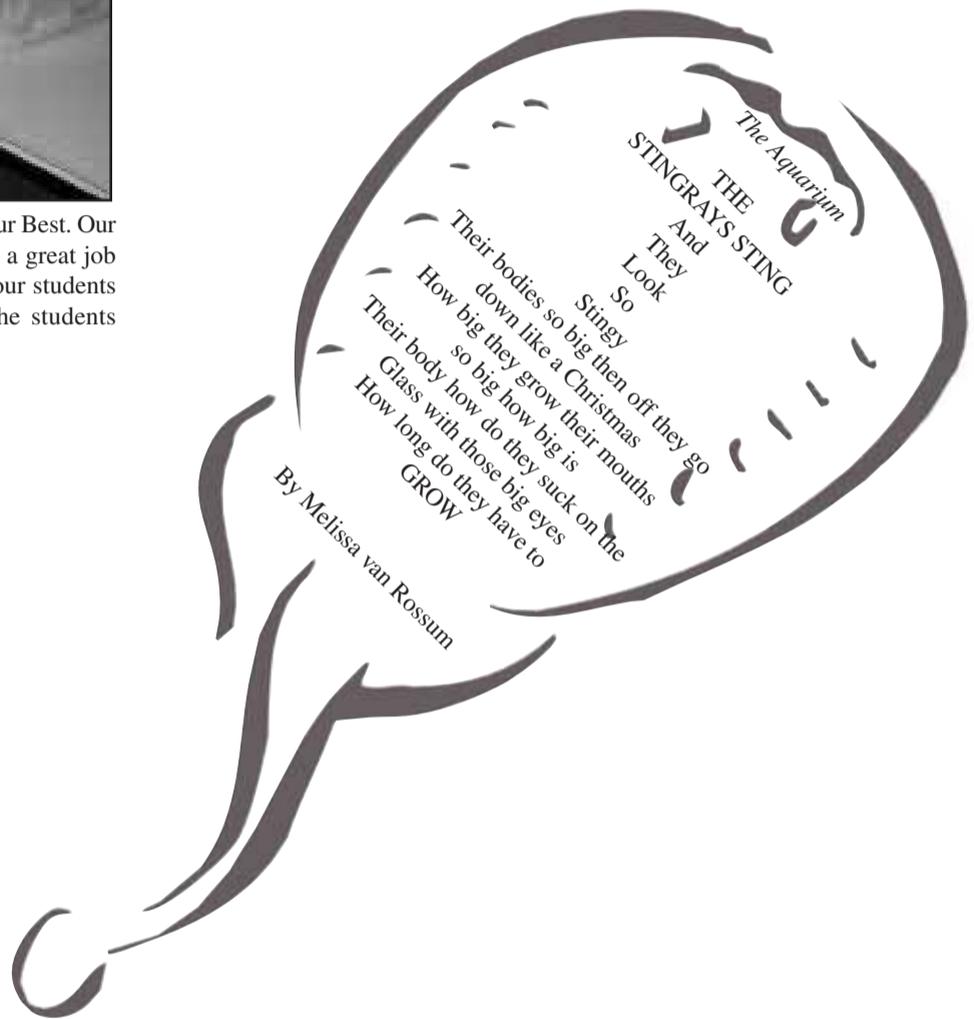
Cross Country Sports

A number of our students will participate in the Latrobe Valley Zone Cross Country Championships at Glengarry. They reached this achievement by competing in the Yinnar and District

Cross Country run at Gaskin Park. Congratulations to Bailey Flanigan, Max Van Der Zwart, Tom Severson, Ryan Lowrie and Jade Davern. We wish them well.

Camp

Grades 5 /6 went on camp to Melbourne in May. They had three days to explore and discover all the things that Melbourne has to offer. There were some very happy campers who told stories of sore feet, exhaustion and exhilaration from the great experiences they had. Some highlights included visits to the MCG, the Old Melbourne Goal, the Museum, IMAX theatre, Victoria Market, the Aquarium, the Galactic Circus, the Eureka Sky Deck and many more sights.



Fundraiser for Earthquake Affected School in NZ

We held a fundraising Sausage Sizzle to raise money for Linwood North Primary School in Christchurch, New Zealand. We sold around 110 meals to students to raise money for the school to give to families who have been affected by the earthquakes in Christchurch. As

you may remember, this school raised money for our school after the 2009 Bushfires. We felt it was important to recognise this effort and try to do something to help out their families in their time of need.

Mrs. Roslee Fyfe made approx 130

cupcakes, the Westpac Bank waived the fee for the cheque to go to New Zealand, IGA in Churchill were supportive in the purchase of sausages and drinks and TIP TOP bread were able to support the event by supplying the bread. A huge thank you has to go to the ladies

who helped out with the BBQ, Mrs Gena Flanigan, Mrs Cheridee Clissold, Mrs Kristie Kuhne and to one of our students Liam Collier, who sauced the sausages in bread. A big thanks also to our school community for getting behind the effort and raising \$516.00.

Gippsland Education Precinct

Year 11 Outdoor Education Bushwalk - Croajingalong National Park

VCE Outdoor Education students headed off bright and early at 6am on Monday morning the 16th of May. Not everyone was keen on the idea of a five day hike with a heavy pack, in the middle of the most remote National Park in Victoria, but they were up for the challenge and were aware the trip constituted a portion of their grade for the subject.

The students were required to prepare their food, water and sleeping arrangements for the 5 days, which was a daunting task as many were unsure how to balance 5 days' worth of supplies with how much they could actually carry. Careful guidance from their teachers ensured the students were well prepared.

Following a short stop at Bairnsdale, the group arrived at Cann River. They were they split into two groups, said goodbye to each other and gave up mobile communication – a challenge in itself for the current generation.

By the end of the first day the students could feel the toll on their bodies. The weight of the packs was certainly challenging and something the students were not used to.

By the second day blisters were starting to form and the reality was setting in. Band-Aids were brought out, but the resolve of the students was as strong as ever.

As the third day arrived students were beginning to adapt to some of the changes and at lunchtime the two groups met up and students got to exchange stories of the past 48 hours.

The remaining two and a half days of the trip were the most spectacular in many respects. Students were able to explore the Croajingalong National Park, endure a river crossing at Wingan Inlet and see a pod of dolphins out in the surf.

In reflection, students thoroughly enjoyed the challenges, both mental and physical, that the trip provided.

They were able to find determination and perseverance many did not know they had, friendships were forged and strengthened and they were given the opportunity to appreciate a different side of life.

Gippsland Region Volleyball competition held on May 3rd at Morwell Leisure Centre

Kurnai was represented by three teams in the Gippsland Region Volleyball competition held on May 3rd at Morwell Leisure Centre. The Competition had our students pitted against students from as far away as Swifts Creek and Orbost.

The Senior Boys team consisted of Nick Drysdale-White, Luke Hamilton, Alex Henderson, Mitch Hodgson, Matt Murphy and Jack Wyhoon. After a slow start against Lowanna the boys put in a solid performance against a very strong Nagle College team. Unfortunately they fell short of a winning total and placed third for the day.

The Senior Girls team fared better and put in a strong finish against Orbost to consolidate second place for the day. The team consisted of Casey Brei, Amy Coffey, Amelia Evison, Maddison Hutchison, Natalie Monks, Alix Porter, Lauren Sewell, Kasey Soutar and Cassie Trueman.

Representing our Kurnai junior campuses were Shanasai Iorangi, Toni Ipsen, Megan Kearns, Katelin Lugton, Tiarnah Nicola, Chloe Szkwarek and Meg Vanrooy. The year nine girls from Churchill Campus put in a consistent and enthusiastic effort but narrowly missed out on a placing.

The students enjoyed the day and their behaviour and sportsmanship were excellent.

Melbourne Universities Trip

As the school year progresses many VCE students begin to think about their future and for many students this includes considering which universities they would like to apply for. For regional students the idea of moving to Melbourne to pursue tertiary education can be both an exciting and daunting prospect.

To assist students in making an informed decision the Careers & Pathways team at the Gippsland Education Precinct organised an opportunity for 37 VCE students to visit 6 Melbourne universities over two days, in a trip that was generously subsidised by Monash University. Students travelled by coach to Monash's Clayton Campus, where they were



given a warm welcome and a presentation on various aspects of university life. The group were able to speak with three former GEP students who are currently undertaking their first year of university at Monash, as well as have a guided tour of the campus.

Many students were astounded by the size of a large university campus and excited by what was on offer.

The group continued onto Latrobe University and Deakin University, giving them exposure to the differences between a traditional rich-history university in Latrobe and a modern and contemporary university in Deakin. By the end of the first day the students were keen to retire to their accommodation at the Claremont Guest House in South Yarra.

Students were up bright and early the following morning, making their first

stop at the prestigious University of Melbourne, followed by RMIT and finally Swinburne University.

Each university provided a presentation on their course structures and a tour of the university, as well as information about international exchange programs and the social aspects of university life.

Students found the experience incredibly valuable with many commenting how they were now considering courses, campuses and careers they had not previously contemplated.



Lumen Christi Primary School

Spirit of Catholic Education Award



On August 29th this year, Mrs Catherine Campbell was awarded The Spirit of Catholic Education Award for her tireless work within the school, the parish and the wider community. This was held at the Catholic Leadership Dinner in the Champagnat centre at Lavalla College in Traralgon and the award was presented to Catherine by the Director of Catholic Education, Mr Peter Ryan. Catherine has worked as a teacher's aide for the past 25 years at Lumen Christi and has recently taken on the role of school chaplain.

She was nominated by the school in recognition of all the hard work and extra long hours that she puts into helping the children and the families of our school and parish. Congratulations Catherine for a well-deserved award!

Opening of new Library/Technology Centre

On Friday 20th May Lumen Christi school community held a ceremony to officially open

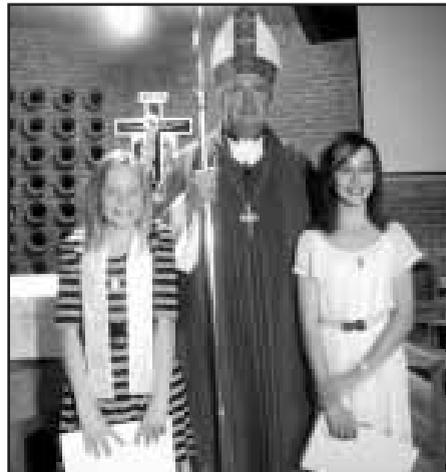
and bless our new library /technology centre, the refurbished administration block and the new student amenities.

We were extremely lucky to receive \$2 000 000 from the Federal Government for the upgrade through the Building the Education Revolution (BER) and a further \$125,000 for the fencing round the school perimeter and improvements to the playground equipment.

Bishop Christopher Prowse, Fr Hugh Brown, Hon Darren Chester, Russell Northe MLA and Mrs Tilly Hutton from the Catholic Education Office were the official guests and they were joined by students, staff, parents and members of the wider community to make the afternoon a wonderful success.

We were very lucky to have Richard Northover as our architect, his wife Maria as the colour consultant and Tony Hallinan our builder.

Their vision and expertise has really made such a difference to our school community.



Confirmation

On Friday night following the opening, Bishop Christopher confirmed 11 candidates from the Lumen Christi Catholic Parish and school and 2 candidates from Morwell Catholic Parish. The Bishop spoke to us about paying more attention to our inner self rather than all the external pressures we are exposed to. The Lumen Christi children's choir, under the direction of Jo Leviston, sang. They were accompanied by Mr Peter Pooley and David Lees and they all did a magnificent job. It was a wonderful occasion for all present.

Grade 5/6 Camp

Grade 5/6's had a fantastic camp experience at Coonawarra at the beginning of term.

The drive was long, foggy and noisy. Our favourite activity was the giant swing and horse riding. Some of the other activities were orienteering, flying fox, rope course, archery, canoeing and raft making. We had the best weather because we could do all the activities. On our first night there we had a night hike. This was fun because it wasn't cold and we saw shooting stars and Mrs Wade told funny stories. The food was delicious. We all swam in the pool when we got there and it was

freezing and we all pushed Aaron, one of the instructors, into the pool. This was funny. On the second night we had trivia and a disco. When we were leaving, we met a dog which followed us everywhere. We didn't get much sleep because it was too exciting. We had a great time and can't wait to go back.

By Sarina and Shae



Kurnai College Junior Campus

At Kurnai College we recognise and believe that every sector of the community need to feel welcome and included. There is a special



accomplishments.

Last Tuesday a flag raising ceremony was held at Kurnai College Churchill. Koori students played the clap sticks as the flags were raised. The smoking ceremony began as the Dedle Kulya Dancers appeared. College Principal Anthony Rodaughan welcomed everyone and gave the reasons for and the achievements for the occasion, and its significance. The smoking ceremony is a purification or cleansing ceremony and everyone was invited to walk through the smoke. Then guests were treated to an exhibition of dances, Koori philosophy, and gum leaf playing to an appreciative audience.

Following the celebrations a BBQ was put on by some of the College students.

Kurnai believes all students are one together- all cultures belonging to its learning family.

The Language Centre

After eighteen months of frustration with the lack of progress of the Language Centre, the school is almost ready to move into this brand new state of the art building. It is functional, only waiting on the furniture to

emphasis on making our first people, the Koori Community, feel they have something to offer and that they can be proud of their heritage.

Kurnai College has many links now with the Koori Community especially with the students attached to the Morwell Campuses.

The school has worked hard to make the three campuses Koori friendly. Teachers have lapel badges of the Koori flag to wear, and the Koori and Torres Strait Islander flags fly alongside the Australian flag at each campus. Koori Liaison Officers have been appointed to make connections with the Koori families and help them to feel comfortable in coming to the school, and to find out if there are any issues with which the school needs to deal.

Danny Johnson is the Chief Liaison Officer with responsibility for Kooris, Sudanese and other cultures campus wide. Wayne Thorpe has been a great advisor on Koori culture. Crystal Hogg, a Koori, and a former Kurnai College student, is based at the campuses also. Koori Elders have been included as guests at the Koori ceremonies. Aunty Vera is a regular attender, and is attached to the Regional Office in Koori Education.



arrive before they can move in and begin to run classes.

Features include movement sensitive lighting and all energy efficient lighting. Temperature, power, gas and water usage is shown so it can be monitored. There is a new kitchen and dining area, staff room, meeting rooms, offices and storage areas, class rooms and a listening room where students can talk to other students around the world or record language sessions with computers and other appropriate facilities. Large open areas available. A board room is available for the community's use. Principal Nello Carbone says the school plans to use the building for assemblies and a report distribution centre.

Kurnai Idol

Heats: 12 students from each campus have been selected to contest in the weekly heats for a place in the final. Entire campuses are viewing the high calibre of this year's contestants, with a large number of contestants already working with and accompanied by College Music students. All heats occur during the lunch break of the school day, with Gippsland Education Precinct on Tuesday, Churchill on Wednesday and Morwell on Thursday.

Kurnai Idol Semi Final will occur on Monday 27th June, commencing at 6:30pm. The venue is Kurnai College - Morwell Campus, on Bridle Road, Morwell, in the Year 7 Centre. Entry is a gold coin collection.



Flag Raising event at Kurnai where a smoking ceremony for purification was held

The Dedle Kulya Dance Group is flourishing under Wayne- and Crystal's guidance. The fantastic thing to observe is that the girls have now joined the original group of boys only, and together they feel proud of their



The Dedle Kulya dance group under the guidance of Uncle Wayne Thorpe

College Big Band Attend Generations in Jazz Festival



Kurnai College Big Band consisting of twelve students from Year 7-12, attended the Generations of Jazz festival in Mt. Gambier where they performed with over 100 schools with 1200 students, excluding teachers. Half of these schools were from Victoria, but Kurnai was the only one from Gippsland.

It was the aim of Joseph Bonnici, head of the music department at Kurnai, to have these students perform out of this state. Lots of the students had not had the opportunity to travel out of Victoria. The route to Mt. Gambier went through Ballarat, Stawell and Horsham, and back through Hamilton and Geelong. This was a great experience and a geography lesson as well. It was also a taste of what a band tour is like.

There are four categories. The first division is for the most accomplished school performers like Wesley College, Blackburn High School and Ringwood Secondary College, who were last year's winners. Kurnai entered division four for their first attempt ever. Each division has three pieces to play. One is a set piece composed by one of the adjudicators. The other two pieces are the band's choice. Kurnai played That Funky Thing for the set piece and Over the Rainbow and The Peter Gunn Theme as their own choice pieces.

Joseph proudly told that the students went really well:

"Our students heard some fantastic musical presentations during the concerts and from other like-minded students during the student performance day (Saturday). This in itself was

a n e x c e p t i o n a l experience for our students. They waited nervously for their chance to perform on stage. However, once on stage, they made Kurnai proud, displaying unity, maturity and overall excitement and fun. After our presentation, our students walked off stage as though they had won the Grand final, with praises amongst themselves of "We've done it, we've actually done it!" reported Joseph.

The students realised the potential of what can be and appreciated the experience. The students and their parents are spurred on to do better, now knowing what is required to get to the next level. They were enthusiastically talking about starting fund-raising for next year as they arrived back at the school. They have begun to collect aluminium cans. All contributions are most gratefully accepted.

For this year's tour five sausage sizzles were organised. Joseph was overjoyed at the parent support for cooking. Over \$1500 was raised for the trip.

Joseph is very proud and pleased that his aim has been achieved. "The drive is now coming from within the group, not just from the Music personnel," he stated happily.



Mt Gambier - Sausage sizzle at Woollies

Boolarra Primary School

New L.T.C. Building

We are finally in our new building, and loving it!

Our parents, staff, senior students and community members did a brilliant job helping us to move two grades, the Art room and the Library/ Computer Lab all in one hectic day.

We are now busily purchasing new furniture and resources to set up our new learning area in style. Both grades will have a promethean board, which allows lots of whole grade interactive use of the internet and other computer based learning opportunities.

School Council member, Janet Napier, named our new building – the Learning and Teaching Centre (L.T.C) so we can now stop calling it our ‘new building’!

Cross Country Running

We are very proud of Kayla Napier, of grade 6 and Ella O’Kane and Lydia Reiske, both of grade 4, who qualified to represent the Yinnar & District schools in the regional cross country. A brilliant effort!

Somers Camp

Seven of our grade five / six students will attend this fabulous Education Department run camp next month.

Many other students hoped to attend but unfortunately there were insufficient places.

It has been very pleasing to see the students who missed out managing their disappointment in a very positive manner. This highlights that they are really taking on board the work we do on building resilience during our prep to 6 Personal Development program.

Walk to School Day

To promote the importance of regular physical activity, our Junior School Council recently supported this initiative. We had a large group of students meet at the local shop and walk together.

We are grateful to teacher Ms Finley Smith and parent Kath Aveling for their assistance with this project.

Peer Mediation Training

We were not sure if we would continue this program as our Peer Mediators have very little work because our students play together so well. However, a survey of our students showed that they still wanted it to operate. Therefore our grade 5/6s recently undertook training in how to mediate and sort out solutions when there are disagreements. They demonstrated excellent understanding and skills that will ensure they do a great job helping other students to sort our minor disputes in our playground. *Cartoonist Visits Boolarra*

Boolarra Primary School students were treated to a special day with Cartoonist, Tony Sowersby, this week.

All students had the opportunity to learn the art of cartooning in a fun-filled workshop.

Mr Sowersby spent time exploring different cartoon characters created by cartoonists Lee Falk for The Phantom, Max Groening for The Simpsons and Dr Seuss’ Cat in the Hat.

“Even students who believe they only have limited artistic skills can be shown how to develop characters using basic shapes as well as how to portray movement, emotions and funny situations”, said Mr Sowersby.

Mr Sowersby said that by upper primary school a lot of students lose interest in drawing because they say they are ‘no good at it’. “Workshops such as these take students, in a humorous and fast-paced way, through some basic techniques that anyone can master. It also shows students how to convey complex emotions and ideas through simple drawings”.

Mr Sowersby’s visit to Boolarra Primary School is part of the visiting arts program that is designed to offset some of the disadvantages that students face living in a small rural environment.

Each year the teachers carefully select performers and presenters who have the skills and passion for what they do as well as the ability to entertain and inspire. Boolarra Art teacher, Ms Karen Twomey, said “Tony’s rapport

with his audience, clear directions and simple techniques brought out creative responses in a short space of time. This builds students’ confidence in their own drawing abilities”.

Tony Sowersby has worked with young people of all ages on dozens of projects, both in and out of schools.

He is also a painter, muralist, community artist, comic book author and illustrator.

Personal Development

Our current P-6 theme is “Emotions”. We are focussing on things such as “Feelings are important and necessary, even the unpleasant ones. We need to be the boss of our feelings but this doesn’t mean we try not to have them. We need to find ways to express feelings so that we don’t hurt others. We can manage this better when we understand our feelings and the feelings of others. Unhelpful thoughts can make us feel worse”. The P/1s did a sensational job identifying how feeling angry can affect your whole body. Together they came up with: “Hair feeling like it is standing up, almost shut eyes, wrinkly nose, tight teeth, red face, sharp shoulders, hands clenched and on hips, tight, nervous feeling in stomach, and heavy, stomping feet”.

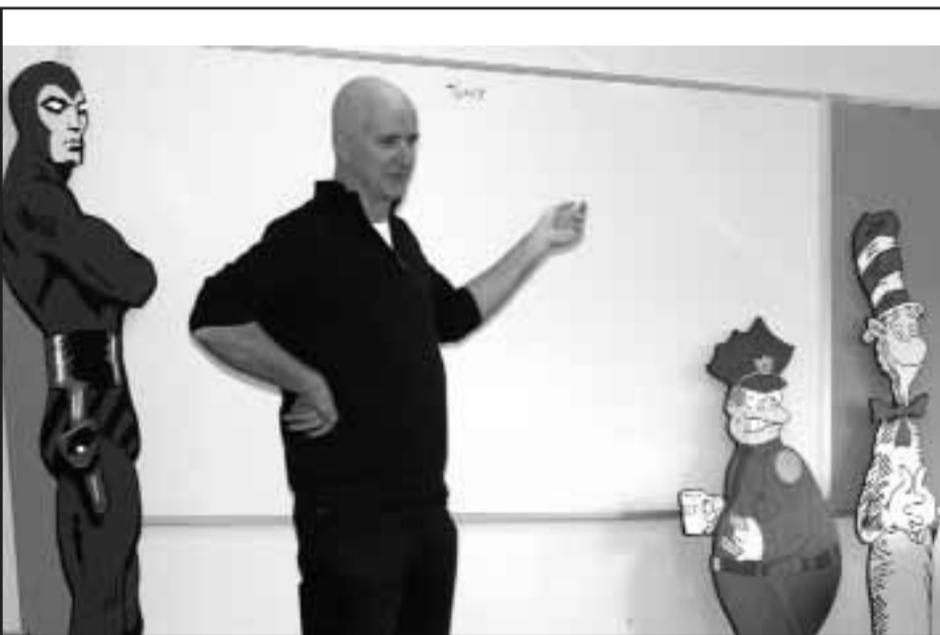
The Gippsland Water Factory

On the 12th May grades 2,3,4,5 & 6 went to the Water Factory in Gippsland. We got on the bus at 10.15 and got there around 10.55.

The building we went in looked a bit like a twister. It had seven barrels and was sitting over water. We went inside and sat down on seats.

There were two ladies called Katie and Emma. They showed us a ten minute movie on water and its ways. Emma gave us a clip board each and said it was a quiz.

All the questions were on water and its many uses. We walked around trying to answer our questions. After that we went into groups and made a terrarium and then got back on the bus and went back to school. Report written by Lydia, Grade 4.



Yinnar South Primary School

We have been busy here at Yinnar South Primary school, celebrating Education week with a variety of maths activities and games. We also enjoyed a pyjama and teddy bear day. Everyone wore their pyjamas to school and enjoyed icing teddy bear biscuits, singing and reading books.

Walk to School

On the 20th of May it was National Walk Safely to School Day.

As most children that attend Yinnar South Primary school live a fair distance from the school, we all met down at Martin Walker Reserve to walk to school. The children enjoyed the walk and wrote all about it:

Today we walked to school. We met at Martin Walker Reserve. Then we saw a teeny weenie church. I was exhausted and thirsty when I got back to school.

Daniel

Today we walked to school. We started at Martin Walker Reserve. Mrs P, Julie, Kylie and all the students walked. We saw cars, trees, birds, a lake, a plane and a small church. The trees we saw were an apple tree, Blackwood tree, oak tree and a pine tree. When we got back we were all exhausted. Our heart was pumping very fast.

Jacque

Today our school walked from Martin Walker Reserve to school. The whole school came and Julie, Kylie and Mrs P walked too.

We saw a river, a pond, a church and blackberries. We saw apple trees Blackwoods, an Oak tree and a gum tree. We saw the trees we planted at Martin Walker and they were very big now. When we got to school I was very puffed and very thirsty. Some kids from this school put a 1922 coin in a bottle and planted it under the oak tree. I enjoyed the walk.

Kim

On Friday Mrs P, Kylie, Julie and all of the children from Yinnar South Primary School walked to school. We all walked from Martin Walker Reserve. We saw trees, a couple of cars, mountains, birds and a river. I had sore legs. I was exhausted.

Alyssa

Today we walked to school for National Walk to School Day. I saw cars, cows, lakes, trees birds and a church. We walked from Martin Walker Reserve, Mrs P, Julie, Kylie and the children. I felt scared on the bridge. It was a fun walk. I felt happy. My body felt good.

Ty

We walked to school. I liked walking to school and looking out at the trees. It was fun.

Allan

Today we went for a walk with Mrs., Kylie and Julie. It was fun. I was tired and I was thirsty.

Maddie

We all met at Martin Walker Reserve and Julie took photos of us walking to school. I saw a little church.

Brock

Today was Walk to School Day. I saw trees, wet grass and mud.

Rhys

Today we walked to school from Martin

Walker Reserve. We had to be there by 8.30 in the morning. Mrs P, Kylie and Julie walked as well. We saw a river, a church, a pond and a few birds. We also saw apple trees, Blackwoods, an oak tree, gumtrees and one pine tree.

The oak tree was special because in 1922 children from our school planted the oak tree and put their names and coins in a bottle and buried it under the oak tree.

We had to walk 1 kilometre. When we got to school I was puffed but I enjoyed the walk.

Alfonso



Gutsy fightback keeps season alive for Churchill

After the break, Fortuna continued to build momentum and began to attack the Churchill back half in earnest. Churchill goalkeeper Jason Sands performed well, stopping several chances and helping to steady the defenders. Despite this, Fortuna kept coming with Cameron Dunne beating this man and putting the ball into the back of the net in the 66th minute.

Possession swung back and forth for the next part of the match with Churchill trying desperately to deny another goal and keep the ball out of Fortuna's reach. However, Fortuna was on top and Dunne scored again to make his brace and increase the lead with the game seemingly over 3-1 with eight minutes to play.

Churchill rallied and lifted in the knowledge that a loss would effectively end its title challenge. Leading from the front, coach Luke Cheney made a brilliant individual effort to score in the 85th minute and pull the margin back to one goal.

Fortuna flooded the back half and focused their efforts on defence in an attempt to stop the charge as the Rams threw everything forward, in the end Churchill were too strong as the Orangemen capitulated.

In the 89th minute, Shane McColl snuck the ball past the 'keeper to level the scores 3-3 leaving Fortuna to ponder what could have been. The last minute was fast and frenetic as both teams sought a final goal, but time ran out.



Nathan Osborne made his senior debut on Sunday versus Fortuna in the crunch match.

Best for Churchill: Jamie Robson, Paul Riess, Mark Bianconi and senior debutant Nathan Osborne.

Best for Fortuna: Heyden Tanti, Joel Pirota, Cameron Dunne and Josh Tanti.

Churchill Australian Speedway Champ

Churchill boy Brad King recently raced at Sapphire Speedway, Bega in the Australian Speedway Dirt Kart Titles and finished in 1st place to take out the honours of 'Australia 1'.

With a slow start to the day in the first two heats and a failed race in the third, Brad got it all together in heat 4 for a win by half a lap.

Racing with Australia's best, Brad raced into the lead on the last lap in the final to take the win.



Anyone wanting any information on Dirt Kart racing can contact Christine on 0432607050.



Bullying In Sports Clubs

Bullying within our schools is currently receiving significant attention in our media and many schools are in the process of enhancing their existing anti-bullying policies.

GippSport thought this to be an opportune time to discuss bullying in sports clubs.

Sports clubs by nature are competitive but it is important that clubs don't lose sight of their responsibility to their individual members, particularly their junior members, in their pursuit for that flag.

Bullying can be separated into three categories:

Verbal – teasing, threatening, spreading rumours, etc.

Physical – hitting, kicking, tripping, spitting, theft of or damage to an individual's property, etc and

Emotional – ignoring, exclusion, derogatory text messages and internet posts, etc.

Regardless of the form that bullying takes the result is often the same.

The victim of the bullying can become anxious, distressed and frightened.

The victim may have bruises and abrasions and the victim may have damaged and stolen property.

Intimidation can affect the victim's self confidence and may lead to the victim withdrawing from club activities and ultimately the club itself.

To address bullying successfully a whole club approach is needed; this should include all those involved with the club – coaches, volunteers, officials, junior players, parents, and other stakeholders.

To develop a shared club ethos, clubs should develop shared views, beliefs and attitudes designed to inhibit bullying.

Clubs may want to consider the development of an anti-bullying policy.

The policy should include a clear description of what bullying is, the impact that bullying can have on the individual and what action the club will take if someone is found to be bullying.

The club should consider providing a copy of the policy in writing to each member and have each member sign off on the club's anti-bullying policy.

GippSport can assist clubs with their development of an anti-bullying policy.

Remember every child has the right to play sport in a positive and safe environment and your club is the ideal place to promote good, inclusive behaviour.

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Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

17/5/2011

14th.

Ladies Foursomes Championships:
2nd Round Day Winners: B. Beebe (35) C. Ellis (37) 107 - 36 = 73, DTL M. Dear (34) M. Munckton (37) 110 - 35 1/2 = 74 1/2, J. Leslie (27) K. Raber (37) 111 - 32 = 79. Championship Winners Scratch Winners: B. Beebe (35) C. Ellis (37) 110 + 109 = 219. Handicap Winners: B. Beebe (35) C. Ellis (37) 74 + 73 = 147.

21/5/2011

Stroke Rnd 1 Championships: A. Grade: H. Martin (16) 67; B. Grade J. McCafferty (20) 71; C. Grade: R. Welsh (25) 68 DTL K. Hills 68, P. Smart 69, D. Scurlock 70, J. Thornby 70, T. Sterrick 70, T. Collins 72 NTP 3rd R. Scurlock, 5th K. Hills, 12th P. Smart, 14th R. Scurlock Birdies D. Scurlock

22/5/2011

Stableford Mens Winner: F. Stallbom (12) 41 pts, DTL D. Taylor (22) 36 pts NTP 3rd P. Smart, 5th D. Taylor. Stableford Ladies Winner: S. Caldwell (23) 22 pts.

24/5/2011

Stableford Winner: K. Raber (37) 29 pts, DTL J. Leslie (27) 27 pts NTP 5th (2nd shot) K. Raber Round 2 Silver Spoon Winner: K. Raber.

31/5/2011

Doris Chambers Foursomes Stableford: Winners M. Dear & J. Pilditch (33) 32 pts, DTL T. Buxton & K. Raber (41) 26 pts, D. Thomas & H. Croft (37) 25 pts, J. Beck & L. Peake (36) 24 pts.

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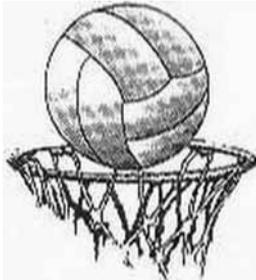
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